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THE ELECTION OVERLOAD ISSUE

Outsiders pump cash into local campaigns

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Outside money is flooding into the City Council race from developer-backed Santa Monicans United for a Responsible Future, which has raised almost $400,000 from groups across Southern California.

The independent expenditure committee, also called SMURF, posted another $215,498 between Oct. 1 and Oct. 20. It's spent roughly half of its total take on Gleam Davis, Shari Davis, Terry O'Day and Ted Winterer, the slate of council candidates it decided to back earlier this month.

The biggest spenders all have major developments that will come before the new council, including Ocean Avenue LLC, which represents the Fairmont Miramar Hotel, and Hines, the group that plans to develop the old Papermate site into the Bergamot Transit Village.

Each gave $49,999.

Smaller contributors from across the region also chipped in for the massive warchest.

They may not all be based in Santa Monica, but perhaps have business here, said Adam Englander, a publicist for SMURF.

The organization has put its money squarely behind its candidates, spending $41,256.34 each on Shari Davis and Gleam Davis, $26,433.72 on O'Day and $9,586.67

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Senators call on FDA to act on energy drinks

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK Two U.S. senators on Friday again called on federal regulators to close what they say are loopholes that allow energy-drink makers to sell products with additives and high levels of caffeine that the lawmakers say have not been proven safe.

The letter to the Food and Drug Administration from Sens. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., and Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., comes after the agency said this week that it is investigating reports of five deaths in which the consumption of Monster drinks was cited.

Those claims say that people suffered adverse reactions after consuming Monster Energy Drink, which comes in 24-ounce cans and contains 240 milligrams of caffeine, seven times the caffeine in a 12-ounce can of traditional cola.

The FDA noted that the allegations, which date back to 2004, don't necessarily prove the drinks are linked to the deaths.

In a letter Friday, Durbin and Blumenthal also cited a recent study in Consumer Reports that found several popular energy drinks contained significantly more caffeine than the listed amount, while others did not disclose the amount of caffeine they had.

The FDA caps the amount of caffeine in soda to 0.02 percent, but there is no such limit for energy drinks.

Durbin and Blumenthal asked the FDA to look into the interactions between caffeine

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UCLA Medical Center — Santa Monica staff members conduct an evacuation drill of the hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit on Thursday using baby dolls. The drill simulated a bomb threat that required the evacuation of the unit. A hospital spokesman said that such drills are conducted on a quarterly basis.

Area high schoolers take on the issues

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

MAIN LIBRARY Assemblywoman Betsy Butler and Santa Monica Mayor Richard Bloom are used to candidate forums.

As the last two remaining in the fight for the 50th State Assembly District, they've been attending such events first to compete for local endorsements in a brutal primary and later to cement their place in voters' hearts before what may be a close election.

Still, they've probably never been to one quite like that which faced them Thursday night, largely because their interrogators will not be able to cast a vote for them on Nov. 6.

Butler and Bloom found themselves on the receiving end of pointed questions delivered by high school students who wanted to know one thing: What will you do to protect my right to education?

The forum was presented by the Human Rights Watch Student Task Force, a collaboration of multiple area high schools including Santa Monica High School, New Roads School and Palisades Charter High School.

It was the second of two events that week that showcased students busting out of their shells and taking an active role to educate the voting community on the issues that will come up on the ballot.

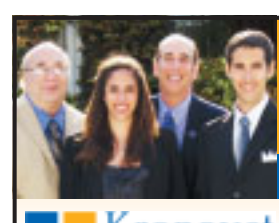
The first, which took place Wednesday night in the Santa Monica High School, featured junior-year English students presenting information on most of the candidates and ballot measures to an audience of peers and parents.

Those in attendance got a run-down on the possible consequences of a repeal of

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, Oct. 27, 2012

Music for the kiddies
Santa Monica Pier
9 a.m. — 11 a.m.
Saturday is the final installment of the pier's Wake Up With the Waves children's concert series. Cost: free. For more information, call (310) 458-8901.

Want a dog?
Animal Kingdom
300 Pico Blvd., 11 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.
Death Row Dogs Rescue holds adoptions every Saturday in front of the store, weather permitting. For more information, call (818) 232-0775.

Strike up the band
Santa Monica High School, Barnum Hall
600 Olympic Dr., 7:30 p.m.
Come celebrate the first concert of Orchestra Santa Monica. Featured soloists: Michael Emery (violin), Samuel Fischer (violin) and Gary Bovyer (clarinet). Cost: $20 adults; $15 seniors; $10 students; free for members. For more information, call (310) 525-7618.

A concert for your soul
The Broad Stage
1310 11th St., 7:30 p.m.
The Los Angeles Times describes Richard Thompson as "the thinking man's guitar god ... the finest songwriter after Bob Dylan and the best electric guitarist since Jimi Hendrix!" And now this award-winning British folk-rock icon presents "Cabaret of Souls" with its original London cast of musical and theatrical cohorts, featuring English bass legend Danny Thompson, vocalist Judith Owen and narrated by L.A.'s own Harry Shearer. For more information, visit thebroadstage.com/Cabaret-of-Souls.

Behind the wheel
Santa Monica Little Theater
12420 Santa Monica Blvd., 8 p.m.
Santa Monica Rep will present Paula Vogel's award-winning play, "How I Learned to Drive." The play won the 1998 Pulitzer Prize for Drama, the Lucille Lortel Award for Outstanding Play, the Drama Desk Award and the Obie Award. Vogel also received the American Academy of Arts and Letters Award for Literature in 2004. For more information, visit www.santamonicarep.org.

Suarez live
Highways Performance Space
1651 18th St., 8:30 p.m.
What does it mean to be a mother? Christine Suarez wants to find out — and the result is a fearless, hilarious, irreverent and compelling evening of dance-theater that uncovers the myriad facets of maternity in "Mother.F***er." Through her own stories and those of others — she incorporates interviews with over 50 women — Suarez exposes the duality of her personal experience as a parent and as an artist, and her struggle to balance the two roles. Channeling a mix of Sandra Bernhard and Pina Bausch, Suarez finds the poetry and mines the absurdity of our collective and sometimes idealized image of motherhood. For more information, call (310) 315-1459.

Sunday, Oct. 28, 2012

All about Pico
Santa Monica Civic Auditorium
Pico Boulevard and Main Street,
10 a.m. — 5 p.m.
Find out what Pico Boulevard is all about during the Pico Festival. There will be live music, lots of food and some of the art that the bustling shopping district is becoming known for. For more information, visit www.picopassport.com.

Opening up
Santa Monica Pier
10 a.m. — 2 p.m.
The pier's first ever Open House will give people in the community the opportunity to voice their opinions on the future of the historic landmark. There will be a walking tour, a presentation by a pier historian and focus groups. The doors to the merry-go-round will be open giving visitors free rides. For more information, call (310) 458-8216.

Remembering the fallen
Reed Park
1133 Seventh St., 2:30 p.m.
The Westside Shelter and Hunger Coalition and the St. Monica Catholic Community will sponsor a memorial service for homeless community members on the Westside who have passed away during the last year. Those wishing to add a name to the memorial list can contact hilda@stmonica.net.

Spooky time for the little ones
Santa Monica/Westside YWCA
2013 14th St., 3 p.m. — 5:30 p.m.
The first ever Westside Halloween Kids Karnival is specially designed for families with young children (toddler to kindergartener) and will include face-painting, balloon animals, an obstacle course, pumpkin patch, costume parade and healthy treats for kids; as well as a lounge with free Starbucks coffee, massages and a raffle for parents. This is a public event. Tickets may be purchased at the door or online at www.smywca.org.

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Why don't these voters decide? Some like to mull

BY CONNIE CASS & JENNIFER AGIESTA
Associated Press

WASHINGTON Who are these people who still can't make up their minds? They're undecided voters like Kelly Cox, who spends his days repairing the big rigs that haul central California's walnuts, grapes, milk and more across America.

He doesn't put much faith in either Barack Obama or Mitt Romney. But he figures he's got plenty of time — a little more than a week — to settle on one of them before Nov. 6. And he definitely does plan to vote.

"I'll do some online research," said Cox, co-owner of a Delhi, Calif., truck repair shop. "I don't have time to watch presidential debates because it's a lot of garbage anyway. They're not asking the questions that the people want to hear."

About 5 percent of Americans with solid plans to vote have yet to pick their presidential candidate, according to a new AP-GfK poll. When you add in those who lean only tentatively toward their choice or won't declare a favorite, about 16 percent of likely voters look ripe for persuasion. That's about the same as a month ago.

In a super-tight race, undecided voters have taken on almost mythic stature. Their questions at the town hall-style debate are parsed. Campaign techies wade through data to find them. The president dialed up 9,000 of them for an Air Force One conference call as he flew to Los Angeles this week.

But the undecided also endure Twitter sniping and late-night TV ribbing. They're derided as uninformed nincompoops who don't merit the power they wield. As David Letterman put it: "You're idiots! Make up your mind!"

Do these wafflers, ruminators and procrastinators deserve coddling — or scorn? Are they just misunderstood?

A look at who they are and what they're waiting for:



Photo courtesy Google Images

LAST-MINUTE DECISION: **Is it possible that some people don't know who they are going to vote for until they step inside the ballot box?**

THEY'RE NOT BLANK SLATES

Two-thirds of persuadable voters have an established party preference, the AP-GfK poll shows. They're roughly divided between those who call themselves Democrats or lean that way and those who are Republicans or lean to that side.

So why not just plan to vote with their party?

"They are really a little bit torn," said Lynn Vavreck, an associate professor of political science at the University of California, Los Angeles. "They may have some issue positions that are counter to their party, or they're not sure how they stand on some things."

Nancy Hoang, a University of Minnesota freshman studying mathematics, considers herself a fiscal conservative and leans Republican. Yet she vacillated because she agrees with the Democrats' support for gay marriage and opposition to voter ID laws.

"I could have gone either way," said Hoang, 18. Not until after the final debate Monday did she decide: Her first-ever presidential vote will go to Romney.

Most of these undecided voters will come home to their favored party by Election Day, predicts Vavreck, who studies an ongoing survey of registered voters as well as trends from past elections.

STILL, A GOOD CHUNK ARE INDEPENDENTS

About 30 percent of persuadable voters say they're political independents. That's three times the presence of independents — just 8 percent — among likely voters who have decided who they'll vote for, according to the AP-GfK poll.

In an increasingly polarized America, they stand out. Robert Dohrenburg, a small business owner in McAllen, Texas, voted for Republicans Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush, but not for Bush's son, George W. He backed Obama in 2008, then had second thoughts this year.

