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THE PAY TO PLAY ISSUE

Council to consider 'pay or perish' ordinance

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Usually, members of the City Council take a break from their bi-monthly civic duties in the month of August for some R&R.

Not this year.

The council will convene an extra meeting today to hear a first reading of an ordinance that authorizes City Hall to pay over $33 million to the state to keep the doors of the Redevelopment Agency open in the face of two laws passed in June by the state Legislature.

Council members have to make their decision tonight to slip in under the September deadline, when the state will begin determining which agencies are out of compliance with the newly-passed laws, called AB 26 and AB 27.

Redevelopment agencies across California became an endangered species in June when the Legislature passed the two bills along with the state budget that said the agencies must pay to stay open or shut down by Oct. 1.

The state plans to use the money from the

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Stocks drop 634 points

STAN CHOE
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK Stocks plunged Monday as anxiety overtook investors on the first trading day since Standard & Poor's downgraded American debt.

The Dow Jones industrials fell 634.76 points. It was the sixth worst point decline for the Dow in the last 112 years and the worst one-day drop since December 2008. Every stock in the Standard & Poor's 500 index declined Monday.

Investors worried about the slowing U.S. economy, escalating debt problems threatening Europe and the prospect that fear in the markets would reinforce itself, as it did during the financial crisis in the fall of 2008.

"What's rocking the market is a growth scare," said Kathleen Gaffney, co-manager of the $20 billion Loomis Sayles bond fund. "The market is under a lot of stress that really has little to do with the downgrade." Instead, Gaffney said, investors are focused on "how Europe and the U.S. are going to work their way out of a high debt burden" if economic growth remains slow.

Investors desperately looked for safe places to put their money and settled on U.S. government debt — even though it was the target of the downgrade Friday, when S&P removed the United States from its list of the lowest-risk countries.

The price of Treasurys rose sharply, and yields, which move in the opposite direction from price, fell. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 2.34 percent from 2.57 percent Friday. That matches its low for the year, reached last week.

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WORK IT: **Artist Steve Keene paints representations of wildlife Sunday during his live art event at the Santa Monica Museum of Art.**

Keene the 'marathon' man of art

BY REBECCA ASOULIN
Special to the Daily Press

BERGAMOT STATION Artist Steve Keene is back in Santa Monica with his signature frenetic mass-production style for a week-long "Art Marathon" at the Santa Monica Museum of Art.

In 2000, Keene packed the museum floor to ceiling with 10,000 works of art for Miracle Half-Mile — an exhibit celebrating the history of the museum.

Keene's first exhibit left a smattering of his works in the homes, patios and yards of Santa Monica. This time around, Keene is raising funds for SMMoA by painting dozens of copies of the same image each day.

"I create environments. I was always a painter, but it was boring, regular art school painting," Keene said.

Keene, whose daily multiples began lining the museum's courtyard on Sunday, would never be accused of painting "art-school paintings" by the museum's executive director Elsa Longhauser.

Longhauser, who 11 years ago initiated Keene's exhibit and whose 10-year celebration as curator is the reason for his return, was originally fascinated by his art which both defied the art world and the art market.

Keene doesn't gear his paintings toward one market, his work, he says, are just as at home in a museum as at a child's birthday party.

At this week's event in which Keene paints 30-60 works simultaneously the look out word is affordability with

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2011

Helping Bryan
The Shack
2518 Wilshire Blvd.
Join the Stow family at The Shack for a special fundraiser for Bryan Stow, the Giants fan who was beaten at Dodger Stadium on opening day. For more information, visit www.shacksm.com.

Time for art
Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club
1210 Fourth St.,
11:30 a.m. — 2 p.m.
The Artists League of the Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club invites you to drop in to work on independent projects in watercolor, gouache and collage. This is a self-directed workshop that provides a supportive environment for those wishing to concentrate on their painting and an opportunity for painters to learn from each other. For more information, call (310) 310-2273.

Calling all writers
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 12 p.m.
Meet with other aspiring writers for inspiration, guidance and support during this regular meeting. For more information, call (310) 450-0443.

Time for toddlers
Ocean Park Library
2601 Main St., 10 a.m.
Join Mr. Jesse for stories, rhymes, songs and even pup-pets. For more information, call (310) 458-8683.

Interactive story time
Santa Monica Pier
11 a.m., 12 p.m., 1 p.m.
Victoria Goring invites you to a day at the theater as she leads interactive and improvised shows. Story Theater is designed for families. Children are encouraged to shout out story suggestions. Shows run until Aug. 10. Suggested donation $5 per child, $10 per adult and $20 per family. Shows are approximately 30 min each. For more information, visit storytheater.weebly.com.

Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2011

'I Know You Art, But What Am I?'
Gallery 1988
214 Pier Ave.,
11 a.m. — 6 p.m.
What better way to honor Pee-Wee Herman than with art. Peruse artwork inspired by the iconic funny man. For more information, call (424) 238-5988.

Art from rags
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 7 p.m.
Sonya Nimri, author of "Just For the Frill of It" and "Beadalicious" leads a class on Papier Mache. Stop by and make art from rags and paper. For more information, call (310) 450-0443.

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BURGER RUSH

Ray Solano *news@smdp.com*

Cars line up outside of Burger King on 20th Street and Pico Boulevard to get their 88 cent Whoppers. The promotion lasted all day.

Council considers more money for bike parking

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 Parking in Santa Monica is expensive for everyone, including City Hall.

Staff requested an additional $67,200 to continue work on bicycle parking facilities at municipal Parking Structures 7 and 8, which are located at the corner of Fourth Street and Broadway and Second Street and Colorado Avenue, respectively.

The parking facilities will include showers and lockers for members and a self-service repair center at Parking Structure 8, and bike parking along Second Street.

There will also be a bike education center run by Bike and Park, LLC.

The extra money will go to Civil Source, the construction management company overseeing the construction of the project, to account for an extension granted to the company building the facilities.

That's on top of the original $193,938 contract, and the $148,250 extension for the construction company.

According to a staff report, the project is expected to be finished by the end of August.

Tuesday's consent is light compared to most, with only $92,200 in additional spending and $158,000 in grants given to City Hall by the California Office of Traffic Safety.

BEACH PARKING

City staff wants to add four extra digital parking signs, similar to those outside municipal parking structures, to strategic intersections to give drivers a better idea of what parking is available to them in beach lots.

The signs will cost $25,000, and be located on Lincoln Boulevard north of Pico Boulevard, Fifth Street south of Colorado Avenue, Pico Boulevard east of Main Street and Fourth Street north of Civic Center Drive.

There will be 15 such signs overall. The majority will have a small four-digit display, and will be installed at the entrances of specified beach parking lots.

The second type of sign is a full matrix sign that is capable of displaying multiple lines of text and graphics, which will be put near the entrances to the city.

Money for the project came from a $346,500 state grant awarded in 2006.

Kimley-Horn and Associates, the company in charge of the other 11 signs, will take on the additional four.

GRANT MONEY

Tonight, the City Council will be asked to accept money from the State of California. It seems unlikely that council members would say no.

The funds will pay for overtime operations for the Santa Monica Police Department, specifically DUI checkpoints, saturation patrols and traffic and motorcycle safety operations.

These are specifically designed to attract media attention, and warn people off of dangerous behaviors.

The grant will pay for six DUI and drivers license check points, and an extra 10 DUI patrols; 12 red light, intersection and speed enforcement operations; and two motorcycle safety enforcement operations.

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Sports bar raises funds for injured Giants fan

BY SERLI POLATOGLU
Special to the Daily Press

WILSHIRE BLVD Santa Monica sports enthusiasts are rallying behind Bryan Stow, a paramedic and Giants fan who is hospitalized with a brain injury after being beaten at Dodger Stadium several months ago.

When Philadelphia Phillies fan Debbie Axel first heard about Stow's beating, she felt "sick to her stomach."

