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We have you covered

THE BUILD A BRIDGE ISSUE

City Goals: Fire Department

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL For the Fire Department, many goals involve expansion or collaboration with other departments this year.

The Fire and Police departments are in the process of consolidating their communication centers, a move officials say is in line with the industry's best practices standards. The target for completion of that project is June of next year and the task is

60 percent complete, according to department officials.

Some of the consolidation initiatives are on hold while the department hires a consultant. On the fire side, staffing remains a challenge for its current communication center, which operates independently from the police, according to department officials.

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Ed Board candidates cordial at Mid City forum

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

MAIN LIBRARY With so much focus on the three contested City Council seats, it's easy to overlook the four seats on the Board of Education.

Mid City Neighbors opted to make education the focus of their candidates forum at the Main Library on Monday night.

Topics were wide-ranging but Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District board candidates spent much of the 40-minute forum considering environmental issues in the Malibu schools.

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HAVASOLE

Courtesy Photos

Rikki Mendias has launched a charity organization to provide homeless individuals with quality shoes. Mendias began his organization after realizing his shoe collection could serve a higher purpose. He had over 100 pairs of sneakers that he began donating and the experience moved him to create a group that collects gently worn footwear for distribution. According to Wendy Adamson, Mendias' mom, the seeds of the group were planted when Mendias was a child. The pair were receiving assistance from the Santa Monica based Clare foundation and Adamson was unable to afford to buy her son a new pair of shoes. When a former Clare resident heard about the situation, she volunteered to buy Mendias new shoes and Adamson said the memory of that kindness stayed with the family. It grew into the HavASole project and the group recently distributed more than 100 pairs of shoes on Colorado Ave. before traveling to a nearby children's center. To get involved, donate or support the project, visit www.havasole.com.



Pier bridge construction at least five years away

BY MATTHEW HALL
Editor-in-Chief

SM PIER The start of construction for a new bridge for the Santa Monica Pier is at least five years away according to a report from City Staff.

In previous discussions, officials were told a new or rehabilitated bridge linking the Pier to Ocean Ave. could begin construction in 2016 or 2017. However, the Santa Monica Pier Corporation Board of Directors were told at their Sept. 15 meeting construction won't begin until years of environmental and design review are complete.

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday September 17

Knitting

1450 Ocean Ave., 6 - 8 p.m.
Knit a Darling Baby Wash Cloth with Teri of Wildfiber Studio: Simple stitches, sumptuous organic cotton and a fun little technique unite in Teri Artinyan's short and sweet class.

Third Street Promenade's 25th Anniversary Symposium

Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club
2001 Santa Monica Blvd, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
It didn't just happen. Learn how civic leaders, elected officials, business owners and residents came together in the late 1980s to create what has now become one of the most celebrated and successful pedestrian malls in the world - Third Street Promenade. Hear from urban planning and retail experts about the process used to create and manage the promenade and learn what's in store for the future.

Opera at the Beach

Santa Monica Pier
200 Santa Monica Pier
Seating 5:30 p.m. show at 7:30 p.m.
LA Opera is pleased to inaugurate a new biannual series of free live video broadcasts sponsored by Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky. The inaugural presentation, Verdi's La Traviata, will be broadcast live in high-definition from the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion to the big screen at the Santa Monica Pier. The live broadcast will be captured by nine cameras at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion and shown simultaneously on a large LED screen on the Santa Monica Pier deck.

Planning Commission meeting

City Hall
1685 Main St.
7 p.m.
Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission. For more information visit www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Planning-Commission.

Building Emotional Resilience with Jackson Varady

Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd, 7 - 8:30 p.m.
Discover the key to lifelong success by developing emotional resilience - a balance of strength and flexibility. Clinical psychologist Dr. Jackson Varady explains how to reduce stress, control anger, make better decisions, develop a positive outlook, and cope with difficult people.

Job hunting 101

Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd. 6:30 p.m.
Explore resources to help you research careers, develop skills, and find a job.

Playwriting workshop

Montana Avenue Branch
1704 Montana Ave. 1 p.m.
This 4-week workshop focuses on the basic elements of playwriting. Learn dramatic structure and engage in the creative process with instructor Anna Stramese.

Grantseeking Basics

Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd. 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
This introductory course provides an overview of the funding research process for those seeking grants from foundations, corporations, and grantmaking public charities. Length of class is 1-1/2 hours. Seating is first come, first served. Requires familiarity with using a mouse & keyboard. For more information, please visit the Reference Desk or call 310-434-2608.

Coastal cleanup education day

Santa Monica Pier and beaches
9 a.m.
On the sand at Tower 18. Fun in the sun. Help heal our ocean. For more information call Heal the Bay at 1-800-HEALBAY or visit www.healthebay.org/ccd

Thursday, September 18

Smile Isle

Daniel Rolnik Gallery
1431 Ocean Ave., 6 - 10 p.m.
The first exhibit of the gallery is Smile Isle. Arrive by 6:30 p.m. to watch the sunset from Daniel Rolnik Gallery's oceanfront view.

Recreation and parks commission

City Hall
1685 Main St. 7:30 p.m.
Meeting of the Recreation & Parks Commission. Visit www.smgov.net/Departments/CCS/content.aspx?id=31987 for more information.

Housing Commission

City Hall
1685 Main St., 4:30 p.m.
Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Housing Commission. Visit www.smgov.net/Departments/HED/Housing_and_Redevelopment/Housing_Commission_Agendas/Housing_Commission.aspx for more information.

Meet the Author

Pico Branch Library
2201 Pico Blvd., 4 p.m.
Come meet the author of Dalia's Wondrous Hair/El cabello maravilloso de Dalia - Laura LaCamara.

For help submitting an event, contact us at
310-458-7737 or submit to editor@smdp.com

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Malibu
Dave Mason's Traffic Jam

Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Dave Mason, cofounder of the legendary band Traffic, brings the greatest days of rock history to Pepperdine University's Smothers Theatre for a performance at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, September 17.

Tickets, priced starting at \$40 for the public and \$10 for full-time Pepperdine students, are available now by calling (310) 506-4522 or online at <http://arts.pepperdine.edu/>. More information: <http://www.davemasonmusic.com>.

Renowned for such hits as "Feelin' Alright" and "Hole In My Shoe," plus his solo signature tracks "We Just Disagree" and "Only You Know and I Know," Mason brings the music of Traffic to Pepperdine, a performance that kicks off the 2014-2015 performance season at the Lisa Smith Wengler Center for the Arts. He's joined by the Dave Mason Band: Johnne Sambataro, Alvino Bennett, and Tony Patler.

"I think that it is important to keep alive the legacy of four young men from the heartland of England and their contribution to contemporary music," says Mason, who hopes 'Traffic Jam' will inspire other artists.

