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THE TREES AND DOGS ISSUE

Senate approves 'critical' funding for homeless vets

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

DOWNTOWN By unanimous consent, the Senate Friday passed the Veterans Health Care Facilities Capital Improvement Act, which authorizes $35.5 million to address the critical need for veteran housing and homeless services at the West Los Angeles VA Medical Center.

The Department of Veterans Affairs already set aside the money for the renovation of the VA facility; Friday's bill, which now goes to President Obama for approval, was the final step in securing the funds, said Sen. Dianne Feinstein.

Of that money, some $20 million is expected to go to restoring Building 209, which will provide long-term therapeutic housing for chronically homeless veterans.

"At long last this renovation can begin," said Feinstein, who in 2010 secured a commitment from VA Secretary Eric Shinseki to renovate three buildings at the VA to help house and accommodate additional services for more than 8,000 homeless veterans in the greater Los Angeles area.

"One out of every 10 veterans without a roof over their head lives in Los Angeles, so there is a critical need for more housing at the West L.A. VA," Feinstein said. "It is our obligation to provide housing and services for those who have sacrificed for our country's safety, and I'm gratified the five-year battle to secure funds for our veterans was successful."

The $35.5 million approved Friday will renovate the first of the three buildings.

"Secretary Shinseki committed to renovating two additional buildings on the campus, and we intend to hold him and the administration to that commitment," Feinstein added.

The House of Representatives approved the funding measure Tuesday. Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Santa Monica, carried the bill.

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SMMUSD promises lasting reform for racial inequities

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS Community members urged the Santa Monica-Malibu Board of Education Thursday to keep the pressure on to correct systemic problems in culture and curriculum that they feel resulted in an alleged racist incident at Santa Monica High School in May.

District officials have made the matter — which involved two white teens allegedly chaining a black student-athlete to a locker and saying racist slurs — a top priority, said Superintendent Sandra Lyon.

"In the two and a half months that I've been here, this has been a big focus for us," Lyon said. "The comments of the parents and community, staff and students are very representative of the work ahead of us."

District officials Peggy Harris and Marolyn Freedman described the step-by-step review of over 5,000 board policies and entire school curriculum, meant to ensure

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Ashley Archibald *news@smdp.com*

TIMBER! **The top of a palm tree fell on a car on Bicknell Avenue on Friday morning. No injuries were reported.**

Sick specimen cuts power to street, neighborhood

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

OCEAN PARK Early Friday morning, a wind blew. Hard.

Around 3:27 a.m., Kimery Sherwood heard a loud sound that shook her from sleep.

"It was like an earthquake, but the ground didn't move," she said.

Something else had, though. When Sherwood looked outside, she saw the looming mass of a palm tree had severed the power lines outside her home on the 200 block of Bicknell Avenue and onto her sporty black Saab.

The accident took out power to 1,014 customers from Ocean Park Boulevard to Colorado Avenue, between Sixth and 11th streets, according to reports from Southern California Edison. Power was fully restored by 6:17 a.m.

Residents at the scene reported that their power was still out at approximately 7:30 a.m.

Edison crews reported to the area to control the live wires that writhed on the ground.

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, Sept. 24, 2011

Going bald for charity
Barney's Beanery
1351 Third St. Promenade, 3 p.m.
In recognition of children fighting cancer and Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, local firefighters and kids will be shaving their heads at the annual St. Baldrick's Foundation event today. St. Baldrick's has a goal of $20,000 they hope to reach in fundraising. The volunteer count is 60 people so far. Many locals and members of the event will be collecting pledges to support the kids battling cancer by raising money for life-saving research. For further information, visit www.stbaldricks.org.

Learn to earn
Santa Monica Public Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
1 p.m. — 3 p.m.
Eager to work but don't know where to start? Career day will help you get started. Hour-long workshops on resume design, one-on-one resume assistance from professional recruiters and an interviewing skills seminar led by the senior staff. The program is free and open to all. Registration for one-on-one resume review will begin at 12:30 p.m. on the day of the event.
For more information, call Reference Services Department at (310) 434-2608.

To be remembered
Broad Stage
1310 11th St., 3 p.m.
Millie Rosenstein, who died at the age of 96 in August, is being celebrated today. A life-long activist, she worked in several commissions and coalitions such as the Martin Luther King Westside. Recognized in 2000 as the 41st Assembly District's woman of the year, Millie will be buried at the VA cemetery in West Los Angeles next to her husband. For more information, contact son and former Mayor Paul Rosenstein at PaulRosenstein@RoadRunner.com

Sunday, Sept. 25, 2011

Play the day away
Green Brooms Music Academy
1445 Sixth St., 10 a.m. — 4 p.m.
Green Brooms Music Academy is hosting a $10 music lesson day with all lesson proceeds going directly to the Santa Monica Boys & Girls' Club Music Education Program. This event will give students the chance to take 30-minute private lessons or semi-private lessons with a wide variety of instruments to choose from. For more information, call (310) 310-2623 to schedule a lesson for the day.

2011 Abbot Kinney Festival
10 a.m. — 6 p.m.
Come to the free community event that offers music, food, arts and crafts and family fun. One of Southern California's most popular events, the 27th annual festival will attract nearly 150,000 people. Proceeds will benefit youth and families through the Abbot Kinney Festival Association (AKFA) Community Grants Program. For more information, visit www.abbotkinney.org.

"The case against happiness"
Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 Fourth St., 7 p.m.
A one-man courtroom comedy, tonight's play is an evening of true and funny stories about New York, being Jewish, family and the power of a bowl of cream of broccoli soup. The play, written and performed by Howard Smith, costs $18 for all seats and occurs weekly on Sundays. All proceeds benefit the Santa Monica Playhouse Save the Playhouse Campaign. For more information, call (310) 394-9779.

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June Lockhart *photo courtesy*

FAMILY: **June Lockhart (left) with her father Gene and mother Kathleen on the set of 'A Christmas Carol.'**

New book takes look at children of Hollywood

BY NICK THOMAS
Special to the Daily Press

DOWNTOWN In the new book, "Raised by the Stars," author Nick Thomas talks to the children of actors from cinema's Golden Era about the joys and difficulties of growing up in the shadow of the Hollywood spotlight.

One of those children is long-time Santa Monica resident, June Lockhart. Her father, Gene, was a popular character actor who appeared in over 125 films throughout the 1930s-1950s.

Others interviewed include the children of leading actors such as Errol Flynn, Jimmy Stewart, Gary Cooper, Rosalind Russell, Bing Crosby, Ingrid Bergman and Rex Harrison, as well as many supporting and character actors who were popular in the '40s, '50s, and beyond.

Given the hectic lifestyle of living in the celebrity bubble, it's not surprising that relationships between parent and child could sometimes be difficult.

"The lack of privacy due to constant media and fan attention, and the busy shooting and travel schedules could be tough on family life and sometimes left children feeling neglected or abandoned," said Thomas, who grew up in Australia and now lives in the U.S. "I'm sure that's still true today."

The Lockhart family, however, was a remarkably happy one.

"There were always projects going on, and it was a sweet home," recalled June Lockhart. "There was a lot of laughter, music, singing, entertaining, great Parcheesi, and parlor games. I was given lots of guidance, attention and affection. My father was sweet, funny, always smiling and chuckling. I never saw him pass my mother in a room without patting or hugging her. He was very affectionate."

Gene Lockhart is perhaps best remembered for playing Bob Cratchit in the 1938 version of the holiday favorite, "A Christmas Carol."

What's interesting about this film is that the actress who played his wife, was Lockhart's real wife. And one of his children in the film was June.

"When MGM made the movie and my parents were hired, they asked if I wanted to be one of the children. I said of course," June recalled. "I thought my parents were wonderful as the Cratchits, and it was just great fun to see how a film was made."

Even today, June still remembers her first lines in the film.

"My daughter, Junie, and granddaughter, Christianna, have never let me forget that the first words I ever spoke in movies were: 'I know, I know — sausages!'" she said. "It's become a family joke and we all shriek with laughter when we watch it now. Watching the film has become a family tradition each year. And now, to be able to watch it with my

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Sen. Feinstein sues treasurer, bank over campaign fraud

BY GILLIAN FLACCUS
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Sen. Dianne Feinstein's campaign filed a lawsuit Friday against a bank that handled accounts for a prominent Democratic campaign treasurer accused of looting millions of dollars from the war chests of local, state and federal politicians.

The lawsuit, filed in Los Angeles Superior Court, names First California Bank, treasurer Kinde Durkee, Durkee's firm and two business associates, including her husband, who is a partner in her business. The filing comes two days after state financial regulators launched an investigation into how the bank managed the dozens of accounts Durkee maintained at First California, based near Los Angeles in Westlake Village.

"A fraud of the scale alleged herein could not have occurred, and did not occur, without the knowing involvement of First California Bank," the lawsuit reads. "In exchange for fees and profits, First California Bank intentionally ignored dozens of red flags, ignored its duties and obligations under state and federal law and allowed Durkee to perpetuate the scheme."

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

St. Monica tries to get back on track

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

CORSAIR FIELD St. Monica's Mariners are looking within to improve their lot this season.

Starting the year 1-2 has first-year Head Coach Adam Guerra reviewing his approach to the game of football as they prepare to take on nearby Brentwood Saturday at Santa Monica College's Corsair Field. The game is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m.

"A lot of it is we're very young, just finding out who can play and where," Guerra said. "That's been the learning curve for us."

To that end, Guerra has supplanted Lukas Dretzka at quarterback with junior Luke Cain. Guerra feels that Cain gives his team a better shot at opening up an offense that has been run-dominated. Cain came into the role during last week's loss to Malibu and showed Guerra something. At least enough to look to the pocket passer to help right the Mariners' ship.

"We're not hitting the panic button by any means," Guerra said. "The coaching staff is new, we're still figuring things out."

Guerra has also shuffled the offensive line, hoping to open up the passing game to complement the output of starting running back Sean Martinez. The offensive line is in flux as Guerra searches for solutions.

Part of Guerra's rationale for the changes is to get his receivers more involved. He's dis-

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Tricky environmentalism

Editor:

Conceived by our City Council in reaction to the international scandal which has come to be known as the "Ficus Fiasco" where Santa Monica began by intending to kill hundreds of mature trees Downtown on a design whim, but was fought back to 23, it has been years in the making, but an update to our city's 2000 Community Forest Management Plan has made it into final draft stage through the work of our Urban Forest Master Plan Task Force.

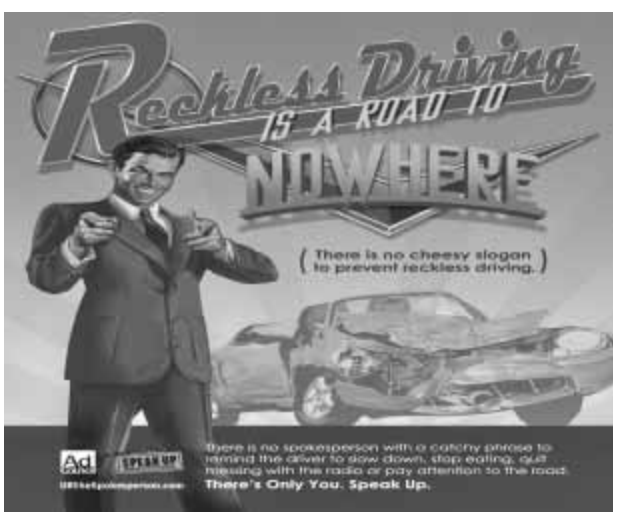
I am glad to see that the need to create a public appeals process regarding some forest issues, as has already been working in numerous cities nationwide for years, has made it into the city's Forest Master Plan Draft. There are, however, examples of important issues already having been publicly decided by the task force which somehow did not survive the process, through staff and consultant workings behind the scenes into the current draft, but those are a subject for another letter.

