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THE ON THE CASE ISSUE

Council to consider moratorium on pot shops

Laws unclear about City Hall's right to limit medical marijuana dispensaries, officials say

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The City Council will consider a moratorium on medical marijuana dispensaries in Santa Monica next Tuesday, a move which would disrupt at least one application currently working its way through City Hall.

The call for a preemptive stop on medical marijuana dispensaries within Santa Monica comes amidst a legal environment muddied by a recent appellate court decision on the one hand and the California Supreme Court on the other, said City Manager Rod Gould.

A July decision by a three-judge panel of the Second District Court of Appeal knocked down a ban on dispensaries put in place by Los Angeles County, potentially depriving municipalities of the ability to prevent medical marijuana dispensaries from setting up shop.

However, the state Supreme Court has taken up a number of cases regarding medical marijuana and how it can be regulated, and no one knows how that will turn out or impact past court decisions.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Samohi administration relents, allows all-star ceremony for LaRue

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI After weeks of anxiety, football standout Sebastian LaRue was allowed to have his day on Monday.

Previously, Santa Monica High School Principal Laurel Fretz had denied a request to host a presentation ceremony on campus noting LaRue's selection to the prestigious Under Armour All-America High School Football Game.

Fretz cited protecting his eligibility and her unwillingness to help Under Armour sell athletic gear among her reasons for denial.

The decision didn't sit well with a number of people in the football community. Calls were made by LaRue's father Darryl LaRue to officials with the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District with Board of Education member Oscar de la Torre ultimately taking up the cause.

Fretz wrote in an e-mail that she made the initial decision to deny the ceremony because of the sensitive nature of the college recruiting process and issues revolving around eligibility. But after speaking with district Superintendent Sandra Lyon, she changed her stance.

"It was with [Lyon's] guidance that we decided to have the ceremony [Monday] and we are happy to do so," Fretz wrote in an e-mail to the Daily Press. "Sebastian is an excellent athlete and we are very proud of him both on and off the field."

Once the LaRue family realized that the

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Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

HONOR: **Samohi's Sebastian LaRue receives his jersey Monday for the Under Armour All-America High School Football Game on campus. The game is scheduled for January 2013.**

Bond guru ups reward for stolen art

Gundlach prepared to pay out $1.5 million for four of 12 pieces

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN L.A. A Santa Monica resident who lost millions of dollars worth of contemporary art in a suspected burglary has upped the reward for four of the pieces to a combined $1.5 million.

Jeffrey Gundlach, the top dog at investment management firm Doubleline Capital LP, held a press conference Monday afternoon to announce that he would offer $1 million for information leading to the safe recovery of "Composition (A) En Rouge Et Blanc" by Piet Mondrian and another $500,000 for information leading to the recovery of two decorative boxes by Joseph Cornell and "Green Target" by Jasper Johns.

The new amount is in addition to the $200,000 reward Gundlach put forward last week to incentivize the return of all 12 pieces of artwork that were taken from his home while he was away on a trip between 3 p.m. Sept. 12 and 8 p.m. Sept. 14.

Gundlach also lost $100,000 worth of wine, five watches, a 2010 Porsche Carrera 4S and a gun in the burglary, according to

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2012

Hot topic
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 10:30 a.m. — 12 p.m.
The Solar Water Heating Basics for Multi-Family Dwellings Workshop will inform property owners and managers about solar water-heating technology and systems, the benefits of heating water from the warmth of the sun and the availability of rebates for qualifying systems offered through the California Solar Initiative — Thermal Program. For more information, call (310) 458-8606.

Serve it up
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 Pacific Coast Highway, 4 p.m. — 5:30 p.m.
Kids and teens ages 7-15 are welcome at this beach volleyball class. All levels can attend this semi-private class. Classes cost $18. For more information, call (310) 458-4904.

Music on the patio
Sonoma Wine Garden
395 Santa Monica Place, third floor dining deck, 6:30 p.m.
Join Brett Young and special guests every Tuesday night for a live music set on the garden patio of this popular spot. For more information, call (424) 214-4560.

Way with words
Barnes & Noble
1201 Third Street Promenade, 10:30 a.m.
Mixing enlightened analysis with innovative authorship, join Bill Robertson of Santa Monica Emeritus College and strengthen your poetry dedication, appreciation and creation. Visit www.greenpoets.com for more information.

Food on the move
California Heritage Museum
2612 Main St., 5:30 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.
Gourmet food trucks gather each week offering foodies plenty to choose from. There's free parking in the museum's lot. For more information, call (310) 392-8537.

Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2012

Activists unite
Friends Meeting Hall
1440 Harvard St., 7 p.m.
Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce President Laurel Rosen will be this week's guest speaker at the Activist Support Circle public forum. The Activist Support Circle is an open, ongoing support group for progressive activists that began in 2005 to help guard against activist burnout. For more information, call (310) 399-1000.

Dance, dance, dance
Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club
1210 Fourth St., 7 p.m. — 11 p.m.
Every Wednesday, the club hosts a night of ballroom dancing. There's usually a good crowd and you can even get lessons. Cost: $10 general admission; $8 students. For more information, call (310) 487-0911.

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Schwarzenegger back — this time as think tank guru

JOHN ROGERS
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES He's been a governor, a movie star and the world's greatest body builder, but Arnold Schwarzenegger isn't done yet.

The man who never tires of telling people he'll be back returned again Monday, this time as a global policy wonk and statesman dedicated to leading America into what he calls a new post-partisan era.

Schwarzenegger, in a dark suit, crisp white shirt and red tie, appeared at the University of Southern California to officially launch the USC Schwarzenegger Institute for State and Global Policy with a symposium featuring some of the most notable names in politics and entertainment.

For the former Republican governor, the symposium marked a sudden public re-emergence after leaving office nearly two years ago with a mixed record that he suggested Monday accomplished about half of what he had set out to do.

He's hoping that through the institute, created with a $20 million commitment from Schwarzenegger and others, he can accomplish the rest, tackling issues such as hunger, health care and global warming.

Officials say he'll also take an active role in teaching at USC. The institute's academ-

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Gov. Brown signs bill for same-day voter registration

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. Gov. Jerry Brown has signed a package of bills designed to modernize California's election and campaign finance laws, including allowing voters to register on Election Day.

Brown announced Monday that he signed the same-day voter registration bill, AB 1436 by Democratic Assemblyman Mike Feuer of Los Angeles.

He also signed SB1001 by Democratic Sen. Leland Yee of San Francisco. It will double to $50 the annual registration fee paid by lobbyists and require a $50-a-year fee for political committees that support candidates or causes.

The money will go to improving CalAccess, the state's website that campaign contributions and lobbying activity.

Another bill, AB2080, by Democratic Assemblyman Rich Gordon of Menlo Park, will make it easier for vote-by-mail voters to allow others to drop off their ballot.

HUNGER READS THE MORNING PAPER, TOO.



TASTY ART

Kevin Herrera *kevinh@smdp.com*

Students from Le Cordon Bleu make flowers out of chocolate during the sixth annual Los Angeles Luxury Chocolate Salon on Sunday at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium.

SF could OK among tiniest apartments in U.S.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO San Francisco may soon give new meaning to the word "downsizing."

Supervisors are set to vote on Tuesday on a proposed change to the city's building code that would allow construction of among the tiniest apartments in the country.

Under the plan, new apartments could be as small as 220 square feet (a little more than double the size of some prison cells), including a kitchen, bathroom and closet, the Los Angeles Times reported.

Current regulations require the living room alone to be that size.

Schematics for 300-square-foot units planned for San Francisco's South of Market neighborhood include window seats that turn into spare beds and beds that turn into tables.

Proponents say the smaller apartments would provide a cheaper option for the city's many single residents, who have been priced out of the rental market as the region experiences a resurgent technology industry.

San Francisco apartments rented for an average of $2,734 in June, up 13 percent from a year ago, according to the research firm, RealFacts.

The micro-units, in contrast, are expected to rent for $1,200 to $1,700 a month, San Francisco Supervisor Scott Wiener told the Los Angeles Times. Wiener drafted the legislation for the smaller apartments.

It allows them to accommodate up to two people and requires an additional 100 square feet of space for each occupant above that number.

"Although in our fantasy world everyone would live in a single-family home or a huge spacious flat, the reality of life is that not everyone can afford that," Wiener said.

But critics counter that the units wouldn't help families and could boost population density, straining public transit and other city services.

"This has to be a pilot project and allow for further study before we end up like Singapore," said Sara Shortt, executive director of the tenants' rights group, Human Rights Committee of San Francisco.

Singapore authorities recently raised minimum dwelling sizes because of concerns about congestion. Some critics want San Francisco to follow the example of New York City and first test a small number of the units. New York City's micro-units also have a higher minimum-size requirement.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Think it over

Editor:

I thank and applaud Rep. Henry Waxman (D-Santa Monica) for appealing the decision to close the main Santa Monica post office on Fifth Street.

I am reminded of a song lyric, which I believe applies here and the United States Postal Service needs to consider:

"I think I better think it out again."

Robert Donin
Santa Monica

Scale it down

Editor:

Thanks to Ron Goldman for his comments about overdevelopment in Santa Monica ("Developers taking over," Letters to the Editor, Sept. 20).

Massive buildings have created bloated corridors, with no regard for the surrounding scale of the neighborhoods. Check out the high-rise at Lincoln Boulevard and Broadway, or Fifth Street and Arizona Avenue.

We now have not only traffic gridlock, but ugly density. Our small sea-side city deserves better. Shame on the City Council for allowing this to happen.

