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CSU officials OK plan to raise tuition if tax measure fails

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Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO A California State University panel on Tuesday approved a plan to raise tuition by 5 percent next year if voters reject Gov. Jerry Brown's tax initiative and trigger a $250 million funding cut to the 23-campus system.

The CSU board of trustees' finance committee voted for the "contingency strategy" to manage the potential failure of Proposition 30. Meeting in Long Beach, the full board was expected to approve the measure Wednesday.

The Nov. 6 ballot initiative would temporarily boost the state sales and income taxes to help close California's ongoing budget deficit and avoid deeper cuts to K-12 schools and colleges.

Under the resolution, CSU would raise tuition for the winter and spring 2013 terms if the tax measure fails in November. Tuition for in-state undergraduates would rise to $3,135 per semester or $6,270 per year. The tuition increase would generate $116 million per year.

CSU would also increase the supplemental tuition paid by out-of-state students by 7 percent, or $810 per year, to $11,970 per year starting in fall 2013. That move would generate an expected $9 million per year.

Under the measure approved Tuesday, if Proposition 30 passes, CSU would rescind a previously approved 9 percent tuition increase that went into effect this fall. Annual tuition would fall to $5,472.

If CSU freezes tuition this year, the system would receive an additional $125 million in state funding in 2013-14 — if Proposition 30 passes — under legislation Gov. Brown signed as part of his 2012-13 budget.

The committee voted to postpone until November a decision to impose new fees on students who repeat courses, take more than 16 units in a semester or have earned more than 150 units.

The proposed fees, which would go into effect in fall 2013 regardless of whether Proposition 30 passes, are aimed at increasing student access to courses and reducing the time it takes to graduate.

SMMUSD loses 20 Head Start spots

Federal poverty limits too low to meet local need, cost of living

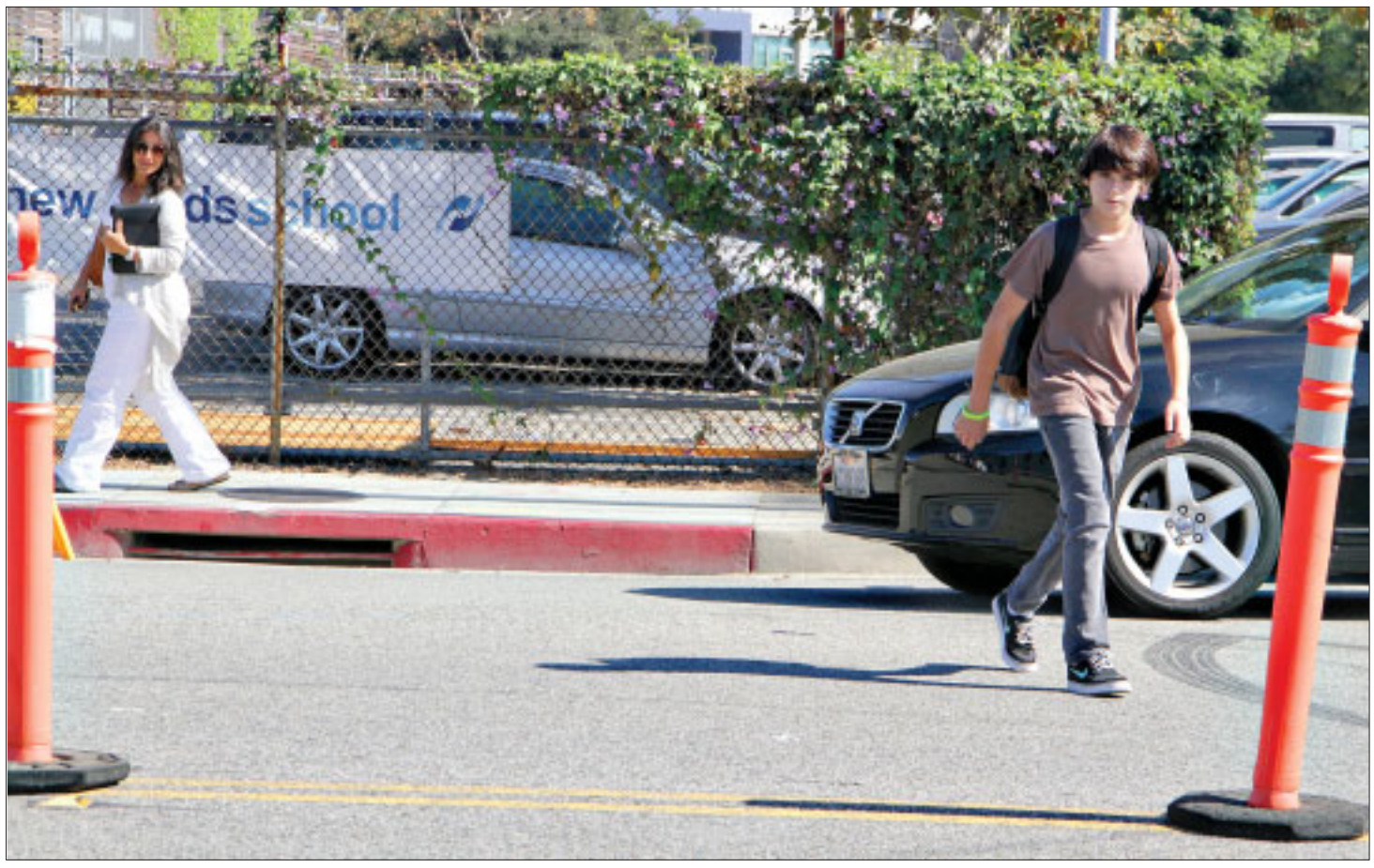
BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District lost 20 federally-funded pre-school spots for low-income 3- and 4-year-olds because not enough disadvantaged youth qualified under the federal poverty guidelines, county officials said.

The decision comes just over a year after SMMUSD applied to take over 127 spots under the Head Start program after a former provider, Delta Sigma Theta Pre-School, stopped.

"Since Delta had been operating in the same territory, it was assumed that there would be enough kids to enroll when we expanded," said Judy Abdo, development services director for the district. "It turns

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WAY OF THE WALK: **A New Roads student crosses Nebraska Avenue at Berkeley Street on Tuesday after school.**

Parents fear for children crossing street near New Roads

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
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EASTSIDE City Hall is resisting calls from parents and officials at a private school on the northeast end of Santa Monica to install a crosswalk at an intersection where they say hundreds of students are put in danger each day.

The petition has already collected almost 200 signatures from parents and concerned individuals, said Lynn Dickinson, a parent at New Roads School.

Dickinson started the petition after trying to walk the route that her daughter, Aspen, would have to take each day, including a crossing at Nebraska Avenue and Berkeley Street.

It was the first time Aspen would be walking to school — they'd driven to the Santa Monica Alternative Schoolhouse, or SMASH, for the past several years.

"I was shocked at what a difficult time I had crossing the street," Dickinson said.

When she asked around to see if others

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Back-to-school safety
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
3:45 p.m.
Learn everyday safety tips from a real Santa Monica police officer. The class is designed for grades K-4. Parents are welcome at this free event.
For more information, call (310) 458-8621.

Why do cities go under?
SMC, Bundy Campus
3171 S. Bundy Dr.,
7 p.m. — 9 p.m.
The Santa Monica College Public Policy Institute will present a panel and audience discussion on why cities go bankrupt. California was stunned this year at the news that three of its cities were plunging into bankruptcy. Now, many are saying that San Bernardino, Stockton and Mammoth Lakes could be just the tip of the iceberg.
For more information, call (310) 434-3429.

Benefiting the community
City Council Chambers
1685 Main St., 7 p.m.
The Santa Monica Planning Commission will discuss community benefits when developers want to build beyond what the zoning code allows. This is a continuation of study session held Aug. 22. For more information, go to www.smgov.net.

Thursday, Sept. 20, 2012

Coffee with Debbie
Funnel Mill Cafe
930 Broadway,
10 a.m. — 12 p.m.
Join pop legend Debbie Gibson for coffee and a smile. She'll be on hand to talk about HooplaHa, an online content service that dispenses "good news." For more information, visit www.hooplaha.com.

Talking feet
Santa Monica Family YMCA
1332 Sixth St., 12 p.m.
UCLA Health System presents this free health seminar about foot facts and foot fiction. Podiatrists Terry Boykoff and Abbasseh Towfigh will lead a dynamic, fast-paced look at myths and truths about the most common foot problems.
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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CITY HALL

SM earns InformationWeek 500 award

City Hall is among a select number of governments and companies on this year's InformationWeek 500, an annual listing of the nation's most innovative users of business technology, city officials announced Tuesday.

The award recognizes City Hall's Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS) and the use of technology to address traffic, parking and mobility issues, according to a press release.

The ATMS connects traffic signals, cameras, controllers and wireless devices on transit corridors through Santa Monica's fiber-optic network. The entire system is managed in one room where traffic is monitored and controlled in real time. Traffic signals can be adjusted on the fly to deal with shifting traffic patterns during peak travel times, holidays, special events and traffic accidents.

Emergency vehicles can also trigger green lights, helping them move quickly through the city. The number of parking spaces available in city-owned lots and structures is also monitored and displayed on signs and on City Hall's website. There are also Wi-Fi equipped parking meters that take payments by credit cards and cell phones.

A special website — smconstructs.org — provides the latest information on development projects, as well as road closures, detours and other impacts on traffic, according to the press release.

City Hall was ranked along with the Internal Revenue Service, the Jet Propulsion Laboratory and the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center.

– KEVIN HERRERA

CITYWIDE

Cook during Carmageddon II

City officials are encouraging residents to visit one of three Farmers' Markets during the Carmageddon II weekend, set for Sept. 29-30 when Interstate 405 will be closed for construction.

At www.smgov.net/405 people can find recipes using seasonal ingredients that can be purchased at the markets.

"We are the largest grower-only certified Farmers' Market in Southern California and a favorite for local chefs," said Farmers Market Supervisor Laura Avery. "So avoid the Sepulveda Pass and walk or bike to Santa Monica's famous Farmers' Markets."

The markets open during that weekend will be:

• Pico Farmers' Market — Virginia Avenue Park from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday.

• Downtown Farmers' Market — on Arizona Avenue between Fourth and Second streets from 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. on Saturday.

• Main Street Farmers' Market — Heritage Square from 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. on Sunday.

Amelia Saltsman, author of the "Santa Monica Farmers Market Cookbook," has provided the recipes being featured over the 405 closure weekend. They include a rustic eggplant-tomato bake, tromboncino trifolati and roasted autumn fruits.

– KH

U.S. homebuilder confidence surges to 6-year high

ALEX VEIGA
AP Real Estate Writer

LOS ANGELES Confidence among U.S. homebuilders rose this month to its highest level in six years and many expect the housing recovery will strengthen in the next six months.

The National Association of Home Builders/Wells Fargo builder sentiment index released Tuesday increased to 40 in September. That's up from 37 in August and the highest reading since June 2006, just before the housing bubble burst.

Any reading below 50 indicates negative sentiment about the housing market. The index hasn't reached that level since April 2006, the peak of the housing boom.

Still, a measure of builders' outlook for sales in the next six months rose to 51. That's up from 43 in August and also the highest level since June 2006.

