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THE GREAT SEASON ISSUE

City Hall calls for cuts, increased fees to balance budget

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

The City Council will get its first crack at proposals next week, which include new programs that officials hope will net \$1.1 million as well as increased fees that could bring in \$1.45 million in new revenue.

The idea is to ensure people are paying the true cost of some services while City Hall continues to manage major blows to local finances from the state and federal level as well as maintain city services and special initiatives in the face of rising pension and healthcare costs, said City Manager Rod Gould.

“We believe we can make this city safer, more beautiful and more sustainable in the next two years,” Gould said. “This city will be in a better place two years from now if we’re given the authority to undertake this spending.”

The changes account for only a fraction of the \$520.9 million budget projected for 2013-14, but are part of a \$21.3 million package of cuts and revenue increases meant to stem the tide of red ink that could hit as early as the 2015-16 fiscal year.

They include everything from increasing

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STYLISH WAY TO PROTEST: Health workers at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center took a little time to dance during a strike at the hospital on Tuesday. The workers were protesting what they call unsafe staffing levels at University of California-operated health facilities.

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UC hospitals say patients safe despite strike

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Thousands of workers at University of California medical centers began a two-day strike on Tuesday that prompted the postponement of dozens of surgeries amid reassurances that patients were safe.

A union representing some 13,000 hospital pharmacists, nursing assistants, operating room scrubs and other health care workers began the walkout at 4 a.m. at medical facilities in San Diego, Orange, Los Angeles, Santa Monica, San Francisco and Sacramento.

Nurses were not on strike, emergency rooms were open, and about 450 union employees remained in critical jobs under court order.

The hospitals had prepared for the strike by postponing non-essential surgeries, hiring hundreds of temporary workers and

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New rules proposed for Farmers' Markets

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

THIRD STREET PROMENADE Prepared food vendors may have to toe a finer line if new rules at the Farmers' Market come into effect that would require them to pay for their space on days they don't make it to the market.

Under the proposed rule, vendors could miss the market three times with no penalty. After that, they would have to pay for the space whether or not they show up, said Laura Avery, Farmers' Market supervisor.

Those spaces can cost between \$100 and \$150 for a Santa Monica-based business, depending on the size of the stall. If the vendor does not hail from Santa Monica, that

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Bill adds junior college classes at a higher cost

LAURA OLSON
Associated Press

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Women's Health Magazine and
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be able to choose from five finalists
who are competing for their own fit-
ness DVD series and workout
alongside them. Admission is free.
For more information, visit
exhalespa.com.

Preschool stories
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,
11 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.
Children ages 3 to 5 can enjoy story
time in the morning. For more infor-
mation, visit smpl.org.

Let the games begin
Ocean Park Library
2601 Main St., 3 p.m. — 5 p.m.
Youth, families and caregivers can
learn about the game of chess and
other strategy games. The event is
free and no registration is required.
For more information, visit smpl.org.

Living green
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Join the next installment of the
Sustainable Works Green Living
Workshop, where topics discussed
include reducing water and energy
usage, saving money on utilities,
and more. Attendees will receive
free water-saving tools, energy-sav-
ing light bulbs and more. Event will
be held in the Multipurpose Room,
second floor. For more information,
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Thursday, May 23, 2013

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7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
The Oscar-winning documentary
"Searching for Sugar Man" will be
screened in the Martin Luther King,
Jr. Auditorium. Admission is free.
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Digital detox
The Writers Bootcamp
at Bergamot Station
2525 Michigan Ave.,
7:30 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Live Consciously Publishing is host-
ing the pre-publication party for
Gemini Adams' new book called
"The Facebook Diet: 50 Funny
Signs of Facebook Addiction and
Ways to Unplug with a Digital
Detox." The event will feature art,
comedy and music, plus many "get
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getunplugged.eventbrite.co.uk.

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third annual Westside Shodown
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Loyola Marymount University and
more. Admission is \$10. To enter
the contest, visit
westsidecomedy.com/shodown.

Friday, May 24, 2013

Live at McCabe's
McCabe's
3101 Pico Blvd., 8 p.m.
Jay Nash will be performing with
long-time drummer Josh Day, who
has toured with Sara Bareilles. Also
headlining the show will be David
Ramirez. Admission is \$15. For
more information, visit
mccabes.com.



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Rocker helps raise \$125K for arts

Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame inductee Jackson Browne headlined the 10th annual Artists for the Arts benefit concerts this past weekend at Santa Monica High School's Barnum Hall, helping to raise \$125,000 for arts programs. Browne shared the stage with fellow rock icon Gary Wright, known for "Dreamweaver" and other classic rock hits, and local rock band Venice, a touring group with more than 20 years playing with some of the biggest names in music, officials with the Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation said.

All three were joined by student orchestras, choirs and soloists from Santa Monica, Malibu and Olympic high schools.

Emceed by longtime KLOS radio personality Cynthia Fox, the Saturday night show also featured an auction of music treasures including signed guitars, a drum set, tickets to the 2014 Grammys, and other unique items, all supporting the cause.

Among the many highlights of the evening was a rousing rendition of the Beatles' classic "With A Little Help from My Friends" featuring all the artists on stage together, joined by student and faculty musicians and student vocalists. The crowd was on its feet throughout the song, which preceded the closing number, the classic 1970s anthem "Take It Easy," led by Browne.

The funds raised will be added to the Education Foundation's For The Arts endowment, supporting visual and performing arts education throughout the SMMUSD. Browne, the artist who originated this annual benefit concert with Venice a decade ago, was playing for the fifth time in the event's 10-year history, and he and the other artists committed to a second night this year when the Saturday show sold out so quickly, organizers said.

"Arts in high school are really important," Browne said. "Arts make the individual complete. Arts connect us to the rest of society. They give us a chance to express ourselves and to channel our emotions ... and to have a healthy emotional life you have to have an outlet for that. And arts, like sports, are really important for people who are developing."

Since 2004, the Ed Foundation has been the beneficiary of annual benefit concerts that bring featured artists onstage with student musicians for an evening of music and philanthropy.

Produced by the Artists for the Arts Foundation, these concerts have now raised nearly \$900,000 for arts programs in Santa Monica and Malibu public schools over the past decade. Featuring Venice every year as the house band, past concerts have included David Crosby, Billy Idol, America, and many other music icons, all of whom have donated their time and talents to perform onstage alongside musicians and singers from all three Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District high schools.

To learn more about Artists for The Arts Foundation, visit www.aftafoundation.org.

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SHE'S OUT: Pacifica Christian's Spencer Dolan (left) tags out Academy for Academic Excellence's Alyssa Fredrick while teammates watch on Tuesday at Clover Park. Pacifica Christian went on to lose the second round playoff game, 12-0.



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FIRING IT TO THE PLATE: Pacifica Christian freshman starting pitcher Chandler Dolan delivers a pitch against Academy for Academic Excellence on Tuesday at Clover Park.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL
Pacifica Christian's surprising season comes to an end

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

CLOVER PARK Pacifica Christian was just bounced from the playoffs 12-0 at the hands of Academy for Academic Excellence, but there wasn't a long face to be found.

Instead of pouting over the loss in the second round of the CIF-Southern Section Division 7 softball playoffs on Tuesday at Clover Park, the Seawolves came together for one last cheer before packing it up for the off-season.

The first-year team exceeded everybody's expectations, including those of head coach Mike Dolan.

"There's nothing to be down about," Dolan said with a wide smile on his face. "We weren't supposed to be here, so yeah, I think the season was a success."

Tuesday's game was never much of a contest. Academy for Academic Excellence scored four times in the top of the first inning, enough to secure the victory.

The Academy cruised from there behind the pitching —

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Santa Monica’s Trump Tower

Editor:
We’ve already lost our beach town. If the Miramar expansion goes through, it will be for the residents living around the Miramar, their worst nightmare. One of my friends living near Sixth Street and Wilshire Boulevard has fewer visitors due to the parking situation. There are times she can’t find a place to park, and she has a permit.

