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THE LABOR DAY WEEKEND ISSUE

Pier's poor water quality baffling

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor-in-Chief

SM BAY Water quality at the Santa Monica Pier beach has dropped significantly in the last two years despite millions spent on a new storm drain and netting to keep pigeons

from pooping in the water, leaving city officials and scientists baffled as to the source of the sour grade on Heal the Bay's End of Summer Beach Report Card.

As thousands flock to Santa Monica beaches this weekend to celebrate Labor Day they'll want to take a close look at the report

card, which was released Thursday, to see where it's safe to swim. They'll have plenty of options as 96 percent of 450 beaches surveyed along the California coast earned A or B grades, the same percentage as in last year's report.

Los Angeles County, the state's most pop-

ulous region, marked yet more improvement in its summer beach water quality with some 80 out of 89 beaches getting A or B grades, a 3 percent uptick from last year.

However, there are still some beach bum-

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Daniel Archuleta daniela@smdp.com

EGG-TASTIC: Lisa Sandbank watches her chickens in the backyard of her Oak Street home earlier this week. She and her husband have four.

Ruling the roost

Backyard chickens allow for sustainable living

BY AMEERA BUTT
Daily Press staff Writer

SUNSET PARK Jennifer, Emily, Katherine and Sara snoop around looking for food on the ground in a spa-

cious backyard in Sunset Park that houses four plots brimming with tomatoes, eggplants, peppers and banana trees. All four nip and grab at bits of grass or take turns drinking water from a dish. One of the four even jumps into

a tree and clucks around for a bit.

They are all hens that Lisa Sandbank and her husband, Juan Lopez, bought a year ago in an effort to get fresh eggs,

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School district gets extra cash following RDA dismantling

BY AMEERA BUTT
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS Money from the dismantling of redevelopment agencies is finally trickling in and the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District is getting just under \$3 million, cash that was unexpected, district officials said, and is sorely needed as the district tries to recover from years of reduced funding from the state.

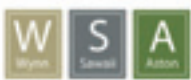
Redevelopment agencies were dissolved last year after state legislators and Gov. Jerry Brown desperately tried to close a significant budget deficit in Sacramento. Brown's budget dictated that the money held by redevelopment agencies help pay for services such as education and public safety. Property taxes funded redevelopment agencies, with the purpose of revitalizing blighted areas. Officials in City Hall used the money to help build affordable housing and make upgrades to aging facilities.

The school district received \$8.5 million in local property taxes that officials weren't anticipating when they made estimates back in June, said Jan Maez, chief financial officer for the district.

"It could be that property tax collections are up. More money is always good. I can't say that it's a bad thing," Maez said. "This

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, Aug. 31, 2013

City Yards

2500 Michigan Ave.,

9 a.m. — 2 p.m.

Give a new home for your old or unwanted clothes, towels, bedding and more at a recycling event at the City Yards. The event will be put on by the city of Santa Monica's Resource Recovery and Recycling Division. For more information, contact Myesha Jones at (310) 458-2223.

Pocket notes

1450 Ocean Ave.

2 p.m. — 4 p.m.

Learn how to make a compact accordion book, small enough to fit in your pocket and jot down notes on the go. The class costs \$20, which includes a materials fee. Call (310) 458-2239

or e-mail

communityclasses@smgov.net
for more information.

Fun fundraiser

The Unurban Cafe

3301 Pico Blvd.,

6:30 p.m. — 9 p.m.

Cabeza de Vaca Cultural School will hold a fundraiser to support its youth dance programs. The event features a performance by the baile folklórico group, Herencia Mexicana. Sean Arce, former director of Arizona's Mexican American Studies Department, has been invited to speak. The evening closes with live rock music by Santa Monica-based band Dezafados. For more information visit www.cabezadebaca.com.

Sunday, Sept. 1, 2013

Paint early in the morn

Paint Lab

2912 Main St.,

10 a.m. — 1 p.m.

The Paint Lab is holding its weekly Painters Breakfast, featuring painting, coffee, tea, oatmeal and bagels. The workshop costs \$25 plus the cost of the canvas and includes all needed brushes, paints and easels. For more information, call (310) 450-9200 or e-mail info@paintlab.net.

Art for peace

The Broad Stage

1310 11th St., 11 a.m. — 3 p.m.

Malibu artist Petra Eiko will showcase her interactive "green-heart" art project as part of the second annual Broad Fest. There will be free performances and interactive art activities for kids of all ages. The Edye will be transformed into a jazz lounge for the adults. Complimentary valet parking is available for all guests who arrive on bikes. Call (310) 434-3200 or e-mail info@thebroadstage.com for more details.

Antique market

3100 to 3000 Airport Ave.

8 a.m. — 3 p.m.

Hunt for old and rare finds at the Santa Monica Airport's outdoor marketplace. Attendees can find many items, from furniture, watches and jewelry to paintings, posters, sculptures and china, and many more.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CITY HALL
Developers to go back to drawing board

City Council members voted this week to have a developer come back and address some concerns related to design, economics and accommodating affordable housing as part of a proposed development on City Hall-owned land at the corner of Fourth Street and Arizona Avenue.

In a 5-1 vote, with Councilmember Tony Vazquez absent, council members decided not to go into a development agreement with the team of Metropolitan Pacific Capital, Clarett West and DLJ West Capital, whose proposal is a 12-story development.

Instead, council members asked Metro Pacific and its team, and another developer, Related California, to come back to the council sometime in the future.

There were three proposals to develop the property south of Arizona Avenue, but council members threw out the third because City Hall would be required to pay to build parking.

Councilmember Gleam Davis said the council anticipates both developers would come back with revised projects. Council members hoped the clarifications could be done within three months, but there was no firm date.

For the Metro Pacific project, council members were concerned because there wasn't enough affordable housing.

The design called for a series of rectangular buildings skewed on an axis comprised of ground-floor retail, office development and proposed residential and flex office space and the upper section would be a hotel, according to city officials.

Jason Harris, the economic development manager for City Hall, said the developer was open to pursuing affordable housing in the development.

"I have to say that the Metro Pacific is a beautiful project and you look at it and it's stunning architecturally," Davis said. "The affordable housing is kind of an afterthought ... It's a little unclear of how many units we are going to get."

Another concern Davis had was if the council decided to go forward and negotiate, they may not end up with the same project.

"I know we won't know the answer to all of these questions but I'm feeling a little uncomfortable," she said. "It may be the most perfect project on this site. But does that make it the right project? No, because there are so many other considerations."

Meanwhile, Councilmember Kevin McKeown asked city officials what the proposed projects would look like from Fifth Street because he didn't get a complete perspective on what the project would look like from all angles.

"What does that mean for the south elevation and from Fifth Street looking at those projects? It looks like they have to be almost vertical cliffs on that side," he said.

For Related, city officials had concerns about the design, size of the project and the open space.

"The height of the project was a concern [for city staff]," Davis said Friday.

- AMEERA BUTT

CITY HALL
Council supports helicopter noise legislation

City Council members last week threw their support behind federal and state legislation that would control helicopter noise over greater Los Angeles.

The bills would include requirements for helicopter flight paths and altitudes to reduce helicopter noise pollution in residential areas, increase safety and minimize scheduled commercial aircraft delays.

Councilman Kevin McKeown said before he brought the bills to the council he thoroughly vetted them with city officials to make sure they wouldn't negatively affect the rather "complicated relationship" City Hall has with the Federal Aviation Administration. The two have been at odds for years over operations and safety measures at the Santa Monica Airport.

"It doesn't appear it will," McKeown said. "We are just asking the council support legislation that is already underway at all federal and state level."

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RAISE 'EM HIGH

Paul Alvarez Jr. editor@smdp.com

Trombone Shorty, along with his band Orleans Avenue, gets the crowd hyped during Thursday's Twilight Concert Series. Next week check out indie-rockers Gardens & Villa and Norwegian chanteuse Mr. Little Jeans.

Tooth Fairy inflation: Price of a tooth nears \$4

BY JOSEPH PISANI
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK Days of finding a quarter under your pillow are long gone. The Tooth Fairy no longer leaves loose change.