Builders also reported seeing the best sales level since July 2006. And turnout by prospective buyers returned to levels not seen since May 2006.

The positive trends have helped bolster optimism that the U.S. housing recovery will endure.

"We think things have turned around and this recovery is sustainable," said Patrick Newport, an economist with IHS Global Insight. The rise in builder confidence means that new-home construction is likely to increase over the next six months, Newport said.

The survey, which is based on responses from 445 builders, has been trending higher since October. After a dismal 2011, homebuilders have seen their fortunes begin to turn around this year as the housing recovery has steadily gained momentum.

Sales of both new and previously occupied homes are running ahead of last year. Home prices are increasing more consistently, in part because the supply of homes has shrunk and foreclosures have eased. And mortgage rates remain near record lows, beckoning potential buyers with good credit.

Still, the housing market remains depressed. While the turnaround will continue next year, a complete recovery in home construction isn't expected before 2016, Newport said.

The housing market isn't expected to recover fully until job growth improves and the unemployment rate, now at 8.1 percent, declines further.

Still, sales remain on the upswing at Taylor Morrison, which builds homes in five U.S. states and caters to entry-level and move-up buyers, as well as seniors.

The Scottsdale, Ariz.-based company's sales are up 40 percent from last year, said Graham Hughes, the builder's vice president of sales and marketing.

Hughes says the lower inventory of previously occupied homes for sale has helped drive stronger demand for new homes. Demand has been especially strong in markets like Phoenix, where the builder's sales are up 80 percent. That's made it possible for Taylor Morrison to hike prices there by an average of 15 percent.

Taylor Morrison expects to close out 2012 with 15 percent more employees than last year. It also anticipates boosting payrolls by another 10 percent next year.

"I'm definitely optimistic now," Hughes said. "We've turned the corner and we're at the bottom and starting to look up."

Though new homes represent less than 20 percent of the housing sales market, they have an outsize impact on the economy. Each home built creates an average of three jobs for a year and generates about $90,000 in tax revenue, according to the NAHB's data.



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A little booze to wash away the tragic figures at Disney World

"IT WAS SCARY," MY 4-YEAR-OLD daughter Petunia replied when my husband asked her if she enjoyed "Finding Nemo" after seeing it in the movie theater over the weekend.

"Tell me more about it," he prodded her.

"It was sad," she replied.

"Anything else?" he asked.

"Well," she said with a thoughtful pause. "Nemo missed his daddy."

It was a simple review, but one that pretty much sums up every Disney movie ever made: dead or absentee parent, terrifying and gloomy.

We're taking both of our daughters to Disney World this fall, a trip my husband and I are anticipating as eagerly as Cinderella looking forward to midnight — which is to say we have every intention of delighting in the ball like we're the chosen princess, but dread what we might see when the clock strikes 12.

Literally. I mean, has there ever been a Disney good guy who's had an easy time of it? The whole lot of them must roam the streets of Orlando like a pack of wild, rabid dogs sniffing out random targets to take out their aggression on each night. How else do they work through the pain and memories of their otherwise miserable existence?

Why is it that if you're a Disney character you have to experience unqualified tragedy before you can enjoy some semblance of happiness, and even then it necessarily means the second you meet someone with good looks and a moneyed family you give the shaft to the dwarfs who took you in, gave you a bed and a roof over your head when someone was looking for you in an attempt to cut your heart out of your chest with a dagger and leave you for dead in the woods?

It's no wonder the Magic Kingdom is finally ready to start selling alcohol after remaining dry for its entire 41-year existence, which the Orlando Sentinel reported last week. After all, you'd think a little jungle juice would be necessary to mask the figurative heartache of such rides as Dumbo the Flying Elephant, which is named after a character ridiculed for his appearance who accidentally gets drunk and hallucinates, all while trying to muddle through life as a tortured circus animal after his mother has been locked up after being diagnosed as legally insane.

How about a few gulps of something strong and clear before climbing up the Swiss Family Treehouse? Because if your family got deserted on an island where the only inhabitable place for the six of you to live out the rest of your days was a tree that might have been more appealing had it been constructed out of Lincoln Logs, you, too, might need something to lull yourself to sleep every evening, not to mention make it through most of the daylight hours.

Petunia is over-the-moon excited about meeting Cinderella, and we're tickled for her, too, although not so much for her attraction to the poor girl's signature broom. There's no shame in cleaning for a living, like Cinderella's stepmother and stepsisters made her do, but we're hopeful that Petunia will set her bar a bit higher than that of Disney's signature princess who dances with and sings to rodents while mopping floors and almost instantly agrees to devote her life to a man whom she didn't feel comfortable enough with only hours earlier to admit she was wearing a borrowed dress.

Please, God, let there be Jell-O shots during the line at Peter Pan's Flight because if I really have to imagine an island full of lost boys, plus those poor brothers and their sister in particular, who are made to walk the plank of a pirate's ship while a man-eating crocodile is waiting below, all while they are waiting pathetically for a little pixie dust and some sort of elf without a shadow to save them, I might just experience something resembling an emotional breakdown and go home with way more children than I arrived with when our vacation began.

WHY IS IT THAT IF YOU'RE A DISNEY CHARACTER YOU HAVE TO EXPERIENCE UNQUALIFIED TRAGEDY BEFORE YOU CAN ENJOY SOME SEMBLANCE OF HAPPINESS, AND EVEN THEN IT NECESSARILY MEANS THE SECOND YOU MEET SOMEONE WITH GOOD LOOKS AND A MONEYED FAMILY YOU GIVE THE SHAFT TO THE DWARFS WHO TOOK YOU IN ... .

Then there's The Sea With Nemo & Friends, which we surely wouldn't miss. After Nemo has a small taste of freedom for the first time in his life, he swims off like the big shot that he totally isn't to touch a diving boat and then is all up in arms because a diver actually took him, thereby requiring his already-grieving, widowed dad to risk life and fin to schlep across the ocean and fend off sharks, jellyfish, a whale and angler fish in an effort to save him. A six-pack of beer and a few sips of whiskey should get us through that cheerful adventure feeling just warm and fuzzy enough.

Of course the alcohol in the Magic Kingdom will be limited to a "Beauty and the Beast"-themed restaurant and won't be for sale until after our visit is over. But surely they make Disney-themed flasks somewhere so we can still make sure we're the happiest people at the happiest place on Earth, very much in spite of those characters after whom the entire park and experience were created.

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Spending taxpayer dollars to push Prop. 30

DOES GOV. BROWN SECRETLY HARBOR a death wish for Proposition 30? He claims this massive $50 billion tax hike is his highest priority as he personally stumps the state and editorial boards to urge its passage. And yet, as newspaper headlines have reflected all summer, his actions and other silly deeds of state government seem designed to give California voters every reason to vote no.

First was his manipulation of the ballot process — working in concert with Democratic leaders in the Legislature to give Prop. 30 preference on the November ballot by being listed first. Even California's left-of-center editorial writers were offended. Then there was his doubling down on the controversial high speed rail project. The debt service for the largest infrastructure project in American history would more than cover his proposed cuts to higher education.

Compounding these head-scratching moves, it is later discovered that the California parks department hid $54 million while the administration was threatening to close more than 70 parks.

So, with just a few weeks until the election, have Prop. 30's tax backers finally learned their lesson? Apparently not. In a move sure to antagonize an already skeptical voting public, California State University is about to send out a letter to those who have applied for admission to CSU that openly discusses Prop. 30 and — in the opinion of CSU — all the evils that would befall California if Prop. 30 doesn't pass. This includes an implied threat to applicants that they might not gain admission. Here are the exact words in the draft letter that came to our attention:

"Because enrollment capacity is tied to the amount of available state funding, the campuses will be able to admit more applicants if Proposition 30 passes and fewer applicants if the proposition fails.

"Therefore, notification of admission decisions will occur after the close of the initial application filing period (Nov. 30, 2012), at which time the outcome of Proposition 30 at the Nov. 6 election will be known."

Before discussing the political wisdom of this missive, know that using taxpayer funds for political advocacy is illegal. Under California law, public universities are prohibited from engaging in political advocacy using public resources. Similar prohibitions apply to K-12 schools and community colleges. No use may be made of school property, funds, personnel, supplies or equipment "for the purpose of urging the support or defeat of any ballot measure." Education Code §7054(c).

As soon as we became aware of the letter intended for distribution to CSU applicants, we sent a letter to CSU Chancellor Charles Reed in the hopes that litigation could be avoided. In our letter we made our position clear:

"Universities may make public statements of an informational nature, provided they are factual and impartial. Statements that are not factual, that are not impartial or balanced, or address subjects beyond the scope of the limited legislative authorization are prohibited both by statute and by our state and federal constitutions.

"The free speech clauses of the federal and state constitutions prohibit the use of governmentally-compelled monetary contributions (including taxes) to support or oppose political campaigns since 'such contributions are a form of speech, and compelled speech offends the First Amendment.'" Smith v. U.C. Regents (1993) 4 Cal.4th 843, 852.

Moreover, "use of the public treasury to mount an election campaign which attempts to influence the resolution of issues which our Constitution leaves to the 'free election' of the people (see Const., art. II, § 2) ... presents a serious threat to the integrity of the electoral process." Stanson v. Mott (1976) 17 Cal.3d 206, 218.

The draft letter in our possession violates these core democratic principles by presenting unbalanced advocacy. For example, the California School Boards Association — although it, too, has endorsed Proposition 30 — acknowledged that there is no guarantee that there will be any new money for education.

It is a serious breach of the public trust when government officials spend public funds to create an advantage for one side of a political campaign. As you may know, the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association has successfully sued individual officials in similar circumstances for an accounting and personal reimbursement of mishandled public funds.

We'll see what the chancellor's response to these concerns is, hopefully soon. But the political question remains: How can the proponents of Proposition 30 be so politically tone deaf? Do they not consider, for a single moment, that the use of taxpayer dollars to advocate for a tax increase might, just possibly, look bad?

Compounding the bad "optics" for the backers of Prop. 30, who will no doubt claim that politics has nothing to do with this letter, is the fact that a member of the CSU Board of Directors is the governor's own political director.

Jerry Brown and his allies need desperately to convince California voters that the state has justified the need for this massive tax increase. And yet, every week it seems they do something that will persuade voters that just the opposite is true.

JON COUPAL is president of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association – California's largest grass-roots taxpayer organization dedicated to the protection of Proposition 13 and the advancement of taxpayers' rights.

The Q Line

To ban or not to ban?

New York City last week OK'd a ban on big, sugary drinks at restaurants.

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Do you think it's a good idea to ban sugary drinks or did the government go too far?

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Free speech, religion clash over anti-Muslim movie

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CERRITOS, Calif. While the man behind an anti-Islam movie that ignited violence across the Middle East would likely face swift punishment in his native Egypt for making the film, in America the government is in the thorny position of protecting his free speech rights and looking out for his safety even while condemning his message.

It's a paradox that makes little sense to those protesting and calling for blood. To them, the movie dialogue denigrating the Prophet Muhammad is all the evidence needed to pursue justice — vigilante or otherwise — against Nakoula Bassely Nakoula, an American citizen originally from Egypt.

