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THE INTERESTING CASE ISSUE

## 'Mixed reviews' for common area smoking ban

**BY NICK TABOREK**
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL A year after a law banning smoking in common areas of apartments and condos took effect, a City Hall report says the ban has been well received by tenants and landlords.

The report from the City Attorney's Consumer Protection Unit released last week said City Hall has received relatively few complaints about the ban and claims "overall compliance has been good."

The law, though, has been criticized by some tenants opposed to secondhand smoke who say the ban is too weak and too difficult to enforce.

Rather than requiring City Hall to issue citations to violators, the ordinance instead allows residents to take their complaints to small claims court — a process some anti-smoking advocates say is so cumbersome it's unlikely to be used to get violators to abide by the law.

Esther Schiller, executive director of Smokefree Air for Everyone, said among tenants the smoking ban has gotten "mixed reviews."

While it has probably encouraged some smokers to avoid apartment complex common areas, she said the requirement that tenants contact smokers and ask them to stop before initiating court proceedings is seen as a burden by those who don't want to confront neighbors.

"If the city would assume responsibility for enforcement it would be a big help," she said.

It's unclear exactly how many people have used the ban so far to change their neighbors' behavior.

City Hall's report said "a few local tenants have stated their intent to pursue Small Claims Court actions in response to violations of the ordinance," but noted staff was "unable to determine how many such cases actually have been brought in Small Claims Court or the results of such cases."

One local tenant, Phillip Paley, this week told the Daily Press he filed a complaint in court but ended up dropping his case because the court process proved to be more trouble than it was worth.

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WATCHFUL EYE: **The Hump is the subject of a federal investigation, with investigators claiming chefs there sold illegal whale meat to patrons.**

## Feds: The Hump sells banned whale sushi

**BY KEVIN HERRERA**
Editor in Chief

SM AIRPORT The Hump, one of the most highly-regarded sushi restaurants in the region, is the subject of a federal investigation, with investigators claiming chefs there sell banned whale meat to adventurous diners looking for something a little more exotic than yellowtail.

Armed with a search warrant, federal officials on Friday went to collect evidence from the restaurant, including marine mammal parts as well as various records and documents. The possession or sale of marine mammals is a violation of the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), and can lead to a year in prison and a fine of $20,000.

Federal officials, who could file charges this week, said they were tipped off by confidential informants, who were identified by the New York Times as the team behind Sunday's Oscar-winning documentary film "The Cove," which exposed illegal dolphin hunting off a village in Japan.

The crew from "The Cove" led investigators to the restaurant this month after conducting their own surveillance operation in which they used video cameras and tiny microphones to document the alleged illegal activity.

The sushi sting began in October when the documentary's associate producer Charles Hambleton heard from friends that The Hump, a highly-rated sushi restaurant next to the runway at the Santa Monica Airport, was serving whale, specifically sei whale, which is protected under the MMPA. Hambleton, who has worked as a water safety consultant on Hollywood movies like "Pirates of the Caribbean," created a tiny camera for two animal activists to use during a session of omakase — a sushi meal in which the chef picks all the dishes.

The two activists, one of whom spoke fluent Japanese, asked a waitress if the restaurant served whale meat. The waitress said they did and served whale to both activists. The waitress also served horse, according to the affidavit. This was captured in video and audio footage.

The activists, who are reportedly vegans, collected four pieces of meat from the dish and placed them in a Ziploc bag inside a purse. After the meal, the activists received a receipt from The Hump which had "whale" and "horse" handwritten on it with a cost $85 written next to those words, according to investigators.

After paying the bill, the activists sent the meat to Dr. Scott Baker at Oregon State University's Marine Mammal Institute, who is an expert in molecular genetics with 16 years of experience in the genetic identification of whale and dolphin products from Japanese and Korean markets. Baker, who served as an advisor on "The Cove," ran tests on the samples and determined

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### Fair trade
Zero Minus at Fred Segal
500 Broadway, 6 p.m. — 8 p.m.
Experience a rare opportunity to meet with Philip Leakey, son of famous anthropologists Mary and Louis Leakey, and his wife Katy as they discuss the extensive effect that fair trade purchases have on local communities and why it is the future in providing sustainable solutions to such countries as Africa. Cost: free. For more information, call Matt Lowe at (816) 753-6222.

### Unravel the mystery
Montana Avenue Branch Library
1704 Montana Ave., 7 p.m. — 8 p.m.
Come discuss two books by author Sharyn McCrumb — "Bimbos of the Death Sun" and "If I Ever Return, Pretty Peggy-O." All are welcome. Cost: Free. For more information call (310) 829-7081.

## Thursday, March 11, 2010

### Califiction–Live from the American Dream, via East Bay and West Los
Santa Monica College
HSS 165, 11:15 a.m.
Enjoy live readings done by "Fresno Y Los" author Steve Gutierrez and "Death and the American Dream" author Daniel Cano. Admission is free.

### Claire Trevor 100th birthday celebration
Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave., 7:30 p.m.
The theater will play a double feature of "Key Largo," featuring Trevor as gangster Edward G. Robinson's mole, and "Murder My Sweet," with Trevor as a femme fatale to Los Angeles private eye, Philip Marlowe. These two 1940s gangster films will be played in celebration of this film noir star's 100th birthday. Call (323) 466-FILM for more information.

### Food fare 2010
Santa Monica Civic Auditorium
1855 Main St., 10:30 a.m. -- 2:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. -- 9:30 p.m.
Come to this once-a-year event to sample food and drink from the premier restaurants, wineries, caterers, and beverage purveyors of Santa Monica. A silent auction will be held, featuring vacation packages, entertainment and sporting event tickets, gift certificates and much more. Food Fare raises funds for Planned Parenthood Los Angeles, which provides vital health care and education services for over 196,000 people.

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.

## CORRECTION

A front page photo entitled "To the Rescue," that appeared in the March 9 edition of the Daily Press was captured and submitted by Fabian Lewkowicz from Santa Monica Closeup.




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TALKING UP TRANSPORTATION: **Associated Students President Cameron Henton (center right) talks about public transportation at the 'Transportation Freedom Day' press conference held at the Pico Boulevard bus stop at Santa Monica College on Tuesday morning. Henton is working with the California Public Interest Research Group (CALPIRG) in order to educate the public on improving public transportation.**

# SMRR officials say draft LUCE will exacerbate jobs-housing imbalance

**BY NICK TABOREK**
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Santa Monica's most influential political party, Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights, has weighed in on City Hall's long-term planning blueprint, knocking the proposed Land Use and Circulation Element for allegedly favoring job creation over housing.

SMRR's comments on the LUCE's draft environmental impact report were submitted Monday, the last day of the public comment period.

"While recognizing the need for growth, we're concerned that [the LUCE] will further skew the jobs-housing imbalance," said SMRR Chairperson Patricia Hoffman.

SMRR officials said the DEIR estimates developers will build 3.1 million square feet of commercial space and 5,000 residential units in Santa Monica in the next 20 years. According to SMRR's comments, that would mean 10,000 new jobs and 6,500 new residents who work.

"This land use pattern will further exacerbate the current imbalance between jobs and housing in the city with all the adverse environmental impacts that would entail," the group wrote.

SMRR also expressed concern that new commercial development will create low-paying service industry jobs and newly constructed market rate housing will be unaffordable for these new workers.

"The city should take the extra step to project and analyze the jobs to be generated by employment category and the likely incomes and professions of the new households," the SMRR message said. "Santa Monica needs more housing and a range of housing options that serve the demographics of the city's workers and residents, more so than commercial growth."

In its 10 pages worth of comments, the group also called the DEIR "insufficient and deficient" for failing to address "a wide variety of very real possibilities that could easily come to pass that would have significant environmental impacts."

In an interview on Tuesday, Hoffman said the accusatory tone of SMRR's comments shouldn't be taken to mean the group is opposed to the majority of the ideas embodied in the LUCE.

She said she is "quite certain" SMRR will support the final version of the document, which the City Council hopes to adopt by summer.

With about 4,000 members — among them a majority of the sitting City Council

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# Santa Monicans spend $8,000 each year on transportation

**BY LISA ANDERSON**
Special to the Daily Press

SMC It takes more than two months of work for the average family in Santa Monica to cover their driving expenses for the year, according to the California Public Interest Research Group (CALPIRG).

At a bus stop in front of Santa Monica College, student participants from CALPIRG's local chapter on Tuesday released a nationwide survey that showed the average Santa Monica household dedicates 17 percent of their yearly expenses to transportation, which in 2008 was more than $8,000. More money was spent on transportation than food, clothing, entertainment or health care.

CALPIRG has dubbed the date when a city's median-income household has earned enough to pay off their driving expenses for the year "Transportation Freedom Day." This is an annual celebration that began last year. Erin Steva, CALPIRG's transportation advocate, said the freedom days were launched as the economy weakened, wanting to highlight the burden transportation costs posed to families.

The students want to draw attention to the need for more affordable, public transit options.

Santa Monica falls behind such public transit-rich areas as the Lower East Side in Manhattan and Center City West in Philadelphia, which celebrated their "Transportation Freedom Day" in February. However, the city is ahead of Los Angeles, which will celebrate its freedom day on March 16. More suburban areas such as Avondale in Arizona must wait until April 18 to cover their yearly transportation costs.

CALPIRG student Jung Gatoona emphasized the relevance of the study now at "a time when Americans are struggling to make ends meet."

