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THE ART LOVERS ISSUE

City nears museum deal with Broad Foundations

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Negotiations to bring a contemporary art museum financed by billionaire philanthropist Eli Broad to Santa Monica's civic center are close to complete, several city officials said Wednesday.

The terms of the agreement would require approval from the City Council, which could vote on the museum deal as early as Tuesday.

"I feel that the vast majority of issues have been discussed thoroughly and agreed to," City Councilman Bob Holbrook said.

The museum agreement had not been placed on the council's agenda for next week by press time Wednesday, but Holbrook said the only remaining sticking point was the legal language locking in the museum's endowment.

"It's my understanding that we're going to have a staff report on the agenda for next Tuesday [that will] make a recommendation to us on a variety of deal points for moving forward on the project," said Councilman Richard Bloom.

If approved by the council, the agreement with the Broad Foundations would be a major win for City Hall, which since November has been competing with Beverly Hills to attract the museum. A third, undisclosed location for the museum also has reportedly been in the running.

Neither City Manager Lamont Ewell nor a spokeswoman for the Broad Foundations

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CAUGHT IN THE ACT: **Gardener Manuel Solis (right) and his son Anthony work on 23rd Street Wednesday morning.**

New Web site tracks leaf blower violations

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Call it an act of vigilantism for the 21st century.

If you're fed up with hearing gardeners use noisy, illegal leaf blowers in your neighborhood you can now take matters into your own hands, via e-mail. Not by writing to the cops, but by e-mailing the Web site stopleafblowers.com, the brainchild of an anonymous Santa Monica anti-leaf blower activist.

Started about six months ago, the aim of the site is to create a calendar showing probable times and locations where illicit leaf blowing will occur. Based on observations and tips, the site predicts, for example, that today leaf blowing will take place on the 2200 block of 20th street at 10:15 a.m.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Samohi transfer denied eligibility

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI A key transfer who was expected to contribute immediately to Santa Monica's girls basketball team has been denied eligibility by the California Interscholastic Federation.

CIF Southern Section officials determined in late December that Bianka Balthazar, a junior from Arizona, had prior contact with a coach who was previously on staff at Samohi. Such activity is a violation of CIF bylaw 510 under "prior contact," CIF Director of Communications Director Thom Simmons said.

"The coach in question met the student-athlete through a club situation," Simmons said. It is common for high school staff to coach club teams during the offseason.

As a result of CIF's ruling, Balthazar will be required to sit out the season, but will be allowed to attend Samohi. She will not be allowed to play for the team until Oct. 13, 2010, one year from the time she enrolled at Samohi.

Simmons said that she is allowed to practice with the team, but is prohibited from competing during games or scrimmages. He added that the school will face no sanctions as a result of the decision.

Head Coach Marty Verdugo said late last month that the team will file an appeal, but was unsure how long that process would take.

Samohi is scheduled to return to play on Jan. 9 at Redondo. The Vikings are 8-4 on the season.

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Thursday, Jan. 7, 2010

Ice skating by the beach
Arizona Avenue at Fifth Street
10 a.m. — 10 p.m.
Bring back childhood memories — and create new ones — as you slice through the ice in a festive atmosphere filled with holiday cheer and balmy ocean breezes. The ice rink will remain open through January. Admission is $10 and includes skate rental. The rink is periodically cleared for short periods to groom the ice. If raining, the rink will remain open in light rain or drizzle conditions, closing only for heavy downpours. For more information go to www.downtownsm.com.

What's new this week?
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 1 p.m. — 2:30 p.m.
A free-wheeling review and discussion of the week's key news stories at home and abroad moderated by Jack Nordhaus.

Pole position
Isabelle's Dance Academy
1334 Lincoln Blvd., 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Get the best workout of your life while learning some sexy moves to entice your partner at this fun pole dancing class. It will make you stronger at every level, from your body to your spirit, your sense of self esteem and it will help you get more in touch with your sensuality. For more information, call (310) 392-3493.
Cost: $39 for two hours.

Friday, Jan. 8, 2010

Mariachi and dinner
El Texate Restaurant
316 Pico Blvd.
Mariachi Alta California fills the air with the sounds of Mexico every Friday night. Show times are 6 p.m., 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. There is no cover charge.

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.



Lawmakers pass major school reform package

DON THOMPSON
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO The California Legislature on Wednesday sent Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger landmark education reforms designed to overhaul the state's worst schools and let parents send their children elsewhere.

"This is about parental choice in public education," education committee chairwoman Sen. Gloria Romero, D-Los Angeles, said about the compromise she helped negotiate.

Schwarzenegger said he would sign the bills, approved Wednesday in the Senate and late Tuesday in the Assembly.

The reforms will let California compete for part of the $4.3 billion being made available to states under the Obama administration's Race to the Top initiative. California has the nation's largest public school system, with 6 million students.

Under the legislation, state officials could close failing schools, convert them to charter schools or replace the principal and half the staff. Parents whose children are stuck in the lowest-performing schools would be given greater leeway to send their children elsewhere and could petition to turn around a chronically failing school.

The measures also provide a method for linking teacher evaluations to student performance.

Schwarzenegger lauded the legislation, saying it contained reform that once seemed impossible. The bills will take effect 90 days after he signs them into law.

"For too many years, too many children were trapped in low-performing schools. The exit doors may as well have been chained," Schwarzenegger said while delivering his State of the State address to lawmakers.

The reform efforts were opposed by the California Teachers Association and other groups representing educators. They also divided Democratic lawmakers, some of whom said the measures had too little debate and went too far, or not far enough.

Schwarzenegger has been pushing lawmakers to act since calling a special session in August and saying the measures would ensure California can compete for up to $700 million from the competitive federal grants.

"This program essentially is extortion, plain and simple," said Sen. Rod Wright, D-Inglewood. "We're about to make permanent changes to our educational system and we don't even have assurances that we'll get ... the money."



Photo courtesy Marcus Eriksen and Anna Cummins

AT WORK ON THE WAVES: **Marcus Eriksen and his wife Anna Cummins (center) look through water samples including tiny bits of plastic on a previous research expedition. The couple is leaving today for a voyage to the North Atlantic to study marine debris.**

Researchers set sail to study plastic

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

BERMUDA While the setting may be perfect for a stress-free honeymoon, Anna Cummins and Marcus Eriksen aren't going to be relaxing by the beach here, working on the perfect tan.

The Santa Monica couple, who were married in June, will set sail today in the 72-foot sloop Sea Dragon on a voyage across the Sargasso Sea region of the North Atlantic to study and document the damaging effects of plastic on marine life, and, ultimately, the food chain.

Last year, the researchers with the Algalita Marine Research Foundation rode bicycles 2,000 miles from Vancouver to Tijuana, visiting 15 cities, giving presentations and talking about what they called the "plastic soup" cooking in the ocean.

This time around they want to focus on the North Atlantic Gyre to help raise awareness about the plastic problem and plan to study the effects of plastics on all five major gyres. A gyre is any large system of rotating ocean currents that can trap man-made debris, creating enormous garbage patches.

"Many people don't realize that this is a global issue because so much media attention has been focused on the North Pacific Gyre," Cummins, 36, said during a phone interview from Bermuda, where she and Eriksen, 42, were preparing for their trip. "Every ocean has a gyre and we want to reach a larger audience."

Cummins and Eriksen will be skimming the ocean's surface with a plankton net to collect plastic and fish that surface at night to forage for food. Past expeditions have found fish with plastic in their stomachs. Plastics act as magnets for toxic chemicals like PCB. Smaller fish consume plastics. Larger fish like tuna and mahi-mahi then eat those smaller fish, ingesting the toxins, which could ultimately harm humans.

"We want to see if there are large concentrations of these chemicals in our food chain, ending up on our dinner plates," she said.

Their journey will involve several voyages. The first will launch from St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, and take them across the Sargasso Sea — an elongated region in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean roughly 700 miles by 2,000 miles — to the Azores.

The final expedition in August will cross a similar gyre between Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and Cape Town, South Africa.

The effort is a collaboration of three nonprofit environmental organizations led by Long Beach-based Algalita Marine Research Foundation (to learn more go to 5gyres.org).

Next year, the couple is planning a public awareness campaign that will begin with a 2,000-mile East Coast cycling-lecture tour and conclude with construction in Paris of a boat from 250,000 plastic straws. In that vessel the couple will sail the Seine River, then cross the English Channel.

Eriksen, Cummins and a fellow researcher once sailed to Hawaii on a raft made from 1,500 plastic bottles.

"It will be a honeymoon of sorts," Cummins said. "We got married recently in the middle of a garbage patch so it seemed fitting to make this our honeymoon."

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Resolutions won't work if you have a problem

DEAR NEW SHRINK,

I have tried to stop drinking but have not been able to, even after getting a DUI. But I feel ready and have made a New Year's resolution to stop! My family wants me to go to rehab but I really do not think I need it. What do you think? How do others do it?

Signed,
Determined

DEAR DETERMINED,

You can resolve all you want but it won't help if you have a problem. I don't know you, so I cannot say what is best but with a DUI and your family thinking you need rehab, it looks like you just might have a problem that is a little more serious than you think. This is not to say you need a $60,000 rehab but you probably should not try to go it alone. Few people are able to do it on their own, without support you probably will not make it and if you do, you will be "white knuckling it," meaning that you will basically be what is known as a dry drunk and you won't have the serenity that can come with a recovery program.

The word rehab actually means rehabilitation and this can happen in a number of ways. It has come to be associated with in-patient programs but while they are fashionable, they are not always necessary. They actually are more of a luxury than necessity in many cases. Not everyone needs horses, pilates and a gourmet chef in order to get sober.

For more than half a century, most folks with a drinking problem just walked into AA meetings and with the love and support they found from others who really understood them, they often did just fine. Because of its success, there are now 12-step meetings for almost every form of addiction.

But as other drug use increased along with the use of alcohol, and because of what is known as dual diagnosis, some people required a lot more than meetings alone. Dual diagnosis is when there is a mental health problem along with substance abuse and/or other addictions.

In-patient programs started to spread in the 1980s but then many shut down because they were costly, insurance would no longer pay for them and they often did not yield better results. Now there are far fewer and many of them are very costly.

The advantage of course is that you are taken away from your current environment where there are multiple triggers and most likely, co-dependent relationships. You have lots of doctors and counselors helping you 24/7 while you focus on your addiction and recovery. For people with multiple addictions and serious situations at home, this is often preferred if affordable.

But while this might be nice, even ideal, not everyone has the money or can get away. Some people don't want it. They prefer to start privately and quietly. The good news is that out-patient treatment has worked very well for the majority of folks for many years now.