In America, there's nothing illegal about making a movie that disparages a religious figure. And that has the Obama administration walking a diplomatic tight rope less than two months before the election — how to express outrage over the movie's treatment of Islam without compromising the most basic American freedom.

"The thing that makes this particularly difficult for the United States is that ... we treat what most of us would refer to as hate speech as constitutionally protected speech and Americans don't appreciate, I think, how unusual this position seems in the rest of the world," said Lawrence Rosenthal, a professor at Chapman University's School of Law in Orange, Calif.

The situation also raises vexing questions about how far the government can and should go to protect someone who exercises their First Amendment right. In the past, for example, police have stood guard to ensure Nazis and the Ku Klux Klan could march without being attacked for their views.

But Nakoula's case invites scrutiny because the free speech he exercised with the film "Innocence of Muslims" has had such far-reaching and violent implications.

If the government were to overtly protect Nakoula, it could be seen by some as tacit approval of the film, and further enflame protests. Leaving him to fend for himself could have deadly consequences. There are examples of violence against others who have written or spoken against Muhammad.

White House spokesman Jay Carney on Tuesday stressed that the video was not connected to the United States government and suggested it was being "exploited by groups that have an interest in creating chaos and destabilizing their local government or attacking the west or the United States."

Egypt's general prosecutor on Tuesday issued arrest warrants for seven expat Egyptian Coptic Christians, including Nakoula, and referred them to trial on charges of harming national unity, insulting and publicly attacking Islam and spreading false information. The charges carry the death penalty.

So far, the U.S. government has acknowledged offering Nakoula very limited assistance. Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies escorted Nakoula to an interview with federal probation officials. They did so in the dead of night and allowed Nakoula to cover his face. And early Monday, deputies answered his family's request for help leaving the house where they'd been holed up for five days so they could reunite with the 55-year-old filmmaker. All remain in hiding.

Department spokesman Steve Whitmore stressed the agency is not providing protective custody. He referred questions to federal authorities, who have declined to comment.

Jody Armour, a professor at the University of Southern California's Gould School of Law, said it's "not unusual at all for the government to step in and give a citizen in distress or danger special protection, but it can't be unlimited. They're going to have to strike a balance."

A 14-minute trailer for the film posted on YouTube sparked violence in the Middle East, including an attack in Libya in which a U.S. ambassador was killed. Nakoula, a Coptic Christian and American citizen who served federal prison time for check fraud, told The Associated Press in a short interview last week that he was involved in management and logistics for the anti-Islamic film. Federal officials, however, told the AP they have concluded he was behind the movie.

Furor over the film has been widespread. Bahrain protesters used Twitter to organize demonstrations that included burning American flags in the nation that hosts the U.S. Navy's 5th Fleet. Pakistan's conservative Islamist parties sent out text messages, mosque announcements and made phone calls to bring out protest crowds, including about 1,000 people in the northwestern city of Peshawar on Sunday and hundreds who rushed the U.S. consulate in Karachi, sparking clashes with police in which one demonstrator was killed.

"Yes, we understand the First Amendment and all of this stuff," wrote Khalid Amayreh, a prominent Islamist commentator and blogger in Hebron on the West Bank. "But you must also understand that the Prophet (for us) is a million times more sacred than the American Constitution."

In America, the government can't even order that the video be removed from YouTube. All it can do is ask. And so far, parent company Google has declined, saying the video was within its guidelines for content. The company did restrict access to the video in certain countries, including Egypt, Libya and Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim nation.

"This can be a challenge because what's OK in one country can be offensive elsewhere," the company said in a statement.

That's precisely the point about the First Amendment, Armour said.

"The reason it is a constitutionally protected interest is precisely because it may prove unpopular," he said. "Words and images don't just convey information, they are attached to consequences. That's when we really have to ask ourselves, 'What price are we willing to pay for that First Amendment interest?' And these are the times that really test our convictions."

Repressing Nakoula's right to make the video would set the U.S. on a slippery slope that might eventually lead to censorship of such shows such as "South Park," which often pokes fun at Jesus Christ, and other religious parodies that are "woven into the American way," said Armour.

In 1975, former CIA agent Philip Agee published a book detailing agency operations and disclosing the names of a number of CIA agents working undercover overseas, Rosenthal said. Even in that instance, the U.S. government didn't press criminal charges but instead revoked Agee's passport and sued him for the book's profits.

"It's not clear that there is, on the books today, a law that makes what (Nakoula) did a crime," Rosenthal said. "This is an extremely difficult problem."

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ONTARIO

Household income blamed for airport passenger drop

A Los Angeles World Airports consultant says the average household income of residents in Riverside and San Bernardino counties is the main cause of lower passenger volume at Ontario International Airport.

The airport has lost about 42 percent of its passenger traffic since 2008.

Consultant Edward Shelswell-White Rather says the economy and the cost of jet fuel isn't to blame.

It's the area's average household income of $55,845 in San Bernardino County. The statewide average is $60,883.

The Inland Valley Daily Bulletin says airlines tend to provide more service to areas with higher household median incomes.

Ontario's service area, according to the consultant report, simply has a smaller number of target households.

Los Angeles World Airports now operates the airport 40 miles east of Los Angeles.

Ontario wants to dissolve a 1967 Joint Powers Agreement. Los Angeles is reviewing the proposal.

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LOS ANGELES

Appeals court says joint Station Fire lawsuit OK

An appeals court says 34 people can jointly sue a California insurer that denied or underpaid damage claims sought after the 250-square-mile wildfire north of Los Angeles.

The plaintiffs filed suit in 2010 against the California FAIR Plan Association, a last-resort insurer for people who can't get private coverage, for breach of contract, unfair business practices and other violations.

The Los Angeles Daily News says the association argued that trying the claims together could bias jurors.

A Superior Court judge agreed.

But a three-judge appeals panel on Monday overturned the ruling, saying the complaints were derived from the same natural disaster and similar allegations against the insurer.

Two firefighters were killed and 209 structures were destroyed in the 2009 arson-caused Station Fire that started in the Angeles National Forest.

AP

LOS ANGELES

Man, 72, fatally shoots ex-wife, kills self

Police say a 72-year-old man shot and killed his 52-year-old ex-wife in her Los Angeles home then shot and killed himself.

Det. Gus Villanueva tells the Los Angeles Times that police officers were called to the home in the city's Mid-Wilshire neighborhood before dawn Monday, and inside the home they found the bodies along with a note and a gun.

The coroner's office says no names have been released because the relatives of the dead have not been notified.

AP

Man arrested for ESPN post on killing kids

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LOS ANGELES A California man accused of posting comments on ESPN's website that said he was watching kids and wouldn't mind killing them was being held Tuesday on $2 million bail after he was arrested for investigation of making terrorist threats, authorities said.

Several guns were found at the man's home Monday, said Los Angeles County sheriff's Lt. Steve Low. The name of the man, who is in his early 20s, was not immediately released as investigators are trying to determine if there are any additional suspects.

Threatening posts were made in a reader response section to an online ESPN story on Thursday about new Nike sneakers named after LeBron James that cost $270 a pair, ESPN spokesman Mike Soltys said Tuesday. Some of the nearly 3,000 reader comments on the story talked about children possibly getting killed over the sneakers because of how expensive they are.

"What he was posting had nothing to do with sports," Soltys said. "We closely monitor the message boards and anytime we get a threat, we're alerting law enforcement officials."

An employee at ESPN headquarters in Bristol, Conn., notified local police the same day and they linked the posting to the man's home in Santa Clarita in northern Los Angeles County. Sheriff's investigators said they were contacted Sunday and began surveillance on the man's home until a search warrant was obtained.

The online post on ESPN said that a shooting would be like the one in Auora, Colo., where 12 people were killed and 58 were injured in July, authorities said.

The man in California lives with his parents on a street that overlooks an elementary school and a middle school, said Lt. Low. Both schools were open Tuesday, although at least three children didn't attend class after they were notified by the school about the arrest, said Dianne Saunders, principal of Santa Clarita Elementary School.

"As always, safety is our first priority and we are working closely with police to ensure our kids remain safe," Saunders said. "We are thankful that police departments are working together and without the information from Bristol, maybe this wouldn't have been able to be stopped."

Authorities didn't disclose how serious the threat was, but they were looking to see if the suspect had made similar posts on the Internet.

"We take all these kinds of threats serious, especially with the climate of other shootings around the nation over the past year," Low said.

Sheriff's investigators are working with Bristol police and Yale University police but do not say what connections the suspect may have with either place. A Yale spokesman referred questions to law enforcement authorities.







Gov. Brown signs workers' compensation fixes

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SAN DIEGO Gov. Jerry Brown signed a bipartisan bill Tuesday intended to reduce workers' compensation costs for California businesses while increasing benefits to workers injured on the job.

His office said statewide changes were needed because the cost of workers' compensation insurance has risen from $14.8 billion to $19 billion for California businesses in the past two years. Supporters said by making the system more efficient and limiting litigation, the bill, SB863, will save businesses $1 billion next year and allow increased payments to disabled workers.

Opponents, including some chiropractors and attorneys for injured workers, argued that limiting litigation would mean fewer benefits for people who are unable to return to work. According to the insurance-run Workers' Compensation Insurance Rating Bureau of California, there were 527,000 workplace injuries reported in 2011, about 174,000 of which resulted in temporary and permanent disability or death.

Brown — who was joined by business representatives, labor leaders and legislative leaders — said the bill is an example of what can be achieved when Democrats and Republicans work together. Democratic Sen. Kevin De Leon, of Los Angeles, carried SB863 and lawmakers approved it with bipartisan support last month.

"We're saving hundreds of millions of dollars for businesses, we're getting workers back to work faster and we're getting them the kind of medical care they need," Brown said before signing the bill inside a family-owned printing shop in San Diego's Barrio Logan neighborhood. The governor was scheduled to promote the legislation at a Walt Disney Co. studio lot in Burbank later in the day.

Rebecca Aguilera-Gardiner, who runs Diego & Son Printing with her brother, said changes in the bill "not only helps the worker, it helps the small business owner." The shop started by their father is celebrating its 40th anniversary with banners that read, "Old fashion service with the latest technology."

SB863 will increase benefits to permanently disabled workers by $860 million a year while giving employers a break on insurance costs.

The changes were the result of months-long negotiations between business groups concerned about escalating insurance costs and labor unions that wanted to address unexpected benefit reductions for injured workers that followed changes pushed in 2004 by then-Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Sean McNally, owner of Bakersfield-based Grimmway Farms, the state's largest organic grower, said negotiations between labor and management were "excruciating at times," but the bill will mean quicker resolution because doctors will make decisions rather than courtrooms.

The legislation makes substantial reforms to the century-old system in which businesses buy insurance or self-insure to provide medical care and compensation to workers who injure themselves or fall ill on the job.

It changes how benefits are calculated for injured workers, creates a binding arbitration process to resolve coverage disputes and eliminates coverage for conditions that most commonly lead to lawsuits, including insomnia and mental health problems.

The measure also aims to prevent lawsuits by establishing a binding independent review system to resolve medical disputes and shortens the timeline for approval of treatment from two years to three months.