I got hit by a bicyclist on the boardwalk and suffered injuries. My friend was hit by two skateboarders on the sidewalk on Main Street. She suffered an eye injury and broken glasses.

Standing in front of the Planning Commission and City Council members, you feel like cattle going to slaughter; that no one is listening. Two long-time small business owners – one a homeopathic pharmacy on Broadway, the other a printing shop on Wilshire Boulevard – have lost business. No parking spots, 25 cents for seven minutes, meters resetting themselves and you finding a ticket. You can now fight a ticket if you go to a courthouse in downtown Los Angeles. One friend who is elderly paid \$4 parking at the Main Library. She had to do errands afterwards. She depends on her car. You can’t ask everybody to give up their driving for the sake of overdevelopment.

There are a few planning commissioners and City Council members who get it. The others I’m not sure about. I think they’ve been talking to Donald Trump. When does it get less difficult for residents? Residents are angry and the tide is turning!

I get it. We have lost our redevelopment fund. Does that make it all right to roll over residents? Is it a takeover by greedy developers who offer fewer benefits than the city asks for, and are being allowed taller developments? Donald, you will feel right at home.

Miriam Ginzburg
Santa Monica

Clogged by commercial greed

Editor:
I am more than a long-time Santa Monica resident. I was born in Santa Monica Hospital, as was my father and my brother. My family has remained here for over a century because of the lifestyle it provides. Yes, growth is a natural aspect and we’ve all seen the steep rise in foreign visitors, which helps our local economy.

But I’m stating the obvious to point out that what now attracts those visitors and dollars is threatened when access to this area becomes impeded with increased traffic and denser construction.

The quality of life here is threatened even further when planners allow commercial greed to totally disregard the locals’ wishes. Santa Monica now boasts far more hotels than in decades past. There is already in place plenty of opportunities for taxes to be paid into our local economy. Interstate 10 is a clear demonstration that there are already plenty of jobs in the 90404, etc., when we have people flocking here (and again going home) at rush hour, tying up the Pacific Coast Highway, the 10 Freeway and all major arteries heading into and away from Santa Monica.

Julie Webb
Santa Monica



Are We Really Out of Iraq?

Kelly Hayes-Raitt

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Experiencing death too soon

“I SAW A MAN DIE,” AMINA SAYS AS SHE explains why she’s not smiling in her passport photo. We are sitting in the teenager’s modest living room — which doubles as a bedroom and dining room — in Damascus, to where she and her family fled after the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq.

I have joined Abdullah, whom I met in Baghdad in 2003 just before the war, and his teenage daughters at their spotless, spare two-bedroom flat that they share with his elderly father and sister. Before leaving Baghdad, Abdullah’s father gave away all their furniture, beds and appliances. Now, mats on the floor serve as chairs, beds and tables. One bedroom has two hard, ratty couches and the other has a double bed that isn’t much more than a thin mat on a precarious frame. Clothes are tucked neatly in suitcases. The kitchen is a sink, a propane hotplate and a small refrigerator.

I have come for lunch and to accompany the girls to a United Nations warehouse for donated school supplies. Lolou, 13, greets me with an exuberant announcement, translated by her father, that she’s decided she wants to adopt my cat whose photos she’s seen on my computer. Over roasted chicken and mint salad shared family/picnic-style on a cloth on the floor, 15-year-old Amina declares she wants to be an engineer, tossing her lively turquoise-scarved head assertively.

Abdullah brings out the girls’ “papers.” Report cards and exclusive “French-press” passports, which are difficult to forge and, therefore, taken more seriously by countries they long to permanently settle in.

While I thumb through the passports, Amina says she wasn’t smiling in her photo because it was taken in Baghdad and she wasn’t happy there. The sole stamp shows a border crossing last year, which the girls made specifically to get these valuable passports. Later this month, they will travel back to the border to get their visas renewed so they can start another year of Syrian school. If Abdullah didn’t have children in school, he’d have to travel to the border to renew his visa every two months. It’s a grueling bus trip that requires a 12-hour day in an overcrowded hall and costs about a week’s salary. “It’s all lines,” Abdullah says.

Abdullah and I try to decipher the girls’ report cards, adorned with the official, ubiquitous photo of Syria’s President Bashar Assad. I can (sort of) read the Arabic numbers of the grades. We start reading down through the subjects: Religion. English. (“14 out of 15? You girls should be speaking English to me!” I say to widening eyes and vigorously shaking heads as their dad translates.) French. (“French? I speak French! Ooh-la-la, escargot, chocolat. ... No, no, no,

it’s not bonjour. It’s boooooon-jour,” I sing, my voice rising like Mary Poppins on a springtime morning. “No, it’s not je taime,” I correct. “It’s jhhhe taime,” I vamp over my shoulder, smoldering my glance and dropping my voice to Louie Armstrong octaves. The girls crack up.)

Science. “So are you as good as your father?” I challenge. He has studied animal husbandry and horticulture. The girls’ enthusiasm spills over, trying to outdo each other in proving their scientific creds. They speak of microscopes and germs.

“Ask me anything!” Amina’s smile widens, confident. Not knowing my germs, I punt, and explain that when I took biology in school we dissected a worm. I illustrate their father’s translations by scrunching my nose.

Amidst the girls’ appreciative squealing, I tell them about dissecting a frog. I drop my head to the side, lol my tongue listlessly out of the corner of my mouth, feigning death, and limp-wrist my arms open, as if I were being dissected while Abdullah translates, running his index finger down his chest. Squeals broaden to laughter.

I tell them we dissected a baby pig, looking at the lungs, and heart, and stomach, and intestines, “and liver,” adds Abdullah instructively.

“I saw a man die,” Amina interrupts suddenly. Words spill out as I look on, not understanding her Arabic story. Abdullah finally translates, his jaw tightening.

Amina had been out with her mother. They saw a man attacked by three other men with guns. They called the police to help the man, but he died.

This was the second time she had witnessed this.

It was the first time her father had heard this.

I lean over and kiss her forehead, more to hide my own emotion than to comfort this stoic child. It feels selfish to be more dramatic than everyone else in the room who had actually experienced these horrors. Amina had been 12 years old.

This encounter was in August 2009, during a summer in Damascus when I volunteered with Iraqi refugees. Two years later, when civil war in Syria broke out, Abdullah again uprooted his family and fled to the only country that would have them: Iraq.

KELLY HAYES-RAITT will see Amina and Lolou this August when she returns to Baghdad to put a human face on the U.S.-led invasion and occupation. Support and follow her trip at www.AreWeReallyOutOfIraq.com. Supporters get access to exclusive pre-trip interviews and blogs directly from Iraq.



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The Taxman

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Legislature's assault on Prop. 13 begins

LAST WEEK WE ALERTED CALIFORNIA taxpayers as to the immediate threats to Proposition 13 being heard by a California legislative committee. As fully anticipated, the Senate Committee on Governance and Finance approved all six of the anti-Prop. 13 proposals.

All of the bills in question would gut one of the most important provisions of Proposition 13 — the two-thirds vote requirement for additional "add on" parcel taxes. These "add on" parcel and bond taxes are on top of the property tax homeowners already pay under current law.

The six bills are designated as "SCAs" standing for "Senate Constitutional Amendments." The Legislature itself cannot change the state constitution without voter approval so the issue for each of these "SCAs" was whether they should proceed through the legislative process and appear on the ballot as partial repeals of Prop. 13, which itself is part of the constitution.

The bills are as follows:

Senate Constitutional Amendment 3 (SCA 3), Mark Leno (D-San Francisco): Lowers the threshold for school district per-parcel property taxes from two-thirds to 55 percent. This is a direct assault on Proposition 13 because it makes it easier to increase property taxes above Proposition 13's 1 percent cap.

Senate Constitutional Amendment 4 (SCA 4), Carol Liu (D-La Canada) and Senate Constitutional Amendment 8 (SCA 8), Ellen Corbett (D-San Leandro): These two bills lower the threshold for the imposition, extension or increase of local transportation special taxes from the Proposition 13-mandated two-thirds vote to 55 percent. While most transportation special tax increases consist of very regressive sales tax hikes, the language of these bills could be used to impose new parcel taxes.

