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THE MALIBU ISSUE

Malibu students relocating over cancer scare

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor-in-Chief

MALIBU Some students at Malibu High School will be relocated to other rooms on campus or at nearby Juan Cabrillo Elementary School while an investigation continues into potential health risks on campus, school district officials said.

Parent groups Monday demanded that classes be moved following allegations that contaminants caused a cancer cluster among teachers, as well as other health problems, including migraines and skin rashes.

Parents and teachers point to a 2011 effort to remove over a thousand cubic yards of soil contaminated with PCBs, pesticides and hazardous materials. The district's own environmental report stated that termite treatments in a classroom built in the 1960s may have been the source. Other rooms are believed by teachers to have suffered water damage and breed mold.

Most classrooms under suspicion are

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PICTURESQUE: **A woman enjoys the view of Palisades Park from the dining room of The Georgian Hotel on Monday afternoon.**

Glitz, glamour and ghosts

The Georgian Hotel turns 80

BY GREG ASCIUTTO
Special to the Daily Press

OCEAN AVE Once a favorite retreat of Hollywood's golden age personalities, The Georgian Hotel is wiping the dust off its red carpet and welcoming guests to celebrate its 80th anniversary.

In partnership with the Santa Monica Conservancy, the hotel is hosting a Prohibition-themed evening of entertainment, food and cocktails in its famed speakeasy next Wednesday, Oct. 16.

"I love this place, the people I work with and the community itself," said General Manager Juan Viramontes.

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Local director's film takes on youth violence

BY MELONIE MAGRUDER
Special to the Daily Press

MAIN STREET The lonely, awkward teenager gets one more mean text, or is shoved in the hallway once too often, and he snaps, with what follows breaking the hearts of parents who had never noticed the kid's growing isolation.

This is the subject of Santa Monica director Michelle Danner's latest film, "Hello Herman," which will have a red-carpet premier for the DVD release at the Edgemar Center for the Arts on Oct. 10. Proceeds for the event will benefit educational screenings across the country.

"This movie is about what happens when

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Lawsuit alleges severe bullying at Malibu High

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

MALIBU A lawsuit filed by the parents of a Malibu High School student against the school district, several students, and parents alleges ongoing bullying against their son by his water polo teammates.

The suit, which was filed three months ago, claims that an 11th grade member of the water polo team repeatedly punched the plaintiff, a freshman member of the team, following an altercation during practice last November. The 11th grader was briefly suspended from the team, but was reinstated in time for a playoff game.

He was charged with battery, according to documents provided by Barry Fagan, the father of the alleged victim, and sentenced in a juvenile court to six months probation.

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

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Day at the market
Third Street Promenade
8:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.
Visit one of Southern California's finest Farmers' Markets for the freshest of the fresh. For more information, call (310) 458-8712.

Story time
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,
11 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.
Story series for children 3 to 5 years old. For more information, call (310) 458-8681.

Computer basics
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
3:30 p.m.
Seniors are encouraged to attend this hands-on introduction to computers. Learn how to use a mouse and keyboard, work with Windows and basic computer terms. This is the first of a four-part introductory computer class tailored for those who want to learn at a slower pace. For more information, call (310) 434-2608.

Thursday, Oct. 10, 2013

What's new?
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 1 p.m.
Come discuss current events with moderator Jack Nordhaus.

Ocean stories
Ocean Park Library
2601 Main St., 3:15 p.m.
The Santa Monica Pier Aquarium will present an ocean-themed story session followed by crafts and activities. For more information, call (310) 458-8683.

Black hole art
Santa Monica Museum of Art
2525 Michigan Ave., Building G1, 5 p.m.
Come to the opening reception of artist Laurel Broughton's new exhibition, "Wall Works: Black Holes." For the project, Broughton collaborated with more than 500 students to remake milk cartons into artistic interpretations of black holes and outer space.

Job hunting
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
6:30 p.m.
Learn ways to find the job you want, get your resume noticed in a crowded field and shine in the interview. The program is free and open to all — no advanced registration is required. For more information, call (310) 434-2608.

Healthy minds
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m.
Learn how memory works, as well as tips on how to maintain and improve it. The event will be presented by the Alzheimer's Association.

Rent Control meets
City Hall
1685 Main St., 7 p.m.
The Rent Control Board will discuss owner-occupancy issues and the final budget report from the last fiscal year.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Special Olympics fundraiser returns

Special Olympics Southern California's annual Pier del Sol fundraiser will return to the Santa Monica Pier this Sunday, Oct. 13.

The daylong event will start at 10 a.m. and feature food, fun and entertainment for the whole family.

"Pier del Sol is one of our premiere events of the year," said Special Olympics Southern California CEO Bill Shumard. "It's a great way to come out and spend the day in a casual atmosphere."

Pier del Sol has raised nearly $8 million for athletes since its 1997 inception, Shumard said. The event welcomed 1,400 to the pier in 2012.

"We're given the responsibility of raising approximately $12 million each year to fund our 14,000-plus athletes," Shumard said. "We use that money ... to try and change more lives."

General admission tickets are $45 and include unlimited rides at Pacific Park, eight game tickets and a meal coupon for Pacific Park's food plaza. VIP tickets, available for $150, give attendees access to a brunch featuring food samples from more than 30 Los Angeles restaurants. Santa Monica-based Melisse, serving French cuisine, tops an extensive list of eateries.

Title sponsor and toy company JAKKS Pacific has donated more than 8,000 prizes for the day. Stephen Berman, JAKKS' CEO, will be recognized as the event's honoree.

– GREG ASCIUTTO



File photo

DANCING FOR A GOOD CAUSE: **Dancers from the Santa Monica College Global Motion World Dance Group perform Mexican folk dances during the Special Olympics Southern California 2011 Pier del Sol event at the Santa Monica Pier.**

✉WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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L.A. officials seek census of buildings vulnerable in quake

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Los Angeles officials hope to follow San Francisco's lead in upgrading so-called "soft-story" buildings, those with bottom floors that are susceptible to collapse during an earthquake. Legislation, however, could be years away.

Officials were expected to provide details about a proposed census of LA's soft-story structures at Tuesday's Buildings at Risk conference, the Los Angeles Times reported.

Also this week, L.A. officials are meeting with San Francisco's earthquake team to get advice on how to proceed in addressing the risks associated with these buildings.

Los Angeles is considering legislation similar to that passed in San Francisco last spring, which requires owners of soft-story apartments to make the structures safer. Such buildings generally have parking on the first floor supported by weak columns.

Estimates show more than 60,000 Los Angeles residents could be left homeless in an earthquake, unless thousands of apartments with weak first floors are reinforced, the Times said.

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Insurance exchange processes more than 16,000 applications

LAURA OLSON
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. Officials with California's health insurance exchange said Tuesday that more than 16,300 applications were processed during the marketplace's first five days of operation, but they did not say how many people actually purchased coverage for 2014.

Covered California officials released the figure in the first of what they say will be a series of weekly updates on the number of applications and calls received by the insurance exchange.

