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THE PAY DAY ISSUE

Bringing home the bacon

Breakdown of highest-paid City Hall employees

BY AMEERA BUTT
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL For 2012, the highest paid City Hall employees were City Manager Rod Gould, Assistant City Attorney Joseph Lawrence and City Attorney Marsha Moutrie.

The employees made $352,889, $295,243 and $294,878, respectively, according to city documents.

Rounding out the top five were Santa Monica Police Sgt. Jaime Hernandez and Assistant City Manager Elaine Polachek with $293,264 and $283,312, respectively.

Other employees in the top 20 included Santa Monica Fire Department Chief Scott Ferguson (number seven with a salary of $256,207), and various police sergeants and fire captains or one engineer.

The breakdown includes base salary, special pays, cashouts and overtime, but does not include benefits, said Donna Peter, director of Human Resources at City Hall.

Peter was unable to provide total compensation, which would include medical and retirement benefits, as that information wasn't readily available through City Hall's finance systems.

Santa Monica has been posting its salaries online for the public for the past two years because of the Bell scandal, where numerous City Council members were paid higher than usual salaries and were eventually found guilty of stealing public money.

During the recession, there was a public outcry over public employee pensions and retirement benefits, which some argued were too lavish and posed serious threats to the state's financial stability.

Now with the economy in an upswing, the intensity on salaries has lessened. Nonetheless, an examination of pay is something residents in Santa

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NAME	TITLE	SALARY
Rod Gould	City Manager	352,889.31
Joseph Lawrence	Asst City Attorney	295,243.47
Marsha Moutrie	City Attorney	294,878.15
Jaime Hernandez	Police Sergeant	293,264.15
Elaine Polachek	Asst City Manager	283,312.58
Alfonso Venegas	Deputy Police Chief	261,385.83
Scott Ferguson	Fire Chief	256,207.51
David Haro	Police Officer	254,972.81
Jeanette Schachtner	Deputy City Attorney III	252,772.86
Adam Radinsky	Deputy City Attorney III	252,118.99
Jose Torres	Battalion Chief - Prevention	250,038.68
Martin Pastucha	Dir of Public Works	249,801.38
Alan Seltzer	Deputy City Attorney III	249,292.13
Nicholas Jones	Fire Engineer - Suppression	245,343.06
Lee McNett	Fire Captain - Suppression	244,886.45
Barry Rosenbaum	Deputy City Attorney III	244,608.40
Judah Mitchell	Fire Captain - Suppression	242,683.56
Ira Rutan	Police Sergeant	240,745.17
Salvador Lucio	Police Sergeant	240,308.30
Jeffrey Connor	Fire Captain - Suppression	240,291.39

Source: City Hall Human Resources Division

Hazardous Waste Center closes

City Hall offers home collection alternative

BY AMEERA BUTT
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE One of the first five hazardous waste centers set up in the country shut its doors earlier this month, closing a chapter in providing a place for folks to dump their batteries, paint and cleaning products.

City officials said the cause for shutting down the full-service Household Hazardous Waste Center was due to budgetary constraints and the recession.

The center, located in the City Yards, began serving the public in 1987.

City officials said Santa Monicans can be assured their hazardous waste will continue to be taken care of in the form of a pilot program City Hall has been using for the past two years that focuses on household pick up.

City Hall expects to save $100,000 annually by closing the facility, said James Conway, senior sustainability analyst in the Office of Sustainability and the

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, Sept. 14, 2013

Get roasted
Pico Farmers' Market
2200 Virginia Ave.,
9 a.m. — 1 p.m.
It's late summer and the chilies are ready for harvest. Hit up a southwest style chili roast at the Pico Farmers' Market located in Virginia Avenue Park. Take these delicious chilies home and whip up something tasty or freeze them to use later. For more information call (310) 458-8712. There will also be a sustainable food workshop: Family Food on a Budget. Learn how to cook easy weeknight dinners.

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1115 16th St., 11:15 a.m.
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The latest Oz
Main Library, MLK Auditorium
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
3 p.m. — 5:15 p.m.
"Oz: The Great and Powerful," features small-time circus magician Oscar Griggs (James Franco), who is transported to Oz and drawn into a battle between three powerful witches. Co-starring Michelle Williams, Rachel Weisz and Mila Kunis. Seating is limited.

Sunday, Sept. 15, 2013

Airport bike ride
Clover Park
2600 Ocean Park Blvd., 10 a.m.
Ride your bike over to Clover Park (southwest corner) to take a tour of the Santa Monica Airport, led by a new group of residents that wants to transform SMO's 227 acres into a grand park. You will learn about the current issues relating to the facility and hear about creative new uses for the property. This is a family-friend ride and is free and open to the public. The ride is sponsored by Santa Monica Spoke. For more information go to smspoke.org.

Catch the wave
Church in Ocean Park
235 Hill St., 7 p.m.
Santa Monica Repertory Theater is presenting a series of short plays for your enjoyment. There will be three "waves" lasting through October. Some of the plays include "Oh! Santa Monica," by Tanya White, which is a poetic snapshot of the city by the sea, with images and impressions of a prosperous and less than perfect community. White lives in Santa Monica. Cost: $20. Seating is limited and reservations are highly recommended.
To reserve your seats and learn more about the productions, visit http://santamonicarep.org

Kids concert
Santa Monica Pier
9 a.m. — 11 a.m.
Starting Sept. 8 through Nov. 3, children and their parents can enjoy free interactive concerts and activities, including singing, dancing and movement, puppets, talent shows and more. Series producer Michael Cladis is back again, and now partnering with local co-producer Green Brooms Music Academy to bring an amazing line-up of children's entertainers. For more information on these shows and all activities at the Santa Monica Pier, please call (310) 458-8900 or visit www.WakeUpWithTheWaves.com

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SMC

Steering foster youth toward college

Santa Monica College has been awarded a grant of $48,000 per year for three years to establish SMC's Guardian Scholars Program, an initiative to steer foster youth toward college, officials announced this week.

SMC will partner with UCLA and Loyola Marymount University, in conjunction with the California College Pathways Initiative.

"Bridging the gap for tomorrow's leaders" is the theme for the program, which aims to expand community support and college and career pathways for foster youth, who face significant challenges in pursuing a higher education and earning a college degree.

The award is part of a three-year implementation grant that provides $150,000 annually to the initiative. The first year of the initiative is funded by the Angell Foundation in partnership with the Stuart Foundation.

"We are very excited to be given this wonderful opportunity to help foster youth build their self-awareness and confidence in their academic journey," said SMC Guardian Scholars Program Coordinator Debra Joseph-Locke. "Through this program, we hope to provide access to a variety of services, including targeted academic, transfer, career, and personal counseling, along with tutoring and other educational support."

Financial aid assistance, assistance with housing, and an emergency fund will also be available through the program, along with access to online, community-based resources and referrals.

"This collaborative effort is a pilot endeavor that we hope will succeed and become a model for similar projects in other locations," said Michael Tuitasi, SMC vice president of Student Affairs. "SMC's Guardian Scholars Program will also offer the added benefit of strong communication among the three campuses, which will greatly assist students transferring between schools."

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PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY

SMPD gets $40K to battle booze crimes

Police Chief Jacqueline Seabrooks announced Friday that the Santa Monica Police Department has been awarded a $40,000 grant from the California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) to battle alcohol-related crimes.

"This is important to the city of Santa Monica in order to increase protection for youth and to shut down problem locations that have contributed to an increase in crime," SMPD Lieutenant Mohamed Marhaba said.

The grants strengthen local law enforcement efforts by combining the efforts of local police officers and ABC agents, who have expertise in alcoholic beverage laws and can help communities reduce alcohol-related problems. The funds will be used to reduce the number of alcoholic beverage sales to minors, sales to obviously intoxicated patrons, illegal solicitations of alcohol, and other criminal activities such as the sale and possession of illegal drugs.

"The program improves the quality of life in neighborhoods," said ABC director Jacob Appelsmith. "We've seen a real difference in the communities where the grant program resources have been invested."

The GAP Program was created in 1995 to strengthen partnerships between ABC and local law enforcement agencies. The program is designed to put bad operators out of business, keep alcohol away from minors and bring penalties such as fines, suspensions or revocations against businesses that violate the law.

Since then, the GAP program has distributed over $20 million to local law enforcement to combat alcohol-related crime.

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Bill would create California quake warning system

BY ALICIA CHANG
AP Science Writer

LOS ANGELES California could join Japan, Mexico and other earthquake-prone countries that alert residents to the approach of powerful shaking under a bill awaiting approval from Gov. Jerry Brown.

The state Legislature advanced the bill that would create a quake warning system during Thursday's last hours of its session. Brown has until Oct. 13 to decide.

The U.S. lags behind other nations in developing a public alert system, which provides several seconds of warning after a fault ruptures — enough time for trains to brake, utilities to shut off gas lines or people to dive under a table until the shaking stops.