In addition to increasing compensation for disabled workers by $740 million a year, which will boost benefits by an average of 29 percent for individual disabled workers, lawmakers included $120 million a year in a special fund for victims of catastrophic accidents who cannot return to work.

Supporters said that without the changes in the bill, employers would face insurance premium hikes that could trigger layoffs at a time when the state's unemployment rate remains above 10 percent.

Opponents said the bill actually hurts those who are most seriously injured by reducing some benefits and limiting care.

"In particular, the legislation restricts the ability of an injured worker to access necessary medical treatment and to receive adequate compensation if a worker is permanently disabled and cannot return to work at the same salary," Brad Chalk, president of the 700-member California Applicants' Attorneys Association, wrote lawmakers.

The reforms also would limit the role chiropractors so they would not be able to serve as a worker's primary care doctor after hitting a cap of 24 visits a year.

Kassie Donoghue, a chiropractor and director of government affairs for the California Chiropractic Association, said the cap is arbitrary and doesn't make sense because many of the cost increases are driven by prescription drugs and medical treatments. The association hopes to get that changed in further legislation.

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For seven months, AIDS Walk Los Angeles organizers sought a meaningful dialogue with City of Santa Monica officials to discuss and correct a new Big Blue Bus "policy" that discriminates against all charitable public service messages. The policy favors "commercial" ads for such things as soft drinks, movies, television shows, and video games.

The effort was rebuffed at every turn by City staff, from December of last year all the way to mid-July of this year.

Finally, Mayor Richard Bloom got involved, but his leadership proved to be lacking in drive and clarity, and was ineffective. In fact, Mayor Bloom appeared to be with us and against us at the same time.

Mayor Richard Bloom and the City's executive staff focused on the risk of lawsuits from those with bad intentions, and ignored the risk of lawsuits from those with good intentions. Similarly, they appear to have placed a greater priority on not angering corporate advertisers than on taking a stand that is in alignment with our community's values.

Simply put, we still believe in government of the people, for the people, and by the people. **We would like to praise Mayor Pro Tempore Gleam Davis and Councilmember Terry O'Day, who took a common-sense stand in favor of more equal treatment for community organizations.** Unfortunately, their voices were in the minority, and now the City is being sued by those who want the Big Blue Bus to do the right thing.

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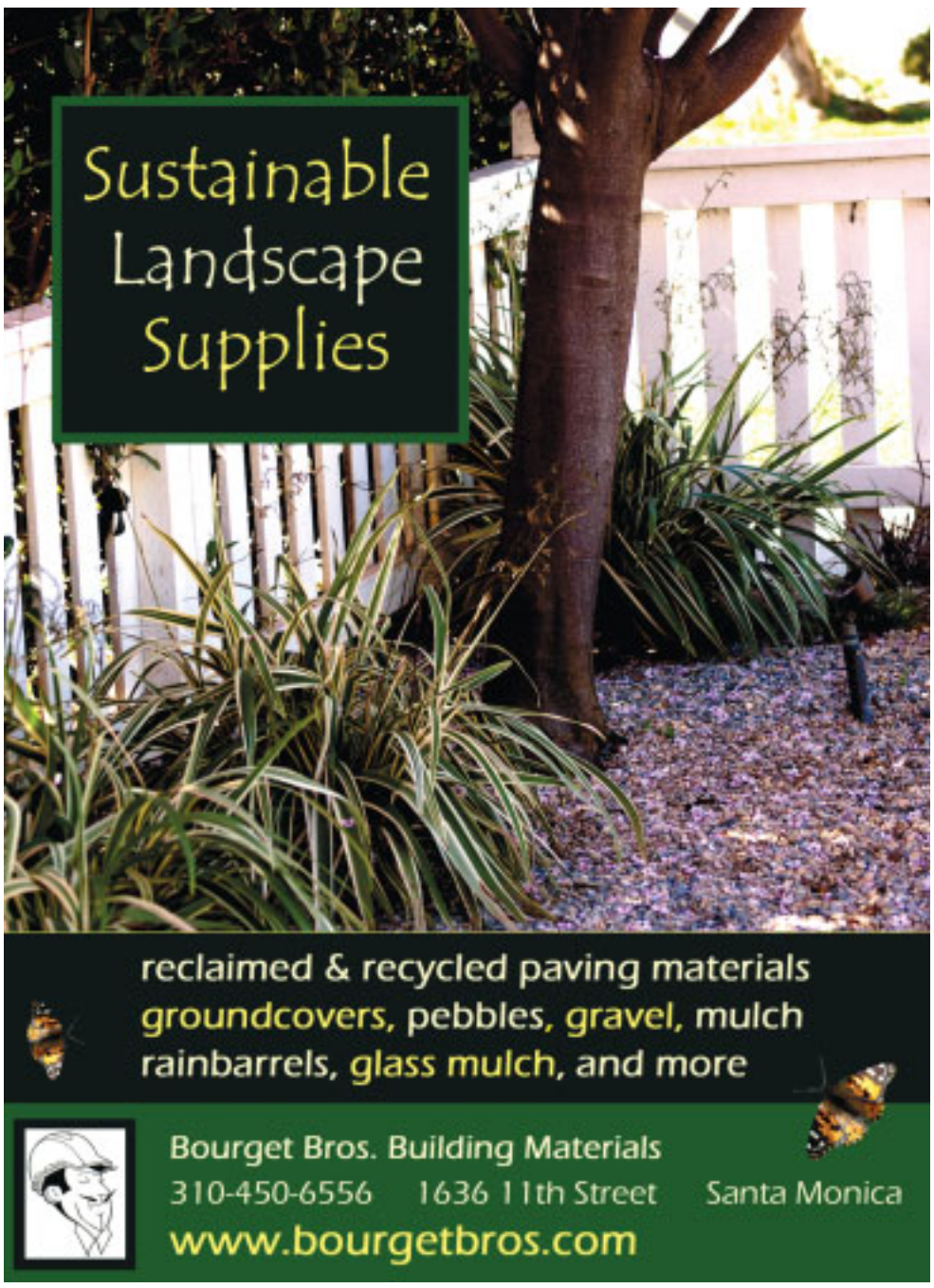
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CROSSWALK

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shared her concern, she found out that they did, in droves.

"I can't imagine somebody who doesn't want a crosswalk here," said Nicole Holofcenev, a parent at New Roads.

Holofcenev was picking up her two sons and one of their friends Tuesday afternoon. She parked across the street on Nebraska Avenue because the line to pick up kids on campus can get "disorganized" at times.

Of course, the boys walked across Nebraska Avenue to meet her.

It's not just the parents.

David Bryan, president of New Roads, has also raised the issue with City Hall.

Although admittedly unschooled in the science of traffic engineering, Bryan said, the visual demarcation of a crossing at that intersection would help parents feel better about their children's safety.

"I don't know the statistics (that show) having a crosswalk makes the world safer, but it seems like it does," Bryan said.

In actuality, that particular intersection has seen little to worry city officials over the past several years.

According to information from the Santa Monica Police Department, only four accidents happened there between May 2008 and May 2011, none of which involved pedestrians.

The Planning Department looked into the intersection in 2011 at the request of members of the community, said Sam Morrissey, a traffic engineer with City Hall.

"There was nothing unusual to indicate a real safety hazard," he said. "Nothing in the accident statistics, nothing in the speed or traffic volume."

Less than 1,500 vehicles travel down both Nebraska Avenue and Berkeley Street each day, and field reviews didn't reveal issues with people traveling above the posted 30 mile-per-hour speed limit.

With so little evidence that a crosswalk is actually needed, it's better just not to have one, Morrissey said.

"There are so many intersections that are similar … we have to go very methodically," Morrissey said.

Parents don't appreciate that argument very much.

"Because no one's been hit yet they don't need a crosswalk there?" Dickinson asked. "It doesn't seem right."

A study conducted for the Federal Highway Administration by the University of North Carolina's Highway Safety Research Center at the turn of the century examined the efficacy of crosswalks in keeping pedestrians safe.

It looked at five years of pedestrian crashes at 1,000 marked crosswalks and 1,000 unmarked comparison sites and found that the presence of a marked crosswalk alone at an uncontrolled location made no difference in the pedestrian crash rate compared to an unmarked crosswalk.

"Further, on multi-lane roads with traffic volumes above about 12,000 vehicles per day, having a marked crosswalk alone (without other substantial improvements) was associated with a higher pedestrian crash rate … compared to an unmarked crosswalk," the report reads.

There are other problems with crosswalks.

Despite the fact that they're just paint, crosswalks can be fairly difficult and even expensive to maintain because thousands of cars drive over them every day, mussing the paint job, Morrissey said.

Drivers also become desensitized to the presence of a crosswalk, especially when there's not a lot of pedestrian action there most of the day.

The Planning Department uses the same criteria — some of which is spelled out by the state — to determine which intersections need a crosswalk and which will go without.

Consistency is important, or crosswalks will pop up whenever one group yells too loudly, Morrissey said.

Now may be the ideal time for people with concerns to approach the department.

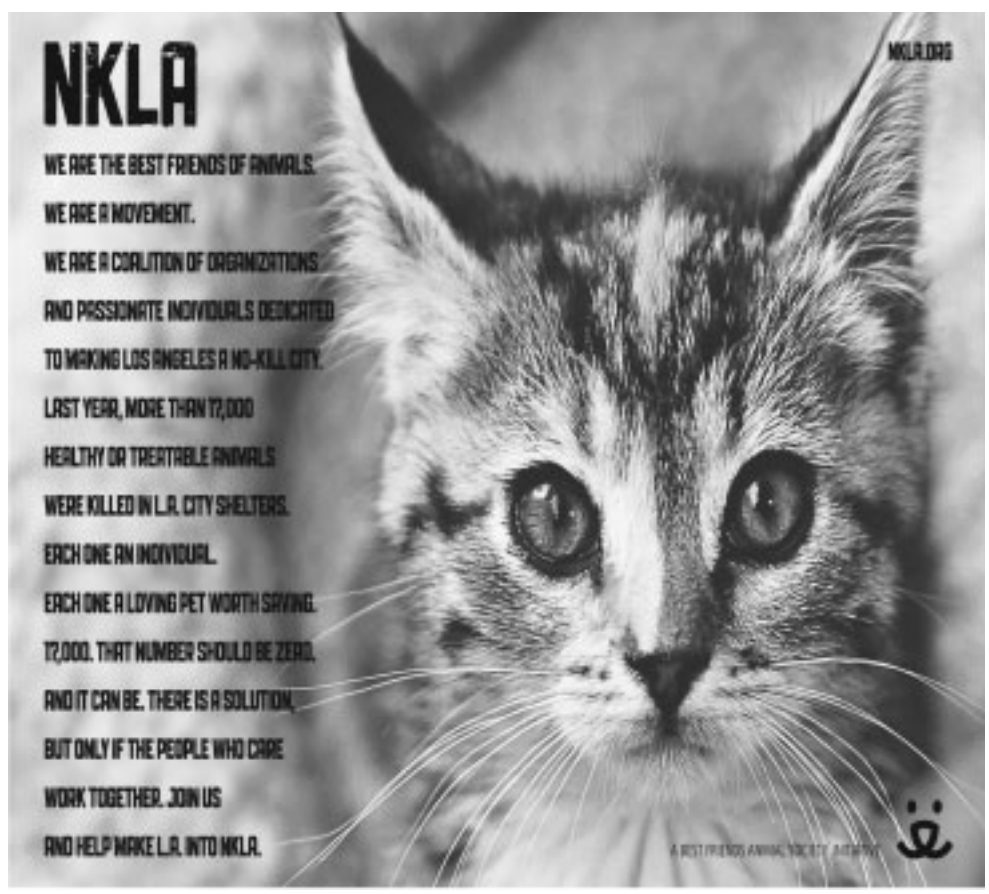
Planners are currently working on a framework to improve pedestrian safety and the walkability of Santa Monica.