Kids this year are getting an average of \$3.70 per lost tooth, a 23 percent jump over last year's rate of \$3. And that's a 42 percent spike from the

\$2.60 per tooth that the Tooth Fairy gave in 2011, according to a new survey by payment processor Visa Inc., released Friday with an update of the company's Tooth Fairy personal finance app.

Part of the reason for the sharp rise: Parents don't want their kids to be the ones at the playground who received the lowest amount.

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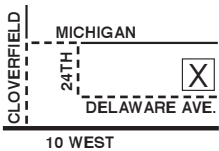


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Not a dream, but a nightmare

Editor:

I made it a point to watch the 50th anniversary of the march on Washington. I was impressed by the turnout. There were people of all genders and ethnicities.

As an African-American person, I grew up on the hopes and dreams of Dr. King. I've heard the "I Have A Dream" speech numerous times. The words never get old and I never get tired of listening to the message.

What makes me upset is that the words still ring true. I'm sad that 50 years later I have to still hope for my children to be judged by the content of their character and not the color of their skin. The barriers of racism still exist in the U.S. I've experienced more racism in the last four years since Barack Obama became the president than I have in my entire life. It grieves my spirit that I can turn on the television to see an African-American president, but be harassed/profiled by the police the same day simply because I was picking my child up from school in a predominantly Caucasian neighborhood.

It becomes more and more clear to me daily that just because we have an African-American president does not mean that we have arrived as a people. There are some of us who are still waiting on the platform for the arrival of the freedom train, hindered by socio-economic factors beyond the realm of our control. Aspiring to a middle-class lifestyle is a great place to start, but that should only be a rung in the ladder of your success. In order for the African-American people to actually overcome, there has to be enough of us with wealth to reach back and bring someone else forward. That's the foundation of financial success in every other culture.

I grew up in a middle-class family. We thought we were doing well to have good credit and a new car every three or four years. What we did not expect is that the rug would be pulled from underneath us. It's not enough to just be able to pay your bills, you have to be able to write your own ticket. My father worked for 30-plus years, now the fate of his pension is being decided by a judge because of poor decisions made by other people. There is nothing that anyone can tell me to justify my father's pension being diminished because of someone else's poor choices.

Yet, the federal government has abandoned the people of the city of Detroit, but they bailed out the auto industry. How can the federal government bail out the industry, but not the people who built the cars that the president and his entire entourage ride in every day? Where's their better bargain? Where is Dr. King's dream for those people?

When it comes to freedom of U.S. citizens, there are so many roadblocks, but let another country get in trouble and the sky is the limit!

Debra Shepherd

Santa Monica



Curious City
Charles Andrews

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Hey! What are you reading?

I DON'T EXPECT ANYONE TO BE A discerning consumer of the news, and particularly of our Santa Monica newspapers. But certainly, a small number are.

I have a local musician friend named Will Ryan who is, and it's fun for me to have erudite discussions with him on the subject. Will has no background in journalism, but he does have an insatiable thirst in many areas for knowledge on more than just a surface level of understanding. He's a most cool guy to have a chat with, any time.

But for the rest of you, I understand. It's not your thing. And it's confusing. There are quite a few free newspapers available in Santa Monica, and you pick one up, probably because of the headline story, or just the fact that it's there, and barely notice which paper it is. You don't bother to figure out whether it's an exclusively Santa Monica newspaper (there are only four) or covers the whole bay or Westside, whether it's a daily or a weekly (only the Santa Monica Daily Press is a Santa Monica daily — well, Monday through Friday plus the weekend edition), and truthfully, you don't care.

But there are reasons to care. In a world gone mad with information, we are starved for the real deal. Take TV news. If you watch the three networks, you'll get pretty good journalism, though too much entertainment these days for my liking. (And don't give me that nonsense about the mainstream liberal bias.) As you drift towards CNN, then MSNBC, finally falling into the rabbit hole of Fox "News," you're getting more misinformation than facts. Just turn it off. (BBC and, yes, Al Jazeera, are superior these days, but I won't go there. Oops, I just did.)

Online, you pretty much have advocacy journalism, and web editions of print papers. In print, there is a big difference between the LA Times and NY Times (both flawed but still standard bearers) and the National Enquirer, the Star, the NY Post.

In print in Santa Monica, there is one newspaper that rises above the others, in my humble opinion, for its practice of journalistic principles, true fair and balanced reporting, researching stories thoroughly and gathering enough background to write authoritative, accurate, sometimes analytical news stories. OK, no more suspense — yes, it's the Santa Monica Daily Press. How do I know? I read all the local papers, with a critical eye. Of course, it's only my opinion, but it is an informed opinion. And I've heard others, besides my friend Will, say the same thing.

Charles, why are you writing this puff piece? Of course you are favorable and biased toward your newspaper. If I were on staff, I wouldn't write this, but I'm a columnist, a freelancer, writing about Santa Monica and serving at the whim of the real staff, as are all the columnists here. It's not that I hooked up with the SMDP and now favor it; I asked to join the ranks two-and-a-half years ago because it is, in my opinion, the only real newspaper in Santa Monica, and as a lifelong journalist with an honest-to-goodness degree, I would not write locally at all if it had to appear on the pages/website of some unprofessional publication.

The two people I have dealt with since the beginning, since I started sending dispatches from Europe during my family's yearlong trek there, are Publisher Ross Furukawa and Editor-in-Chief Kevin Herrera. I have the very highest respect for what they have done and are doing with this newspaper, and am in awe of what the bare-bones staff produces day in and day out, on deadline, for years. Santa Monica booster and Rec and Parks Commissioner Phil Brock paid the Daily Press the highest compliment about a week ago when he called it "the paper of record in Santa Monica, period."

I am grateful to be given free rein (within reason) by Herrera and Furukawa to write about whatever strikes me in this Curious City column, and most of the time it is about things Santa Monica. Since I love my home town of the last 27 years, I couldn't be more delighted to have shifted away from a lifetime of writing mostly about music, to spreading the word about the good things (and not so good) about this wonderful little beach town with the big reach. I was floored at how many people I ran into in Europe, in the damndest places, who knew exactly where Santa Monica was, and not just from old "Baywatch" reruns.

It's about to get even better. I can't reveal anything yet, but this paper may soon become known and even more respected — if everything works out — for a new avenue explored, that I've been privileged to be a part of from the outset. Stay tuned. And if it doesn't work out? Oh well. Just keep reading a real newspaper, OK?

Chain, chain, chain . . .

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The Q Line

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A recently enacted bill states that a transgender student is permitted to participate in sex-segregated school programs and activities, including athletic teams and competitions, and use facilities consistent with his or her gender identity.

This past week, Q-line asked:
How do you feel about the new transgender rules and why?

Here are your responses:

“THE GREATEST DREAM ME AND MY male pals had in John Adams and Samohi was to just get a little peek in the girls’ shower room! Wow, if we could just put on a dress and go on in, our dream would have been fulfilled! This law is just silly! One better solution would be to make bath-rooms and locker rooms for all sexes. Toilets and showers can be individualized with large locking doors on both. It will save money in the long run since there would only be one large bathroom and locker room instead of multiple facilities. Just put closed, locking doors on individual showers and toilets.”

“I DON’T KNOW WHAT THE BIG WHOOP IS, after all a transgender person is a human being aren’t they? Yes, of course they should be given the same rules as other people, after all they’re a human being aren’t they? And that’s number one, last time I checked the Constitution. You need to treat people with respect. They can’t help it if they’re transgender. I happen to know a transgender person and you couldn’t ask for a more ideal human being.”

“THE NEW PROPOSITION WILL NOT WORK. It’s actually unworkable and it will become so expensive for so few people that it’s just not worth it. The alternate suggestion is to allow people to participate in either male or female, but do not create an additional category. It’s disaster.”

“THE LEGISLATURE PASSES A RIDICULOUS law like this, and that idiot Brown signs it. And they wonder why people think politicians are morons. These sex change [folks] are going to have to just learn to accept the fact that they can not change their sex. They claim this is what they are. Well, I hereby proclaim that I am Brad Pitt. I’m sure Hollywood will be beating down my door with film offers. Maybe in some fantasy world, but not in the real world. You were born a boy or a girl. You don’t like it? Tough. Accept it, [and] don’t expect people to believe your nonsense.”