For the past several years, the U.S. Geological Survey and universities have tested a prototype that fires off messages to about two dozen groups in the state, mostly scientists and first responders.

The biggest challenge is finding steady funding to support and maintain a statewide network. The bill does not address where funding to create the alert system would come from, but it can't be built using general fund revenues. State emergency managers would have until 2016 to hash out the funding, estimated at $80 million for the first five years of operation.

Seismic early warning systems are designed to detect the first shock waves from a large jolt, calculate the strength and alert people before the slower but damaging waves spread.

The systems can't predict quakes and are most useful during big events where it would be meaningful to warn people far away to expect strong shaking, scientists said. If the San Andreas Fault suddenly broke, people living close to the epicenter won't receive any warning. But those living farther away would receive notice.

During the 2011 Japanese disaster, millions of people received 5 to 40 seconds of warning depending on how far they were from the epicenter. The notices were sent to cellphones and broadcast over airwaves.

"This is doable" in California, said USGS seismologist Doug Given, who heads the testing.

So far, scientists have spent about $15 million since 2002 developing the test system.

Before launching a quake alert system, scientists would need to upgrade old monitoring stations and add an extra 440 seismic sensors in vulnerable regions such as the northern tip of the San Andreas near San Francisco and the San Jacinto Fault in Southern California.

Sen. Alex Padilla, the bill's sponsor, said the warning system could be developed using federal grants, partnerships with the private sector or surcharges levied by the state.

Brown spokesman Jim Evans declined to say whether the governor would support the bill.

Twitter learns from Facebook's IPO follies

BY MICHAEL LIEDTKE
AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO Twitter is so deeply ingrained in the cultural conversation that its initial public offering is likely to be a hot topic on its trend-setting service for the next few months. Its stock market debut is also likely to be the most scrutinized coming-out party since Facebook went public in May 2012 and promptly flopped.

Facebook's follies made an impression on its social networking rival. Here are four signs of the Facebook influence on Twitter:

Lesson 1: Take the road less traveled.

IPO submissions to the Securities and Exchange Commission typically include exhaustive financial information and other sensitive details. By taking advantage of the regulatory changes introduced since Facebook went public, Twitter is giving investors, the media and would-be competitors less time to pore over its IPO documents.

Twitter gained the wiggle room under a law passed last year shortly before Facebook completed its IPO. Called Jumpstart Our Business Startups act, the law allows a company with revenue below $1 billion to file its IPO papers with the SEC confidentially. This allows the documents to remain secret until 21 days before the company starts marketing the deal to investors — a ritual known as a "road show."

By reducing the amount of time that its filing information is available for public review, Twitter is hoping to minimize the nitpicking over its business model. Like other high-profile companies that have gone through the standard IPO process, Facebook had to endure more than three months of second-guessing about the information contained in its documents. At the same time, the company couldn't respond to criticism or misleading interpretations of its filings because of an SEC-enforced "quiet period" that restricts what management can say before an IPO is priced.

Lesson 2: Work the numbers.

Twitter is going public as a younger and smaller company than Facebook Inc., making it easier for the compa-

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Thinking about affordability

Editor:

Although the Bergamot development maximizes use of the 142.5-acre district ("Bergamot plan finally approved by City Council," Sept. 12), it's a plus that 50 percent of the bonus affordable units will go to households at or below 80 percent of the area median income (AMI). Although the bonus does not include single units, the new rents for extremely low-income are at subsidy levels, which makes production of these financially difficult.

The council's directive that housing be marketed to first responders, such as fire fighters, police, teachers and nurses, needs to take into account that salaries in these ranges – 100 to 120 percent of AMI – may increase beyond income maximums allowed for the unit.

Finally, improvements recently were made to our affordable housing program, including lowering all rents, and are ongoing. What is needed is to establish more reasonable rent returns for the extremely low-income, reconstruct and adhere to a credible waiting list, continue the monitoring, and ensure compliance with our "local" preference, with 50 percent priority to individuals who live and /or work in Santa Monica.

Richard Hilton
Member, Housing Commission



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You can't get it, even if you really want

I FINALLY ATTENDED MY FIRST CITY Council meeting, being really concerned with what they were going to do with the Bergamot Area Plan, an ambitious, commendable but seriously flawed vision, in my opinion, and in the opinion of a lot of Santa Monica citizens who showed up to speak about those flaws. Hours worth of them, at two minutes a pop. Poor deluded idealists.

Truthfully, I was there for only half the meeting. Couldn't get there until 9:30 p.m., but it didn't wrap up until close to 2 a.m.

While it may have been my first full stick-it-out-to-the-end meeting, I've become somewhat knowledgeable about the issues, and mostly understood the foreign language being spoken. I know what the BAP is, LUCE, an EIR, even FAR. You have to learn the lingo or you're lost; you don't want to be acronymistified [sic].

I know this plan has been years in the making. I know citizen input has been solicited all along the way. I also know that many who spoke that night were not showing up for the first time like me, but have spoken up over and over. Many were very well prepared, with facts and figures and sometimes even visual projections.

I showed up with my own healthy prejudices. As an Ocean Park resident for 27 years, I've clearly seen the big changes in god-awful traffic, dramatically diminishing sky and ocean visibility, and in the feeling of being walled in. I'm no Amish resister of inevitable change and progress, but I also know full speed ahead is not the only speed there is.

Propaganda to the contrary, Santa Monica, like Social Security, is neither broke nor broken. We're still one of the best games in town. All that development money, that people disingenuously talk about losing to surrounding communities, will come back the instant we allow it. On our terms. But once you permit those skyscrapers on Ocean Avenue, once you turn Colorado or Lincoln into impassable concrete canyons, you can't go back. And maybe then, because of that, we're no longer the best game in town. Just another concrete jungle, as Bob Marley lamented.

Here are a few things I observed.

I have heard the accusation that the council members made up their minds a long time ago, and nothing even large numbers of people have to say at this point carries any weight. At the end of the meeting, when most of the room had gone home and the members had their "discussion" and registered their votes, that sure looked to be the case.

Discussion? There were very few even passing references to anything that was said from the public mic. Over and over so many begged, please at least do an Environmental Impact Report for this game-changing Bergamot plan. Not a single council member even mentioned it as they prepared to vote.

So many citizens complained about high floor-area ratios, which determine how dense, how high. The very first amendment proposed, by Mayor Pro Tem Terry O'Day, was to increase, not decrease, the already LUCE-busting limits.

Many begged for green space. There is basically none in the Bergamot Area Plan. None. Not a mention of this during the pre-vote "discussion." When the members earlier affirmed that streets do indeed count as "open space," the whole audience laughed.

The council seems to accept blithely a report that says this huge development will result in no net new car trips added to our already-clogged thoroughfares. People will work in these new businesses and live right there and never drive. Right. And perhaps worst of all in the long run, they casually affirmed the little explosive clause that says anything that conflicts with the BAP — zoning laws, the LUCE, the 10 Commandments — is superseded. BAP now rules all.

I walked into the refreshing cool night air with an overriding thought: we need more frequent elections for City Council. You can do way too much irreparable damage in four years. Dare I say it: recall, anyone, before it's too late?

HARDER THAN IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN

As a good reporter, my antennae went up Thursday night at the Jimmy Cliff concert on the pier, so I gave up the tiny view of the stage I had to slowly work my way over to the edge so I could see.

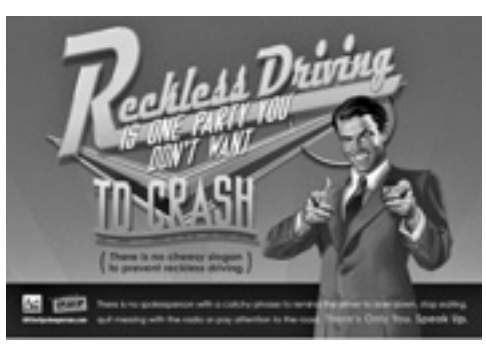
Ah wha di…? Me tot so! Renk! (That's Jamaican patois.) There was plenty of room in there, the closed-off area of the pier where normally everyone goes to see a show. People were strolling around in empty areas like it was one of the least popular, least attended show in years, not one of the most.

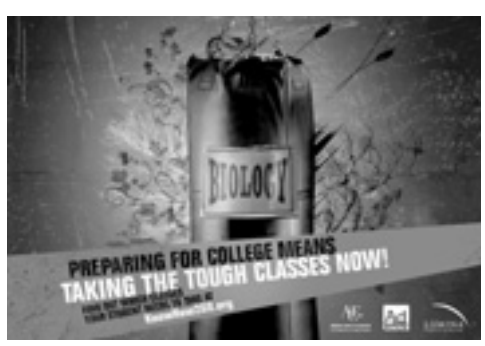
Hundreds of people could have comfortably, safely seen this much anticipated concert from the usual area in front of the stage. But it was closed off at some point, by the fire marshal, I was told by several police officers I asked.