"I felt horrible for Bryan and his family," Axel said.

She was moved to act.

She rounded up her fellow Phillies fans, who've formed a tight-knit community through the years at their sanctuary: The Shack Bar & Restaurant, and began organizing a fundraiser.

Stow's two sisters, mom and niece will be attending the event taking place today at 6:30 p.m.

Axel explained that, usually, she and her fellow Phillies buddies make an annual pilgrimage to Dodger Stadium when their favorite team is in town. But, this time around, instead of watching their beloved Phillies take on the Dodgers tonight, they collectively decided that their time would be better spent raising money for the Bryan Stow Fund, a fund that pools money for Stow's family and medical bills.

The Shack has been supportive of charitable causes in the past, said Jon Burk, a loyal customer for nearly a decade. He echoed Axel's sentiments as he explained that the

"WE SEE BRYAN AS A FELLOW FAN, AND FELT THE NEED TO STEP IN AND DO SOMETHING."

Jon Burk,
fundraiser organizer

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Ignorance is no excuse

Editor:

Ignorance of posted parking laws is no excuse for not visiting Santa Monica again and patronizing Santa Monica's businesses ("Punishing policy," Letters to the Editor, Aug. 4). I doubt the $53 parking ticket the visitor from Sacramento received was illegally written and I'm sure you would get the same parking ticket if you visited Pacoima instead.

Hank Baylis
Santa Monica

Missing the point on trees

Editor:

As a homeowner on one of the city's beautiful palm-lined streets, I have to say I was dismayed by Ashley Archibald's story in Wednesday's paper, "Officials struggling to find trees residents demand." It seems that Ms. Archibald missed the point entirely.

Noting that some Canary Island palms are ailing with the fusarium wilt, residents of three palm-lined streets on the northeast side of Santa Monica have recommended that the city replace our palm trees with comparable palms when the time comes to replace them. We have recommended that the city name as replacements three species of palm that are already listed in the city's draft master plan as acceptable for other, more westerly, streets: the Chilean wine palm, Washingtonia robusta and Phoenix dactylifera.

Ms. Archibald quotes city officials as saying that these species are too sickly or too rare to be considered for our northeast neighborhood. But she fails to ask the logical follow-up question: If these species are so troublesome, then why does the city's plan deem them acceptable for use in neighborhoods closer to the water?

The answer, as city officials well know, is that all three of these species would make perfectly fine replacements for Santa Monica's ailing Canary palms. But Ms. Archibald shouldn't take our word for it. She should have consulted the real expert: Donald R. Hodel, a University of California horticulturist who is a world-recognized expert on palms and author of "Exceptional Trees of Los Angeles" as well as several books and hundreds of articles on palms. Mr. Hodel was gracious enough to guide our recommendation process, and says that these three species don't have serious disease problems in California, are well adapted to Santa Monica and are readily available for purchase.

While it is sad that the Canaries are ailing, there is much that can be done to preserve the historic and iconic look of Santa Monica's palm allees in these beautiful residential settings.

The city should stop quibbling and start planting.

Melissa Papp Green
Santa Monica

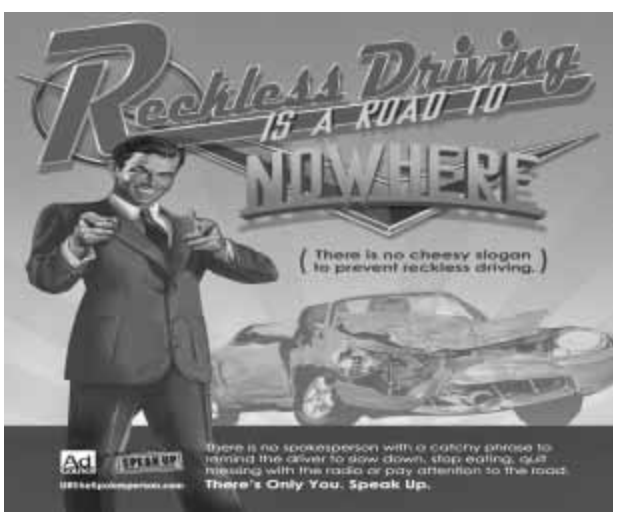
Really?

I'm keeping this simple. Four ounces of chocolate milk isn't that bad for kids. Not exercising is.

Give me a break. What's next?

This is America, we should be able to make our own choices that have no harmful effects on others.

KD Kurbikoff
Santa Monica





What's the Point?

David Pisarra — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

Squeaky wheels and such

I WROTE IN MY JULY 26 COLUMN THAT we needed to get the elevators fixed in the parking structures in Downtown. Well, City Hall was listening. Martin Pastucha, director of the Department of Public Works, called to update me on the status of the elevator repairs.

It turns out that City Hall is in the middle of undertaking elevator repairs at Parking Structures 1,2,4 and 5. City Hall had an assessment done last year; the repairs are a result. There were many recommended repairs to ensure reliability and safe access to the elevators in those structures that city officials plan to keep intact.

We have two structures that are being demolished — numbers 3 and 6 — so there are no repairs there that are of a safety nature, so no work is being done on them. With structure 6 being rebuilt in 2012, I can only imagine what it will do to the traffic, but hopefully the long-term benefits will be worth it.

Personally I am very happy to note that the structures are being repaired and that the elevators at Parking Structure 5 are working reliably again. I use that one at least twice a week, and sometimes more. The work is progressing so well that City Hall has just approved a 50 percent progress payment to the contractor for the work completed to date.

I also use Parking Structure 4 a lot because of its central location on the Third Street Promenade and easy access to the Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf. It's a popular lot when the Farmers' Market is going on, but usually it has a great many open spots. However, because it's a taller facility, not having an elevator working can make getting to your car more of a mountain climb.

Pastucha and I had a good conversation and then he followed up with an e-mail detailing the repairs that are being undertaken and the progress. It is anticipated that the work will be completed by the end of August, with the majority of work at structures 1 and 2 already completed.

I wanted to commend him and the rest of City Hall for jumping on this work and getting it done efficiently. It's nice to know that our city officials are paying attention and are responsive to those harping voices like mine.

One of the things that have come out of this for me is the realization of how much I use the parking structures. A few months back I wrote about the increase in the parking fees after regular business hours and how it annoyed me and it pushed me to start using the Big Blue Bus.

I still use the bus, but this made me revisit the whole issue of what common resources I use, and how I value them. To be honest, in some ways that is the point of raising rates, it's to drive people to use public transport when possible, but it also is to pay for the service. In the case of parking structures, there are service providers who keep the structures clean and monitor them for safety.

When I really looked at how often I was using the structures, and how much I was paying in reality for them, I have to say that it's a heck of a deal. For the amount of times that I am in and out of them, I pay between $5 and $10 a week, which is reasonable.

I'm happy to report that City Hall is doing a great job and that when I raise an issue I get a timely response, and not just a "we'll look into it, and get back to you in six to eight weeks," but a real answer is provided with real progress being made that is verifiable.

Well done.

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Officials don't expect downgrade to have immediate effect on state

JUDY LIN
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO State Treasurer Bill Lockyer on Monday said there's no reason the ratings downgrade of the federal government will have an immediate effect on California but cautioned the state is still on the mend.

Lockyer, a Democrat, said the downgrade late last week by Standard & Poor's reflects the partisan political gridlock in Washington, D.C. In California, he said the state still needs to focus on improving its economy in order to improve the state's finances.

"These are the issues that affect individual Californians, their families, and state and local government with the threat of more revenue losses," Lockyer said in a statement.

He added, "We have balanced our state budget this year, we have cut our need for cash borrowing in half since last year, and we have greatly reduced our structural budget deficit problem for the future, so there is no reason to expect adverse ratings for the state."

California and Illinois currently share the lowest state credit rating, but state officials hope California has turned a corner.

