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THE SLUGGISH CYBERSPACE ISSUE



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BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR: **Paperback trees were recently relocated to Virginia Avenue Park by City Hall and Nordstrom. The department store at Santa Monica Place chose to remove and relocate the trees, as well as two coral trees, because of the redesign of the mall.**

## Nordstrom pays to save trees

**BY MELODY HANATANI**
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN They're green, lush and always in style, but a row of more than a dozen trees are no longer part of the Santa Monica Place landscape.

Nordstrom, which is moving into and renovating the old space long occupied by Robinsons-May, recently relocated six paperbark and two coral trees from the perimeter of the department store, contacting City Hall for assistance but paying for the costs itself.

For the Seattle-based company, the decision wasn't made in the name of fashion, but was rather about being a good neighbor.

"Anytime we build a new store, it's a long-term investment for us and we want to make every effort to be a good community partner," said Julie Kuns, Nordstrom vice president and regional manager for Los Angeles and Orange County.

Walt Warriner, the community forester, said he received a call from Nordstrom officials in August concerning the trees, which would not be allowed to remain under the designs for the department store.

"But they were very clear about doing the environmentally right thing and they wanted to know what we could do to help them out," Warriner said.

The paperbark trees, which stand about 25-30 feet tall, moved last week to Virginia Avenue Park while the coral trees were replanted along the 1600 and 1700 blocks of Olympic Boulevard.

The rootball of the trees were excavated overnight, wrapped in burlap and immediately replanted. They sit at both locations protected by orange fences, which will remain until next spring when the root is expected to grow into the ground.

Warriner said that tree relocation has a success rate in the high 90 percentage range.

He estimates that the company spent about $20,000 to relocate the trees. City Hall will assume maintenance responsibilities for the trees, which were previously located on private property, and pay for the establishment cost involved with watering and caring for the trees until there is new root growth. The trees will most likely be pruned on a 3-5 year cycle, Warriner said.

It's in the first several months after the tree is moved where there's risk involved.

"You can do everything right when transplanting the trees and you might get bad weather that isn't conducive to relocating the trees or something else might hap-

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## Drivers beware: 'Click It or Ticket'

**Editor's note: This story is part of an ongoing series that tracks the city's expenditures appearing on upcoming Santa Monica City Council consent agendas. Consent agenda items are routinely passed by the City Council with little or no discussion from elected officials or the public. However, many of the items have been part of public discussion in the past.**

**BY MELODY HANATANI**
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Operating a vehicle without a seat belt might be a well-known illegal offense but drivers in Santa Monica will still get a reminder.

The Santa Monica Police Department will launch a new "Click It or Ticket" program that aims to educate the community on the state's seat belt law and step up enforcement for four weeks over the next year.

The program will be funded through a $22,270 grant from the University of California's Berkeley Traffic Safety Center and will cover overtime and administrative costs to carry out enforcement.

The City Council on Tuesday is expected to authorize City Manager Lamont Ewell to accept the no-match grant and appropriate funds for the program. It's part of the meeting's consent agenda which also includes a $450,903 spending package.

The seat belt campaign will involve two, two-week periods when the SMPD will increase enforcement of the law. There will be at least one nighttime enforcement operation during each of the two-week periods.

The program will also include a public information component.

"These strategies are designed to earn media attention thus enhancing compliance," a city staff report said.

### MAPPING CHANGES FOR CIVIC CENTER

In anticipation of more than $100 million of projects in and around the Civic Center, a Northern California-based firm has been hired to survey and map all the utilities, easements and parcels that fall within the area.

Mid-Valley Engineer, which came on board in April, just completed the first phase of its contract with City Hall, mapping the areas comprised of the Civic Center, including the proposed Exposition Light Rail

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# WHAT'S UP WESTSIDE

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS




### Bon appetite
Santa Monica Senior Center
1450 Ocean Ave., 11 a.m. — noon
This cooking class workshop series focuses on recipes for the healthy, hip Santa Monica senior, featuring Joya Parenteau, registered dietitian and chef. Admission is free, but is exclusively for people at least 50 years old. Call (310) 458-8644 for more information.

### Bead it
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Come for a do-it-yourself beading class. After the class, you will be able to make your own bracelets and necklaces. Shannon from Beadniks is the instructor. Cost is free. Call (310) 450-0443 for more information.

### Beginner yoga
Palisades park
Ocean Avenue at Montana Avenue, 4:30 p.m. — 5:30 p.m.
This is a gentle beginner's yoga class that emphasizes breathing, stretching, slow movement, strengthening, balance and relaxation. Enjoy a relaxing and invigorating class for beginners and anyone looking for a gentle approach to yoga. Bring a yoga mat or beach towel. A $10 donation is suggested. E-mail meghanmbowen@gmail.com for more information.

## Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2009

### Ballroom by the bay
Santa Monica Bay Women's Club
1210 Fourth St., 7 p.m. — 11 p.m.
Enjoy a 3000 square foot floor and learn how to waltz, foxtrot, swing, hustle, dance the Latins and anything else by request. No partner is required. Parking is available next door. Admission is $10. Call (310) 487-0911 for more information.

### The economics of being a woman
YWCA
2019 14th St., 6:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Come for a five week workshop series designed to help women who are concerned about their finances empower themselves by developing strategies for financial well-being and wealth-building in this tumultuous economy. Investments, portfolios, tax strategies and more will be covered. This is sponsored by Libbie Agran Financial Literacy Center and moderated by Hollis Harman. $45 covers dinner and materials. Call (310) 452-3881 for more information.

### "Funny as a Rattlesnake"
Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 Fourth St., 8 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.
Barbara Bragg, Wyoming's untamed daughter, traces her pioneer family back to her great grandfather when Wyoming was still a territory and spins theatrical magic from her father's ghost stories of the old West to a sister who swallows stars. The two performances, Thursday and Sunday, are directed by Debra De Liso. Admission is $20 and includes a 30 minute pre-show reception. Reservations are necessary. Call (310) 394-9779 ext. 1 for more information.

### Taize style
First Presbyterian Church of Santa Monica
1220 Second St., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Experience God anew in the style of Taize with a beautiful candle-lit and meditative service in the chapel. Rejuvenate your spirit at this wonderful relaxing evening service. Taize worship has gained great popularity it originated in France after World War II. Parking is available nearby, cost is free. Call (310) 451-1303 for more information.

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.

# LA County detectives seek transient in fire probe

**THOMAS WATKINS**
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES Homicide detectives investigating a deadly wildfire that ravaged much of Angeles National Forest said Monday they were looking for a transient suspected of starting a smaller fire several miles away.

Babatunsin Olukunle, 25, has not been linked to the massive Station Fire that burned northeast of Los Angeles, but detectives want to question him about that blaze, said Los Angeles County sheriff's Lt. Liam Gallagher.

Olukunle was spotted at the site of a smaller fire that burned a few square feet six days before the Station Fire broke out Aug. 26. The Station Fire destroyed 89 homes, burned 250 square miles and killed two firefighters when their truck plunged off a mountain road.

The smaller fire was extinguished by U.S. Forest Service workers who reported seeing Olukunle walking into the forest and away from the fire. They asked him to stay put while they tackled the blaze but later discovered he had gone, Gallagher said.

Authorities declined to comment on how the two fires had started, except to say both were the result of arson.

"The fact that he was seen at a fire that had been started six days before and six miles up the road is something that caught our attention and something we need to talk to him about," Gallagher said.

Olukunle, who dropped out of the University of California, Davis, in 2004, is articulate and has an accent, Gallagher said. He was last seen in the Lancaster area about a week ago, when he walked into a Social Security office. No arrest warrant has been issued.

Olukunle may have been sleeping in the national forest for about four months.

His family emigrated from Nigeria in 1999, Gallagher said, and it wasn't immediately known why Olukunle had taken to the streets after leaving college.

"He came back from summer break, was acting strangely and just took off and never came back," Gallagher said.

Olukunle's only arrest was for illegal camping, authorities said.



Kim Rodgers, Bark Pet Photography

STILL STANDING: **Two-legged pup Scooby-Roo is in need of help after being abandoned.**

# Jackson kids take on canine crusade

**BY DAILY PRESS STAFF**

EASTSIDE Kids of the King of Pop are making the paparazzi work for them for a change.

According to reports, Michael Jackson's oldest son Prince and daughter Paris saw a news report about a two-legged dog in need of help and are taking up the cause, helping to raise the $2,000 necessary to buy the pooch a custom-made cart to help it walk.