I've gone literally to thousands of concerts and shows, in clubs, parks, arenas, on beaches, and maybe half of the ones on our own pier. I know when a show is too crowded, to the point of danger. The front-stage area was not even close to that.

I'll tell you what was horribly overcrowded and dangerous: the parking area of the pier, just north of the stage, where I was. So some fire marshal decided to close off the pier, depriving hundreds of music fans who may have been waiting years to see the legend, the reigning king of reggae. I made a call over to the fire department and am waiting to here back. Stay tuned.

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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.

This past week, Q-line asked:
Would you like to see the airport turned into a park and why?

Here are your responses:

"AS A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF SANTA Monica, and even though I'm an ex-landlord, I think it's very important to keep that airport open. What if there's a major crisis? So as much as I'd like to have parks, I think it's really important that we keep the Santa Monica Airport open. I think it's really important for safety reasons. What if LAX gives out? It's really important that we have a regular airport."

"I THINK THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO park of any kind. I think the Santa Monica Airport is an asset to the community and should continue as is. I do agree that some of the larger jet takings and landings should be controlled, but the airport itself has a long history in Santa Monica and should remain as a vital asset to the community."

"BEFORE WE START TO PROPOSE ANY more parks for Santa Monica, we better make an assessment of Tongva Park, which had its soft opening on Tuesday. In walking through the park very quickly, just out of curiosity, I noticed that the homeless are beginning their toe-hold in the park with their shopping carts and their luggage. The question is how quickly the homeless will overrun the park, since it's very close to OPCC, and how the city will tolerate or not tolerate the overrunning of the park by the homeless? The park that would be proposed for the airport would actually be an outlet for the homeless coming in from Skid Row and downtown L.A. coming in on the Expo Line. The Expo Line is going to be a pneumatic tube for the homeless coming from Skid Row into Santa Monica, and basically a park over at the airport would simply be a detour for the homeless to come down Bundy to the park. Let's make an assessment in a few months or a year to see how Tongva Park actually develops into a homeless camp. It may very well turn out to look like Christine Reed Park. We also have a new feature at Tongva Park, which could attract even more homeless, which are the streams of water, which could turn out to be a free Laundromat for the homeless washing their clothes."

"NO, THE AIRPORT'S BEEN THERE LONGER than the houses so I think it should be left alone."

"IN REGARDS TO THE AIRPORT BECOMING a park, my fear is that it will become a park and then, parcel by parcel, it will be turned into development, dense housing and more congestion, etc. It would be good if the park were dedicated as a park and could never be used as housing that makes our city more crowded."

"NO I WOULD NOT LIKE A PARK TO REPLACE Santa Monica Airport. However, I would like to see the airport used as it was designed, for piston-powered aircraft, not corporate jets. Somehow the city of Santa Monica doesn't know how to operate an airport that makes a profit. Incompetence is my conclusion. Get an airport manager who knows how to make money and let him do it."

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"I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE AIRPORT turned into a park for a few reasons. Most importantly is Santa Monica's pressing need for playing fields. I have witnessed the allocation game that must be played by city officials each year, invariably yielding youth sports leagues less practice and playing time than they need. A park would be much cleaner and much safer than an airport. Although I love aviation, this airport currently flies too many jets, given its close proximity to residences. An airport this close to homes would never be allowed to be built today, according to current FAA requirements. Consequently, the noise and air pollution attributable to SM Airport is assaulting to the nearby neighborhoods, and the risk for tragic crash consequences is high. Another important reason is that the airport loses money for Santa Monica. The city subsidizes the operating budget each year, to the tune of over $3 million a year, according to the city's fiscal year 2011-12 operating budget. Most people are not aware of this fact. Why does a city that prides itself on its environmental commitment subsidize an operation that mostly

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benefits non-Santa Monica citizens, while polluting our environment?"

"YES. THE RESIDENTS OF SANTA MONICA own the airport, but it's a $2 billion asset that for decades has benefited only a few, and they mostly don't live in Santa Monica. There is great need for park space. Look at a map; on the Westside nearly all the big green splotches are golf courses, most of which are privately owned. Santa Monica is desperate for more parks for both recreational and environmental reasons. The airport offers the chance to turn a lot of publicly owned land into a park for the use of everyone."

"I'M WORRIED ABOUT IT BECAUSE IT would serve as a way to airlift people out of the area in the event of a disaster, such as a large earthquake, storm or terrorist attack. I'm against the closure of SMO and turning it into a park; it's too practical for L.A. and the Westside."

"THE FRESH BREEZE COMING FROM THE ocean hits the upslope of the land where SM Airport now stands, providing a cool spot for welcoming people wanting to relax, yet avoid the throngs who pack the beaches on weekends and summer days. The land should be used as a park so more people can relax and escape the building-and-asphalt-covered urban landscape we Angelenos call home. The current air and noise pollution from airport use benefits very few people compared with the better use of the land as a park for the community. In fact, the pollution from lead-containing avgas is dangerous as a health hazard for children as well as adults. And, wouldn't it be delightful to not hear the constant roaring of jet engines and the whining of ascending planes while we are outside on land the public owns?"

"ANYTHING THAT WOULD SHUT DOWN the airport in 2015 after the misguided 1984 agreement expires would be a welcome plus for our city. Many small airports across the country have had flights of private planes which have crashed into houses, with injuries and/or fatalities. If the airport stays open, it will happen here. It's not just a question of 'if,' but of 'when.' In last week's Q-Line (about the Expo Light Rail), one person worried about accidents and commented, 'Mark my words, people will die and the blood will be on City Hall's hands.' The exact same thing is true (in spades!) with regard to the airport. If the City Council doesn't act to close the airport at the earliest available opportunity, the blood of the victims of a plane that leaves SMO, then crashes into a home, will be on the hands of our council members."

"I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE SANTA Monica Airport turned into a park. Airplanes fly low over thousands of public school students, incurring unnecessary risk, impairing the students' ability to hear their teachers, and exposing them to leaded fuel and other toxins. I took an AYSO coach-training class at JAMS recently, and the trainer had to stop speaking and wait for the planes to pass many times. Furthermore, the airport costs the Santa Monica taxpayers millions of dollars every year, as the airport operates at a net loss for the city. A park would transform Santa Monica and the entire Westside of Los Angeles and improve our environment ... and much of it could be paid for by just stopping millions in airport subsidies for the relatively few people who utilize the airport. The land could literally sit vacant while we raise the money, at a net gain for taxpayers."

"I WOULD LOVE TO SEE THE AIRPORT become a park. Why? A park is beautiful. More people can use a park and benefit from a park than they can from an airport."

"THESE PEOPLE HAVE GOT TO BE KIDDING. I am with them on the noise factor for the jets, but the FAA will never let them close the airport. Come on, a park? No City Hall bureaucrat would ever let his developer buddies miss out on a chance to reap the gold from the would-be biggest development in the history of Santa Monica."

"THE SANTA MONICA AIRPORT HAS poisoned the children of Mar Vista and West L.A. for far too long. It's time we rewrite this wrong by making it a park."

"A PARK AT THE AIRPORT SITE WOULD BE a proper solution to the decades of impact on the Santa Monica community and the adjoining West Los Angeles communities. It would result in the immediate increase of property values under the original flight path of the airport. We would make a suggestion to compensate the Tongva Indians for the centuries of being dispersed. We would suggest building some housing on the airport site for the Tongva Indians and consider building an Indian casino that the Tongva Indians could operate close to Bundy."

"I WOULD LOVE TO SEE THE AIRPORT turned into a park. It's a fabulous idea. The airport has gotten too big with too many loud jets. It doesn't serve all the people in the community. ... I would love to see a great big park with bike trails, fountains, a sustainable garden, and Santa Monica being the green city it wants to be. The airport doesn't fit into the plan anymore. The airport used to be cute and small. It isn't anymore."

"YES, YES, AND OH YES! I'VE LIVED IN THE flight path of the airport for 40 years. The thought of hearing an entire telephone conversation, hearing the TV, hearing the doorbell would be amazing. To not be woken up early every weekend morning or smelling the fuel fumes would be a godsend. To be able to go to a green, beautiful, manicured park in the midst of an industrial area would be delightful. Do I think Santa Monica could use another open green space in the middle of overbuilding, overcrowding and underappreciated Santa Monica? Yes!"

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Immigrants may flag status to get Calif. driver's licenses

BY AMY TAXIN & ELLIOT SPAGAT
Associated Press

SANTA ANA, Calif. To get the driver's licenses they've long sought, immigrants living in California illegally will have to do something many have long resisted: publicly identify themselves.

The driver's license bill that the Legislature passed on its final day requires a distinction that will indicate if someone is in the country without proper documentation.

Like many immigrants, Albin Bandera said he's willing to take the risk. The 28-year-old said he currently skateboards to his job as a waiter in Los Angeles.

