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THE BUSY TUESDAY ISSUE



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BANDING TOGETHER: **A worker at Bonus Car Wash wipes down an SUV on Tuesday. Workers there agreed to become unionized on Tuesday.**

Agreement makes local business nation's only unionized car wash

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

OCEAN PARK Employees and management of Bonus Car Wash on Lincoln Boulevard signed an agreement Tuesday that made Santa Monica the home to the only unionized car wash in the country, according to activists.

Workers will now be part of the United Steelworkers union, which will protect their rights to a wage increase, health and safety protections, grievance and arbitration procedures and protections for workers if the carwash gets sold, said Chloe Osmer, acting director of the CLEAN Carwash Campaign,

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Developer purchases Denny's property

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

LINCOLN BLVD Soon, Santa Monicans will have to go further afield than Lincoln Boulevard to get their Grand Slam breakfast.

NMS Properties, a mixed-use developer with several apartment buildings in Santa Monica, has agreed to purchase the 37,500-square-foot lot on the 1500 block of Lincoln Boulevard that currently hosts a Denny's restaurant.

The property is currently in escrow, and NMS hopes to close by the beginning of next year, said President Jim Anderson.

"We have kept our eye on the property, and when it came onto the market, we were very interested," Anderson said.

An unidentified family trust which had

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Downtown property owners to get fat check

ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

THIRD STREET PROMENADE Property owners in the Downtown business district will see a little unexpected cash going into the holiday season.

The Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. board of directors voted to return nearly $2 million in assessments that had been paid into the district before it was actually allowed to spend the money.

It was a timing issue, said Executive Director Kathleen Rawson.

When the assessment was established in 2008, the Los Angeles County Assessor added it to the tax bill six months before the City Council approved the services agreement.

"In the meantime, revenues were collected," Rawson said. "In essence we had about $2 million in assessments given to us, and we had not yet started the work."

Assessments pay for the Ambassador program and cleaning costs for Downtown, amongst other things.

Although there was no obligation to return the money, board members decided to pay each property owner 57 percent of their assessment given that property owners had paid it expecting services that hadn't yet arrived.

The district rode out the down economy relatively well, but every little bit helps, Rawson said.

"Downtown Santa Monica has really held its own throughout the economic crisis," Rawson said. "An extraordinary number of people are enjoying Downtown."

Service has not been modified or decreased because of the rebate, she said.

The item, along with the rest of the Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. workplan — was meant to come before the City Council Tuesday, but got postponed until the Dec. 6 meeting so that the City Council could deal with a permitting issue for Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. and the Pier Restoration Corporation.

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2011

Pumpkins galore
Santa Monica Farmers' Market
Arizona Avenue and Second Street, 8:30 a.m.
Come by the Farmers' Market and get ready for Halloween: pay $5 cash for as many pumpkins as you can carry down a 25-foot runway — in one trip, of course. Make sure to swing by early before the pumpkins run out. For more information, call (310) 458-8712, ext. 6.

Heal thyself
Santa Monica Senior Center
1450 Ocean Ave., 12:30 p.m.
Licensed acupuncturist and Chinese herbalist Maria Locsin teaches seniors how to increase blood flow and ease pain and discomfort by pressuring certain points on the body. All Senior Center members are welcome to come; membership is free and open to everyone ages 50 or older. For more information, call (310) 458-8644.

Thursday, Oct. 27, 2011

The people problem
Santa Monica College, Theatre Arts Main Stage
1900 Pico Blvd., 11 a.m.
In a lecture titled "9 Billion People + One Planet = ?," prize-winning writer Andy Revkin will give the keynote speech for Santa Monica College's Campus Sustainability Week. Revkin, who authors The New York Times' environmental blog "Dot Earth," is currently a senior fellow at Pace University's Pace Academy for Applied Environmental Studies. The lecture is free; call (310) 434-3909 for more information.

Dia de los Muertos
Santa Monica High School, Roberts Art Gallery
601 Pico Blvd., 5 p.m.
Stop by the second floor of the history building for a new art exhibit highlighting the "Day of the Dead," featuring artwork from Samohi alum Daniel Alonzo, along with pieces from students at Samohi, John Adams Middle School, Grant Elementary School and the Pico Youth & Family Center. For more information, call (310) 395-3204.

Friday, Oct. 28, 2011

Trick or treat
YWCA of Santa Monica/Westside
2019 14th St., 3 p.m.
Come celebrate Halloween early at the Y, with a haunted house, spooky snacks, a costume parade and more. Admission is $10 for adults and $5 for kids, and meals are $5; all proceeds go to YWCA Cycle of Life Programs. For more information, call (310) 452-3881.

Howl-o-ween
Healthy Spot
1110 Wilshire Blvd., 7 p.m.
Doll up your pup in her best costume to compete in the Halloween contest for best dressed. Healthy Spot will also offer gift bags for the first 100 dogs, refreshments and raffles at the fourth-annual bash. All donations will benefit Thumping Tails Animal Rescue Bill Foundation. For more information, call (310) 458-2004.

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Local guide to everything Halloween

BY SOPHIA ZHORNE
Special to the Daily Press

CITYWIDE It's scary how many Halloween-themed events are taking place in Santa Monica over the next few days. Here's a brief list of some fun things to do to celebrate the ghoul in you.

LIFT WITH YOUR LEGS

The "All You Can Carry Pumpkin Patch" will be open at the intersection of Arizona Avenue and Second Street today. For $5, you can wade your way into a sea of pumpkins and walk away with as many as you can carry. Cruise down the 25-foot runway with small, medium or large-sized pumpkins. Whether you carry them on your head, in your arms, or make them fly (since you are a wizard this year), it doesn't matter, just as long as you don't drop them. Onlookers and participants are all welcomed. This event will be held at the Santa Monica Farmers' Market from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

GET HAUNTED

The YWCA Santa Monica on 2019 14th St. is hosting their annual Haunted House on Oct. 28 at 3 p.m. Admission to the event is $10 for adults and $5 for children; $5 for meals. With a kid friendly spook, admission will include snacks, treats and more. A collection of games, mazes, balloons, crafts, face painting and a costume parade will be included. Ticket proceeds will go to support the YWCA Cycle of Life programs.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

GRANT ELEMENTARY

Granting more than a wish

Students at Grant Elementary may soon be out of toilet paper and soap, according to boosters at the school.

With efforts to fund these basic needs, Grant is inviting residents to come to the Fall Festival and help raise the school's cashflow.

The festival will take place on Saturday, Oct. 29, on the school grounds from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.

"Due to devastating budget cuts, our school continues to struggle to make ends meet," Alan Friedenberg, Grant Elementary School principal said. "During the last two years, our PTA spending exceeded its budgeted funds to help make up for the shortfall."

Parent leaders at Grant created the festival for that very reason. Money raised at the festival will help the school upgrade several programs, including computer and technology, health and safety and academic support, in addition to covering bare necessities like toilet paper.

"Our PTA used to be about icing on the cake," Kim Moran, Grant PTA president, said. "Now we're about the cake."

The festival will feature rides, game booths, petting zoos and various food vendors, as well as a Halloween cake decorating contest and bake sale. Entertainment will be provided by dancers, a continual magic show and the band Mad Men. Sponsors of the event include Menchie's, Bob's Market, Wells Fargo and Sunset Park Realtors. For further information, visit www.smmusd.org.

– SOPHIA ZHORNE

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MAKING A STATEMENT: **Santa Monica High School's Joslyn Hayes spikes the ball against Beverly Hills on Tuesday. Samohi won the Ocean League match in three straight games.**

LOCAL SPORTS ROUNDUP

Samohi slips to No. 3 in v-ball poll

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI Despite winning all of their games last week, Santa Monica High School's girls' volleyball team slipped from No. 2 to No. 3 in the latest CIF-Southern Section Division 3-AA poll, which was released Monday.

The Vikings defeated Ocean League rivals Inglewood, Culver City and Morningside to remain unbeaten in league, yet were jumped in the poll by Pasadena Poly, which now sits at No. 2. Chadwick retained its hold on No. 1 in the poll.

SKAGGS NAMED PITCHER OF THE YEAR

Former Samohi baseball standout Tyler Skaggs has been named the Arizona Diamondback's Organizational Pitcher of the Year, it was announced last week.

Skaggs, who was originally selected by the Los Angeles Angels with the 40th pick in the 2009 Major League Baseball Draft, finished the year with a 9-6 combined record and a 2.96 earned run average. He was fourth among all minor leaguers with 198 strikeouts.

The 20-year-old pitcher began the season at Single-A Visalia before being promoted to Double-A Mobile, where he helped the team win a Southern League title in September.

His accomplishments during the 2011 season also included a start in the XM All-Star Futures Game.

SAMOHI FOOTBALL MOVES UP A NOTCH

After posting a 36-14 win over Ocean League rival Beverly Hills last week, the Samohi football team moved up a spot to No. 8 in the latest CIF-SS Western Division poll, it was announced Monday.

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Not to be singled out

Editor:

I would like to know why your newspaper has declared 2011 to be the "Year of Bashing Will Rogers Learning Community."

