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Top 10 employers show stability, growth

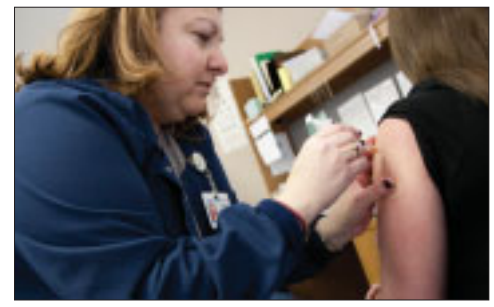
BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE A look at the top 10 employers in Santa Monica shows a stable economy shedding its old standbys of a decade ago to embrace its new moniker — "Silicon Beach."

The list used to include names like Specialty Labs, now in Los Angeles, Sanford Papermate and Metro-Goldwyn Mayer, Inc. in the bottom three spots, behind institutional employers like City Hall, local hospitals and the K-12 and community college districts.

Those companies have since made way for new media and creative companies including video game creator Activision Blizzard and popular music icons Universal Music Group and MTV Networks.

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SANTA MONICA-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER



UNITED FOR EARTH

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Environmental activists embrace the Children's Tree of Life in Palisades Park during a rededication ceremony on Monday. The tree was planted 30 years ago as a tribute to Earth Day and the environment. The ceremony also included former city officials and a blessing.

Four arrested in possible kidnapping, robbery

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor-in-Chief

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY Detectives Monday were trying to learn more about an alleged kidnapping and robbery that seem to have stemmed from a business deal gone bad, authorities said.

Four suspects were arrested late Sunday after police received a call at about 11:40 p.m. from a guest at the Seaview Hotel, an Art Deco gem located on the 1700 block of Ocean Avenue, just one block south of the Santa Monica Pier.

The caller reported something "going on" in another room, said SMPD Sgt. Richard

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Flight delays pile up amid FAA budget cuts

SCOTT MAYEROWITZ
AP Airlines Writer

NEW YORK Flight delays piled up across the country Monday as thousands of air traffic controllers began taking unpaid days off because of federal budget cuts, providing the most visible impact yet of Congress and the White House's failure to agree on a long-term deficit-reduction plan.

The Federal Aviation Administration kept planes on the ground because there weren't enough controllers to monitor busy air corridors. Cascading delays held up flights at some of nation's busiest airports,

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Two new names in race for Airport Commission

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
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CITY HALL The City Council will have two newcomers to consider as it tries to fill an empty seat on the Airport Commission, perhaps as early as its meeting Tuesday night.

The first, Suzanne Paulson, is familiar with Santa Monica Airport.

The UCLA scientist conducted a study of air quality around the airport several years ago, which ignited anti-airport activists when testing unveiled ultra-fine particles in the air around the airport.

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Ride for butterflies
Santa Monica Bike Center
1555 Second St.,
9:30 a.m. — 12 p.m.
Join Bike Center manager Ron Durgin, members of the Santa Monica Commission for the Senior Community and other folks on a leisurely bike ride from the center to a nearby monarch butterfly sanctuary. Bring your bike, helmet, snacks, bike lock, sunscreen and water. The Bike Center will provide complimentary bikes, helmets and locks for those who do not have their own. There is no age requirement; all are welcome. For more information, call (310) 458-2201 ext. 5265.

Stories for babies
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.

Puppet time
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.

Screen it
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
6:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
A screening of "The Lightning Thief" starring Logan Lerman, a film based on Rick Riordan's book, will take place for World Book Night. The event is open to all and is free. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Dinner and a show
Typhoon at the Santa Monica Airport
3221 Donald Douglas Loop South, 8 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.
Poncho Sanchez will be performing twice. Dinner reservations are highly recommended. Admission is $20. For more information, visit typhoon.biz.

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

It's only a game
Ocean Park Library
2601 Main St., 3 p.m. — 5 p.m.
Learn the game of chess and other strategy games. Program is for youth, family and caregivers. Admission is free and no registration is required. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Discuss Japanese farming
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Author Nancy Singleton Hachisu presents a discussion, slide show and sampling from her cookbook "Japanese Farm Food" in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium. There will be a book sale and signing after the discussion. Admission is free. For more information, visit smpl.org.

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City Hall to invest in Lincoln Boulevard

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 Lincoln Boulevard will become a slightly more pleasant ride if the City Council approves over $2 million to resurface a portion of the road stretching to the city limits.

The project would include resurfacing the existing asphalt pavement on Lincoln Boulevard between Interstate 10 and roughly Ozone Avenue, repairs of damaged sections of the concrete parking lane, installation of video cameras at five intersections and update striping on the road, according to a report to council.

Gone from the project are suggested bus-only lanes, which were axed when a deeper analysis of transit data showed that the special lanes would not improve the timeliness of Big Blue Buses by more than a couple minutes.

The work breaks into two contracts, one for the actual resurfacing and the second for construction management.

Sully-Miller Contracting Co., of Brea, Calif., came in as the lowest bidder for the $2,010,872 construction contract, while Onward Engineering beat out seven other firms for the $176,000 construction management contract.

Onward Engineering will be required to mail a general notice to properties within 500 feet of the proposed work three weeks before construction begins. A second notice would be distributed by hand to each adjacent property two days before the start of work.

Much of the work would be done between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. to minimize disruption to local traffic. Noisy pieces of the project, like grinding, would happen between 8 p.m. and 12 a.m., according to the report.

The project constitutes more than half of the $3.98 million consent agenda up for consideration Tuesday night.

MONITORING SERVICES

The Public Works Department requested a $1.3 million extension to a contract with an environmental consultant to continue monitoring groundwater in Santa Monica and take on new responsibilities at the City Yards.

The City Council originally hired ICF Consulting in 2008 to test for groundwater quality at the City Yards and install a system to clean contamination leftover from the Gillette Company and its impact on the Olympic Well Field.

Since, the contract with ICF has been expanded twice, first in May 2009 and then in June 2011, taking the full contract through May 13, 2013 and providing extra funds for assessment or remediation of other problem areas.

That became useful in City Hall's attempts to address contamination leftover from the former Douglas Aircraft Facility in Santa Monica, now owned by Boeing. City Hall netted a $39.5 million settlement from Boeing in 2012 related to environmental problems.

Under the new extension, ICF would be asked to install five new groundwater monitoring wells and continue monitoring old wells at the Gillette property, City Yards and Bergamot property.

Wells installed in 2012 and those added in 2013 would also be included.

ICF will close out work at the City Yards by shutting down 28 sparge wells, 12 monitoring wells and other equipment related to groundwater monitoring and cleansing in the area.

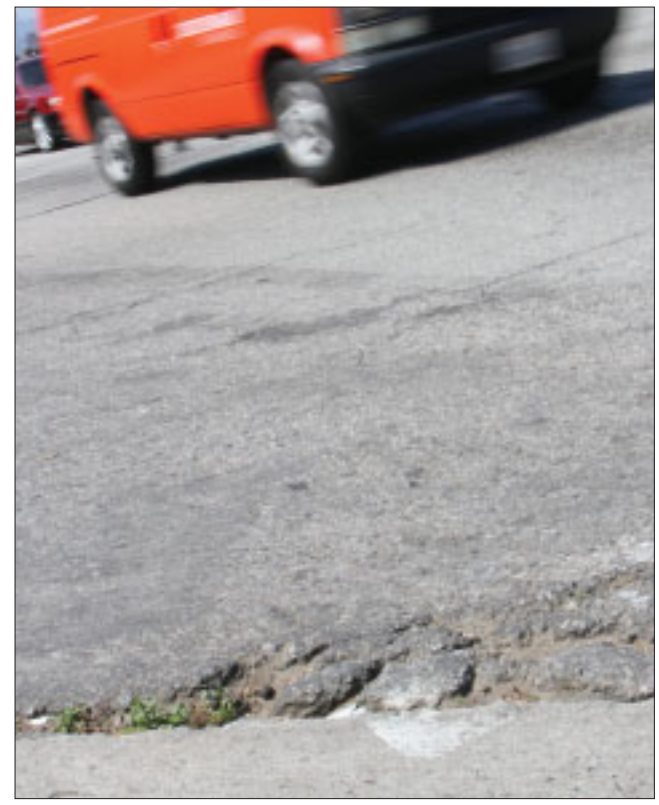
The company would continue to offer its expertise in answering questions from governmental agencies, Gillette and Boeing regarding environmental issues at the sites.