"It's just great because I can be mobile and able to transport myself from job to job, to school," said Bandera, who came here from Mexico as a toddler. "The day it comes out, I am there, the first one in line."

Gov. Jerry Brown is expected to sign the bill. It's one of several pro-immigrant pieces of legislation approved at the end of the session and would add California to the growing list of states that give driver's licenses to immigrants in the country illegally. Other measures aim to crack down on fraud by immigration lawyers and consultants, ensure overtime pay for domestic workers, and scale back cooperation between police and federal immigration authorities.

In California, the bill authored by Democratic Assemblyman Luis Alejo would grant licenses to anyone who passes written and road tests, regardless of immigration status. The licenses would carry a distinction on the front of the card, however, and state that they are to be used for driving and not as federal identification to board an airline flight.

It isn't clear whether entities in California like local government offices, libraries or banks would accept the license as a form of identification, immigrant advocates said. Some worry the distinction will contribute to racial profiling and discrimination, but many immigrants are desperate to drive without fear of being ticketed, having their car impounded or being detained by police and potentially deported.

"What is most important to us is there be protection against law enforcement action or discrimination on the basis of the marker," said Thomas Saenz, president of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, which opposed a prior version of the bill. "It's not perfect but obviously is much needed."

Juan Mejia, who drives without a license to his job cleaning office buildings in San Diego, said he worries police will use the marker to alert immigration authorities and potentially get him deported. While he would welcome any identification to make life easier, his Mexican consular identification card has let him open a bank account and buy car insurance.

"Is it going to be a trick that, through this marker, they can say, 'You are undocumented,' and you get turned over to immigration?" asked Mejia, a 40-year-old native of the Mexican city of Cuernavaca who said he came to the U.S. illegally about 20 years ago. "We need to be better informed. Once I am better informed, I will make a decision."

Kim Raney, president of the California Police Chiefs Association, was adamant that police wouldn't use the marker to enforce immigration laws. Immigration authorities already check records when someone is booked into jail, but a speeding ticket wouldn't result in a referral, said Raney, the police chief in the Los Angeles suburb of Covina.

David Swing, police chief of Morgan Hill, near San Jose, insisted that police policies wouldn't be any different than they are today.

"I don't see how it's much different than today by someone not having a driver's license or other form of identification. I don't think it changes anything in effect today," he said.

State insurance authorities backed the bill as a way to increase the number of drivers who have insurance. The industry estimates about 15 percent of vehicles are uninsured, a significant number of them operated by immigrants unable to get a license.

California Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones said it was too soon to know whether the bill would affect rates, but more drivers will be tested and licensed drivers are more likely to carry insurance.

"One would expect it would translate into lower costs for the insurance companies that should be passed on to the consumers," Jones said.

State officials estimate 1.4 million drivers will apply for licenses under the law.

The legislation will defuse controversies throughout California over unlicensed motorists who are stopped at sobriety checkpoints. Many who are not drunk have their cars impounded because they are unlicensed, said Raney, the president of the police chief's association, which backed the bill.

Hilda Escobar, a Guatemalan woman who said she entered the U.S. illegally in 2003, said getting a license will be a huge relief. Escobar, 45, had to pay $480 when her vehicle was impounded about two years ago in San Diego because she was driving without a license.

"Driving isn't a privilege in California," she said. "It's a necessity."



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THAT'S COLD: Pastry Chef Shiho Yoshikawa has hooked up with the culinary power couple behind Huckleberry and Rustic Canyon to create Sweet Rose Creamery's second location on Pico Boulevard, where dessert lovers can get some of the best ice cream and pastries in town.

Treat yourself to 2 new dessert shops

IS IT EVER A BAD TIME FOR ICE CREAM? With perennially perfect weather here in Santa Monica, the answer is no. Hence the opening of a couple of reputable dessert shops — Sweet Rose Creamery on Pico Boulevard and Rita's on Main Street. While both shops offer a variety of frozen confections, each has a unique spin on the treats they churn out.

Brought to you by Zoe Nathan and Josh Loeb (owners of Huckleberry, Rustic Canyon and Milo & Olive) Sweet Rose Creamery's reputation precedes itself. Their original location in the Brentwood Country Mart often sees lines out the door. Fan favorite flavor's include salted caramel, mint chocolate chip and coffee. Put it in a cone, slather it with fudge sauce or grab a top-notch ice-cream sandwich and call it a day. Now residents south of the 10 are afforded the same great ice cream, but are spared the hike up to 26th and San Vicente.

Roles are actually reversed, making the Pico location the flagship shop, which gives co-owner/Executive Chef Shiho Yoshikawa (Tartine Bakery and The Slanted Door) and team some much-needed breathing room with a larger workspace and a 1,000-square-foot freezer to boot. When Nathan needed more oven space to keep up with the demand for her baked creations, Milo & Olive was conceived. Sweet Rose Creamery Pico provides Chef Yoshikawa the same luxury. With space to explore the studio, we can't wait to see what flavors Chef Yoshikawa comes up with next.

Along with their rotating selection of Farmers' Market-driven flavors, Sweet Rose Creamery Pico will offer a lineup of all-star snacks including frozen yogurt, Milo & Olive pastries and locally roasted coffee via Caffe Luxxe. This place is a Bay Cities Godmother away from being the Santa Monica snack shop that has it all!

Not too far from Pico is the newly opened Rita's featuring house-made frozen lemonade, aka Italian ice. For those unaware, the texture of Italian ice is between a 7-Eleven Slurpee and your standard sorbet. It's traditionally lemonade-based, however, other flavors are common and many times more popular than the original (mango being Rita's top seller). Rita's is a Philadelphia-based franchise, but its ma-and-pa feel and tiny storefront is fittingly situated alongside the other small businesses of Main Street. It's a very popular place back east, and owners Young and Hannah Ko are betting that Santa Monicans warm up to it as well.

If you go

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Rita's
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Having grown up in Chicago, Italian ice was a way of life on hot summer nights. Here in Southern California, not so much. In the land where frozen yogurt is king, Rita's is a real treat and somewhat of a rare find. Santa Monica actually has two Italian ice spots, and if you find yourself on Montana Avenue head over to Di Dio's for their blood orange variety.

But when it comes to a bigger selection of flavors, Rita's is the top spot. Furthermore, Rita's offers frozen soft-serve-style custard and ice cream as well. Combining the fruity Italian ice with the creamy custard makes a Gelati, Rita's top-selling treat. Mixing that with candy (M&Ms, Snickers, etc.) yields the Blendini. The possibilities are endless. For me, a classic lemon ice takes me back to Mario's on Taylor Street. Whether you are a transplant looking for a taste of nostalgia, or a native who wants to try something new, Rita's is certainly worth your time.

Rita's is currently open, but their big grand opening is Friday, Sept. 20. They are giving out free Italian ice all day, and the first 50 guests win free Ice for a year. Just bring a new children's game donation to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica to qualify. That's a pretty sweet deal!

Sweet Rose Creamery is now open to friends and family. They open their doors to everyone else Saturday, Sept. 21.

Two great additions to Santa Monica's ever changing food scene.

MICHAEL can be seen riding around town on his bike burning calories so he can eat more food. He can be reached at michael@smdp.com. Follow him on Twitter at https://twitter.com/greaseweek

Hispanic, Asian flavors combine for quick chili

BY J.M. HIRSCH
AP Food Editor

A robust chili that's on the table in just 30 minutes? Thanks to a blending of Hispanic and Asian flavors, it's easy.

I started with the base of an average turkey chili — some onions, jalapenos, garlic, ground turkey and white beans. Nothing unexpected there. But all those basics get a serious flavor boost from an unexpected ingredient — sweet white miso. It's the same stuff used in the soup you slurp at the sushi bar.

Miso is an underappreciated ingredient. It effortlessly amps the savory-salty flavor of anything it touches, particularly in wet rubs and other sauces for meat. In this recipe, it replicates in just minutes a depth of flavor you'd normally need a long simmer to attain. And don't be put off by the "sweet" in the name. Sweet white miso isn't really sweet, just milder than darker miso.

The chili is finished with corn kernels cut from the cob and just barely heated, preserving their fresh flavor and texture. And to tie everything together, the chili is finished with cilantro and lime juice.

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Turkey and corn chili with sweet white miso

Start to finish: 30 minutes
Servings: 8
2 tablespoons canola oil
1 large yellow onion, diced
1 to 2 jalapeno chilies, finely chopped (for less heat, discard the inner ribs and seeds)
4 cloves garlic, minced
1 teaspoon ground cumin
2 1/2 pounds (40 ounces) lean ground turkey
15-ounce can white kidney or navy beans, drained
1 quart low-sodium chicken broth
1/2 cup sweet white miso
6 ears corn, husks and silk removed (or 3 cups frozen corn kernels, thawed)
Salt and ground black pepper
2 limes, cut into wedges, to serve
Chopped fresh cilantro, to serve

In a large saucepan over medium-high, heat the oil. Add the onion, chilies, garlic and cumin, then sauté until the onion is just starting to brown, about 8 minutes. Add the turkey and sauté, breaking up any large clumps, until browned, about 10 to 12 minutes. Add the kidney beans, chicken broth and miso. Bring to a simmer, stirring often to dissolve the miso, then cook for 5 minutes.

