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Tongva Park opens to the public

BY AMEERA BUTT
Daily Press Staff Writer

CIVIC CENTER Fences around the 6.2-acre Tongva Park, located across from City Hall, will come down for a soft opening today, at which time the public can catch a first glimpse of its winding pathways, lush foliage and various water features, city officials announced Monday during a tour with local media.

The construction of Tongva Park saved City Hall $7 million, costing a total of $42.3 million, city officials said.

It is expected to serve as a link between the Civic Center, the Santa Monica Pier, Downtown and Palisades Park.

Construction for the park, located between Ocean Avenue and Main Street, and the 1-acre Ken Genser Square in front of City Hall started last year.

Tongva Park boasts more than 300 trees and four hilltop areas ranging from Garden Hill with foliage and blooms; Discovery Hill where kids can play on slides and a music wall; Observation Hill that reaches 18 feet and offers views of

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Council considers $2.15M spending package

BY AMEERA BUTT
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 City officials propose to spend $2.15 million Tuesday night on a wide range of services, including restriping crosswalks, LED lighting for signalized intersections and restroom renovations at the Hotchkiss and Marine Park Public Restroom Renovation Project.

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THE TIME HAS ARRIVED: Members of the media (just above) take a tour of the 6.2-acre Tongva Park Monday. The park officials opens today, Sept. 10, and was built for $42.3 million, or $7 million under budget. (Middle) Imagine watching the sun set over the Pacific from one of these two observations decks along Ocean Avenue. (Left) One of several water features at Tongva Park. The fountains are connected by a single runnel that flows downhill to the ocean. Their volume and presence increases the closer they are to the ocean. (Top) The park has seven entrances, including this one at the corner of Colorado and Ocean avenues.







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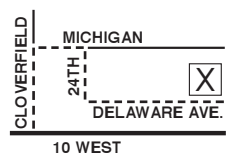
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What's Up Westside

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Story series for babies ages 0-17 months accompanied by an adult. Call (310) 458-8681 for more information.

Create a book
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,
5 p.m. — 6:30 p.m.
Learn how to make your own "fan book," combining art, craft and creativity. The session will teach you how to make a scrapbook photo album, sketchbook or journal. Materials will be supplied. For more information, call (310) 458-8681.

Reach within
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 PCH, 5:30 p.m.
For both beginning and continuing students, this tai chi class teaches the 24 movements of the Yang style simplified form. For more information, visit beachhouse.smgov.net.

Council meets
City Hall
1685 Main St., 5:30 p.m.
The City Council will discuss the Bergamot Area Plan, which will dictate development in the area for the next couple of decades. Water quality and public health goals are also on the agenda. For more information, visit smgov.net.

Cold beverages
M Street Kitchen
2000 Main St.,
6:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Cap your day at a craft beer tasting event. Grab a bite and talk to brewers about their drinks. Cost is $25, and reservations are suggested. For more information, call (310) 396-9145.

Take a breather
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,
7 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.
Come and relax at an evening meditation session. You are welcome to stay for five minutes or for the duration of the exercise.

Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2013

Remembering those lost
All fire stations, 6:45 a.m.
In recognition of those who perished in the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, the Santa Monica Fire Department will hold a solemn remembrance ceremony. The public is welcome to participate. To find your nearest fire station visit www.santamonicafire.org/ or call (310) 458-8761.

Find a career
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,
6:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.
Meet with professional career counselor Carina Lin and find the career that's right for you. The 90-minute workshop will help adults, teens and seniors research career interests and provide industry information.

Planning Commission meeting
City Hall
1685 Main St., 7 p.m.
The Planning Commission will study a development proposed by Hines Corp. called the Bergamot Transit Village at 1681 26th St. This is a significant development that will include 471 rental housing units, 27 artist work/live units, up to 374,423 square feet of creative office space, up to 15,500 square feet of restaurant space, and up to 13,891 square feet of neighborhood retail space. For more information visit www.smgov.net/departments/pcd/

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

DOWNTOWN

Feds dropping charges against Chabad bomber

Federal prosecutors Monday filed to dismiss their indictment of the homeless man accused of detonating an explosive near a Santa Monica synagogue in 2011.

United States Attorney André Birotte, Jr. pursued the motion in wake of defendant Ron Hirsch's Aug. 24 death.


HIRSCH

Hirsch, 62, died at the Federal Medical Center in Butner, N.C., from ischemic heart disease, an illness that restricts the flow of blood and oxygen to the heart.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Stephen Wolfe, Hirsch spent the past few years in-and-out of the North Carolina facility for mental health evaluations.

In April 2011, Hirsch was connected to an explosion that launched a 250-pound piece of steel pipe and concrete toward the Chabad House Lubavitch, located a few blocks from the Santa Monica Synagogue.

Authorities originally believed an underground mechanical failure caused the blast, though later determined that it was a bomb made from concrete, explosive powder, dry ice and expanding plastic.

No injuries resulted from the explosion, though the pipe crashed through the roof of a nearby home.

Police linked the device to Hirsch, whom they identified as a transient known to loiter around Jewish community centers.

Following a four-day, nationwide manhunt, authorities located Hirsch in Cleveland, where he had fled via bus.

He returned April 22 to Los Angeles in custody and was held without bond.

Hirsch pleaded not guilty to four felonies: explosion with intent to murder, use of a destructive device and explosive to injure or destroy, possession of a destructive device near a public place and possession of a destructive device near a residence.

Concern for his mental state had pushed back the date of his trial.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

– GREG ASCIUTTO

SACRAMENTO

Gov. Brown signs Bloom bill

Gov. Jerry Brown signed a bill penned by Assemblyman Richard Bloom, D-Santa Monica, that will ensure statewide adherence to arsenic and lead restrictions in glass beads.

AB 324 states that the Department of Toxic Substances Control can now require anyone involved in the manufacturing or sale of the beads to disclose information on production details.

The bill also permits officials to enter factories and request bead samples, ensuring that arsenic levels are less than 75 ppm and lead levels are less than 100 ppm.

Glass beads are found in blasting equipment for pool and surface preparation, said Bloom Chief of Staff Sean MacNeil.

According to Theresa Pena, legislative aide to Bloom, the bill is an attempt to protect both the environment and the health of workers from dangerous toxin levels.

"We just wanted to make sure that the standard is set to a high bar," she said, noting that the precautions will curb threats to animals, plants and humans. The bill is effective through 2020.

– GA

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Get personnel

The Santa Monica Community College District is accepting applications for a seat on its five-member Personnel Commission.

The commission is responsible for the administration of the college's Merit System, a civil service system for classified employees that fosters advancement of career services.

Responsibilities of personnel commissioners include classifying positions; hearing appeals of disciplinary matters and protests involving examinations, selection and appointment procedures; and prescribing rules related to various personnel practices.

The appointment is a three-year term starting Dec. 1, 2013.

Applicants must be registered voters and residents of the Santa Monica Community College District.

For more information and to obtain an application, call the Superintendent's Office at (310) 434-4402.

– GA

Cal Worthington, car dealer famed for TV ads, dies

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS


WORTHINGTON

LOS ANGELES Cal Worthington, who built a fortune from a series of West Coast auto dealerships and became a TV fixture thanks to folksy car lot commercials urging customers to "Go see Cal," has died. He was 92.