An additional 27,300 California households have started to fill out an application. Applications can cover more than one person, such as a spouse or child.

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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ROUNDUP

Trio of local volleyball teams ranked in CIF-SS

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

CITYWIDE It's been a banner year for Santa Monica-based high school girls' volleyball.

Pacifica Christian, St. Monica and Crossroads find themselves in the most recent CIF-Southern Section rankings.

Division 4-A features Pacifica Christian at No. 3 and Crossroads right behind at No. 4.

Across town, St. Monica is ranked No. 5 in Division 4-AA.

Perennial local power Santa Monica is not ranked with a 1-1 record. Samohi travels to rival Beverly Hills today. The match begins at 3:15 p.m.

SAMOHI HANGS ON IN POLL

Despite dropping three games in a row, Samohi football continues to be ranked in the CIF-SS Western Division.

The latest poll released this week has the Vikings at No. 7.

Voters must be taking into account the level of competition Samohi has faced during its losing streak.

Mater Dei, Valencia and Hart are all ranked prominently in their respective divisions and are considered some of the finest programs in Southern California.

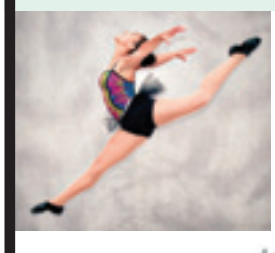
After being blanked by Mater Dei, 37-0, Samohi was able to hang with Valencia and Hart, even holding leads at some point in both ball games.

Samohi opens the Ocean League season on Friday against Morningside at Santa Monica College's Corsair Field at 7 p.m.

The Vikings are attempting to win a third-straight league crown.

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One way to look at it

Editor:

It seems to me that Mark Benjamin might have realized that his brakeless jet was about to shoot past the runway and into the neighboring homes, and made the last moment decision to crash it into those hangars rather than endanger other lives. Has anyone considered this? I think it was a heroic action, more than just a steering problem.

Rather than risking precious extra moments that might have yielded survivable options for himself and those in his plane, he recognized the potential for danger to the neighborhood, and chose his own certain death over possible injuries to others.

Those who claim that pilots have no consideration for the community should remember this courageous and selfless act.

Michael Gastaldo
Santa Monica

Selling Palisades Park

Editor:

For a paltry $63,000 a year in estimated annual gross income, city staff is prepared to let commercial exercise groups dominate our beloved Palisades Park 365 days a year from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. ("Council to vote on outdoor fitness ordinance," Oct. 7). That sum won't even cover the salary (plus benefits) of Community and Cultural Services Director Karen Ginsberg, who devised this ugly plan, which she will present to the City Council for approval on Oct. 8. And certainly it comes nowhere near covering police and park patrols, garbage pickup, damage repair and maintenance expenses.

What do the residents and taxpayers get out of this sellout to commercial users? Lots of noise – even on weekends and holidays like Thanksgiving and Christmas. Wake up folks, it's 6 a.m. and the exercise classes are in session. The plan ignores residents' requests for an 8 a.m. start time. When the commercial instructors countered with a 6 a.m. start, the city staffers compromised on 6 a.m.! They totally ignored the city's Recreation and Parks Commission's advice that the City Council bar "all commercial fitness instruction (including 1-on-1; 1-on-2) in Palisades Park; no commercial fitness instruction, classes or camps may occur in any park before 7 a.m. ... ."

Palisades Park was a gift to the citizens of Santa Monica. They have first dibs on its use. City staffers have no right to bargain away our rights to profit-making businesses that want rent-free access to a priceless ocean view. Why should City Council give them preference over the taxpayers who live and vote here? Why does Santa Monica have to capitulate to their terms to the detriment of its residents?

Let the City Council know by e-mail, phone or in person that they were elected to represent the residents and that Palisades Park is not for sale. It should remain a place of quiet enjoyment, not an outdoor gym.

Harriet P. Epstein
Santa Monica



Your column here

Farid Yaghoubtil

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What pedestrians need to know

SANTA MONICA IS KNOWN FOR ITS pedestrian foot traffic. Oftentimes pedestrians find themselves in harm's way when inattentive drivers fail to adhere to traffic signals. In some cases people who are struck are left with long-term injuries and medical expenses that can lead to financial ruin. Knowing your rights after an accident is critical. Here are some things to know just in case you unfortunately find yourself the victim of a collision.

PEDESTRIAN RIGHT OF WAY, PROVING FAULT

Who has the right of way is an important element of any pedestrian accident. If the pedestrian is deemed at fault, the driver's insurance company will often deny any compensation for injuries. Determining who was at fault is a very fact-sensitive procedure. Remember, in California, even if you were partially at fault you will be able to recover payment for a portion of your injuries.

After your accident, it is important that you attempt to recall the events leading to the injury. Make sure you record what you remember.

Proving fault can require a survey of the traffic lights, signal patterns and other important factors. However, these are not always conclusive. Witness statements are critical to determine fault in these types of accidents. Police reports are also considered an important piece of information, but they are not generally admissible as evidence in the event that the case proceeds to trial.

Ultimately proving fault — if it is disputed — will require a reconstruction of the accident scene. Often times experts are employed by your attorney to properly evaluate whether you were at fault.

EVALUATING CASE VALUE

So how do you evaluate case value in pedestrian accident cases?

First, look at the medical reports. How much do you have in medical expenses as a result of this accident?

Second, consider the loss of income or salary as a result of the accident. In cases where you are unable to work as a result of the accident you will be able to recover for loss of income.

Third, you must consider the pain and suffering element of your claim. There is no exact mathematical equation used to identify this.

UNINSURED DRIVER

If the party who caused the accident is uninsured, you will have very little chance of recovery for your injuries, unless they have assets or you have independent coverage.

If the at-fault party has assets it is possible to pursue a claim against them for your injuries and ultimately recover. However, most of the time we have found that little to no assets exist.

When the driver causing the accident has no insurance or assets, you can potentially pursue a cause of action against your own insurance. However, to do so you must have uninsured motorist coverage. It is possible that this type of coverage can extend to accidents when you are a pedestrian.

GET A COPY

Traffic collision reports are a critical element of your claim for two reasons. First, they will help reconstruct the scene of the accident and how it happened. Second, they will have all the pertinent information regarding your accident. This will include identified names of the driver and any witnesses. It will also include proper insurance information and any other necessary information needed to pursue your case. Most importantly, it will assign who was at fault for the accident and note their condition at the time of the incident.

Obtaining a copy of your police report can be done in person or through the mail. Police reports will usually be ready three to five days after the accident. Remember a small fee will apply depending on the location.

Report numbers will be on a small slip of paper provided to you at the scene of the accident. If you were transported to the hospital and no papers were given to you, the records department can identify you by name and date of the incident.

RECOVERY

Recovery for medical expenses is permitted in a personal injury lawsuit. Usually this will be paid out at the time of settlement in one lump sum.

