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Commission's objections on park overruled

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL "Why nix the bricks?"

Santa Monica City Councilmember Kevin McKeown's pithy inquiry cut to the heart of one of the last remaining questions regarding the design of the Town Square Park in front of City Hall, which became a battleground between the Landmarks Commission and an internationally-renowned design team in recent months.

It did not save the aforementioned bricks, which — along with planterboxes and some juniper trees — got the ax when the City

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Senior questioned in fatal hit-and-run

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY A 76-year-old man from Los Angeles was questioned by Santa Monica police Thursday in connection with a fatal hit-and-run collision at the corner of Lincoln and Santa Monica boulevards, authorities said.

The suspect was brought in for questioning after a family member notified police, believing the senior may have been involved in the collision that took the life of a 73-year-old homeless man on Wednesday morning, said SMPD Sgt. Richard Lewis said.

Officers responded to the location of the suspected driver and met with the family member, who cooperated in the investigation. Damage to the suspect's vehicle, along with witness information obtained by investigators, "confirmed that the vehicle at the location had been involved in the collision," Lewis said.

The vehicle was impounded and the driver released following the interview with investigators.

"The driver is not under arrest at this

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Employees approve benefits changes

Agreement will save money in long, short term for city coffers

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL A coalition of Santa Monica employee unions agreed to alter their own health care payments and cut benefits to future employees in a nod to the growing burden of employee health and pension costs on public coffers.

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Both deals cover employees in 13 different associations that cover all city employees except public safety personnel.

The new health care deal requires employees to pitch in 5 percent of the cost

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Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

(Right) City and school district officials including Superintendent Sandra Lyon, Mayor Pro Tem Gleam Davis and school board members Oscar de la Torre and Ben Allen cut the ribbon Thursday on a new synthetic field at Santa Monica High School. The makeover is part of the Civic Center Joint Use Project, a partnership between the SMMUSD and City Hall which allows greater public access to the campus.

(Above) The Samohi marching band played during the ribbon cutting ceremony.

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Friday, Oct. 28, 2011

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

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

On a crusade
Civic Auditorium
1855 Main St., 7:30 p.m.
Participate in a free, one-night "miracle healing crusade" with international evangelist Wayman Mitchell of Prescott, Ariz. Mitchell has led healing crusades throughout the United States and abroad and prays for people with ailments ranging from sprained ankles to cancer. God's miracle-working power is available to those who seek it, according to Mitchell. For further information, call the sponsoring Lighthouse Church of Santa Monica, (310) 560-7793.

Saturday, Oct. 29, 2011

Local tastes
TRIP
2101 Lincoln Blvd., 7 p.m.
Wines from six of the leading Santa Monica Mountain vineyards will be available for a local wine tasting benefiting nonprofit Heal the Bay. TRIP will donate all of the proceeds to the environmental watchdog. For more information, visit www.tripsantamonica.com.

The making of Jack
Pico Farmers' Market
2200 Virginia Ave., 10 a.m. — 1 p.m.
Free pumpkin decorating for kids just in time for Halloween. There will be fun materials available to make your Jack-O-Lantern unique.

Med drop-off
Public Safety Facility
333 Olympic Dr., 10 a.m. — 2 p.m.
The Santa Monica Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration will give the public another opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs. Bring your medications for disposal to the front of the Santa Monica Police Department. An officer will be available at the curb to make it easier for you to just drive up and drop off your unused or unwanted prescription drugs. The service is free, anonymous and no questions will be asked.

To create your own listing, log on to smdp.com/submitevent

For help, contact Daniel Archuleta at 310-458-7737 or submit to editor@smdp.com

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com/communitylistings

CORRECTION

In the article "Progress made on homelessness, but resources scarce," which appeared in the Oct. 27 edition of the Daily Press, it should have stated that the 2011 Homeless Count identified 740 homeless people in Santa Monica, not 7,551 – that number refers to those who have at some point during an entire year had contact with one of the city's homeless services providers.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SM PIER

Boarding for breast cancer

Social causes and alternate forms of transportation are common in Santa Monica, so it should be no surprise that the two have fused in the fifth annual Skate the Coast on Saturday.

The event, which will stretch from the Santa Monica Pier to Redondo Beach, is organized by Board for Breast Cancer, a Los Angeles-based youth organization that tries to do more than simply raise awareness about the disease.

"It's about changing the mindset from awareness to prevention," said Erika Seward, director of development at Board for Breast Cancer. "Being your own advocate for health is what we're really all about."

The organization creates events that are built around skateboards, surfboards and snowboards, providing a youthful counterpart to other awareness walks and marathons, she said.

Participants in Skate the Coast will meet at the Santa Monica Pier and set off at 11 a.m., travel down the Santa Monica Bay and end up in Redondo Beach between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

The choice to travel from pier to pier was easy for an organization that promotes healthy living, Seward said.

"We thought it made the most sense with the beach lifestyle that is there," she said.

Although skateboards are the primary form of transportation for the event, bicycles and roller-skates are not unheard of, Seward said.

The 18 mile coast-wide ride concludes at the newly opened Wahoo's Fish Tacos at Redondo Beach Rivera Plaza, at a post-skate party featuring live bands and fundraising raffles, not to mention free tacos for the first 200 people to arrive, she said.

Registration for Skate the Coast is open online (http://b4bc.org/), but a registration pre-event party is scheduled to take place at the ZJ Boarding House on Main St. from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. today.

Registration costs $25, which includes a sponsor goodie bag, an event T-shirt and a free meal courtesy of Wahoo's Fish Tacos.

Board for Breast Cancer estimates that over 200 people will participate in the event.

COLIN NEWTON

✉WHAT DO YOU THINK?

■ Send letters to **editor@smdp.com**

Cops searching for sexual assault suspects

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY Santa Monica police are asking for the public's help in locating three men involved in an alleged sexual assault, authorities said Thursday.

The reported assault took place on Oct. 19 around 2 p.m. in an alley near the corner of Lincoln and Pico boulevards, said SMPD Sgt. Richard Lewis.

The female victim told officers that she was walking on the 800 block of Pico Boulevard when she was grabbed from behind and dragged into an alley. Once in the alley, three suspects attempted to remove her clothes while sexually assaulting her.

The victim was able to fight off her attackers and run way, Lewis said.

The three suspects were described as follows:

• Male Latino in his 30s with black hair "buzz cut," wearing a white T-shirt, black Dickies shorts and white socks.

• Male Latino in his mid 30s, wearing a black T-shirt and jeans. The suspect had a tattoo of a skull on his left forearm.

• Male white in his late 30s, wearing a long sleeve black shirt over a white T-shirt, black Dickies shorts and white basketball shoes.

Police are also looking for an older model four-door Cadillac, brown in color.

Anyone with information is urged to contact Santa Monica detectives at (310) 458-8983, (310) 458-8460, or the watch commander at (310) 458-8495.

Anyone wishing to remain anonymous may call the WeTip hotline at (800) 78-CRIME (27463) or submit the tip online at www.wetip.com.

Or, anonymous tipsters can contact Crime Stoppers by either calling (800) 222-TIPS (8477) or by visiting their website at www.lacrimestoppers.org. If the information leads to an arrest, the tipster is eligible to receive a reward up to $1,000.

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LONE AMIGO

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The final member of the 'Three Amigos' sits Thursday waiting to be moved to a new location inside of the plot that is being built into Palisades Garden Walk.

State leaders renew talks on public pension fix

MICHAEL R. BLOOD
AP Political Writer

CARSON Economically battered California has promised government retirees billions of dollars in future benefits that it might not be able to pay, and legislators Wednesday kicked off a new round of talks to contain rising pension costs that are causing havoc across the state.

The discussions got under way as Gov. Jerry Brown finalized details of a retooled proposal to stabilize public pension systems, after earlier negotiations stalled in Sacramento gridlock.

The recession pummeled government pension funds, whose investments tumbled in value with the stock market and real estate prices. In March, the California State Teachers' Retirement System reported that it had 71 percent of the assets needed to cover long-term retirement costs for its 852,000 members and family members, with an estimated shortfall of $56 billion.

At a hearing in Carson, near Los Angeles, Santa Monica City Manager Rod Gould told a Senate-Assembly panel that pension costs are eating into municipal budgets and projections that the trend will continue "are turning out to be true."

As costs accumulate, cities and counties "will have to further reduce services and staffing," warned Gould, speaking on behalf of the League of California Cities.