The $1,370,805 extension brings ICF's full contract with City Hall to $3,775,098.

ON FOXES AND HEN HOUSES

The City Council is likely to hire MuniServices, LLC to audit certain tax receipts to ensure City Hall is getting all of the money to which it is entitled from utility users and companies.

The company charges $425,000 for a five-year contract,



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ROAD HAZARDS: **A van streaks through the intersection of Lincoln Boulevard and Michigan Avenue on Monday. Lincoln is in line to receive a repaving to fix the aging roadway.**

and an additional 25 percent of revenues recovered by City Hall through its audits.

MuniServices has been providing audit and revenue enhancement services to California cities, including Santa Monica, for 20 years, according to a report. In the past four years alone, it has netted over $1 million in additional revenue for City Hall.

MuniServices manages that work by conducting audits and reviews of major utility providers and using its payment

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

DOWNTOWN

Local vet wins award

Santa Monica native Dr. Jennifer Conrad has been awarded the Veterinary Advocate of the Year award by the Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association for her work to educate legislators and the public about the practice of declawing felines.

Conrad was an activist who scrutinized the Santa Monica Police Department for shooting and killing a wild mountain lion who wandered into the streets of Santa Monica last year.

In 2000, Conrad founded The Paw Project, an organization which rehabilitates lions, tigers and cougars who have been victims of declawing.

In addition to her efforts against declawing, Conrad has more than 20 years of experience caring for wildlife on six continents.

– ALEX VEJAR

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ROUNDUP

Crossroads, Samohi make v-ball poll

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

CITYWIDE The boys' volleyball teams from Santa Monica and Crossroads find themselves in the CIF-Southern Section Division 3 poll, it was announced on Monday.

A fast start has propelled Crossroads to No. 5 on the poll. Despite losing to Ocean League rival Culver City last week, Samohi hangs on at No. 7.

The two local schools have been ranked for most of the season with Samohi opening the year as the No. 1 team in the preseason poll.

Next for Crossroads is a road game at nearby Windward on Thursday. The game begins at 3 p.m.

Samohi is at home today, Tuesday, hosting league member Inglewood. The game is scheduled for 3:15 p.m.

JUNG TAKES NEW GIG AT WEST L.A. COLLEGE

Former St. Monica boys' basketball head coach Khi-Min Jung has signed on to be an assistant at nearby West Los Angeles College.

Newly-hired West L.A. head coach Chris Ackers added Jung to his staff earlier this month.

In his three years at St. Monica, Jung finished with an overall record of 45-39 according to MaxPreps.com. St. Monica reached the playoffs in all three of his seasons at the helm.

Before taking the St. Monica job, Jung was an assistant at crosstown Santa Monica where he was an assistant under head coach James Hecht for two seasons.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Lay off the exercise classes

Editor:

About a decade ago I lived for a short period of time on Ocean Avenue. The trees and sculptures became playgrounds for my two toddlers as we would spend hours in Palisades Park.

Way back then it was very common for me to see numerous homeless persons in the park. I never had any problems, but it did affect where I went with my kids, mostly due to the smells than any fear of other danger.

In this past decade the city has done a tremendous job addressing issues of homelessness and the parks are a great example of this.

Now, instead of complaining about being overrun by homeless people in the parks, we are complaining about being run over by exercisers ("Council to flex muscle on park uses," My Write, April 22).

I thought all this boot camp stuff was silly until a few months ago when a small group of friends grabbed our sons' baseball coach and started the "Old Man Hour of Pain," which only last 50 minutes by the way.

We meet up in Palisades Park, run around, catch up on family events, sweat a little, talk some smack and maybe we're getting in slightly better shape. We give the coach some money each week and we go about our days.

Last week I saw two homeless people and about 20 people exercising and at least another 20 to 30 walking and socializing. All enjoying a beautiful Santa Monica morning.

Where is the harm here? Is it physical harm to the grass? It looked pretty good to me. In a city which won a million dollar grant to measure the well-being of its residents, wouldn't one stop to think that exercise in a public park might be a net positive?

Maybe there are professionals out there who are making decent money training clients, but so what. Do we really need a piece of every pie? And how are we going to enforce this?

My guess is that every day one poor exerciser forgets to feed a meter. The city is probably coming out ahead based on parking tickets!

The other day, because of the lack of field space for kids in Santa Monica, I took my girls' soccer team to Palisades Park for a boot camp. Eight of them worked out for an hour and had a great time. I used a few cones and jump ropes and we ran some stairs. Am I a professional and do I need a license now?

Sometimes we do a really great job in Santa Monica and sometimes we lose sight of the forest through the tall hedges, I mean trees.

Can't we focus on some other priorities for the time being? If we really do have a resource crunch then I don't want to see policemen policing fitness classes. That'll end well.

Council, in viewing the well-being of the city and its residents, take a pass on fitness classes for now. Unless of course you'd like to join us for Old Man Hour of Pain.

Jon Kean
Santa Monica



Your column here

Dr. James L. Snyder — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

No known cure for the old 'Yakety-Yak' syndrome

A FEW MONTHS BACK I WAS SO SICK I HAD to go see the doctor. That alone indicates the condition was rather serious. I do not like going to the doctor because you have to sit in the waiting room with sick people. I never know what contagious diseases are lurking in the shadows of that doctor's waiting room.

My condition progressed to the point where the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage told me to go to the doctor or else. I never want to deal with her "or else." I have lived as long as I have lived and have enjoyed the health that I do have because I have not found out her "or else."

Since I do not have health insurance, every time I go to the doctor it comes out of my own pocket. Recently my pockets have not been very deep. Regardless of how shallow my pockets may be, doctors know how to penetrate to the very depths of my pockets with their special scalpel.

The result of my visit to the doctors was that I had double pneumonia and bronchitis. Simply put, I was sick. He gave me a prescription to fill and then said I should spend at least the next two weeks in bed resting.

I was in such a state of mind that it sounded like a good idea to me. Of course, I made him write it out as a prescription so I could show it to my wife so she would believe me that I'm in bed because I'm sick, not because I'm trying to avoid my chores.

The first couple of days I spent in bed hardly conscious of anything around me. I am not sure if I ate during those days are not. I have no recollection of anything conscious during those days.

By the beginning of the second week, I was strong enough to get out of bed, put on my bathrobe and get back in bed and rest. It was not long before I could actually put on the bathrobe, go out into the living room, sit down in my easy chair and watch TV.

I have never watched as much TV as I did during those several weeks of recuperation. I am not saying there is anything wrong with TV, just that there is not that much right with TV anymore. I did not know how bad TV was until I watched it for about two weeks. During this time I was too sick to read and so settled down to watching TV, that is between naps.