The legendary rock band Traffic operated on the cutting edge of the late-sixties music scene at a time of rapid and remarkable evolution, and expanded rock's sonic palette. Mason founded Traffic with Steve Winwood while both were still teenagers, and created music that would find its way into the hearts of generations of music lovers. He would go on to establish himself as a successful songwriter, guitarist and solo artist. He's penned dozens of hits, and his legendary guitar work has been linked with numerous other members of rock and roll elite, including Eric Clapton, Stevie Wonder, Michael Jackson, Fleetwood Mac, The Rolling Stones, Graham Nash, Stephen Stills, Rita Coolidge, Leon Russell, Ron Wood and Mama Cass Elliot.

To this day, Mason continues to follow his heart's calling, holding considerable weight in the music industry as a Rock and Roll Hall of Famer, after Traffic was inducted in 2004.

Not many music legends create and perform with the same energy and vitality that defined their early days. Dave Mason is a rare exception. He enjoys a zest for live performances in addition to a ceaseless ethic of writing and recording.

This performance is sponsored by the Office of Andrew K. Benton, President of Pepperdine University.

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Main Library
Jackson Varady on Building Emotional Resilience

Santa Monica Public Library presents a talk on Building Emotional Resilience by Dr. Jackson Varady, a local clinical psychologist on Wednesday, Sept. 17, at 7 p.m. in the Main Library's MLK, Jr. Auditorium, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

Discover the key to lifelong success by developing emotional resilience - a balance of strength and flexibility. Clinical psychologist Dr. Jackson Varady explains how to reduce stress, control anger, make better decisions, develop a positive outlook, and cope with difficult people.

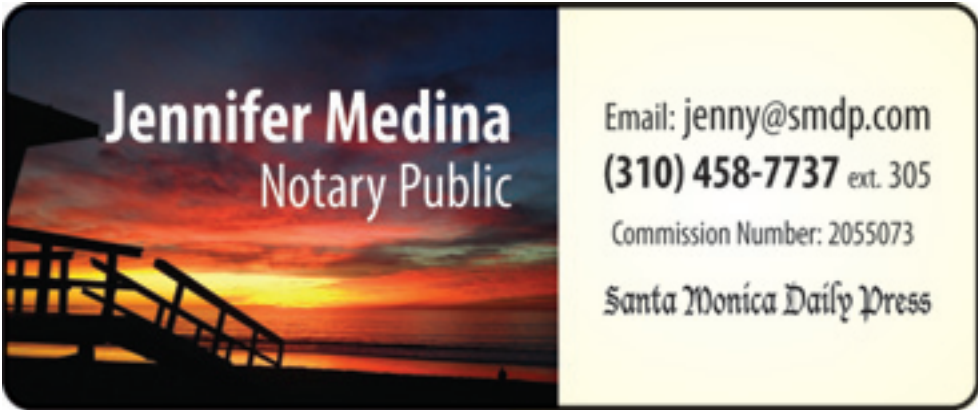
This program is free and all ages are welcome. Space is limited and on a first-arrival basis. This is an event of The Living Room ...a place for adults program series. For more information, visit smpl.org or contact the Santa Monica Public Library at (310) 458-8600. The Santa Monica Public Library is wheelchair-accessible. For special disabled services, call Library Administration (310) 458-8606 one week prior to the event.

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YWCA
Shine presents Secrets

They are lurking in most everybody's lives: Secrets. This month, SHINE storytellers share true tales about "Secrets" - including life-changing stories about religion, sex, mental illness, and even a guilty pleasure. SHINE will be held this month on Thursday, Sept. 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the YWCA Santa Monica/Westside, 2019 14th Street in Santa Monica. SHINE is a storytelling series featuring professionals and amateurs coming together on the third Thursday of every month to share inspiring true stories. Participants and audience members enjoy a relaxed community atmosphere, powerful and entertaining stories, refreshments, mingling, and live music. Live music this month will be provided by Sunny Hilden, an inspiring singer/songwriter and keyboardist. Sunny has been featured in more than 1,000 performances around the world ranging from singing jazz on the French Riviera to fronting a 110-piece band for 40,000 people here in California. Her songs have been recorded by Ray Charles, Sting, Patti LaBelle, The Temptations, Herbie Hancock and many others. She is a strong advocate for inspiring with positive messages through art. Professional storytellers for SHINE are chosen from some of the nation's top award-winning storytellers and writers. Amateur storytellers of all ages and walks of life also take the stage. Submissions are accepted before the event and two slots are reserved for audience members selected through a random drawing. Those interested in becoming a Guest Storyteller are encouraged to visit www.StoriesBloom.com in advance for monthly theme and guidelines. SHINE is produced by Isabel Storey and presented by Storey Productions in association with Santa Monica Repertory Theater, UCLArts and Healing, and the YWCA Women's Partnership.

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Charles Andrews

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Sure is pretty but it doesn't fit my downtown

SO MANY OF US PINE FOR THE GOOD OLD DAYS IN SANTA MONICA. For me, that was before I got involved in politics.

Oh, c'mon Charles, you're a big boy, been around the block, been reading newspapers and watching the evening news since you were a kid, worked for Kennedy and Obama, you know exactly what politics involves, right?

Well, I've got a pretty good idea that raising pigs involves mud, but until you get down in it, it's still academic.

Not that I'm really in politics. I only write about it. But that means I go to meetings, listen to speeches and candidate forums, read some interesting things and a lot of boring too-long ones, and have so many people come to me with their tips and info about this and that. As election day draws nearer, this all increases exponentially.

My life never included any of that, by choice, and my life was so peaceful. My teeth were longer (no gnashing, only noshing), my drinking only moderate. Yes, there is a dollar cost too. (Note to self: buy cheaper scotch. In the large bottles.)

I admire politicians who really, truly run and serve because they see something wrong that they believe they can and must right, and really, truly don't have another agenda. I also like unicorns,

and have seen about an equal number of those.

Phil Brock, our Rec & Parks Commission chief running for City Council, is close to that ideal. I know him pretty well, and feel an affinity because I know he would be as happy not running and not serving as I would be writing about Alex the shoe guy and the cockney bloke who runs the best bar in town, and staying miles away from the next City Council meeting. Alas, it's not to be.

For both of us, it just got to be too much, and we felt we could no longer stand by and watch the city we love go down the sewer. So here I am. Writing this. With a shot beside me and my teeth grinding away.

I tell you a little tale of mine, then one about Brock. Neither of them earthshaking, but illustrative of the frustration one encounters and the real roadblocks to change for the better.

Monday before last I went to our main library, where I got to feel like an adult listening to preschoolers trying to manipulate their naïve peers when I attended the presentation by the OMA team responsible for designing the 12-story game changer being pushed to fruition at the corner of 4th and Arizona Downtown.

I really am a trusting soul. But when someone stands up and gushes over the promised adult

amenities of this proposed building as big as Santa Monica Place, I think, well, maybe those benefits really are more important to some people than the Manhattanization of our little beach town. Maybe being appalled by the notion of a high-rise concrete jungle, traffic-snarled, always in shadowed darkness Santa Monica is my thing, and not a concern for some others. Just because I don't salivate over the prospect of rooftop yoga classes and strolling a path with plants 12 stories up that's being called "a park," and consider the trade off a bargain, doesn't mean others don't.