Senate Constitutional Amendment 7 (SCA 7), Lois Wolk (D-Davis): Lowers the threshold from two-thirds to 55 percent to approve a bond to fund public library facilities. Lowering the threshold for school facilities to 55 percent has already resulted in billions of dollars of additional property tax payments that otherwise would not have been approved by voters and the lower threshold has done nothing to improve education in California. Bond "add on" taxes are like parcel taxes because only property owners have to pay.

Senate Constitutional Amendment 9 (SCA 9), Ellen Corbett (D-San Leandro): Lowers the threshold from two-thirds to 55

percent to increase special taxes — including parcel taxes — to fund community and economic development projects.

Senate Constitutional Amendment 11 (SCA 11), Loni Hancock (D-Berkeley): Lowers the threshold to 55 percent to allow for voters representing any local government entity to approve a special tax for any purpose. This is far and away the broadest application, and thus the most egregious, of these constitutional amendments.

We at the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association have warned about the dangers of one-party rule in Sacramento and our predictions are now coming true. Despite now having the highest state income tax rate in America, the highest state sales tax rate in America and, come June, the highest gas tax in America, the majority party is launching a full scale assault on Prop. 13 to grab even more tax dollars from property owners.

To stop them, we must employ all our resources. First, the battle in the Legislature is far from over. Last week's hearing was before only one policy committee. In the Senate itself, these measures will go through at least one more committee and, should they pass, go to the floor of the full Senate for a vote of the entire house. Even if they pass there, the bills must then go to the Assembly and its committee process.

During the next several months, we will take every opportunity to remind all California legislators that, before they cast their votes, they must understand that these bills attack the very core of Prop. 13. Some legislators from California's most liberal areas don't care. But most are fully aware of how popular Prop. 13 remains and many in the majority party come from districts where Prop. 13 is much more popular than in the districts of some of their left wing colleagues.

These legislators also know that the voters will have the final say and current polling suggests that Californians are very negative toward higher property taxes. They must therefore ask themselves if casting a vote against homeowners might not result in a shortened political career.

Thus, while homeowners may have lost round one, this is going to be a long fight. Victory will belong to those with the strength and resolve to prevail.

JON COUPAL is president of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, California's largest grass-roots taxpayer organization dedicated to the protection of Proposition 13 and the advancement of taxpayers' rights.

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Do you think City Hall should crack-down on companies that don't take the necessary steps to limit traffic by promoting ride sharing and other forms of alternative transportation?

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Lawyer: No background check performed on Jackson's doctor

ANTHONY MCCARTNEY

AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES AEG Live LLC did not conduct any background checks or supervise the doctor who was later convicted of killing Michael Jackson, a corporate attorney testified Tuesday in a lawsuit claiming the concert promoter was negligent in hiring the physician.

AEG Live General Counsel Shawn Trell told jurors that no legal or financial checks were done involving Conrad Murray or anyone else who worked as an independent contractor on the "This Is It" shows.

Jackson's mother Katherine is suing AEG claiming it failed to properly investigate Murray, who was deeply in debt when he agreed to serve as Jackson's tour physician in 2009 for \$150,000 a month.

Trell said he thought a background check would be appropriate for people working in financial roles, but not tour personnel who weren't employees of AEG.

Murray's employment status is a central issue in the case. Katherine Jackson's lawyers contend he was hired by AEG, but the company denies it hired him and notes the singer died before signing the doctor's contract.

Trell also acknowledged while testifying that numerous people in the company knew of concerns that Jackson's health was declining.

Five days before Jackson died, AEG Live CEO Randy Phillips alerted the promoter's parent company that Jackson had missed a rehearsal and didn't appear to be ready for his comeback concerts.

"We have a real problem here," Phillips wrote in the message to the CEO of

Anschutz Entertainment Group.

Trell agreed with a statement by plaintiff's attorney Brian Panish that company executives knew by then there was a "deep issue" with Jackson.

Trell also said he continued discussions with an insurance broker about additional coverage to recoup AEG Live's investment if the tour had to be canceled.

Hours after Phillips sent the warning email, attorney John Branca, who later became co-executor of Jackson's estate, offered to enlist a spiritual and substance abuse specialist to help Jackson, according to an email shown in court.

On that same day, Phillips and others met with Jackson and Murray at the singer's home.

Hours later, Phillips sent an e-mail to tour director Kenny Ortega telling him not to worry. Ortega had expressed grave concerns about Jackson.

"This doctor is extremely successful — we check everyone out — and he does not need this gig so he (is) totally unbiased and ethical," Phillips wrote.

Panish called Phillips' statement "a flat out lie" and asked Trell whether he agreed with it or if it signified how AEG did business. Trell said he didn't know what Phillips thought he knew when he wrote the message.

"I know this statement is not accurate, but you'd have to speak with Mr. Phillips about what he thought or meant in saying it," Trell said.

Phillips is listed as a potential witness in the case, and Trell said he expects him to testify later in the trial.

Life's a beach for lucky dogs free to run on sand

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Associated Press

LOS ANGELES When Craig Haverstick approaches the beach with his dog in tow, Stanley instinctively knows he's in for a treat. His ears perk up and he starts sniffing the salty air.

"Chesapeake Bay retrievers are like plants, they need to be watered every now and then," Haverstick said of the 9-year-old he's been taking to the beach in San Diego weekly for eight years. "We have some great dog beaches. Dogs and people both drool over them."

Dog beaches account for a tiny fraction of the thousands of miles of U.S. shoreline, but they are treasured by pet owners and their pooches.

"Off-leash dog beaches are a canine's dream come true," said Lisa Porter, owner of Pet Hotels of America, a travel website that lists thousands of beaches and parks where dogs are allowed on leash or can run free.

Every beach has its own draw. San Diego offers three off-leash options: Fiesta Island in Mission Bay is great for swimming; Ocean Beach Dog Beach is good for dogs to play together; and Coronado's Dog Beach is described as magical.

Beaches where unleashed dogs are allowed complete freedom are typically fenced, offer drinking water and showers for dogs, bags to pick up dog feces and trash cans.

Dog lovers say the biggest problem is that

there aren't enough beaches for their pets and parking is often scarce.

Efforts to create more pooch-friendly beaches, such as one that died in Santa Monica two years ago, have run into resistance from California State Parks.

Critics say letting beaches go to the dogs threatens species such as shore birds, jeopardizes the safety of visitors, ruins the experience for beachgoers and can pollute water and sand with poop and urine.

Fans who frequent the beaches say they provide a great playground for their hounds and can even be therapeutic.

When Carol Kearney first adopted Buddy, an abused 70-pound, 2-year-old Staffordshire terrier mix, he was afraid of noises and terrified of water.

"When he heard traffic, it was like he was trying to get out of his skin," Kearney said.

Letting him run on the beach less than a mile from her 14th floor home in a Coronado high-rise was the only way to calm him down.

Now he digs in the sand, chases his dog pals or swims through the waves to retrieve float toys.

Other top West Coast off-leash dog beaches recommended by Porter include Huntington Dog Beach in Huntington Beach, one of the best known dog surfing beaches in the world; Rosie's Dog Beach in Long Beach; Cannon Beach in Oregon; and Double Bluff Beach on Whidbey Island in Washington.

STRIKE FROM PAGE 1

having supervisors do some jobs.

No major problems were reported in the initial hours of the strike as green-shirted picketers gathered in front of hospitals.

"We are prepared to take care of everybody in a safe fashion," said Dr. Tom Rosenthal, chief medical officer of UCLA Hospital Systems.

About 30 surgeries were being postponed through the strike period at Los Angeles-area facilities, Rosenthal said.

In Sacramento, more than 45 operations were postponed in the UC Davis health system, while five children's surgeries were postponed at UC San Francisco facilities, according to a UC statement.