Meanwhile, one at a time stand each ear of corn on its wide end. Use a serrated knife to saw down the length of the cob to remove the corn kernels. Add the corn to the chili, then return to a simmer and cook for another 5 minutes. Season with salt and pepper. Serve with lime wedges and cilantro.

Nutrition information per serving: 370 calories; 120 calories from fat (32 percent of total calories); 14 g fat (3 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 80 mg cholesterol; 28 g carbohydrate; 4 g fiber; 7 g sugar; 36 g protein; 610 mg sodium.

Judge refuses to block meat rules

BY JOSH FUNK
Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. A federal judge has refused to block new rules that require the meat industry to include specific information about the origin of their products on labels. Industry groups say they'll continue fighting.

The new rules took effect in May and require labels for steaks, ribs and other cuts of meat include clear information about where the animals were born, raised and slaughtered.

Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson in Washington, D.C., refused to issue a preliminary order Wednesday, though she didn't decide the overall lawsuit.

The American Meat Institute, a trade group that represents meatpackers, processors and suppliers, said Thursday it plans to appeal because the rules are too costly and don't provide any health benefits. Seven other industry groups, including cattle and pork associations in the U.S. and Canada, have joined AMI's lawsuit.

"We disagree strongly with the court's decision and believe that several aspects of the ruling are susceptible to challenge," AMI President and CEO J. Patrick Boyle said in a statement.

The lawsuit argues that the rule violates the U.S. Constitution because it forces meat producers to provide information about their products, and the groups argue that officials overstepped their authority with the rules. Jackson said she didn't think the arguments are likely to succeed in court.

The labeling rules have support from consumer groups, environmental groups and some other farmers' groups.

Under the new rules, labels must specify, for example, "Born in Mexico, raised and slaughtered in the United States." The previous labeling rule required only the country of origin to be noted, such as "Product of U.S." or "Product of U.S. and Canada."

The Agriculture Department has also prohibited meat processors from mixing meat from animals born, raised or slaughtered in other countries with meat from the U.S.

Industry groups estimate that 4 percent to 7 percent of the beef and pork eaten in America comes from animals from other countries, and they've argued it's not practical to keep cattle and hogs from other countries separate from domestic animals.

USDA spokesman Sam Jones-Ellard said the department was pleased with the ruling and will continue training retailers and meat suppliers on how to comply with the new labeling rules.

Jackson wrote that the USDA made clear when it issued the labeling rule that it was trying to reduce confusion for consumers and address concerns that Canada and Mexico had raised with the World Trade Organization about the fairness of previous labeling rules.

Jackson said it is well established that companies can be compelled to provide information about their products if the government is trying to prevent consumers from being deceived. Additionally, Jackson said, some of the lawsuit's arguments are misplaced because they are criticisms of the labeling law Congress passed in 2009, not the new USDA rule.









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ny to generate the kind of robust growth in revenue that tends to excite investors.

Facebook was eight years old by the time it went public and had already built such a large business that it was more difficult to speed its pace of growth from one quarter to the next. In its final year before going public, Facebook had annual revenue of $3.7 billion — more than twice as much as Google did when it went public in 2004.

In contrast, Twitter is only seven years old and didn't even start to generate significant revenue until 2010. Research firm eMarketer estimates that Twitter had $288 million in revenue last year (the actual figure will be revealed once the veil lifts off the company's IPO documents).

Because it still has a relatively small financial base, it won't be surprising to see Twitter's revenue more than doubling from the previous year for several quarters after its stock starts trading, PrivCo analyst Sam Hamadeh predicted in a research note.

Lesson 3: Leave some money on the table.

Twitter won't price its IPO as aggressively as Facebook did, says Hamadeh. That increases the chances of Twitter's stock rising once it begins trading. He expects Twitter to set its IPO at a price that values the company at about $15 billion. That's up from an estimated value of $10 billion, based on the money Twitter has raised from venture capitalists and other early investors.

Facebook kept raising its IPO price until the company was valued at $104 billion, or about four times Google's valuation when it went public in 2004. Facebook saw its stock plunge from its IPO price of $38 to below $18 within four months of its IPO amid concerns about its slowing growth and ability to sell ads on mobile devices.

Lesson 4: Timing is everything.

Many analysts thought Twitter might wait until next year to go public, but the stock market's appetite for social media companies has never been hotter. With the company's revenue growth picking up again, Facebook's stock has surged by more than 60 percent in less than two months. Meanwhile, LinkedIn Corp.'s stock has more than doubled so far this year.

Things are going so well that even Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg has gotten over his one-time aversion to going public. In an about-face, Zuckerberg told a technology conference in San Francisco earlier this week that the IPO process turned Facebook into a better-run company.

"I have been very outspoken about staying private as long as possible, but I don't think it's that necessary to do that." Zuckerberg said Wednesday.

Twitter tweeted the news about its IPO filing less than 24 hours later.

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Environment at City Hall.

"We're trying to make it as practical as possible for everybody, but remind people not to illegally dump their hazardous waste," Conway said.

The center collected 250,000 to 280,000 pounds per year of waste, but was already seeing the effects of the recession after it reduced its original hours from four days per week to one day per month, Conway said. Even with working one day a month, city officials still had to bring in six or seven technicians from the contracted company, PSC Environmental, to operate the facility, he said. It took $430,000 per year to run it.

There was one permanent employee at the facility, who will now work in the battery recycling program, Conway said.

During the 1980s, when Brian Johnson was in charge of running the facility, it was the early days of awareness and regulatory oversight of household hazardous waste facilities. Johnson is now deputy director of the state Department of Toxic Substances Control. He said it required a significant effort to get a permit because state regulators didn't see the community benefit of household hazardous waste facilities.

There was an overarching assumption from the public that "the government was taking care of us," he said.

Santa Monica was involved in many pioneering, environmental, sustainable initiatives while he was at City Hall, he said. For example, Johnson said he got businesses to disclose the presence of hazardous materials on their premises.

"We were waking up this giant in recognizing that households are generators of hazardous chemical waste and they should be segregated because it was a danger to both them and the entire solid waste system," Johnson said.

While one chapter of disposing off hazardous waste has closed, City Hall is providing an alternative.

Residents can use the Home Collection Program where residents can call a phone number to have someone come up pick the waste. Folks receive a collection kit in the mail that includes detailed instructions with a collection day reminder. Toxic materials like pharmaceuticals can be left on the porch or the driveway the day of the pick up. There have been 2,100 pick ups at different addresses in the past two years, Conway said.

The service is also contracted out to another company, Conway said, and the turnaround time is about two and a half weeks.

"People will have to be a little patient," Conway said.

The closure of the waste facility isn't a loss for City Hall, but an evolution of the problem of disposing of hazardous waste, said Martin Pastucha, director of Public Works for City Hall.

"It's about making it convenient and providing an option," Pastucha said. "These are people who are driving in and now they'll be able to do it from home."

Conway said the waste goes to a facility for processing in Anaheim, Calif. The waste center is completely closed to residents and on a very limited basis is available to small businesses for a fee.

Another option is dropping off hazardous materials at a collection center at UCLA.

City Hall is also working on drop-off sites for pharmaceuticals and paint.

To reserve home collection pick up, call (800) 449-7587, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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SALARIES
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Monica have been calling for as Gould warns about pending budget deficits.

The majority of Santa Monica's budget woes come more than two years down the line, with a huge increase in pension costs projected for the 2015-16 fiscal year as a result of changes announced by the California Public Employee Pension System, or CalPERS, city officials said back in May of this year.

The organization, which manages $257.4 billion in assets for governmental entities across the state, plans to increase employer contribution rates, settling on policies that will increase costs as much as 50 percent over the course of five years.

That will mean $5.8 million from the General Fund as soon as 2015-16, the first year of the next biennial budget, increasing to $18.1 million by the 2019-20 fiscal year.

At the same time, health care expenses are expected to increase 14 percent.

City officials said earlier this year that City Hall could be facing a budget deficit as much as $13.2 million by 2017-18.

That doomsday scenario is what lead to some residents calling for City Hall to cut the number of employees.

Santa Monica is number 15 on a list of the largest public sector employers, with 2,169 employees in 2012-13, according to the Los Angeles Business Journal. Based on the latest census data, that translates into 41.37 residents per employee. Pasadena, which has 139,00 residents, has fewer public employees, with 2,146.