Ruth Rosen
Santa Monica

Secret panel creates confusion

Editor:

Thanks for Ashley Archibald's excellent summation of the Farmers' Market debacle involving baker Jack Bezian, which should be required reading for anyone interested in the occasionally perplexing thinking of elected officials ("Farmers' Market bread man to leave town," Sept. 19).

Archibald's story reveals that the City Council and city attorney, in trying to keep the Farmers' Market fresh, competitive and legal, set up an RFP process in November 2009 empowering an anonymous panel of five to select prepared-food vendors using a five-point criteria. An astonishing 75 percent of the criteria rewards a local vendor using sustainable goods, regardless of how their food actually tastes. It is a food contest where the food is not even tasted. What's next, an architecture competition where no one sees conceptual plans for the building and we just hire someone because they have a cool name?

As Archibald's story explains, this bizarre approach to food is why we are losing a 19-year vendor with a splendid product of remarkable consistency, to be replaced next month by a vendor who started their business in January, sells a loaf of bread for $10 (according to their über-hip website, which is the only place one can currently buy the product), and uses all of the right sustainability jargon (they even use bicycles to deliver their product).

Since the council established the criteria putting so little weight on experience and zero emphasis on food taste, we are left to wonder what the committee was thinking. Yet because this governmental process is a secret, we can't be entirely sure what else went into the committee's thinking that led to our city replacing a loyal, upstanding and longtime Farmers' Market vendor with a wildly unproven commodity. The City Council needs to revisit the evaluation structure immediately and reinstate Bezian Breads until a common sense and transparent process regarding prepared-food vendors can be established.

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MAKING HISTORY IN THE UK: **Crowds came out to witness the Paralympic games in London, while television coverage in the United States was lacking.**

NBC needs to wake up

FOR 11 DAYS, THE WORLD WAS WITNESS to the wonders of the human spirit.

The London Paralympics was a huge success, not because it sold 2.7 million tickets, the most ever, or that the Paralympics made 10 million pounds more than expected. No, it was a success because an inspired generation of athletes from 166 nations showed in London and the spectators were treated to a world-class sporting event that has as much pride and inspirational stories as the Olympics, maybe more.

Having now attended five summer Paralympics, I have been witness to the stunning advance of athletic performance in every Paralympics sport, smashing Paralympics and World Games records in event after event.

The venues were packed and the crowds were enthusiastic beyond explanation.

Fortunately, the media coverage was the best ever for Great Britain and the commonwealth states, most of the European nations, as well as the Asian nations of Russia, China and Japan, but unfortunately not the U.S.

The three largest teams at the Paralympics were Great Britain with 294, China with 285 and the USA with 223, but NBC, the American company which owns TV rights to the world's second largest sporting occasion, had decided not to screen a single minute of live coverage of any event.

NBC had a staff of 2,500 for the Olympics; they had 60 for the Paralympics.

British TV aired 400 hours, with 150 of it being live. NBC aired five-and-a-half hours, all pre-recorded with the last 90 minutes being aired a week after the games were over.

Athletes, organizers and a succession of disability rights activists have spoken out against NBC over its lack of coverage of the Paralympic Games.

NBC's lack of coverage was branded "disappointing" by organizers of the U.S. Paralympic team, and "really, really appalling" by the U.K. Disabled People's Council.

Philip Craven, the president of the International Paralympic Committee, said it was "about time the American broadcasters caught up," adding "I'm very disappointed for the athletes and I'm also very disappointed for the hundreds of millions of people who live in North America.

If NBC realized the power of the Paralympic Games at the outset, the media on the ground in London would have early on witnessed the amazing reaction of the crowds to the games; events that nobody had heard of, with athletes that were unknown to the crowds, but were sold out. The crowds were passionate and enthralled by the competition and quickly realized that there were other sports heroes beyond Phelps, Lochte, Ennis and Farrah, with personal stories that were always life affirming.

It is a huge shame that U.S. broadcasters chose to pull out on the Paralympics and not help promote the groundswell of enthusiasm for the human spirit that is the fabric of the Paralympics. It is a shame they chose not to inspire disabled children across the nation by showcasing American stars at these games and missed the opportunity to open the eyes of the general public to the fact that the disabled can compete at the highest levels, not only as disabled competitors, but simply as elite athletes. I saw the paradigm shift and it was amazing. Halfway through the games the crowd was coming to see competition with sporting superstars from every country, and did not care that they were in a wheelchair, missing arms and legs, were blind, deformed, paraplegic or quadriplegic. The crowds of the London Paralympics got it, and got it in a big way. There was a huge story told there, a massive human story, one that the U.S. audience has yet to witness.

Wake up, NBC, the world has changed.

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What's the Point?

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Speaking from the heart

THIS WEEKEND I HAD A FANTASTIC opportunity and experience happen to me that was legal, fun, not fattening or artery clogging. My friend John Bates is one of those super enthusiastic guys. He has this infectious way of being happy and joyful that if you let it wash over you, you'll be swept along in a rush of fun and excitement.

He and his partner Michael Weiss founded ExecutiveSpeakingSuccess.com which is a speakers boot camp for people who want to give TED and TEDx talks. If you don't know what TED is you really must go to www.TED.com and watch some awe inspiring, amazing, exciting talks about ideas worth spreading. TED is a nonprofit devoted to ideas worth spreading. It started out (in 1984) as a conference bringing together people from three worlds: technology, entertainment and design. Since then its scope has become ever broader. Along with two annual conferences — the TED Conference in Long Beach and Palm Springs each spring, and the TEDGlobal conference in Edinburgh, U.K. each summer — TED includes the award-winning TEDTalks video site, the Open Translation Project and TED Conversations, the inspiring TED Fellows and TEDx programs, and the annual TED Prize.

If you have a message to get out and you enjoy public speaking, like me, you can attend clubs like the Westside Toastmasters, which happens at the Santa Monica Place Community Room on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. If you've daydreamed of what it must be like to stand in front of a room full of eager listeners and be able to move them with your oratory, then the place to start is Toastmasters. Whether you're giving a sales presentation to a room of four people, or a stadium of 10,000, the skills are taught and honed at Toastmasters.

I want to be an excellent speaker, and John knows that. Which is why he invited me to attend his boot camp this past weekend. At 9:30 a.m. 22 men and women made their way into the newest multi-disciplinary, multi-purpose collaborative space in Santa Monica — Cross Campus. Located on Broadway at Ninth Street, Cross Campus is an 11,000-square-foot facility that is designed for solo entrepreneurs, up to small companies that want to be able to scale up or down quickly, and have access to other innovators. Founded by Ronen Olshansky and Dan Dato, Cross Campus is officially opening this Thursday with a ribbon cutting, but those of us who got a preview this weekend were very impressed with the layout and construction of the facility. There are conference rooms on one end and a super quiet Founders Room on the other with a social pit in the middle. Olshansky and Dato built it with the technology crowd in mind.

On Saturday, as the 22 of us sat in a conference room talking about what makes a good speech great and how a TED talk actually differs from a sales presentation, I was struck by the diversity in the room. We had one TEDx organizer who flew down from Homer, Alaska, and another from South Central Los Angeles. There were small business people like me, a divorce and child custody lawyer, to a young man who was an illegal immigrant and now is a tax-paying business owner.

The boot camp was designed for those of us who have some experience on stage, but not in the "TED style" of talking. John and his partner Michael are experienced TEDsters and they teach not just the logistical issues of how to be on stage with the authentic experience of wearing an ear microphone, but they delve into the content of what makes a TED talk so effective and moving. By excavating the outer layers of a talk, they are able to convey the real value of TED and teach us how to do the same.

One of the great Toastmaster coaches is famous for saying, "You don't know what you don't know." That is why I attend boot camps and marketing expos and sales pitches all the time. I always learn something that I had no idea I had no idea about. After eight hours with John and Michael of ExecutiveSpeakingSuccess at Cross Campus, I had learned a great deal about not just what I knew, how to speak, but why.

The next boot camp for aspiring TED speakers is being held Nov. 3 at Cross Campus and you can find out more at their website or go to speakerbootcamp.eventbrite.com. I highly recommend John and Michael as excellent teachers and coaches, for both the novice and the advanced speaker.

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The Q Line

On the rebound

A recent Daily Press article discovered that property values are on the rise in Santa Monica.

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'End of Watch' claims No. 1 spot in close weekend

DAVID GERMAIN
AP Movie Writer

LOS ANGELES The police story "End of Watch" has won a close race at the weekend box office.

The LA cop tale starring Jake Gyllenhaal and Michael Pena debuted with $13.2 million to finish as the weekend's No. 1 movie, according to final studio figures reported Monday.

"End of Watch" had been in a photo finish for first-place with two other new movies, Jennifer Lawrence's horror tale "House at the End of the Street" and Clint Eastwood's baseball drama "Trouble with the Curve."

"House at the End of the Street" wound up at No. 2 with $12.3 million. "Trouble with the Curve" came in at No. 3 with $12.2 million.

Based on studio estimates Sunday, "End of Watch" and "House at the End of the Street" were tied for No. 1 with $13 million each. "Trouble with the Curve" had been right behind with $12.7 million.

But once the entire weekend's ticket sales were counted, "End of Watch" came in slightly ahead of Sunday's projections. "House at the End of the Street" and "Trouble with the Curve" wound up a bit behind Sunday's estimated revenues.

Eastwood's appearance at the Republican National Convention, when he did a rambling fantasy chat with President Barack Obama addressed to an empty chair, probably had little or no effect on the results for "Trouble with the Curve," said Paul Dergarabedian, analyst for box-office tracker Hollywood.com.

The movie opened in line with other Eastwood flicks, which tend to start modestly but stick around awhile at theaters because he draws older crowds that do not rush out in big numbers over opening weekend, Dergarabedian said.

