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THE STAY CLASSY ISSUE

Wellbeing Index creation goes to RAND Corp.

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

Editor's note: This story is part of an ongoing series that tracks the city's expenditures appearing on upcoming Santa Monica City Council consent agendas. Consent agenda items are routinely passed by the City Council with little or no discussion from elected officials or the public. However, many of the items have been part of public discussion in the past.

CITY HALL The City Council tonight will consider approving \$1,279,280 in spending, half of which would be reimbursed by a grant.

The RAND Corp. will likely develop a Local Wellbeing Index for Santa Monica in exchange for a grant-reimbursed City Hall payout of \$650,000.

In March, Santa Monica received a \$1 million grant after being named one of five winners of the Bloomberg Philanthropies Mayors Challenge. Santa Monica's submission asked for funding of the Wellbeing Project, which proposes to use qualitative and quantitative data "to inform decision-making and resource allocation processes," city officials said.

RAND will be tasked with measuring Santa Monica's wellbeing by developing a data framework, selecting a panel of experts, forming an index, and then building a data warehouse.

The panel of experts in fields like economics, behavioral and data science, public policy, and sustainability, will be selected at the beginning of next year. The data framework will be complete in the spring. A beta version of the index will be done in the summer and the final index will be complete next October.

By mid-2015, RAND will hand the project off to City Hall to be managed in-house.

DOOR CHORES

Council will likely approve a \$100,000 contract with three companies for the repair, demolition, and installation of doors in public buildings.

City maintenance workers handle most of

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Union to back Downtown hotels

Developers, organizers reach agreement on all but hourly wages

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN Despite a contentious past, the developer of two proposed modestly-priced Downtown hotels and a hospitality union

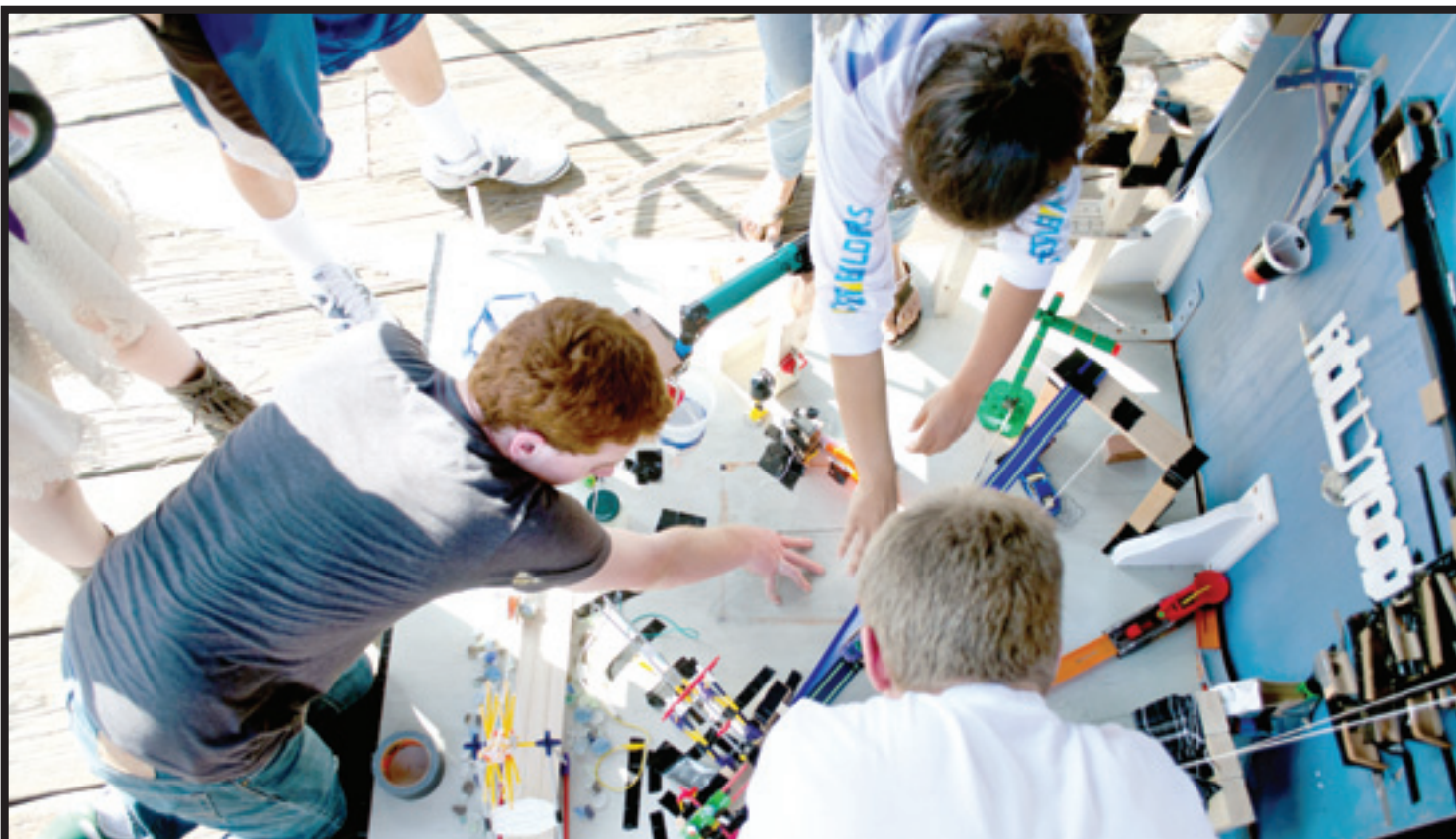
have reached an agreement.

The deal, executed on Friday between developer OTO and Unite Here Local 11, "essentially guarantee(s) that these will be union hotels," OTO Director of Development Mike Gallen wrote in an

e-mail.

The six-story hotels, a 136-room Marriott and a 143-room Hampton Inn, have been in the works since 2011. Tonight, City Council

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COOL SCIENCE

Malibu High School's team De Boys & Raven prepare their invention to show to judges during the Rube Goldberg Contraption Contest at the Santa Monica Pier on Saturday afternoon. The contest was part of S.T.E.A.M., an event designed to celebrate wacky inventions.

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Automatic spending cuts would bite more in 2014

ANDREW TAYLOR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON It's not just longstanding battles over taxes and curbing mandatory spending that are obstacles to a year-end pact on the budget. Another problem is a

perception among some lawmakers that the automatic spending cuts known as sequestration haven't been as harsh as advertised.

Indeed, the first year of the automatic cuts didn't live up to the dire predictions from the Obama administration and others who warned of sweeping furloughs and big

disruptions of government services.

But the second round is going to be a lot worse, lawmakers and budget experts say. One reason is that federal agencies that have emptied the change jar and searched

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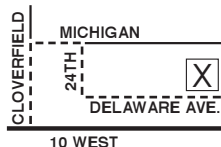
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601 Main St., 10:30 a.m.

Learn how to navigate a web browser, locate information, evaluate online sources and print web pages. Beginner level. Seating is first come, first serve. For more information, visit the reference desk or call (310) 434-2608.

Story time

Fairview Library

2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 11 a.m. — 11:20 a.m.

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

Get your skates

Fifth Street and Arizona Avenue
2 p.m. — 10 p.m.

Hit the rink at ICE at Santa Monica, a popular holiday attraction. For more information, call (310) 461-8333.

Landscapes with less water

Santa Monica College
1900 Pico Blvd., 4 p.m.

Free hands-on training presented by landscape professionals and experts in the fields of water efficiency and sustainability: drip irrigation, smart irrigation controllers, soils, native and Mediterranean plants, local and state regulations, maintenance troubleshooting and more. For more information, call (310) 458-8972.