Dohrenburg, 56, watched all three presidential debates before making up his mind to stick with Obama, in part because Romney "says one thing today and another thing tomorrow."

He wishes Ron Paul had won the Republican nomination.

"I'm a very strong independent," he said. "I choose the best candidate."

ARE THEY EVEN PAYING ATTENTION?

Professors have a euphemism: low-information voters. The bulk of registered voters who are still undecided fall into that group, researchers say.

"They're basically not that interested in politics," Vavreck said. "They pay less attention to news in general."

Her image of the typical undecided American, based on her research: "the single mom with a couple of kids who just doesn't have time to be attuned to politics but feels like it's her civic duty to vote, and may or may not show up at the polls."

Yet the still-deciding who are committed to voting don't see themselves as out of touch.

In the AP-GfK poll, 85 percent of the persuadables said they have a "great deal" or "quite a bit" of interest in following the campaign, almost as high as among other likely voters.

Rita Kirk, a communications professor at Southern Methodist University, seeks out these involved-but-undecided voters in swing counties of states with close presidential contests. She gathered the groups that recorded their live reactions on CNN during the debates. They are following the race, she insists.

"They know that they're in a county that's going to make a difference," Kirk said. "They're wanting to make a good choice, and they kind of feel the weight and gravitas of that."

SO WHAT DO THEY THINK?

They're of two minds.

Persuadable voters are more likely to trust Romney to do

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Speak for yourself

Editor:

Eric Cooper's assertion ("Love thy neighbor," Letters to the Editor, Oct. 23) that "Jews in the Holocaust died for their faith. Faith was important. Faith was everything to them" cannot go unanswered, whether you are a believer or an atheist, a Christian, a Jew, a Muslim, a Buddhist, or an animist. It is just wrong, and a huge misrepresentation of the Holocaust and the millions of Jews who were rounded up, tortured and murdered by the Nazis, including several from my own family that certainly wasn't religious in the least, let alone had "faith." (Early Christians and others died for their faith; not millions of Jews.)

They died because of their names and ancestries. Many of them were atheists who never practiced their or any religion. In France, Germany and Holland, for example, "many" is probably an understatement to be replaced by "most," but I am not a historian, and don't have figures; in 20th century Europe, a great number of Jews were non-practicing, and profoundly assimilated into their respective countries. As shown in many books and films, they were utterly stunned when they were rounded up, and often failed to flee their countries because they could not fathom what was happening or about to happen.

The Levys, Kahns, Gougenheims, Aarons, Francks of my family didn't celebrate a thing, and knew precious little about Judaism. I wasn't raised with any religion, nor were my siblings and cousins. We are not an exception. When I was growing up, I hardly knew any practicing Jews. I didn't even know about basic Jewish holidays and customs until I came to this country. As shocking as it sometimes is to American Jews, most of us had Christmas trees, like everyone else around.

Again, religious beliefs and religious "faith" had nothing to do with the massacre of Jews, on either the victims' or their assassins' sides, who believed that the Aryan race should dominate the world, and eliminate all non-Aryans.

Françoise Levy
Santa Monica

Representing everyone

Editor:

I am writing in response to Bill Bauer's column "New blood needed on school board," My Write, Oct. 1. I have been a parent in the school district for many years and will support Jose Escarce, Maria Leon-Vazquez and Ben Allen for re-election. They have been steadfast supporters of all children, especially in these difficult financial times. They have been stewards of this district and kept us on much more sound financial footing, despite the state's constant budget cutting, than most of our surrounding districts.

Board of Education members are elected at-large, which means by definition they must represent all children. While I agree Malibu should have a voice on the board, the candidates from Malibu are only running to represent the Malibu students.

Bauer completely misrepresented the agenda of the Malibu candidates whose website and signs indicate what they stand for, "From Malibu. For Malibu." They are interested in being on the board solely for the purpose of splitting away from the district. Any material they have provided, and there are many questionnaires that they have filled out available on local websites, show their Malibu bias. Bauer, you call yourself an independent observer, but you have clearly been duped by the candidates who have done very little to hide their real agenda. If Malibu wants to split off and form their own district, I support them. But while this district is still the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, I want leadership that is experienced, thoughtful and has all the students' best interests at the forefront of their agenda. That is why I will vote to re-elect Jose Escarce, Maria Leon-Vazquez and Ben Allen.

Sarah Lend
Santa Monica



That Rutherford Guy

John W. Whitehead — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

What Hollywood teaches us about politics

WITH ELECTION DAY RIGHT AROUND THE corner, the propaganda machines are busily spinning political webs with which the candidates can lure voters. However, no matter how badly Americans might want to believe that those running for office — especially the ones we're rooting for — are telling us the truth, truth and politics do not make good bedfellows.

Lies, corruption and cheating have long been hallmarks of the American political scene, as our nation's history over the last 50 years reveals (which saw one president resign and another one impeached). Unfortunately, the rest of the picture is no more pleasant. The nation is drowning in debt, crippled by a slowing economy, besieged by endless wars and a military industrial complex intent on starting new ones, riddled with corrupt politicians at every level of government, suffering from dismal literacy scores despite the fact that we spend outrageous sums on education, and on and on. Despite this, the powers-that-be — the corporations and other members of the moneyed elite — are spending vast amounts of money in an effort to persuade us to buy their particular "product" — the "candidates" — on Election Day.

Much of the deception and corruption involved in politics has been written about in books, novels and in film. Indeed, if one really wants to understand the chicanery behind politics, a good place to start looking for it is in the movies. Not surprisingly, there have been some filmmakers who have tackled the nasty business of politics and analyzed it quite well. So maybe it's time to turn off the tube and pop in a DVD. The following films are worth watching and studying. At the very least, you may find your time better spent.

"Mr. Smith Goes to Washington" (1939): In Frank Capra's classic film, Jimmy Stewart plays the part of a naive young man who is selected to fill in for an ailing senator, only to find that Washington, D.C. is filled with corrupt politicians. Against all odds and in the face of power and greed, he takes a courageous stand for his beliefs. Idealism, something that is difficult to find these days, triumphs. A fine supporting performance from Claude Rains.

"The State of the Union" (1948): A multimillionaire (Spencer Tracy) seeks the Republican nomination for president. His estranged wife (Katharine Hepburn) is asked to join him to masquerade as a happy couple. But, not surprisingly, the political machine erodes Tracy's personal convictions. Again, Frank Capra directs.

"A Face in the Crowd" (1957): Director Elia Kazan traces the rise and fall of an Arkansas hobo, Lonesome Rhodes (Andy Griffith), who becomes an overnight media sensation, helped along by the gullibility of a television-watching populace. More than any other, this film speaks to the problems of politics in a television age. As one of the characters remarks, "Politics have entered a new stage, the television stage. Instead of long-winded public debates, the people want capsule slogans — 'Time for a change' — 'The mess in Washington' — 'More bang for a buck' — punch lines and glamour." Superb performances by Griffith and Patricia Neal.

"The Manchurian Candidate" (1962): Written and directed by John Frankenheimer, this superb thriller — an adroit analysis of backstage political maneuvering — is one of the best films of its kind. It tells the story of an American Korean War veteran who suspects that he and his platoon were brainwashed during the war and that his highly decorated and heroic friend was programmed to be a political assassin. Loaded with great performances, including Laurence Harvey, Angela Lansbury, James Gregory and Frank Sinatra, this film chillingly foreshadows the Kennedy assassination, which was less than one year away.

"The Best Man" (1964): Two presidential contenders vie for the endorsement of the aging ex-president. In the process, personal ambitions and politics mix to trample ethics. There is an adept screenplay by Gore Vidal from his play and fine performances by Henry Fonda, Cliff Robertson and Lee Tracy.

"Seven Days in May" (1964): Another fine film from John Frankenheimer that was written by Rod Serling. It focuses on an American general (Burt Lancaster) who plans a military takeover of the United States because he considers the president's pacifism traitorous. This is an important film today in light of the ever-increasing presence of the military in our lives. Great ensemble cast of Lancaster, Kirk Douglas, Ava Gardner and Fredric March, among others.

"The Candidate" (1972): In this film, a young, idealistic lawyer (Robert Redford) who is a product of the sixties is convinced to run for a senate seat in California and soon learns that politics means compromise. This well-written, realistic look at politics and political campaigning is supported by fine performances from Redford, Peter Boyle and Melvyn Douglas.

"All the President's Men" (1976): Based on the book by Washington Post reporters Woodward and Bernstein, this film is the purported true story of the Watergate break-in that eventually led to one of the greatest political fiascoes of all time. The reporters slowly uncover the facts that ultimately lead to the criminal indictment of the Nixon administration. Masterfully shot by director Alan Pakula and with a fine cast, including Robert Redford, Dustin Hoffman and Jason Robards.

"Tanner '88" (1988): Made for cable television by the legendary improvisational director Robert Altman, this realistic political satire centers on a long-shot politician (Michael Murphy) on the trail of the Democratic presidential nomination. The story is by Gary Trudeau of Doonesbury fame. This film caused controversy because of Altman's documentary approach to the story. Some who watched it thought it was an actual candidate in a real political race.

"Nixon" (1995): This bio-epic, directed by Oliver Stone, touches all of Richard Nixon's public life, while speculating on his private one. Stone's interpretation of historical events — which caused so much controversy with "JFK" (1991) — is present here as well. But be that as it may, this movie exhibits fine cinematography, writing, directing and acting. Indeed, Anthony Hopkins is so effective as Nixon that he seems to melt into the former president on the screen. Joan Allen is also fine as Pat Nixon.

"Wag the Dog" (1997): A Hollywood producer (Dustin Hoffman) is hired by White House personnel to stage a military attack against the United States to divert media attention from accusations that the president fondled a young girl. The film is a satirical look at politics as entertainment. It is also an astute commentary on the essence of politics, which is a continuing maneuver to stay in power. Fine performance from Hoffman.

"Humankind cannot bear too much reality," T. S. Eliot once said. Perhaps that is one reason we are so drawn to fiction. It is in fiction — such as that found in movies — that we can peer into the mirror of truth. And, after all, isn't politics about fiction, anyway?

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The Q Line

Making a pick

Santa Monica Mayor Richard Bloom is in the fight of his political life with Betsy Butler for the 50th Assembly District seat.

This past week, Q-line asked:
Who will you choose on Nov. 6 and why?

Here are your responses:

"I DON'T KNOW A LOT ABOUT BETSY Butler, but I am going to vote for her. I would never vote for Mayor Richard Bloom. I don't like him, and all of his people who call me for a vote are surprised when I tell them I wouldn't even vote for him for dog catcher. It's personal and it was a year ago. No on Richard Bloom."