In a letter to legislative leaders Tuesday, Brown said the state needs pension systems that are "truly sustainable over the long-time horizon."

Brown was expected to again propose

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Editor:

Everywhere I go, I am being solicited to donate to Susan G. Komen for the Cure. I applaud the support of charitable organizations, but urge your readers to click before they give.

According to www.HumaneSeal.org, sponsored by Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine, the Komen organization is not a humane charity. Instead of providing educational outreach or patient support, donations may be funding painful experiments on animals that do not advance human health.

Tools are available to aid us in determining exactly what our gifts are being used for. Financial statements and rankings are published on www.charitynavigator.org, and the Humane Seal protects donors from inadvertently supporting cruelty.

Please take a moment to look before you give and then give generously!

Phyllis Elliott
Santa Monica

Electric is better

Editor:

Mr. Kirwan's letter to the editor ("At the source," Oct. 25) has raised a number of issues concerning the replacement of gasoline vehicles by electric vehicles. While he clearly put a lot of thought into his analysis, he (as well as most of the public) is probably unaware of two crucial facts that negate his expressed concerns.

First, the nighttime charging of EVs is unlikely to generate more emissions, as he believes. Electric utilities generate a tremendous amount of excess power overnight because they cannot stop running the massive turbines that create the electricity, and there is little or no demand for the power. Accordingly, the utilities simply have to dump the excess power. With nighttime charging, the power does not go to waste, and the utility can actually make some profit during that period, with little or no additional emissions. (And tailpipe emissions have been eliminated!)

Second, we have to remember that refineries are huge users of electricity. To extract one gallon of gasoline requires about 12 kWh of energy. For a gallon of gas produced from California wells, about one-third of the energy used to refine gasoline comes from natural gas.

So I can get 20 to 25 miles from a gallon of gas, or about 40 miles (or more) from an electric vehicle charged using that same amount of energy expenditure.

The counter-intuitive result is that energy use and emissions go down if an electric vehicle is substituted for a gasoline vehicle, when refinery energy is taken into account.

Now, also consider the energy and emissions saved from the lack of needed belts, filters, engine oil, spark plugs, and the conclusion is clear. Plus, the batteries will be recycled just like those in current automobiles once their life is over.

Bob Seldon
Santa Monica

Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

Photo courtesy Albie Selznick

FUN WITH COSTUMES: **Santa Monica resident Albie Selznick in his one-man, one-rabbit play 'Smoke and Mirrors,' which will debut at the Santa Monica Playhouse Oct. 28.**

Local actor stages one man (and one bunny) production

AS ANYONE WHO HAS EVER LIVED IN A high rise apartment can attest, it's very different than living in a home or even a small apartment building. As my late mother used to say about everything in life, "It has its plusses and its minuses."

Among the plusses at the Shores is how many colorful and interesting neighbors we have. Among the minuses is that in a high rise one can go years without knowing a neighbor's name. After 10 years it can be a little awkward introducing oneself while putting your underwear in the laundry.

At the Shores people come and go so fast lately it almost doesn't pay to get to know your neighbor. And I hate it when a third person comes up wanting to be introduced and I don't have a clue as to my neighbor's name. It's enough to cause flop sweat.

One of my neighbors whose name I do know (after 23 years I would hope so) is actor, magician Albie Selznick, pictured above. (He's the one who's not the bunny.)

I first met Albie in the pool as both of us swam laps for exercise. I thought Albie was a tad eccentric because he swam with a snorkel and a wet suit. I immediately thought of Lloyd Bridges (Jeff's late father) and the 1950s TV show "Sea Hunt," a reference which seriously dates me.

I learned that Albie uses the snorkel so as not to aggravate a sore neck and he uses the wet suit because he swims in the rain and cold. (He also uses a waterproof i-Pod, something Lloyd never had.)

As it so happens, Albie is a very accomplished actor, having done hundreds of commercials (236, but who's counting?) and guest appearances on prime-time TV. He's such a charming, easy going guy in real life. But leave it to Hollywood to cast him as a psycho.

ON "CSI: Miami," for example, Albie killed his entire family with a shotgun. (Upon hearing this I told Albie that if there's ever only one available washing machine in the laundry room, it's his.)

Albie was also on "Suddenly Susan" for two years as Kathy Griffin's boyfriend and then husband, Rabbi Ben. (Mass murderer one day, a rabbi the next. Welcome to Hollywood.)

Albie was also was on "The Young and the Restless" as a crusading district attorney. He and his real life bride Laura postponed their honeymoon only to discover the script turned him into a corrupt D.A. who's sent to jail (giving Albie and Laura time to go to Italy on their honeymoon!)

But Albie's biggest theatrical love has always been magic, something he started when he was a young boy. Decades later he's written and is about to star in his first one man show, "Smoke and Mirrors" at the historic Santa Monica Playhouse starting tomorrow!

"Smoke and Mirrors" is a magic show but with a story that has humor and heart. Albie, with the help of his best friend Trixie (a life-sized rabbit) and The Oracle (a giant head), takes the audience on his journey to heal the loss of his father, bond with Houdini, and become a "master illusionist."

As Albie puts it, "'Smoke and Mirrors' is about facing your fears, with lots of magic!" Perfectly scary for Halloween, it opens Oct. 29 for six weeks until Dec. 11 with two shows on Saturday (7 p.m. and 10 p.m.) and one on Sunday (7 p.m.). For tickets, go to www.tix.com or call (800) 595-4tix. "Smoke and Mirrors" is great fun and a little scary and, as Albie says, "Is appropriate for humans 12 and up."

Personally, I find Albie's show terrifically entertaining. With all due respect to my late mother, I only see plusses.

For more info, go to www.smokeandmirrors.me or call (310) 450-2849. Daily Press readers can use the discount code "magic" and get $10 off.

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Traveling Back to Fitness

Taylor Van Arsdale
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Climbing back in the saddle again

I'M BACK AND LEANER THAN EVER SINCE my start at Burn Fitness or what I like to call the home of the FatBurn "system of guaranteed weight loss."

Yup! That's right, guaranteed. I can honestly say that I've lost 30 pounds and I have successfully kept this weight off. Now, any good doctor will tell you that those who are most successful at weight loss are those folks who keep weight off a year after they've lost it. According to the Cleveland Clinic, "People who lose weight slowly by eating less and exercising more tend to keep the weight off." I have to concur.

You can hit the gym all you want, but the bottom line here is that if you're not eating right you will not drop the pounds. And that's what Burn Fitness has helped me with learning to incorporate better choices when it comes to food, keeping to a regular exercise routine and eating less at one sitting. It's a fact, people who have achieved successful weight loss report making substantial changes in eating and exercise habits in order to lose weight and maintain their losses.

While I admit I haven't always been diligent about the food journaling called for in the program because it is really important to successful weight loss, I have learned so much as a result of this program that I can now eyeball food and count the calories in my head. I know how to portion my food so that I am not eating more than 1,000 calories per day.

Those of you who have followed my weight loss journey from the start know that I still have 10 pounds to lose. I have been maintaining my weight successfully and now it's time to ramp it up again and get these last 10 off. It shouldn't take that long. Let's you and I see it through together.

Here's how I snapped it into high gear:

The first thing I did to kick my routine up a notch was to step into trainer Thomas Johnson's Monday morning class. Johnson has put together what I call a "Monday Madness." This is a really tough class. Why do I endure it? I guess it's the way I feel afterwards. Truth be told, you do feel really good when it's all done. or it could be the rush of adrenaline I get feeling my blood start pumping, but the truth is, I like the way these exercises make my butt look.

The class starts with a run up and down six flights of stairs. Yeah, that's right. Six flights. Johnson, God bless him, doesn't force us to run if we can't. "Just keep moving!" he yells out.

"I don't care if you're walking, just keep going. Don't stop. You can do it."

It's inspiring and I need to hear it because it's 6:45 a.m. and I feel like I want to be back in my bed snuggled up under my warm blankets. How do I know I've become insane since starting my fitness regime at Burn? I opt to take an eight-pound dumbbell with me for this jaunt. Johnson commends me, "Good job! Look at Taylor. She's got a weight." I can hear the groans coming from the other folks in the class. They too think I'm insane, and now they also hate me for raising the bar.

The truth is that on Saturdays I take Tom Williams' class. He makes us run the steps while carrying weights overhead. If I didn't take the weight now, I'd never be ready for Williams' class which is even more difficult and where I'm still the weakest link in the chain.

