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THE CHIPPING IN ISSUE



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OUT AND ABOUT: **Friends gather together to celebrate Trish Boes' (center left) first birthday in the United States at the Pourtal wine bar on Santa Monica Boulevard on Tuesday afternoon. Eateries that have outdoor dining areas that lease the space from City Hall may soon pay more rent.**

City Hall: Rents may increase for restaurants with outdoor dining

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

DOWNTOWN How much would you be willing to pay for a stretch of sidewalk along picturesque Ocean Avenue or the popular Third Street Promenade? How does $5.67 a square foot sound?

That's the question Santa Monica city officials are asking restaurant owners after members of the City Council in July questioned whether or not rents should be increased for those who offer outdoor dining on public property — especially those whose dining areas are almost fully enclosed.

In a meeting Tuesday with members of the Bayside District Corp. board, City Hall's economic development manager, Miriam Mack, introduced possible increases for outdoor dining license fees, increases that some believe are too steep to stomach given the current state of the economy.

One proposed increase has restaurant owners along the promenade paying as much as $6.25 a square foot for fully enclosed patios, $5.67 for partially enclosed and $3.71 for outdoor dining areas with no barriers or railings separating diners from the public.

The idea is that locations with more pedestrian traffic are more valuable and restaurants should be charged more for using the public right of way for outdoor dining. Restaurants should also pay higher rents the more they enclose outdoor dining, as the enclosures essentially turn a public space — the sidewalk — into a private one, Mack said.

The current fee formula charges a flat rate per square foot depending on a restaurant's location. The type of outdoor dining — fully enclosed verses no barriers — is not considered. The highest price is $1.90 per square foot, with the lowest being 79 cents.

A consultant conducted a survey of sur-

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Youth violence prevention gets council's support

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL In a pair of moves anti-gang advocates hailed as significant steps forward, the City Council was set on Tuesday to approve an "action plan" for preventing youth violence and award a $25,000 grant to support the Youth Resource Team, an interagency effort aimed at helping at-risk youth.

The expected actions were in response to a "March for Peace" in January that was organized by school board member Oscar de la Torre after a 20-year-old Santa Monica resident, Richard Juarez Jr., was shot and killed at Virginia Avenue Park last November.

Also in January, de la Torre, who directs the Pico Youth & Family Center, a City Hall-supported nonprofit, presented a "white paper" to the council that recommended officials conduct a formal assessment of youth programs in Santa Monica, create a task force on youth violence and enhance regional partnerships to reduce gang activity, among other recommendations.

On Tuesday, de la Torre said the council's increased support for youth violence prevention was a welcomed reaction to his recommendations.

"This is the most comprehensive effort seen to date in the city of Santa Monica. We feel that it's a step in the right direction," he said, though he added the council should double its support to $50,000. "One has to question whether $25,000 dollars is enough to really make this effort give the results that we expect."

The City Council budgeted $25,000 of its contingency money for youth violence programs in June on Mayor Bobby Shriver's recommendation.

The funds will help pay for a part-time staff person to coordinate the Youth Resource Team (YRT), which was established in 2006 as a forum for social service, law enforcement, school and other agencies in Santa Monica to collaboratively address the needs of gang involved youth.

A City Hall report stated the funding will assist the YRT in "focusing, prioritizing and providing effective advice to council" on

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2010

Prisoner of War
Santa Monica Museum of Art
2525 Michigan Ave., 7 p.m.
Co-chair of the Department of Arts and Cultural Studies at Berkeley City College Laura E. Ruperto will give a lecture on Italian POWs in the U.S. as part of the expression and community building lecture. The talk will focus on how POWs engage with local communities through cultural engagement. To RSVP, e-mail rsvp@smmoa.org with the subject header "Italian POWs Lecture."

Sweet deals
Downtown Santa Monica
Arizona Avenue and Second Street,
8:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.
Get the freshest fruit and produce available at this weekly Farmers' Market. A variety of prepared foods will also be available.

Thursday, Sept. 16, 2010

Friendly fire
Annenberg Community Beach House
3:30 p.m. — 5 p.m.
Every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon, coaches who taught pros Sinjin Smith and Randy Stoklos will be teaching a beach volleyball class for children ages 7-15. Remember to play your best, because you never know which special guests will drop in (Hint: They're pros). Pay $12 per class or $144 per session. For more information, go to beachhouse.smgov.net/classes.aspx

Friday, Sept. 17, 2010

Free movies by the sea
Santa Monica Pier
7 p.m.
Brand X Movies at the Pier this week will feature "The Spongebob Squarepants Movie." Organizers suggest that you bring a chair and a blanket to this free event.

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.



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Record low temp tied

It was so cold at the Santa Monica Pier Monday that the temperature tied a record low of 55 degrees, according to the National Weather Service.

The old record was set in 1949.

Record low temperatures for the day were tied at other coastal locations in Los Angeles, Orange and San Diego counties.

The temperature hit a low of 66 in Newport Beach, which tied a record set in 1934. At Oceanside Harbor, the temperature was also 66, tying a record set in 1953, according to the weather service.

Temperatures across the Los Angeles region will continue to remain below normal for much of the week as an onshore flow pushes coastal low clouds and fog inland, the weather service reported.

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Free clinic for renters

Renters who need assistance but cannot afford to hire an attorney can get some inexpensive legal advice from a Santa Monica attorney who has created a tenant's rights clinic.

Susan Hartley, a former Airport Commission member and a candidate for City Council, will hold the clinic's first session Saturday, Sept. 18 at her law offices at 2530 Wilshire Blvd. in Santa Monica. The new clinic is modeled after the Coalition for Economic Survival Tenants' Rights Clinic. Hartley has worked as a volunteer at the Saturday clinics held in Plummer Park.

"I've long believed there was a need in Santa Monica for this type of clinic," Hartley said. "Renters tell me over and over that there is no help for them in Santa Monica."

The clinic will be available on a first come, first served basis, with a limit of five tenants per session. Reservations are required. The clinic will be held the first and third Saturday of each month. A donation of $15 to $25 is requested but Hartley said no one will be turned away due to a lack of funds. To reserve a spot, call (310) 866-8102.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

Samohi Vikings make CIF-SS top 10

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI The Vikings' strong start to the season has been rewarded with a spot in the Western Division top 10, the California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section announced Monday.

Santa Monica High School is the No. 9 team in the poll. The ranking follows a huge 42-6 win over Leuzinger last Friday.

The Vikings will play at Palisades on Thursday.

Ocean League rival Culver City is ranked fifth in the poll.

SAMOHI PLAYERS NAMED TO CAL-HI TEAM

Cal-Hi Sports' annual All-CIF-SS football team includes a pair from Samohi.

Wide receiver Kris Comas and running back/defensive back Kori Garcia were named to the second team late last month.

Both players did well in their season debut last week against Leuzinger, Komas scoring three touchdowns, two on long punt returns. Garcia scored one rushing touchdown and factored heavily into the Vikings' defensive scheme.

The pair from Samohi aren't the only ones from the Ocean League named to the team. First team members included: Culver City wide receiver/defensive back Chris Brown; Beverly Hills defensive lineman Greg Townsend Jr.; Inglewood wide receiver Patrick Onwuasor; and running back/defensive back Kyle Evans. Second team: Inglewood defensive back Isaac Charles and wide receiver Derrick Woods.

LIGHTHOUSE ROUTED, 41-0

Lighthouse Christian Academy opened the 2010 season with a 41-0 loss to Southlands Christian on Friday.

Next up for Lighthouse, an eight-man team, is a road game at Hillcrest Christian on Saturday.

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LAPD names suspect in killing of L.A. woman

LOS ANGELES Los Angeles police have identified a suspect in the killing of a North Hollywood woman who was found burned to death inside her Valley Village home.

Lt. Alan Hamilton says 34-year-old Omar Armando Loera, a transient parolee, is wanted in the killing of 34-year-old Chere Osmanhodzic.

Hamilton says Loera, who also goes by the names "Taz" and Arturo Benitez, has tattoos of Aztec women on both shoulders.

Police say Osmanhodzic was attacked in her home on July 24 while her fiance was at the store. The fiance returned to find the home in flames and confronted a man inside. The boyfriend chased him for several blocks but was not able to catch him.

Osmanhodzic's body was found when the blaze was extinguished.

The cause of death has not been determined.



SHUT OUT AT HOME

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Santa Barbara City College's Katherine Earle (right) powers by Santa Monica College's Hilary Hogaski on Tuesday at Corsair Field. SBCC topped SMC, 3-0. SMC's record falls to 1-1.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Taxi decision needs to be transparent

Editor:

As a business owner in Santa Monica, I recently became quite disturbed when I learned about the taxi cab licensing process City Hall just completed. City Hall [is going to] award licenses to cab companies on a point system, but it refused to allow anyone in the public to know what that point system is, who developed it or how cab companies were scored [until the Daily Press and cab company owners requested the information.] City Hall wouldn't be allowed to do this with tax increases and it shouldn't be allowed to award licenses under a veil of secrecy, either.

Charlotte Dobbs
Santa Monica

Say what?

Editor:

In the article "Plans brewing to save Emeritus exercise classes" (Sept. 9, 2010), a comment was erroneously attributed to me.

It was unfair that exercise classes were being targeted at the Emeritus College. They're just as important as other offerings. Those words never came out of my mouth.