But I also know that some number of those expressing unadulterated delight for the project were likely "plants" sent by the folks who stand to make gazillions from a big, big development/not a reasonable one, on that Downtown property that belongs to the citizens of Santa Monica. Not metaphorically - it actually is City property, bought and paid for with our money. I think we could use a nice big open park there, myself, a real park, and so do a lot of other citizens.

Time and again that night people took the microphone to call the OMA team on their disingenuous obfuscation. Many stood to praise the

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Acting with compassion

Editor:

I thank the city council for acting with a compassionate heart toward the six ponies who plod endlessly, tethered to metal, hooves on hot concrete, band music blasting their ears, each Sunday morning at the farmers market a few blocks from my home in Ocean Park. The council took into consideration that over 1,400 people, many of them residents from Santa Monica, Venice, Mar Vista, Los Angeles, signed my petition to end the animal exploitation, both at the pony-go-round-round-round and at the cramped petting zoo, where an alpaca and zebu are tightly penned and chickens sometimes rush for the safety of corners. Despite repeated efforts to silence me and the others who object to these animal spectacles, despite efforts by the vendor to photograph petition signers, even follow some through the market, animal welfare advocates forged on in an effort to make our market a kinder and gentler place.

I teach special education - my students struggling with autism, health impairments, and emotional disorders - and have worked as a public school teacher with at risk students for twenty years. I take seriously what we model for our youth and believe we can introduce our children to animals, so precious and so important, in much healthier ways.

The council did not ban pony rides in Santa Monica. What it did was ask city staff to explore other venues where the ponies and farm animals have more room and where children can actually learn about these animals, where workshops might be held, and green pastures in city parks be made available. I and others have suggested this from the start. I have also offered to help and contribute, should the animal exhibitors want to open a non-profit animal rescue sanctuary on their acreage in Fillmore. Transporting a truckload of ponies, chickens, goats, etc. each Sunday carries with it its own attendant stress, so why not make it easy on everyone and follow the lead of other success-

ful rescue sanctuaries. In addition, The Gentle Barn has offered sanctuary to two of the six, and a local resident has offered to care for the other four at a nearby sanctuary. There is no reason for any of the six who visit our market to be put down.

Ultimately, the face of our farmers market is what we show the world; it is how we are viewed by visitors to Santa Monica and speaks to the amount of empathy we feel not only for the voiceless animals but also for those we can easily subjugate and exploit. I am glad to see that the council listened not only to the 1400 who signed my petition, but to the 1,000 other petition signers who objected in a year-long protest in 2005.

It is time to heal, not to point fingers or vilify a member of our community, but to come together to do what's right - for the tethered and trapped animals, for the impressionable children who ride them thinking this is what ponies do on farms, for the many patrons who leave the market with heavy hearts, and for those who have stayed away for years in a tacit boycott.

A new day is dawning, so let us look to the sunrise for rays of hope and let us join together for a better and more compassionate Santa Monica.

Marcy Winograd
Santa Monica

City Council lacks horse sense

The bizarre conduct this week by our city council regarding their intention to shut down a popular pony ride vendor at the Main Street Farmers Market is a real head scratcher.

According to the article, "Pony Rides to Disappear from Farmer's Market," the attending council members at last Tuesday's meeting voted unanimously to "move away" from the popular vendor while admitting that there has been no evidence showing that the ponies are abused, as a group of protesters claim. Laura Avery of the market "vouched" for the good

care of the animals and offered evidence that they are legal and welcome at the market.

The council's appalling statements and decision to retreat from a long-standing arrangement with the pony rides in the face of evidence and testimony supporting the vendor reflects only political expediency.

Meanwhile, the handful of pony protesters bring their varied political agendas to the market without a shred of evidence that the animals are abused. Instead they describe their "feelings" about the animals' plight and how the riding work is "offensive" to the animals. How do they know that? Again, where's the evidence?

I have never observed a distressed pony in the 15 years I've visited the market. Our child rode the ponies. Raised in the city, it was his first contact with animals.

The sad part is, the self-righteous lynch mob that has protested the ponies could actually bring harm to the animals.

Talk to the pony vendor and you'll learn that the six hours a week that the animals work supports their good care on a farm. Without enough income the animals could risk a trip to the packing house. That would be cruel and abusive.

Council member Kevin McKeown was quoted as saying that the attacks against the pony vendor are "unfair and unkind," yet he failed to stand up to the baseless accusations because he's a vegetarian, as he suggested. You can't make this stuff up.

Shame on the city council for their purely emotional decision to move toward shutting down a popular city business and for lacking the character to stand up to a small band of malcontents and their groundless attack on our Farmer's Market.

And shame on the hypocritical "protesters" who cruelly use unsubstantiated accusations to harm people (and potentially their animals) who don't conform to their emotionally twisted agenda.

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Promenade
September celebration for Third Street Promenade

The Third Street Promenade will host a symposium, sonic submarine concert, and 25th Anniversary Block Party to help honor Downtown Santa Monica's world renowned destination throughout September.

On Sept. 17, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., local residents, intrigued tourists, curious students and downtown enthusiasts will gather at the historic Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club at 4th & Wilshire in Santa Monica for an evening featuring guest speakers who will educate and entertain listeners with the detailed history and bright future of Third Street Promenade with the 25th Anniversary Symposium. Featuring a panel of Santa Monica historians, Third Street Urban Planners, as well as an address by the CEO of Downtown Santa Monica, Inc., Kathleen Rawson, the Symposium will shed light on the success of the international phenomenon that has redefined the "downtown" model for cities around the world, truly earning its tagline: Created Locally. Celebrated Globally. Learn about the past, present and future of Third Street Promenade at this free evening event for all.

SYMPOSIUM SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

Carol Lemlein, Santa Monica Conservancy
Woodie Tescher, Third Street Urban Planner
Denny Zane, Former Mayor of Santa Monica
Kathleen Rawson, CEO of Downtown Santa Monica, Inc.
Rob York, Third Street's Retail Consultant

Downtown Santa Monica gets funky for the 25th Anniversary of Third Street Promenade with its first outdoor DJ-driven music festival, Sonic Submarine, featuring five outstanding DJs from the KCRW on-air roster on Saturday, Sept. 20 from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. The Third Street block stretching north from Santa Monica Boulevard to Arizona Street will come alive with hour-long sets from the acclaimed sound-smiths as well as an interactive photo booth for Sonic Submariners, digitally capturing the evening festivities and creating memories for years to come. Come one, come all to this free night of immersion in an electronic wonderland.

KCRW DJ LINEUP INCLUDES

Raul Campos
Mario Cotto
Chris Douridas
Travis Holcombe
Garth Trinidad

Culminating in a grand celebration with locals, visitors and tourists alike, Third Street Promenade invites the masses on Sunday, Sept. 21 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. to a fun, old-fashioned 25th Anniversary Block Party that is open to the public on the Promenade. Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. will reenact the historic 1989 ribbon-cutting of the Promenade with a twist: traditional ribbon will be replaced with a custom-designed sustainable ribbon, honoring the Promenade's reputation as both innovative and evolutionary. Diving into the day's festivities, party guests will be soaking under the Santa Monica sun, indulging in celebratory festivities such as an ice cream social, and absorbing the sights and sounds of live music and local entertainers. Join the party honoring 25 years of extraordinary achievement and success in Downtown Santa Monica.

