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THE WE LOVE FOOTBALL ISSUE



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FULL CONTACT: **St. Monica's football team prepares for its season opener against Animo. The game is scheduled for Saturday.**

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

St. Monica readies for first real test

Mariners open season against Animo

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

INGLEWOOD St. Monica's Head Coach Larry Muno says he's learned a lot about his team during summer practices. Saturday against Animo Leadership we'll find out what he knows.

The second-year football coach is confident that a summer spent on improving his team's defense should give his Mariners a bit more balance as he hopes to continue a turnaround that saw the team end its nearly three-year losing streak and notch three victories against six loses.

"We've looked good at times," Muno said of the defense. "Then at times they looked like they could use a little more work."

Such is the problem that many coaches face. It's just been a special challenge for Muno, who has brought a high-powered offense to the school since taking the position, but hasn't had as easy a time bringing the defense up to speed.

A rash of injuries have made Muno's job that much more difficult. Considering that St. Monica's team is just 20-plus players deep, missing guys create holes. To shore up those deficiencies Muno has brought up a few players from junior varsity to fill in.

"We just plug the next guy in and get into it," Muno said. "Small school football — that's what you get."

Lucky for Muno, the star of his team is still up and throwing. Senior quarterback Matthew Partyka, who last season threw for 2,372 yards and 20 touchdowns, returns to an offensive unit that scored 262 points. The one thing that Muno would like Partyka to improve is his TD-to-interception ratio. As a junior, he threw 20 picks, a number Muno hopes should decline this time around.

While news of St. Monica's new-found commitment to defense hasn't spread to the Animo camp yet, the presence of Partyka is a problem that needs addressing. During last year's matchup between the two teams, Partyka was sharp in leading the Mariners to a 31-0 victory, which ended St. Monica's prolonged losing streak.

Animo Head Coach Jamar Hamilton hopes this year's game is different for the free-wheel-

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Agensys proposal gets thumbs up despite bike riders' objections

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Bio-tech firm Agensys on Wednesday cleared a major hurdle in its bid to build its headquarters on a City Hall-owned lot near Bergamot Station, avoiding heavy criticism of its proposal during a hearing before the Planning Commission.

The proposed building, a 153,000 square-foot office complex at 1800 Stewart St., in recent weeks became a battle ground for bicycle activists who argued the plan should include a bike path to connect the soon-to-be light rail stop to Michigan Avenue.

Agensys, which specializes in therapeutic antibody research and development in cancer patients, resisted the idea, saying there was no safe way to incorporate the bike route.

On Wednesday, the bike path issue was front and center, but even the route's staunchest supporters said they were convinced there was no feasible way it could be included and turned their attention to other ways the project may be able to benefit bicyclists.

While disappointed, Barbara Filet, a member of the bicycle advocacy group Spoke, said she was pleased the commission recommended augmenting the company's contribution to bicycle infrastructure improvements in the neighborhood.

Agensys has already offered to pay $70,350 to enhance bike access to Bergamot Station as part of its proposed development agreement with City Hall.

In a unanimous vote, the commission on Wednesday recommended that the City Council either increase that amount or find other ways for the company to do more to improve bike connectivity.

Additional money could be used to study other ways to build a bike link between Bergamot Station and a possible future bike path on Michigan Avenue, officials said.

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Friday, Sept. 3, 2010

Art and a ride
Santa Monica Pier Carousel
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An exhibit featuring photographs by Elena Perrotta are on display in the Carousel Building through Sept. 15, 2010. The exhibit is open during normal Carousel business hours and closed on Tuesdays. This event is free.

Historic tour
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 PCH, 10 a.m. — 4 p.m.
Learn about the rich history of the Beach House from a Santa Monica Conservancy docent. Tours are free, last approximately 30 minutes, and no reservations are required.

Saturday, Sept. 4, 2010

Become a part of the act
Miles Memorial Playhouse
1130 Lincoln Blvd., 8 p.m.
Join the Robin Cox Ensemble for a continuous one-hour event that invites the participation of all. Before the concert, dance improviser Stephanie Nugent will offer concepts for movement. Non-dancers welcome, come participate as a mover, listener or dancer.
Dance improvisation tips at 7:30 p.m., music at 8 p.m.
Reservations for this event only; (562) 243-0848 or at www.robincoxensemble.com. Tickets are $15.

To be or not to be?
Santa Monica Playhouse
Saturday, 8 p.m., Sunday 6 p.m.
Join the cast of "Elizabeth Shakespeare and the Astute Detective" on their opening night as they explore the question of who actually wrote the "Shakespeare" plays. Admission is $17.50 — $20. For more information or tickets, visit santamonicaplayhouse.com.

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.

Bomb threat suspect arrested in Santa Monica

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ST. LOUIS A St. Louis-area man is facing charges for allegedly threatening to carry a bomb onto a plane at Lambert Airport.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported that 35-year-old Dorian Mequel Williams pleaded not guilty Thursday in federal court. Williams did not have a listed phone number. His attorney was out of the office and did not return a message seeking comment.

Prosecutors and investigators say Williams threatened to carry a bomb onto a Continental Airlines flight on Jan. 15. He was indicted March 31 but the indictment was sealed until his arrest in Santa Monica, Calif., last month.

Court documents show that Williams was arrested in Santa Monica after punching a police officer in the face. The officer used a Taser to subdue Williams.

LAPD IDs owner of trunk containing baby bodies

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Investigators have identified the owner of a trunk in which the mummified remains of two babies were found, bringing them a step closer to solving the intriguing international mystery.

The owner of the steamer trunk, abandoned for decades in the basement of an apartment building, was Janet M. Barrie, a Scottish immigrant who was born in 1897 and worked as a nurse in Los Angeles before moving to Vancouver, where she died, officials said Thursday.

Confirming her identity will help investigators as they try to solve the puzzle of the abandoned remains found wrapped in sheets and nestled in doctor bags amid scrunched up copies of 1930s newspapers.

The coroner's office has been unable to determine how the babies died, and it may never be known why they were placed in the trunk or who put them there. DNA tests are currently under way to see if the babies were related to each other.

Investigators with the coroner's office tracked down Barrie's nieces and nephews in Canada. The family members have agreed to submit DNA samples to see if they are related to the babies, said a law enforcement official who asked not to be named because the investigation was ongoing.

The abandoned trunk was found Aug. 17.



FUNKY SOUND

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

The newly formed band The Buffalo Skinners performs their own style of zydeco music on Arizona Avenue on Wednesday afternoon. Made up of four friends from England and a local accordion player, the band will be playing at the Hotel Cafe on Sept. 12.

School board approves solar panel deal

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS Nine schools in Santa Monica and Malibu could be generating solar power by early next year, after the school board on Wednesday gave its final approval to install solar panels.

Ralph Mechur, vice president of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District board, said the deal could save the district as much as $5 million on energy costs over the next 25 years.

Under the deal, the district has agreed to give Regeneration Finance the right to install the panels on the roofs of nine campuses at no cost. The district will buy energy from the company for $0.131 per kilowatt hour with a 4 percent escalator for a 25-year term.

The agreement is expected to prevent 23,822 tons of greenhouse gases from being produced, according to an SMMUSD report.

"It shows leadership in sustainability and it will reduce our energy costs over the next 25 years," Mechur said.

All five of the board members present for the vote on Wednesday approved the deal. Board members Oscar de la Torre and Jose Escarce did not attend.

According to Todd Friedman, Regeneration's vice president of sales and business development, the electricity generated by the solar systems will offset nearly 95 percent of the energy charges at the nine campuses where the panels will be installed.

The campuses slated to receive solar panels are: Grant, Franklin, McKinley, Muir/SMASH, Will Rogers, Roosevelt, Cabrillo, Pt. Dume, and Webster elementary schools.

Mechur said the panels will also serve as educational tools for students in the district.

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Bicyclists need to learn how to ride

Editor:

City Hall is encouraging more bicyclists to cut down pollution. OK. But, and a very big but, most of the everyday bicyclists are about four points dumber than a rock. Examples: The posted red stop sign means nothing to them, if even recognized, and the traffic signal is a challenge. The usual procedure is to glance both ways and go across if possible. The alternative is turn right (legal), go about 50 to 100 feet then do a U-turn, return to the corner and do a right hand turn.

Then we have promoted bicycle lanes. City Hall didn't have room on some streets so the bicycle symbol was painted in the middle of the traffic lane. To the motorist I believe it means bicyclists may be present – beware. To the bicyclist this symbol means "this lane belongs to me so go elsewhere." To the bicyclist, riding two abreast with one outside the lane is OK. "Don't bother me. Go around if you have room. If you don't – stop and wait for me. I am a bicyclist!"

Then we have the clod. This one is dumber than the rock. You have seen them I am sure. They are in the right lane next to the curb. They give an arm signal for a left turn, then turn left across two or three lanes and quickly before normal traffic begins to move. We hope the vehicle traffic sees them. Then there is the semi-pro. Fancy gear, expensive bike, special shoes that clip to the peddles. They come to a signal where there is too much traffic to go across. Put a foot down? Never. The antics performed are amazing – but never, never put a foot down.

The police are blind to all of the above. Bicycles come under the normal traffic laws. Riding the wrong way on the wrong side of the street. As a bicyclist, "I am a vehicle until I get to a cross walk then I am a pedestrian until I cross the street then I revert, sidewalks were made for bicyclists so get out of the way." Even the police ride their bikes illegally, thereby setting a good example.

The other day I was exiting a 24-hour exercise gym on Second Street close to the police sub-station. Two female officers came out of the sub-station. A bicyclist almost hit both officers. They did not even look around.

Now a classic. My wife and I were going north on 11th Street. At the corner of Pico and 11th Street the signal turned green. Everyone started up as usual and the bicyclist coming down the Pico hill, at that point ran the red signal and hit the car headed south about even with the rear wheel. After picking himself up he ran after the lady in the car he had hit screaming, "Why the hell don't you watch where you are going?" His mistake was in one of the cars going north was a reserve police officer and another car held an active sheriff. They explained his error to him. This doesn't happen often. Usually the auto driver is blamed regardless of the circumstances.

It is time to come down on the bicyclists so they understand rules. The signs say share the roads. I agree, but I do not think we have to give up all roads to the bicycle.

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Santa Monica



SMDP EDITORIAL

Is the weather telling us something?

SO MUCH FOR LIVING BY THE BEACH.

As this odd summer draws to a close, talk around town has been about the awfully cool weather we've had, with June gloom seeming to linger for months with only a handful of warm, sunny days for those seeking a tan or a swim.

Could it be global warming, or is it some after-effect of El Niño? We don't know. We're not meteorologists, nor experts on climate change. We're just your average resident who is worried about how this somewhat dreary summer is affecting our physical, mental and economic well-being. What we do know is that weather can make a significant impact on our community. For example, when it rains the economic engine known as the Third Street Promenade becomes a ghost town.

It's clear that those businesses that rely on the weather are feeling the heat. Surf shops, surf camps, hotels, bars and restaurants along the boardwalk and Santa Monica Pier rely on a robust summer to bring in the bucks. When visitors and residents alike do not venture onto the sand and into the surf with the frequency we all expect because of the fog that seems to hang until 1 or 2 in the afternoon, it cuts into the time spent at these businesses since no one is hitting the coast.

And that is why it is important for our city as a whole to take a progressive stand when it comes to protecting out environment and our oceans. This summer's abnormal weather may not be connected to global warming, but what if it is? We can't take that chance. City Hall has been at the forefront in the fight against global warming, passing a law that bans the use of Styrofoam, investing millions in urban runoff reduction systems and increasing solar power generation and the use of alternative fuels.

Now City Hall needs to turn its attention to plastic bags. We are extremely disappointed with legislators in Sacramento who this week failed to pass Assemblywoman Julia Brownley's groundbreaking bill to ban single-use plastic bags. These are the bags we get at grocery stores to haul home bread, eggs and milk. These are the bags that we get at liquor stores to take home that bottle of Patron or a six-pack of Stone IPA. These are not trash bags or those used for produce or meats at supermarkets. These are the bags that are discarded and make their way into our oceans and kill marine life that is so crucial to our eco-system.

The state senators who voted against the bill and bowed down to the plastics industry failed us. Apparently they haven't seen footage of the huge garbage patches floating in our seas. They haven't seen sea turtles or dolphins strangled by plastic waste.