"Shortchanging public transportation is a classic case of being penny-wise and pound foolish," said Gatoona. "Now more than ever, public officials must make trains and buses a top priority."

CALPIRG student Margaret Howe urged people to contact their elected officials to put pressure on them to not raid transportation funds to help cover budget deficits.

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### Providing some answers

**Editor:**

This is in response to Saul Cohen's letter ("Ask the tough questions," March 8) regarding preferential awarding of apartments to Santa Monica seniors for low-income apartments. If any of the money used for con-struction [sic] of this building is provided by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) such as subsidizing rents either through Section 8 or tax credits, then Santa Monica has to accept applications from all people. If Santa Monica doesn't, a person can file a federal fair housing complaint with HUD. If Santa Monica finances the entire project with their own money then they can be selective.

**Jacqueline Kestler**
Culver City

### Missing the point

**Editor:**

Ms. Ballesteros completely ignores a very important point ("Nobody's minion," March 8). If four of the City Council members could not agree on an appointment candidate, then the City Charter calls for an election to fill the seat. Compared to what it is going to cost the people of Santa Monica to have developers in control, the cost of an election to fill the seat would be more than worthwhile. That is what should have occurred rather than place another pro-developer person on the council. Ms. Ballesteros, did you see Bill Bauer's column in the Monday, March 8, issue of the SMDP? That's what happens when developers are in control.

**Jeanne Laurie**
Sunset Park

### No thanks, O'Day

**Editor:**

Santa Monicans have had all the introduction to Terry O'Day that we need ("Allow me to introduce myself," March 8). We know he is a tool of the hotels, the real estate developer interests and stands firmly against those who advocate slow growth and a living wage for workers.

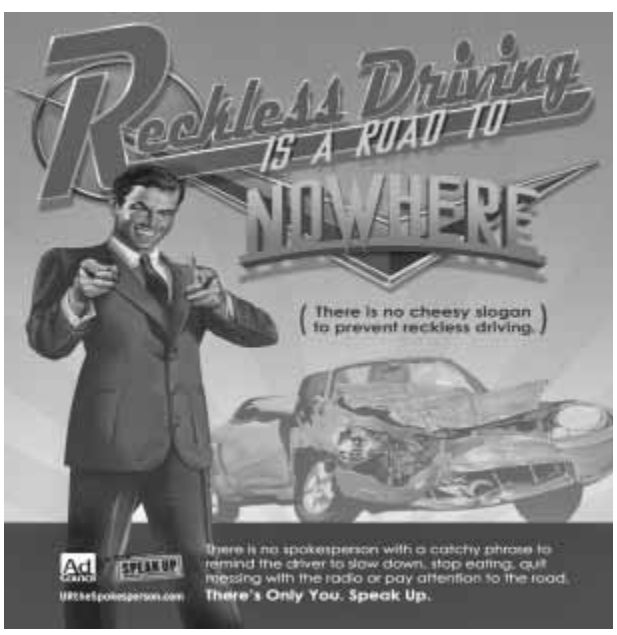
His revisionist story on the defeat of Measure T conveniently fails to note the large sums spent by those corporate interests to defeat it. We can now expect to see a large development on the former Papermate site. If you think the current traffic of the Cloverfield Boulevard connection to Interstate 10 already is too jammed, fear not: With Mr. O'Day's votes we can expect to see traffic there increase to really appalling levels.

When Mr. O'Day first ran for City Council, his campaign was one of the best funded ever, which made his defeat all the more striking. Rejecting him then was to reject his pro-developer policies.

Appointing him to the council, over the expressed will of voters, is a disgrace that should not stand.

We need to do everything necessary to make certain that Mr. O'Day is not re-selected nor elected to any position of authority in Santa Monica.

**Lucenda Dollis**
Santa Monica






## Hiding in the Open

David Alsabery — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

# Santa Monica needs a monorail

SANTA MONICA IS KNOWN FOR THINKING in ways other cities don't. So where's that thinking as it relates to mass transit? Have you seen any city or area transit authority study comparing different methods of transport and the short- and long-term costs? No? That's because they didn't create one. Is light rail the best plan for Santa Monica? Will it make a profit?

One of our most recent investments in mass transit was the L.A. downtown Metro. Why did the Metro go underground? We have some of the best weather in the world, with only nine rainy days a year and no snow. Why build underground in earthquake country? The reason is simple: $5.6 billion went into a great number of people's pockets so that question did not get asked. Are we suffering the same fate today in Santa Monica?

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Local transportation officials keep making the same mistakes when it comes to public transit. Face it, we live in an earthquake zone. The last place anyone wants to be is underground during a quake. Yet we wasted $5.6 billion to build the subway to nowhere. Did anyone notice a drop in traffic when the subway started running?

So how is a ground-level train any better then an underground train? Above ground trains either crowd out our already crowded streets by reducing the number of lanes available to vehicles, or they require a 20-yard path of home demolition right through your neighborhood. They cause delays as they cross busy intersections, making traffic worse. Trains also hit people and vehicles, costing the taxpayers a great deal of money in repairs and lawsuits. To prevent those lawsuits, a massive network of loud-ringing bells must be erected to prevent idiots from parking on the train tracks. Those bells have to be loud enough to be heard by someone in a BMW on the cell phone. That means if you live within a mile of the track, you will hear those bells.

The next problem with ground-level trains is the cost. Trains are expensive to maintain and that means more money for the company selling us that train. That may be good for the train business, but it's bad for the people who pay the bill. Since the 1950s, there's been a long-term campaign to make money off the people of the Los Angeles area. It started with the demolition of the "red cars," an efficient working rail system that was in place before the city grew. That system still has the right of way, but it's been quickly used for other purposes.

Open corruption is what Los Angeles mass transit is about. I had the pleasure of asking former L.A. Mayor Jim Hahn in a town hall meeting, "Who took the bribe to terminate the Green Line two miles from the airport? He replied that he'd look into this. Now, six years later, the train is still no closer to the airport. The city of Los Angeles is one of the only cities to host the Olympics and make a profit. So why hasn't someone asked the obvious question: How do you make mass transit profitable in Los Angeles?

The reason no one asks how to make a train profitable is because they don't want it to be profitable. If you care about profit, then you have to care about costs. The people that sell and maintain the trains don't care if it costs too much. The elected officials obviously don't care or they would be asking that question.

According to the Federal Transit Administration, the Seattle monorail is the only profitable train system in the United States. If you want a system to work, connect people from where they are to where they want to go. Connect large malls first. Imagine spending a day shopping going from the Third Street Promenade to Century City, to the Beverly Center and never having to drive. Connect airports down the middle of freeways. We have massive rideshare parking lots right off the freeways. Imagine how many people would use the monorail if it went down the center of all of the freeways? What if you could take a monorail to the airport from Santa Monica, Century City or the San Fernando Valley? Why is it that the largest monorail in the United States is owned by a private, for-profit company called Disney? That's an example of how a profitable route can grow without taxpayer money.

So why is a monorail not even being talked about? Anyone who has gone to Disneyland knows that a monorail is fun, quiet and a safe way to travel. Monorails are above the road and run on rubber tires over dedicated concrete which make them whisper quiet. They are reliable and run on time. They don't hit cars or children and offer a great view of the city. The fact is for the first time in almost 50 years, the Seattle monorail is having to refurbish its monorail trains. The track is still in good shape and has not been replaced. Santa Monica, demand the best mass transit.

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# Word in Edgewise

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## Hollywood needs to invest in soldiers

I HAVE ONLY ONE BEEF WITH THIS YEAR'S Academy Awards. I'm happy that Katherine Bigelow, director of "The Hurt Locker," gets an Oscar for her mantel and another to rub in ex-husband James Cameron's face. I'm happy that journalist Mark Boal found a way to mine Oscar gold out of all the time he spent reporting from Iraq. I'm happy that Greg Shapiro (who gave us "Harold & Kumar Go To White Castle") is an Academy Award-winning producer, and I'm especially pleased that truth-teller and former Disneyland Paris janitor Nicolas Chartier (who was banned from the ceremony for encouraging people to vote for his movie and "not a $500M film") will be getting a statue.

The only problem was the best war movie nominated didn't win an award on Sunday night. It was the true story of an American hero who exposed the official government lies that got us into the Vietnam War and brought down the Nixon administration in the process: Judith Ehrlich's and Rick Goldsmith's documentary, "The Most Dangerous Man in America: Daniel Ellsberg and the Pentagon Papers." I understand Hollywood doesn't usually heap praise upon real people who do incredible things or make difficult choices (preferring instead to celebrate the genetically fortunate meat puppets who portray them on-screen), so I wasn't surprised that the Documentary Feature Oscar went to a film about dolphins. And while the movie business pats itself on the back for discovering the American soldier and "The Hurt Locker" over a year after it premiered at the same 2008 Venice Film Festival that featured "The Wrestler," let's not forget that the fictional characters in this made-up story are based on real people — and a lot of them need real help.

As hard as this "Great Recession" has been on the rest of the country, the movie business is doing better than ever and made more money at the box office in 2009 than in any other year in history. On the opposite end of the "payback relative to sacrifice" scale are the military personnel who have served in combat in Iraq and Afghanistan.

While our national unemployment rate hovers right around 10 percent, the same rate for veterans aged 24 or younger is an incredible 27 percent — 10 percentage points higher than the rate among civilians of the same age. The unemployment rate for Afghanistan and Iraq vets is 20 percent higher than the overall rate; so the fact that there are nearly 200,000 unemployed veterans who have served in those two wars basically means that we, as a country, have decided that there is no future private sector benefit for young people who choose military service.