Worthington died Sunday after watching football with family at his Big W Ranch in Orland, Calif., north of Sacramento, said Dave Karalis, general manager of Cal Worthington Ford in Long Beach.

The cause of death has not been determined, family attorney Larry Miles said.

The Oklahoma native, who was a decorated bomber pilot during World War II, founded his first dealership in the late 1940s in Southern California and quickly took advantage of broadcast advertising.

As his business empire grew to other western states and Alaska, Worthington starred in a series of TV and radio spots that featured him in his ever-present big white cowboy hat and his "dog" Spot — which would turn out to be animals ranging from tigers to elephants.

He also wrestled a bear, handled a snake, rode a hippopotamus and a pig, and almost had his hand bit by a mountain lion. Viewers frequently saw him trying to stand on his head, including a stint atop the upper wing of a biplane that turned him on his head. All of it was set to a speedy banjo tune with the refrain, "Go see Cal, go see Cal, go see Cal."

At one point, Worthington owned more than 23 dealerships in five states, according to a family statement.

Born Nov. 27, 1920, Worthington joined the Army and became a B-17 bomber pilot, flying 29 missions over Germany and earning the Distinguished Flying Cross and other honors.

After the war he continued to fly a variety of aircraft, including a Lear 35, a twin-engine jet that he based at his sprawling ranch, which is a large producer of almonds and olives.

Last year, he addressed a Federal Aviation Administration seminar at the Aerospace Museum of California in McClellan, Calif., on how he managed so many years of flying safely. His last flight was from Anchorage, Alaska, to California, 10 days before his death, Miles said.

He is survived by six children and nine grandchildren.

Scientists help farmers create more sustainable dairies

BY M.L. JOHNSON
Associated Press

PRAIRIE DU SAC, Wis. Cows stand patiently in a tent-like chamber at a research farm in western Wisconsin, waiting for their breath to be tested. Outside, corrals have been set up with equipment to measure gas wafting from the ground. A nearby corn field contains tools that allow researchers to assess the effects of manure spread as fertilizer.

Scientists based at the University of Wisconsin-Madison have started a slew of studies to determine how dairy farms can reduce their greenhouse gas emissions. They will look at what animals eat, how their waste is handled and the effects on soil, water and air.

Their work is part of a government-sponsored effort to help farmers adapt to more extreme weather and reduce their impact on

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Keeping the incentive

Editor:

Mayor Pam O'Connor's reticence to incentivize electric vehicles (EVs) with free parking runs counter to my experience as an EV salesman ("Ensuring free parking for EV, low-emission vehicles," Sept. 6). I've sold more than 450 Nissan LEAF electric cars over the past three years and can assure you that the free parking in Santa Monica is a big deal to them.

It's also a big deal for the economy of Santa Monica. The average internal-combustion car driver spends about $2,000 a year for their fuel. More than 90 percent of that money leaves our city. Those gas stations on the corner suck tens of millions of dollars out of our community every year.

As people switch to using renewable electricity instead of gasoline or diesel, they spend about 20 percent for the electricity compared to what they were spending for gas. This 20 cents on the dollar goes to the local utility and the 80 cents on the dollar stays in the consumer's pocket. The EV driver can now spend those dollars for local goods and services, generating jobs and keeping that wealth here in our town instead of giving it to the likes of the Koch brothers or some Saudi prince. Our environment gets cleaner and our economy stronger.

Let's keep the incentives for EVs until we reach parity with the cost of gas cars. It's good for our community.

Paul Scott
Santa Monica



Our Town

Zina Josephs — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

New development not needed to fund schools

WHILE DEVELOPERS' LOBBYISTS CONTINUE to beat the drum of the worn-out story that we need development to pay for schools, the facts show that schools and those who care about them have developed many sources of income to support them. School improvements are primarily funded by bond measures, while school district operations are primarily funded by the state legislature. We do not have to give our city away to developers to fund our schools.

With the Bergamot Area Plan on tonight's (Sept. 10) City Council agenda , and the Bergamot Transit Village Center development agreement on the Planning Commission agenda Wednesday, perhaps we should review the history of school funding.

According to a July 2013 article in the Daily Breeze, "It's difficult to believe now, but there was a time … when the Golden State was widely seen as the gold standard on education spending. Class sizes were low. Schools were well maintained. Textbooks and other instructional materials were new. Back then, California ranked in the top 10 nationwide in per-pupil education spending." That was in the 1960s.

Since Prop. 13 passed statewide in 1978, California school districts, including the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD), have been funded primarily by the Legislature, based on average daily attendance (ADA). A January 2013 Ed Source article tells the sad story of what happened since 1978: "California drops to 49th in school spending … ."

As of 2010, "California's per-student spending of $8,482 was $3,342 — 28 percent — below the national average of $11,824 … . Another western state, Wyoming — $18,814 per student — led the nation in spending … ."

According to the California Budget Project's October 2011 School Finance Facts, "The Proposition 98 guarantee, designed to ensure a minimum level of funding for California's schools and community colleges, has not prevented significant cuts to the resources available to schools … ."

In 2009-10, California ranked 50th in number of K-12 students per librarian (5,489 compared to 839 in the rest of the U.S.). And in 2010-11, California ranked 50th in number of K-12 students per teacher.

How did our local school district cope with this funding slide to the bottom? Parents and the community at large worked together to find additional revenue streams.

SMMUSD facilities improvements are currently funded by two bond measures: Measure BB for $268 million, passed in 2006 by 68 percent of Santa Monica and Malibu voters; and Measure ES for $385 million, passed in 2012 by 68 percent.

SB 50, enacted in 1998, allows California school districts to levy a fee per square foot of development to help pay for school facilities (not operations) — $3.20 per square foot for residential development and 51 cents per square foot for commercial development.

As an example, in the Bergamot Area, at 51 cents per square foot, the already approved 191,982-square-foot Colorado Creative Studios and the proposed 374,434 square feet of creative office space in the Bergamot Transit Village Center, would bring in $288,872 — an amount that would not stretch very far in a district with 16 schools.

State funding for SMMUSD operations is augmented by Measure R, a parcel tax passed in 2008 by 73 percent of Santa Monica and Malibu voters. In addition, Prop. Y+YY passed in 2010. Measure Y asked Santa Monica voters to approve an additional half-cent sales tax. Measure YY asked voters if half of the revenue provided by Measure Y should go toward funding education. It passed with 68 percent of the vote.

Local PTAs have also worked hard over the years to raise funds. This year, in order to provide equitable instructional opportunities at all 16 schools, the Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation has embarked on a new fundraising campaign and is asking families to donate a dollar a day ($365).

Another funding source is the school district's Master Facilities Joint Use Agreement with the city of Malibu, renewed for three years in July 2013. It brings the district about $180,000 per year in exchange for community access to certain school facilities.

SMMUSD has a similar Master Facilities Use Agreement with the city of Santa Monica. It brings in about $8 million per year and was renewed for 10 years in 2012. When the agreement was initially signed in 2004, the City Council raised the Transient Occupancy Tax (hotel bed tax) from 12 percent to 14 percent to cover the increase in city expenditures.

Since 2004, the number of hotel rooms in Santa Monica has increased. According to the Convention & Visitors Bureau, there are "more than 3,500 rooms," and the hotel occupancy rate in 2012 was 83 percent.