The arguments against the bill were simple: it will cost jobs and be too costly for the state during a time of economic uncertainty.

We say those arguments are shortsighted. The price we pay now will never compare to the price we as a society will pay in the future when this garbage takes over and destroys our oceans to the point where tourists no longer flock to our beaches. Our award-winning restaurants will no longer be able to serve top-quality seafood nor will we as consumers be able to get certain types of seafood at our local markets.

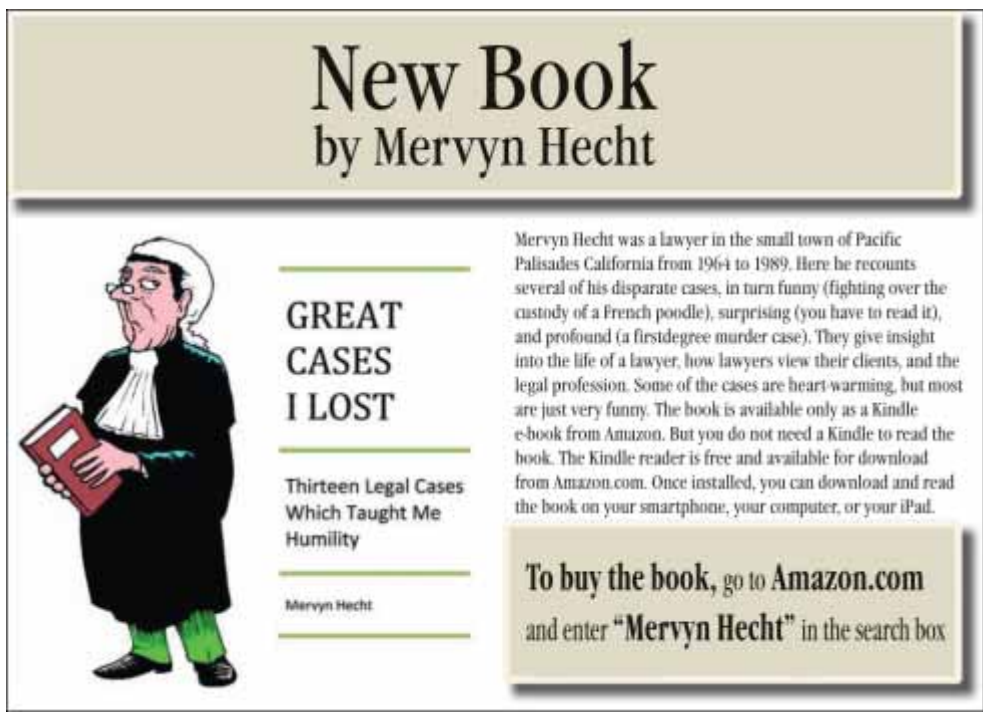
We believe jobs can be created by a ban, not lost. We ran a story in the last year about a group of veterans who are making reusable bags for City Hall. Artists, boutiques and others could go into business selling decorative bags to fashionistas while those who could care less can purchase more affordable bags.

Santa Monica's City Council must act swiftly to approve its own local ban on plastics. We've waited long enough. The plastic industry tried to shake us down already, forcing City Hall to put the ban on hold last year to conduct an environmental impact report or face litigation. City staff has completed that task and is ready to move forward. The council must approve this ban.

There are those concerned about our low-income residents who may not be able to afford reusable bags sold at our local markets for around $1 each. We don't buy that argument. If China and India can afford to pass bans, then so can we.

But if there is such a concern, we are sure City Hall can come up with a way to provide those bags for the poor or force grocers to provide them free of charge. Perhaps developers who plan to build a market as part of a mixed-use development can pay into a reusable bag fund as part of a development agreement.

We have several reusable bags at home and have never purchased a single one. We've collected them at various events around the city and love walking around town with our bags, promoting the libraries, Red Cross, and the Santa Monica Convention and Visitors Bureau. There are free or low-cost bags out there so there should be no excuses. Let's get this ban passed and do our part to protect the environment.



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Truth is stranger than fiction

LAST WEEK'S COLUMN WAS ABOUT WHAT brought me to Santa Monica. This week's is about one of the odd jobs I took as I tried to write the great American novel, which in my case turned out to be the so-so American novel. "An Eight Pound, Six Ounce Lawyer" chronicled the 1960s, written through the eyes of an exasperated Jewish mother in Brooklyn and her wayward (law school dropout) son in Berkeley.

My newly acquired agent predicted that I was going to be "the next J.D. Salinger," but wasn't much help. He was in the depressed phase of his manic-depression, worrying about carpet beetles. (I kid you not.)

My "day job" was as a security guard at the Shores. I worked the 4 p.m. to midnight shift, which afforded me time to work on the book. Barring catastrophes.

As one of my duties, at 5 p.m. I opened the garage gate so that people rushing home from work wouldn't need their keys. At 7 p.m., I closed the gate. Not too difficult.

But this particular evening, as I headed back to the office, and my writing, I heard the unsettling sound of something being crunched. And I'm not talking about Doritos.

A resident, who was drunk, hadn't noticed the gate coming down, which, at that very moment, was crushing his windshield like a trash compactor. I was horrified but the driver, an elderly lawyer named Jake (not his real name) was feeling no pain. Apparently he'd had a few too many at the local watering hole after work. The moral: never get between a man and his martini.

Jake hurriedly parked his car, which was now somewhere between a hardtop and a convertible, and made a beeline to his apartment. He obviously knew he was DUI, and that accounted for his hasty departure. Various insurances fixed the gate and the car, and neither Jake nor I got in any trouble, though we probably both should have.

The only thing I heard about Jake during the remainder of the year was that he and Betty, his wife of 40 years, got divorced. The odd thing there, and as seemingly only could happen at the Shores, Jake moved to the south building, while Betty stayed in the north.

One night, many months later as I was typing away on my book, I received a call at security from a concerned neighbor of Jake's. It seems water was coming from under his door, and newspapers had piled up in front. I came embarrassingly close to asking, "Could it wait until I finish this chapter," but thankfully I didn't.

Using the passkey, I slowly opened Jake's door. I called out his name once, then again, this time louder, but there was no answer. All I heard was water dripping from the sink. It was downright eerie. I turned the water off and then tiptoed into the bedroom, very warily. (Say those two words fast you'll sound like Elmer Fudd.)

What happened? Put it this way, before that night I had never felt for a pulse of a dead person. While I still can picture the horrific look on his face, I'll spare you the details. I remember that when I called 911, it felt surreal as I heard myself say, "I want to report a dead body."

IT FELT SURREAL AS I HEARD MYSELF SAY, 'I WANT TO REPORT A DEAD BODY.'

Among the first questions the police asked was did Jake have any relatives. I told them that his ex lived in the other building, which they found amusing. Personally, I wasn't feeling terribly giddy. The police insisted that since I knew Betty that I should break the news to her and then they would take over. Keep in mind, I was making all of $4.50 an hour.

Betty had Parkinson's, so her shaking added to the bizarre scene when she opened her door. Seeing the police, she blurted out, and in a critical tone, "Jake's dead, isn't he?" Stunned, I was mid-mumble, "Well, as a matter of fact," when she interrupted me. "The damn fool doesn't take care of himself!" Given the circumstances, an understatement, if I'd ever heard one.

Before we left, the police whispered that I should ask Betty if she needed me to stay with her. Why me? To my initial dismay she said she did need something. "Do you have a TV Guide?" she asked matter-of-factly.

I immediately raced to my apartment, got my TV Guide, and gladly gave it to Betty. Moments later, as the police and I waited for the elevator, I commented wryly, "She seems to be holding up."

The next morning I called my agent to ask if I should include what happened that night as a chapter in the book. But he couldn't talk. It seems the carpet beetles were now infesting his drapes. I remember thinking this can't be the way J.D. Salinger started.

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The Q Line

Ticket to ride

The Big Blue Bus increased its fares this week for the first time in years. Some feel the new rates may hurt some of the transit system's most vulnerable riders, including the elderly and disabled.

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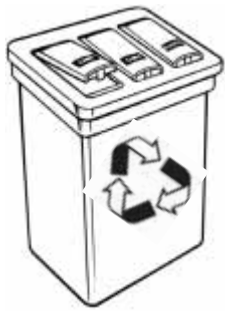
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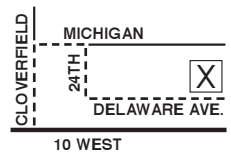


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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: A Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Commission on the following:

Conditional Use Permit 10-010, Variance 10-009, 107 Broadway. The applicant requests a Conditional Use Permit (10CUP-010) to convert eleven [11] existing non-conforming short-term rental units to hotel guestrooms within an existing three-story building and Variance (10VAR-009) to allow the eleven [11] parking spaces plus one additional parking space be located off-site. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.04.08.12.040(e), a CUP is required to establish a hotel operation in the RVC district and SMMC Section 9.04.20.10.030[b] allows the modification of off-street parking requirements through a variance application. [Planner: Lily Yegazu] **APPLICANT: Babak Mortazavi, 107 Broadway Lofts & Suites, LLC. PROPERY OWNER: Broadway Ocean Enterprises Ltd.**

Conditional Use Permit 10-012, 2424 Pico Boulevard. The applicant (Josie's Restaurant) is requesting to amend existing Conditional Use Permit 00-011 to allow an expansion of the existing restaurant with on-site consumption of alcoholic beverages (beer, wine, and spirits), and requests amendments to existing conditions of approval. The expansion will occupy two adjacent tenant spaces in the building and will provide a new dining alternative for customers. Pursuant to existing CUP00-011, a significant change in the approved concept shall be subject to Planning Commission review. Furthermore, pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.04.08.22.040(o), a Conditional Use Permit is required to allow the operation of a restaurant with fifty seats or more in the C4 district, and SMMC Section 9.04.10.18.020 which requires a Conditional Use Permit for the on-site sale and dispensation of alcohol. [Planner: Steve Mizokami] **APPLICANT: Josie Le Balch. PROPERTY OWNER: Pico 24th Street Partnership.**

Roberts Business Park Development Agreement Float-Up, 2848-2912 Colorado Avenue. Discuss the applicant's Development Agreement proposal for an approximately 300,000 sf mixed-use project concept consisting of: [a] Production and post production studio and creative arts space; [b] Ground floor neighborhood-serving retail and restaurant space; [c] Up to 170 housing units totaling approximately 50% of the project's total floor area; [d] Ground-floor public plaza allowing pedestrian access through and around the property; [e] Street improvements to include: [f] New north-south access road along the subject property's east property line; [g] Fair share portion of Pennsylvania Avenue extension between Stewart and Stanford Streets; and [h] A two-level subterranean parking garage. [Planner: Jing Yeo] **APPLICANT / PROPERTY OWNER: E.D.D.G. Inc. / Roberts Business Park Santa Monica LLC.**

WHEN: **Wednesday, September 15, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.**

WHERE: Council Chambers, City Hall
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, California

City of Santa Monica

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Planning Commission public hearing, or by writing a letter or e-mail. Information received prior to the hearing will be given to the Planning Commission at the meeting.

MORE INFORMATION
If you want additional information about this project or wish to review the project, please contact the Project Planner (310) 458-8341. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours or available on the City's web site at www.smgov.net. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation request, please contact (310) 458-8341, or TYY Number: (310) 458-8696 at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #7, #8, and #9 provide service to the City Hall. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

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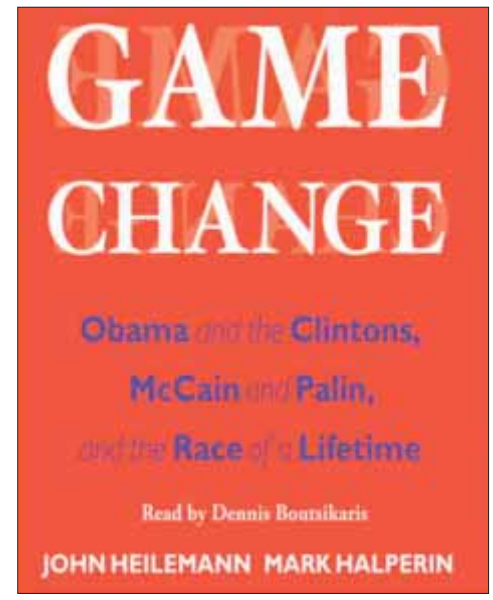
BOOKREVIEW

BY DANE ROBERT SWANSON



'Game Change: Obama and the Clintons, McCain and Palin, and the Race of a Lifetime'

John Heilemann and Mark Halperin • HarperCollins



There are periods of time when it is necessary that the facts as known be written down. Years later is the time historians can come along and put the facts together. This is what history is about. Someone goes back and looks at the data recorded close to the incident and pieces it to the big picture.