City officials argue that Santa Monica is a dynamic city with its own airport, police and fire departments, public bus company, trash collection and recycling. It also provides a host of services residents have come to expect. All of that requires more workers. For instance, Santa Monica, a city of 8.3 square miles, has four libraries and is building another in the Pico Neighorhood. Those facilities need to be staffed.

"The city operates and looks like a small county," Gould said. "Santa Monicans like to have a high level of service. … Put simply, Santa Monica does more than other cities … ."

A former city employee who worked for City Hall for eight years, and who didn't want to be identified, said her main issue wasn't so much with what the individual City Hall officials were making, but more the number of full-time employees.

"There wasn't work for individuals to do, but there were 10 people who were doing one job," she said.

The salary list may change based on any cost of living increases that went into effect July 1, Peter said. But that hasn't been calculated in because they haven't been completed in City Hall's payroll system.

The assistant city attorney is one spot above the city attorney because he has a separate contract than Moutrie that includes some specialty pay, Peter said.

Police Chief Jacqueline Seabrooks isn't on the list because she was hired in May 2012 and hasn't had a full year salary with City Hall, Peter said.

Sgt. Hernandez is closer to the top of the list because of overtime pay.

Police officers and sergeants have the option to work overtime, while lieutenants, captains and the deputy chief don't, said Matthew Rice, chairman of the Santa Monica Police Officers' Association, the union that represents the rank and file.

The overtime budget for the police department has decreased from $8.1 million in fiscal year 2008-09 to $6.5 million in 2012-2013, or roughly 20 percent, Rice said.

The majority of police overtime is voluntary.

"It basically puts more officers to work when the city needs them," Rice said.

It's cheaper to pay for overtime than it is to hire new officers, who have to be recruited, trained, equipped and paid salary and benefits, Rice said.

Money that's earned with overtime isn't counted as salary when determining a retiree's pension.

"Regardless of how much overtime a police employee works, there is no additional retirement cost to the city," Rice said.

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Advocates turn to Obama for action on immigration

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WASHINGTON With immigration legislation stalled in Congress, advocates are intensifying pressure on the Obama administration to act unilaterally to stop deportations or grant legal status to some of the 11 million people now living in the U.S. illegally.

Activists are stepping up acts of civil disobedience like one last month in Phoenix, where they blocked a bus full of immigrant detainees. And labor leaders plan to press the issue with a top White House official in an upcoming meeting.

Many advocates continue to hold out hope for a legislative solution even as some shift their focus to the White House.

"If Congress doesn't move, the president has a duty to act," said Ana Avendano, director of immigration and community action at the AFL-CIO. "Just because the Republicans have buried their heads in the sand doesn't mean that immigrant communities aren't feeling the sting of constant deportations."

The possibility of executive action is inflaming Republican suspicions. Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., and others warn that President Barack Obama will be tempted to act on his own to legalize some or all of the people now living in the country illegally.

"I think that's actually what Obama wants to do. I think he wants Congress not to pass something so he can do it on his own and he can take credit for it," Rep. Raul Labrador, R-Idaho, said in an interview. "He needs to be very careful, though, because he continues to flout the law, and he continues to do things that are beyond his authority. And at some point, Congress is going to have enough."

The administration acted on its own a year ago to change policy and suspend deportations of some immigrants brought illegally into the country as children. More than 450,000 of them have benefited so far.

White House officials refuse to publicly entertain any discussion of taking further steps. "The only way to bring 11 million undocumented individuals out of the shadow economy is for Congress to pass common-sense reform with an earned path to citizenship. That's it. Full stop," said White House spokesman Bobby Whithorne.

When asked in interviews about the high number of deportations under his administration, Obama has sought to put the onus on Congress. "I'm not a king," he told Telemundo earlier this year.

Advocates say administration officials are no more receptive in private, although Cecilia Munoz, director of Obama's Domestic Policy Council, has agreed to meet with labor leaders on the issue, something that's in the process of being scheduled, according to one union official who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the private gathering.

The issue arises against the backdrop of an uncertain outlook in Congress for comprehensive immigration legislation offering eventual citizenship to those already in the country illegally.

Far-reaching legislation with new visa and workplace enforcement programs and billions for border security — along with a path to citizenship for millions — passed the Democratic-controlled Senate in June, but it has been stalled in the GOP-led House ever since.

Congress' just-completed August recess did little to create momentum for the House to act, despite efforts by advocates and a notable absence of anti-immigrant protests. Washington's recent focus on Syria seemed to further sideline the issue. Also, lawmakers will be occupied in coming weeks with finding ways to pass bills to keep the government running when money runs out on Sept. 30 and raising the ceiling on the federal debt.

Immigrant communities, meanwhile, are increasingly restive over the large number of deportations under the Obama administration — close to 400,000 annually in recent years, according to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Activists say Obama should halt deportations of immigrants who would be eligible for eventual citizenship under the Senate immigration bill, which the White House supports.

"There's a clear contradiction in the president's position right now," said Chris Newman, legal director at the National Day Laborer Organizing Network. "He's saying either the House Republicans will come around on the path to citizenship, or I'll be forced to keep deporting people. And that's an untenable position."

Despite their emphasis on a legislative solution, administration officials have taken small steps recently to provide relief to certain groups of immigrants. A directive by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement last month advised agents to keep enforcement actions from unnecessarily impacting parents and primary caregivers.

An internal U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services memo from 2010 showed that officials were contemplating broader actions, including deferring deportations and allowing work authorizations for millions of immigrants in the U.S. illegally — without any action by Congress.

The memo listed a number of "pros" arguing for that approach. "A bold administrative program would transform the political landscape by using administrative measures to sidestep the current state of congressional gridlock and inertia," it said.

However, it noted even more "cons."

"Opponents of the registration program will characterize it as 'amnesty'," and the Homeland Security secretary would "face criticism that she is abdicating her charge to enforce the immigration laws."

An administration official, who was not authorized to discuss the memo publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity, said it was not directed by the White House and has no bearing on the current immigration debate.

That's not stopping immigrant advocates from gaming out scenarios the administration could pursue, such as granting legal status to targeted groups of immigrants, perhaps to people who have been in the country for a long time or whose children are U.S. citizens.

"It's very clear that from advocates' perspective, if legislation fails, we definitely will need to start pressuring the administration to act," said Marielena Hincapie, executive director of the National Immigration Law Center.

Investigators: 36,000 game disability system for $1.3B

BY STEPHEN OHLEMACER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON Social Security made $1.3 billion in potentially improper disability payments to people who had jobs when they were supposed to be unable to work, congressional investigators said in a report Friday.

The Government Accountability Office estimated that 36,000 workers got improper payments from December 2010 to January 2013.

The numbers represent less than 1 percent of beneficiaries and less than 1 percent of disability payments made during the time frame. But GAO said the overpayments reveal weaknesses in Social Security's procedures for policing the system.

"The report lays out clear, common-sense steps that the agency can and should take in order to avoid improper payments," said Sen. Tom Carper, D-Del., chairman of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee. "However, if we're serious about preventing waste and fraud and ensuring that these critical benefits get to the people who need and deserve them, Congress must also do its part and provide needed resources and access to basic anti-fraud data to the Social Security Administration."

The Social Security Administration said its accuracy rate for disability payments is more than 99 percent. But the agency noted that even small errors translate into big numbers.

"We are planning to do an investigation, and we will recoup any improper payments from beneficiaries," Social Security spokesman Mark Hinkle said. "It is too soon to tell what caused these overpayments, but if we determine that fraud is involved, we will refer these cases to our office of the inspector general for investigation."

More than 8.2 million disabled workers received disability payments in December 2010, a figure that has grown to nearly 9 million. Last year, the agency paid out $137 billion in disability payments.

Before people can receive disability benefits, there is a 5-month waiting period in which they can, in general, earn no more than about $1,000 a month. The waiting period is to ensure that beneficiaries have long-term disabilities.

Using a federal wage database, investigators checked whether a sample of disability beneficiaries had worked and earned significant wages during the waiting period, the report said. They found that most of the improper payments went to people who worked during the five months they waited for payments to begin.

Once people start receiving benefits, they can return to work and still get benefits during a trial work period, in an attempt to reenter the workforce. Using the same wage database, investigators checked whether another sample of disability beneficiaries earned significant wages after their trial work period had ended, the report said.

Based on their findings, the GAO estimated the amount of improper payments and the number of people receiving them.

Citing a potential weakness, the report said Social Security might not detect a person who worked during the waiting period if the period started in one year and ended in another. For example, if Social Security starts paying benefits in February, the agency might not detect significant wages earned the previous November because they weren't earned in the same year that benefits were awarded, the report said.

In a written response to the report, the Social Security Administration agency questioned whether GAO overestimated the amount of overpayments. The agency said investigators did not determine whether the work activity qualified as an unsuccessful attempt to return to work, or whether there were any other special circumstances.