As nice a gesture as it is to thank our military in acceptance speeches, movie studios could create opportunities for Iraq and Afghanistan war vets by doing something like hiring focus groups composed of young veterans to screen new releases and offer their opinions on how they'd be received on military bases — and that's just off the top of my head.

Much more important than the economic needs of soldiers is their mental health. Our military is about 1 percent of our population, but veterans account for 20 percent of all suicides. The rate for younger vets rose more than 25 percent between 2005 and 2007 and the number of suicides almost doubled among active duty soldiers in the Army, Army Reserve and the Army National Guard between 2004 and 2008. As characters like the ones in "The Hurt Locker" join the troops from "Jarhead," and "In The Valley of Elah," and "Generation Kill" in exposing the issues Afghanistan and Iraq war vets face in dealing with re-integration into civilian life and post-traumatic stress, the producers who get rich by marketing those characters have an increasing moral obligation to re-invest some of that money to help the real people and improve the real lives on which these characters and stories are based.

As our military occupation of Iraq continues to wind down and our footprint in Afghanistan becomes smaller and smaller, the memory of the disastrous neo-conservative Bush foreign policy will begin to fade in the same way that the memory of the completely corrupt Nixon administration has gotten blurry with time. It will become the domain of the documentary filmmaker to tell true stories like Ambassador Joe Wilson's (our generation's Daniel Ellsberg) and the job of feature film directors to do justice to this new film genre of soldiers' stories from western Asia.

Whether it's big budget military hardware porn made with the cooperation of the Pentagon like "Transformers" or a small independent film that initially opens on only four screens like "The Hurt Locker," the most important message Hollywood can send is the same one my friend Mike Woods' dad taught us after taking us to see "Platoon" in the mid-1980s. In a conversation that stuck with me for literally the rest of my life, he made sure we knew that no matter what it looks like in a movie, war is pain, war is death, and war is not cool.

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## The Q Line

**Is it twilight for the Dance Series?**

Santa Monica Pier leadership revealed recently that a lack of funding for the annual Twilight Dance Series may force organizers to either scale back the concerts or replace the series with a less expensive version. To make up the shortage, officials have launched a fundraising drive.

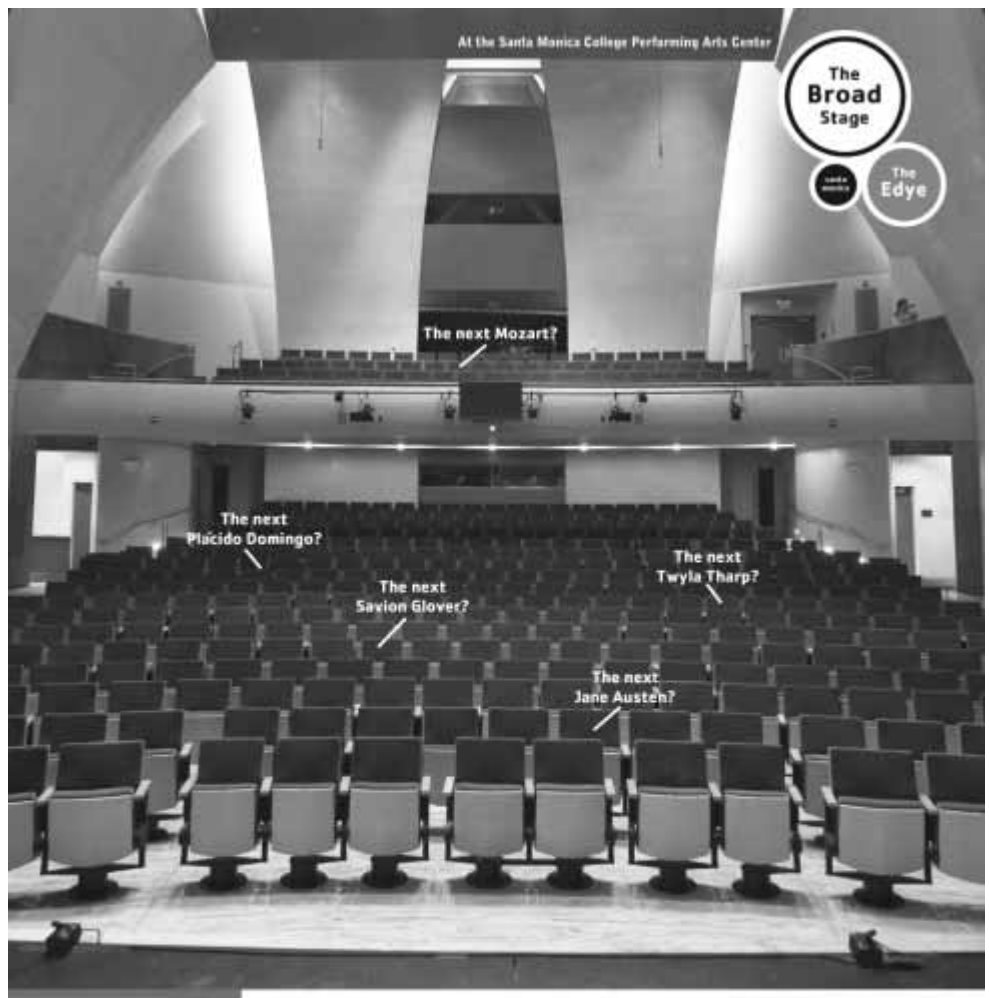
**So, this week's Q-Line question asks:**
Is the series worth saving or should it be replaced by something more cost effective?

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WALL STREET

# Investors look for next best thing

**TIM PARADIS**
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK A year after the stock market began its comeback from 12-year lows, investors are looking for the next big thing.

Stocks have lost some of the momentum that propelled the Dow Jones industrials up 61 percent from its close of 6,547 on March 9, 2009. That's natural — bull markets tend to slow down as they head into their second year. But the lethargic pace of the economic recovery has also been a bit of a drag on stocks. And so investors are waiting for signs that the economy is ready to put up some solid, sustainable growth numbers.

The most likely trigger: job growth. Investors need to see a Labor Department report that says employers are creating more jobs than they're cutting.

Until then, analysts say the market is likely to move sideways or drift higher, as it's been doing over the past few weeks. Tuesday's trading fit that pattern. The Dow rose 46 points, a respectable but still modest advance compared to the surge over the past 12 months. The average is up 1.2 percent so far this year.

The market began its ascent last March 10 after Citigroup Inc., the big bank most badly wounded by the credit crisis and the recession, said it had turned a profit. Signs that the housing market was starting to turn around added to the momentum.

At the time, such news, which amounted to glimmers of hope, were enough for investors. With stock prices so much higher now, they want proof.

"A lot of the gains we already enjoyed have been in anticipation of economic progress which has not yet occurred," said Lawrence Creatura, portfolio manager at Federated Clover Investment Advisors.

Besides jobs, investors need to see more strength in the housing market. Traders have been tolerant of recent declines in home sales, but if those numbers don't pick up, the market is likely to become uneasy.

First-quarter earnings reports that will be issued next month need to show continued sales growth. Companies' results for the last three months of 2009 were better than expected. Now the market wants to know that demand, starting with consumers, is rising.

In midafternoon trading Tuesday, the Dow rose 46.02, or 0.4 percent, to 10,598.54. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 5.68, or 0.5 percent, to 1,144.18. The index is up 68.3 percent in the past year. Including dividends, it's up 72 percent.

The Nasdaq composite index rose 17.77, or 0.8 percent, to 2,349.98.

Two stocks rose for every one that fell on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume came to 638.1 million shares.

Investors are going to make much smaller bets than they made a year ago as they look for clues about the economy. They'll also be trying to anticipate when the Federal Reserve will start raising interest rates from their current record low levels. Policymakers have kept rates low to stimulate lending and help the economy. And Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke has predicted rates will stay where they are for some time.

Still, the Fed eventually will have to raise borrowing costs to help keep inflation in check. Investors' fear is that rates might rise too quickly and could choke off the recovery.

Even if the news improves, just holding the gains of the last year could be tough.

LABOR

# Jobless aid measure clears Senate

**ANDREW TAYLOR**
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON Legislation to give additional months of unemployment benefits to people who have been out of a job for more than half a year cleared a key hurdle Tuesday that guarantees it will soon pass the Senate.

The sweeping bill also would prevent doctors from absorbing a crippling cut in Medicare payments and extends health insurance subsidies for the unemployed through December. It would add $132 billion to the budget deficit over the next year and a half.

Eight Republicans voted with Democrats to defeat a GOP filibuster of the measure, setting up a final vote on Wednesday.

The measure illustrates the great extent to which direct help for the jobless and the poor makes up a large portion of Democrats' election-year agenda on jobs — and that it threatens to squeeze out other items on that agenda amid concerns about a budget deficit projected at a record $1.6 trillion this year.

Democrats also hope this week to separately finish work on a far smaller job-creation measure blending additional highway spending with new tax breaks for companies that hire the unemployed. The Senate could clear the measure for President Barack Obama's signature by Friday.

Tuesday's larger bill also provides the annual extension of $26 billion worth of tax breaks for businesses and individuals that are popular with senators in both parties.