If Eastwood's convention gig turned off any liberal-minded fans, it probably was offset by the attention his appearance drew to the movie among conservatives, Dergarabedian said.

"Whatever he lost on the left, he gained on the right," Dergarabedian said.

Pipeline safety rules strengthened

GARANCE BURKE
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO California regulators have new powers to ensure gas utilities follow safe practices, thanks to a suite of bills that have just been signed into law, a state assemblyman said Monday.

The bills — signed by Gov. Jerry Brown over the weekend — come more than two years after the deadly pipeline explosion in San Bruno.

Assemblyman Jerry Hill, a Democrat who represents the neighborhood charred in the Sept. 9, 2010, blast, told The Associated Press on Monday morning that the legislation will strengthen pipeline oversight to prevent a similar tragedy. He later held a news conference outside the California Public Utilities Commission as the first day of hearings for the commission's investigation into the fatal San Bruno blast began.

"This puts us ahead of many other states in pipeline safety in requiring the commission to regulate utilities more strictly," Hill said in an interview. "This could save lives in the future."

One of the three bills Hill sponsored will require the commission to adopt gas pipeline safety recommendations made by the National Transportation Safety Board, if they are appropriate to California utilities.

Had that law been in place before the San Bruno explosion, the commission would have been obliged to enforce dozens of recommendations made by federal safety investigators for utilities to outfit their pipelines with remotely operated or automatic shut-off valves, devices that halt the gas flow within minutes of a rupture.

An Associated Press investigation last year found that the pipeline's owner, Pacific Gas & Electric Co., agreed as far back as 1997 that remotely operated valves did a better job of protecting public safety than manual ones. But it opted against using them widely across its network of high-pressure transmission lines, saying they weren't necessary or required.

When the gas flow finally stopped 89 minutes after the explosion in San Bruno, eight people had been killed, dozens injured and 38 homes destroyed.

"Historically those recommendations have just been ignored by the CPUC and by our utilities," Hill said in an interview. "This now puts California in the forefront."

The commission has yet to fine Pacific Gas & Electric Co. for what federal regulators have called a litany of failures leading up to the explosion.

Another new law will require the commission to adopt pipeline safety performance metrics, and allow regulators to fine the state's gas utilities if they fail to meet them.

The third measure signed by the governor over the weekend is aimed at preventing utilities from cutting spending on operations and maintenance to award its executives bonuses.

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Village Voice splits from sex ad-linked Backpage service

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LOS ANGELES A group of managers is buying the Village Voice and all its affiliated free arts weeklies but is leaving behind the online classified site Backpage.com, whose listings have drawn fire for promoting the illegal sex trade.

The buyout by managers is being led by Scott Tobias, the chief operating officer of Village Voice Media Holdings LLC. Tobias will become the new organization's chief executive.

He said he has lined up private financing to buy almost all of the Phoenix-based company's assets, which include LA Weekly and SF Weekly, from the current owners, Jim Larkin and Michael Lacey.

Larkin and Lacey will keep ownership of Backpage.com. Terms were not disclosed.

Tobias said in an interview that controversy around Backpage.com "has been a distraction, there's no doubt about it."

"This is about two businesses moving forward," he said.

The purchase is being made by Voice Media Group, a new holding company based in Denver. The deal includes all 13 weeklies and their websites, the national sales arm and events such as LA Weekly's Detour and New York's Siren music festivals.

Backpage.com has become the nation's top forum for ads for "escorts," "body rubs," and other thinly veiled references to prostitution since Craigslist.org shut down its adult services section in September 2010.

In July, three Washington state teenagers who said they were sold online for sex sued Backpage's owners for allegedly enabling their exploitation. At the time, Village Voice Media said the suit wouldn't pass legal muster and is barred by federal law.

Connecticut Sen. Richard Blumenthal called on Backpage.com in an open letter in March to "stop promoting and profiting from human trafficking" by shutting down its adult services section as Craigslist had done.

In a statement on the deal, Larkin and Lacey, the founders of Village Voice Media Holdings, said they were "ready to move on and hand the reins to a new generation of writers, editors and publishers."

Backpage.com will "become the centerpiece of a new online classified advertising company with business worldwide," the statement said.

The deal also includes Westword in Denver; New Times in Phoenix, Miami and Broward, Fla.; Houston Press; Observer in Dallas; Riverfront Times in St. Louis; City Pages in Minneapolis and OC Weekly in southern California.

Los Angeles fields streamlined motorcycle response squad

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LOS ANGELES Firefighters on motorcycles outfitted with defibrillators and medical supplies have been scooting around congested Los Angeles roadways and some off-road areas where bigger vehicles can't navigate in a bid to save lives and improve response times.

The Los Angeles Fire Department's five-member unit of two-wheeled first responders — a pilot program in place for about a year — can get to an injured victim quickly, provide information to dispatchers, scout fires and handle other problems. The bikes are equipped with a handlebar-mounted GPS system.

The motorcycles, which can go off-road and retail for about $6,300, are on loan from the Kawasaki Motor Corp.

"Do I see the motorcycles supplanting larger vehicles? No," said Fire Chief Brian Cummings. "There's always going to be a need to bring heavy equipment and large numbers of individuals."

White said the program's biggest selling point is flexibility.

"Right now," he said, "we just want to see what we can do with them."

A dozen firefighters have undergone training, and a permanent unit could have up to 10 motorcycles and 28 riders, Capt. Craig White told the Los Angeles Times (lat.ms/QbW9My).

LAFD officials want to see if state and federal grants could help make the motorcycle unit permanent, White said.

The motorcycle program debuted during last year's two-day closure of a 10-mile stretch of busy Interstate 405, when hundreds of thousands of motorists dodged doomsday predictions of "Carmageddon." The traffic-jam nightmare never materialized.

The biker first-responders will be deployed again for this weekend's sequel when the other half of the Mulholland Drive bridge will be demolished.

Los Angeles officials said budget cuts and scrutiny of response times, which lag behind national standards, make motorcycle deployment attractive.

It isn't the first time the nation's fire departments have deployed motorcycle teams.

Motorcycle-riding medics equipped with defibrillators in Miami cut response times from an average of seven minutes to less than three minutes in some places, Capt. Roman Bas of Miami-Dade Fire Rescue said.

"Absolutely it saved lives," Bas said. "And it saved money too.".

But budget cuts forced an end to the Miami motorcycle medic unit in 2008.

Austin, Texas, has a program with four motorcycles, but it is run separately from the Austin Fire Department.

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IMPRESSIVE COLLECTION: **These are some of the missing works of art.**

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Santa Monica police.

Police would not say how the thief or thieves gained access to the home, nor if there was an alarm system.

Gundlach would not comment specifically on the investigation Monday, nor would he confirm if the pieces taken were insured at the time.

The added price on the Mondrian work, in particular, is a factor of Gundlach's appreciation of the piece and the artist.

"Composition (A) En Rouge Et Blanc" includes two stark, black lines, a design that appears often in Mondrian's work.

The lines inspired the name of Gundlach's company, and was meant to represent the solidity and security of the investments that Doubleline Capital made on behalf of its clients, officials say.

Although police originally estimated the amount of the theft at $10 million, it appears to be much more.

Records from public auctions show eight of the pieces — or similar works by the same artists released in the same year — valued between $27.3 and $32.5 million.

No thief would get full price for the art, said Cecilia Dan, an appraiser and private market dealer.

"You can't sell this stuff," Dan said. "Not only is it extremely hot, it's nuclear. There's no way anybody would want to buy this because you can't buy it with any sort of title."

The value of the works isn't so much in what they look like as it is in the context in which they were made. That includes rarity of the works and what kind of critical acclaim the artist enjoys.

"Value is a lot of different things to a lot of different people, but the market is a very real thing," Dan said.

The Santa Monica Police Department, FBI, Department of Justice, Interpol and the Los Angeles Police Department are collaborating on the investigation.

Anyone with information is urged to contact investigators at (310) 458-8432, (310) 458-8453 or the watch commander (24 hours) at (310) 458-8495.

Anyone wishing to remain anonymous, can call We-Tip at (800) 78-CRIME or submit the tip online at www.wetip.com. Those who provide tips are eligible for a reward up to $1,000, police said. Tipsters can also contact Crime Stoppers at (800) 222-TIPS or by visiting their website at www.lacrimestoppers.org. Texting tips can also be done by visiting the website.

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"We need to understand what the status of the law is," Gould said. "The Supreme Court decided to accept all of the decisions at once, providing clarity for cities and counties in this controversial area. We need time to understand where the legalities lie."

That isn't much consolation for Richard McDonald, the man whose license for a "collective cultivation operation" has been held up for several weeks only to now face a much longer delay.

McDonald, who is currently suing City Hall over its denial of a license for a proposed medical marijuana testing facility, has a fairly strong opinion on the moratorium proposal.

"This is the most grotesque example of smoky, back-room politics that I have ever seen in my life," McDonald said.

City officials denied his application for a business license for the testing facility, saying that he could not prove that the business was allowed under California law. As he sued to overturn that decision, McDonald moved forward with his application for the dispensary, which was already allowed under state law.

McDonald believes that the moratorium was inspired by his application. If approved, his would be the only medical marijuana dispensary in Santa Monica.

Prior efforts to establish dispensaries have been thwarted by the city's zoning code, which does not explicitly permit medical marijuana dispensaries as an "accepted use."

City Hall has denied in the past that any de

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ic director, Nancy Staudt, referred to him several times as "professor Schwarzenegger."

Schwarzenegger is also publishing his autobiography next week and has a pair of movies in post-production. One of them, "The Tomb," co-stars his old buddy Sylvester Stallone. The other, "The Last Stand," opens in January and got a brief plug at the symposium's afternoon panel discussion on Hollywood and culture.