Today I'm writing to strongly disagree with this closed process having somehow decided that design projects will not be subject to appeal. This was only one of several ideas put forward for future further discussion by task force members in their public process. It was not arrived at as a decision or a consensus by the task force! Someone has invented this statement on the subject and inserted it into our forest plan: "For design projects the public process for design approval may serve as the appeal."

This Orwellian statement – translatable into, "there will be no public appeals process as concerns design projects" – leaves Santa Monica residents, businesses, and property owners exactly where we are now, without the ability to affect processes involving our urban forest, which have, however, obviously gone wrong. This is the most important type of appeal for residents to have! More trees are unnecessarily destroyed in this way than in any other. This is also one major way residents and others will be able to see to it that City Hall adheres to important aspects of our forest plan (a significant problem currently), as well as to other city ordinances, policies, and heavily-publicized good intentions.

Demonstrable need for an appeals process in situations of this type are numerous in Santa Monica's recent history. Obvious examples being the destruction of dozens of our drought tolerant, healthy Reed Park juniper trees for a "sustainable redesign," and our aforementioned ficus fiasco. Excluding false statements by City Hall, these two projects can be said to have gone through all appropriate processes taking place over a period of several years. Yet they both produced violent, expensive, unnecessary, anti-environmental outcomes which have outraged numerous residents and caused quite a bit of suffering in our community. A routine appeals process would have been a fair, open, public mechanism to avoid these disastrous outcomes. Santa Monica must have an appeals process specifically for forest issues related to design projects, as well as for all the other more routine reasons already approved.

Cosmo Bua
Santa Monica



On the Beat

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Get ripped, not ripped off

Q: I WORK OUT AT ONE OF THE LOCAL gyms and often hear about people who have had their lockers broken into and their stuff stolen. What can I do to reduce my chances of becoming a victim?

A: There are a couple of steps one can take to reduce the chance of becoming a victim of a locker burglary while at the gym. The first and easiest step is to not bring any valuables with you to the gym. When possible, leave any valuables at home in a secure place. Now I know that may sound simple, but it is definitely the best way to avoid having your belongings stolen while at the gym.

If you're like most of us that live busy lives and try to squeeze in a workout whenever you have time (after or before work/school, before the kids get out of school etc.), and don't have the time to go home to secure your valuables before you head to the gym, then here are a couple of factors to consider when utilizing your gym's lockers to store your stuff while you're working out.

LOCKS

Choose a good quality lock to secure the locker and your property. There have been several incidents where I have investigated a locker burglary where the victim used a $3 combination lock to secure a $5,000 watch and a $10,000 wedding ring. Stay away from the combination locks we all used in high school to lock away books and folders. Who wanted to steal those anyway? These types of locks can be defeated very easily. The Internet is full of videos that teach ways to defeat a combination lock using a little know-how and minimal force. Bottom line: if you are going to use the public lockers at your local gym, make sure you use a good quality lock to secure your belongings.

INSPECT THE LOCKER

Take a couple of minutes to inspect the locker you are about to use. What material was used to make the locker (wood or metal)? If it is a wood locker or locker door, is the wood cracked near the hinges or the area where you would place the lock? If the locker is made from metal, does it appear as if someone tried to force it open before? Does the locker door close properly? Check it to see if any of the screws in the hinge assembly are loose. If the locker you choose looks like it is about to fall apart don't use it. Report it to the gym staff and use another locker.

There are some gyms that have lockers with locks built into them. Take time to inspect these lockers as well. Look at the locking mechanism and make sure it is securely attached to the locker door. Once you have stored your items in the locker and secured the locking mechanism, give the locker handle a tug to be sure the locker is secure and the locking mechanism is working.

Choosing a good lock and inspecting the locker before you use it can reduce the chances of you becoming a victim of a locker burglary. Remember, most gyms will not assume responsibility when a locker used by a member is burglarized.

Q: There are often times when I am driving around in my neighborhood and notice things that need to be fixed or corrected. For example, there may be a street light out, an old piece of furniture that was dumped in the alley or a pothole in the roadway. In the past I have contacted my neighborhood resource officer, who promptly took care of the issue. But there are times where I don't want to bother the police department with issues that are not police related. How can I report these issues?

THERE ARE A COUPLE OF STEPS ONE CAN TAKE TO REDUCE THE CHANCE OF BECOMING A VICTIM OF A LOCKER BURGLARY WHILE AT THE GYM.

A: The city of Santa Monica has a "Government on the GO" mobile application that is available for iPhones and Android-based smartphones. This application is very useful for a citizen who may be driving around or may be out for a walk in their neighborhood and comes across an issue that needs reporting. Smartphone users can tell the city about potholes that need filling, trees that need maintenance, graffiti that needs removing, and more. The application (called GORequest) utilizes the global positioning systems (GPS) and cameras that are available in modern smartphones to make it easier for citizens to report issues to various city departments at any time and in any place in Santa Monica. To report an issue, the user can simply open the "app" on their smart-phone, choose an issue from the menu, take a photo of the issue (if desired) and tap submit. The application will send the issue, photo and the location to a representative in City Hall who can correct the issue.

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The Q Line

Barking up the wrong beach?

A group known as Unleash the Beach is gearing up for another run at creating a dog beach in Santa Monica where pooches can run free.

So this week, Q-Line asked:
Are you in support of creating an area on the beach where dogs can play? Or do you think it would create too many problems?

Here are your responses:

"I SUPPORT A DOG BEACH IN SANTA Monica. Dogs are such a big part of our lives and we should allow them to enjoy the beach as the members of our family that they are!"

"I DON'T SEE WHY HAVING A DOG beach in Santa Monica should be a problem when one can see how successful Huntington Dog Beach is. Pet owners tend to take extra responsibility in caring for a beach where their dogs (who are basically like their children) play. There are so many beaches frequented by humans which are full of garbage all the time but you won't see that at a dog beach. I see stretches of beach space that are hardly ever used in Santa Monica. A portion of these empty beaches should be put to good use by allowing dogs and their tax-paying humans."

"I DEFINITELY SUPPORT A DOG BEACH IN Santa Monica. Just look at Rosie's Dog Beach in Long Beach to see that a dog beach can be immaculately clean and family friendly. It would be wonderful to have a place in L.A. County where we could bring our dogs on the beach. My dog absolutely loves playing in the sand. However, both Long Beach and Leo Carillo State Park in Malibu are a bit far for a quick trip. Please make a dog beach in Santa Monica!"

"THERE ARE WAY TOO MANY DOGS IN this town, and too many of their owners are irresponsible scofflaws. They let their dogs off leash to go on private property on all hours of the day and do not clean up after them. In the park along Ocean Avenue, I see dog after dog squat, and shortly after, someone will lay a towel down or a blanket, or let their infant play in the exact spot. Others sit and lean against a tree that was just peed on. It's bad enough the beach sand is inundated with bird crap; now we want to add dog crap. Will there be a full-time park ranger to control the dogs and their owners? How will the off-leash dogs be confined to the area? Mark my words, there will be dogs in fights, people bitten, and lawsuits we don't need. I say no to any dog park at the beach."

"I HAVE TWO GERMAN SHEPHERDS WHO I take once a week to the dog park in Encino. I drive over from Woodland Hills. But a dog beach is so sorely needed in our area. I would have to drive more than 50 miles north or south to find an off-leash dog beach for my dogs. This is California, and it's so sad that dogs have been made so unwelcome here in L.A. County. There are so few places we can walk them off leash, and it would be so good for them and for me to be able spend a couple of hours, at least once a week at the beach with them, so they can run free and enjoy the sea and the sand. They are both very good dogs, respond immediately to voice command and of course, I always pick up their business. I have been to Carmel Beach and the dog beach in San Diego both many times, and the dog community lives in harmony with the people community. It is a wonderful thing. I truly hope that Santa Monica can soon have its own dog beach."

"I GREATLY SUPPORT A DOG BEACH IN Santa Monica. Dog owners are tax-paying citizens, and should be allowed to enjoy the beach the same as any other tax-paying citizen. Additionally, Santa Monica Beach is so large, that sectioning off an area less desirable to humans isn't going to affect those who don't wish to encounter dogs. Dog beaches in other areas (such as Long Beach) have shown no adverse effects on the environment, and has even helped to keep the area clean. Most dog owners are caring and would be conscientious of the dog beach and surrounding environment. (And strict regulations will help keep the other few in line.) Keeping the beach clean and safe would be a top priority as we wouldn't want to lose the privilege of having a local dog beach. Having the ability to be at the beach with our dogs is a way to improve dog owners' lives, as well as the dogs. Being outdoors, exercising and living life to the fullest! Santa Monica Beach is vast, let the dogs have a tiny little section! Woof-woof."

"IF MY FRONT LAWN IS ANY INDICATION, as well as the dog park, there are far too many pet owners who do not clean up after their pets; somebody else has to do it. Therefore I am dead set against any portion of the beach being set aside for unleashed dogs. Too easy to bury their loads there, and for somebody else to step in them."

"OUR DOGS BRING US SO MUCH JOY, why can't we return the joy and allow them the most joyous place for them to romp and frolic?"

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Old Timers, Vol. 2: Michael's

THE ONE RESTAURANT MOST CLOSELY associated with fine dining in Santa Monica is still Michael's. While it has not followed the many fads into more modern or experimental foods, it has maintained the same level of quality and consistency since it opened in 1979. And while dining has gone through a number of phases since 1979, Michael's original concept of light dishes prepared from local products with French, Italian and Asian accents remains the standard yet today.

I hear a rumor that owner and chef Michael McCarty was financed by the owners of the Santa Monica Bank at that time, because they wanted a nice place to have lunch near the bank. True or not, I did used to see them there at lunchtime, and certainly the patio at Michael's is one of the nicest places in town to have lunch, with its semi-enclosed, yet open-air garden.

McCarty is still there to greet customers. He became enamored with France while a young student there, and later went back to study food, wine and cooking, then finished training at Cornell and the University of Colorado. As a result, he himself can handle many of the decisions that other restaurant owners leave to chefs, and the restaurant operates without the reputation of a chef to promote it.

On the contrary, many of the well known chefs and restaurant owners in California owe their training to their time at Michael's. Ken Frank, Jonathan Waxman, Mark Peel, Nancy Silverton, Roy Yamaguchi and Sang Yoon all spent time at Michael's before branching out on their own.

In addition to the beautiful garden patio, which is very French in feeling, the restaurant is more beautiful than one might expect because of the many works of art on the walls. Much of the art is from contemporary Southern California artists, such as Sam Francis, who lived in Santa Monica Canyon near our house; David Hockney, who lived nearby in Santa Monica; and Robert Rauschenberg.

And so we come to the food and wine. The menu changes frequently, but there is always a good hamburger, one of the best steaks in town, often served with Bordelaise sauce, fresh fish and poached lobster usually prepared in the manner of a fine French restaurant, and a few more exotic dishes, plus great desserts. I recall a typical dinner I had there a few months ago, with a veal chop served with spaetzles and wild mushrooms in a red wine reduction sauce. The soups and salads are exceptional.

Unlike many restaurants today, a knowledgeable wine steward is always there, and the selection of wines is amongst the best in town. And Michael himself has a vineyard in Malibu and makes his own wine which, while the Burgundians need not have fear, is not bad.