Last month, S&P revised California's long-term ratings outlook from negative to stable after Gov. Jerry Brown signed a rare on-time budget in time for the start of the new fiscal year. The agency said most of the provisions of the new budget are largely realistic, although it says California's longer-term financial prospects depend on a continuing rise in tax revenue, primarily from the wealthy.

Moody's Investors Service gave California a stable outlook whereas Illinois has a negative outlook. California has $79.3 billion in outstanding bonds and another $38.4 billion in unissued bonds.

California also borrowed $5.4 billion from private investors last month as a hedge against a possible default by the federal government. Lockyer secured the package of short-term loans from a group of banks, credit unions and investment funds so the state would avoid a potential cash shortage if the federal government fails to extend its debt ceiling.

Fitch and Standard & Poor's give California an "A-" rating, while Moody's gives the state an "A1."

But uncertainty remains.

The recently enacted state budget includes budgetary triggers to prevent overspending if California's projected revenues don't pan out. According to a Fitch Ratings report last week, the impact of the state budget on local governments could harm public schools and universities if the state doesn't get the amount of revenue it's projecting, triggering mid-year cuts.

"Although the state budget has been adopted, numerous uncertainties remain, most notably whether assumed revenue growth will occur and whether the adopted cuts and fund shifts are achievable and sustainable," Fitch wrote.

State officials have said it's difficult to say how the debt ceiling deal would impact California because the cuts aren't specified yet, but any reduction is a concern.

The state is expecting $79 billion from the federal government this year, much of it money that's passed through to local governments, schools and individuals for health care, education, law enforcement and transportation. The state is expected to spend another $129.5 billion of its own funds, including $86 billion in general fund spending. The money is generated by state tax revenues and bonds.

Gabriel Petek, an analyst at Standard & Poor's, said the pressure to reduce federal spending as a result of the recent debt ceiling negotiations could translate to less funding for social programs run by the state, particularly health care.

The state heavily relies on federal support for Medicaid, the federal government's health program for low-income people. The state's version is known as Medi-Cal and covers 7.5 million people in a state with a population of about 37 million.

California will spend more than $15 billion of its own funds but is anticipating nearly $30 billion over the next year from the federal government for that program, he said.

"That certainly seems like an area where there's vulnerability," Petek said.

The reductions could put more pressure on the state.

Under the federal debt ceiling deal, a 12-member special congressional committee made up of three Republicans and three Democrats from each chamber will write a bill by Thanksgiving for reducing deficits by another $1.5 trillion over the next 10 years. The House and Senate would then vote yes or no by Dec. 23 on the special committee's recommendations but can't change them.

As for military cuts, Petek said even though California is home to many military bases, its economy is less dependent on defense spending than it used to be.

"There was already an adjustment period in the early 1990s after the Cold War," Petek said.

The Q Line

Hiring locally

City Hall is contemplating forcing new developments to hire local residents before considering people from outside of the area.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Do you think the city should pursue this concept or let the open market prevail?

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Sports in heat OK with precautions

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CHICAGO Playing sports in hot, steamy weather is safe for healthy children and teen athletes, so long as precautions are taken and the drive to win doesn't trump common sense, the nation's largest pediatricians group says.

New guidelines from the American Academy of Pediatrics arrive just as school sports ramp up in sultry August temperatures. The advice, released Monday, comes a week after two Georgia high school football players died following practices in 90-plus degree heat. Authorities were investigating if the weather contributed.

The guidelines replace a more restrictive policy based on old thinking that kids were more vulnerable to heat stress than adults. New research shows that's not true, the academy says. With adequate training, water intake, time-outs and emergency treatment available on the sidelines, healthy young athletes can play even in high heat and humidity — within reason, the guidelines say.

"The more educated parents, athletes and staff are about risks associated with heat illness, the more likely they will think twice before allowing a competitive culture to overtake sound sensibilities," said Dr. Cynthia Devore, co-author of the policy and a physician for schools in the Rochester, NY area..

Government data released last week showed that more than 3,000 U.S. children and teens younger than 20 received emergency-room treatment for nonfatal heat illness from sports or exercise between 2001 and 2009.

A few young athletes die annually from heat-related illness. Over a 13 year period, 29 high school football players died from heat stroke, data from the American Football Coaches Association and others show.

Dr. Michael Bergeron, a University of South Dakota sports medicine specialist, said the academy's old policy was often ignored because it recommended limiting or avoiding sports even in common hot weather conditions. The new policy is more detailed and nuanced, recommending that athletes be evaluated individually for play in hot weather.

Still, Bergeron warned that overzealousness can be dangerous even for healthy kids, and even in relatively tame summer weather.

The guidelines don't list temperature or humidity cutoffs, but say safety should be the top priority.

Other academy advice includes:

• Teams should have emergency plans with trained personnel and treatment available and policies for avoiding heat illness.

• Give kids about two weeks to adapt to preseason sessions, gradually increasing intensity and duration. Closely monitor more vulnerable kids, including those who are overweight or have diabetes.

• Make sure athletes are well-hydrated before practice or games. During activity, kids aged 9-12 should drink about half a cup to a cup of water every 20 minutes; for teens, 5 or 6 cups an hour. Sports drinks containing electrolytes and sodium should be offered during extra strenuous activity.

• Educate everyone about signs of heat stress, including dizziness, muscle cramps, headaches and nausea. Kids with symptoms should be sidelined and treated immediately; athletes should be encouraged to report if teammates seem to be struggling.

States to get waivers on No Child Left Behind Law's test standards

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The Obama administration unveiled plans Monday to give school districts a break from the stringent testing mandates in the No Child Left Behind Law, as long as they pursue other reform efforts.

Education Secretary Arne Duncan said that President Barack Obama has authorized him to grant the waivers because Congress has failed to act on a long-overdue rewrite of the widely criticized law.

"We can't have a law of the land that has so many perverse incentives," Duncan said. "We can't afford to wait."

Critics call the law's benchmarks unrealistic and say they brand schools as failures even if they are making progress. At the White House, Duncan told reporters that schools are "begging" for relief but that lawmakers haven't acted even though Obama sent Congress an overhaul proposal 16 months ago.

The goal of the No Child Left Behind law is to have every student proficient in math and reading by 2014. States have been required to bring more students up to the math and reading standards each year, based on tests that usually take place each spring. The step-by-step ramping up of the 9-year-old law has caused stress in states and most school districts, because more and more schools are labeled as failures as too few of their students meet testing goals.

Through the waivers, schools will get some relief from looming deadlines to meet testing goals as long as they agree to embrace other kinds of education reforms such as raising standards, helping teachers and principals improve, and focusing on fixing the lowest performing schools. Details on the waivers will be provided to districts next month.

Duncan and Melody Barnes, director of the Domestic Policy Council at the White House, said the administration will encourage every state to apply and will work with them to meet the requirements.

Duncan said that the plan for temporary relief from some aspects of the federal law would not undermine what Congress is still discussing in terms of revising federal education laws. The long-awaited overhaul of the law began earlier this year in the House, but a comprehensive reform appears far from the finish line.

"What we do in terms of flexibility can be a bridge or transition," Duncan said. "We all want to fix the law. This might help us get closer to that."

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They missed 9/11 terrorists attacks

Tech gap in 2001 large enough to miss landmark tragedy

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Brian Robinson was hiking the backcountry of the Colorado Rockies. Fred Goldsmith was at a dear friend's funeral in North Carolina. Amy Evans was joyously beginning her Semester at Sea on the Pacific, miles from her first port in Japan.

They didn't know for hours, or a full day, that terrorists had destroyed the World Trade Center and hijacked planes that flew into the Pentagon and a Pennsylvania field. They missed Sept. 11.

"I walked by a newsstand and saw an orange fireball on the front of the newspaper, and I asked somebody what happened and they looked at me like I was a Martian," said the 50-year-old Robinson. He emerged from the Continental Divide Trail in Silverthorne, Colo., on Sept. 12, 2001, saw flags flying at half-staff and didn't know why.