What I actually said at the SMC board meeting and in the phone interview was: "I take a Tai Chi class which is extremely beneficial. The health and exercise classes are indispensable for senior and disabled people.

Your coverage of this issue, important to all involved, is much appreciated.

Raymonde Cenzano
Santa Monica

Home for the homeless

Editor:

A few years ago, City Hall hired a contractor to repair the aging, broken down, urine-soaked stairs. They were closed during construction for what seemed like a year.

When they re-opened, it was apparent that little had changed. The old handrail was painted over, a few planks of wood were replaced, lighting was updated, and several signs were placed throughout the stairs, reading:

"WARNING – Persons present in the Santa Monica Palisades Bluff are prohibited by Santa Monica Municipal Code. Violators subject to arrest under 3.36.115 SMMC ... ."

It goes on to talk about personal belongings left there and the unauthorized removal of the sign.

If you use the stairs today, you will see the signs have been vandalized with markers and decals. Lights have been broken, and tens of homeless make the bluffs their home. Old sleeping bags, containers, cigarettes, and all sorts of garbage litter the area. The stench of urine is particularly apparent near the bottom of the stairs, where most of the "residents" climb over the railing when going to or from their makeshift homes. If you spend any time there, as many people do, working out or going to/from the beach, you can't help but notice the daily violations of the posted signs.

I can't help but wonder why the signs were posted if there's zero enforcement?

Frank Miller
Santa Monica





Hiding in the Open

David Alsabery — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

Alonso is faster than you

SO, TO BE A BOSTON RED SOX FAN AND watch the Yankees lose at Fenway Park is amazing. To watch the Lakers beat the Celtics at Staples Center is memorable. To be in the crowd when Ali dropped Sonny Liston could be the last day of your life. If you combine them together, that's what happened in Monza, Italy over the weekend.

The Scuderia took the fight to its age-old nemesis, McLaren, on the Autodromo Nazionale di Monza, taking pole and slugging it out to take first and third podium spots in front of the Tofusi.

If you didn't understand what I just said above, you've been missing out on what a true world championship fight is all about. So let me explain what all these strange words mean.

You see, believe it or not, auto racing has a proud heritage that has little to do with spending the day watching men drive in a circle, drinking Bud under the Stars and Bars (Confederate flag). Having just come back from the Indianapolis 500, and enjoying time on the starting grid, I can tell you that the Indy 500 is no Monza. Scuderia Ferrari of Italy is the oldest team in Formula One racing, and its nemesis is the second oldest team, McLaren racing of England. The Autodromo Nazionale di Monza is the oldest and longest original course in Formula One, and was first used in 1922 for the Italian Grand Prix. It's in Northern Italy, just outside of Milan, and home track to Scuderia Ferrari Racing Team.

Monza is a special track for many reasons, but one cannot speak of Monza and not mention the Tofusi. These are the fanatics that wear Scuderia Ferrari racing red while waving flags, blowing horns and singing songs. They're the largest group of diehard rabid fans in the world. I had the chance to see them in action, and they're like English football fans, except they are not hooligans and are in greater numbers. From infants to great grandmothers, they'll pack a picnic and go out to the racetrack for four days to cheer on their beloved team. Italy unites behind Ferrari. Non-Italian fans from all over the world make a pilgrimage to this Mecca of Formula One to show their love for this team.

When the race starts, the Tofusi are louder than the 20 Formula One race cars on the grid. They remain louder for most of the first lap, when the Tofusi all require oxygen. They're a deafening sea of undulating fanatic red that causes the faithful to break into tears. The Tofusi will high five each other when on vacations if they spot another wearing team symbols. And when Ferrari's Fernando Alonso won at Monza, the church bells rang all over Italy, and in the Vatican. At Monza, McLaren driver Jensen Button of England took the lead in the first half of the race, but early on Scuderia Ferrari driver, Philipe Massa of Brazil, took out the car of championship points leader, the evil McLaren driver Lewis Hamilton, also of England, to the roar of the Tofusi.

Unlike most American world championships, they actually invite teams from the rest of the world to add legitimacy to the world champion title. This is what makes Formula One so amazing. The events take place all over the planet. The fans are from every country in the world and every language is spoken at an event. The cars are the most advanced in the world, and six years ago a Formula One car produced straight-line speed of 257 mph.

The drivers must earn an FIA Super Racing License to drive these machines, and they're listed on that license as pilots. The cars are upside down airplanes that have enough down force to be driven upside down. These cars are not your father's Oldsmobile driven in a circle. It's breathtaking to watch these pilots battle it out at some of the most beautiful locations in the world. This is not just a sport, it's a downright religion that brings people of every walk of life together, without riots and fights.

In 2012, Formula One will come back to the United States, and the battle will be in Austin, Texas. A new track is being made just for this purpose and if you want to be a part of history this first race will be the ticket. The United States doesn't have a Grand Prix Racing team yet, but one is in the works, so we Americans can show the Tofusi what the historic American Gran Prix white is all about. It will take some years until our team can compete with the rest of the world, but it will be only a matter of time. No other country in the world has such a love affair with the automobile, and it should mix well with Formula One.

Thank you, Felipe Massa, for helping your teammate move ahead in the championship hunt. Thank you Fernando Alonso for giving us the win at Monza over McLaren. My prediction for the next race in Singapore, is that the McLaren cars will crash into the Red Bull cars, and Ferrari will have a one-two finish.

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Word in Edgewise

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The Fourth Estate needs to differentiate

IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE IT'S ONLY BEEN four years since the last mid-term elections. In 2006, the major difference between the parties was that Democrats were united in their desire for our troops to come home from Iraq (since our military had done all it could), and Republicans were committed to staying there to referee the ongoing Iraqi civil war and to fight al-Qaeda forever. It was an easy choice for voters to make, so it was an easy election for the Washington press corps to cover.

The same was true for most of the 2007 primary campaigns and the 2008 elections; until September when the fundamentals of our economy were not strong all of a sudden, and stories from the business section turned into front-page news. But this year, for the first time since 2004, a national election isn't going to be a binary choice between "to stay in Iraq or to leave Iraq." This mid-term election campaign will not only be a referendum on what the Democrats have done while in power and what the Republicans have done while out of power; it will also show if there are any credible reporters left covering politics in Washington, or if the notorious 24-hour news cycle has completely taken over.

The D.C. press corps has gotten lazy over the past six years, though the inactivity between 2004 and 2008 wasn't completely their fault. The Bushies didn't have much use for the press unless the White House was controlling the story (Judy Miller at the New York Times, Matt Cooper at Time magazine), distributing propaganda (radio talk show host Armstrong Williams), or planting questions in the briefing room (Jeff Gannon of Talon News). The openness of the early days of the new Obama administration must have been a little off-putting for reporters in Washington, who responded with a barrage of stories about the new swing set and the search for a new first pet.

Meanwhile on Capitol Hill, a new Democratic majority was being sworn in with a sweeping legislative agenda and a mandate from 60 million-plus voters. There was finally going to be real news to cover because there was finally going to be real policy to write. The first major task was to craft a response to the Great Recession that had our nation's economy in a tailspin. The Democrats came up with the Recovery Act: $250 billion in tax cuts (one of the largest in history), $250 billion in aid to states to keep teachers and firefighters and police on the job, and another $250 billion in new spending that included investments in health information technology, a smart grid for electricity, and expanded broadband access. That bill saved and/or created millions of jobs, led to sustained economic growth, and is credited with preventing a second Great Depression.

The Democrats also passed badly-needed Wall Street reform and a historic health care reform bill that will lower our nation's deficit by more than $1 trillion over the next 20 years — in addition to hundreds of measures (including an energy bill) passed by the House that died in the Senate. By anyone's standards, the Democratic majority in the 111th Congress has crafted effective legislation to deal with our country's problems and Democratic members of Congress elected in 2008 have kept their campaign promises.

Congressional Republicans, on the other hand, have done everything they could to stop the Democrats' agenda where it could be stopped, and slow it to a glacial pace where it couldn't. At a time when our nation was on the brink of economic disaster, only three of 249 Republicans in Congress could bring themselves to vote for the Recovery Act. In the Senate, the Republican minority has consistently abused one of the courtesies of the chamber — each Senator's privilege to filibuster, or speak without time limits — to prevent bills from ever coming to the floor for debate. Before this Congress, bills were typically brought to the floor by unanimous consent; but Sen. McConnell, who wishes he'd "been able to obstruct more," decided that literally every bill proposed by the Democrats was so bad that none of them should even be considered by the United States Senate. That's not divided government, that's misguided government.

If it was reporting the facts of the 111th Congress, the Washington press would be talking about a Democratic majority being historically productive and (or in spite of) a Republican minority that chose to make it more, not less, difficult for Congress to do its work. But Disney, Universal, News Corp., and CBS care more about profit than facts; so this political off-season between elections, we've gotten stories about death panels, armed tea parties, and whatever was on whatever passes for Glenn Beck's and Sarah Palin's minds.

For the last six months, the Washington press corps has been telling us that when the economy is bad, voters blame the party in power. But at this point, most voters don't care about assigning blame, we just want jobs and recovery. For the next six weeks, they should just do their jobs and explain the difference between the two parties so that voters can do our jobs and choose the best candidates.