All of this does not come cheaply, of course. I recall spending about $15 for an appetizer, $35 for my veal chop, and had I eaten dessert it would have been another $10 or so, for a total of about $60 before tax and tip, coffee, wine and Armagnac. In other words, if you are going to live it up there as you should, it might cost $100 or so per person. On the other hand, you can save a few dollars by not using the valet service, as a public parking lot is right next door where you can park for a few quarters. It may not be a big dollar saving, but it feels good. Just like the restaurant itself.

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Umami lives up to the hype

WHAT IS THERE LEFT TO POSSIBLY SAY about the most critically reviewed, dissected, and highly acclaimed burger in Los Angeles? A mouthful, if you are one of the people like myself that are late in the game to scratch this contemporary hot spot off your burger bucket list. Yes I do have a list and Umami Burger was at the top of it. After encountering a few gasps, arm grabs and cries of "You've never had Umami Burger?" I found it my duty more than anything to give it a go.

Umami Burger is listed at 500 Broadway although countless bike rides up and down this street show nothing more than the ivy facade of the Fred Segal. Umami Burger is actually tucked away on Fifth Street right next to the high end retailer. Like Fred Segal, Umami Burger is trendy, contemporary, and quite chic. The two certainly go hand in hand. And while I am not necessarily going to use my rent check to purchase a spiffy little hand bag, I can be enticed to penny up for a super fancy, fine dining experience at Umami Burger.

My server was very friendly, prompt, and I had no issues in being seated. However, with its cramped dining area and large crowds I could imagine a party of four could run into some problems. Space is certainly at a premium, but since I was dining alone there were no worries.

With a relatively long list of burgers to choose from, making a final decision could have been a challenge. Ultimately going with the restaurant's namesake seemed most appropriate. While "The Umami Burger" obviously is the standard at no other place than Umami Burger, it is anything but conventional. It is the details that make this burger a new L.A. staple. The parmesan disk for example adds great flavor, texture, and a certain level of fanciness. And I never thought I would be praising catsup, but Umami's version transcends your standard Heinz 57. The meaty greasiness of the burger, added to the salty crisp parmesan disk, along with the rich flavors of their house catsup, grilled onions and mushroom, meld together, absorbed perfectly in their signature bun.

Not to be outdone or overlooked by the burger are the Umami sides. The sweet potato fries are indeed sweet, savory, and delicious. And the tempura onion rings were great too (although I believe you could deep fry a car tire in tempura batter and I would like it). The standout side was definitely the smooshed potatoes. The geniuses at Umami take Dutch yellow creamer potatoes, fry them, smashed them down, and fry them again. They are like really big, thick potato chips.

I have heard people criticize Umami for having burgers too small in size. Others think they are perfectly proportioned. I suppose it is a matter of preference. I am usually all about gluttonous burgers, but sometimes it's nice to walk away from a meal without the meat sweats. I must say I felt pretty good about my first experience at Umami Burger.

It is admittedly a bit tough to review the most critically acclaimed burger in L.A. Part of me wants to go against the grain and pan the burger just to stir up some controversy. But alas I cannot. Bowing down to the gastronomic trends and succumbing to its popularity, I too love this burger as much as the masses.

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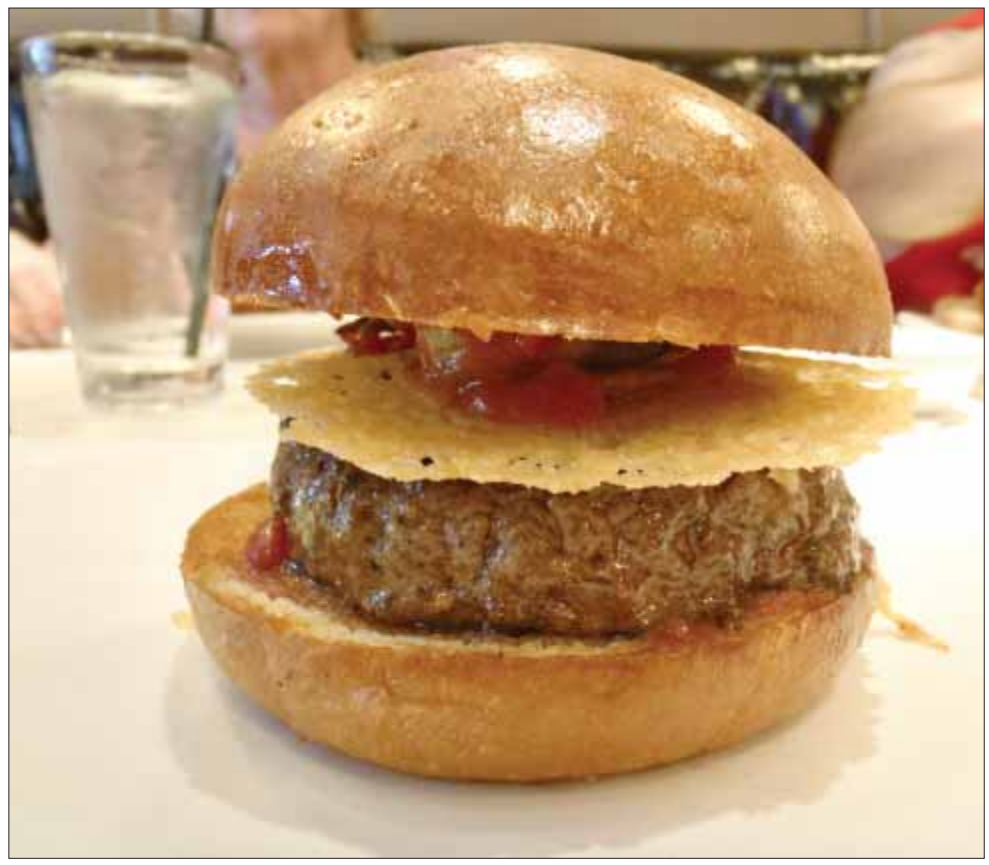


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BEST BURGER? **'The Umami Burger' may look simplistic but on closer examination the parmesan disk adds great flavor and texture while the homemade catsup will make you forget Heinz 57.**

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Expungements: Burying Those Skeletons In Your Closet

Have you ever applied for a job, professional license, and/or school application where they asked if you have ever been convicted of a crime? If so, did you get nervous and distraught at the thought of having to circle "yes" and then explaining the circumstances of what happened years and years ago with your minor run in with the law? If this is a likely scenario for you or someone you know, help make those skeletons in the closet disappear by filing an expungement/dismissal motion. California Penal Code Sections 1203.3 and 1203.4 set forth the basic rules for expungements. This article focuses on some need to know legal rules and consequences with regard to expunging your record in California. Please note that this article examines the basic elements and procedures of expungements. If you or someone you know is filling out an application or reporting a past conviction to anyone in an official capacity it is advisable to speak with a criminal attorney about whether you must report the past conviction, even after the expungement process.

In terms of filing an expungement and clearing up your record, there are a couple preliminary questions that must be answered. First, was your past conviction for a felony or misdemeanor crime? Second, was probation granted and if so have you successfully completed probation? And lastly, once you have determined that you are eligible for expungement, what do you do?

If the answer to the first question is a misdemeanor, then you're on the right path! If the answer to the first question is felony, then there is another step that must be completed prior to filing an expungement. In order to expunge a felony conviction or have it dismissed from your record, a motion must be made pursuant to Penal Code Section 17(b) to first have the conviction reduced to a misdemeanor. Certain felony crimes, however, are never capable of being reduced to a misdemeanor and can never be expunged. Convictions that cannot be expunged or dismissed by law include any misdemeanor listed in Vehicle Code section 42001(b), any violation of P.C. 286(c), 288, 288a(c), 288.5, or 289(j), a felony under P.C. 261.5(d), and any infraction. Moreover, if you were never granted probation and instead went to State Prison, although there are options for clearing your record, the basics of expungements as explained in this article will not apply to your given scenario.

Once you have determined that your past conviction was a misdemeanor or capable of being reduced to a misdemeanor, move on to question number two: Was probation granted and have you successfully completed all the terms and orders of your probation? Typically, in misdemeanor cases, courts order that a defendant be placed on 1-3 years of probation and to follow all rules and regulations. If the court does not order probation, you're ready to file the motion! If probation was granted, the time period is over and done with, and you have fulfilled all the terms of the probation (including completing any classes, service work, and/or paid all fines) then you are also ready to file the motion! If probation is still open and has not been completed, a separate motion for early termination of probation must first be filed. If granted, and probation terminated early, then you are ready to file the motion! In sum, before a motion for expungement/dismissal is filed, probation must typically be successfully completed either by the passage of time or by early termination from the court.

Now that the motion is ready for filing, what do you do and how do you do it? California courts vary in terms of requirements for expungement/dismissal motions. For instance, some courts require a filing fee (usually around $60) and attached declaration (preferably by an attorney). All courts, however, require that a P.C. 1203.4/1203.4(a) Petition For Dismissal be completed and filed. In order to fill out this form correctly, a petitioner needs to obtain the case number, date of conviction, conviction charges, date of birth, driver's license number, last four digits of social security, and if possible the Criminal Identification and Information (CII) number. After entering the requisite information simply check the applicable boxes and sign/date the form. Additionally, along with the Petition, you should also attach a Court Order. The same information must be filled out on the Court Order; however, this form is for the judge to review and then sign/date. The signed Court Order is then stamped and recorded by the clerk certifying that a judge has ordered the case dismissed/expunged. Expungement/Dismissal Petitions typically take anywhere from one to three months for the court to review and complete.

Avoid the headaches and problems associated with explaining away your past minor run-ins with the law and get rid of skeletons in your closet today by filing an expungement! Call the Legal Grind to schedule an appointment to meet with a skilled and experienced attorney to help you navigate through this tricky process and answer any questions that you might have.

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LOS ANGELES

Jury selected in Jackson doctor's case

A seven-men, five-woman jury has been selected to hear the involuntary manslaughter case of Michael Jackson's doctor.

The panel was selected Friday after hours of questioning of prospective jurors by a judge, defense attorneys and prosecutors. The group was asked numerous questions, including whether they regarded the singer as childlike and how they feel about police.

Opening statements in the case are expected to begin Tuesday.

The selection process was closely guarded, with bailiffs marching 84 prospective jurors into Superior Court Judge Michael Pastor's courtroom. Ten were quickly dismissed because they no could no longer serve for the roughly five weeks the case is expected to take.

Murray has pleaded not guilty to giving Jackson a lethal dose of the anesthetic propofol in June 2009.

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LOS ANGELES

Obama's campaign office smashed up

Police said Friday they are investigating what appears to be a politically motivated attack on a campaign office for President Barack Obama in Los Angeles, only days before he's scheduled to arrive in Southern California.

Several campaign staffers were in a room at the back of the office Thursday night when they heard the sound of smashing glass at the front and side of the building, said police Cmdr. Andrew Smith.

They found three front-door windows and a side glass door had been smashed.

No rocks or projectiles were found, and police believe one or more attackers used a tire iron or something similar to break the glass, Smith said.

"Someone could have run by and hit it with an object," he said.

Detectives believed the attack was politically motivated because no other businesses in the usually low-crime area were targeted, Smith said. No threats were made before or after the attack.

Police notified the Secret Service and FBI officials said they are assisting Los Angeles police with the investigation to determine if the incident was motivated by hate or an act of domestic terrorism.

Katie Hogan, a spokeswoman for Obama's re-election campaign, declined comment.

The office housed in a three-story building is in the Playa Vista area on the suburban west side. Plywood boards covered the broken windows and door. The office was closed Friday.

Obama is scheduled to visit Los Angeles on Monday to raise money for his campaign.