For more information about the Third Street Promenade and the 25th Anniversary celebrations, visit the blog at SantaMonicaCentric.com. Information can also be found at DowntownSM.com and following on Facebook.

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beauty of the design but argue that it doesn't belong in Santa Monica. It's too big.

For those of you who really do so very much want another happy hour place with a view, I'm sorry. Grow up. Think past next week. Move to West L.A. It's not far. But a lot of us are going to fight very hard and long to keep Santa Monica Santa Monica, or what's left of it. It's not easy to fight that much money, but I know some activists here who are absolute pit bulls. My money's on them.

There's a group called Santa Monicans Against the Miramar Expansion and they meet every couple of weeks, guess where? The Huntley. I've got no problem with that. I don't want a skyscraper Miramar either.

But they've been lately discussing political candidates, of course in terms of who would best serve their cause, and at their last meeting, to which they invited only candidates Kevin McKeown, Sue Himmelrich and Jennifer Kennedy, they discussed the pros and cons of various candidates. One who wasn't there, Phil Brock, was mentioned by many in very favorable terms, with some doubts also expressed about his campaign

organization and funding.

Sue Burnside, a political consultant of long experience, several times tried to insinuate that made Brock an unviable candidate, and threw out numbers that minimized how much support was being voiced for him. So, looks like we've got nine for McKinnon, six for Brock...

Until finally Residocracy board member Kate Bransfield couldn't take it any more and stood and said, "if we could wave a magic wand and fully fund Phil, how many would support him?" and asked for a show of hands. According to SMart architect Ron Goldman, "maybe one, two, at most three hands were not raised," out of 20-some in attendance. That's a lot more than six.

Guess you've got to add a few mud slickers to your closet.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "There is no passion to be found playing small, in settling for a life that is less than the one you are capable of living." - Nelson Mandela

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Southern California bakes in heat wave again

LOS ANGELES (AP) Temperatures again soared past 100 degrees on Tuesday across large swaths of Southern California as high pressure aloft stoked a late-summer heat wave and sent electrical demand to record levels in Los Angeles for a second day in a row.

The mercury hit triple digits in downtown Los Angeles, the valleys and inland areas, and the coast offered only limited relief as thermometers there ratcheted up into the 80s and 90s.

The National Weather Service posted red flag warnings for fire danger in the mountains of Los Angeles, Ventura and Santa Barbara counties due to extremely dry vegetation and moderately low humidity levels.

Meteorologists warned in particular that Santa Barbara County's notorious "Sundowner" winds would add to the fire danger across the Santa Ynez Mountains and along the county's south coast. Gusts from up to 40 mph were expected.

In Los Angeles, the Department of Water and Power reported an all-time record energy demand of 6,235 megawatts by early afternoon, breaking Monday's newly set record of 6,196 megawatts. The previous record had been set in September 2010.

The DWP scrambled crews to deal with about two dozen power outages that affected about 3,300 customers at any given time, spokeswoman Michelle Vargas said.

"There is a strain on the grid," Vargas said.

"We're using nearly double what we normally consume," she added.

Los Angeles added night hours at city recreation and senior centers serving as cooling centers, and the Los Angeles County health officer extended a heat alert for downtown and neighboring valleys through

Wednesday.

In the San Gabriel Valley, the Pasadena Unified School District implemented heat protocols mandating physical education classes be held indoors, limiting any outdoor play to 20 minutes with frequent rest and water breaks, and advising staff to watch out for early signs of dehydration or other heat-related illnesses.

The Los Angeles Unified School District canceled outside high school sporting events for a second straight day, and the San Diego Unified School District set minimum-day schedules for schools that didn't have air conditioning in all classrooms.

In the inland region east of Los Angeles, the weather service issued flash flood warnings for Riverside and San Bernardino counties as radar detected severe afternoon thunderstorms. Flash flood watches were posted for the state's southeastern corner, which by Wednesday was expected to be affected by moisture from former Hurricane Odile, which thrashed Baja California and headed toward the U.S. Southwest.

The weather service said the end of the heat wave was in sight, with the high pressure predicted to shift east as a low pressure replaced it.

Forecasters cautioned, however, that Wednesday would still be hot - just not record-breaking.

"Most people won't notice a big difference on Wednesday," said Kathy Hoxsie, a meteorologist at the Los Angeles-area NWS office in Oxnard. "When it's more humid, it feels just as miserable."

The big cool-down was predicted for Friday, with temperatures 15 to 30 degrees lower than Tuesday and below normal for the first time in almost two weeks, the NWS said.



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“We see that these environmental review processes are very lengthy, and while it might be an exception, the California incline took about six years just to get certification on the environmental facet,” said Selim Eren, a civil engineer with the city. “We’re looking at two years for the environmental review for the Pier Bridge to be studied and then designed for another two years after that. In the best case, we’re looking at five years of planning and design before we can see any physical construction.”

Discussions of replacing the aging bridge have been ongoing for 15 years. Initial efforts stalled due to a lack of funding but the City secured federal dollars in 2010 and the project gained momentum when the current bridge received low safety ratings.

The project literally bridges jurisdictions with Cal Trans, the state agency responsible for highway maintenance, and the city working together on the project. Eren said Cal Trans has authorized the conceptual items for the project and signaled their willingness to move forward citing the projects safety implications. However, the process will still take years.

About 3,667 people cross the bridge on busy weekends and with that number expected to increase in the coming years, the board expressed frustration at the delays and questioned if they could be even longer than anticipated.

“I think it’s six years times a reality factor of two so I’m betting on 12 years,” said Barbara Jean Stinchfield.

While Stinchfield made her comment at least partly in jest, Eren acknowledged the possibility of additional delays.

“I’m talking about these as the best case scenarios,” he said of his five-year estimate.

Proposals for the redesign include widen-

ing the bridge by 70 percent, allowing more room for cars and pedestrians. A second proposal replaces the current structure with one focused on pedestrians, bikes and limited emergency or delivery vehicle access.

There will be several opportunities for public input. Eren said staff will hold public meetings within a few months of issuing the notice of preparation, and that the public will be able to participate in the comment period of any environmental review.

The discussion comes as the City prepares for several construction projects in the area including the completion of the Expo line, the construction of the Colorado Esplanade, rehab of the California Incline and the current work on Moomat Ahiko Way.

The delayed timeline would mean the bridge project might not break ground until the rest of the projects are already complete. The board expressed concern over the safety impacts of the old bridge handling the potential flood of new visitors and the impact the construction will have on the City once it does start.

“It’s disheartening to hear that basically, for the next 9-10 years, there’s basically no change when everything around is changing,” said Boardmember Misti Kerns.