"THE ONLY REASON TO BE HAPPY THAT Bloom is running for Assembly is because it finally gets him off the council. Just look at his record on the council. Yes on everything the developers wanted. He went out of his way to find loopholes for them. What good can we expect from him in the Assembly? On the other hand, we know Butler's exceptional service in the past, which is all, and I quote, serves the people."

"GOSH, WHO DO I VOTE FOR, MR. Bloom who has a horrid record of systematic voting for social justice negatives, greatly helping to steer Santa Monica to the atrocity it has become? Do I vote for Ms. Butler, another lackluster Fran Pavley or Julia Brownley protégé. Santa Monica deserves better than a choice between someone who has already greatly helped to destroy it and someone whose unsaid female effervescent social action will continue the promotion to another narcissistic politician. To be politically incorrect — God help us."

"MAKING MY PICK, I'M GOING TO TAKE Mayor Richard Bloom because he's really helped Santa Monica. Betsy Butler, she lived in the, I guess, the Marina area, and I guess she was thinking about Inglewood and she knew she probably couldn't win because she's white and they're mainly black so she's now going to try and get votes in Santa Monica. But Bloom has proved he's helped out here so I'm for him. Going for Bloom."

"I HAVE ALREADY VOTED BY MAIL AND I did not vote for Richard Bloom. I feel he is one of the councilmen who have ruined Santa Monica."

"I WILL BE VOTING FOR BETSY BUTLER because she is not Richard Bloom."

"BETSY BUTLER IS A CARPETBAGGER. We need someone in Sacramento who is going to worry about the big problems and that is our true local representative Richard Bloom. It's nice she cares about baby bottles, but before we worry about such problems, we need to solve the issues which threaten our state."

"I'M LEAVING THAT SPACE BLANK. Richard Bloom, who is overly cozy with the overdevelopers and the tourist-trappers, has done everything in his power to destroy the city of Santa Monica. Think of what he could do at the state level? In fairness, I'll add that most of the misbegotten members of our city government are also doing the same for their personal fun and profit. Some of these are running for reelection. The piddling so-called campaign contributions they published did not include their bribes. On the other hand, enough votes for Betsy Butler means Bloom stays right here. As a public service, he should leave and take his cohorts with him."

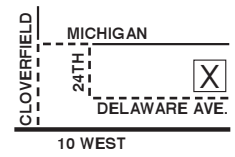
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Wealthy siblings become forces in California politics

BY JULIET WILLIAMS
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. Charles Munger Sr. is best known as Warren Buffett's right-hand man, an investor who has turned his skill at picking winning companies into a billion-dollar fortune.

He has passed some of his passion on to his children, two of whom are using their considerable fortune to transform California's political landscape this year.

While Molly Munger and her half brother, Charles Jr., are on opposite ends of the political spectrum, both have thrown up significant roadblocks to Gov. Jerry Brown's ballot initiative seeking to balance the state budget through raising taxes.

Republican Charles Munger Jr., a Stanford physicist, has given $35 million to defeat Brown's initiative, which would raise the state sales tax and increase income taxes on the wealthy, and to support a ballot measure that would undercut public employee unions.

His sister has also attacked Brown's initiative, pushing her own ballot measure that would increase income tax rates for nearly all taxpayers and send the money directly to school districts, bypassing the Legislature. She has spent more than $33 million.

A poll released this week shows her Proposition 38 and Brown's Proposition 30 without majority support.

Both Mungers are relative newcomers to California's political scene. They have generally shied away from the spotlight, even as Brown's supporters labeled them the "billionaire bullies" seeking to destroy California's public schools. If voters reject his initiative, Brown has said the state will enact $6 billion in automatic cuts, mostly to K-12.

The siblings are almost universally described by those who have worked with them as driven and intensely focused — millionaires who ask a lot of questions before they commit to a cause.

California Common Cause, a good-government group, partnered with Charles Munger Jr. on its successful effort to create an independent citizens redistricting commission that would draw state legislative and congressional districts based on the once-a-decade census.

The group's president, Kathay Feng, called it an "excruciatingly long" process answering the detailed, methodical questions he had before agreeing to commit.

He was so thorough he eventually became an expert on the myriad intricacies of redistricting law, she said.

"I think that his approach probably mirrors the way he operates as a nuclear physicist," she said. "He takes something and dissects it and approaches it from 10 different directions before he makes a conclusion about what the best route forward is."

Munger Jr. is a research associate with the SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory at Stanford University, a research lab devoted to experimental and theoretical research in advanced physics.

While he has drawn scrutiny for his multimillion-dollar contributions to two of the highest profile initiatives on the ballot, he also is the primary contributor behind Proposition 40, a Republican-led effort to prevent the new state Senate districts from taking effect.

Like her brother, Molly Munger has shown an affinity for researching complex issues. In a PowerPoint presentation to the California State PTA last year, she demonstrated a detailed knowledge of the state's complicated education finance system.

"I think she is very data-driven and analytical," said Don Shalvey, deputy director of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's U.S. Programs Education initiative who has worked with her on education issues. He said she appears to be a deeply curious person.

"I think she would be, you know, equally comfortable in a strong conversation with a bunch of policy wonks and then going out at night to a Grateful Dead concert," said Shalvey, who said he has known her for about seven years.

Both Mungers and their father declined to be interviewed for this story, but the siblings have previously spoken with The Associated Press about their political activism.

Molly Munger explained in March that she was motivated to pursue her ballot initiative this year out of "pain and shame" over the decline of California's public schools and a desire to help repair them.

She traced her own taste for activism to a pivotal point in adolescence, when she persuaded her father to let her leave her private, all-girls school for the more diverse John Muir High School in Pasadena, where the family lived.

She took an interest in the civil rights movement and went on to graduate from Harvard Law School.

After several years as a corporate attorney, she became western regional counsel for the NAACP and later co-founded a liberal-leaning civil rights group called The Advancement Project, which advocates for equal opportunities for disadvantaged children.

While she was a registered Democrat for most of her life, she has been an independent for about a decade.

Both siblings said political debate was frequent in their home growing up. Their father loved to provoke discussions among his blended family of eight children, forcing them to listen to other points of view.

"We're respectful, we get along and we don't consider it a mortal insult if any one of us disagrees. We just expect a reciprocal courtesy," Charles Munger Jr. said during a separate interview in March.

People are not so polite in the political arena, though. The siblings have had to fend off attacks from people who would normally be their allies.

Brown's campaign and other Democrats have criticized them for trying to defeat his tax initiative, saying "the Munger name may soon be synonymous with devastating cuts to California's schools and universities."

Charles Munger Jr. is used to the criticism from Democrats and even his fellow Republicans, many of whom disagreed with his support of the independent redistricting process because it threatened the status quo.

While he was attacked as elitist during the redistricting campaign, it didn't faze his sister from wanting to wade into the political fray.

"She watched that happen and she decided that whatever she wanted to do for the state of California was worth that," Munger said in March of his sister. "You have to find that personally admirable."



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on Winterer, according to documents filed by the group.

Winterer struck many to be an odd choice for the group for his consistent slow-growth stances and votes on the Planning Commission, causing supporters to question if SMURF was trying to discredit him by association with the developers.

The variation in amounts spent on candidates doesn't mean much at this point, Englander said.

"The final numbers will be what the final numbers will be," he said, noting that the campaign is "doing stuff for all of the candidates."

SMURF's filings show considerably more cash-on-hand than better-known independent expenditure campaigns have been able to put forward.

The Police Officers Association for a Better Community has brought $30,300 into the campaign, and Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights, traditionally a powerhouse, has raised $117,556.

Though large, that's less than SMURF posted in its first filing, which was dominated by $100,000 from a number of small companies affiliated with NMS Properties, one of Santa Monica's largest developers.

Candidates can't control what independent expenditure committees do, and in a town like Santa Monica with a strongly anti-development element the money SMURF spends can have a negative impact.

"As an individual candidate trying to control my message, it's hard with all this money sloshing around," said incumbent Terry O'Day, who has been criticized for being developer-friendly, a label he does not identify with.

O'Day hasn't been a slacker himself on fundraising. Although he hasn't been pushing for contributions in the latest reporting cycle, he still raised $40,680 through the course of the year and has roughly $15,000 cash on hand.

Still, the SMURF slate gets challenged at every community forum, he said.

Other candidates make a point of not taking developer money specifically to avoid the stigma, like Planning Commissioner Richard McKinnon.

"I think these developers are trying to steal this election," McKinnon said.

McKinnon has raised $32,030 over the course of the race and has $18,707 left on hand.

He received backing from the established Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City and the newly-minted Santa Monicans for Responsible Growth (SMRG), neither of which has spent serious money in the campaign so far.

SMRG seems poised to do so, however.

The group received two large contributions, $15,000 from Body Z Alive, a colon hydrotherapy company located on Second Street, and $25,000 from Playground Consulting, Inc., a computer network security firm near South Lake Tahoe.

Chris Sennings, part-owner of the company, said that he had between eight and 10 clients in Santa Monica, and that he'd heard about the troubles coming from developers.

"It's something we've seen affect our town up here," he said, "uncontrolled growth and development that makes you scratch your head."

Sennings would not confirm his client list, although he did say that the firm does work in the hospitality industry and has publicly "liked" the Huntley Hotel on Facebook.

It's a nice hotel, he said.

Michelle Sennings, also with Playground Consulting, also made a donation to Richard McKinnon's campaign.

The turn to out-of-state money is a new twist on an otherwise familiar storyline in Santa Monica politics, O'Day said.

"It's normal for business interests in the city to put a lot of money in an independent expenditure. I would say it's not so normal to have large out-of-state interests involved," he said.

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and the additives that are often found in energy drinks. The also called on the agency to assess the risks associated with caffeine consumption by teens.

They noted that this is the third time this year they have asked the agency to assess the safety of energy drinks.

A representative for Monster Beverage said the company was not commenting on the matter. A representative for the FDA did not immediately respond to request for comment.

Earlier this week, Monster Beverage issued a statement saying that its products are and have always been safe. The statement came in response to a wrongful-death lawsuit filed in California by the parents of a 14-year-old girl who died after drinking two Monster Energy Drinks in 24 hours. The company said it does not believe its products are in any way related to her death.

This summer, New York state Attorney General Eric Schneiderman also issued subpoenas to energy-drink makers as part of the state's investigation of the industry.

Energy drinks, which are often marketed at surfing and skateboarding contests and other sporting events, have grown by leaps and bounds in recent years. The top three companies — Monster, Red Bull and Rockstar — each logged double-digit sales-volume gains last year, according to Beverage Digest.