The 710 Wilshire hotel project will add 275 hotel rooms. The proposed Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton and the Courtyard by Marriott, both at Fifth Street and Colorado Avenue, would add another 279 hotel rooms.

So the question is, will Santa Monica continue to be a place where families can raise their children and be assured that they'll receive a good public school education? Or will it become an overdeveloped, high-rise, traffic-clogged city with part-time residents in Downtown luxury condos and short-term single residents living in the tiny Bergamot area apartments who will have to move elsewhere if they marry and need adequate living space for their families?

Although California schools have suffered many budget cuts at the hands of the state, our school district has developed a number of supplemental funding sources. It doesn't seem to be necessary to destroy the character of our city with huge development projects, either Downtown or in the Bergamot area, to support the schools.

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Eating vegan is easy in SM

I COME FROM A FAMILY OF FOODIES. We talk restaurants and cuisine all the time. My brother's blog is mostly art and food. It's kind of like that Lily Tomlin skit where she plays a bag lady in New York holding up a can of Campbell's tomato soup in one hand and a print of Andy Warhol's "Campbell's Soup Cans" in the other saying, "Art? Soup? Soup? Art?" Sometimes food is art, and sometimes it's just soup.

I'm pretty adventurous when it comes to grub and love to try different cuisines. I've gone on food safaris throughout the world, from street cakes in Shanghai, China to roadside tacos in Mexico. I've always enjoyed the experience, if not the food.

Current trends in eating these days are taking us in a healthier direction. Even President Clinton, long known for his love of doughnuts and ribs, has gone vegan as a way to stave off heart disease, lose some weight and be more energetic.

We have great options in Santa Monica for healthier foods. The vegan or raw restaurant list that I am familiar with includes Real Food Daily, Native Foods Cafe, M.A.K.E., Euphoria Loves RAWvolution and Raw Star Café, but I've probably missed one or two.

I love Real Food Daily. They make a wide assortment of appetizers I crave like nachos, which satisfies my junk food cravings without the downsides of traditional nachos. The TV dinner is probably my favorite entrée on the menu and I never leave there without trying at least one dessert.

Native Foods opened a few months ago on Ocean Park Boulevard and I was extremely happy since I love the food, but hated the drive to Culver City or Westwood. Having Native Foods so close makes it easy to get a vegetarian Reuben that will blow you away with how good it tastes. Pair that with some sweet potato fries, some lavender lemonade and a cupcake and you'll have a wonderful meal.

I haven't been back to Raw in years, but the fact that it is still in operation after years is a good sign. I just wasn't a fan of the place after the prior owner came into the dining room to alert everyone to there being bugs on the food because they don't use pesticides. I got his message, but didn't enjoy the delivery. It was a bit off-putting. I can't say anything about it recently, other than I know people who love it.

Euphoria Loves RAWvolution is on the dog walk route that I take with my friend Anne down Main Street. It seems to be always busy and the one snack I had there was some kind of kale chip thing. The menu is extensive and looks tasty.

Last week I had the chance to enjoy Raw Star Café on Pico Boulevard next to Vidiots. This little café is a hidden gem for the vegan lifestyle. Chef/Owner Brian Au opened his dream restaurant in what was a coffee house. It has the high ceilings and funky artwork that screams hipster. As we took our seats at a little table in the front, Enya was playing in the background and Chef Brian was disappearing into the back kitchen, only occasionally coming out to steam something on the espresso machine.

We started the meal with a delightful amuse-bouche-sized appetizer of basil leaves stuffed with forbidden rice. The plate arrived with four basil leaves on the corners with a black rice and coconut flake mixture. Chef Brian explained the history of the forbidden rice and then explained the dish. It was sweet and creamy thanks to a caramel-like sauce that decorated the rice and coconut. The rice had sprouted. It was soft, yet firm, like that of perfectly prepared pasta.

The mac and cheese was kelp based and reminded me of a spaghetti squash consistency. It was not what I expected, but certainly quite enjoyable. We ended the night with a sweet potato pie that had all the elements of a great dessert — sweet and creamy, a bit of crunch and not too heavy.

I doubt I will ever become a vegan. But I have made strides to reduce the beef intake, lower the dairy (which is difficult thanks to cheese being in everything these days) and increase the greens. The host of new and fabulous restaurants we have makes it easier and more enjoyable though, and I think you should at least try them.

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The Q Line

Park it

A new group has come together that wants to transform Santa Monica Airport into a park.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Would you like to see the airport turned into a park and why?

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Calif. officials launch crime-fighting phone app

BY TERRY COLLINS
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO State and local law enforcement officials in California said on Monday that they hope a new mobile application will help officers on the street fight crime by using their smartphones.

Attorney General Kamala Harris, San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee and Police Chief Greg Suhr jointly announced Monday that about 600 San Francisco police officers have used a smartphone application called JusticeMobile that allows them to look up suspects' statewide criminal records while they are out on patrol.

Plans call for about 1,600 officers in San Francisco to receive an expanded version of the app that will include federal criminal records. More than 3,600 Los Angeles police officers will soon receive the application, which was created by the attorney general's office and several San Francisco city departments using federal, state and local funds.

New York City police began testing a similar app to access its department's criminal records earlier this year. But Harris, Lee and Suhr said California is the only state in the country where officers will have access to statewide criminal records.

Harris calls the new technology transformative as it allows officers on the streets the immediacy to access criminal justice information on a potential suspect right from their phones, instead of calling or radioing back to their stations.

"It's letting that officer know if that person they are contacting is a parolee; it's letting that officer know if that person they are contacting is legally prohibited from using a handgun or perhaps is a felon," Harris said. "The officer on the street, on their beat, will now have the ability through their smartphone, to get that information in real-time.

"Every law enforcement professional will tell you, time matters."

Lee said the app comes just as San Francisco has seen a 40 percent decrease in homicides and a 20 percent drop in shootings this year when compared to last year. He knocked on a wooden podium, acknowledging that other Bay Area cities, including Oakland and San Jose, are grappling with high violent crime rates.

"We say while we are temporarily in a good place, we need to use this opportunity to excel in every area and today, the area is about smartphones, getting good information into the hands of officers so that they can respond even better with a lot more context than they ever had before in the field when it's necessary," Lee said.

Suhr said the app has rigorous security standards as officers will have to go through multiple verifications to use it. Data on the app can be erased remotely if the phone is lost or stolen.

Suhr said the app "will soon be the industry standard."

The chief said plans for the app were two years in the making as the department had initially considered using tablets. But officers favored smartphones and many will use Samsung Galaxy smartphones, Suhr said.

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Leaders seek to avoid early Calif. inmate releases

BY DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. Gov. Jerry Brown and the four leaders of California's Legislature reached a compromise Monday on reducing the state's prison population, offering to spend more money on rehabilitation efforts if a panel of federal judges will extend an end-of-the-year deadline to release thousands of inmates.

The deal relies on the state persuading three federal judges to give California time to let rehabilitation programs work rather than spend $315 million to lease cells in private prisons and county jails.

The leaders agreed that if the judges don't extend the deadline, the state will fall back on Brown's plan to lease the cells.

"There's insurance here against early release" of prisoners, Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, D-Sacramento, said at a news conference outside the governor's office, where he was joined by the governor and Democratic and Republican leaders of each chamber.