I would set a program and lean back and within two winks of my left eye I was sound asleep. When I say sound asleep, I mean my sleeping was very sound, I did not know what was going on around me. Occasionally I would pierce the world of consciousness and see what was on TV. Then I would fall back into the delightful world of unconsciousness.

After a few days of this, I was able to stay in the conscious world a little bit longer and consequently I was watching TV a little bit longer. The thing I found about TV is that TV is dominated by chatterboxes.

My ears were beginning to have their fill of chatter. I do not believe my ears were created to handle such a steady stream of incoherent verbiage. All day long, my ears were bombarded by noise coming from the mouths of people who had no idea what they were saying. I say that because, if they knew what they were saying and were hearing what I was hearing, I do not think they would be saying it so people could hear.

The TV world has been taken over by a hostile terrorist group known as talk shows. Does everybody in the world have a talk show? I have never seen or heard so much talking all of my life. After all, there are only 26 letters in the alphabet, how can people come up with so many words?

The airwaves are filled with news talk shows, celebrity talk shows, cooking talk shows, sports talk shows, religious talk shows, talk shows of every variety you could think of and some you would not even think of. When I say variety, I am referring to the title of the talk show. Once you get beyond the title, everything is the same.

The only skill one needs to have for a talk show is open your mouth and let verbiage flow uncontrollably, and the more incoherent the better.

Between sneezing and blowing my nose and coughing uncontrollably, I watched some of these shows. Who in the world is watching these shows? Somebody must be. The only reason I was watching them was that I was so sick I could not do anything else. Maybe that is their audience.

When I got to the place that I could read without my eyes watering too much, I read what the Bible has to say on the subject. "And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you" (1 Thessalonians 4:11 KJV).

I have come to a somber conclusion; more people talk than listen, which is why the world is in the state it is in. I call it the Yakety-Yak syndrome of which there is no known cure.

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What's the Point?

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Sporting a charity

IN JUST UNDER A MONTH THE SANTA Monica Classic 5k/10k run will be held to benefit Heal the Bay. Sunday, May 19 will be a morning filled with anxiety, expectation, hopes, dreams, fears and a little euphoria when it's all over.

I'm not a runner. One look at me and it's clear that my people are designed to carry heavy loads over long distances at a plodding pace. I have the body of a man who marches, not runs. I rather lumber along. It's always been that way. Even in high school when I was wrestling at a long lost 126 pounds I could not run. I am the end of the pack.

I've tried to learn to run. I've heard about this mythical "high" that people get. All I have ever had was sore knees, and a craving for a pizza. Large.

Put me on a bike, however, and I can ride for days, and I have. Years ago I raised funds for AIDS vaccine research with the Montana AIDS Vaccine Ride from someplace in Montana to some other place. Over six or seven days, while sleeping in a tent in a dirt field. It was great. I turned it into a three week road trip through Vegas, Idaho, Wyoming, Oregon and Utah.

The founder of the rides was a man named Dan Pallotta. I met him as we were walking to the buffet line one night on my ride. He's a dynamo of a person and has some very unpopular opinions about fundraising and how it should be structured. His TEDTalk, "The Way We Think About Charity is Dead Wrong," which can be viewed on the TED website, is nothing short of genius. I think his view of the way that charity should be structured both accurate and visionary in that probably 99.9 percent of the charities will balk at the way he thinks they should be compensated.

On the AIDSVaccine Ride we raised millions of dollars for research while having fun, just like the folks who will be running through the city on May 19. It'll be fun for them. Just like last month it was fun for the L.A. Marathon people who congregated at the finish line on Ocean Avenue.

Those events are fun. They push us to personal extremes and show us that doing good can be enjoyable and rewarding.

People crave being a part of something. It's why religion is so powerful, whether used for good or bad. When a natural disaster strikes, like a hurricane or an earthquake, oftentimes it is the religious community that is able to marshal assets quickly for an immediate response to needs for food, shelter and warmth. This is the good of religion. For all the bad that the Catholics and the Mormons have done, I will give them the credit they deserve for the good they do with providing food and medical supplies in times of disasters. They do show up in force with the needed goods and don't withhold them in times of crisis.

The feeling that one is contributing to a larger cause is crucial to the success of a fundraiser, and it is why the blending of sport and cause-related fundraising is so very effective. The combination of doing something for yourself, and at the same time helping others, creates a feedback loop that reinforces the good feelings.

The upcoming race benefits Heal the Bay, an organization that has raised millions of dollars and removed tons of trash from the bay with their organized trash pickup days. Heal the Bay is a great organization and I support their efforts and constant monitoring of the bay.

We need these events, and the good feelings they evoke, and the money they raise because we live in difficult times. Luckily for us, we live in paradise, most of us are healthy, have more than enough food to eat and shelter to keep us warm. We can give to organizations that keep our way of life afloat. Whether it is giving money to Heal the Bay, or donating time to help feed those less fortunate, we can all do more. And if we do it running or on a bike, or some other way, it makes it that much more fun.

To register for the Santa Monica Classic, visit santamonicaclassic.com.

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The Q Line

A place to rest

City Hall and the Elks club are battling over burial plots at Woodlawn Cemetery that the club says rightfully belong to them. The city disagrees as legal proceedings continue.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Do you think the Elks have the right to the burial plots or is City Hall right in denying them ownership?

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Ordinance Numbers 2421-2422 (CCS)
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The following are summaries of Ordinance Numbers 2421 and 2422, which were adopted by the city council on April 9, 2013.

Ordinance Number 2421 recognizes certain rights of nature intended to protect and preserve the natural environment and also creates a legal a legal remedy for enforcing those rights.

Ordinance Number 2422 approves a development agreement between the City and the corporation that owns and wishes to redevelop the Village Trailer Park. The project will include 377 residential units and ground floor retail. The developer has agreed to maintain a small, residual trailer park that will consist of ten spaces. The developer has also agreed to provide a street easement to the City over the property and to provide a variety of relocation benefits and options to tenants.

These ordinances will become effective thirty days after adoption. The full text of the ordinances is available upon request from the Office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica, California; phone 310 458-8211.



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Jury is seated in Jackson wrongful death proceedings

LINDA DEUTSCH
AP Special Correspondent

LOS ANGELES A jury of six men and six women was accepted by both sides on Monday for the trial of a wrongful death lawsuit filed by the mother of Michael Jackson against AEG concert promoters.

Lawyers immediately began questioning prospects to sit as alternate jurors.

The jury was seated a week after a pool of more than 100 candidates was assembled. Many prospects were eliminated because they said serving on a three-month trial would be a hardship.

Others were excused for cause when they said they had a bias against Jackson or disapproved of big-figure lawsuits. Others were rejected because they had business ties to AEG or the Jackson family.

Jackson's mother, Katherine Jackson, filed the case on behalf of herself and her son's three children. Their attorneys have pegged the potential damages at $40 billion, but jurors will have to determine any amount the family might receive.

The lawsuit claims AEG, the company that promoted the ill-fated "This is It" concert, hired Dr. Conrad Murray as Jackson's physician without checking his credentials. Murray was convicted of involuntary manslaughter in the death of the superstar from an overdose of the anesthetic propofol.

Coincidentally, his lawyer filed an appeal on Monday of his criminal conviction.

The jury was selected ahead of time estimates. Lawyers were aided by a long questionnaire filled out by jury prospects that sought their views on Jackson and his famous family along with his life and death, and their feelings about multimillion dollar jury verdicts.