The $66 billion cost of providing the extended unemployment checks is added directly to a budget deficit expected to hit $1.6 trillion this year. In states with the highest jobless rates people are eligible to receive benefits for up to 99 weeks. A 65 percent health insurance subsidy for the unemployed under the COBRA program adds about another $10 billion. Federal cash to help states with Medicaid adds about $25 billion more.

"Even though these programs may be good for your state, a senator has an obligation to stand up and say 'no more,'" said freshman GOP Sen. George Lemieux of Florida. "No more spending our kids' future. No more bankrupting the promise of this country."

But Democrats said it would be heartless to cut off unemployment benefits for people mired in joblessness after the worst recession in decades. They also say that the unemployment benefits inject demand into the economy, helping to lift it.

"This is not just some technical bill," said Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont. "This bill helps real people. Failure to enact this bill would cause real hardship. Failure to enact this bill would cost jobs."

The measure closes $29 billion of tax loopholes to help defray its cost, including one enjoyed by paper companies that get a credit from burning "black liquor," a pulp-making byproduct, as if it were an alternative fuel.

The White House praised the Senate vote.

"This is one more step forward as we fight to get the American people back to work and support families that have been the hardest hit by the economic crisis," said White House press secretary Robert Gibbs.

ENTERTAINMENT

# Famed photog Leibovitz reaches debt deal

**ULA ILNYTZKY**
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK Annie Leibovitz, the photographer who mismanaged her fortune so badly that she faced losing legal rights to some of pop culture's most enduring images, has reached a long-term agreement with a private investment firm to help manage her debt and market her vast portfolio, both sides said Tuesday.

Leibovitz, 60, will retain total control of her multimillion-dollar portfolio under the deal she signed with Colony Capital LLC of Santa Monica on Monday, said Richard Nanula, a principal with the firm.

Under the agreement, Colony will become the photographer's sole creditor and help market her archive of such provocative images as a nude John Lennon cuddling with a clothed Yoko Ono hours before his death, as well as a nude and very pregnant Demi Moore.

Leibovitz obtained an extension last year to repay a $24 million loan to a Manhattan firm, Art Capital Group, in a financial dispute that had threatened her rights to those images and others.

The specific terms of the new deal were not disclosed, but Nanula said "it pays off all the Art Capital loan. ... It cleans up the rest of her balance sheet."

The Colony loan also contains more than $20 million of real estate collateral, Nanula added — Leibovitz's three Manhattan town houses. The Art Capital loan was repaid Monday, he said.

Art Capital confirmed the repayment and said in a statement that it "is pleased to announce that its loan to Annie Leibovitz has been satisfied. We are encouraged by the results of this complex transaction and wish Ms. Leibovitz the best in all of her future endeavors."

"It's long-term in nature," Nanula said of the partnership with Leibovitz. "Our interest is in helping her be successful and to be her financial partner."

"Colony is a dedicated and creative team," Leibovitz said in a statement. "We will be working on new projects, and I will have the support and freedom necessary for nurturing my work and preserving my archive."

"Colony Capital, LLC has formed a new partnership with Annie Leibovitz, one of world's greatest portrait photographers," the firm said in a statement. "We are delighted to be able to do that here by partnering with Ms. Leibovitz in a business relationship that allows her to continue to flourish as an artist while together we seek opportunities to enhance the value of the magnificent body of work she has created over the past 40 years."

Those opportunities, Nanula said, could involve traveling exhibitions of Leibovitz's works, books and fine-art copies of her photographs.

He stressed that any commercialization of her work would be decided by Leibovitz and that Colony would be her financial partner in any such venture.

Leibovitz's portfolio is estimated to contain more than 100,000 images and 1 million negatives.

"It's one of the most valuable and unexploited" photo archives, Nanula said.

The deal between Colony and Leibovitz was first reported in the Financial Times on Tuesday.

Colony Capital is a global firm that focuses primarily on real estate-related assets, securities and operating companies. Last year, it purchased a loan with a face value of $23.5 million on Michael Jackson's Neverland in California.

LABOR

# Chevron to shed 2,000 jobs, sell some assets

**SANDY SHORE**
AP Business Writer

Chevron Corp. said Tuesday it will cut 2,000 jobs this year and sell some overseas operations as it revamps its struggling refinery, marketing and transportation operations.

The job cuts represent almost 12 percent of its 17,000 workers in the so-called downstream part of its business and just over 3 percent of its overall work force.

Executives of the second-largest U.S. oil producer are still deciding where and when they will eliminate the jobs as they try to complete the restructuring by the third quarter, company spokesman Lloyd Avram said. Additional cuts are expected next year.

Chevron said it will also seek bids for the Pembroke refinery in southwest Wales, and fuels marketing, aviation and lubricants businesses in the Caribbean and some markets in Central America.

Refineries, which turn crude into gasoline, diesel and other fuels, struggled amid rising oil prices and falling demand last year. In addition, new refineries are being built.

"Downstream conditions are likely to be difficult for the next several years," Mike Wirth, executive vice president of Chevron's global downstream business, said in a statement.

Argus Research analyst Phil Weiss said he believes Chevron is making the right move but he questions whether the producer will get a good price for the assets in the difficult business environment.

Major oil companies worldwide have battled weak demand that cut into profits at refineries.

Royal Dutch Shell recently said it would cut an additional 1,000 jobs in 2010, mostly at its refining operations.

France's Total SA said Monday that it will end refining operations at its plant in Dunkirk, France, in response to falling demand.

In the fourth quarter, Chevron lost $613 million in its refining operation compared with a $2 billion profit in the year-ago quarter.

The company has said it will reduce spending by $1 billion this year on downstream businesses, which include refining, marketing and transportation.

Chevron wants to focus its downstream portfolio in North America and the Asian-Pacific region, and is shifting its production toward natural gas and Asian assets.

In addition to seeking bids for the Pembroke refinery and for fuels marketing, aviation and lubricants businesses in the Caribbean and Central America, Chevron said it is reviewing refinery operations in Hawaii and other undisclosed operations outside South Africa, Avram said.

Chevron, based in San Ramon, Calif., said severance charges are expected to range from $150 million to $200 million on an after-tax basis in the first quarter.

The company has about 60,000 employees worldwide, including about 17,000 in downstream operations that include refining, marketing and retail operations. It laid off 1,900 employees in downstream operations last year.

Shares of Chevron closed down 34 cents at $74.30.

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| Mar 13 | Var | Tri-County Invitational | La Reina | TBA |
| **BOYS BASEBALL** | | | | |
| Mar 10,12,13 | Var | So. Cal Inv. | TBA | 3pm or 11am |
| Mar 10,12, | JV | So. Cal Inv. | TBA | 3pm |
| **BOYS GOLF** | | | | |
| Mar 10 | Var | CSHM | Penmar | 3:18pm |
| Mar 11 | Var | Practice | Rancho | 4pm |
| Mar 12 | Var | Practice | Westchester | 4pm |
| Mar 15 | Var | St. Paul | Penmar | 3:18pm |
| Mar 16 | Var | Practice | Westchester | 4pm |
| **COED TENNIS** | | | | |
| Mar 10 | Var | Milken | Balboa Park | 3pm |
| Mar 11 | Var | Practice | Reed Park | 3pm |
| Mar 12 | Var | Practice | Reed Park | 3pm |
| Mar 15 | Var | Practice | Reed Park | 3pm |
| Mar 16 | Var | Practice | Memorial Park | 3pm |
| **BOYS VOLLEYBALL** | | | | |
| Mar 12,13 | JV | John Burroughs Tourn. | JBHS | TBA |
| Mar 16 | Var/JV | Crossroads | Crossroads | 4/5pm |
| **LADY SOFTBALL** | | | | |
| Mar 13 | JV | Culver City Tour | Culver City | TBA |
| Mar 10 | JV/Var | Venice | Venice | 3/3pm |
| Mar 12,13 | Var | SMCHS Tournament | Memorial Park | TBA |
| Mar 16 | Var | Ramona Convent | Ramona Convent | 3:30pm |

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| **BOYS BASEBALL** | | | | |
| Mar 10 | Var | Easton Tournament | | TBA |
| Mar 11 | Var | Easton Tournament | | 3pm |
| Mar 12 | Var | Easton Tournament | | TBA |
| Mar 13 | Var | Easton Tournament Finals | | 11am |
| **BOYS GOLF** | | | | |
| Mar 10 | JV | Saugas | TPC Valencia | 1pm |
| Mar 11 | JV | North Torrance | Victoria | 2:30pm |
| **GIRLS SOFTBALL** | | | | |
| Mar 11 | Var | Max Prep Tournament | Mohave AZ | TBA |
| Mar 12 | Var | Max Prep Tournament | Mohave AZ | TBA |
| Mar 13 | Var | Max Prep Tournament | Mohave AZ | TBA |
| **COED BASKETBALL** | | | | |
| Mar 11 | Var | CIF STATE REGIONALS | | TBA |
| Mar 13 | Var | CIF STATE REGIONALS | | TBA |
| **COED TRACK** | | | | |
| Mar 11 | Var | North Torrance HS | | 2:45pm |
| **BOYS SWIMMING** | | | | |
| Mar 11 | Var | Beverly Hills | Beverly Hills | 3pm |
| **GIRLS SWIMMING** | | | | |
| Mar 11 | Var | Beverly Hills | Beverly Hills | 3pm |
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# Smoking ban can be difficult to enforce

FROM **SMOKING** PAGE 1

Paley said he paid $60 and took time off work in order to file his claim against a neighbor who he says has repeatedly violated the ban. Included in that price was a fee charged by the Los Angles County Sheriff's Office to serve his neighbor with the lawsuit.