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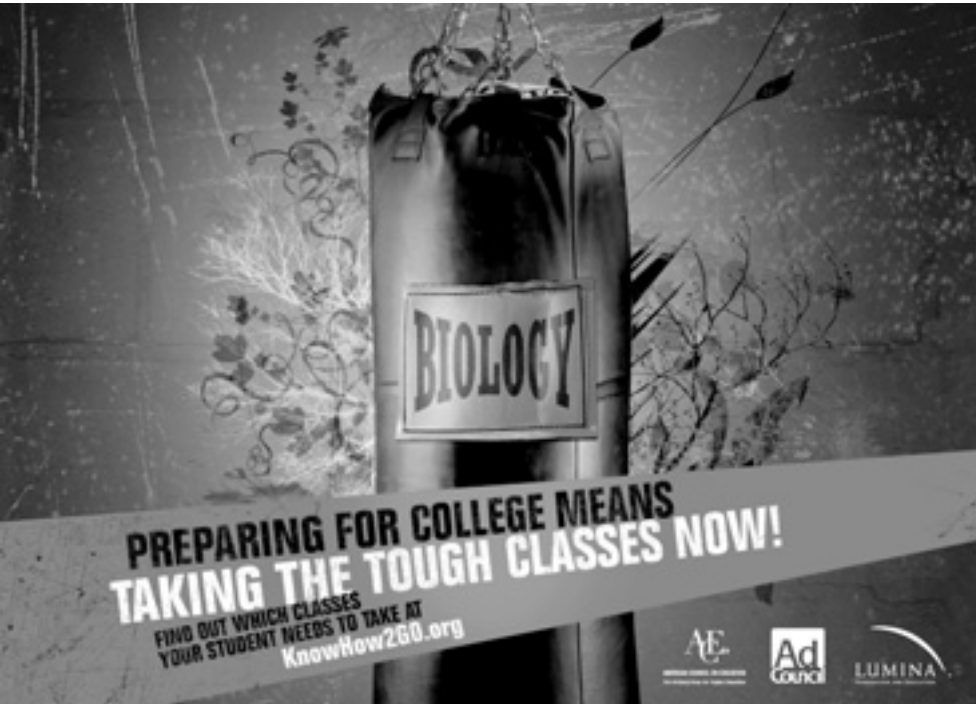
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“EVEN THOUGH THERE ARE RULES AGAINST bullying in schools, these children will always be made fun of and probably bul-
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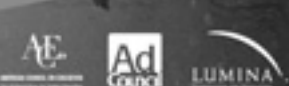
“I THINK THAT IT’S REALLY A DUMB LAW because until you have a sex change or something like that a boy is a boy, a girl is a girl. I understand people feel that they’re born the wrong sex, I have no problem with that. But still, a boy is a boy and a girl is a girl. A boy is stronger than a girl. How could he participate on a woman’s team? And if I was a girl I would feel very strange about having a boy come into the dressing room with me or come in to the restroom with me. I don’t think boys would mind as much as girls do, especially in high school, they wouldn’t mind having a girl come in to the restroom. But I just think it’s a dumb question and a dumb law and I think some-thing needs to be changed about it. In fact, the schools, if this is the way it’s going to be, need to have separate restrooms for gendered students.”



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Bill would provide online protection for minors

BY DON THOMPSON

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. Minors who post embarrassing photographs or information on social media websites would have a chance to remove it from public view under a bill sent Friday to Gov. Jerry Brown.

The bill requires that website operators give children a way to take the material down and to make it clear on the sites how the minors can make those requests.

"A teenager that says something on the Internet that they regret five minutes later, under this bill the websites in California will have to have the ability for the young teenager to remove that," said Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, D-Sacramento.

His bill, SB568, also prohibits websites from marketing activities, goods and services to minors if those things are illegal for them. It further bans websites from giving minors' identifying information to third parties for use in marketing.

Products that could not be promoted online to children include alcohol, tobacco, firearms, spray paint, artificial tanning, certain dietary supplements, lottery tickets, tattoos or body branding, drug paraphernalia and obscene materials.

The ban would apply only to registered users of the websites, who would have had to

provide their birth date to the operator.

The provisions in the bill would not take effect until Jan. 1, 2015, which Steinberg said would give the industry time to comply.

Facebook, the tech industry, Motion Picture Association of America and the California Chamber of Commerce did not oppose the bill, Steinberg said.

The only registered opposition was from The Center for Democracy and Technology, which promotes an open Internet free from restrictions.

The provisions of Steinberg's bill create enough uncertainty that it could discourage websites from creating Internet content and services designed for minors or could prompt popular websites to ban minors from their sites, the group said.

The bill has support from several crime victims' rights groups, along with Common Sense Media, which wants greater protections for children and families. Common Sense Media particularly supported protecting minors' identifying information from advertisers and potential identity thieves.

"Additionally, as we live more and more of our lives online, it is imperative that our kids have the option to erase data they have shared ... oftentimes without clear consent or parental knowledge and guidance," the group said in supporting Steinberg's bill.

The Senate agreed to Assembly amendments on a 38-0 vote, sending it to the governor.

Legislation would expand who can perform abortions

BY LAURA OLSON

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. A bill heading to Gov. Jerry Brown would allow nurse practitioners, certified nurse midwives and physician assistants to perform a type of early abortion.

The measure by Democratic Assemblywoman Toni Atkins of San Diego would let those medical professionals perform what are known as aspiration abortions during the first trimester. The method involves inserting a tube and using suction

to terminate a pregnancy.

Nurse practitioners, certified nurse midwives and physicians assistants already are allowed to administer medicine to induce an abortion.

The Assembly approved AB154 Friday on a mostly party-line vote of 49-25.

Atkins says her bill would help expand access to abortion services in areas of the state with few physicians.

Republicans opposing the legislation said allowing non-doctors to perform abortions would increase risks to patients.

Federal court upholds foie gras ban

BY PAUL ELIAS

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO A federal appeals court ruled Friday that California can keep in place its ban on the sale of foie gras.

In doing so, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals signaled that a lawsuit filed by foie gras producers seeking to invalidate the California law was on its last legs.

The appeals court said the producers of the delicacy — the fatty liver of a force-fed goose or duck — "failed to raise a serious question that they are likely to succeed on the merits" of the lawsuit. The producers wanted the appeals court to lift the ban while their lawsuit is under consideration in a Los Angeles federal court.

The three-judge appeals panel rejected the producers' arguments that the ban illegally interferes with commerce and is too vaguely worded, among other claims, indicating the court's doubts about the underlying lawsuit in the process.

The ruling upheld a lower court decision, which expressed similar skepticism about the lawsuit filed last year by Canadian and New York producers of foie gras.

Nonetheless, Marcus Henley, the operations manager of New York's Hudson Valley farm, said he and his lawyers would continue to fight the California law. Henley said lawyers would appeal Friday's ruling while continuing to argue in the Los Angeles district court for the invalidation of the California law.

"This isn't like fireworks, nobody is being harmed by foie gras," said Henley, who noted some California consumers continue to legally order foie gras online.

The California law bars state farmers from force-feeding birds with a tube, the procedure used to produce foie gras. It also bans sales of the delicacy.

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Gay marriage push looking to unions, immigrants

BY SOPHIA TAREEN

Associated Press

CHICAGO After their efforts to legalize gay marriage fizzled in Illinois this year, advocates gave their campaign a serious makeover: They called on unions, focused longer-term and recalibrated their message by using personal stories instead of civil rights comparisons.

It's a formula picked up from their fellow activists who made Chicago an influential player in the push for immigrant rights.

Proponents will try again this fall to push gay marriage legislation through the Illinois Legislature, where they fell a few votes short in a Democrat-dominated state that's been surprisingly resistant. But this time, they're focusing less on lobbying lawmakers and more on priming the environment to make it easier for skittish legislators to cast favorable votes — taking cues from a movement that brought nearly 500,000 protesters to Chicago streets a few years ago and helped advance "Dream Act" goals this year.

"The immigration advocates, they really know how to get it done," said Jim Bennett, a director for Lambda Legal, a gay rights group that's part of the Illinois Unites for Marriage campaign. "We have a lot to learn from them."

While social justice movements often borrow tactics from one another, experts agree the overlap in Illinois stands out among the 13 states that have embraced gay marriage — particularly in the union connections and emphasizing the development of young, long-term leaders.