You have the option of seeking help with a physician who is certified in addiction medicine or you can see a psychologist who is certified in the treatment of substance abuse or addictions. Both will do thorough evaluations and you can begin an individualized treatment program. If detoxification is needed, it can be arranged. Most alcoholics or alcohol addicts can detoxify at home with minor medications. Your family may be asked to come in for some counseling with you. This is a critical step because the people who love you will often be your biggest enablers and probably have some feelings to work out themselves. You are going to need your relationships to be healthy. And for married alcoholics who get sober, there are only three options: get help together, go back to drinking or split up.

A good doctor that really knows about addiction will help you sort out your relationships, make a healthy environment for yourself and help you to identify and work on any psychological problems that contributed to this in the first place. Ideally you will also go to 12-step meetings where you have 24/7 support from people who truly care but some get sober without it. All of this can be done out-patient and is far less costly.

Bottom line, you have four choices: go it alone; go to 12-step meetings only; go into rehab; or see a specialist who can help you while you continue to live at home.

Good Luck!

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Raising a cereal killer

MOST MOMS WANT TO THINK THEIR daughters are sweet and strong — effectively that they've birthed the human equivalent of cotton candy: delicately spun pink sugar elegantly fused to a durable paper cone.

I'm no exception, having assumed in the nearly 17 months since my little girl was born that the soft cooing noises emanating from the baby monitor in the wee hours of the morning are the sounds of my very own daisy blooming (if daisies were capable of making noise, that is).

So it's never any fun when you suspect that your offspring might be displaying at least three of the 14 most common traits of a serial killer, according to Dr. Phil.

The first sign of trouble appeared when my little bundle of joy walked up to another toddler and walloped him out of the blue. Granted the kid she smacked is a year older and has been batting my daughter around since practically the day she was born. Even still, my husband and I looked on in horror. Actually, only I did. He rationalized it as payback for all the times the boy had pulled our daughter's hair or shoved her to the ground when he thought no one was watching.

But then a few hours later, my baby smacked me, too. Of course it didn't hurt physically. But emotionally, I'm still scarred. It's kind of hard not to take it personally given the fact that I carted her around in my uterus for, like, 15 months and never once complained (or hardly ever) that she pressed on my bladder for nearly the entire time.

She's now taken a liking to hitting (trait No. 14 on Dr. Phil's serial killer list). When I say, "No," or "Don't touch that," or, especially, "No hitting," she takes her best shot, usually at me. On the occasions that she's refrained from hitting, she's discovered how to give me the stink eye. I figured I had at least until middle school before she started floating like a butterfly and stinging like a queen bee. Clearly she's an overachiever (trait No. 2).

Last week she was sitting on my lap when she became displeased that the book she wanted me to read to her was a few millimeters out of her reach. Frustrated, she jerked her head forward until which time it met up at full speed with the part of my cheekbone directly under my eye. My shiner, which looks like a remnant from 1975's Thrilla in Manila, is starting to heal, but not before a few dozen people have looked at it and then my husband to see if he bears any resemblance to Charlie Sheen. With her rosy cheeks and charming inability to go tinkle on the potty, my little angel is above suspicion.

Thankfully though, the vast majority of Dr. Phil's serial killer characteristics don't apply to my daughter. For instance, more than 90 percent of serial killers are male (trait No. 1), which my daughter is most decidedly not, judging by the abundance of pastels in her wardrobe and her strategic ability to cry on cue if she thinks doing so will earn her another "Baby Boost" video or Fig Newton.

Like the word "no," she doesn't mess around when it comes to food. When she's given Cheerios but really wants toast, she makes sure those whole grain oats rue the day they were toasted, packaged, shipped, purchased and thoughtlessly placed before her at the breakfast table.

However, even though she's never had trouble holding down a job (trait No. 3) or been fascinated with fire starting (trait No. 13), my concerns that she'll end up among the ranks of Ted Bundy and John Wayne Gacy were heightened further a few weeks ago when we were playing in the kitchen after dinner and she tugged at my leg, indicating she wanted me to toss her in the air. Just as I lifted her, tilted my head back and opened my mouth to exclaim, "Wheeee," she parted with the remnants of her dinner that had previously been in her stomach. Without getting into too much detail, the final resting place of her peas and chicken nuggets further enforced Newton's theory of gravity as well as trait No. 7 on Dr. Phil's serial killer list.

Sure, baby experts will argue that aggressive outbursts and vomiting are typical for children under the age of 3 (although not necessarily at the same time). And thankfully, in the past few days the hitting has actually started to subside and is being replaced with fall to the floor, bang her head, arch her back and wail like a banshee-type tantrums. And her food has stayed in her mouth and out of mine. Things are looking decidedly better.

I suppose in the end if the worst thing about her is only that she's responsible for the untimely death of a few Cheerios, I'll breathe a sigh of relief. Mostly because if I'm breathing it means she hasn't succeeded in killing me.

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The Q Line

Seeing into the future

With the new year comes much speculation. Will City Hall land the Broad Museum? Will the Expo light rail project stay on track? How will the new city manager do? The possibilities are endless.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:

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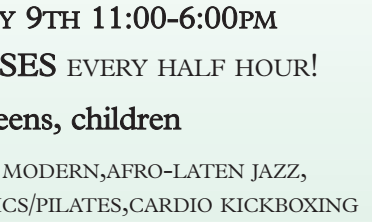

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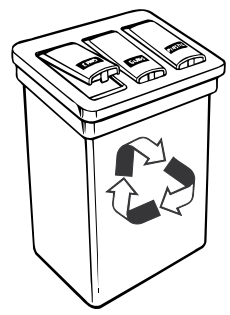
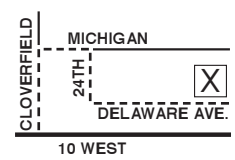
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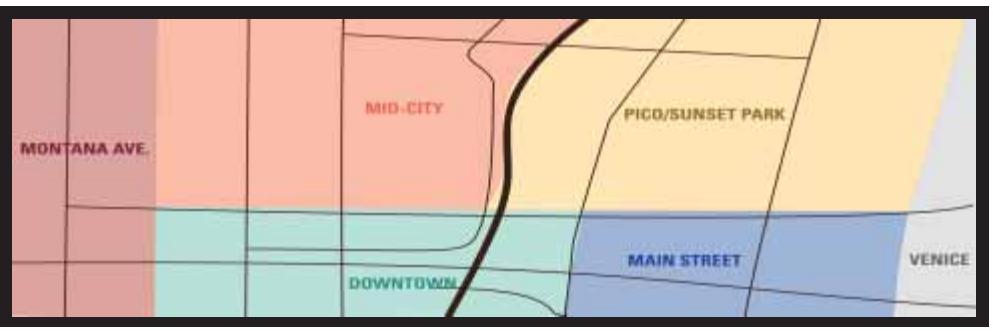
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Community Meeting for Proposed Paseo Nebraska Development Agreement

3025 Olympic Boulevard, 1819-1820 Berkeley Street, 3020 and 3030-3060 Nebraska Avenue

Thursday, January 14, 2010 at 7:00 PM

City of Santa Monica

Thelma Terry Room, Virginia Avenue Park 2200 Virginia Avenue



You are invited to attend a community meeting to review and provide feedback on the concept plans for a new mixed-use residential/neighborhood-serving commercial/creative office project proposed by Nebraska Studios, LLC (Applicant) consisting of the following key components:

- Approximately 545 multi-family housing units, ranging from studios to three-bedroom units, consisting of the following:
  - 20% moderate income units;
  - 60% workforce units; and
  - 20% market rate units.
- Approximately 80,000 SF of flexible floor area programmed for neighborhood-serving commercial space and creative arts office space.
- Series of publicly-accessible pedestrian paseos to connect surrounding public streets (Olympic, Nebraska, Stanford, and Berkeley) through and to the project site.
- Public street improvements to include:
  - Surface easement dedicated to the City for extension of Berkeley Street through the project site between Nebraska Avenue and Olympic Boulevard and construction of street, curb, gutters, sidewalks, and street trees.
  - Surface easement dedicated to the City to enable future extension of Stanford Street through the project site between Nebraska Avenue and Olympic Boulevard.
- Construction of an approximately 1000-space, two-level subterranean parking garage.

This meeting is the part of the preliminary concept phase of the Development Agreement process where residents, property owners, and interested parties will have the opportunity to provide direct feedback to the developer and to City staff regarding to the concept plans.

This meeting is also the first step in the Development Agreement "float-up" process and occurs prior to the Planning Commission and City Council discussions of the concept plans and direction as to whether the proposed Development Agreement application may be filed. For more information, please contact Roxanne Tanemori, AICP, Senior Planner, at (310) 458-8341.

RSVP appreciated to (310) 458-8341.

The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. Every attempt will made to provide the requested accommodation.

ESPANOL

Esto es una noticia de una reunión de la comunidad para revisar el diseño de la applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

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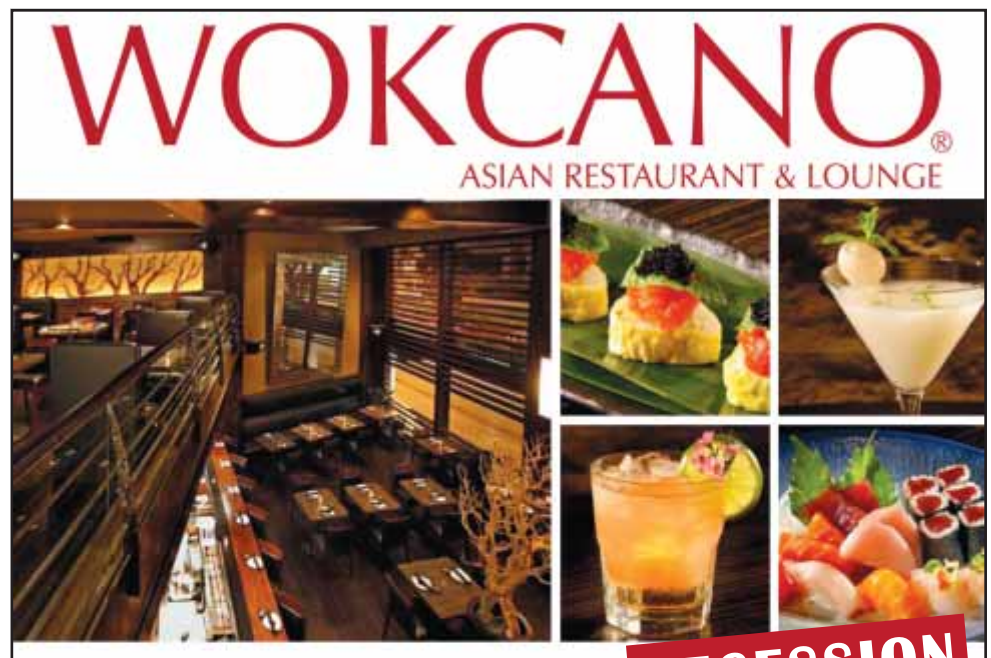
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The Re-View

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The healthy panini movement

NOW THAT I'M IN MY REDUCED SUGAR intake phase, I've been visiting restaurants that claim to be organic, sugar free, or otherwise oriented toward healthy foods. The common denominator so far seems to be the panini sandwich. I suppose the correct spelling in the singular is panino, but no one seems to use that. When I was young we never heard of a hot Italian sandwich, and this kind of thing was called a grilled cheese (or grilled bacon and cheese with or without tomato, or grilled something else). This new version of grilled sandwich is made in a gizmo, like a waffle press, which speeds up the preparation and gives it a nice texture.