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The Q Line

Tough choices

With a few notable challengers in this year's City Council race, we got to thinking about the possibility of, say Ted Winterer or Susan Hartley, seriously challenging the likes of Bob Holbrook and Pam O'Connor for seats on the dais.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
In November's election, are you more inclined to vote for an incumbent or a newcomer?

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REAL ESTATE

Firm: SoCal August home sales fall nearly 14 percent

JACOB ADELMAN
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES A tracking firm says home sales in Southern California fell nearly 14 percent last month from August 2009 to reach their lowest level for the month of August since 2007.

San Diego-based MDA DataQuick said in a report released Tuesday that the drop was the result of a weak job market and a lack of urgency among potential buyers.

The six-county region saw about 18,500 sales last month, compared to around 21,500 in August 2009. August's sales were down about 2 percent from roughly 19,000 in July.

DataQuick also said the median home price in Southern California rose about 5 percent last month from August 2009.

Last month's median of $288,000 was up from the year-ago figure of $275,000 but down about 2 percent from $295,000 in July.

Foreclosures accounted for about 35 percent of last month's sales.

BUSINESS

Harley-Davidson Inc. board confirms plants to stay open

DINESH RAMDE
Associated Press Writer

MILWAUKEE Harley-Davidson Inc. agreed Tuesday to keep open its two Wisconsin production facilities, saying it gained the cost savings it needed when union members agreed a day earlier to a concession-laden contract.

The Milwaukee-based motorcycle company had warned that it would move the production to another state if its three Wisconsin unions rejected the deal. A move would have eliminated about 1,350 jobs.

After reviewing the results of the unions' votes, the board of directors agreed to call off the search for replacement sites.

"Change is never easy, and we have asked our employees to make difficult decisions. However, we are pleased to be keeping production operations in our hometown of Milwaukee and in Tomahawk," company President and Chief Executive Keith Wandell said in a statement.

The seven-year contract freezes employees' pay, slashes hundreds of production jobs and assigns large volumes of work to part-time workers.

Some 1,140 union members from the suburban Milwaukee plant voted, approving the contract by a 55 to 45 percent margin. Almost 300 ballots were cast at the Tomahawk plant in northern Wisconsin, where workers approved the deal by a margin of 73 to 27 percent.

A number of workers who voted to approve the deal said they did so grudgingly, accepting Harley's ultimatum for the sake of saving jobs. Others said they voted against it because the terms were too harsh.

Harley said it had to play hardball because its labor costs at the two plants were too high. The concessions made the costs more manageable, it said, so it now makes sense to keep the plants open.

Under the previous rules, it could take as long as three months to let go of unneeded workers or recall laid-off workers, Wandell told analysts this summer. Harley's goal was to gain the ability to hire and lay off workers more quickly to better adjust to seasonal business fluctuations, he said.

The company got what it wanted, but it's unclear whether the contract will lead to any lingering animosity.

Mike Masik, the president of the local chapter of the United Steel Workers, said Tuesday it wasn't about wages or medical, but that the company took out language that allowed members more decision-making abilities.

"It's a somber atmosphere today," he said. ... "Today I do not feel good. I believe that people voted what was right for them. I voted what is was right for me, but it still doesn't feel good. We gave up a lot."

Based on the agreements, the company expects to eliminate about 250 Milwaukee-area jobs when the contracts are implemented in 2012, leaving 700 full-time hourly unionized employees.

In Tomahawk, the company expects to cut about 75 jobs in the next contract, leaving 200 full-time hourly unionized work force. But the company will add 150 to 250 part-time unionized employees on an annual basis to cover seasonal volume spikes, vacations and other absences.

Harley has been dealing with its own share of problems. A shrinking market and an economic downturn have undercut demand for its pricey, chrome-laden bikes. Sales of Harley motorcycles, whose prices range from $7,000 to $25,000 can take a big hit when the economy goes south.

The company has been focused on cutting costs and streamlining its business. Last year, it announced the shutdown of its Buell sport-bike line. In December, the company and its union at its main motorcycle plant in York, Pa., agreed to a cost-cutting contract that involved layoffs for about half the company's unionized work force there.

The company also told analysts in July it expects to ship 5 percent to 10 percent fewer motorcycles to dealers this year, standing by an earlier forecast.

Some Harley workers said the company caused its own troubles through foolish business decisions, and now it's trying to make its money back by squeezing workers with an unfair contract. Tony Daube, 55, a tool grinder from Mequon who has worked for Harley for 20 years, said that's why he voted against the contract.

"This ultimatum has no guarantees that they're even going to stay around," he said. "They're just going to keep on doing what they want."

Brian Harycki, a 36-year-old machinist from West Bend, said he was equally disillusioned.

"I don't agree with what the company is doing, with the direction it's going. It's ridiculous," said Harycki. He said he was disappointed that his fellow union members voted to approve such a draconian contract.

"I'm not OK with it, but I guess it keeps jobs in Wisconsin," he said. He looked at the ground for a few moments, then sighed and added, "for now."



WALL STREET

Stocks end winning streak

STEPHEN BERNARD
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK A September rally faltered on the stock market Tuesday as worries returned about Europe's economy.

The Dow Jones industrial average and the Standard & Poor's 500 index both closed with slight losses, breaking a four-day winning streak. Stocks are still up strongly this September, a historically weak month for the market.

Stocks had edged higher for much of the day following positive reports on U.S. retail sales and business inventories, but retreated in the final 10 minutes of trading as investors' enthusiasm waned.

Disappointing news from overseas hung over the market all day. European markets struggled to end barely higher after reports that German investor confidence fell sharply in September and industrial production unexpectedly stagnated during July in the countries that use the euro. Stocks in Tokyo also fell after the yen touched another 15-year high against the dollar, which is bad news for Japanese exporters.

In other signs that investors remain cautious, gold climbed to another record and Treasury prices rose, sending interest rates lower.

The Dow fell 17.64, or 0.2 percent, to close at 10,526.49 and the S&P 500 lost 0.8 point, or 0.1 percent, to end at 1,121.10.

The Nasdaq edged up 4.06, or 0.2 percent, at 2,289.77.

Signs of modest growth have been enough to get traders to put more money into stocks in September and shake off malaise about the economy that dogged the market for most of August.

However analysts caution that the gains have come amid very light volume, a sign that many investors aren't participating in the market and may still be skeptical about how well the economy is doing.

The losses Tuesday for the Dow and S&P 500 were only the second so far this month. The earlier loss on Sept. 7 was also triggered about renewed worries over Europe after news reports questioned the health of European banks.

September is usually a weak month for stocks but this year has been an exception. Even after Tuesday's losses the Dow is still up 5.1 percent in September, but 6.1 percent below its 2010 high reached on April 26. For the year to date it's up 0.9 percent.

The Commerce Department said Tuesday that retail sales rose in August at their fastest pace in five months and slightly beat forecasts. The modestly higher growth is in line with economic reports over the past two weeks indicating that the economy continues to expand, though at a sluggish pace.

Retailers including Macy's Inc. and J.C. Penney Co. rose after the retail sales report. Electronics retailer Best Buy Co. also jumped after the company reported income that easily topped forecasts and raised its full-year outlook.

The primary question investors are still struggling with is, "does the economy just muddle along?" asked Michael Sheldon, chief market strategist at RDM Financial Group. He predicted the economy is more likely to continue to grow slowly than to fall back into recession.

In another encouraging sign on the economy, business inventories jumped in July by their largest amount in two years and business sales rebounded after two months of declines. The upturn followed months of weak sales as people remain worried about keeping their jobs.

Falling stocks slightly outpaced gaining ones on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume was 923 million shares.

ADVERTISING

San Diego schools consider campus ads

ELLIOT SPAGAT
Associated Press Writer

SAN DIEGO Some San Diego schools would allow ads in libraries, hallways and other campus areas under a district proposal to help ease the pain of budget cuts.

The San Diego Unified School District's proposed policy is modeled on others that have embraced corporate sponsors in the last two years, including districts that cover Miami and Orlando in Florida and Santa Rosa and Chula Vista in California. The school board will consider the policy Tuesday.

"It's part of an emerging trend as districts face more deficits," said Bernie Rhinerson, San Diego's chief district relations officer and author of the proposal.

The San Diego district said its annual budget has been cut $270 million over three years, while enrollment has grown 2 percent to about 132,000 for grades kindergarten through 12.

Public schools began to embrace corporate sponsors in the 1990s, initially by allowing ads on school buses and then in extracurricular areas like athletic fields, said Cathy Christie, chief of staff for Education Committee of the States, a Denver-based group that researches education trends.

San Diego's district would go a step further by allowing ads in cafeterias and hallways. They also would be allowed in libraries, exterior walls and fences, vending areas and athletic fields. The district estimates that ads on its website alone could generate more than $100,000 a year.

They would be prohibited at elementary schools and inside classrooms, Rhinerson said.

The Sweetwater Union High School District, which serves 43,000 students in grades 7 through 12 in Chula Vista and other San Diego suburbs, hopes to raise $1 million a year under a policy adopted in July that allows ads in hallways, cafeterias and other areas, said spokeswoman Lillian Leopold. Ads are not allowed inside classrooms.

Sweetwater's annual operating budget has been cut $32 million to $333 million since 2007, which prompted the move, Leopold said.