AP

LOS ANGELES

Early Monroe photos, copyrights to sell at auction

Copyrights and images from Marilyn Monroe's first photo shoot are hitting the auction block.

A bankruptcy judge in Florida ruled earlier this week that photos taken in 1946 of Norma Jeane Dougherty — who went on to become the iconic Monroe — will be sold at auction to settle the debts of the photographer.

Joseph Jasgur's photos, negatives and image copyrights will be sold in December by Julien's Auctions. The collection also includes several model-release forms Dougherty signed for Jasgur in Hollywood.

Darren Julien, chief of Julien's Auctions, said the photos have not been widely distributed and the collection has been locked up in court battles for more than two decades. He said the sale is significant because "it's very rare to see something where you can buy a copyrighted image of (Monroe), especially of her first photo shoot."

"It's really hard to put a value on something like this, because it's rare and not just for the collector," he said, noting that the owner of the copyrights will be able to sell and distribute the images. "These are probably the most significant images of Marilyn that are available because they're so early, from the first part of her career, and it's rare to have images like these where you're selling the rights, too."

He declined to estimate how much the images and copyrights will sell for at the company's "Icons & Idols" auction, to be held Dec. 2-4 in Beverly Hills, Calif.

The photos include a black-and-white headshot of the future Monroe wearing a jaunty beret, another of her in a halter top and a color picture of her smiling in a striped bikini on the sand. Julien said Jasgur was hired by the Blue Book modeling agency to shoot the then-unknown Norma Jeane.

AP

LOS ANGELES

KB Home posts wider loss for fiscal 3Q

KB Home on Friday became the latest major homebuilder to report a surge in new home orders for the closing months of summer and said it anticipates the sales increase will continue next year.

The company posted a wider third-quarter loss than a year earlier, however, as completed home sales tumbled 31 percent.

Orders for new homes jumped 40 percent for the quarter that ended Aug. 31. An increase in the number of KB Home developments with houses available helped, but the improvement mainly resulted from comparison with an easy year-ago sales benchmark.

Like most builders, KB saw orders slow in the second half of last year after homebuyer tax credits expired at the end of April 2010. Sales of new homes nationwide remained weak through last summer and much of the fall and, even with the incentive, new home sales in 2010 were the lowest on records going back 47 years.

That's made it easier for builders this year to show improvement. This month, Lennar Corp., Meritage Homes Corp. and The Ryland Group Inc. each touted higher summer orders.

The same government incentive also boosted builders' home deliveries and revenue last summer, and that's made those numbers tougher to beat.

AP

Bill would allow minors to get vaccinated against STDs

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SACRAMENTO Heated debate in the Republican presidential race over child vaccinations also is playing out in California as Democratic Gov. Jerry Brown considers whether to a sign a bill allowing children as young as 12 to get vaccinated against sexually transmitted diseases without their parents' consent.

Religious leaders, pro-family organizations and GOP lawmakers have warned the change would erode the rights of parents to be involved in their children's medical decisions. Supporters say the legislation is needed to keep up with new prevention treatments and help slow the spread of STDs among minors.

The bill passed the California Legislature along mostly party lines and now is on Brown's desk. He has until Oct. 9 to act on AB499, and has not signaled his intent.

Currently, California minors are allowed to seek diagnosis and treatment for STDs such as the human papillomavirus, known as HPV, without parental consent but cannot get vaccinated without their parent's approval. HPV is the leading cause of cervical cancer.

"I don't think we should be playing Russian roulette with kids' lives," said Assemblywoman Toni Atkins, a Democrat from San Diego who authored the legislation.

Opponents say the push for inoculation by medical officers and women's health advocates tramples on parents' rights. Just as minors cannot get a tattoo or piercing without parental approval under California law, opponents say parents should be involved in a child's medical care, whether it's treatment for a migraine or sexually transmitted disease.

"Our children need the knowledge and wisdom of their parents in order to make complicated medical decisions," wrote Los Angeles Archbishop Jose Gomez in an online newsletter. "This legislation would leave our children to make these decisions without the benefit of their parents' wisdom."

Although the California bill was introduced back in February, vaccinating minors became a hot national topic recently when Republican presidential candidate Michele Bachmann attacked Texas Gov. Rick Perry for issuing a 2007 executive order mandating the HPV vaccine for young girls.

That mandate was overturned by Texas lawmakers, but Perry said during a GOP debate that supporting the vaccinations means supporting life.

HPV is the most common sexually transmitted disease. According to the bill's author, HPV has become the world's second leading cause of cancer deaths among women. It was blamed for more than 400 deaths in California in 2008, the latest year for which statistics are available.

Two vaccines are available. One is licensed as Gardasil by Merck and the other is Cervarix, manufactured by GlaxoSmithKline. They are most effective if given before a person becomes sexually active.

If Brown signs into law, minors also would be able to get other STD prevention treatments, including new medicines that help prevent HIV infection if given within 72 hours of exposure.

Local public health officials along with the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the Health Officers Association of California are sponsoring the bill. Supporters also include Planned Parenthood, NARAL Pro-Choice California and the California Nurses Association.

Opponents include the California Catholic Conference, Right to Life Committee and other family organizations.

Atkins said her bill simply updates state law to keep up with new prevention treatments. California already allows teens to access confidential care for contraception, pregnancy, mental health care and drug abuse treatment. Adding preventive care for sexually transmitted diseases makes sense, she said.

"Technology has advanced," Atkins said. "We have vaccines that cover things like Hepatitis C. We have a vaccine that covers HPV."

According to Atkins' office, all states allow minors to consent for diagnosis and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases. Supporters note that many conservative states already allow minors to seek preventive treatment.

They include Alabama, Arkansas, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Montana, North Carolina, South Carolina and South Dakota.

Republican lawmakers who opposed the bill say it builds on the assumption that children know better than their parents rather than assuming that parents know and care about their children.

"That's a decision that ought to be made between parents and their child," said Sen. Ted Gaines, a Republican from the Sacramento suburb of Roseville.

Even foster children have guardians who can act as their advocates and give advice on medical care, he said.

"I don't think a 12-year-old is capable of making good medical decisions, and we continually in our society push more and more responsibility onto minors when we ought to focus on engaging the parents in what are very critical decisions," Gaines said.

Dawn Richardson, advocacy director for the National Vaccine Information Center, an anti-vaccine group, is urging Californians to ask Brown to veto AB499. She wrote that it would take authority away from parents.

Supporters say the bill is necessary to allow teenagers and some pre-teens to access confidential medical care when they feel they cannot talk to their parents or guardian. They note that it's simply good public health policy because sexually transmitted diseases are spreading among young people.

"We are seeing younger women and men becoming sexually active and engaged," Atkins said.

The Centers for Disease Control "monitors those numbers nationally. We have clear evidence of a growing problem with young people under age of 18 — HIV and AIDS in young people as young as 14. That should alarm us."

Atkins said conservatives who support parental consent laws tend to believe minors should not have access to prevention or treatment of sexually transmitted diseases even though they may be sexually active without their parents' knowledge.

"Like most physicians, I encourage my teen patients to involve their parents, and the good news is that most do," Dr. Katharine Sheehan, medical director of Planned Parenthood Pacific Southwest, said in a statement. "However, for some teens, good family communication is not possible or may actually be dangerous."

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grandchildren — well, who gets to do something like that?"

June was a fixture on '50s and '60s TV, and is best known for playing the mother in "Lassie" and "Lost in Space." Her mother, Kathleen, also appeared in around 40 films, half of them with June's father.

While June Lockhart followed her dad with a successful acting career, only a few of the children interviewed became actors, although many entered the world of arts or entertainment: Walter Matthau's son became a director, Buddy Ebsen's daughter is a singer, Rex Harrison's son is a writer, and Red Skelton's daughter paints.

"Some just didn't have acting genes in them," said Thomas. "Jimmy Stewart's daughter became an anthropologist and spent years living with gorillas in Rwanda, while Yvonne De Carlo's son was a lifeguard who saved over 500 lives."

The idea for the book occurred to the author in 2009, when Thomas wrote a feature for the Washington Post to commemorate the centenary of Errol Flynn's birth. He interviewed actors who had worked with Flynn, as well as his family members including daughter, Rory.

"That's when I thought a collection of interviews with children of these great stars from the past might be appreciated by film fans," said Thomas.

So he prepared a list of his top 100 favorite actors from Hollywood's Golden Age, and attempted to track down the children. But it wasn't always easy, or possible.

"Some of the actors never married, while others had no kids or their children had passed away," he explained. "Obviously, those that I did locate were not 'kids' any longer, and many were in their 70s and 80s. Some were in poor health or, for various reasons, did not want to be interviewed. Others, I just couldn't locate. But those who agreed to talk were enthusiastic, especially if their parent was perhaps less well-known, like Gene Lockhart."

Thanks largely to cable channels such as Turner Classic Movies, Thomas says new generations continue to enjoy classic films. "It's amazing how many younger people know these movies," he says. "There's still a lot of interest in this era of Hollywood, and the actors such as Lockhart who created movie magic."

"My father made so many movies that I have never seen them all," recalled Lockhart's daughter. "So when one comes on television that I haven't seen, it's a wonderful treat."

"Raised by the Stars" is published in softcover by McFarland and contains 50 photos. More information at the website: www.raisedbythestars.com.

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Editor's note: Nick Thomas provided this story to the Daily Press.

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Durkee has served as a treasurer on a number of Santa Monica political campaigns.

The bank's chief marketing officer, Diane Dickerson, said the company had not been served with the lawsuit and could not comment. Durkee's attorney, Daniel Nixon, also did not return a call.

The longtime treasurer, who controlled more than 400 accounts, was charged earlier this month with mail fraud by federal prosecutors who alleged she siphoned nearly $700,000 from a state candidate's campaign to pay her credit cards, a mortgage, business bills and her mother's care at an assisted-living facility. She then shifted funds from other candidates' accounts in an elaborate shell game to cover up the wrongdoing, prosecutors allege.

She admitted to authorities that she had been misappropriating her clients' money for years, according to the criminal complaint.

The scope of the scandal remains unclear even weeks after Durkee's arrest, but Feinstein estimates in the court papers filed Friday that she lost "millions of dollars" from at least two campaign committees, Feinstein for Senate and Fund for the Majority.

The complaint spells out several examples of alleged wrongdoing, including two instances of illicit transfers from Feinstein's campaign accounts this summer.

In the first, Durkee transferred $80,000 from one of the senator's accounts in two transactions and then re-deposited the same amount in the account three weeks later, the lawsuit alleges.

In the second, she took $100,000 from another Feinstein account and re-deposited it the same day, the court papers allege.

She has not been able to determine her exact losses because First California has refused to give her access to her accounts without a letter absolving the bank of any responsibility — which Feinstein won't sign, said Bill Carrick, her lead strategist.

The bank announced last week that it was seeking to have a judge sort out who owns the money in dozens of hopelessly co-mingled Durkee-controlled accounts — essentially putting a freeze on the money.

"I think our point of view is we want a full accounting of all these bank accounts so we know what happened and then we want to be reimbursed for everything that was wrongfully taken," Carrick said. "All of this happened inside that bank so they had full knowledge .... of this whole scheme."

The growing implications of Durkee's arrest have put the spotlight on an insular political culture that allowed one person to hold the purse strings for a clientele that left no levels of the party unscathed, from local mayoral candidates and small Democratic clubs to state politicians to federal lawmakers such as Feinstein.

Dozens of small Democratic clubs and medium-sized political action committees also may have been wiped out.

Durkee got most of her clients through word-of-mouth within the party. Smaller clubs were often steered toward her independent firm, Durkee & Associates, by local party bosses because she offered grass-roots groups her services at free or dramatically reduced rates.