Authors John Heilemann and Mark Halperin have done just that with the story behind the 2008 race for the presidency. They are political correspondents. John Heilemann works for the New Yorker magazine and is an award winning journalist and author of many books such as one on Bill Gates. Mark Halperin is the senior political analysis for Time magazine. He has covered six presidential elections. These two men have the right to view the last presidential race as skilled writers.

It is laid out in a linear fashion. The story starts back in 2004 with the emergence of a junior senator who seeks the help of a senator from New York. Obama wanted to have the knowledge Hillary had and seemed willing to learn. Hillary with her ego was willing to teach him.

Behind Hillary was her husband who seemed to have an ego that was still unsatisfied.

The question of whether Obama was ready is handled in this book as well as was Hillary ready. Questions are raised and allowed to play out on a story line type presentation. Each chapter looks at the players separately. Clinton is featured in one. Then Obama is featured in the next in the same time period. John Edwards, who you recall was featured in the 2008 democratic convention as a player, is dealt with in chapter seven. McCain comes up much later in the story. The book starts out with the two major Democratic players. Hillary is being couched in the beginning by a frustrated Bill. She soon drops him from the committee and steps out on her own.

Obama on the other hand is indecisive and would rather talk than take action. You get the feeling that he wanted the nomination but was afraid of something that he couldn't articulate. He would make a statement and then lecture around the decision he was faced with. But he seemed to have better handlers than Hillary had. She had baggage and Obama had none that could be attacked. His mantra was change over experience, it seemed. People, at that time, had enough of things as they have always been.

That may have been one reason for the problem of McCain as the Republican nominee. The book offers its own insightful opinion on the issue. Also as to why he felt he needed a young woman on the ticket with him.

The book ends with Obama putting forth the invite to Hillary to be Secretary of State. The feeling it gave me was that it was a payback to Hillary for her stepping aside when she sensed she was not the one the Democrats wanted for 2008. But the book offers enough suggestions for the reader to form his own conclusion.

This book is useful for historians in the years to come when they look back and write about this period of time.

Now is the time to read up on the issues and the people who matter in your life. **DANE** plans in the weeks ahead to look at some books that feature just that issue. Contact him at smdp_review@yahoo.com.

Axl Rose ticks off concertgoers in Dublin

SHAWN POGATCHNIK
Associated Press Writer

DUBLIN Axl Rose, it seems, needs a little more patience — and a much louder alarm clock.

The 48-year-old singer of U.S. hard-rock band Guns N' Roses irritated thousands of his Dublin fans at the 02 Arena on Wednesday night by showing up nearly an hour late — a recurring problem on his band's European tour — and then walking off after an unruly minority in the crowd hurled water bottles on the stage.

Most of the fans left, but Irish concert promoters MCD wouldn't let Rose leave until he finished the gig. The band went back on stage an hour later to a mostly empty venue and didn't stop playing until nearly 1 a.m.

MCD and the 02 issued a joint statement criticizing Rose for having "a long history for being late on stage," but emphasized that "no artist should be subjected to missiles and unknown substances being thrown at them."

Rose's patience snapped after he warned the crowd to stop throwing things on stage.

"Here is the deal. One more bottle up here and we go. We don't want to go. Your choice," he told the crowd during an abrupt break to the band's second song, "Welcome to the Jungle."

NEW DVD RELEASES

BY RANDY WILLIAMS



Photo courtesy of (FOX)

'Date Night'

Television's top male and female sitcom performers team up for the big screen. Phil (Steve Carell, "The Office") and Claire (Tina Fey, "30 Rock") Foster a long-married, hard-working couple, try to spice things up by varying their weekly outings, but one white lie and a case of mistaken identity gives them a night they will never forget because it could've been their last. (Fox)

'Triage'

Oscar-winning director Danis Tanovic ("No Man's Land") presides over this war-torn drama that features Colin Farrell ("Crazy Heart") as a haunted war-time photojournalist. Based on the best-selling novel by American veteran war correspondent Scott Anderson, Tanovic presents a story about how Mark Walsh (Farrell), who has the reputation of working in some of the most unforgiving locations in the world, comes home to his wife a completely different person after a near-death experience in the Middle East. (NEM)

'Rambo: The Complete Collector's Set' (Blu-ray)

One of Hollywood's iconic characters when it comes to action and adventure, John Rambo, is now available for the first time featuring his entire journey together on Blu-ray. Sylvester Stallone stars as Rambo, a reluctant killing machine as he wages war against corrupt global forces — all while facing a battle within his own soul. The four-film set includes deleted scenes, trivia tracks, audio commentary from Stallone and some of the series' writer and directors. (Lionsgate)

'The Art of the Steal'

A compelling documentary about how a wealthy American drug developer Albert Barnes' created a foundation (he died in 1951) to keep one of the world's great art collections as a private art school only to have politicians, massive charitable trusts and rich socialites use their collective powers to break the late collector's will and move his multi-billion dollar inventory that includes the works of Renoir, Van Gogh and Cezanne among others into a public museum in downtown Philadelphia. (MPI)

'Vincere'

Based on the secret true story of Benito Mussolini's mistress, Giovanna Mezzogiorno delivers a riveting performance as Ida Dalser who bears a child from Il Duce but is abandoned. While his rise to power and her descent into an insane asylum are tragic counterpoints in a doomed romance, writer-director Marco Bellocchio ("Devil in the Flesh") does allow the scorned woman a final, unexpected triumph. (IFC)

'Entourage' Season Six

All 12 episodes of this popular HBO series are presented in this Blu-ray premiere of the program. The Hollywood lifestyle of Vince and cronies also include celebrity cameos by 50 Cent, LeBron James, Matt Damon and David Schwimmer. (HBO)

'Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers: Damn the Torpedoes'

Part of Eagle Rock Entertainment's acclaimed Classic Album DVD series, this one proved to be the breakthrough album for these rockers from Florida. Members of the band, producers, engineers and critics all unweave the creative process behind this all-American rock'n'roll gem. New interviews with co-producer Jimmy Iovine, engineer Shelly Yakus and Heartbreakers Tom Petty, Ron Blair, Benmont Tench and Mike Campbell provide some illuminating insights about the hooks, melodies and hardships behind such hits as "Refugee," "Don't Do Me Like That," "Here Comes My Girl" and "Even the Losers." (Eagle Rock Entertainment)

RANDY WILLIAMS can be reached at www.sportandcinema.com



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD BY THE SANTA MONICA ZONING ADMINISTRATOR ON APPLICATIONS FOR VARIANCES

TIME: **10:30 a.m., Tuesday, September 14, 2010**

LOCATION: Council Chambers, Room 213, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica

A Public Hearing will be held by the Zoning Administrator of the City of Santa Monica at the above noted time and place in regard to the following requests:

VARIANCE 10-018, 2728 Second Street. The applicant requests approval of a variance to allow an encroachment into the required sideyard setback, for a proposed addition to an existing single-family dwelling. As proposed the structure will maintain the existing north side yard setback of 3.6-feet and south side yard setback of 3.0.-feet (in lieu of the required 4-feet) for the first-floor expansion and a new second-floor addition to the existing single-family residence. Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.04.20.10.030(d)(1), the applicant may request a modification to the yard setbacks when a parcel has a lot depth less than 90-feet or a lot width less than 39-feet. The subject property has a width of 25 feet. [Planner: Lily Yegazu] **APPLICANT/PROPERTY OWNER:** Tracy Yen

USE PERMIT 10-003, 1220 Olympic Boulevard. The applicant requests a modification to an existing facility, by replacing two of the four existing non-parabolic antennas with one (1) panel antenna and one (1) 2-foot parabolic antenna per sector for three (3) sectors all mounted behind existing RF-transparent screening. The applicant also requests to install one (1), new equipment cabinet behind an existing parapet located on top of an existing steel platform on the building. As proposed, the project does not comply with the requirements for non-parabolic or parabolic antennas contained in Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.04.10.06.110 and 9.04.10.06.160. Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.04.10.06.110(b) and 9.04.10.06.161, the Zoning Administrator may approve modifications to the requirements for non-parabolic or parabolic commercial antennas through the approval of a Use Permit application. [Planner: Dennis Banks] **APPLICANT/PROPERTY OWENER:** Ihsan Nizam

USE PERMIT 09-011, 2644 30th Street. The applicant requests approval of a Use Permit for the addition of antennas and equipment to an existing unmanned wireless telecommunications facility located on the roof top of a two-story office building. The proposal involves the addition of a parabolic antenna and replacement panel antenna on each sector of a three-sector antenna arrangement located behind existing screen walls. An additional equipment cabinet is also proposed in association with the proposed antennas. As proposed, the project does not comply with the requirements for non-parabolic or parabolic antennas contained in Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.04.10.06.110 and 9.04.10.06.160. Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.04.10.06.110(b) and 9.04.10.06.161, the Zoning Administrator may approve modifications to the requirements for non-parabolic or parabolic commercial antennas through the approval of a Use Permit application.[Planner: Grace Page] **APPLICANT:** Sprint/Nextel

USE PERMIT 09-012, 1426 Montana Avenue. The applicant (Sprint/Nextel) requests approval to modify an existing unmanned wireless communications facility on the roof of a commercial building located on the subject property. The proposed project includes the addition of three (3) panel antennas, three (3) parabolic antennas, and one (1) equipment cabinet mounted behind RF screening. As proposed, the project does not comply with the requirements for non-parabolic or parabolic antennas contained in Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.04.10.06.110 and 9.04.10.06.160. Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.04.10.06.110(b) and 9.04.10.06.161, the Zoning Administrator may approve modifications to the requirements for non-parabolic or parabolic commercial antennas through the approval of a Use Permit application. [Planner: Steve Mizokami] **APPLICANT:** Sprint/Nextel

USE PERMIT 09-015, 233 Wilshire Boulevard. The applicant requests approval of a Use Permit for the addition of antennas and equipment to an existing unmanned wireless telecommunications facility on the roof of an office complex located at the northwest corner of Third Street and Wilshire Boulevard. The proposed equipment cabinet will occupy an area of 49 square-foot on the roof with a GPS antenna proposed to be mounted on the equipment cabinet. The proposal also includes three-sector antenna array with two panel antennas and one parabolic antenna are proposed to be mounted at each antenna sector on the existing penthouse. The proposed antennas do not comply with the requirements for parabolic antennas contained in Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.04.10.06.160 (a). Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.04.10.06.161 (b), the Zoning Administrator may approve modifications to the requirements for parabolic commercial antenna through the approval of a Use Permit application. [Planner: Lily Yegazu] **APPLICANT:** Clear Wireless, LLC

USE PERMIT 09-016, 1901 Main Street. The applicant requests approval of a Use Permit for the modification of antennas and equipment on an existing unmanned wireless telecommunications facility on the roof of an office complex located at the southeast corner of Main Street and Pico Boulevard. The proposal includes adding an equipment rack within the existing lease area on the roof. The proposal also includes adding one parabolic antenna and replacing one of the existing antennas with a new panel antenna at each sector. Currently there are three antenna sectors on the roof of the existing building. As proposed, the project does not comply with the requirements for non-parabolic or parabolic antennas contained in Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.04.10.06.110 and 9.04.10.06.160. Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.04.10.06.110(b) and 9.04.10.06.161, the Zoning Administrator may approve modifications to the requirements for non-parabolic or parabolic commercial antennas through the approval of a Use Permit application.[Planner: Lily Yegazu] **APPLICANT:** Sprint/Nextel

HOW TO COMMENT

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Zoning Administrator public hearing, or by writing a letter. Written information will be given to the Zoning Administrator at the meeting.

Any person may comment at the Public Hearing, or by writing a letter to the City Planning Division, Room 212, P.O. Box 2220, Santa Monica, CA 90407-2220. Plans are available for public review at the City Planning Division. For more information, please contact the City Planning Division at (310) 458-8341. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 64009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing. The meeting facility is accessible. If you have any disabilities related request, contact at (310) 458-8341 or TTY (310) 458-8696 at least three (3) days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, #4, #7 and #8 serve the City Hall.