His return to the spotlight will also include a segment Sunday on "60 Minutes" to promote the book and discuss, among other things, the affair he had with his maid that resulted in a son out of wedlock and destroyed his marriage to Maria Shriver.

No questions were taken during the symposium's first panel, which was attended by about 700 people and featured Schwarzenegger in an hour-long discussion of partisan politics that was moderated by Cokie Roberts and featured Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., former Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., and others.

The former governor doffed his tie for the second panel, where he was joined by recording industry executive Jimmy Iovine in a Bruce Springsteen shirt. Other panelists included studio executives Brian Grazer and Ron Meyer, and director James Cameron, who helmed Schwarzenegger's first two "Terminator" films.

A handful of questions from USC students were taken, but none was addressed to Schwarzenegger.

No mention was made of the maid scandal or the huge budget deficit that Schwarzenegger, who had promised to bring fiscal accountability to politics, allowed to run up during his seven years as governor. His successor, Jerry Brown, has said he'll drastically cut services if voters don't approve tax increases in November.

Also unmentioned was Schwarzenegger's controversial decision during his last hours as governor to commute the involuntary manslaughter sentence of the son of a former political ally. Schwarzenegger said at the time he cut Esteban Nunez's sentence to seven years from 16 because he thought the latter was excessive. But he also acknowledged he was helping a friend, former state Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez.

Schwarzenegger did make a brief reference to Shriver's politics when he said cooperation among Republicans and Democrats is key to solving the nation's problems.

"I never looked at the Democrats as villains," he said. "Remember, I was married to a Democrat for 25 years."

He called repeatedly for bipartisan cooperation, as McCain called the current presidential campaign the most bitter he has ever observed.

"You cannot just do it my way or the highway. I tried that and I failed," Schwarzenegger said at one point, noting his lack of success when he tried early in his administration to bypass the state Legislature by bringing his agenda directly to the voters in a series of failed ballot initiatives.

Overall, however, he painted a bright picture of his time as governor. During his welcoming remarks, he said his administration took the lead in pushing to stem global warming, provide health care to its citizens, and rebuild the state's infrastructure while the federal government was gridlocked on those issues.

He also noted that California committed $3 billion to stem cell research when he was governor and created an independent, citizen-led commission to more fairly draw state legislative districts. He didn't mention that the stem cell research project was made possible when voters passed a ballot initiative creating the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine.

He said he wants the Schwarzenegger Institute to continue to take on those issues and others, collaborating with innovators of all political backgrounds.

"No ideology has a monopoly on solutions," he said.

Schwarzenegger showed he could still charm a crowd with one-liners, even though he didn't use his signature phrase, "I'll be back," or even the modified version, "I'm back," from his latest action film, "The Expendables 2."

Introduced by USC President C.L. Max Nikias, who called him a larger than life hero, Schwarzenegger said, "Thank you for that fantastic introduction, President Nikias, that's exactly how I wrote it."

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facto ban on medical marijuana dispensaries exists, saying in a July memo to an administrative law judge in McDonald's original business license case that a person wishing to start a dispensary could try to show the Zoning Administrator that a dispensary is "similar to other explicitly authorized uses" in order to establish themselves within city limits.

The notice announcing the Oct. 2 hearing on the moratorium cited a need for additional regulations controlling medical marijuana facilities along with the desire for additional legal clarity.

Moratoriums used for that purpose can be helpful, said Kris Hermes, spokesperson for medical marijuana advocacy group Americans for Safe Access.

"Many cities have (enacted moratoriums) as a measure to avoid taking responsibility for developing regulations. Other cities have used it to help," Hermes said. "It's unclear what the motivations are in Santa Monica, but we hope the city will work with the medical marijuana patient community to develop a sensible set of guidelines for providers as many other cities have done before it."

It would be disingenuous for city officials to throw their hands up and say it can't be done, Hermes said.

The Planning Department has already undergone an extensive analysis of medical marijuana regulations in other localities and how they would apply to Santa Monica.

The report, released as an information item in October 2007, came in reaction to a request from Nathan Hamilton to open a dispensary on the 2200 block of Main Street.

Key issues identified in the report included defining what a dispensary could do, what kind of permit it would need to operate, how far it would have to be away from other "sensitive" uses like schools and neighborhoods, whether the medicine could be grown and consumed on-site and other issues.

The report goes on to identify likely areas in the city for dispensaries. At the time, pieces of Fourth, Fifth and Sixth streets between Colorado Avenue and Olympic Boulevard are 500 or 1,000 feet from every school, park, childcare facility or religious institution and 500 feet away from residential zones, as is the business park near 30th Street and Ocean Park Boulevard.

McDonald holds that his facility on Pennsylvania Avenue — meant to house his medical marijuana testing facility — was carefully selected to meet those criteria as best as possible and should be fine for a dispensary.

"So apparently this is the next maneuver, which I will blunt," McDonald said.

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PROUD DAY: **Samohi's Sebastian LaRue poses with Head Coach Travis Clark on Monday.**

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school was reluctant to host the event they scrambled to find a willing location. The Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica, school district headquarters and local eatery Gilbert's were on the table.

"I feel good about it," Darryl LaRue said of the reversal. "It's been an exhausting thing to go round and round and ultimately have it at the school. It was frustrating."

Once he heard about the situation, de la Torre offered his Pico Youth & Family Center to the LaRue family, but really believed it should be held at Samohi.

"As a former football player myself, I thought that we should support athletics and that it's a wonderful opportunity for Santa Monica High School to receive national recognition," he said.

Travis Clark, Samohi's head football coach, said he was relieved that a compromise was reached, but worried that the turnout wouldn't be as large as he would have liked because of the short notice regarding the venue change.

"I'm happy that they came around and supported Sebastian," Clark said.

His fears turned out to be unfounded as a good number of Samohi students and members of the community showed up for the ceremony.

Despite the trouble of setting up the event, Sebastian LaRue was just happy to receive the honor in front of his classmates.

"I had the people I wanted here the most," he said.

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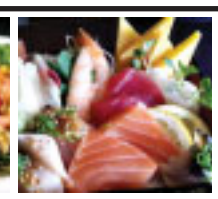
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Romney assails Obama after U.S. ambassador's death

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PUEBLO, Colo. Mitt Romney led a chorus of Republican criticism of the administration's foreign policy on Monday, accusing President Barack Obama of minimizing the recent killing of the U.S. ambassador to Libya as a mere "bump in the road" rather than part of a chain of events that threatens American interests.

White House press secretary Jay Carney called the accusations "desperate and offensive," an attempt by Romney and his allies to gain political advantage in the latter stages of a political campaign that seems to be trending the president's way.

Obama flew from the White House to New York, one day before he speaks to world leaders at the opening of the annual session of the United Nations General Assembly. He and first lady Michele Obama also booked an appearance on television's "The View."

The back and forth on foreign policy occurred as Romney said he was shifting to a more energetic schedule of public campaign events, bidding to reverse recent erosion in battleground state polls. After days spent largely raising campaign cash — and trying to minimize the fallout from one speech to donors last spring — he pledged to make the case for "real and positive change."

While national polls make the race exceedingly close, Obama has gained ground on Romney in many recent surveys when potential voters are asked to compare the two rivals in their ability to fix the economy. Sluggish growth and national unemployment of 8.1 percent make the economy by far the dominant issue in the race, and the two men have focused much of their time and advertising budgets on highlighting their differences on taxes, spending and plans for job creation.

The same polls show Obama with a healthy lead over Romney when voters are asked which candidate is better equipped to handle foreign policy, and the president has not shied away from trumpeting his decision to order the secret mission by U.S. forces that killed terrorism mastermind Osama bin Laden in his Pakistani hideout more than a year ago.

At the same time, Romney's advisers say voters are more inclined to question Obama's handling of foreign policy after the attack on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi, Libya, earlier this month resulted in the death of the U.S. ambassador and three other Americans.

Not only Romney, but other Republicans, as well, challenged Obama on foreign policy on Monday.

In a conference call with reporters, Rep. Eric Cantor, R-Va., the House majority leader, said, "Israel continues to find itself on the receiving end of harsh language by the president of the White House. ... There is a somewhat continued pattern of throwing Israel under the bus when Israel stands as our closest ally."

And the National Republican Senatorial Committee issued challenges to Democratic candidates in several races to "share their view" on Obama's remarks in an interview with CBS' "60 Minutes" over the weekend.

In the interview itself, Obama was responding when asked if recent events in the Middle East gave him pause for supporting governments that came to power following a wave of regime changes known as the Arab Spring.

He said he has long noted that events were going to be rocky, adding that the question itself "presumes that somehow we could have stopped this wave of change."

"I think it was absolutely the right thing for us to align ourselves with democracy, universal rights. ... But I was pretty certain and continue to be pretty certain that there are going to be bumps in the road because — you know, in a lot of these places — the one organizing principle has been Islam. ...

"There are strains of extremism, and anti-Americans, and anti-Western sentiments and you know can be tapped into by demagogues," he added.

Romney was eager to talk about the topic, squeezing interviews with three television networks into his schedule and touching on the subject at the beginning of a rally in Pueblo, Colo.

"I can't imagine saying something like the assassination of ambassadors is a bump in the road, when you look at the entire context, the assassination, the Muslim Brotherhood president being elected in Egypt, 20,000 people killed in Syria, Iran close to becoming a nuclear nation, that these are far from being bumps in the road," he told ABC.

"They represent events that are spinning out of the kind of influence we'd like to have. We're at the mercy of events rather than shaping the events in the Middle East."

U.S. officials are investigating the deaths in Libya, which occurred when the consulate was breached.