Your attorney will have to submit your medical bills, along with your general demand for damages to the insurance company for recovery. Once the case is reviewed they will either make a counter offer or accept your attorney's demands.

It is important to remember that any claim for damages should include an allowance for future medical care costs.

CITY LIABILITY FOR INJURIES

In certain cases the city will be liable for your injuries as well. This issue will arise when the municipality fails to install illuminated cross walks, safety signals or other safety measures. To hold the city liable you will need to evaluate past statistics. If those statistics show that the city had knowledge of the potentially dangerous elements of that intersection, then liability can be extended to them.

However, keep in mind that a claim against a government entity is different. In such cases you have only six months to file your claim.

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LAUSD another brainless organism

SOME SPECIES OF JELLYFISH CAN GROW to be very big. They are also said to be brainless and, to the unwary, can be hazardous. To taxpayers, this is also a fair description of the Los Angeles Unified School District.

The massive district, geographically the nation's largest and second in enrollment, covers all or part of 31 communities in addition to the city of Los Angeles. Its budget is larger than at least 18 states and, unfortunately, possesses a well-earned reputation for horrible management. One has to look back only a few years for prominent examples.

In the late 1990s, the district set about building the nation's most expensive high school on real estate that turned out to be contaminated with hazardous chemicals. Mitigating this problem added years to the completion of the project and millions to the taxpayers' bill. Although the evidence suggested that this boondoggle was the result of incompetence, ignorance and outright corruption, LAUSD officials uniformly asserted the Bart Simpson defense: "I didn't do it, nobody saw me and you can't prove a thing." Incredibly, no one was ever held accountable for this fiscal fiasco.

Since then, with the support of campaign funds from contractors who profit when schools spend money, the district has been able to convince voters to approve five separate bonds totaling $20 billion, with a repayment cost of close to $40 billion, to fund a massive school building program. While the district was placing bonds on the ballot at a rate of almost one every two years, enrollment has actually declined by 10 percent, raising the question of what will be done with the vacant classrooms if this trend continues. But as usual, no one in authority seems to want to address the possibility that the district may be building, and taxpayers are being charged for, classrooms that aren't needed.

The latest prominent example of LAUSD's brain-dead management style is the $1 billion program to supply all students with iPads. Before evaluating the wisdom of this move, it should be noted that even though the district would need hundreds of thousands of units, officials failed to negotiate a better than retail price.

Now that the program has begun, officials are actually surprised that some of the $700 iPads have gone missing and students have shown the ability to "jailbreak" — a term describing the process of removing limitations on the use of these Apple units. These students are now able to play games and surf the net freely, instead focusing on assigned studies.

The response by the district to the loss and misuse of the iPads is unfathomable. Some schools have confiscated the units; others have prohibited them from being taken home by students, while still others have done nothing. It remains unclear who is responsible for replacing the missing iPads. And yet the superintendent has stated that he still supports the program, such as it is.

THE LATEST PROMINENT EXAMPLE OF LAUSD'S BRAIN-DEAD MANAGEMENT STYLE IS THE $1 BILLION PROGRAM TO SUPPLY ALL STUDENTS WITH IPADS.

The goal of the district may be to expand the use of technology in education, but the thinking that went into the rollout of the iPad program appears to rival the thought process of a jellyfish. Who in their right mind would not anticipate that many of these expensive portable computers would be lost, damaged, or stolen? Was it even considered that young people might be targeted by neighborhood bullies and gang members who now know they carry these expensive devices? Worst of all, someone could get hurt.

And how about school officials underestimating the ability of students to hack the firewall barrier placed on the units to limit their use to school work? Those who live in the real world know that all it takes is one bright student to figure it out and the information will be spread like wildfire.

This $1 billion program is being paid for by bond money, which means that taxpayers will be repaying $2 billion for this ill-conceived, poorly implemented and supervised program.

Now that the money has been spent, will taxpayers ever see the difficulties overcome and that the long-term results improve student scores? Only if you think a jellyfish can master calculus.

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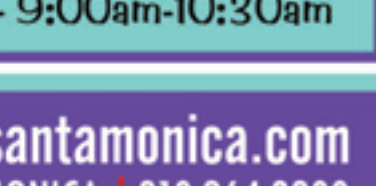
Too soon?

Last week's crash of a small jet at Santa Monica Airport has reignited the debate over whether or not the airport should be closed.

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Do you think the crash highlights what's wrong with the airport or was it just a tragic accident?

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DIFFICULT SUBJECT: **Garrett Backstrom (left) stars in the lead role in 'Hello Herman.'**

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our children fall through the cracks," Danner said. "There isn't just one issue contributing to the escalating violence in teens. There are a multitude of them."

"Hello Herman" was originally a novella, adapted to a play, written by John Buffalo Mailer, the son of American literary lion Norman Mailer. It's about a bullied teenager who cracks one day, the carnage that follows and the manipulated journalist who tries to tell his side of the story.

Mailer said he was appalled at the Columbine massacre of 1999, when teenagers Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold went on a shooting rampage at their Colorado high school, killing 15 (including themselves) and injuring another 24.

"When Columbine happened, I personally wanted answers," Mailer said. "I disagreed with the media coverage at the time. 'Hello Herman' was a way to explore this thing that can't be explained. Rich white kids from the suburbs attacking us with machine guns. Where was this coming from?"

Both Danner and Mailer believe that the violence of today's video game zeitgeist has something to do with the cultural shift.

"People are spending more and more time with machines," Mailer said.

But Danner is convinced that the bullying that seems endemic in youth culture today is a big part of the alienation that spurs children to commit unspeakable acts.

"We are protagonists to this problem," Danner said. "You have a kid who is bullied — especially cyber bullying — who is depressed, who is neglected, whose parents are so wrapped up in their own lives they don't see their children slipping away and what happens? They keep their anger focused inward and do away with themselves or the rage turns outward and they hurt others."

Unlike Jared Loughner, who killed six people and injured 14 others, including Arizona Congresswoman Gabby Giffords, or Seung-Hui Cho, the Virginia Tech student who killed 32 and wounded dozens before killing himself in 2007, the Herman of Danner's film is not psychotic. Nor is the film necessarily an anti-gun diatribe. Danner sees other, more subtle societal influences.

"This movie is not about pointing a finger," Danner said. "The media glorifies shooters, but it's not about that. We are becoming desensitized to violence. Kids don't see their bullying behavior as bad. Nobody came through for Herman and that's the story I wanted to tell."

Garrett Backstrom, the young actor who plays Herman in the film, agreed that peer pressure is a contributing factor to youth's disaffection today.

"I was bullied in junior high school myself," Backstrom said. "And video games are just sick. 'Grand Theft Auto 5?' Counselors need to be active in schools because kids get ideas. Families are very important. They need to talk."

Backstrom said that during the question and answer sessions following recent screenings of the film, young people would stand up and "just start bawling, because it hits home."

He hopes that every junior and senior high school student in the country sees the film.