Once again an article has been printed in the paper, this time "UCLA profs to study SMMUSD diversity" on Oct. 19, and has singled out Will Rogers Learning Community for no apparent reason and unjustly so. First, the article has absolutely nothing to do with diversity in elementary schools and second, Cool Tools was developed by one of the researchers and not part of the UCLA diversity study. Despite this, Will Rogers Learning Community was singled out unjustly for supposedly not using Cool Tools.

Your reporter needs to do her homework. Will Rogers was, in fact, one of the first schools to pilot the Cool Tools program for SMMUSD. Since piloting the program our teachers have continued to use elements of the program to educate our students about conflict resolution by incorporating the themes and tenets of the Cool Tools program into their "Responsive Classroom" routines.

The staff and families of Will Rogers are fed-up with the constant bashing of our school in the press, especially when it is unrelated to the subject matter of an article and certainly when it's blatantly untrue. Enough is enough.

Carl Witt III
STEM Coordinator
Will Rogers Learning Community

Why?

Editor:

Would the City Council please explain to the citizens of Santa Monica the need to put a car dealership on our beautiful mall ("Planning puts red light on electric vehicle showrooms," Oct. 20), apparently to promote the sale of oversized, plug-in golf carts for which there is little demand?

Don Wagner
Santa Monica

Facts on the fee

Editor:

This is in response to some concerns people may have about Santa Monica's single-use plastic bag ordinance and, in particular, a 10 cent charge on paper bags that Santa Monica stores are required to pass-through to customers who request one.

City Hall does not profit from the 10 cent fee. In fact, the ordinance stipulates that "the city will not receive any revenues from the retailers' collection of the paper bag pass-through." All of the proceeds from the paper bag fees are retained by the stores that collect them to cover their reasonable costs for providing the paper bags.

The purpose of the 10 cent charge is to encourage customers to bring their own reusable bags, which have much less environmental impact than either paper or plastic bags. Any customer can avoid the fee by bringing their own reusable bag when they shop.

Single use bags are not "free," and they comprise a significant amount of the litter that ends up in our streets, storm drains and beaches. Taxpayers pay the cost to clean this litter up. This ordinance was created to reduce these impacts and to save taxpayer dollars.

For more information on the ordinance, please visit www.sustainablesm.org/bag

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Your column here

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Spending some quality time in Europe

I'M PRETTY SURE WHAT MY FAMILY IS doing is not unique, but it certainly is unusual.

My daughter Nicole graduated from Santa Monica High School in June, and July 11 we were airborne for Düsseldorf, Germany, the first step in the realization of a dream four years in the making: to travel as a family for one year, camping, in a very small VW Westfalia camper, all over Europe — without killing each other.

Lots of Europeans go camping on their holidays (vacations), which often last a month. Some throw a tent in their car and go from camp to camp, or hang out in one or two. Others have caravans (campers), some of them so big and well equipped they rival our small Ocean Park condo. A VW Westy has a small stove, refrigerator and sink, and can sleep four (cramped), but that's it. If you want any breathing space, you have to leave the camper.

What 17-year-old girl could endure such deprivation for even a month, let alone the prospect of being with her parents constantly for a year? Nicole's response: "Europe? For a year? Free? And I don't even have to drive? I'm in!" (When we return she'll start at Santa Monica College.) Quite a few people who heard of this scheme have been inspired, and vowed to jump out of the rat race and do something like it.

The idea didn't come out of thin air. I made a very similar journey in 1972-73, when I was 25, married to someone else, and had a 2-year-old son. It changed my life. My wife Dian initiated this far-more-complex version, because it sounded like such a great life adventure that she wanted to experience it, because she knew what an education it could be for a 17-year-old, and because as a cancer survivor she knew life was meant to be lived to the fullest — right now.

So here we are, three months in, no homicides attempted, and we have had the most amazing adventures. As the newly-minted Santa Monica Daily Press European correspondent, I will be writing occasionally about things done and observed. Publisher Ross Furukawa, the ultimate Santa Monica booster, told me he is especially interested in the contrasts I observe as a quarter century resident of Ocean Park. Here are a few, some trivial, some not.

The cars are smaller. Much. Even BMW, Audi, Volvo are smaller than their American counterparts. There are more brands from more countries than you can imagine. A couple weeks ago I spotted the sports car model of the Smart Car; looked like a very small Italian race car. (Smart still doesn't beat my Prius for mileage.)

You'd think you could easily get Internet access all over Europe. Not so. Same with phones, no easy/cheap solution if you're on the move.

Architecture is stunning here, wildly creative in every country we've been in. Also, public art is considered a necessity of life here, not a luxury. Visited our cousin Henri's CSI police office in Eindhoven, Netherlands and remarked on the nice art on the walls. Well, he said, it's part of the operating budget; it's required. Meanwhile, back in SoCal, we're firing arts teachers.

While highly-taxed European societies provide services undreamed of in the U.S. (complete, no-cost, high quality health care, free education through post-grad university level, constantly repaired infrastructure), one thing they charge for that doesn't sit well with Americans are the restrooms.

Bikes rule Holland, and make driving difficult for Yanks and those in other countries, but to a lesser degree. Subways, trams, buses, pedestrians, bikes, scooters, skateboards, and of course cars are all on the same roads with varying rights of way.

The drinking age is 18. Bakeries are everywhere, sometimes several on one block. Clothing styles are behind SoCal, unless you're in Paris, Rome, London. Money: not all EU countries use the Euro and it gets confusing as you keep crossing borders. "OK" is the one American English expression used everywhere.

Kill all the lawyers: so many great places we've visited with open ancient stone steps to walk or no guardrails where I've thought, "couldn't do this at home for fear of lawsuits." Here you're expected to use common sense and not sue when you don't.

Language, of course, but it hasn't really been a problem. No matter what country you can always find someone who knows enough English to help you. Friendliness and willingness to help a stranger seem, so far, universal. Often people will go to a lot of effort to lend a hand.

Billboards, trash and clutter are almost non-existent. It wasn't until the southern edge of our 10th country, Croatia, that we saw even a little; still nowhere near U.S. levels.

Prices: so far almost universally, sometimes shockingly higher than in the U.S., with two precious exceptions: great cheese, and beer. Great beer at cheaper-than-Coors prices.

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Media coverage of Prop. 13 frightening

HALLOWEEN IS ALMOST HERE AND LIKE A hoard of ravenous zombies, the politicians, the bureaucrats and government employee union bosses shamble along groaning "more, more" — more taxpayer dollars, that is. They are accompanied by ghoulish cadre of minions including the occasional academic from a taxpayer supported institution and a handful of left-wing think tanks, followed by a gaggle of columnists and reporters who long ago abandoned objectivity when writing about Proposition 13.

But the zombie army, with its insatiable appetite for other people's money, is being held in check by the general public's overwhelming support for Prop. 13, with its limitations on annual property tax increases and its mandate that new state taxes be approved by a two-thirds vote of the Legislature. A September Field Poll reveals that Prop. 13 enjoys the same or a greater level of support than it received when it was passed by a nearly two-thirds vote 33 years ago.

The response by the minority with the great hunger for tax dollars has been to launch even more desperate and shrill attacks on Prop. 13.

In the last week we saw one opinion piece, disguised as a news article, that parrots the arguments made by those who would repeal Prop. 13's protections for taxpayers. The story, appearing in Bloomberg News, repeats the canard that Prop. 13 is responsible for California's decline in educational excellence. Nowhere does it mention that the California Supreme Court ruled in 1971, seven years before the passage of Prop. 13, that property tax revenue could no longer be used as the basis of education funding. Also unmentioned is that in inflation adjusted dollars, California now spends 30 percent more per student than it did prior to the passage of Prop. 13.

Moreover, the same slanted piece of journalism regurgitated the favorite theme of the "progressive left," that business is not paying its "fair share" under Prop. 13. Why don't we read that when taken as a class, business properties have been assessed at closer to market value than residential properties? This is due to the fact that business properties are improved more frequently and that these improvements trigger an upward reassessment.

The article repeats charges that corporations are gaming the system by not reporting changes in ownership that would trigger reassessment to market value under Prop. 13. Yet the example provided as proof, Michael Dell's 2006 purchase of the Fairmont Miramar Hotel in Santa Monica, actually reports that the Assessment Appeals Board ruled against the hotel owners and they are now compelled to pay taxes based on change of ownership. No gaming the system here.

The article quotes an assistant school superintendent as saying funding is a "nightmare" — again nothing to do with Prop. 13, as education funding is provided by the Legislature — but nowhere is the "nightmare" for homeowners, many of whom were losing their homes to the tax collector prior to Prop. 13, described.

Then there is State Sen. Kevin deLeon, who is given space in the Los Angeles Times to campaign for the elimination of the two-thirds vote for tax increases imposed by the Legislature, which is a requirement of Prop. 13. The senator makes the absurd claim that voters are clamoring for higher taxes, but they are thwarted by a "tyrannical minority." But when the voters are actually asked if they want higher taxes, they repeatedly vote no. In fact, in 2009 voters rejected by nearly 2-1 a $16 billion tax extension proposal that deLeon still wants to impose. California voters have rejected every statewide tax increase proposal on the ballot since November of 2004.