More than 200 procedures were rescheduled at San Diego and Orange County medical facilities, officials told City News Service.

The union is battling the university system over staffing and pension issues.

"We care about our patients and we feel that we're chronically understaffed and we need additional help," Ruben Gomez, a radiation therapist in Los Angeles, told KCBS-TV.

There was no clear count of how many union workers had joined the walkout,

which was set to last until early Thursday.

"We are well into the thousands" of employees, said Todd Stenhouse, a spokesman for the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

However, Rosenthal said a preliminary estimate indicated that more than half of union employees had reported for work at UC facilities in the Los Angeles area.

Stenhouse said the labor dispute involved chronic and dangerously low staffing levels. The union is concerned that the UC system is using trainees and volunteers in some positions in a bid to save money, he said.

"If you're going to a hospital, do you want to be subjected to a learning curve when your life is at stake?" he asked. "We really undermine our ability to provide quality care."

Overworked employees are skipping lunches and breaks to do their jobs, he contended. One operating room technician has been working 22-hour shifts at his hospital or on call, he added.

UC officials say the real issue is a refusal by the union to accept a new pension plan — similar to those of other state workers — that requires more employee contributions and reduces long-term benefits for new hires.

The hospital system could face billions of dollars in new pension costs unless there is reform, Rosenthal said.

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semesters. It does not provide additional state funding to pay for the extra classes.

Fees for the classes authorized under AB955 would be charged at nonresident rates. The average cost is \$200 per unit, compared with \$46 for state-subsidized credits during traditional semesters.

Class offerings at California community colleges have been reduced as a result of state budget cuts, Williams said. Proposals to restore money for higher education would reinstate only part of the \$1.5 billion cut from those colleges.

He cited a March report from the Public Policy Institute of California that found 600,000 students have been turned away from state community colleges.

With the additional course offerings, students could take a high-demand class without waiting another semester or year, allowing them to complete their degrees sooner and freeing up spaces for other students during the regular semester, Williams said.

"We must recognize the reality that the existing system is not meeting students' needs," he said.

Students who are only a few credits away

from graduating and military veterans who need to remain enrolled to maintain their financial aid are among those expected to take advantage of the new courses.

Several community college systems, including those in Los Angeles and San Diego, have opposed the bill, along with the Faculty Association of California Community Colleges. The colleges have said setting different fee levels would disenfranchise lower-income students.

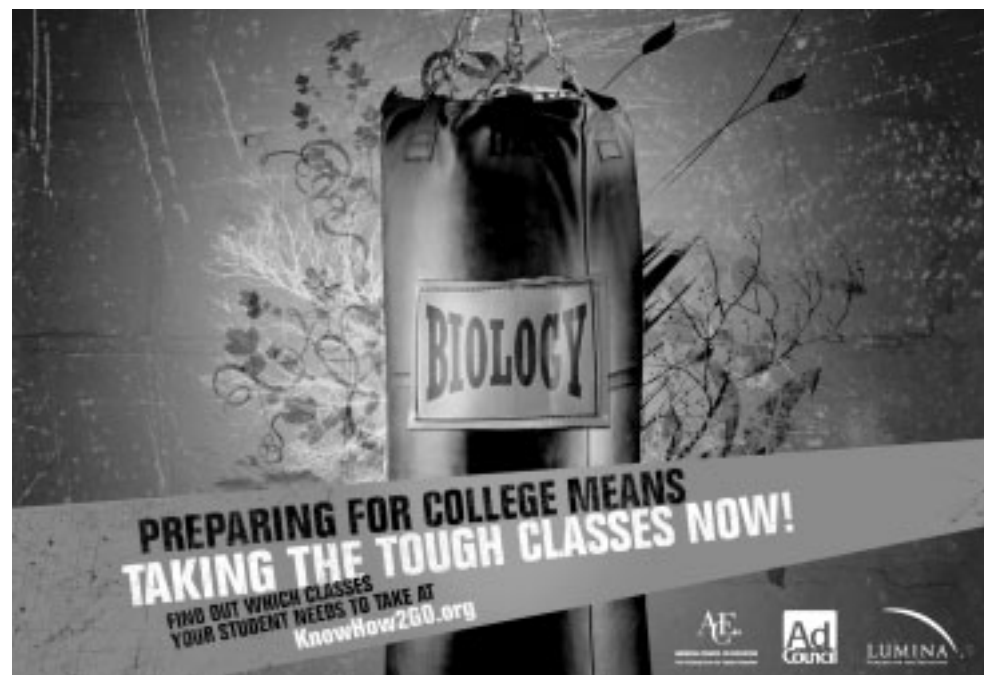
Democrats speaking against the bill on Monday said they disagreed with creating an unequal fee structure.

"To say it's OK to charge some students one tuition level and others another, to me is just not what it means to have a college system that serves all the students in the state of California," said Assemblywoman Joan Buchanan, D-Alamo.

Williams described the measure as "not the perfect solution," saying he also intends to continue pushing for additional state money for community colleges.

"If you fear a two-tiered system, I've got to wake you up: It's already here," Williams said. "There's one tier that can get in and one tier that is locked out."

The Assembly approved the legislation Monday on a 48-12 vote, over objections from some Democrats and one Republican. It now heads to the Senate for consideration.



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BUDGET

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the amount that residents pay for permits to park in their neighborhoods to a \$25 filing fee for nomination papers in local elections. A \$25 charge for outsiders to get a local library card and \$2 price tag on Internet use at the library for those without one are also on the table, as well as a policy to auction off old computers rather than donate them to the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District or to nonprofits.

City Hall also plans to offer new services to raise revenue by providing passport photos and applications at the City Clerk's Office.

The new budget also includes a review of 700 fees charged by various departments across City Hall to ensure it covers its costs. Roughly 70 of those fees would decrease as a result of the study, but 27 new fees were added and over 40 others went up by over 100 percent.

The most dramatic proposed increase appears to be the cost to put on a block party, which went up 1,285 percent to \$227.

The changes to those fees could net as much as \$2.1 million, although the Finance Department will only include \$1.45 million as some of the changes can't come into effect immediately and could reduce the number of people who use them, according to the report.

While those kinds of neighborhood events don't seem to be too popular — officials estimate only 15 block party permits will be requested in a given year — other changes may hit closer to home.

The cost of purchasing a preferential parking permit will increase from \$15 per year to \$25 for the first two, and permits for additional cars will climb to \$35 for a third and \$45 for each one after.

Preferential parking zones blanket the

city, with new districts approved as recently as the May 14 City Council meeting.

The fees haven't been revisited since 1984 and they don't cover the cost of signage, permit printing or management of the program, said Don Patterson, assistant director of the Finance Department.

Proposed increases for additional parking passes are less about cost recovery and more a strategy to control the parking supply in the city, he said. That, and an additional 350 parking meters at various points throughout the city, are expected to generate \$1.3 million, according to the report.

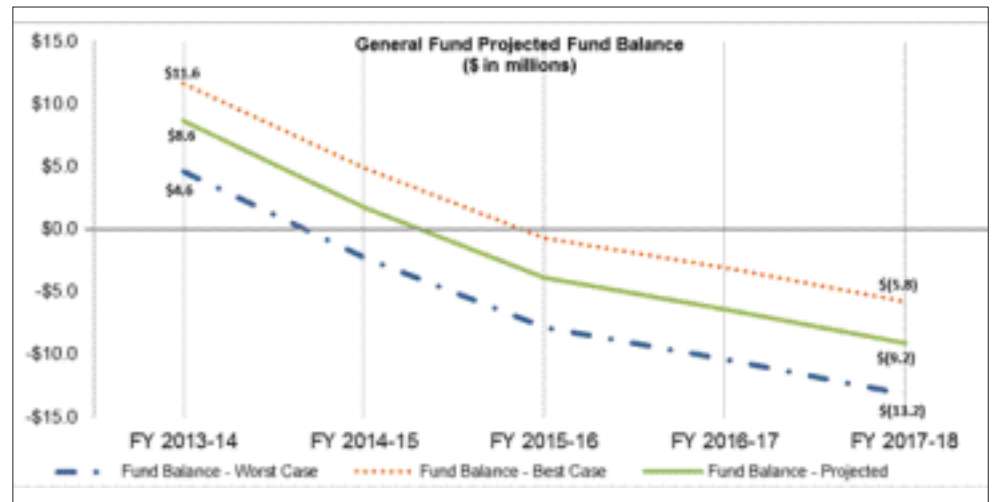
City Hall also proposes to extend the hours on parking meters in high-traffic areas, which could net an additional \$1.5 million, and the City Council approved a contract last week to squeeze tax dollars out of privately-owned parking lots throughout Santa Monica.