Others were stuck in libraries, working on research papers. A college kid who partied hard the night before rolled out of bed at the crack of noon. An American couple with an apartment in New York's Greenwich Village, within sight of the World Trade Center towers, wandered the streets of a small town in France near Nice on a long-overdue vacation.

In a technology-saturated world, would it be possible today to remain oblivious to such a shattering event for hours, or even days? Mobile tech was just coming into its own. Facebook and Twitter weren't even glimmers in the eyes of consumers, let alone iPhones, tablets or widely available Wi-Fi.

In early 2002, 64 percent of U.S. adults owned not-smart cell phones, 16 percent had pagers and 11 percent had some kind of PDA, according to the Pew Research Center's Internet Project. Today, 83 percent have cell phones, including 42 percent with smartphones.

According to a May survey from Pew, 29 percent of cell owners said they had turned their phones off in the previous month for some period of time just to get a break from using it.

Robinson does that sort of thing, then and now, with his phone, and that's how he missed Sept. 11.

The former Silicon Valley engineer chucked his 17-year career in 2001 to become the first person to thru-hike the Appalachian, Pacific Crest and Continental Divide trails all in the same year. That's 7,400 miles in a sport that takes participants from one end of a trail through to the other.

When he emerged from the Colorado wilderness after the attacks, it had been several days since he bumped into any other hikers.

Robinson, of Monterey, Calif., recalled a sponsor had given him a satellite phone during his quest for thru-hiking's "Triple Crown" back in 2001, but he couldn't recall whether he had it with him in those few days leading up to Sept. 11, and likely wouldn't have had it switched on anyway.

"That's not why I go out in the woods," he said.

Fred Goldsmith, 67, was teaching civics and coaching football at Franklin High School, 70 miles southwest of Asheville, N.C., on the morning of Sept. 11, 2001. A golfing buddy, Norman Seay, had just died of a heart attack so Goldsmith started the day in class, then hustled to his car for a short drive to the funeral. He left the radio off, choosing to pray for his friend in silence.

"We had to be at the church by late morning," Goldsmith said. "I just rushed out from teaching and went to the church. We all sat down and the pastor said something like there's going to be a lot of funerals in the next few days after this morning. I turned to the fellow next to me and I said what's he talking about? He said, 'You haven't heard?'"

Amy Evans, 31, was on a cruise ship as part of the Semester at Sea program, which offers college students a variety of itineraries worldwide while they study and soak up experiences traveling from port to port. Evans, who now runs a jewelry and accessories business, was a student at Montana State University in Bozeman in 2001.

Her group had left Vancouver, British Columbia, on Aug. 31, 2001, and was due to arrive in Kobe, Japan, on Sept. 13. That put her in the middle of the Pacific when the world changed for the worse. The planes had already struck when she woke up that morning.

"I went to the gym to work out and found it to be closed with an uninformative sign," Evans said. "Later that morning, they announced the news to us as a group, after they had first informed students and staff who had family members working in the towers and Pentagon. The first newspaper we saw was in Japan a day or two later."

Anne Maxfield, 56, calls herself a serial entrepreneur. Her latest venture is the Accidental Locavore, a website about cooking and eating local and fresh.

Back in 2001, she was providing freelance talent to the apparel industry in New York and living in the West Village with her husband, just a block from the now-defunct St. Vincent's Hospital.

When terrorists brought down the World Trade Center towers in her own backyard, Maxfield and her husband were in France.

"Jetlagged, I was wandering through the old town of Vence, listening to what I thought was a workaholic Hollywood type on his cell phone, pitching a bad movie about planes flying into the World Trade Center," she said.

The couple returned to their hotel that evening. The concierge asked the couple where they were from; Maxfield said New York. She was told that night.

"I'll never forget going by the American Consulate in Nice the next day, where there were flowers and a sign in French that read, 'Today we are all Americans.'"

Like other business people, Maxfield had a cell phone, but she didn't think much about not using it on her much-needed vacation. What she didn't have was the social media that's ubiquitous now, a factor that would make it unlikely for so many to manage a 9/11 miss today, said Aaron Smith, a senior research specialist at Pew.

"That's the difference," he said, "along with widespread adoption of smartphones and more advanced mobile devices. Somebody today doesn't have to explicitly tell you what's happening."

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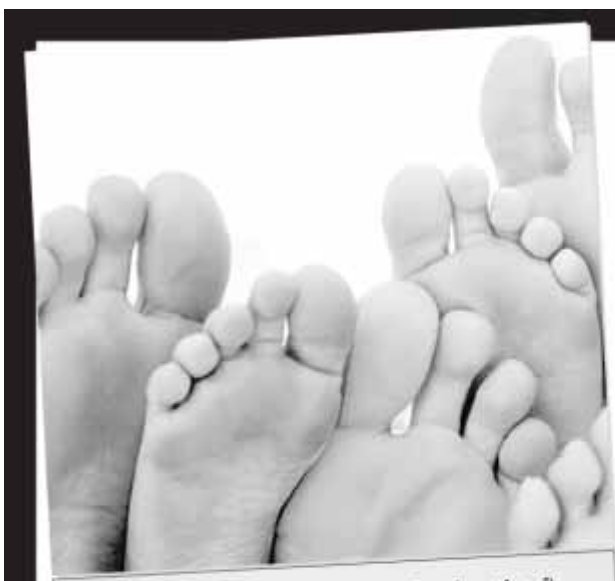


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KEENE
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paintings starting at $10.

The result of affordable art is the simultaneous transformation of any Santa Monica resident into an "instant curator and collector," Longhauser said.

Following the theme of viewer participation and accessibility, the museum welcomes themes and images for Keene's daily art race. People are being asked to e-mail info@smmoa.org with ideas.

Keene's themes, self-described as "just regular stuff," range from Los Angeles icons to animals. But the subject matter is not what Keene views as essential to his work.

"The image is not important. I don't care what I paint," Keene said.

Keene states that rather his goal is to create art that is "less personal and less precious" designed more like trading cards.

Influenced by minimalist art, Keene, educated at Yale, began his mass art production in Virginia in the mid 1990s amidst a growing music scene. Keene has collaborated with several musicians including the Silver Jews, Pavement, The Apples in Stereo, Soul Coughing, Dave Matthews Band and Merzbow to create album art, video sets, stage sets and posters.

In lieu of traditional art, Keene was fascinated by 10,000 paintings packed into a room or shows consisting solely of one massive painting that looked as if it could eat the viewer.

"In a way I was the village idiot painting a million paintings," Keene said.

His rapid-fire style hasn't let up and the Brooklyn-based artist travels around the world putting on his one-man shows.

In the courtyard surrounded by onlookers, Keene is absorbed in the repetitive motion of applying stroke after stroke mirroring himself, and his self-description as "the village idiot" seems less applicable despite the many spectators.

"Workhorse," as one museum staffer calls Keene, seems more appropriate.

Or as Jennifer Martinez, a museum-goer who trekked out from Palos Verdes to witness the mad dash of art creation and to inspire her 2-year-old budding artist daughter, simply calls Keene "a real artist."

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MARATHON: **Steve Keene works on a series of paintings based on a common theme at SMMoA.**

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STOCKS
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"This is largely a flight to safety," said Thomas Simons, money market economist with Jefferies & Co. "The bond market is really trading off of what's going on in the stock market." Money flowed out of stocks and into Treasurys.

Gold set a record. It rose $61.40 to settle at $1,713.20.

Crude oil, natural gas and other commodities fell sharply on worries that a weaker global economy will mean less demand. Oil fell 6.4 percent to settle at $81.31 per barrel.

Fear is spreading quickly through the market, said Dimitre Genov, senior portfolio manager with Artio Global Investors. "It's becoming a vicious cycle and could feed into consumers reducing their demand as well."