She has been released on bond and is scheduled to make a court appearance Oct. 19 in Sacramento.

More charges are possible, authorities have said.

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The tree succumbed to a debilitating disease called theviliopsis, said City Arborist Walt Warriner.

It attacks the inside of the trunk, which is a bundle of vascular tissue used to bring water up to the green palms, not solid wood like most trees. The interior weakens until it can no longer support the heavy weight of the top of the tree.

As delicate as the trees look, blowing back and forth in the wind, the heads can get quite heavy. The last time city arborists weighed one that fell, it came in at almost 3 tons, Warriner said.

The virus is particularly insidious because the trunk can appear normal and healthy until the moment it gives way under the strain.

Arborists check for the symptoms of the disease by tapping around the trunk just under where the fronds connect, usually while they're pruning the trees.

"It's something we're always on the lookout for," Warriner said.

Unlike fusarium, a fungus that has infected many Canary Island date palms in Santa Monica, theviliopsis is not an airborne disease. Instead, it's transported by mosquitoes or other vectors through open wounds in the trees, often created by cuts or gashes.

To prevent transmission, city arborists soak a handsaw in bleach which they then use to prune the palm. Before moving onto the next tree, an arborist will put the used saw back into bleach and use a second saw, also soaked in bleach, on the next tree.

The felled tree, however, was on private property, so city officials never had an opportunity to check the tree for disease.

The palm is of the same variety as a group of trees that have caused controversy on two sections of Georgina and Marguerita avenues.



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GONE: **The top of a palm tree on Bicknell Avenue fell on top of a parked car on Friday.**

Part of a citywide initiative to create policy for its urban forest involves identifying species of trees that will be planted on each street in Santa Monica.

A draft plan suggested that dying Canary Island date palms be replaced with Torey pines and sycamores, two varieties of trees with large canopies that provide more shade and soak up more carbon than the palms.

Residents objected to the switch, arguing that the palm allées added to their home values and were an iconic part of their streets.

City officials have, in most cases, agreed to plant Chilean wine palms in the place of the Canary Island date palms, although local nurseries haven't been able to supply the number of palms that will be needed to replace the date palms as they die off.

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appointed that senior tight end Chris Corbally has only four catches in three games.

"That's something we have to fix," Guerra said. "[Corbally] is big, fast and strong and needs to get the ball."

While St. Monica is working on its passing game, Brentwood is expecting the run.

Head Coach Patrick Brown is struck by St. Monica's size on the offensive line, making stopping St. Monica's rushing attack a tough task. He's particularly impressed with Martinez, who ran effectively against Brentwood during last year's first meeting.

"I have a feeling [Martinez] will get the ball a lot," Brown said. "We have to be ready for that."

Brentwood, which is decidedly young, starts just one senior on defense. Linebacker Brennan Hughes is the sole senior and will be called on to spearhead the defense. He's joined at linebacker by junior Aaron Fritts, who makes the calls on that side of the ball.

"We have some active, aggressive linebackers," Brown said. "They are our strength."

Aside from respecting St. Monica's running game, Brown has taken note of newcomer Guerra. After watching tape, Brown came to the belief that the first-year coach has instilled discipline in the Mariners during his short time on the sidelines. High praise coming from Brown, who has spent 31 years as Brentwood's head coach.

"That's the one thing that shows up," Brown said. "They seem to be in the right place, they're on the right track."

For Guerra, he's not all the way in agreement. His changes at quarterback and on the line show that he's still finding his way as he seeks to mold the team in his image.

"We're not making wholesale changes," Guerra said. "Just trying to figure out what works."

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that faculty and staff know how to respond to issues when they arise and students get an accurate view of the diverse world around them.

A chief complaint after the alleged incident was that there weren't solid policies in place for staff to follow to react appropriately to the alleged incident.

In the meantime, district policies have been tightened, and staff instructed in a clear set of policies to both prevent situations and deal with those that arise, Harris said.

"The leadership team worked with head coaches to improve student athletic handbooks, but also coaches manuals so coaches are very clear on what the expectations are on bullying, behavior, supervision and related practices," Harris said.

Specific intervention strategies were put in place as soon as personnel returned from summer break.

Officials hoped to impart the message that although conflicts amongst a diverse population like that of Samohi are likely to occur, the staff and faculty will be better prepared to deal with it.

"The reality is that we will have things that happen, but the better we lay out the map, the better the response will be," Lyon said.

From the student perspective, officials will first tackle the Freshman Seminar and reading curriculum, Harris said.

The seminar, originally put in place to educate on diversity, will be revisited to ensure that the curriculum they learn is connected to their daily lives on campus.

That will include ensuring that all teachers in charge of a seminar will have special training, said new Samohi principal Laurel Fretz.

"There have been a couple of years where the teachers haven't had the original training that the others have had," Fretz said.

At the same time, the district is focusing on required reading, meant to reinforce a well-rounded image of ethnic reality in the United States.

"The reality is that literature helps students form their notions of the world," Harris said. "We need to be very intentional about the books we select."

To bolster that effort, board member Oscar de la Torre renewed his call for ethnic studies classes that focus on the history and cultures of various groups, including Latinos and African Americans.

The review will not stop at literature. History, in particular, will be reviewed for balanced views between the majority and minorities, Harris said.

Although they praised the steps taken by the district, community members reminded staff that history has not proven that these changes will stick.

"Something like this occurred twice in the '90s and once in the '80s," said district parent Lee Jones. "The incident occurs, there's a lot of focus around it by everyone, a lot of ideas are exchanged, recommendations are made and there's some implementation of those recommendations and after a certain time there's no continuing oversight or reporting."

This time will be different, board members assured the public.

"This type of behavior will not be tolerated on the part of students, but neither will the reaction by staff," Escarce said.

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Commodities take a beating

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AP Business Writer

A brutal week for the stock market ended on a quiet note Friday, but worries about the global economy again pounded copper, gold and other commodities.

Fears about Europe's debt increased early Friday on news that Moody's Investors Service had downgraded its ratings of eight Greek banks by two notches. Investors have been waiting in vain for news that Greece will receive the next installment of a bailout package in time to avoid defaulting on its debt next month. If it defaults, banks throughout Europe are likely to lose the money they invested in Greek bonds — and investors fear that could ultimately lead to a recession in Europe and the U.S.

Finance ministers from 20 large countries pledged Friday to take "all necessary actions to preserve the stability of the banking systems and financial markets." But they offered nothing specific.

Europe's problems helped feed the heavy selling in stocks this week. But the chief worry was that the U.S. is headed for another recession and that the Federal Reserve is running out of ways to fight it.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 37.65 points Friday, or 0.4 percent, to close at 10,771.48. The Dow lost 6.4 percent for the week, its biggest drop since the week that ended Oct. 10, 2008, when it fell 18 percent. That was at the height of the financial crisis.

The S&P 500 index rose 6.87 points Friday, or 0.6 percent, to 1,136.43. For the week, the index dropped 6.5 percent, its worst slide since the first week of August.

The Nasdaq rose 27.56, or 1.1 percent, to 2,483.23.

Nearly two stocks rose for every one that fell on the New York Stock Exchange Friday. Trading volume was slightly above average at 5.1 billion shares.

John Merrill, chief investment officer at Tanglewood Wealth Management in Houston, said Friday's respite might not last.

"Nothing goes in a straight line, even markets that are declining steeply," he said. Merrill said the market was moderating as traders bought shares that looked like bargains after the week's selling. But the problems that have weighed on markets for months now show no sign of letting up.

Bargain-hunters "bring some stability into the market for a day or two, until they've used up their buying power," Merrill said. "Then the macro issues surface again" and volatility returns.

Commodities from soybeans to metals sank Friday. Gold dropped 5.9 percent, copper lost 6 percent and silver 17.7 percent. Stocks in commodities producers also dropped. Range Resources Corp. fell 11 percent to $58.53. Newmont Mining Corp. fell 3.6 percent to $62.86.

Treasury yields rose slightly from record lows reached Thursday as the quieter stock market reduced traders' hunger for lower-risk bets such as U.S. government debt. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note rose to 1.80 percent from 1.71 percent late Thursday. Demand for Treasurys drives their prices higher and their yields lower.

Traders had sold gold to raise cash during Thursday's sell-off. They dumped other commodities because they tend to lose value when the economy weakens, such as oil and raw materials.

The rout started Wednesday afternoon after the Federal Reserve announced its third plan in less than three years to lower long-term interest rates. But the Fed unnerved investors with a dismal view of the economy's health, spotting "significant downside risks to the economic outlook, including strains in financial markets." Investors interpreted the Fed's plans and its statement as indicating that a full economic recovery is years away.

The bleak tone helped drive the Dow and S&P down more than 2 percent Wednesday. When trading resumed on Thursday, the selling was furious from the start. The Dow fell as much as 527 points before regaining some ground and closing down 391, or 3.5 percent.

A report out Thursday that showed a drop in Chinese manufacturing added to the list of concerns. Demand from China, the world's second-largest economy, has helped give other countries from Indonesia to Canada a lift. But its central bank has been raising interest rates to slow the country's growth and battle inflation.

The plunge in stocks this week followed five straight days of gains. The change in heart came as hopes for a resolution to Europe's debt were crushed — an expected deal on the next installment of a bailout package for Greece didn't come. That raised the specter of a default. That combined with the Fed's disappointing assessment of the U.S. economy had investors fleeing any investment that looked risky. The dollar and Treasurys were among the few investments that attracted buyers.

Because the stock market tends to move on investors' expectations for the next six months, this week's drop signals that investors believe the U.S. economy will keep weakening. The reports released in the last few months about employment, consumer spending, manufacturing and housing show that the recovery from the recession that ended in June 2009 has stalled. There is little reason for investors to expect the economic data to pick up anytime soon.

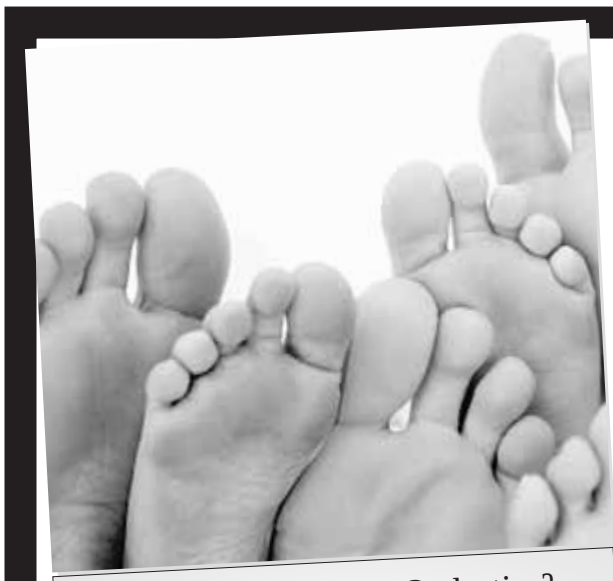
The next two weeks will bring the first look at how the economy did during September. Among them: the Conference Board's consumer confidence index for this month, the Institute for Supply Management's reports on the manufacturing and service industries and the Labor Department's employment report.

The employment report, arguably the most important data for investors, will have the power to calm investors' fears or send stocks plunging again. The August report showed that virtually no new jobs were created. At this point, economists are expecting that 75,000 jobs were created during September. That is not a strong enough number to pull the unemployment rate down from its current 9.1 percent, but it might give investors reason to buy cautiously. The report is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 7.

Investors are also looking anxiously toward third-quarter earnings reports that will start in early October. Expectations are low in the market, given the slowing economy. But financial analysts are forecasting that earnings for the S&P 500 companies will be up an average 13 percent for the July-September period.