The board asked staff to come back with ideas for incremental upgrades including replacement of the concrete safety barriers currently lining the bridge.

“I would like to know more about the kinds of things that are being done post 9/11 to erect attractive barriers at public facilities and there are many, many examples of those,” said Boardmember Susan McCarthy.

“When you think about five more years of (concrete barriers) and kind of strange looking chains in those openings, it might be time to really figure out something more innovative,” said Board Chair Judy Abdo.

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DEBATE

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Mid City President Andrew Hoyer asked two questions of each of the five candidates in attendance (one incumbent and four challengers) and allowed them two opportunities to speak about issues of their choice.

Candidates for the Santa Monica College (SMC) Board of Trustees took center stage later in the night; The Daily Press will publish an article about that forum this week.

Of the four contested seats on the Board of Education, one is open; Boardmember Nimish Patel announced earlier this year that, after one term, he would not seek reelection, citing increased work responsibilities and a desire to spend more time with family.

Boardmember Oscar de la Torre, who is also the co-chair of the Pico Neighborhood Association and the executive director of the Pico Youth and Family Center, was the only incumbent present Monday night. Boardmembers Laurie Lieberman and Ralph Mechur expressed regret that they could not make it to the forum, Hoyer said.

All four challengers were present.

Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein, an SMC professor and co-chair of the city's largest political party Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights (SMRR), highlighted his lifelong work in education. Tahvildaran-Jesswein, along with the three incumbents, received the coveted SMRR endorsement in August.

"There are too many kids who aren't being seen," he said. "Particularly at this high school, Santa Monica High School, we have two different schools. We have the schools where the kids are working hard and doing the APs and taking the tests and the practice exams and we have kids who are being lost in the back rows of these classrooms."

Craig Foster, a Malibu schools advocate, supports separating Santa Monica and Malibu schools into two districts, an idea that seems to be gaining traction with district officials and members of the current board.

On Monday, he didn't harp on the issue of separation, or Malibu-specific issues in general, instead focusing on the broader issues facing the district. He lauded Vision for Student Success, a decentralized

fundraising model that has received some resistance from Malibu parents, who see their donations being used at schools 20 miles away in Santa Monica. Foster, bashing the state's funding of schools, expressed a need to find creative ways to generate and efficiently spend revenues for the district.

He did touch on the issue of toxins in the Malibu schools in his closing remarks.

"There hasn't been anybody from Malibu on the school board elected since 2004, serving since 2008," Foster said, "and so when something like the Malibu toxins comes up, I think it's worth considering having a voice from that community on the school board."

De la Torre framed himself as the current board member who listens to the voice of the people, particularly on the issues of toxins in the schools.

He was asked what he would do about the high temperatures and lack of air conditioning in the schools.

Edison Language Academy, which de la Torre's son attends, was rebuilt with bond money. Architects said that new solar chimneys would keep the new classrooms cool without air conditioning, he said.

"I can tell you that with all the promise of technology, it was a complete failure," he said. "Now, if you go to those classrooms you have fans. We're going back to an old model of electricity and using fans to cool down those classrooms."

With money from new bonds de la Torre said he would make sure that the same type of mistakes aren't made.

Patty Finer, who previously practiced workers' compensation law and now works as a consultant for students applying to college, was very focused on the issue of toxins in schools.

"Every now and then I get to see the board in action and I've been taking a look at what I've seen and thinking that I need to get up there and ask questions that I feel are not being asked," she said.

Dhun May, a teacher and regular public commenter at board meetings, said she would push for positivity in the district through the use of character-building books, inspirational documentaries, and moments of silence.

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The department has been studying how other cities, like Torrance, pulled off consolidation and the Police and Fire departments have combined their training and operation manuals.

A new Fire Station 1 is the works, along with a new training facility, and the retrofit of Fire Station 3.

The project will be funded through a \$35 million bond that could cost taxpayers \$81 million over 30 years. The current Fire Station 1 was built in 1955 and does not meet seismic standards.

Designs are a quarter of the way to completion with a target of June of next year. Department officials are waiting for the final word on procurement of the new Seventh Street property for Fire Station 1.

A goal to train all captains in the second phase of company officer development by July was pushed back to the end of the year.

Six engineers and more than 10 captains attended the Los Angeles Area Fire Chiefs Association Captain's Academy, according to the report.

Two of eight candidates successfully completed the Captain's Exam. The Santa Monica Fire Department Captain's academy is slated to start in September.

By next June, the department is aiming to develop a comprehensive mental and physi-

cal health wellness plan. They are 85 percent of the way there, according to the report. Chaplaincy and critical incident stress programs are already in place and the chief believes that more could be done in the areas of day-to-day stress management.

"However," the report said, "this will have to be incorporated as time and priority allows."

The department is halfway to its end-of-year goal of aligning its safety and workers' compensation programs with industry best practices.

"SMFD is 90 percent compliant with OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) requirements," the report said.

The department was tasked with creating a "one-stop-shop" for permitting and over-the counter plan reviews in conjunction with other city departments. This work is about 10 percent complete.

Fire Marshal Eric Binder met with Building Officer Ron Takiguchi about opportunities to enhance customer services. They found that the current system is working well.

The report lists about a dozen tasks that the department completed that weren't originally in the work plan. This includes the department's increased presence the Twilight Concert Series, a CPR training for citizens, and management of Glow and the Los Angeles Marathon.

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Copies of the CAPER are now available to the public for a 15-day community review period ending September 27, 2014. Copies are available at City Hall (Room 212) and on the web at www.smgov.net/hsd, or you may contact the Human Services Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401, telephone (310) 458-8701; TDD (310) 458-8696. Please send your written comments to Sergio Ramirez at the above address by September 27, 2014.



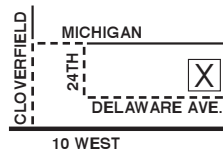
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Governor signs first California groundwater rules

FENIT NIRAPPIL

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO California will no longer be the last Western state with a pump-as-you-please approach to groundwater.

Gov. Jerry Brown signed legislation on Tuesday overhauling the state's management of its groundwater supply, bringing it in line with other states that have long regulated their wells.

Groundwater makes up nearly 60 percent of California's water use during dry years. But it is not monitored and managed the same way as water from reservoirs and rivers.

Supporters of the legislation say the worst drought in a generation inspired them to rethink the state's hands-off approach to tapping wells, which has led to sinking land and billions of dollars in damage to aquifers, roads and canals.

"This is a big deal," Brown said at the signing ceremony in his office. "It has been known about for decades that underground water has to be managed and regulated in some way."

The package signed into law requires some local governments and water districts to begin managing their wells, and it authorizes state water agencies to intervene if necessary. It also allows for water metering and fines to monitor and enforce restrictions.

SB1168, SB1319 and AB1739 by Assemblyman Roger Dickinson, D-Sacramento, and Sen. Fran Pavley, D-Agoura Hills, passed in the final days of the legislative session over objections from Republican lawmakers and Central Valley Democrats.