Shares of Monster Beverage, based in Corona, Calif., closed down nearly 3 percent at $45.86 Friday. They have lost more than 30 percent in the past three months and fell to a 52-week low of $40.06 on Tuesday.

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A divorce can be carried out in the same manner that marriages are entered into, with good intentions. Mediation is a more cost and time efficient method for divorce, as opposed to a court-based dissolution. It is a healthier option for parties who are willing to compromise and to end their marriage as positively as possible.

Mediation provides a solid foundation for parties who will continue to communicate in the future, especially when they have children together. The manner in which the dissolution process is handled sets a tone for how the relationship between parties will carry out post-divorce.

Alternatively, mediation is a valuable tool for those parties who have chosen not to remain in contact at the conclusion of their marriage, given that mediation allows parties to express their goals and expectations after their divorce, and may in turn provide closure to their relationship.

Mediation: The Process

Mediation serves the public policy of encouraging the resolution of disputes by alternative means to judicial proceedings where parties undergo an evidentiary hearing of contested factual issues. Mediation allows parties to conclude their divorce amicably in good faith and without acrimony.

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In mediation, parties can think outside of the box to come to agreements on specific disputes in their divorce, because not all divorces are the same. They can also address matters which may not get the appropriate attention in Court, such as how to share management of a family business or the division of personal property.

Mediation: Children

There is enormous potential emotional and psychological harm that can be caused by a divorce to both parties and their children. In many court-based divorces, the children are often placed second to other factors of the divorce. Mediation is the ideal option for parents that wish to put the care and needs of their children first.

The ultimate goal in mediation in relation to children is to provide a healthy and effective environment for parents to plan their children's future. Both parents can be involved in the decisions that will affect their children's lives, in order to provide them with a sense of normalcy and love from both parents. The collaborative process in mediation allows parents to find the healthiest and most effective solution to their children's needs.

Mediation: Logistics

The cost of mediation is often times shared equally by the parties. Sharing the cost does provide the clients an equal sense of investment and responsibility, which produces a fruitful mediation for both parties.

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California's strict "Three Strikes Law" which gives a life sentence to repeat offenders who have committed violent crimes, and the intricacies of another measure designed to inform Californians of the presence of genetically-modified foods in their grocery stores.

"I definitely learned a few things," said Helen Weary, the parent of a Samohi junior who watched the presentations. "It urged me to consult my voter guide."

The assignment was meant to give students a window into the issues facing their state, and introduce them to the need to get informed, said Meredith Louria, an English teacher at Samohi.

"As a member of society, I want an educated electorate," she said. "When we look at what politics has become, it's all show and no substance. The best place to address that is in the classroom."

Louria is also the teacher advisor for the Human Rights Watch Student Task Force at Samohi, and several of her students were pulling double-duty at the Thursday night forum.

The concept for the night emerged out of the group's international work to support education in international conflict zones, said Max Gumbel, the vice president of the task force.

The students helped address needs in Darfur, Africa, putting educational materials into the hands of children who needed it most. It seemed natural for the group to bring the message home to California, where students in public school have seen classes get bigger, materials get older and funding

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cuts that put their prospects of higher education in question.

"It's scary to think about," said Linda Gordon, president of the Samohi task force. "Some people might not be able to get the classes to graduate if these cuts go through."

It gets down to the state's Constitution. Unlike the federal version, California's guarantees the right to education.

That's being violated left and right, Gumbel said.

Gumbel and his fellow students took their role in the events seriously. He looked like a deceptively young news anchor in a well-fit gray suit, and his male colleagues also sported jackets and the girls professional attire.

Half an hour before the kick-off, they were running through speaking order and topics, delving into the organization of the night.

First would be two individuals speaking for Proposition 30 and Proposition 38, both ballot measures that purport to fund education to different degrees and in different ways.

Then would come the candidates.

All would be questioned first by students and then by those young people in the audience, time allowing.

Although the League of Women Voters of Santa Monica helped the students craft neutrally-worded questions and kept watch on the time, the organization and the content of the forum was dictated by the students, said Pam Bruns, of the student task force.

Just after 7 p.m., the event kicked off with Eloy Oakley, president of Long Beach City College, speaking for Proposition 30 and Sandy Escobedo, a senior policy analyst with the Advancement Project representing Proposition 38.

Students quickly ripped into both propositions.

The first, put forward by Gov. Jerry Brown, increases taxes on people making above $250,000 for seven years and also adds half a cent to the sales tax.

It promises to prevent $6 billion of threatened cuts to K-12 and higher education, but gives no guarantee that funding will go to schools after the first year.

Proposition 38, on the other hand, raises $10 billion by taxing everyone in California that makes above $7,300 a year. Students discovered it would not keep funding stable in 2013, and that as seniors they could see as many as 20 days gone from their school year.

Butler and Bloom took the stage at 8 p.m.

Butler quickly established her progressive credentials, pushing the mantra of science, technology, engineering, arts and math — or STEAM education — and the need to include more girls in those critical fields.

Bloom touted his local victories for education, including the nearly $14 million of support that City Hall provides local schools each year.

Though they agreed on the problems, the two candidates differed on solutions.

Butler said she'd be "delighted and thrilled" to carry legislation like an oil severance tax or carbon market tax to fund education.

"We have to tax and build revenues," Butler told the audience.

Bloom took an opposing stance.

"We can't tax our way out of the problems we have," he said, pushing an agenda of economic development.

Students continued to pepper the candidates with questions right up to the 8:45 p.m. cut off. The candidates stayed after, speaking with groups of students and joining them in pictures.



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ONE OF THEM: **Area teens hosted forums this week where Props. 30 and 38, which would fund education through tax increases, were discussed at length ahead of the Nov. 6 election.**

The forum had a different tenor than those past, possibly because unlike many issues, the young people are facing the consequences of poorly-funded schools directly, Bloom said.

"It's extremely important that we have this kind of dialogue," he said.

The night was as much about the experience as the information.

Youth are the future, Butler said, and it's critical for them to be engaged in political issues and for candidates to listen.

"We need to get them hooked," she said.

The students cleaned up, facing the reality that tomorrow they'd be back at school looking many of the challenges described over the previous two hours squarely in the face.

It makes it even more important for students to push forward their needs and educate those around them, especially if they can't cast a ballot, Gumbel said.

"Students often underestimate the power they have," Gumbel said. "Even if we can't vote, we have the power of as many votes as we choose to exercise."

The vision of the event goes past the opportunity to drill candidates with tough questions, Bruns said.

"I think they're looking forward to establishing a working relationship with whoever gets elected in the 50th," Bruns said. "They'll go to Sacramento, if need be. They're the best witnesses to what's going on."

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MORE CHEESE PLEASE: **Luis Romo prepares a pie at Wildflour, once voted the best pizza in L.A.**

The slice is right



Michael Ryan *news@smdp.com*

REAL DEAL: **Joe's has the most authentic slice.**

WHEN THE CONVERSATION REGARDING the best pizza in Santa Monica is sparked, Rosti on Montana Avenue, Stella Rossa on Main Street, and the white hot Milo & Olive on Wilshire Boulevard always top the local list. It doesn't get much better than a brick-oven fired pie and a glass of Beaujolais, but some people aren't willing to shell out 30-plus bucks for that kind of lunch.

Low and behold, the cheaper and easier alternative is the ready-to-eat slice. But L.A. has always received a bad rap when baking up the New York-style pizza. So what gives? Is it the air? Is it the water? Is there any decent slices to be had right here in Santa Monica? Breaking my glutton-free diet I hit the streets to try every single slice available here in town and the findings were surprisingly good.

Having a well-balanced ratio of bread to cheese to sauce is the key to a good slice. The crust has to be pliable for folding yet retain a suitable crunch. It's a balancing act tough to maintain. Dining in is the only way to achieve such synergy. Delivery time plus steam created in the box can make a pie lose its edge. Going the way of the regular or plain, which is a slice with just cheese, was the best way to focus on what fundamentally makes a pizza good without getting distracted with a mix and mash of toppings.

Crust being the key, each pizzeria in town had their differences on how to bake their pies to stand out. On the not so subtle side, Grey Block Pizza (formerly Abbot's) on Pico Boulevard offers up a zesty slice with a crust peppered with poppy and sesame seeds and garlic, mimicking an everything bagel. Staunch slice traditionalists may not go for it, but order a slice with their house dipping sauce and it becomes the slice with a little something extra.

Wildflour on Main Street baked a pie rendering a pan-like crust, but maintained the thin slice with a decent amount of cheese and ample crunch. Not a slice optimal for folding, but everything else followed suit.

Bricola, the sole slicery of Montana Avenue, offered a crust on the softer side, making for an easy folding experience. Not void of all crispness, this pizza was lighter and airier. Along with the standard sprinklings like red pepper flakes and parmesan, Bricola offers an assortment of oils, giving them the edge on accouterments.

Stefano's on the Third Street Promenade had a deflated crust that did not puff up at all. The results, an over crisp crust resembling perforated cardboard that tasted like Manischewitz crackers.

For sauce lovers look no further than Ocean Park Pizza. This slice pours on plenty of rich sauce bursting with bright basil flavor. The crust is built on the crispier, sturdier side, easily able to accommodate such a saucy slice.

Grease lovers rejoice, Whole Foods has the slice for you! This slice badly warranted a napkin pat down. Afterwards, this folding floppy slice was ready to go.

Dagwood's will give you the best bang for your buck. Their slice is easily the biggest of the bunch, and at a cost of $2.94, it is a fantastic deal as well. It also tastes pretty good too.

The cheapest pizza ringing in at $2.46 comes from Classic Pizza on Pico. This slice did not do anything glaringly wrong. Conversely, with a pretty plain crust it did not do all that much in the way of standing out.

For a quarter more down on Ocean Park (or Wilshire) Slice has a very good … um, slice.

For a late night slice, Bravo Pizzeria is open well after the bars close on the weekends. Bravo offers a wide variety of slices ready to eat. The super thin slice makes folding mandatory. It is a good slice, but if you go after the bars close down, it may be the best thing you ever ate.

On the other side of town, the late night hot spot is New York & Chicago Pizzeria. Along with Chicago-style deep dish, they slang out a good slice. The one hang up is their menu offers an item called the Chi Town Double Dog. "Chicago Classic, 2 Hot Dogs smothered in cheese." This by no means is anything close to a classic Chicago hot dog and makes no sense whatsoever.