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AP Medical Writer

ATLANTA Worried about bedbugs? Maybe you should be more concerned about the insecticides used to get rid of them.

A government study counted one death and 80 illnesses linked to bedbug insecticides over three years. Many were do-it-yourselfers who misused the chemicals or used the wrong product. And most of the cases were in New York City.

The study released Thursday by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is the first to look at the issue.

The CDC was able to only get data from seven states, including New York, where bedbugs have become a highly publicized problem and where health officials have also been extra vigilant about unusual chemical poisonings.

Investigators said they didn't know what to expect, but were relieved to see a relatively small number of cases.

"At this point, it's not a major public health problem," said Dr. Geoff Calvert, a CDC investigator who co-authored the study.

Bedbugs are wingless, reddish-brown insects that bite people and animals to draw blood for their meals. Though their bites can cause itching, they have not been known to spread disease.

"There's nothing inherently dangerous about bedbugs," said Dr. Susi Vassallo, an emergency medicine doctor who works at New York City's Bellevue Hospital Center and occasionally deals with patients talking about bedbugs.

Vassallo, who is also a toxicologist, said most of the insecticides used against bedbugs are not a health risk but should still be applied by a trained exterminator.

The CDC looked at reports from California, Florida, Michigan, North Carolina, New York, Texas and Washington, the only states that tracked such illnesses. The study counted 111 cases in the years 2003 through 2010. Most occurred in the last few years, when bedbug reports rose across the country. More than half were in New York City.

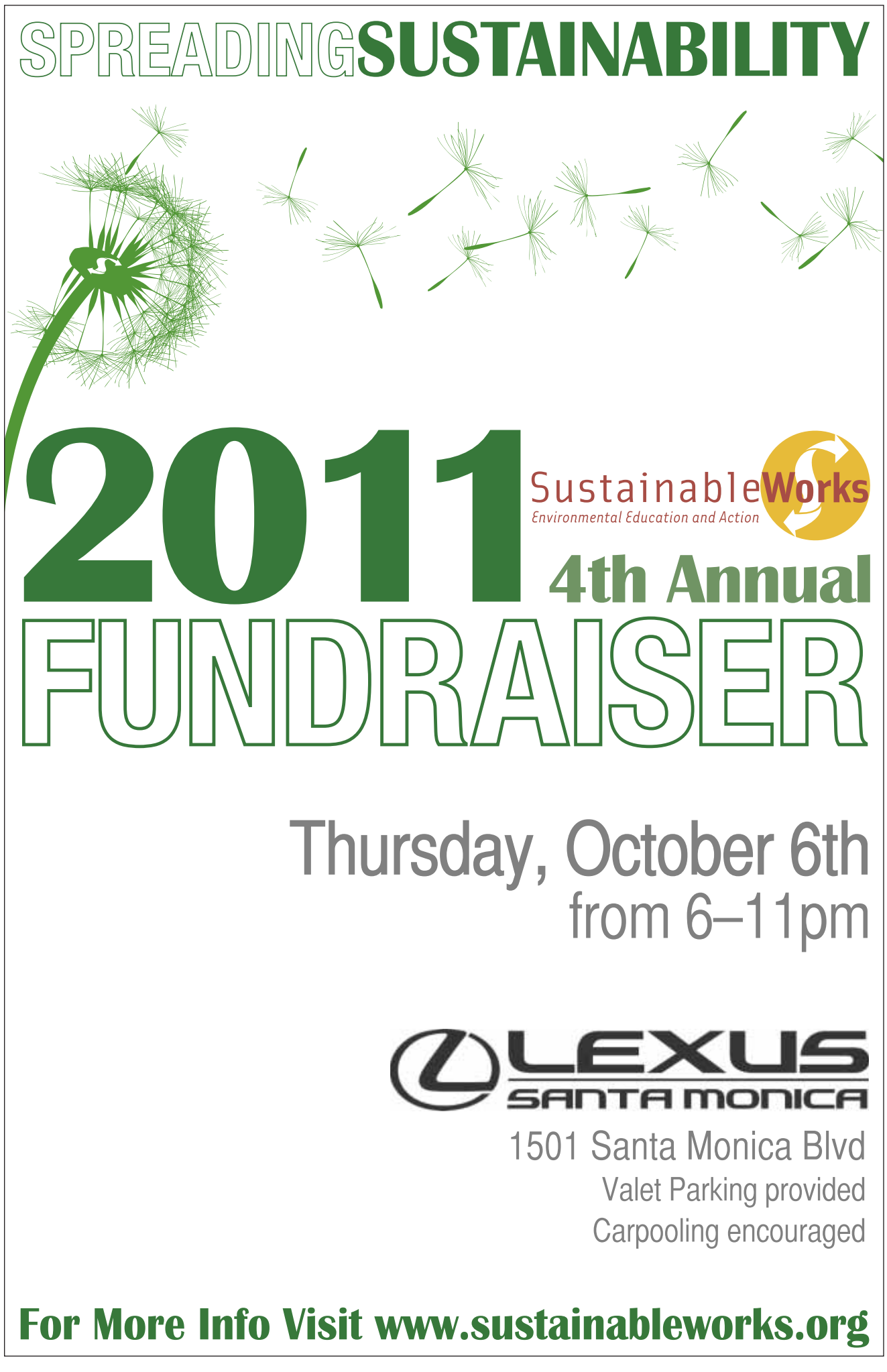
Most were people with headaches or dizziness, breathing problems or nausea and vomiting.

The one death in 2010 was a 65-year-old woman from Rocky Mount, N.C., who had a history of heart trouble and other ailments. She and her husband used nine cans of insecticide fogger one day, then the same amount two days later, without opening doors and windows to air out their home afterward. She also covered her body and hair with another bedbug product, and covered her hair with a plastic cap.

CDC officials said it's not clear that the insecticides were a definite cause of illness in each of the cases, and it's possible some were coincidental.

About 90 percent of the cases were linked to pyrethroids or pyrethrins, common insecticides sometimes used against bedbugs. But in some cases, an incorrect and more dangerous product was used. That happened in Ohio last year, when an uncertified exterminator used malathion — which should never be used indoors — to rid an apartment of bedbugs. A couple and their 6-year-old child got sick.

The report was released through a CDC publication, Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report.



NTSB focusing on aircraft part in Reno air crash

KEN RITTER
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS Federal investigators are looking at evidence that something fell off a modified World War II-era racing aircraft as it climbed, rolled and crashed nose-first into spectators, killing 11 during air races in Reno last week, according to a preliminary report released Friday.

The one-week National Transportation Safety Board summary of evidence collected after the Sept. 16 crash at Reno-Stead Airport puts the number of injured at 74 — 66 of them seriously.

The report made no conclusions, and noted that investigators are trying to extract clues from an onboard data box and camera equipment believed to be from the plane. A final report with findings could take more than a year.

Pilot Jimmy Leeward, 74, of Ocala, Fla., was among the 11 people killed in the crash during the National Championship Air Races. Leeward was a veteran movie stunt pilot and air racer who spoke earlier about modifications he made to squeeze more speed from his P-51 Mustang fighter plane in a bid for a first-place finish.

The NTSB cited photo and video evidence that a piece fell off the aircraft after Leeward completed several laps and made a steep left turn toward the home pylon and grandstand. The plane banked suddenly left, then right, turned away from the race course and pitched into a steep nose-high climb, the report said.

"Witnesses reported, and photographic evidence indicates, that a piece of the airframe separated during these maneuvers," the NTSB said.

The plane then rolled and plunged nose-first into a box seat area in front of the center of the grandstands.

A piece of the aircraft tail was found not quite a mile away from the crash site, NTSB investigators said. Photos showed a tail part, known as an elevator trim tab, missing as the plane went out of control.

Leeward's crew provided to investigators the ground station telemetry data they had gathered, including engine readings and global positioning satellite system information.

The damaged onboard data box was recovered in the wreckage and sent to an NTSB laboratory along with what the report called "pieces of a camera housing and multiple detached memory cards from the airplane's onboard camera."

Investigators were also looking at whether Leeward's health was a factor, safety board member Mark Rosekind said Monday.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Trojans hope to extend win streak over Sun Devils

JOHN MARSHALL
AP College Football Writer

TEMPE, Ariz. After scraping past Minnesota and playing a close game against Utah, Southern California is facing its biggest test of the season this weekend — against a team it has beaten 11 straight times.

Hitting the road for the first time this season, the 23rd-ranked Trojans head into the desert Saturday night to face Arizona State in a game between the two favorites to win the Pac-12 South. The Sun Devils haven't beaten USC since 1999 and have lost five straight in Tempe, but their potent passing game and smash-you-in-the-mouth defense certainly has the Trojans' attention this time.

"It's going to be very competitive and they're going to be ready to play," USC coach Lane Kiffin said. "They're a great team and they're really great when they play at home, so we're going to have to go in there with a lot of young guys and stay focused."

USC (3-0, 1-0) had its best offensive game of the season last week against Syracuse, piling up 501 total yards as maturing junior quarterback Matt Barkley passed for 324 yards and a school record-tying five touchdowns to five different receivers in the 38-17 win.

Doing it at home against a school more known for its basketball program is one thing. Doing it against an athletic, aggressive defense on the road will be an entirely different challenge, particularly for such a young team.

Still hampered by NCAA sanctions that have limited scholarships, the Trojans have a depth chart loaded with underclassmen and inexperienced players. They handled the first three games at home fairly well, but will be facing not only a hostile environment at Arizona State, but players who are known to be hostile themselves.

Led by feisty and furious linebacker Vontaze Burfict, the Sun Devils have developed a reputation as being a bit nasty, of — at least in the eyes of some opponents — taking things a little too far after the whistle. The Trojans certainly fall on the watch-your-back-against-them side and have even prepared for some of the extracurricular stuff in practice.

"Our service guys were popping guys right and left after the whistle, hitting them, hitting their helmets, just to kind of prepare for that," Barkley said. "We've given our guys heads-up about that type of behavior, and we won't let it affect us."

Arizona State (2-1) might have some extra motivation, too.

Back in The Associated Press poll last week for the first time since 2007, the Sun Devils followed it up by floundering at Illinois.

Able to fight past numerous mistakes to beat Missouri and enter the poll at No. 22 the week before, Arizona State couldn't do it again in an error-filled road loss to the Illini last Saturday.

Hurt by penalties and finding no answer for Illinois' blitzing defense, the Sun Devils were humbled 17-14 after being plagued by penalties, missed opportunities inside the red zone, three turnovers and six sacks of quarterback Brock Osweiler. A little embarrassed by their performance, they're hoping to show it was an anomaly by playing better against USC.

"The Illinois game, and I've looked at it three times now, there were just some goofy things that happened that wouldn't normally happen," Osweiler said. "We've broken it down as a team and looked at those mistakes we made, and I can't go out and guarantee that those will never happen again, but I have a pretty strong gut feeling that we're going to take care of those mistakes and clean them up."

They'll need to against the Trojans.

Despite not being eligible for the postseason and the limits on the roster, USC is among the most talented teams in the country.

Barkley isn't making some of the same mistakes that plagued his first two seasons, throwing for 892 yards and nine touchdowns with one interception. He plays behind one of the nation's best offensive linemen in Matt Kalil and sophomore receiver Robert Woods leads the country in receptions with 33 for 361 yards and four touchdowns.

USC's defense isn't too shabby, either, filled with fast, athletic players who converge on the ball quickly.

The Trojans are, in other words, a lot like the teams that have had Arizona State's number for the last decade.