*Esto es un aviso sobre una audiencia publica para revisar applicaciones proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Esto puede ser de interes para usted. Si desea mas informacion, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la Division de Planificacion al numero (310) 458-8341.

CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Trouble by the beach

Crime Watch is a weekly series culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

FRIDAY, AUG. 27, AT 10:55 P.M.,

Santa Monica police officers responded to Bay Street regarding a robbery that just occurred. When officers arrived, they saw several people standing outside pointing at a man running onto the beach. They told officers that the man was the suspect in the robbery. Officers started chasing the suspect, who allegedly began discarding items. Officers stopped the suspect and he was positively identified by the witnesses. The victim told officers he was walking on Ocean Front Walk when he was approached by four men who pushed him to the ground and took his cell phone, headphones and around $20 in cash. While detaining the suspect, another victim approached who said he was robbed, the suspect in custody allegedly taking his skateboard. The suspect was placed under arrest for robbery. He was identified as Benjamin Diaz, 20, of Santa Ana. His bail was set at $50,000.

TUESDAY, AUG. 24 AT 2 P.M.,

Officers conducted a narcotics search warrant in the 1100 block of 12th Street. During the search, officers used a K9 narcotics detection dog. The dog located cocaine and Vicodin, police said. The suspect, Derrek Sanders, 30, of Santa Monica, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance for sale and possession of a controlled substance. His bail was set at $30,000.

THURSDAY, AUG. 26, AT 9:40 A.M.,

Officers were patrolling in the 2900 block of the beach when they were flagged down by a city employee regarding a subject cutting the center of a palm tree. Officers detained the subject. Further investigation revealed that the suspect was allegedly cutting young palm fronds to make art to be sold at the Santa Monica Pier. The city employee advised that when the core palm fronds are severed, the tree is a total loss and will eventually die due to its inability to grow. Officers arrested the suspect, Joshua Oakley,19, a transient, for felony vandalism. The suspect was transported to the jail. While in the holding cell, the suspect allegedly carved, "Kill Cops," into a bench. He was subsequently charged with damage to a jail facility. His bail was set at $21,000.

FRIDAY, AUG. 27, AT 6:10 P.M.,

Officers observed a subject allegedly casing carports in the 1300 block of 14th Street. Officers recognized the suspect from a previous incident where he stole a bicycle police used to lure thiefs. The officers observed him go into a courtyard of an apartment building and exit riding a bicycle. When officers attempted to detain the suspect, he fled. After a short foot pursuit, officers again detained the suspect. The suspect refused to comply with any of the officers' instructions as they attempted to handcuff him. As the suspect resisted arrest, one officer sustained a broken hand, another officer a sprained foot. The suspect was taken into custody and booked for grand theft, felony resisting and probation violation. The suspect was identified as Jeffrey Livotto, 19, of Santa Monica. He was not eligible for bail.

SATURDAY, AUG. 28, AT 4:20 A.M.,

Officers responded to the 1500 block of Sixth Street regarding a report of a fight in progress. When officers arrived, they made contact with a woman who was splattered with blood that did not belong to her. Further investigation revealed that the blood belonged to a man who apparently lived with the woman. The woman said both went out with different groups of friends. She came home early and went to sleep. The man allegedly came home, broke down her door, wanted to argue, punched a window, grabbed a knife and tried to grab the telephone so that the female could not call police. Officers placed the man under arrest for vandalism, damage to phone service, brandishing a knife and a probation violation. He was not eligible for bail. He was identified as Clint Eskenazi, 35, of Santa Monica.

SATURDAY, AUG. 28, AT 1 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 1300 block of the beach regarding an attempted kidnapping. When officers arrived, they were advised that the suspect approached a 6-year-old girl and tapped her on the head with a sandal. The suspect then allegedly went over to a 4-year-old boy and grabbed him and started to run away. The victim's father gave chase and got his kid back. The suspect flees. Shortly after, officers receive another 911 call in the 1200 block of Palisades Park regarding a man who was hitting people and taking off his clothes. Officers believed the man was the same suspect who tried to kidnap the child. The suspect left the park and was seen walking eastbound on Wilshire Boulevard. As he was in the 100 block of Wilshire, he allegedly pushed a child over and then sat on the hood of a car. Officers took the suspect into custody for kidnapping, child annoyance and for being under the influence of PCP. He was identified as Daniel Hamburger, 36, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at $100,000.

SUNDAY, AUG. 29, AT 1 A.M.,

Officers responded to the 200 block of Broadway regarding a check the status call. Upon arrival, the caller advised officers he believed his life was in danger from methamphetamine users. The subject stated he was on parole. Further investigation revealed the subject was on parole and he was in possession of methamphetamines and a syringe. The suspect, Shawn Chambers, 24, a transient, was booked for possession of a hypodermic needle, methamphetamine and a parole violation. He was not eligible for bail.

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Cooking at home could be bad for your overall health

MIKE STOBBE
AP Medical Writer

LOS ANGELES Could your kitchen at home pass a restaurant inspection?

New research suggests that at least one in seven home kitchens would flunk the kind of health inspection commonly administered to restaurants.

The small study from Los Angeles County found that only 61 percent of home kitchens would get an A or B if put through the rigors of a restaurant inspection. At least 14 percent would fail — not even getting a C.

"I would say if they got below a C, I'm not sure I would like them to invite me to dinner," said Dr. Jonathan Fielding, director of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health.

In comparison, nearly all Los Angeles County restaurants — 98 percent — get A or B scores each year.

The study, released Thursday, is believed to be one of the first to offer a sizable assessment of food safety in private homes. But the researchers admit the way it was done is hardly perfect.

The results are based not on actual inspections, but on an Internet quiz taken by about 13,000 adults.

So it's hard to use it to compare the conditions in home kitchens to those in restaurants, which involve trained inspectors giving objective assessments of dirt, pests, and food storage and handling practices.

What's more, experts don't believe the study is representative of all households, because people who are more interested and conscientious about food safety are more likely to take the quiz.

"You'll miss a big population who don't have home computers or just really don't care" about the cleanliness of their kitchens, said Martin Bucknavage, a food safety specialist with Penn State University's Department of Food Science.

A more comprehensive look would probably find that an even smaller percentage of home kitchens would do well in a restaurant inspection, he suggested.

In 2006, the county health department began a home kitchen self-inspection program, designed to help consumers learn how to store and prepare food safely. The department also began offering an online quiz with 45 yes or no questions that simulates a restaurant inspection checklist.

People are asked, for example, if their refrigerator temperature is 41 degrees Fahrenheit or lower, whether raw meat is stored below other foods on refrigerator shelves, and whether fruits and vegetables are always thoroughly rinsed before they are eaten.

The study is based on quizzes taken through 2008.

Overall, 34 percent got an A, meaning they correctly answered at least 90 percent of the questions. Another 27 percent got a B, 25 percent a C, and 14 percent failed to score at least a 70.

An estimated 87 million cases of foodborne illness occur in the United States each year, including 371,000 hospitalizations and 5,700 deaths, according to an Associated Press calculation that uses a CDC formula and recent population estimates.

Many outbreaks that receive publicity are centered on people who got sick after eating at a restaurant, catered celebration or large social gathering. In this summer's outbreak linked to salmonella in eggs, several illnesses were first identified in clusters among restaurant patrons.

But experts believe the bulk of food poisonings are unreported illnesses from food prepared at home.

The study is being published in Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, a publication of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: **1800 Stewart Street Development Agreement (10DEV-001)**
1800 Stewart Street
APPLICANT/PROPERTY OWNER: Agensys, Inc./City of Santa Monica

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider the following request:

A Development Agreement proposal to allow the construction of a new headquarters, for Agensys, Inc., a Santa Monica based bio-technology company, to consolidate their research and development, office, and manufacturing operations into a single site at 1800 Stewart Street. The project would involve the construction of approximately 31,000 net new square feet for a total of 153,655 square feet with 204 surface level parking spaces. Several public benefits would also be part of the project including:

- A publicly accessible pedestrian pathway to allow pedestrian connectivity to the planned light rail station at Bergamot Station and the uses at Bergamot Station
- Publicly accessible passive open space along Stewart Street
- Widened sidewalk along Stewart Street to further facilitate pedestrian connectivity
- A café open to pedestrians during limited daytime hours
- An aggressive Traffic Demand Management Program geared the project site's location within a "Higher Goal" District designated by the LUCE
- A sculpture garden with up to ten sculptures adjacent to the pedestrian path
- A local hiring program including a job fair and a local hiring policy
- A student internship program
- Student tours
- A signage and wayfinding system
- Shared parking for events at Bergamot Station
- Continued community outreach
- A one-time transit contribution toward improved transit infrastructure at the light rail station

Additionally, a Mitigated Negative Declaration will be reviewed and considered for recommendation to the City Council.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2010, AT 6:45 p.m.**
LOCATION: Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the City Council public hearing, or by writing a letter. Written information will be given to the City Council at the meeting.

Address your letters to: City Clerk
Re: 1800 Stewart Street Development Agreement (10DEV-001)
1685 Main Street, Room 102
Santa Monica, CA 90401

City of Santa Monica

MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Brad Misner at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at brad.misner@smgov.net. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours and on the City's web site at www.santa-monica.org.

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. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, and the Tide Ride serve City Hall.

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

ESPAÑOL
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1,2,3: **St. Monica spent the summer working on defense, Head Coach Larry Muno said.**

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ing Partyka. He plans to try and clog up passing lanes to keep the 5-foot-6 quarterback from making visual contact with his wide receivers. He also said he may mix up his four-three base defense to put more defensive backs on the field to stop a passing attack that features junior Jamal Young and senior Sam Holguin, who returns to the team after missing most of last season due to injury.

"We have to look at the things that they are good at," Hamilton said, "and passing is their thing."

He said that Partyka used his legs as much as his arm to topple Animo last season and doesn't want a repeat of that performance.

"We have to make [Partyka] beat us with his arm," Hamilton said. "He's too difficult to contain when he's running with the ball."

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APPROVAL
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"It's a good project and they're a great employer," Planning Commissioner Ted Winterer said after the meeting. "They've worked very hard to listen to the council, the Planning Commission and the community to significantly improve their project … it would just be great for them to make a gesture towards bicycling so the package is complete."

Planning Commission Chairman Jim Ries acknowledged the bike path was the trickiest issue to resolve in the Agensys project but said he believed the company's proposal is a net benefit to Santa Monica even without the path.

"It's a difficult situation to be in because we want this company to stay here. They're under a tight time frame and there does not seem to be a lot of practical solutions to this issue," he said.

Agensys has proposed offering "public benefits" that include a pedestrian walkway that will connect to Bergamot Station, a cafe that will be open to the public, a sculpture garden and a transportation demand management program.

The company's proposal is next set to come before the City Council on Sept. 14. Dale Goldsmith, an attorney representing Agensys, has said the company needs to secure development approval from City Hall by Sept. 28 in order to move ahead with its plans.

Councilman Kevin McKeown, who had earlier urged Agensys to find a way to include a pathway for bikes in its plans, on Thursday indicated the development agreement would have little trouble receiving the council's approval.

"I look forward to welcoming Agensys to a permanent home in Santa Monica," he said on Thursday, "and doing so in a way that provides very real improved bike connections from the Bergamot Station area to the rest of the city."