The pup, a 6-month-old named Scooby-Roo, was found underneath a wrecked car in a gang-ridden neighborhood by Santa Monica-based Fuzzy Rescue.

Scooby-Roo will also need therapy and be fitted into multiple carts at different stages of his life, according to the rescue organization's Web site. The dog was found with scrapes and wounds to his chest. He was most likely born without his front two legs, which is why he was abandoned, according to the Web site.

"We are humbled by the support and donations … we have been getting from animal lovers all over the world, including Paris and Prince Jackson …," said Sheila Choi, executive director of Fuzzy Rescue on 26th Street.

"Scooby-Roo still has a long way to go with rehabilitation and physical therapy so every little help will benefit this special dog," Choi added. "If there is an excess in dona-

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# Schwarzenegger signs tougher anti-paparazzi law

**BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

LOS ANGELES California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has signed an anti-paparazzi bill making it easier to sue media outlets that use photos that invade celebrities' privacy.

The former "Terminator" star signed an amendment Sunday to a decade-old law that allows fines against paparazzi who illegally or offensively take photos or recordings. The amendment permits lawsuits against media outlets that pay for and make first use of material they knew was improperly obtained.

Tabloid magazines, TV shows and Internet sites sometimes pay millions for celebrity fodder.

In 1998 Schwarzenegger had his car surrounded by paparazzi as he picked up his child from school. Other stars have had car accidents while trying to flee swarms of photographers.

The amendment takes effect in January.

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### Giving others a bad name

**Editor:**

[Bill Bauer] you have hit the nail on the head regarding the ACLU lawsuit that they filed against the city of Santa Monica on behalf of some homeless people who have not quite realized what life is about ("City Hall responds to ACLU Lawsuit," Oct. 5.)

They want more.

Due to events in my life, I have had opportunities to mix with people from all social, economic and cultural backgrounds.

I have heard and seen all the "poor me" stories. Nothing in life is free. Everything has a price, even if it has no price tag on it.

It is unfortunate for those complainers that they can't appreciate and make use of all the resources Santa Monica offers to anyone who is in need and qualifies for assistance.

These complainers give others who are homeless or have ill health and are dedicated to making their life better a bad reputation.

Santa Monica has incredible ethics and resources when it comes to helping the homeless and people with ill health.

Your column rings true and is well balanced. Your reporting shows the high intelligence of people who work and volunteer for the city of Santa Monica.

I know there isn't any perfect place, but Santa Monica constantly strives to do their best!

Three cheers for Santa Monica!

**Sheila Finley**
Santa Monica

### Losing credibility

**Editor:**

I think it's a good idea to have a group like the Treesavers. Too many people take trees for granted and think that any and every tree is expendable. The Treesavers can help our community's trees survive and flourish through education and the group can provide a voice for everyone who wants to support our urban forest.

Unfortunately, all credibility the Treesavers might have had with me flew right out the window when I read how one of its founding members, Herb Silverstein, took the time to write this newspaper to exclaim how the yearly pruning of the ficus trees Downtown were "butchery" and "acts of savagery" ("Pruning or butchering," Sept. 29).

Butchery? Acts of savagery? This isn't a cartoon, Herb, this is reality. These are trees, not people, and they are being pruned, not "destroyed." Get a grip, Herb. I'm waiting for you to next write how the city of Santa Monica is making the trees angry.

**Carlos Pineiro**
Santa Monica

### A poem for you

**Editor:**

Children
It is an amazing thing to watch these children
They are beautiful they run and they laugh
They fall down and cry
And in another minute they are up and laughing again
They are so small I peer down at them
And look again to see what it is I'm missing
I look to see them laughing
They are laughing with the world
Somebody showed them it is a good thing to laugh
And they will be hearing this again later
When the laughing gets harder and harder
They will be told it's their civic duty
To laugh and the camera is indeed watching
And by that time they'll have forgotten
That it all really happened before
They ever thought of anything
And their laughter will never ever be better
Than it was tonight going like crazy
Around the concrete in a little toy plastic truck

**R.L. Greenfield**
Santa Monica



## Back to Nature

Reese Halter

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# Sea currents play critical role in climate change

A COUPLE BILLION YEARS AGO THE OCEAN was the cradle of life. Throughout the ages it's been the gateway to riches, exploration and colonization. Now it holds the answers to the climate and ultimately our survival.

English author Geoffrey Chaucer (1343-1400) taught navigation in the royal household. One of his students was Princess Philippa who, by marriage, became the queen of Portugal. Her son Henry loved to listen to her stories about the sea. He grew up to be Henry the Navigator.

In the early 1420s Henry created a navigation institute at Sagres — a think-tank that invited Arabs, Muslims, Genoese, Venetians, Germans, Scandinavians and Jews, the finest cartographers, shipbuilders, navigators and scholars of the day.

Between 1424 and 1434 Henry funded 15 voyages southbound along the African coastline. Each voyage was required to enter observations into a logbook as knowledge of the ocean was recorded and then shared. This was the first step in oceanic sciences.

Christopher Columbus discovered the best winds and thus sailing route across the Atlantic in both directions, which still stand today. He sailed south from Spain to about 28 degrees north latitude where the northeast trade winds blew him across the ocean, taking about 20 days.

In 1513 Spain's Ponce de Leon, who amongst other accomplishments, discovered Florida, made the first journal recording on the Atlantic current known as the gulf stream.

After Hernando Cortez plundered the Aztec capital city Tenochtitlan and looted its gold, Anton de Alaminos, one of Ponce's sea fairing captains, knew exactly how to get the gold to Spain; he used the gulf stream, gaining two to four miles each hour heading northeast to Spain.

Other noteworthy oceanic discoveries were made in the 16th century including Ferdinand Magellan's remarkable passage through a narrow, jagged 250 mile-long route at the southern tip of Chile: aptly named the Strait of Magellan.

In 1768 while visiting London, Benjamin Franklin, the postmaster general, asked his cousin Capt. Timothy Folger to sketch a chart of the gulf stream in order to speed-up the mail service between Britain and America. The same shipping route is followed today and in 1979 a serendipitous find by Dr. Phil Richardson located the original 1786 map in the Bibliotheque Nationale in Paris.

By the 1800s scientific oceanic expeditions where acknowledged as both an adventure and with an intellectual purpose — rather than merely a conquest.

Oceanographers today understand that ocean currents stabilize climate by dispersing equatorial heat to the respective poles. For instance, the gulf stream carries the equivalent heat output of 1,000 nuclear power plants combined.

As the warm Gulf of Mexico water passes through the straits of Florida it contains 80 times the volume of water of all rivers combined on Earth.

The gulf stream barrels past Miami carrying one billion cubic feet of water every second, as it passes Georgia and then South Carolina it triples its volume and once it reaches Cape Hatteras, N.C. it heads out into the Atlantic towards the only open sea on the globe, the warm Saragossa Sea.

Eventually the gulf stream becomes the North Atlantic Current destined for Western Europe where its fan-like tendrils become the Norwegian Current.

Essentially the oceans have been likened to a great conveyor belt where two polar spots on Earth drive the belt back to the equator. Cold, dense saltwater sinks deep into the seas on either side of Greenland at the north end of the Atlantic and in the Weddell Sea on the South Atlantic side of Antarctica and pulls the frigid polar waters back towards the equator.

The Deep Western Boundary Current runs 1.7 miles below the gulf stream. One round trip for a parcel of water in the Atlantic takes 1,000 years.

If the temperature salinity ratio is disrupted, for instance by melting glaciers 12,800 years ago, the gulf stream ceased to circulate heat to the North Atlantic Current and the conveyor belt shut down — cooling Earth by 27 degrees for 12 centuries thrusting it back into a mini Ice Age.

Today a collaborative venture between Britain's National Oceanography Centre and the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration seeks to understand a more thorough role of the oceans in order to someday to predict climate.

In the meantime scientists' grapple with watching the ocean acidify, 400 hundred dead zone grow, glacial melt-waters dilute the salt in the polar seas and a reduced CO2 absorption capacity.

Until scientists fully comprehend the ocean and climate change it's incumbent to pay attention to Earth science professor Wallace Broeker's warning "the climate is an angry beast, and we're poking it with sticks."

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## What's the Point?

David Pisarra
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# City is full of shoulders to lean on during rough times

RAMADAN, THE MONTH LONG PERIOD of fasting and the holiest month in the Islamic religion ended about three weeks ago. The Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur has just passed.