The Sweetwater board must approve each new sponsor. The first, Platt College, could have ads on campus by November if the board gives its blessing.

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STATE BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES
Deputies arrest 'Balding Bandit' suspect

Sheriff's detectives have arrested the suspected "Balding Bandit" serial bank robber wanted for three Southern California heists.

Steven Gary Platis, who got the nickname because of his receding hairline, was arrested early Monday at a high desert Hesperia home by Los Angeles County deputies.

Capt. Patrick Maxwell says he has been booked for investigation of three bank robbery counts and he's being held at the downtown Inmate Reception Center on $520,000 bail. Arraignment is expected Wednesday in Downey.

The 44-year-old Platis was wanted for two Chase Bank heists and a Banco Popular robbery in La Mirada.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES
Bill Maher gets Hollywood Walk of Fame star

Political satirist Bill Maher has been immortalized in Hollywood.

With Larry King and "Family Guy" producer Seth MacFarlane standing nearby, HBO's "Real Time with Bill Maher" talk show host unveiled his Walk of Fame star Tuesday outside the W Hotel at the corner of Hollywood Boulevard and Vine Street.

Maher, who once hosted the late-night talk show "Politically Incorrect," said he wanted to thank "George Bush, Sarah Palin and the pope."

It was the 2,417th star dedicated on the famous sidewalk.

AP

LOS ANGELES
Jurors see slides of Anna Nicole appearing healthy

Jurors in the Anna Nicole Smith drug conspiracy case were shown a photo slide show Tuesday of Smith appearing healthy, active and involved with her baby during three months when a prosecution witness claimed she was drugged and barely able to function.

A defense attorney presented 90 pictures taken in late 2006, including some shot days after Smith gave birth to her daughter Dannielynn.

There were shots of Smith feeding and kissing the baby and posing with defendant Howard K. Stern and the baby in a family-style portrait.

Other images depicted a sun-splashed commitment ceremony with Stern in which Smith wore a wedding gown on a boat.

Nanny Quethlie Alexie previously testified that Smith was in a semiconscious state during the period when most of the photos were taken. Alexie was seen posing with Smith in some of pictures.

The prosecution responded to the slideshow by showing a few poor quality photos, including one of a disheveled-looking Smith lying in bed with what appeared to be a medicinal drip apparatus in her hand. Alexie said the picture was taken when Smith was sick and Dr. Khristine Eroshevich, another defendant, installed the device to give her serum.

Stern, Eroshevich and Dr. Sandeep Kapoor have pleaded not guilty to providing Smith with excessive opiates and sedatives. They are not charged with causing her overdose death in 2007.

AP

SANTA ANA
Prosecutor: Man drank before Adenhart crash

A man charged with murder in a drunken-driving crash that killed rookie Los Angeles Angels pitcher Nick Adenhart and two others spent hours drinking tequila and beer with his stepbrother at three bars before getting behind the wheel of his parents' minivan, a prosecutor said Tuesday.

Andrew Gallo, 23, knew the dangers of driving under the influence because he was convicted of the offense in 2006 and signed court papers indicating he understood that if he killed someone while driving drunk he could be charged with murder, Deputy District Attorney Susan Price told jurors in her opening statement.

"The evidence will show that this case is about an evening of pure indulgence and a night of total disregard," Price said.

Gallo has pleaded not guilty to three counts of second-degree murder in the deaths of the 22-year-old Adenhart, 20-year-old Courtney Stewart and 25-year-old Henry Pearson.

He has also pleaded not guilty to felony hit-and-run and two counts of driving drunk and causing injuries to his stepbrother Raymond Rivera and the fourth person in the other car, Jon Wilhite.

Gallo's blood-alcohol level was nearly three times the legal limit at the time of the crash, prosecutors said. He could face a maximum sentence of more than 50 years to life in prison if convicted of all counts.

Gallo's attorney Jacqueline Goodman acknowledged in her opening statement that Gallo drove while intoxicated but stressed that he did not intend to kill anyone. Gallo believed his stepbrother, who pressured him to keep drinking, was his designated driver, she said.

AP

LOS ANGELES
Lions Gate, Televisa launch Latino film venture

Lions Gate and Televisa are teaming up to make movies for the fast-growing Hispanic population in the U.S., who account for a quarter of the country's frequent moviegoers.

The boutique movie studio Lions Gate Entertainment Corp. and Mexican media giant Grupo Televisa SA are calling the joint venture they announced Tuesday Pantelion Films.

It kicks off with January's release of the comedy "From Prada To Nada."

Pantelion aims to make four to five films a year and acquire and distribute four to five more.

Televisa CEO Emilio Azcarraga said Lions Gate has a "proven track record of supplying hit movies to large niche audiences."

About 26 million of the nation's roughly 100 million moviegoers are Hispanic, Lions Gate said.

Lions Gate, which is based in Vancouver, British Columbia, but operates out of Santa Monica, California, is in an ongoing ownership battle with investor Carl Icahn. It is currently riding the success of "The Expendables," the Sylvester Stallone-led action flick that has taken in nearly $100 million at the domestic box office.

AP

Bell councilman supports recall, won't resign post

JOHN ROGERS
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES One of four City Council members targeted for removal in the scandal-plagued suburb of Bell said Tuesday he now supports the recall effort but won't resign.

Councilman Luis Artiga explained that if he quits, the other three council members could simply appoint a replacement, and the name of that person wouldn't be on the recall petitions currently being circulated.

Artiga said he would consider resigning if the other three council members agreed to do so simultaneously.

The recall was launched after residents of the blue-collar city learned Artiga and the other three embattled council members were being paid nearly $100,000 a year for their part-time service.

It was also revealed that Bell's city manager was making nearly $800,000 a year, the assistant city manager $376,288 and the police chief $457,000.

Those three administrators have since resigned. Meanwhile, Artiga and another council member have slashed their salaries to about $8,000 a year.

The other two members targeted for recall have said they would work for free in the city where state and federal authorities are investigating possible voter fraud, corruption and racial profiling.

Artiga said Tuesday he never voted for any of the high salaries, including his own. All were approved before he joined the council two years ago, he said,

Still, the longtime pastor at the Bell Community Church said he should have been more vigilant after joining the City Council.

Artiga said he previously had no idea how much city officials were being paid, and that he was shocked when he discovered how high his own salary was. He said he accepted the money, however, and used a good portion of it to pay down the mortgage on his church.

"Did I fail the community? Yes, I did because I should have known," he said by phone, adding he was headed to the office of the Bell Association to Stop the Abuse to sign a recall petition.

Lorenzo Velez, the lone council member not targeted for recall, said he had no idea the other members were making so much money. His salary was about $8,000 a year.

Mayor Oscar Hernandez and Councilman George Mirabal have said they won't seek re-election when their terms are up.

Recall spokeswoman Cristina Garcia said the group hopes to gather 4,000 signatures within the next two weeks, meaning an election could be held in January.

Clinton backs Brown for governor

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO Former President Bill Clinton endorsed California gubernatorial candidate Jerry Brown on Tuesday, just two days after a video clip showed Brown questioning Clinton's honesty and mocking his relationship with White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

In a statement released Tuesday, Clinton said he strongly supports Brown.

"I believe he was a fine mayor of Oakland, he's been a very good attorney general, and he would be an excellent governor at a time when California needs his creativity and fiscal prudence," he said.

The endorsement came a day after Brown apologized for making an inappropriate joke caught on tape in which he said Clinton doesn't always tell the truth. As an example, he pointed to the former president's past statements about his relationship with Lewinsky.

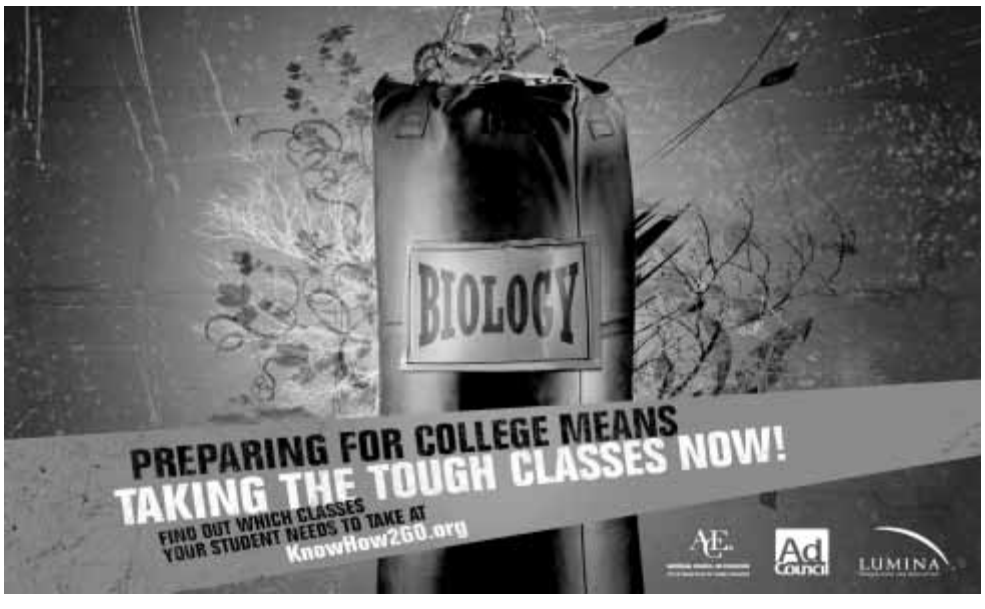
Brown's comments about Clinton were caught on video at a campaign event Sunday in Los Angeles. The attorney general was responding to an ad by Republican rival Meg Whitman that used footage from a 1992 Democratic presidential primary debate in which Clinton criticized Brown's record as governor.