The Dow was down 5.5 percent a 10,809.85. The sharp drop extended Wall Street's almost uninterrupted decline since late July, when the Dow was flirting with 13,000. It fell below 11,000 for the first time since November.

The S&P 500 fell 79.92, or 6.7 percent, to 1,119.49. The Nasdaq composite index fell 174.72, or 6.9 percent, to 2,357.69.

Stock markets in Asia began Monday's global rout. The main stock index fell almost 4 percent in South Korea and more than 2 percent in Japan. European markets opened later and fell, too, with Germany down 5 percent and France 4.7 percent.

In the U.S., stocks fell even as Moody's, another major credit rating agency, stood by its top rating of Aaa for the United States. It said it could downgrade the U.S. if it doesn't cut its deficit, "but it is early to conclude that such measures will not be forthcoming."

Financial markets also did not appear comforted by an afternoon statement by President Barack Obama, who said Washington needs more "common sense and compromise" to tame its debt.

"Markets will rise and fall," he said. "But this is the United States of America. No matter what some agency may say, we've always been and always will be a triple-A country."

S&P, in its downgrade, criticized dysfunction in the American political system. The downgrade wasn't a total surprise but came when investors were already feeling nervous about the U.S. economy and European debt, among other problems.

Last week, the Dow Jones industrial average fell almost 700 points. That was its biggest weekly point loss since October 2008, during the financial crisis. Counting Monday, the Dow has dropped in 10 of the last 12 trading days. It is down more than 1,900 points, or 15 percent, since July 21.

The Russell 2000 index of small stocks has now lost nearly 25 percent from its most recent high on April 29. A decline of 10 percent or more off recent highs is considered to be a correction. But a drop of 20 percent or more is said to be the start of a bear market.

The Nasdaq and S&P 500 are both down about 18 percent since the end of April. The Dow is down 16 percent.

The last bear market for the S&P 500 ran from October 2007 until March 2009. The index lost 57 percent of its value during the downturn.

S&P on Monday downgraded mortgage lenders Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and other agencies linked to long-term U.S. debt. Fannie and Freddie own or guarantee about half of all U.S. mortgages. Their downgrade could eventually mean higher mortgage rates.

Worries about weaker profits that could result from a slowing economy have slammed the financial industry since late July. As a group, financial stocks in the S&P 500 index fell 10 percent on Monday to their lowest level since July 2009.

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agencies to close a $1.7 billion gap in the budget.

City officials, who use redevelopment dollars for many things including infrastructure projects and affordable housing, refer to the money as “ransom payments.”

Santa Monica has $276 million in redevelopment agency money committed to projects throughout the city as a result of a cooperation agreement entered into in August of 2010 between City Hall and the Redevelopment Agency.

That agreement includes the new Pico Library, an Early Childhood Education Center, improvements to fire stations and $57 million for renovations to the Santa Monica High School campus.

City officials hoped that the agreement would protect the money from the state grab, which retroactively nixed all agreements between host municipalities and their redevelopment agencies entered into after Jan. 1, 2011, when the governor announced his plan to kill the agencies.

Now, the best way to keep those and other projects viable is to commit to the payments, which constitute $26,830,703 in fiscal year 2011-12 and $6,400,000 in 2012-13.

“If we plan to stay in the redevelopment business, and we do, we need to ask the council to adopt an ordinance which commits the agency to pay the ransom, while reserving our right to contest it in court,” said City Manager Rod Gould.

The court battle for the fate of redevelopment dollars is already underway.

The California Redevelopment Association, League of California Cities and the City of San Jose filed a petition to the California Supreme Court to toss out AB 26 and AB 27, claiming that they violated Proposition 22, a measure passed in 2010 which made it illegal for the state to take local money, said John Shirey, executive director of the California Redevelopment Association.

“A lot is riding on us winning this lawsuit,” Shirey said.

The petitioners requested three things of the court: that it take the case, put a stop on the implementation of the two laws and take formal action by Dec. 20 to prevent cities from making the first “ransom” payment, which is due Jan. 15, 2012.

Attorney General Kamala Harris responded to the petition, declaring that redevelopment agencies were established by the legislature in 1945 and that the Legislature could dissolve them at any point.

Both parties requested that the court take up the case and come to a speedy conclusion.

If the court does decide to throw out the laws, then Santa Monica will either not have to make the payments, or will have the opportunity to get back the payments already made.

If it doesn’t, however, the projects committed to by City Hall will still be able to go forward, if on a longer time frame, Gould said.

“Unless an agency is willing to decide to contemplate paying the amount, it shouldn’t be operating right now,” he said. “We have good reasons to believe the legislation was misguided and unlawful. Even if it isn’t, we hope to stay in business, even if it means truncating our goals, phasing projects and losing some in a worst case scenario.”

City Hall hasn’t yet decided which projects would be affected if the payments are made, said Andy Agle, director of housing and economic development.

“We’re carefully keeping tabs of the cash we’ve got and when projects need funds,” he said. “Some projects already have bonified agreements including design-build and tax increments.”

Some projects may make it through design, but wait on new financing to start the actual construction, he added.

Getting the ordinance through its first and second readings is also important to making sure that projects that do have funding can keep rolling, uninterrupted.

The Civic Center Village, a mixed-use apartment development on Ocean Avenue, will need some technical adjustments in September, which can’t be accomplished without the ordinance, Agle said.

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STOW
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business was more than willing to participate and host the fundraiser.

“Philly fans care very much about our team, but we also care about the fans that watch the teams,” Burk said. “We see Bryan as a fellow fan, and felt the need to step in and do something.”

Burk has been working with Axel to develop the silent auction, raffle, wine tasting and meet and greet to take place tonight. Donated items range from a signed script of “True Blood” to wine baskets to Dodger tickets.

Stand-up comedians will begin to take the stage at 8:30 p.m. Alonzo Bodden, “Last Comic Standing” winner and star of Showtime’s “Who’s Paying Attention,” headlines.

Axel expects a full house of about 150 people, and hopes to raise as much money as possible for Stow and his family.

The timing of the fundraiser coincidentally takes place a day before the two primary suspects in the beating are to be arraigned.

The police now suspect that Louie Sanchez and Marvin Norwood could have also been responsible for several other beatings that day.

Both men have criminal records, police said.

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Japanese towns in limbo as nation recovers from devastating tsunami

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MINAMISANRIKU, Japan Gazing down on the gray, rubble-strewn valley, as a backhoe lifts twisted metal into one of hundreds of piles, Takako Abe clutches her walker and points to where her house once stood.

From the same hill, she and scores of others watched a huge tsunami obliterate the Japanese fishing town of Minamisanriku on March 11. By June, she could see a few signs of rebirth. The main roads had been cleared, and cars pulled up to gasoline pumps powered by humming generators. Workers raised telephone poles, and about 1,200 temporary houses had gone up.

Still the recovery is only inching along in the hardest-hit towns. Many survivors remain in limbo, gripped by deep fears and uncertainties that raise questions about Minamisanriku's future. Nearly 1,200 of its 18,000 residents are dead or missing. Hundreds more have left to live with relatives or seek jobs elsewhere. Those who remain are conflicted.

"I don't really want to live here, but I've spent so many years in this town," says Abe, who came to Minamisanriku more than four decades ago as a 23-year-old bride.

Her former neighbor, 74-year-old Kiyoo Sato, comes over to chat. Together they look out at mountains of crumpled cars, concrete and wood.

"Can my grandchildren work and live here?" Sato wonders out loud.

Many speak of a deep bond with this town, where families have lived for generations. But what will the reconstruction plan will look like? How will they survive until the town is rebuilt? Will another tsunami hit?

"I'm not sure if we can return," says Sato, who lost his wife in the tsunami. "We need to see what the authorities decide. It's hard to know the future."