Relying on urban myths, the underlying assumption in both Palmeri's and deLeon's pieces is that Californians are under taxed. But voters in this state know better. We rank sixth in overall tax burden relative to other states, have the highest state sales tax rate, have the highest gas tax and, even with Prop. 13, we rank 14th out of 50 in per capita property tax collections. In addition to being an indisputably high tax state, our economic woes are compounded by the fact that we have the highest paid public employees in all 50 states, we repeatedly rank dead last as a place to do business due to high taxes and suffocating regulations, and our Democrat governor and Legislature are wholly-owned subsidiaries of the government employees unions. Halloweens come and go, but sadly, Sacramento's tax increase zombies remain in place.

That, more than anything, is why California voters have rejected the last several proposed statewide tax increases and why there is a nearly universal cry to "leave Prop. 13 alone!"

JON COUPAL is president of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association -- California's largest grass-roots taxpayer organization dedicated to the protection of Proposition 13 and the advancement of taxpayers' rights.

The Q Line

Cut in two

The effort to break up the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District is gaining momentum again as some Malibu city officials and parents explore their options. It's going to be difficult, but not impossible.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Do you think Malibu should create its own school district? Would you be sad to see Malibu go?

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Obama waits for GOP presidential candidates to 'get voted off the island'

JIM KUHNHENN
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO President Barack Obama says he's waiting for the Republican presidential field to narrow itself down "Survivor"-style before he starts paying attention to the contenders running to replace him.

"I'm going to wait until everybody is voted off the island," Obama said, referring to the popular reality show in which contestants are voted off in each episode.

Obama made the comment in appearance on NBC's "Tonight Show," his second stop on Jay Leno's show as sitting president and fourth appearance overall. Obama taped the appearance in Los Angeles Tuesday morning before heading to San Francisco to raise money for his re-election campaign.

In excerpts released ahead of the show's airing Tuesday night, Obama also tackled more serious matters, including the killing last week of former Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi. The president said Gadhafi had his chance to loosen his 40-year grip on power and peacefully transition to democracy.

"We gave him ample opportunity, and he wouldn't do it," he said. "I think it obviously sends a strong message around the world to dictators that people long to be free, and they need to respect the human rights and the universal aspirations of people."

When asked about GOP opposition to his decision not to keep U.S. troops in Iraq beyond the end of this year, Obama said: "It's shocking that they opposed something I proposed."

The president also tackled questions about Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, the NBA lockout and his favorite junk food during the interview.

Obama's appearance came in the midst of a three-day West Coast swing heavily focused on raising money for his 2012 campaign.

During a quick stop in San Francisco Tuesday afternoon, Obama sought to draw a distinction between his economic plans and those of his Republican rivals, who he said are only interested in cutting taxes for the wealthy and eliminating regulations.

"It's not as if we haven't tried what they're selling. We have. And it didn't work," he told a 200-person crowd, each of whom paid a minimum of $5,000 to attend.

With his poll numbers sagging and enthusiasm among some of his supporters waning, the president reminded backers that his administration has had significant accomplishments, from overhauling health care to ending the military's ban on gay service members. But he acknowledged that change hasn't always been easy to come by.

"It's not as trendy to be an Obama supporter as it was back in 2008," he said.

From San Francisco, Obama was headed to Denver for two more fundraising events.

The Western tour is one of Obama's busiest donor outreach trips of the season. In Los Angeles Monday, he turned to celebrities, including actor Will Smith and basketball legend Earvin "Magic" Johnson, to bring in money, and mingled with Melanie Griffith and Antonio Banderas over canapés at the movie star couple's home.

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Nurse warned Jackson about drug

LINDA DEUTSCH
AP Special Correspondent

LOS ANGELES A sometimes tearful nurse testified Tuesday that her efforts to save Michael Jackson from the drug he craved for sleep were rebuffed by the star who insisted he needed the powerful anesthetic that eventually killed him.

Cherilyn Lee, a nurse practitioner who tried to shift Jackson to holistic sleep aids in the months before he died, said the singer told her Dipravan, a brand name for propofol, was the only thing that would knock him out and induce the sleep he needed.

He told Lee he had experienced the drug once during surgery.

Lee almost didn't testify. She sat down in the witness box then said she felt dizzy before starting to cry.

"This is just very sensitive for me," she explained.

Superior Court Judge Michael Pastor had her taken to another room to rest, and she returned 20 minute later saying she felt better. She became tearful again while testifying that she had warned Jackson not to take the drug.

The day was also marked by poignant testimony from the head of AEG, the concert giant that planned Jackson's ill-fated "This Is It" shows in London.

Randy Phillips, the company president and chief executive officer who first proposed the concert to Jackson, said the star was excited and committed to restarting his career in London, where he could settle down with his children on a country estate "so they wouldn't be living as vagabonds."

"It was emotional," said Phillips. "I cried."

"Did he cry?" asked defense attorney Ed Chernoff.

"Yes," Phillips said softly.

Lee told of coming into Jackson's life at the beginning of 2009 and leaving just before Dr. Conrad Murray arrived. Murray has pleaded not guilty to involuntary manslaughter and is accused of giving Jackson a fatal dose of the drug Lee would not give him.

Lee recalled a meeting with the superstar at his rented mansion two months before his death.

"He was sitting very close to me," she said. "He looked at me and said, 'I have a lot of difficulty sleeping. I've tried a lot of things and I need something that will make me fall asleep right away. I need Dipravan."

Lee had never heard of the drug but did research and later told Jackson it was too dangerous to use in a home.

At one point she asked: "What if you didn't wake up?"

Jackson, however, was unswayed and adamant the drug would be safe if he had a doctor who could monitor him while he slept.

Prosecutors claim Murray abandoned Jackson after administering the fatal dose of propofol and failed to have proper life-saving and monitoring equipment on hand.

Lee was called to the stand by Murray's defense, but the impact of her testimony was mixed.

While she supported a defense theory that Jackson was doctor shopping in a desperate search for someone to give him propofol, a prosecutor seized on her warning to show Murray should have known the dangers too and refused the request by Jackson.

Under cross-examination by prosecutor David Walgren, Lee acknowledged a conversation with Jackson in which she told him: "No one who cared or had your best interest at heart would give you this."

She said her final refusal to provide the drug came on April 19, 2009, and she never saw Jackson again.

Another medical witness, Dr. Allan Metzger, testified Monday that Jackson also implored him to provide the anesthetic. Metzger also refused and instead gave the singer sleeping pills that had proven effective in the past.

Metzger saw Jackson just one day before Lee refused the request for drugs by the singer.

Attorneys for Murray, a Houston-based cardiologist, are trying to show that Jackson was a strong-willed celebrity who became the architect of his own demise when he insisted on getting the intravenous drug. They also alleged he gave himself the fatal dose after Murray left his bedroom.

Lee said she had treated Jackson for nutrition and energy issues as he prepared for his planned series of "This Is It" comeback concerts.

Lee was followed to the witness stand by Phillips, who said Jackson saw the series of appearances at the 02 Arena in London as a new beginning.

He said Jackson agreed to the plan with a few caveats: He wanted his own doctor to travel with him and a lavish country home for him and the children, complete with streams and horses.

However, in June, 2009, only weeks before they were to leave for London, Phillips said "This Is It" director Kenny Ortega became concerned about Jackson's absence from some rehearsals and there was a meeting of Jackson, Murray and the organizers. He said Murray spoke for Jackson at the meeting and said he was in good health and would be fine for the concert tour.

Phillips also said Jackson refused to be dissuaded from bringing his own doctor to London despite the expense, and Phillips agreed to hire Murray.

Judge Pastor blocked Murray's attorneys from asking Phillips about Jackson's contract.

Defense attorneys had wanted to introduce Jackson's contract to show he would have owed $40 million to the promoter if the concerts were canceled. The lawyers said Jackson would be desperate to make sure the shows continued and needed sleep to get through his rehearsals.

Pastor said there was no evidence Jackson was concerned about the money and allowing testimony about the contract might confuse jurors.

"This is not a contractual dispute. This is a homicide case," Pastor said.



City of Santa Monica
Ordinance Numbers 2370-2376 (CCS)
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The following are summaries of ordinance Numbers 2370 through 2376, which were adopted by the City Council on October 11, 2011.

Ordinance Number 2370 amends Municipal Code Chapters 6.48 and 6.49, governing vehicles for hire, to prohibit demanding or accepting compensation in return for providing access to vehicles for hire and also to prohibit denying particular taxicabs access to business premises such as hotel premises.

Ordinance Number 2371 amends Chapter 6.49 of the Municipal Code by changing the date on which taxicab franchise permits expire and by expanding franchise enforcement authority.

Ordinance Number 2372 amends Ordinance No 2329 to change the franchise permit expiration date for Bell Cab Company from June 30th to December 31st.

Ordinance Number 2372 amends ordinance No. 2330 to change the franchise permit expiration date for Independent Taxi Owners Association from June 30th to December 31st.