After the "running of the steps," Johnson puts on music. It's loud, house music. It gets you moving. We have step blocks that we've set up and arranged around the room, along with dumbbells and yoga mats. We use them for the next set of the routine. The exercises are structured in groups of three types performed for 45 seconds each then repeated three times with a 15 second rest in between. Oh, thank God for those 15 seconds! Johnson demonstrates each exercise in the sequence and then gives us an alternate exercise if we can't handle doing the routine full out. For example today's first sequence was a jump lunge across the step mat, followed by a squatting exercise that involved dumbbells, followed by a combination of mixed martial arts movements. I have a hard time jumping so I opt for step-ups instead. As long as I keep moving I'm good.

The great thing about this class is that Johnson mixes it all up. You never know what's coming next. This takes your mind off of the exercise because you're trying to make sure you've got the sequence down pat. Johnson explains, "Every exercise is designed for maximum body stimulation. We don't isolate any muscle groups. Every muscle is worked repetitively to get the maximum benefits for every muscle. This is one of the best ways to burn body fat, keep fit and to maintain lean mass."

The time goes by very quickly and while it's exhausting, it's over before you know it and you are ready to face the day, feeling like you can do anything. With Thanksgiving around the corner and the holidays fast approaching I want to make sure I'm down to my goal.

Let's do it! Let's get back in the saddle again!

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By the numbers

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The Q Line

Cut in two

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

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

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Local Santa Monica dance collective, Soul Lab Dance Project, presents Soul Sessions: Halloween Edition! What better way to celebrate Hallow's Eve than with a spooky, artsy party that also helps Soul Lab Dance Project? Bring family and friends. Featuring The Elevaters, Midvale Trio (DJ Harper, Taylor Fugit, Russell Angelico), Bobby Gordon & Lakhiyia Hicks Kengi, Igus Bryce Wilson, Adam Stern, Sahra Vang Nguyen, Jasmine Burgos & Mike Butler of CONTRA-TIEMPO Soul Lab Dance Project. Enjoy an evening full of live music, dance and poetry, homemade Brazilian food and drinks, a raffle and costume contest (with prizes!) and pumpkin carving-workshops with master sculptor Roger Stoller. Bring cash and B.Y.O.P. (bring your own pumpkin!). Admission: $10 suggested donation. For more information: (310) 570-9916.

Santa Monica Symphony 2011-12 Opener

Santa Monica Symphony, Santa Monica Civic Auditorium, 1855 Main St.

SATURDAY, OCT. 29, 7:30 P.M.

The Santa Monica Symphony presents the first concert of its 2011-12 season, featuring violinist Tereza Stanislav and cellist Cécilia Tsan. The program offers a mix of contemporary and classic pieces including Collage: Boogie by Libby Larsen, Brahms' Double Concerto for Violin and Cello in A Minor, and Borodin's Symphony No. 2 in B Minor. UCLA Professor of Musicology, Raymond Knapp, will present a pre-concert lecture on the repertoire beginning at 6:30 p.m. Free admission. No reservations or tickets required. For more information: (310) 395-6330.

'Anti-Art-House of Horrors'

Highways Performance Space, 18th Street Arts Center, 1651 18th St.

SATURDAY, OCT. 29, 9 P.M.

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Categorically Not! 'Mash Ups'

Santa Monica Art Studios

SUNDAY, OCT. 30, 6:30 P.M.

Categorically Not! is an occasional series of discussions of art, science and "whatnot." This evening's topic is Mash Ups. What isn't a mash-up? Certainly, we are — made up of mostly off the shelf parts that evolution stitched together and altered in ways that created critters who cooked up everything from hybrid cars to baked Alaska — not to mention classical jazz and chocolate covered bacon. DJs today are mash-up maestros, and one will be on hand — Eduard Minobis of the Internet Interdisciplinary Institute (IN3) in Barcelona. Johanna Blakely, the managing director and director of research at the Norman Lear Center will put her English PhD hat on to discuss mash-ups as a form of "intertextuality" in literature, music and fashion. Ken Nealson, a mash-up addict all his life, founded the geobiology program at USC and will take attendees to that bizarre realm where the biosphere harvests energy from the geosphere. Time, hairstyling, spreadsheets, luminosity, robotics and code are all actors in a show created by Emily White and Lisa Little, co-founders of Layer, an L.A.-based architecture practice rooted in rigorous material experimentation and a sensitivity to the nuance of human perception. Recent drawings examine "the relationship between lusciousness and control," and will be on display. Admission: $8 suggested donation. Please RSVP. For more information & to RSVP: (310) 397-7449.

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CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Don't drink and walk

Crime Watch is a weekly series culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

TUESDAY, OCT. 18, AT 8 P.M.,
Santa Monica police officers responded to the 2900 block of Main Street regarding a person who was drunk in public. When officers arrived, they were directed to the suspect, who was walking eastbound on Pier Avenue from Main Street. As the suspect turned north on Second Street, officers pulled up behind him and asked him to stop. The suspect continued to walk away from the officers and allegedly reached into his waistband and dropped a metal object on the sidewalk. He walked a few more feet and then sat on the ground. Officers placed the subject under arrest for public intoxication. They recovered the metal object, which turned out to be a toy gun. Within a few minutes of the arrest, a woman approached the officers and said that the suspect had just tried to rob her using the toy gun. The suspect was eventually booked for attempted robbery. He was identified as Dmitry Arkhipov, 26. His bail was set at $50,000.

TUESDAY, OCT. 18, AT 1:39 A.M.,
Officers responded to the 900 block of Alley 11 on the report of a man throwing objects at an apartment window. When officers arrived, they spoke with the person who called police. The woman said that her daughter's ex-boyfriend was in the alley throwing things at her window, causing it to shatter. When officers entered the alley, they saw a man standing next to a parked car. This man suddenly ran westbound through the apartment complex. Officers conducted a search and found the suspect in a backyard. He was identified by the alleged victim and placed under arrest for vandalism. He was also determined to be under the influence of a controlled substance. The suspect was booked for vandalism, being under the influence of drugs and a parole violation. He was identified as Raul Corcio, 20, of Santa Monica. No bail was set.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 19, AT 4:16 P.M.,
Officers responded to the corner of Second Street and Ocean Park Boulevard regarding a report of a strong arm robbery that just occurred. When officers arrived, they made contact with the manager of ZJ Boarding House, who said that he was in the back of the store when the suspect suddenly ran past him with a pair of shoes and a large shopping bag and exited through the rear doors of the store. The manager gave chase, fearing his store had just been robbed, and caught up with the suspect a few blocks away. At that time, the manager noticed the suspect was in possession of merchandise from the surf shop. He demanded it back, at which time the suspect allegedly tried to hit him. The manager asked a nearby security guard to call police, at which point the suspect dropped the merchandise and walked away, police said. Officers located him a short time later and placed him under arrest for robbery. The suspect was identified as Daniel Martin Jaime, 38, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at $50,000.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 19, AT 3:49 A.M.,
Police responded to the 1200 block of 26th Street regarding a report of a prowler in the backyard of a home. When officers arrived, they located the suspect, who was asleep. Upon waking the suspect up, officers determined he was heavily intoxicated and unable to care for himself. The suspect said he was trying to walk home. Officers placed him under arrest for public intoxication. During a search, officers said they recovered a small amount of cocaine in the suspect's wallet. He was eventually booked for possession of drugs, public intoxication and a probation violation. He was identified as Daniel Ruiz, 28, of North Hollywood. His bail was set at $36,000.

THURSDAY, OCT. 20, AT 7:06 A.M.,
Officers responded to the 1400 block of Ocean Avenue regarding a report of an assault. When officers arrived, they made contact with the victim, who said he was assaulted by someone he knew who was currently sitting in Palisades Park. Officers said they saw a roughly 2-inch cut on the victim's wrist. The victim said the assault took place somewhere in Downtown in the early morning hours. The suspect was located in the 1400 block of Palisades Park and positively identified by the victim. He was placed under arrest for assault with a deadly weapon and a probation violation. The suspect was identified as Anthony Alexander, 41, of Los Angeles. No bail was set. The victim was transported to a nearby hospital for treatment.

THURSDAY, OCT. 20, AT 11:27 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 1700 block of Ocean Avenue — Loews Hotel — regarding an assault that had just occurred. When officers arrived, they detained the suspect and spoke with a security guard at the hotel, who told them that he was punched in the head by the suspect after he told him to leave the hotel. The suspect was allegedly sleeping on a bench right by the hotel entrance. The suspect was placed under arrest for assault and battery. While being booked, the suspect allegedly provided officers with a bogus name, so he was hit with an additional charge of providing false information to a police officer. He was identified as Jeremy Kinard, 33, a transient. His bail was set at $20,000.