Council meets

City Hall

1685 Main St., 5:30 p.m.

The City Council may authorize a \$650,000 contract with RAND Corp. for the development of the Local Wellbeing Index, which will gauge the quality of life in Santa Monica. For more information, visit smgov.net.

Recharge your job search

Main Library

601 Main St., 6 p.m.

Looking for work? Check out this seminar on job search strategies with industry experts. Recruiters and career strategists will be on hand to offer advice and answer questions. For more information call (310) 458-8606.

Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2013

So fresh

Third Street Promenade

8:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.

Visit one of Southern California's finest Farmers' Markets for the freshest of the fresh. For more information, call (310) 458-8712.

Franchise your business

Santa Monica College, Bundy Campus
3171 S. Bundy Dr., Los Angeles, 6:30 p.m.

The Santa Monica College Small Business Development Center is hosting "Meet the Franchisors," an information session on successful franchise businesses. Speakers include representatives from the senior care, retail and hair care industries. The workshop will be held in Room 123; admission is \$20. For more information, call (310) 434-3566.

Westside writers

Fairview Library

2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 7 p.m.

The Society of Children's Book Writers & Illustrators is hosting a session for all writers and illustrators specializing in children's books. For more information, call (310) 458-8681.

Recipe for academic success

Main Library

601 Main St., 7 p.m.

All students in grades 6 through 12 are welcome to attend this workshop on how to reduce stress over grades and school work. The workshop will be led by academic life coach Hayden Lee.

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CORRECTION

In the My Write column entitled "A much bigger Santa Monica," which appeared in the Nov. 11 edition of the Daily Press, it should have said Matt Stevens wrote a story on development in Santa Monica in the L.A. Times.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SUNSET PARK
Opening doors to community

The Westside Family Health Center, located at 1711 Ocean Park Blvd., will host its annual Holiday Open House Monday, Nov. 18 at 5:30 p.m.

“During our annual Holiday Open House we open our doors to the community. It is a time when they can meet our healthcare team and members of our Board of Directors and see what we do and how we work,” said center President Debra A. Farmer via a release.

The event will kick off the center’s eighth annual Heart2Heart food and clothing drive, which runs from Nov. 18 to Jan. 20. This year’s donations will be given to St. Joseph Center Food Pantry and Safe Place for Youth.

Drive organizers are asking for juice, canned meats, soups, fruit and vegetables, peanut butter, pasta, beans and rice. Donations of jackets, jeans and underwear are also suggested. All items can be dropped off at the center during business hours, which are viewable on wfhcenter.org.

— GREG ASCIUTTO

OCEAN AVENUE
Hipster hotspot reopens

Trendy lounge The Bungalow at the Fairmont Miramar Hotel will reopen Friday, Nov. 15 after shutting its doors for several weeks to upgrade its facility and straighten out some issues with its liquor license.

The bar designed to look like a Bohemian surfer’s bachelor pad made the announcement Monday on its Facebook page. Management is expected to give out branded T-shirts to those who show up on Friday.

“We want to thank the city of Santa Monica staff, the Santa Monica Police Department and the (Alcoholic Beverage Control), as well as all of our loyal patrons for their continued and overwhelming support during this process,” management wrote. “We have used the time to begin and make significant improvements to The Bungalow and we look forward to warmly welcoming everyone back this weekend.”

Representatives with the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control found out the club was operating without a proper liquor license during a routine inspection. Officials with the state noticed that the Fairmont’s old license restricted the sale of alcohol to certain spaces within the hotel, including The Bungalow, which boasts farm-fresh cocktails.

Representatives from the club claimed it was an oversight on their part and essentially a quick fix.

— KEVIN HERRERA

CITYWIDE
City phones down overnight

City Hall phone lines were down at around 6 p.m. last night and were back by 8:30 a.m., according to city officials.

The outage affected incoming phone calls and was a result of the service provider, city officials said. The 9-1-1 emergency line continued to function during the outage. City officials provided alternative police and fire department numbers via City Hall’s Twitter account.

The cause of the outage is unknown. City officials were not able to provide information about the outage by press time.

— DAVID MARK SIMPSON



Paul Alvarez Jr. editor@smdp.com

MAKING THE PLAY: Pacifica Christian’s Maile Lane spikes the ball past two Brentwood defenders earlier this season.

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ROUNDUP

Locals well represented in playoffs

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

CITYWIDE All five Santa Monica-based girls’ volleyball teams qualified for the CIF-Southern Section playoffs.

St. Monica, Santa Monica, Crossroads, New Roads and Pacifica Christian will all be playing for championships starting Tuesday.

Samohi, the second place finisher in the Ocean League, hosts La Mirada in Division 3AA play.

Camino Real League runner-up St. Monica hosts San Jacinto in Division 4AA.

A trio of local teams will be battling it out in Division 4. Crossroads hosts Gladstone. New Roads travels to Desert Christian Academy. Pacifica Christian earned a first-round

bye and won’t play until Thursday against the winner of Temecula Prep and Milken Community.

All first-round games begin at 7 p.m.

ST. MONICA FOOTBALL NABS PLAYOFF BERTH

Despite posting a 3-7 record this season, St. Monica football was named an at-large selection to the CIF-SS Northeast Division playoffs.

The Mariners draw defending division champion Rio Hondo Prep, the team that knocked St. Monica out of the playoffs in the semi-finals last year. The game is at Rio Hondo Prep on Friday and begins at 7:30 p.m.

St. Monica ended the season 1-3 in Santa Fe League play.

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SoCal town builds house for wounded GI

JOHN ROGERS
Associated Press

LANCASTER, Calif. When Jerral Hancock came home from the Iraq war missing one arm, with another that barely worked and a paralyzed body that was burned all over, he was a hero to this Mojave Desert town that wears its military pride on its sleeve.

Soon he was being called upon to use his one remaining hand to cut ribbons and wave to people during parades. Then, everyone would go home, and he would be forgotten by all but his two young children, who live with him, and his parents, who live across the street.

Then the students in Jamie Goodreau’s U.S. history class-

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Fair pay for a hard day's work

Editor:

Mayor Pam O'Connor and members of the Santa Monica City Council:

The OTO hotel projects before you on Tuesday, Nov. 12 are presented with a number of issues identified by the Planning Commission that remain still unresolved. We believe that the general concepts of the project are appropriate for the site and could be beneficial additions to the community, provided these issues are satisfactorily addressed, and we highlight below our concerns relating to how workers are to be treated.

The Santa Monica Democratic Club (SMDC) has a long-standing commitment to the principle that full-time employment should pay living wages, and we have participated in efforts to ensure that workers in our Santa Monica hospitality industry can support themselves and their families without relying on taxpayer-funded assistance.

In keeping with Democratic Party values of just, living wages and worker representation to ensure dignity and job security, we urge you to approve these hotels only with a signed-card check agreement between the hotel operators and union, and a guaranteed wage of no less than \$15.37 per hour.

Maryanne Solomon and Jay Johnson

Co-presidents, SMDC

Let them eat cake

Editor:

Commissioner Sue Himmelrich ("Architects: Downtown Specific Plan too specific," Nov. 8) said that Ventura, Santa Ana, and Fresno would not be her "model cities for what Santa Monica should look like." This is quite obvious in view of the generic, soon to be dated, box-style developments currently going up in Santa Monica, juxtaposed with the aforementioned cities, where city leaders are striving to preserve the character, scale and charm of their cities. I'll take cake over spam any time.