The report comes as Social Security's disability program faces a financial crisis. If Congress doesn't act, the trust fund that supports the disability program will run out of money in 2016, according to projections by Social Security's trustees. At that point, the system will collect only enough money in payroll taxes to pay 80 percent of benefits, triggering an automatic 20 percent cut in benefits.

Congress could redirect money from Social Security's much bigger retirement program to shore up the disability program, as it did in 1994. But that would worsen the finances of the retirement program, which is facing its own long-term financial problems.

"This report demonstrates just how little importance the Social Security Administration places on policing its disability rolls," said Sen. Tom Coburn of Oklahoma, the ranking Republican on the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee. "SSA has known for years that it could prevent millions of dollars in improper disability payments using quarterly wage records, but chose not to."



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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **65.7°**

SATURDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to shoulder high
SSW Swell holds; minor NW swell easing; larger sets for standouts

SUNDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** thigh to chest high occ. 4ft
Easing SSW swell; minimal NW swell mix fades further

MONDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
Minor blend of old SSW and NW swells; new S-SSE swell creeps in at exposures

TUESDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
Modest new S-SSE swell; potential rise in NW swell mix

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 11, 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 -- 4
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 0
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 33 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / ns

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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 Lechusa 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 24572 Malibu Rd..	D	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.	D	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.	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of CMW jetty).	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	ns

LEGEND

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

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Down to 1 QB, USC hosts surging Boston College

BY GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES Coach Lane Kiffin is hoping Southern California can score more points by using fewer quarterbacks.

The Trojans (1-1) probably will need more than mere consistency from Cody Kessler on Saturday to knock off Boston College (2-0).

Kessler is expected to play the entire game against the Eagles after sharing time in USC's first two games with Max Wittek. The Trojans' offense was horrific in last week's 10-7 loss to Washington State, and they're hoping a single signal-caller can find a semblance of a rhythm in this discordant unit.

"We know we've got to improve all around to get a win," Kessler said.

With USC reeling after just two games, the Eagles realize they've got a golden opportunity to knock off a storied program. New coach Steve Addazio has his own challenges in the cross-country trip, most notably finding ways to beat USC's impressive defense.

Five reasons to care about Boston College's fourth meeting with USC:

RETTIG'S RETURN: Boston College quarterback Chase Rettig is from Sierra Madre, Calif., and the only Californian on the Eagles' roster. He's turning to teammates to get extra tickets for friends and family. Rettig played high school football in Pasadena and San Clemente, but wasn't heavily recruited in his home state — not that it bothered him. Asked whether he was a USC or UCLA fan growing up, Rettig said: "Oregon State. My mother was a Beaver." Kiffin also recruited Rettig at Tennessee, but the quarterback chose Boston College, one of the first schools that went after him. Rettig will start his 35th consecutive game for the Eagles, his 36th start overall. He is 30 of 44 for 408 yards and four touchdowns this season — numbers the Trojans' quarterbacks can only imagine.

USING LEE: It's tough to believe that a team with Marqise Lee on its roster hasn't completed a 20-yard pass this season, but the Trojans are still waiting for a big play from the Biletnikoff Award winner. Lee hasn't done much for the Trojans through two games this season, catching 15 passes for 131 yards and no touchdowns. That's largely due to Kiffin's play-calling: Lee spent most of last week's loss catching bubble screen passes and attempting to wade through Washington State's eight-deep defensive coverage, which allowed no big plays. Yet the junior leader insists there's no frustration in his game, and he's confident he'll get chances to succeed from Kiffin. "If I've got to run bubble screens all day, that's what I'm going to do," Lee said. "In his game plan, that's the right thing to do." Lee is vocally supportive of Kiffin, crediting the coach for his All-American status last season on a roster also featuring Robert Woods.

D UP: USC leads the nation in sacks and rushing defense after just two weeks of play, with new defensive coordinator Clancy Pendergast getting much more out of the Trojans' talented defensive players than Monte Kiffin ever did. Just a few months after one of the worst defensive seasons in USC history, the Trojans have been dominant so far in Pendergast's 5-2 scheme. Although Washington State is solid offensively, the Trojans haven't faced a unit with the talent of Boston College. Pendergast is particularly impressed with Eagles tailback Andre Williams. He's a very physical runner," Pendergast said. "He's very talented. We're going to need all hands on deck to control him."

A HEATED STADIUM: The game features a rare 12 p.m. local start time, meaning the teams will be playing in the middle of what's expected to be a hot day in Los Angeles, with temperatures likely well above 90 degrees. The heat in the stadium last week was directed at Kiffin, who was serenaded with boos and chants of "Fire Kiffin!" as the Trojans' offensive ineptitude grew. After home games in front of empty seats against Villanova and Wake Forest, Boston College prepared for its road game by piping in the USC fight song on a continuous loop at practice on Wednesday morning to get the players used to the noise, even at the risk of annoying their Chestnut Hill neighbors.

TV BROWNOUT: The game is being aired on Pac-12 Network, which means it'll be tough to see for many fans who aren't in the Coliseum. The Pac-12 doesn't have a distribution deal with DirectTV for its network more than a year after its inception, and the conference took the much-criticized step of encouraging its fans to drop DirecTV this season. But other content providers, including the San Fernando Valley's Charter Cable, also don't carry the network. The Pac-12 also declined to provide the game to any other network back in Boston, which means almost nobody back in Massachusetts will be able to see it.



MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
(310) 260-1528

Saturday, Sept. 14
Gone With The Wind (G) 3hrs 42min
7:30pm

Sunday, Sept. 15
Yoga Unveiled (NR) 2hrs
5:00pm
Discussion following with director Gita Desai, Lisa Walford (senior Iyengar teacher and director of TTning / Yogaworks), Ally Hamilton (owner of Yogis Anonymous, Santa Monica), and Sonya Chapnick (Yoga Gently).

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
(310) 458-3924

Planes (PG) 1hr 32min
11:15am, 2:45pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm

This Is The End (R) 1hr 47min
10:30pm

World's End (R) 1hr 49min
11:30am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

Lee Daniels' The Butler (PG-13) 2hrs 12min
11:45am, 12:55pm, 4:05pm, 7:15pm, 10:15pm

Grandmaster (Yi dai zong shi) (PG-13) 1hr 48min
1:55pm, 4:45pm, 7:35pm, 10:25pm

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

Elysium (R) 1hr 49min
11:35am, 2:20pm, 5:20pm, 8:15pm, 10:50pm

Family (R) 1hr 52min
11:00am, 1:40pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm

We're the Millers (R) 1hr 50min
10:40am, 1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:15pm, 10:15pm

Closed Circuit (R) 1hr 36min
11:25am, 1:50pm, 4:20pm

Insidious: Chapter 2 () 1hr 45min
11:45am, 2:30pm, 5:10pm, 7:00pm, 8:00pm, 10:00pm, 11:00pm

Riddick (R) 1hr 59min
11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:55pm, 7:45pm, 10:40pm

One Direction: This Is Us - Extended Fan Cut 3D (PG) 1hr 46min
10:50am, 1:25pm, 4:00pm, 6:45pm, 9:45pm

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

Therese (Therese Desqueyroux) (NR) 1hr 50min
11:00am

Museum Hours (NR) 1hr 47min
11:15am

Unacceptable Levels (NR) 1hr 30min
1:10pm, 3:20pm, 5:30pm, 7:40pm, 9:50pm

Austenland (PG-13) 1hr 37min
1:30pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

Spectacular Now (R) 1hr 35min
11:20am, 4:20pm, 10:00pm

Blackfish (PG-13) 1hr 30min
11:00am

Way, Way Back (PG-13) 1hr 43min
1:40pm, 7:30pm

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

For more information, e-mail **editor@smdp.com**

PARTY TONIGHT, PISCES

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Others look to you for their plans. Be ready for a lot of changes and good times. You flex well and know how to adjust. Someone will become very contrary. Your creativity could help loosen up others -- especially this person. Tonight: Watch a spontaneous party begin.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Make calls early in the day. You will want to readjust your schedule, so make that OK. Conversations could evoke many different thoughts. Listen to someone's words, and you will gain more insight into what is happening in his or her mind. Tonight: Choose a movie.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You will be happiest dealing with one person at a time. You usually feel good around a close loved one, though he or she can be rigid at times. Tonight: Visit over dinner at a new restaurant.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ You might want to see a situation differently, but you could experience difficulty getting to the bottom of the matter. Someone you care about might put up a wall that you can't seem to break down. Tonight: Out and about.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Get into a favorite game. Exercise will reduce tension levels. A dear loved one might start discussing something that he or she always has wanted to have happen. You will be inclined to manifest this desire. Tonight: Pace yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Your imagination speaks. Others respond in kind and share their thoughts as well. A loved one might surprise you with a choice involving a goal that might not be totally grounded in reality. You have the gift of practicality. Can you make it happen? Tonight: Hang loose.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Stay close to home. You have much to do, like convincing a family member of the rightness of an idea that could influence both of your personal lives. A male friend could push you hard to go along with his idea. Tonight: Settle in. Make it easy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Listen to what is going on behind the scenes. You know what is acceptable, and you know your limits. The wise move at this time would be to not push too hard and to let matters fall as they may. Tonight: Head to a favorite haunt.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Curb a tendency to overindulge, regardless of how difficult it might be. Look at the ramifications, then decide. You could be missing a major point concerning a financial decision. Tonight: Pick up the tab for dinner.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Others seem to be very enthusiastic, no matter what idea you throw out. You could be exhausted by everything that is going on. Remain sure of yourself, yet process new information. A misunderstanding could happen far too easily. Be careful. Tonight: Out on the town.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Sometimes you enjoy vanishing and letting the chips fall as they may. You want and need privacy more than most other signs do. Try not to worry about what others think. Get into a major project where you can burn off some excess energy. Tonight: Do only what you want.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Surround yourself with friends, whether you're at a sports event or off at your favorite haunt. Somehow you'll feel far more upbeat as a result. Worry about this later. Tonight: You are the party.