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BENEFITS
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of their insurance premium beginning Jan. 1, an amount which cannot grow more than 15 percent in a single year.

At present, employees pay a fixed dollar amount, which is comparable to the 5 percent in the new agreement. However, the percentage model allows the cost the employee pays to grow as health care costs increase, said Donna Peter, director of the Human Resources Department.

And premiums are definitely going up, Peter said.

The City Council approved a switch from the current health care provider, CIGNA, to Aetna at its Oct. 11 meeting.

Connecticut-based Aetna promised only 11 percent rate increases across the year, while CIGNA showed a 19.6 percent increase in the new year.

While the switch will save Santa Monica taxpayers $1.3 million, the overall cost of either plan represents an increase.

The percent gives flexibility in the agreement. If they stuck with the fixed-dollar model, a new amount would have to be OK'd each year to keep City Hall's cost from increasing.

The agreement also provides a one-time $250,000 payment to the Reserve Fund, which was established in a 2005 negotiation and subsidizes a part of the employee health care contribution.

Retirees get a benefit as well through the Retiree Medical Trust, which is used to reimburse some or all of the health insurance premiums for eligible retired employees and their dependents.

City Hall's contribution to the retiree fund will increase 2 percent each year, for a total of $181,250 between fiscal year 2011-12 and 2014-15.

The coalition's second concession cuts retirement benefits for all new employees hired after July 1, 2012.

Current employees accumulate 2.7 percent of their highest year's salary for every year they work until they turn 55. That means that if they worked 20 years and retired at age 55, the worker would receive 54 percent of their highest year's salary after they retire.

After July 1, 2012, employees will only save up 2 percent of their salary and, rather than choosing the top 12 months, they will take the highest 36 months and average those annual salaries together.

It's impossible to guess what the savings to City Hall will be in the near term, since payouts only change as employees retire and new people are hired, Peter said.

"To see really significant salary savings can take 10 to 20 years, depending on the turnover rate," Peter said. Many municipalities have turned to the two-tier system as the economy soured since, as Peter put it, "revenues will never keep up with cost increases."

Those cost increases have been significant because the California Public Employee Retirement System, or CalPERS, took a $69.7 billion hit to its stock portfolio when the economy collapsed between Dec. 31, 2007 and Dec. 31, 2008.

It takes at least two years for those losses to ripple through the system, and they're resulting in higher costs to cover promises to retiring employees.

Two-tiered systems that reduce the benefits promised in the first place are one way to solve the problem of raised costs.

They first spread through the private sector during the deep recession in the 1980s, and have become more popular in California, particularly around the pension issue, said Daniel Mitchell, professor emeritus at UCLA.

It's easier for union rank-and-file to pass because it only impacts people who haven't begun yet, but it can lead to problems in the future.

"The issue becomes that over time, you have two people working side by side doing the same thing, but being compensated at different rates," Mitchell said. "Sometimes there's concern about the morale effect of that kind of arrangement."

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Here's what to expect:

> Demolition activities will take place over 12 nights.
> There will be directional freeway and parallel street closures on Sepulveda during 12 nights of demolition. The closures will not occur simultaneously.
> The Sunset Bridge will be closed during the nights of demolition, between the hours of 10pm – 6am.
> Access will be provided for emergency responders during closure of the Sunset Bridge.

During the 12-month reconstruction period, the Sunset Bridge will accommodate two lanes of traffic in each direction.

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changes to public employee pensions that would increase the retirement age for new employees, eliminate so-called pension "spiking," which allows employees to boost their payouts before retirement by including overtime and other benefits, and end the practice of buying "airtime" or additional service credits.

Brown proposed changes to the system last spring, including caps on pension pay, but his plan stalled during budget negotiations with legislative Republicans who wanted more sweeping changes, including putting permanent reforms on the ballot and asking employees to contribute more of their health and pension costs.

Estimates for the gap between what is owed to current and future public retirees, and what will be available to pay them, have varied widely with the fluctuating economy.

A report last year by the Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research said that retirement funds for 2.6 million California teachers, state workers and university employees together faced long-term gaps of over $500 billion. The California Public Employees' Retirement System has $75 billion in unfunded future pension liabilities, and the state is on the hook for an estimated $51.8 billion in unfunded retiree health care costs.

Union representatives warned the panel that cutting too deeply into pensions could lead to talent drain. Faced with financial pressures, many unions around the state have started paying more into pension and benefit funds, including in Los Angeles, the nation's second-largest city.

Generous retirement benefits approved years ago have come under scrutiny, as have rules that allow many workers to begin taking retirement pay years before they become senior citizens.

Union officials said a typical state worker earns an annual pension of about $31,000, but benefits can vary widely. A highway patrolman with 28 years of service can take home a pension of over $90,000, said David Lamoureux, a deputy chief actuary with the state Public Employees' Retirement System. According to one tally cited by Republicans, more than 9,000 state employees are receiving six-figure pensions.

It appeared there was wide agreement that the practice of pension "spiking" — boosting a final year's salary with overtime to increase retirement payments — should be banned. Capping payments is also being considered, but it wasn't clear at what level.

"I just hope that we don't overreact and go too far," said Aaron Read, representing state firefighters and the California Association of Highway Patrolmen.

HIT-AND-RUN
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time," Lewis said.

Police did order the suspect to be re-examined by the California Department of Motor Vehicles to see if he is fit to drive.

The name of the victim has not yet been released, pending notification of next of kin.

The collision occurred around 5:50 a.m. Wednesday. Police said the victim was walking against a red light when he was struck.

The investigation into the hit-and-run is still ongoing.

Anyone with additional information is asked to contact Investigator Chris Dawson at (310) 458-8954 or Sgt. Jeff Wiles at (310) 458-8950 or the watch commander at (310) 458-8495.

Those wishing to remain anonymous can call WeTip at (800) 78-CRIME (1-800-78-27643), or submit the tip online at www.wetip.com; those providing information will remain completely anonymous and may be eligible for a reward, up to $1,000 if information provided leads to an arrest and conviction.

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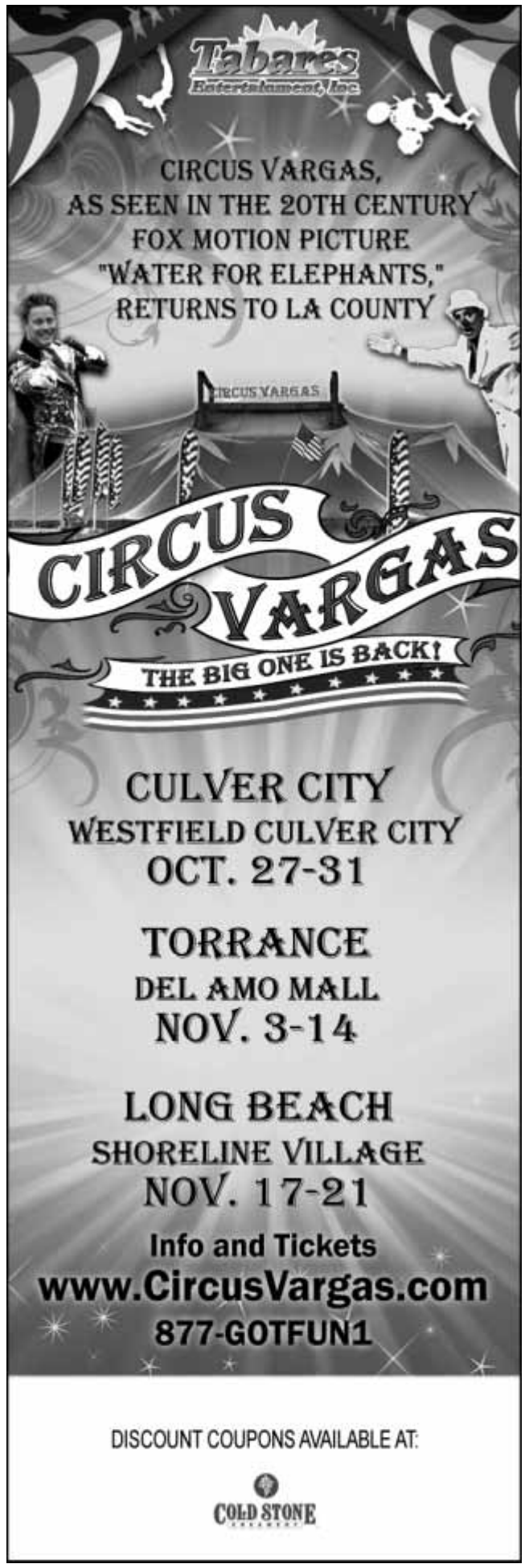

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ON THE WAY OUT: **Junipers in front of Santa Monica City Hall are slated to be removed as part of a new park being developed on the historic building's front lawn.**

PARK
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Council voted unanimously to move forward with James Corner Field Operations' design.