Mary Kay Gordon

Santa Monica



Our Town

Zina Josephs

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The saga of Santa Monica Airport

ON OCT. 31, CITY HALL FILED A

complaint against the Federal Aviation Administration in federal court to establish the city's right to control the future use of Santa Monica Airport (SMO) property. If City Hall wins, subsequent land use decisions will have a tremendous impact on residents in both Santa Monica and Los Angeles.

Mayor Pam O'Connor told KPCC on Nov. 6 that "the status quo will not be tolerated." A local newspaper quoted Assemblyman Richard Bloom as saying, "I support the process and the litigation that the city has undertaken to test its jurisdiction." State Sen. Ted Lieu posted on his website, "I commend the city of Santa Monica for filing suit against the FAA."

L.A. Councilman Mike Bonin, whose district includes neighborhoods under the SMO flight paths, posted on his Facebook page, "It's time to shut this airport down." And a photo in another local newspaper showed Bonin's predecessor, Bill Rosendahl, at a 2012 rally holding a sign that said "Close SMO for good."

Meanwhile, an Oct. 31 website posting by the Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association (AOPA, with 385,000 members worldwide) claimed that the lawsuit "lacks any merit in law and is another desperate bid by the city to close Santa Monica Airport."

A commenter on the AOPA site used the massive Playa Vista development (estimated to generate 44,000 new daily car trips) replacing the Hughes Aircraft Company's 9,000-foot runway as a cautionary tale.

The city's 2010 Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE) update devoted only three pages to SMO and the adjacent 52-acre Santa Monica Business Park. The "Strategic Approach" stated that, "It is proposed that the city prioritize the creation of a Santa Monica Airport/Business Park Specific Plan for both entities in anticipation of the expiration of the '1984 Agreement' with the federal government in 2015. After that, the use of the airport land will be a local land use matter."

Possibilities seem to include SMO remaining in operation as is, shortening the runway to eliminate jets, extending the business park south to Airport Avenue, building affordable and/or market rate housing, or converting all or part of the property into a "great park." (Regarding the park option, see Airport2Park.org.)

In 2011, the city undertook an "Airport Visioning" process regarding possible alternate uses of SMO after 2015. The Ocean Park Association (opa-sm.org/airport) and Community Against Santa Monica Airport Traffic (casmat.org) also conducted online surveys about the airport's future. About 80 percent of their respondents wanted to either mitigate the negative SMO impacts or close the airport.

So how did a busy general aviation airport like SMO end up in the middle of residential neighborhoods?

Pilots began landing in a grassy field in the southeast corner of Santa Monica around 1917. Donald Douglas began testing aircraft there and, in 1926, the city of Santa Monica purchased the property with park bond funds, renaming it Santa Monica Airport.

In 1941, the federal government leased SMO for the Douglas Aircraft Company, which was manufacturing military aircraft, and built a new 5,000-foot runway. This required the demolition of many blocks of Sunset Park homes

between 27th to 23rd streets.

In 1948, after the war ended, the eastern section of SMO was returned to the city through an "Instrument of Transfer." The western section was returned in a quit claim deed in 1949.

City Hall declined a 1959 Douglas proposal to further lengthen the runway, which would have required the demolition of even more homes. In order to consolidate operations in Long Beach, Douglas closed its Santa Monica facility in 1975. After the plant was demolished in 1979, Clover Park and Santa Monica Business Park took its place.

City officials banned jets in 1975, but the ban was overturned in 1977. In 1981, the City Council declared its intention to close SMO when legally possible. However, to settle ongoing disputes, it later signed what became known as the "1984 Agreement" with the FAA, obligating City Hall to continue operating SMO until July 1, 2015.

In 1989, the city chose a developer to build 1.3 million square feet of office/commercial space, with parking for 3,700 cars, on 30 acres of land on Airport Avenue. After residents gathered enough signatures to get this on the ballot, the project was canceled.

In 2002, the staff presented City Council with a plan to install standard Runway Safety Areas (RSAs) and eliminate the larger, faster Category C and D jets. After years of failed negotiations with the FAA, the City Council went forward with banning C and D jets in 2008, but the FAA prevented implementation.

In 2004, Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution (jetairpollution.com) began organizing Santa Monica City Council Candidates Forums which focused on airport issues.

In 2009, the FAA tested a new SMO departure path, sending prop planes over Sunset Park and Ocean Park homes and schools, rather than over Penmar Golf Course. That generated thousands of complaints.

UCLA published a study examining the spread of ultrafine particles from jet exhaust into residential areas downwind (east) of SMO.

Between 1982 and 2011, there were dozens upon dozens of aviation accidents/incidents and 40 fatalities connected with SMO. These included a fatal crash at Penmar Golf Course in 2010 and a student pilot crashing into a Sunset Park home in 2011. A summary is posted at FriendsOfSunsetPark.org/airport under "Safety Concerns." The first jet accident occurred in September 2013 when a plane landed at SMO but then veered into a hangar across the alley from homes on Pier Avenue and burst into flames. Tragically, everyone onboard died.

The British Medical Journal posted a study that analyzed the relationship between airport noise and cardiovascular-related hospitalizations. Meanwhile, annual jet landings and takeoffs at SMO increased from 1,725 in 1993 to 18,575 in 2007.

At this point, all the issues are on the table, along with all the supporting arguments. It appears that the aviation industry's issues will be decided by the court, and the resulting land use issues may be decided at the ballot box.

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What's the Point?

David Pizarra

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What the future holds for AFM

THE LOEWS HOTEL HAS BEEN A HOTBED

of activity. People are milling about, the liquor is flowing and the occasional "real deal" is happening at this year's American Film Market. The people I spoke with are having a great time and business is booming.

Judging by the level of people who are rushing in and out of the building, attendance this year seems to be as big as ever, which is good news considering the sizable challenges facing AFM thanks to the infrastructure meltdown that happened in Santa Monica over the past year.

AFM is the premiere marketplace for overseas distribution of independent films. It is the place where many filmmakers go to find funding for their movies, the theory being that if you can get the movie sold in foreign markets you can then use that money to pay the actors and everyone else to get the project completed.

The foreign pre-sale model was a linchpin in founding the long and successful career of movie mogul Roger Corman — the demi-god who launched many directors' and actors' careers. Using other people's money is always the best way to do business, it's just not easy to find. But that's why AFM is so exciting and profitable. It brings together people from all over the world who have money, and those with projects who need the funding.

The market has been in Santa Monica for years, mainly because we had lots of exhibition space and movie screens available, it was easy to get around town, and it was relatively affordable for this type of event. But the events of the last year have put the future in doubt.

Whether or not we continue to be the ideal location remains to be seen. The benefits that were our main selling point are in flux. The Santa Monica Civic Auditorium, which was a central venue, has been shuttered and its future is murky. It could be refurbished and retrofitted, but that means huge capital outlays, and delays, so no one knows what it will end up as, or when.

The number of screens for movie premieres is down by a third and with the closing of the Criterion and no future theater on the horizon, it would not surprise me to see AFM looking for new digs. Add to that the high costs of doing business here, and the lack of incentives for an industry that has become very used to incentives, and AFM might leave us.

One person I spoke with said their company is spending \$75,000 to be at AFM this year and as a producer, he thought it was

pretty expensive. Producers are known for being bottom-line conscious so the hotels may be cutting their own throats if they price people out of the market.

The industry is dramatically changing. The meteoric rise of Video On Demand capability will open up many new avenues of distribution for the independent filmmaker. I've been very intrigued with the movie making revolution that is happening all around us. The open access to the whole process has been a tremendous boon for those of us who are hobbyists. There's a whole new level of play to be had.