The Pedestrian Action Plan, as it's called, can help establish a new methodology for installing crosswalks that's more consistent with community desires, Morrissey said.

"We like to go methodically through anything," he said. "We look to people using it on a daily basis to inform us. If there's something missing and it comes through with the help of questions and further investigation (we want to know that)."

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HEAD START

FROM PAGE 1

out there was not."

In large part, that's a result of the extremely-low level federal poverty guidelines set by the U.S. Department of Human Services which define "poor" as $15,130 per year for a couple and $23,050 per year for a family of four.

The same measure is applied to California residents, who have a notoriously high cost of living, as anywhere else in the country.

"It's tough," Abdo said. "You think the eligibility is the same in Mississippi and North Dakota as it is here, and the cost of living is enormously different."

The Westside in particular is a challenge to the Los Angeles County Office of Education, which administers the Head Start program in the region.

Although LACOE recognizes that pockets of working class families, families getting assistance and the working poor live in areas like Santa Monica, it doesn't exist to a large degree, said Keesha Woods, director of the Head Start Pre-School Division at LACOE.

Even if families are struggling to make ends meet, Head Start can't serve them unless they qualify under federal guidelines with very few exceptions, Woods said.

"We've had this challenge in terms of demographics in the Santa Monica area for many years," Woods said. "Each year, it becomes progressively more difficult to serve there."

Families can qualify for the Head Start program despite their income if they qualify for other kinds of federal assistance like Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, or TANF, or if they're homeless.

The county can push the eligibility to 130 percent of the federal poverty line, but only if every person at the normal level is served first, and that is not the case, Woods said.

The divide between the California cost of living and the measure adopted by the federal government is a long-standing issue.

According to a report by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in May, the economic downturn and high cost of living in California has left many families in the gap between making it and qualifying for federal aid.

The center's survey of the California Legislature demonstrated that although lawmakers must often use federal poverty numbers when they evaluate programs for low-income individuals, they would prefer to use locally-derived numbers.

That makes sense, according to the report.

"For example, while the annual (federal poverty level) amount is $15,130 for a couple in 2012, the actual cost of living for a two-person household in the state can be two to three times that amount," the report states.

That's according to the Elder Economic Security Standard Index, a newer measure of poverty that takes into account how much it costs retired, older adults to cover their basic needs.

Other research suggests that one out of five adults between the ages of 18 and 64 are also "undercounted" by the federal standards.

Even if the federal standards changed overnight, the Head Start program could not continue in at least one of its current locations in Santa Monica.

LACOE is shutting down the center at Los Amigos Pre-School after discovering major structural damage at the 35 to 40-year-old relocatable that would take up to $200,000 to repair.

The county still needs permission from the federal government to demolish the structure, which currently sits on land owned by Calvary Baptist Church.

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Chicago teachers vote to return to classroom

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CHICAGO Teachers agreed Tuesday to return to the classroom after more than a week on the picket lines in Chicago, ending a combative stalemate with Mayor Rahm Emanuel over evaluations and job security, two issues at the heart of efforts to reform the nation's public schools.

Union delegates voted overwhelmingly to suspend the strike after discussing a proposed contract settlement that had been on the table for days. Classes were to resume Wednesday.

Jubilant delegates poured out of a South Side union hall singing a song called "Solidarity Forever," honking horns and yelling, "We're going back." Most were eager to get to work and proud of a walkout that yielded results.

"I'm very excited. I miss my students. I'm relieved because I think this contract was better than what they offered," said America Olmedo, who teaches fourth- and fifth-grade bilingual classes. "They tried to take everything away."

Mayor Rahm Emanuel called the settlement "an honest compromise" that "means a new day and a new direction for the Chicago public schools."

He said the talks achieved goals that had eluded the district for more than a decade, including an extension of the school day, which had been among the nation's shortest, and a new teacher evaluation system.

"In past negotiations, taxpayers paid more, but our kids got less. This time, our taxpayers are paying less, and our kids are getting more," the mayor said, referring to provisions in the deal that he says will cut costs.

Union leaders pointed to concessions by the city on how closely teacher evaluations would be tied to student test scores and to better opportunities for teachers to retain their jobs if schools are closed by budget cuts.

The walkout, the first in Chicago in 25 years, shut down the nation's third-largest school district just days after 350,000 students had returned from summer vacation. Tens of thousands of parents were forced to find alternatives for idle children, including many whose neighborhoods have been wracked by gang violence in recent months.

Union President Karen Lewis said the union's 700-plus delegates responded to a voice vote with an estimated 98 percent in favor of reopening the schools.

"We said that we couldn't solve all the problems of the world with one contract," Lewis said. "And it was time to end the strike."

Tuesday's vote was not on the contract offer itself, but on whether to continue the strike. The contract will now be submitted to a vote by the full membership of more than 25,000 teachers.

The walkout was the first for a major American city in at least six years. And it drew national attention because it posed a high-profile test for teachers unions, which have seen their political influence threatened by a growing reform movement. Unions have pushed back against efforts to expand charter schools, use private companies to help with failing schools and link teacher evaluations to student test scores.

Chicago teachers took pride in the display of union muscle. Said elementary teacher Shay Porter: "We ignited the labor movement in Chicago."

The strike carried political implications, too, raising the risk of a protracted labor battle in President Barack Obama's hometown at the height of the fall campaign, with a prominent Democratic mayor and Obama's former chief of staff squarely in the middle. Emanuel's forceful demands for reform have angered the teachers.

The teachers walked out Sept. 10 after months of tense contract talks that for a time appeared to be headed toward a peaceful resolution.

Emanuel and the union agreed in July on a deal to implement the longer school day with a plan to hire back 477 teachers who had been laid off rather than pay regular teachers more to work longer hours. That raised hopes the contract would be settled before the start of fall classes, but bargaining stalled on other issues.

Emanuel decried the teachers' decision to leave classrooms, calling the walkout unnecessary and a "strike of choice."

Chicago's long history as a union stronghold seemed to work to the teachers' advantage. As they walked the picket lines, they were joined by many of the very people who were most inconvenienced by the work stoppage: parents who had to scramble to find babysitters or a supervised place for children to pass the time.

To win friends, the union engaged in something of a publicity campaign, telling parents repeatedly about problems with schools and the barriers that have made it more difficult to serve their kids. They described classrooms that are stifling hot without air conditioning, important books that are unavailable and supplies as basic as toilet paper that are sometimes in short supply.

Wilonda Cannon, a single mother in North Lawndale, a West Side neighborhood beset by gang shootings and poverty, was relieved to know her two youngest kids would be returning to their grammar school after spending much of the strike in the care of their grandfather.

Cannon hoped the deal would "get all the schools, or at least some of them, to a place where the atmosphere is more conducive to learning" and that it would put "more support structures in place for both the students and the teachers."

As the strike entered its second week, Emanuel turned to the courts, filing a lawsuit to force teachers to come back to work.

The clash upended a district in which the vast majority of students are poor and minority. Administrators staffed more than 140 schools with non-union workers so students who are dependent on school-provided meals would have a place to eat breakfast and lunch.

When the two sides met at the bargaining table, money was only part of the problem. With an average salary of $76,000, Chicago teachers are already among the highest-paid in the nation. The district's final proposal included an average 7 percent raise over three years, with additional raises for experience and education.

But the evaluations and job security measures stirred the most intense debate.

The union said the evaluation system was unfair because it relied too heavily on test scores and did not take into account outside factors that affect student performance such as poverty, violence and homelessness.

The union also pushed for a policy to give laid-off teachers first dibs on open jobs anywhere in the district.





Romney: 'Great divide' exists over tax philosophy

KEN THOMAS
Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY Republican Mitt Romney said Tuesday that Democratic President Barack Obama believes government should "take from some to give to the others" as he defended telling wealthy donors that half of Americans believe they are "victims" who are entitled to government assistance.

Romney told Fox News during an interview that he views such redistribution as a "foreign concept" and that there is a "great divide" among Americans on the subject.

The GOP presidential nominee said a growing federal government, driven in part by people who want support from government programs, has jeopardized the country.

"It's a pathway that looks more European than American in my view. And it's a pathway some Americans are drawn to," Romney said. He said people who pay no income taxes would be unlikely to support his campaign because his plan to cut those taxes across the board wouldn't help them.

The Republican presidential candidate was reinforcing remarks he made at a $50,000-a-plate fundraiser in Boca Raton, Fla., on May 17, comments secretly videotaped and made public on Monday. Romney's campaign spent part of Monday trying to mitigate fallout from the video, in which he tells donors that 47 percent of Americans "believe they are victims" and that his job as president wouldn't be to "worry about those people."

In response, Romney offered no apologies Monday night during a hastily arranged news conference in which he said the comments were not "elegantly stated" and were spoken "off the cuff." He said the remarks showed a contrast between Obama's "government-centered society" and his belief in a "free-market approach."

"Of course, I want to help all Americans, all Americans, have a bright and prosperous future," Romney told reporters.

Obama's campaign pounced on the video, which was obtained by Mother Jones magazine and released only hours after Romney's campaign outlined a new strategy to try to rejuvenate a struggling campaign. The video's emergence came as advisers to the former Massachusetts governor tried to reassure party leaders and donors about Romney's strategy amid concerns that the race could be slipping away.

In the video, Romney also said the Palestinians "have no interest" in peace with Israel.

"You hope for some degree of stability, but you recognize that this is going to remain an unsolved problem ... and we kick the ball down the field and hope that ultimately, somehow, something will happen and resolve it," Romney said. He said pushing Israel to give up disputed territory for a two-state solution with the Palestinians "is the worst idea in the world."

Romney has not addressed his remarks about the Middle East.

Those comments put him in sync with hard liners in the Israeli government, including some aides to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and senior Israeli cabinet ministers. Netanyahu himself has publicly advocated for a two-state solution.

The Obama administration favors a two-state solution with Israel and a future Palestine. But it says Palestinian statehood can only come about through a negotiated agreement between the parties, not through the United Nations.

Palestinian lawmaker and scholar Hanan Ashrawi accused Romney of "destroying the chances for peace" and called his remarks "irresponsible and dangerous and both ignorant and prejudiced."

Netanyahu's office declined to comment. The office of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas also had no comment.

Romney's comments in the first video appeared to focus more on the economy, the No. 1 issue for voters in November.

"There are 47 percent of the people who will vote for the president no matter what," Romney says in the video. "There are 47 percent who are with him, who are dependent upon government, who believe that they are victims, who believe that government has a responsibility to care for them, who believe that they are entitled to health care, to food, to housing, to you name it."