Ordinance Number 2374 amends Ordinance No. 2331 to change the franchise permit expiration date for Metro Cab Company from June 30th to December 31st.

Ordinance Number 2375 amends Ordinance No. 2332 to change the franchise permit expiration date for Taxi! Taxi! From June 30th to December 31st.

Ordinance Number 2376 amends Ordinance No. 2333 to change the franchise permit expiration date for Yellow Cab Company from June 30th to December 31st.

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HALLOWEEN
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BOO!

Halloween is a holiday like any other — there is history behind it. At the Santa Monica Playhouse, located at 1211 Fourth St., on Oct. 29 and 30, Halloween will be explored through the ages with lively and interactive music. The "Halloween Hullabaloo" will also include face-painting and treats and will be open to children of all ages. Tickets are $12.50 for adults and $10.50 for children 12 and under. For reservations, call (310) 394-9779, ext. 2.

ON AND HOPPIN'

Montana Avenue is hosting its third annual Halloween Hop from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Oct. 31. Children of all ages can enjoy trick-or-treating up and down Montana Avenue as stores will be handing out treats of all kinds. Activities for kids include face painting, temporary tattoos, fortune telling and a dog costume contest. There will also be lots of candy! Some stores will be showcasing Halloween artwork created by local kids. A few of the stores participating by handing out candy are: Cheryl Fudge, Estell, Jonathan Adler and more. For a complete list, visit www.montanaave.com.

FREAKY FRIDAY

Wokcano, located at 1413 Fifth St., will hold a FANGtastic Friday Halloween Party on Oct. 28. The party starts at 9 p.m. and lasts until 2 a.m. With a 450 person capacity, the outdoor venue in Downtown will feature a live DJ all night, complimentary appetizers up until 10:30 p.m. and a raffle ticket dinner package. There is bottle service available at (310) 458-3080. Advanced ticket costs are $15 with limited quantities. Or purchase the dinner package, which includes admittance.

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The sixth annual Dusk-to-Dawn Horrorthon at the Aero Theater will take place on Oct. 29 at 7:30 p.m., complete with free food, giveaways, trailers and other surprises. Coffee courtesy of Pete's Coffee, Monster Energy Drink and prize getaways will be offered from 20th Century Fox Home Entertainment. Enjoy a night in the theater watching scary films with scary people. Films include "Pet Sematary," and "Alice Sweet Alice." For more information, go to www.americancinemathequecalendar.com/aero_theatre_events

HELPING HALLOWEEN

The Children Affected by AIDS Foundation (CAAF) will hold their 12th annual Dream Halloween fundraiser event at Barker Hangar — 3021 Airport Ave. — from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Saturday. The event will be hosted by actress Jamie Lee Curtis. Billed as Los Angeles' premiere Halloween event for families, the fundraiser will feature a trick-or-treat lane with costume characters, treats for kids, arts and craft activities, face painting, sponsor reception and gourmet food from Los Angeles' finest restaurants. There will be stage shows with live and silent auctions, celebrity sightings and other surprises. For more information, go to www.dreamhalloween.org/la.html

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All children and teens who come into any Santa Monica Public Library branch on Halloween dressed in their costume will receive a spooky prize, while supplies last.

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ORANGE ALL OVER: **Shawn's Pumpkin Patch on Wilshire Boulevard has been a popular spot this Halloween season.**

ROUNDUP
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The Vikings benefited by a loss by fellow Ocean League member Culver City to Inglewood, 30-10. Culver City fell from No. 7 in the poll to No. 9, the spot occupied by Samohi last week.

It is the highest ranking of the season for Samohi.

The Mission League's Chaminade retained the top spot on the poll.

Next for Samohi is the final home game of the season against Morningside on Friday at 7 p.m. The game is the school's homecoming.

PACIFICA CHRISTIAN V-BALL STILL TOPS

Pacifica Christian's girls' volleyball team has maintained its No. 1 ranking in the latest CIF-SS Division 4-A poll.

The Seawolves are 20-5 on the season and 6-0 in Heritage League play.

Pacifica Christian was 3-0 last week with two wins over Santa Clarita Christian and another over Hillcrest Christian.

Next for the Seawolves is a road league game against Milken on Thursday. The game is scheduled for 3 p.m.

SAMOHI TO UNVEIL NEW TURF

Samohi will debut its new synthetic turf field during a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Thursday at 3:30 p.m.

The field was resurfaced as part of a partnership between the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District and City Hall that will allow enhanced community use at the school located in the Civic Center.

The deal grants residents access to the field during off hours. It will also be available to public groups for special events.

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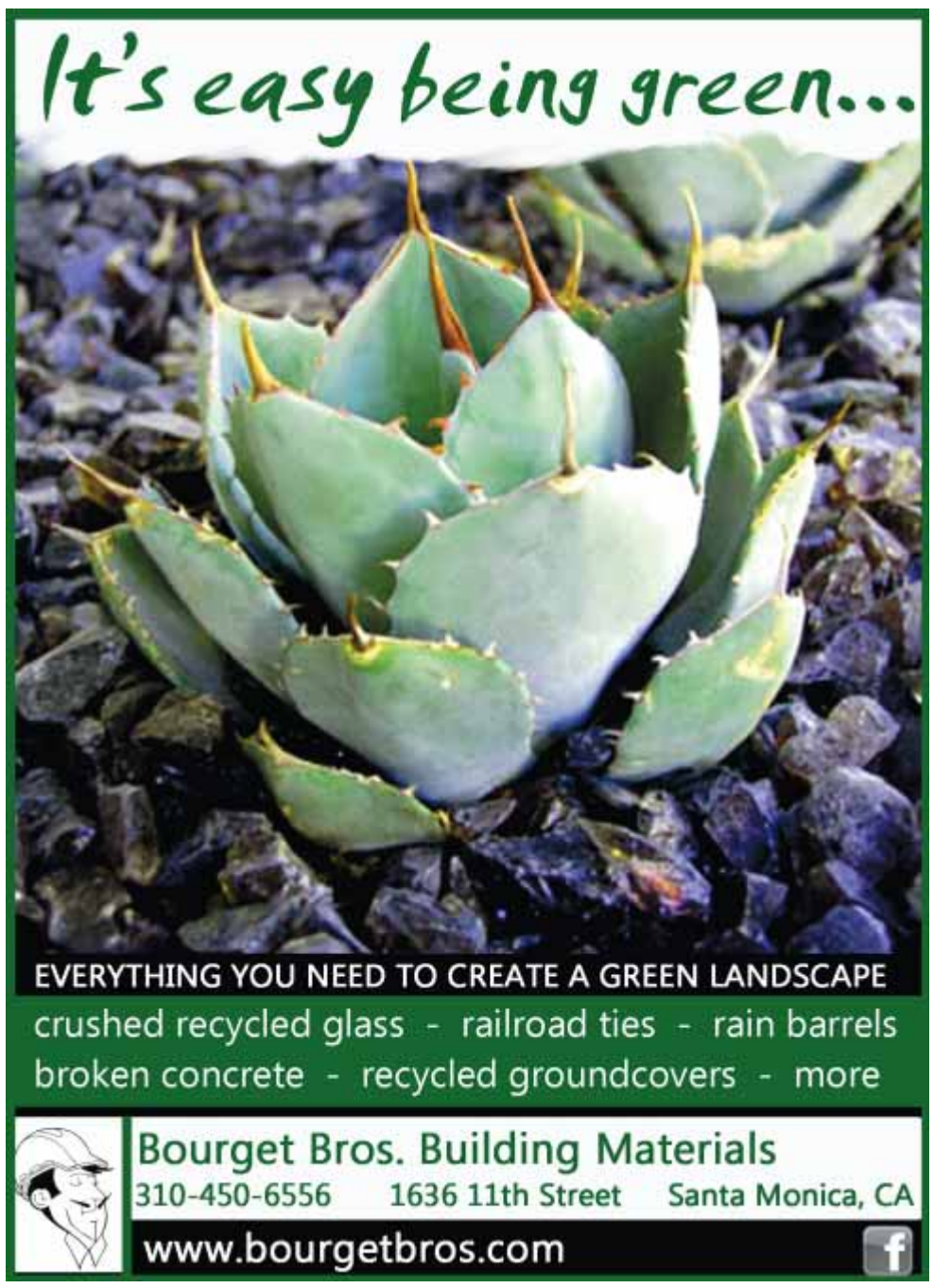
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ON THE WAY OUT? **Patrons exit the Denny's restaurant on Lincoln Boulevard on Tuesday.**

DENNY'S
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held the lot for several decades put it up for sale, said Patrick Wade, a specialist in commercial retail properties with the real estate firm Marcus & Millichap.

Nearly 20 buyers made offers before NMS won out a few weeks ago.

The sale price is still confidential.

NMS was interested in the lot because of its proximity to Downtown, the Santa Monica Pier and the incoming Expo Light Rail Line on top of Santa Monica's inherent charm, Anderson said.

"Santa Monica is a desirable place to do business," Anderson said. "It's a beautiful location."

Exactly what NMS will do with the property hasn't been decided, Anderson said, although it's sure to be redeveloped.