My first Los Angeles experience with the panini was at Golden Mean Books and Cafe at 1028 Wilshire Blvd. near 11th Street in Santa Monica. I was there with my favorite computer nerd, who is a vegetarian, and he was visibly relieved that I had selected that restaurant for our meeting. We started with a taste of this and a taste of that. We each tasted the soup of the day, which was butternut squash, and it had a lot of flavor. We sampled the hummus, with the daily flavor of dill flavor added, which was freshly made and well worth ordering.

For a main plate he had the veggie burger and I had the portobello mushroom panini with mushroom, onion, peppers, baby arugula and vegan mozzarella for $10.95. It came appropriately grilled and striped, and I was pleased with the combination of flavors. It was delicious.

When the owner, Aaron Glassman, checked in on us he had a couple of desserts in hand. I was full and ready to give it up, but I could see a gleam in my friend's eye. So we allowed Aaron to leave a bit of apple crisp and a slice of coconut cake on the table. Both were incredibly delicious. Being short of will power, and being assured that there was no sugar used in the preparation, I ate the whole crisp. And my friend insisted on taking a slice of the coconut cake home to his wife. Ahh, the power of sweet!

Other than the slight turn-off from the flies buzzing around because the door fan wasn't working, the Golden Mean is a real find.

My next experience with the panini was when my friend John Blanchette took me to the Panini Garden at 2718 Main St. I was surprised to find, behind a non-descript doorway, a lovely lavender garden patio in the back, shielded from the street noise, outside yet covered from the sun. I noticed a full breakfast menu which I'll sample one day, and a lunch menu of hot and cold paninis, soups and salads. The shepherd's salad, with herbed goat cheese, with tomatoes and walnuts was fresh and flavorful. I ate the spicy chicken panino made form chicken breast, Cajun spices, mozzarella and basil. I would prefer it if it were a bit more spicy, but the quality of the ingredients, and the toasted bread made it a special treat. I passed on the desserts, and finished with an excellent espresso from the Delta Café Roasting Co. Panini Garden is a lovely place for a relaxing lunch on Main Street. Sandwiches run about $10.

The following week we went upscale. Friends invited me to the L.A. Farm on Olympic Boulevard, with chef "Stefan" from Finland. And what was on the menu? A hot pastrami sandwich with horseradish sauce, mustard, cole slaw and cheese for $16. And what did it look like when it arrived? A panini of course. The panini has moved upscale, and now we can find it on the fancy restaurant menus. The grilled ciabatta bread looked nice, but the pastrami looked fried, and not appetizing, so I passed on a taste. Instead I ordered the bouillabaisse special of the day. Of course, I knew it wouldn't be real bouillabaisse because you don't get that in L.A. But I was surprised by what I did get: a genuine French bourride (except it had salmon pieces in it, unlike in France). A properly made bourride consists of fish soup with a garlic mayonnaise added to the broth so that the broth develops a bit of viscosity, stronger flavor, and a light color. It was quite delicious, and not easy to find in L.A. in spite of all the French restaurants now popping up.

Of course the chef continued to claim that it was really a bouillabaisse.

For a good panini maybe we better stick to the healthy spots.

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• Golden Mean Vegan Café, 1028 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica, (310) 393-6500, Open Monday-Wednesday & Sunday, 11 a.m. — 9 p.m.; Thurday-Saturday 11 a.m. —10 p.m. Inexpensive.

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Feeding Hollywood takes planning

SANDY COHEN
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES Now that the award season has replaced the holiday season in Hollywood, buzz is building about best pictures, winning performances, designer gowns and, oh yes, "What's for dinner?"

For your consideration: herb-crusted mozzarella and grilled eggplant salad, braised beef short ribs with artichoke sweet pepper ragout and sauteed sea bass with truffle endive fritto.

Dishing it for the A-listers attending Hollywood's award banquets each year is no cakewalk. Meals must be distinct, elegant and appropriate for Tinseltown's calorie-conscious ways. But they also must be easy to eat, with multiple cameras in the room capturing diners' every bite.

That's why Suki Sugiura, executive chef at the Beverly Hilton Hotel, starts planning the Golden Globes menu six months in advance.

He must simultaneously satisfy the appetites of Jennifer Aniston, Steven Spielberg, Mickey Rourke and nearly 1,300 other Hollywood heavyweights attending the Globes ceremony — all while preparing an array of finger foods and other munchies for a half-dozen after-parties also held at the hotel on Jan. 17.

Sugiura and his kitchen crew of more than 100 are prepared to work from 6 a.m. to well past midnight that day, ensuring every bite is just right.

"It's the busiest day of the year," he says.

A veteran of four Golden Globes dinners, he started dreaming up menu concepts last summer. He presented various appetizers and entrees to the Hollywood Foreign Press Association, which puts on the Globes, and moved forward with their favorites.

This year's menu centers on the bounty of California agriculture, Sugiura says. From the mozzarella-and-eggplant salad to the chocolate-glazed, mandarin-filled dessert, every ingredient comes from the Golden State.

"This is a message from California," he says. "We're taking advantage of the fact that some of the finest ingredients in the U.S. are right here in California."

Also keeping with a California-cooking approach, Sugiura says he sticks to "a theme of cooking light."

The complete Golden Globes menu:

- Garden herb-crusted California mozzarella with grilled eggplant on vine-ripened tomato and arugula radish salad;
- Mediterranean herb-braised California beef short rib with artichoke sweet pepper ragout, along with sauteed filet of Pacific sea bass with truffle endive fritto and aged balsamic extra-virgin olive oil;
- White chocolate envelope filled with mousseline of lime and citrus cake alongside a chocolate dome sponge cake with Cointreau and mandarin orange center topped with chocolate glaze and gold leaf, garnished with raspberries.

"There's not so much butter. And cream — forget it."

Instead, fresh herbs and local olive oil add flavor to the appetizer salad and the beef and sea bass entree (that comes from Central and Southern California). Even the edible envelope atop the dessert (which reads "The Golden Globe goes to") is from a local chocolatier, says executive pastry chef Frania Mendivil.

Much of the work for the starring meal has already been done, Sugiura says. As for the after-parties? Those menus are top secret.

"Everybody competes with each other for which is the best party, but it all comes from one kitchen," he says.

The Screen Actors Guild has already set the menu for its Jan. 23 dinner-party awards show. Planning began months ago, and it was decided that the 1,050 actors in attendance would nibble on an antipasto plate of roasted winter vegetables with couscous, king salmon topped with a ginger-mint chutney, chopped chicken with endive and bacon and lamb with a French feta salsa.

Menu planning is well under way for the Academy Awards Governors Ball, which isn't until March 7.

Sugiura says it's exciting to develop a menu for such a glamorous function as the Globes. And even though movie stars are notoriously picky about their food, he says he rarely gets any special requests: "I know what their tastes are because I've been doing this many, many years."

Russia makes vodka a pricey commodity

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOSCOW The price of the cheapest vodka on the Russian market more than doubled Friday as the government set a minimum price in an effort to fight rampant alcoholism.

Drinking causes an extraordinary number of deaths in Russia, where male life expectancy is about 60 years, and it contributes to an array of economic and social problems.

The minimum price of 89 rubles ($3) for a half liter of vodka (17 ounces) went into effect at the start of the 12-day New Year's and Orthodox Christmas holiday, when alcohol consumption is at its highest.

Russia has one of the highest levels of alcohol consumption in the world, the equivalent of 18 liters (4.8 gallons) of pure alcohol for every man, woman and child per year.

President Dmitry Medvedev, who has publicly decried Russia's drinking problem and its effect on the nation's well being, has ordered a series of measures aimed at reducing sales.

Past efforts to limit vodka sales, however, have led to increased production of unregulated or homemade vodka, which even now is estimated to make up nearly half of all vodka consumed.

A study published last year in The Lancet medical journal said drinking has caused more than half of the deaths among Russians aged 15 to 54 since the 1991 Soviet collapse.