The civil case will focus on the pop singer's possible role in his own demise. Witnesses will also testify about his troubled finances and whether AEG wielded too much influence over a cash-strapped Murray by offering him $150,000 a month for his job as Jackson's doctor during the concert tour.

Neither AEG nor Jackson had signed Murray's contract before the singer died.

Some evidence excluded from Murray's trial, including Jackson's financial and medical records, could be used in the civil case, possibly offering new insight into the singer's life before his death on June 25, 2009, at the age of 50.

Plan may give outside agencies role in delta plan

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. California's water contractors would have a key role in the design and construction of the $14 billion twin-tunnel plan for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta under a pact quietly being negotiated by state water officials, a newspaper reported on Monday.

Documents obtained by the Sacramento Bee show the Department of Water Resources has been in talks with regional water agencies to create a joint exercise of powers agreement for the tunnel diversion project at the heart of the massive Bay Delta Conservation Plan.

The arrangement would be different from the way other major public works projects have been handled. Usually, the state or federal government builds the project and sells the water to contractors, who repay the construction cost.

Critics say water contractors should not control tunnel planning and construction as part of a plan that's also intended to benefit the environment and other stakeholders.

Promoted as a way to deliver more water while restoring the ailing delta, the plan is a federal and state initiative that has been largely financed by the water contractors at a cost of about $200 million thus far.

The 35-mile project would carry water south from the delta to vast farmlands and thirsty cities. Proponents say it would reduce the mortality of threatened fish, because water would mostly be diverted from the north portion of the delta, where fish would not be sucked into deadly pumps.

The plan also calls for creation of more than 100,000 acres of new habitat — floodplains, tidal marshes and grasslands — that proponents say will help fish.

Environmentalists and activists say the plan could lead to further declines in the delta ecosystem, because too much water is already syphoned out of the delta.

The possible joint powers agreement would mean water agencies that have a stake in securing their water supply would take a major, direct role in designing and building the tunnels.

The pact would include Westlands Water District, Kern County Water Agency and Metropolitan Water District of Southern California — all powerful contractors that provide water to farmers in the San Joaquin Valley and residents in Southern California cities. The Santa Clara Valley Water District in the San Francisco Bay area would also play a role.

Documents obtained by the Bee say an agreement would create a nine-member board of directors that includes the DWR director and regional director of the Bureau of Reclamation. The remaining seven members would represent water contractors.

The DWR director would be chairman of the board. On most matters related directly to construction activities, decisions would be made by majority vote, giving water contractors the ability to control key decisions in the project, including design, facility location, land acquisition, budget and scheduling.

When construction is done, DWR would own and operate the facilities as part of the State Water Project.

Critics say giving water agencies the power to make decisions could further harm the delta and trample the rights of farmers and property owners, because the agencies are not impartial and have financial motivations.

State officials defend the agreement. A pact between the state and water contractors would allow for transparency and sharing of expertise, DWR Director Mark Cowin told the Bee.

Stocks edge higher as energy stocks rebound

STEVE ROTHWELL
AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK Stocks edged higher on Monday as energy stocks got a lift from recovering oil prices.

The energy industry climbed 1 percent, making it the biggest gainer in the Standard & Poor's 500 index. Oil rose 75 cents, or 0.9 percent, to $88.76 a barrel Monday. A week ago, crude fell below $90 a barrel for the first time this year after reports that China's economic growth slowed.

The broader market managed only a modest advance as investors focused on the outlook for company profits at the start of a big week for earnings on Wall Street.

About a third of the companies in the S&P 500 index, including Exxon Mobil and Apple, will report earnings this week. While the reports have been good so far, concerns remain about the outlook for the rest of the year. Expectations may need to be lowered if the global economy doesn't improve.

"Most of the companies seem to be coming in ahead of earnings expectations, but the thing that's still problematic is the revenue line," said Bill Stone, chief investment strategist at PNC Wealth Management. "To me it's just symptomatic of the global economy continuing to sputter along."

Of the companies that have reported earnings so far, 67 percent have exceeded analysts' expectations, exceeding the 10-year average of 62 percent, according to S&P Capital IQ. Analysts currently expect earnings to rise by 2 percent in the first quarter, down from the 7.7 percent increase in the fourth quarter.

On Monday, oil services company Halliburton gained after its loss wasn't as bad as analysts had forecast. Halliburton rose $2.08, or 5.6 percent, to $39.29 after it said that it lost $18 million in the first quarter, pulled down by $637 million in charges related to its role in the 2010 Gulf of Mexico oil spill.

Netflix surged 23 percent to $214.19 in after-hours trading after the company reported that it added 2 million U.S. subscribers to its video streaming service during the first three months of the year. Netflix took a gamble by adding original programming to its service including the critically acclaimed series "House of Cards" in February.

The Dow rose 19.66 points, or 0.1 percent, to 14,567.17. The Standard & Poor's 500 index closed up 7.25 points, or 0.5 percent, higher at 1,562.50.

The stock market was coming off its biggest weekly drop since November. Last week the S&P 500 and the Dow each lost 2.1 percent, paring their advances after a strong start to the year.

The news that economic growth had slowed in China set off a plunge in commodity prices last Monday, leading the stock market to its worst day of the year. Gold fell below $1,400 an ounce for the first time in two years.

Caterpillar rose $2.28, or 2.8 percent, to $82.71. The heavy equipment maker initially fell Monday after lowering its forecasts for full-year sales and profits because its mining business is slowing. The company also said it plans to resume buying back its own stock for the first since 2008 with a buyback of $1 billion.

Traders appear more likely to punish companies that miss expectations, rather than reward companies that beat them, Goldman Sachs said. According to the investment bank's research, while 63 percent of stocks that beat analysts' forecasts last week performed better than the overall market the next day, 73 percent of those that missed targets performed worse.

"If you look at this earnings season in general, it's been disappointing," said Ryan Detrick, a senior technical strategist at Schaeffer's Investment Research. "The outlook and the revenues are the big concern."

In other trading, the Nasdaq composite gained the most of the three major indexes, rising 27.50 points, or 0.9 percent, to 3,233.55. Apple, which reports its earnings after the market close on Tuesday, rose 2.1 percent, or $8.14, to $398.67. Apple is the biggest stock in the Nasdaq index with a 7.6 percent weighting.

In government bond trading, the yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 1.70 percent from 1.71 percent late Friday as traders shifted money into lower-risk assets.

Among other stocks making big moves:

General Electric fell 40 cents, or 1.8 percent, to $21.35 after JPMorgan cut its rating on the company to "neutral" from "overweight." The company's stock fell Friday following pessimistic comments from its CEO on the outlook for Europe and the company's core industrial operations.

Hasbro, the maker of Transformers and My Little Pony, rose $1.17, or 3.4 percent, to $46.55 even after it said that its first-quarter loss widened after heavy restructuring charges and foreign exchange rates flattened its international sales. The company's performance was still better than Wall Street had been expecting.





ARRESTS
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Lewis, and when officers arrived they discovered people climbing out of a window. Officers found at least two victims still tied up.

Officers gave chase and ultimately arrested four suspects, and confiscated firearms and a pit bull, Lewis said. The suspects allegedly took wallets and cell phones from the victims.

Lewis said two victims suffered mild to moderate injuries and were taken to a local hospital for treatment. As many as five victims may have been involved.

The suspects and the victims know each other, Lewis said. The suspects have been living in California for "a couple of years," while the victims came out a few weeks ago for vacation and business. Apparently the suspects were introduced by the victims to a business associate and the deal went south, leading to the alleged kidnapping and robbery.