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While death and destruction was severe along much of Japan's northeastern coast, a handful of communities face a particularly uncertain future. One is Minamisanriku; others include Rikuzentakata and Otsuchi, both farther to the north.

They stand out because more than half their residents died or were left homeless, their town centers were destroyed, and government was paralyzed by the loss of so many officials and documents.

Already, these towns are falling behind. In the less damaged Ofunato, for example, the fish market reopened in July.

"The gap is widening and affecting the pace of the reconstruction process, and people in worse-off towns are really worried whether they can recover," says Junichi Hirota, a professor at Iwate University and a member of a government reconstruction study group.

Up and down the coast there is talk of rebuilding better than before — towns and cities less polluted, better protected from tsunamis and more easily navigable by aging populations.

Reconstruction also could be an opportunity to create jobs if the processing and sales of fish and farm products can be expanded, Hirota says.

But the extent of the damage means it may be as long as three years before people can start building permanent homes again. Fishermen, their lives wedded to the sea, may wait it out, Hirota says. Others may despair and leave.

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At the water's edge, where seagulls sit on the skeleton of the destroyed fish market and warehouses, 52-year-old Choya Goto fixes a boom on his fishing boat, bent from lifting debris out of the harbor.

A third-generation fisherman, he represents the town's chief source of income. He has lost friends, home, truck and just about everything else, but considers himself fortunate.

"I only have my boat and my family, but I'm happy," he says with a smile, standing near his 22-year-old son, Yuuki.

His is one of only 50 boats out of 1,000 that survived intact — and only because he remembered the advice of old-timers and took it out to sea immediately after the tsunami warning sirens wailed. From the bay, he watched the waves hit his town.

When he returned the next day, weaving around entire houses and other debris, he found the unimaginable: Virtually the whole town had disappeared.

He's eager to get back to fishing, but says the outlook is so unclear that planning is impossible. "We don't even have basic necessities like food, clothing ... ," he says. "It's not that I don't want to return, it's whether we really can live here."

The mayor, Jin Sato, knows that reviving the fishing industry is crucial to Minamisanriku's survival. At the battered docks, he proudly points to a half-built structure meant to be a temporary market and warehouse. He hopes to bring back not just fishing but also the thousands of tourists who visited the picturesque cove every year.

"That's the start of our economic rebuilding," he says. "Once the fishermen can work again, people will eventually come back to eat good salmon, abalone, oysters and seaweed."

He knows residents are impatient for a plan, but he is proceeding deliberately, wary of imposing anything from above. The town is holding meetings with experts and residents to have a reconstruction plan by the fall.

"I'm not really in a position to say, 'We're going to do this or that,'" says the mayor, dressed in a blue work shirt and white running shoes. "We're gathering everyone's opinions."

He understands from personal experience the trauma this disaster has inflicted. He still can't bring himself to revisit the spot where he narrowly survived — the rooftop of the three-story disaster prevention center where about 30 of his colleagues were swept to their deaths.

Only once, when Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard visited, has he been back to the building, reduced to a frame of steel girders tangled with nets, large orange buoys and other debris. He wants to keep it that way as a memorial and warning.

At 59, the mayor is old enough to remember the 1960 tsunami, spawned by an earthquake in far-off Chile, that killed 41 in his town. He believes physical reconstruction alone isn't enough.

"If you don't pay attention to matters of the heart, people won't feel like starting over," he says. "Minamisanriku has a deep tradition and strong bonds within its community. We need to tap into that to recover."

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Back up the hill, 82-year-old Keikoh Yamauchi, in jaunty cap and white goatee, sits with his wife Misao on the steps of his temporary home.

It is one of 102 prefabs built in tidy rows next to a middle school baseball field. Laundry hangs on clotheslines, and potted flowers add a touch of home.

Each unit of two small rooms, kitchen and bathroom comes with a microwave, washing machine, TV, rice cooker, air conditioner, refrigerator and futon bedding — provided by the Japanese Red Cross Society and others. The town aims to build 2,300 units by mid-August.

"It's a little cramped inside, but it's very well made. It's really quite nice," Yamauchi says.

After months of communal living in the school gym, the small houses provide a modicum of privacy and autonomy. But they also mean utility bills and shopping for food — a challenge with the nearest supermarkets about a 40-minute drive away. The Yamauchis have borrowed a car from their grandson to get around.

A half-dozen of their former neighbors live in the same housing cluster, but others have moved to temporary homes farther away, fraying the sense of community.

Looking ahead, the couple insist their home must be rebuilt on higher ground.

Having survived two tsunamis, "We don't want to live down in the valley again," says Misao, 80.

Across the baseball field, Yaeko Tabata, her younger sister Yuko and a friend have just finished preparing lunch — rice balls, ham slices and instant noodles — for the dwindling number of survivors in the gym.

The sisters ran a hairdressing salon, which was wiped out in the tsunami. Impatient to rebuild their lives, they are unsure whether to stay here or move on.

"If we knew what the plans were for the town, then we could have a better idea of what we should do," says the elder Tabata, an energetic woman in her 50s. She recently was selected through a lottery system to get a temporary home 5 kilometers (3 miles) out of town.

Sitting in a blue tent, the three women joke and laugh. It's a psychological weapon against despair.

"If we think about the disaster too long, we just start crying," Yaeko Tabata says.

"Laughter makes us more positive," their friend, Ikuko Abe, adds. "If I cried, then I'd just fall apart."

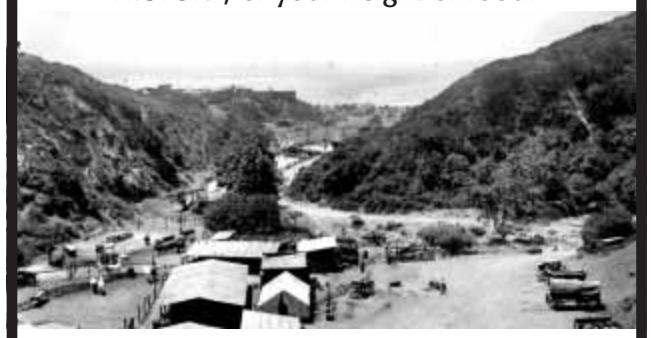
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SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 61°

Swell Forecast

Looks like a waist to chest high day at south facing breaks. West facing breaks are looking at waist high surf.

Long Range Synopsis

Looking like a chest+ day for south facing breaks. West facing breaks are looking at waist to at times chest high surf.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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 **August 3, 2011**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 30 / 28
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 28

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	as
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	as
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisos creeks.	A+	as
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	as
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	as
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	as
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	as
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A	as
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	as
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	as
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	F	as
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A	as
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	F	as
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	as
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	B	as
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	as
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A	as
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	as
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A	as
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	as
Tuna Canyon.	as	as
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	B	as
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	as
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	as
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	as

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A	as
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A	as
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	as
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	B	as
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	as
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	as
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	D	as
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A+	as
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	as
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	as
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	as
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	as
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	as
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	as
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A	as
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A	as
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	C	as
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	as
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	as
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A+	as
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	as
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	as
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	as

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
as -- no sample taken

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MLB

Hypnotist helps Giants quit dipping

JANIE MCCAULE
AP Baseball Writer

SAN FRANCISCO Ask Bruce Bochy if he has a dip and San Francisco's skipper offers up a standard response: "I don't do that anymore."

Bullpen catcher Bill Hayes answers the same way. Equipment manager Mike Murphy, too.

They've reached this point because of hypnotherapist Dr. AlVera Paxson, who is developing quite the reputation for helping the reigning World Series champion Giants kick some nasty, decades-old habits.

Bochy hasn't touched chewing tobacco since April 14, the night before seeing Paxson during his team's first road trip to Arizona. Hayes has gone without since Jan. 26. It's two years down for Murphy. No carrying around those little tobacco cans for these three any longer.

Bochy had his doubts when Hayes told him in spring training this year that he had stopped dipping at last following one thorough session with Paxson, a medical hypnotherapist.