I've been listening to the podcast from Jason Brubaker of FilmMakingStuff.com and he has been a tremendous source of great information. His podcast is inspirational and informative in a no-nonsense manner. He's inspired me to think that maybe I could write, produce and distribute a movie online, which becomes a calling card for future, bigger movies. That's what director and screenwriter Kevin Smith said in his AFI podcast from Loyola Marymount about making his first films.

In a way this seems like something that is bad for AFM: a host of new filmmakers, doing their own distribution online should hurt markets, but in reality I think Brubaker's and Smith's cheerleading of new filmmakers will lead to a greater number of good movies that need foreign distribution and the skill set that the sales agents offer will come into play.

I see it as very similar to the revolution that has happened in my own industry. Many people are now doing their own divorces and child custody cases online with LegalZoom, and then they discover they need my professional help to be successful.

Just because I can shoot a movie, get it up on YouTube or iTunes, doesn't mean I can market it in Mumbai or screen it in Sydney. I will still need someone that knows the territory, and for that, AFM is still the answer.

So let's send a message to the powers that be, we need to keep AFM here. We need to get the screens back, and the Civic Auditorium needs to be fixed, and maybe they should find a way to lower those hotel bills (perhaps a suspension of the Transient Occupancy Tax?).

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LOS ANGELES

Lesser told a House subcommittee in September that she hoped the curriculum would be tested as a pilot program in California in the current academic year, and eventually be adopted at schools nationwide, the Times reported.

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es learned that Hancock had once gotten stuck in his modest mobile home for half a year when his handicapped-accessible van broke down, and that the hallways of his tiny house were so narrow he couldn't get his wheelchair through most of them.

They would fix that, Goodreau's students decided, by building Hancock a new home from the ground up. One that would be handicapped accessible. It would be their end-of-the-year project to honor veterans, something Goodreau's classes have chosen to do every year for the past 15 years, usually raising \$25,000 or \$30,000 for veterans charities and a celebratory dinner.

This time, however, the stakes would be much higher.

It's six months later and the students have closed escrow on a \$264,000 property. Blueprints have been drawn up for the new dwelling and the students plan to break ground next month.

"We had no doubt that it could be done," Lancaster High School senior Joseph Mallyon says with a smile as he sits in Goodreau's classroom on a recent afternoon with several of his fellow students. "Now there are some people in the community, you know, the older people, the people who have jobs, who go through life every day and know the harsh reality of things.

"Those people doubt us. But we just accept it and say, 'Watch what we can do.'"

After Goodreau's students shocked Lancaster and neighboring Palmdale by raising \$80,000 in four months — mainly by holding yard sales, pizza nights and peddling things like T-shirts and refrigerator magnets — the whole community began to get involved.

Big box stores are offering discounts on building supplies. A construction contractor has volunteered to pitch in when the building begins. An architectural firm provided the blueprints. The real estate agent waived her commission. The credit union at nearby Edwards Air Force Base is kicking in money from new loans it writes.

Even the inmates at the local prison held a sale of their artwork and donated the proceeds.

"It's really just amazing," says J.D. Kennedy, a local field representative for Congressman Howard "Buck" McKeon.

An Iraq war veteran himself, Kennedy met Hancock after he learned the former Army specialist had been stuck in his home when the oversized van that accommodates his wheelchair broke down and he couldn't get the 70 miles to the nearest Veterans Affairs hospital to see a dentist to fix his teeth, which were rotting from the effects of the painkillers he must swallow each day.

Kennedy's boss, who chairs the House Armed Services Committee, pressed the VA to reimburse local doctors and dentists who agreed to treat Hancock whether they were paid or not. Then Goodreau, who met Hancock at the annual Pride of the Nation Day, invited him to tell his story to her students.

He recounted it again on a recent desert-hot fall afternoon as he sat shirtless in his liv-

ing room, making no effort to hide the burns that still scar his body. A prosthetic arm sat unused on a counter because, Hancock says with a grin, it's heavy and hard to use — and it looks even scarier than no arm at all.

Hancock was driving a tank through the streets of Baghdad on May 29, 2007, when the vehicle was hit by an improvised explosive device that blew a hole through its armor and set it ablaze. A chunk of shrapnel lodged in his spine, paralyzing his legs so that he couldn't get out. It happened on his 21st birthday.

"Yeah," says the laconic former soldier who somehow never lost his sense of humor. "That part really sucked."

Due to leave the military in a few months, he'd bought a mobile home near his mother's place in Lancaster. It was small but a good first home for a young guy with a wife, two kids and a dog. But he hadn't planned on coming home in a wheelchair.

After his wife left him and his 9-year-old son and 6-year-old daughter, his mother and stepfather became his caretakers.

In the Antelope Valley, he quickly became well known. The area, tucked into the farthest northeast corner of Los Angeles County and dotted by Joshua trees and sagebrush, is immensely proud of its ties to the military. The Air Force's B-1B bomber was built here and it was at Edwards Air Force Base that legendary test pilot Chuck Yeager became the first person to fly faster than the speed of sound.

The area, Kennedy says, contains more veterans per capita than any other place in the country.

Thus Hancock was honored often at public events. But after the fist bumps of hello and goodbye (he can't quite use his hand to shake someone else's), people would go their own way. They assumed, some said, that anybody that badly hurt must have a huge support group behind him. Hancock admits he let them think that.

"I don't like to complain," he says quietly, adding the recurring dreams of burning to death in a tank were bad enough without revisiting them while awake.

Then Goodreau's students took up his cause. He'd met her at several events and trusted her enough to open up to them.

Since then, he says, the nightmares have pretty much stopped as helping the students with their effort has given him a sense of purpose.

"They gave up their last summer of high school for me," he says in a voice filled with awe.

Actually, they gave up even more. Goodreau's veteran projects normally end with the summer. This year's group, whose members have already collected their A grades, vowed to continue the project they call Operation All The Way Home until Hancock has a new roof over his head, hopefully by next summer.

When asked why she's continuing, Nicole Skinner, 17, who graduated in June and is now a college freshman, laughs.

"Just look at him, man. Many people these days are complaining about their lives and you look at him and what he's been through, and he's still smiling and all. He's not complaining," she says. "He's just so motivating."



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CUTS

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beneath the sofa cushions for money to ease the pain of sequestration have been so far able to make it through the automatic cuts relatively unscathed. Employee furloughs haven't been as extensive as feared and agencies were able to maintain most services.

Most of that money, however, has been spent in the 2013 budget year that ended on Sept. 30.

The Pentagon used more than \$5 billion in unspent money from previous years to ease its \$39 billion budget cut. Furloughs originally scheduled for 11 days were cut back to six days. The Justice Department found more than \$500 million in similar money that allowed agencies like the FBI to avoid furloughs altogether.

Finding replacement cuts is the priority of budget talks scheduled to resume this week, but many observers think the talks won't bear fruit. Both sides appear to see leverage. Democrats are hoping that \$20 billion in new Pentagon cuts below levels imposed by sequestration will force Republicans to yield. Republicans say far more of their members are willing to keep the cuts, which appears to have added to the resolve of GOP negotiators.

A failure of the talks, led by House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan, R-Wis., and his Senate counterpart, Patty Murray, D-Wash., would mean that agencies that have thus far withstood the harshest effects of the across-the-board cuts in 2013 would get hit with a second round of cuts that'll feel a lot worse than the first.

A drop in participation and lower-than-expected food prices allowed a widely supported food program for low-income pregnant women and children to get through this year without having to take away anyone's benefits. A second round of automatic sequestration cuts could mean some women with toddlers lose coverage next year.

To avert furloughing air traffic controllers and disrupting airline flights this year, Congress shifted \$253 million in automatic cuts to airport construction funds. Those funds are needed to meet a requirement to install runway safety areas at all airports by 2015, so that pot of money won't be available to bail out controllers again.