Steinberg had opposed Brown's plan and wanted to ask the judges to delay the deadline for three years while the state gave counties $200 million annually for drug, mental health and other rehabilitation programs.

The agreement reached Monday resolves the impasse as lawmakers race toward the end of the legislative session this week.

However, there is no guarantee the judges will go along.

The three-judge panel ordered the state to lower its prison population by about 9,600 inmates by year's end. Brown is appealing that decision to the U.S. Supreme Court, but the justices recently declined to delay the deadline set by the lower court.

Without an alternative, the judges have threatened to order the state to give thousands of inmates good time credits, which would lead to their early release. They have repeatedly threatened to hold Brown in contempt if the state does not meet the deadline to reduce the prison population to about 110,000 inmates.

The bill to be considered this week includes Brown's original plan to lease cells if the judges stick to the year-end deadline. If they grant an extension of time, a portion of the money that would have been spent to rent cells would instead go to rehabilitation programs.

Brown has argued that the state already reduced the population by 46,000 inmates to comply with court orders, primarily through a 2-year-old law that sentences lower level offenders to county jails instead of state prisons. He argues that only the most dangerous convicts remain in state prisons.

"That's huge, that's monumental. We can build on that, but not in a month or a year," Brown said Monday about previous inmate reductions.

Steinberg had orchestrated opposition from Senate Democrats to Brown's plan and wanted the administration to negotiate with attorneys who represent inmates to push back the year-end deadline by three years. Brown rejected those talks, saying he would not let inmates' attorneys help determine the state's public safety policy.

The resulting compromise includes no new proposed deadline for the state to meet the court-ordered population level if an extension is granted, nor does it promise benchmarks or guarantees that the state would comply if granted more time, said Prison Law Office director Don Specter.

"We don't believe it's sufficient to meet the court's order or even get a reasonable extension of time," said Specter, whose firm is among those that sued to force the state to reduce prison crowding to improve conditions. "It's not specific enough, it's not certain enough."

Brown said he did not know what the three judges would do about the deadline.

Stocks rise on mergers, homebuilder outlook

BY JOSHUA FREED
AP Business Writer

The stock market got a boost on Monday from mergers, homes, and phones.

Stocks posted their biggest gains in almost two months. Two big deals suggested growing confidence in the economy: Luxury retailer Neiman Marcus was sold for $6 billion, and Koch Industries bought electronics component maker Molex for $7.2 billion.

Home-building stocks were some of the biggest gainers in the Standard & Poor's 500 index after Hovnavian Enterprises said home prices are rising and its backlog jumped almost 27 percent from a year earlier.

Hovnanian rose 11 cents, or 2.2 percent, to close at $5.15. PulteGroup, D.R. Horton and Lennar also gained. Homebuilder MDC Holdings rose $1.72, or 6.2 percent, to $29.37 after an upgrade from a Citi analyst.

Homebuilding stocks have had a volatile year. Investors have been bullish because the housing market is recovering, but worried that rising interest rates make mortgages more expensive for home buyers.

Apple rose. It's expected to announce a new iPhone on Tuesday.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 140.62 points, or 1 percent, to 15,063.12. The Dow hit an all-time high of 15,658 on Aug. 2. But worries about Syria and rising interest rates pushed stocks down since then. The last time the Dow closed above 15,000 was Aug. 23.

The S&P 500 index rose 16.54 points, or 1 percent, to 1,671.71. The Nasdaq composite rose 46.17 points, or 1.3 percent, to 3,706.18. Both the Dow and the S&P 500 had their biggest daily gains since July 11.

All 10 industry groups in the S&P 500 rose. The index rose for the fifth day in a row, the longest since eight days of gains in July.

Two things about the Koch-Molex deal grabbed investors' attention: Its components show up in a wide variety of products, including housing and autos, so Koch's interest suggests that it sees broad economic improvement. Also, Koch is paying a large premium for Molex.

Koch is paying $38.50 per share, 31 percent over Molex's stock price on Friday. Molex soared $9.29, or almost 32 percent, to $38.63 on Monday.

"I think it's really exciting for just about everybody to see that big of a deal go through," said Kim Forrest, senior analyst with portfolio management firm Fort Pitt Capital Group in Pittsburgh.

Apple rose back above $500 per share. It last closed above that level on Aug. 26. Apple gained $7.95, or 1.6 percent, to $506.17 on Monday in advance of an expected iPhone announcement on Tuesday.

Delta Air Lines jumped $1.87, or 9.4 percent, to $21.76 after news that it would be added to the S&P 500 index. That benefits Delta because mutual funds and other investors that track the S&P 500 will now have to buy Delta's stock. JPMorgan analyst Jamie Baker estimated that inclusion in the index will add demand for almost 89 million Delta shares.

Stocks in Asia rose lifted by Tokyo's win for the 2020 Summer Olympics, Chinese export growth and an election victory by Australia's conservative coalition.

The coalition supports repealing a 30 percent tax on coal and iron ore miners' profits, which could help mining and other raw material companies. Caterpillar, which makes mining gear used in China and Australia, rose $2.20, or 2.6 percent, to $85.59, and mining company Cliffs Natural Resources was up $1.33, or 6.1 percent, to $23.18.

The positive news out of the Asia-Pacific region helped outweigh worries about rising interest rates and Syria, said Doug Cote, chief market strategist at ING U.S. Investment Management. "The risk of taking action seems too great for them to act," he said. "I'm watching it daily, but I'm certainly not worried about it."

In U.S. government bond trading, the yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 2.92 percent from 2.94 percent late Friday. It traded as high as 3 percent last Thursday, a key psychological level because the 10-year yield is the most widely used benchmark for borrowing in the U.S.

Benchmark crude oil fell $1.01 to $109.52. The euro rose to $1.326 from $1.3173 late Friday, while the dollar rose to 99.59 yen from 99.10 yen.

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STILL STANDING: **Say hello to Morty, the century-old Moreton Bay fig tree.**

PARK

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the Santa Monica Pier and the Pacific Ocean; and Gathering Hill, where folks can have an informal picnic and take in an old fig tree.

The park includes the "Three Amigos," or three Ficus trees that were relocated from Olympic Drive; Morty, the more than century-old Moreton Bay Fig tree; as well as strawberry, olive and Torrey pine trees.

The city's newest park is named after the Native American people who inhabited the land before the arrival of Spanish settlers.

"Tongva Park was designed to recollect an arroyo and if you think of an arroyo with a source of water and native and indigenous grasses and topography, that's kind of the essence of the park," said Karen Ginsberg, director of Community and Cultural Services for City Hall.

She said the water features are linked through a runnel that travels through the main path in the park, ending with an Ocean Avenue feature that has more splash and is bigger in volume.

The park, which was previously the RAND Corp. headquarters, is bounded by Main Street, the future Olympic Drive, Ocean Avenue and Interstate 10.

The Santa Monica Police Department is folding monitoring the park premises into its patrols, Ginsberg said.

During the public process for the park, Ginsberg said people wanted to get views

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FRISBEE TIME: **The park's center includes a large grass area for picnics or ball play.**

OPEN SPACE
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incorporated into the park. One area where folks can catch a glimpse of the pier and the ocean is standing under a geometric shaped overlook at Observation Hill.

At Discovery Hill, located closer to City Hall, kids can play on slides, geometric-shaped jungle gyms or scale a hill with rock-climbing holds. The idea behind the children's playground was to provide kids with "free form play," Ginsberg said.