Clinton said in his statement Tuesday that he agrees the ad is misleading, and that the hard-fought 1992 primary is not relevant today.

"Jerry and I put this behind us a long time ago," he said.

Clinton also said he endorsed Brown's rival, San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom, in the Democratic primary because of his strong support for Hillary Clinton's 2008 presidential bid and "because of his impressive record of innovation and accomplishment."

In a post on Twitter, Brown said he was honored to have Clinton's endorsement, which was first reported by The Los Angeles Times.



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RENT
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rounding rents for restaurants and developed the preliminary pricing formula, one which was met with plenty of opposition from members of Bayside, a public-private management company that is in charge of managing and promoting Downtown for City Hall.

"[T]o raise it like this with a recession out there, people will go out of business," said Bayside board member Barbara Bryan, who owns the Interactive Cafe on Broadway across from Santa Monica Place. "This just seems unfair."

Bryan said many restaurants and bars are offering extended happy hours in a desperate attempt to draw in customers.

"They don't put out happy hours because they are happy, they do it because they're miserable," she said.

Bayside board member Barbara Tenzer, a commercial property manager who works closely with restaurateurs in Downtown, said restaurant space typically is leased for around $6 to $7 a square foot on the promenade, and that comes with a kitchen, vents, electrical outlets and other amenities, whereas a sidewalk space is just concrete, and therefore shouldn't be nearly as expensive as indoor space. She also pointed out that restaurants cannot use their outdoor dining space every day of the year because of rain, wind or other issues.

"It's sad that [City Hall] is thinking about this when businesses are choking," Tenzer said. "Landlords are dealing with rent decreases, not rent increases."

The council has tried for decades to strike a proper balance between retail, restaurants and street performers, all of which officials say contribute equally to the unique spirit of the promenade.

This desire led to the formation of the Promenade Use Task Force in 2002, which was comprised of current and former councilmembers, business leaders and city staff. The task force recommended changes to current zoning to allow for outdoor dining at the pavilions, the center courts between the promenade's dinosaur fountains, and extending dining to the edge of the sidewalk in front of a given restaurant.

Some city officials believe too many restaurants have been pushed off the promenade because of high rents, forcing them to move where rents are lower.

Rob York, a real estate development consultant who works closely with Bayside, said the City Council has enacted regulations requiring landlords to rent only to restaurants and not retail, which commands higher rents. Charging higher rents for outdoor dining would be counterintuitive to the council's mission of preserving restaurants on the promenade and surrounding areas.

York said the pricing scheme needs to be simplified and rents lowered.

"If you want to encourage something you don't price it … above market," he said.

Patricia Hoffman, co-chair of Santa Monica's leading political party — Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights — who sits on the Bayside board as a representative of the community, spoke in favor of increasing the rents, particularly for those restaurants that use full enclosures, creating a barrier that does little to enliven a sidewalk. She thought the preliminary pricing increase for fully enclosed patios was too low.

"I think the city should get as much for that space as private landlords do," she said. "A full barrier does nothing for the community."

However, Hoffman agreed the time is not right to introduce the new rents given the struggling economy.

Members of the board questioned the preliminary pricing scheme developed by City Hall's consultant and may consider conducting an independent analysis. They also advised Mack to put the matter on hold until the economy improves.

Mack said she plans to meet with business owners in the city's major shopping districts to get their feedback before moving forward.

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youth violence reduction measures.

The group will use the action plan — a broad framework for addressing youth violence through early childhood programs, after school activities, parent involvement and youth employment — as its guiding document.

Richard Juarez Sr., whose son was shot to death last year, applauded the planned moves by the council but also urged city leaders to commit more resources to preventing youth violence.

"I don't want Richie's death to go in vain. My hope is that the action taken by the Santa Monica City Council will inspire community leaders to step up their commitment to preventing youth from joining gangs and participating in violence," he said. "If our collective work saves one life, then that's one more family that does not have to suffer the pain of losing a loved one to violence."

A City Hall report released last week detailed Santa Monica's efforts in the past 20 years to combat gang violence and noted this fiscal year's budget includes $32.4 million in funding for the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, nonprofit organizations and city programs designed for youth and families.

The report also urged surrounding communities to take additional steps to reduce gang involvement.

"Youth violence, and specifically gang violence, in Santa Monica is affected by the larger region of Los Angeles, which has one of the most significant gang violence epidemics in the nation," the report stated.

Between 1995 and 2009, there were 59 homicides in Santa Monica, 25 of which were gang related, and 1,800 assaults with deadly weapons, 168 of which were gang related, according to the Santa Monica Police Department. Serious crime, though, has decreased 36 percent over the past five years, the SMPD said.

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U.S. judges agree to test cameras in court

MARK SHERMAN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON The nation's federal judges agreed Tuesday to a pilot project that could televise some civil trials — 16 years after the judges ended a similar experiment.

Appeals court judge David Sentelle told reporters that many of the details remain to be worked out, but that cameras could not record the faces of witnesses and jurors. Sentelle also said either side in a lawsuit could keep cameras out.

The move by the policymaking body for the federal judiciary, the Judicial Conference, follows an aborted effort to have video recordings of the trial over California's ban on gay marriage posted on the Internet.

In January, the Supreme Court nixed a plan by Chief U.S. District Judge Vaughn R. Walker in San Francisco to have cameras record the trial.

Under the terms described by Sentelle, had this pilot project already been under way, the gay marriage trial would not have been aired because defenders of the ban objected to cameras at the trial.

A three-year pilot project in the early 1990s received generally good reviews from judges. Yet in 1994, the Judicial Conference restored its longtime ban on televised proceedings.

In 1996, the nation's appeals courts were allowed to decide for themselves whether to allow cameras at argument sessions. So far, appeals courts in New York and San Francisco permit such coverage.

The Supreme Court also does not permit cameras, and several justices have expressed their strong opposition to the idea. The newest justice, Elena Kagan, has said she might be open to cameras at arguments. Since the Bush v. Gore case on the 2000 presidential election, the Supreme Court has released audio recordings shortly after arguments in some high-profile cases.

Sentelle, chairman of the Judicial Conference's executive committee, said interest from some colleagues and members of Congress, as well as changes in technology that include smaller, less obtrusive cameras, prompted the judges to act.

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Latinos could be key in Chicago's mayoral race

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CHICAGO Two days after Mayor Richard M. Daley announced he wouldn't seek a seventh term, a group of Latino activists pondered an idea that seemed implausible the last time Chicago chose a new leader: An outcome decided by Latinos.

The group was hastily called to a restaurant in Little Village, a bustling neighborhood filled with clothing shops and taquerias that has grown into one of the nation's largest Mexican enclaves. Over sweet bread and coffee, they discussed how the city's demographics had changed since the last time Chicago had a wide-open mayoral race.

"There's an opportunity for us to decide who runs Chicago for the next 20 years," said Carlos Perez, editor of the Mayan Calendar News. "We have to put our own agenda together."

Daley's decision last week set off a scramble among potential successors and interest groups looking to attract candidates. And for the first time, Chicago's burgeoning Latino population finds itself in position to be a deciding factor in the race to choose who will run the nation's third-largest city.

Chicago's demographics have shifted greatly since 1989, when Daley first took office at a time of racially contentious politics. Since then, the number of Latinos has soared to approximately 28 percent of the population, from 20 percent, while the number of blacks and whites declined.

For many years, the Latino electorate was fractured by division and low turnout. But it has become a more prominent voting bloc nationwide, as shown in the 2008 presidential election, when it helped put Barack Obama in the White House. Latinos activists have also proven they can mobilize, at least in favor of immigration reform, as seen in scores of immigration rallies held across the country beginning in 2006.

Several Latino leaders are running or considering doing so. City Clerk Miguel del Valle, born in Puerto Rico, was the first to declare his candidacy. U.S. Rep. Luis Gutierrez, whose family is Puerto Rican, says he's leaning toward doing the same.

Some city leaders, including Alderman Danny Solis, have said it is unlikely a Latino candidate could win February's election. The list of candidates is expected to be long, and the winner needs a majority vote. But, he said, Latino voters could help tip the scales if two candidates end up in a runoff in April.

Latinos currently represent around 15 percent of Chicago's 1.5 million registered voters, according to rough estimates by the city's Board of Elections. That's approximately 200,000 votes.

But it's difficult to predict if Latinos will unify behind one candidate, especially since they are hardly a monolithic group and have a mixed history of supporting a candidate solely because he or she is Latino, said Evan Bacalao a spokesman for the nonpartisan National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials.

He cites a special election last year where Democrat Judy Chu, an Asian-American, easily won a vacant U.S. House seat in a Los Angeles-area district where most residents are Hispanic.

Members of the group meeting in Little Village echoed that idea. But at the very least, they hope to make issues important to Latinos part of campaigns.