Senate Appropriations Committee Chairwoman Barbara Mikulski, D-Md., said agency budget chiefs "squeezed everything to get through the first year thinking we would come to our senses."

However, most of those accounting maneuvers were one-time steps. The automatic spending cuts in 2014 promise to be far more painful.

For the time being, Congress has frozen 2014 spending at 2013 sequestration levels while negotiators seek a budget deal that would ease some of the automatic cuts. Absent a deal, the spending "caps" on agency operating budgets will shrink by another \$20 billion or so, with most of that money squeezed out of the Pentagon.

Nowhere will the effects be felt more than at the Justice Department, which pretty much skated through the automatic cuts in 2013.

"Justice had like half a billion dollars in unobligated balances and so they brought that back and that made it possible for them not to have any furloughs anywhere in the

Justice Department, Bureau of Prisons or FBI or whatever," said Scott Lilly, a former top House Appropriations Committee aide. "But they've used that up so they're going to get hit much harder this year than they did last year."

The FBI already has suspended training of new agents and has instituted a hiring freeze.

"Quantico is quiet. I have no new agent classes going through there," new FBI Director James Comey said last month. "I can't afford it."

Without relief from Congress, Comey said the automatic spending cuts will require him to eliminate 3,000 positions. The FBI's 36,000 employees are facing unpaid furloughs of two weeks.

The situation will also worsen at the Pentagon, where the first round was no picnic, eroding combat readiness and grounding Air Force squadrons. Cuts in military training, maintenance and weapons purchases were deeper than average because the Pentagon was allowed to exempt military personnel accounts.

Because of \$4 billion in prior-year funding, the Pentagon was able to maintain Navy and Air Force procurement in 2013. Without that money in 2014, the Pentagon will have to the delay the delivery of a new aircraft carrier and a nuclear submarine.

"We are consuming tomorrow's 'seed corn' to feed today's requirements," Marine Corps Commandant Gen. James Amos told the Senate Armed Services Committee.

"We might as well shut down the Pentagon," said House Armed Services Committee Chairman Howard "Buck" McKeon, R-Calif. "You'd better hope we

never have a war again."

Accounts for housing vouchers for the poor took a hit in 2013, but most local housing agencies had previously appropriated but unspent money in reserve. Few, if any, families already getting vouchers lost them. Instead, people on waiting lists seeking vouchers just didn't get them.

The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, a liberal think tank and advocacy group for the poor, calculated that 40,000 to 65,000 fewer families will have vouchers by the end of this year than at the end of 2012. By the end of 2014, between 125,000 and 185,000 fewer families would have vouchers if the automatic spending cuts stay in place unchanged, the center said, and that could mean some families might lose their apartments.

The Commodities Futures Trading Commission, charged with new and complex policing responsibility of the over-the-counter derivatives market under the 2010 overhaul of Wall Street regulations, managed to make it through 2013 without furloughs. But CFTC Chairman Gary Gensler warned agency employees last month that they face up to 14 unpaid furlough days next year.

In Washington on Monday, university presidents from the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities told reporters that sequestration has translated into canceled research projects and cuts in staff, despite efforts by universities to bridge the gaps. A second round of sequestration could mean closed labs and layoffs.

"We're not universities that are flush with resources that can put in sort of a buffer in a long period of time," said University of California, Los Angeles, Chancellor Gene Block.

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will hear OTO's proposed development agreement.

After months of disagreement, Unite Here Local 11 will back the hotels at the meeting tonight, union officials said.

The agreement, according to Francis Engler, director of Westside organizing for the union, "will guarantee great jobs for the city of Santa Monica, groundbreaking job training provisions, new local hiring initiatives, and strong standards for organizing and free speech rights for workers in Santa Monica."

OTO has made "significant changes" to the hotels based on Unite Here requests, he said in an e-mail.

One remaining detail yet to be agreed upon is the guaranteed wage for workers. City planners and OTO are comfortable with an hourly wage of \$14.08 per hour, which both say is consistent with the Living Wage Ordinance adopted by City Hall. But the union and the Planning Commission support an hourly wage of \$15.37 per hour, not including benefits.

Calculated over 52 40-hour work weeks, the \$15.37 rate means an extra \$2,683.20 annually for workers before taxes.

Tying future wage increases to the rate established by the Living Wage Ordinance is fine with the union, Engler said.

"We know that this has at times been a long and difficult process along the way, but feel that the projects are much better having gone through the process and I am proud to say that we can now fully support all aspects of these projects as proposed," he said.

In a letter sent to council last week, the Santa Monica Democratic Club concurred with the \$15.37 hourly rate, but otherwise supported the construction of the proposed hotels.

"We believe that the general concepts of the project are appropriate for the site and could be beneficial additions to the community, provided these issues are satisfactorily addressed," the letter stated.

Last month, the Planning Commission recommended that council vote down the project unless a series of changes were made to the development agreement, including the increased living wage.

In addition, they're asking for OTO to pay \$1.7 million in community benefits, including \$1 million to the Colorado Esplanade, a transit mall planned for the area. Planning officials and OTO are in favor of including \$1.3 million in community benefits.

The commission asked for the removal of a set of columns by the Marriott's entrance, a recommended change originally proposed by planning officials who said they would block the walkway. In OTO's newest design, the columns are not gone but they're set back closer to the building. This is better, planning officials said, but they remain concerned about the placement. They are recommending that the Architectural Review Board scrutinize the columns during its final review.

Last week, the managing director of American Film Market, the world's largest film market, complained about the lack of affordable hotels in the city and expressed frustration over the uncertainty surrounding these proposed hotels.

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City Hall's door issues, processing an average of 270 work orders annually, but contractors are brought in about 35 times every year "for jobs involving multiple door replacements and repairs involving specialized hardware or parts," city officials said.

All Access Doors, Lawrence Doors, and Specialty Doors + Automation, were selected by city officials out of the five companies that bid to be prequalified for door maintenance. The contract includes two one-year options bringing the possible total to \$300,000 over three years.

PICKING A LOCKSMITH

Naturally, all those doors need locks, so council is being asked to approve a \$90,200 annual contract with two locksmiths: First Security Safe Co., Inc. and Miller's Lockshop.

Both companies can respond to service requests within two hours, city officials said, and they were selected from four bidders.

The contract includes two one-year extensions bringing the potential total to \$270,000.

TELECOM DATA STORAGE

A telecommunication company tasked with providing data connectivity to City Hall's disaster recovery equipment will likely get a three year extension to the tune of \$140,580.

Via West, a Colorado-based corporation that took over a two-year lease originally assigned to another company, will likely receive the contract through financial year 2015-16.

SUSTAINABLE UPGRADE

Extra renovations means paying a contractor an extra \$64,500 for their work on the Office of Sustainability and the Environment building.

The space at 1717 Fourth St., which previously housed CityTV, required more of contractor Lee Capital Builders than previously expected, including "casework, HVAC ductwork, conduits for electrical and data, dropped ceiling structure, wall systems, flooring, doors and windows, and sound-proofing."

Construction began last month and is expected to be complete before the year ends.

The new contract total is \$159,500.

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS CONSULTING NEEDED

Council will likely give the job of reviewing and analyzing City Hall employee benefits for the next three years to the insurance firm Gallagher Benefits Services, Inc. at a cost of \$234,000.

Gallagher submitted the second lowest of six bids for the contract but scored higher in several categories than the least expensive bidder. The contract includes two one-year renewal options, bringing the potential total to \$402,000.