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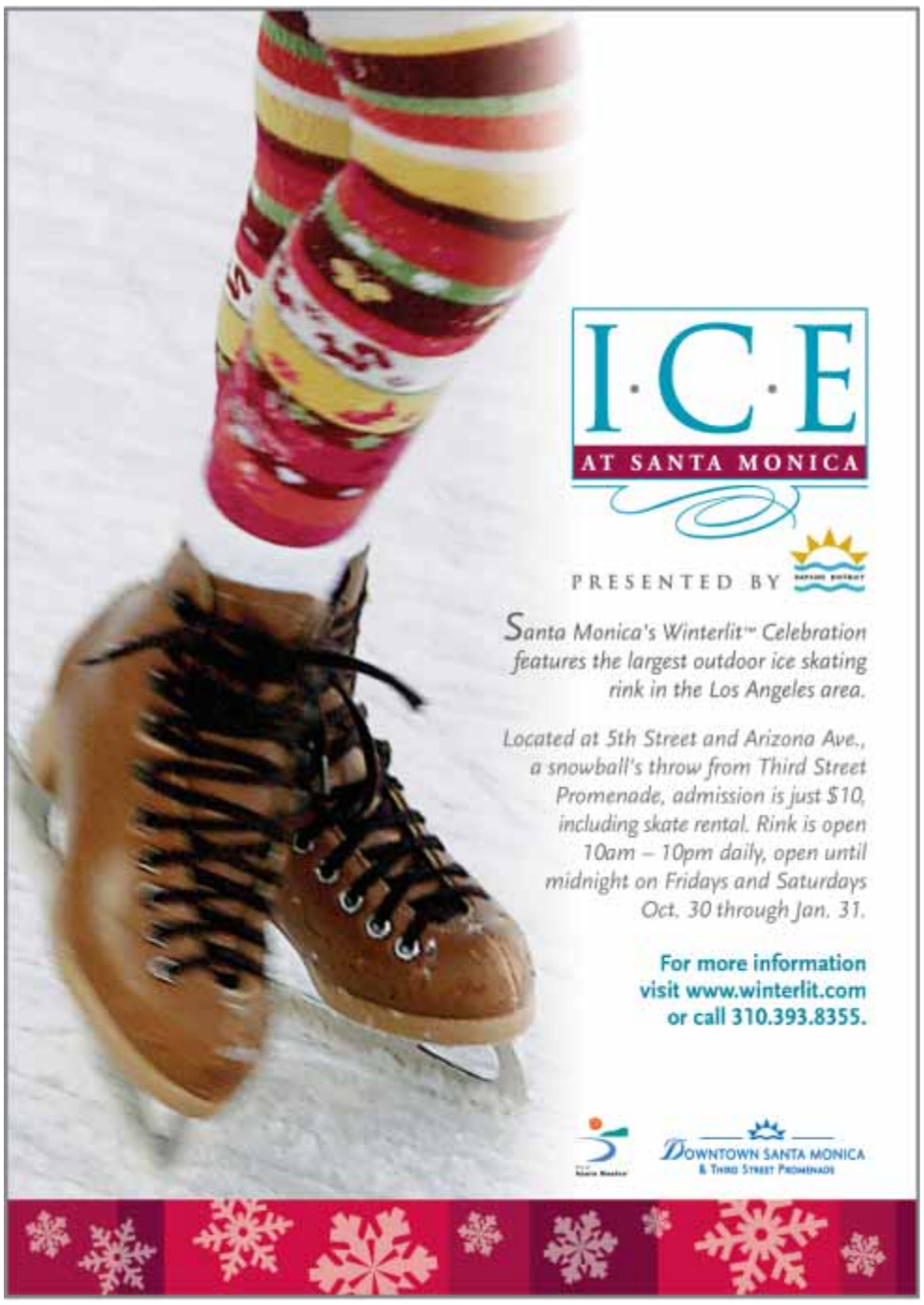
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People walk their dogs and run through Palisades Park on Wednesday afternoon.



Donation would be one of largest to arts in SoCal history

FROM **MUSEUM** PAGE 1

could be reached for comment on the museum negotiations Wednesday.

In Beverly Hills, City Hall Spokeswoman Cheryl Burnett said she wasn't aware of any new developments in negotiations with the Broad Foundations, but added, "It's my understanding that we continue to pursue the potential opportunity of the Broad museum here in Beverly Hills."

The Santa Monica officials who spoke about the museum talks on Wednesday were clearly pleased it appeared City Hall was close to a deal on the project, but were cautious about declaring victory.

"Until everybody is in complete agreement it's still an aspiration," Bloom said. "But when it comes to fruition it's absolutely huge for Santa Monica and for the region."

Holbrook said he's been confident Santa Monica would prevail since he spoke privately with Eli Broad last month and shook hands on the project.

The museum would become home to a 2,000-piece contemporary art collection featuring names like Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec and Andy Warhol.

Terms of the potential deal have not been made public, but Holbrook said City Hall would likely agree to contribute at most $3 million to the project in site preparation costs and fee waivers. The proposed location for the project is a 2.5 acre, city-owned lot located between the Santa Monica Courthouse and the Civic Auditorium that would be leased to the foundation for a nominal amount.

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The Broad Foundations — made up of the Broad Art Foundation and the Eli and Edythe Broad Foundation — would cover the rest of the construction costs and would contribute an endowment in the hundreds of millions of dollars that would amount to one of the largest donations to the arts in Southern California history.

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Court hears Hare Krishna donations case

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Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO A decades-long dispute between Hare Krishnas and the Los Angeles International Airport over soliciting donations appears to be nearing a resolution, as the California Supreme Court heard arguments Wednesday over whether the airport is a public place.

The International Society for Krishna Consciousness of California argues that the airport is much like a public park, and should therefore be open to solicitors.

California's other major airports are supporting Los Angeles' position that airports are private property. Such a finding would support a ban on solicitations, which airport officials say are security risks and impede travelers.

The Hare Krishna group sued in 1997, but the case goes back to 1974 when the religious organization first began soliciting donations at the airport commonly referred to as LAX.

Since then, airport officials complain that numerous other groups and individuals have flocked to LAX to solicit donations.

The Los Angeles City Council passed a law in 1997 prohibiting the receiving of donations at the city-owned airport. The council later changed the law to allow solicitations in designated areas until the initial federal lawsuit was filed.

Lawyers for the city argue that they always had the right to prohibit such behavior but their authority increased even more after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, when airports were required to tighten security.

In 2006, a federal trial judge in Los Angeles sided with the city, finding that the airport is a "nonpublic" forum.

The religious group appealed to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which referred the case to the state Supreme Court to determine whether the airport is private or public property.

If the state Supreme Court decides that the airport is public property, Los Angeles city officials will have to overcome a bigger legal hurdle to enforce the prohibition.

The state Supreme Court is expected to rule within 90 days.

City Council to consider leaf blowing next week

FROM LEAF BLOWERS PAGE 1

"Since most leaf blowers are used by gardeners who work on a weekly schedule, it is common to see and hear them at the same time and location each week," the Web site's homepage says. "Our goal is to compile a list of occurrences so that the police can anticipate future leaf blowing activity and stop it."

The man behind the Web site spoke with the Daily Press about his project, but asked to remain anonymous to avoid being targeted by the pro-leaf blowing crowd.

He said he was constantly annoyed to hear leaf blowers while he was working out of his home office and decided to do something about it. Santa Monica residents have long complained that the ban on leaf blowers, which dates to the early 1990s, is widely flaunted because of weak enforcement. The Web master said he doesn't blame the police, he only wanted to help.

"When you call the police, obviously it's not a high priority, so they're really not able to get there in time to have a meaningful impact," he said.

He started by updating the site whenever he heard a leaf blower in his neighborhood but soon started getting e-mails, many of them anonymous, reporting additional leaf blowing occurrences.

The Daily Press on one occasion successfully used the site to locate and photograph gardeners breaking the law.

Though the police are aware of the site, it hasn't yet led to strategic enforcement operations against leaf blowers.

"I haven't used it as an enforcement tool," said Adam Gartz, the Santa Monica Police Department's neighborhood resource officer for the area north of Montana Avenue. But he has referred leaf blower opponents to the site.

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Though the police issue relatively few leaf blower citations, under the existing ordinance gardeners face fines of up to $1,000 and up to six months in jail for violations.

On Tuesday, City Council is scheduled to consider the issue, and could direct city staff to prepare an updated leaf blowing ordinance. A memo to the council last month suggested an ordinance aimed at holding "property owners, rather than leafblower operators, responsible for adherence to the law."

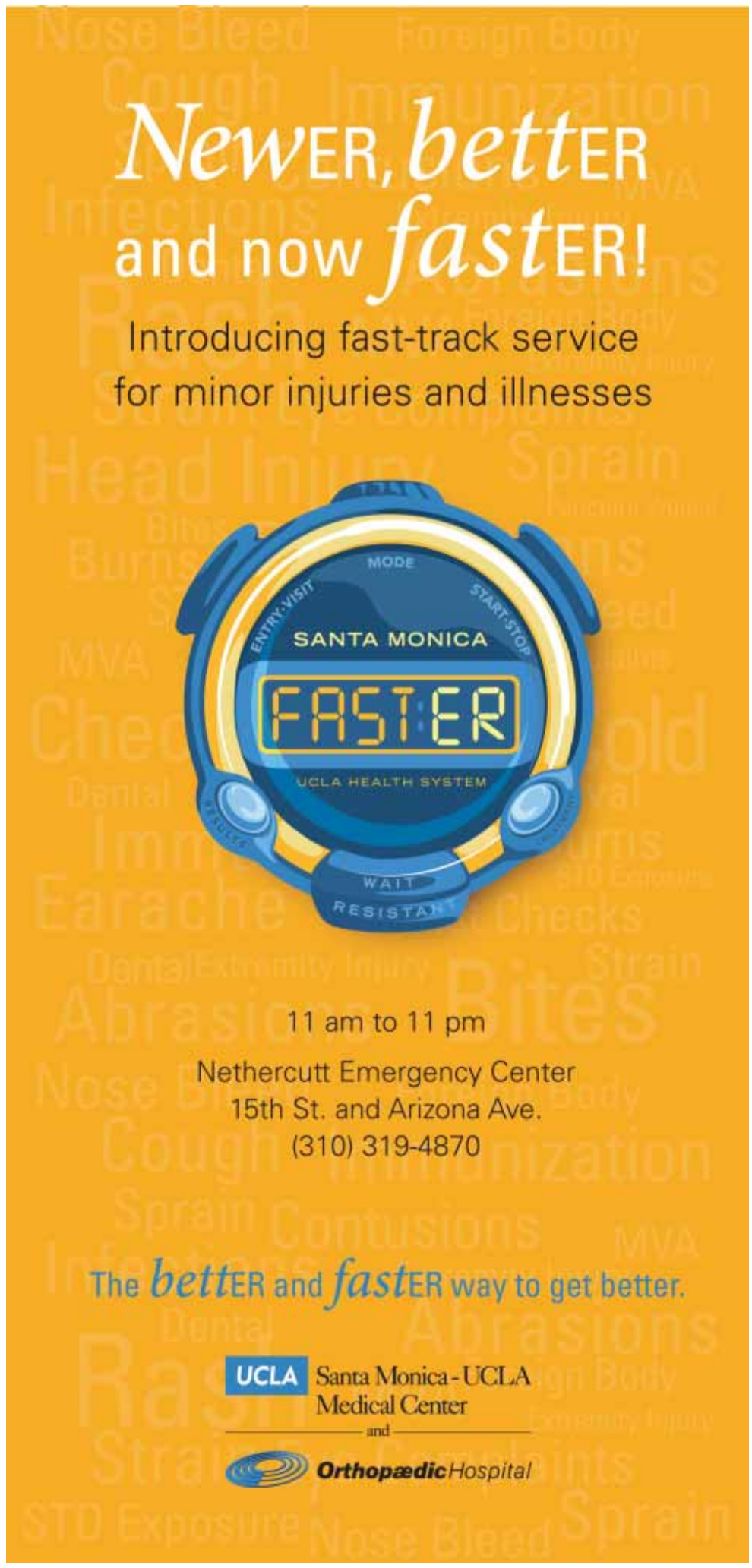
It's an idea some community groups have long favored.

"This is something we've been harassing the council about for years, so we're thrilled that they're finally paying attention and starting to take some action," said Jeanne Dodson, a board member of the Wilshire/Montana Neighborhood Coalition.