Weeks later, though, he said he received a letter stating that the Sheriff's Department had failed in six attempts to deliver the document. At that point Paley said he decided it wasn't worth continuing with the case and asked the court to dismiss it.

"We should not have to be forced to spend our time and money to get this person to stop," Paley said. "We decided we didn't want to sue her with a law that was inadequate."

He said to continue the case he would have had to take additional time off work and would have had to prove that his neighbor was in fact smoking in a common area — something the neighbor disputed. Even if successful, he said he would have won just $100 and might have encountered further difficulties trying to collect it.

Instead of requiring residents to go to court to enforce the law, Paley said he supports giving City Hall code enforcers the authority to issue citations.

Adam Radinsky, the head of the consumer protection unit in the City Attorney's office, said City Hall officials considered that idea but determined it would be difficult for employees to enforce the ban because most violations occur in semi-private residential areas that are nearly impossible to patrol.

Radinsky said he was unaware of Paley's case, but added, "Just because we haven't heard doesn't mean people haven't had those experiences."

Apartment owners, meanwhile, support the ban and would like to see it strengthened, said Wes Wellman, executive director of the Action Apartment Association.

"To date there have been no problems in connection with the ordinance reported to the association," he said.

**"WE SHOULD NOT HAVE TO BE FORCED TO SPEND OUR TIME AND MONEY TO GET THIS PERSON TO STOP."**

**Phillip Paley,**
Santa Monica resident

So far, there's no plan to extend Santa Monica's smoking ban. But the report from the consumer protection unit offered a list of options should the City Council consider taking additional steps to curb secondhand smoke.

Among the possibilities for a stronger ban listed in the report are:

• Banning smoking on private balconies and patios in multi-unit residential buildings;

• Requiring owners to survey, designate and disclose the smoking status of each unit at a property;

• Prohibiting smoking in all newly constructed residential buildings;

• Restricting indoor smoking for future tenancies.

Wellman said the list of options City Hall staff included in the report is incomplete.

"The staff fails to list the most obvious option that would provide the maximum level of protection — an outright ban on smoking in multi-family buildings," he said. "This is obviously because they know the council majority opposes this idea and they want to safeguard their secure relationship with their benefactors."

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# SMRR says LUCE calls for too much commercial development

FROM **SMRR** PAGE 3

members — SMRR is Santa Monica's most powerful political group.

City Councilman and SMRR member Kevin McKeown said the group's comments on the draft EIR reflect its core priorities.

"SMRR's heart is in housing, and SMRR's comments raise relevant questions about whether the draft LUCE would allow too much commercial development, while failing to provide sufficient affordable housing," he said.

Francie Stefan, City Hall's community and strategic planning manager, said about 25 comments from community groups and individuals on the DEIR were submitted.

She said it was too soon to discuss the specifics of SMRR's comments.

Within the next two months, City Hall planners will respond to all of the comments, revise the draft EIR and issue a final version of the document. Once the EIR is certified by the City Council, the body will be set to vote on adopting the LUCE.

**"WHILE RECOGNIZING THE NEED FOR GROWTH, WE'RE CONCERNED THAT [THE LUCE] WILL FURTHER SKEW THE JOBS HOUSING IMBALANCE."**

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# Sushi sting could mean serious fines

FROM INVESTIGATION PAGE 1

them to be sei whale, which are found worldwide and are endangered but are sometimes hunted in the North Pacific under a controversial Japanese scientific program.

"I was pretty shocked," Baker said in an interview with the Daily Press. "There has been suspicion for years that whale meat was being sold at high-end Japanese restaurants and at various places around the world, like Hong Kong … , but to have it sold essentially openly in Santa Monica, that was pretty surprising."

Serving unusual fish imported from Japan is the hallmark of many high-end sushi restaurants, and whale meat is often found in Japanese markets for as much as $600 a kilogram, Baker said. But he said he had never heard of it being served in an American restaurant.

On Feb. 28, the activists returned to The Hump along with reinforcements who sat at the sushi bar to observe what was being prepared. Once again the activists asked for whale meat and it was served. The activists saved the meat and handed it over to a special agent, who sent them to a biologist with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to be analyzed. On March 2, the biologist informed the special agent that the meat samples were sei whale.

On March 4, the activists returned for a third meal. Agents with NOAA, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services and the U.S. Customs and Border Protection sat at the sushi bar. The activists again specifically asked for whale and were served, according to the affidavit.

During the meal, a chef left the sushi bar and went to a nearby parking lot. An agent followed, observing from a nearby stairwell as the chef walked back to the restaurant after going to a white Mercedes. The chef was seen with a clear plastic package that seemed to contain some meat. The chef returned to the sushi bar, opened the package and began to cut up the meat, which he later said was whale.

Representatives at The Hump could not be reached for comment. An attorney representing the restaurant said there would be no comment until the investigation is completed.

"We will work cooperatively with the federal government and deal with things as they occur," said attorney Gary Lincenberg.

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# Paying the price to get around

FROM TRANSPORTATION PAGE 3

CALPIRG students said there are hundreds of good public transportation projects which remain stalled for lack of funding.

Gatoona mentioned extending the Expo Line, the Purple Line, and creating the California high-speed rail line. The transportation upgrades funded by Measure R are supposed to take place within the next 30 years, but Gatoona said that they're looking to make that 10 years, and that there will need to be more money allotted for it.

Measure R is a half-cent sales tax which was approved in 2008 and is supposed to commit $40 billion to traffic relief over the next 30 years. The lengthy timeline is often criticized, which is why CALPIRG is promoting a speedier process. On the flip side, there is the argument that there is just no money for that right now.

The extra money spent, however, would come back through other means, they said. The Center for Neighborhood Technology, Smart Growth America and U.S. PIRG found that transit projects funded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act have created nearly twice as many jobs per dollar invested as highway projects.

Additionally, the Environment America Research and Policy Center found that in 2008, public transportation use reduced emissions of carbon dioxide.

Even though few people showed for this mid-day celebration, many students waiting for the bus were taking advantage of the very programs which were being discussed. As Cameron Henton, SMC's Associated Students president, spoke of the college's "Any Line, Any Time" program which allows SMC students to ride Big Blue buses for free at any time, students swarmed the bus stop to do just that.

> **"NOW MORE THAN EVER, PUBLIC OFFICIALS MUST MAKE TRAINS AND BUSES A TOP PRIORITY."**
>
> Jung Gatoona,
> CALPIRG student

Suzanne Wood, an SMC student, said that she rides the bus, "because it's free and gas is expensive." However she said the No. 7, which is the bus she was waiting for, is not always so ideal.

"It can be insane at times," she said. She has seen several times students waiting for the bus and being turned down once the bus arrives because there was not enough room. "You have to stand and it's a pain."

She added that the No. 11 isn't as bad, which stops on Ocean Park Boulevard, a couple of blocks down, but might not be as crowded because not as many people are going that way.

CALPIRG would like to pressure elected officials to dedicate more money for public transit so students like Wood do not have to be late for school or work because buses are overcrowded.

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# Gas price increases easy on consumers' wallets

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As the economy recovers, energy prices are rising and that is placing extra strain on families' budgets.

Each spring brings a familiar ritual in gasoline markets — rising prices — and this year won't be an exception. But motorists aren't likely to pay much more than $3 a gallon, on average, during the peak summer driving season.

Lingering effects of the recession, such as high unemployment, reduced shipping and limited business travel, are keeping a lid on energy demand in the U.S. And global oil supplies are on the rise. For now, these trends are providing energy markets with enough of a cushion to prevent geopolitical tensions from causing severe price volatility.

On Tuesday, the Energy Department's statistical arm predicted that oil prices would average $80 a barrel this spring, and rise to about $82 a barrel by the end of the year, influenced by robust growth in China. This is consistent with the agency's past four monthly outlooks. Last year, oil prices averaged about $62, trading in a range between $33.98 and $82.66.

The average nationwide price for regular gasoline was $2.76 a gallon on Tuesday. Because of the anticipated bump in crude prices, the government estimates that gasoline prices will average $2.84 a gallon this year, up from $2.34 in 2009. It's enough for families to take notice, economists say.

Gasoline accounts for about 4 percent of the typical family's budget. But consumers tend to pay the increase at the pump instead of driving less. That leaves less to spend on clothing and other discretionary purchases.

Sung Won Sohn, an economics professor at the Smith School of Business at California State University, lowered his forecast for U.S. economic growth to 3 percent, from 3.2 percent, because of the anticipated rise in energy costs.

"Higher gasoline prices are like a tax that depresses overall consumer spending," he said.

A recent government report showing that incomes edged up only 0.1 percent — the weakest showing in four months — raised concerns about whether consumers will be able to keep spending at a strong enough pace to support an economic rebound. Consumer spending is closely watched because it accounts for 70 percent of total economic activity.

The more gradual the pump-price increase the more manageable it is for family budgets, retail consultant Howard Davidowitz said.

Given time to adjust, people "can decide what to do," Davidowitz said. "Maybe they can buy less. Maybe the kids can't have the ice creams anymore."

Or maybe people will remain tentative about getting behind the wheel more than is absolutely necessary.