Romney said in the video that his role "is not to worry about those people. I'll never convince them they should take personal responsibility and care for their lives."

In a seven-minute news conference with reporters before a fundraiser near Los Angeles, Romney did not dispute the authenticity of the hidden-camera footage. He called for the release of the full video, instead of just the clips posted online. Fuller versions of Romney's remarks at the May fundraiser were made public Tuesday.

On Monday, he sought to clarify what he said when asked if he was concerned that he may have offended people.

"It's not elegantly stated, let me put it that way. I was speaking off the cuff in response to a question. And I'm sure I could state it more clearly in a more effective way than I did in a setting like that," Romney said.

About 46 percent of Americans owed no federal income tax in 2011, although many of them paid other forms of taxes. More than 16 million elderly Americans avoid federal income taxes solely because of tax breaks that apply only to seniors, according to the nonpartisan Tax Policy Center.

The videos were the latest troubles for Romney's campaign, which has tried to focus attention on a weak economic recovery and make the case that the Republican's business background would help spur the economy. In recent weeks, the campaign has dealt with the fallout from Clint Eastwood's rambling conversation with a chair at the Republican convention and Romney's omission of the war in Afghanistan or thanks to the troops in his prime-time convention speech.

The eruption of violence in Egypt and Libya last week prompted Romney to issue a statement assailing the Obama administration before it was known that an American ambassador and three other U.S. citizens had died in Libya, a move that generated criticism from Democrats and Republicans alike.

A series of polls have shown Obama with an edge nationally and in key battleground states, leading Republicans to implore Romney to give voters more specifics on how he would govern. The new approach aims to improve Romney's standing in the lead-up to the first presidential debate on Oct. 3.

Obama campaign manager Jim Messina quickly issued a fundraising appeal based on the initial video, telling supporters: "If we don't come through for President Obama right now, this will be the guy making big decisions that affect us and our families every single day."



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Groups lend a hand to teachers with classroom pets

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LOS ANGELES For many children, their first pet is a virtual one.

Experts say many children who enter the first grade can play video games but few have a pet to play with. And teachers say that's a shame, considering how animals — real ones — can enrich a child's upbringing.

So for a quarter of a century, educators such as Dawn Slinger in Farmington, Minn., have paid out of their own pockets to provide one for their classrooms. Only in the past few years have groups stepped in to help with the financial burden.

Two years ago, Pets in the Classroom, a Maryland-based project from the nonprofit foundation Pet Care Trust, began offering grants to U.S. and Canadian teachers in grades 1 through 8. The money can be used to buy starter pets, cages, food and other supplies. It issued its 10,000th grant this summer.

The $150 grants help offset the cost of the animal and its care, which helps teachers like Slinger who has been using her own money, said foundation executive director Steve King. Just an aquarium for a frog could cost more than a hundred dollars.

Teachers who apply for a second year or more get $50 for additional equipment, food and supplies.

Pet Care Trust first started introducing pets to classrooms through a joint venture with the Florida Aquarium in Tampa five years ago. A classroom fish project gave participating teachers a 150-gallon aquarium, supplies and fish, King said. Nearly 200 classrooms in the Tampa area got aquariums, and a similar program was started in Chicago.

Slinger believes the cost is worth the experience for her students. She builds lessons around two miniature Russian tortoises, a fire-belly newt, tree frogs, three types of gecko, several hermit crabs, two small ball pythons, a corn snake and a 45-gallon tank of fish. Students observe and draw the animals, and research and write about them. When the school year is over, each student's work becomes a book.

Parents tell her their children are inspired by the animals and are excited about learning, she said.

She said that out of a class of children — hers last year had 26 — "maybe six will have pets at home, usually a cat or dog. Not many will have reptiles." Since taking her class, "several students have gotten hermit crabs or fish for their houses. One got a lizard and one is working on a snake."

The decision over what kind of pet to get lies with the teacher. Slinger chose hers because they fascinate children, their temperaments are right and they don't bother students with allergies or asthma, she said.

Concerns from parents over disease, allergies and exposure to waste have led to bans or limits on animals in some classrooms, although service animals are allowed in most schools. The Pet Care Trust leaves it to the teachers to know their students and parents, and King said teachers and students must follow cleanliness guidelines.

Among applications for first-time grants, the most popular choices for classroom pets were small mammals, like hamsters, guinea pigs, rats and rabbits, King said. That was followed by aquarium pets, reptiles and amphibians, then birds, he said.

Classroom pets also have been enlightening for some families. Heidi Keating said her 8-year-old son Wayne has been begging for a snake since he was in Slinger's class last year.

"First, I said absolutely no. Then Wayne said, 'Come see the snakes in class.' Even Grandma came. We petted it. I never knew they were soft. I am a little more open at this point," she said.

Keating said the family wants to encourage his interest, so they took Wayne to a reptile zoo for his birthday.

"It helps me get over my fears too," she said. "I am learning. I am honest about it, and he knows I am coming along with it. His (5-year-old) sister Quincy is too. When she had her face painted, she wanted a snake."

But until Wayne is a little older, he'll have to settle for the 4-month-old basset hound puppy the Keatings got recently.

Classroom pets also can be incentives for good grades, as when some teachers allow students to care for the animals when school is out, King said. Slinger visits her classroom pets two or three times a week during summers and vacations.

As for the animals that don't return for another school year, that's a learning moment too, King said.

"Lifespan is part of the life lesson that comes with having a classroom pet," he said.



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Famous culinary school stresses science in kitchen

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HYDE PARK, N.Y. The basics of a culinary education are getting a little less basic at the Culinary Institute of America.

Recognizing that for the chefs of tomorrow well-honed knife skills and a mastery of the mother sauces won't be enough, the culinary school is pumping up its curriculum with a host of science lab-worthy tools and techniques.

"Today's chef compared to a chef 30 years ago needs to know so much more," CIA president Tim Ryan said recently. "The industry, the profession, is so much more complicated."

Basic cooking lectures at times sound more like a chemistry lesson, covering the culinary uses of xanthan gum, or the physics of why oil and water won't mix. And just this month, the school was approved to offer a new major in culinary science, a field encompassing food science and culinary arts.

A recent class covered dessert making via liquid nitrogen. Chef Francisco Migoya carefully dunked strawberries into a smoking container of the super-cold liquid, then shattered them with a mallet and ground the shards into a fine berry dust for use in an ice cream dish. Frozen borage petals were added for garnish.

It's true: the famous French chef Auguste Escoffier never studied ion-dipole attraction and James Beard never had to consider the complex and sometimes outlandish creations of molecular gastronomy. But science has crept into cooking in so many ways, from cooks using lab centrifuges to separate ingredients to high-end restaurants that serve aerated foie gras. The trend, sometimes referred to as modernist cuisine, is loosely defined as the movement to incorporate scientific principles into the cooking and presentation of food.

And the movement has stars, like Chicago's Grant Achatz and Spain's Ferran Adria, who made gorgonzola balloons and vanishing ravioli for a select few at his former restaurant, elBulli. Practitioners even have a manifesto: "Modernist Cuisine: The Art and Science of Cooking," a 2,438-page text published last year by Nathan Myhrvold, the first chief technology officer at Microsoft, which includes tips for preserving truffles in carbon dioxide.

Ryan recalled that Achatz once told him he picked up a lot of his knowledge not in the classroom, but on the Internet. But Ryan stressed that scientific skills are increasingly necessary not only in multi-star restaurants, but in the corporate kitchens and research labs many of his school's graduates will work in.

Freshmen being put through their paces preparing fish and carrots on a recent weekday morning in a kitchen classroom already were getting the message. While any line cook knows to finish off a sauce with butter, chef Elizabeth Briggs wants her students to know why. They have to have a detailed understanding of what's going on inside the pot.

"It's emphasized in this class it's the difference between a chef and a cook," said Janelle Turcios of Pittsburgh, working a range as she made a vin blanc sauce.

The emphasis on science is signaled most dramatically with the new bachelor of professional studies degree in culinary science. Beginning in February, students pursuing the degree will be able to take courses such as Dynamics of Heat Transfer, Flavor Science and Perception, and Advanced Concepts in Precision Temperature Cooking.

Chef Jonathan Zearfoss said they are not just teaching "magic tricks" or molecular gastronomy. He and Chris Loss, director of menu research and development at the CIA, tried to design a course of study that will teach the scientific underpinnings of food production.

"A traditional kitchen is like a pirate ship. We like our flames, we like our noise, we have our scars," Zearfoss said with a smile. "We'd like to create a kitchen that's more like a yacht."

To Loss, a strawberry is not just something to be sliced or dipped, but something with cells and enzymes that can be manipulated for best taste and presentation. Loss explained that the strawberries smashed in the kitchen classroom have more surface area and thus more flavor. And ice cream made in liquid nitrogen is smoother than the stuff on the supermarket shelves because ice crystals don't have time to form.

Other schools are stressing the link between food and science, too.

The International Culinary Center in New York City now offers a concentration in culinary technology stressing scientific principles and hands-on experience with high-tech tools like those used for sous-vide.

The food science department at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst began offering a concentration in culinary science about five years ago to meet a demand from culinary students with associate's degrees who wanted more science background for the job market, said department head Eric Decker. And Drexel University has offered a bachelor of science in culinary science since 2007.

More subtly, the CIA is tweaking the master-apprentice relationship that has been a hallmark of professional kitchens since the days of suspending iron pots over wood fires. The traditional way for a trainee to respond to a request is, "Yes, chef." Now school administrators want to make it closer to, "Why, chef?" They want students to come up with hypotheses, test them, and discover the best methods.

Provost Mark Erickson explains that in some cases, those traditional beliefs can be improved, like the practice of simmering stock slowly at around 185 F to make it clear and tasty. Erickson said tests show simmering at a rolling boil at about 210 F produces a more flavorful, if cloudier, stock.

George Vollkommer, a CIA junior from Chicago, said it's a bit scary to go from "Just do it because I told you" to bringing scientific inquiry into the kitchen. But Vollkommer also is excited to move beyond tradition and explore contemporary food preparation methods such as sous vide and quick freezing.

"It's trying to balance these new techniques with being able to execute them properly. Some of them are very technically advanced to perform, even dangerous," he said. "If you look at liquid nitrogen, you can lose a hand doing that."

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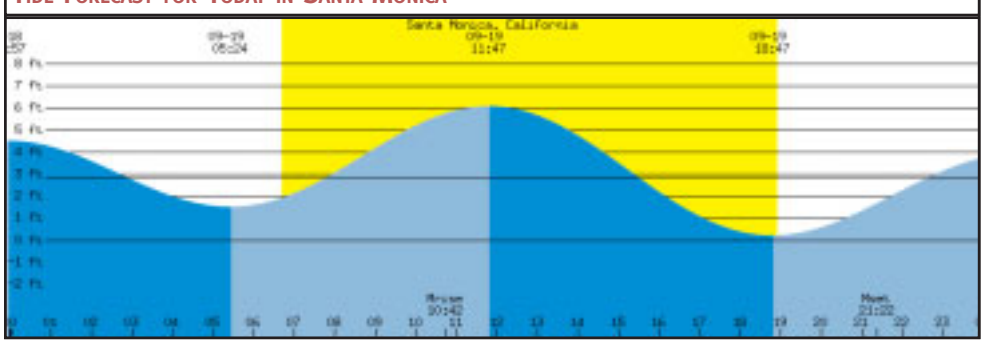
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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	as
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	as
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.	as	as
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	as
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	as
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	as
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	as
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	as
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	as
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	as
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A	as
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	as
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd.	A	as
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	as
Surfrider Beach (breach location) - daily.	A	as
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	as
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	as
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	as
Big Rock Beach at 19648 PCH stairs.	A+	as
Pena Creek at Los Tunas County Beach.	A+	as
Topanga Canyon.	as	as
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	as
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	as
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	as
Will Rogers State Beach at 17208 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A	as

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

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Raiders' new era waiting to get off ground

JOSH DUBOW
AP Sports Writer

ALAMEDA, Calif. The Oakland Raiders are still waiting to get their new era off the ground.