The memo to the council also suggested moving leaf blower enforcement authority from the police department to the Office of Sustainability and the Environment.

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Judge: Gay marriage trial can be shown on YouTube

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SAN FRANCISCO The federal trial on the constitutionality of California's same-sex marriage ban beginning next week will be videotaped and uploaded to a video-sharing Web site, the presiding judge ruled Wednesday.

Chief U.S. District Judge Vaughn Walker, who first floated the idea of broadcasting the highly anticipated proceedings live several months ago, said he decided instead to have court employees record the trial for delayed broadcast on the YouTube Web site.

Walker did not explicitly say why he favored a system that could keep the proceedings from being aired for hours instead of one that allowed for simultaneous broadcast. But he said he felt strongly that "it's important for the transmission to be absolutely within the court's control."

It will be the first federal trial in a Western state and one of only a handful nationwide to be taped and aired in public in any form. It also will be the first federal trial on whether denying gays the right to wed constitutes unlawful discrimination to be taped and offered to the public.

The governing body for federal courts in the West recently approved a pilot program that would for the first time allow cameras in civil trials being decided by judges.

Walker said the case's national importance was one of the reasons he was keen to have the proceedings recorded and viewed by as many people as possible as a giant civics lesson.

"I always thought that if people could see how the judiciary really works, they would take a somewhat different view of it," he said.

The plan that Walker outlined Wednesday needs to be approved by the chief judge of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, but such approval seemed likely since that same judge announced the pilot program a mere weeks ago knowing of Walker's interest in having the gay marriage case viewed by audiences outside his courtroom.

Walker said the trial would be streamed live in an overflow room at the federal courthouse, as well as to the 9th Circuit's courthouses in San Francisco; Pasadena, Calif., Seattle; and Portland, Ore. He said he also had received requests for live feeds from two federal courthouses in Illinois.

Lawyers representing the sponsors of the state's voter-approved gay marriage ban, known as Proposition 8, opposed broadcasting the trial in any form, arguing that witnesses might be intimidated or harassed because of the high emotions surrounding the gay marriage issue.

Walker said he would consider requests at trial to black out the video if individual witnesses object to being recorded.

A coalition of print and broadcast news organizations, including The Associated Press, had encouraged Walker to let a single broadcast media company record the proceedings and make them immediately available to other news outlets. But Walker said he wanted only court employees sitting behind the three video cameras that would be set up in his courtroom, in part so he could decide to pull the plug on the broadcast experiment if it turned out to be interference or a distraction.

Thomas Burke, a media lawyer who represented the news organizations, called Walker's decision an important first step in increasing public access to judicial proceedings of significant interest.

Burke said it was his understanding that staffing and equipment limitations ruled out a live broadcast.

"I did not hear anything from the judge suggesting that's a delay he wants," Burke said.

Hanes drops advertisements that feature Charlie Sheen

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hanesbrands has ended its advertising campaign featuring Charlie Sheen because of domestic violence charges filed against the actor, a company spokesman said Wednesday.

Spokesman Matt Hall said the seriousness of the allegations against the 44-year-old actor made the decision necessary.

"It's a pretty standard, straightforward call when somebody who's in your commercials is arrested on suspicion of something of this magnitude," Hall said. "And we would suspend the ads both for the company and, really, for Mr. Sheen and his family as well. Given the publicity, it makes sense to not air those ads during that time."

Hall said the television ads were stopped effective Dec. 28, the first business day after Sheen was arrested. He said some print ads will continue to appear into the spring.

"Unfortunately, the production schedule of those publications do not allow us to pull those ads," Hall said.

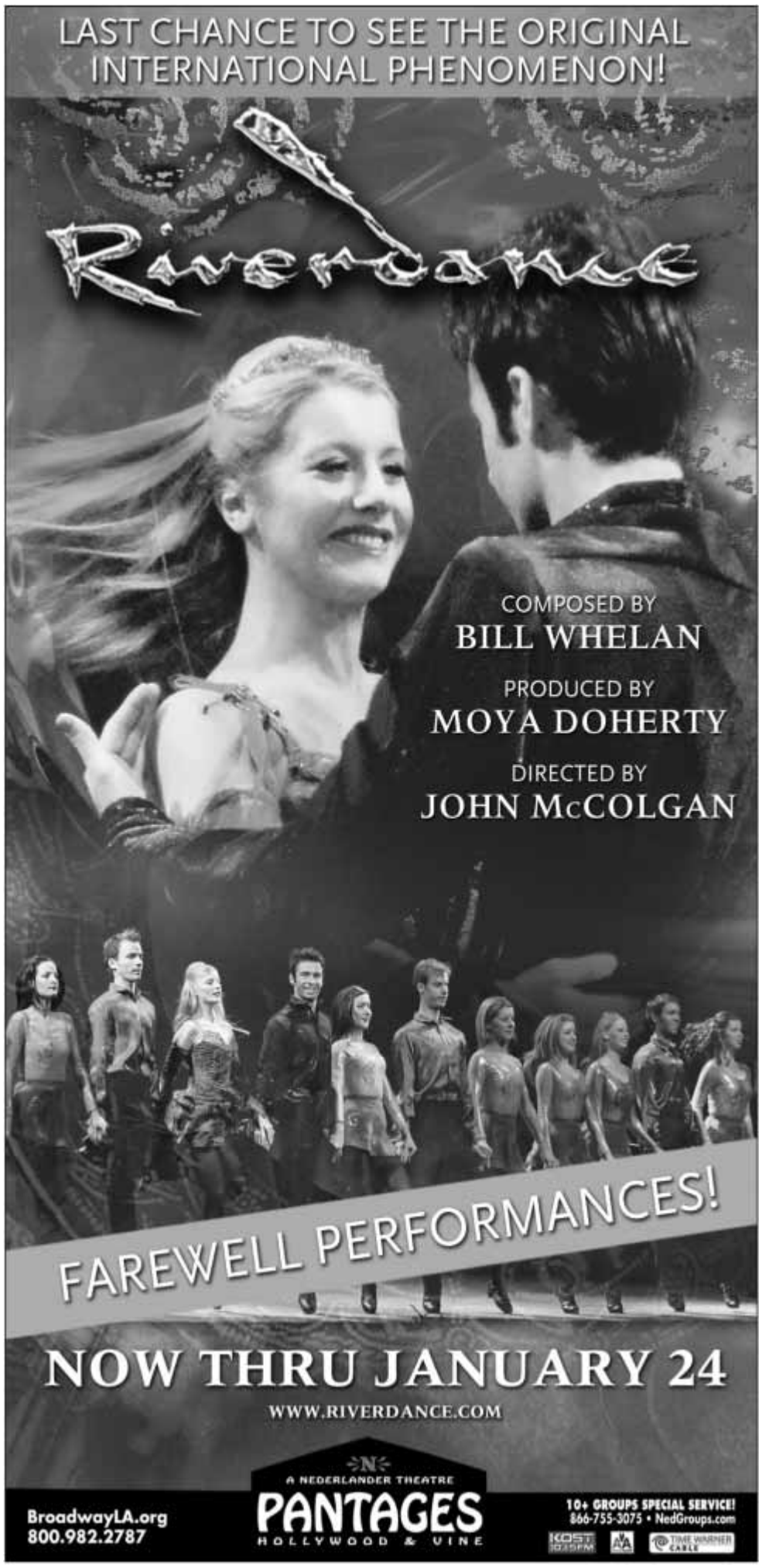
The "Two and a Half Men" star was arrested in Aspen, Colo., on Christmas Day on charges including felony menacing and domestic violence. His wife Brooke Sheen told police he put a knife to her throat and threatened to kill her. Sheen, who attended Santa Monica High School, denies the allegations.

His publicist Stan Rosenfield says the actor has no comment on the Hanes decision. Hanes is based in Winston-Salem.

Hall says Sheen wouldn't have been retained when his contract expired in the middle of the year. He says Sheen has been a pitchman for almost two years. Hall also said there would be minimal impact from pulling the ads.

"We have other commercials. We have commercials for our socks, and so we'll probably push those commercials some more," he said. "We really don't view the first half of the year as a marketing-critical time for the advertiser, so we don't think there's any detriment to the brand by not having the opportunity to run these ads if we wanted to."

The ads feature Sheen and basketball legend Michael Jordan, a longtime spokesman for Hanes. In the series, Sheen is seen in several settings telling Jordan about the Hanes underwear he's wearing. Jordan drives away from Sheen in one of the ads; in another spot, Sheen backs his car over a bellstand and an outdoor heater after seeing Jordan in a parking lot.



Schwarzenegger's dinner invite excludes public

JUDY LIN & JULIET WILLIAMS
Associated Press Writers

SACRAMENTO Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger on Wednesday invited California lawmakers to lunch after his State of the State address, but his office was refusing to allow the public to attend.

Legal experts said the meeting constitutes a violation of state law if a quorum of the 120-member Legislature is present and business is discussed.

Schwarzenegger invited all members of the Assembly and Senate to the steak-and-salmon lunch at the private Sutter Club near the state Capitol.

"We can accomplish great things together over the next year, and I want to get that important work started off with a bang," he said in the invitation sent to lawmakers.

"I plan to lay out some bold ideas for helping our great state through this troubled time and building an even brighter future, and I don't doubt that we will have plenty to talk about."

An Associated Press reporter who showed up and asked to be admitted was turned away by a California Highway Patrol detail that guards the governor. The officers said the affair was private.

The governor's spokesman, Aaron McLear, said the gathering was a social function and not subject to California's open meetings laws. He said the Republican governor was paying for the lunch himself.

"They're not talking business," McLear said. "This is not an official meeting or a hearing or anything. It's a social gathering for the governor to start the year off right with the Legislature."

The Legislature is subject to a weaker version of California's open-meeting laws than local or other state bodies. But it would be hard to argue that the highest legislative body in the state should not follow the same rules as a city council or a school board, said Terry Francke, legislative counsel for the nonprofit First Amendment group Californians Aware.

"I think it's an insult to the intelligence of the public to ask them to believe that any presentation by a governor to a Legislature is purely social," Francke said. "I'm surprised that they really have the gall to expect that to be taken seriously."

He said a provision of the state constitution says that if a house of the Legislature or one of its committees gathers to discuss legislative business, it is an official meeting. Meetings also require notice to the public.

The lunch took place shortly after the governor addressed lawmakers for his final State of the State speech. In it, he laid out plans to deal with California's projected $20 billion budget deficit and said he will push for long-term reforms on such issues as budgeting, the tax system and public pensions.

Tom Newton, general counsel and legislative advocate for the California Newspaper Publishers Association, said California law excludes purely social functions from open meetings laws, and the lawmakers are probably not going to resolve the entire budget dispute Wednesday.