"There's a change in the air, and we have to be a part of it," said Carlos Castro, a member of Puerto Rican Concerned Voters. "But we will not support a candidate just because he's Puerto Rican."

Castro and others said schools, street violence and jobs were top issues. They also talked about how to work with, or in some cases against, other factions, including similar black coalitions forming in the city.

In 1990, almost 20 percent of the city's nearly 2.8 million people were Latino, according to census data. Nearly 20 years later, about 28 percent of Chicagoans are Latino. In the same time period, the white population declined from 45 to 44 percent, as did the black population, from 39 to 34 percent.

But some are skeptical that things are much different.

"Chicago aspires to be world-class but is bogged by its own racial discrimination," said Harold L. Lucas, president of the Black Metropolis Convention and Tourism Council in Chicago. "The next mayor of Chicago needs to put on a diversity hat and figure out the interests of all those groups and make it into one holistic, inclusive system."

Daley has had a complicated relationship with Latinos.

Early in his term, Daley appealed to Latinos at a time when black and white voters were lining up along strict racial lines. He formed coalitions much like the city's first black mayor, Harold Washington, and later organized community leaders into the powerful Hispanic Democratic Organization, which was loyal to City Hall. The organization weakened in recent years after one of its leaders was convicted of illegally handing out city jobs to political campaign workers.

Meanwhile, independent Latino candidates have run into trouble competing with Daley-backed candidates in the city's Hispanic dominated wards.

So far, no clear favorites have emerged. Several prominent figures — including White House Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel, Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart and U.S. Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. — say they are considering running.

Some possible candidates have already begun targeting the city's Latino voters. Gutierrez, a prominent figure in the fight for federal immigration reform, was among those gathering signatures at a recent Mexican Independence Day parade in Little Village, marching with volunteers wearing "Gutierrez for Mayor" T-shirts.

Emanuel may face trouble among Latinos. Members of the group in Little Village said their focus was to help find candidates who would be an alternative to Emanuel, who they believe has worked to keep immigration reform off the White House agenda.

Jorge Mujica, a one-time congressional candidate, said there is more incentive to vote now that there isn't an incumbent in office.

"Latinos, generally speaking, don't vote unless they know their vote is going to mean something," he said. "Now's the time to vote."

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Middle school transition can be tough

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Transitioning to middle school is hard. Kids go from being big-shot fifth-graders in a school where they knew everyone, to being pip-squeak sixth-graders in a school where they don't know anyone. They have six teachers instead of one, locker combinations they can't figure out, and nobody to sit with at lunchtime.

"It's such a traumatic time, even for a well-adjusted elementary school student," said Joyce Stallworth, senior associate dean at The University of Alabama's College of Education. "They are coping with everything from changing classes to physical changes and hormones to increased academic expectations."

"It's a whole other world," said Lisa Merkin of Pinecrest, Fla., a mother of five with two children in middle school. "In fifth grade, they're still kind of coddled. But in middle school, if you don't have your homework, the teacher is not going to make a big deal of it. You're just going to get a zero."

There are also organizational challenges: "They need a binder for this and a binder for that. They have four minutes to get to their next class," Merkin said. And then there's the social aspect. In elementary school, they had friends going back to kindergarten. In middle school, Merkin said, "when they walk in the cafeteria, are they sitting by themselves?"

Complicating all of this is a huge change in the parent's role as kids "go from being babies to being teenagers. I remember wanting to be dropped off in the middle of the street so my mom couldn't kiss me goodbye!" Merkin recalled.

But while middle-schoolers sometimes push parents away, at other times, parents need to resist the impulse to step in and rescue them.

Rather than nagging a kid to do the work, arguing about it or intervening with teachers, the start of middle school is a good time to let students experience the real-world consequences of their choices — even if, at first, that means disappointment or failure.

"The only way we learn is through making mistakes, taking risks, trying things and experiencing the consequences," said Leif Gustavson, professor of education at Arcadia University in Glenside, Pa., a former middle-school teacher himself and father of a middle-school student.

Stallworth agreed: "Try not to solve those problems. Instead, listen to them and encourage and empower them to get through it."

I learned the wisdom of those words from my own children. Soon after my younger son started middle school, he came home one day utterly dejected, saying that he had no friends. Ever the helpful mom, I proposed having a pizza party and inviting all the kids in his homeroom as a way to make friends.

Fortunately my wise older son, already in high school, warned me to stay out of it and let his little brother make his own friends. He was right. Needless to say, within a few weeks, my younger son had more friends than he'd had in elementary school. Staying out of it was definitely the best thing I could have done.

On the other hand, it can also be helpful to talk things out with kids when they're facing challenges, whether academic or social. But rather than offering solutions, parents should ask questions.

"Approach any situation with an open-ended question instead of a directive: 'So what do you think you should do about that?'" said Gustavson, who is also executive director of an after-school writing program for teens called Qui Vive!

And make sure kids understand that the school is there to help them. Encourage them to talk to teachers if they're doing poorly in a subject. Perhaps there is tutoring available, or extra credit work. If they're having difficulty making friends, perhaps there are clubs, teams or other activities where they can meet kids outside of class. Many of my son's new friends came from drama and sports.

Parents also need to create an environment at home — an uncluttered table or desk in a quiet space — where kids can concentrate without distractions like Facebook, texting, video games or TV. That's especially critical for kids who are having a hard time with the new organizational and academic demands of middle school.

Once you make a physical space for the work to be done, said Gustavson, "then you can ask the question, 'What's the plan for your homework? How are you going to approach this?'"

One additional way to help kids in middle school cope with their new world is by encouraging them to read. Not only will it contribute to their literacy skills, but, says Stallworth, whose background is in English language arts, but young adult literature can also "vicariously help students to solve problems. One of my favorite sub-genres is the problem novel, where the protagonist is figuring out solutions to a problem."

And don't hesitate to ask questions of teachers, administrators and guidance counselors. "If we're real advocates for our kids, we should be interested in how they're learning and why," Gustavson said. "We should feel like we can engage in conversations about learning, why things are designed the way they are and what the goals are."

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Iranian officials release American hiker

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TEHRAN, Iran In just a few dizzying hours, American Sarah Shourd exchanged a cell in Tehran's Evin Prison for a private jet crossing the Persian Gulf on Tuesday, after an apparent diplomatic deal to cover a $500,000 bail and secure a release that seemed in jeopardy from the start.

Shourd was met by her mother and U.S. diplomats at a royal airfield in the capital of Oman, which U.S. officials say played a critical role in organizing the bail payment and assuring it did not violate American economic sanctions on Iran.

Shourd stepped off the private Omani jet and into the arms of her mother in their first embrace since a brief visit in May overseen by Iranian authorities — and her first day of freedom in more than 13 months. Shourd smiled broadly as they strolled arm-in-arm through the heat of the late summer night along the Gulf of Oman.

"I'm grateful and I'm very humbled by this moment," she said before boarding the plane in Tehran for the two-hour flight to Oman.

The whirlwind departure of the 32-year-old Shourd brought little change for two other Americans — her fiance Shane Bauer and Josh Fattal — who remained behind bars while authorities moved toward possible trials on spy charges that could bring up to 10 years in prison if they are convicted.

The three were detained along the Iraq border in July 2009. Their families say they were innocent hikers in the scenic mountains of Iraq's Kurdish region and if they did stray across the border into Iran, they did so unwittingly.

"All of our families are relieved and overjoyed that Sarah has at last been released, but we're also heartbroken that Shane and Josh are still being denied their freedom for no just cause ... They deserve to come home, too," said a statement by the three families.

Iran, however, has shown no hints of clemency for the two 28-year-old men. Indictments on espionage-related charges have been filed and Tehran's chief prosecutor has suggested the cases could soon move into the courts, with Shourd tried in absentia.

Any other scenario could bring more unwanted attention to the growing rivalries inside Iran's Islamic leadership.

Even the gesture to release Shourd on health grounds — first raised as an act of Islamic benevolence last week by President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad — turned into a spectacle of high-level political bullying and sniping over who controlled her fate and the overall wisdom of letting her go.

The open bickering seemed to harden the divisions that have been developing since the brush with chaos after Ahmadinejad's disputed re-election last year.

On one side are Ahmadinejad and his allies, led by the vast military and economic network of the Revolutionary Guard — what some analysts have called the "militarization" of the Islamic state. The other pole reflects the old guard of Iran's once-unchallenged authority, Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, and the traditional pillars of the theocracy such as the judiciary.

In Shourd's case, the judges came out on top. They humbled Ahmadinejad and set the ground rules for her release with a staggeringly high bail.

But in the wider sense, the feuds display the fraying consensus among Iran's conservative leadership — with Ahmadinejad's critics increasingly outspoken in their claims he is trying to expand his reach and redraw Iran's political map.

Such rifts could eventually make it harder for Iran to speak in one voice on key issues, such as its nuclear program and any future overtures to end 30 years of diplomatic estrangement with the United States.

"Iran's leadership managed to put down the opposition after Ahmadinejad's election, and now they are fighting among themselves," said Mehrzad Boroujerdi, a professor of Iranian affairs at Syracuse University.

Ahmadinejad may have felt the sting from the judiciary over the handling of Shourd's release. But he came away with the outcome he sought: a goodwill gesture less than a week before he is scheduled to arrive in New York ahead of the U.N. General Assembly.