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

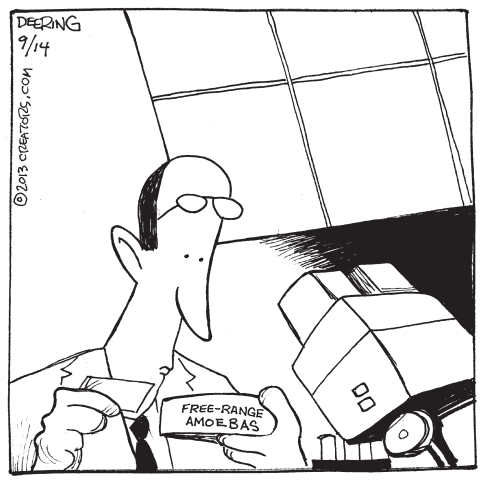
This year you feel unusually fortunate, and you'll manifest what you want. Your desires might not arrive in the form that you think they should, but it will happen nonetheless. Be careful what you wish for, as you are likely to receive it. If you are single, you will meet someone through your friends, or a friendship could become more. If you are attached, the two of you will experience a lot of romance, but don't forget to work on your friendship as well. CAPRICORN could be very attracted to you. Proceed with care.

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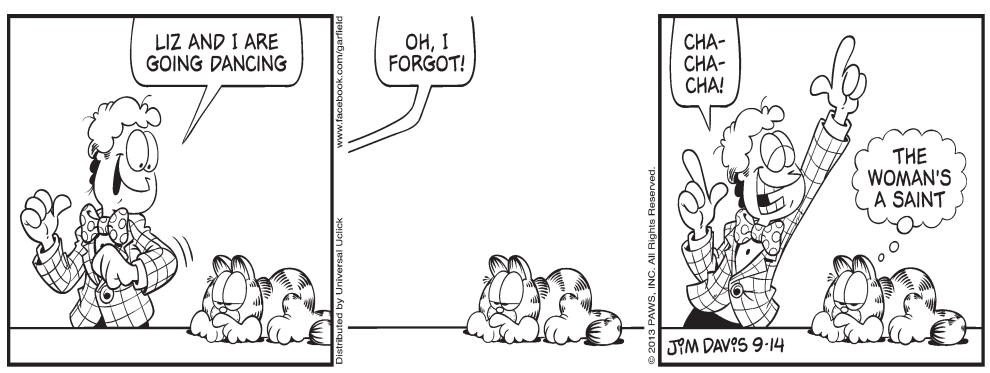
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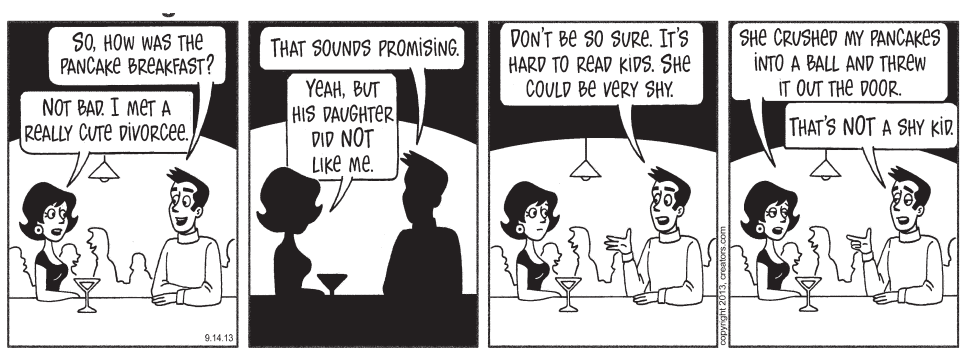
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Sudoku

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 ★★★★

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

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

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 "Buenos —"
5 Singing voice
9 Canary, for one
10 College bigwigs
12 Use a soapbox
13 Chop up
14 François has one
16 Interstice
17 Patriotic letters
18 Cream soda flavor
20 Fashions
22 Con's confines
23 Sun Valley setting
25 Milky stone
28 Soup legume
32 Zoo denizen
34 Swearing-in vow
35 Whole bunch
36 City of España
38 Writer Jong
40 Writer Glasgow
41 Stopwatch button
42 Will names
43 GPS suggestions
44 Keats creations

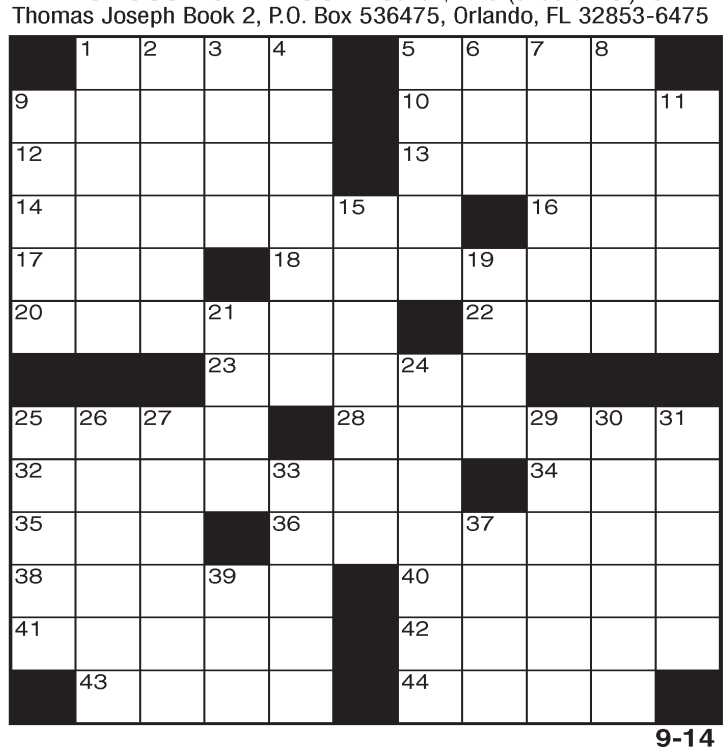
DOWN

1 Most dreadful
2 How Rome wasn't built
3 Play start
4 Put on hold
5 Jingle writer
6 Floral ring
7 Snarl
8 Available
9 Concentrate
11 Flower part
15 Mississippi explorer
19 Clickable picture
21 Leslie Caron movie
24 Dismissal
25 Gawker
26 Less well off
27 Monet or Manet
29 Toiler of comics
30 Lazy ones
31 Bank offerings
33 Atty.-to-be exams
37 "— Three Lives"
39 Semi-circular shape

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

Yesterday's answer

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ James "Sonny" McCullough, the mayor of the New Jersey shore town of Egg Harbor (pop. 4,240), announced in August that he was selling his waterfront home -- because real estate taxes were too high (more than $31,000 a year) following a recent re-assessment and that he could no longer afford it. The mayor, 71, told The Press of Atlantic City that he had planned to live the rest of his life in the home, but was not even certain he could afford to live anywhere in Egg Harbor.

■ Recurring Themes: (1) Vade Bradley, 39, was arrested on arson charges in Hayward, Calif., in August after burning down an apartment house carport, totally destroying six vehicles. He was siphoning other people's gasoline in the carport when he decided to light a cigarette. (2) Richard Boudreaux was charged in January with burglarizing Kenney's Seafood (where he previously worked) in Slidell, La., when he became the most recent perp to fail to outflank surveillance cameras. He had thought to wear a bucket over his head as he moved through the store -- except he had waited until well inside (within camera range) before actually putting it on.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1969 - The US Selective Service selects September 14 as the First Draft Lottery Date.

1975 - The first American saint, Elizabeth Ann Seton, is canonized by Pope Paul VI.

1979 - Afghan President Nur Muhammad Taraki is assassinated upon the order of Hafizullah Amin, who becomes the new president.

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