Hayes succeeded after Paxson already had aided Murphy in stopping. She also worked with Murphy's wife, Carole, to help her quit smoking.

"I'm a believer," said Murphy, who joined the Giants as a bat boy when the franchise moved West in 1958.

"It's been the best $300 I ever spent," Hayes said. "It's weird to see how it works."

Bochy agrees. He already would have spent well more than $300 on dip by this point in the season, he said.

Still, Bochy — a skeptic on these sorts of things — had to see for himself if he could finally kick his nearly 40-year pattern of dipping before and after games and several times during the course of nine innings. He did it in the first, fifth and eighth innings. That had been his routine for years, a go-to stress reliever to deal with the pressures of a 162-game season.

When he left Paxson's office, minus his own $300 investment, Bochy headed straight to Chase Field for a game against the Diamondbacks.

He arrived in the clubhouse and didn't want a dip. The game started and there were no cravings. He has handled the occasional urges ever since.

"It was really strange," Bochy said. "There are so many triggers that you have that make you want to put a dip in. The following day, I did have an urge, not a real strong one. I said, 'OK, I've had my day off, now it's time to put one in.'"

But he didn't do it.

"The next game I did have an urge. The next two to three days I still had an urge, but it just wasn't as strong as other times I've tried to quit," he said. "When I got past the fourth or fifth day, I was over it. I didn't crave it. I didn't want it. I was fine."

Bochy spent 3? hours in a relaxed, near-sleep state under Paxson's guidance. She talks constantly as she walks around the room. While Hayes had his eyes closed, per Paxson's instructions, he recalled that the strongest direction about quitting came as she spoke instructions and Hayes heard sounds resembling a stack of magazines emphatically being thrown to the ground, one by one.

Both Bochy and Hayes were asked to sit all the way back in a recliner. They gave Paxson signals they could hear her by moving a foot or finger. Each brought along a can of chew and Paxson proceeded to educate them about all the ingredients they were putting in their bodies — make that lower lips.

"It's pretty disgusting in a year's time how much nicotine you put in your body," Bochy said.

Education is Paxson's first order of business when a patient arrives. She explains the conscious and subconscious minds.

"People were not born chewing tobacco," Paxson said in a telephone interview from Arizona. "Your mind knows how to not do something more than you know how to do something."

Not that it's quite that simple.

Last year, Bochy tried Nicorette gum and an array of different non-tobacco, herbal dips. He made it about a month, then hit hard times and fell back into his old dipping ways.

The 56-year-old Bochy tried his first dip at 18. He was playing in a summer league in Virginia, and his roommate from North Carolina chewed every day.

Even he didn't know if he could give it up.

"There's an unknown factor when you see a hypnotist," Bochy said. "You haven't been there, so I didn't know what to expect. It shocked me."

Bochy admits the stress of his team's recent struggles — the reigning World Series champions had lost eight of 10 heading into Monday night's home game with Pittsburgh — has had him considering "changing up the look and putting one in."

But Paxson doesn't think Bochy will break down and actually do it.

The 70-year-old Paxson has been doing this for 30 years.

"It's an awesome thing," she said. "Once you know how to work with your mind and body, it's easy. Once you know how to do that, you can do almost anything."

Not that the rest of the Giants are necessarily convinced. They razz Hayes because he has been seen smoking the occasional cigarette or cigar, or using the imitation snuff since seeing Paxson.

"Follow my finger. Do not smoke," joked bench coach Ron Wotus, waving his pointer finger in a tick-tock motion. "You're cured. Next! ... A hypnotist, come on. Good for them. The mind is a powerful thing."

Reliever Jeremy Affeldt isn't yet a believer, either.

"That's what they all say (that it works). I don't buy it," Affeldt said. "Boch is holding up pretty good, though I don't see him behind closed doors if he's putting something in his lip. I don't plan on seeing (a hypnotist). I'd like to keep control of my own thoughts."

Yet Kim Bochy is beginning to let herself believe that her husband might be done dipping for good. He has gone longer stretches before in an effort to quit, but not midseason like this.

"I told Bruce: 'This is a true test. If you can actually do this during the baseball season and stop, that's phenomenal,'" Kim Bochy said. "He has quit so many times before but always at the end of the season or going into spring training. And, the whole game thing (arrives) and he'd go right back into it. I was amazed he was going to try it in the middle of the season. It's worked. It's a good thing."

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Exercise tonight, Leo

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Handle all necessary research by midday. You will want to execute a plan by then. Take the lead, trusting that others will follow. Give up trying to coerce those in your daily life. Your temper could build late today as you encounter frustration. Tonight: Burning the candle at both ends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Deal directly with a loved one in the morning. At a certain point, you will need to let go and trust. Detach from the immediate situation, knowing full well what is going on. Listen to others but refuse to trigger. Tonight: Let your mind wander.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Others want to run with the ball. You do have a choice, but the smart decision is to let them have their way. Experience is a wonderful teacher. Relate directly to a partner or loved one in order to reduce frustration. Tonight: Catch up on news over dinner.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Dive into work, and get as much done as humanly possible. Midday, a change in interest points to a new direction. Take time to catch up with others. A little networking goes quite far. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You might have difficulty settling down this morning, but by mid-afternoon, you could have a total personality change. You ask powerful questions. Be ready to confront your own anger. It could be coloring a situation. Tonight: Get some exercise.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Getting started could be challenging this morning. Your creativity surges this afternoon, allowing for more options. Your ability to transform so quickly could stun many people. Refuse to get irritated with a friend. Tonight: So what if it is a weekday?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Make calls early on. Ultimately, meetings will be better for you this morning than in the afternoon. You have your hands full and a lot to consider and evaluate. Use late p.m. to evaluate what you have heard and what you need to ask about. Tonight: Happy at home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You have a tendency to splurge and go overboard, especially in the morning. In a fashion, you say "yes" to these tendencies rather than confront the main issue. By the afternoon, you will be more willing to talk. Curb your temper. Tonight: Hang out with friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You have spark in the morning and are close to unstoppable. By the evening, your fuse is dying, if not dead. Try to keep more stationary or easy tasks for late today. If you can, get out of work as early as possible. Tonight: Treat yourself on the way home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You perk up midday and feel like a different person. How you feel is indicative of what you can do. Drop the words "can't" and "no" from your mind, just for the evening. See if that doesn't make a difference. Tonight: Grinning the night away.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Use the morning to home in on a long-term objective. Don't allow someone to trip you up. Try to avoid postponements. You are at your best before noon. Quit swallowing anger, and try to verbalize your frustration and hurt. Tonight: Close to home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Demands are heavy. Take a stand. The afternoon is well spent networking, promoting an idea and encouraging supporters. Your imagination might be accelerated by an either/or situation. Tonight: Where the action is.

Happy birthday

This year, much occurs in your day-to-day life. You naturally will have a good time and enjoy yourself. Romance will be dominant for many of you. If you are attached, you might see the embers of love flash into flames once more. Stoke these fires. Work on not suppressing your difficult feelings so much. If you are able to move through them, you will be freer and more present in the moment. CAPRICORN understands you well.