For the Christmas-ophiles, the Santa Claus and reindeer decorations are already on sale at Home Depot, and some people are already singing Christmas Carols.

So it is safe to say that we are in the middle of the religious holiday season.

For the secular folks the ice rink is going up, and the first rain of the 2009/2010 STORMWATCH season is due momentarily.

This year has flown by on the one hand, and has been agonizingly slow on the other hand.

It looks like the economy is picking up. I'm seeing more people in my office, the mood of the country seems to be more positive and based on the Facebook status updates of several of my pals, there's a lot more web designing, publishing and dog training going on than there was six months ago.

Which just confirms for me the old adage that tough times don't last, tough people do. This year I held a great many hands of people who were going through rough periods.

And many people held my hand this year. The gratitude that I feel for that is immense.

We're lucky to live in a community that has such a wide range of diversity of people. Santa Monica is a beautiful mosaic of people who are professionals, doctors and lawyers, office workers, and manual laborers. We have graphic designers, and designers who are graphic.

The complexity, the diversity, the variety of life experience and views, is what has made this year tolerable for many of us. For me, I've had the experience of sharing my hopes and dreams, but more often my fears and terrors, with all sorts of people who were able to give me insight and direction, into how to hold out.

This has been the year that I wanted to just pack it all in, sell everything at a loss, put the dog in the car, and move to a remote jackalope ranch in Montana. There were times that I would be making plans on quitting this town, and then I'd be walking my dog on the boardwalk and I'd run into someone who might or might not know me, and we'd start chatting. And within a few minutes I'd remember why I live here, and why I love the people of Santa Monica.

It is through our shared experiences that we are able to gain greater strength. It is by opening ourselves up that we come together as a community in both hard times and good, to make it through.

That is why I am so happy to see the ice rink being put up again. It is one more place in our community where we can come together and share an experience that is wholesome and healthy.

I was giddy to see the tents again for Cirque du Soleil. I love the image of their blue and gold canvas, with the spiky tops showing up against the backdrop of the Santa Monica Pier. I was not so giddy, when I looked at ticket prices, however. I wanted to double date with my partner and his wife, but the seats I liked were $250 apiece. Maybe someone will donate some to me.

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The fact that we have events like Cirque du Soleil, and options like the ice rink are wonderful reminders of how lucky we are to live here. Even if I don't make it to the Cirque, it's a great symbol which shows that we are a cultural center in Los Angeles.

The next few months are going to be a whirlwind of activity. There's sure to be a lot going on in this city as the holidays continue to ramp up and I for one am very happy about that. The busier I am, the less time I have to worry and fret over things that aren't likely to happen.

It's been a rough year for many of us, but so long as we stay focused on the positive, we'll make it through. At least that was the advice I received multiple times this year when I was walking my dog, and it seems to be working.

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## The Q Line

**Scared of protection**

Despite assurances from health professionals that the FDA approved H1N1 flu vaccine is safe, just like the regular flu vaccine, some in the community are worried about getting vaccinated.

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# Imagination goes into overdrive over ear ache

JUST BEFORE MIDNIGHT, MY SON CRIED out. At first I thought he would settle. Bad dream I reasoned as I rolled over in bed taking in the time. Other than a stuffed nose for a week or so, he was fine before bed. But soon his cries grew louder. So I crept into his room to rub his back and sat on the floor next to him, ready to help. But I quickly realized all of my mom tricks would not do the trick.

He was thrashing, then curling up his body, then wailing, unable to get comfortable.

"Does something hurt?"

"Do you want some water? Some milk?"

"No," he cried. "No! No!" And then my ultimate trick.

"Do you want to watch a show?"

"No!" Now, when Benjamin turns down TV is when I start to get worried.

"Do you want to sleep with Mommy and Daddy?"

Finally he agreed and we all trekked into our room.

"I want my blanket and pillow," he demanded. And so Jay, like the dutiful father, went and collected them.

"Do you want Yellow Bear or Tiger?

"Yes." Finally a yes! And so Jay grabbed those too.

"No!" And as I carried him in my arms he hurled Yellow Bear, his favorite I may add, across the room. But this is Yellow Bear we showed him as we picked it up. He smiled through his tears and snot at the mistake of it and nodded that he could come too. And that smile showed me my little boy was in there somewhere of that mess of sickness.

Once settled in our room, he dozed off for 5 to 10 minutes, usually draped over my arm. If I dared to move, he would know and the wailing would begin again.

I walked him around. I climbed into his crib with him. We cuddled on the couch. And still the tears. But through the tears, he could not explain what was wrong.

"Mommy, I want you," he kept repeating. And I kept doing what he needed.

When my child is sick, I straddle two worlds. One is utter calmness. I become completely in control, soft voiced, letting my son know he is safe, reminding myself that I am the adult and he depends on me and so I will know what to do, even when my husband and I look at each other knowing we don't know, only knowing we are terrified.

The other world is pure panic. Since he could not tell me what was wrong, every awful possibility ran through my mind. As I held my son in my arms I actually flashed on losing him. I quickly saw the destruction of my world, my home, my marriage, all wrapped up in this little person and his well being.

It is usually, if not always, in the middle of the night or on a weekend when this happens. But despite the hour we called the doctor. When you call the doctor in the middle of the night, you kind of feel like an ass if your child isn't actually very sick. He had no fever. He wasn't vomiting. But his manner and his screams where so off. He just seemed to be in such pain. The doctor was lovely, walked us through it all and recommended only going to the emergency room if he spiked a fever. So we gave him Motrin and we all went to bed.

And he slept. Finally.

At least for a little while, then he and I cuddled on the couch around 5:30 in the morning. I was hoping it would all be done with and he would wake up happy and refreshed. But he cried and rolled about some more.

So we went to the doctor and she diagnosed double ear infection. And honestly I felt relieved. Ear infection, though uncomfortable, I can handle.

See my brain goes everywhere. A woman I know, Ann Hood, lost her daughter who caught a virus and was dead in a day or two. She wrote a beautiful book about it called "Comfort." I think about this when I see him so off. Is this that? When I leave him with my mother and go away, I think about how fast something could happen and that I might not be there.

I do not know if this is just from his having a birth trauma and ending up the neonatal intensive-care unit. Am I saddled with an unnecessary burden of worry because of this or is this just standard parent worry? When I, as an adult, fainted on a plane in front of my mother, she told me later that until I came to she was planning to hurl herself off the wing if she would have lost me. Parenting is exhausting but parenting a sick child is the most trying of all, so I think it is pretty common, even though it is wrenching, to let worry take over your imagination.

I know he will hurt himself and fall down and get sick through the years, just like I did, just like his father did. I will nurse him (and myself) through it all. And hopefully each time will turn out to be nothing, but each time will feel like something to me.


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# Old technique becomes new again


**BY DR. LEWIS ZIONTS**
Special to the Daily Press


When we hear about a new medical breakthrough in the treatment of a congenital deformity, we often assume it involves a highly technical surgical innovation. It is unusual when that breakthrough involves a relatively simple technique, as is the case with the treatment of clubfoot.

Clubfoot is a deformity of the foot and ankle, which is evident at birth. The forepart of the foot is turned inward, sometimes to where the top of the foot is on the bottom. The back of the foot, or ankle, is in a flexed position and there is a high arch. Generally, these abnormalities are rigid to some degree. Clubfoot is seen two to three times more often in boys and one or both feet may be affected. This deformity is seen in approximately one in 1,000 births, making it a fairly common congenital foot problem.

We are still not certain why a clubfoot happens. In some cases there seems to be a genetic influence in that it is sometimes seen in babies whose family members have had a


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# How many activities should a 6-year-old be doing?

ANGIE WAGNER
For The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS Now that my oldest daughter has turned 6, she is eligible for a whole new world of activities. She wants to try everything, and I have to admit I am excited about her options, too.

When I was growing up, I was into gymnastics, cheerleading and dance. But I wonder whether I might have done better in sports like softball and tennis if I'd been taught them from a young age. Competitive swimming didn't even make my radar. I was just happy to bob around in the pool and do handstands.

Last year my daughter only did gymnastics. But this year she wanted to add dance. Then her summer swim teacher wanted her to try out for swim team. Then she wanted to do theater. Oh, and did I mention Girl Scouts?

Clearly we are facing an overload of activities, and I want to make sure we find the right balance for our family. I want to make sure I don't go crazy and that my role isn't exclusively as a taxi service.