The opposition was driven by agricultural interests that are increasingly dependent

on pumping from wells as reservoirs dry up and government water allocations plunge in the drought. They say the legislation was rushed and punishes well-managed agencies while infringing on property rights.

"While there is legitimate concern about the over-drafting of some groundwater basins, this massive expansion of state authority will not solve the problem," said Assembly Minority Leader Connie Conway, R-Tulare.

Brown said in a signing message he would push for legislation next year to streamline resolutions in disputes over groundwater rights.

Unlike other states that treat groundwater as a shared resource, California property owners have been entitled to tap water beneath their land since the Gold Rush days.

Lawmakers supporting the groundwater overhaul say the existing system pits farmers against each other in a costly race to dig the deepest wells, resulting in depleted aquifers.

Brown cautioned that years of disagreements and arguments are ahead in regulating groundwater.

The new laws, which take effect in January, target areas where groundwater basins are being depleted faster than they are being replenished to be sustainable by 2040. It gives local land planners two years to create a groundwater sustainability agency, which in turn has up to five years to develop a plan for managing wells and pumping.

The state Water Resources Control Board would step in and develop plans for communities that fail to abide by these rules.

"It isn't all about laws and bills," Brown said. "It's about actually implementing the laws we have on the books."

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Self-driving cars now need a permit in California

JUSTIN PRITCHARD
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Computer-driven cars have been testing their skills on California roads for more than four years - but until now, the Department of Motor Vehicles wasn't sure just how many were rolling around.

That changed Tuesday, when the agency required self-driving cars to be registered and issued testing permits that let three companies dispatch 29 vehicles onto freeways and into neighborhoods - with a human behind the wheel in case the onboard equipment makes a bad decision.

These may be the cars of the future, but for now they represent a tiny fraction of California's approximately 32 million registered vehicles.

Google's souped-up Lexus SUVs are the biggest fleet, with 25 vehicles. Mercedes and the Volkswagen Group of America have two vehicles each, said Bernard Soriano, the DMV official overseeing the state's "autonomous vehicle" regulation-writing process. A "handful" of other companies are applying for permits, he said.

The permits formally regulate testing that already was underway. Google alone is closing in on 1 million miles. The technology giant has bet heavily on the vehicles, which navigate using sophisticated sensors and detailed maps.

Finally, government rules are catching up. In 2012, the California Legislature directed the DMV to regulate the emerging technology. Rules that the agency first proposed in January went into effect Tuesday. Among them:

- Test drivers must have a sparkling driving record, complete a training regimen and enroll in a program that informs their employer if they get in an accident or are busted for driving under the influence off hours.

- Companies must report to the state any accidents, as well as how many times their vehicles unexpectedly disengage from self-driving mode, whether due to a failure of the technology or because the human driver takes over in an emergency. They also must have insurance or other coverage to pay for property or personal injury claims of up to \$5 million.

California passed its law after Nevada and Florida and before Michigan. The federal government has not acted, and national regulations appear to be years away.

It's impossible to know the total number of self-driving cars being tested on public roads because, unlike California and Nevada, Michigan does not require special permits to test self-driving cars on public roads.

Toyota, Chrysler, Ford and General Motors are "all running around here with some form of autonomous vehicle," said James Fackler, assistant administrator for the Michigan Department of State, which registers motor vehicles. Carmakers do not need a permit - manufacturer's license plates are enough, and those plates can also be used on future models or other kinds of experimental cars.

Nevada has issued several test vehicle licenses to Google, VW and the auto supplier Continental, according to its Department of Motor Vehicles.

In Florida, only Audi has tested self-driving technology and no testing is ongoing, according to a spokesman for the state's motor vehicles department.

With California's testing rules in effect, the DMV is drafting regulations that will govern self-driving cars once they are ready for the general public.

Those rules, which the DMV must finish by year's end, will untie knotty issues such as whether a person needs to be in the vehicle at all.

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- A mandatory job walk will be held on September 25, 2014 at 8:30 AM. Vendors are to meet at the Fleet Management Facility located at the City Yards 2500 Michigan Avenue, Santa Monica, CA 90404.
- Submission Deadline is October 13, 2014 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.

The bid packets can be downloaded at:

- <http://vendors.planetbids.com/SantaMonica/QuickSearch.cfm>

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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: 72.7°

WEDNESDAY – FAIR TO GOOD
– SURF: 4-6 ft shoulder high to 1 ft overhead occ. 7ft
Long period SW groundswell holds; SSE groundswell builds in;
most size showing out west in the region; Small NW windswell.

THURSDAY – FAIR TO GOOD
– SURF: 4-6 ft shoulder high to 1 ft overhead
Long period SW groundswell holds/eases; SSE groundswell holds;
most size showing out west in the region; small NW swell

FRIDAY – FAIR TO GOOD
– SURF: 3-5 ft waist to head high
Easing SSW/SSE southern hemi swells; small NW swell

SATURDAY – FAIR
– SURF: 3-4 ft waist to chest high
SW-SE swell mix drops at exposed spots; Larger sets for standout spots -

BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of September 10, 2014

HEAL THE BAY - 1444 9th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 - beachreportcard.org - brc@healthebay.org - 800 HEAL BAY

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)
Number of sewage spills -- 0
Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 2
Number of wet days -- 1
Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 28 / 0
Number of (C,B,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 3 / 0

The Beach Report Card is made possible by:
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Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for at least 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 Canillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	no
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	no
(S) Pescadero State Beach, between Ladera and Los Aliso creeks.	A+	no
Social Canyon at (S) Malibu State Beach.	A+	no
Broad Beach at Trabuco Creek mouth.	A+	no
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	no
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildfire Rd. (private).	A+	no
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	no
Escalante Creek, just east of Escalante State Beach.	A+	no
Laguna Canyon Creek mouth.	A	no
Solstice Canyon at San Benito County Beach.	A	no
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	no
Marin Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	B	no
Serfider Beach at Malibu Colony Inlet.	A+	no
Serfider Beach (beach location) - daily.	A+	no
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A	no
Carbon Beach at Sunsetwater Canyon.	A+	no
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (quiet river).	A+	no
Big Rock Beach at 19548 PCH stairs.	A+	no
Pine Creek at Los Tunes County Beach.	A	no
Tuna Canyon.	no	no
Tapanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	no
Cedwick Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	no	no
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	no
Will Rogers State Beach at 17208 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	no

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A	no
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	no
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	no
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chatsworth).	A+	no
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	D	no
Santa Monica Beach at Wildfire Blvd. drain.	A+	no
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	B	no
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kanter storm drain.	A	no
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurant).	A+	no
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	no
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	no
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	B	no
Venice Beach at Winwood Ave. drain.	B	no
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	no
Venice Beach - projection of Topical St.	A+	no
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach - Vineyard Inlet.	D	no
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballena Creek mouth.	C	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Calver Blvd. drain.	A+	no
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	no
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of DWR jetty).	A+	no
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	no
Dockweiler Beach - opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	no
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	no

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

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Anheuser-Busch, McDonald's voice disapproval with NFL

MAE ANDERSON
The Associated Press

Major sponsors including Anheuser-Busch are adding to the chorus of disapproval over the National Football League's recent scandals, but the companies are stopping short of pulling advertising.