Many of the developers that showed interest in the property wanted to build high-density, small apartments that can be marketed as affordable housing, Wade said.

The units, which run around 300 square feet or somewhat higher, maximize the number of apartments available on each site and allow developers to charge "aggressive rents," Wade said.

While those rents can be higher per square foot than other apartments, the overall cost is still much lower than a one or two bedroom unit.

NMS is contemplating a conversion of the property into a mixed use development, Wade said.

NMS already has four developments on the Planning Commission caselist, which total 366 units. Many of those are of the smaller, affordable model.

It's market driven, said John Warfel of Metropolitan Pacific Development. Warfel is also the vice chair of the board of directors for Downtown Santa Monica Inc., a public-private management company that oversees marketing and management of the Third Street Promenade and Downtown for City Hall.

"I won't say it's new, but there seems to be more demand for it," Warfel said. "It's also dependent on who happens to be moving to Santa Monica. It's a way to afford living in Santa Monica, for someone who wants to be here."

NMS has been in the news over the last year primarily for its relationship with JSM Corp., a company which defaulted on a commitment to build 52 affordable housing units and stuck NMS with the cleanup.

City attorneys brokered a settlement in April between NMS and Prudential to make sure the affordable housing is built.

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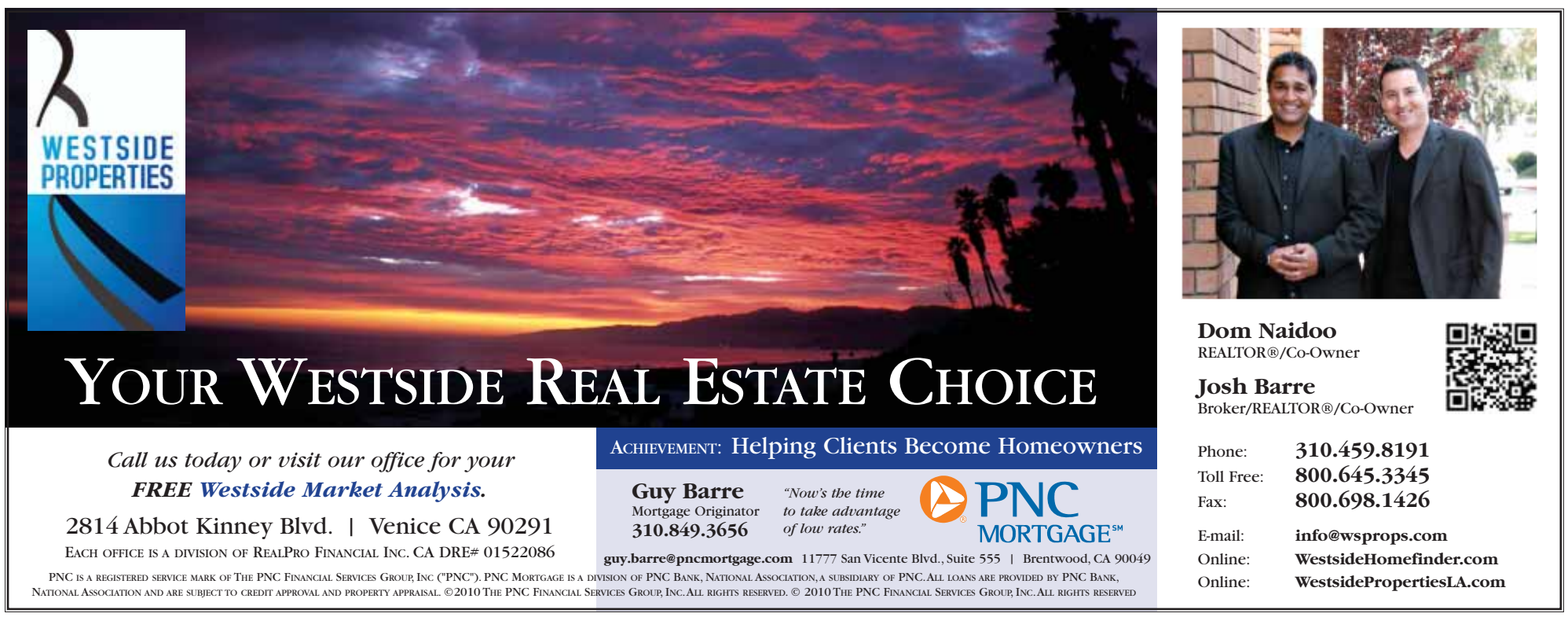




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FIRST UP: **Councilman Kevin McKeown's car was the first to be cleaned after the Lincoln Boulevard-located Bonus Car Wash agreed to become unionized. It's the only one of its kind in the nation.**

UNION
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which supported the unionization movement.

"Today was really exciting for the workers at Bonus, but also for car wash workers from all over the city," Osmer said.

The contract guarantees what seem like basic protections, but the carwash industry has long been one that exploited its workers, paying them less than minimum wage and denying them basic rights, Osmer said.

"Through Los Angeles, car washes have been operating under the radar screen of regulators for years," Osmer said. "That started to change as organization efforts brought more attention to the industry."

Efforts to organize began in the Marina Car Wash, owned by the same company, in Marina del Rey in 2008. That business closed down, but the desire to unionize had spread to its sister car wash in Santa Monica.

Workers received support from the CLEAN Carwash Campaign and the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor AFL-CIO, as well as local organizations like the Church in Ocean Park.

The Rev. Janet Gollery McKeithen and her congregation led candlelight vigils and protests to help the "carwasheros" win rights to a fair wage and safe working conditions.

"From our perspective, it's a real breakthrough for low-wage workers," said Glen Arnodo, staff director with the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor AFL-CIO. "There's a real dark side to that industry. They're the most exploited workers in Los Angeles County."

Organizers still have their work cut out for them to inform the 30 employees of Bonus what it means to be a union.

Yesenia Sanchez, a cashier at Bonus, came to work after the signing.

"I don't really even know what it means," Sanchez said. "I don't know if they know what it means. I just got here, and saw everyone here. They said we're going to become a union."

City Council members Kevin McKeown and Terry O'Day were present for the announcement.

"I'm very proud that the first union car wash in the country is right here in Santa Monica," McKeown wrote in an e-mail. "Fair wages and safe working conditions are important to Santa Monicans, who can now get a clean car with a clean conscience."

McKeown's Toyota, with license plate STA MNCA, was the first car cleaned by the newly-unionized car wash.

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Panel: Boys should get HPV vaccine administered to girls

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ATLANTA A vaccine against cervical cancer hasn't been all that popular for girls. It may be even a harder sell for boys now that it's been recommended for them too.

A government advisory panel on Tuesday decided that the vaccine should also be given to boys, in part to help prevent the cancer-causing virus through sex.

Public health officials have tried since 2006 to get parents to have their daughters vaccinated against the human papillomavirus, or HPV, which causes most of the cervical cancer in women.

They have had limited success, hitting a number of hurdles. Some parents distrust the safety of vaccines, especially newer products. Others don't want to think about their daughters having sex one day, or worry that the vaccine essentially promotes promiscuous behavior.

Tuesday's vote by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' was the first to strongly recommend routine vaccination for boys since the vaccine was first approved for them two years ago. Officials acknowledged the low rate in girls encouraged them to take a new, hard look.

Experts say a key benefit of routinely vaccinating boys could be preventing the spread of the virus to others through sex — making up somewhat for the disappointing vaccination rate in girls. But the recommendation is being framed as an important new measure against cancer in males.

"Today is another milestone in the nation's battle against cancer," said Dr. Anne Schuchat, a U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention administrator who oversees the agency's immunization programs.

Federal health officials usually adopt the panel's recommendations and ask doctors and patients to follow them.

The vaccine has been advised for girls since 2006. Just 49 percent of adolescent girls have gotten at least the first of the three HPV shots. Only a third had gotten all three doses by last year.

"Pretty terrible," Schuchat said.

Schuchat attributed the low rates for girls to confusion or misunderstanding by parents that they can wait until their daughter becomes sexually active. It works best if the shots are given before a girl or boy begins having sex.

Some conservatives argue the vaccine could promote promiscuous behavior. It has come up in the GOP presidential campaign. Texas Gov. Rick Perry came under attack for a 2007 executive order requiring adolescent girls to get the vaccine (with an opt-out clause). When conservative lawmakers rebelled, he backed down.

An estimated 75 to 80 percent of men and women are infected with HPV during their life, but most don't develop symptoms or get sick, according to the CDC. Some infections lead to genital warts, cervical cancer and other cancers, including of the head and neck.

The HPV vaccine is approved for use in males and females ages 9 to 26; it is usually given to 11- and 12-year olds when they get other vaccines. The committee also recommended that males 13 to 21 years get vaccinated.

Tuesday's vote follows recent studies that show the vaccine prevents anal cancer in males, and may work against a type of throat cancer. A study that focused on gay men found it to be 75 percent effective against anal cancer.