The park, which includes seven entrances, also has a sculpture comprised of 49 stainless steel poles aligned in a grid, each supporting a weather vane and anemometer, or a device used to measure wind speed. Called "Weather Field No. 1," it was designed by artist Iñigo Manglano-Ovalle.

Across Main Street sits Ken Genser Square, named after former Mayor Ken Genser who served on the City Council for 21 years. He was elected mayor three times.

Ginsberg said there will be a celebration to honor Genser's legacy near his birthday on Nov. 17th, as requested by his family and friends.
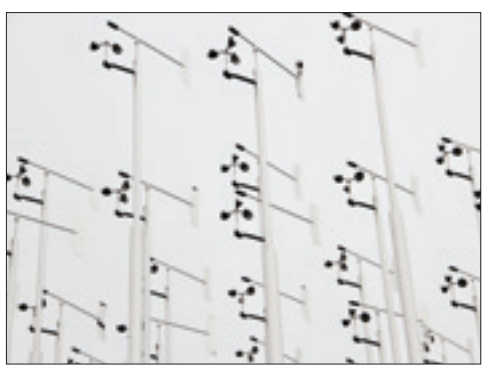
The fountain at Ken Genser Square still needs work, said Miriam Mulder, city architect. She said the remaining issue is an aesthetic one with the water coming in between the layers of the fountain.

> **"TONGVA PARK WAS DESIGNED TO RECOLLECT AN ARROYO ... WITH A SOURCE OF WATER AND NATIVE AND INDIGENOUS GRASSES AND TOPOGRAPHY ... ."**
>
> **Karen Ginsberg**
> director of Community and Cultural Services for City Hall

City Hall will hold a community celebration for Tongva Park on Oct. 19 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The contractor for the park was W.E. O'Neil Construction Company and the landscape architect was New York-based James Corner Field Operations, while the water feature design was from Fluidity Design Consultants.

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ART: **Called 'Weather Field No. 1,' this sculpture in the middle of Tongva Park is comprised of 49 stainless steel poles aligned in a grid, each supporting a weather vane and anemometer, or a device used to measure wind speed.**



CLIMB: **Kids can enjoy this rock-climbing wall, which is more of a hill, in Tongva's play area.**

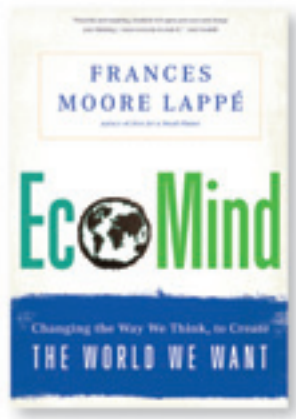


GREENERY: **Native plants and grasses can be found throughout the park.**

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Most of that will be spent by City Hall's Fleet Management Division, which has formally bid for a variety of goods and services ranging from repair and maintenance of trash trucks, preventive maintenance on scrubber/sweepers used to clean the Third Street Promenade as well as stenciling and repainting streets.

City officials are asking the City Council to approve a list of vendors to provide the specified goods and services through June 30, 2014.

The total cumulative amount of the purchase orders would not exceed $555,863.

Better bathrooms

The City Council is likely to approve an agreement with G2K Construction, Inc., a California-based company, for a $532,400 agreement for the Hotchkiss and Marine Park Public Restroom Renovation Project. The restroom renovation project would upgrade and bring park restroom facilities into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and existing non-compliant facilities, associated amenities and the Hotchkiss entry plaza would be renovated and improved.

Easier to see crosswalks

Council is being asked to approve a $455,000 contract with Super Seal & Stripe, a California-based company, to continue crosswalk striping services at the same price, and award a purchase order to provide preformed thermoplastic crosswalk materials from Flint Trading Inc., a North Carolina-based company, for $105,600.

Periodic restriping of crosswalks is necessary to ensure the traffic markings are visible. This work involves the shutdown or alteration of traffic patterns at busy intersections, as well as the grinding and removal of remaining markings, surface preparation, and the installation of new striping materials.

New fire alarm system

Golden Phoenix Construction Company, Inc., a California-based company, is being recommended to upgrade and modernize the Airport Administration Building's fire alarm system to meet current code in an agreement for $182,683.

A city staff report said the existing fire alarm system is unreliable and difficult to maintain because of outdated devices.



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KEEPING IT SAFE: The City Council is being asked to spend $455,000 to make sure crosswalks like this one on Fifth Street are highly visible.

Light it up

City Council is being asked to approve a purchase order of General Electric signal products from JAM Services, Inc., a California-based company, in a $60,000 agreement, with four one-year renewal options for $300,000 over a five-year period, with future year funding contingent on council budget approval. The LED products would provide a consistent appearance at every signalized intersection within Santa Monica and provide better safety and reduce confusion among motorists and pedestrians, the city staff report said. City Hall replaced traditional incandescent traffic signal lights with LEDs in 2001.

Leasing a rooftop

The City Council is likely to recommend a new license agreement with Douglas Emmett 1998, LLC, a Delaware company, for lease of rooftop space at 100 Wilshire Blvd. for a five-year term for $263,750.

City Hall occupies the rooftop space for the Santa Monica Police and Fire departments' radio communication system infrastructure and is a strategic location because of the building height and its central location in Downtown. The new agreement would allow City Hall to use the space through June 2018.

Fighting terrorism

City Hall is likely to accept a $149,378 grant from the Department of Homeland Security to purchase necessary equipment, supplies and training and promote effective information gathering, sharing and response to threats and/or acts of terrorism.

Under the Urban Area Security Initiative 2009 grant program, $422,442 was awarded to the Santa Monica Fire and Police departments as a part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency's UASI grant. Additional regional funds became available and the grant period was extended.

Part of the $149,378 grant includes $99,378 for the Santa Monica Fire Department to purchase personal protective equipment for the city and other regional fire agencies throughout Los Angeles County.

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GREEN
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climate change. The studies also will support a dairy industry effort to make farms more environmentally friendly, profitable and attractive to consumers. The Innovation Center for U.S. Dairy is developing a computer program that will allow farmers to compare water consumption, energy use and greenhouse gas emissions from their farms to the national average and learn how improving their practices could help their bottom line.

"We like to say sustainability makes cents — c-e-n-t-s," said Erin Fitzgerald, the center's senior vice president for sustainability.

Environmentally speaking, the big issue for dairy farms for decades was manure.

Karl Klessig remembers state agents coming to his farm in 2002 and handcuffing him after an unexpected rain washed manure spread several days earlier into nearby Lake Michigan. Klessig was told that if his family didn't immediately till the manure into the ground, tearing up the grass that feeds their cows, he'd soon be in jail.

It was a big loss, but it "jump-started" their environmental awareness, Klessig said. The family welcomed researchers from UW-Madison and UW-Extension onto its property in Cleveland, about 70 miles north of Milwaukee, for tests that had some unexpected results.

For example, the family had been leaving its pastures untilled for up to a decade to allow the grass to build up density, feeding the cows and reducing erosion. But scientists found that also allowed phosphorus to accumulate in the top layer of soil. Klessig said his family has been able to reduce phosphorus by tilling pastures more often and growing corn, which uses phosphorus to grow.

They also learned the farm was losing hundreds of pounds of soil each year through its drainage system and wormholes were allowing manure to run into those pipes. It was nerve-racking to have researchers point out these problems, Klessig said.