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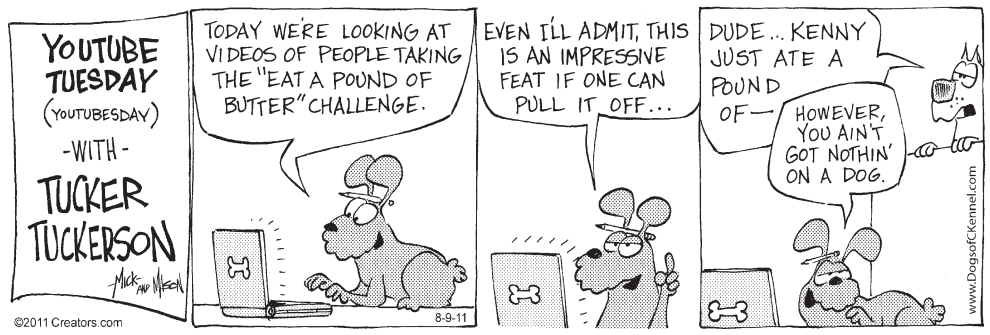
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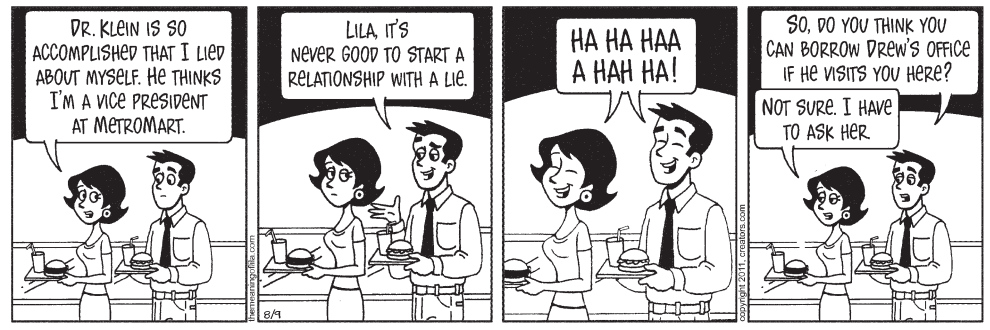
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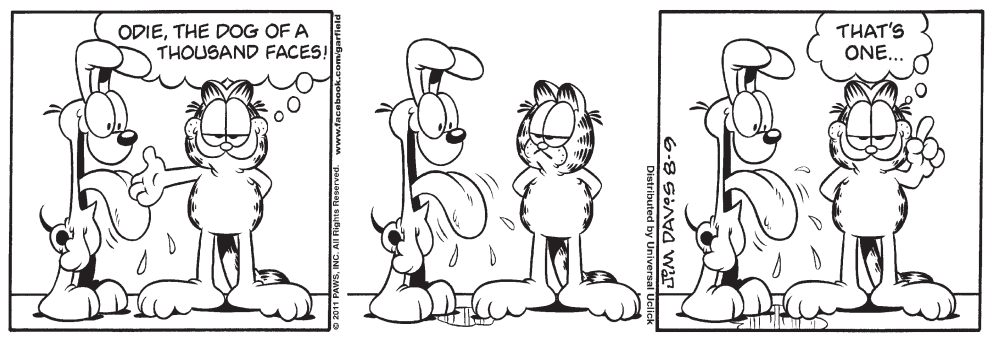
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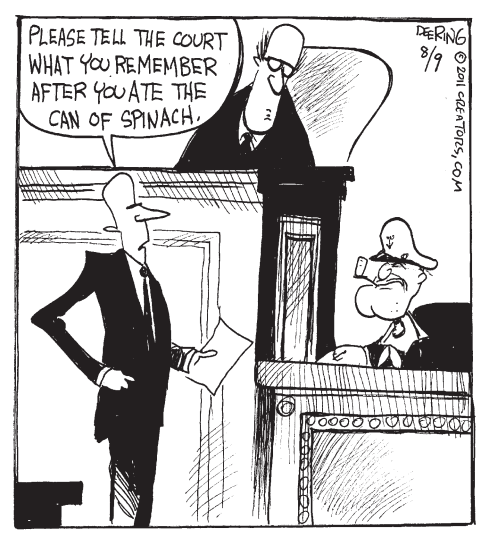
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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7 Clock part
11 Refrain from mischief
12 Cain's brother
13 "Crazy, Stupid, Love" actor
15 Prologue
16 Bowling targets
18 Auto body worry
21 Apple center
22 Spa feature
24 D.C. setting
25 Carpenter's tool
26 Logger's tool
27 Potpourri bits
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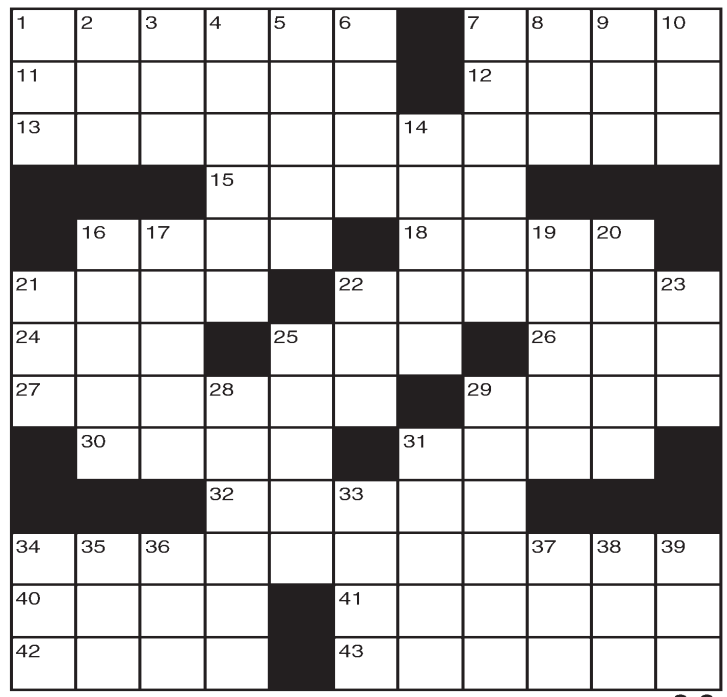
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17 Furious
19 Kick off
20 Prom rentals
21 Recipe amount
22 Possesses
23 Ottoman ruler
25 David's weapon
28 Reparations
29 Sitting room
31 Plague
33 First-rate
34 Letter after pi
35 Puppy cry
36 Tiny worker
37 Writer Levin
38 Tiny taste
39 Ozone, for one

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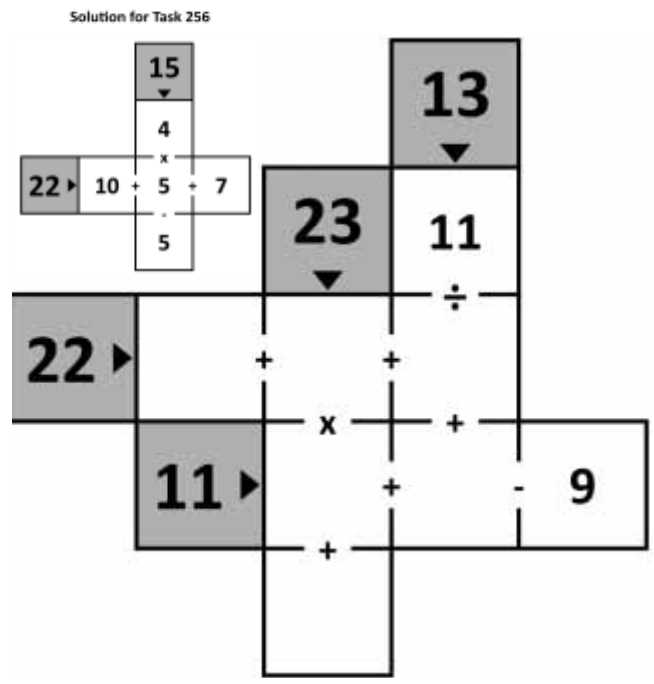
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BY CHUCK SHEPARD

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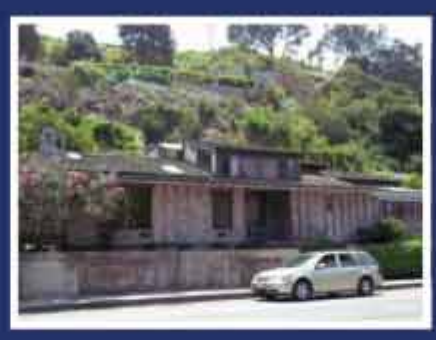
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