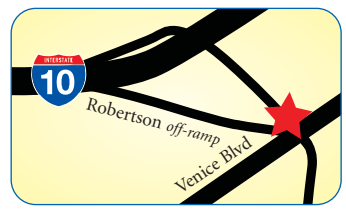
While anal cancer has been increasing, it's still fairly rare. Only about 7,000 U.S. cases in men each year are tied to the strains targeted in the HPV vaccine. In contrast, about 15,000 vaccine-preventable cervical cancers in women occur annually.

Preventing a cancer that's primarily associated with gay men may not be much of a selling point, said Dr. Ranit Mishori, a family practice doctor in Washington, D.C. and an assistant professor at the Georgetown University School of Medicine.

Some parents may say "'Why are you vaccinating my son against anal cancer? He's not gay! He's not ever going to be gay!' I can see that will come up," said Mishori, who supports the panel's recommendation.

Schuchat indicated the CDC is ready for that kind of argument: "There's no data suggesting that offering a vaccine against HPV will change people's subsequent sexual behavior," she said.

So far, the threat of genital warts hasn't been persuasive: Some data suggest that less than 1.5 percent of adolescent males have gotten the vaccine over the past two years.

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Stocks fall as hopes for Europe debt deal falter

DAVID K. RANDALL & STAN CHOE
AP Business Writers

NEW YORK Stocks closed with steep losses Tuesday after disappointing corporate earnings and reports that a key meeting of European financial ministers had been canceled. Assets that tend to hold their value in a weak economy like U.S. government debt and gold rose.

The Dow Jones industrial average lost 207 points. It had gained 409 points over the previous three days.

Manufacturing conglomerate 3M cut its 2011 earnings forecast, and U.S. Steel warned that demand for its products could slow. Netflix Inc. plunged 35 percent after the company cut its profit forecast and said it is losing subscribers following a price increase in July. After the market closed, Amazon Inc. plunged 17 percent after its earnings came in far below Wall Street's forecasts.

The market was also pulled lower by a report that consumer confidence plunged in October to the lowest level since March 2009. The Conference Board index measures how shoppers feel about business conditions, the job market and their outlook for the next six months.

"It's hard to parse this data and find any way that you can glean something positive about it," said Tim Speiss, vice president at EisnerAmper Wealth Planning.

The Dow fell 207 points, or 1.7 percent, to close at 11,706.62. 3M fell 6.3 percent, the largest drop among the 30 stocks that make up the Dow average.

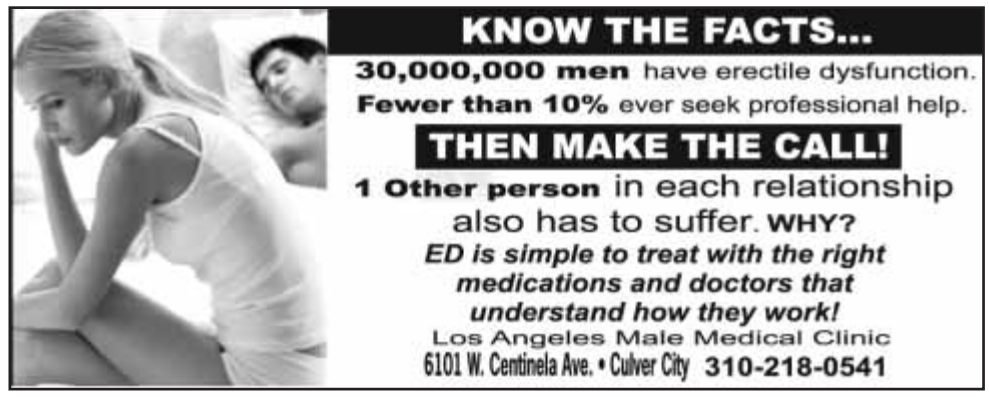
The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 25.14, or 2 percent, to 1,229.05. The Nasdaq dropped 61.02, or 2.3 percent, to 2,638.42. The losses turned the Nasdaq negative for the year once again. A rally Monday left the index up 1.8 percent for 2011.

Small company stocks fell far more than the broader market, a sign that investors were shunning assets perceived as being risky. The Russell 2000, an index of small companies, plunged 3 percent, reversing a gain of 3.3 percent Monday.

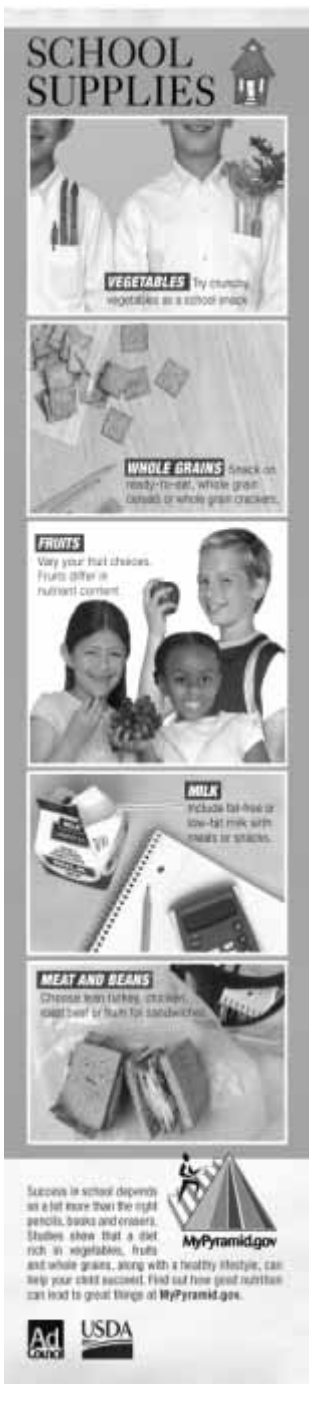
Prices for assets seen as stable stores of value rose. The yield on 10-year Treasury notes fell to 2.14 percent from 2.23 percent late Monday. Bond yields fall when investors send their prices higher. Gold rose 2.9 percent.

The latest headlines from Europe cast doubt over whether leaders there can agree on a comprehensive solution for the region's debt crisis in time for a summit Wednesday. Europe's ongoing debt crisis has been behind much of the market's big moves lately.

European officials are working to patch together a plan that will prevent banks from taking huge losses if the Greek government defaults on its bonds. A messy default could lead to a credit freeze-up similar to the one in 2008 following the fall of Lehman Brothers.

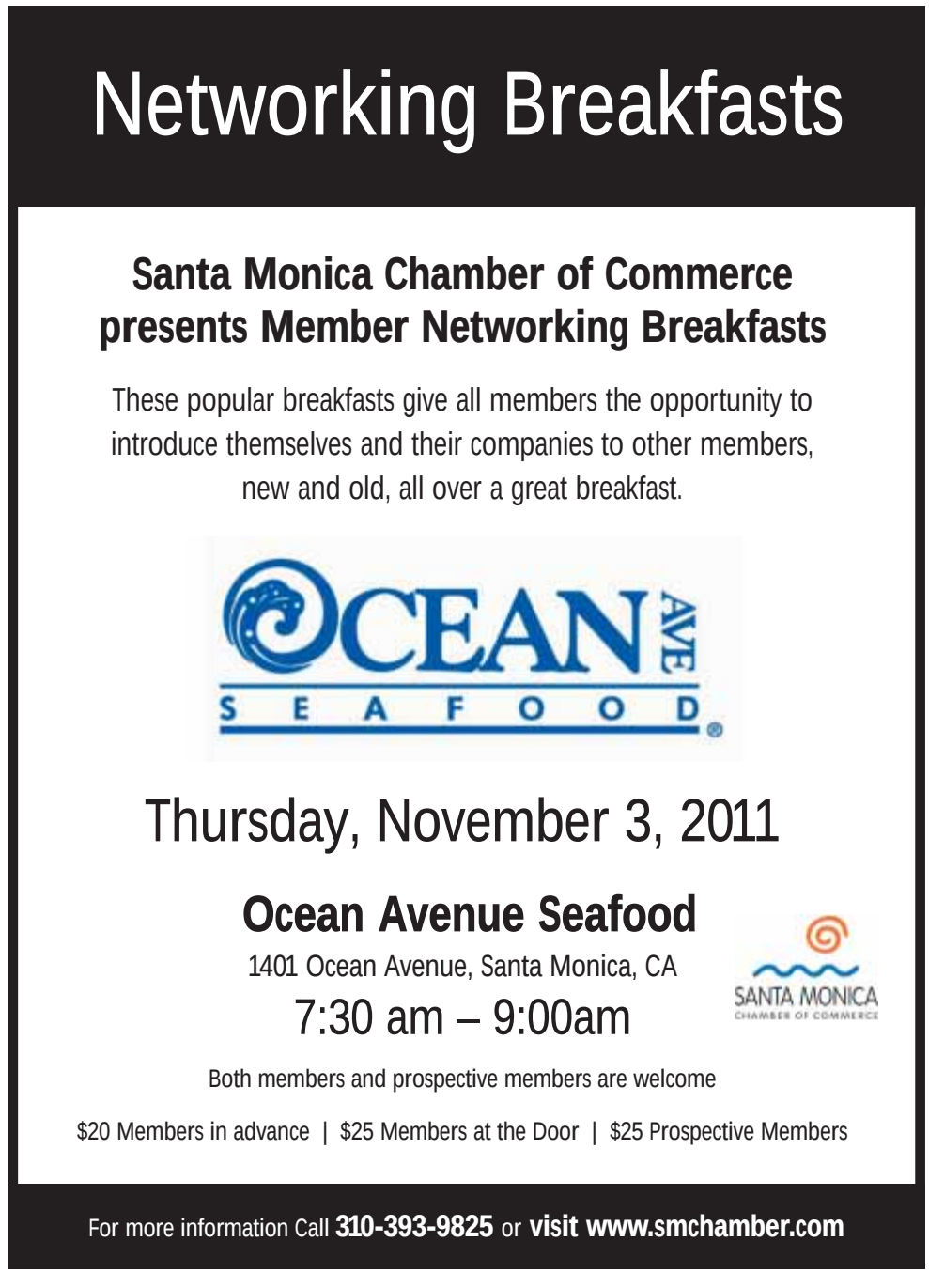












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MLB

Report: League says McCourt looted $190M from Dodgers

BY RANDALL CHASE
AP Business Writer

DOVER, Del. Season ticket holders on Tuesday were given an official voice in the Los Angeles Dodgers bankruptcy case, winning two seats on the team's creditors committee.