INCOMING POLICE GRANT

Council will likely accept a \$29,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to pay police overtime for a precision anti-crime control program. The program looks at crime trends in certain areas and deploys teams to areas where specific crimes are occurring at a higher rate.

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Dow Jones average reaches another record high

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NEW YORK The Dow Jones industrial average rose to another all-time high on Wall Street Monday.

The market edged higher from Friday, when it got a lift from an unexpectedly strong U.S. jobs report for October. The surge in hiring made investors more optimistic that the U.S. economy is getting stronger.

Stock trading volume was among the lowest of the year, and bond markets were closed for Veterans Day. Traders on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange held a moment of silence in observance of the holiday.

The Dow has advanced for five straight weeks and is up 20 percent so far this year. The last time the Dow had a bigger gain for a whole year was 2003, when it rose 25 percent.

Other major indexes have also surged. Stocks have been propelled higher this year by economic stimulus from the Federal Reserve, a gradually improving economy and rising company earnings.

Given that the market is "up hugely" this year, investors may be hesitant to put more

money into stocks, said Andres Garcia-Amaya, a global market strategist at JPMorgan Funds. "At the same time, I don't think people are going to leave at this point," he said.

Investors have put \$12.7 billion into U.S. stock mutual funds this year, after pulling money out of the stock market in each of the past five years, according to Investment Company Institute data.

The Dow rose 21.32 points, or 0.1 percent, to 15,783.10. The index of 30 blue-chip stocks has closed at a record 35 times this year.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index gained 1.28 points, or 0.1 percent, to 1,771.89, just 0.06 point below its own record high reached on Oct. 29. The Nasdaq composite rose 0.56 points, less than 0.1 percent, to 3,919.79.

Stocks can rise further from these levels, but the market's rate of ascent will likely slow given the big gains over the last four and a half years, said Phil Orlando, chief equity market strategist at Federated Investors. The S&P 500 is up more than 160 percent since bottoming out in March 2009.

"The easy money has been made," said Orlando. "We can continue to go higher, but that process is going to be a grind over the

next couple of years."

Investors this week will look for evidence that Americans are ready to start spending for the holidays. Macy's, Wal-Mart, Nordstrom and Kohl's are scheduled to report their quarterly results.

About ninety percent of companies in the S&P 500 have released their third-quarter earnings, and the majority beat the expectations of Wall Street analysts, according to data from S&P Capital IQ.

Earnings are forecast to grow by 5.6 percent in the July-to-September period, compared with 4.9 percent in the second quarter and 2.4 percent in the same period a year earlier.

Investors will be closely following the Senate Banking Committee's confirmation hearing for Janet Yellen on Thursday. Yellen has been nominated to succeed Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke, becoming the first woman to lead the U.S. central bank.

Yellen's testimony "is coming at an important inflection point," for financial markets, as the Fed considers pulling back on its stimulus, said Quincy Krosby, market strategist at Prudential Financial. The Fed is currently buying \$85 billion of bonds every month and holding its benchmark interest rate close to zero to stimulate economic

growth.

"The market will be looking for any clues" about the Fed's policy going forward, Krosby said.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note jumped last week to 2.75 percent, the highest in six weeks, after the government reported last month's surge in hiring.

In commodities trading, the price of oil rose 54 cents, or 0.6 percent, to \$95.14 a barrel. The price of gold fell \$3.50, or 0.3 percent, to \$1,281.10 an ounce.

Among stocks making big moves:

- ViroPharma jumped \$10.04, or 26 percent, to \$49.42 after the company agreed to be acquired by drugmaker Shire PLC.

- Transocean rose \$1.92, or 3.6 percent, to \$55.37 after the company said it had agreed to settle a months-long proxy fight with billionaire investor and minority shareholder Carl Icahn. The company will pay a \$3-a-share dividend and reduce the size of its board.

- Best Buy rose \$1.92, or 4.5 percent, to \$44.33 after an analyst at UBS lifted his rating on the stock to "buy" from "neutral" and raised his price target on the stock in anticipation of better earnings. Best Buy has risen 274 percent this year, making it the best performer in the S&P 500 index.

Pope's rep: U.S. bishops shouldn't preach ideology

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AP Religion Writer

BALTIMORE The Vatican ambassador to the U.S., addressing American bishops at their first national meeting since Pope Francis was elected, said Monday they should not "follow a particular ideology" and should make Roman Catholics feel more welcome in church.

Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano noted the challenges from broader society to Christian teaching. He cautioned that the bishops' witness to faith would be undermined if they failed to live simply. Francis, in office for eight months, has captured attention for eschewing some of the pomp of the papacy, including his decision to live in the Vatican hotel and his use of an economy car.

"There has to be a noticeable lifestyle characterized by simplicity and holiness of life. This is a sure way to bring our people to an awareness of the truth of our message," said Vigano, the apostolic nuncio based in Washington.

"The Holy Father wants bishops in tune with their people," Vigano said, noting that he visited the pope in June. "He made a special point of saying that he wants pastoral bishops, not bishops who profess or follow a

particular ideology."

In a September interview, Francis said Catholic leaders should give greater emphasis to compassion and mercy, arguing the church's focus on abortion, marriage and contraception has been too narrow and alienating. For the last several years, the public sessions of the fall bishops' assembly have centered on those hot-button social issues. This year's meeting gave the first glimpse of how that message was resonating among American leaders.

New York Cardinal Timothy Dolan, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, dedicated his speech to persecuted Christians overseas, asking the bishops to make international religious freedom a top priority. He made only a passing reference to the bishops' own religious freedom campaign, and then only to say that their struggles "pale in comparison" to the plight of Christians and others overseas.

Dozens of Catholic charities and dioceses, along with evangelical colleges and others, are suing the Obama administration over a requirement that employers provide health insurance that includes contraceptive coverage. The bishops say the religious exemption to the rule violates the religious

freedom of nonprofit and for-profit employers. The issue is expected to reach the Supreme Court.

Dolan said in a news conference his speech was not a shift away from that fight — but an expansion of it. "It's almost raised our consciousness to say we can't stop here," Dolan said.

But Mathew Schmalz, religious studies professor at College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass., said highlighting the fight with the Obama administration would be seen as out of step with Francis' message, especially at a time when the Vatican is moving away from a European focus. Francis is the first pope from Latin America.

"The bishops realize that they themselves are going to have to change their tone if they are to become more inclusive and complement the new tone coming from Pope Francis and the Vatican," Schmalz said. "There is definitely something going on here: The American hierarchy is going to have to change its style or be left behind."

The bishops had early in the meeting prayed for the thousands of victims of Friday's typhoon in the Philippines and also discussed the response to the disaster by Catholic Relief Services, the bishops' inter-

national relief agency.

But after a presentation on overall priorities of the U.S. bishops, Archbishop Joseph Fiorenza, a former president of the conference, rose to say it was "missing this essential element" of a focus on the poor.

"It would help our conference be on record as trying to achieve what Pope Francis has put before us," said Fiorenza, who retired as archbishop of Galveston-Houston, Texas.

Bishops also discussed how they would collect the information the Vatican is seeking ahead of a major meeting, or synod, on the family in Rome next year.

Last month, Vatican officials sent a survey to the national bishops conferences that took the unusual step of seeking broad input on how parishes deal with sensitive issues such as birth control, divorce and gay marriage. Bishops in England have put the questionnaire on the web for parishioners to respond. Philadelphia Archbishop Charles Chaput said he planned to post the survey online within days.

Dolan is at the end of this three-year term as conference president. His successor will be elected Tuesday, the final day of the public part of the meeting.