At the heart of the renewed push is John Kohlhepp, a lobbyist for Illinois' biggest state employee union. He was hired to lead a coalition that since June has grown from three organizations to roughly 50, including other unions, and raised roughly one-quarter of the campaign's \$2 million.

On the campaign trail, Kohlhepp's energy ripples out to the nearly 20 field organizers who have been distributing leaflets at events this summer, including the State Fair and Chicago's Bud Billiken Parade, the largest African-American parade nationwide. Kohlhepp's cellphone rings constantly with contacts through the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Council 31, from which he has taken a leave. A seasoned lobbyist, he marks time by counting the days to Oct. 22, when legislators return to Springfield.

His involvement shows the strongest link yet between unions and the gay marriage campaign, according to Mary Bernstein, a University of Connecticut sociology professor who tracks social movements. That relationship resonates in labor-friendly Illinois, where immigrant-rights activists and unions made early links that are now hard to separate.

Unions, for example, helped Illinois become the first state to challenge the federal e-Verify immigrant worker identification system, and workers' groups have pushed for fair immigrant wages.

Bernstein said the Illinois collaborations appear to be an "innovation."

Nationally, the two movements have picked up ideas from one another before. Students without legal immigration status have "come out" in public ceremonies — Chicago was among the first to hold such events — and some immigrant activists say they look up to the late Harvey Milk, California's first openly gay elected politician and a renowned organizer.

The push for gay marriage in Illinois started in earnest after lawmakers approved civil unions in 2011. But after it passed the Senate, House sponsors ultimately declined to call a vote on the same-sex marriage bill before legislators adjourned in May.

Proponents believed they were just a few votes shy, and intense lobbying efforts to find support for the bill were focused on moderate Republicans and black Democrats.

But since then, the American Civil Liberties Union has hired former state Republican Party Chairman Pat Brady, a gay-marriage supporter, to help lobby Republicans. And organizers hope to capitalize on a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision that invalidated parts of the Defense of Marriage Act and polls showing more public support.

"There's really a different story to tell to my colleagues," said Rep. Greg Harris, the main House sponsor.

However, the campaign still faces significant obstacles: Illinois conservatives and some religious leaders are equally strong in their opposition.

Bishop Lance Davis, of New Zion Covenant Church in the Chicago suburb of Dolton, said his coalition of black churches intends to continue fighting same-sex marriage legislation out of a belief that marriage is between man and a woman. Several of the mega churches the coalition represents are key in voter registration drives and host politicians before Election Day.

Davis said he believes the Supreme Court's decision, along with activists trying to bring same-sex marriage, is "a redefinition of the institution of marriage."

But other churches have supported the cause, and activists hired an openly gay minister to reach out to more congregations.

When the push for gay marriage began in Illinois, advocates likened it to the historic struggle for civil rights. That resonated with young people but irked others, particularly blacks. Davis was one of the most vocal critics.

This time around, the advocates are putting their focus on family and commitment issues. They are encouraging same-sex couples to relay personal experiences, which was also part of the successful gay-marriage campaigns in Connecticut and Minnesota this year.

"The movement has learned what kind of messaging has resonance for people," Bernstein said. "The civil rights discourse has been divisive for a long time ... Everyone understands love and commitment."

That includes taking another cue from the immigrant rights movement. In 2006, when Congress considered a bill that would have made being an illegal immigrant a felony, massive crowds took to the Chicago's streets to protest. Activists told their personal stories of hardship and argued that deportations pull apart families.

"What this will take (to win the gay marriage battle) is folks telling their stories," said Keron Blair, who directs campaign field organizers.

Ultimately, organizers say, the overarching mission is to inspire leaders who will push for future gay rights issues — just as a new crop of young activists with roots in Chicago are doing both at home and in Washington D.C.

"If we left behind leaders like that, I'd be ecstatic," said Kohlhepp, the union lobbyist now heading the same-sex marriage coalition. He said accomplishing that goal would be "an imprint of the campaign."

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EGGS

FROM PAGE 1

live more sustainably and eat locally. Raising and tending to the chickens was easier for them because both work from home in photography, design and marketing.

"We were gardening a lot and it was right as the economy was dying," Sandbank said about their decision to raise chickens. "We started joking about how much we could live off the garden and joked about chickens."

A year ago the couple bought four hens and haven't looked back. Asked about the difference between store bought eggs and eggs from her hen, Sandbank said with a laugh, "that's not even answerable. It's so obvious." Apparently the flavor and texture is far superior.

She and others like her are part of a growing trend in Southern California that hinges on urban farming, or when people grow their own food in urban areas, tend to community and school gardens, and enjoy a sense of satisfaction and security during troubling, economic times. Officials say it's part of wanting to buy local as well knowing where the food set on the table is coming from: Your own backyard.

"Urban chickens are the easiest urban agricultural project in many ways besides growing some vegetables in your backyard," Rachel Surls, Sustainable Food Systems advisor at the University of California Cooperative Extension, said. "Urban chickens are pretty easy. You don't need a lot of equipment, people enjoy them, kids can help, eggs are really easy to use no matter what your cuisine. And I think they're pets for a lot of people."

Surls and a team of graduate students released a report earlier this month called "Cultivate L.A.: An Assessment of Urban Agriculture in L.A. County" that looked at all the zoning codes and municipal policies for cities across Southern California when it came to urban agriculture such as gardening, keeping chickens, bees, horses and more.

In Santa Monica people are allowed to keep 13 fowl of any sort within the city limits, as long as they provide proper shelter and sufficient sustenance.

Surls said some cities put limitations on the number of chickens allowed or how far the chicken coop has to be from the property line. She said often times roosters aren't permitted because they're noisy.

She said urban farming is quite "robust" in Southern California and is a growing trend.

"It's not localized to L.A. This is a movement happening in cities and municipalities around the U.S.," Surls said.

What drives people to take part in urban farming is wanting to know "exactly where their food comes from," said Dean Kubani, director of the Office of Sustainability and the Environment for City Hall.

Kubani said he used to trade eggs his friend had for stuff from his own garden. The Office of Sustainability continues to promote sustainable food by bringing in speakers and doing cooking demonstrations at the Santa Monica Farmers' Market, he said.

"Eating locally is one of the key things people can do to help reduce the impact of their food," Kubani said. "If you can get eggs that are grown in your backyard rather than buying eggs produced in Oklahoma, that's a good thing."

Gas isn't used to transport the eggs and there isn't any packaging involved.

What really clinched it for Sandbank and Lopez was being able to use the chicken poop and egg shells as compost, which was used to fertilize their garden and in turn,



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FOWL FOOD: Juan Lopez feeds his chickens. The birds produce about three eggs a day.

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John Lyons

who runs The Woven Garden in Los Angeles, on how one can get neighbors to be OK with raising chickens in a backyard.

allow them to eat the bounty of vegetables.

"It was so cyclical," Sandbank said.

The hens are named after neighbors because the couple thought it would be funny.

"[The neighbors] all said they were delighted and each got each one's first laid eggs," she said.

Sandbank's chickens lay an average of three eggs a day amongst the group. She typically gives most away as gifts, which is fitting since chickens are considered social creatures, said John Lyons, who runs The Woven Garden in Los Angeles, which offers personal customized garden design, maintenance and cultivation.

Lyons suggested having a minimum of three chickens. He works with clients on the Westside, and designs and installs edible gardens and orchards, and has helped set up chicken coops for them.

The birds are supposed to have some indoor and outdoor space, ideally 4 square feet per hen, he said.

"The most important thing is check with your neighbors to see if they have an issue with it," Lyons, who owns 17 chickens, said. "Bribery always works. You can always give them eggs."

Sandbank said the noise issue was one thing she was very conscious about, and she ended up researching what people who lived next to chickens and people who had chickens thought.

"They said there would be noise after they lay their eggs," she said. "It's way more [noise] than I thought."

Surls said for people who want to have chickens, it's important to have the support from the community.

"I think it's really important just to be a good neighbor," Surls said. "If you can be a good neighbor, I think your neighbors will be supportive of having backyard chickens."

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The Better Option

Lori Salerno

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ISLAND STYLE: Jerk chicken with mango salsa makes for a healthy alternative to the fried variety.