"Sometimes you feel like you're on top of the table, and you only have underwear on," he said.

But the scientists also offered solutions, which Klessig said, "made us better farmers."

Studies like the ones done at Klessig's farm helped provide the basis for the computer program being developed by the Innovation Center. The tool will be bolstered by data from a $10 million project led by UW-Madison but including scientists, engineers and scholars from multiple universities.

It is one of four projects funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to help farmers in specific regions adapt to climate change while reducing their environmental impact, said Ray Knighton, national program leader for soil and air quality at USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture. The other projects involve the beef industry in the southern Great Plains and Southwest, wheat production in the Pacific Northwest and wood production in the Southeast.

The five-year dairy project focuses on a strip of the northern U.S. from New York to Wisconsin. It is climate-specific in part because things like temperature affect the amount of milk cows produce.

At the federally owned research farm in Prairie du Sac, scientists are looking at the impact made by relatively small changes. For example, as cows digest, they essentially burp out methane, a greenhouse gas. So, does changing the animal's diet make its breath less toxic?

They're also exploring possibilities like whether there's a relationship between the amount of milk a cow produces and how much methane it gives off. If so, it might be possible to one day tell farmers that cows with certain genes "will enhance your profits but also enhance the environment," said Mark Powell, the USDA soil scientist leading the team of researchers.

His and others' work will eventually be combined into what's called a life cycle assessment that tallies the environmental impact of the entire industry — from the corn grown to feed cows to trucks that deliver milk to grocers. Farmers and others in the dairy industry can then use that information to assess how their decisions add up.

"Engaging the dairy producers is the most important thing on this project," said lead researcher Matt Ruark, a UW-Madison assistant professor and extension soil scientist. "There is a public demand for milk. But cows don't just produce milk, they also produce manure and methane."

Klessig, whose family owns a cheese-making business along with its dairy farm, said farmers are eager for such information because their success depends on making good choices that they can explain to customers.

"We hear it from our customers at the creamery," he said. "It's not that we're organic or we're not organic. They actually want to understand what we're doing."

Obama: I might lose congressional vote on Syria

BY DAVID ESPO & JULIE PACE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON Battling stiff resistance in Congress, President Barack Obama conceded Monday night he might lose his fight for congressional support of a military strike against Syria, and declined to say what he would do if lawmakers reject his call to back retaliation for a chemical weapons attack last month.

The president made his comments as a glimmer of a possible diplomatic solution appeared after months of defiance from the Russian-backed government of President Bashar Assad in Syria. In a rapid response, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid cited "international discussions" in unexpectedly postponing a test vote originally set for Wednesday on Obama's call for legislation backing a military strike.

In a series of six network interviews planned as part of a furious lobbying campaign in Congress, Obama said statements suggesting that Syria might agree to surrender control of its chemical weapons stockpile were a potentially positive development.

At the same time, he said they were yet another reason for lawmakers to give him the backing he is seeking.

"If we don't maintain and move forward with a credible threat of military pressure, I do not think we will actually get the kind of agreement I would like to see," he said on CNN.

In a separate interview with NBC, the president took the step — unusual for any politician — of conceding he may lose his campaign in Congress for legislation authorizing a military strike. "I wouldn't say I'm confident" of the outcome, he said.

"I think it's fair to say that I haven't decided" on a next step if Congress turns its back, the president told NBC, part of a furious lobbying campaign aimed at winning support from dubious lawmakers as well as a war-weary public.

The president picked up a smattering of support but also suffered a reversal when Sen. Johnny Isakson, a Georgia Republican, announced he had switched from a backer of military action to an opponent.

"They're in tough shape. It is getting late," said Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y., after he and other lawmakers emerged from a closed-door meeting with administration officials. The New York Republican favors the legislation that Obama wants, but he said the president didn't need to seek it and now must show that a strike "is in America's national security interest."

Classified briefings for lawmakers just back from vacation, the public release of cringe-inducing videos of men, women and children writing in agony from the evident effects of chemical gas, and a half-dozen network news interviews featuring Obama were folded into the White House bid to avert a humiliating defeat over the next 10 days. Obama met with members of the Congressional Black Caucus during the day, and arranged a trip to the Capitol as well as a prime-time speech from the White House on Tuesday.

In the Senate, Reid said he had discussed a delay in Wednesday's scheduled initial vote with the president.

Earlier, Reid had spoken strongly in support of the president's request.

"Today, many Americans say that these atrocities are none of our business, that they're not our concern," the Nevada Democrat said of Assad's alleged gassing of civilians on Aug. 21. "I disagree. Any time the powerful turn such weapons of terror and destruction against the powerless, it is our business."

Others came down on the other side of the question.

"I will vote 'no' because of too much uncertainly about what comes next," said Sen. Lamar Alexander, a Tennessee Republican. "After Step A, what will be steps B, C, D and E?" he added, reflecting concerns that even the limited action Obama was contemplating could lead to a wider war. Missouri Republican Roy Blunt also announced his opposition.

In the House, one of two female Iraq war veterans in Congress announced opposition to military strikes.

"As a soldier, I understand that before taking any military action, our nation must have a clear tactical objective, a realistic strategy, the necessary resources to execute that strategy, including the support of the American people, and an exit plan," said Rep. Tulsi Gabbard, D-Hawaii. She said Obama's plan "fails to meet any of these criteria."

Legislation approved in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee last week would give Obama a maximum of 90 days to carry out a military attack, and it includes a ban on combat operations on the ground in Syria. Both of those limitations were last-minute concessions to critics of a military option, and it was unclear whether Reid would seek additional changes to build support.

Despite the difficulty confronting Obama, an AP survey indicated the issue was hardly hopeless for the president, particularly in the Senate where Democrats maintain a majority, and perhaps also in the Republican-controlled House.

The survey showed 23 Senate votes in favor of military authorization and 10 more leaning that way. Opponents totaled 20, with another 14 leaning in the same direction, with the remaining 33 senators undecided or publicly uncommitted. That created at least the possibility of the 60-vote majority that will be necessary to advance the bill.

In the House, there were fewer than a dozen declared in support and 150 opposed or leaning that way. But 201 lawmakers had yet to take a public position, more than enough to swing the outcome either way.

The public opinion polling was daunting for the president and his team.

An Associated Press poll showed that 61 percent of those surveyed want Congress to vote against authorization of U.S. military strikes in Syria and 26 percent want lawmakers to support such an action, with the remainder undecided.

Adding to the uncertainty of the debate in Congress was a flurry of diplomatic activity that offered a potential way of achieving U. S. aims without military action.

Reacting quickly to a comment made by Secretary of State John Kerry in London, Russia called on Damascus to surrender control of its stockpile of chemical weapons and Syrian Foreign Minister Walid al-Moallem said he welcomed the proposal.

At the White House, Obama's deputy national security adviser, Tony Blinken, said the administration will "take a hard look at" the proposal. "We're going to talk to the Russians about it," he said noting pointedly that it comes in the context of threatened U.S. military action. "So it's even more important that we don't take the pressure off," he said, urging Congress to give Obama the authority he seeks.

Other officials sought to tamp down any suggestion that Kerry was making an orchestrated effort with Russia to avoid the strikes.