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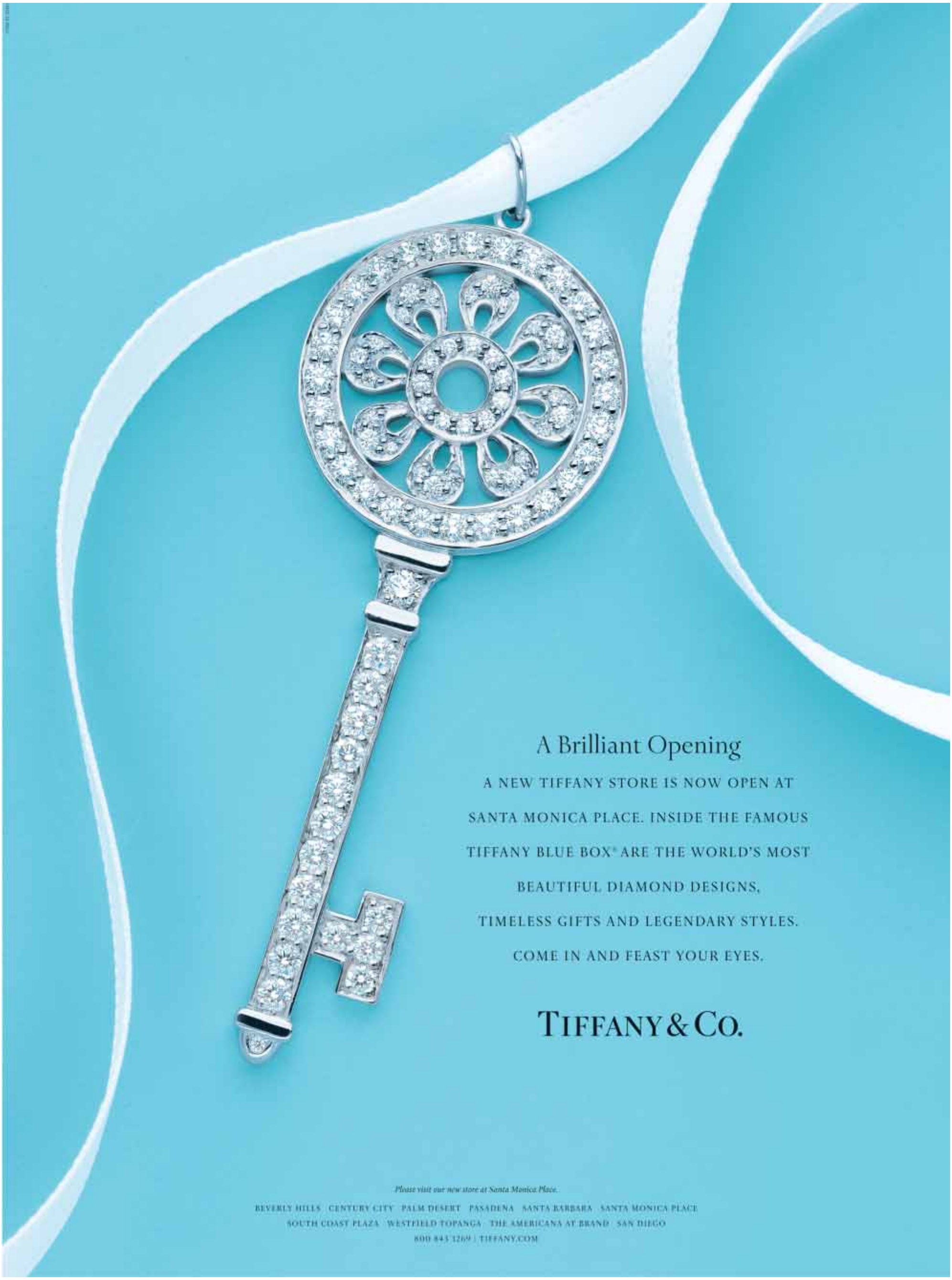
Kent Strumpell, also a member of Spoke, said the fact that the bicycle path became the central issue for officials considering the Agensys proposal was a sign that cycling advocates are gaining increased local influence.

The episode was also a learning experience, he said.

"What went down in this situation looks to us like an unfortunate oversight that bicycling was not raised as a key issue early enough and got left off the table," he said. "The key thing for us is for bicycling to be integrated at the very earliest project stage so we don't miss these opportunities in the future."

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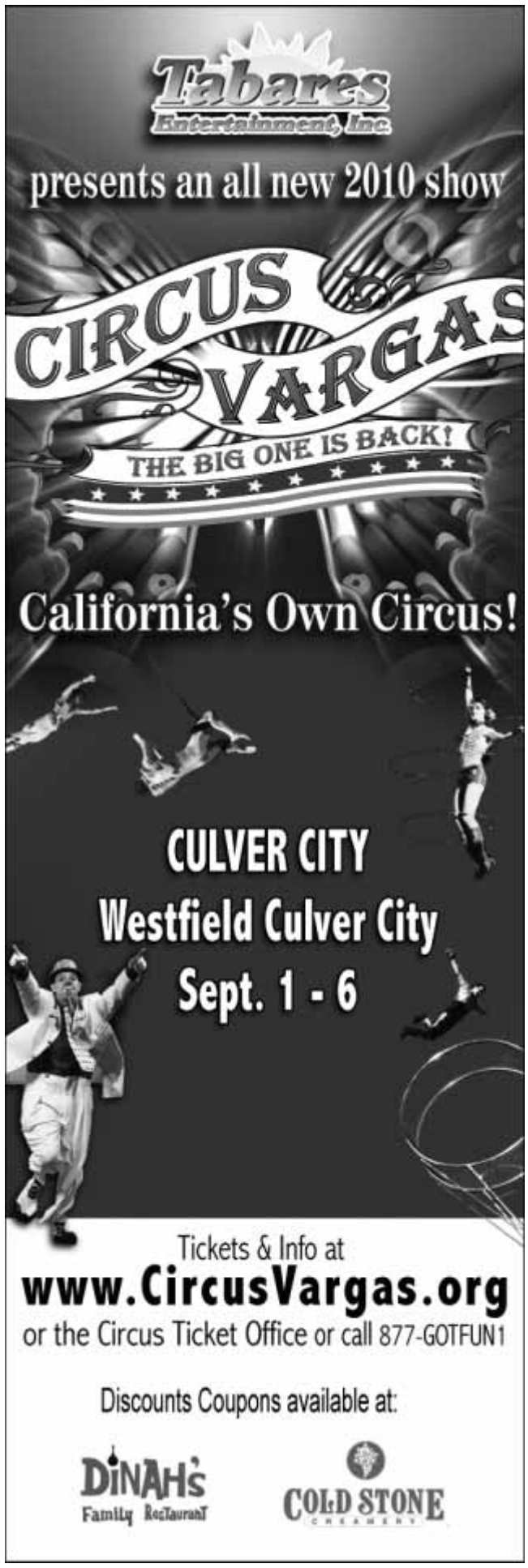
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Rapper T.I. arrested for drugs

NEKESA MUMBI MOODY
AP Music Writer

LOS ANGELES After finishing a sentence for weapons charges earlier this year, T.I. was poised to have the comeback of the fall.

The multiplatinum rapper starred in the nation's No. 1 movie, recently married his longtime girlfriend, taped a music special for VH1 and was wrapping up a new album. But after an arrest Wednesday in California, there are questions about whether he's returning to the music charts — or prison.

The Grammy-winning hitmaker, who is on three years of probation, was taken into custody with wife Tameka "Tiny" Cottle on suspicion of possessing methamphetamines after police pulled over their Maybach in West Hollywood. They were released on $10,000 bail early Thursday.

While charges have yet to be filed, the case has the potential to put one of music's top names in behind bars yet again.

"We're not making any observations at this time," said Ed Garland, a defense attorney for T.I. "This is an unfortunate occurrence, and we do not know what the outcome will be."

His music label, Atlantic Records, also said it "would be premature to speculate about the current situation given that there is an ongoing investigation of this matter."

Known as the "King of the South," T.I is a top name in hip-hop, and pop. Born as Clifford Harris, he sold millions of albums since his debut and racked up hits like "Whatever You Like" and "U Don't Know Me." He also had top collaborations with artists including Rihanna, Jay-Z and Justin Timberlake.

But his celebrated career was put in jeopardy in 2007 when he was caught trying to buy semiautomatic weapons on the way to a BET Awards show. The Atlanta rapper, who has served time for drug and other offenses, pleaded guilty to weapons charges and served seven months in an Arkansas prison and three months in a halfway house in Georgia.

He was ordered not to commit another federal, state or local crime while on supervised release, or to illegally possess a controlled substance. He was also told to take at least three drug tests after his release and to participate in a drug and alcohol treatment program.

T.I. didn't appear to need government intervention to stay out of trouble. The rapper talked of a new, positive start: He spoke to kids about the dangers of drugs and guns, and former United Nations Ambassador Andrew Young was one of his supporters. As he prepared for his most recent sentence, the rapper starred in the MTV reality show, "T.I.'s Road to Redemption: 45 Days to Go."

"Right now, it's all about moving forward and just acknowledging the blessing that are here today. ... Just moving past the regrets of yesterday — the things that could've been done better," T.I. told The Associated Press in July.

After his release, he wasted little time returning to the spotlight. He released new music and was one of the stars of "Takers," a shoot-'em-up about an armored truck robbery that goes bad. He is working on an album, which was slated to come out this year, and last month, he taped a VH1 "Storytellers" performance.

T.I. also married Cottle, the former singer for the 1990s R&B group Xscape; she has found new fame as the star of the BET reality show "Tiny & Toya."

Cottle took to her Twitter on Thursday, thanking fans for support and prayers. "We love u guys:) going 2bed now! So glad 2b n a nice clean bed," she wrote.

A representative for VH1 said it was too early to determine how his arrest might affect the upcoming special. A representative for "Takers" did not immediately return a request for comment.

T.I.'s probation officer has asked him to return to Atlanta, said Don Samuel, one of T.I.'s attorneys. He said it was unclear when T.I. would return to his hometown.

U.S. Attorney Sally Yates, Atlanta's top federal law enforcement official, said she would not speculate on what could happen to Harris. "The probation office is in the process of determining what happened and will make a recommendation regarding Mr. Harris when they have all the facts," she said.

Experts: Quarter of animal hoarders were rescuers

SUE MANNING
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES Linda Bruno called her Pennsylvania cat rescue the land of milk and tuna. It thrived for years as people sent pets they couldn't care for from hundreds of miles away — unaware it was a death camp for cats.

Investigators who raided the place two years ago found killing rooms, mass graves so thick they couldn't take a step without walking on cat bones and a stunning statistic: Bruno had taken in over 7,000 cats in the previous 14 months, but only found homes for 23.

In doing so, she had become a statistic herself, one of an increasing number of self-proclaimed rescuers who have become animal hoarders running legal and often nonprofit charities.

Rescues and shelters now make up a quarter of the estimated 6,000 new hoarding cases reported in the U.S. each year, said Dr. Randall Lockwood, ASPCA's senior vice president of forensic sciences and anticruelty projects.

"When I first started looking into this 20 years ago, fewer than 5 percent would have fit that description," Lockwood said.

Hoarding itself is not a crime in most states, but cruelty is and both can start around the same time — when one more animal becomes one too many. Rescuers take in rejected, abandoned, abused or stray pets. Some come from municipal shelters as they are about to be euthanized.

It remains a mystery how someone goes from trying to rescue animals to stockpiling them in inhumane conditions without food, water or basic care. No single trigger has been found, but dementia, addiction, attachment disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder and other psychological problems are often blamed.

"The root of it is really nothing to do with animals. It's to do with people's heads and how they work," said Gregory Castle, co-founder and chief executive officer of Best Friends Animal Society in Kanab, Utah.

The focus on hoarding of all kind has intensified in recent years due to widely publicized cases and television shows about it. The Hoarding of Animals Research Consortium at Tufts University is urging the American Psychiatric Association to include animal hoarding in its next update to its diagnostic bible.

Some hoarders develop a "messiah complex," seeing themselves as saviors even as animals die. One hoarder told Lockwood: "I wouldn't give one of my dogs to Jesus Christ if he came in the door."

Bruno was seen as a cat saint of sorts and she surrounded herself with volunteers who enabled her and rallied around her when the 29-acre Tiger Ranch Cat Sanctuary in Tarentum, Pa., was shut down. Some 700 people signed a petition seeking dismissal of the case.

Cats were found in nearly every filthy, stinky building on the 29-acre property. Many were too sick, starved or weak to get to the little food or water available.

The Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals recovered 391 live cats and 106 dead ones. Thousands were believed to be dead and buried.

Bruno, 47, was sentenced to two years of house arrest and 27 years probation. She was ordered to pay $200,000 in restitution and $21 a day in electronic monitoring fees.

Several agencies received reports of hoarding at Bruno's ranch, but it took months to document. Typically, the accused offer myriad excuses. They claim they are victims of religious and political persecution or contend people are lying or planting evidence.

It's hard to believe the excuses after seeing inches-thick feces, urine stained walls, cages stacked high with starving animals, dead and rotting carcasses, trash, fleas, maggots and diseases, said John Welsh, spokesman for the Riverside Department of Animal Services.

A whistleblower tipped off Welsh's department in 2007 that a nurse, Sylvia Gyimesi, was euthanizing sick animals with a homemade cocktail of vodka and sleeping pills at the Best Buddies Rescue she ran out of her Aguanga home.