Average daily gasoline demand in the U.S. in 2009 was essentially flat from the year before, at 377.5 million gallons. It is expected to remain level in the year ahead, according to Tom Kloza, publisher and chief oil analyst at Oil Price Information Service.

There are other factors keeping Americans off the road beyond high gas prices. Chief among them: lack of job security. Unemployment is 9.7 percent in the U.S., meaning fewer people commuting to work or driving on vacation.

Oil prices will continue to be supported by demand from China. This week, Premier Wen Jiabao has promised to maintain enough stimulus spending to coax China's economy to 8 percent growth this year.

But elsewhere around the globe, energy demand will remain weak. Americans burned 18.8 million barrels of petroleum a week in January, according to EIA, the lowest average for the first month of any year since 1998.

In Europe, GDP should grow about 0.7 percent this year, according to the European Commission. The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries forecasts that European oil consumption will decline by 1.4 percent this year.

# Workers urge faster rebuilding at WTC site

**SAMANTHA GROSS**
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK Hundreds of construction workers raised a rallying cry of "Build it now!" on Tuesday, gathering with elected officials at the World Trade Center site to urge a quick rebuilding of the complex.

"Instead of a shining American symbol of resilience and strength, we have a hole in the ground," U.S. Rep. Carolyn Maloney told the crowd. "Rebuilding the towers and ground zero is a moral imperative. Putting 10,000 people to work in the middle of a severe recession is an economic imperative."

The protest comes days before a Friday deadline for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and developer Larry Silverstein to work out a new schedule for rebuilding parts of the site. Construction is under way on 1 World Trade Center, a memorial and a transit hub, but the building of other planned towers has stalled in a dispute over financing.

The authority, which controls the property, wants more private-sector cash for the project than Silverstein has offered and says it's better to delay construction on two of the towers until the real estate market improves.

But with union officials saying 15 to 20 percent of their construction workers are jobless, the hardhat-wearing protesters said they were eager for more work at the site as soon as possible.

"We have people out for 40 weeks before they get a job," said electrician Greg Kapps. "There are a lot of people out."

One protester's sign read: "Don't Forget 9/11: Delay Means Defeat."

U.S. Reps. Anthony Weiner, Peter King, Gregory Meeks, Joseph Crowley and Michael McMahon joined in the rally, as did several city officials. City Council Speaker Christine Quinn yelled to the protesters: "It should have been built already. It is a disgrace."

Port Authority Executive Director Chris Ward defended the work already in progress Tuesday, saying that much construction is happening and the authority's rebuilding of the memorial, 1 World Trade Center and public areas has put 1,900 people to work. The agency expects to spend almost $11 billion in the area, he said.

"It's not because of the Port Authority that there hasn't been building," he said. "The Port Authority is not willing to do a public bailout of Larry Silverstein."

# Feds to probe cause of runaway Prius

**ELLIOT SPAGAT**
Associated Press Writer

EL CAJON A Toyota Prius that sped out of control on a California freeway was towed to a dealership Tuesday while federal and company inspectors converged on the car to determine whether a stuck gas pedal was to blame.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration sent two investigators to examine the car after Monday's incident, said Olivia Alair, a spokeswoman for the Department of Transportation, which oversees NHTSA. Toyota Motor Corp. spokesman Brian Lyons said the automaker is sending three of its own technicians to investigate.

James Sikes, 61, of Jacumba, told authorities that the accelerator malfunctioned Monday as he drove his Prius on Interstate 8 in San Diego County. The car reached 94 mph during the 20 minutes before a California Highway Patrol officer helped get the Prius driver to slow down and turn off the engine.

The CHP held the car overnight but it was towed to the dealership Tuesday, CHP Officer Brian Pennings said.

"There's no collision, so our investigation's done," Pennings said. "There's no crime. ... We're just glad it ended safely."

The incident comes while Toyota is fighting fears over the safety of its vehicles, which had been revered for their safety and reliability.

It was about 12 miles from where Sikes' Prius started speeding where a deadly crash last year sparked scrutiny into the Japanese company's vehicles.

CHP Officer Mark Saylor, his wife, her brother and the couple's daughter died after their Lexus' accelerator became trapped by a wrong-size floor mat on a freeway in La Mesa. The loaner car hit a sport utility vehicle and burst into flames.

Since then, Toyota has recalled some 8.5 million vehicles worldwide — more than 6 million in the United States — because of acceleration problems in multiple models and braking issues in the Prius. Regulators have linked 52 deaths to crashes allegedly caused by accelerator problems.

On Monday, Toyota assembled a group of experts at its North American headquarters in Torrance, Calif., to refute studies by an Illinois professor who revved Toyota engines simply by short-circuiting the wiring. Toyota's experts say the experiments were done under conditions that would never happen on the road.

The company has blamed the issue on mechanical problems and floor mats that can wedge the gas pedal.

"It wasn't the floor mat. The floor mat we have has hooks on it," Sikes' wife, Patty, said in a telephone interview Tuesday.

Patty Sikes said the family's 2008 Prius appeared to have an accelerator malfunction a few weeks ago but it was brief.

"It took off for a second, and then it just stopped. It was like a little hiccup or something," she said.

The family got a recall notice and took it to Toyota of El Cajon about two weeks ago but the dealership refused to examine the car, Patty Sikes said.

"They said it must be a mistake because we weren't on the (recall) list," she said.

The dealership declined to comment and referred requests for comment to Toyota's corporate representatives.

Toyota spokesman John Hanson confirmed that the 2008 Prius is part of Toyota's recall to address unintended acceleration due to floor mat entrapment. The recall, affecting 5.6 million vehicles, was first announced in October.

Hanson said a recall of this magnitude takes time, and Toyota first sends a preliminary notice to owners saying their vehicles are subject to a recall. A second notice comes later detailing how and where the vehicle can be fixed.

"I believe what could have happened is Mr. Sikes could have received his preliminary notification which says, 'Hello, your car is going to be recalled, and we will notify you when to bring it in.'"

At a news conference Monday, Sikes said he called 911 about 1:30 p.m. Monday after accelerating to pass another car on Interstate 8 near La Posta.

"I pushed the gas pedal to pass a car and it did something kind of funny. ... It jumped and it just stuck there," he said.

A patrol car pulled alongside the Prius and the officer told Sikes over a loudspeaker to push the brake pedal to the floor and apply the emergency brake.

The braking, coupled with a steep rise on the freeway, slowed the car to about 50 mph. Sikes then shut off the engine and the car coasted to a stop. CHP Officer Todd Neibert then moved his vehicle in front of the Prius to block it as a precaution.

Neibert is a 14-year veteran but he had no special training in halting runaway cars, Pennings said.

"Officers are trained to adapt and overcome. You can't train for every type of situation," he said. "Fortunately, the first thing he tried worked."

# Schwarzenegger: Lawmakers must cut more spending

**CATHY BUSSEWITZ**
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger says he vetoed the largest piece of legislation in a package of budget bills because it did not take immediate steps to cut spending.

Democratic lawmakers said the bill would have shaved $2.1 billion from the $20 billion shortfall projected for California's budget through June 2011. So far, the Legislature and governor have agreed to just $200 million in spending cuts.

Schwarzenegger says the bill targeted potential cuts in the fiscal year that begins in July. Speaking to reporters Tuesday, the governor said he wants the cuts to be made in the current year.

He also said some of the bill's savings estimates are unrealistic.

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## SURF REPORT

**Surf Conditions** **Water Temp:** 58°

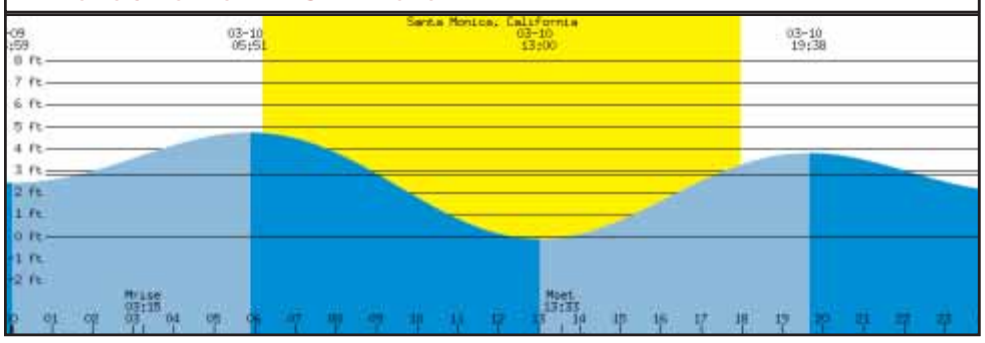
**Swell Forecast**

**Head high to 1-2 feet overhead at west facing breaks, with poor conditions.**

**Long Range Synopsis**

The wind swell should back off and conditions should improve. A touch of southern hemi is also expected.

**Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica**




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 **March 2, 2010**

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**QUICK STATS** (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 16
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 38 / 29
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 9 / 15

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: The Diller – von Furstenberg Family Foundation; simplehuman; SIMA

Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for 3 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

| LOCATION | DRY | WET |
|---|---|---|
| Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth. | A+ | F |
| Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth. | A+ | A+ |
| El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alina creeks. | A+ | A+ |
| Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach. | A+ | A+ |
| Broad Beach at Troncas Creek mouth. | A+ | F |
| Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth. | A+ | A+ |
| Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private). | A+ | A+ |
| Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth. | F | D |
| Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach. | F | F |
| Latigo Canyon Creek mouth. | A+ | A+ |
| Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach. | A+ | D |
| Pearce State Beach at creek mouth. | A+ | A+ |
| Marie Canyon storm drain at Pearce Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.. | F | F |
| 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. | A+ | A+ |
| Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero). | A+ | A |
| Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs. | A+ | A+ |
| Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach. | A | A+ |
| Topanga Canyon. | ns | ns |
| Topanga State Beach at creek mouth. | F | F |
| Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach. | A+ | A+ |
| Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach. | A | B |
| Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain). | A+ | A+ |

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

**LEGEND**

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

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

**ns** -- no sample taken

Heal the Bay's Beach Report Card℠ is based on weekly water quality monitoring data provided by the City of Los Angeles' Environmental Monitoring Division and the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. Data is analyzed as soon as it is made available to us by the public agencies. Beaches are graded on an A–F scale based on the risk of ocean users becoming ill. Samples are analyzed for bacteria—enterococcus, total and fecal coliforms—that indicate biological pollution. A fact sheet detailing the exact methodology used in determining grades for each location is available from the office or on our web site. The report is not designed to measure the amount of trash or toxins found at local beaches.

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OBITUARY

# Dodger great Davis found dead at home

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BURBANK Willie Davis, the Los Angeles Dodgers' speedy center fielder for 13 seasons, has died. He was 69.

Burbank police Sgt. Robert Quesada says Davis was found dead Tuesday morning in his Burbank home. Davis appeared in three World Series, including 1966 when he committed a Fall Classic-record three errors in one inning.

Quesada says no cause of death was immediately released, but police do not believe foul play was involved.

Davis left the Dodgers in 1973 and went on to play for the Montreal Expos, Texas Rangers, St. Louis Cardinals, San Diego Padres and California Angels.

He retired after the 1979 season with a career .279 average and 398 stolen bases.












## MOVIE TIMES

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AMC Loews Broadway 4
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**Cop Out (R) 1hr 50min**
1:45pm, 7:00pm

**The Wolfman (R) 2hrs 5min**
4:45pm, 9:45pm

**The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus (PG-13) 2hrs 2min**
4:30pm, 9:55pm

**Shutter Island (R) 2hrs 18min**
2:45pm, 6:00pm, 9:15pm

**Up in the Air (R) 1hr 49min**
1:50pm, 7:20pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
**1310 Third St.**
**(310) 289-4262**

**Alice in Wonderland (in Disney Digital 3D) (PG) 1hr 49min**
12:45pm, 1:20pm, 3:30pm, 4:10pm, 6:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 9:50pm

**Cop Out (R) 1hr 50min**
2:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:05pm

**Shutter Island (R) 2hrs 18min**
1:00pm, 2:00pm, 4:30pm, 5:15pm, 7:45pm, 8:30pm

**Dear John - Digital Presentation (PG-13) 1hr 48min**
1:45pm, 4:20pm, 7:20pm, 9:55pm

**The Crazies (R) 1hr 41min**
1:15pm, 4:15pm, 7:05pm, 9:45pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
**1332 Second St.**
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**The Hurt Locker (R) 2hrs 26min**
1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

**An Education (PG13) 1hr 55min**
4:30pm, 10:00pm

**Crazy Heart (R) 2hrs 07min**
1:30pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:55pm

**Ajami (NR) 2hrs 15min**
1:15pm, 7:00pm

**The Ghost Writer (PG-13) 2hrs 23min**
1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

Mann's Criterion Theatre
**1313 Third St.**
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**Avatar 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 40min**
11:30 am, 3:00pm, 6:30pm, 10:00pm

**Brooklyn's Finest (R) 2hrs 13min**
12:30pm,1:00pm, 3:30pm, 4:30pm, 6:40pm, 7:30pm, 9:30pm, 10:30pm

**The Blind Side (PG-13) 2hrs 6min**
12:50pm, 3:50pm, 6:50pm, 9:50pm

**Percy Jackson & The Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) 2 hrs**
1:30pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

**Valentine's Day (PG-13) 1hr 57min**
1:10pm, 4:10pm, 7:10pm, 10:10pm

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

# Time to celebrate, Aries

### ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Perhaps you have noticed the tension in the past few months. Finally, you see some relief on the horizon. Zero in on what is important, and follow your instincts. Know that you have the ability to change a scenario. Tonight: Find a reason to celebrate.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Reach out for someone you respect and know well. If you want to eliminate a hassle, don't worry. A sudden event could do just that. A meeting proves to be instrumental and dynamic. Listen to suggestions. Tonight: Burning the midnight oil.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Deal with someone directly, and allow greater give-and-take. You might find out how unpredictable a boss or someone you deal with can be. Perhaps you have been considering taking action. The time is coming. Tonight: Let your imagination come into play.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You will find that others could be more accommodating than in the recent past. You might not want to celebrate just yet, as a disagreement could come out of a relaxed approach. Decisions you make in the near future could stick. Tonight: Dinner with a favorite person.

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ The more you accomplish, the better you will feel. A partner could be surprised by what is going to happen. The unexpected always reminds you that you cannot categorize people, events and situations. Tonight: Sort through your invitations.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You add that humor and playfulness to situations. Your imagination delights many. Romance tweaks many of you. Don't be rigid or difficult when dealing with situations. Use the afternoon to focus on work. Tonight: Ever playful.

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Remain sure of yourself. Your sense of security might be necessary to anchor a work-related situation. Understand what is going to happen with a child or loved one. You might be encouraging a volatile situation. Tonight: Add more lightness to the moment.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Keep communication rolling, and be sensitive to a child or loved one. How you visualize a situation could be much different than you anticipated. Understanding evolves through a discussion. You could be surprised by what you hear. Tonight: Head on home.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Be aware of the financial implications of your decisions. You might want to rethink plans knowing that you, too, have limits. You might like what comes up for you. The unexpected occurs around your home. Tonight: Hook up with a friend.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ You know what you want, and in fact are quite capable of creating your fair share of uproar if need be. Feel free to toss plans aside if you don't like what is occurring. Your sense of humor emerges out of the blue. Tonight: Treat yourself on the way home.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Though you might be out of sorts, you can change your mood if you give in to spontaneity. The cost might be an issue at a later point. Keep smiling and remain open. You will feel better and better as the day ages. Tonight: Do only what you want.

### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Use the daylight hours to the max, when you feel as if you can handle whatever comes in your direction. Be direct with a friend who is always there for you. This person needs to understand what is going on with you. Tonight: Some time just for yourself.

## Happy birthday

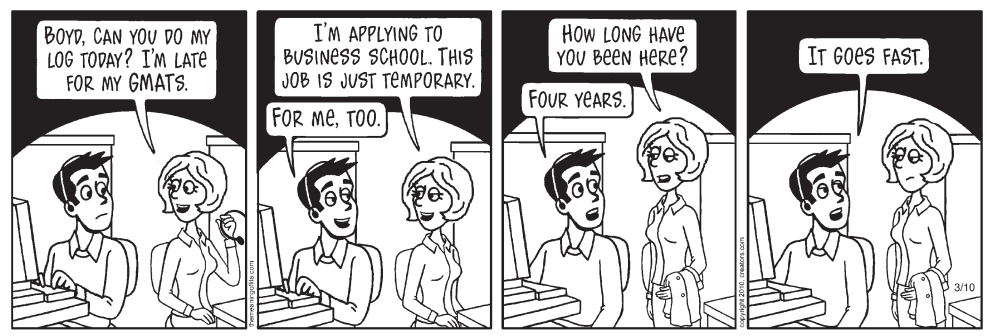
This year, you start a new life cycle. Dealing with an anger issue needs to be of primary concern. Otherwise, you might ruin what potentially could be a sensational period. This luck cycle could impact your goals and relationships. If you are single, you will have a valid option to change your status. If you are attached, the two of you can learn to relate on a new level. The intensity and caring will only intensify if you so choose. AQUARIUS understands you well.

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

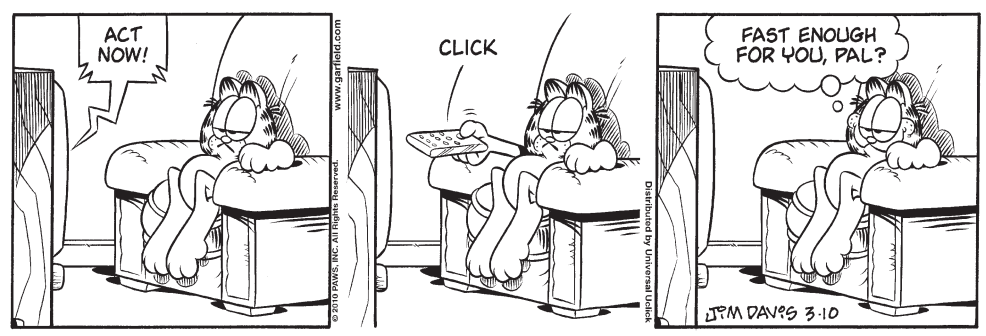
## Girls and Sports
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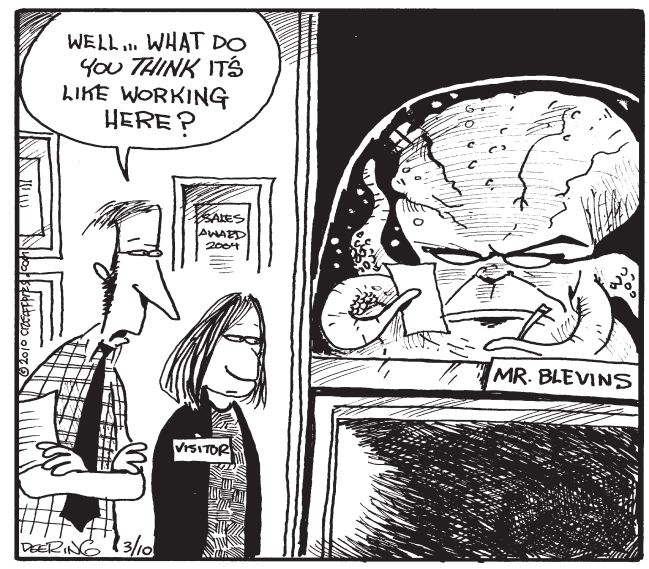