"Children whose mothers go crazy don't do well," said Dr. Alvin Rosenfeld, co-author of the book "The Over-Scheduled Child: Avoiding the Hyper-Parenting Trap" and a lecturer at Harvard Medical School. "We have to protect your mental health."

Rosenfeld wrote the book after observing what he calls "hyper-parenting" in his community, where parents believe that to succeed in life, they have to enroll kids in every activity.

"It was inducing many parents to oversubscribe, overdo, and lose a sense of balance," he said.

Activities can be an important part of a child's life, and of course, fun, but "we've professionalized sports to a degree where we're really seriously running risks of damaging kids' bodies."

Rosenfeld said finding the right balance is different for every family. Some families thrive on constantly being on the go, while others do not. Balance means each family member is having his or her needs met.

He suggests overwhelmed parents cut back 5 percent, and then try another 5 percent until they are happy with the result.

Dusty Cinnamon, a Perry, Okla., father of two, admits that at 20 hours a week, his 11-year-old daughter probably spends too many hours at gymnastics practice in another town. (She is a state champion gymnast).

His 10-year-old daughter spends three hours a week doing soccer, and both girls go to church youth group after school once a week.

"I was in tons of activities in school and today as an adult, I am very efficient with my time. And I believe those activities I loved built the competitive nature I carry today," he said.

Cinnamon said he and his wife searched hard to find activities both girls excelled at, and made sure they would not compete against each other.

A new study titled "The 'Hurried' Child: Myth vs. Reality" found that in contrast to what most people think, kids are doing quite well in activities, and that it's the parents who are stressed.

The study's author, Sandra Hofferth, director of the Maryland Population Research Center at the University of Maryland at College Park, said she found that children who had the most problems — low self esteem and withdrawn — were the ones not involved in any activities.

Hofferth said I am just entering the age of activity overload. The amount of activities tends to peak around ages 9-12.

"There's no evidence that having lots of activities is associated with children being stressed, socially immature or having low self-esteem," she said.

Both Hofferth and Rosenfeld said that if a child is complaining or crying about going to the activity, then it's time to cut back.

In the end, we decided on gymnastics, dance and swim. I later switched my daughter out of the swim team class and into a class that just focuses on stroke development. She is much happier.

Then the gymnastics and swim coaches told me I should bring her more than once a week if I wanted her to improve more quickly.

I politely declined.

She's only 6.

# Praising the Ponseti method

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clubfoot. In most instances, however, there is no obvious hereditary link. It's important to emphasize that a clubfoot is not due to anything that was done by the mother during her pregnancy. Unfortunately, a clubfoot will not "self-correct." If left untreated, it will become a serious source of disability.

For nearly a century, doctors have used rather extensive surgery to correct clubfoot. By releasing ligaments and tendons, doctors were able to place an immature foot into a more normal position. Unfortunately such surgery led to pain and stiffness by the time the child reached adolescence.

In the early 1950s, Dr. Ignacio Ponseti, a professor at the University of Iowa, discovered that by using a series of specific manipulations using casts, he could gradually and gently stretch the tight ligaments leading to a repositioning of the immature bones of the foot. This technique, referred to as the Ponseti method, proved to be extremely effective with quicker recovery time, reduced pain and better results.

The minimally invasive technique helps preserve normal foot mobility, which is vital to preserving pain-free function of the foot in the long term. And, if treatment is begun by two weeks of age, correction of the foot can be achieved within two months or less. As the child gets older, he or she will be able to participate with their peers in activities including sports.

Originally, the Ponseti method was slow to win acceptance by orthopaedic surgeons who preferred surgery to treat patients with clubfoot. However, beginning in the 1990s renewed interest in the technique emerged due in no small part to a dedicated group of parents using the Internet to spread the word about this option. This minimally invasive technique is now widely practiced to treat infants with clubfoot worldwide.

Dr. Ignacio Ponseti, who has received international recognition for his efforts and has watched his technique rise from obscurity to become successfully implemented in many centers worldwide, recently celebrated his 95th birthday in Iowa.

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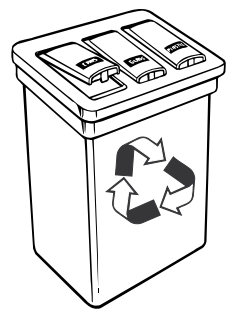



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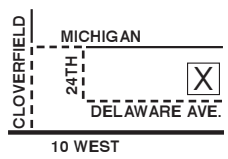


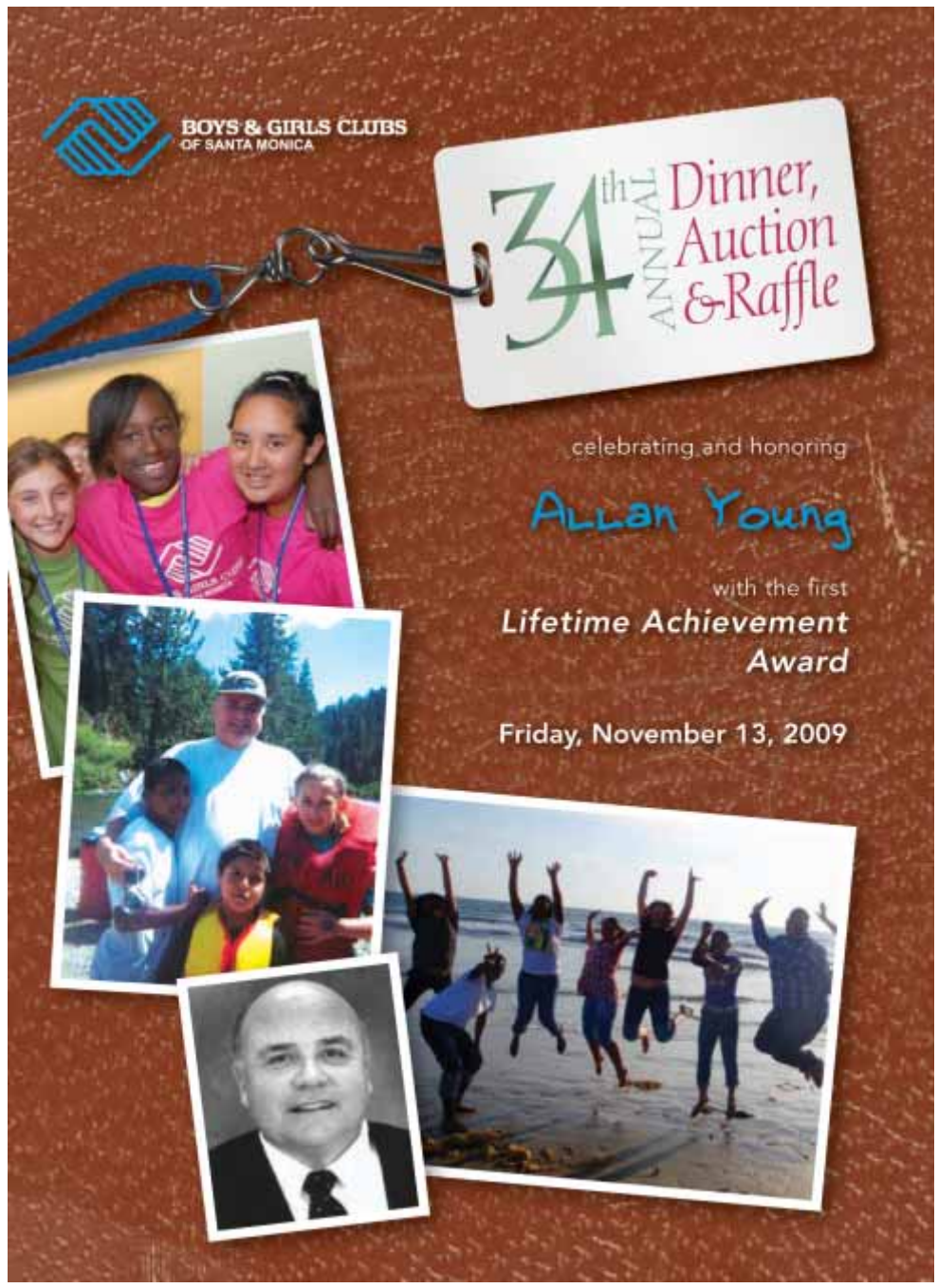
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## IT'S FEELIN' LIKE FALL

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**Customers walk by the assortment of heirloom pumpkins outside of Whole Foods on Wilshire Boulevard on Monday morning. As Halloween approaches, pumpkins become a common sight around town.**

# Trees from Nordstrom move to Virginia Ave Park, Olympic

FROM **TREES** PAGE 1

pen," Warriner said. "You have to monitor and maintain until they're established and you can see good shoot growth."