Overall, the proposals are one ingredient in a recipe of belt-tightening and revenue increases that city officials hope will amount to \$21.3 million over the course of two years.

Even with those changes, City Hall has only two years until it starts running in the red under the most likely budgeting scenario. In the worst case, City Hall could be in the negative as soon as next year.

The new budget comes at a time when municipal coffers have been put under intense pressure from outside forces, namely the skyrocketing cost of pensions and health care for government employees and the loss of California's redevelopment agencies.

As the Daily Press reported in April, the California Public Employees Retirement System administration approved increases to employer contribution rates, settling on policies that will increase costs as much as 50 percent over the course of five years.



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That will mean \$5.8 million from the General Fund in the 2015-16, increasing to \$18.1 million by the 2019-20 fiscal year. Other city funds will also feel the pinch, with total costs across the city totaling \$7.4 million in 2015-16 and \$22.7 million in 2019-20.

The move will allow CalPERS to meet all promises to retirees in the system, and received plaudits from the Moody's credit rating agency, which opined that the new accounting system will reduce the likelihood of sharp, one-year increases in pension costs and will likely benefit both local governments and the state in the long run.

That's little consolation to local governments.

"This is an unprecedented increase that has the ability to cripple municipalities that have already suffered severe losses due to the recession and dissolution of redevelopment," according to the city staff report.

The dissolution of Santa Monica's Redevelopment Agency has also cost City

Hall a pretty penny, with a \$2 million hit to the General Fund so far.

Still more disruptions hang on the horizon, with Santa Monica bearing unknown costs from the state realignment policies, a program to reduce the prison population that has resulted in an increase in homelessness and crime; as well as the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, better known as Obamacare, that will cost the city \$1 million a year going forward.

"As soon as we print a budget, it's out of date and as soon as we send it, we know something else will happen between when it was received and when the council will consider it," Gould said.

The ever-shifting reality of federal, state and local finances has caused City Hall to revisit the budget every six months.

The City Council will talk budget over the course of two scheduled meetings on May 28 and 29.

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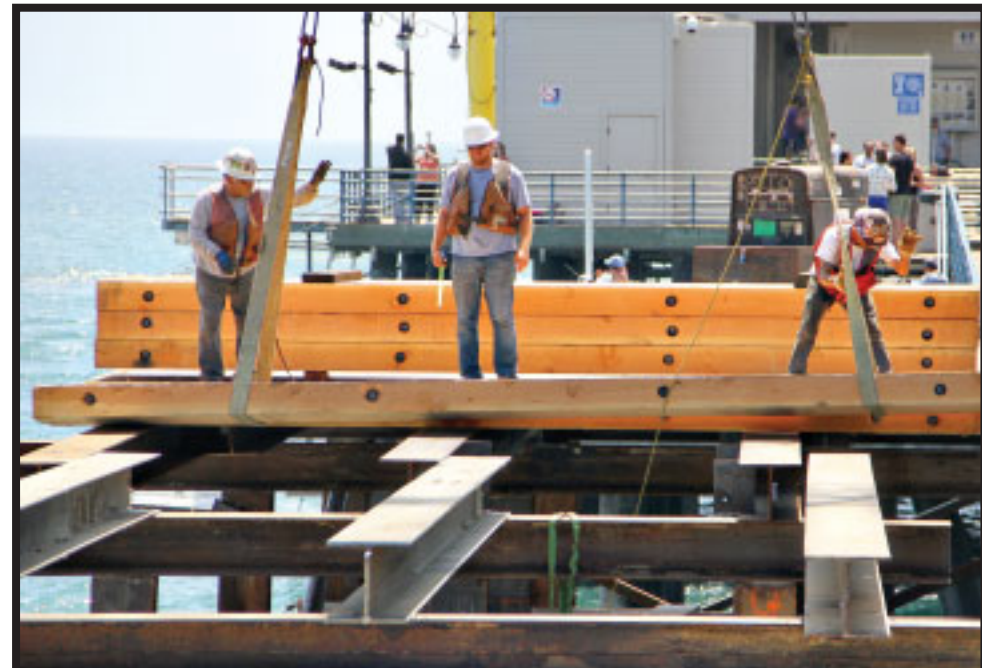
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COMING ATTRACTION

A work crew on Tuesday afternoon guides a large timber into place onto a temporary trestle that will be used as a platform to rebuild the middle portion of the Santa Monica Pier.

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MARKETS

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increases by \$50.

"It has to do with maintaining consistency in the market," Avery said.

In the past, there were no defined rules about how many times a prepared food vendor could skip the market, although the regulations posted on the Farmers' Market website require that vendors contact management within 48 hours after a skipped market day.

Repeated absences can result in suspension, according to the rules.

Some market-goers raised concerns about a new bread purveyor who had missed several markets as the company worked to establish a brick-and-mortar facility.

Many of those were loyal to Bezan Bakery, a bread company that had been at the market for almost 20 years before being beaten out for its spot by Red Bread, a Venice-based firm.

Geoff Shackelford, a Bezan proponent, hailed the new rules as "great news" for the market — why lose both a beloved stall and city revenues at the same time, he reasoned — although he lamented the loss of his favorite bread vendor.

"But it's great that someone in the city has finally taken notice of what continues to be a bizarre situation and one that customers who only care about getting great food at the market cannot understand," Shackelford said.

The proposal is one of four concerning the Farmers' Market that will go before the Downtown Santa Monica Inc. board on Thursday, alongside others that would allow for acoustic music at the Pico Farmers' Market on a monthly basis and another to line up local contracts with county health permits.

Musicians are allowed to set up shop at the market, but they want to limit unscheduled performances to once a month "should the performer demand ever be there," Avery said.

That last may seem a small detail, but it has real implications for prepared food vendors who have contracts that run from October to September, which is out of line with permits they have to get from the Health Department.

The changes would save money for those vendors who don't align with the Health Department dates, according to the report.

Farmers' Market officials are expected to bring the proposed rules to the City Council on June 11.

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SOFTBALL

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and hitting — of Cassandra Williams. She pitched a complete game that was called after six innings due to the mercy rule. She added five runs batted in for good measure.

She was hurling a no-hitter heading into the bottom of the sixth inning when Pacifica Christian's Kate Miller hit a ground ball up the middle that snuck through for a hit.

Even down 12-0 and facing elimination, Miller's hit was greeted with a resounding cheer from the dugout.

It's that upbeat determination that has helped propel the Seawolves to the first of what they hope are successful softball seasons at Pacifica Christian.

"I come away with a lot of good memories," said freshman starting pitcher

Chandler Dolan. "We're encouraged. We have a lot to look forward to."

As Pacifica Christian heads into year two of the program, there are nuances that Mike Dolan wants to teach his girls.

Because the team was so raw, he spent much of this season going over jargon and basic fundamentals. His team took to his teachings quickly, something he hopes will continue next year.

For now, he's encouraging his players to play travel ball over the summer to hone their skills.

"I encourage our kids to play as many sports as they can," he said. "All we need are some athletes and the rest will work itself out."

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Stocks gain on reassurance from a ranking Fed official

MATTHEW CRAFT

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK Reassuring comments from a Federal Reserve official and better earnings from two big retailers helped push the stock market higher Tuesday.