Since the movie premiered at the Cannes Film Festival this year, it won the Monaco International Award for Social Relevance and has been released to 100 million homes in the U.S. and Europe through pay-for-view. Danner hopes it starts a conversation, and the producers have prepared an educational cut of the movie to distribute to schools across the nation.

"This was a very difficult movie to make," Danner said. "My own son (11 at the time) was shaken by the story and begged me to change the ending of the movie because it was so hard to watch. I told him I had to tell the story. It's about raising awareness."

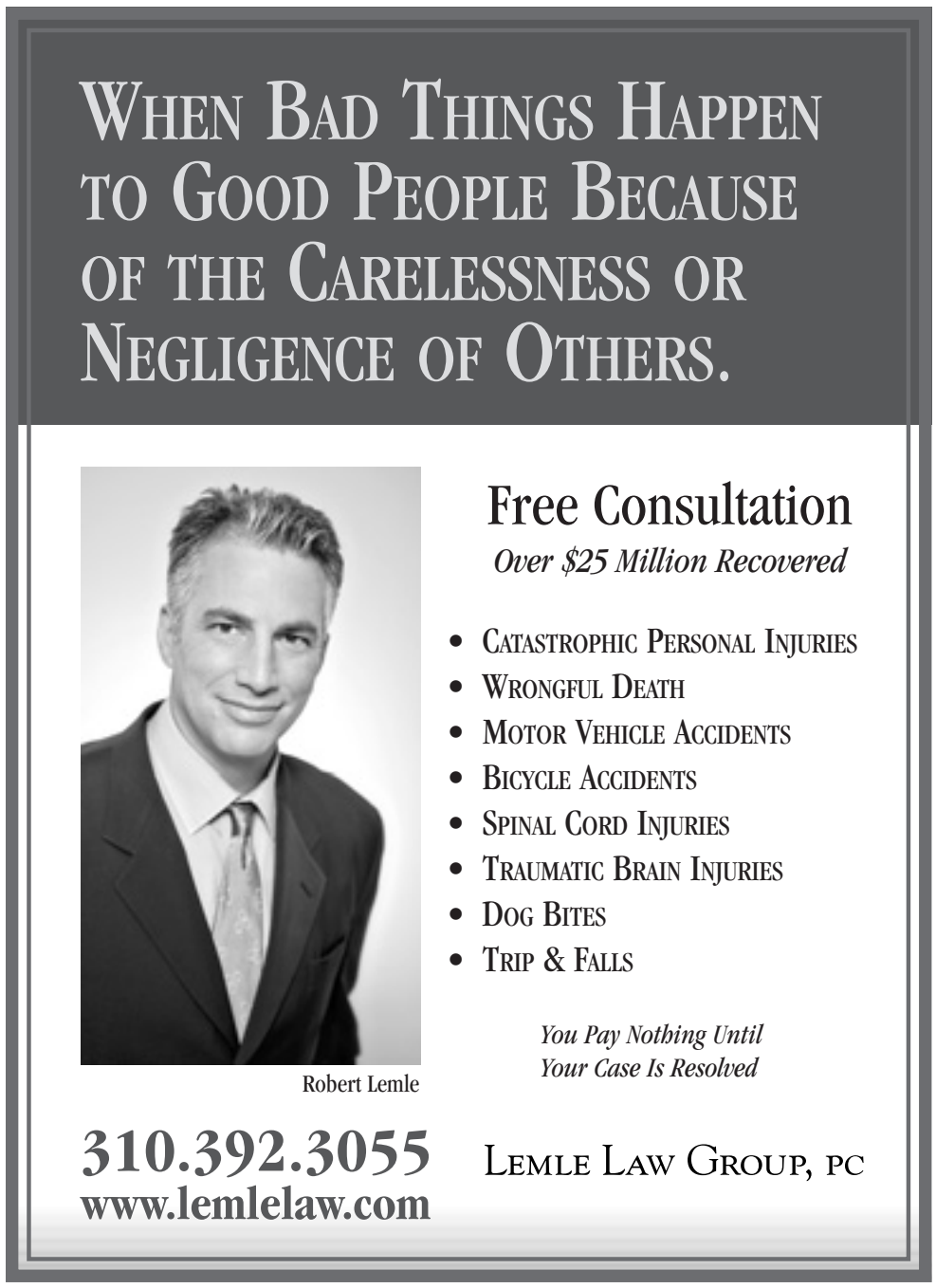
This week's screening at the Edgemar Center will offer a question and answer session with Danner and cast members.

"It's a provocative film and I wanted it to be powerful," Danner said. "As a society, we need to talk with our children, because they need our help."

Tickets for the screening are available at edgemarcenter.org.

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slated to be renovated as part of a project that has been delayed by appeals from neighbors, according to media reports.

Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Superintendent Sandra Lyon told a group of roughly 350 parents at Malibu High School during a meeting Tuesday afternoon that classes usually held in affected areas of the campus, including Building E and the Arts and Music buildings, would be shifted to other locations beginning Wednesday morning.

Crossing guards will be on site to help kids get from one campus to another.

Lyon also apologized to parents for not communicating the district's plan early enough in the process, potentially creating a greater level of anxiety within the school community.

"To help maintain peace of mind for our staff, students and parent community, and so that we can focus our energy on the children's education, this concern has prompted the district to take action," Lyon said in a statement released to the media. "While the alleged health concerns have absolutely no proven connection to our campus, in an abundance of caution and to allay fears, we are temporarily relocating staff and students."

Lyon also said that Los Angeles County health officials would conduct a survey of school employees' health, and mold testing would be completed at the campus by Friday, with the results being made public.

Executive Environmental has been hired to gather "all questions and concerns from our school community, which will guide the creation and implementation of a comprehensive plan for data collection and testing," Lyon said.

Parent groups lashed out at the district Monday and demanded the relocation of classes. They also asked that a community liaison be hired to address what they called a crisis.

"By placing our kids and your staff in temporary buildings, the district can ensure safety, avoid liability, and prevent children from not going to school due to health concerns," the groups wrote in a letter to the district.

Seth Jacobson, who sits on the Malibu High Site Council and has a child in the middle school, said there was a lot of uncertainty among parents about whether it was safe for their children to attend class.

"It's about the district providing clear and transparent information about what's going on, and, in the meantime, keeping our children safe," Jacobson told The Malibu Times. "I would say there's a tremendous amount of uncertainty and fear that needs to be addressed."

At a Thursday night school board meeting, a parent brought up rumors of a cancer cluster. A district official revealed at the meeting the district had hired an environmental consulting firm to assess the situation, and conduct tests for contaminants.

The district late Friday sent out a memo to its staff that the testing had begun on Sept. 20, but did not disclose that or the reported cancers or other illnesses until Sunday night, according to reports.

Jacobson and other parents have publicly said they would like for Malibu to break away from the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District to form its own, citing a lack of representation on the school board, as well as decisions by the board to redirect funding to schools in Santa Monica instead of Malibu. A perceived lack of communication has also been a significant issue for parents, who see the district's delay in reporting the environmental concerns as further proof that a breakup is needed.