The matter came before the City Council again on Tuesday after city staff appealed the Landmarks Commission's decision to keep whole the decorative brickwork and retain the planter boxes in front of the building.

Landmarks commissioners argued that the bricks were one of the last remaining features that could tie together the old and the new in the park's design, which already does away with the electric blue canopy on the face of City Hall as well as the rose garden in front of it.

That garden will be replaced with a water feature with a jet of water for each of the 52 displaced rose bushes.

The water will then run between the Town Square Park and the adjacent Palisades Garden Walk, linking the two.

When questioned on the bricks, representatives with James Corner told council members that they were out of place with the Moderne style of the building and would look "shoddy" next to new materials.

The current design requires bright yellow stripes on the brick for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Also at issue were planter boxes that would be taken out to make way for symmetrical ramps leading to the entrance of City Hall.

The shallow slope of the proposed ramps would eliminate the need for handrails otherwise required under the Americans with Disabilities Act, but would shoulder out juniper trees that frame City Hall.

Putting them in would enhance the symmetry of the site, a key feature of the overall design, Corner's team said.

Council members lamented the loss of the trees more than that of the bricks, although McKeown spoke in favor of both.

"The juniper trees are a wonderful contrast because they look so wild," McKeown said.

The Landmarks commissioners' complaints about the park did not stop at the two contested conditions.

They drafted four conditions at their Sept. 20 meeting held at the Main Library.

The library closes at 9 p.m., and commissioners had to skip over several topics of discussion to finish the meeting on time, including opposition to gentle hills which Corner proposed be installed in the lawn to reflect the Palisades Garden Walk across the street.

The hills seemed "potentially excessive," said Landmarks Commissioner Margaret Bach.

"I'm hopeful we will not suffer down the line from buyer's remorse," Bach said.

Between the hills, low walls designed for sitting and stands of decorative grasses, commissioners also argued that there would not be standing space for individuals to protest or a flat enough area for activities like Jazz on the Lawn.

"The idea of people having a place to sit before they yell at us would be good," joked Mayor Pro Tem Gleam Davis.

In summary, the Corner design respects many of the features of the park, but there's still more work to be done, said Landmarks Commissioner Ruthann Lehrer, who represented the commission at the meeting.

"There may be other options not yet on the table," she said, and asked that the design be sent back to the commission for further review.

The council did not agree, and voted to uphold the staff's appeal.

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WASHINGTON The federal government slapped a hefty $1.3 million fine on a toy company that sold popular arts-and-crafts beads that were linked to a dangerous drug and sickened about a dozen children.

The civil penalty, announced Thursday, marks the third largest toy-related fine issued by the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

The Aqua Dots toy beads were imported by Spin Master in 2007 and recalled after tests showed they were coated with a chemical that, when ingested, can metabolize into the so-called "date-rape" drug gamma hydroxybutyrate (GHB). The compound can induce unconsciousness, seizures, drowsiness, coma and death.

The commission alleged that Spin Master knowingly failed to report a defect and hazard associated with Aqua Dots. It also accused the company of knowingly importing and selling a banned hazardous substance. CPSC said Spin Master, based in Toronto with a subsidiary in Los Angeles, agreed to the settlement but denies allegations that it knowingly violated the law.

The toys consisted of tiny colored beads that stick together when sprayed with water, forming fun designs and shapes. About 4 million of the kits were recalled in November 2007.

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Monday, November 21 7 p.m.
Cosponsored by Wilshire Montana Neighborhood Coalition
Ken Edwards Center Lunchroom
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Monday, December 12 7 p.m.
Cosponsored by Pico Neighborhood Association
Virginia Avenue Park
Thelma Terry Community Room
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Wednesday, January 4 7 p.m.
Cosponsored by Northeast Neighbors
Montana Branch Library, Community Room
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Thursday, January 19 7 p.m.
Cosponsored by Mid-City Neighbors
Neighborhood meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.
McKinley Elementary
2401 Santa Monica Blvd.

Date To Be Determined:
Cosponsored by North of Montana Association
Montana Branch Library, Community Room
1704 Montana Avenue

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD BY THE SANTA MONICA ZONING ADMINISTRATOR ON APPLICATIONS FOR VARIANCES

TIME: **10:30 a.m., Tuesday, November 8, 2011**

LOCATION: Council Chambers, Room 213, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica

A Public Hearing will be held by the Zoning Administrator of the City of Santa Monica at the above noted time and place in regard to the following requests:

Fence Wall Hedge Height Modification, 11-FWHM-0001, 3114 4th Street. Hedges: A 26-foot-6-inch bamboo hedge on the rear half of the lot along the south side property line. An 11-foot-4-inch fenn pine tree hedge along the front and side property lines on the east side of the lot. A 12-foot-9-inch bottle-brush tree hedge along the side property line in the front setback on the north side of the lot. Wall: A 9-foot-2-inch wall system along the front property line with a stucco wall and a wood beam-column-corbel structure painted white. Fence: A 4-foot-8-inch wood fence in the front setback along the south side property line. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.04.10.02.080(a), fences, walls and hedges cannot exceed 42 inches in height in the front setback. Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.04.10.02.080(b), fences and walls cannot exceed eight feet and hedges cannot exceed 12 feet within the required side yard and rear setbacks. SMMC Section 9.04.10.02.080(e) permits a modification to the height limitations in the front, rear, and side setback areas, subject to approval by the Zoning Administrator. [Planner: Russell Bunim] **APPLICANT/OWNER**: Peter and Krista Diamandis.

This public hearing was continued from the September 13, 2011 Zoning Administrator Hearing.

Use Permit 11-UP-009, 2950 31st Street. The applicant, Westower Communications, proposes to install, operate, and maintain an unmanned wireless telecommunications facility on the multi-story office building at 2950 31st Street in the City of Santa Monica. The proposal includes removing the previously approved existing nine panel antennas and installing twelve new panel antennas along the north, northeast, and southwest portions of the building. In addition, the applicant proposes to install twelve remote radio units (RRUs) and six DC surge suppressors that will be completely screened. The applicant also proposes to add two new LTE equipment cabinets and one GPS antenna to the existing equipment lease area. The proposed antennas do not comply with the requirements for non-parabolic antennas contained in Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.04.10.06.110(a). Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.04.10.06.110(b), the Zoning Administrator may approve modifications to the requirements for non-parabolic commercial antennas through the approval of a Use Permit application. **APPLICANT/OWNER:** Westower Communications on behalf of AT&T Mobility/ SC Enterprises SMBP LLC.
This public hearing was continued from the October 11, 2011 Zoning Administrator Hearing.

Use Permit 11-UP-010, 1702 Pico Boulevard. The applicant, Westower Communications, proposes to install, operate, and maintain an unmanned wireless telecommunications facility on the multi-story building at 1702 Pico Boulevard in the City of Santa Monica. The proposal includes removing the previously approved exiting six panel antennas and replacing with twelve new panel antennas. In addition, the applicant proposes to install twelve remote radio units (RRUs) and six DC surge suppressors that will be completely screened. The proposed antennas do not comply with the requirements for non-parabolic antennas contained in Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.04.10.06.110(a). Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.04.10.06.110(b), the Zoning Administrator may approve modifications to the requirements for non-parabolic commercial antennas through the approval of a Use Permit application. [Planner: Lily Yegazu] **APPLICANT/OWNER:** Westower Communications on behalf of AT&T Mobility/Santa Monica Community College District.

Use Permit 11-UP-012, 3010 Wilshire Boulevard. The applicant, Westower Communications, proposes to install, operate, and maintain an unmanned wireless telecommunications facility on the multi-story office building at 3010 Wilshire Boulevard in the City of Santa Monica. The proposal includes removing the previously approved exiting nine panel antennas and installing twelve new panel antennas along the northwest, and northeast portions of the roof. In addition, the applicant proposes to install twelve remote radio units (RRUs) and six DC surge suppressors that will be completely screened. The applicant also proposes to add one new LTE equipment cabinet and one GPS antenna to the existing equipment lease area. The proposed antennas do not comply with the requirements for non-parabolic antennas contained in Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.04.10.06.110(a). Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.04.10.06.110(b), the Zoning Administrator may approve modifications to the requirements for non-parabolic commercial antennas through the approval of a Use Permit application. [Planner: Gina Szilak] **APPLICANT/OWNER:** Westower Communications on behalf of AT&T Mobility.