"I don't see much difference in the USC this year than the other four years that we've played them," Arizona State coach Dennis Erickson said.

He and the Sun Devils hope at least the outcome will be a little different this time.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Beavers and Bruins both in need of a win

ANNE M. PETERSON
AP Sports Writer

CORVALLIS, Ore. While it may still be too early in the season for panic, Oregon State and UCLA open Pac-12 play on Saturday with, at the very least, some serious concerns.

"We've got a big job ahead of us," Beavers coach Mike Riley said. "It's well documented that we have started poorly and we are looking at a big improvement. We will need it to win this game."

Oregon State has yet to win this season after a stunning 29-28 overtime loss at home to Sacramento State in the opener, then a 35-0 loss at then-No. 8 Wisconsin.

The Beavers regrouped with a bye week heading into Saturday's game against the Bruins at Reser Stadium, but it was anything but a break. Riley made news when he named redshirt freshman Sean Mannion his starter at quarterback.

Mannion replaces junior Ryan Katz, who started against the lower division Hornets but lasted only about a half. The move was surprising because there was never mention in fall camp of a quarterback competition. Even Katz, who graduated from Santa Monica High School, expressed shock last week.

But Mannion had steadily impressed the coaches, who felt a change was in order.

"I think he's handled himself very well. Now what you're looking for now is continued growth. He has not seemed to be fazed by the situation he's in at all. He's been very poised," Riley said.

The Bruins (1-2) are also making a switch at quarterback, yet again, with Richard Brehaut set to start in Corvallis.

Kevin Prince was intercepted three times last week in UCLA's 49-20 loss to Texas, while Brehaut was unimpressive in the Bruins' 27-17 victory over San Jose State the week before. Both quarterbacks were supposed to be put to work in the season-opening loss to Houston, but Prince, who started, sprained his right shoulder and suffered a concussion in the second quarter.

"I said all along I wanted one to separate himself, and looked forward to the day when we would have one (starter)," coach Rick Neuheisel said this week. "Richard has got that opportunity now as a starter to keep it, and hopefully he'll play well enough to maintain that role."

Brehaut started six games for the Bruins last season when Prince was injured.

The quarterback shuffle isn't UCLA's only issue. The defense has yielded 1,274 yards and 104 points in the Bruins' first three games.

They'll face an Oregon State offense that will be invigorated by the return of two of its emotional leaders, flanker James Rodgers and tight end Joe Halahuni.

Rodgers, who has had two surgeries on his left knee, was formally cleared to play by doctors earlier this week.

Rodgers was ranked sixth in the nation with an average of 176.75 all-purpose yards last season when he was hurt five games in at Arizona. The Beavers asked for and received a fifth year of eligibility for him.

He holds Oregon State's record for all-purpose yards with 5,784. But Riley said that for now Rodgers will not handle kick returns, and he'll share time at flanker with true freshman Brandin Cooks.

"I haven't even thought of any goals," Rodgers said. "My No. 1 goal coming into this year was getting healthy. I'm there now and getting better each week. That's all I can ask for."

Halahuni, a senior who had six touchdown catches last season, had surgery this spring on his left shoulder.

"I'm excited to have him back," Riley said during Oregon State's weekly football press conference. "He provides us with a proven threat at tight end as a receiver. Physically, I think he feels a lot better than he has in a long time. He played a lot of last year with that shoulder."

Oregon State has not started a season 0-3 since 1996, but the Beavers started 0-2 in 2008 and still managed a bowl berth.

UCLA defeated Oregon State 17-14 at the Rose Bowl last season.

NBA

Italian team wants Bryant

ANDREW DAMPF
AP Sports Writer

ROME Kobe Bryant has been offered a $6.7 million, one-season contract to play for the Italian team Virtus Bologna, appealing to his childhood memories of growing up in the country.

The Los Angeles Lakers superstar spent part of his youth in Italy while his father played there. He speaks Italian, prompting Bologna to hope he might return if there's an NBA lockout.

Virtus Bologna general manager Massimo Faraoni tells The Associated Press he's been on conference calls between Bryant's agent, Rob Pelinka, Bologna president Claudio Sabatini and main sponsor Canadian Solar, which would provide the cash for such a deal.

"I think the fact that he's lived in Italy makes this appealing to him," Faraoni said.

Virtus has given Bryant four different contract options, stretching from the one-year deal to two-month and one-month options, and a per-game deal that would come out to $739,640 per home game.

All of the offers are pretax and would allow Bryant to return to the Lakers immediately if the lockout ends.

Canadian Solar said its not directly involved in the dealings.

"The contract is being negotiated between Virtus and Kobe Bryant's agent. Canadian Solar is not at the negotiating table," said a statement from the company provided to The AP.

Turkish club Besiktas and at least one team in China have expressed interest in the 33-year-old Bryant, who has won five NBA championships and been an All-Star 13 times.

Faraoni watched Bryant when he played in Pistoia's youth system in the late 1980s.

"I saw him when he was a kid, and he already had a lot of passion for the game then," Faraoni said.

Bryant's father, Joe "Jellybean" Bryant, played in Italy with Rieti, Reggio Calabria, Pistoia and Reggiana from 1984-1991. The elder Bryant now coaches the Los Angeles Sparks in the WNBA.

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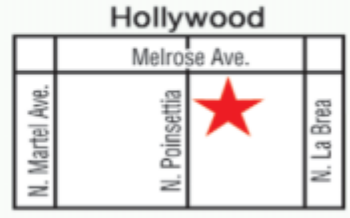
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NBA

League cancels 43 preseason games

BRIAN MAHONEY
AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK The lockout has started doing real damage to the NBA's calendar.

Players won't report at the usual time. The preseason won't start as scheduled.

And more cancellations could be necessary without a new labor deal soon.

Out of time to keep everything intact, the NBA postponed training camps indefinitely and canceled 43 preseason games Friday because it has not reached an agreement with players.

All games from Oct. 9-15 are off, the league said. Camps were expected to open Oct. 3.

"We have regretfully reached the point on the calendar where we are not able to open training camps on time and need to cancel the first week of preseason games," Deputy Commissioner Adam Silver said in a statement. "We will make further decisions as warranted."

The players' association did not comment.

NBA.com's schedule page, which has a banner across the top listing the number of games on each day, was changed Friday morning to read "0 Games" for each date until Oct. 16, when there are four games.

Those could be in jeopardy, too, without an agreement by the end of this month or very early October. The league scrapped the remainder of its preseason schedule on Oct. 6 in 1998, when the regular season was reduced to 50 games.

That remains the only time the NBA has lost games to a work stoppage.

The cancellations were inevitable after Thursday's meeting between owners and players ended without a collective bargaining agreement. Both sides still hope the entire regular season, scheduled to begin Nov. 1, can be saved.

The league locked out the players on July 1 after the expiration of the old labor agreement. Owners and players still haven't agreed on how to divide revenues — players were guaranteed 57 percent under the previous deal — or the structure of the salary cap.

The next talks aren't scheduled, but both sides said Thursday they hope to meet again next week — though the window could be limited because of the Jewish holiday. They probably need a deal by the middle of October to avoid canceling real games.

Asked Thursday if he thought things were far enough along to still believe that was possible, Commissioner David Stern said: "I don't have any response to that. I just don't. I don't know the answer."

According to NBA policy, ticket holders for canceled games will be refunded the cost of the ticket plus 1 percent interest.

The NBA had long prepared for a shortened or canceled preseason, declining to schedule exhibition games overseas for the first time since 2005 — also when a labor pact was set to expire.

Still, the hope had been to find a way to negotiate a deal in time that would allow the ball to be tipped as scheduled in Detroit and Orlando on Oct. 9, the first of five games that night. Realistic chances of that passed in recent days, given the expectation of about two weeks from a deal in principle to a completed agreement.

Conroy, Charles D. (Chuck/Charlie)

Of Santa Monica, CA, formerly of Lynn, MA.



Charles "Charlie/Chuck" D. Conroy of Santa Monica, CA, formerly of Lynn, MA died suddenly, but peacefully at the age of 52 at his Santa Monica home on Saturday, January 8th, 2011. He was the much loved son of Margaret and the late Walter, loyal & loving brother to sisters Patricia and Theresa & Brothers Donald and James. Charles is also survived by his nieces & nephews Amy Erin, Timothy, Lauren and Jaime.

Charles was an accomplished professional in the electrical construction industry; recently employed as the West Coast Area Manager for The Ryan Company, having held this position for more than 15 years. Previously, Charles was Owner & Founder of Conroy Electric Inc. based in the Greater Los Angeles area.

Charles was born and lived in Lynn, Ma for many years. He was also a graduate of Lynn Vocational Technical Institute, Class of 1976.

Charlie was one of life's true gentlemen and has touched many lives. He will be sadly missed by all.

A Celebration of Charlie's Life is being held on Saturday, October 1st from 1:00 PM to 5:00 at the Elks Lodge, #906 1040 Pico Blvd. Santa Monica, Ca. 90405

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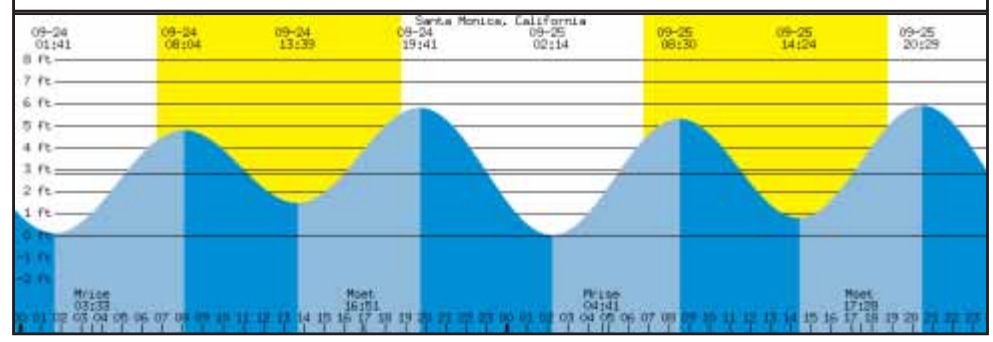
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NW swell come ashore, hitting SB/VC early in the day, and finally SD mid to late morning. Size should run head high at most west facing breaks with pluses at standouts going about 2' overhead.