In a pair of mobile homes on Gyimesi's property, investigators found close to 150 Chihuahuas, dachshunds and poodle mixes, along with some large breed dogs. Welsh said the stench and squalor were so bad, he had to leave almost immediately. They found graves in the back yard and a paw coming up from the sand near a barbecue.

Gyimesi said a disgruntled helper had snitched on her after being scolded for not working. She denied being a hoarder and said she never euthanized any animals.

Fed chair: Shutter faltering banks

MARCY GORDON
AP Business Writer

WASHINGTON Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke told a panel investigating the financial crisis that regulators must be ready to shutter the largest institutions if they threaten to bring down the financial system.

"If the crisis has a single lesson, it is that the too-big-to-fail problem must be solved," Bernanke said Thursday while testifying before the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission.

Bernanke also said it was impossible for the Fed to rescue Lehman Brothers from bankruptcy in 2008 because the Wall Street firm lacked sufficient collateral to secure a loan. Lehman's former chief executive told the panel a day earlier that the firm could have been saved, but regulators refused to provide help.

The Fed chief presented his analysis of the crisis and views on potential systemwide risks as the panel approaches the end of its yearlong investigation into the Wall Street meltdown.

The financial overhaul law enacted this summer gives regulators the authority to shut down firms when their collapse poses a broader threat to the system. The process resembles the one used by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. to close failing banks.

FDIC Chairman Sheila Bair told the panel "the stakes are high" for regulators to effectively exercise their new powers.

If not, "we will have forfeited this historic chance to put our financial system on a sounder and safer path in the future," Bair said. "The tools are there. The regulators have to use them," she testified.

Panel Chairman Phil Angelides said the new law will be an enormous test of will of the regulators.

Bair and Bernanke said tougher rules and market pressures will lead huge firms to voluntarily shrink themselves. Executives can no longer count on the government to bail them out if they veer toward failure, they said.

Bernanke said that bailing out these institutions is not a healthy solution and great improvement will come from the new law.

"Too-big-to-fail financial institutions were both a source ... of the crisis and among the primary impediments to policymakers' efforts to contain it," Bernanke said.

"We should not imagine ... that it is possible to prevent all crises," he said. "To achieve both sustained growth and stability, we need to provide a framework which promotes the appropriate mix of prudence, risk-taking and innovation in our financial system."

Bernanke led the economy through the financial crisis and the worst recession since the 1930s. The Federal Reserve took extraordinary measures to inject hundreds of billions into the battered financial system.

Last week he said the central bank is prepared to make a major new investment in government debt or mortgage securities if the economy worsened significantly.

Members of the congressionally appointed panel have questioned the government's decision to let Lehman fall while injecting billions of dollars into other big financial institutions during the crisis.

Former Lehman CEO Richard S. Fuld Jr. testified Wednesday that the firm could have been rescued. But the regulators refused to help — even though they later bailed out other big banks.

Bernanke disagreed. He said bailing out Lehman would have saddled the taxpayers with billions of dollars in losses.

"It was with great reluctance and sadness that I conceded there was no other option" than allowing Lehman to fail, he said.

Asked how the Lehman case differed from that of American International Group Inc., which received $182 billion in taxpayer aid, Bernanke said there was a fundamental difference.

AIG, as the biggest insurance company in the U.S., had valuable assets which could back up the Fed's emergency loan, he said.

"The Federal Reserve will absolutely be paid back by AIG," Bernanke said.

Arizona's 'toughest sheriff' faces civil rights suit

AMANDA LEE MYERS & PAUL DAVENPORT
Associated Press Writer

PHOENIX The Justice Department sued the nation's self-proclaimed "toughest sheriff" on Thursday, calling Joe Arpaio's defiance of an investigation into his office's alleged discrimination against Latinos "unprecedented."

It's the first time in decades a lawman has refused to cooperate in one of the agency's probes, the department said.

The Arizona sheriff had been given until Aug. 17 to hand over documents the federal government first asked for 15 months ago, when it started investigating alleged discrimination, unconstitutional searches and seizures, and jail policies that discriminate against people with limited English skills.

Thomas Perez, assistant attorney general for the department's civil rights division, said it's unfortunate the department had to sue to get the documents, which neither the agency nor Arpaio would describe.

But Arpaio called the lawsuit "a ruse" and said the federal government is just trying to score a win against the state, which has found itself at the center of the nation's argument over illegal immigration since passing a law that mirrors many of the policies Arpaio has put into place in the greater Phoenix area.

"I think they know we have not been racial profiling, so what's the next step — camouflage the situation, go the courts, and make it look like I'm not cooperating," Arpaio said Thursday.

Arpaio said he provided "hundreds of thousands" of reports but hasn't turned over others because the department's request was too broad.

Kevin Ryan, former U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of California and a law professor at the University of San Francisco, said he thought the department's characterization of Arpaio's behavior as unprecedented was overstating it.

He said the contentious relationship between the sheriff and the department is no secret.

"You really can't hold it against the sheriff and assume he's guilty because he's not rolling over for the Justice Department," he said.

Arpaio believes the department's inquiry is focused on his immigration sweeps, patrols where deputies flood an area of a city — in some cases heavily Latino areas — to seek out traffic violators and arrest other offenders.

Critics say the deputies pull people over for minor traffic infractions because of the color of their skin so they can ask them for their proof of citizenship.

The lawsuit says Arpaio's office signed agreements promising to cooperate with civil-rights investigations and other reviews when it accepted federal law enforcement grants.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA LANDMARKS COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Public hearings will be held by the Landmarks Commission on the following applications:

404 San Vicente Boulevard, 10LM-003, Zoning: R2 (Low Density Multiple Family) District. The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider Landmark Designation Application 10LM-003, at 404 San Vicente Boulevard to determine whether the existing 28-unit condominium complex, in whole or in part, should be designated as a City Landmark. The Landmarks Commission will make a decision regarding designation based on whether the application, research and public testimony presented show that the structure meets one or more of the required criteria for Landmark designation. Applicant: Caroline Dixon and Roger Jackson. Owner: Numerous Property Owners.

250 Santa Monica Pier, LC-10CA-017, Zoning: RVC (Resident-Visitor-Commercial) District. The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider Certificate of Appropriateness 10CA-017 for exterior modifications and the construction of a rooftop seating area on the northeast corner of the Billiards Building associated with tenant improvements for a new restaurant space. The Landmarks Commission will determine whether the proposed project is appropriate and architecturally compatible for the Landmark Santa Monica Pier. Applicant: David F. Hibbert, AIA. Owner: City of Santa Monica

When: **Monday, September 13, 2010 at 7:00 pm**

Where: City Council Chambers, City Hall, Room 213
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica

City of Santa Monica

Questions/Comments
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment on this and other projects. You or your representative, or any other persons may comment on the application at the Public Hearing, or by writing a letter addressed to Scott Albright, AICP, Senior Planner, City Planning Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, California, 90401-3295. Or, you may contact Mr. Albright by phone at (310) 458-8341 or by email at scott.albright@smgov.net.

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Espanol
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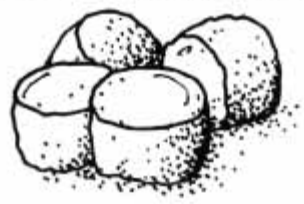
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- ARB10-414, 1800 Stewart Street: Research & Development Facility
- ARB10-421, 1919 Broadway: Commercial

More information is available on-line at http://santa-monica.org/planning/planningcomm/arbagendas.htm or at 310/458-8341 en espanol tambien). Plans may be reviewed at City Hall during business hours. Comments are invited at the hearing or in writing (FAX 310-458-3380, e-mail planning@santa-monica.org, or mail Santa Monica Planning Division, 1685 Main St., Rm. 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401). The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact 310-458-8701 or TTY 310-450-8696 a minimum of 72 hours in advance. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Big Blue Bus lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 & 9 and the Tide Ride serve City Hall.

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Stocks continue two-day streak

STEPHEN BERNARD
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK Stocks rose Thursday, extending their gains from the day before, after reports on housing, manufacturing and jobs all indicated that the economy continues to grow.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 50 points, having jumped 254 on Wednesday thanks to strong reports on manufacturing in the U.S. and China. Broader indexes also rose.

Trading was somewhat muted ahead of the government's closely watched monthly report on employment due out Friday.

"We're treading water," said Dan Genter, CEO of RNC Genter Capital. Traders are waiting to see if Friday's jobs data "provides more of a rescue or a shark attack."

The monthly report is likely to provide further evidence that the jobs market remains weak. Economists polled by Thomson Reuters predict the unemployment rate inched up to 9.6 percent last month from 9.5 percent in July as private employers hired just 41,000 workers last month.

With little broad conviction about the health of the economy, investors chose to target specific stocks following monthly retail sales reports and the latest acquisition activity.

"It's a trader's market," said Kenneth Polcari, managing director at ICAP Equities.

Burger King Holdings Inc. and data storage provider 3Par Inc. both rose after agreeing to be acquired. Limited Brands Inc., which operates Victoria's Secret and Bath & Body Works, got a lift from strong August sales.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 50.63, or 0.5 percent, to close at 10,320.10.

Broader indexes also rose. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 9.81, or 0.9 percent, to 1,090.10, while the Nasdaq composite index rose 23.17, or 1.1 percent, to 2,200.01.

The Labor Department said first-time claims for unemployment benefits fell slightly last week, but remain well above levels that indicate a healthy economy. Claims dipped for the second straight week. They fell slightly below the level economists had forecast, which was somewhat encouraging ahead of Friday's monthly employment report.

The number of buyers who signed contracts to purchase homes rose 5.2 percent in July after hitting a record low in June, according to the National Association of Realtors. Sales plummeted in the months following the expiration of the government's home buyer tax credit in April and economists were expecting that trend to continue for a third straight month.

Factory orders also climbed, rising 0.1 percent in July. The rise in orders backs up a report Wednesday showing the manufacturing sector continues to expand. Major indexes jumped more than 2 percent Wednesday after a surprising rise in manufacturing activity.

About two stocks rose for every one that fell on the New York Stock Exchange, where consolidated volume was very low at 3.8 billion shares.

Bond prices dipped after the economic reports. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note, which moves opposite its price, rose to 2.63 percent from 2.58 percent late Wednesday. That yield helps set interest rates on mortgages and other consumer loans.

Limited shares jumped $1.46, or 6.0 percent, to $25.73.

Shares of 3Par rose 79 cents, or 2.5 percent, to $32.87 after Hewlett-Packard Co. won a bidding war for the data storage provider. Hewlett-Packard raised its bid to $33 per share after competitor Dell Inc. offered $32 per share.

Burger King jumped $4.72, or 25 percent, to $23.58. It is being taken private for $3.26 billion, or $24 per share.

Mariner Energy Inc. shares dropped after an oil rig it owns exploded in the Gulf of Mexico. The rig was not currently producing oil. Its shares fell 59 cents to $22.76.

Retail sales ring up small gains in August

ANNE D'INNOCENZIO
AP Retail Writer

NEW YORK This year's back-to-school season isn't as big a bust for retailers as they feared — or as last year's — but it's not great either.

Americans are spending only when the item and price are just right, according to August reports from major chains released Thursday that showed shoppers bought a little more than a year ago.

Analysts expect stores will need to keep discounting to get shoppers to spend this fall and for the holiday season while they grapple with job worries and tight credit.

"It's a glimmer of hope that the numbers are coming in ahead of low expectations," said Ken Perkins, president of research firm RetailMetrics. "But the back-to-school shopping season isn't anything to get excited about. It means that Santa may not be dumping a huge lump of coal, but it sets up a very promotional holiday season."

Retailers that cautiously primed for a comeback five months ago as sales improved have been scaling back their hopes and making some tweaks to their merchandise again, analysts said. And stores will face more difficult comparisons starting this month because consumer spending had started rising by last September.

But Thursday's reports helped ease fears of another double dip recession, which have been stoked in recent weeks by a barrage of negative economic reports, including slumping home sales.

The International Council of Shopping Centers said Thursday that its index of 31 major retailers rose 3.2 percent for August. That's a tad better than the 3 percent forecast but it barely compensates for a 2.0 percent drop a year ago.

For most of stores releasing comparisons, they cover the four weeks that ended Aug. 28. Back-to-school shopping stretches from late July through mid-September, but recession-scarred consumers have been shopping later, waiting for the best deal.