Anheuser-Busch said Tuesday that it has spoken with the NFL about concerns related to recent incidents that are sparking outcry from fans, including an investigation into how long the NFL and its commissioner Roger Goodell knew about a video that shows Baltimore Raven Ray Rice beating his then-fiancée; as well as the Minnesota Vikings' decision to let Adrian Peterson play while he faces an abuse charge for spanking his 4-year-old son with a wooden switch.

McDonald's, Visa and Campbell Soup Co. say they have also voiced similar concerns to the league.

The statements come after Radisson hotels said Monday that it was pulling its sponsorship of the Minnesota Vikings. No other brands have pulled sponsorships from teams or the NFL.

But the statements from sponsors are becoming increasingly strongly worded.

Only last week, several big sponsors like GM and FedEx said they were monitoring the situation or watching it closely. Others like Anheuser-Busch and Procter & Gamble stayed silent.

This week, sponsors are making it clear they have made the NFL aware of their concerns. Anheuser-Busch used the harshest language, saying it was "disappointed and increasingly concerned."

The NFL responded to the sponsors' statements late Tuesday with a short statement of its own:

"We understand. We are taking action and there will be much more to come," the organization said.

As the NFL and various team executives navigate scandal, much is at stake: The money companies pay each year to be official sponsors -not including advertising and promotions- is worth about \$1.07 billion for the league and all of its teams, according to sponsorship consultancy IEG. The NFL is a coveted partner for brands since an average of 17.4 million people tune in during a regular season NFL game, about 65 percent men and 35 percent women, according to Nielsen.

Experts say that brands are taking their

cues by how upset consumers seem.

"It takes something pretty dramatic before those league sponsors who have invested in some cases hundreds of millions in their relationship with NFL seek to end their partnership or do something like that," said Jim Andrews, senior vice president of content strategy at IEG. "They follow the fans. They will be constantly monitoring and testing the waters to see what the fan reaction to this is."

For Anheuser-Busch, those sponsorship fees alone are worth an estimated \$50 million. The beer maker said Tuesday that it is "disappointed and increasingly concerned" by the recent incident.

"We are not yet satisfied with the league's handling of behaviors that so clearly go against our own company culture and moral code," the company said in a statement. "We have shared our concerns and expectations with the league."

Also on Tuesday, McDonald's issued a similar statement, saying "we have questions surrounding these evolving situations and are closely monitoring as the appropriate parties investigate these matters," The company added it has "communicated our concerns to the league, and we expect it to take strong and necessary actions to address these issues."

On Monday, Visa said domestic violence in any form is unacceptable and has no place in the NFL and society.

"As a long-standing sponsor we have spoken with the NFL about our concerns regarding recent events, and reinforced the critical importance that they address these issues with great seriousness."

Campbell Soup said it had also spoken to the NFL about the Ray Rice video investigation.

"Upon completion of the investigation, we expect the NFL to take appropriate action," Campbell Soup Co. said in a statement. "We have shared our views with the NFL."

Also on Tuesday, Procter & Gamble responded to a fake Covergirl NFL ad that went viral on social media. The ad depicted a woman with a black eye. The company posted a statement on its Covergirl Facebook page saying "domestic violence is completely unacceptable." The company went further, saying that it has "encouraged the NFL to take swift action on their path forward to address the issue of domestic violence."

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1 p.m., 6:55 p.m.

The Hundred-Foot Journey 2:02 (PG)

1:15 p.m., 4:05 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:50 p.m.

Something Wicked 1:30 (R)

1:30 p.m., 4:20 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:35 p.m.

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 1:41 (PG-13)

1:45 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 9:15 p.m.

The Giver 1:37 (PG-13)

4:30 p.m., 10:25 p.m.

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Dolphin Tale 2 1:47 (PG)

11 a.m., 1:35 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:45 p.m.

Guardians of the Galaxy 2:01 (PG-13) 3D

1:50 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

Guardians of the Galaxy 2:01 (PG-13)

11 a.m., 4:40 p.m. 10:20 p.m.

If I Stay

11:30 a.m., 2:10 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 10:05 p.m.

Let's Be Cops 1:44 (R)

11:45 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 5:15 p.m., 7:45 p.m., 10:15 p.m.

No Good Deed 1:24 (PG-13)

11 a.m., 1:15 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 5:45 p.m., 8 p.m., 10:15 p.m.

The November Man 1:48 (R)

11:15 a.m., 1:50 p.m., 4:25 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 9:50 p.m.

The Drop 1:46 (R)

11:30 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:40 p.m., 10:15 p.m.

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

OFF TO THE GYM, AQUARIUS

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ A smile says a lot, and it adds to others' willingness to approach you. You are known for having a hot temper. You could be stressed out by a new demand. Perhaps you want to consider saying "no" to any new responsibilities. Tonight: Join a friend for some munchies.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Your ability to express yourself clearly will emerge. A loved one is likely to be quite touched by your caring. Know what is necessary to make a situation workable. Tonight: Be naughty and nice.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You might worry a lot about a family member and how he or she relates to a mutual friend of yours. Even if there is some kind of friction, you need to accept both people as they are. Demonstrate caring, and the gap will be bridged. Tonight: Your treat.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You'll beam despite someone's unpredictability and ability to shake things up. At this point, this behavior is becoming predictable. Maintain a sense of humor, but don't laugh out loud. Tonight: Invite an older friend or family member to join you for dinner.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ You might want to delay a conversation, as you will want to reflect a little more on your recent choices. Treat a friend or loved one to a late lunch. Let this person know how important he or she is. Your indulgence makes this person feel cared for. Tonight: Out and about.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ In a discussion with a friend, focus on the friendship instead of a minor issue. Your caring is likely to evolve to a new level. One-on-one relating draws excitement and unpredictability. Your smile could save the day in a tense situation. Tonight: Among the crowds.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You are in the limelight, and are enjoying every moment. Understand that responsibilities naturally team up with this type of visibility; be ready to accept them gracefully. Tonight: Leader of the gang.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Let your imagination play out, especially in a project involving others. Share more of your feelings and thoughts with a close loved one. This person adores this part of your personality. Others might be overwhelmed. Tonight: Reach out to a loved one at a distance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You could be experiencing a lot of different emotions, and might not know how to express them to others. Don't worry -- they probably already know, as they are very sensitive and pick up on your vibes with ease. Tonight: How about dinner for two?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You could be responding to someone's strong stance instead of assuming control. You might need to learn to be as receptive as you are assertive. Understand that this experience might be more important for you than you realize. Tonight: Go along with a suggestion.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ You might feel the need to accomplish a lot, and you will. However, expect a certain amount of disruption from others. Choose to let calls go to voicemail right now to avoid getting entangled in a long conversation. Tonight: Off to the gym for some exercise.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Look within before trying to manipulate an associate or loved one. Why would you even need to do this? Let others make their own choices. By letting go, you will allow greater give-and-take between you and this person. Tonight: Make it romantic.