Obama has said extremists used an anti-Islam video as an excuse to assault U.S. interests overseas, including the incident in Benghazi.

Romney intends to return to the subject of international affairs and discuss foreign aid, trade agreements and international development when he addresses the Clinton Global Initiative in New York on Tuesday, according to a person familiar with the campaign's thinking.

Romney, like Cantor, took a slap Monday at Obama's handling of relations with Israel.

"The president doesn't have time to actually spend time with leaders of these nations, particularly Bibi Netanyahu, I find that very troubling," he said.

In a campaign setting records for television advertising, both campaigns released new commercials during the day.

Obama's latest seeks to extend the controversy that erupted when Romney was seen on video saying that, as a candidate, he doesn't worry about the 47 percent of Americans who he said pay no income tax and see themselves as victims deserving of a wide range of government benefits.

"Maybe instead of attacking others on taxes, he should come clean on his," says the 30-second commercial, airing in battleground Ohio.

Romney last week released his 2011 tax return, showing he paid $1.94 million in federal taxes on income of $13.7 million. The 14.1 percent rate is less that millions of American families pay because Romney's earnings come from capital gains and dividends, which are taxed at a lower rate than wages.

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MINEOLA, N.Y. In some places, it's as simple as pulling the plug on thousands of unused telephone lines or installing software that automatically shuts off idle school computers to save on electric bills. Other places are doing such things as merging town fire departments, combining 911 centers or outsourcing collection of parking fines.

Around the country, governments big and small are embracing cooperation, consolidation and efficiency to wring a few more dollars out of the budget as the effects of the Great Recession linger.

"What we're seeing is that many places are really taking a look at doing more with less," said Steve Hamill, a former administrator in Alameda County, Calif., and founder of the U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance, which helps municipalities learn of money-saving opportunities.

During the worst of the downturn, many local governments resorted to layoffs and other blunt means of cutting spending. Now, with the economy still shaky, they are looking in less obvious places for ways to save money.

Earlier this year, Long Island's two counties and several townships announced anticipated savings of more than $1 million annually by joining forces to buy such things as medical supplies for ambulances and chemicals for wastewater treatment and swimming pools.

"Joint purchasing is an example of where we can do more with less by finding efficiency," Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone said.

In neighboring Nassau County, officials are in the midst of a review of unused telephones and telephone lines in the wake of large staff cutbacks. The county comptroller's office estimates as many as 3,000 phone lines could be disconnected by the end of the year, saving more than $535,000.

Idaho's Coeur d'Alene School District set up a system to turn off all computer monitors after five minutes of inactivity. Computers are put in standby mode after 90 minutes. The district expects to save $300,000 over three years, Hamill said.

An effort in Los Angeles County that includes disconnecting unused phones and buying efficient light bulbs is expected to cut costs by about $218 million annually.

Last year, three cities in San Diego County — El Cajon, La Mesa and Lemon Grove — struck an agreement to combine their firefighting, emergency medical treatment and emergency planning services. They expect to save a combined $560,000 annually. Fire response times haven't suffered, according to Heartland Fire and Rescue Fire Chief Mike Scott.

Three counties in New Jersey are each trying to combine their local 911 call centers under one roof. Something similar has already been done in Lincoln Park, Southgate and Wyandotte, three cities in Michigan's Wayne County.

In other places, discussions are under way to consolidate school districts. And some municipalities are outsourcing data processing operations that manage such things as the collection of property taxes and parking fines, Hamill said.

"Officials are taking a look at what core services are needed and that they need to be involved with and what services someone else can do," he said.

Police departments on Long Island and elsewhere are employing high-tech sensors in high-crime areas to alert officers to exact locations when gunshots are fired.

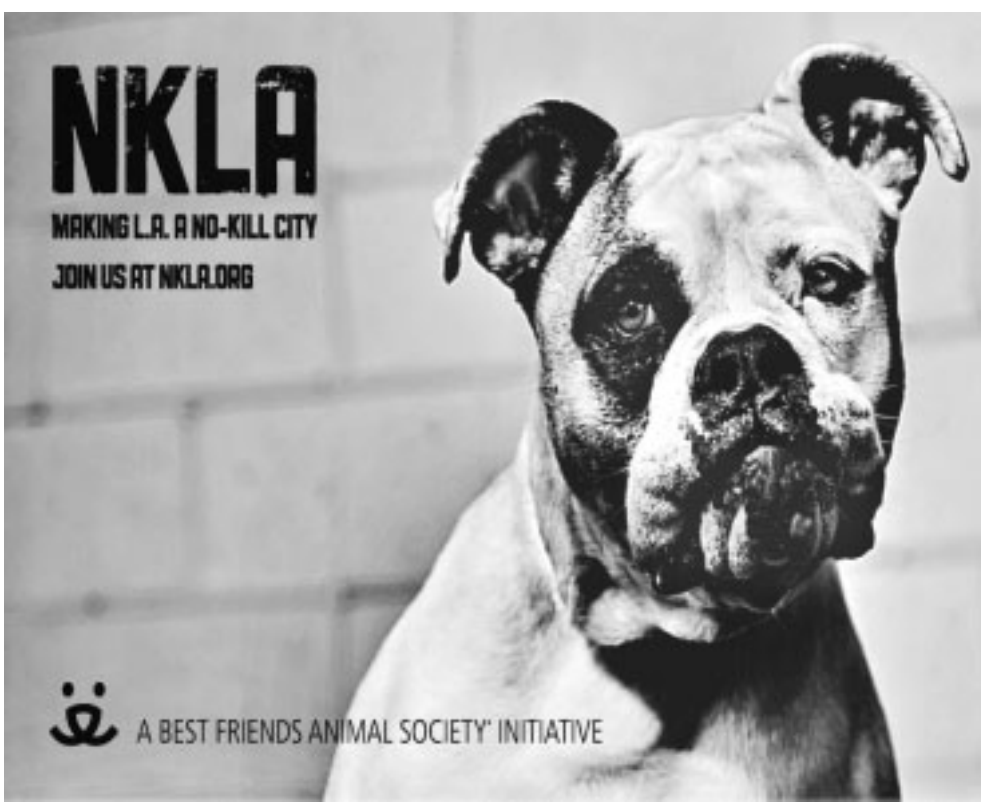
"This allows departments to cut down on the number of patrol cars that may be needed to investigate these cases, which can save money," Hamill said.

State governments also are striving to cut costs by consolidating or reorganizing agencies, according to Todd Haggerty, an analyst for the Conference of State Legislatures. Among them:

• Connecticut placed nine state agencies within a new Office of Government Accountability, resulting in a reduction of 23 positions and a savings of $1.5 million in 2012 and a projected $1.8 million in 2013.

• Kansas estimates it will save $3 million in 2012 by abolishing its Health Policy Authority and shifting its responsibilities, including the administration of Medicaid, to the Department of Health and Environment.

• Missouri transferred the responsibilities of the State Water Patrol to a division within the State Highway Patrol; $3 million a year in administrative cost savings are anticipated.



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BID #4037 PROVIDE WATERPROOFING CONTRACTOR SERVICES, AS REQUIRED BY FACILITIES MAINTENANCE.

The bid packet can be downloaded at:
http://vendors.planetbids.com/SantaMonica/QuickSearch.cfm
Submission Deadline Is October 9, 2012 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.

Request for bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the City of Santa Monica, 1717 4th St., Suite 250, Santa Monica, California, or by e-mailing your request to Regina.Benavides@smgov.net. Bids must be submitted on forms furnished by the City of Santa Monica.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Initial Urgency Interim Ordinance to Establish a Forty-Five (45) Day Moratorium on the Approval of Any Land Use Entitlements, Business Licenses, and any other License or Permit for Medical Marijuana Dispensaries with Specified Exceptions

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

An Initial Urgency Interim Ordinance that would establish a forty-five (45) day moratorium on the approval of any land use entitlements, business licenses, or any other permit or license for medical marijuana dispensaries, with specified exceptions, to allow the City an opportunity to (1) address community concerns regarding the establishment and operation of medical marijuana dispensaries, (2) study the potential impacts that medical marijuana dispensaries may have on the public health, safety and welfare, (3) review the legal authority that is available for the City to enact land use controls intended to regulate the distribution of medical marijuana in a manner consistent with the requirements of both State and federal law, (4) study and determine what local regulations may be appropriate or necessary for medical marijuana dispensaries, and (5) ensure that regulations authorizing medical marijuana dispensaries can be implemented in such a way as not to result in harmful effects to the businesses, property owners, and residents of the City.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2012 AT 6:45 p.m.**

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

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

Address your letters to: City Clerk
Re: Medical Marijuana Interim Ordinance
1685 Main Street, Room 102
Santa Monica, CA 90401

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

The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #2, #3, Rapid 3, #7 and #9 service the City Hall and Civic Center.

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

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

In a digital age, paper stocks hang on for dear life

CHRISTINA REXRODE
AP Business Writer

Bob Kerstein loves his paper stock certificates.

At a time when stock trading is dominated by rapid-fire computers, he relishes paper stocks for their palpability. Wall Street seems cryptic and far away, but certificates are something he can see and hold.

They're a pleasant throwback, a tangible marker of company history, a wisp of inky artwork in a canyon of electronic solemnity. So when Facebook went public this year and decided not to print paper stock certificates, Kerstein was bummed.

"A travesty," he says.

He's used to it. For years, people have been writing the obituary for paper stocks. They're derided as hard to track, easy to lose, out of date and out of place.

And yet they keep sticking around, stubbornly analog in a world gone digital.

Die-hards hoard Enron certificates in hopes they'll be worth something someday. They hold on to Bear Stearns because they lost everything on it — or, for a few, because they made a ton of money betting against it.