For the best of the best look no further than Joe's on Broadway. Not making it much of a secret, L.A. Weekly, Zagat, and L.A. food writing dynamo Jonathan Gold all agree on the greatness of Joe's. With the exception of a couple of salads, the menu at Joe's is strictly pizza. Any place that focuses on one spe-

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Wine and fracking don't mix, say vineyard owners

BY MICHAEL HILL
Associated Press

The hillside vineyards of New York's Finger Lakes region make money producing fine Rieslings and inviting tourists to sip white wine by the water's edge. Now winery owners are worried about the prospect of a grittier kind of economic development: gas drilling.

Some grape growers fear that if shale gas drilling, or fracking, is allowed in this region of postcard-perfect hills and crystal-clear lakes, the muddy well sites and rumbling trucks will not only endanger the environment but threaten the Finger Lakes' reputation for pristine beauty.

In their view, wine does not pair well with drilling.

"If they allow hydro-fracking anywhere near us, tourism will be over and the industry will be done," said Art Hunt of Hunt Country Vineyards near Keuka Lake, N.Y.

Hunt owns one of the roughly 100 wineries that dot the gently sloping hills around the Finger Lakes, which has a grape-friendly micro-climate created by the deep, slender, hill-framed waters.

The upstate wine region about 200 miles northwest of New York City does not have the cachet of California's famous valleys, but it has garnered a global reputation over the past decade for its Rieslings. Many of the wineries are small operations and depend heavily on business from tourists who make their way from vineyard to vineyard along the scenic roads.

One prominent winery, Dr. Konstantin Frank Vinifera Wine Cellars near Keuka Lake, averages 70,000 visitors a year. Dr. Frank was a World War II refugee from the Ukraine who brought the Finger Lakes into the modern era by successfully cultivating vinifera grapes in a region where winter temperatures commonly drop to 15 below zero.

His grandson Fred Frank worries the region's carefully tended reputation will be in danger if tourists who make the long trip up from the New York City area and elsewhere have to deal with traffic created by gas drilling.

"If they're in on traffic coming up a steep hill behind two or three tanker trucks crawling around at 5 mph, they're perhaps less likely to come back," Frank said.

The Finger Lakes sit atop the Utica shale formation and on the northern fringe of the Marcellus Shale formation, which is being tapped just across the state line in Pennsylvania through hydraulic fracturing, or fracking. The process involves the injection of massive amounts of chemically treated water into wells and is denounced by many environmentalists as a danger to drinking water supplies.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo's administration is reviewing the environmental and health effects of fracking and will decide whether it can go forward in New York. It is unclear how long the review will take.

Fracking is a polarizing issue that pits residents eager for new economic activity in a job-hungry region against those with environmental concerns. More than 110 upstate New York municipalities have passed moratoriums or outright bans on gas drilling.wome

The sweet spot for fracking in New York is south of many Finger Lakes wineries, and some of them would be protected by local bans. But winery operators say an entire lake could be polluted with one spill of chemical-laden water. They say that would create not only an environmental hazard, but a public relations nightmare.

"If the drilling does come to the Finger Lakes, what I can see happening in a heartbeat given a couple of accidents, all of the sudden the consumers are going to say, 'Are your vineyards near any wells?'" said Peter Saltonstall of King Ferry Winery by Cayuga Lake. "If people start thinking something is wrong with it, then we are sunk. That's something I stay up nights and worry about."

The advocacy group New Yorkers Against Fracking lists dozens of Finger Lakes wineries that want fracking banned.

A spokesman for the Independent Oil and Gas Association of New York, a trade group, said fears of a forest of rigs and roads choked with trucks are unfounded. The buildup in New York is expected to be slow, wells will be spaced far apart, and water used in the process will be drawn from nearby ponds, lakes and streams when possible, instead of being brought in by truck, spokesman Jim Smith said.

"The industry and tourism in general have coexisted very well in New York, and our expectation is that it will continue to do so and that when we look back on this, the tourism industry will see this as a benefit to their business," Smith said.

Allied with the drilling companies are hundreds of residents looking forward to new jobs or big profits from leasing their land to drillers. Some farmers are among those who would welcome the economic jolt.

"The drilling operation is temporary and then all there is is a pad and pipe sticking out of the ground," said Gerald Urda, who grows organic vegetables and fruit, including grapes, southeast of the Finger Lakes in Windsor, N.Y. "I think the two can coexist. It's not going to be drilling forever, and it's not going to be the whole area at once."

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cific thing is usually going to do it right. Otherwise they're not going to last long in the business. I have to agree with the critics, Joe's makes a pretty damn good slice of pie.

Of course it's all up for debate. It is natural to pledge allegiance to the neighborhood pizzeria. It's like rooting for the local sports team. I for one hold a special place in my heart for Santa Monica Pizza Kitchen. It is not much more than a hole in the wall, ma-and-pa pizza joint. But I've been going there for years and I love to get a slice or two for lunch. So if some blowhard newspaper writer told me that my favorite place was no good, I'd question his authority.

There are no defined losers. Pizza is good even when it's bad. You have to do something pretty drastic to mess up what is essentially cheese on bread. The real winner was my wallet. A slice of cheese never cost more than three and change. Plus all the pounds packed on will keep me well grounded with those Santa Ana winds starting to pick up. Eating all that pizza has given me good piece of mind, and I am now a fatter, sweatier, but more knowledgeable person because of the experience.

MICHAEL can be seen riding around town on his bike burning calories so he can eat more food, or on CityTV hosting his own show, "Tour de Feast." To reach him visit his website at http://tourdefeast.blogspot.com/ or follow him on Twitter @greaseweek







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a better job handling the economy and the federal budget deficit, the AP-GfK poll shows. And they're about as comfortable with Romney as they are with Obama on foreign policy.

They are more likely to say Obama has a clear vision for the future, however. They tend to say he understands the problems of people like them better than Romney does. They also give Obama a broad advantage on making the right decision on women's issues.

They're worried about the future.

Only 3 in 10 persuadable voters think the economy will improve in the coming year, compared with 6 in 10 decided voters.

"I'm not sure that either candidate is going to be able to correct the issues," said Cox, 43, who watched California's Central Valley suffer through recession and drought. "I'd like to get the jobs back in the United States. I'd like to quit owing China everything. Put the farmers back to work."

WHAT'S TAKING THEM SO LONG?

Some see virtue in refusing to rush.

Victoria Cook, a 27-year-old psychology student at Arapahoe Community College near Denver, leans toward Obama. But she stood in line to see Romney and Ryan at a rally with rocker Kid Rock this week.

"I don't want it to get to the point where you just write off the other guys right away," Cook said as she waited. "So I'll listen to what they have to say."

Professor Kirk said many undecided voters are so annoyed by months of TV commercials and punditry and news coverage that they just tune it all out until Election Day nears.

"They want to pay attention at the time they're ready to make a choice," she said. "It's like someone buying a car. That's when they start looking at the consumer magazines and all the attributes and how many airbags do the different models have. Not months in advance."

WILL THEY DECIDE THIS ELECTION?

It's possible.

"That small group of people can make a difference if the vast majority of them swing in one direction," said Rutgers University political science Professor Richard Lau, who studies how voters decide.

But that would be unusual. Late deciders tend to be divided, not vote as a block — unless they are swept up in a bigger wave, Lau said. In 1980, for example, October polls showed President Jimmy Carter in a tight race with Ronald Reagan.

"It was very close up until the last few days and somehow everybody just decided, 'Enough. We're going to change courses here,'" Lau said. "Usually what happens is that the independent voters change in the direction that somehow the nature of the times is already going."

Still, an advantage among procrastinators could swing the race in a hotly contested state.

In the last two presidential elections, about 1 in 10 voters surveyed as they left polling places said they'd settled on their candidate within the previous week. About 5 percent decided on Election Day.

No word on how many made up their minds while standing in the voting booth.





Nanny slashing shocks NYC parents

BY DAVID B. CARUSO & MEGHAN BARR
Associated Press

NEW YORK The nightmarish case of a nanny accused of stabbing to death two children in her care stunned the family's well-to-do neighborhood and caused legions of parents to wonder how well they know who is watching their kids.

The nanny, Yoselyn Ortega, lay in critical condition Friday with what police said were self-inflicted knife wounds, and investigators were unable to question her, in part because she was still breathing with the help of a tube.

Her motive and mental state remained a mystery, and no immediate charges were filed.

On Thursday evening, the children's mother, Marina Kim, brought her 3-year-old daughter home from a swim lesson to find her other youngsters, ages 2 and 6, dying of knife wounds in the bathtub of their Upper West Side apartment near Central Park. Ortega then turned the blade on herself, police said.

Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said the investigation has yet to reveal anything amiss in the household before the slayings.

Police were looking into whether Ortega, a 50-year-old naturalized U.S. citizen who had worked for the family for two years, had recently sought psychiatric help.

If there was tension between the nanny and the Krims, it didn't show on a Web journal kept by the children's mother. Marina Krim spoke lovingly in one entry about traveling to the Dominican Republic last February to stay for several days at the home of Ortega's sister.

"We met Josie's amazing familia!!! And the Dominican Republic is a wonderful country!!" she wrote. Pictures posted on the blog showed the two families posing together for a happy photo, with Ortega hugging the 3-year-old, Nessie, their cheeks pressed together.

Marina Krim, whose husband, Kevin Krim, is a CNBC digital media executive, wrote that Ortega's family had nicknamed little Nessie "Rapida y Furiosa," (or Fast and Furious), for her exuberance and energy.

There are tens of thousands of nannies working in New York City, but reports of serious violence by caregivers against children are exceedingly rare. Parents are accused of killing their own children with far more frequency.

More common are stories about nannies like Brunilda Tirado, who threw her body over a stroller to protect a baby from falling debris during a building collapse in the same Manhattan neighborhood in 2005. She suffered a broken arm and other injuries.

The slayings will undoubtedly prompt many parents hiring a nanny to check references more thoroughly, and swallow hard over the possibility that they might unknowingly hire a person who would do their child harm.

"For working parents this is a nightmare. Every mother I know is asking today, 'How do I go back to work?'" said mother Denise Albert, who has two young children and lives a few blocks from the site of the tragedy.

She stopped by the building to pay her respects, recalling a painful time she had to fire a nanny after 3 1/2 years when she found out the woman was lying about where she was taking the kids.

"It's the most difficult relationship in the world," she said. Albert said the two college students now caring for her children after school feel like members of the family.

Some parents said their trust in their nannies is unshaken.

"It's a horrible tragedy, but it doesn't make me question my nanny at all," said Elizabeth McCarthy, a single mother of a 6-year-old boy. "For me, I found somebody I trust. She's an incredible part of my son's life. She's a wonderful person, she's raised children of her own, and this doesn't make me in the least bit question anything about her."

Across the street from the building where the Krims lived, several nannies with children in strollers stood as if stricken, watching police officers milling around the entrance.