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Typhoon Haiyan overshadows United Nations climate talks

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Associated Press

WARSAW, Poland The devastation caused by Typhoon Haiyan cast a gloom over U.N. climate talks Monday as the envoy from the Philippines broke down in tears and announced he would fast until a “meaningful outcome is in sight.”

Naderev “Yeb” Sano’s emotional appeal was met with a standing ovation at the start of two-week talks in Warsaw where more than 190 countries will try to lay the groundwork for a new pact to fight global warming.

U.N. climate chief Christiana Figueres also made reference to the “devastating impact” of the typhoon in her opening speech, and urged delegates to “go that extra mile” in their negotiations.

Scientists say single weather events cannot conclusively be linked to global warming. Also, the link between man-made warming and hurricane activity is unclear, though rising sea levels are expected to make low-lying nations more vulnerable to storm surges.

Nevertheless, extreme weather such as hurricanes often prompt calls for urgency at the U.N. talks.

Last year, Hurricane Sandy’s assault on the U.S. East Coast and Typhoon Bopha’s impact on the Philippines were mentioned as examples of disasters the world could see more of unless it reins in the greenhouse gas emissions that scientists say are warming the planet.

“We can fix this. We can stop this madness. Right now, right here,” Sano told delegates in Warsaw.

Choking on his words, he said he was waiting in agony for news from relatives caught in the massive storm’s path, though he was

relieved to hear his brother had survived.

“In the last two days he has been gathering bodies of the dead with his own two hands,” Sano said.

“In solidarity with my countrymen who are struggling to find food back home ... I will now commence a voluntary fasting for the climate,” he added. “This means I will voluntarily refrain from eating food during this (conference) until a meaningful outcome is in sight.”

On the sidelines of the conference, climate activists called on developed countries to step up their emissions cuts and their pledges of financing to help poor countries adapt to rising seas and other impacts of climate change.

Tense discussions also are expected on a proposed “loss and damage” mechanism that would allow vulnerable countries to get compensation for climate impacts that it’s already too late to adapt to.

Asked whether the U.S. had any plans to increase its emissions target in the international talks, U.S. negotiator Trigg Talley said the “focus for us now” is to meet the existing target, of cutting emissions by 17 percent between 2005 and 2020.

“I think that we are on the right track to achieve it,” he said, noting President Barack Obama’s plans to cut emissions from power plants, boost renewable energy and other measures.

Though no major decisions are expected at the conference in Warsaw’s National Stadium, the level of progress could be an indicator of the world’s chances of reaching a deal in 2015. That’s the new watershed year in the U.N.-led process after a 2009 summit in Copenhagen ended in discord.



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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: 61.2°

TUESDAY – POOR – SURF: 1-2 ft knee to thigh high
Small NW swell-mix; minor Southern Hemi energy

WEDNESDAY – POOR TO FAIR – SURF: 1-2 ft knee to thigh high occ. 3ft
NW swell mix continues; minor Southern Hemi energy picks up slightly

THURSDAY – POOR TO FAIR – SURF: 1-2 ft knee to thigh high occ. 3ft
NW swell; minor Southern Hemi energy

FRIDAY – POOR TO FAIR – SURF: 1-3 ft ankle to waist high
Minor Southern Hemi energy; Potentially more NW swell-mix moves in...
stay tuned; watching winds

BEACH REPORT CARD



NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of November 6, 2013

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

Number of sewage spills -- 0

Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0

Number of wet days -- 0

Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 23 / no

Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / no

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

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A -- F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone

WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days

no -- no sample taken

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Mattingly to manage Dodgers next season

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Don Mattingly will return as manager of the Los Angeles Dodgers next season, along with most of his coaching staff.

Tim Wallach was named the new bench coach Monday, moving over from third base to replace Trey Hillman, who was fired last month. Lorenzo Bundy, who was managing at Triple A-Albuquerque, joins the team to take Wallach's spot.

Mattingly returns for his fourth season with general manager Ned Colletti making

no announcement about a possible contract extension. Mattingly's option worth \$1.4 million vested with the team's first-round playoff victory over Atlanta. He is 260-225 at the helm, guiding the Dodgers to the NL championship series, where they lost to St. Louis in six games last month.

The rest of the coaching staff remains: Chuck Crim, bullpen coach; Rick Honeycutt, pitching coach; Davey Lopes, first base coach; Mark McGwire, hitting coach; Ken Howell, assistant pitching coach; John Valentin, assistant hitting coach; Manny Mota, coach; Steve Yeager, coach.

Dolphins become target of comedians

STEVEN WINE AP Sports Writer

MIAMI In a state where the two other NFL teams are in last place, the Miami Dolphins are the biggest laughingstock of all.

They've become the butt of jokes by late-night comedians, a bad sign for an already floundering franchise. Such quipsters as Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert weighed in on Comedy Central after the Dolphins' bullying scandal struck a national nerve.

While the NFL is serious about investigating tackle Jonathan Martin's allegations of daily harassment by teammates, including Incognito, others are laughing at the dysfunctional Dolphins like never before. That's saying something for a team that has endured four consecutive losing seasons and hasn't won a playoff game since 2000.

Even Spirit Airlines poked fun on its web-site.

"Don't be bullied by high fares. Fly Incognito out of Florida or any place for that matter," read an advertisement by the South Florida-based business.

Give Dolphins players credit: They can take a joke.

"So I see Spirit Airline got jokes lol," tackle Bryant McKinnie tweeted.

This is no laughing matter. Martin will meet late this week with the NFL's special investigator to discuss the allegations.

Martin is with his family in California to undergo counseling for emotional issues, while Incognito is suspended indefinitely. The special investigator will determine whether Incognito harassed Martin, and whether the Dolphins mishandled the matter.

It has all made for a tense atmosphere at the team complex, and even stoic coach Joe Philbin attempted to lighten the mood. He

allowed himself a slight smile watching a throng of media scramble into position for his daily post-practice news conference.

"I hope the Dolphins aren't liable for any of those hamstrings that all you guys pulled on the way over here," Philbin said. The comment drew a few chuckles.

The Dolphins (4-4) were to play for the first time since the scandal broke Monday night at Tampa Bay (0-8). While the Buccaneers sought their first victory, and while the Jacksonville Jaguars are 1-8, it's the Dolphins drawing the most guffaws in the Sunshine State.

Stewart and Colbert both joked about the name of Miami's Pro Bowl guard turned national villain.

"Has there ever been a less apt name for a person than Incognito?" Stewart said on "The Daily Show."

"The Colbert Report" noted a lunchroom prank by Martin's teammates that he took as a last straw, prompting him to leave the club two weeks ago.

"I bet they also made fun of him for wearing clothes with dolphins on them," Colbert said.

Colbert also quoted the now-notorious voicemail Incognito left for Martin in which he used a racist term, threatened to kill his teammate and threatened to slap Martin's mother. But Colbert described Incognito as the victim in the situation because he has "been pushed around by kindness cabal."

"If only he had a way to hide his identity," Colbert said.

Dolphins tackle Tyson Clabo didn't watch either show but was told he made "The Daily Show" in a locker room video clip.

"I was on Jon Stewart, which is huge," Clabo said. "I heard it's a good thing I have a sense of humor, because I heard I wasn't portrayed the best. But we can all laugh."