Stock indexes wobbled between gains and losses in early trading, then took a turn higher just before noon. That's when news crossed that James Bullard, head of the Fed's St. Louis branch, told an audience in Germany that the Fed ought to stick with its bond-buying effort to bolster the economic recovery.

"Those words were a salve for investors' nerves," said Lawrence Creatura, a fund manager at Federated Investors. Other Fed officials have recently talked about scaling back the program. "There's a lot of uncertainty surrounding this issue. And uncertainty and investors aren't always a happy match."

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 52.30 points to 15,387.58, a gain of 0.3 percent.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index edged up 2.87 points to 1,669.16, a slight increase of 0.2 percent. Both the Dow and the S&P are at record highs.

J.P. Morgan Chase & Co. gained 1.4 percent. Shareholders of the country's biggest bank voted to allow Jamie Dimon to keep his two titles, CEO and chairman of the board. Groups had pushed to split the two jobs, a drive that gained momentum from a multi-billion trading loss last year. The bank's stock rose 73 cents to \$53.02.

Many investors were already looking ahead to Wednesday, when the Federal Reserve will release minutes from its most recent policy meeting, and Chairman Ben Bernanke will go before Congress to discuss his outlook for the U.S. economy.

"I think a lot of people are sitting on their hands waiting to see what the Fed says tomorrow," said Michael Binger, senior portfolio manager at Gradient Investments in Minneapolis, Minn.

Money managers keep close tabs on speeches from Fed officials and minutes from Fed meetings for any sign the Fed is planning to make a move. Binger said their words take on added weight because some investors believe the Fed's support is a crucial reason the stock market has soared to an all-time high. If the Fed pulls back, they think the market's epic rally could come to an end.

But Binger doesn't share that view. He

believes a rise in business spending and stronger sales to emerging markets may help drive earnings higher, which would push stocks up, too.

In other trading, the Nasdaq composite rose 5.69 points to 3,502.12, a 0.2 percent gain.

The Dow has gained for 19 straight Tuesdays. The only day with a longer streak of consecutive gains is Wednesday, with 24 back in 1968, according to Schaeffer's Investment Research.

Home Depot surged 2.5 percent. It reported an 18 percent increase in quarterly income as the housing market continues to recover. Home Depot rose \$1.95 to \$78.71.

Among other companies posting quarterly results, AutoZone jumped 5 percent. Better sales and shrinking costs helped the auto-parts company beat analysts' earnings forecasts. AutoZone leapt \$18.79 to \$427.84.

It has been another solid earnings season for big companies, with corporate profits hitting all-time highs even as revenue barely rises.

Seven of 10 companies in the S&P 500 have trumped Wall Street's earnings forecasts, according to S&P Capital IQ. First-quarter earnings are on track to rise 5 percent over the same period last year. Revenue is expected to rise just 1 percent.

In the market for U.S. government bonds, the yield on the 10-year Treasury note slipped to 1.93 percent from 1.96 percent late Monday.

In commodities trading, crude oil sank 55 cents to settle at \$96.16 a barrel.

The price of gold fell \$6.50 to \$1,377.60 an ounce, extending a slump that has knocked gold down 18 percent this year. Tame inflation, a stronger dollar and a surging stock market have undermined gold's appeal.

Among other companies in the news:

— Carnival Corp slumped 4 percent. The cruise-ship operator cut its earnings forecast for the year late Monday as it wrestles with the fallout from high-profile incidents, which left passengers stranded at sea. Carnival's stock lost \$1.51 to \$33.81.

— Best Buy dropped 4 percent after reporting a quarterly loss and sales that fell short of the forecasts of financial analysts who follow the company. Its stock lost \$1.17 to \$25.64.

— TiVo gained 2 percent, or 26 cents, to \$12.92. The digital video recording company narrowed its quarterly loss with the help of more subscribers.

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Jersey shore readies for first post-Sandy summer

WAYNE PARRY
Associated Press

SEASIDE HEIGHTS, New Jersey The boardwalks are back, and so are most of the beaches, even if some are a little thinner this year.

The smell of funnel cakes, french fries and pizza will mingle with the salt air, and the screech of seagulls will be heard, but so will the thwack of the hammers repairing what can be fixed and the roar of bulldozers and backhoes tearing down what can't.

Welcome to Summer 2013 at the Jersey shore, the first since Superstorm Sandy pummeled the coast and upended hundreds of thousands of lives in October.

"The Jersey shore is open for the summer and ready to receive our customers," Gov. Chris Christie said Monday at a ceremony reopening the newly rebuilt Lavallette boardwalk, three-quarters of which was destroyed by the storm. "This is going to be a really good week."

Christie cautioned that parts of the shore won't look as they did last summer, but predicted by next summer they should be back to normal.

Even in many of the places that suffered the most from Sandy, remarkable recovery and rebuilding efforts have been made to get them ready for the summer tourist season. Yet reminders of the storm's devastation are visible all around.

Denise Gottilla and her husband Daryl stuck their beach umbrella into the sand in Point Pleasant Beach earlier this month. To their right was a wood-shingled home that had been destroyed by the Sandy's storm surge. To their left was concrete rubble from a pool and patio from homes that also were badly damaged. And in front of them were large piles of sand that still needed to be smoothed down before beachgoers could arrive. But she was encouraged by what she saw.

"The houses took a beating, but I'm pleased with how the beach looks," she said. "It's not as bad as I thought it would be."

While Sandy damaged or destroyed many shore rentals, there are still plenty to be had, said Randy Sinor, past president of the Ocean County Board of Realtors, who works in Ship Bottom on Long Beach island.

"On LBI, we all have 95 percent or better of our pre-Sandy inventory ready for rental," he said. "We are open, we are ready, and we have prime weeks still available. It is not too late."

Countywide, rental stock ranges from about 65 percent of what was there before Sandy to 90 percent, depending on the town, he said. Demand has been about 75 percent of what it was at this time last year.

Not all of the Jersey shore was hurt by Sandy. Famous resort towns including Ocean City and the Wildwoods suffered minimal damage that was quickly repaired. Those areas are girding for a potential spike in visitors this summer as vacationers seek-

ing thrill rides look elsewhere this year.

"Our hearts go out to the areas that were affected, but we have to get the message out that a good portion of the Jersey Shore will be open, and we hope vacationers will support New Jersey's tourism economy," said John Siciliano, head of the Greater Wildwoods Tourism Improvement Development Authority.

Casino Pier in Seaside Heights, where the Jet Star roller coaster plunged into the ocean, will have at least 18 rides open this summer including a pendulum ride defiantly named The Super Storm. (The Jet Star was dismantled and removed last week). Funtown Pier, on the south end of Seaside's boardwalk, was too badly damaged to open this year; it will be back in 2014.

"We are 100 percent ready for visitors," Seaside Heights Mayor Bill Akers said. "Please, make your plans to come here, and have Jersey support Jersey. Keep your vacation local. If you want to help us, the best way you can do that is to come here and have your summer vacation with us."

Most of the Jersey shore's boardwalks don't have amusement rides or games; they consist of wooden or synthetic walkways carrying beachgoers from one end of the beach to the other. Belmar finished its boardwalk repairs first, in late April, Seaside Heights is not far behind, Asbury Park is done and numerous other towns have either finished or plan to do so by Friday. Even the Ortley Beach section of Toms River, which was devastated by the storm, started rebuilding its boardwalk two weeks ago and expects to have it open by June.

The beaches themselves may look fine in most places, but many are flatter than they once were, said Jon Miller, a coastal expert with Stevens Institute of Technology. He predicted the coast will remain vulnerable to future storms until much of the sand that was lost either returns naturally with the tides, or is physically put back on the beaches by heavy equipment, and beach replenishment and protective dune projects need to be carried out. He also said dangerous rip currents could appear this year in places they didn't use to be, due to the changed topography of the ocean floor.

And for all the attention on boardwalks and tourists, this summer will be marked by long, hard work for many shore residents still struggling to recover. Andrea Bowne is elevating her home near the ocean in Point Pleasant Beach, which took on 3 feet (1 meter) of water during the storm. Since then, she has moved from place to place, longing for the day she can go back home.