Sometimes it's OK to be a jerk

WHEN I TRAVEL, I LOVE TO EXPERIMENT and taste the local flavors, while at the same time maintain a healthy weight. I truly enjoy foods of all kinds and I'm always looking for new ingredients to add to my current cooking repertoire.

This summer I vacationed on the Caribbean island of Antigua. I happened to stay at the same resort where this season's "The Bachelorette" was filmed. It was a quaint, all inclusive, family friendly resort with bungalow-style cottages overlooking the turquoise-colored waters.

The West Indies, today known as the Caribbean Islands, were originally inhabited by the Arawaks and Carib Indian tribes. The native diet was rich in fresh fish, tropical fruits, tubers and local vegetables. Some of the foods that originated in the Americas have made their way around the world, influencing cuisine permanently. These surprising staples are beans, corn, squash, potatoes, tomatoes and chili peppers.

Since 1492, the Caribbean Islands have absorbed the flavors of their subsequent inhabitants, evolving their food to what it is today. The Europeans brought wheat, beef, onions and garlic; but, as with many islands, the meat consumption is usually limited to smaller game, including chicken, pork, lamb and goat. The enslaved Africans brought okra, callaloo (a leafy green) and ackee fruit. The Asians brought many vegetables and the current Caribbean starch staple — rice. Indians brought many spices, including curry.

The Caribbean diet rich in fresh fruits and vegetables supports the DASH (Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension) diet. The creation of that diet was part of one of the most successful clinical trials conducted in

the 1990s to determine the effects of dietary patterns on blood pressure. This trial showed that those who followed a diet high in fruits and vegetables, but low in saturated fat and total fat, were able to lower their blood pressure as much as they would if on medication.

Some of the fruits and vegetables unique to the islands are more healthful than our "healthiest" foods. Take the all American apple. Just one a day can keep the doctor away or so they say, but compare this high fiber fruit to the guava and it packs only one-fourth the fiber, half the potassium, and almost negligible vitamin C. Our gold standard, broccoli, used in most clinical trials, is no match to the leaf green callaloo, weighing in with half the calcium, iron, and vitamin A.

The infamous Jerk seasoning used on pork and chicken was introduced by the Coromantee slaves from West Africa and is a staple on most traditional menus. I was fortunate enough to sample this flavorful dish while snorkeling along the waters on a private beach excursion. Although spicy foods only minimally increase your metabolism, according to some research, it makes eating smaller and lower calorie portions of white meat chicken more flavorful.

Try this jerk chicken recipe out and let me know what you think. Here's to your health.

LORI SALERNO, M.S., R.D.N, C.P.T. is a registered dietitian nutritionist and certified personal trainer who provides medical nutrition therapy to groups and individuals in Santa Monica and recipe and menu analysis for restaurants nationwide. Learn more at www.eatwelldailynutrition.com.

The Better Option jerk chicken

Serves 8

2 pounds chicken breast pieces
1 tbs. dry Italian salad dressing mix
2 tbs. brown sugar
2 tbs. olive oil
2 tbs. light soy sauce
1 tsp. ground cinnamon
1 tsp. ground thyme
1/2 tsp. ground cayenne pepper
1/2 tsp. ground black pepper

1 large onion, peeled and chopped
5 garlic gloves, peeled and chopped
1/4 tsp. Scotch Bonnet pepper

Wash and prepare chicken. Mix all ingredients except chicken in small bowl until well blended. Pour dressing over chicken; cover. Refrigerate one hour to marinate, or overnight. Drain and discard dressing mixture. Place on a greased grill or grill pan 5 to 7 inches from heat source. Grill 40 to 45 minutes or until cooked through, turning frequently.

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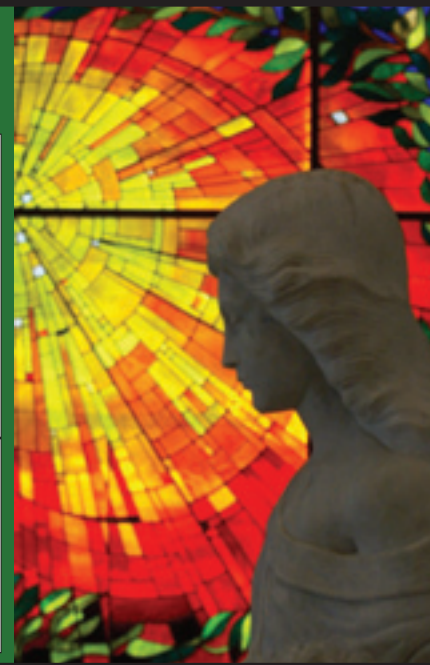
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Bergamot Transit Village Center Development Agreement
APPLICANT: Hines/26th Street LLC
PROPERTY OWNER: Hines/26th Street LLC

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider the following request:

The applicant is requesting Planning Commission consideration and recommendation to the City Council of a Development Agreement for a mixed-use project consisting of 471 rental housing units, 27 artist work/live units, up to 374,423 sf of creative office space, up to 15,500 sf of restaurant space, and up to 13,891 sf of neighborhood retail space. The project would include surface easements for an extension of Nebraska Avenue between Stewart Street to 26th Street, a new north-south street within the Creative Office Phase of the project, and a new north-south street within the Residential Phase of the project. The project would have a building height that ranges between 60 feet and 84 feet. The project is proposing 1,936 parking spaces in a three-level subterranean parking garage. The project site consists of 310,504 sf (approximately 7.1 acres) and has frontage on Olympic Boulevard, 26th Street, and Stewart Street. As part of the Development Agreement, the proposed project would provide certain community benefits.

Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.48.130, the Planning Commission shall hold a public hearing on the proposed development agreement and shall make its recommendation to the City Council for review.

DATE/TIME: **WEDNESDAY, September 11, 2013, AT 7:00 PM**

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor
Santa Monica City Hall
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HOW TO COMMENT

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ESPAÑOL

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wasn't money we expected to be coming [in] every single year."

The district has to give the state \$5.6 million out of the \$8.5 million it received, but Maez said that doesn't mean the district has to write a check this minute. The \$5.6 million is the basic aid fair share, or the amount that gets returned to the state when a district's property taxes exceed its revenue entitlement, she said.

"What will happen is the state will reduce the amount it pays the district and that will most likely happen next spring," Maez said. "They will deduct it from future money."

She said the influx of cash is most likely a "one-time occurrence," however, the school board earlier this month hired a consultant, the Dolinka Group, to study the issue and determine what school officials can expect so they can better predict how much they'll



MORE MONEY IS ALWAYS GOOD."

Jan Maez
chief financial officer for SMMUSD

have to spend on education. The contract is not to exceed \$11,000.

Maez said there are a lot of needs in the district, but there are no specific plans for what to do with the money. The district is going to have to add teachers or other staff because the number of students in some grade levels is on the rise.

Some money may also go into maintaining the district's financial reserves to protect against a sudden dip in funding, she said.

"When you have an unexpected downturn, you have the money and you don't have to dramatically cut your budget," Maez said.

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TOOTH FROM PAGE 3

"A kid who got a quarter would wonder why their tooth was worth less than the kid who got \$5," says Kit Yarrow, a consumer psychologist and professor at Golden Gate University.

To avoid that, Brian and Brittany Klems asked friends and co-workers what they were giving their kids. The Klems, who have three daughters and live in Cincinnati, settled on giving their 6-year-old daughter Ella \$5 for the first tooth that fell out, and \$1 for any others. They say that \$5 was enough without going overboard. They didn't want other families to think they were giving too much.

Then Ella found out that one of her friends received \$20 for a tooth.

"I told her that the Tooth Fairy has only so much money for every night, and that's how she decides to split up the money," says Brian Klems, 34, a parenting blogger and author of "Oh Boy, You're Having a Girl: A Dad's Survival Guide to Raising Daughters." Confused about what to give?

Ask other parents what they're giving, says Jason Alderman, a senior director of financial education at Visa. That can at least get you in the ballpark of what your kids' friends are getting, he says. Alderman gave his two kids \$1 a tooth.

"I think we were on the cheap side," he says. Other families gave about \$5 a tooth. One family gave their kid an antique typewriter. "I have no idea how they got that to fit under the pillow," he laughs.