Long Range Synopsis

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- Number of sewage spills -- 0
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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Las Cornilla Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisa creeks.	ns	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 Rominer 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 Blocker County Beach.	F	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	F	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fences.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	C	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.	B	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	C	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	C	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.	A+	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.	B	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

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DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
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Crazy, Stupid, Love (PG-13) 1hr 47min
4:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:25pm

Moneyball (PG-13) 2hrs 06min
11:15am, 2:20pm, 5:30pm, 8:30pm, 11:30pm

Finding Kind (NR) 1hr 17min
12:00pm, 2:00pm

Contagion (PG-13) 1hr 45min
11:45am, 2:30pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:30pm

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Lion King (G) 1hr 27min
11:15am, 1:40pm

Debt (R) 1hr 53min
11:15am, 2:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:50pm, 10:40pm

Dolphin Tale 3D (PG) 1hr 52min
1:40pm, 7:30pm, 10:25pm

Dolphin Tale (PG) 1hr 52min
10:45am, 4:35pm

Moneyball (PG-13) 2hrs 06min
10:10am, 1:20pm, 4:05pm, 4:45pm, 7:20pm, 8:00pm, 11:00pm

Contagion (PG-13) 1hr 45min
10:45am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

Lion King 3D (G) 1hr 29min
10:15am, 12:40pm, 3:15pm, 5:45pm, 8:15pm, 10:30pm

Killer Elite (R) 1hr 40min
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Hedgehog (Le herisson) NR 1hr 40min
11:00am

Gainsbourg: A Heroic Life (NR) 2hrs 10min
11:00am

Sholem Aleichem: Laughing in the Darkness (NR) 1hr 33min
11:00am

Jane's Journey (NR) 1hr 47min
1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:55pm

Circumstance (Sharayet) (R) 1hr 47min
4:00pm, 9:40pm

Guard (R) 1hr 36min
1:50pm, 7:30pm

Senna (PG-13) 1hr 45min
1:20pm, 7:00pm

Our Idiot Brother (R) 1hr 30min
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Straw Dogs (R) 1hr 45min
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11:55am, 3:15pm, 6:45pm, 10:15pm

Abduction (PG-13) 1hr 46min
11:00am, 11:50am, 1:45pm, 2:45pm, 4:30pm, 5:30pm, 7:05pm, 8:05pm, 9:50pm, 10:45pm

Drive (R) 1hr 40min
11:30am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

I Don't Know How She Does It (PG-13) 1hr 35min
11:45am, 2:10pm, 4:40pm, 7:10pm, 9:45pm

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Entertain at home tonight, Taurus

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Be spontaneous, yet be willing to indulge a partner who might not be as upbeat. Make plans that allow you to visit with others but at the same time permit you to relax. Try a movie or a baseball game. Others will go along. Tonight: Let your imagination be the source of plans.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Let others wind down. You also might take a page out of their book. You might want to slip in a nap or indulge a favorite hobby. Listen to a loved one who needs to share some thoughts. This person might feel misunderstood. Tonight: Entertain at home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Your intellect saves the day. Ask for help if you don't know how to handle a confusing situation that could involve the law, a foreigner or someone at a distance. Clear out a misunderstanding as quickly as possible. Tonight: Out and about.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★ You don't need to pick up the tab for everyone around you. You could be stressed out and wondering what would be the best way to handle a difficult domestic situation. It is only as hard as you want to make it. Tonight: Your treat.

LEO (July 22-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Whether it is you or someone else, somebody drags you down. Don't allow negativity in. Get together with family and/or a loved one. The reason is irrelevant for the most part -- you are going for the togetherness. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ If you feel like vanishing, do. Don't even try to be social, because you need some downtime. If you do go out, you might feel like a square peg in a round hole. Indulge yourself as you would others. Tonight: Shhh.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Listen to what is shared among your associates. You might not be sure of the best way to go. A dear friend or loved one urges you to join him or her. If you do, you could let go of the indecision. Tonight: Surrounded by favorite people.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Whether you decide to drop by the office, visit with an older friend or invite friends over, it seems as if you are saddled with responsibilities. You really enjoy yourself with a change of pace and catching up on news. Tonight: Could go until the wee hours.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Keep reaching out for someone at a distance. How you see a situation could change when you come in closer. A message or call could be vague and perhaps confusing. Ask for clarification. Tonight: Try a new adventure.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Let a partner or friend make the decisions without you being a back-seat driver. You could be much more vague than you would like to be about a money matter. The information you are receiving also could be less than clear. Tonight: Someone else wants to treat. Let him or her.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Others are still dominant. Know that you cannot fight city hall, no matter what you do. Let others make the call, knowing your time will come. Even if you are not sure you will enjoy yourself, you will. Tonight: Follow another's lead.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Take some much-needed personal time to do something you have been thinking about, whether it is getting a haircut, going to an art show or even joining a gym. Remember, you don't always have to answer to others. Tonight: Just don't push.

Happy birthday

This year, you often decide to go for the concerns of the majority rather than your own needs. You can do that only so much. Resentment could bubble up, indicating you are giving too much. You, too, need nurturing. Take especially good care of yourself, as you might be prone to fatigue, the flu and bone problems. If you are single, your popularity can only grow. First decide if you want to get tied down or if you would rather date. Then decide what type of relationship you might want. If you are attached, share more of your life with your sweetie. That sharing allows greater warmth and security. LEO enjoys partying with you.

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



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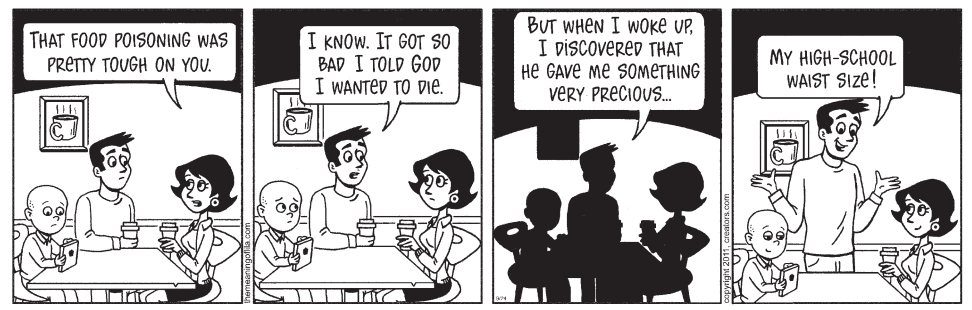
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Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from ★ (easiest) to ★★★★★ (hardest).

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

5	7	1	8	2	6	3	4	9
6	4	8	1	3	9	7	5	2
9	3	2	4	7	5	1	6	8
1	9	5	3	8	4	2	7	6
3	2	4	6	9	7	8	1	5
7	8	6	2	5	1	4	9	3
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ACROSS

1 Lunar sight
7 Wine holder
11 Michael's sister
12 Lusty look
13 Darling
14 Lusty look
15 Some curves
16 Out of bed
17 Berth place
18 Party snack
19 Yemen neighbor
21 Hair goo
22 Alcor's constellation
25 Compass pt.
26 Ballet wear
27 Kansas tribe
29 Plane speed unit
33 Chops finely
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35 Carryall
36 Divide
37 Has a mortgage
38 Humorously
39 Lose color
40 Sullies

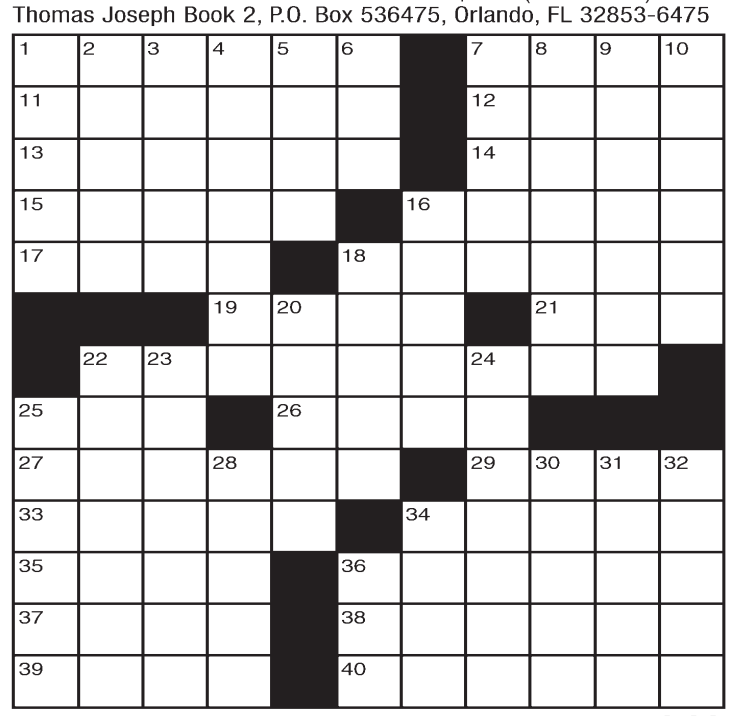
DOWN

1 Manila envelope part
2 Arm bones
3 Be penitent
4 Corrida heroes
5 Facial pair
6 Swell, to surfers
7 Condoleezza's predecessor
8 Way back when
9 Surprise hit
10 Popcorn unit
16 Assailed
18 "The Plague" writer
20 Partners
22 America's first seagoing battleship
23 Showed surprise, say
24 Robin Williams film
25 In a way
28 Gaggle group
30 "Homage to Clio" poet
31 Wave peak
32 Stags
34 Moon goddess
36 Plop down

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E	R	R	■	S	O	N	■	R	E	B
S	E	N	S	E	S	■	A	N	D	Y
■	■	A	U	S	T	R	I	A	■	■
F	I	L	E	■	W	E	L	L	E	S
A	G	O	■	C	A	L	■	A	R	C
B	U	R	■	O	R	E	■	U	M	A
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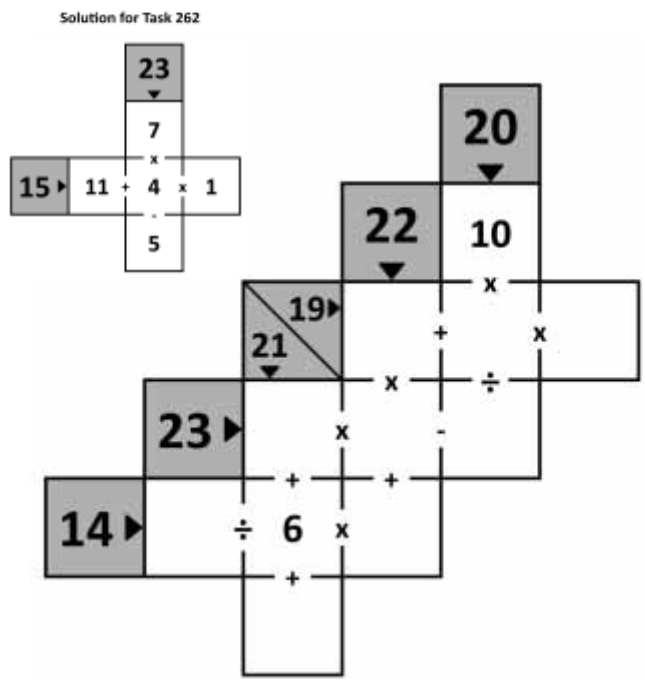
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ From time to time, Tibetan Buddhists inadvertently support the seafood industry with campaigns of "liberation" of living beings. In August, a Buddhist group purchased 534 lobsters from a Gloucester, Mass., wholesaler, sprayed them with holy water, clipped off their claw bindings, and released them into the Atlantic Ocean. (Of course, the lobsters were almost certainly recaught, by Gloucester lobstermen.) (A 2004 News of the Weird story from Marina del Rey, Calif., reported that a Buddhist group made monthly pilgrimages to the harbor, purchased bait and "liberated" it, though it almost certainly was immediately eaten by fish.)

■ A two-week spree of five customer holdups in front of ATMs in Cambridge, Mass., came to an end in November (2003) with the arrest of Richard McCabe, 38. In four of the five robberies, bank security cameras photographed the perpetrator, and McCabe was apparently so disliked by so many that when police released the photos, more than 100 people called, eager to rat him out. Said a detective, "Many ... people knew him personally from dealing with him in the past."

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1968 60 Minutes debuts on CBS.
1968 Swaziland joins the United Nations.
1973 Guinea-Bissau declares its independence from Portugal.
1979 Compu-Serve launches the first consumer internet service, which features the first public electronic mail service.
1988 National League for Democracy is formed by Aung San Suu Kyi and various others to help fight against dictatorship in Myanmar.
1990 Periodic Great White Spot is observed on Saturn.
1991 Nirvana releases landmark album, Nevermind.
1996 U.S. President Bill Clinton signs the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty at the United Nations.

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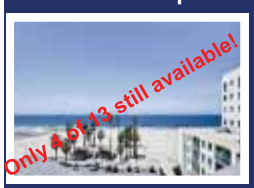
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