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7:50pm, 10:15pm

Enough Said (PG-13) 1hr 33min
7:40pm

12 Years a Slave (R) 2hrs 13min
7:20pm, 10:15pm

LATE NIGHT TONIGHT, GEM

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ A personal matter or a situation involving your home will turn out positively. You could have a lot of discussion with your mate or a key person about a potential change. Tonight: What is stopping you?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ You finally will achieve what you want, and you might feel as if you have the capability to have a long-overdue conversation. Your sense of humor weaves through various situations, which adds lightness to them. Tonight: Dream big.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Assume a more dominant role in a professional discussion. You might want to do something very differently from how you have been doing it, but you will abide by a superior's decision. Tonight: Till the wee hours.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Detach from recent events and see a situation from a different perspective. You might want to reframe the situation in several different ways. Know that you are carrying a figurative rabbit's foot in your back pocket. Remain optimistic. Tonight: Be around great music.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ A partner or an associate wants to assume the lead. Make it possible. You might want more time to yourself, as you have a personal matter on the back burner. Use your intuition, and it will land you on the right side of a problem. Tonight: Go off and do something for yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ By integrating a suggestion from a partner, you will come out a victor. You seem know which path is best for you. Make an effort to draw in a new person whom you are getting to know. He or she would be good for you. Tonight: Sort through others' ideas, then decide.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You have an abundance of to-dos. Do your best to prevent someone from interfering with your pace. You might feel as if no one can stop you. Your energy surprises many people. Tonight: Slow down only when you want to.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ You might respond on a totally intuitive level and feel as if you know what it is the right path for you. Logic might not conform to your actions, and trying to make your actions logical simply might not work. Stop trying this exercise. Tonight: Continue being spontaneous.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ You could opt to stay home; work at home, if you must. If at work, your mind might keep focusing on a personal situation. A newfound closeness has started to evolve between you and someone else. Tonight: Screen your calls.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ While people around you might be emotional and undisciplined, you seem to handle their passionate displays and continue as normal. Your ability to stay steadfast might prevent you from picking up on important information. Listen well. Tonight: Hang out with your friends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

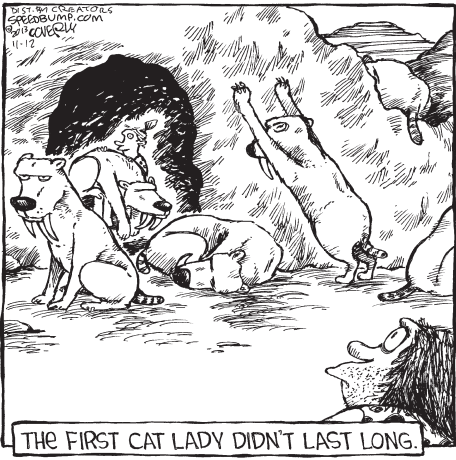
★★★ You might be focused on completing an important task that has financial ramifications. You could be doing a lot of thinking about your budget. Your finances might need a hard, skeptical look. Tonight: Off to the gym to work out.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You will draw someone toward you who serves as a muse for you. When you are with this person, your natural talents seem to expand. If you are single, a budding romance becomes a strong possibility. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

Speed Bump

By Dave Coverly



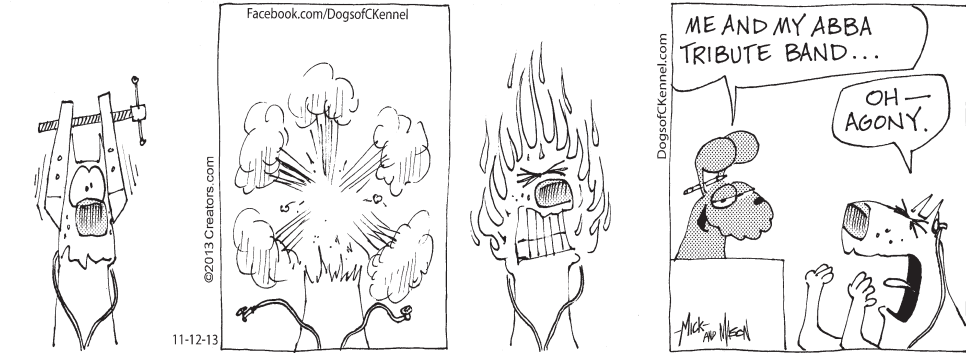
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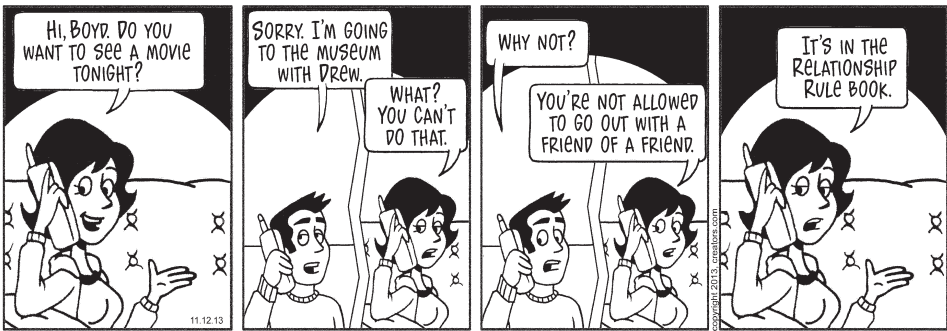
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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from ★ (easiest) to ★★★★★ (hardest).

Difficulty Level ★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

2	7	4	8	5	6	9	1	3
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Complete, as business
- 6 Office helpers
- 11 Biscotti flavor
- 12 Center
- 13 Nocturnal wanderer
- 15 Youngster
- 16 Pussy foot
- 17 Outback bird
- 18 Con-vincing debaters
- 20 Comic Caesar
- 21 Hosp. sections
- 22 Trick
- 23 Cornered
- 26 Jacket flap
- 27 End-of-wk. days
- 28 Shark feature
- 29 Mediterranean fruit
- 30 Heist
- 34 LAPD alert
- 35 Avoid the truth
- 36 One, for Juan
- 37 Harrison Ford film
- 40 Bolshevik leader
- 41 Wear
- 42 Moved sideways

43 Rude look

DOWN

- 1 Ship poles
- 2 Simmering, say
- 3 Michelangelo statue
- 4 Employ
- 5 Hot, in a way
- 6 Liquefies
- 7 Snaky fish
- 8 Fabricates
- 9 Postulation
- 10 Fruit-filled pastry
- 14 History class topics

- 19 Some votes
- 22 Military level
- 23 Friendly
- 24 Hit a three-bagger
- 25 Universe start
- 26 Suspects are found in them

- 28 Uncloudy
- 30 Mix
- 31 Coup group
- 32 — two (hardly any)
- 33 Carried
- 38 Spotted cube
- 39 Squirrel's snack

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Draw Date: 11/10
3 6 12 15 33



Draw Date: 11/10
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In December China joined only a handful of countries (and 29 U.S. states) by strengthening the rights of elderly parents to demand support from their adult children -- not only financially (which has been the law for more than a decade) but now allowing lawsuits by parents who feel emotionally ignored, as well. An October Associated Press feature on one rural extended family dramatized China's cultural shift away from its proverbial "first virtue" of family honor. Zhang Zefang, 94, said she did not even understand the concept of "lawsuit" when a local official explained it, but only that she deserved better from the children she had raised and who now allegedly resent her neediness. (A village court promptly ordered several family members to contribute support for Zhang.) ■ Recent separate testings in 21 springs in Austria and 18 fonts in Vienna yielded a conclusion that 86 percent of the holy water in the country's churches was not safe to drink -- most commonly infected with diarrhea-causing E.coli and Campylobacter. University of Vienna researchers found samples with up to 62 million bacteria per milliliter of water, and the busier the church, the higher the count.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1912- The frozen bodies of Robert Scott and his men are found on the Ross Ice Shelf in Antarctica.
1918- Austria becomes a republic.
1920- Italy and the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes sign the Treaty of Rapallo.
1933- Hugh Gray takes the first known photos of the Loch Ness Monster.

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