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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **66.4°**

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

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

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

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

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 **September 4, 2013**

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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 -- 35 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / ns

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

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Alisos creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21572 Malibu Rd..	B	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns

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

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

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Tommie Smith: Sochi athletes should weigh protests

BY ANDREW DAMPF
AP Sports Writer

RIETI, Italy When Tommie Smith bowed his head and thrust a black-gloved fist toward the sky from the top of the Olympic podium 45 years ago, he was making a personal statement about human rights.

With questions swirling over an anti-gay law in Russia, which will host the Winter Games in Sochi in February, today's athletes face a similar choice, Smith, who coached track and field and taught at Santa Monica College, told The Associated Press.

"Athletes got to make their own minds up," Smith said from the sidelines of a track meet Sunday in Rieti, where he was honoring the memory of recently deceased Italian sprinter Pietro Mennea.

"It's always a question about issues. Like I was back in '68 when it was a human rights issue," Smith added. "Now it's a gay rights issue. They have to make their minds up how they feel about a particular situation. They need to figure it out. I won't do it for them. I have my own feelings."

The 69-year-old Smith is not a firm supporter of gays.

"Do I approve of it? I don't believe so, because I believe in the Bible and it doesn't really give leeway in this," Smith said. "But there are people who believe in it because that is their belief and I respect that belief."

Smith won the 200 meters in world-record time at the 1968 Mexico Games then was expelled from the games along with bronze medalist and American teammate John Carlos for their protest during "The Star-Spangled Banner."

They wanted to focus attention on the plight of blacks in America. They were shoeless on the podium to call attention to poverty. They returned home to threats and found themselves ostracized.

Smith said athletes shouldn't expect more leniency from the International Olympic Committee this time.

"They (the IOC) counseled me into what I should or should not do. I did what I thought and I suffered the consequences," Smith said. "It's simple and clear: If the IOC says no and they do (protest) they suffer the consequences. One way or the other. The IOC is the grandmaster of the Olympic Games — not the athletes."

On Sunday, a senior IOC member said sponsors are "afraid" of the fallout of possible demonstrations in Sochi.

"I think this could ruin a lot for all of us," marketing commission chairman Gerhard Heiberg said at the IOC general assembly in Buenos Aires, Argentina. "We have to be prepared."

IOC President Jacques Rogge said the Olympic body will remind athletes to refrain from any protests or political gestures during the Feb. 7-23 games.

The law, which Russia President Vladimir Putin signed in July, makes it illegal to expose minors to information that portrays these relationships as normal or attractive. The law imposes hefty fines and subjects foreign citizens to up to 15 days in prison.

Putin has no intention of allowing a gay pride parade during the Olympics. He recently signed a decree banning all demonstrations and rallies in Sochi throughout the Winter Games.

But Smith suggested that athletes have a better chance of effecting change if they band together.

"Masses change things. Individuals are destroyed. Like what happened to me," he said. "The masses will change things. Otherwise we wouldn't have presidents, we would have chaos."

And if they do decide to protest, Smith advises preparing a clear message.

"Whatever language they speak, they should have their verbs, adverbs, adjectives and conjunctions together so people can understand exactly what they're saying," said Smith, who turned to coaching and teaching after his track career was derailed.

For more than 30 years, Smith coached track and field and taught sociology and health, first at Oberlin College in Ohio then at Santa Monica College in California. He's retired from teaching now but still coaches and speaks in public.

"I have a love for the educational process outside of the classroom," Smith said. "I teach from a universal level of my experiences and my sociological background."

It's that background that drew Smith to Mennea, who broke his world record on the same Mexico City track 11 years later. Mennea, who died in March at 60, was introverted as an athlete but became involved in politics after his track career and earned four university degrees.

"Pietro Mennea was a hyper kid, fast twitched, long legs, long strides, and a will not to lose," Smith said. "Off the track he was a politician. We got along well."

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Blue Jasmine (PG-13) 1hr 38min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 9:50pm

TV Man (NR)
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LET OTHERS DO THE WORK TONIGHT, TAURUS

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You will continue your recent success in dealing with people differently. You have become more open and less judgmental. Sit back and be a good listener. Catch up on someone's news. Tonight: With a favorite person.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Your ability to get past obstacles will be tested, perhaps by a partner who is controlling. Your best bet is not to get caught up in this person's power plays. Tonight: Let others do the work.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ You will be energized by a bonus or someone's approval of your ability to get through your work as soon as possible. New beginnings will blossom quickly. Tune in to the logical side of your personality and think through a decision. Follow your intuition. Tonight: In work mode.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Your imagination goes wild today. Though you might be able to use some of your ideas, several of your other concepts might be harder to implement. Still, write them down. You never know when they could become useful. Tonight: Meet up with a favorite loved one.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Your instincts will enable you to follow through on an important matter that could affect your personal life. You might feel insecure, especially if finances are involved. You are building a security net for yourself and for your intimate circle. Tonight: Treat a friend to dinner.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ You'll say the right words and move in the right direction. You might wonder why something that seemed appropriate is no longer working. A friend could let you know that even though you are right, your timing seems to be off. Remain patient. Tonight: Hang out.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Once more, acting a certain way because you feel less than great will work on some level, as others will want to reach out and lend you a hand. Tonight: Treat yourself to what you want.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Your sixth sense will be on target, especially right now. Listen to your instincts, and follow through on what you need to get done. Understanding will evolve to a new level once you see the responses of those involved. Tonight: Let your imagination lead the way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ You'll have a strong sense that you could be barking up the wrong tree, especially when observing an associate's response. Encourage this person to take the lead so that you can take a step back and stay out of trouble. Tonight: Have an open chat.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Focus on friendship and a long-term commitment. You can have both -- you don't need to stick to black-and-white thinking. You will be presented with an opportunity that you might have thought would never be possible. Go for it! Tonight: Be with a favorite person.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Someone will put some of his or her responsibilities on you. You are too good-natured to chase that person down and say no. In a sense, you might welcome the extra work because it will prevent you from overthinking. Tonight: A must appearance. You have little choice.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Your dreams can be transformed into reality, especially if you start verbalizing at least one of them. You are very much in touch with your feelings. At this point, if you follow your instincts -- especially today -- you can't go wrong. Tonight: Make calls first, then relax.

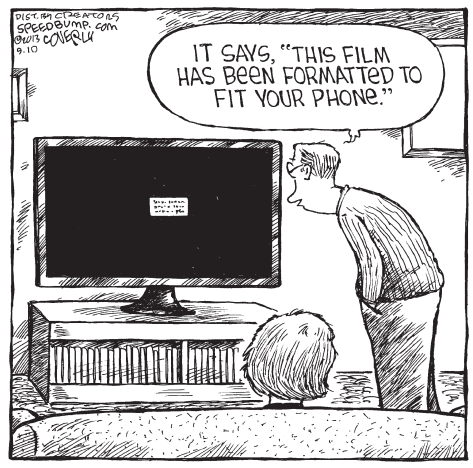
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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

This year you are amazingly lucky. You have the self-discipline and the instinct to move quickly when opportunity strikes. You work on a totally intuitive level during these periods. As a result, you succeed. If you are single, the person you choose might have a strong, domineering personality, yet become easygoing when necessary. If you are attached, the two of you will enjoy sharing and chatting with each other more than ever. Expect some very intense and meaningful moments. CANCER seems easy and relaxed with his or her feelings.