"Hopefully they'll be done soon and we can be working on the interior all summer," she said. "I say I'm moving back in as soon as there's electric and cable. My friends say, 'Uh, how about water and sewer? You plan on flushing any toilets?' And I say, 'OK, that, too.' I don't even care if there's gas yet; I don't plan on cooking anything all summer!"



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CITY OF SANTA MONICA NOTICE INVITING BIDS

Pursuant to section 600 of the City Charter, newspapers adjudicated to be newspapers of general circulation published in the City of Santa Monica are hereby invited to submit bids to publish legal notices, and other matters required to be published, for the City for the 2013 -14 fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2013, allowing for two additional one-year renewal options, with annual approval from the City Council. The City shall consider the following criteria when selecting the official newspaper for the publication of such notices:

- Proof of adjudication
- Amount of bid (ad rate)
- Circulation (including copies per issue, documented readership and trends)
- Delivery methods (news racks, home delivery, on-line, other)
- Publication schedule (weekly, daily)
- Percentage of local news carried
- Fiscal integrity
- Reputation of publication

In no case shall the contract prices for such publication exceed the customary rates charged by such newspaper for the publication of other comparable legal notices. The City reserves the right to reject all bids.

Bid forms may be obtained through the Finance Department website at: <http://www.smgov.net/Departments/Finance/content.aspx?id=11969>. Bids should be submitted to Senior Buyer, Kellee MacDonald via email at kellee.macdonald@smgov.net or fax to (310) 393-6142 no later than **Friday, May 24, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. (PST)**.



CITY OF SANTA MONICA NOTICE INVITING BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites Contractors to complete and submit sealed bids for the:

Beach Restroom Facilities Replacement Project SP2283

Bids shall be delivered to the City of Santa Monica, Office of the City Clerk, Room 102, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California, 90401, not later than 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 13, 2013 to be publicly opened and read aloud after 3:00 p.m. on said date in City Hall Council Chambers. Each Bid shall be in accordance with the Request for Bids.

NON-MANDATORY PRE-BID JOB WALK:

THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2013

9:00 – 10:00 AM 2400 Ocean Front Walk, Santa Monica, CA 90405

PROJECT ESTIMATE: \$700,000

CONTRACT DAYS: 212 Calendar Days

LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: \$500.00 Per Day

Bidding Documents may be obtained by logging onto the City's Finance website at: <http://www01.smgov.net/finance/purchasing/>. The Contractor is required to have a **Class B** license at the time of bid submission. Contractors wishing to be considered must submit Bids containing all information required pursuant to the City's Request for Bids.

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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: 67.8°

WEDNESDAY – FAIR – SURF: 3-4 ft waist to shoulder high occ. 5ft
Re-inforcing SW-SSW groundswell moves in - plus sets for top focal points;
NW windswell mixes in, largest late; fair-good conditions at select spots

THURSDAY – FAIR – SURF: 3-4 ft waist to shoulder high occ. 5ft
SW-SSW groundswell continues - larger sets for top focal points early; NW windswell mixes in

FRIDAY – FAIR – SURF: 3-4 ft waist to shoulder high occ. 5ft
Fresh SW-SSW groundswell pulse builds through the day -
plus sets for top focal points; NW windswell potentially eases

SATURDAY – FAIR – SURF: 3-5 ft waist to head high
SW-SSW groundswell tops out early - plus sets for standouts;
fair-good conditions at select spots

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 May 15, 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 -- 0
Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
Number of wet days -- 5
Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 38 / 32
Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 0

The Beach Report Card is made possible by:
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Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flooding 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 Closures and Health Warning Program.

LOCATION	DRY	WET	LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Castle Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club shore near tennis.	A+	F
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Luchessa and Los Alamos creeks.			Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	F
Escalante Canyon at El Morado State Beach.	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chetoway).	A	A+
Bevel Beach at Tiverton Creek mouth.	A+	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	F
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	F
Wahpet Creek, projection of Wilshire Rd. (private).	A+	A+	Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	F	F
Paradise Cove Pier at Flamingo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Venice storm drain.	A+	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurants).	A+	A+
Ledge Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+	Ocean Park Beach at Katella Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Selkirk Canyon at San Blas County Beach.	A+	A+	Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	A+
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Marin Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24072 Malibu Rd.	A+	F	Venice Beach at Wilshire Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Surfside Beach at Malibu Colony tennis.	A+	A+	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	A+
Surfside Beach (beach location) - daily.	A	A+	Venice Beach- projection of Topical St.	A	A+
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A	F	Malibu del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A	A
Carbon Beach at Sunsetwater Canyon.	A+	A+	Dockweiler State Beach at Ballena Creek mouth.	A	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (joint rec).	A+	A+	Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	F
Big Rock Beach at 13548 PCH stairs.	A+	B	North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	A+
Pine Creek at Los Toros County Beach.	A+	A+	Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of ORV jets).	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	D	no	Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	F
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+	Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	A+
Castroville Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+	Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+			
Will Rogers State Beach at 17208 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	F			

LEGEND

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

Heal the Bay

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NFL

49ers thrilled to host Super Bowl

JANIE MCCAULEY
AP Sports Writer

SANTA CLARA, Calif. Only a Colin Kaepernick deep ball away from the San Francisco 49ers' practice field, Levi's Stadium is taking shape in a hurry.
The constant noise around team headquarters is a combination of cranes, hammering and coaches' whistles. San Francisco's players got back to work with organized team activities Tuesday while also celebrating the announcement that their new, state-of-the-art \$1.2 billion stadium next door had landed the coveted 50th Super Bowl.
The only other time the Bay Area hosted the NFL title game, the 49ers were in it. That was after the 1984 season, when Joe Montana led the Niners past the Miami Dolphins 38-16 at Stanford Stadium.
With the franchise on a roll, everybody hopes a sixth championship is coming after the Niners lost the last Super Bowl.

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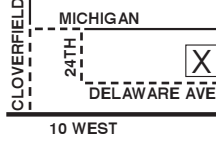


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The Tree of Life (PG-13) 2hr 19min
7:30pm

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
(888) 262-4386

Oblivion (PG-13) 2hrs 05min
1:15pm, 4:05pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

42 (PG-13) 2hrs 08min
1:00pm, 4:20pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm

Peeples (PG-13) 1hr 35min
5:00pm, 10:30pm

Pain & Gain (R) 2hrs 09min
2:05pm, 7:35pm

Iron Man 3 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 15min
2:45pm, 6:10pm, 9:30pm

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

Croods (PG) 1hr 38min
1:55pm

Star Trek Into Darkness (PG-13) 2hrs 03min
11:00am, 12:30pm, 3:45pm, 7:00pm, 10:15pm

Iron Man 3 (PG-13) 2hrs 15min
12:15pm, 3:30pm, 6:45pm

Great Gatsby (PG-13) 2hrs 23min
11:55am, 3:10pm, 6:30pm, 9:55pm

Great Gatsby in 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 23min
1:50pm, 5:10pm, 8:30pm

Star Trek Into Darkness 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 03min
11:45am, 3:00pm, 4:30pm, 6:15pm, 7:45pm, 9:30pm

Hangover Part III (R) 1hr 40min
10:00pm, 11:15pm, 12:01am

Iron Man 3 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 15min
11:00am, 1:50pm, 4:45pm

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

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

Black Rock (R) 1hr 23min
4:20pm, 9:55pm

Kon-Tiki () 1hr 58min
1:40pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 9:50pm

Reluctant Fundamentalist (R) 2hrs 08min
1:20pm, 7:00pm

Ice Man (R) 1hr 45min
1:50pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 10:10pm

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Gleam Davis: Attorney, City Councilmember, education advocate, North of Montana resident.