With star running back Darren McFadden still looking to find his groove in a new system, a run defense that has as many holes as ever and a rebuilt secondary that was unable to frustrate a rookie quarterback, the Raiders are off to their first 0-2 start since Lane Kiffin's debut season in 2007.

"There's a lot of things we got to do better," first-year coach Dennis Allen said Monday. "We're obviously not where we want to be as a football team. We have to continue to work to get better, and that's exactly what we're going to do."

The Raiders followed up a 22-14 season-opening loss at home to San Diego, when they were done in by three botched punts following an injury to long snapper Jon Condo, with a disheartening 35-13 loss at Miami.

Reggie Bush ran for 172 of Miami's 263 yards rushing and scored two of the Dolphins' four touchdowns on the ground. Rookie quarterback Ryan Tannehill went 18 for 30 for 200 yards and one touchdown in a turnover-free performance.

Oakland's offense wasn't much better, with the only touchdown coming on a 64-yard swing pass to backup running back Mike Goodson. Carson Palmer completed just 50 percent of his passes and McFadden was held to 22 yards on 11 carries. For the second straight week, the Raiders were held to negative yards rushing in the second half.

About the only positive to come out of the first two weeks is the Raiders have reduced their record-setting penalty rate of a year ago, committing just 11 so far this season after averaging more than 10 a game last year.

That led Allen to change plans on Monday and have the entire team get together to watch the film instead of breaking up into offense and defense.

"It's not a fun meeting," center Stefen Wisniewski said. "You don't want to have too many meetings like that, with the whole team sitting, watching, watching an ugly film. But, you got to do that, in order to get better."

Allen said he has seen that tactic done before and he believes it helps build cohesiveness with the team. The handful of players available in the locker room Monday said it was a new experience for them.

"Any player across the league would say it was a little awkward at first. Just because you're not used to doing that instead of just watching it with your defense," said cornerback Joselio Hanson, who has been in the league since 2004. "It was actually good teaching because we were looking at the offensive guys and what the other team's defense was trying to do to them, and we heard our offensive coordinator telling our offense certain techniques that he wants to work against the defense, and how they want to beat us. It was good to hear that."

The biggest immediate issues for the Raiders to address before playing Pittsburgh at home on Sunday are getting the running game going and figuring out who will play cornerback. Injuries will play a factor in both.

Starting cornerback Shawntae Spencer left Sunday's game in the fourth quarter with a sprained right foot and is expected to miss some time. With the other starter, Ron Bartell, already out with a broken shoulder blade, the Raiders could ill afford to sustain another injury at cornerback.

Pat Lee started in place of Bartell and was benched early after struggling to guard Brian Hartline. Hanson didn't fare much better and Lee was forced back into the game after Spencer left.

No other cornerbacks on the roster have played a defensive snap this season, although safety Michael Huff could move to cornerback this week.

"We're going to look at the personnel that we have," Allen said. "We're going to look if there's anybody out there that we feel like can help us. So that's definitely a position that we got to look at and see where we're at and see if there's anything we need to do."

Right tackle Khalif Barnes left in the second quarter with a groin injury and will also likely miss time. Willie Smith replaced him and is expected to get the start Sunday.

Oakland needs better offensive line play in order to get McFadden and the running game going. The Raiders are averaging a league-low 2.0 yards per carry and are ahead of only Tennessee in total yards rushing with 68 in two games. They have been unable to break anything with the running game, with the longest carry going for just 11 yards despite having a game-breaking back in McFadden.

"It's real close to popping wide open," left tackle Jared Veldheer said. "I have a ton of confidence that we'll work at the things we need to get it on track this week."

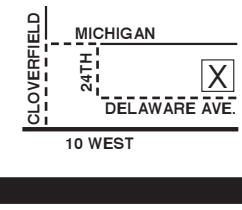


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11:10am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

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Intouchables (R) 1hr 52min
1:40pm, 4:30pm, 10:10pm

Inbetweeners (R) 1hr 36min
5:35pm, 9:55pm

Royal Opera House's: Tosca Encore (NR)
7:30pm

5 Broken Cameras (NR) 1hr 30min
1:10pm, 3:20pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

Arbitrage (R) 1hr 40min
1:50pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

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1:00pm, 3:10pm, 5:25pm, 7:40pm

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Premium Rush (PG-13) 1hr 31min
11:45am, 2:20pm, 4:50pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

Possession (R) 1hr 31min
11:50am, 2:20pm, 4:55pm, 7:40pm, 10:10pm

Expendables 2 (R) 1hr 42min
11:35am, 2:05pm, 4:40pm, 7:20pm, 9:50pm

ParaNorman (PG) 1hr 33min
11:45am, 5:00pm, 10:15pm

Hope Springs (PG-13) 2hrs 01min
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ParaNorman 3D (PG) 1hr 33min
2:25pm, 7:45pm

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Chill out tonight, Sag

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Deal with others directly. You might not like what comes down the path, but know that you can transform a situation. Emotions expressed could help everyone involved. Strong energy directs you. Tonight: Listen to a suggestion.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Others clearly command the stage. You will be very happy if you do not try to interfere with this trend. An unexpected change encourages you to let go of what has not been working. Tonight: Just do not be alone.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ You want to mix in a happier or more social part of your life. You could be jolted by what heads your way. The unexpected forces you to transform the way you deal with a key person. As a result, you might decide to open up. Tonight: Handle a personal matter.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Your creativity opens you up to a new possibility when faced with a difficult and unpredictable situation. You feel good and empowered. Share some of your more intense feelings. Indirectly, you mobilize others by revealing more. Tonight: Paint the town red.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ A sudden insight or new information heads your way. You might want to slow down, as this novel perspective could change a lot in your daily life. For a while, make fewer commitments until you review certain facets of your life. Tonight: Mosey on home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You could be seeing a situation very differently from in the past. You'll discover that a person you counted on no longer is predictable. He or she has been more uptight and now chooses more off-the-wall ideas and actions. Tonight: Visit with a pal.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Be aware of how much you offer. Sometimes you give away too much of yourself. The unexpected impacts your daily life. You can work with sudden change, yet something within you seems to be building. Could it have to do with a loved one? Tonight: Treat yourself well.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Be more upbeat, and work with a child or very lively friend. Sudden ideas come from out of left field. Discuss them before you act. Impulsiveness plays a strong role in what goes on. Tonight: Ask for what you want with the expectation of receiving it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ You might want to step back from a sudden change involving your domestic or personal life. You could be wondering what might be best to do. Take a hard look at your finances before making a decision. Tonight: Chill out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ An unexpected situation could create a lot of tension. What you can be sure of is that stability is not an option, especially in your home or personal life. Express your feelings to someone who seems to understand you. Tonight: Where your friends are.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ You might want to take a break from a demanding situation. Unfortunately, that option is not on the table right now. A heart-to-heart talk could shock you and prevent you from moving forward with a key situation. Tonight: Let the fun begin.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ If you feel uncomfortable by what you are hearing, you might want to pull back some and make your own decisions. In fact, you really might not want any more input at this moment. Tonight: Where you can let your mind wander.

Happy birthday

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

This year you will be encouraged to greet change with greater ease. If you fight progress, you could encounter your share of bumps along the way. Learn to let go, and head down the path that greets you with energy and optimism. If you are single, you meet more people than usual. You will fall into an intense tango with many of your potential sweeties. Take your time deciding. If you are attached, nothing seems to be a "maybe" or an "if." You will find that everything is either black or white. Hopefully, you will be on the same page. SCORPIO is nothing if not deep and mysterious.

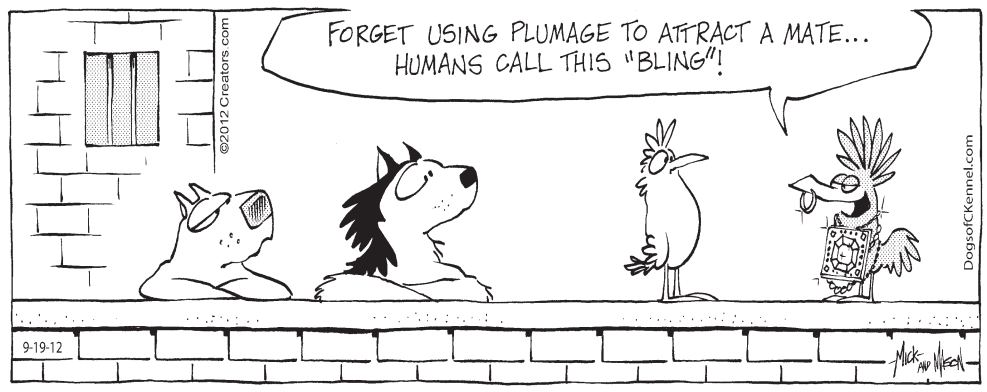
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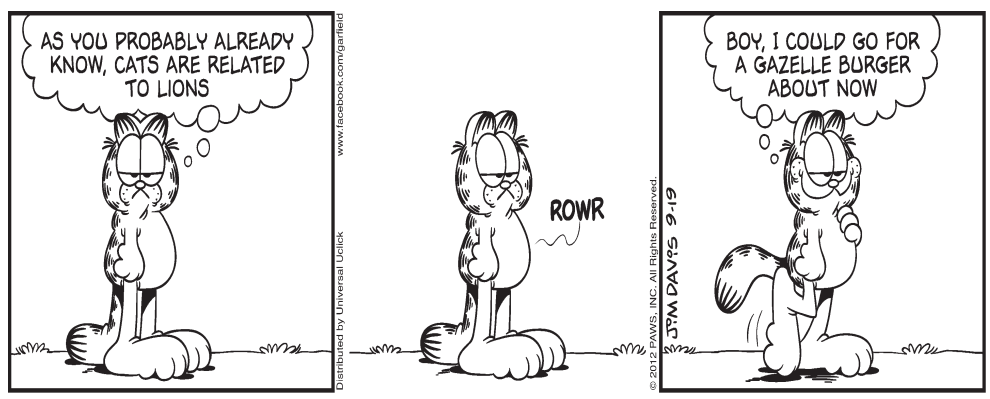
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Sudoku