Still, he added: "Let's say there were 41 Assembly members there and they had a substantive discussion about an issue within their legislative jurisdiction. Then that could be a meeting which would trigger a violation of the law."

All four legislative leaders — the top Democrats and Republicans of the Assembly and Senate — attended the lunch.

Before the event, the AP asked Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, D-Sacramento, whether he had concerns about the lunch violating state law.

"We don't know," he responded. "We're just invitees."

Man wants Jackson estate to pay L.A. for memorial

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES A man is seeking $3.3 million for the city of Los Angeles from Michael Jackson's estate to cover the cost of the King of Pop's public memorial, court filings show.

Jose F. Vallejos filed a creditor's claim for the money on Wednesday, stating he is entitled to seek reimbursement as a taxpayer.

The estate declined to comment on the filing.

Los Angeles paid millions of dollars for police overtime and sanitation costs for the July memorial at Staples Center, which is owned by entertainment giant AEG Live. City leaders have wrangled for months over how to try to recoup some of the money from AEG Live, but no resolution has been reached.

There have been indications the city came out ahead after hosting the star-studded memorial broadcast around the world. A city report found the July 7 memorial was a $4 million boon for hotels, restaurants and other businesses.

Vallejos' petition claims the estate benefited from the use of public resources that amounted to an illegal gift of public funds. The filing states the money should be returned to the city treasury.

"This is about recouping money for the city," Vallejos' attorney, Jeff Grotke, said. His client, who is retired, wasn't looking to benefit personally and thinks there's principle involved, the lawyer said.

Grotke believes there is a strong case to recoup the costs against the estate since probate law generally allows for reimbursement of funeral expenses.

The administrators of Jackson's estate will have to decide on the merits of paying claims.

Already, several of Jackson's former collaborators, attorneys and those who sold the pop singer goods or services have sought reimbursement.

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Serious funding shortage forces Special Olympics to cancel events

KEN KUSMER
Associated Press Writer

INDIANAPOLIS Tommy Sliva takes great pride in his Special Olympics medals because they show he can ski better than many of his friends without special needs.

But the 19-year-old with Down Syndrome won't get to compete in the giant slalom at the Indiana winter games this year because they have been canceled.

"He was very sad. He said, 'Why, Mom?' Of course, he doesn't understand all of the financial situation," said Veronika Sliva, of Indianapolis.

It's been a rough two years for the Special Olympics, which endured the death of founder Eunice Kennedy Shriver in August and has seen sponsorship money dry up because of the poor economy. The Washington-based parent organization lost tens of millions of dollars when the stock market tanked in 2008. And many state affiliates have had to cut costs by trimming staff, canceling entire competitions or eliminating certain events.

Kirsten Suto Seckler, a spokeswoman for Special Olympics, said the movement has recently expanded into 20 new countries and now has more than 3 million participants from 160 nations. But she acknowledged that the decline in sponsorship and fundraising has forced some state affiliates to make tough decisions.

State affiliates raise their own funds and operate on their own budgets, but they also receive support and programming help from headquarters.

Groups across the country say they have tried to cut administrative costs first so that athletes aren't affected. But that hasn't been possible everywhere.

In Northern California, a lack of funding forced the cancellation of mountain sports like snowboarding and alpine skiing at its upcoming winter games. Affiliate spokeswoman Kirsten Cherry said it was hard to have to cut events, but that the snow sports were axed because they had relatively few participants and cost a lot.

"Most of our athletes are involved in two or three sports. They can move on and still have something to do in the year," Cherry said.

She said many athletes were disappointed by the decision but understood the reasons.

"They see people losing jobs, they see the cutbacks," Cherry said.

Oregon canceled its games last year and doesn't expect to reinstate them this year. But spokesman Mark Evertz said the organization tried instead to send athletes to smaller competitions in the state.

Jeff Mohler, vice president for programs for Special Olympics Indiana, said the skiing and snowshoeing events made sense to cut. They were the most expensive events and had seen 20 percent declines in participation each of the last two years. Only 147 of more than 10,000 athletes statewide participated in the two sports.

North Dakota plans to stage its winter games this month after taking 2009 off because of a lack of funding. The affiliate has taken steps to reduce administrative costs, including reducing staff and travel and having employees take turns shoveling when it snows.

Special Olympics Tennessee hasn't cut athletic events, but it has stopped allowing new participants in some events, and cut participation in come cases. It has also frozen salaries, canceled retirement contributions, limited travel and reduced office expenses, president Alan Bolick said.

"If contributions don't come back this year, or if we can't find new avenues for donations, then we will likely be faced with both eliminating some events and some staff by end of the year," Bolick said.

Dave Kerchner, who heads the Kentucky affiliate, said his group has left some staff positions vacant for the first time in memory.

"I've been on enough discussions with other execs to know the consternation over this been equal in all states. It's very difficult times," Kerchner said.

And Massachusetts has curtailed special events such as dances and opening ceremonies to save costs. It is paying for participants in its March winter games to stay overnight for one instead of two nights, saving about $175,000.

Special Olympics Inc. saw its year-end assets fall to $58.4 million in 2008 from $87.8 million in 2007, a 33 percent drop, according to its most recent annual report. Much of that was due to a 36 percent decline in its trust from sales of the "A Very Special Christmas" albums. Due to investment losses while the stock market tanked, the size of that trust fell to $38.9 million in 2008 from $60.7 million in 2007.

2009 was particularly hard on the Special Olympics because of the death of Kennedy Shriver, who founded the organization in 1968 and remained a daily presence at its Washington headquarters well into her 70s. Her son, Timothy Shriver, is the group's chairman and CEO.

Veronika Sliva said it's sad her son won't get to compete in the Indiana games this year and to hear the crowd cheering his name as he hurtles down the slopes. Skiing is special for him because it distinguishes him from friends without special needs who can't ski, she said.

"He feels like this is something he can do better than normal kids," she said.

Study: Terrorist groups target young American men

RACHEL ZOLL
AP Religion Writer

A new study on homegrown terror found that most American Muslims who planned violent attacks in since 2001 were young, male U.S. citizens who became radical as part of a group.

Still, researchers seeking lessons on preventing extremism found no definitive pattern of how the suspects turned to violence and no geographic center of radicalization in the U.S.

Experts from Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill tallied homegrown terror cases since the Sept. 11 attacks and found 139 American Muslims had been publicly accused of planning or carrying out violence motivated by extremism.

All but one of the suspects were male and most were under age 30. Most were U.S.-born, naturalized citizens or legal residents of the country. Although Arabs formed the largest group of suspects, the accused were almost evenly divided in terms of ethnicity, including African-Americans, South Asians, Somalis and whites. About a third were converts to Islam.

Funded by the National Institute of Justice, a division of the U.S. Justice Department, researchers sought to learn why American Muslims seem less prone to extremism than Muslims in Western Europe, where radicals preach openly and children and grandchildren of Muslim immigrants often feel as alienated from broader society as their parents did.

The report's authors analyzed public records of terror cases, reviewed efforts by American Muslim leaders to fight extremism, and interviewed more than 120 Muslims in Houston; Seattle; Buffalo, N.Y.; and around Raleigh and Durham in North Carolina. Each of the four areas had some cases of alleged radicalization. U.S. Muslims accused of sending money to overseas terrorist groups were not part of the study.

Researchers found the largest number of homegrown terror cases occurred last year, with a total of 41 suspects, although the report's authors say it's too early to know if that is an aberration or a trend. The 2009 increase is partly due to the cases of young Somali-Americans in Minneapolis believed to have joined Somalia's al-Shabab jihadist, or holy war, movement.

The cases also include Army Maj. Nidal Hasan, charged with the Fort Hood mass shooting last November, and the five young men from Virginia who were recently arrested in Pakistan, allegedly on their way to get terrorist training and join the Taliban in Afghanistan.

The study found that the planned targets of most violent plots were overseas. Seventy percent of the conspiracies were pre-empted by law enforcement well before anyone was hurt.

Maria Haberfeld, a professor at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice who studies policing and counterterrorism, called terrorism "a fluid and evolving phenomenon" and said she wasn't surprised that no clear pattern of radicalization emerged, especially from the report's small sample.

"When you look at various individuals who were involved more recently in terrorist attacks, everybody came from a different background, whether economically or educationally. Everybody has some issue, but we're not sure what that issue was. Mental illness? Ideology? Some temporary frame of mind?" she said. "It's very situational. Something triggers certain sentiments and reactions that there is no way we could have predicted."

Muqtedar Khan, a University of Delaware political scientist, said "a small minority of radicalization" has occurred within the American Muslim community, but said it's not clear why.

Anger over U.S. foreign policy is generally considered a factor, as is a feeling of alienation due to intense suspicion of Muslims in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 strikes.

The study was released amid the uproar over national security following the attempt by a Nigerian to allegedly destroy a Detroit-bound U.S. airliner on Christmas Day.

The report, called "Anti-Terror Lessons of Muslim-Americans," credited U.S. Muslim leaders with vigorously monitoring their communities for potential threats. The study's authors urged civil authorities to offer more support for projects, such as Muslim youth groups, that reinforce the message that extremism is contrary to Islam.

Khan said the American Muslim community has developed good relationships with law enforcement, even with increased tensions in the last year over the FBI's use of confidential informants in mosques. The community has driven radical speakers from mosques and national organizations, Khan said. But he said, "people don't have to go to mosques to get radicalized" and the American Muslim community isn't equipped right now to counter extreme messages over the Internet and through the media.

Stocks finish flat for a second day, modest gains reported

TIM PARADIS
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK Investors treaded water for a second day Wednesday as a batch of mixed economic reports and signs of division among Federal Reserve policymakers offered little new insight into the economy.

Stocks ended little changed but modest gains pushed the Standard & Poor's 500 index to a new 15-month high. The cautious tone seen Tuesday and Wednesday comes as investors await the government's monthly employment report Friday.

The day's economic news wasn't enough to galvanize traders still trying to determine which direction the market will take in the early part of 2010.

A sign of growth in the services industry gave some support to stocks. The Institute for Supply Management said its services index rose to 50.1 in December from 48.7 in November. A reading above 50 signals growth.

The welcome news about service companies was offset by a report that employers cut 84,000 private sector jobs last month. The ADP National Employment Report came in worse than the forecasts of analysts polled by Thomson Reuters.

The latest batch of reports are similar to what investors have seen for months — figures that reveal modest improvements but remind them that the economy remains weak. The stock market has been rising for 10 months on signs that the economy is recovering but analysts say stronger signs of growth will be needed to feed its advance in 2010.