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Malibu Times Editor **KNOWLES ADKISSON** contributed to this report.

INSURANCE
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Covered California executive director Peter Lee described the initial interest in the new health coverage as "phenomenal."

"These are big numbers, and they're proof of the pent-up demand for coverage that is here in California and is also across the nation," he told reporters during a news conference.

State exchange officials had anticipated "very low" enrollment during the first week, but did not have an internal projection for how many applications they might receive, Lee said.

It's difficult to fit the number released Tuesday into a broader context because the exchange, set up under the federal Affordable Care Act, is new and because consumers have until March 31 to sign up for coverage in 2014. By comparison, 15,000 applications were completed by Monday in Kentucky, a state with a population that is less than 12 percent of California's. Almost half of those applicants went on to buy an insurance plan, according to the Kentucky governor's office.

The 16,311 applications completed in California through Saturday were processed to determine whether the consumer is eligible for federal subsidies to decrease their monthly costs or to enroll in the state's low-income insurance program known as Medi-Cal.

Applicants are not officially enrolled until they have selected a health plan and paid their portion of the premium. Covered California officials said they will not release the number of applicants who have taken those steps until monthly enrollment reports begin in November.

Tuesday's update came as the federally run exchanges remain hampered by technical problems that are slowing the enrollment process.

Call centers supporting California's insurance exchange handled more than 59,000 telephone inquiries in the days after the Oct. 1 opening of the marketplaces, Lee said. Wait times that reached 40 minutes were reduced to less than four by Friday, he said, adding that officials are aiming for wait times of less than 30 seconds.

The state exchange website faced some technical difficulties on its first day, which required the enrollment section to be taken offline twice for fixes.

Officials say they are continuing to add online features, including a search tool so Californians can check whether services from a particular doctor or hospital are covered by a health plan.

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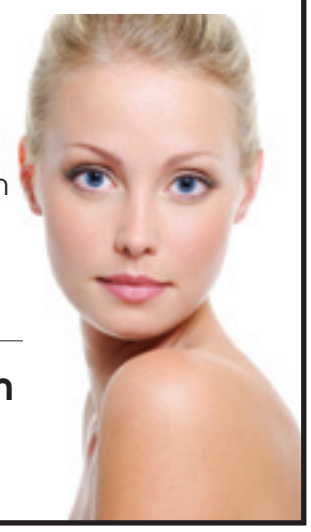
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"We are a landmark of the city of Santa Monica, and to be able to showcase our property and share the celebration of this with the community is a great thing."

For $100, attendees will be able to sample the hotel's Veranda Restaurant menu, purchase special Prohibition cocktails and enjoy music from the Swing Dames, a retro harmony trio. All event proceeds will benefit the conservancy, a local nonprofit that acts as the leading voice for preserving Santa Monica's historic sites. The Georgian has also promised to match all public donations less than $5,000 that are made to the conservancy throughout the remainder of the year.

"We're thrilled," said Carol Lemlein, president of the conservancy. "It's a wonderful credit to The Georgian that they thought to reach out to another entity to encourage preservation in the city. They're a wonderful example of taking advantage of a historic building and making sure that it has a strong, lively role in our community today."

Towering eight stories above Ocean Avenue, the 84-room Georgian was among the tallest buildings in Santa Monica when its doors first opened in 1933.

The hotel, recognized for its ocean views, speakeasy and Art Deco design, quickly became a glamorous getaway for stars like Clark Gable and Carole Lombard.

"It was an escape from Hollywood — people would come to Santa Monica and hide," said Laura Westermeier, a Georgian sales and reservations representative.

In the 1960s, the building was converted into an upscale apartment residency, Westermeier said. It reverted to a hotel in the early '90s, though some current guests allege the spirits of former tenants still linger.

"One of our overnight officers tells a story about getting a telephone call from a guest room that was not occupied and he just heard giggling," said Westermeier. "A guest claims to have checked into their room, put their stuff down and jumped into the shower. When they came out the television was on, the bed was open and the suitcase was empty."

Despite the reports of paranormal activity, ghosts certainly haven't scared away any business.

Between 30,000 and 40,000 guests visit the hotel each year, and about 70 staff members are on hand to keep operations running smoothly, said Viramontes.



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CLASSIC: The Georgian Hotel has been a fixture on Ocean Avenue for 80 years.

"One of the keys … has been our employees — some have been with the hotel for over 40 years," he said, noting that he became general manager in 2007 after 15 years of working his way through the company ranks. "Having that factor in this equation, it [creates] the consistency that is needed in this type of business."

Among the veteran staff's top priorities is keeping the hotel as close to its original condition as possible.

"We have maintained and upheld the integrity of the hotel, the architecture and the level of service," said Westermeier. "But we're still keeping up with the times — there's complimentary Wi-Fi throughout, the air conditioning is built inside the property. We don't make some changes, some people say the elevators are slow, but you know what? That's part of the charm, that's part of the beauty of it."

Tickets to the Oct. 16 anniversary affair are available for purchase at thegeorgianhotelanniversary.eventbrite.com.

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CENSUS
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City officials are now studying the cost and feasibility of such a census, pushed by Los Angeles Councilman Tom LaBonge, which could involve thousands of buildings.

Advocates of new quake safety rules in San Francisco faced heavy opposition from property owners and tenants groups, but they were able to make the case that inaction would be more costly in the long run. Still, it took 24 years for regulations to be passed after they were proposed following the destructive 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake.

The Times said that instead of forcing owners to strengthen every floor of an apartment — the costly "Maserati" approach — San Francisco pursued the "Toyota" method — keeping the retrofitting confined to the ground story, costing $60,000 to $130,000 per building.

Tenant advocates were unhappy with paying increased rents to help pay for the retrofitting. But they dropped their opposition when they received promises that low-income individuals, like those on food stamps, would be exempt from the higher rents.

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The suit claims there were several other incidents, including one in which the 11th grader rubbed his bare rear end on the alleged victim.

The name of the alleged victim is being withheld because he is still a minor. The name of the accused is also being withheld since the allegations were made when he was still under the age of 18.

Attorney Paul White, who is representing the accused, said that several of the incidents are fabricated. He said that the aforementioned punching incident was provoked and blown out of proportion. The battery charge, White said, is the result of Fagan "hounding the police."

"This whole thing is much to do about nothing," White said. "It was very minor horseplay among water polo teammates. It's a heck of a lot rougher out in water polo practice."

The lawsuit claims that Malibu High School failed to take appropriate steps to protect the alleged victim after the bullying incident. Fagan claims that the school gave into the demands of a group of parents and students who were abusing his son for reporting the incident.

"He was collectively punished by parents and students for reporting what this kid did to him," Fagan said. "The week that the school did the right thing, when they kicked this kid off the team, all these parents started rallying behind and the students started rallying behind, and demanded meetings with the principal. They set up a meeting with parents who are not even related and then two days later I get an e-mail from the vice-principal saying, 'Mr. Fagan, we're letting you know that this kid is being reinstated back on the team.'"