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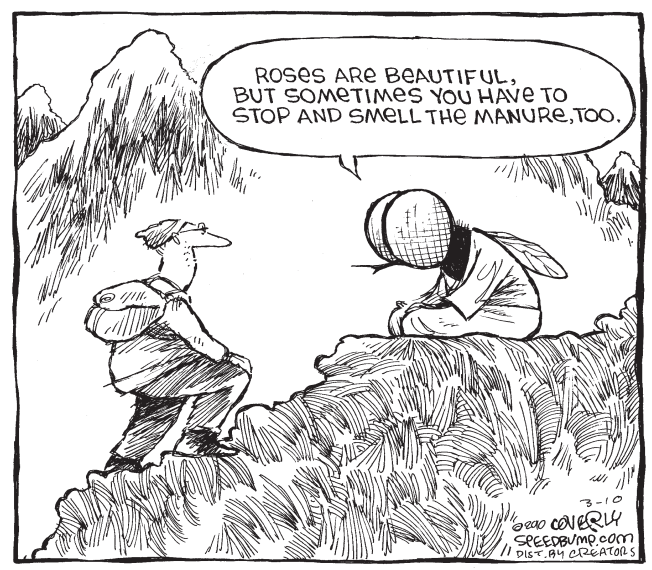

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# Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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| | | 1 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 7 | | |

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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.

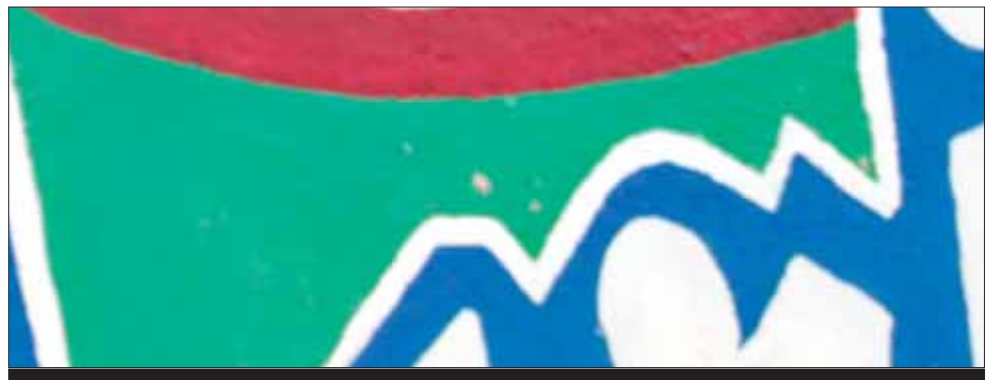
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# CROSSWORD

**By THOMAS JOSEPH**

**ACROSS**

**1** Composer Kurt
**6** Abacus piece
**10** Comics orphan
**11** Good judgment
**12** Threaded fastener
**13** Small, to Simone
**14** Foot features
**15** Texas town
**16** Important time
**17** Number-system base
**18** Writer Stout
**19** Going to seed
**22** Fleet unit
**23** Franc replacer
**26** Publicly condemning
**29** Topper
**32** Sinking signal
**33** Roadster
**34** Charm
**36** Grow dim
**37** "Olympia" painter
**38** Madame Curie
**39** De Mille of dance
**40** "As You Like It" forest
**41** Hunt for
**42** Tree part

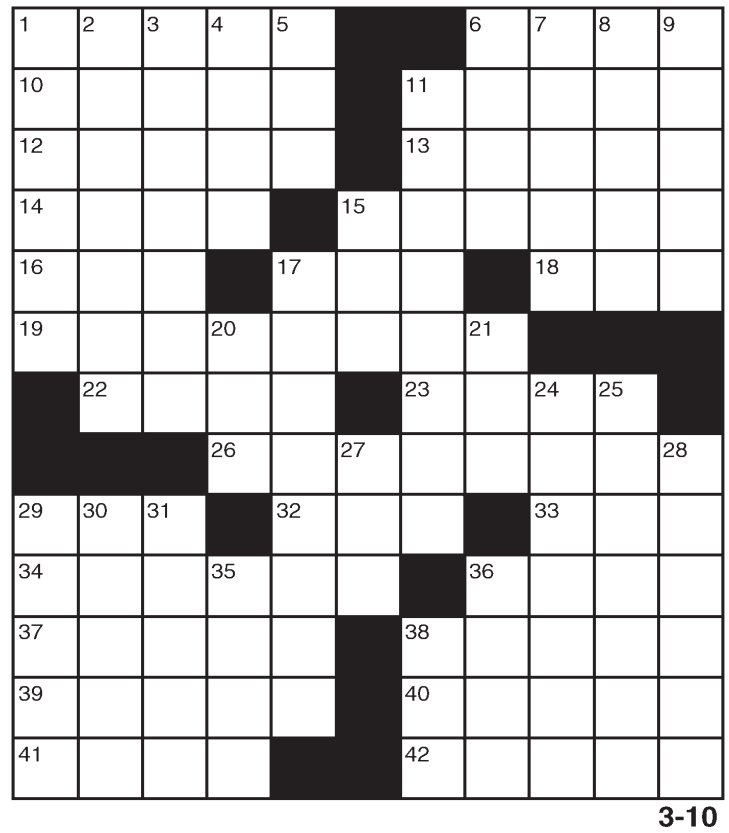
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**1** Frittered away
**2** Concert extras
**3** Close
**4** Tall tales
**5** Detective Archer
**6** Tankard fill
**7** Door sign
**8** Digression
**9** Addict's program
**11** Wrenches, in Britain
**15** Island souvenir
**17** Keys in text
**20** Help
**21** Bloke
**24** Actor Montalban
**25** Trying to lose
**27** Guest's bed
**28** Salad base
**29** Eastern monks
**30** Picture
**31** Irene of "My Favorite Wife"
**35** Onion's kin
**36** Vegas game
**38** Blemish

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## NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Over-Connecting the Dots: At age 8, Mike Hicks is a frequent air traveler with his mother, and while she is seldom noticed by airport screeners, "Mikey" almost always is because he shares a name with someone on the enhanced-security list that is one level below "no fly" (one of 1,600 such Michael Hickses in the U.S.). His mom told The New York Times in January that Mikey has been patted down by security since he was 2. (But sometimes government under-connects the dots. Delaware pediatrician Earl Bradley's January arrest and February indictment for allegedly sexually molesting 103 children came only after he was cleared in two police investigations in three years, involving eight complaints, and despite one ex-colleague's routinely referring to Dr. Bradley as a "pedophile.")

■ Better Late Than Never? (1) Ten days after Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab nearly brought down the Christmas Day airliner over Detroit, the State Department officially revoked his visa. (2) Eight days after the Christmas Eve demolition of Minneapolis' historic Fjelde House (as a fire hazard), the Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission awarded the site "interim protection" for its historic value.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

**1830** The KNIL also known as the Royal Netherlands East Indies Army is created.

**1831** The French Foreign Legion is established by King Louis-Philippe to support his war in Algeria.

**1848** The Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo is ratified by the United States Senate, ending the Mexican-American War.

**1861** El Hadj Umar Tall seizes the city of Segou, destroying the Bambara Empire of Mali.

**1891** Almon Strowger, an undertaker in Topeka, Kansas, patents the Strowger switch, a device which led to the automation of telephone circuit switching.

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Donald Eugene Fawcett

Born in St. Louis, MO. November 6, 1925 died February 15, 2010 in Santa Monica, CA. A graduate of Kirkwood High School (MO) and Washington University in St. Louis (BA Journalism '49), Don was a retired advertising creative director who came to California in 1949. Over a 40 year career, he was a copywriter, art director and creative director at a number of prestigious ad agencies in New York and Los Angeles including Young & Rubicam, Ted Bates, Leo Burnett, and among his clients were such powerhouses as Sony, Pioneer, Gallo, Hughes Aircraft and McDonalds.

A committed progressive liberal, Don was a member of the ACLU, NRDC, Sierra Club, Planned Parenthood and the World Wildlife Foundation. However, central to his social activism was his 35 year involvement with US Servas as a Servas Peacebuilder, and past President of Servas International. The people he hosted, interviewed and visited contributed to a very rich 84 years of life.

In WWII, he served with the Military Tribunal Guard at the Nuremberg Nazi War Crimes trials in 1946 & 1947. He will have a small private burial with full military honors at Riverside National Cemetery.

Don is survived by his loving wife, Aleyne Larner, stepdaughter Maureen (Kate) Larner; sister, Claire Martin and her husband Tom Martin; nieces Laura Martin and Richelle Longo, nephew Bradley Martin, and many cousins and loving friends.

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