Minutes from the Fed's December meeting showed that a "few members" thought that the central bank's $1.25 trillion program to buy mortgages could need to grow, rather than be phased out on March 31. The report did little to deepen investors' insight into the Fed's intentions for interest rates. Treasury prices fell as the minutes underscored some traders' concerns about inflation.

Dave Rovelli, managing director of trading at brokerage Canaccord Adams in New York, said traders aren't willing to place big bets ahead of the Labor Department's report at the end of the week. Economists expect that the unemployment rate ticked up to 10.1 percent in December from 10 percent in November.

Weekly figures for initial claims for jobless benefits are due on Thursday.

"The unemployment number on Friday is the big deal," he said. "And it's light volume so I wouldn't be surprised if we just drift higher."

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 1.66, or less than 0.1 percent, to 10,573.68. The broader S&P 500 index rose 0.62, or 0.1 percent, to 1,137.14, its highest close since Oct. 1, 2008. The Nasdaq composite index fell 7.62, or 0.3 percent, to 2,301.09.

Three stocks rose for every two that fell on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume came to 1.1 billion shares, in line with Tuesday.

Bond prices fell, pushing their yields higher. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note rose to 3.83 percent from 3.76 percent late Tuesday.

John Dorfman, chairman of Thunderstorm Capital LLC in Boston, said the market is likely being weighed down by investors who waited to sell some of their winning stocks from last year until this week because the taxes will fall under 2010. Beyond tax moves, however, he said many traders are going to be reluctant to wade back into stocks until the market shows more direction. Ultimately, he expects improvements in the economy will push stocks higher.

"My own view is that a genuine and fairly strong recovery is under way and that the market will probably gain 10 percent or more in 2010," Dorfman said.

The dollar mostly fell against other major currencies. Gold rose.

Crude oil rose above $83 per barrel for the first time since October 2008, settling up $1.41 at $83.18 on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The gains lifted stocks of energy companies.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies fell 0.54, or 0.1 percent, to 637.95.

Britain's FTSE 100 rose 0.1 percent, Germany's DAX index rose less than 0.1 percent, and France's CAC-40 advanced 0.1 percent. Japan's Nikkei stock average rose 0.5 percent.

Persistent arctic chill threatens lives, crops across the South

RANDALL DICKERSON
Associated Press Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. A persistent arctic chill tightened its grip on the nation Wednesday and reached deep into the South, where it was blamed for at least six deaths and threatened to freeze crops and bring snow to places more accustomed to winter sunshine.

Authorities said four people in Tennessee, one in Mississippi and one in South Carolina have died from the cold since the weekend. They included a man with Alzheimer's who wandered out into his yard in Nashville and froze to death, and a homeless man found dead in a tent in South Carolina.

The total doesn't include people who died in car accidents on icy roads and in fires started by stoves and space heaters.

The deep freeze was expected to linger through the weekend. The National Weather Service predicted the heaviest snow from the fast-moving system would fall on Iowa, Missouri and Illinois, with 4-6 inches predicted along with some locally heavier amounts Wednesday afternoon through Thursday.

In a rare turn for the South, forecasters warned that snow and ice were possible Thursday from South Carolina to Louisiana and wind chills in the region could get down to near zero at night.

"This air mass originated on the ice cap at the top of the world," said Bobby Boyd, a weather service forecaster in Nashville. He said the cold shot wouldn't be spent until it plunged southeastward and moved well beyond Cuba into the Caribbean.

The frigid weather hampered northern firefighters and even made life hard for Florida's tree dwelling iguanas.

In Indianapolis, frozen hydrants frustrated firefighters as they tried to put out a Tuesday night blaze at a commercial building.

In central and south Florida, farmers were trying to salvage citrus and vegetable crops by spraying them in protective layers of ice and covering them in plastic.

It was so cold in Florida, freezing iguanas were seen falling out of trees. Experts say the cold-blooded reptiles become immobilized when the temperature falls into the 40s and they lose their grip on the tree.

Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear has declared a state of emergency in Perry County, where water line breaks have left large swaths of the area without water.

Officials said the city of Des Moines is likely to exhaust the remainder of its $3 million annual snow removal budget with this week's storm, expected to dump up to as much as 10 inches of snow in some areas. That is on top of the more than 28 inches of snow that fell in December in the city.

In the Dakotas, Interstate 90 between Rapid City and Mitchell in South Dakota was closed Wednesday because of zero visibility that led to backed-up traffic and some crashes.



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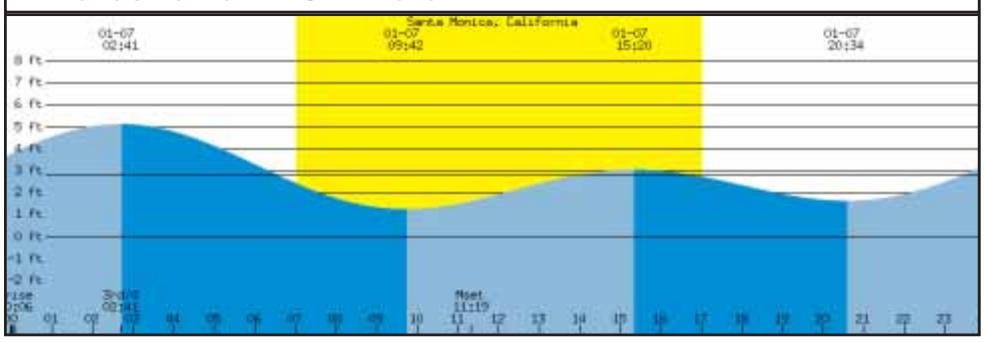
Swell Forecast

Looks very small as well, around knee to waist high. There may though be a slight increase in WNW swell as some energy from Friday's swell starts to trickle in.

Long Range Synopsis

Should be the building day for the incoming WNW swell.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A	F
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Las Alisos creeks.	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A	C
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	F
Solstice Canyon at Don Blacker County Beach.	A+	D
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	F
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	C	A+
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	B	B
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A	F
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	C	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	C	A
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	C	B
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	D
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	B	B
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	A
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	B	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	D
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	F	B
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	D
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	B
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	B	A
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	B	F
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	F
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	D
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	D
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A	B
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	B
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	B
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Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	B
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LEGEND

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

Tradition plays into title game

EDDIE PELLS
AP National Writer

NEWPORT BEACH Nick Saban gave Mack Brown a cooler full of Alabama's favorite, Dreamland Bar-B-Que. Brown presented Saban with a pair of genuine Texas spurs.

A quaint gesture, and a great photo op.

But the big prize — the one they really want — is that crystal trophy Brown and Saban posed with Wednesday, and it goes to the winner of the BCS national title game.

The undefeated Crimson Tide and Longhorns will each try to add another championship to their considerable pedigrees Thursday, a meeting that will pit All-American quarterback Colt McCoy of Texas against the player who beat him for the Heisman Trophy, running back Mark Ingram of Alabama.

"When you start with 120 teams and it's down to two, that's about 12,000 players," Brown said. "It's a great honor for your players and your coaches to be in this game."

This is a matchup of two old-line programs from Southern states — Roll Tide vs. Hook 'em Horns — where football, on many days, is bigger than life.

Saban, in his third year in Tuscaloosa, is aiming to bring the first championship to Alabama since 1992, when Gene Stallings — a protege of the late, great Bear Bryant — roamed the sidelines.

"We have a tremendous amount of respect for the tradition and the passion that our fans have," Saban said.

But, he said, tradition doesn't win ball games, and early in his tenure Saban even bristled against the so-called "culture of expectations" that surrounds most everything involved with Alabama football.

Since then, he has tried to ignore the hype and has gone about doing what he did six years ago when he led LSU to the BCS title: recruiting top prospects, coaching them up, trying to turn them into good players, students and citizens.

"The rest of it really doesn't affect that," Saban insisted.

In keeping with the tenor of the week, Brown was much more chit-chatty and loose than his counterpart during his portion of a coaches news conference sandwiched around the photo session. He described growing up in a small town in Tennessee and being as big a Bryant fan as anyone.

Now, he's at Texas. Once derisively known as "Coach February" — the guy who could recruit all the talent in February but never cash in on it come January — Brown has won seven of his last eight bowl games, led the Longhorns (13-0) to one national title and can easily be mentioned in the same breath as their legendary coach, Darrell Royal.

Royal, 85, and the Bear, who died in 1983, were good friends — in fact, Royal showed Bryant how to run the wishbone — though the two rarely met on opposite sidelines. Texas is 7-0-1 all-time against Alabama, with the last meeting a 14-12 win in the 1982 Cotton Bowl, five years after Royal had retired with 184 wins.

"Coach Royal is still alive and has things named after him," Brown said. "I think Coach Bryant still walks the halls at Tuscaloosa, and he has things named after him. But everyone that sees that 'A' and sees the Longhorn knows the programs, and that's what makes this game so special."

Brown continued with a theme he's been building on all month — that the two best teams are meeting at the Rose Bowl and a true national champion will come out of the game.

It was a legitimate debate five weeks ago when the BCS pairings came out and there were five undefeated teams — Alabama, Texas, Cincinnati, TCU and Boise State. Since then, Cincinnati got blown out 51-24 by Florida in the Sugar Bowl and TCU lost 17-10 to Boise State in the Fiesta Bowl. It leaves the Broncos in Idaho as the only team with an argument — one they undoubtedly will not win.

Alabama (13-0) comes into the game as a 3?-point favorite, in part because the Tide was so much more impressive than Texas in its last game.

Led by Ingram on offense and a stifling defense anchored by 350-pound defensive lineman Terrence Cody, the Tide shut down Tim Tebow of Florida in a 32-13 crushing of the Gators in the Southeastern Conference title game.

NCAA FOOTBALL

UCLA's Price to skip senior season

GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES UCLA defensive tackle Brian Price will skip his senior season to enter the NFL draft.

The Pac-10's defensive player of the year announced his expected decision Wednesday after consulting with his father, coach Rick Neuheisel and NFL experts who believe he could be a first-round pick.

Price was a disruptive force on UCLA opponents' running and passing games, making 23 tackles for loss and seven sacks. He finished his career at UCLA with five tackles in the Bruins' win over Temple in the EagleBank Bowl.

The two-time all-conference lineman was a third-team All-America selection by The Associated Press and a first- or second-team choice on several other All-America teams.

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Enjoy a back rub, Virgo

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ An infusion of energy allows you to complete anything that needs to happen. Understanding evolves to a new level, if you want it to. Realize that others just might not be able to keep up with you. Tonight: Say "yes."