"This is not a random event," Lewis said. "It was definitely coordinated."

Since the investigation is still ongoing, Lewis said he could not release the names of the suspects by presstime.

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"This is a step up for me," Jung said. "I'm looking forward to the challenge."

The move to West L.A. is somewhat a homecoming for Jung, who grew up in nearby Culver City.

SAMOHI BASEBALL TRIES TO STAY UNBEATEN

Samohi baseball plays a pair of games against Ocean League foe Morningside this week as the Vikings attempt to stay unbeaten in league.

The Vikings enter Tuesday's home game 14-9 overall and 4-0 in league.

On Thursday, Samohi travels to Morningside to complete the season series. Both games begin at 3:15 p.m.

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CONSENT
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databases to find companies that could be paying certain taxes to neighboring cities, but not to Santa Monica.

City officials have put a greater emphasis on recovering money owed as the economy has continued to limp along and outside forces — like the loss of the Santa Monica Redevelopment Agency or recent proposed increases in pension costs — continue to take a toll on municipal budgets.

BRINGING IN THE BACON

Although City Hall tends to spend millions on its consent agendas, Tuesday night's agenda is set to be net positive.

The City Council will have the opportunity to approve two revenue generators, which are expected to accrue an additional $4.7 million to City Hall.

The largest is the sale of 19,389 square feet of city-owned property at 2525 Michigan Ave., right next to what will be the incoming Exposition Light Rail station at what is now the Bergamot Station arts complex.

An additional 12,821 feet will be used for construction for roughly 24 months.

Appraisers for both City Hall and the Exposition Light Rail Authority determined the fair market value of the property and landed on figures $717,000 apart.

The $4,076,835 selected was a compromise between the two, according to the report.

City Hall will also play temporary landlord to Cirque Du Soleil so that the famous circus can set up shop on the parking lot located at 1550 Pacific Coast Highway for performances during the winter of 2014.

The acrobatic company will pay $1,088,808 to set up their performance space in the parking lot to put on a production of "Totem," an exploration of the evolutionary progress of the human species.

Cirque Du Soleil beat out horse-themed Cavalia for the spot.

The company will be on site from Jan. 2 through March 29, 2014, with performances running from Jan. 17 to March 16. That's one week shorter than the previous run of "Ovo," a performance that illustrated the world of bugs.

While there, they will take up 719 of the 1,173 spaces in the parking lot, and provide free shuttles on weekends from the 2030 Ocean Ave. beach lot for visitors to the Santa Monica Pier and beach. They will also promote their event with pier businesses, the Convention and Visitors Bureau and provide sponsorship of the Twilight Concert Series, as well as other benefits.

All told, City Hall can expect to make $644,001 off of the lease, after accounting for lost parking revenue from the lot. Officials also believe the General Fund will swell by another $200,000 in sales and hotel taxes indirectly generated by Cirque Du Soleil.

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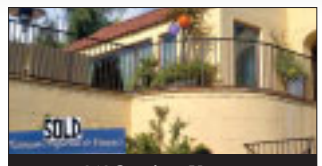
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DELAYS

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including New York, Baltimore and Washington. Many operations were more than two hours behind schedule.

At one point, the delays were so bad that passengers on several Washington-New York shuttle flights could have reached their destination faster by taking the train.

Nearly a third of flights at New York's LaGuardia airport scheduled to take off before 3 p.m. were delayed 15 minutes or more, according to flight-tracking service FlightAware. Last Monday, just 6 percent of LaGuardia's flights were delayed.

The situation was similar at Washington's Reagan National Airport, in Newark, N.J., and in Philadelphia, with roughly 20 percent of flights delayed.

At airports, Monday is typically one of the busiest days, when many high-paying business travelers depart for a week on the road. The FAA's controller cuts — a 10 percent reduction of its staff — went into effect Sunday. The full force was not felt until Monday morning.

Travel writer Tim Leffel had just boarded a US Airways plane from Charlotte, N.C., to Tampa, when the flight crew had an announcement.

"They said: 'The weather's fine, but there aren't enough air traffic controllers,'" Leffel said. Passengers were asked to head back into the terminal. "People were just kind of rolling their eyes."

His flight landed one hour and 13 minutes late.

One thing working in fliers' favor Monday was relatively good weather at most major airports. A few wind gusts in New York, snow in Denver and thunderstorms in Miami added to some delays, but generally there were clear skies and no major storms.

However, the furloughs will continue for months, raising the risk of a turbulent summer travel season. And the lack of controllers could exacerbate weather problems, especially spring and summer thunderstorms.

There's no way for passengers to tell in advance which airport or flights will experience delays.

FAA officials have said they have no choice but to furlough all 47,000 agency employees — including nearly 15,000 controllers — because the agency's budget is dominated by salaries. Each employee will lose one day of work every other week. The FAA has said that planes will have to take off and land less frequently, so as not to overload the remaining controllers on duty.

Critics have said the FAA could reduce its budget in other spots that wouldn't delay travelers.

"There's a lot finger-pointing going on, but the simple truth is that it is Congress's job to fix this," said Rep. Rick Larsen, a Washington Democrat and member of the House aviation panel. "Flight delays are just the latest example of how the sequester is damaging the economy and hurting families across the country."

Some travel groups have warned that the disruptions could hurt the economy.

"If these disruptions unfold as predicted, business travelers will stay home, severely impacting not only the travel industry but the economy overall," the Global Business Travel Association warned the head of the FAA in a letter Friday.

Deborah Seymour was one of the first fliers to face the headaches. She was supposed to fly Sunday night from Los Angles to Tucson, Ariz. First her 9:55 p.m. flight was delayed for four hours. Then at 2 a.m., Southwest Airlines canceled it.

"It's pretty discouraging that Congress can't get it together, and now it's reached the point that we can't get on an airplane and fly," Seymour said.

On some routes Monday, it was actually faster to take ground transportation. The 8 a.m. US Airways shuttle from Washington to New York pushed back from the gate six minutes early but didn't take off until almost 10 a.m.

The plane landed at 10:48 a.m. — more than two and a half hours late. If travelers instead took Amtrak's 8 a.m. Acela Express train from Washington, they arrived in New York at 10:42 a.m. — four minutes early.

Normally, there are 10 air traffic controllers at a regional facility handling arrivals for Los Angeles International Airport. On Sunday night, there were just seven, according to Mike Foote, a local union president with the National Air Traffic Controllers Association. A low layer of clouds late compounded the situation.

In such weather, two controllers do nothing but watch planes as they descend below 15,000 feet to ensure they don't veer off course. That allows 68 to 70 planes to land each hour. Because of the furloughs, there were no controllers to do that Sunday, dropping the arrival rate to 42 planes an hour, Foote said.

United Airlines said there were "alarming pockets" of delays and warned that if a solution isn't found, the problem could "affect air travel reliability for our customers."

Delta Air Lines cautioned travelers to expect delays in New York, Philadelphia, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Chicago, San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego.

Many flights heading to Florida were seeing delays of up to an hour. By late Monday, delays into Los Angeles were expected to average three hours.

Having just one fewer controller to handle arrivals to Newark Liberty International Airport can result in the airport being unable to use a relief runway to handle peak traffic, reducing arrivals by about 15 percent, said Dean Iacopelli, a union official at an FAA regional facility for New York's airports.

"It is not just telling one out of 10 people to stay home and so one out of 10 planes get delayed. It's much more complicated that," Iacopelli said.

Prior to the furloughs, if a controller called in sick, there were enough people to take on the extra work, Iacopelli said, or somebody could be asked to work overtime. Now that isn't possible.