As part of the company's personal finance education program, Visa offers a downloadable Tooth Fairy Calculator app that will give you an idea of how much parents in your age group, income bracket and education level are giving their kids, says Alderman. The newly updated app is available for iPhones

and iPads on iTunes, and the calculator is available on the Facebook apps page.

"While more money is exciting news for children, parents should take this opportunity to talk saving and smart money habits with their kids and have the same talk with a perhaps overgenerous Tooth Fairy," says Nat Sillin, who runs Visa's financial education program in the U.S.

How much kids are getting from the Tooth Fairy depends on where they live. Kids in the Northeast are getting the most, according to the Visa study, at \$4.10 per tooth. In the West and South, kids received \$3.70 and \$3.60 per tooth, respectively. Midwestern kids received the least, at \$3.30 a tooth. About a third of all parents surveyed say the Tooth Fairy left a dollar or less.

Then there are the heavy hitters.

After losing her first tooth, 5-year-old Caroline Ries found a \$100 bill under her pillow, along with a brand new My Little Pony toothbrush and a tube of toothpaste.

But there was a catch.

Her mother, Nina Ries, also left a note saying that the \$100 had to go straight to Caroline's college fund. The Tooth Fairy would give her another \$20 to spend anyway she likes if she brushes her teeth every day after lunch for a month. She did, and 30 days later Caroline found \$20 under her pillow.

Ries, a 39-year-old lawyer and owner of Ries Law Group in Santa Monica, says that \$120 is a lot to give, but she believes that she is teaching her daughter that education and taking care of your teeth is important. Ries says her friends give their kids about \$20 a tooth.

That's way more than the \$1 Ries used to get for losing her teeth as a child.

"It's incredible inflation," she says.

Visa randomly sampled 3,000 households by phone in July. The survey results are based on the 1,000 of those households that included a child under 13.

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mers, including Surfrider Beach, Dockweiler, Mothers' Beach, the Malibu Pier, Cabrillo Beach, and the Santa Monica Pier, where harmful bacteria levels — which can cause skin rashes, upper respiratory infections and the dreaded diarrhea — exceeded allowable limits 68 times between April 1 to Aug. 21, the time in which samples were collected and analyzed for the report.

The latest water quality results, which are updated every Friday and posted at <http://brc.healththebay.org/>, showed the pier had an F grade, while just a short distance north the beach at Wilshire Boulevard and Montana Avenue posted A-plus grades.

"We can't seem to figure out what has caused the concentration [of bacteria] to go up again this year [at the pier]," said Rick Valte, watershed program manager for City Hall for the last four years. With so many sources for the bacteria — including urban runoff from gutters and fecal matter from animals and humans — "it's hard to draw any type of conclusion on what causes this," Valte added.

OUT IN FRONT

Santa Monica has been at the forefront of utilizing new techniques and technology to divert urban runoff from entering the Santa Monica Bay, a significant attraction for locals and visitors. The beach and world-famous pier help drive the tourism industry, which contributes millions of dollars annually in tax revenue to pay for public safety, trash collection, after-school programs and other services.

City Hall, with the help of other agencies in the state, created the Santa Monica Urban Runoff Recycling Facility over 12 years ago to collect, treat and reuse 500,000 gallons of runoff per day, or about 4 percent of the city's daily water use, according to a report released by City Hall.

Furthermore, the City Council approved a law in the 1990s requiring developers to make sure all water flowing from a property is collected and treated before it is released. In 2010 that ordinance was enhanced with the council requiring those who build new projects or make upgrades that increase the square footage to not only capture and treat the water, but to make sure it seeps back into the property's grounds instead of being released.

There are education initiatives to encourage residents and businesses to use less water and capture any before it is released by using barrels. There is a rebate program in place for those who buy the barrels.

In addition to underground systems that remove debris and divert urban runoff to a sewer system for treatment instead of letting it flow into the bay, city officials are also testing pilot projects to see how more water can be captured to replenish aquifers.

One such project is under construction at Nebraska Avenue and Franklin Street, the old industrial area of the city that has more concrete than green space, leaving little room for water to seep back into the ground naturally. The project, Valte said, involves using existing catch basins and manholes to collect water and let it discharge back into the soil.

All of that would not be possible without funding from a parcel tax, Measure V, approved by residents in 2006.

"Thanks to the residents we have the money to invest in these projects," Valte said.

The trick is finding areas where the soil is right and not hard or dense clay.

Measure V money was used to replace an aging, leaky storm drain underneath the pier back in 2009-10, Valte said, as well as place netting underneath the pier to keep pigeons from roosting after a study showed that their excrement was fouling the water. The new drain helped rid the area of standing water, which is great for birthing bacteria, and resulted in consecutive years of high marks on Heal the Bay's report card.

"It was like flipping a switch," said Amanda Griesbach, water quality scientist at Heal the Bay. "It was such a drastic turnaround. Everyone was optimistic. We thought we finally figured it out."

Not anymore.

IDENTIFYING THE SOURCE

Valte said crews have been inspecting the pigeon netting and repairing holes. There are also discussions about doing daily monitoring in the mornings to check bacteria levels, finding pools of standing water and eradicating them and hopefully identify the root causes of the poor grades.

There are some theories. Researchers with UCLA were contracted by City Hall to study the pier and their conclusion was that the moisture and lack of sunlight under the pier make for a perfect breeding ground for bacteria. Valte said the pier reconstruction project could also be stirring up beds of bacteria deep in the sand.

"That's just a wild guess," he said. "I think we have exhausted all the options we have, aside from demolishing the pier or putting some kind of ultraviolet lighting system under the pier. It's just hard to figure out how to move forward on this."

Heal the Bay will be working with city officials to try and come up with solutions soon before the winter months come and bring rain. Beach report card grades are typically worse in the winter as more urban runoff overwhelms diversion systems and makes its way to the ocean.

The best thing beachgoers can do is educate themselves. Griesbach recommended checking the water quality reports on Heal the Bay's website as one does the traffic on their smartphones. Heal the Bay has a water quality app available for free at www.beachreportcard.org. She hopes someone will develop a website that can include parking and traffic data, a surf and water quality report as well as a guide to where to shop or eat near the beach, or "basically a one-stop shop."

That might not matter if funding at the federal level is cut. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has proposed eliminating nearly \$10 million in funding to help states conduct regular water quality monitoring and notifications. That would mean a loss of around \$500,000 for California, which is in better shape than most states because it has an independent source of revenue to help supplement federal funds, Griesbach said. She urged people to contact their elected officials and call for the funding to remain intact.

Heal the Bay is encouraged by the Senate Appropriations Committee's recent drafting of a bill that restores federal beach program funds, but that could change.

Despite the pier's poor grade, visitors to Santa Monica can still swim at other local beaches that have earned high marks and take comfort in knowing that, at least for now, monitoring will continue.

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Notice is hereby given that the City of Santa Monica has developed the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the 2012 Program Year. The CAPER is submitted annually to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and provides a status report on how the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME grant funded projects and activities are meeting the City's overall housing and community development needs as specified in the Consolidated Plan (2010-15) and Action Plan (2012-13) adopted by City Council and submitted to HUD in May 2012. The City is seeking community comments on this report.

Copies of the CAPER are now available to the public for a 15-day community review period ending September 9, 2013. Copies are available at City Hall (Room 212) and on the web at www.smgov.net/hsd, or you may contact the Human Services Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401, telephone (310) 458-8701; TDD (310) 458-8696. Please send your written comments to Sergio Ramirez at the above address by September 9, 2013.