They scramble for Disney because their kids are into Mickey and the stock, graced with the image of the famous mouse and Walt Disney himself, looks nice in a frame.

Joe Wildberg, an auto industry retiree in Wolverine, Mich., has been accumulating stocks of old Michigan copper-mining companies since he ran across a few shares in a house he inherited.

"Where else would you find a document going back to the 1840s?" he says.

Tom Carroll, a sales director in Reston, Va., was a hit at a family reunion when he doled out stock of the old Pennsylvania Railroad, where his grandfather worked for 52 years.

"Everybody was getting them framed and hanging them up to remember our grandfather," he recalls.

Kerstein's favorite is a certificate for a business with the unfortunate name Shadyside Operators. The stock he owns is dated Oct. 29, 1929 — during the most infamous crash in Wall Street history.

Kerstein makes a living hawking paper stocks on a website he founded, Scripophily.com. But of Shadyside, he vows, "I'll never sell."

Long before companies churned out TV commercials and Twitter feeds, they used stock certificates to establish their public image. They hired artists, picked out elaborate lettering, added fancy borders.

Sometimes the decorations made sense, like drawings of locomotives on stocks for railroad companies. Sometimes they didn't, like pictures of toga-clad warriors on stocks for refrigerator businesses.

But today, paper stocks are, to put it gently, out of place. Finance firms time trades in milliseconds, and banks accept smartphone photos of checks. The government hasn't issued paper versions of Treasury bonds since 1986.

And yet paper stocks command an odd resilience — even odder when you consider how many times people have tried to kill them.

The Depository Trust & Clearing Corp., which handles most of the administrative underpinning of stock trading in the United States, set a goal this summer to eliminate paper stocks, perhaps as early as 2015.

The DTCC likes to point out that more than 700 issuers on U.S. stock exchanges no longer offer paper shares, including big names like Apple, General Motors and Microsoft. But more than 6,300 still do.

The DTCC can't figure out why. "Having possession of a physical certificate really adds no value to the investor or to anybody else," says Daniel Thieke, managing director of settlement and asset services. "You can't do anything with it except look at it and put it in a file cabinet."

In 2003, the Group of Thirty, an influential coterie of the world's business and government leaders, called for an end to paper stock trading worldwide — and extras like the paper documents that investors get to confirm their holdings.

Three years later, the group concluded that "islands of paper and manual processes remain and are a persistent source of inefficiency." The G30 hasn't made further recommendations.

As far back as 1991, the Government Accountability Office warned that paper certificates in the U.S. would "hamper the strength of our markets" and noted that Denmark, France and Norway had already gone virtually paperless. The agency, which works for Congress, hasn't updated its report, either.

To be sure, the paper-haters have had success. In 1990, there were more than 32 million physical certificates stuffed into the DTCC vault for safekeeping. Now there are only about 1.2 million.

States have gradually gotten rid of laws that required companies to issue paper shares when asked. The DTCC now charges $500 to brokers who want to withdraw paper certificates.

In 2004, the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association, a trade group, distributed an imaginary tale of two sisters to help financial advisers persuade clients to go paperless. Louise insisted on paper stocks. Winnie didn't. Guess who was better off?

After all, paper stocks are expensive to print and mail. It's easy to stuff them away in the attic or the safe-deposit box, forgetting them until long after the company is gone and the shares worthless.

They get lost: Thomson Reuters, which operates the Securities and Exchange Commission's Lost and Stolen Securities Program, says $48 billion worth were reported missing or stolen last year.

Trading them is also a pain, usually requiring a trip to the post office and a certified signature rather than a few clicks on E-Trade. And keeping track of them can be harrowing. In 2006, Warren Buffett had to trundle a Berkshire Hathaway certificate worth a terrifying $11 billion from Omaha, Neb., to processing in Minneapolis, so he could give the converted shares to charity. Buffett briefly considered FedEx but opted to send someone from his office.

So if paper stocks are so square, why are they still around?

A lot of companies, it seems, really don't mind them — maybe because they build

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shareholder goodwill and public relations cred. Companies like McDonald's and Starbucks, whose certificates are popular among collectors, say they have no plans to nix paper shares.

Playboy had a blockbuster when it decorated its shares with a nude image of Miss February 1971. It was so flooded with requests that it had to switch to a less exciting design. "It just got to be a little too much," says spokeswoman Theresa Hennessey.

Maybe it's also just easier to send them to the few investors who ask rather than argue about paper's failings. "We don't have an abundance of requests," says a McDonald's spokeswoman, who declined to give details.

The cluster of investors who prefer paper not for novelty but for security could prove especially hard to bicker with. Recent computer glitches that sent the market swinging aren't going to convince any of them that their stock is safer when it's a number punched into a corporate record.

In 2007, corporate gadfly Evelyn Y. Davis filed a proposal asking Macy's to issue paper stocks to shareholders who asked. Macy's said it wasn't considering getting rid of them anyway.

She had less success at NYSE Euronext, parent company of the New York Stock Exchange, where for three years she lobbied the company to issue paper shares.

"Hackers can get into computers or even terrorists and destroy them," Mrs. Davis wrote in the proposal she submitted in 2008, 2009 and 2010.

NYSE Euronext, which went public in 2007, has never issued paper shares. In a response to Mrs. Davis, it said that eliminating paper stock certificates protected shareholders against extra costs and fraud.

"The securities markets in the U.S. and around the world are rapidly moving toward a paperless environment," the company wrote.

Paper stocks are in such obvious decline that basic statistics, like how many are still floating around, are afterthoughts.

The Group of Thirty, the Securities Transfer Association and SIFMA say they don't have that information. Nor does the Lost and Stolen Securities Program, the World Federation of Exchanges or the International Organization of Securities Commissions.

In 2005, the DTCC estimated that paper stocks were involved in about 0.1 percent of trading each day in U.S. markets, based on transactions the DTCC oversaw. It doesn't have updated information.

SIFMA's last report about how much it costs companies to print and distribute paper stocks was in 2004. (Answer: $250 million a year.) The STA's last report on how much it costs companies per share is even older. (Answer: $1.51 to $4.26.)

Even the DTCC acknowledges that the quandary will likely work itself out.

"With the changing demographics of investors," says spokesman Ed Kelleher, paper stocks "will probably die a natural death in a few years anyway."

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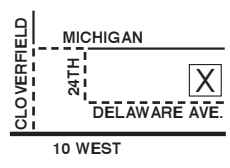
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People often ask me what to do if a landlord does not make repairs to a rental unit. Let me start with something a tenant should not do.

DO NOT WITHHOLD RENT

Under certain limited circumstances, a tenant may withhold rent. But, it is never a good idea to withhold rent. If a tenant does not pay the full rent, when due, the landlord would most likely serve the tenant with a three day notice to pay or quit. Once a three day notice to pay or quit expires, the landlord does not have to accept the money even if the tenant offers the full amount. The landlord can refuse the payment and proceed with an unlawful detainer action (eviction case).

An unlawful detainer action is very stressful. Also, the tenant would have the expense of litigation costs and probably attorney fees. A tenant does not have to retain an attorney to defend an unlawful detainer action, but it would be very wise to do so.

If a tenant loses an unlawful detainer case, the tenant would be evicted and owe all of the back rent and possibly the landlord's attorney fees and litigation costs. Further, the unlawful detainer judgment would probably appear on the tenant's credit reports as well as reports kept by landlord agencies which could make it difficult to rent a new home in the future.

For all of the above reasons, a tenant should never withhold any rent.

GIVE LANDLORD A LIST IN WRITING

The first thing a tenant should do is give the landlord a list in writing of items which need to be repaired. The list should be hand-delivered or mailed to the landlord. The tenant must keep a copy of that list and keep track of when and how the list was delivered to the landlord (the specific date when the list was mailed or hand-delivered).

A tenant must give the landlord a reasonable period to make repairs. What is a "reasonable period" is defined on a case by case basis. Usually, a tenant should give the landlord 30 days to make repairs. But, if the condition is serious (i.e.: no electricity, no hot water, hole in the roof), a reasonable time would be much shorter.

A tenant should list all items which need repair, in detail. Failure to notify the landlord of a specific problem may prevent a tenant from being compensated later for the defective condition.

CONTACT GOVERNMENT INSPECTORS

If the landlord does not make the repairs within a reasonable period, the tenant should contact appropriate government inspectors.

In Santa Monica, the first office to be contacted should be the Santa Monica Code Compliance Department: (310) 458-4984. The Code Compliance Department will not come to a rental unit to perform a general inspection. The tenant must have a specific list of items which need repair.

In addition to the Code Compliance Department, a tenant should call the County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services. To arrange for an inspection, a Santa Monica tenant would call: (310) 665-8484.

The advantage of government inspectors is that the government agency may order the landlord to make repairs. Also, if the tenant is in trial with the landlord (or a hearing with the Santa Monica Rent Control Board), the government inspectors' reports may be admissible as evidence.

PETITION FOR RENT DECREASE

If the landlord does not make the required repairs, a tenant may file a petition for rent decrease. The petition is filed with the Santa Monica Rent Control Board, located in Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Room 202, Santa Monica, CA 90401; (310) 458-8751. The petition for rent decrease may be filed 30 to 180 days after service of the written notice to the landlord of items which need repair.

If the petition is granted, the rent will be reduced. But, the rent reduction is prospective (from that point forward). The Rent Control Board does not have the authority to award any money to compensate the tenant for past conditions or reduced services.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

If a tenant wishes to be compensated for the defective conditions or reduced services in the past, the tenant would have to file a lawsuit. A suit could be filed in superior court. Although an attorney is not required for superior court, it is likely that the landlord would retain an attorney. When one party has an attorney and the other does not, it is a big advantage. If the tenant retains an attorney, the expenses might make such a suit in superior court impractical.