The FAA has also furloughed other critical employees, including airline and airport safety inspectors.

In a letter to the FAA Friday, Delta general counsel Ben Hirst asked the agency to reconsider the furloughs, saying it could make the cuts elsewhere and transfer funds from "non-safety activities" to support the FAA's "core mission of efficiently managing the nation's airspace."

Two airline trade associations and the nation's largest pilots union filed a lawsuit Friday asking the U.S. Court of Appeals to halt the furloughs. No hearing date has been set.

The two airline associations — Airlines for America, which represents major carriers, and the Regional Airline Association — are asking the court to place a moratorium on enforcement of the Department of Transportation's three-hour limit on the length of time airlines can keep passengers waiting inside planes on the tarmac without giving them the opportunity to return to a terminal.

Airlines can be fined as much as $27,500 per passenger for violating the limit. The Transportation Department said it is reviewing the industry's request.

TOP 10
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All told, the top 10 accounted for 16.48 percent of the estimated 79,444 jobs in Santa Monica in the 2011-12 fiscal year, up from 13.36 percent just nine years before.

The list shows a firm foundation from which to build the local economy because those employers in the top spots aren't going anywhere, said Andy Agle, director of Housing and Economic Development with City Hall.

Agle cautioned against extrapolating too much from the top 10 list, noting that it's a sampling of businesses throughout Santa Monica as others left and new ones have come in rather than a direct reflection of economic trends in the city by the sea.

However, the percentage of jobs provided by the city's largest employers remains well under 20 percent, showing a diverse economy not dependent on any one industry or company for employment.

"If we were Flint, Mich., we would be concerned because if (General Motors) closes or moves, we would have a major unemployment problem," Agle said. "We have such a diverse economy, and even our largest employers are the city, the college and the school district, who are unlikely to close or move."

There has been some shakeup in the list compared to a decade ago, particularly when it comes to the Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center.

The hospital system increased its employment in the area by more than double, from 994 employees to over 2,000. It jumped from fifth largest employer to second, under City Hall and just above Santa Monica College.

Santa Monica-UCLA is not just a hospital anymore, said Ted Braun, a spokesperson for the organization.

"We are a medical campus that features not only a new, state-of-the-art hospital, but also an award-winning outpatient surgery building, top-notch imaging centers and medical offices," Braun said.

Santa Monica-UCLA opened a new medical office building on 16th Street and a new Medical Center adjacent to it, both in 2012 alone.

"We're growing to better serve the community's health needs, and that's reflected in the larger number of employees," Braun said. "And what better place to live, work and receive health care than Santa Monica?"

Santa Monica-UCLA may have seen the biggest gains, but the real turnover came at the bottom of the list, where music, media and gaming firms busted into the top 10, replacing older companies with a more production-oriented ethos.

"We're not creating new technology, but we're the content capital of the world," said Brad Cox, senior managing director with Trammell Crow Company and chair of the Santa Monica Alliance, a joint effort by City Hall and the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce to meet the needs of local businesses and tempt new businesses into Santa Monica's borders.

Cox attributes that to the quality of life available in Santa Monica, which has attracted companies looking to retain the best and brightest employees that also have less need for an extensive physical presence.

The investment in City Net, a dark fiber system capable of transmitting 10 gigabytes of data per second over broadband, made it possible for content-intensive firms to set up shop in the city.

"They have huge files they move back and forth amongst production units," Cox said. "Dark fiber is a competitive advantage for them."

Infrastructure lays the groundwork to foster a tech culture and continues to attract new business who want to stay on the cutting edge, said Laurel Rosen, president of the chamber.

"These companies recognize that 'Silicon Beach' is the place they need to be to be surrounded by the top tech innovators in California," Rosen said.

Some of their creative employees spin off into their own firms, bolstered by the availability of flexible office space like that of ROC, which just took over the former Google site, and Coloft.

Venture capitalists have populated the city, as have intellectual property attorneys, creating a synergy that fosters new businesses, the same kinds of businesses that Santa Monica has been trying to use to bolster its economic firepower without adding to its carbon footprint.

Tech firms are particularly attractive to that end, as city officials acknowledged in late 2011 when they adopted a set of strategies to create a sustainable economy with high-wage jobs that require fewer non-renewable resources.

City Hall still has room to improve, however.

The imbalance between jobs created in Santa Monica and the housing available in the city remains a problem for workers who spend hours on traffic-choked roads and freeways.

"Employers that are going to stay and attract the highest and best talent need to focus and locate their business operations," Cox said.

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AIRPORT
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Many believe that ultra-fine particles cause health problems in humans, although governmental standards for ultra-fine particles do not yet exist.

Paulson lives north of the airport, and isn't exposed to the same level of impacts from the airport as others in Santa Monica or West L.A., she said.

Still, she believes that she brings an "open-minded, pragmatic, solution-oriented approach to helping guide the future of the airport and associated land use," according to her application.

The second, Alok Chanani, comes from a very different background.

Chanani is a private pilot and, if selected, would be the only pilot currently on the Airport Commission. He has over a decade of experience in operational management and increasing efficiency of operations in various sectors, and is currently the head of USA Commercial, an investment firm, according to his application.

Chanani lists his experience in the business world prominently in his application, including time with the Urban Land Institute. One concern of many involved with the airport is the idea that if, as many residents hope, the airport does close, that it will not be redeveloped into a traffic-generating mess on the Westside.

Now is a contentious time for anybody coming onto the Airport Commission. The commission is working on the last phase of a visioning process that will help guide the future of the 187 acres of the aviation land on the airport campus.

That process has been a heated one, with many in the community believing that the City Council and its consultants have cut off options to curb operations at the airport prematurely.

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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **62.1°**

TUESDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **2-3 ft** thigh to waist high occ. 4ft
New S swell slowly builds; NW windswell fades

WEDNESDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to shoulder high
S swell holds/eases; some plus sets at best breaks at times

THURSDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** Knee to chest high
S swell fades

FRIDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-3 ft** ankle to waist high
S swell leftovers

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: **April 17, 2013**

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

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)
- Number of sewage spills -- 8
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 32 / 16
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 16

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

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Cerritos Beach, at Arroyo Seguit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
@ Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisa creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at @ Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd..	A	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (beach location)- daily.	A	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A	ns
Pena Creek at Los Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17300 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	F	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	B	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of CMW jetty).	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	ns

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

Heal the Bay is a non-profit environmental organization dedicated to making Santa Monica Bay and Southern California coastal waters safe and healthy for people and marine life.

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NBA

Spurs' Ginobili 'feeling good' day after opener with Lakers

RAUL DOMINGUEZ
Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO Gregg Popovich can rest easy. Manu Ginobili is just fine.

The San Antonio Spurs' coach was concerned how Ginobili would feel following a day after his team's 91-79 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers in Game 1 of their Western Conference first-round playoff series.

Ginobili said he is doing just fine, thank you.

"I'm feeling good," he said Monday. "I'm a little tired, of course, playing after such a long time, but I didn't play that much, either. I feel real good."

That's great news for San Antonio entering Game 2 on Wednesday night.

Popovich's concern is understandable. In his 11th season, the Argentine guard has battled leg injuries all season and was playing for the second time following a nine-game absence due to a strained right hamstring.

San Antonio struggled without Ginobili, losing three straight and seven of 10 to close the regular season. He missed every game in that stretch with the exception of the regular-season finale against Minnesota, when he played 12 minutes.

Ginobili played 19 minutes Sunday, going 6 for 13 from the field and 3 for 5 on 3-pointers in scoring 18 points to help the Spurs win the series opener. He helped San Antonio's reserves outscore the Lakers' backups 40-10.