Michelle Person, a nanny from Jamaica, broke down thinking about the children who were killed.

"You just feel like it was the kid that you were taking care of, too. It's horrible," she said, her eyes filling with tears. She said she loves the 11-month-old boy she cares for as if he were her own son.

Another nanny, Karen Henry, said she felt uncomfortable walking around the neighborhood after the deaths. "Parents are looking at you as though you're responsible for what happened," she said.

Multitudes of parents think of their nannies as Mary Poppins-like heroes and trust them completely, but the relationship can be a complicated one. There is maybe no other profession where the line between family and workplace, employer and employee, is so thin.

New York state passed a law two years ago to protect nannies from financial exploitation. They commonly work 10- to 12-hour days, for an hourly wage similar to that of a full-time employee at Walmart, usually without fringe benefits.

Sharon Weatley, a writer and actress who is a former nanny herself and now relies on baby sitters to take care of her daughters, ages 4 and 14, said that if Ortega did indeed kill the children, "she is obviously crazy and this is a chemical imbalance going on in a horrifically tragic situation."

"But I do think child care providers sometimes walk around with a lot of anger toward their employer," she added. "People ask them to do ridiculous things beyond the care of children. Then they get overworked and frustrated in the same way that a parent gets overworked."

Thursday's slayings evoked the case of Louise Woodward, a British teenager who was convicted of killing a baby in her care in Newton, Mass., in 1997. That case prompted discussion at the time about whether teenage au pairs could handle the stress of caring for a stranger's child. Woodward served less than a year in jail.

Ortega's case is different. She is older and had experience. Police said she came to the Krims on a referral from another family.

Cheryl Meyer, a psychology professor at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio, and co-author of the book "Mothers Who Kill Their Children," said that while many women who kill their kids feel trapped, in most cases a nanny who thinks she is at breaking point with a difficult child can walk out.

She said it's not uncommon to hear of a family where the nanny or baby sitter quits, leaving a note or just never coming back. "Moms can't do that. There's no way out for them. For a nanny, there is an out," Meyer said.

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McGovern celebrated as 'conscience for our nation'

BY BRIAN BAKST & CHET BROKAW
Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. Three former Democratic presidential candidates paid personal respects Friday to George McGovern, whose 1972 campaign for president galvanized the party's liberal wing and ushered in a new generation of political activism.

Walter Mondale, John Kerry and Gary Hart — who like McGovern all spent time in the Senate before unsuccessful runs for the White House — led a crowd of hundreds of mourners. Hart, McGovern's campaign manager in 1972, was the only one of the three to speak at the funeral.

"George McGovern was a voice of conscience for our nation in our time," Hart said. Those who were uncomfortable with McGovern called him a liberal as an insult to try to imply he was weak, Hart added, but "he was larger than any political label, particularly a demonized one."

McGovern died Sunday at age 90 after a brief stay in hospice care.

In a sign of McGovern's stature in sparsely populated South Dakota, the service aired live on television in the state's largest city. As the final farewell to South Dakota's native son, the funeral was filled with tender reflections and humorous tales from McGovern's colorful past. A bagpipe processional closed out the funeral. A private burial for McGovern in Washington will be scheduled later.

Larry Fuller, a retired newspaper publisher from Sioux Falls who became friends with McGovern, said it was a fitting tribute for the man who served the state in Washington for two decades. McGovern left office in 1981 after losing a campaign for a fourth Senate term.

"I think it's a wonderful opportunity for this state to recognize everything he did for South Dakota, something that didn't happen after his last election," Fuller said. "I can't think of any South Dakotans who had as positive an impact on history as George McGovern."

Even though he came up short in three tries for president, McGovern is revered on the left as someone who inspired a coterie of young Democrats who would go on to great things. Among his flock of campaign workers were future senators, a secretary of state in Hillary Clinton and a president in Bill Clinton.

The two days of ceremony were something of a reunion of ardent supporters. Old-timers sporting quarter-sized "McGovern" campaign buttons paused for group photos. Another man wore a button declaring: "I Want McGovernment."


McGOVERN

Vice President Joe Biden spoke at a prayer service Thursday night. The dignitary list for Friday included Mondale, a former vice president who was the Democratic nominee in the 1984 presidential race that marked McGovern's last bid for public office. Kerry, a Massachusetts senator and the 2004 Democratic nominee, made the trip on short notice.

In a show of bipartisanship, South Dakota's GOP Gov. Dennis Daugaard, Sen. John Thune and Rep. Kristi Noem were there, too. Former Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, a fellow South Dakota Democrat, held McGovern up as a model citizen who overcame hardship to lead a life of public service.

"I've never known anybody who preached the gospel more effectively in so many ways than George: a peacemaker, a humanitarian, a teacher, a minister, a congressman, a senator, a voice for the voiceless and a champion for hungry children," Daschle said.

Massachusetts Rep. Jim McGovern, who is

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CIUDAD DE SANTA MONICA
NOTIFICACIÓN DE LOS CANDIDATOS PARA CARGOS PUBLICOS ELECCIÓNES MUNICIPALES, 6 DE NOVIEMBRE, 2012

POR LA PRESENTE SE DA AVISO de que se han designado las siguintes personas para los cargos que han de ser cubiertos en la Elección Municipal General que se llevará a cabo en la Ciudad de Santa Monica el martes, 6 de noviembre, 2012.

Miembro del Concejo Municipal (periodo de 4 años)
Vote por no más de Cuatro

Terry O'Day	Gleam Olivia Davis	Richard McKinnon
John Cyrus Smith	Steve Duron	Jonathan Mann
Bob Seldon	Tony Vazquez	Armen Melkonians
Ted Winterer	Roberto Gómez	Jerry Peace Activist Rubin
Shari Davis	Frank Gruber	Terence Later

Miembro de la Junta de Control de Alquileres (periodo de 4 años)
Vote por no más de Dos

Christopher D. Walton	Robert Kronovet	Ilse Rosenstein

Miembro de la Junta de Educación (periodo de 4 años)
Vote por no más de Tres

Ben Allen	Craig Foster	Maria Leon-Vazquez
Karen Farrer	Seth Jacobson	Jose Escarce

Medidas sometidas a votación:

MEDIDA GA: Deberá ser enmendada la Carta Constitucional para permitir que el ajusto general de control de alquileres sea basado en 75% del cambio del porcentaje anual del Índice de Precios al Consumidor, pero limitado a un ajusto entre 0% y 6%; y para dar discreción a la Junta de Control de Alquileres, después de una audiencia publica, a imponer un limite monetario entre el los limites de 0-6%, que sea calculado usando la misma formula que es usada cuando imponiendo un limite bajo la formula para al ajusto general que existe ahora?

Sí No

MEDIDA ES: BONO PARA MODERNIZACIÓN, MEJORAMIENTO ACADÉMICO Y SEGURIDAD ANTE TERREMOTOS E INCENDIOS EN ESCUELAS LOCALES. A fin de mejorar la instrucción académica y seguridad escolar modernizando aulas y campus de escuelas secundarias, reparando escuelas primarias envejecidas, garantizando que cada escuela cumpla con las normas actuales de seguridad ante terremotos e incendios para proteger a los estudiantes y construir, adquirir, modernizar y/o reparar aulas, sitios, establecimientos, equipos, computadoras y tecnología educativa para elevar el logro estudiantil, ¿debe el Distrito Escolar Unificado de Santa Monica-Malibu emitir $385,000,000 en bonos a tasas legales, con supervisión fiscal independiente, auditorías obligatorias y que todos los fondos se destinen a las escuelas de Santa Monica y Malibu?

Sí No

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
NOTICE OF NOMINEES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE NOVEMBER 6, 2012, MUNICIPAL ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following persons have been nominated for the offices designated to be filled at the General Municipal Election to be held in the City of Santa Monica on Tuesday, November 6, 2012.

For Member of the City Council (4-yr term)
Vote for no more than Four

Terry O'Day	Gleam Olivia Davis	Richard McKinnon
John Cyrus Smith	Steve Duron	Jonathan Mann
Bob Seldon	Tony Vazquez	Armen Melkonians
Ted Winterer	Roberto Gómez	Jerry Peace Activist Rubin
Shari Davis	Frank Gruber	Terence Later

For Commissioner of the Rent Control Board (4-yr term)
Vote for no more than Two

Christopher D. Walton	Robert Kronovet	Ilse Rosenstein

For Member of the Board of Education (4-yr term)
Vote for no more than Three

Ben Allen	Craig Foster	Maria Leon-Vazquez
Karen Farrer	Seth Jacobson	Jose Escarce

Measures to be Voted On:

MEASURE GA: Shall the City Charter be amended to allow the annual rent control general adjustment to be based on 75% of the annual percentage change in the Consumer Price Index, but limited to an adjustment between 0% and 6%; and to give the Rent Control Board discretion, after a public hearing, to impose a dollar limit, within the 0-6% range, calculated using the same formula employed when imposing a limit under the existing general adjustment formula?

Yes No

MEASURE ES: LOCAL SCHOOL MODERNIZATION, ACADEMIC IMPROVEMENT AND EARTHQUAKE AND FIRE SAFETY BOND. To improve academic instruction and school safety by modernizing high school classrooms and campuses, repairing aging elementary schools, ensuring every school meets current earthquake and fire safety standards to protect students, and constructing, acquiring, modernizing, and/or repairing classrooms, sites, facilities, equipment, computers, and learning technology to raise student achievement, shall the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District issue $385,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, with independent fiscal oversight, mandatory audits, and all funds for Santa Monica and Malibu schools?

Yes No

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not related to George McGovern, also spoke about the love McGovern had for his country.

Most in the audience were family, friends and admirers.

A few hours before the funeral, McGovern's family gathered to walk behind a hearse bringing the senator's flag-draped coffin the few blocks from a funeral home to the arts center for the service. One of McGovern's eight great-grandchildren held a crisply folded flag at the front of the processional.

Bill Walsh, of Deadwood, S.D., drove 400 miles to attend the funeral of a man he has known since growing up two blocks away from McGovern's home in Mitchell 60 years ago. Reflecting on the 1972 campaign, Walsh said his friend could have won the presidency if he had emphasized his record as a war hero.

His role as a military pilot who did bombing runs over Europe during World War II was a muted part of McGovern's biography. He returned with medals for valor, but was reluctant to mention that in a campaign setting, especially in the presidential race where he urged an immediate end to U.S. involvement in Vietnam.

It was a plan he never had a chance to execute. He lost that year to Richard Nixon, who won all but one state. South Dakota even went Nixon's way. Soon after the election, Nixon resigned amid the Watergate scandal.