He pointed to the Pacific Street Dog Park in Ocean Park where several ficus trees from Fourth Street were replanted this summer.

The trees sat in the ground for about three weeks until they suddenly "erupted" in leaves, he said.

"That is a sign of the tree coming out of shock of being transplanted and starting to get established," he said.

The relocation of the ficus trees were met with opposition from the community, particularly the Santa Monica Treesavers. Some questioned whether the move could be done successfully without harming the trees.

Nordstrom is one of two anchor tenants for the new Santa Monica Place, which is scheduled to open on Aug. 6, 2010. Bloomingdale's, which will flank the mall on the southeast corner of the mall, will open in early August while Nordstrom will go live on Aug. 27.

The trees sat in raised planters around the department store.

"We relocated the trees based on a recommendation from the city's urban forester, but ultimately, it was the right thing to do," Kuns said.

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# Scooby-Roo fighting the odds

FROM DOG PAGE 3

tions, we will be able to save hundreds to thousands of dogs and cats that need financial assistance, most importantly, spaying and neutering. Together with Scooby-Roo we sincerely hope to spread the message out there on the plight of these helpless animals."

Choi said Scooby-Roo was the result of backyard breeding, which results in many animals living a life behind bars at animal shelters awaiting their fates because there are not enough homes available. She emphasized the need to have pets spayed or neutered to help with the pet overpopulation problem.

Not only does Scooby-Roo have to live life without his two front legs, the pooch has a hindfoot that is twisted, most likely from being left on the streets alone at a young age.

Those interested in helping Scooby-Roo can contact Fuzzy Rescue at www.fuzzyrescue.org.

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# Space becoming an issue at City Yards

FROM CONSENT PAGE 1

Terminus Plaza, Interstate 10, the Holiday Inn and Sears properties, and Colorado Avenue, all at a cost of $66,410.

The firm is expected to receive a $67,350 contract to begin the second phase, which will include a detailed topographic survey listing the individual components of the area, serving as the base documents for all future buildings, according to the staff report.

The Civic Center is slated to see a series of major changes over the next several years, including the creation of the Palisades Garden Walk across from City Hall, the renovation of the historic Civic Auditorium, and a new Early Childhood Education Center. Santa Monica High School, which sits on the other side of the Civic Center, is also scheduled to be renovated with new classrooms and athletic facilities.

### TAKING BACK A CONTRACT

The council is expected to rescind a $190,000 contract for a fire station alerting system after negotiations failed with the vendor that won the bid last spring.

The contract negotiations with Westnet delayed following the council's approval in May, leading city staff to doubt the company's interest in delivering the system on time. City staff is now recommending that the contract be given to Advanced Electronics, which will supply the alerting system for $153,553.

Maintenance of the system will cost $12,960 annually for years two through five.

### SPACE NEEDED AT CITY YARDS

A new master plan is in the works for the Santa Monica City Yards where the lack of space has become a concern.

RNL Interplan is expected to receive a $230,000 contract to develop a new master plan that will addresses these issues at the 10-acre facility at 2500 Michigan Ave.

The firm has experience in Santa Monica, having worked on the Big Blue Bus Expansion Master Plan, the LNG/CNG Fuel and Wash Facility for the Big Blue Bus and the most recent master plan for the City Yards in 2002.

The facility has been used by City Hall since the 1940s and the various divisions of the yard, which include Solid Waste Management, have outgrown the space.

"Subsequently, user needs, space limitations, updated regulatory requirements and the condition of the facilities have continued to change requiring significant updates to the Master Plan Report," the staff report said.

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# Google loses Apple head

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. Google Inc. said Monday that Arthur Levinson has resigned from the Internet search leader's board, averting a potential showdown with government regulators over his overlapping job as a director for computer and gadget maker Apple Inc.

The Federal Trade Commission had been investigating whether Levinson's double duty on the boards of both Google and Apple would lessen competition between the companies as they increasingly collide in the same markets.

The same issue had dogged Google Chairman Eric Schmidt until he stepped down from Apple's board two months ago.

Levinson's resignation from Google's board takes effect immediately, ending his 5-year stint as a director. He will remain on Apple's board, where he has been a director for nine years.

Levinson, who is also chairman of biotechnology pioneer Genentech Inc., owns a bigger stake in Cupertino, Calif.-based Apple than he does in Mountain View-based Google, according to regulatory filings.

Google didn't specify the reason for Levinson's departure, but it has previously acknowledged the FTC's inquiry into his roles at Google and Apple.

In a statement, FTC Chairman Jon Leibowitz indicated his agency was prepared to sue Google and Apple if they hadn't purged their boards of the potential conflicts of interests.

"Google, Apple, and Mr. Levinson should be commended for recognizing that overlapping board members between competing companies raise serious antitrust issues and for their willingness to resolve our concerns without the need for litigation," Leibowitz said.

Schmidt, who is also Google's chief executive, left Apple's board shortly after his company unveiled plans for a computer operating system that would compete with Apple's Mac computers. Google also makes software that runs on cell phones, putting it in competition with Apple's iPhone.

Google didn't say whether it will fill Levinson's vacant seat. The resignation leaves Google with nine directors, including Schmidt and its co-founders, Larry Page and Sergey Brin.

Google shares rose $7.79, or 1.5 percent, to close at $524.04 after trading at an annual high of $525.76 earlier in the session. Apple's stock gained 34 cents to $190.81 after trading at a 52-week high of $191.51.

# Lawmakers haggle over water

SAMANTHA YOUNG
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO, Calif. California lawmakers are moving ahead with plans to convene a special session on water even though key differences remain over how to fix the state's long-standing problems.

Democrats have proposed a $9.4 billion bond that is intended to improve California's aging water infrastructure and address environmental problems in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

It calls for statewide conservation and groundwater monitoring, higher penalties for those who illegally take water and a new government body to oversee the delta.

On Monday, top lawmakers continued to haggle over how to pay for it, how much cities should conserve and whether private land owners ought to let the state survey their wells to determine the level of groundwater available.

No date has been set for the special session to begin.

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# Insurers go on the offensive

**RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR**
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON Insurance companies aren't playing nice any more.

Their dire message that health care legislation will drive up premiums for people who already have coverage comes as a warning shot at a crucial point in the debate, and threatens President Barack Obama's top domestic priority.

Democrats and their allies scrambled on Monday to knock down a new industry-funded study forecasting that Senate legislation, over time, will add thousands of dollars to the cost of a typical policy. "Distorted and flawed," said White House spokeswoman Linda Douglass. "Fundamentally dishonest," said AARP's senior policy strategist, John Rother. "A hatchet job," said a spokesman for Senate Finance Committee chairman Max Baucus, D-Mont.

But the health insurance industry's top lobbyist in Washington stood her ground. In a call with reporters, Karen Ignagni, president of America's Health Insurance Plans, pointedly refused to rule out attack ads on TV featuring the study, though she said she believed the industry's concerns could be amicably addressed.

At the heart of the industry's complaint is a decision by lawmakers to weaken the requirement that millions more Americans get coverage. Since the legislation would ban insurance companies from denying coverage on account of poor health, many people will wait to sign up until they get sick, the industry says. And that will drive up costs for everybody else.

Insurers are now raising possibilities such as higher premiums for people who postpone getting coverage, or waiting periods for those who ignore a proposed government requirement to get insurance and later have a change of heart.

The drama threatened to overshadow Tuesday's scheduled vote by the Senate Finance Committee on a 10-year, $829-billion plan that Baucus has touted as the sensible solution to America's problems of high medical costs and too many uninsured.

The Baucus bill is still expected to win Finance Committee approval. The insurance industry is trying to influence what happens beyond the vote, when legislation goes to the floor of the House and Senate, and, if passed, to a conference committee that would reconcile differences in the bills.

It's at that final stage where many expect the real deal will be cut.

"We've got ourselves a real health care shooting war now," said Robert Laszewski, a former health insurance executive turned consultant. "The industry has come to the conclusion that the way things are going in Congress, we'll have a ... formula that will be disastrous for their business, so they can't stand on the sidelines any longer."