Among the big winners were Costco Wholesale Corp., Victoria's Secret operator Limited Brands Inc. and Macy's Inc., whose results beat Wall Street forecasts.

Target Corp.'s results were helped by solid sales of food and back-to-school merchandise, but revenue overall at stores open at least a year fell slightly short of expectations. Chains that cater to teenagers had mixed results. Luxury retailers, which have been holding up much better, were mixed as some affluent shoppers are spooked by the wild swings in the stock market; Nordstrom Inc. fared well, but Saks Inc.'s gain was small.

Steve Koenig, director of industry analysis for the Consumer Electronics Association, said spending on overall back-to-school electronics showed "marginal improvement" over last year, which was a low point.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. no longer reports monthly on its revenue.

Revenue at stores open at least a year is considered a key measure of a retailer's health because it excludes the effects of expansion and stores closing during the year.

Spending on nonessentials such as fashion remains below 2008 and closer to the level of five years ago, according to MasterCard Advisors' SpendingPulse, which tracks transactions in all forms including checks and cash.

August's figures continue a trend that began in April of shoppers holding back; it's expected to continue at least through December.

That frugality — after stores saw a surprise uptick at the holidays and through March — has meant an uneven recovery for retailers at the high end, as well as the low and middle.

Stew Leonard Jr., CEO of New York and Connecticut grocery chain Stew Leonard's, said he's stocking more $10 to $20 wines again, as shoppers pull back from the $30 bottles they bought last spring. The chain is also back to cutting gourmet Reggiano Parmesan cheese into smaller wedges, a practice it started in 2008 to shrink prices.

Clothing stores aggressively promoted jeans and other fashions in July to lure shoppers — with limited success. Tax-free holidays in nearly 20 states also helped, but the unrelenting hot weather dampened shoppers' appetite for fall clothing.

John Gerzema, chief insights officer of Young & Rubicam and author of the book "Spend Shift," said Americans are moving "from mindless to mindful consumption."

"They're separating needs from wants," he said, adding, "Now, consumers are in an environment that is continuous turbulence that could be a fact of life for a few years."

Increase in bread prices lead to riots in Mozambique

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JOHANNESBURG A few pennies' increase in the price of a loaf of bread can mean the difference between getting by and going hungry — and erupting in anger — in the world's poorest countries.

A spike in food prices has triggered deadly riots in Mozambique this week, and experts worry other countries that saw such unrest during the last global food crisis in 2008 could be hit again. Over the last two months alone, food prices worldwide have risen 5 percent.

"I think everyone is wondering if we are going to have a repeat of 2008 when ... there were food riots around the world," said Johanna Nesseth Tuttle, director of the Global Food Security Project at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington.

Countries from Asia, to the Middle East to Europe are feeling the strain.

— In Egypt, where half the population depends on subsidized bread, recent protests over rising food prices left at least one person dead. The crisis could impact upcoming parliamentary elections because the regime's increasingly tenuous legitimacy rests on its ability to provide the masses with cheap bread.

— In Pakistan, the prices of many food items have risen by 15 percent or more following devastating floods that destroyed a fifth of the country's crops and agricultural infrastructure. Flooding has also hit distribution networks, leading to shortages.

— In China, officials are threatening to punish price gougers, while in Serbia, a 30 percent hike in the price of cooking oil reported for next week has led to warnings of demonstrations by trade unions.

In downtown Dakar, Senegal, 29-year-old security guard Djiba Sidime recalled going to the market to buy a bag of rice and finding it had spiked from around $30 to $38.

The increase is no small matter in a country where most people get by on around $4 a day. To make up the difference, Sidime said he won't be able to buy new clothes to mark the end of Ramadan later this month.

"Of course, I'm frustrated," he said.

International food prices have risen to their highest levels in two years, the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization said Wednesday, reporting a 5 percent increase between July and August alone. The Rome-based agency also forecast this year's wheat crop at 648 million tons, down 5 percent from 2009, reflecting a cut in drought-hit Russia's harvest.

However, there are few parallels between today and the 2008 food crisis, which was blamed on high oil prices and growing demand for biofuels that pushed world food stocks to their lowest levels since 1982, according to Maximo Torero, an expert on markets and trade with the International Food Policy Research Institute.

The United States, Canada and other countries have had good harvests and supplies are sufficient, Torero said, adding that what must be avoided are panicky policy decisions, like banning exports.

In Mozambique's case, he said, higher prices set by the government were based on monetary exchange issues, not concerns about world supplies.

Mozambicans saw the price of a loaf of bread rise 25 percent in the past year — from about four to five U.S. cents, and fuel and water costs also have risen.

The increases have had a dramatic impact in a nation where more than half the population lives in poverty. Mozambique ranks 175th of 179 countries on the U.N. Human Development Index, a measure that takes into account health and education levels as well as income.

Per capita income in the southeastern African country is just $802, compared to $9,757 in South Africa, where many Mozambicans have fled in search of work.

Still, the country has recovered from a devastating civil war that broke out after independence from Portugal in 1975 and lasted for 17 years. From 1994 to 2006, it saw annual GDP growth of about 8 percent. Mozambique is relatively stable and a popular tourist destination, particularly for visitors from South Africa.

The trouble this week started Wednesday in the capital, Maputo. Protesters, most of them young men, started marching peacefully but then began throwing stones, burning tires and looting shops.

Police opened fire, and tourists and business people were trapped in their hotels or at the airport as mobs cut off the airport road. At least seven people were killed and scores injured.

The unrest continued Thursday. Cell phone messages called for continued protests and a march on parliament.

The government has urged calm, saying it can do little about the high prices, which were sparked by a drop in the value of the import-dependent nation's currency. It pointed out that Mozambique grows only 30 percent of the wheat it needs.

"The importation of wheat and other commodities incur high costs in international markets," government spokesman Antonio Nkutumula said.

Augusto Gonas, a protester, said that instead of calls for calm, the government should address the needs of its people.

"What we need to hear is the order to lower prices," Gonas said.

Marc Van Ameringen, executive director of the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition, said the price spike is hitting a country already seriously affected by malnutrition: 44 percent of Mozambican children suffer from stunted growth and nearly 20 percent of those under 5 are underweight.

Young children and pregnant women are at particular risk, because poor nutrition in the early years can permanently affect the development of the brain and body, Van Ameringen said.

He noted that more than 1 billion people around the world are hungry and malnourished, and another 1 billion aren't getting the proper nutrition from the food they do manage to obtain.

"These crises should remind the world that we already have a crisis, even before this food price spike," Van Ameringen said.



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Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 66°

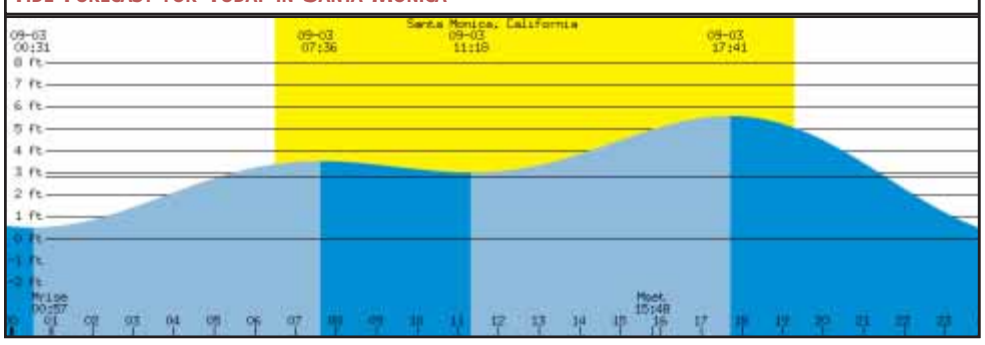
Swell Forecast

Should see some SSE energy come ashore from Easter Island, about chest high max for breaks able to pull in a 170° angle. Elsewhere, knee to waist is the call.

Long Range Synopsis

Looks a bit smallert, about waist high most everywhere.

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 **August 25, 2010**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 44 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 2 / ns

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

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

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MLB

McCourt: Wife didn't want risk of owning Dodgers

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Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES Former Dodger CEO Jamie McCourt didn't want to take the risk associated with buying the Los Angeles Dodgers six years ago and if she had, it would have adversely affected the team, her estranged husband testified Thursday at their divorce trial.

Frank McCourt spent his third day on the stand in a downtown courtroom, explaining that a postnuptial marital agreement signed by the couple in March 2004 was created to give his wife protection from his creditors, while giving him the ability to run his businesses — one of which was the then-recently purchased Dodgers.

McCourt bought the Dodgers for about $430 million, a majority of which was funded with loans that needed to be refinanced within two years.

"She said to me repeatedly, 'You can make a billion dollars, you can lose a billion dollars. I want my own nest egg,'" McCourt, 57, said.

His testimony cuts to the heart of the dispute that could decide who owns one of baseball's most storied franchises. He contends that the postnuptial agreement gives him sole ownership of the Dodgers, the stadium and the surrounding property, worth hundreds of millions of dollars. Jamie McCourt believes the agreement should be thrown out and those assets should be split evenly under California's community property law.

Superior Court Judge Scott Gordon will have to decide whether the 10-page agreement is valid. He also could order the sale of the Dodgers.

McCourt testified that his wife was more concerned with protecting the couple's luxurious homes than dealing with baseball matters. He said that had she become part owner, he didn't want to spar with Jamie McCourt every time a deal was going to be made.

"The business would have come to a halt," he said.

Jamie McCourt eventually became the team's CEO, but her husband fired her last year. In court documents, he accused her of having an affair with her bodyguard-driver and not meeting job expectations.

Jamie McCourt has countered that she never intended to give up her purported share of the Dodgers and that no one told her what she was signing away.

To make matters confusing, three copies of the agreement list the Dodgers under McCourt's separate assets, while three other versions do not. Her attorneys have alleged that a family attorney, at some point, replaced the three versions that excluded the Dodgers from McCourt's assets with the three that included the team as his property.

Her lawyers have even suggested McCourt knew about the switch and committed fraud, something he vehemently denied Thursday.

"Needless to say, I was extremely upset about that allegation," he said.

McCourt testified he first learned of the replacement two months ago and ordered attorneys to hire a forensic analyst to see what happened.

His attorney, Steven Susman, showed him the one-page document that McCourt confirmed he reviewed with the family lawyer the day before the couple signed it. On the paperwork, it shows the word "exclusive" crossed out and replaced with a handwritten "inclusive."

He said Jamie McCourt became upset when she learned that she was being left out of a trust that would transfer ownership of the Dodgers to the couple's four grown sons. Initial drafts had her as a beneficiary, but McCourt noted under the marital agreement he was the sole owner of the Dodgers and could do what he wanted with the team, according to court documents.

An estate planning attorney then noted Jamie McCourt needed to be protected in case of a divorce — the first time, Frank McCourt testified, that he heard "the D-word." McCourt said he was upset at the "boldness" of his wife's position.

"To me, you don't challenge an agreement and stay married," McCourt said. "It wouldn't work in our case."