Usually, the most economical way to proceed is to file a lawsuit in small claims court. A person can sue in small claims court for up to $7,500.00. And, there are no attorneys in small claims court. Thus, the expenses are greatly reduced.

CONSULT WITH AN ATTORNEY

Even if the tenant is not going to retain an attorney on a full-time basis, it is usually a good idea to at least have a consultation with a tenants' rights attorney, especially before filing suit in small claims court or filing a petition for rent decrease.

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5:00 - 7:00 pm Wrongful termination, harassment; discrimination; wage and hour ;denial of unemployment benefits; and general counseling on issues in the workplace w/ attorney Nina Baumler. (Call for Appointment) at the 2901 Ocean Park location of the Novel Café.

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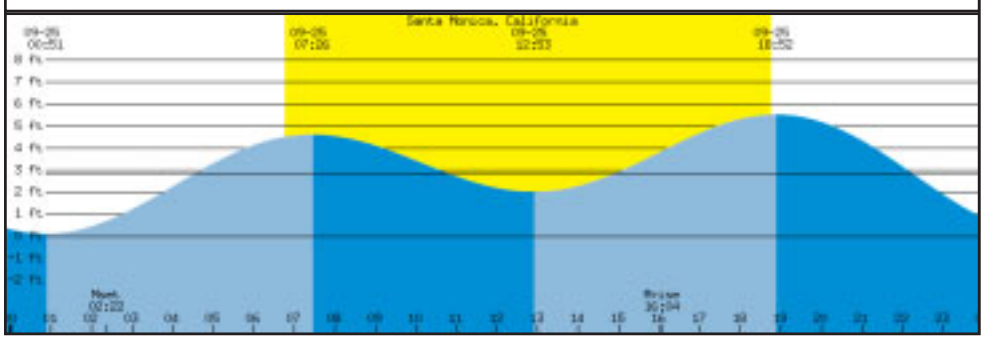
Swell Forecast

Should see NW ground swell at west facing breaks running chest to head high. South facing breaks are looking at waist high waves.

Long Range Synopsis

NW ground swell is expected to back off to chest high at west facing breaks.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **September 19, 2012**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

Number of sewage spills -- 0
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Number of wet days -- 8
Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 29 / 16
Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 10

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechuza and Los Alisos 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).	F	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	B	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A	ns
Pearco State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Pearco Beach, at 24672 Malibu Rd.	A	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	B	ns
Surfrider Beach (beach location) - daily.	A	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	ns
Cohron Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	C	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17208 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A	ns

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	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 Street 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.	B	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of CIWW jetty).	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	ns

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
ns -- no sample taken

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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Four cited in probe of high school soccer hazing

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LA PUENTE, Calif. Southern California authorities investigating alleged hazing by high school soccer players have cited four teenagers and interviewed dozens more, while a coach has been suspended.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Sgt. Dan Scott says several players at La Puente High School east of Los Angeles allegedly were hazed last spring on school grounds. Scott won't reveal the nature of the allegations but they are being investigated by a unit that usually handles sex crimes.

Scott says three current or former soccer players, all 18 or younger, were cited last week. They were released to their parents and could face assault charges.

During the investigation, detectives interviewed more than 70 people, including current students.

School district officials say one teacher coach has been placed on paid leave during the investigation.

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Expendables 2 (R) 1hr 42min
4:25pm, 9:25pm

Campaign (R) 1hr 37min
1:50pm, 5:00pm, 7:30pm, 9:45pm

Hope Springs (PG-13) 2hrs 01min
1:15pm, 7:00pm

Lawless (R) 1hr 55min
2:05pm, 4:10pm, 6:50pm, 9:30pm

Words (PG-13) 1hr 36min
2:15pm, 4:45pm, 7:15pm, 9:45pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
(310) 451-9440

Bourne Legacy (PG-13) 2hrs 15min
12:45pm, 4:05pm, 7:20pm, 10:25pm

Dredd (R) 1hr 36min
11:50am, 5:10pm, 10:20pm

Dredd 3D (R) 1hr 36min
2:30pm, 7:50pm

Finding Nemo 3D (G) 1hr 40min
11:20am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:40pm, 10:15pm

Resident Evil: Retribution 3D (R) 1hr 35min
11:30am, 2:05pm, 4:30pm, 7:10pm, 10:00pm

Trouble with the Curve (PG-13) 1hr 51min
11:30am, 1:35pm, 2:15pm, 4:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 7:45pm, 9:45pm, 10:30pm

End of Watch (R) 1hr 49min
11:35am, 2:25pm, 5:15pm, 7:55pm, 10:35pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 478-3836

Intouchables (R) 1hr 52min
1:40pm, 4:30pm

17 Girls (17 Filles) (NR) 1hr 30min
1:00pm, 3:20pm, 5:40pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

Arbitrage (R) 1hr 40min
1:50pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

Master (R) 2hrs 30min
1:00pm, 4:05pm, 7:10pm, 10:15pm

Ballet in Cinema: Move to Move from Nederlands Dans Theatre () 2hrs 48min
7:30pm

AMC Criterion 6
1313 Third St.
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Possession (R) 1hr 31min
11:50am, 2:20pm, 4:55pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

House at the End of the Street (PG-13) 1hr 41min
11:45am, 2:10pm, 5:00pm, 7:50pm, 10:10pm

ParaNorman (PG) 1hr 33min
11:40am, 5:00pm, 10:05pm

Dark Knight Rises (PG-13) 2hrs 44min
12:45pm, 4:35pm, 8:25pm

Resident Evil: Retribution (R) 1hr 35min
11:55am, 2:40pm, 5:25pm, 8:00pm, 10:20pm

ParaNorman 3D (PG) 1hr 33min
2:25pm, 7:40pm

10 Years (PG-13) 1hr 40min
11:35am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:20pm, 9:55pm

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Express what you want, Sag

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Launch into the day with enthusiasm and an appreciation for excitement and variety. You'll hear news that could be exhilarating. A meeting might be critical in producing a positive outcome. Defer to a friend. Tonight: Accept a pal's invitation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Pressure builds to act in a certain manner, especially in public. What is new about that? You have felt free to resist others' demands in the past; you can do it one more time. Take a risk financially. Buy a lottery ticket if you feel lucky. Tonight: Into the wee hours.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Reach out for more information. You could be surprised by what happens when you gain more understanding. A friend might be instrumental in opening a door. Express your deeper feelings, though cut some of the drama if possible. Tonight: Go for something different.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Curb a need to be possessive or competitive, as it will not help you. In fact, if you feel insecure, decide on a path that will build your self-confidence rather than one that pushes you to act out; you will get a much better result. Tonight: Out with a favorite person.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You could feel energized as the result of an argument, though you might not want to talk about it. You also could become sunnier by the day's end. Do not stand on ceremony with a key person. Tonight: Hang out with some friends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ You might feel unusually restricted as you deal with your finances and problems involving them. Be honest with yourself. You are feeling pushed to the max. An important talk with someone a bit more experienced could help. Tonight: Accomplish what you must.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ A sense of mischief surrounds you. Clearly, someone wants to get to know you better. You often push way beyond your limits. If you're feeling wiped out, who do you really have to blame? Opt for a nice and easy pace. Tonight: Let the fun begin.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ You could find out what is going on with a family member, but many of you would prefer to bypass the issue, which you will. Fatigue marks this situation, mainly because of its redundancy. You might be more negative than you realize. Tonight: Head home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ The spring in your step indicates a lot more confidence. You act spontaneously and resume a strong presence with a key matter. Opportunities come forward because of a strong relationship in your life. Tonight: Put yourself on the line. Express what you want.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Be aware of what you offer. Do not take risks with your finances, though you might get a positive monetary surprise. You do not need to act immediately. A boss or cohort seems unusually upbeat. Tonight: Treating others does not need to break the bank.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You know when you are on top of your game. Your creativity emerges when your finances take an unexpected swing. Don't worry -- the swing easily could be for the better. Tonight: Say "yes" to an invitation.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Know when to pull back and do less. Sometimes, no matter how well-intended you are, there is a backfire. Realize what is happening, and focus your energy on home or a family member. You might be taken aback by an offer. Tonight: Make a favorite meal.

Happy birthday

This year you express a unique creativity that seems to solve problems, create great fun and add to your desirability. The unexpected occurs when dealing with others. Someone who was predictable no longer is. You need to accept this person for who he or she is. If you are single, you could enjoy several different flirtations. Know that it might take a while to decide which one you want to hang out with. If you are attached, you could encounter a conflict, as you both have gone through a change. Given time, you will come back together. AQUARIUS makes you laugh.