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Your imagination and energy need to be tapped into for a work or must-do project. Given the space, you could be surprised by what you can accomplish. A boss or someone you look up to has many excellent ideas. Tonight: Zero in on what you must.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Allow greater give-and-take. How you see a situation doesn't make any difference. Your sense of amusement emerges when dealing with a child or loved one. Listen to feedback, understanding what is possible. Tonight: Time to move into weekend mode.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Emphasize home and security. You are on top of your game. No matter what occurs, know that there is always another perspective. Try working with that concept more often. A partner shows you that the cup is half-full rather than half-empty. Tonight: Your treat.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Be sensitive to new possibilities. Even though someone might not give the best presentation, his or her idea can be sound. Try working with it before nixing it. Others will become far more open as a result. Tonight: Hang out.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Be aware of your spending, your need to indulge and perhaps your need to make an impression. Your work and dedication speak for themselves professionally. Your nurturing way touches many. Tonight: Indulge yourself in a back rub.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Your imagination wiggles into whatever you do, whenever you do it. Your energy and upbeat perspective merge. You get your point across in a meeting and/or with an individual. Remember, questioning a plan doesn't mean disagreement. Welcome inquiries. Tonight: Let the good times in.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★ If you are tired, it is understandable. You can only get so much done, so fast. Someone could be difficult as you want to charge forward. Know when to play the waiting game. Tonight: Opt for some extra R and R.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Your determination often emerges when you are wanting to clear out all problems. Your view or perspective could be like a merry-go-around, a perpetually revolving view. This growth adds dimension to anything you take on. Tonight: Where the action is.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ A challenging partner could force your hand. Stay in touch with your need to have certain matters how you want them. Creativity and risking could merge financially. Careful! Tonight: On the merry-go-round of life.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Your need to seem full of ideas and to be a source of solutions emerges. You will note that you could inadvertently challenge a partner. Though you might not see a situation as others do, who is to say you are wrong? Tonight: Reach out for loved ones at a distance.

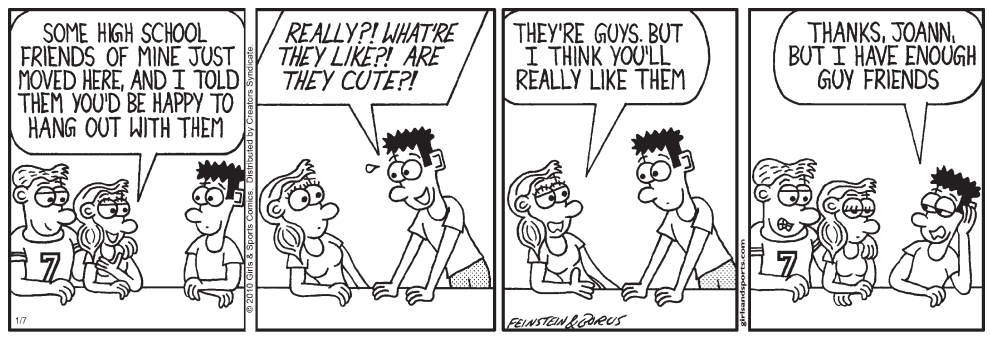
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Unite with a partner, and you'll suddenly see situations much differently, and others will see you differently. Though this merger could simply be a business agreement over one project, you trigger some magic, as you watch events fall into place. Tonight: Be with a favorite person only.

Happy birthday

You accept a lot of different ideas, though this year you are more prone to test them out. Your pragmatic nature emerges, making it possible to create a great deal of stability in a period that could be marked with change, most certainly on a daily level. Leadership becomes you, and quite likely you will be asked to lead some type of group involving your public commitment or profession. If you are single, the opportunities are multiple to meet someone, though the right person might not be as easy to find. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy trying new spots and perhaps traveling some together. LIBRA helps you see the big picture.

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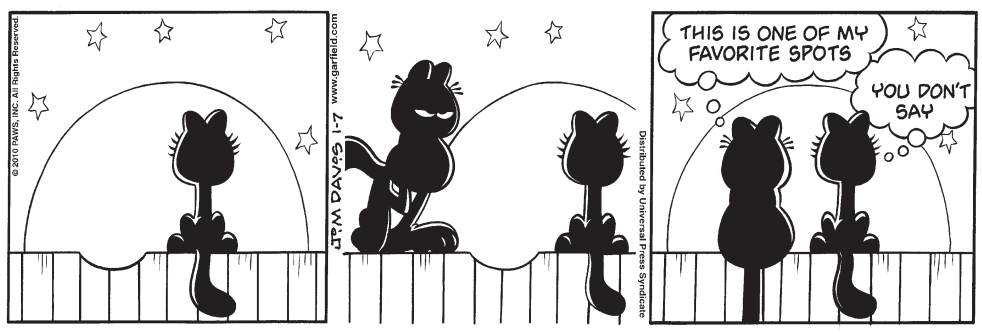
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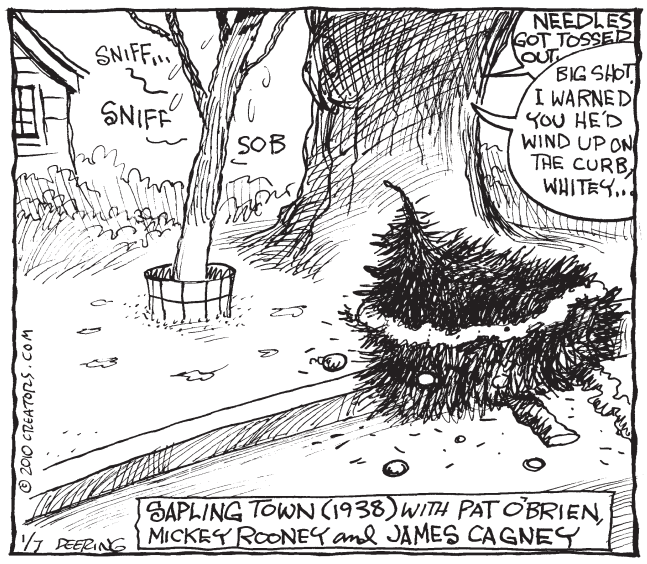
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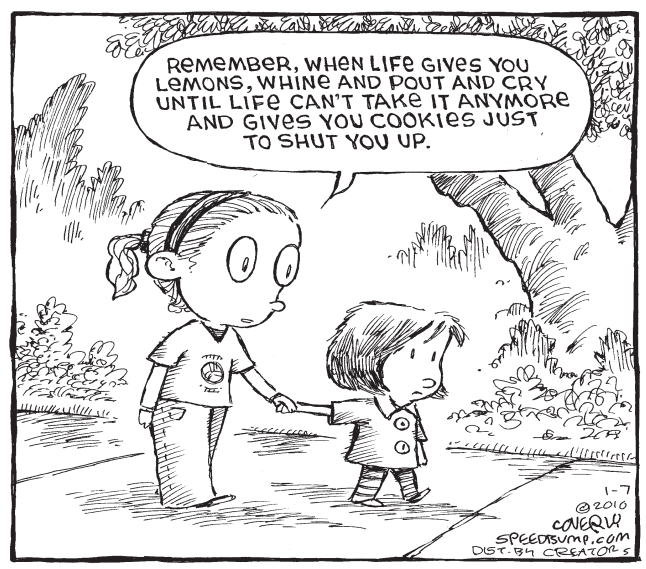
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16 Set aside
18 Gospel author
20 Maiden name label
21 Unseen problem
23 — in "apple"
24 Tower town
26 Hazard
28 Hole number
29 Noted Virginia family
31 "How was — know?"
32 Comment
36 Hamlet's home
39 West of films
40 Faction
41 Tickle pink
43 Not available
44 Eggs buy
45 Lecturer's aid
46 Nap sacks

DOWN

1 Erupts
2 TV tryout
3 Wise saying
4 Carnival city
5 Bender
6 Injure
7 Big lizards
8 Start a pool game over
9 Ducks' mates
11 Unending
17 Alias letters
19 Cart puller
22 Replaced with stand-in color, as text
24 Nittany Lions coach Joe
25 Resolve
27 Belief, in brief
28 Simplified language
30 Blunder
33 Wow
34 Appraised
35 Wails
37 Artist's inspiration
38 Big galoots
42 High hit

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Aggressive Christianity: (1) Rev. Marc Grizzard, pastor of the Amazing Grace Baptist Church in Canton, N.C., staged an October book-burning of "Satan's" literature, including works by Mother Teresa and Rev. Billy Graham and any Bible besides the original King James version. (2) In October, Mikey Weinstein, a former military lawyer who served in the Reagan White House, filed a lawsuit against Gordon Klingenschmitt, head of a Dallas chaplains' association, to stop Klingenschmitt from publicly reciting Bible verses implying a smiting of Weinstein, along with Weinstein's family and descendants for 10 generations. Said Klingenschmitt: "I never prayed for anyone's death. All I did was quote the Scriptures."

■ (1) Shannon Broome, 15, of Jacksonville, Fla., with her leg in a cast and still laid up from a June rollover accident in an SUV, was hit again in December when another out-of-control SUV came through her bedroom wall and re-broke the leg (among other injuries inflicted). (2) Recently, at the Abergele Hospital in North Wales, Geraint Woolford, 52, was moved into a room to await a partial knee replacement and discovered that his roommate was Geraint Woolford, 77, who was awaiting a hip replacement. According to a December report in the Daily Mail, they are not related, but both are retired police officers.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1979 Third Indochina War – Cambodian-Vietnamese War: Phnom Penh falls to the advancing Vietnamese troops, driving out Pol Pot and the Khmer Rouge.

1980 President Jimmy Carter authorizes legislation giving $1.5 billion in loans to bail out the Chrysler Corporation.

1984 Brunei becomes the sixth member of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

1990 The interior of the Leaning Tower of Pisa is closed to the public because of safety concerns.

1993 The Fourth Republic of Ghana is inaugurated with Jerry Rawlings as President.

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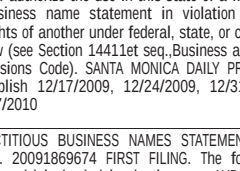
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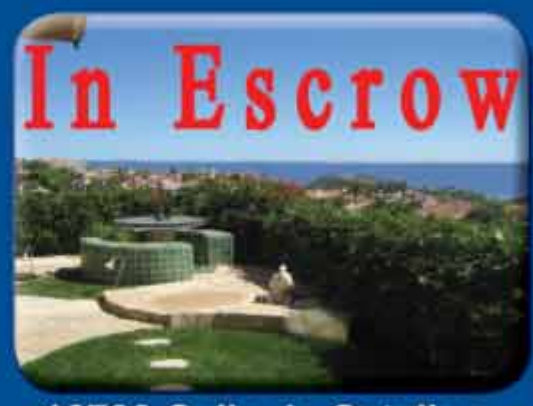
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