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

Any person may comment at the Public Hearing, or by writing a letter to the City Planning Division, Room 212, P.O. Box 2220, Santa Monica, CA 90407-2220. Plans are available for public review at the City Planning Division. For more information, please contact the City Planning Division at (310) 458-8341. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 64009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing. The meeting facility is accessible. If you have any disabilities related request, contact at (310) 458-8341 or TTY (310) 458-8696 at least three (3) days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #2, #3, Rapid #3, #7 and #9 serve the City Hall.

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European debt fix pushes stock market up 339 points

DAVID K. RANDALL & STAN CHOE
AP Business Writers

NEW YORK The Dow Jones industrial average surged nearly 340 points Thursday after European leaders agreed on a deal to slash Greece's debt load and prevent the crisis there from engulfing larger countries like Italy. The Standard & Poor's 500 index is close to having its best month since 1974.

Commodities and Treasury yields soared as investors took on more risk. The euro rose sharply against the dollar.

Europe's sweeping agreement, reached after an all-night summit meeting, is aimed at preventing the Greek government's inability to pay its debt from escalating into another financial crisis like the one that happened in September 2008 after the collapse of Lehman Brothers.

Banks agreed to take 50 percent losses on the Greek bonds they hold. Europe will also strengthen a financial rescue fund to protect the region's banks and other struggling European countries such as Italy and Portugal.

"This seems to set aside the worries that there would be a massive contagion over there that would have brought everything down with it," said Mark Lamkin, head of Lamkin Wealth Management.

Stronger U.S. economic growth and corporate earnings also drove markets higher. The government reported Thursday that the economy grew at a 2.5 percent annual rate from July through September on stronger consumer spending and business investment. That was nearly double the 1.3 percent growth in the previous quarter.

The Dow Jones industrial average soared 339.51 points, or 2.9 percent, to 12,208.55. All 30 stocks in the Dow rose, led by Bank of America Corp. with a 9.6 percent gain. It was the first time the Dow closed above 12,000 since Aug. 1

The Dow is up 11.9 percent for the month so far. With only two full days of trading left in October, the Dow could have its biggest monthly gain since January 1987. The Dow's jump was its largest since Aug. 11th, when it rose 423.

The S&P 500 rose 42.59, or 3.7 percent, to 1,284.59. The gain turned the S&P positive for the year for the first time since Aug. 3, just before the U.S. government's debt was downgraded. The index is up 13.5 percent for the month, its best performance since a 16.3 percent gain in October 1974.

The Dow and S&P have both fallen for the previous five months.

The Nasdaq composite jumped 87.96, or 3.3 percent, to 2,738.63.

Small company stocks rose more than the broader market. That's a sign investors were more comfortable holding assets perceived as being risky but also more likely to appreciate in a strong economy. The Russell 2000 index jumped 5.3 percent.

Raw materials producers, banks and stocks in other industries that depend on a strong economy for profit growth led the way. Copper jumped 5.8 percent to $3.69 a pound and crude oil jumped 4.2 percent to $93.96 a barrel.

The euro rose sharply, to $1.42, as confidence in Europe's financial system grew. The euro was worth $1.39 late Wednesday and had been as low as $1.32 on Oct. 3. European stock indexes also soared. France's CAC-40 rose 6.3 percent and Germany's DAX jumped 6.1 percent.

Investors sold U.S. Treasury notes and bonds, an indication they were moving away from safer investments. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note, which moves in the opposite direction of its price, rose to 2.38 percent from 2.21 percent late Wednesday.

European leaders still have to finalize the details of their latest plan. French President Nicolas Sarkozy spoke with Chinese President Hu Jintao amid hopes that countries with lots of cash like China can contribute to the European rescue.

Past attempts to contain Europe's two-year debt crisis have proved insufficient. Greece has been surviving on rescue loans since May 2010. In July, creditors agreed to take some losses on their Greek bonds, but that wasn't enough to fix the problem.

Some analysts cautioned that Europe's problems remained unsolved. "The market keeps on thinking that it's put Europe's problems to bed, but it's like putting a three-year old to bed: you might put it there but it won't stay there," said David Kelley, chief market strategist at J.P. Morgan Funds. Kelly said that Europe's debt problems will remain an issue until the economies of struggling nations like Greece and Portugal grow again.

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Tents back on Oakland plaza after clash with police

TERRY COLLINS
Associated Press

OAKLAND At least three tents were back up in front of Oakland's City Hall on Thursday, as the condition of an Iraq War veteran who suffered a fractured skull in clashes between protesters and police was upgraded to fair.

Television news footage showed the tents in the plaza in the morning. Police two days earlier cleared the plaza after it grew to dozens of tents and raised health and safety concerns among city officials.

The city allowed protesters back in on Wednesday, but said they would be prohibited from spending the night.

About 1,000 people quickly filled the plaza, but later many of them filed out and began marching down nearby streets.

There were no signs of clashes between the two sides although protesters vowed to defy city officials and spend the night in the plaza.

"I'm going to stay here tonight," said Khalid Shakur, 43, of Oakland. "I don't have a tent, but I'll sleep on a bench if there's space."

"We're about to build our city back," he said.

Meanwhile, Scott Olsen, the Iraq War veteran who was critically injured during clashes with police on Tuesday, was transferred from the emergency room to the intensive care unit at Oakland's Highland Hospital as his condition was upgraded to fair, said Curt Olsen, a hospital spokesman.

Oakland Police Chief Howard Jordan has promised an investigation into whether officers used excessive force during the clash. He has also addressed the injury to Olsen.

"It's unfortunate it happened. I wish that it didn't happen. Our goal, obviously, isn't to cause injury to anyone," he said at a Wednesday afternoon press conference.

Olsen, 24, was marching with other protesters toward City Hall when he was injured, said Dottie Guy, of the Iraq Veterans Against the War. The demonstrators had been making an attempt to re-establish a presence in the area of the disbanded protesters' camp.

It's not known exactly what type of object struck Olsen or who might have thrown it, though Guy's group said officers lobbed it. Several small skirmishes had broken out in the night with police clearing the area by firing tear gas and protesters throwing rocks and bottles at them.

Mayor Jean Quan said Oakland supports the protesters' goals but had to act Tuesday when a small number of them threw rocks, paint and bottles at the police.

"We had, on one hand, demonstrators who tried to rush banks, other demonstrators saying don't do that, and we had police officers, for the most part, 99 percent, who took a lot of abuse," the mayor said.

Jordan has asked witnesses with recordings of violent interactions between civilians and the officers — who came from several Bay Area agencies — to submit them to investigators.

The clash Tuesday evening came as officials complained about what they described as deteriorating safety, sanitation and health issues at the camp.

The same concerns have been raised about camps in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Protesters at San Francisco's Justin Herman Plaza were bracing for a police raid early Thursday when they were visited by several city supervisors and a state senator. The officials expressed their support.

San Francisco police warned the protesters earlier in the week that they could be arrested on a variety of sanitation or illegal camping violations.

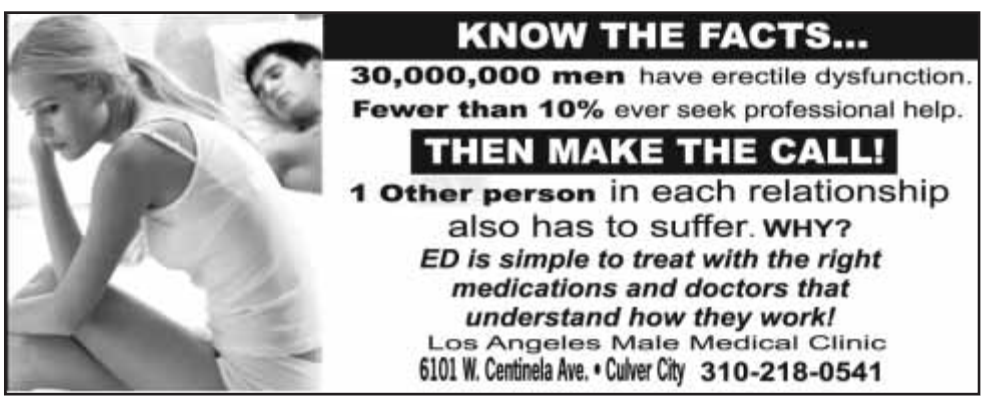
There were reports that police in riot gear had set up a staging area near the plaza early Thursday morning. But police spokesman Carlos Manfredi said officers routinely gather to practice crowd control procedures, and there were no plans to shut down the Occupy protest.