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 ★★★

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

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

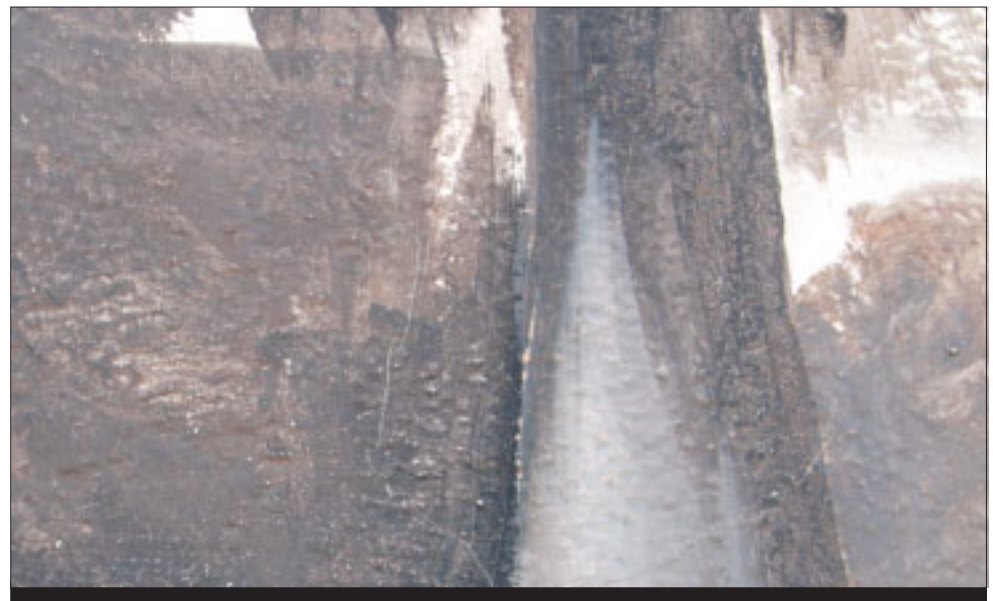
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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Fleshy fruits
6 Music's Waller
10 Kitchen fixtures
11 Hammer-in' Hank
12 Enticed
13 Singer Mars
14 Eye part
15 Supple
16 Restful resort
17 Atlantic catch
18 Skill
19 Round containers
22 Bona fide
23 Made a sketch
26 Over-heated railway housings
29 Go bad
32 Bloke
33 Sulky state
34 Set right
36 Walk in the woods
37 Black shade
38 Asian peninsula
39 Checkout line count
40 Make better
41 Brings in
42 Frilly nightwear

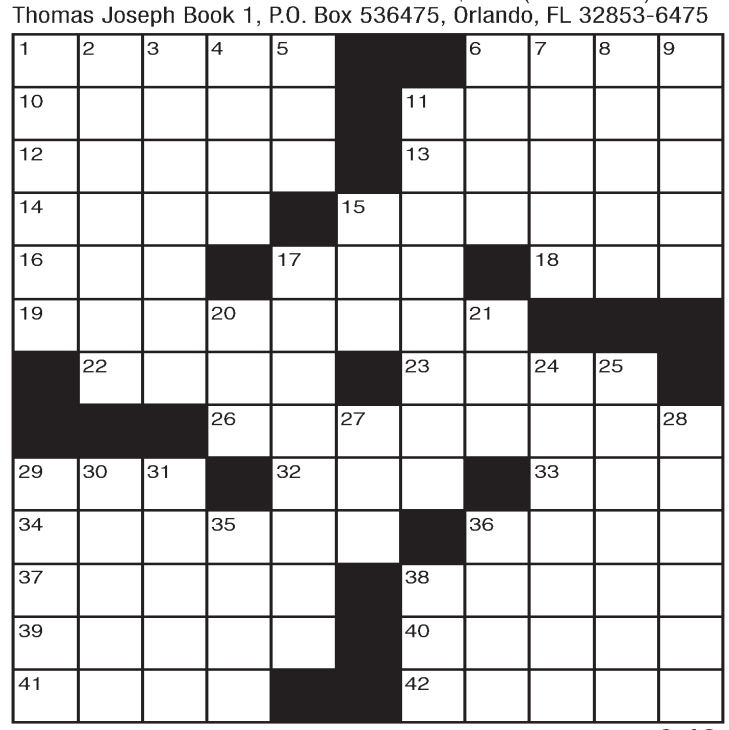
DOWN

1 Shine
2 Like a duffer, usually
3 Oversee negotiations
4 Adam's grandson
5 Taxpayer's ID
6 Rural spread
7 Resort island
8 Printer need
9 Derisive sound
11 Obeyed, as rules
15 Smoked salmon
17 Some scents
20 Scrooge cry
21 Hit show letters
24 No longer good
25 Getaway time
27 Chiding sound
28 Unwavering
29 Violinist's stuff
30 Make speeches
31 Himalayan land
35 Shade trees
36 Residence
38 "Krazy —"

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Yesterday's answer

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Draw Date: 9/15
1 6 7 19 36
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Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 9/18
3 8 14 25 35

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 9/18
MIDDAY: 2 2 8
EVENING: 2 9 7

SANTA ANITA
Draw Date: 9/18
1st: 10 Solid Gold
2nd: 05 California Classic
3rd: 07 Eureka
RACE TIME: 1:45.85

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The mayor of Triberg, Germany, touted his town's new public parking area in July by noting that 12 of the spaces were wider, and well-lit, compared to the others, and would be reserved for female drivers. The harder-to-access "men's spaces" required maneuvering at an angle around concrete pillars. "(M)en are, as a rule, a little better at such challenges," the mayor said, predicting that the men's spots would become a visitors' "attraction" for the town.

■ Bright Ideas: New signs were posted on doors of single-use restrooms in two medical clinics in Halifax, Nova Scotia, in July and immediately confused a transgender activist interviewed by Canadian Broadcasting Corporation News. Three silhouette figures appear on the door: a man, a woman, and what is supposedly a gay-lesbian-bisexual-transgender (which is a half-man, half-woman with the right-hand side of the figure wearing a dress and with sloping shoulders and the left-hand side with the thicker pant legs of a man). Said the activist, "I understand they were trying to ... make people feel included, but..."

TODAY IN HISTORY

1989 - A terrorist bomb explodes UTA Flight 772 in mid-air above the Tùnùrù Desert, Niger, killing 171.

1990 - Delhi University student Rajiv Goswami attempts Self Immolation during Anti-Reservation agitation in India. Though he survived, his Self Immolation inspired nearly 150 self immolation bids and indirectly led to the Resignation of V P Singh Govt.

1991 - Ötzi the Iceman is discovered by German tourists.

2006 - The Thai military stages a coup in Bangkok. The Constitution is revoked and martial law is declared.

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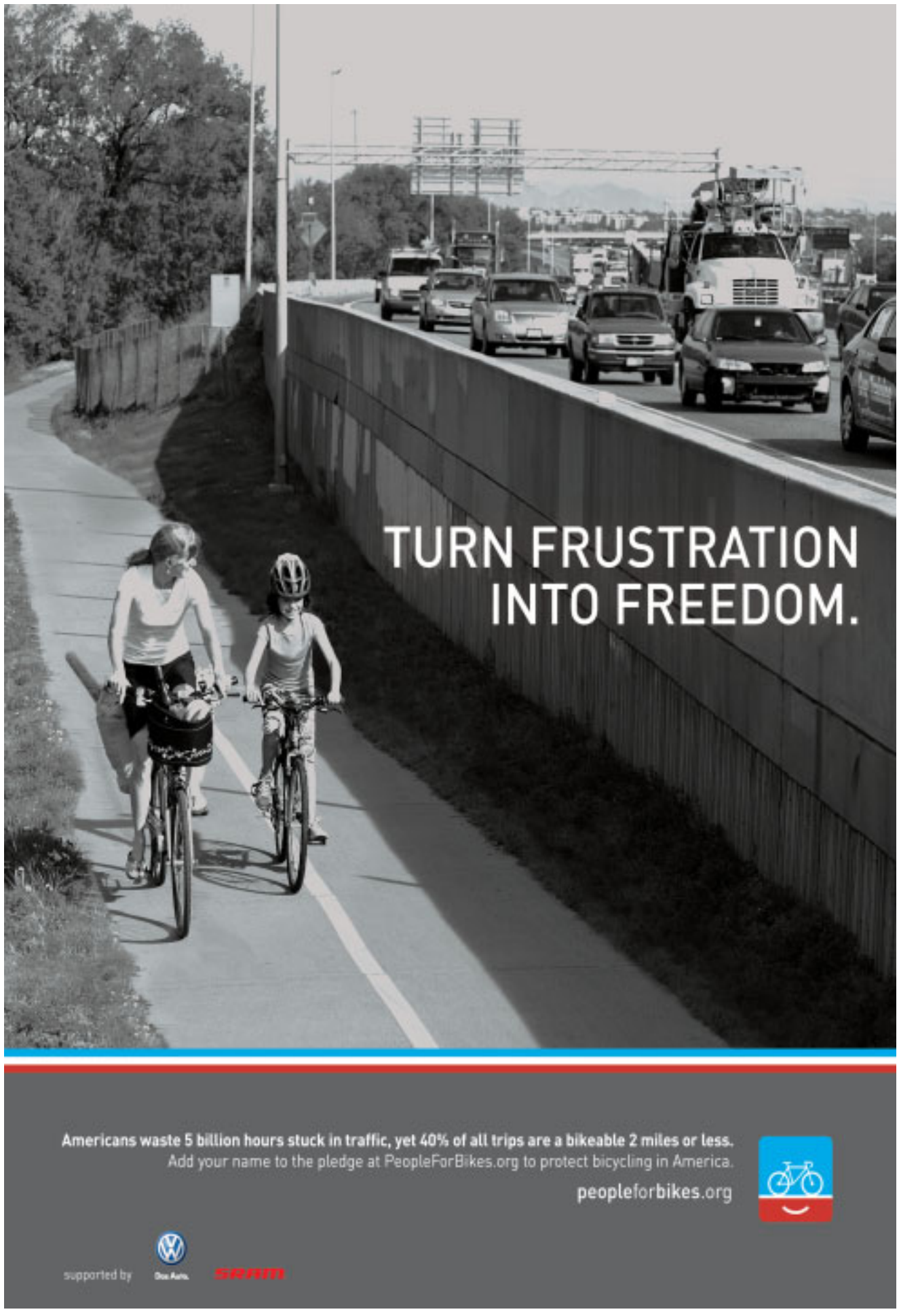
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3.8% Tax on Some Real Estate Transactions
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It's a complicated tax, so we Realtors won't be able to predict how it will affect every buyer or seller.
Your Tax Consultant/CPA should advise you on this.

This tax will not be imposed on all real estate transactions, a common misconception.

Rather, when the legislation becomes effective in 2013, it may impose a 3.8% tax on some income from interest, dividends, rents (less expenses) and capital gains (less capital losses).

The tax will fall only on individuals with an adjusted gross income (AGI) above $200,000 and couples filing a joint return with more than $250,000 AGI (adjusted gross income).

Applies to:
- Individuals with adjusted gross income (AGI) above $200,000
- Couples filing a joint return with more than $250,000 AGI

Types of Income:
- Interest, dividends, rents (less expenses), capital gains (less capital losses)

Formula: The new tax applies to the LESSER of
- Investment income amount
- Excess of Adjusted Gross Income over the $200,000 or $250,000 amount

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