Citing ongoing litigation, the team's coach, Mike Mulligan, and Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Superintendent Sandra Lyon would not comment on the incident.

Mikke Pierson, whose son played on the water polo team last year and who wrote about the team for Patch.com, said that the suspension was not revoked to win a playoff game and that the student didn't enter the game until the fourth quarter when the game was effectively over.

> **"THE ADMINISTRATION IN REINSTATING THE PERPETRATOR JUST BASICALLY RATIFIED THE BULLYING."**
>
> **Donald Karpel**
> Attorney

"He was reinstated because the school did its investigation and made a decision based on it," Pierson said. "There initial decision was to kick him out, but they hadn't even interviewed anyone. Once they got further into it, they decided it wasn't legitimate and changed their mind."

Pierson said that the incident may have been overblown.

"Their was definitely an issue last year and allegations were made," he said. "From where I sat it seemed like it was completely blown out of proportion. Like anyone, I'd be concerned with bullying. Was there horseplay going on? Probably. It's boys water polo. I can't imagine there wasn't. I know the kid that was accused of it really well. He's a hyper water polo player, but he's not a bully."

The alleged victim, now a sophomore, is diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome, which makes social situations challenging for him. He is now in the process of switching schools, Fagan said.

Donald Karpel, the attorney representing the Fagans, said the school's decisions did not appropriately punish those involved.

"The administration in reinstating the perpetrator just basically ratified the bullying," he said.

Karpel said that school's response to this incident is similar to its response to one in which a freshman alleged she was slapped several times in the face by her teacher. That case was settled out of court for an undisclosed amount. Karpel represented the student in the slap lawsuit.

"The only thing I see is, unfortunately, a reoccurring pattern of sweeping things underneath the carpet," he said. "We need to keep throwing these things at them to keep at it."

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Government health and safety efforts slowed down or halted

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON The government shutdown has slowed or halted federal efforts to protect Americans' health and safety, from probes into the cause of transportation and workplace accidents to tracking foodborne illness. The latest example: an outbreak of salmonella in chicken that has sickened people in 18 states.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Tuesday that it was recalling some of its furloughed staff to deal with the outbreak, which has sickened more than 270 people. Before then, the CDC had only a handful of scientists working on outbreak detection, severely hampering its ability to track potentially deadly illnesses

With federal workers on leave, the states have had to pick up much of the slack.

In the case of food safety, state labs are investigating foodborne illnesses and communicating with each other — without the help of federal authorities, in many cases — to figure out whether outbreaks have spread.

Dr. Christopher Braden, head of the CDC division that investigates foodborne illness, said the agency will be able to better monitor the salmonella outbreak with the recalled federal staff. But the agency is monitoring more than 30 outbreaks, and gaps still exist as the federal bureaucracy limps through a shutdown beginning its second week.

"There's a backlog, and the team is going to have to work diligently and long hours to try and overcome that," Braden said. "It's possible we may find something we've missed, and when that's the case it's harder to start investigations later than earlier."

With staff furloughed last week, the CDC stopped monitoring for some foodborne pathogens, including shigella and campylobacter. The agency is now watching for those again, but Braden said some investigations are still on the back burner, including an ongoing outbreak of salmonella from handling live poultry that has sickened more than 300.

CDC isn't the only agency protecting health and safety that's strained. The shutdown has forced the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration to halt its regular mine safety inspections, which it normally conducts at each of the nation's underground mines every three months.

The lack of inspections is coming under scrutiny after three mine workers died in separate accidents on three consecutive days during the past week. The coal mining industry has not had three consecutive days of fatal accidents in more than a decade. MSHA has said it's premature to draw any conclusions about the link between the shutdown and the accidents, but the nation's largest mine workers union has raised alarms.

"The government's watchdog isn't watching," United Mine Workers President Cecil Roberts said. "Safety violations that would normally be caught and corrected as a result of those inspections are being missed. Even the smallest violations, when allowed to accumulate, can lead to dangerous conditions very quickly in a coal mine."

Federal occupational safety and health inspectors also have stopped most workplace checks, and the National Transportation Safety Board is only investigating accidents if officials believe lives or property are in danger.

The Food and Drug Administration also has stopped routine inspections of food facilities in the United States and abroad, and border controls could be delayed. Food imports are still being inspected at borders, but any samples that need to be analyzed could be stalled because there are fewer scientists to analyze them.

The CDC also has had to halt its surveillance of flu, an infectious disease that kills about 24,000 Americans in an average year.

This early in the flu season there is little illness, meaning little to test yet. But to fill in the gap, some state health departments have been receiving and testing samples that otherwise would have gone to CDC, said Kelly Wroblewski of the Association of Public Health Laboratories.

CDC also is slashing its staffing on quarantine stations at 20 airports and entry points. When airline pilots or customs workers become aware of a sick traveler, they flag quarantine officers who can detain, examine and isolate those who might be an infectious threat to the U.S. public.

During the shutdown, quarantine station staff has been cut by 80 percent, meaning there's essentially only one person working at each station, said Dr. Martin Cetron, who leads CDC's division of global migration and quarantine. The lack of staff could heighten the possibility that some diseases could slip into the country at a time when measles is raging in Turkey and cholera is breaking out in Mexico.

Still, many federal workers who protect safety and health are still working, from air traffic controllers to airport screeners to the majority of federal law enforcement. Active duty military personnel are on duty. USDA's Food Safety Inspection Service, the agency responsible for investigating the poultry farm in California that is linked to the salmonella outbreak, is also mostly staffed.

But the absence of so-called nonessential workers who are furloughed can have a dangerous ripple effect, said Caroline Smith DeWaal, director of food safety advocacy at the Washington-based Center for Science in the Public Interest.

She noted that the CDC website has limited information and the USDA website is shut down, preventing concerned members of the public from finding out more information on the salmonella outbreak and other foodborne illnesses. The agencies aren't tweeting or disseminating health safety information except for a few releases to the media.

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Small SSW swell building; lighter wind

FRIDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
Long period SSW swell will gradually build through
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Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	ns
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Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21572 Malibu Rd..	A	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	B	ns
Los Flores State Beach at Los 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.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	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.	C	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 DBW 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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NOLA, Indy, Minny make cut for 2018 Super Bowl

BARRY WILNER
AP Pro Football Writer

WASHINGTON The 2018 Super Bowl could be headed back to a recent host city. Or to one that hasn't staged the game in more than two decades.

New Orleans and Indianapolis, the sites of the past two Super Bowls, and Minneapolis are the three finalists to host the NFL championship game in '18.

Those cities were selected from a pool of six at the owners' meetings Tuesday. Should Lucas Oil Stadium get the game, it would be the first cold-weather stadium to host two Super Bowls.

"It proves that Indianapolis is really a unique city, being a medium-sized market in a colder market, without 80 degrees and beaches," Colts owner Jim Irsay said. "I think we have the unique ability in Indianapolis to really deliver a Super Bowl that gets pulled off in a way that's special."