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SATURDAY – FAIR – SURF: 2-3 ft Knee to chest high
SSW swell continues; minor NW windswell; keeping an eye on the tropics

SUNDAY – POOR TO FAIR – SURF: 1-2 ft knee to thigh high occ. 3ft
SSW eases; minor NW windswell; keeping an eye on the tropics

MONDAY – POOR TO FAIR – SURF: 1-2 ft knee to thigh high occ. 3ft
Modest new South swell moves in

TUESDAY – POOR – SURF: 1-2 ft knee to thigh high occ. 3ft
Modest South swell

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 28, 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 -- 2
Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
Number of wet days -- 0
Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 33 / no
Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / no

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET	LOCATION	DRY	WET
Lee Canille Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	no	Wil Rogers State Beach at Bal Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	no
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	no	Wil Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	no
El Pescador State Beach, between Luchessa and Los Alamos creeks.			Wil Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	no
Escorial Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	no	Wil Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chatsaugas).	A+	no
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A	no	Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	no
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	no	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	no
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	no	Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	F	no
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	no	Santa Monica Beach at Pica/Kanter storm drain.	A	no
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	no	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurants).	A+	no
Lafita Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	no	Ocean Park Beach at Rolland Ave. drain.	A	no
Solstice Canyon at Dee Blocker County Beach.	A+	no	Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	no
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	no	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A	no
Maric Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	A+	no	Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	no
Serfider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	no	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A	no
Serfider Beach (beach location) - daily.	A	no	Venice Beach--projection of Topical St.	A+	no
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	no	Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach--lifeguard tower.	A	no
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A	no	Dockweiler State Beach at Ballena Creek mouth.	B	no
Los Flores State Beach at Los Flores Creek (joint rent).	A+	no	Dockweiler State Beach at Calver Blvd. drain.	A+	no
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	no	North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	no
Pena Creek at Los Tunes County Beach.	A+	no	Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of GWW jetty).	A+	no
Tuna Canyon.	no	no	Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	no
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	no	Dockweiler Beach--opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	no
Cedwick Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	no	no	Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	no
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	no			
Wil Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	no			

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

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Heal the Bay

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NFL Mixed emotions from NFL players on settlement

BY BARRY WILNER
AP Pro Football Writer

NEW YORK The hundreds of millions of dollars the NFL is ready to pay former players sounds great, until you stretch it out over 20 years and divide it among thousands of people.

Which is why some former players and others think the league is getting off cheap in its tentative settlement with victims of concussion-related brain injuries.

The deal announced Thursday to settle 4,500 or so claims is awaiting approval by a federal judge in Philadelphia.

"\$765 million?" asked former Minnesota Viking Brent Boyd, one of the original plaintiffs in the lawsuit. "The breakdown is \$1.2 million over 20 years per team. What is that, a third of the average salary? There is no penalty there. It's pocket change."

Former players union president and Pro Bowl center Kevin Mawae complained that the NFL does not have to admit culpability.

"The unfortunate thing is that the general fan, they see \$765 million and they think it's a windfall for the players. It's great for ... the guys that would fall in the category of needing immediate help," Mawae said. "But it's \$700 million worth of hush money that they will never have to be accountable for."

Others former players didn't seem as concerned about the amount of money, preferring to focus on the timing of the settlement. They said that getting medical coverage now for their peers — or themselves — who suffer from a variety of brain ailments and other health problems is essential.

"Those people who need help now, really need the help the most and need it right now and not five years from now, will get the help," said former fullback Kevin Turner, who suffers from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or Lou Gehrig's disease, and was one of the lead plaintiffs. "That is key."

"It is hard to put a dollar figure on ALS or Parkinson's or dementia and all these things. But if you ask me, I think it is fair."

The lawsuits accused the NFL of concealing the long-term dangers of concussions while glorifying spectacular hits on the field.

The settlement calls for payouts of up to \$5 million for players suffering from Alzheimer's disease; up to \$4 million for those who died of brain injuries known as chronic traumatic encephalopathy, or CTE; and up to \$3 million for players suffering from dementia. The NFL will also pay for medical exams and devote \$10 million toward medical research.

"Whether I got a dollar or a billion dollars, that wasn't going to help how I was feeling," said former NFL quarterback Bernie Kosar, who has dealt with a number of health issues now that his playing days are over and said the death of former San Diego star Junior Seau "was a real eye-opener for me."

"Whether they get the money or not, I'm not sure that's going to make them feel better," Kosar said.

The payments will hardly be a burden to

the 32 NFL teams. The league generates close to \$10 billion a year in revenue, and that is certain to rise when new TV contracts are negotiated in the near future.

"I don't care if we get any money," said former linebacker Jay Brophy, who played for the Miami Hurricanes and later for the Miami Dolphins, and has been diagnosed with brain damage. "I'm not begging for anything. All I want is if there's treatment out there, build us some centers, send us to places to help us out because we don't have insurance. That's all I care about. Too many guys I know are suffering and are going through things."

Andrew Zimbalist, a sports economist at Smith College in Northampton, Mass., estimated the settlement will cost the NFL \$45 million a year, or 0.4 percent of current revenue.

"The attorneys were under some pressure to deliver a concrete gain for those players suffering from these diseases," Zimbalist said. If not for the settlement, "it's likely the NFL would litigate for many years before any settlement would come."

He added: "It is a positive settlement for the former players, even though it could have been higher."

Or as Hall of Fame linebacker Harry Carson put it, the NFL "has the resources to sort of stretch things out for years and years and years. The players don't have years and years and years."

"When I look at the number of players who have had neurological issues and have passed on," added Carson, who was not a plaintiff, "I think now of the guys who are just starting to experience neurological issues. They are going to be handled more humanely."

It's also a positive public relations move for the NFL just a week before the season kicks off. The last thing the league wanted was for concussions to remain a front-page story while games were being played.

Commissioner Roger Goodell can now point to the settlement and the league's player-safety initiatives as proof that pro football is dealing forcefully with the issue.

"PR-wise, it allows the league and the players association and medical experts and the U.S. Army and Harvard to show how they are coming up with solutions for the future rather than addressing omissions of the past," said Marc Ganis, president of SportsCorp, a Chicago-based sports consulting firm that does business with the league and several teams.

But some former players wonder if their future will be any brighter as they try to deal with brain disease.

Boyd said he foresees a "bureaucratic nightmare of red tape" in attempts to get approved for coverage and then receive treatment. He said he has been diagnosed with early-onset dementia and has signs of Alzheimer's disease.

"When I testified before Congress, I spoke of how the NFL's plan to cover disabilities was to delay, deny, hope they die," Boyd said.

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AT HOME TONIGHT, SCORPIO

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ People see you as quite unpredictable, and you tend to give them a reason to think they are right. Once you loosen up a situation, you will be able to get the ball rolling in the direction you want. Tonight: Invite friends over for a get-together.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Your ability to move past an issue and understand what is going on encourages a smooth interaction between you and a friend. You could be shocked by what gets shared so freely. Tonight: Happy to hang out.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Be aware of the costs of proceeding as you have been. You could be overindulging and not really grasping how severe the damages will be. In your mind, everything has been accounted for. Tonight: Out late.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You will confirm your plans in the morning and feel confident that you will be able to cover a lot of ground. The unexpected comes in from out of left field. Maintain a sense of humor and ditch rigidity. Tonight: Just ask.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ You might want to be more observant. As an unexpected event emerges, you'll see others' reactions. Process them carefully. You might be happiest sharing your plans with one special person. Good news heads in quickly. Tonight: Not part of the crowd. Keep it intimate.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Whatever brings you and your friends together proves to be fun. Expect some excitement, as one person seems spontaneous. Good moods and laughter surround you. Be aware of what is happening behind the scenes, yet be present in the moment. Tonight: A good time is had by all.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Someone in your life demands your attention, and frankly, you might not appreciate the outcome should you decide to go your own way. Tonight: Enjoy a night out on the town.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Invite a friend to join you for a fun drive out of town either today or tomorrow. Know that you don't have to go far. A change of scenery will revitalize you and allow you to see that your perspective on certain issues is off. Tonight: At home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Spontaneous discussions might pop up. No one seems to be quite sure which way to go, but discussing your options will prove helpful to many. Tonight: Be with a favorite person.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Others seem to act before you even get a chance to think. They obviously have had their plans made for a while and seem to be set on them. You have a choice to join in or fly solo. New developments at home could keep life exciting. Tonight: Share your feelings with a close friend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ You might choose not to be involved in the social scene and do something for yourself instead. That activity might involve putting in extra hours at work. Your even pace and determination will help you breeze through your to-do list. Tonight: Enjoy a family member.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ You light up others' lives when you crack a joke to a bored friend or treat a depressed pal to a treat. Using your imagination to please others is wonderful, even if you can't do it all the time. Be careful with your funds, as you could make a mistake. Tonight: Whatever is appealing.

Saturday, August 31, 2013

This year your sensitivity is high, and often you'll feel things before they occur. You also might take comments too personally. Give others the benefit of the doubt. If you are single, be careful when starting to date a new person. Someone will enter your life this year who could be emotionally unavailable. You won't want to be involved with this person. If you are attached, the two of you will start to spend more quality time together. You will crave those special moments. CANCER makes a wonderful confidant.