The U.S. trustee for Delaware's bankruptcy court agreed to appoint two representatives of the season ticket holders to the Dodgers' official committee of unsecured creditors. In return, attorneys for an ad hoc group of season ticket holders withdrew a motion seeking court approval of an official committee of ticket holders.

Attorneys argued in the motion that season ticket holders had invested millions of dollars in the team and deserved an official voice in the bankruptcy, but the motion was opposed by both the Dodgers and the creditors committee.

"Our concern is that there would have been protracted litigation over the appointment of an official season ticket holders committee while significant matters are being decided in the bankruptcy cases that will determine the fate of the Dodgers franchise," Robbin Itkin, an attorney for the ticket holders, said in a statement released Tuesday. "This resolution allows for the immediate participation of two season ticket holders on the official committee so that hopefully the perspectives and salient interests of the season tickets holders will be represented in the actions of the official committee."

Meanwhile, attorneys for the Dodgers and Major League Baseball continued their war of words as they gear up for a court fight starting next week that will determine the fate of the ball club.

In a court filing Monday, attorneys for Commissioner Bud Selig reiterated accusations made in court papers last month that Dodgers owner Frank McCourt had siphoned off more than $180 million in revenues from the club for personal and business obligations that had nothing to do with baseball.

""The Dodgers are in bankruptcy because Mr. McCourt has taken almost $190 million out of the club and has completely alienated the Dodgers' fan base," wrote attorneys for Selig, arguing that the money had been "looted."

The Dodgers released a statement claiming the league had again "mischaracterized the facts with inflammatory allegations that are not supported by the evidence."

"As the commissioner knows and as our legal documents have clearly shown, he approved and praised the structure of the team about which he belatedly complains," the statement read. "We look forward to the opportunity to show the truth next week in court."

In their own court filings, Dodgers attorneys renewed their attacks on Selig, accusing him of deliberately starving the club of needed cash and destroying the reputation of the team and its management in an effort to seize control and force a sale of the Dodgers.

The Dodgers sought bankruptcy protection in June, blaming Selig for refusing to approve a renegotiated multibillion-dollar TV deal with Fox Sports that McCourt was counting on to keep the franchise afloat.

The Dodgers are now asking Judge Kevin Gross to approve an auction of the team's television rights as the best path to exit bankruptcy. But the league is asking for permission to file its own reorganization plan for the Dodgers, which calls for the team to be sold.

Gross has scheduled four days of hearings starting Monday to consider the dueling motions.

Attorneys for Selig argue that any plan by the Dodgers to sell television rights without the league's approval is "dead on arrival" and would spell the end of the ball club. They argue that such a sale would breach the Dodgers' existing contract with Fox Sports, leaving the team subject to substantial legal claims, while also providing grounds for termination from the league for failure to abide by its covenants.

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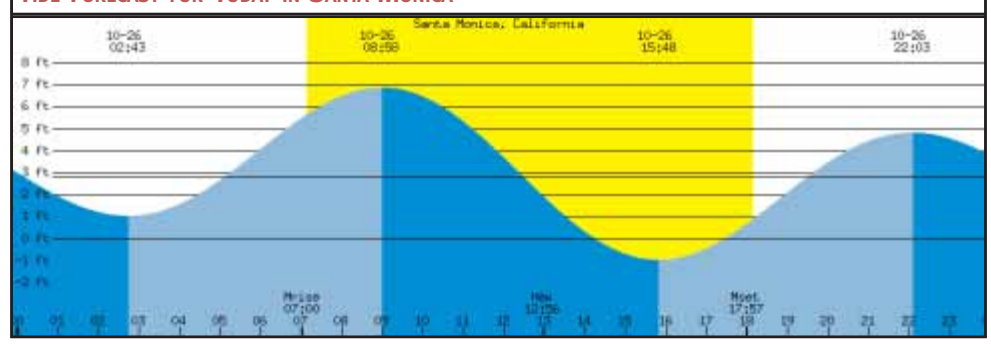
Swell Forecast

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

Long Range Synopsis

NW is expected to back off a bit, more along the lines of chest to at times head high for 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 30 days up to the ending date of **October 19, 2011**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 4
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 22 / 1
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 0

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechasa and Los Alisos creeks.	ns	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	B	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	F	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blacker County Beach.	F	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	F	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	B	F
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 Los Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	A+
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A	ns

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	D	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	C
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	A
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	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	D	F
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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Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
(310) 260-1528

Double Feature
7:30pm

Horror of Dracula (NR) 1hr 22min
The Curse of the Werewolf (NR) 1hr 33min

A comic book signing of the Monsterverse graphic novel "Flesh and Blood: Book One" and Bela Lugosi's "Tales From the Grave" in the Aero lobby at 6:30pm.

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
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Mighty Macs (G) 1hr 40min
12:15pm, 2:40pm, 5:05pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

Dolphin Tale 3D (PG) 1hr 52min
1:20pm, 4:00pm

Drive (R) 1hr 40min
9:40pm

Ides of March (R) 1hr 42min
1:30pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:15pm

Norman (R) 1hr 28min
12:15pm, 2:45pm, 5:15pm, 7:40pm, 10:05pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
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Footloose (PG-13) 1hr 53min
11:20am, 12:45pm, 2:00pm, 3:45pm, 4:45pm, 6:30pm, 7:40pm, 9:10pm, 10:20pm

Real Steel (PG-13) 2hrs 07min
10:50am, 1:45pm, 4:40pm, 7:35pm, 10:30pm

Three Musketeers (PG-13) 1hr 50min
11:00am, 1:45pm, 4:15pm, 6:45pm, 9:40pm

Three Musketeers 3D (PG-13) 1hr 50min
11:50am, 2:30pm, 5:10pm, 7:50pm, 10:30pm

Moneyball (PG-13) 2hrs 06min
11:55am, 3:30pm, 6:50pm, 9:50pm

Ides of March (R) 1hr 42min
11:50am, 2:30pm, 5:15pm, 7:50pm, 10:15pm

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

Take Shelter (R) 2hrs 00min
1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:50pm

Chalet Girl (NR) 1hr 36min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

Women on the 6th Floor (Les femmes du 6eme etage) (NR) 1hr 44min
1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:45pm

Man Nobody Knew (NR) 1hr 44min
1:55pm, 7:20pm

Finding Joe (NR) 1hr 20min
4:40pm, 9:55pm

AMC Criterion 6
1313 Third St.
(310) 395-1599

Thing (R) 1hr 43min
11:45am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:35pm, 10:10pm

Way (PG-13) 1hr 55min
11:35am, 4:45pm, 9:50pm

Paranormal Activity 3 (R) 1hr 21min
11:00am, 11:40am, 1:20pm, 2:45pm, 3:40pm, 5:00pm, 6:00pm, 7:00pm, 8:20pm, 9:30pm, 10:40pm

Johnny English Reborn (PG) 1hr 41min
11:50am, 2:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

Big Year (PG) 1hr 40min
2:10pm, 7:25pm

50/50 (R) 1hr 39min
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Hang out tonight, Virgo

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Your intensity comes out when dealing with others. You might be pushed to do something you would prefer not to. Your creativity comes forward at this point. Curb a tendency to be sarcastic. Tonight: Discuss your options.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Others want what they want. You need to let go of any desire to control others, for your sake. Clearly, there are many options, which you now see. A discussion is animated and worthwhile, as you certainly discover the lay of the land. Tonight: The only answer is yes.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Your changeability allows for greater give-and-take. A new beginning becomes possible professionally and/or with someone in your daily life. Be serious and direct. Extremes punctuate what is happening. Tonight: Easy works.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Make sure you want to invest your funds or spend money on your home or a matter revolving around your personal life. This whole situation could drag you down. A new beginning becomes possible, but you might need to alter your course. Tonight: Keep it light.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ What appears to be difficult could turn around in a New York minute. Pull back from negative thoughts, and take a deep breath. Try reframing the situation or taking another look at the issue from a different point of view. A new beginning becomes possible. Passions run high. Tonight: Happy at home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ A new beginning is possible, whether it involves your relationship with a neighbor or a sibling, or a decision about an item that is needed to communicate. You could come from a place of strong reactions, as opposed to choosing your responses. Tonight: Hang out.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Rebalance your budget. You might not like the end results otherwise. Impulsiveness and risking at this juncture have an impact, whether financial or otherwise. Steer a steady course. Enjoy the lightness. Tonight: Just don't make a big deal out of anything.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Listen to news. Assume that your natural instincts are right-on. Your follow-through counts, especially as you turn over a new leaf. Don't be surprised that other people challenge your actions and resolution. Tonight: Go splatter some fun around.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Take your time with all dealings. Right now, much is going on beyond the surface that you might not understand and would be hard-pressed to. Listen to news with a willingness to see what the complete story might be. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ If you ever had the opportunity to make the impossible happen, it is now. A new beginning or new friendship points to greater possibilities. Though you might want to be the careful Goat and check out which way is best, don't miss out on the opportunity. Tonight: Where the action is.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb.18)
★★★ Your ability to take a stand is marked by directness and caring. You don't always need to be all things to all people. Honor your needs, and step forward. You don't know the implications of a recent decision. Tonight: In the limelight.