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MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
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Richard Pryor: Live on the Sunset Strip (NR)
7:30pm

Richard Pryor: Here and Now (R) 1hr 35min

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

Piranha 3D (NR) 1hr 29min
12:15pm, 2:35pm, 5:10pm, 7:35pm, 10:00pm

Dinner for Schmucks (PG-13) 1hr 50min
1:15pm, 4:15pm, 7:05pm, 9:45pm

Nanny McPhee Returns (PG) 1hr 40min
11:00am, 1:30pm, 4:00pm, 6:30pm, 9:10pm

Kids Are All Right (R) 1hr 44min
11:30am, 2:00pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

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

Eat Pray Love (PG-13) 2hrs 13min
12:45pm, 4:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:35pm

Takers (PG-13) 1hr 47min
11:40am, 2:30pm, 5:10pm, 8:00pm, 10:45pm

Inception (PG-13) 2hrs 28min
11:30am, 3:00pm, 6:30pm, 10:05pm

Going the Distance (R) 1hr 37min
11:45am, 2:20pm, 5:00pm, 7:50pm, 10:40pm

Switch (PG-13) 1hr 40min
11:10am, 1:45pm, 4:25pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

American (R)
11:20am, 2:05pm, 4:50pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

Scott Pilgrim vs. the World (PG-13) 1hr 53min
11:20am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:20pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 394-9741

Highwater (NR) 1hr 30min
1:00pm, 3:10pm, 5:20pm, 7:45pm, 10:15pm

Cairo Time (PG) 1hr 28min
3:20pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

Get Low (PG-13) 1hr 40min
1:30pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

Concert (Le concert) (PG-13) 2hrs 00min
1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:50pm

Film Unfinished (R) 1hr 28min
1:00pm, 5:40pm

Mann's Criterion Theatre
1313 Third St.
(310) 395-1599

Avatar (PG-13) 2hrs 40min
11:00am, 2:30pm, 6:15pm, 10:00pm

Salt (PG-13) 1hr 39min
11:45am, 2:25pm, 5:10pm, 7:45pm, 10:25pm

Expendables (R) 1hr 43min
11:30am, 2:10pm, 4:50pm, 7:25pm, 10:05pm

Other Guys (PG-13) 1hr 47min
11:05am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:15pm

Machete (NR)
11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:10pm

Last Exorcism (PG-13) 1hr 40min
12:30pm, 3:00pm, 5:30pm, 8:00pm, 10:30pm

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

Celebrate the weekend, Virgo

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Know that it is appropriate after a week of running around and hard work to feel sluggish. A side effect might be a lack of patience with those who try to be controlling. Someone who might be difficult could be sorry that he or she crossed your path. Tonight: Homeward bound.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Express yourself in ways that do make a difference in how someone might receive your message. Fatigue marks a work-related issue. Perhaps you can counter the effect by a late lunch or an early workday. Tonight: Hang with friends. TGIF.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ At times, everyone is on the same page. More often, you see power plays, differences of opinion and general differences. You might be happiest close to home or working from home. Tonight: Squeeze in some shopping that you have been postponing.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ You might wonder why you don't feel like this every day. As the Sun rises, you greet the Moon in your sign. Harness this energy and expect a very dynamic few days. Of course you can! Tonight: The world is your oyster.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ You simply need to be less available and more focused. Quiet suits you. Effectively clear out work and/or a project or two. Screen your calls and try being "the silent type." Tonight: You don't need to explain anything.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Zero in on your primary goals. You don't want to work all weekend, do you? Someone you know, a child or loved one, might push hard to get you to behave like he or she wants. It is nice to know that you are cared about! Make your own choices. Tonight: Celebrate the weekend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ You might have some difficulty leaving work. Knowing that, be wise and complete your work. Consider saying "no" when this person or that person asks for a favor. Remember, you can do nothing if you don't honor yourself first. Tonight: A must appearance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Honor plans to split and do something very different. Right now many people might think you -- yes, you -- are a space cadet. Certainly, you are not actively listening to them. Be careful, as one of these people might be the boss. Tonight: Follow your imagination.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ A conversation needs to be had, with your intensity and caring. Don't allow others to distract you. Your ability to bottom-line a situation proves to be helpful. If you aren't careful, a discussion could evolve into a power play. Tonight: Enjoy a friend's company.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Defer to others and understand that those around you also need to feel important. You can do that in your customary style when focused. Know that on a professional matter, no one sees eye to eye. Let go and see what happens. Tonight: Find your friends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ You are among the very few who can accomplish a good day's work. You might be overworking an issue in your head, giving others the impression that you aren't listening. Work on your attentiveness. Tonight: Unwind in your style.

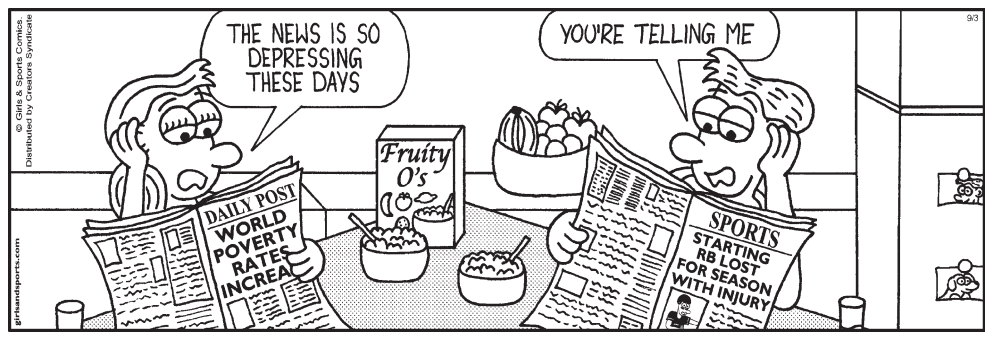
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Don't kid yourself -- you are already out the door mentally and into your weekend. You discover that a lot is happening behind the scenes with a friend. Reconsider your choices. Every so often, revitalizing and questioning your desires is important. You change; they change. Tonight: My, aren't we playful?

Happy birthday

This year, you will succeed beyond your expectations. Your circle of friends will expand, adding to the many possibilities. Stay centered and focused on your goals in order to maximize the full power of the planets. You might be better off not spending so much, as you easily can get insecure in this present economy. Yes, stash! You will be happier that way. If you are single, a friendship could evolve into a lot more. This bond could be quite special. If you are attached, your interaction will always need attention, and you bring your unique nurturing qualities. CANCER is always your friend.

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

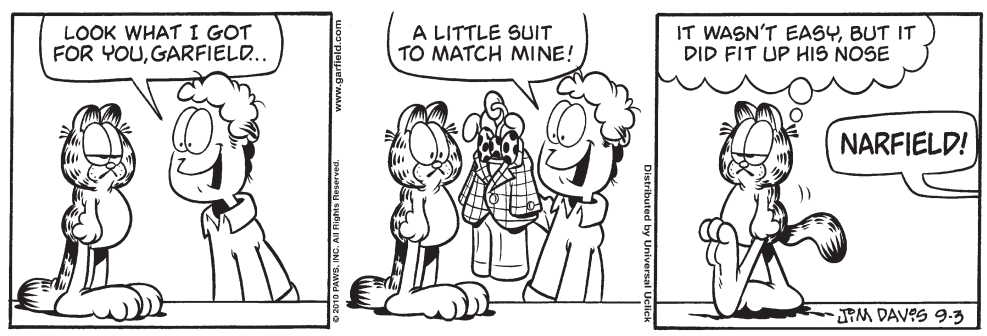
Girls and Sports
By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



The Meaning of Lila
By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



Garfield
By Jim Davis



Strange Brew
By John Deering



Speed Bump
By Dave Coverly



Procrastination is a problem when it comes to doing my disaster plan. As a business owner I have a lot to do. It's not like a disaster is going to happen tomorrow. Besides, we have that new business pitch. I've been waiting for this to happen for a while now. I'll get the disaster plan finished eventually. Nothing to worry about, it'll happen.

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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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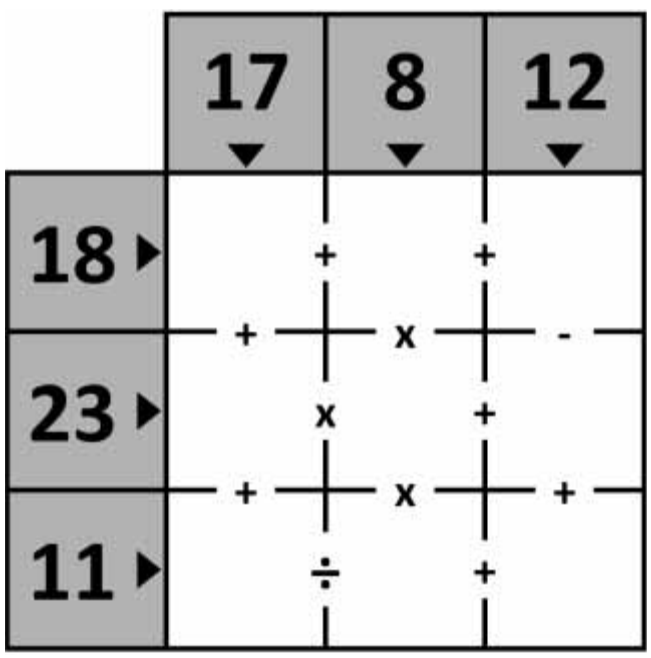
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- Fill the grid with the set of given numbers (1 to 12) to satisfy the Equa demands (7 to 24) in the shaded boxes. The Equa demands represent the sum of the digits that you will insert into the empty squares.
- Each horizontal row has one Equa demand to satisfy; each vertical column also has one demand to satisfy. Each empty square in the grid dictates the math operation (addition +, subtraction -, multiplication X, and division ÷) that must be performed to meet the demands.
- You must follow the given math operations for each square and you must make sure all the numbers satisfy the demands in the shaded boxes when connected in adjacent threes and calculated together from left to right, and top to bottom.
- The numbers you insert into the grid must satisfy the Equa demands both horizontally and vertically.

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Fill in the empty fields with the given numbers so when calculated together they satisfy all Equas in the gray boxes:

1, 2, 4, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11





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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Invited
6 Hoe targets
11 Minstrel's prop
12 Authorize
13 Adorable
14 Messing on TV
15 Grotto sound
17 Zoo feature
18 Eight, in Essen
20 Over again
22 Scary shout
23 Robert Downey Jr. movie
26 Parcel out
28 Trite
29 Like most prom goers
31 Barracks bed
32 Sub shop
33 Butter servings
34 Watch part
36 Watch part
38 Suggest
40 Maui greeting
43 Sock spot
44 Freshen
45 Up
46 First-rate
19 Singer Natalie
21 Plane part
23 Slanted type: Abbr.
24 Heaps
25 New Jersey team
27 Length of some races
30 Jazz job
33 Less bright
34 Ship pole
35 Writer Morrison
37 Tombstone lawman
39 Finger count
41 Skirt edge
42 Wonderment

DOWN

1 Crunch targets
2 Spotted
3 Some office furniture
4 Toss out
5 "The lady — protest ..."
6 Bunch of bills
7 Tin or titanium
8 Pasta choice
9 TV explorer
10 Hit at
16 Crew item
18 Blind as —

M	A	R	E	■	F	U	S	S	E	S
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P	E	I	■	■	■	■	■	C	O	D
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I	N	G	E	S	T	■	E	N	O	S

Yesterday's answer

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1	2	3	4	5	■	6	7	8	9	10
11					■	12				
13					■	14				
■	■	15			16	■	17			
18	19			■	20	21			■	■
22			■	23					24	25
26			27		■	28				
29					30		■	31		
■	■	32				■	33			
34	35			■	36	37			■	■
38				39	■	40			41	42
43					■	44				
45					■	46				

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MEGA MILLIONS: 10 20 29 47 48
Meganumber: 38
Jackpot: $16M

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Meganumber: 3
Jackpot: $12M

FANTASY 5: 3 11 17 21 23

DAILY 3: MIDDAY: 6 2 4
EVENING: 7 3 6

DAILY DERBY:
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3rd: 08 Gorgeous George
RACE TIME: 1:40.89

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ One of the more famous cultural landmarks in Britain's South Tyneside is an 1890 toilet, "Westoe Netty," commemorated in a 1972 painting and which remained on display at the Beamish Museum. In March, it was relocated within the building because, as News of the Weird has reported about other museum-display toilets, a visitor could not resist using it. The toilet will be moved to a nonpublic part of the building and be hooked up to public plumbing.

■ Face Tattoos Still a Handicap for Criminals: Royce Spottedbird Jr., 23, apparently once thought it cool to have his name tattooed on his neck. However, when he was pulled over in a routine traffic stop in April in Butte, Mont., and feared a warrant might be out on him, he gave the officer a bogus name. When he could not explain what "Royce Spottedbird Jr." was doing on his neck, he was detained for obstruction of justice and eventually pleaded guilty. (And he was wrong about the warrant.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1855 Indian Wars: In Nebraska, 700 soldiers under United States General William S. Harney avenge the Grattan Massacre by attacking a Sioux village, killing 100 men, women, and children.

1861 American Civil War: Confederate General Leonidas Polk invades neutral Kentucky, prompting the state legislature to ask for Union assistance.

1870 Franco-Prussian War: the Siege of Metz begins, resulting in a decisive Prussian victory on October 23.

1874 The congress of the state of México elevates Naucalpan to the category of Villa, with the title of "Villa de Juárez".

1878 Over 640 die when the crowded pleasure boat Princess Alice collides with the Bywell Castle in the River Thames.

1914 William, Prince of Albania leaves the country after just six months due to opposition to his rule.

1933 Yevgeniy Abalakov reaches the highest point of the Soviet Union – Communism Peak (7495 m).

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