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

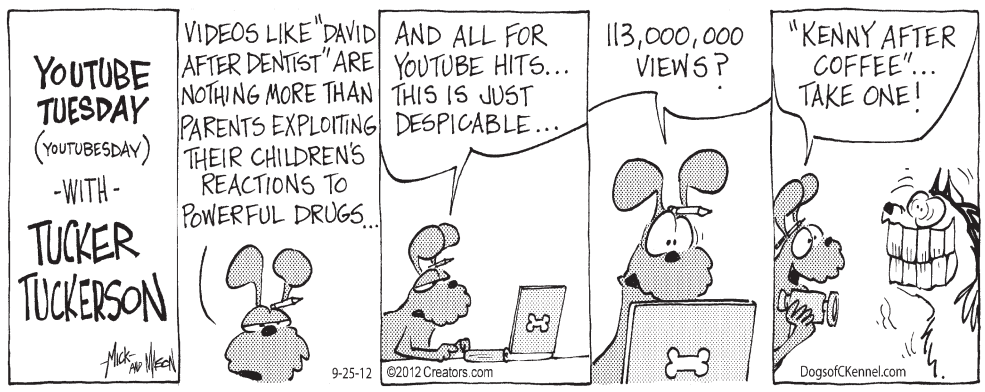
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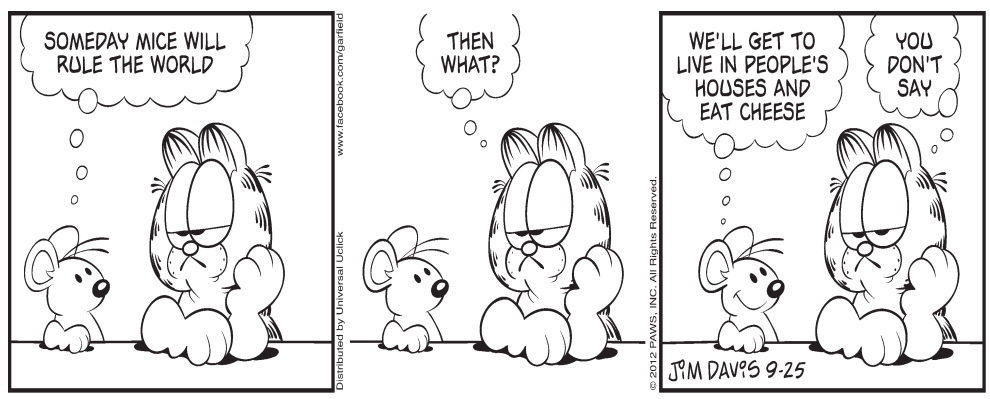
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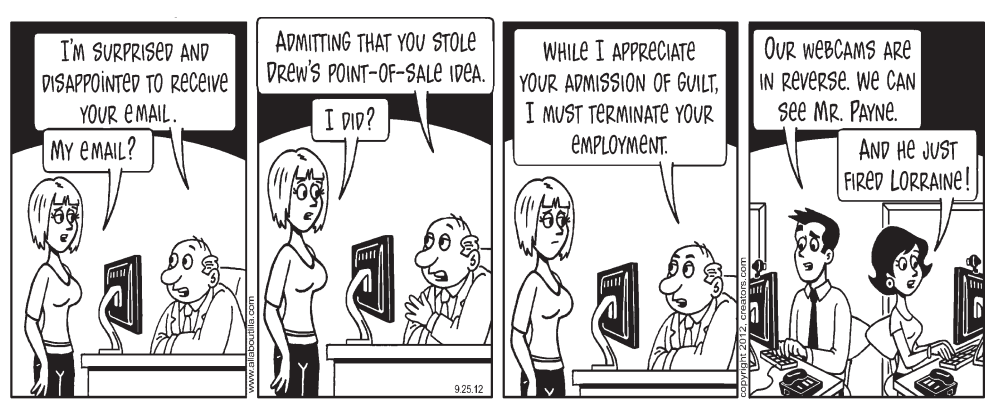
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★

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

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Chest muscles, for short
5 Twangy
10 Massage targets
12 Prelude
13 Waiter's question
15 Dijon denial
16 Cart puller
17 Greek consonants
18 Handles
20 Have a banquet
21 Winter weather
22 Wine list section
23 Contest setting
25 Be rife
28 Highway exits
31 Crude homes
32 Tilted type
34 German cry
35 Chem. or biol.
36 Doc's org.
37 Alternative to "et cetera"
40 Comic Kovacs
41 Perfect places
42 Considers
43 Grove growth

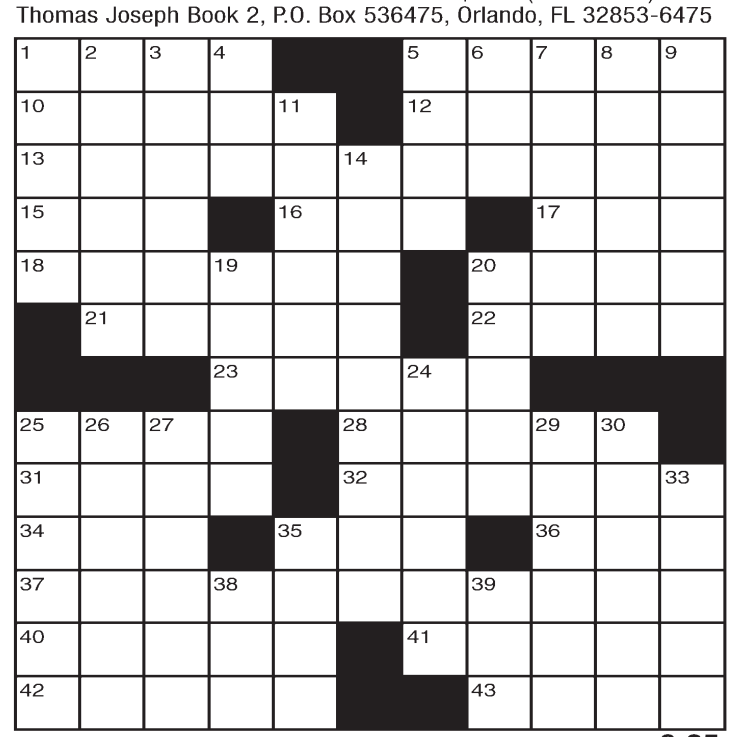
DOWN

1 Most of a chess set
2 Cavern sounds
3 Designer Coco
4 Determined
5 Wee bites
6 Lowly worker
7 Thwart
8 In the neighborhood
9 Contemptible ones
11 Rink patron
14 Specialized material
19 Jeans joints
20 O'Neill creation
24 Inhabitant
25 Melted
26 Trick-taking card game
27 Fuel gas
29 Team member
30 Film's Signoret
33 Lead to
35 "— Funny That Way"
38 Director Burton
39 Summer in NYC

S	C	A	R	■	A	C	T	O	R	■
P	A	V	E	■	S	O	O	N	E	R
A	R	O	D	■	H	U	M	A	N	E
D	E	W	F	A	L	L	■	S	A	M
E	S	S	A	Y	E	D	■	S	U	E
■	■	■	C	E	Y	■	M	I	L	D
C	O	M	E	S	■	H	A	S	T	Y
A	R	I	D	■	F	I	N	■	■	■
M	D	X	■	S	E	N	O	R	A	S
P	E	T	■	P	I	T	F	A	L	L
E	R	A	S	E	S	■	W	I	L	E
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Yesterday's answer

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3 13 14 46 55
Meganumber: 34
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Draw Date: 9/22
4 7 13 28 34
Meganumber: 4
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Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 9/23
5 7 21 22 38

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 9/23
MIDDAY: 7 2 7
EVENING: 0 8 5

SANTA ANITA PARK
Draw Date: 9/23
1st: 01 Gold Rush
2nd: 12 Lucky Charms
3rd: 09 Winning Spirit
RACE TIME: 1:49.92

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Police in Seneca Falls, N.Y., arrested Dawn Planty in August and charged her with statutory rape. Planty came to officers' attention when she called 911 to ask if the dispatcher knew the age of consent in the state because she had had sex with a 15-year-old boy recently and wanted to clear her conscience.

■ (1) The Washington Post, reporting in August the existence of a newly declassified communication between a cooperating Guantanamo Bay detainee and his lawyer, revealed that the "high-value" prisoner had, without explanation, been rewarded with a pet kitty cat. (2) On July 4, two peace activists who own a small advertising agency in Malmo, Sweden, pulled off their most audacious stunt yet by hiring a small plane to drop 800 teddy bears emblazoned with democracy-promoting messages over the capital of Belarus. The country's strongman president, Aleksandr Lukashenko, later fired two generals for their inability to prevent the breach of the country's airspace.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1906 – In the presence of the king and before a great crowd, Leonardo Torres Quevedo successfully demonstrates the invention of the Telekino in the port of Bilbao, guiding a boat from the shore, in what is considered the birth of the remote control.

1911 – Ground is broken for Fenway Park in Boston, Massachusetts.

1912 – Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism is founded in New York, New York.

1915 – World War I: The Second Battle of Champagne begins.

1929 – Jimmy Doolittle performs the first blind flight from Mitchel Field proving that full instrument flying from take off to landing is possible.

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3.8% Tax on Some Real Estate Transactions
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Beginning January 1, 2013, the Patient Protection Affordable Care Act (PPACA) imposes a new 3.8 percent tax on some investment income.

It's a complicated tax, so we Realtors won't be able to predict how it will affect every buyer or seller.
Your Tax Consultant/CPA should advise you on this.

This tax will not be imposed on all real estate transactions, a common misconception.

Rather, when the legislation becomes effective in 2013, it may impose a 3.8% tax on some income from interest, dividends, rents (less expenses) and capital gains (less capital losses).

The tax will fall only on individuals with an adjusted gross income (AGI) above $200,000 and couples filing a joint return with more than $250,000 AGI (adjusted gross income).

Applies to:
- Individuals with adjusted gross income (AGI) above $200,000
- Couples filing a joint return with more than $250,000 AGI

Types of Income:
- Interest, dividends, rents (less expenses), capital gains (less capital losses)

Formula: The new tax applies to the LESSER of
- Investment income amount
- Excess of Adjusted Gross Income over the $200,000 or $250,000 amount

If you are considering selling a property in the near future,
I highly recommend talking to your Tax Consultant well-before January, 2013

Average Price of ALL Santa Monica Single Family Homes From ALL agents in ALL companies Listed for Sale As of Mid September 2012		
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Ocean Park	=	$1,189,000
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