Ahmadinejad has said Shourd was being released on compassionate grounds. Her mother says she has serious medical problems, including a breast lump and precancerous cervical cells.

Shourd's release, some analysts say, could be used by Iran as a way to deflect the international outcry over a stoning sentence for a woman convicted of adultery and the continued crackdown on opposition groups — which led two Iranian ambassadors in Europe to quit this week and seek asylum.

"Ahmadinejad is possibly trying to make the environment less hostile in New York," said Rasool Nafisi, a researcher on Iranian affairs at Strayer University in Virginia.

Even in the last minutes, Ahmadinejad tried to put his stamp on the release. His adviser on women's affairs, Maruyam Mojtahedzadeh, was on hand to greet Shourd at Tehran's Mehrabad Airport.

In a statement to Iran's state-run Press TV before boarding the flight to Oman, Shourd thanked Ahmadinejad and other Iranian leaders for "this humanitarian gesture."

"I want to really offer my thanks to everyone in the world, all of the governments, all of the people, that have been involved," added Shourd, wearing a maroon headscarf and a tan coat.

Upon arrival in Oman, Shourd also thanked the sultan for his help and said she would turn her efforts to trying to win the release of her companions. Her immediate travel plans were unclear. A U.S. official said she would be in Oman for at least a day.

Shourd, who grew up in Los Angeles, Bauer, who grew up in Onamia, Minn., and Fattal, who grew up in Elkins Park, Pa., were detained on July 31, 2009, and accused of illegally crossing into Iran and spying in a case that has deepened tensions with Washington.

Up until the moment Shourd was led outside the gray walls of Evin Prison, it was unclear whether the opening for her release could just as suddenly close.

A day earlier, a commentary by a news agency linked to the Revolutionary Guard called the bail an insult to Iran's security and intelligence forces. Shourd's family then said they couldn't afford the amount and the State Department noted it would not offer financial help.

Then came the unexpected news from Tehran's chief prosecutor, Abbas Jafari Dowlatabadi, that bail had been paid to Iran's Bank Melli in the Omani capital Muscat. Shourd's family has not disclosed the source of the funds — opening speculation that a diplomatic pact was cut with Oman.

A U.S. official said neither the U.S. government nor the families of the hikers put up the money, but could not say who else might have paid it.

All signs pointed to Oman, both a close Western and Iranian ally that wraps around the southeast corner of the Arabian peninsula.

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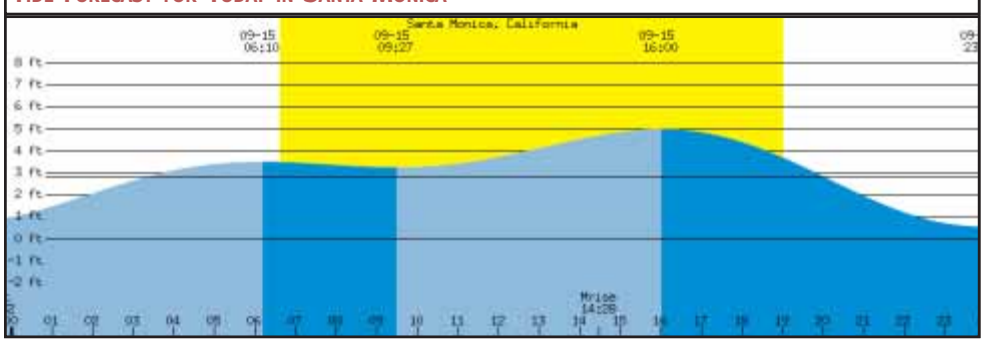
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Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
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El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisos creeks.	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas 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
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Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A+	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	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.	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	ns	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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A	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
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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

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Bush forfeits 2005 Heisman Trophy

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AP College Football Writer

NEW YORK Reggie Bush says he is forfeiting his Heisman Trophy.

The New Orleans Saints' running back released a statement Tuesday saying he would give back the award that he won in 2005 while he was at Southern California.

It's the first time college football's top award was returned by a recipient.

"While this decision is heart-breaking, I find solace in knowing that the award was made possible by the support and love of so many," Bush said. "Those are gifts that can never be taken away."

USC was hit with heavy sanctions by the NCAA this summer after it determined Bush had received improper benefits. The NCAA ruled that Bush was ineligible for the 2005 season, which opened the possibility that the Heisman Trophy Trust would take back the award.

One of the few guidelines given to Heisman Trophy voters is that a player must be in compliance with NCAA rules to be eligible for the trophy.

The eight-member Heisman Trophy Trust, based in New York, had said it would have to consider what to do about Bush, who won in a landslide vote over Texas quarterback Vince Young.

There was no immediate word from the Heisman Trust if the award would be vacated or given to Young.

INTERNATIONAL SPORTS

Nadal's U.S. Open victory adds to Spain's big year

PAUL LOGOTHETIS
AP Sports Writer

MADRID Spain's golden year of sporting success just keeps getting better.

Rafael Nadal's victory at the U.S. Open is the latest coup for Spain in a season-long fiesta on the international stage.

Spain won the World Cup in South Africa, Alberto Contador captured his third Tour de France and Nadal completed a career Grand Slam on Monday night.

Nadal followed up his victories at the French Open and Wimbledon this summer by beating Novak Djokovic 6-4, 5-7, 6-4, 6-2 in the U.S. Open final for his ninth Grand Slam title. At age 24, the Mallorca native is being talked about as one of the greatest players of all time.

"He's already a legend," sports daily Marca said of Nadal, describing him as "the best in history" by this stage of his career.

Many newspapers were wondering if Nadal could be the greatest Spanish athlete of all time. Nadal also won Olympic gold in Beijing in 2008 and helped Spain to three of its four Davis Cup titles since 2004.

"History is at his feet," Marca said.

El Pais wrote: "The Spaniard leaves the city that never sleeps with the most pleasant dream possible: champion, myth and, now, a legend."

Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero praised Nadal in a telegram.

"Your name and your triumphs are now part of sports legend, and this makes all of us Spaniards proud. As expected, again you won your way: with effort, zeal to excel, elegance and spectacular play. Thanks for making us all rejoice and dream, yet again," Zapatero wrote.

Spanish opposition leader Mariano Rajoy also paid tribute to Nadal.

"He really is something. We have to thank him because he makes us happy without asking for anything in exchange. No one gives as much as he does," Rajoy said.

Davis Cup teammate Fernando Verdasco, who lost to Nadal in the U.S. Open quarterfinals, complimented his compatriot.

"Congratulations from here to Rafa Nadal for winning the us.open, for the way he played and unbelievable (fourth) set with only 2 errors!" Verdasco wrote on his Twitter page. "So BIG!"

Nadal's victory also raised the nation's spirits after the only real disappointment this year: Spain's national team failed to defend its world basketball championship title in Turkey, losing to Serbia in the quarterfinals.

But there could be more celebrations to come.

Spanish racing driver Fernando Alonso won the Italian Grand Prix on Sunday and is in contention for his third Formula One title.

That would cap a truly remarkable year.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Gophers get suspended Theret back for USC game

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MINNEAPOLIS Minnesota safety Kyle Theret (THAIR'-iht) will return to the starting lineup this week.

Coach Tim Brewster confirmed the news on Tuesday.

Theret was suspended for an unspecified violation of team rules and policies in March. He wasn't allowed to play in the spring game, and he was held out of the Gophers' first two games this fall. They host No. 18 USC on Saturday.

Theret is one of only two returning starters on Minnesota's defense from last year. Fellow senior safety Kim Royston is the other, and he hasn't played yet either because he's recovering from a leg injury.

Brewster says Theret was pained by his absence and expects him to play well. He led the Gophers with three interceptions last season and was fifth on the team with 73 tackles.

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1:50pm, 7:00pm

Switch (PG-13) 1hr 40min
2:30pm, 5:05pm, 7:30pm, 9:55pm

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1:00pm, 3:45pm, 6:30pm, 9:15pm

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Meet friends, Scorpio

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ You keep coming up with questions that you pose in order to find solutions. If you are not comfortable with various elements, you veer in a new direction. Too many potential fields of quicksand might point to a new direction, and with good reason. Tonight: Discuss and take the lead in a key issue.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Just when you thought you were in the winner's circle, you discover there might be reason to back off. Though disappointed, you can opt to move forward in a new direction or explore your options. Tonight: Let your imagination choose a favorite pastime.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Keep pushing for answers. Others seem to balk at the present leadership and issues. You cannot make someone listen. Let this play out, and remain an observer. You will be happier. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer. It is nearly too good to be true.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Stay focused, even if you see many reasons a current project simply cannot draw the support of others. Take news with a grain of a salt. You might find that letting others figure this issue out is the best way. Stay clear. Tonight: Why, where and when? You have many options.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You want to allow greater creativity and understanding. Listen to forthcoming information. It is interesting to see the conflict in details and information from various sources. Your imagination could kick in. Tonight: Follow the trail with the least conflict.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ The instinct to withdraw is not all that abnormal. The real issue is determining the most effective way to stay out of an impending conflict between key elements in your life. Understanding will evolve given time. Tonight: Let your imagination rock and roll.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Keep communication active. Take news that comes forward with a grain of salt. Focus on accomplishing as much as you can. Be aware that an expenditure might be necessary. A family member proves to be supportive. Tonight: Head home early.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Watch a tendency to go to extremes. Hold off on making any financial commitments. You are coming to a point of view that isn't necessarily grounded to others. Be careful with making any agreements today. Tonight: Meet friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Forging ahead on a set path could be a problem, as there is an enormous amount of flak coming from someone close. You care about peace on the home front. Hold off, if possible, to see a situation open up. Give yourself time. Tonight: Your treat.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★ You might want to pull back and listen more. Questions and conversations point to a snafu. Give yourself time to figure out which is the best path. You know where you want to go. Tonight: Feeling re-energized.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You focus on the basics. Listen to friends, but realize you might have to say no to the expenses. At times you might want to say yes, but you simply can't afford to do so. Tonight: Take some much-needed personal time.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You take a stand that is long overdue. Investigate an opportunity a boss presents. Understanding evolves to a new level between you and those in charge. You could be in a no-win situation. A late meeting sees resolutions. Tonight: Where the gang is.