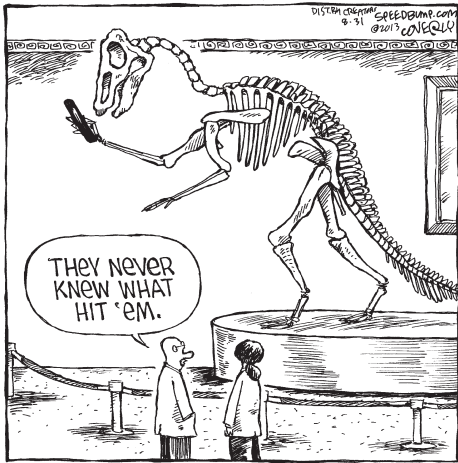
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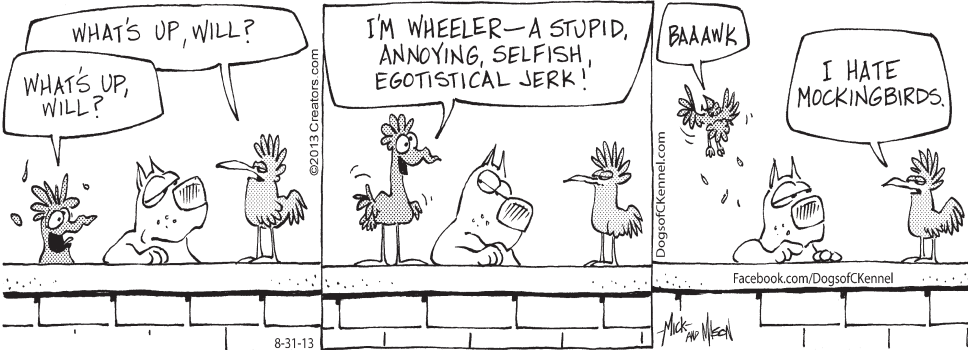
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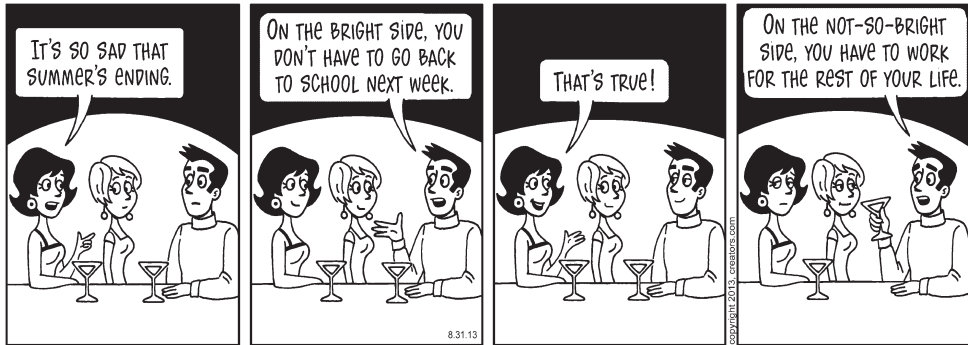
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8								2
	4			3			2	
		9				3		
			5	1	6			

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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

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

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS
- 1 Ornamental flower

6 Pop crooner

11 Spacious

12 Set off

13 Some messages

14 Foot bones

15 Unprovoked

17 Use the track

18 Historic time

19 Morale booster

22 Roulette bet

23 Joke response

24 Boarded

25 One of the Wayans brothers

27 Everybody

30 Gary's "Desire" co-star

31 Early auto

32 Historic time

33 Flower part

35 Refinement

38 Blown away
- 39 Bothered

40 Fragrant wood

41 Pigeon perch

42 Oscillates

DOWN

- 1 From the '30s, say

2 Tribute

3 Gave for a time

4 Leave out

5 Marimba's cousin

6 Informant

7 — tree

8 Co-star of Kate and Jaclyn

9 Address of "Dr. No"
- 10 Public outcry

16 Tidies up

20 Speech study

21 Chestnut

24 Salon stuff

25 Dojo doings

26 Made blank

- 27 Fleet

28 Margin for error

29 Solitary sorts

30 Rock genre

34 Fresh

36 Luggage ID

37 Riviera season

F	O	L	L	Y		R	O	D	E	O
A	D	I	E	U		O	P	R	A	H
D	E	C	A	L		T	H	E	R	M
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S	I	E	G	E		N	A	D	E	R
P	A	T	E	N	T	S		T	E	A
		O	N	T	O		B	O	D	Y
P	O	K	E		P	E	A	K		
A	K	I	R	A		P	R	I	S	M
S	I	L	A	S		I	G	L	O	O
T	E	L	L	S		C	E	L	L	O

Yesterday's answer

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1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8	9	10
11						12				
13						14				
15					16			17		
18				19		20	21			
22				23						
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	25	26						27	28	29
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BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Look! Up in the Sky!: (1) Andy Hill was enjoying a leisurely inner-tube ride on the Clark Fork River near Missoula, Mont., on Sunday, July 21st -- when a man landed on top of him, sending Hill to the hospital with broken bones and torn ligaments. The man, who was not seriously hurt, had playfully jumped from a bridge without looking. (2) College baseball shortstop Mattingly Romanin, 20, suffered a concussion in July, while on the field before a summer league game, when a skydiver knocked him to the ground. The skydiver was part of a pre-game flyover at the Hannibal (Mo.) Cavemen's game, but was wind-blown slightly off-course.

■ Recurring Themes: (1) A 28-year-old man ordered to submit to fingerprinting in Mason, Mich., in July in connection with a fraud investigation, had another charge added when he decided to pay the \$16 fingerprinting fee with a stolen credit card. (2) Sheriff's deputies in Apopka, Fla., charged Chad Winslow with burglary after finding him stuck in a grease vent (facing outward) on the roof of Sam's Discount Food Store in June. According to a deputy, Winslow's first words were, "I'm stuck, and I have to take a poop."

TODAY IN HISTORY

1998 - North Korea reportedly launches Kwangmyŏngsŏng-1, its first satellite.

1999 - The first of a series of bombings in Moscow kills one person and wounds 40 others.

1999 - A LAPA Boeing 737-200 crashes during takeoff from Jorge Newbery Airport in Buenos Aires, killing 65, including two on the ground.

WORD UP!

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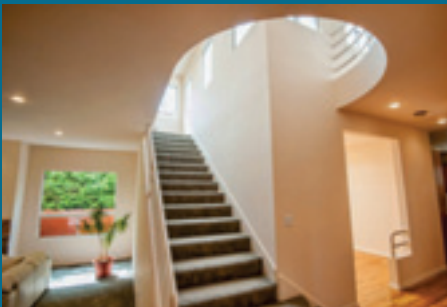
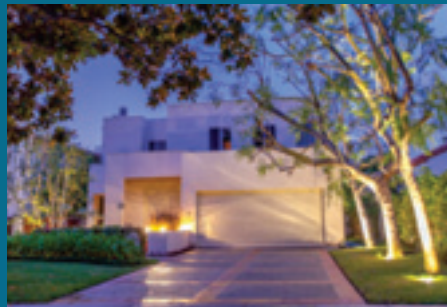
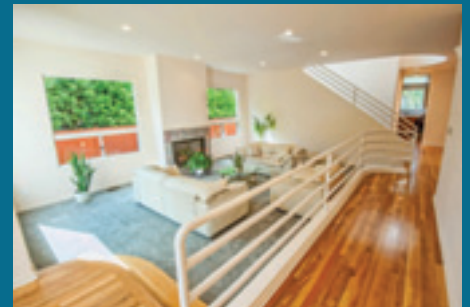
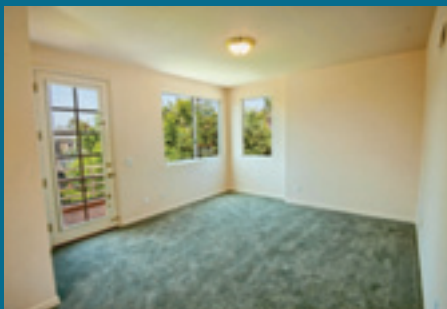
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