He said police were still seeking voluntary compliance.

"We're still continuing to monitor the situation," he said.

Anti-Wall Street protesters camped out in downtown Los Angeles say they're planning to stay indefinitely.

Police have adopted a largely hands-off policy although Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa has told the Los Angeles Times that county health inspectors have expressed concerns over the cleanliness of the camp.



City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: **Consideration of a recommendation to City Council regarding adoption of the Proposed Bike Action, including Initial Study and Negative Declaration**

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to review and make a recommendation to the City Council on whether to adopt the following:

Initial Study and Negative Declaration for the Proposed Bike Action Plan
Proposed Final Bike Action Plan

The Bike Action Plan outlines facilities and programs to encourage more bicycling in Santa Monica, and to improve the quality and convenience of the bicycle network. Its recommendations implement the bicycle goals and policies in the adopted Land Use and Circulation Element of the General Plan, with a target of increasing bicycling to 14-35 percent of all trips made within Santa Monica. The Draft Bike Action Plan has been available for public comment since August 2011.

Pursuant to CEQA, a Draft Initial Study/Negative Declaration was prepared to analyze potential environmental impacts of the Proposed Bike Action Plan. In accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15073, the Draft Initial Study/Negative Declaration for the Proposed Bike Action Plan was circulated for a 30-day public review period from August 29, 2011 to September 28, 2011. No comments were received on the Draft Initial Study/Negative Declaration. The Final Initial Study/Negative Declaration concluded that the Bike Action Plan would not result in significant impacts and no mitigation measures would be required.

DATE/TIME: WEDNESDAY, November 9, 2011 AT 7:00 PM

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

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

Address your letters to: City of Santa Monica
Strategic & Transportation Planning Div.
1685 Main Street, Room 212
Santa Monica, CA 90407-2200
ATTN: Francie Stefan

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

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ESPAÑOL
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SURF REPORT

SURF CONDITIONS **WATER TEMP:** 61°

SWELL FORECAST

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

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS

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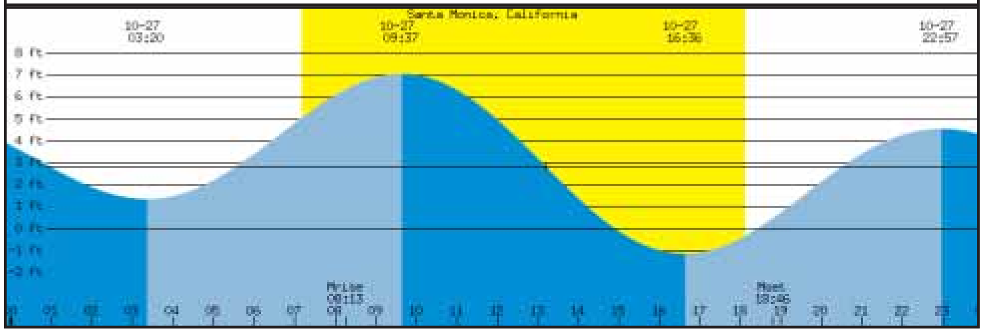

BEACH REPORT CARD

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)
- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 4
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 22 / 1
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 0

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Aliso creeks.	ns	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	B	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	F	ns
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	F	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	B	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	A+
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A	ns

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	D	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	C
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	A
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	C	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	D	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	ns

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

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Stanford-USC a showcase for nation's elite o-linemen

ANTONIO GONZALEZ
AP Sports Writer

STANFORD The text messages from friends and family in the Los Angeles area pile up in Jonathan Martin's phone with the same question every time the latest NFL draft projections are released.

"They definitely text me, 'Who's this Kalil guy?'" he said.

The Martins will find out firsthand this week.

Southern California's Matt Kalil and Stanford's Martin are the top left tackles in the nation and expected to be among the first 10 picks in April's draft. They also protect two of college football's best quarterbacks, Stanford's Andrew Luck and USC's Matt Barkley, making the position all the more important on their teams.

The offensive linemen bring a scintillating subplot to Saturday night's matchup at the Coliseum between fourth-ranked Stanford and No. 20 Southern California. The national stage is a chance to showcase their talents together and create some separation on draft boards everywhere.

Call it the Battle of the Blind Sides.

"They are Pro Bowl-quality left tackles," said draft analyst Gil Brandt, the former vice president of player personnel for the Dallas Cowboys. "Kalil probably has the edge because of his versatility and special teams abilities, but both guys are pretty sure bets."

Left tackle has been one of the most important positions on the field since pass-rushing defenders figured out decades ago that the best way to the quarterback is to come from the side he can't see.

The 2009 motion picture "The Blind Side," which chronicled Baltimore Ravens left tackle Michael Oher's journey from homelessness to first-round pick, made the position a household name. The job of a left tackle is often to block the defense's best pass-rusher, protect a right-handed quarterback's back side and set the edge blocking on running plays.

"It's the premier position on the offensive line, which is why every year when you look at the NFL salaries, the left tackles are paid more than everybody else on the line," Stanford coach David Shaw said. "For the head coach and the quarterback, it helps them sleep at night."

USC and Stanford must sleep well then.

The 6-foot-7, 295-pound Kalil has led a young Trojans (6-1, 3-1) offensive line that has only allowed four sacks on Barkley all season. He is considered the more polished of the two at the moment and adds a special teams spice; draft analysts ESPN's Mel Kiper Jr. and Scouts Inc.'s Todd McShay project the tackle could be drafted as high as No. 2 — behind Luck, of course — if he forgoes his senior season.

Kalil has blocked more than just defenders, too.

In one of the biggest plays of USC's season, the tackle moved to the other side of the ball and swatted Utah's 41-yard field goal attempt on the final play to secure a victory, one of five blocked kicks he has this year.

"If we had four more of him up there, we'd have no issues," USC coach Lane Kiffin said. "We'd be scoring a million points."

Kalil's counterpart is no slouch, either.

Martin, a 6-foot-6, 304-pounder whom Stanford players and coaches call "Moose," starred in high school at Harvard-Westlake School in North Hollywood, Calif. The son of Harvard graduates, he verbally committed to UCLA until he qualified academically at Stanford and took what he considered the best of both worlds.

The pair attended the same football camps in high school but they only know each other through what they've read online or watched on television. Maybe even sneaking a peek or two at draft projections.

"It's something that's hard to ignore," Martin said.

Martin's parents, Gus and Jane, will make the short drive to the Coliseum with his cousins. He also said he knows about "100 people" who attend USC or are associated with the university.

Football runs deep in the Kalil family, too.

Kalil's brother, Ryan, is the starting center for the Carolina Panthers and a former Trojans standout. Their father, Frank, also played with the Buffalo Bills.

While Martin and Kalil have never truly met, each shares an appreciation for the other's job.

"He has a great responsibility protecting a quarterback like Luck, particularly a guy who likes to run out of the pocket like he does," Kalil said. "These two teams have two of the greatest quarterbacks in college football with me protecting Matt, so we both have a lot of responsibility out there. That's what you want as a left tackle."