New Orleans has hosted 10 Super Bowls, including last February's game that was interrupted by a blackout. That apparently didn't bother the owners during Tuesday's selection process.

"The Super Bowl is a celebration of unparalleled magnitude. What better time for New Orleans to host its record 11th Super Bowl than during a party 300 years in the making?" Jay Cicero, Greater New Orleans Sports Foundation president and CEO, said of the city's 2018 tri-centennial.

Minneapolis last hosted the title game in January 1992. A $975 million stadium is going to be built in downtown Minneapolis, with the projected opening coming in 2016.

The NFL often rewards a city for building a new stadium with a Super Bowl, as was done in recent years for Detroit, the Phoenix area, the Dallas area, and Indianapolis.

"The Vikings organization and our political leaders in Minnesota fought a long battle, spent more than 12 years to secure the new stadium for the team and the state," said Lester Bagley the vice president for public affairs and stadium development for the Vikings, "and during that long and contentious debate the Vikings made a commitment to take the lead and advocate with the NFL to host the Super Bowl 2018 in Minneapolis.

"Minnesota stepped up to deliver a great new stadium, and we will push hard to deliver the reward."

The 2018 Super Bowl will be awarded next May. The next four Super Bowls are in New Jersey, Arizona, Santa Clara, Calif., and Houston.

The NFL will play three regular-season games at London's Wembley Stadium next year, hosted by the Jaguars, Falcons and Raiders. It will be the most games the league has played abroad in one year. This season was the first one with two games: Minnesota beat Pittsburgh 34-27 in September, and Jacksonville will host San Francisco on Oct. 27 as part of a four-year commitment to move a home game to Wembley.

Dates and opponents for the games will be announced when the schedule is compiled next year.

"Our fans in the UK have continued to demonstrate that they love football and want more," said Commissioner Roger Goodell, who has championed overseas games for years and someday believes the NFL will have a franchise based in London. "Both of this year's games in London sold out quickly. The fan enthusiasm for our sport continues to grow. By playing two games in the UK this year, we are creating more fans. We hope that with three games in London next year we will attract even more people to our game."

Several owners said the subject of changing the Washington Redskins' nickname was not discussed in any formal way during Tuesday's sessions. Goodell, who grew up in Washington as a fan of the team, said "by no means" was the name considered derogatory then.

"But whenever you have a situation like this, you have to listen and recognize some people have different perspectives," Goodell said of protests by American Indian groups about the nickname.

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1:15pm, 4:05pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

Lee Daniels' The Butler (PG-13) 2hrs 12min
1:00pm, 4:15pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm

Insidious: Chapter 2 () 1hr 45min
2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:45pm, 10:25pm

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1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 9:50pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
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Gravity 3D (PG-13) 1hr 31min
11:45am, 1:30pm, 2:30pm, 5:15pm, 7:00pm, 8:00pm, 9:45pm, 10:45pm

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11:00am, 4:15pm

Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2 (PG) 1hr 35min
11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 9:55pm

Runner Runner (R) 1hr 31min
11:55am, 2:45pm, 5:30pm, 8:15pm, 10:45pm

Rush (R) 2hrs 03min
12:30pm, 3:45pm, 7:00pm, 10:05pm

Prisoners (R) 2hrs 26min
11:30am, 2:40pm

Don Jon (R) 1hr 30min
11:05am, 1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:15pm

Metropolitan Opera: Eugene Onegin ENCORE (NR) 4hrs 5 min
6:30pm

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1:50pm, 4:40pm, 7:20pm, 9:50pm

Parkland (PG-13) 1hr 32min
1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:40pm

Enough Said (PG-13) 1hr 33min
1:00pm, 2:00pm, 3:20pm, 4:30pm, 5:40pm, 7:00pm, 8:00pm, 9:30pm, 10:15pm

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GET SOME EXTRA ZZZ'S TONIGHT, CAPPY

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Make it a point to draw from nontraditional sources when brainstorming with others or when launching a new project. You will be amazed by the difference it makes and by what occurs when you tap into your imagination. Tonight: Go along with someone's offbeat plans.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Deal with others on an individual level, even if you are uncomfortable with the end results. Honor a change from within, and recognize when you need to back off and allow others to have more say. Tonight: Share news with a favorite person.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You'll want to move on and head in a new direction, but you could be slammed by incoming calls, questions and people showing up at your door. Handle priorities first. Tonight: Where the action is.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You might wonder what it's best to do under the present circumstances. You could feel as if a key person has been deceptive or unstable because of his or her switching directions out of the blue. Keep your feelings to yourself. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You could be unusually energized and delighted by a suggestion that triggers your mind to come up with even more ideas. Someone you consider to be a trustworthy expert might be acting a bit flaky. Tonight: Time for midweek fun.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Others often expect a lot from you, regardless of whether you are willing to give them what they want. You will step up to the plate because you know you can make a difference. Tonight: Don't worry so much about your finances.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Realize what is happening between you and a relative or neighbor, as a new sense of compatibility seems to emerge. You will laugh, go with the moment and finally seem to work well together. Tonight: Get out and about, and take an overdue break from the workweek.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Being concerned about your funds makes sense, especially since you have little control over a work situation. Be smart, and avoid taking any unnecessary risks; your instincts will guide you. Tonight: Fun does not need to break the bank.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ A surprise from a child or new friend will encourage you to put on your thinking cap in order to make the right decisions. Trust your sixth sense, and you will know which direction to head in. Tonight: Whatever knocks your socks off.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Remain sensitive to what is taking place in the moment, and you will understand what needs to happen. In order to accomplish what you want, prioritize your to-do list. It might be best to ignore other seemingly trivial matters. Tonight: Get some extra zzz's

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You might want to take off ASAP. If you can, make arrangements to do that -- you need a break! Ask a friend or loved one to join you. Tonight: Only where you want to be.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You could be pushing yourself too hard. Understand what needs to happen with a boss or someone you look up to, but know that it might be nearly impossible to change his or her mind. Take your time with a situation, rather than jump right into it. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

Wednesday, October 9, 2013

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

This year a partner or close loved one can be very unpredictable. At first you might be annoyed, but later you could find these unexpected episodes to be exciting and even instrumental in preventing boredom. If you are single, you might not be able to stabilize a relationship in the way you would like to, as this element of surprise also affects your bonds this year. If you are attached, once you get used to your sweetie embracing more spontaneity, you could find your relationship to be quite fun. Be open to change. SAGITTARIUS ignites your imagination.