McGovern was also known for his advocacy for world nutrition, a cause he continued long after leaving public office. In 2008, he was awarded the World Food Prize along with former Republican Sen. Bob Dole, who had also faced defeat in a presidential race.

A testament to McGovern's crusade against hunger was in the lobby at the funeral: a basket brimming with dried food goods that will go to a needy family.

A program distributed at the memorial service had an image of a smiling McGovern in his twilight and bore a comment Pope John XXII made to McGovern when he was an emissary to Rome for John F. Kennedy's administration. It read: "When you meet your Maker and he asks, 'Have you fed the hungry, given drink to the thirsty, and cared for the lonely?' you can answer, 'Yes.'"

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Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 61.5°

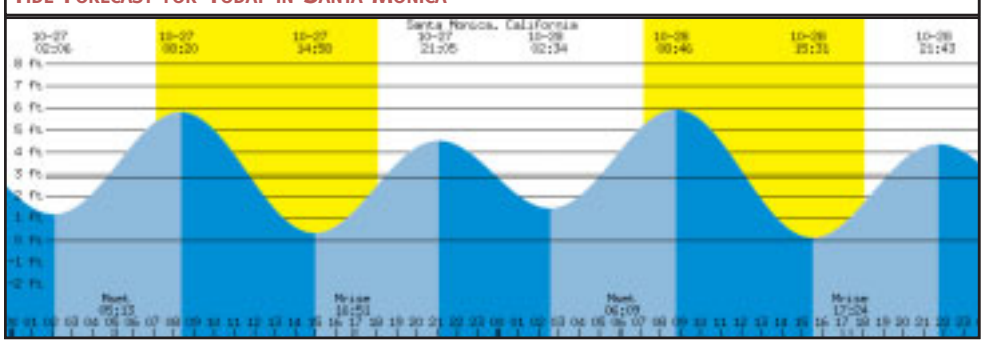
Swell Forecast

Should see swell drop to waist max most everywhere.

Long Range Synopsis

Looks to be knee to waist most everywhere, although west facing breaks may see an increase late in the day.

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 24, 2012**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 4
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 31 / 3
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 0

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: The Diller – von Furstenberg Family Foundation, Goodbrook Family Foundation, simplehuman, LazerGUY, SBBA

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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 Lechusa 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.	A	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Ben Blocker County Beach.	A+	ns
Pearce State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Pearce Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd.	F	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A+	A
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.	A+	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 17208 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	B	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	B	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	A+
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.	F	B
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A+	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 CBW 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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NHL

Now no hockey through Nov.

BY IRA PODELL
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK The NHL lockout has forced the cancellation of all games through the end of November.

The NHL announced Friday that 326 regular-season games from Oct. 11 through Nov. 30 were lost — more than 26.5 percent of the schedule. The news came one day after a league-imposed deadline passed for a deal with the players' association that would allow for a full season.

"The National Hockey League deeply regrets having to take this action," deputy commissioner Bill Daly said in a statement. "By presenting a proposal to the NHLPA that contemplated a fair division of revenues and was responsive to player concerns regarding the value of their contracts, we had hoped to be able to forge a long-term collective bargaining agreement that would have preserved an 82-game regular season for our fans. Unfortunately, that did not occur."

The dispute is all too similar to the 2004-05 lockout that led to the cancellation of that entire season — the first time a North American professional sports league lost a complete campaign to a labor dispute.

Reaching a new deal potentially became even tougher Friday, because the NHL pulled off the table its most recent offer to the players — one that included a 50-50 split of hockey-related revenues.

"The league officially informed us today that they have withdrawn their latest proposal and have cancelled another slate of regular-season games," union executive director Donald Fehr said in a statement. "This is deeply disappointing for all hockey fans and everyone who makes their living from hockey, including the players. But it comes as no surprise."

Whether any of the canceled games can be rescheduled in the event of a quick settlement remains to be seen.

Daly told the AP in an e-mail that if a deal is reached, the league will try to play as many games as possible.

"Having said that, once clubs begin releasing dates and rebooking their buildings, as they will be free to do for the month of November, the process will obviously get more difficult and complicated," he wrote.

Last week, the NHL offered a 50-50 split of hockey-related revenues, which exceeded $3 billion last season, but that proposal was rejected by the union. The players responded with three counteroffers, all of which would get the sides to a 50-50 deal, but the league quickly turned them down.

The NHL proposal was contingent on the league playing a full 82-game season, beginning on Nov. 2, which now won't happen.

Players earned 57 percent of revenue in the recently expired contract, in which a salary cap was included for the first time. Owners originally sought to bring that number below 50 percent this time around before the most recent NHL offer of 50-50.

Efforts by the players' association to resume negotiations this week were rebuffed by the NHL because the union declined to agree to start bargaining off the framework of the league's offer or issue another proposal using the league's proposal as a starting point.

There is a major divide between the sides over how to deal with existing player contracts. The union wants to ensure that those are all paid in full without affecting future player contracts. NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman expressed a willingness to discuss the "make whole" provisions on existing contracts, but only if the economic portions of the league's offer are accepted first by the union.

"Last week the owners gave us what amounts to a 'take-it-or-leave-it' proposal," Fehr said. "We responded with the framework for three proposals on the players' share, each of which moved significantly, toward their stated desire for a 50-50 split of HRR, with the only condition being that they honor contracts they have already signed. Honoring contracts signed between owners and players is a reasonable request. Unfortunately, after considering them for only 10 minutes they rejected all of our proposals."

This lockout, the third of Bettman's tenure as commissioner, began Sept. 16.

"We have repeatedly advised the owners that the players are prepared to sit down and negotiate on any day, with no preconditions. The owners refused," Fehr said. "They apparently are only interested in meeting if we first agree to everything in their last offer, except for perhaps a few minor tweaks and discussion of their 'make whole' provision.

"The message from the owners seems to be: if you don't give us exactly what we want, there is no point in talking. They have shown they are very good at delivering deadlines and demands, but we need a willing partner to negotiate. We hope they return to the table in order to get the players back on the ice soon."

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Frankenweenie (PG) 1hr 27min
11:50am, 2:20pm, 4:50pm, 7:15pm, 9:45pm

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11:45am, 2:30pm, 5:10pm, 7:45pm, 10:25pm

Argo (R) 2hrs 00min
12:45pm, 3:55pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

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Hotel Transylvania 3D (PG) 1hr 31min
1:45pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

Fun Size (PG-13) 1hr 30min
11:35am, 2:00pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:35pm

Argo (R) 2hrs 00min
11:10am, 1:55pm, 4:55pm, 7:55pm, 10:50pm

Taken 2 (PG-13) 1hr 31min
11:55am, 2:35pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:30pm

Chasing Mavericks (PG) 1hr 51min
11:15am, 2:15pm, 5:15pm, 8:15pm, 11:00pm

Paranormal Activity 4 (R) 1hr 35min
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Perks of Being a Wallflower (PG-13) 1hr 42min
11:30am, 2:20pm, 4:50pm, 7:25pm, 10:20pm

Hotel Transylvania (PG) 1hr 31min
11:15am, 4:20pm

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Searching for Sugar Man (PG-13) 1hr 25min
1:10pm, 3:25pm, 5:40pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

Francine (NR) 1hr 14min
11:00am

Other Son (Le fils de l'autre) (PG-13) 1hr 45min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:10pm

Split: A Deeper Divide (NR) 1hr 12min
11:10am

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Looper (R) 1hr 58min
11:10am, 1:55pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:25pm

Sinister (R) 1hr 50min
11:20am, 2:10pm, 5:05pm, 8:00pm, 10:40pm

Seven Psychopaths (R) 1hr 49min
11:40am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

Silent Hill: Revelation 3D (R) 1hr 34min
11:55am, 2:40pm, 5:15pm, 7:50pm, 10:25pm

Pitch Perfect (PG-13) 1hr 52min
11:15am, 2:05pm, 4:55pm, 7:40pm, 10:20pm

Cloud Atlas (R) 2hrs 44min
11:30am, 3:15pm, 7:00pm, 10:45pm

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Speak your mind, Aquarius

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Your choices could be limited by a recent event or action. A major adjustment or change in tactic might be necessary. Listen to someone you eminently respect. Tonight: Dive into the moment.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You have a strong sense about when you need to say less and follow someone else's lead or others' suggestions. Simultaneously, insights come forward about key people and/or your interactions. Tonight: Allow someone to treat you well.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You know what you want, but apparently so does someone else. You both can have what you want, if you decide to give up black-and-white rigidity. Tonight: Wherever the happening is, you are right in the middle.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ By leaning back and enjoying yourself, you'll see new vistas and possibilities. Let someone you respect call the shots; you simply are going along for the ride. Let this person be. Tonight: In the limelight.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Read between the lines. A child or new flame could be unusually forthright, which forces you to step back and take this person seriously. You actually are receiving an invitation, perhaps in a nontraditional fashion. Opt for breaking away from your routine. Tonight: Off on an adventure.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ You will have a tendency to say more in the next few weeks. Currently, a close friend or loved one dominates your space, if not your thoughts. If you are having mixed feelings, think before you blurt out a statement. That way, what you say will have more impact. Tonight: Run with someone's fun idea.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Others seem determined to have it their way. If you become resistant, ask yourself why you feel that way before acting out or saying "no." A clear statement will be responded to positively and could initiate an important, long-overdue talk. Tonight: Go with someone else's plans.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Your words and actions carry much more power than in the past. You have a way and style that let others know you are not kidding. Use care when dealing with someone strategic in your life. Tonight: If you can, be a couch potato.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You have a fiery side that demands attention. You might feel pressured financially or need to update your budget. Tap into your creativity and approach a risk with the knowledge that you can handle any problem well. Tonight: Be spontaneous ... throw a party.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Know what you want and expect from a situation. You have made decisions up to now that you felt were unchangeable, but as you grow, you see many more options. Tonight: Happiest close to home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ While someone might be vested in surprising you, your response might do more than just jolt him or her. A friend who sometimes is pushy demands your time now. Juggle your different commitments. Tonight: Speak your mind.

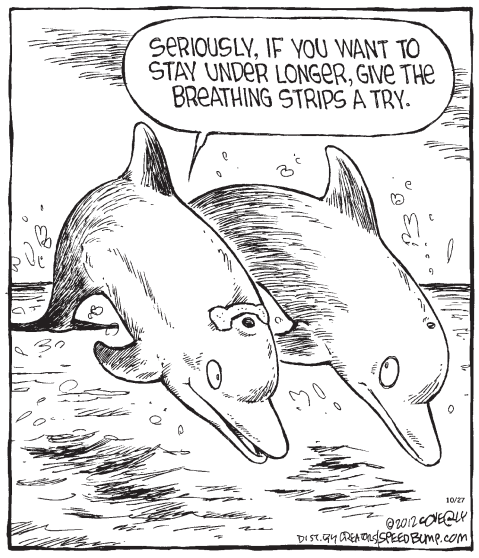
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Be sensitive to your options. You have many more available to you than you know. Your finances play a strong role in your decision-making process. Tonight: Hang out close to home. Talk to a roommate or family member.