TAKE A BREAK TONIGHT, CAPPY

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ More options could appear than you'd thought possible. Consider having a long-overdue conversation with a trusted adviser or friend. You will gain a new perspective as a result. Tonight: Continue a conversation over dinner.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You might not be sure about an offer that seems nearly too good to be true. Give yourself time and space. Do what you must, but call a trusted loved one for a talk later in the day. Tonight: Make it easy to get together with friends.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Use the first part of the day for anything that depends on your ingenuity. Sometimes you go overboard without intending to, especially financially. Avoid taking a risk for now. Later, when you have an opportunity to weigh the pros and cons, do. Tonight: Get some R and R.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Getting going might be nearly impossible. Why not take the day off? You might need some space in order to see a situation more clearly. Also, stop and consider what you want from this circumstance. Tonight: Take a mid-week break.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Answer calls, and arrange an impromptu meeting later in the day. By late afternoon, you will want to slow down and do a bit of reflecting. You also might want to complete some quiet work. Rethink a personal situation involving a loved one at a distance. Tonight: At home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You might want to do something very differently from how you have in the past. Do some research, or at least bounce several of your ideas off someone. You will be able to determine which way to go after having this conversation. Tonight: Hang out with a friend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You have extra charisma this morning, especially if you make decisions from the perspective of the greater good of the whole. Be sure to keep an eye on the ramifications of a financial decision. Avoid a risk, no matter how dreamy it might seem. Tonight: Treat yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★ Gather much-needed research in order to confirm in your own mind which path is right for you. Listen to powerful feedback from a friend and/or an adviser. This person has your best interests in mind. Tonight: Where the action is.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ You might not believe the good will that surrounds you this morning. You don't often get sunny weather with the wind pushing you in the direction you want. Tonight: Take some personal time; you have a lot on your plate.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Assume the lead, but know that you could get some flak for your decisions. Be aware of your boundaries. The afternoon presents you with a positive response and a brainstorming session. Tonight: Take a break.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ By all means, get ahead of a problem by finding the solution. Though many might not understand how you got there, they will be relieved to discover that you got to that point. Accept a last-minute request to fill in for a boss or supervisor. Tonight: Consider being freer.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Respond in kind to a partner who is making sure that you are on the same page. Unity might be more important than you realize. Look to plan a trip or getaway for a few days. It is time for you to indulge in a long-term desire. Tonight: Look beyond the obvious.

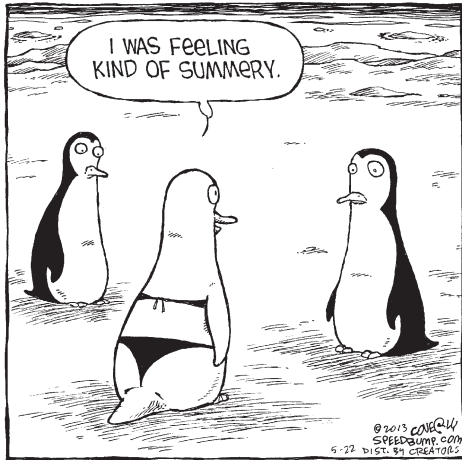
Wednesday, May 22, 2013

This year you become very aware of your social interactions. You want more from your relationships, and you approach life with a greater understanding and lightness. Your lack of intensity might be a relief to many people. If you are single, you'll meet someone who could become very special to you. If you are attached, you are likely to fulfill one of your goals together. You will enjoy the process as much as you enjoy the outcome. SCORPIO has a lot of your qualities, but he or she is quieter about it.

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

Speed Bump

By Dave Coverly



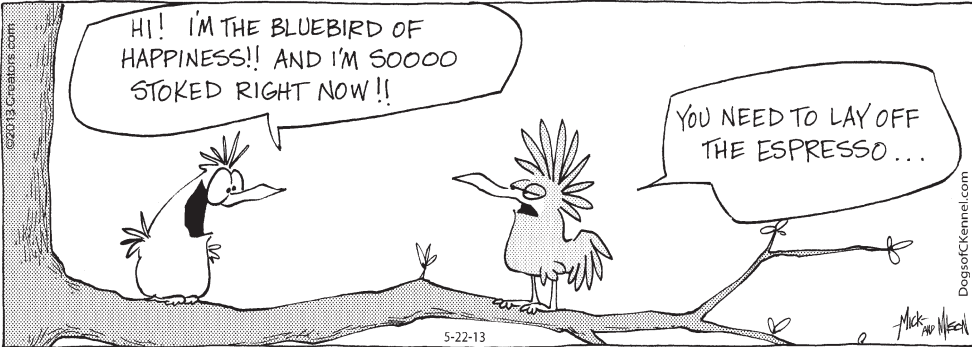
Strange Brew

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Dogs of C-Kennel

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By Jim Davis



The Meaning of Lila

By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★ ★

	1	4			5	8	2	7
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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

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

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Crazes
- 7 Emmy winner Alan
- 11 Door-pounder's cry
- 12 Cow sounds
- 13 Campaign event
- 14 Solemn promise
- 15 Got stuck
- 17 Cry out
- 20 Tolerate
- 23 Bauxite or magnetite
- 24 Balkan nation
- 26 "Don't — stranger!"
- 27 Kilmer of "Batman Forever"
- 28 Comic bit
- 29 Bureau-crat ic nuisance
- 31 French article
- 32 Fake name
- 33 Prepare for a bout
- 34 Idiot
- 37 Leo or Libra
- 39 Doted on
- 43 Promote
- 44 Peaceful
- 45 Eats in the evening
- 46 Carpentry tool

DOWN

- 1 Like '60s fashion
- 2 Big galoot
- 3 S. Dak. neighbor
- 4 Considering everything
- 5 Lot buy
- 6 Went fast
- 7 One-celled organism
- 8 Filling, as a moving van
- 9 Period
- 10 Fire remnant
- 16 Roof feature
- 17 Hooded snake
- 18 Staggering

- 19 Preparing the way (to)
- 21 Goddess of the hunt
- 22 Raring to go
- 24 Sailor's cry
- 25 Trip around the track
- 30 Sullies
- 33 Tempest

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Yesterday's answer

- 35 Launder
- 36 Creative germ
- 37 Kin of blvds.
- 38 Debt reminder
- 40 "Losing My Religion" band
- 41 Hydrocarbon suffix
- 42 German article

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DAILY LOTTERY



Draw Date: 5/18
10 13 14 22 52
Power#: 11
Jackpot: \$M



Draw Date: 5/17
11 15 35 43 49
Mega#: 41
Jackpot: \$M



Draw Date: 5/18
7 12 30 40 47
Mega#: 16
Jackpot: \$M



Draw Date: 5/21
3 7 13 23 36



Draw Date: 5/21
MIDDAY: 1 7 5
EVENING: 8 6 5



Draw Date: 5/21
1st: 05 California Classic
2nd: 12 Lucky Charms
3rd: 06 Whirl Win
RACE TIME: 1:44.36

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The owner of a restaurant in southern Sweden told authorities in March that the former owner had assured him that "everything had been approved," apparently including the appliance the restaurant used for mixing salad dressings and sauces -- which was a table-model cement mixer. When health officials told the owner that it certainly was not "approved," he immediately bought another, "rust-free," mixer. (Health authorities had come to the restaurant on a complaint that a screw had turned up in a customer's kabob.) [The Local (Stockholm), 3-30-2013]

■ Chad Pregracke, 38, a Mississippi River legend, spends nine months a year hauling heavy-duty litter out of waterways with his crew of 12. He told CNN in March that he has yanked up 218 washing machines, 19 tractors, four pianos and nearly 1,000 refrigerators -- totaling over 3,500 tons of trash -- and has collected the world's largest array of bottles with messages inside (63). [CNN, 4-18-2013]

TODAY IN HISTORY

1980 - Namco releases the highly influential arcade game Pac-Man.

1987 - Hashimpura massacre in Meerut city of India.

1987 - First ever Rugby World Cup kicks off with New Zealand playing Italy at Eden Park, Auckland.

1990 - North and South Yemen are unified to create the Republic of Yemen.

1990 - Microsoft releases the Windows 3.0 operating system.

1992 - After 30 years, 66-year-old Johnny Carson hosts The Tonight Show for the last time.

WORD UP!

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