Questions about the technical soundness of the industry analysis by the PricewaterhouseCoopers firm was a big part of the discussion Monday. The release of the study late Sunday on the eve of the federal Columbus Day holiday had Democrats crying foul.

"The misleading and harmful claims made by the profit-driven insurance companies are politicking for corporate gain at its worst," said Sen. Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va.

Democrats have reason to worry. Insurance industry opposition helped sink President Bill Clinton's health care plan in the 1990s by fanning fears that people with coverage would wind up paying more.

Ignagni was unequivocal in her support for the PricewaterhouseCoopers conclusions. The company is "a world-class firm" with "a stellar reputation," she said.

The study projects that the legislation would add $1,700 a year to the cost of family coverage in 2013, when most of the major provisions of the Baucus bill would be in effect.

**UPDATED**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE FIVE-YEAR IMPLEMENTATION PLAN COVERING FISCAL YEARS 2009/10 – 2013/2014, FOR THE OCEAN PARK 1A, OCEAN PARK 1B, DOWNTOWN AND EARTHQUAKE RECOVERY REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**

City of Santa Monica

In 2004, the Santa Monica Redevelopment Agency ("Agency") adopted a Consolidated Five-Year Implementation Plan for its four Redevelopment Project Areas ("Project Areas"), which described proposed Agency activities in the Project Areas between FY 2003/04 and FY 2008/09. Pursuant to Section 33490 of the California Community Redevelopment Law, Health and Safety Code Sections 33000 et seq. ("Law"), the Agency will be conducting a public hearing to review the proposed draft of the Consolidated Five-Year Implementation Plan for FY 2009/10 through FY 2013/2014 ("Proposed Implementation Plan"). The Proposed Implementation Plan contains the Agency's goals and objectives for the Project Areas, the proposed projects and expenditures for the next five-years, and an explanation of how these goals, objectives, projects, and expenditures will eliminate blight and effectuate recovery within the Project Areas and implement the requirements of the Law and other matters required by Law.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION PLAN:**

**WHAT:** Santa Monica Redevelopment Agency Public Hearing on the Five-Year Implementation Plan, FY 2009/10 – 2013/14

**WHERE:** City of Santa Monica City Hall
Council Chambers
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica

**WHEN:** November 17, 2009 (meeting moved from November 10)
6:45 p.m. (or as soon as possible thereafter)

If you wish to obtain further information about the Proposed Implementation Plan, please contact the Redevelopment Agency at (310) 458-2232.

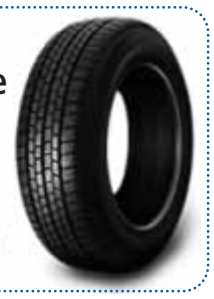
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# SURF REPORT

**Surf Conditions** **Water Temp:** 67°

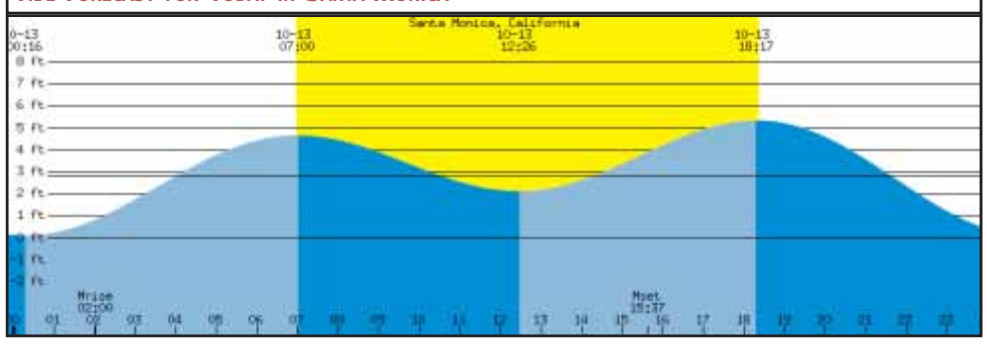
## Swell Forecast

**The SW and NW ground swells should peak. South facing breaks are looking at waist high waves max. West facing breaks may see some waist to chest high waves.**

## Long Range Synopsis

**It looks like wind swell will be mostly from the WNW (280° or so), and bringing head high+ sets to most west facing breaks.**

## Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica




BEACH REPORT CARD

## NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous four weeks up to the ending date of **October 6, 2009**

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**QUICK STATS** (for the last 28 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 1
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 39 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 4 / ns

The Beach Report Card is made possible by simplehuman, Goldhirsh Foundation, the James Irvine Foundation, Ford

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 |
|---|---|---|
| Las Cornilla Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth. | A+ | ns |
| Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth. | A+ | ns |
| El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisos creeks. | A+ | ns |
| Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach. | A+ | ns |
| Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth. | A+ | ns |
| Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth. | A+ | ns |
| Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private). | A+ | ns |
| Paradise Cove Pier at Rominer Canyon Creek mouth. | A+ | ns |
| Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach. | A | ns |
| Latigo Canyon Creek mouth. | A+ | ns |
| Solstice Canyon at Don Blacker County Beach. | A | ns |
| Puerco State Beach at creek mouth. | A+ | ns |
| Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.. | A | ns |
| Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence. | C | ns |
| Surfrider Beach (breach location) - daily. | A | ns |
| Malibu Pier - 50 yards east. | F | ns |
| Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon. | A+ | ns |
| Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero). | A+ | ns |
| Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs. | A | ns |
| Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach. | A+ | ns |
| Tuna Canyon. | ns | ns |
| Topanga State Beach at creek mouth. | B | ns |
| Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach. | ns | ns |
| Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach. | D | 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. | F | 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. | B | ns |
| Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south. | A+ | ns |
| Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.. | A+ | ns |
| Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower. | A | ns |
| Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth. | B | ns |
| Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain. | A+ | ns |
| North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach. | A+ | ns |
| Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty). | A | ns |
| Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain. | A+ | ns |
| Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant. | A+ | ns |
| Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain. | A+ | ns |

**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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The Beach Report Card is an indication of past water quality and is not a warranty of the current safety of those areas surveyed. Our lawyers are happy.

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# Chicago Cubs file for Ch. 11

**ANDREW VANACORE**
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK The Chicago Cubs filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection Monday, a step that will allow their owner to sell the baseball team in an $845 million deal.

The filing in Wilmington, Del., was anticipated and is expected to lead to a brief stay in Chapter 11 for the Cubs. A hearing was scheduled for Tuesday in front of the judge who has been handling the bankruptcy of the Cubs' owner, Tribune Co.

The Cubs' filing is part of the Tribune Co.'s plans to sell the team, Wrigley Field and related properties to the family of billionaire Joe Ricketts, the founder of Omaha, Neb.-based TD Ameritrade.

Tribune, which also owns the Chicago Tribune and the Los Angeles Times, filed for bankruptcy protection in December, but the Cubs were not covered in the filing. The team's run through Chapter 11 could last mere days, enough to protect its new owners from potential claims by Tribune creditors, said Ira Herman, a bankruptcy attorney with Thompson & Knight.

Tribune bought the Cubs in 1981 for $20.5 million from candy maker Wm. Wrigley Jr. Co. Tribune announced plans to sell the franchise in 2007, but got tripped up by the recession and the collapse of the credit markets.

It has agreed to sell the Ricketts family a 95 percent stake in a deal that tops the record $660 million paid for the Boston Red Sox and its related properties in 2002. Tribune Co. is keeping the remaining 5 percent.