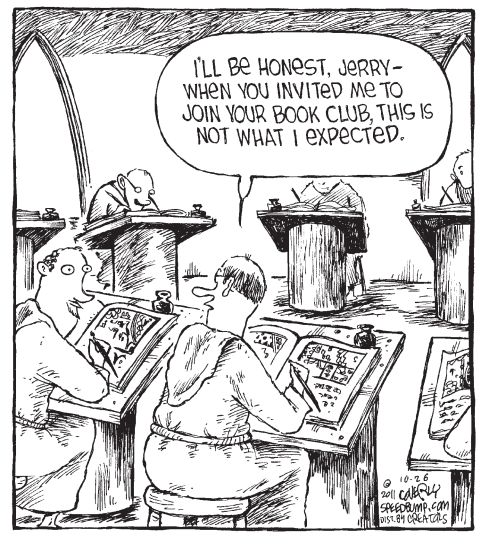
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ An opportunity appears that you often have wished for. The truth be told, now that it is here, you could waiver at the finish line. Don't overthink it; just go where you feel like you want to be. Tonight: Continue to break patterns.

Happy birthday

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

You have the unique opportunity of choosing a new beginning or continuing on your present path. The new direction could completely change your life and prove to be quite rewarding, but it also could be a lot of work, as fall 2012 could reveal. You demonstrate unusual caring. Passions run high. Use the many offers to strengthen your life and happiness. If you are single, you could meet someone quite special. If you are attached, expect to give as much as you take this year. You will tend to be overwhelmed by everything that is happening to you. You can count on a fellow SCORPIO.....

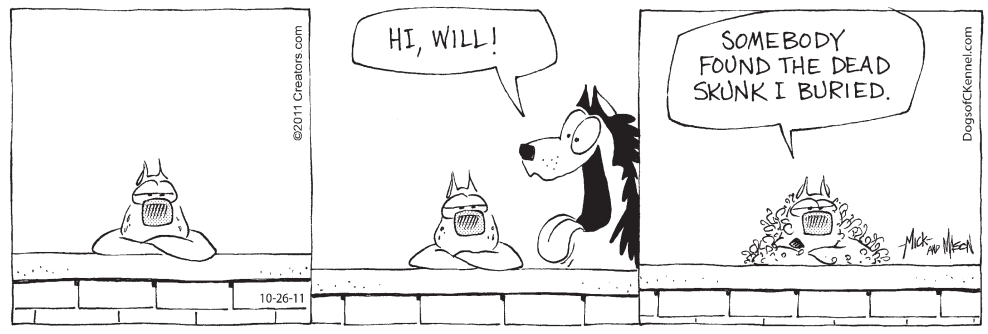
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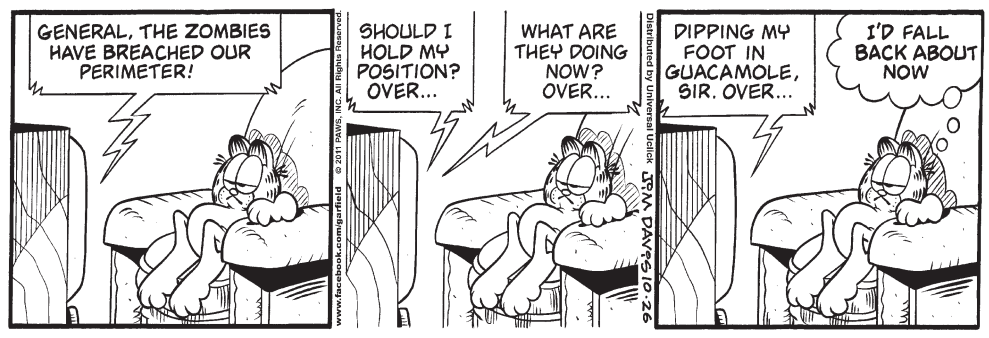
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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7	5	9	1	6	3	8	4	2
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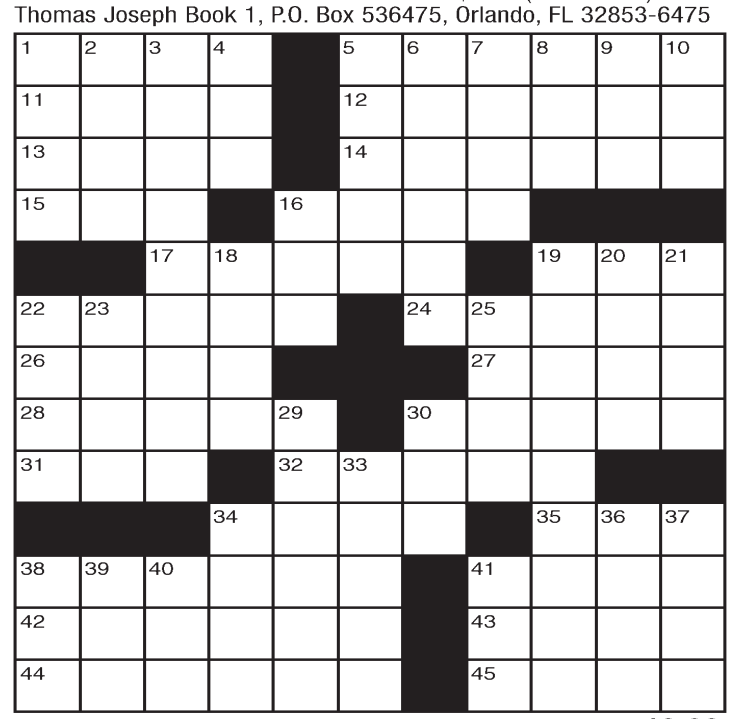
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3 Knocked down
4 Hauler's unit
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16 Jazz fan
18 Bakery worker
19 Buttered up
20 Tibet setting
21 Statu-esque
22 Dutch cheese
23 Coffee, in slang
25 Sermon end
29 Grabs
30 For every
33 Turns suddenly
34 Elbow
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37 Some wines
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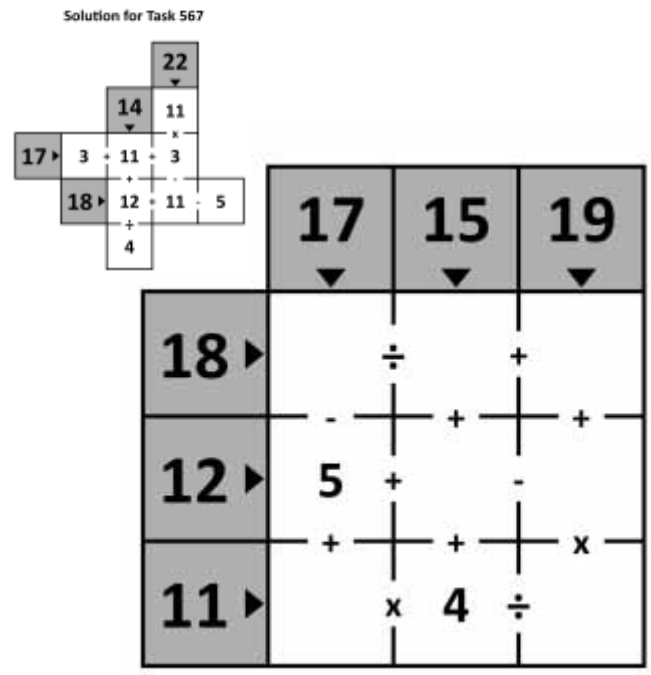
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In July, a surgeon from Britain's Oxford Radcliffe Hospital announced a cure for a 57-year-old man with a rare condition that made, in his mind, audible and ever-louder sounds whenever his eyeballs moved. "Superior canal dehiscence syndrome" elevates the interior sounds of the body (such as heartbeat and the "friction" of muscles moving against muscles) to disturbing levels.

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