"It's just his basketball IQ," Duncan said. "Just him being on the floor brings a different energy, a different movement to the entire team."

Ginobili scored eight straight points in the final 90 seconds of the third quarter, including a pair of 3s, to extend San Antonio's lead to 70-57.

The scoring outburst surprised Ginobili, who cautioned not to expect much from him offensively in Game 1 after a long layoff.

"I didn't picture myself scoring," Ginobili said. "I pictured myself playing, contributing, getting a couple of assists, steals or something like that, but I didn't think I was going to be able to score much, so I was surprised."

His scoring was critical for San Antonio, which shot 38 percent from the field against Los Angeles. The Spurs were 32 for 85 overall and 7 for 22 on 3s.

"We missed a lot of shots," Duncan said. "I know I missed a ton of open shots that I think I can knock down to give us a couple of extra points. We moved the ball well; we got open shots, it's just about knocking them down."

The Spurs offset their offensive deficiencies by holding the Lakers to 42-percent shooting and forcing 18 turnovers. Los Angeles only had two fast-break points.

"The thing that we can be happy with is our defense," Parker said. "That's why we won the game. We held the Lakers to 79 points, that's great. Offensively, we had a lot of great shots, shots that we used to make, so I'm not really worried about the offense. I'm more worried about the defensive end (and) if we can play the same game, because the whole month of April we were not that good on defense."

The Spurs allowed 97.3 points in their final 10 games of the regular season, but held the Lakers to their third-lowest point total of the season.

Dwight Howard had 20 points and 15 rebounds and Paul Gasol added 16 points and 16 rebounds. Steve Nash scored 16 points and Steve Blake had 12, but no one else had more than six points.

"The Spurs didn't lose many games at home," Nash said. "It's not an easy place to come and win. We played pretty well defensively and not well enough offensively. If we can have a better game in Game 2, we have a chance. I don't want to get too carried away about the position we are in."

The Lakers pulled within four points twice in the third quarter, but were unable to get any closer. Injured star Kobe Bryant, who watched the national broadcast, tweeted that it was a game the Lakers could have stolen.

"Anytime you lose in the playoffs, you feel regret of some sort," Nash said. "But I think our team, where we're at, we want to take the positive and try to move on to Game 2 and have a better performance."

Bryant tweeted throughout the game, stressing the Lakers needed to work the ball more inside. Los Angeles had 40 points in the paint, but Bryant tweeted "Post. Post. Post."

Bryant is out for the season with a torn Achilles.

Ginobili said he considered tweeting while watching the Spurs' games when he was injured, but opted not to.

"It's not my style," Ginobili said. "I thought about it the previous games before the end of the season when I was staying here and my teammates were on the road. Just to give a different view to some fans, I think it could be nice and different, but it depends on every individual what they want to tweet or talk about."



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Take a deep breath, Leo

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You enjoy taking the lead. Sometimes when you step back you feel uncomfortable. Allow this discomfort to exist, and give others the opportunity to develop their leadership skills. Tonight: Hear suggestions first.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You are direct and know what to do. A problem might not be resolved despite your focus and direction, as others could be confused. You know what is workable and achievable. Tonight: Play it easy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You could be busy attempting to turn a situation around. Your style of communication is direct, and it will take you down a new path if you are willing to take the risk. You seem to be lucky, no matter which way you turn. Tonight: You choose.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Basics do count. You need to move forward and touch base with a person who can be unpredictable at times. Realize what is happening with a boss or an authority figure. Tonight: In the limelight.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Honor who you are and make an additional effort, should you hit a difficult or trying time. Something unpredictable could occur when you least expect it. You might be caught in an either/or position and left with no choice but to push a friend away. Tonight: Take a deep breath.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You understand much more than you realize about a situation and those involved. Your resourcefulness comes out, but you'll need to focus in order to find an answer. Others test your patience and your ability to follow through on what counts. Tonight: Run some errands.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Surprising news comes in. You might feel as if you can handle what comes up, especially if you are going down a path that suits you. Information you hear has a way of throwing you off course. Tonight: Reach out for more information.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ You might want to see a problem from a different viewpoint. Brainstorm with someone who has wild ideas. You could gain a new perspective by hearing different takes on a situation. Tonight: Not to be found.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You might want to think in terms of the group. The unexpected occurs when dealing with a child, a new passion or an unfinished project. You could get feedback about the fact that you are reading the tea leaves incorrectly. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Understand what you need to do. Honor your priorities, or else you could encounter a last-minute problem. Demonstrate your ability to root out an issue and get to the bottom of a difficult situation. Tonight: Out till the wee hours.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You have been known to say exactly what you think. Information that comes forward might not make any sense. Remain upbeat in your search for answers. Let go of previous judgments. Tonight: Catch up on others' news.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Work with someone directly, and ask for more feedback. Your ability to move past an immediate problem with this person's help will shock many people. Tonight: Invite a friend over.

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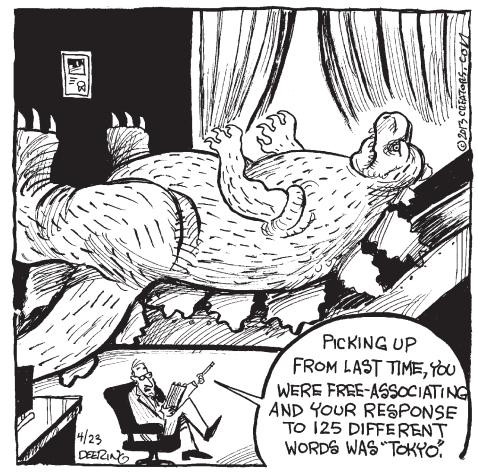
JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

This year you will wish for a little more downtime, as you often are regarded as the source of excitement. If you open up and allow your judgments to fade, you could see life from a new, productive perspective. If you are single, you approach life with more enthusiasm, which will attract people who might be depressed. Be aware of people who seem one way but actually are another. If you are attached, you see life more optimistically if you are willing to make needed changes. LIBRA is provocative and challenging.

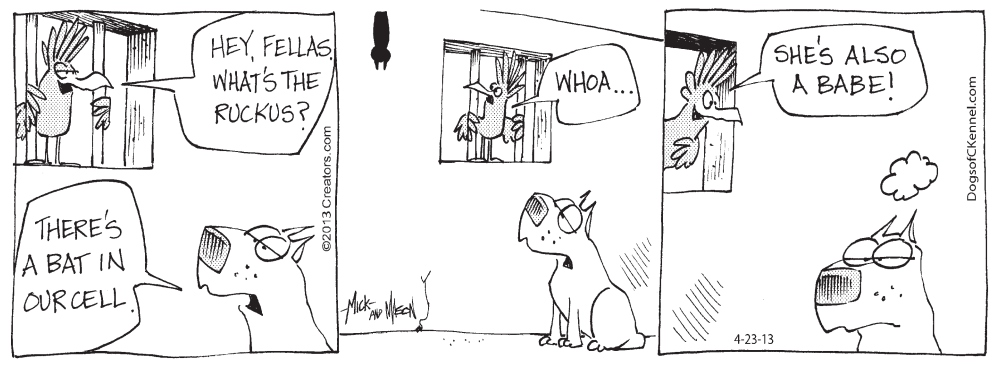
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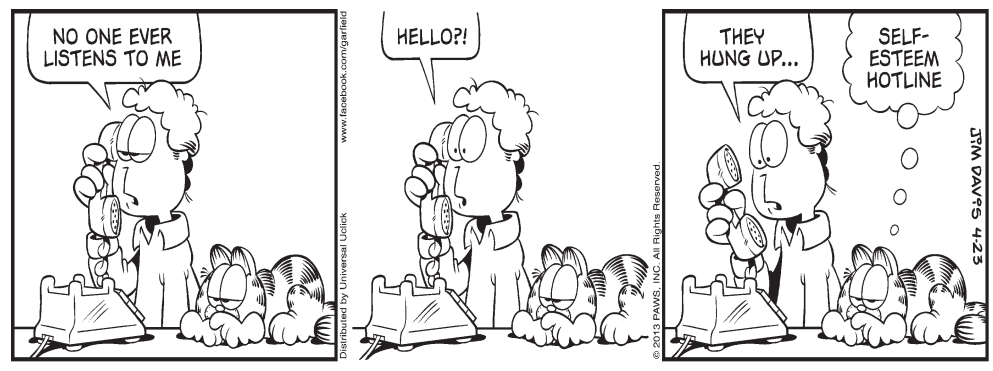
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By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★