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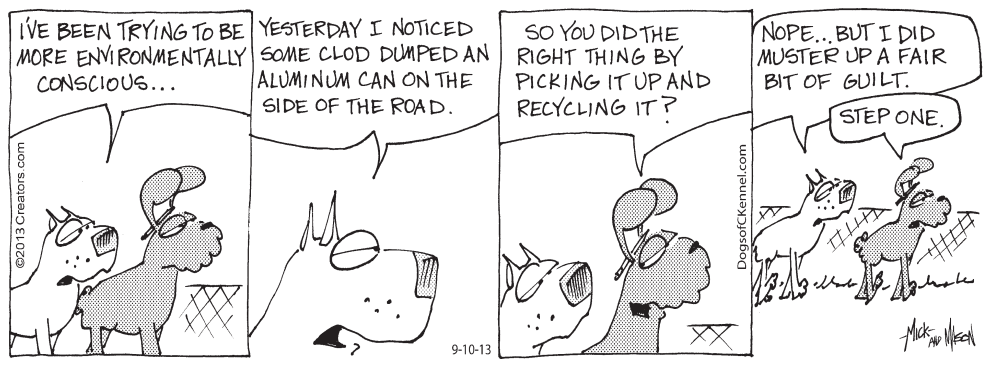
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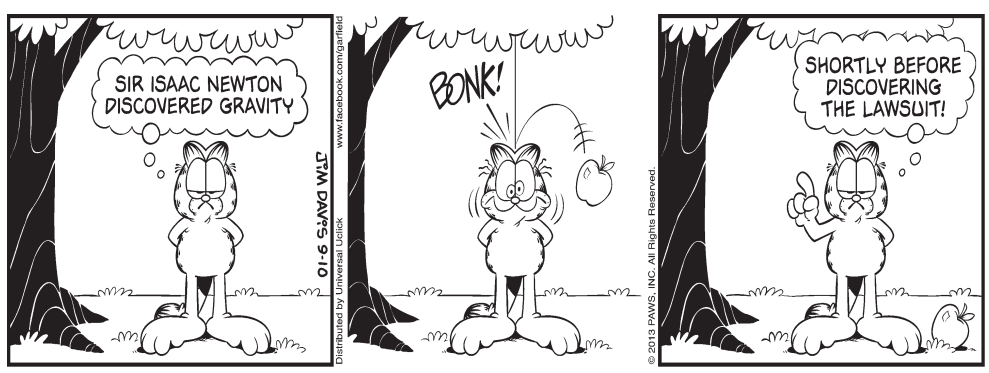
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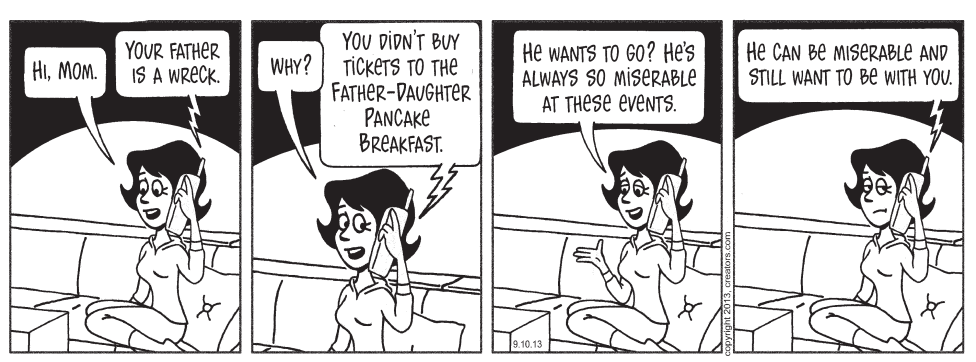
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Sudoku

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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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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1 Extreme diets
6 "The Planets" composer
11 Misbehave
12 Hawaiian hello
13 Move on a PC, in a way
15 Filming site
16 Rock's — Leppard
17 Buck's mate
18 Costume
20 Pop's — Brothers
23 Sherpa's home
27 Has debts
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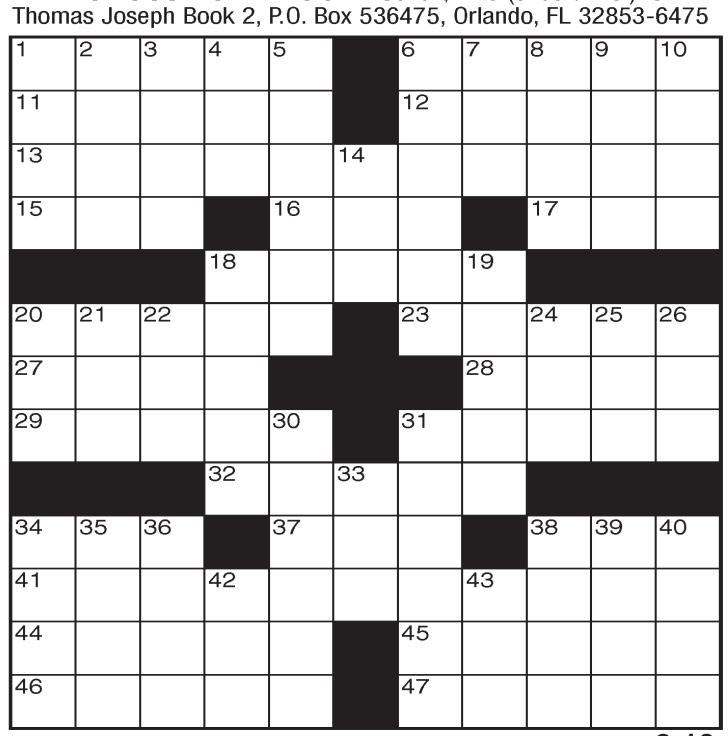
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14 Volleyball need
18 Neon and helium
19 Praline nut
20 Occupation
21 Night flier
22 Maiden name label
24 Films, slangily
25 Had dinner
26 Went ahead
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31 Musical speeds
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40 Retained
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43 — Arbor

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Draw Date: 9/6
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Mega#: 31
Jackpot: $106M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 9/7
25 28 35 45 47
Mega#: 20
Jackpot: $9M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 9/8
1 6 25 31 38

DAILY 3
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MIDDAY: 6 9 3
EVENING: 6 6 0

DAILY DERBY
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The wife of Valentino Ianetti was found dead in Stanhope, N.J., in 2010 with 47 stab wounds, leading police to immediately suspect her husband, who was at home with her. However, after three years' incarceration, Ianetti, 63, won release in August by finally convincing prosecutors that his wife actually committed suicide. Although the case is still officially "under investigation," the medical examiner concluded that 46 of the wounds were superficial - - "hesitation" cuts perhaps self-inflicted as the wife built up the courage to administer a final thrust. Also, the wife was found with a heavy dose of oxycodone in her system and likely felt little pain from any of the 47 wounds.

■ Germany's center-left Social Democrats posted about 8,000 campaign placards in July that it proudly hailed as "eco-friendly" and biodegradable to attract the support of environment-concerned voters. However, 48 hours later, at the first rainfall, the posters became waterlogged and, indeed, biodegraded. Reported Hamburg's Spiegel Online, "None of the campaign workers could have guessed ... how quickly the environmentally friendly process ... would begin."

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