Wednesday, September 17, 2014

This year you will make the right choices for you. You also will be able to mend a relationship by experiencing it through someone else's eyes. As a result, you will be more sensitive when dealing with others. Focus on your long-term goals. Clear out what does not work in your life. You will be able to land on your feet, no matter what happens. If you are single, you could meet someone through a friend, or perhaps a friend becomes more. If you are attached, know that the friendship is as important as the romance. CANCER is a loyal friend. ...

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The stars show the kind of day you'll have:

★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So

★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult

★★★ Average

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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

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

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 364 calls for service on Sept. 15.

BELOW IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Grand theft on the 1300 block of Palisades Beach Rd. at 7:17 a.m.
Threats report on the 600 block of Kensington Rd. at 7:23 a.m.
Burglary on the 2500 block of Main St. at 7:30 a.m.
Burglary on the 1000 block of 11th St. at 9:45 a.m.
Burglary on the 1200 block of 4th St. at 9:47 a.m.
Traffic accident at Stewart and Pico at 10:26 a.m.
Vandalism on the 1400 block of Cloverfield Blvd. at 10:52 a.m.
Vandalism on the 1400 block of 7th St. at 11:31 a.m.
Hit and run on the 2100 block of 16th St. at 12:26 p.m.
Petty theft on the 300 block of Colorado Save. At 12:43 p.m.
Fraud on the 300 block of Olympic Dr. at 12:56 p.m.
Vandalism on the 300 block of Olympic Dr. at 1:13 p.m.
Fraud on the 1700 block of 9th St. at 1:23 p.m.
Auto burglary on the 1700 block of Appian Way at 1:55 p.m.
Defrauding an innkeeper on the 1500 block of Ocean Ave. at 1:57 p.m.
Fraud on the 1900 block of Ocean Ave. at 2:04 p.m.
Hit and run on the 1200 of 15th St. at 2:44 p.m.
Burglary on the 400 block of 10th St. at 3:38 p.m.
Fraud on the 2400 block of Santa Monica Blvd. at 4:40 p.m.
Petty theft on the 300 block of Olympic Dr. at 5:07 p.m.
Armed robbery on the 1400 block of Marine St. at 5:19 p.m.
Petty theft on the 1000 block of 5th St. at 5:53 p.m.
Battery on the 1400 block of 3rd St. Promenade at 6:26 p.m.
Petty theft on the 800 block of Broadway at 8:03 p.m.
Burglary on the 2200 block of Ocean Ave. at 8:42 p.m.
Grand theft on the 1300 block of 3rd Street Promenade at 9 p.m.
Prowler on the 200 block of San Vicente Blvd. at 10:27 p.m.
Battery at Ocean and Colorado at 10:57 p.m.



MYSTERY PHOTO

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Matthew Hall matt@smdp.com

CROSSWORD By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
1 Puccini opera
6 Old Italian coin
10 Ham, e.g.
11 Frisco player
12 Publicity act
13 Houston player
14 Big book
15 Vitamin C source
16 Decline
17 Buddy
18 Count starter
19 Bullpen pitcher
22 Budget amount
23 Salon jobs
26 One of the faithful
29 Funny fellow
32 Nonsense
33 Juan Perón's wife
34 Sudden
36 "— Brockovich"
37 Shrek's love
38 Refine ore
39 Camera creator
40 Super-market section
- 41 Take five
42 Mink's cousin

- DOWN**
1 Wine expert
2 Harvest month
3 Trip
4 Volcano shape
5 Gallery fill
6 Shopping aid
7 Prelude
8 Second airing
9 Came
11 "I did that perfectly!"
15 Cleveland player, for short
- 17 Leader of the Lost Boys
20 Bach's Mass — Minor
21 Deli choice
24 Neighbor of K2
25 Figaro's home

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Yesterday's answer

- 27 Auction buy
28 Crazy talker
29 Thin cookie
30 Tolerate
31 Gets bigger
35 Foot or hand
36 Put out
38 — Paulo

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DAILY LOTTERY



Draw Date: 9/13
1 6 16 37 53
Power#: 27
Jackpot: \$171M



Draw Date: 9/12
18 28 33 36 42
Mega#: 7
Jackpot: \$62M



Draw Date: 9/13
36 37 38 41 47
Mega#: 5
Jackpot: \$9M



Draw Date: 9/15
5 10 11 21 34



Draw Date: 9/15
MIDDAY: 5 0 6
EVENING: 1 4 3



Draw Date: 9/15
1st: 03 Hot Shot
2nd: 11 Money Bags
3rd: 05 California Classic
RACE TIME: 1:46.91

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Florida was one of 26 states to decline billions in federal funding under the Affordable Care Act ("Obamacare") to establish their own state insurance "exchanges" (including expanding their state Medicaid programs). Florida legislators chose instead to offer a separate state program, funded at less than \$1 million, to provide a small level of assistance, including help to the 764,000 people whose low income qualified neither for Medicaid nor Obamacare subsidies. The Tampa Bay Times reported in August that according to the most recent tally, the nine private plans under Florida Health Choices had registered 30 people (26 of whom receive only discount plans for prescription drugs or vision care). [Tampa Bay Times, 8-28-2014]
■ Guests at the May wedding of Shona Carter-Brooks in Ripley, Tennessee, reported that the bride's idea for integrating her month-old daughter into the ceremony consisted of tying her ("well-secured," she said later) to the long train of her wedding dress, dragging the child as the bride walked the aisle. Carter-Brooks was forced to take to her Facebook page in defense: People always "have something negative to say," she wrote, but her wedding was "exclusive and epic." [People.com, 6-2-2014]

TODAY IN HISTORY

1978- The Camp David Accords are signed by Israel and Egypt.
1980- After weeks of strikes at the Lenin Shipyard in Gdansk, Poland, the nationwide independent trade union Solidarity is established.
1980- Former Nicaraguan President Anastasio Somoza Debayle is killed in Asunción, Paraguay.

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Buyers' Needs

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Condo • Ocean Ave. only, N. of Wilshire • 2+2 or 3+2 • Front facing unit only • Up to \$3,000,000 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income Property • 4-8 units • Between Wilshire & Adelaide • No price cap
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single Family Home • North of Montana • Minimum 4+3 • Up to \$4,500,000 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major Fixer/Flipper/Needs Renovation • Anywhere on Westside • \$700,000- \$1,100,000

Average Price of **ALL** Santa Monica
Single Family Homes
From **ALL** agents in **ALL** companies
Listed for Sale as of Mid September 2014

Santa Monica Canyon	=	\$ 2,031,500
North of Montana	=	\$ 6,355,727
Between Wilshire & Montana	=	\$ 3,466,800
South of Wilshire	=	\$ 1,201,200
Sunset Park	=	\$ 1,717,429
Ocean Park	=	\$ 2,309,750
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