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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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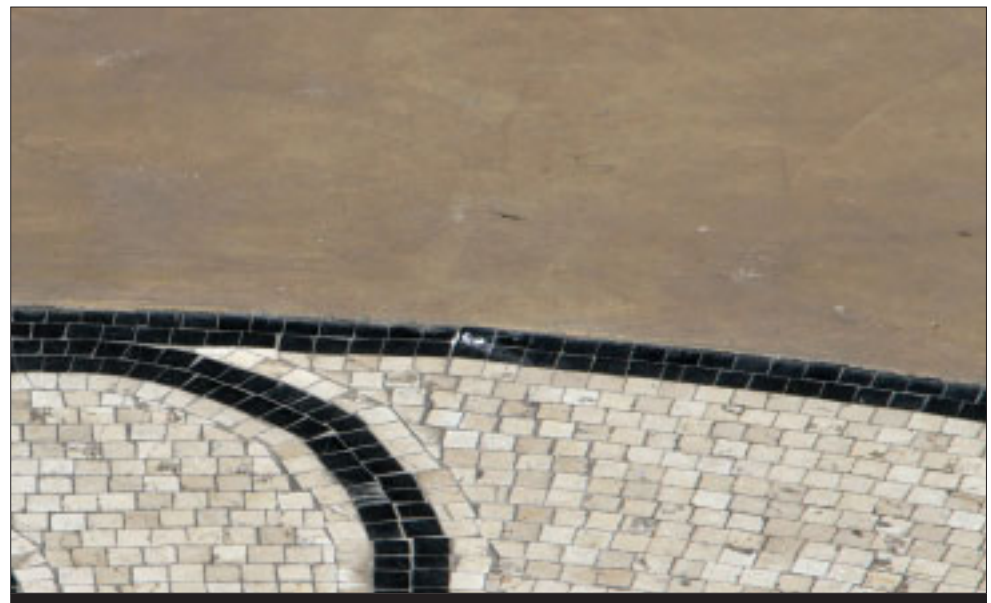
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Soothing lotion
6 Chum
11 Shark's home
12 Western contest
13 Van Morrison song
15 Capitol Bldg. worker
16 Valentine color
17 Hit show initials
18 Interrupt
20 Osaka setting
23 November birthstone
27 Yoked animals
28 Deep mud
29 Kick off
31 Tango or twist
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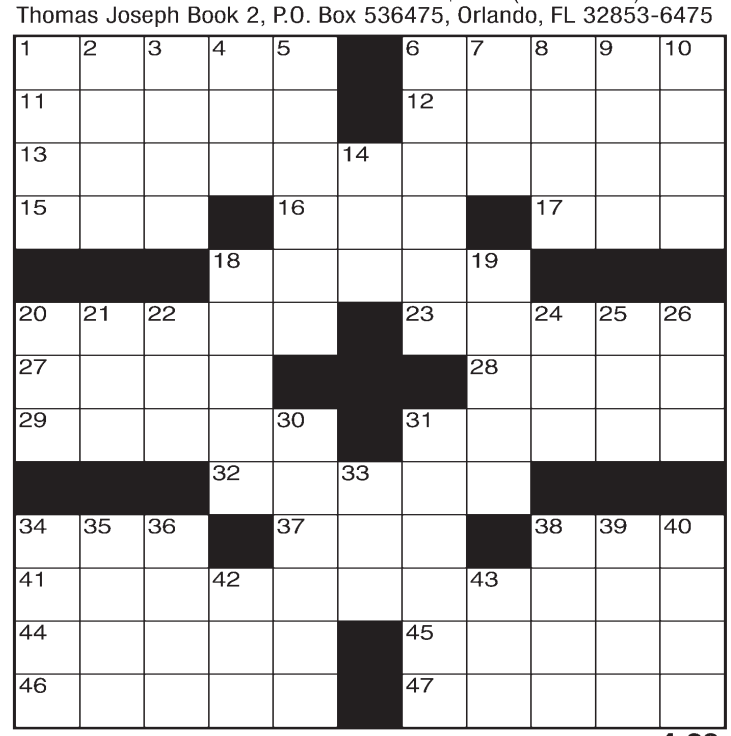
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2 Land measure
3 Incline
4 Mover's truck
5 Evasive maneuver
6 College unit
7 Use oars
8 Casino calculation
9 Close by
10 Toy on a string
14 Trawling need
18 "Shut up!"
19 Wanderer
20 Occupation
21 Log chopper
22 Coat rack part
24 Seamstress's aid
25 Compass trace
26 Last letter
30 Compass part
31 Straight
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34 Basics
35 Poker variety
36 Be bold
38 Related
39 Saucy
40 Keyboard goof
42 Silent approval
43 Question of identity

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Yesterday's answer

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MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 4/19
6 8 12 22 43
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Jackpot: $92M

SUPER LOTTO
Draw Date: 4/20
3 15 26 32 39
Mega#: 6
Jackpot: $14M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 4/22
4 8 22 25 30

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 4/22
MIDDAY: 0 6 9
EVENING: 0 4 5

SANTA ANITA PARK
Draw Date: 4/22
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2nd: 04 Big Ben
3rd: 08 Gorgeous George
RACE TIME: 1:45.18

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ To counter the now-well-publicized culture of rape in India, three engineers in Chennai said in March that they are about to send to the market women's anti-rape lingerie, which will provide both a stun-gun-sized blast of electricity against an aggressor and a messaging system sending GPS location to family members and the police about an attack in progress. After the wearer engages a switch, anyone touching the fitted garment will, said one developer, get "the shock of his life" (even though the garment's skin side would be insulated). The only marketing holdup, according to a March report in The Indian Express, is finding a washable fabric.

■ In March, Washington state Rep. Ed Orcutt, apparently upset that bicyclists use the state's roads without paying the state gasoline tax for highway maintenance, proposed a 5 percent tax on bicycles that cost more than $500, pointing out that bicyclists impose environmental costs as well. Since carbon dioxide is a major greenhouse gas, he wrote one constituent (and reported in the Huffington Post in March), bike riders' "increased heart rate and respiration" over car drivers creates additional pollution. (Days later, he apologized for the suggestion that bicyclists actually were worse for the environment than cars.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1968 – Vietnam War: Student protesters at Columbia University in New York City take over administration buildings and shut down the university.

1971 – Bangladesh Liberation War: The Pakistan Army and Razakars massacred approximately 3,000 Hindu emigrants in the Jathibhanga area of East Pakistan (now Bangladesh).

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