Happy birthday

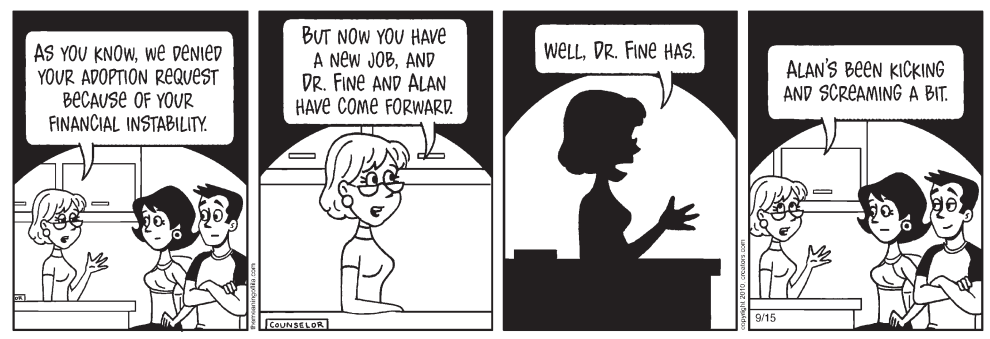
This year, you often find yourself challenged both personally and in dealings with others. Though you might want to throw your hands in the air, resolution comes from focusing on what works for both your professional image and your community status. Put that extra effort into your work, and you will see rewards. If you are single, you might meet a lot of people, though it might be difficult to develop a relationship that goes past the dating phase. If you are attached, you might not be very happy with some of the choices of your significant other. Know that this is a phase, not grounds for separation. CAPRICORN provides ideas.

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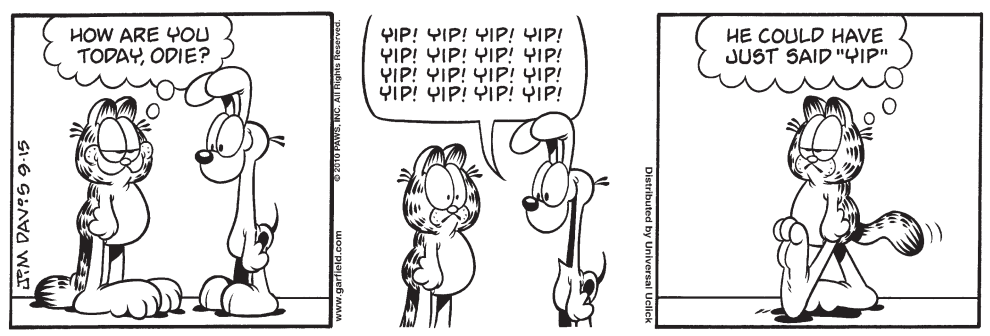
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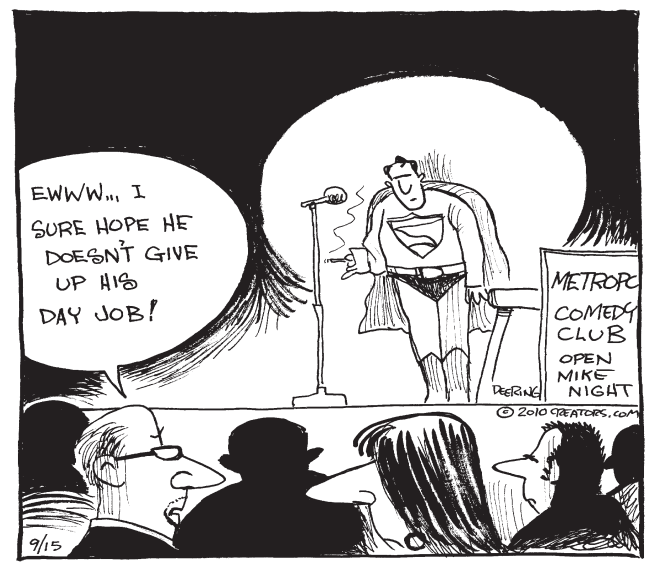
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Difficulty Level ★★★

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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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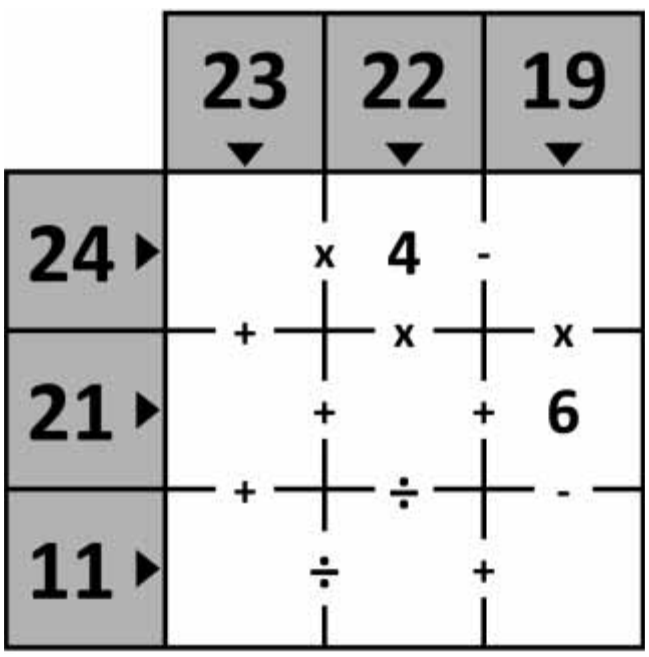
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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1 Test pilot Chuck
7 Strike
11 Niche
12 Ocean motion
13 Hand warmer
14 Wildly eager
15 Exhalation
17 Depend
20 Explosive stuff
23 Ring legend
24 Racer's team
26 Used a shovel
27 Genesis name
28 Historic time
29 Sticks
31 Author Fleming
32 Stylishly quaint
33 Hostels
34 Seek, as office
37 Pronto
39 Hilary Swank movie
43 Be patient
44 Casual eateries
45 Pipe bends
46 Beef buys

DOWN

1 Orange tuber
2 Yale rooter
3 Do something
4 Coped
5 At any time
6 Painter Magritte
7 Radio problem
8 Drizzle
9 Bustle
10 Cribbage need
16 Pays to play
17 Speed checker
18 Dodge
19 Urban transport
21 One of Lear's daughters
22 Track legend Jesse
24 Juan or Eva
25 "— got it!"
30 Blows one's top
33 Peace goddess
35 Crazes
36 Leave out
37 Impress
38 Gal of song
40 Pasture
41 Tick off
42 Blockhead

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ An Indian in the western Brazilian state of Rondonia lives completely isolated from humans -- the last survivor of his never-contacted tribe. However, the government has taken the unprecedented step of protecting 31 square miles of his habitat, monitored against trespass by technology including heat-sensitive flyovers -- even though developers point out that 31 square miles of farming could produce food for many more Brazilians than "one." The man was spotted 15 years ago, appearing to be about 30 years old (and leaving one of the spotters with an arrow in the chest), but has left only clues since then, and three years ago, the government stopped looking for him.

■ Wisconsin law permits independent candidates five-word statements to accompany their names on the ballot, to signal voters just as the words "Republican" and "Democrat" are signals, but Milwaukee Assembly candidate Ieshuh Griffin was ruled in July to have gone too far with her statement ("NOT the 'whiteman's bitch'") (her capitalization and punctuation). Griffin said the decision baffled her since "everyone" she spoke with understood exactly what she meant.

■ Mark Reckless, elected to the British House of Commons only two months earlier, apologized in July for failing to vote on a budget bill that required a late-night session to pass. He explained that he had had a drink or two while waiting for the session to begin and barely remembered what happened (except for "someone asking me to vote").

TODAY IN HISTORY

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1928 Tich Freeman becomes the only bowler to take 300 wickets in an English cricket season.

1931 In Scotland, the two-day Invergordon Mutiny against Royal Navy pay cuts begins.

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 7/30/2010.
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Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. ES014224 Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles Petition of EMILY LYNNE DECKER for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner or Attorney: EMILY LYNNE DECKER filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: EMILY LYNNE DECKER to EMILY LYNNE KESLER. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing:
Date: OCTOBER 15, 2010 Time: 8:30AM, Dept. B
The address of the court is Superior Court North District, 300 East Olive Avenue, Burbank, CA 91502. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press. Date: AUG 30, 2010
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