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12:30pm, 3:45pm, 7:00pm, 10:15pm

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The Ides of March (R) 1hr 42min
11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:15pm

In Time (PG-13) 1hr 49min
10:45am, 1:30pm, 4:20pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

Puss in Boots (PG) 1hr 30min
10:30am, 1:00pm, 3:30pm, 6:00pm, 8:30pm, 10:45pm

Puss in Boots 3D (PG) 1hr 30min
11:30am, 2:00pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

The Three Musketeers 3D (PG-13) 1hr 50min
5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:40pm

The Three Musketeers (PG-13) 1hr 50min
10:35am, 1:20pm, 4:05pm, 6:45pm, 9:40pm

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13 (R) 1hr 45min
1:00pm, 3:20pm, 5:40pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

The Women On The 6th Floor (NR) 1hr 58min **1:30pm, 7:10pm**

My Reincarnation (NR) 1hr 36min
1:00pm, 3:10pm, 5:20pm, 7:40pm, 10:00pm

Take Shelter (R) 2hr 15min
4:10pm, 9:50pm

Margin Call (R) 2hr 1min
1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

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50/50 (R) 1hr 39min
11:55am, 2:40pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:30pm

Anonymous (PG-13) 2hr 10min
10:45am, 1:45pm, 4:50pm, 8:00pm, 11:00pm

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

Paranormal Activity 3 (R) 1hr 21min
11:00am, 12:15pm, 1:20pm, 2:30pm, 3:40pm, 4:50pm, 6:00pm, 7:15pm, 8:20pm, 9:30pm, 10:40pm

The Rum Diary (R) 2hr
10:40am 1:30pm 4:30pm 7:30pm 10:35pm

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Take off tonight, Aries

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Reach out for new possibilities. If one answer doesn't work, trust that you will find the solution. You see structure and power very differently, allowing for an unusual perspective. Swap ideas without being vested. Tonight: Take off if you can.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You achieve powerful results without trying too hard. Your ability to relate to individuals directly emerges. Others start seeing many more new opportunities that up until the present moment they had never considered. Tonight: Be willing to revise your plans.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You see situations in a very different way because of what is happening and how people are reacting. Be willing to discuss an issue in a new light. Re-frame different ideas, knowing what works in your mind. Tonight: You gain a deeper understanding of others.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Focus on getting out the door. If you are wondering why another approach works for someone else, look at his or her mental outlook. Be willing to revise your thinking in a positive way. Tonight: Out with friends and perhaps an associate or two.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Your creativity comes into play early on. You wonder how, when and why concerning certain issues. You feel like you need to solve what is ailing not only you but also a family member. Put less stress on yourself. Handle issues in a low-key manner. Tonight: Where your friends are.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Your instincts guide you in a new direction. Verbalize what you are seeing, and understand what might be going on on a deeper level with you. Excess is the name of the game with a partner. Your issue might be how much to join in. Tonight: Close to home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Keep conversations moving, and explore alternatives. A revamping of your finances might be just what the doctor ordered. Understanding evolves, and you create greater stability. See what is going on behind the scenes. Tonight: Talk up a storm.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You might want to understand more than someone is willing to share. You make an enormous effort toward others. Don't worry about the responses. Handle your finances with wisdom, but not in a stingy manner. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Stay on a steady course despite what might be going on. Listen well to others who are experiencing a whole different set of concerns. The unexpected opens a pathway that could provide greater energy and fun. Walk through the door. Tonight: As you like.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★ Much is going on behind the scenes. Passion runs high, especially concerning a partnership. Deal with others directly if you want to get past an obstacle. You might not be able to express exactly what is on your mind. Tonight: Togetherness works.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ You could be hard-pressed to get past an immediate issue or problem. Your way of looking at a situation could set the standard for others. They see the wisdom in your approach and long-term results. You know what is going on with a boss or supervisor. Tonight: Find your friends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Recognize that others look to you to take the lead. Understand the push and pull of a boss's or others' demands. Listen to what is happening behind the scenes. Be willing to break the mold and move forward. Tonight: A late meeting could become a happening!

Happy birthday

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

This year your ability to relate and communicate proves to be positive financially. Adapt your style even more depending on different people and situations. Many opportunities will head in your direction. Your profound ability to transform a situation emerges. Your willingness to adapt and grow marks your behavior. If you are single, you will have to push suitors away. You might enjoy dating even more. If you are attached, you will see a change in your sweetie that you view positively. SAGITTARIUS has great money ideas.

MYSTERY PHOTO

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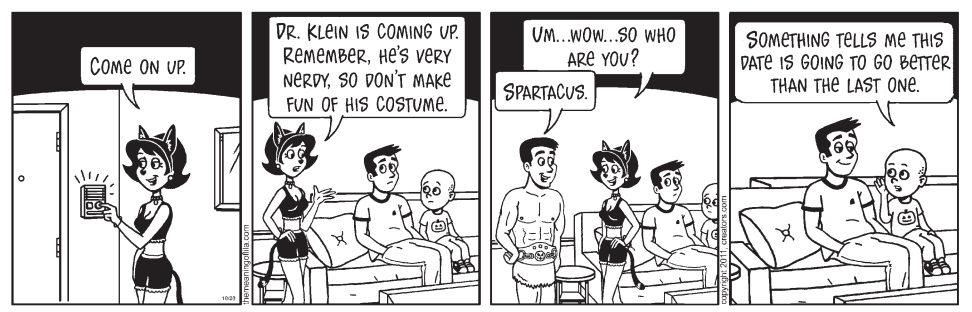

Sudoku

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

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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1	9	8	3	7	4	6	2	5
4	2	3	6	5	8	9	1	7
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3	4	6	8	2	5	1	7	9
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6 Perhaps
11 Buccaneers' place
12 Skirt
13 Intended
14 Inexperienced
15 Bird's home
17 Bird's home
18 Garden areas
20 Yemen neighbor
22 Farm father
23 Wrap tightly
26 To date
28 Inferior
29 In the face of
31 That girl
32 Take on
33 Head honcho
34 Health clubs
36 Farm chunk
38 Henry VIII's house
40 Dagger parts
43 Wear away
44 Detail map
45 Made kitten cries
46 Wee

DOWN

1 Jerry's pursuer
2 Court feat
3 Al Jolson song
4 Window sections
5 Colony members
6 Spring month
7 Green hue
8 Reply to a threat
9 Bob's frequent co-star
10 Keenness
16 Road rescue
18 Small nail
19 Comfort
21 Like bucks
23 Agitate
24 Sediment
25 Screws up
27 Series unit
30 Drink from a bag
33 Salty water
34 Flower part
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42 Sow site

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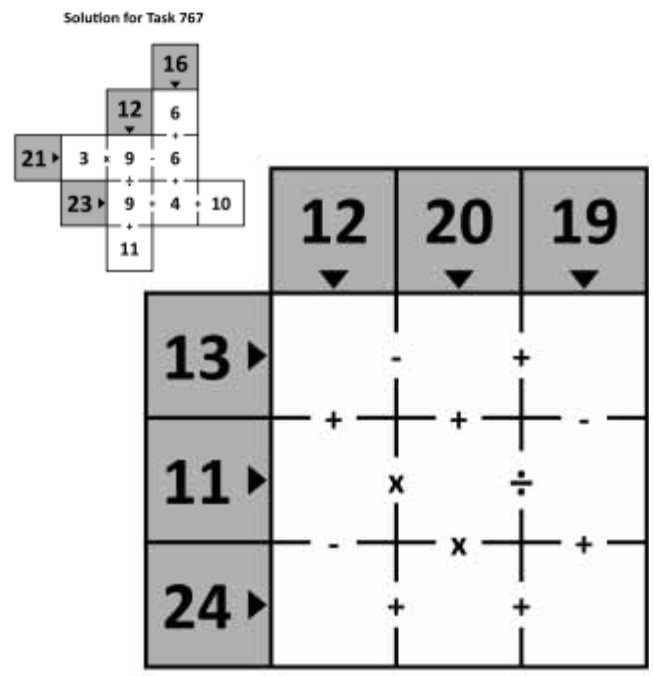

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ (1) The Department of Motor Vehicles office in Roseville, Calif., was closed for a week in July after a driving school student crashed into the building and left a five-foot hole in the wall. (2) A young man taking a test at the drivers' center in Brisbane, Australia, in August lost control of his vehicle and crashed into a bench outside the building, hitting his mother, who was waiting for him. (3) A 56-year-old DMV driving tester was killed in July when the woman she was evaluating ran off the road in Williamsburg, Va., and struck a tree.

■ In October, a court in Ottawa, Ontario, sentenced pornography collector Richard Osborn, 46, to a year in jail on several charges, but dismissed the more serious child porn counts. Judge Robert Fournier ruled that Osborn's hardcore images of Bart and Lisa Simpson, and Milhouse, were not illegal, on the grounds that he could not be sure of the characters' ages. (Baby Maggie Simpson was depicted, but she was not involved in sex.) Judge Fournier was clearly exasperated at Osborn's perversions, among them his homemade video of swimsuit-clad youngsters, interspersed with shots of Osborn himself masturbating, aided by a Cabbage Patch doll whose mouth had been cut open. At one point, a disgusted Judge Fournier cut off the presentation of evidence. "Enough," he said. "We are not paid by the taxpayers to sit here and torture ourselves."

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1835 The United Tribes of New Zealand is established with the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

1848 The first railroad in Spain – between Barcelona and Mataró – is opened.

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