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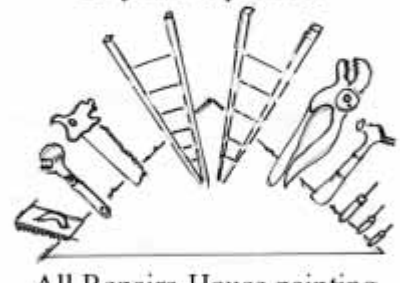


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**Free Style (PG) 1hr 34min**
1:05, 3:20, 7:50, 10:05

**From Mexico With Love (PG-13) 1hr 36min**
2:35, 4:55, 7:15, 9:35

**Capitalism: A Love Story (R) 2hr 7min**
1:25, 4:15, 7:00, 9:50

**Surrogates (PG-13) 1hr 29min**
1:00, 3:10, 5:25, 7:35, 9:45

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**Capitalism: A Love Story (R) 2hr 7min**
1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:20

**Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs (PG) 1hr 21min**
1:30, 4:20, 6:45, 9:15

**Invention of Lying (PG-13) 1hr 40min**
2:10, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50

**Paranormal Activity (R) 1hr 39min**
12:40, 2:50, 5:00, 7:10, 9:40

**Toy Story & Toy Story 2 in 3D Double Feature (G) 2hr 49min**
1:00, 4:45, 8:30

**Zombieland (R) 1hr 21min**
12:30, 2:00, 2:45, 4:30, 5:15, 7:00, 7:45, 9:30, 10:10

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**Bright Star (PG) 1hr 59min**
1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50

**Good Hair (PG-13) 1hr 50min**
1:40, 4:40, 7:30, 10:00

**More Than A Game (PG) 1hr 42min**
1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 9:55

**The Boys Are Back (PG-13) 1hr 55min**
1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:40

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**Couples Retreat (PG-13) 1hr 47min**
11:30 (am), 1:10, 2:10, 3:50, 4:50, 6:30, 7:30, 9:20, 10:20,

**The Informant! (R) 1hr 48min**
11:40 (am), 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:30

**Inglourious Basterds (R) 2hrs 32min**
12:00, 3:20, 6:40, 10:00

**Fame (PG) 1hr 47min**
1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:50

**Whip It (PG-13) 1hr 51min**
1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40

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# Not the same old thing, Sag

### ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ If you have felt resistance from a friend or when manifesting a long-term desire, you might note that with the next attempt everything will fall into place. You find that energy and authenticity become a hardy combination, close to impossible to say no to. Tonight: Fire up all engines. Do what you want.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You often get caught between responsibilities and demands. You need a firm, secure base to work from. Don't sell yourself short when dealing with a boss or when making an appearance. Tonight: Know that you are hard to say no to.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Communication flourishes, especially with those at a distance. You are encouraged to tune in to your depth and find what you ultimately want. Detach if you feel that you are in a maze. It always helps to pull back and take another look. Tonight: Hang out with friends.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Curb a need to be possessive, and honor certain key priorities. A partner you see as tight might not be if you take another gander. This person is far more generous than you suspect. Listen and don't judge. Tonight: Treat yourself on the way home.

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Your energy attracts many people. How you deal with the many interactions that come with that type of magnetism and personality amazes many of your friends. Do be aware that someone could be pulling the wool over your eyes. It is nice to always think the best of people, but realism has a role in life too. Tonight: Do only what you want.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Know when you have hit the end of the road. You can only go forward, even if you might not be up for the trek. It will prove worthy. Someone in your daily life is full of suggestions. Listen -- one of them just might work. Tonight: Just make it relaxing.

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ How you deal with a long-term project could change radically. A brainstorming session or a creative moment illuminates an option that was believed to be impossible. Finally, everything is falling into place. Tonight: Where the action is.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You might want to try another path when others back off. You have the strength and sturdiness to make this quest and come out victorious. Don't pretend that something is OK when it really isn't. Cut the game-playing. Tonight: A must appearance.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Illuminate what has been dark or hidden in the recesses of your mind. If you detach or pull back, you'll get strong, relevant responses. You might be quite startled by what comes up for you personally. Listen to your inner voice. Tonight: Try something totally new.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Read between the lines, and gather more information and feedback. You cannot always be sure that a person is revealing his or her true self, as this person might not be connected to his or her more authentic self. Tonight: Dinner for two.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Let go of restraints and drop a boundary or two. You could be surprised by what moseys along if you relax a little more. Understand why others might feel pushed away by your attitude. Think positively. Tonight: Sort through your invitations.

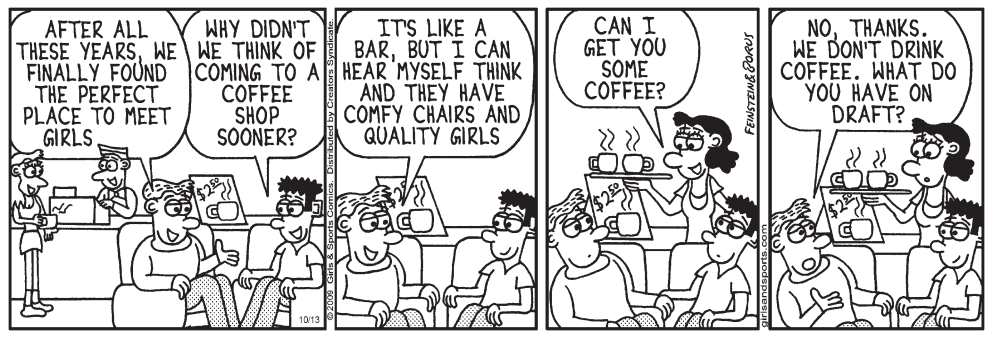
### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
HHH Be sensitive to the immediate conditions around you. If you have been having trouble clearing the air, realize that not everyone understands your innate ability to forget and forgive. Give others the space they might need. Tonight: Do what is best for you.

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★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
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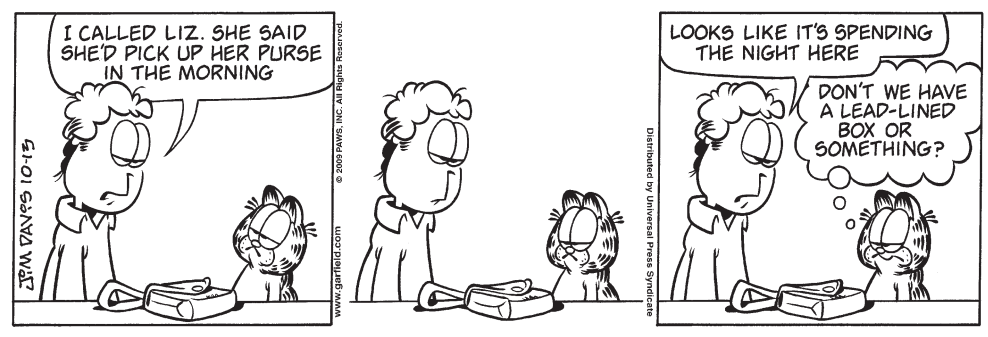
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Difficulty Level ★★

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11 Wed without fuss
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16 Hauler's unit
17 Maiden name preceder
18 Change
20 Tolerate
23 Cavalry weapon
27 Touch down
28 Toy on a string
29 Follow
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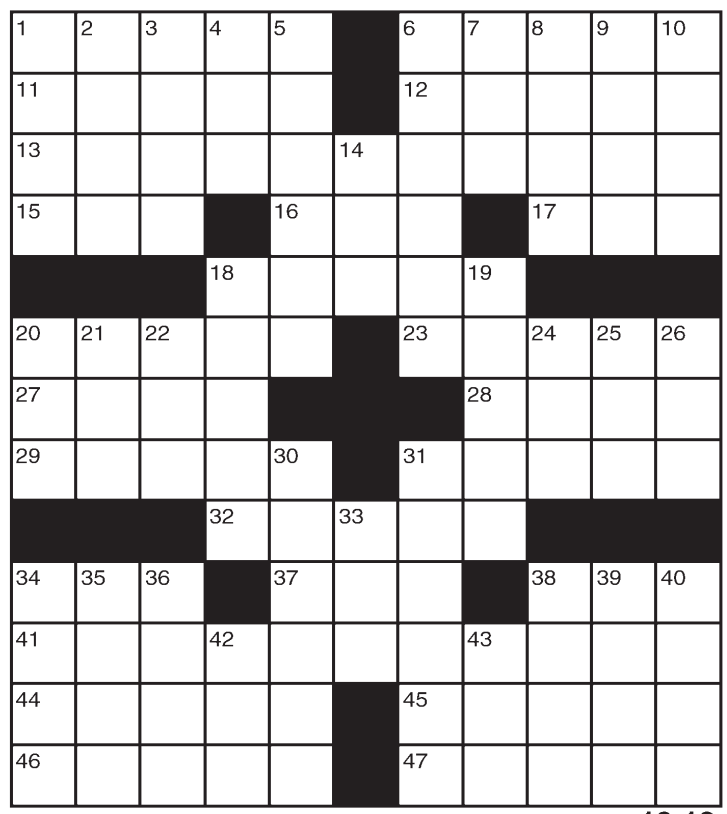
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20 Tavern quaff
21 Prohibit
22 Powerful bunch
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25 Pupil's place
26 Fishing pole
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## NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Beneath the luxury hotels on the Las Vegas Strip is a series of flood tunnels that are home to dozens of people who work odd jobs such as hustling leftover change in casino slot machines. A correspondent for London's The Sun gained the trust of a few and even photographed their "apartments" for a September dispatch, showing well-stocked quarters, with scrounged appliances and furniture and even one makeshift shower rigged from a water cooler. "Amy," who has lived in the tunnels with her husband, "J.R.," for two years, said she "love(s)" the Vegas lifestyle and appears in no hurry to leave her setup. "Kathryn" (who lives with boyfriend "Steven") also appears content except, she says, for the fragrance, the black widow spiders, and the periodic rush of water through their home (threatening any "valuables" not stacked on crates).