Happy birthday

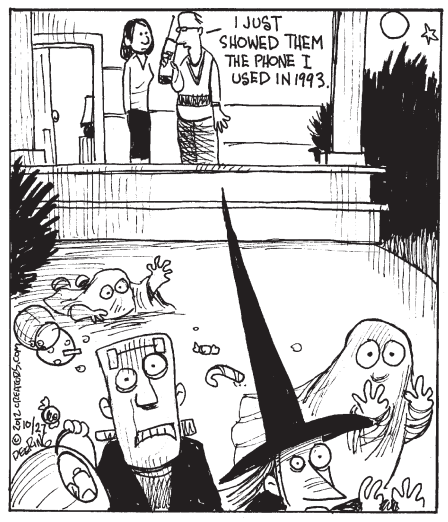
This year you open up to more excitement in your daily life. You could try to avoid all these unexpected events, but it will not work. If you often find that you are caught in a power play, do not play into it. If you are single, you could meet someone just in the process of being yourself. This person might not be "the one" for you, but he or she will be a fun date. If you are attached, the two of you develop a hobby together. This shared interest makes for more closeness between you. ARIES pushes hard for what he or she wants.

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

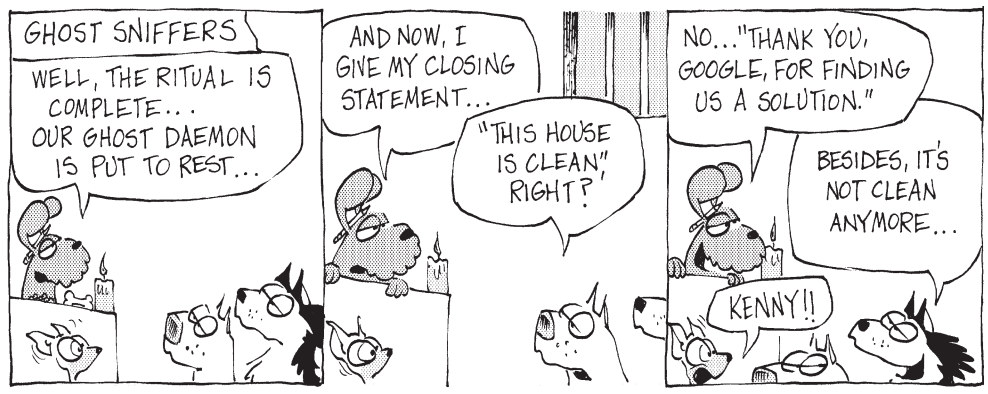
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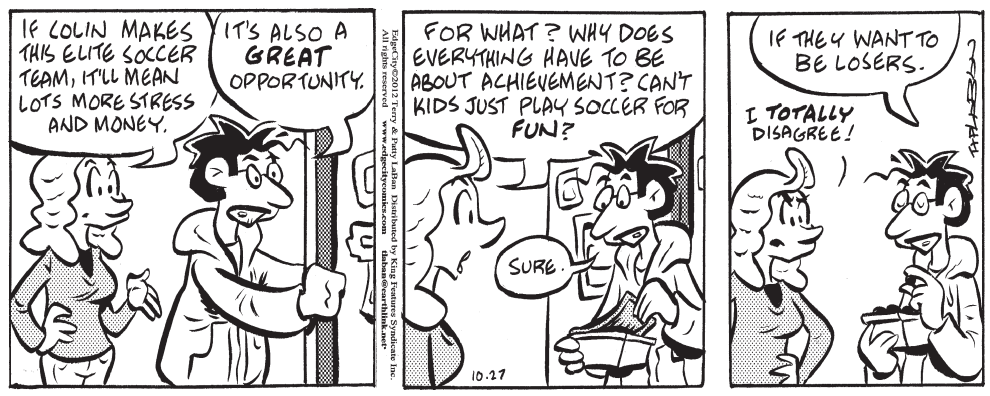
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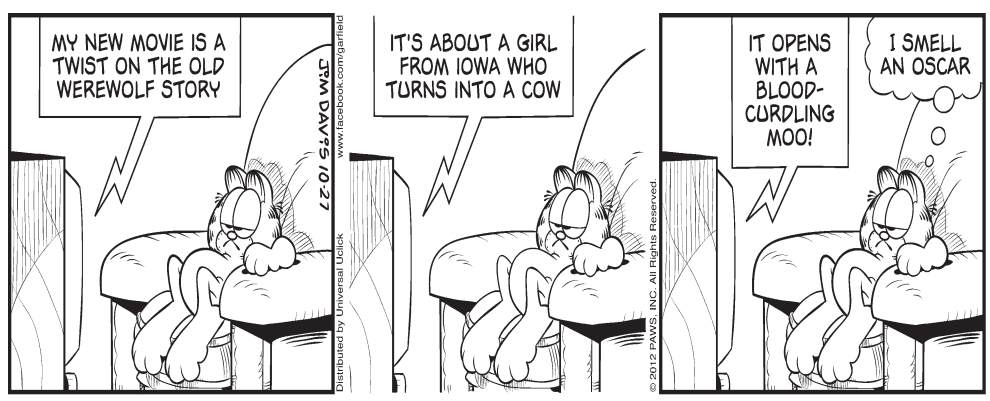
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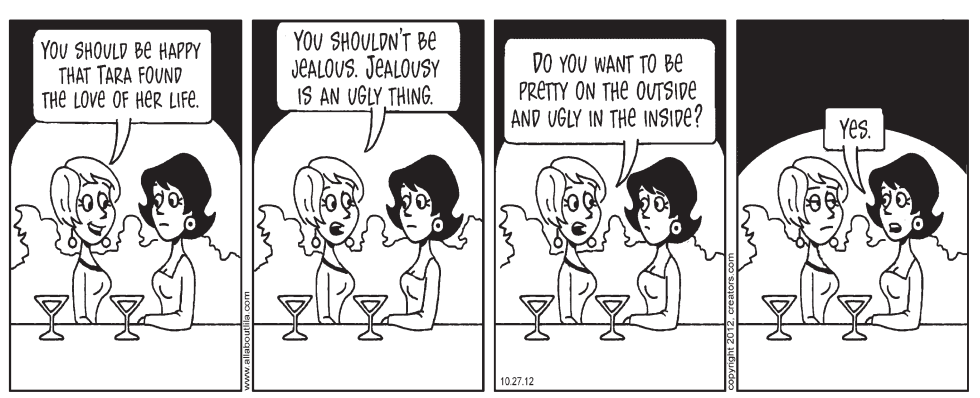
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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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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2	8	6	3	5	9	4	1	7
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9	3	2	5	4	7	6	8	1
1	7	5	2	6	8	3	9	4
3	4	9	1	8	6	2	7	5
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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15 Newspaper feature
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18 Part of a student's email address
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22 German article
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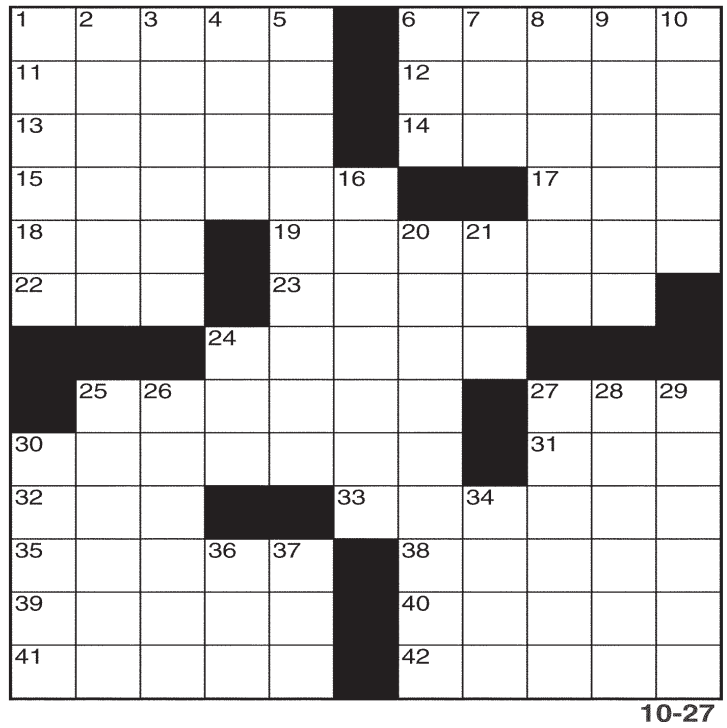
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30 DVR button
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Endangering the "Presumption of Innocence": (1) Roy Mullen, posing for his most recent photo to be posted on the Tennessee sex offender registry in September, showed up wearing a t-shirt reading "Love Sucks / True Love Swallows." (2) Hubert Leverich, 40, was arrested in Danville, Va., in September and charged with sexual abuse of an underage girl. Leverich's permanently tattooed forehead reads "Felon Thoughts" and (in English gothic lettering) "Insane."

■ Pathetic: (1) Kalpeshkumar Patel, 40, failed in June to carry out his longstanding threat to burn down the Chevron station in High Springs, Fla. After dousing his car with gasoline in front of the store, he realized he had no lighter or matches and had to ask several customers, without success, to help him out. He was arrested before he could do any damage. (2) Ignatius "Michael" Pollara, 46, and his mother, 70, were arrested following what police said was a 10-year shoplifting spree that might have spanned 50 states. They were nabbed in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., because, said sheriff's Sgt. Rich Rossman, Pollara could not resist using a "rewards" card traced to him, which he used to get credit for some of the purchases he had switched for more expensive items.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1961 - Mauritania and Mongolia join the United Nations.

1962 - Major Rudolf Anderson of the United States Air Force becomes the only direct human casualty of the Cuban Missile Crisis when his U-2 reconnaissance airplane is shot down in Cuba by a Soviet-supplied SA-2 Guideline surface-to-air missile.

1962 - A plane carrying Enrico Mattei, postwar Italian administrator, crashes in mysterious circumstances.

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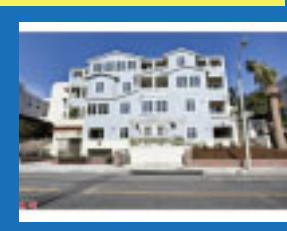


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