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By Dave Coverly



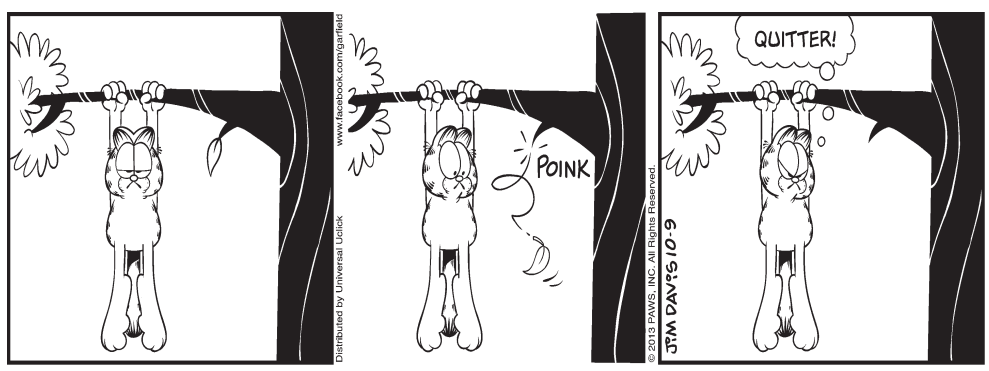
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Virus fighters
7 Surgery memento
11 Broad street
12 Writer Bombeck
13 Sully
14 Throw in the towel
15 Boredom
17 Cooking mint
20 Owed amounts
23 Mess up
24 Wood finish
26 Aussie bird
27 Casserole bit
28 Lyricist Gershwin
29 Jazz drums
31 Silent approval
32 Satellite path
33 Sales dept. workers
34 Course unit
37 Corrosive stuff
39 Hymn accompaniers
43 Long for
44 Billfold
45 Therefore
46 Like some winter days

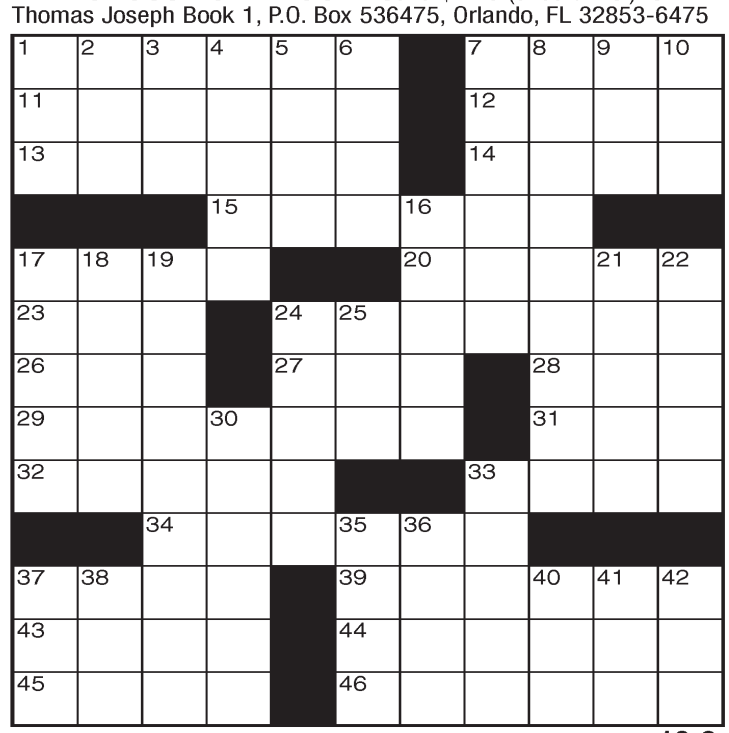
DOWN

1 Blue
2 Second person
3 Game caller
4 Fuse
5 Cart puller
6 Future flower
7 Second story
8 Falling apart
9 French friend
10 Maze runner
16 Notions
17 Take care of
18 Knight wear
19 Malcontent's forte
21 Mystical deck
22 A bunch
24 Espies
25 Skirt part
30 Linked with
33 Geometry measure
35 Plants
36 Uttered
37 Wonder
38 Train unit
40 Hearty brew
41 Take in
42 Pig's place

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Draw Date: 10/4
4 16 24 25 44
Mega#: 5
Jackpot: $M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 10/5
13 22 33 46 47
Mega#: 24
Jackpot: $M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 10/8
2 13 31 36 37

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 10/8
MIDDAY: 8 2 8
EVENING: 0 4 8

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 10/8
1st: 10 Solid Gold
2nd: 07 Eureka
3rd: 11 Money Bags
RACE TIME: 1:43.81

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ (1) In July, a New York City judge tossed out Joseph Lozito's lawsuit against the police -- even though two officers had stood by in February 2011, out of harm's way, while a man attacked Lozito as part of a four-murder crime spree. The judge ruled that it was not clear enough that Lozito was in danger when the officers began to ignore him (while they were inside a subway motorman's booth). (2) In September, a federal jury in New York City upheld an employment agency worker's claim that she (an African-American) was racially harassed by her boss. The supervisor, Rob Carmona, had insisted that he could not be liable for race-based harassment because, he, too, is African-American and thus entitled to use the "n-word."

■ In a YouTube video, reported by the political website RawStory.com in August, well-known tea party activist Jerome Corsi elaborates on the biblical importance of child-bearing and implores followers to "(hold) the line" on the principle that "(s)ex is about the procreation of children." "(S)ex is not about fun," he says. "If you want to have fun, read a book, go to a movie."

TODAY IN HISTORY

1980 - 1st consumer use of home banking by computer (Knoxville Tn)

1981 - Abolition of capital punishment in France.

1983 - Rangoon bombing: attempted assassination of South Korean President Chun Doo-hwan during an official visit to Rangoon, Burma. Chun survives but the blast kills 17 of his entourage, including four cabinet ministers, and injures 17 others. Four Burmese officials also die in the blast.

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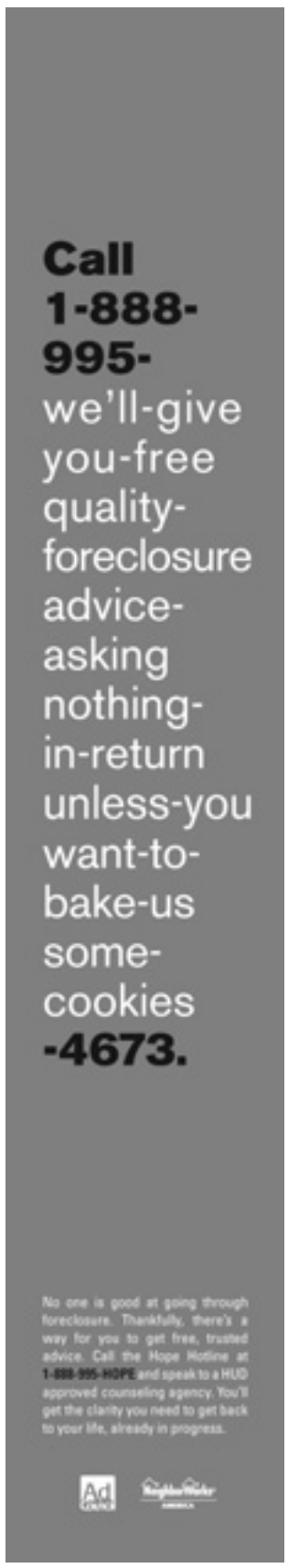
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