■ David Cerullo came to prominence after purchasing the television studios abandoned by Jim and Tammy Faye Bakker and established what is perhaps the boldest of all Christian "prosperity gospel" ministries (that pays him an annual base salary of $1.52 million). With his father, semi-retired Pentecostal preacher Morris Cerullo, they assure followers that the more they give, the more God will return to them. In a recent TV spot, Morris, speaking first in tongues and then addressing the currently credit-challenged: "When you (donate), the windows of heaven ... open for you ... 100 fold." "Debt cancellation!" (The on-screen message: "Call now with your $900 offering and receive God's debt cancellation!")

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**1976** A Bolivian Boeing 707 cargo jet crashes in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, killing 100 (97, mostly children, killed on the ground).

**1976** The first electron micrograph of an Ebola viral particle was obtained by Dr. F.A. Murphy, now at U.C. Davis, who was then working at the C.D.C..

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## First Nine Months of 2008 compared to First Nine Months of 2009

### Santa Monica Single Family Homes

**Santa Monica Canyon**

| | previous period 1-1-08 thru 9-30-08 | current period 1-1-09 thru 9-30-09 | % change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Number of Sales | 10 | 15 | 50% |
| Average Days on the Market | 108 | 55 | -49% |
| Lowest Price | $1,487,000 | $875,000 | -41% |
| Median Price | $2,000,000 | $1,900,000 | -5% |
| Highest Price | $4,200,000 | $4,700,000 | 12% |
| Average Price Per Square Foot | $860 | $876 | 2% |
| Average Sale Price / Average List Price | 96% | 92% | -4% |

**North of Montana**

| | previous period 1-1-08 thru 9-30-08 | current period 1-1-09 thru 9-30-09 | % change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Number of Sales | 53 | 41 | -23% |
| Average Days on the Market | 51 | 70 | 37% |
| Lowest Price | $1,575,000 | $1,400,000 | -11% |
| Median Price | $3,000,000 | $2,500,000 | -17% |
| Highest Price | $5,945,000 | $4,500,000 | -24% |
| Average Price Per Square Foot | $913 | $798 | -13% |
| Average Sale Price / Average List Price | 97% | 93% | -4% |

**Between Wilshire and Montana**

| | previous period 1-1-08 thru 9-30-08 | current period 1-1-09 thru 9-30-09 | % change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Number of Sales | 19 | 17 | -11% |
| Average Days on the Market | 53 | 81 | 53% |
| Lowest Price | $400,000 | $1,027,125 | 157% |
| Median Price | $1,960,000 | $1,500,000 | -23% |
| Highest Price | $3,000,000 | $2,800,000 | -7% |
| Average Price Per Square Foot | $858 | $671 | -22% |
| Average Sale Price / Average List Price | 97% | 94% | -3% |

**South of Wilshire**

| | previous period 1-1-08 thru 9-30-08 | current period 1-1-09 thru 9-30-09 | % change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Number of Sales | 7 | 2 | -71% |
| Average Days on the Market | 38 | 134 | 253% |
| Lowest Price | $699,000 | $659,500 | -6% |
| Median Price | $940,000 | $699,250 | -26% |
| Highest Price | $1,250,000 | $739,000 | -41% |
| Average Price Per Square Foot | $515 | $759 | 47% |
| Average Sale Price / Average List Price | 98% | 93% | -5% |

**Sunset Park**

| | previous period 1-1-08 thru 9-30-08 | current period 1-1-09 thru 9-30-09 | % change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Number of Sales | 24 | 26 | 8% |
| Average Days on the Market | 59 | 73 | 24% |
| Lowest Price | $780,000 | $675,000 | -13% |
| Median Price | $1,120,000 | $1,078,000 | -4% |
| Highest Price | $2,520,000 | $1,875,000 | -26% |
| Average Price Per Square Foot | $659 | $600 | -9% |
| Average Sale Price / Average List Price | 93% | 94% | 1% |

**Ocean Park**

| | previous period 1-1-08 thru 9-30-08 | current period 1-1-09 thru 9-30-09 | % change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Number of Sales | 13 | 14 | 8% |
| Average Days on the Market | 178 | 61 | -66% |
| Lowest Price | $615,000 | $656,050 | 7% |
| Median Price | $1,050,000 | $1,183,500 | 13% |
| Highest Price | $2,225,000 | $2,775,000 | 25% |
| Average Price Per Square Foot | $892 | $788 | -12% |
| Average Sale Price / Average List Price | 92% | 96% | 4% |

### Santa Monica Condo's & Townhomes

**Santa Monica Canyon**

| | previous period 1-1-08 thru 9-30-08 | current period 1-1-09 thru 9-30-09 | % change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Number of Sales | 1 | 3 | 200% |
| Average Days on the Market | 330 | 51 | -85% |
| Lowest Price | $1,150,000 | $1,014,000 | -12% |
| Median Price | $1,150,000 | $1,475,000 | 28% |
| Highest Price | $1,150,000 | $5,100,000 | 343% |
| Average Price Per Square Foot | $824 | $1,304 | 58% |
| Average Sale Price / Average List Price | 96% | 93% | -3% |

**North of Montana**

| | previous period 1-1-08 thru 9-30-08 | current period 1-1-09 thru 9-30-09 | % change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Number of Sales | 25 | 13 | -48% |
| Average Days on the Market | 70 | 111 | 59% |
| Lowest Price | $465,000 | $630,000 | 35% |
| Median Price | $1,295,000 | $1,225,000 | -5% |
| Highest Price | $5,800,000 | $3,175,000 | -45% |
| Average Price Per Square Foot | $920 | $885 | -4% |
| Average Sale Price / Average List Price | 90% | 92% | 2% |

**Between Wilshire and Montana**

| | previous period 1-1-08 thru 9-30-08 | current period 1-1-09 thru 9-30-09 | % change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Number of Sales | 87 | 95 | 9% |
| Average Days on the Market | 55 | 56 | 2% |
| Lowest Price | $394,000 | $270,000 | -31% |
| Median Price | $756,000 | $700,000 | -7% |
| Highest Price | $1,600,000 | $3,100,000 | 94% |
| Average Price Per Square Foot | $618 | $582 | -6% |
| Average Sale Price / Average List Price | 97% | 96% | -1% |

**South of Wilshire**

| | previous period 1-1-08 thru 9-30-08 | current period 1-1-09 thru 9-30-09 | % change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Number of Sales | 75 | 68 | -9% |
| Average Days on the Market | 85 | 84 | -1% |
| Lowest Price | $330,000 | $277,000 | -16% |
| Median Price | $585,000 | $537,500 | -8% |
| Highest Price | $1,040,000 | $945,000 | -9% |
| Average Price Per Square Foot | $519 | $458 | -12% |
| Average Sale Price / Average List Price | 96% | 96% | 0% |

**Sunset Park**

| | previous period 1-1-08 thru 9-30-08 | current period 1-1-09 thru 9-30-09 | % change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Number of Sales | 24 | 17 | -29% |
| Average Days on the Market | 61 | 55 | -10% |
| Lowest Price | $345,000 | $439,000 | 27% |
| Median Price | $732,500 | $555,000 | -24% |
| Highest Price | $1,199,000 | $975,000 | -19% |
| Average Price Per Square Foot | $488 | $420 | -14% |
| Average Sale Price / Average List Price | 97% | 98% | 1% |

**Ocean Park**

| | previous period 1-1-08 thru 9-30-08 | current period 1-1-09 thru 9-30-09 | % change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Number of Sales | 38 | 40 | 5% |
| Average Days on the Market | 114 | 63 | -45% |
| Lowest Price | $375,000 | $395,000 | 5% |
| Median Price | $760,125 | $822,500 | 8% |
| Highest Price | $1,750,000 | $1,200,000 | -31% |
| Average Price Per Square Foot | $704 | $621 | -12% |
| Average Sale Price / Average List Price | 95% | 97% | 2% |

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