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THE EDUCATED VOTERS ISSUE

Route for Westside subway wins approval

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

DOWNTOWN L.A. Los Angeles County transportation officials Thursday approved a subway extension that will take riders from Union Station to the Veterans Administration in Westwood in about 25

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ARTISTIC KIDS

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Students find their individual art work with family members during the opening reception of the Wall Works 'Zippy's Nicknacks, Tonics, and Magical Gadgets' exhibition at the Santa Monica Museum of Art at Bergamot Station on Wednesday night.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

St. Monica wants to finish strong

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

CORSAIR FIELD Despite sitting at 0-1 in the Santa Fe League, the once struggling St. Monica Mariners have a legitimate shot at making the playoffs for the first time since 2003.

In just his second season as head football coach, Larry Muno has led the Mariners to an overall record of 4-3 (one win more than last season) and a position to potentially return to the playoffs.

The next challenge for Muno will be keeping his team focused — and healthy — as St. Monica heads into the heart of the league schedule. The drive for the playoffs begins Saturday when the Mariners host Bellarmine-Jefferson at Santa Monica College's Corsair Field. It will be St. Monica's only "home game" in Santa Monica this season.

Fortunate for the Mariners, Bell-Jeff's head coach is the first to admit that his team is having a down year, struggling to a 2-6 overall record and an 0-2 start in league.

"We're just trying to hang in there," Head Coach Rolando Aguirre said. "We don't have

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Street performers have City Hall's ear

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL City Hall officials like to promote the Third Street Promenade as a one-of-a-kind experience — a pedestrian area for shopping and dining that's also a vibrant public space.

Where else in Southern California, after all, can you buy a shirt at Banana Republic, watch a street performer catch a tea pot with his head and listen to a creationist debate evolutionary theory with passers by all in the space of a few city blocks?

But there's one aspect of the promenade officials could do without: the noise.

Thanks largely to amplified musicians and performance groups that use PA systems to round up crowds, officials with the Bayside District Corp., the public/private organization that manages Downtown, say the volume, especially on busy weekend nights, has become too much for some visitors and business owners.

"The noise levels are completely assaulting … it's just simply too loud," Kathleen Rawson, Bayside's CEO, told the City Council this week during a regular review of the ordinance governing street performers. "One thing that we know for sure is that the noise level has to be reduced."

Even through tripple-paned, second story office building windows, Rawson said the din from promenade performers is often audible.

Making new rules to quiet them down, though, could be a touchy issue. Because the promenade is a public street, not a private mall, officials are bound by broad First Amendment free speech protections that preempt regulations that could be interpreted as an impediment to free expression.

Making matters even trickier is a recent court ruling that struck down as unconstitutional the regulatory system for the Venice boardwalk that the city of Los Angeles put in place in 2008 that required performers and vendors to acquire permits via a lottery system in order to occupy

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Originals at the pier

Santa Monica Pier

Carousel Hippodrome, Daily

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

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THIS WON'T HURT ONE BIT

Fabian Lewkowicz *FabianLewkowicz.com*

Santa Monica College nursing student Patricia Schannong, 30, check Daylon Polk's, 20, blood pressure during SMC's Club Row on Thursday.

Expanding the Santa Monica Mountains

BY JESSIE SCHIEWE
Special to the Daily Press

SM MOUNTAINS Conservationists are on a mission to expand the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and are calling on those who love the great outdoors to get involved.

The National Parks Conservation Association is urging Santa Monica residents to write to the National Park Service, asking the federal agency to consider expanding the recreation area by up to 500,000 acres. The park service is currently conducting the Rim of the Valley Corridor Special Resources Study that examines the potential of land surrounding the San Fernando, La Crescenta, Santa Clarita, Simi and Conejo valleys.

The overall goal of the study, which was first proposed in 1990, is to gain a better understanding of the ecosystems surrounding those valleys and to develop options on how best to preserve and development them.

Although some of these valleys have already been incorporated into national, state, or county park lands (such as the Los Angeles National Forest) they are still eligible for inclusion into the Santa Monica Mountains.

"It's very confusing," said Anne Dove, project manager of the study. "Most park lands are under the jurisdiction of multiple agencies, such as the National Parks Service and the state."

For example, Malibu Creek State Park is managed by the California State Parks but it is also located within the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, she said.

Because the study relies heavily on public input and feedback, a draft of alternative outcomes for the study will not be available until 2012. Possible alternatives include expansion of the boundaries of the Santa Monica National Mountains to include some or all of the Rim of the Valley Corridor, or simply leaving the boundaries where they are.

"Our overall goal is to do what is best for the wildlife corridors and public use," Dove said. She also said that merging of the parks could lead to the formation of new partnerships between state and local entities, ultimately making management of the parks easier and more efficient.

A pivotal detail in the study, which the National Parks Service is quick to point out, is that private landowners located within the areas being considered will not be forced to cede their land.

"If we end up expanding the boundaries of the park, we have already promised that we would not acquire private lands other than from willing sellers," Dove said. "We aren't going to force anyone to move out of

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Crossroads students rally for sanity in politics

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Piggybacking on the "Rally to Restore Sanity and/or Fear" that Comedy Central hosts Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert are holding this Saturday in Washington, D.C., a group of local high school students is planning to do some rallying of its own, all without leaving town.

In a scaled-down attempt to "bring sani-

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HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

Vikings in mix for league title

BY PATRICK HOURIHAN
Special to the Daily Press

SAMOHI There are only three games left on the schedule for the Santa Monica High School girls' volleyball team, and all three are crucial Ocean League games.

The remaining schedule should pose no challenge to the league-leading Vikings. In the most recent California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section rankings, which came out on Oct. 26, Santa Monica was placed at No. 9 in Division 3-AA. No other Ocean League team has made the rankings all year.

Samohi Head Coach Liane Sato, a former Vikings player who helped lead the 1981 team to a state title, is hoping to give the squad an opportunity to contend for their own state title this year. At the start of the season, she admitted the team lacked experience. But, despite the team's obvious youth, she could foresee a great year ahead for the Vikings.

"Our fans can look forward to a very competitive team this year," Sato said. "We are looking to do well in our league and peak for the playoffs."

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Pot, parks and the political process

When it comes to politics in the Golden State, propositions are an annoying fact of life, kind of like in-laws. You have to deal with them, but are glad they only come around once every few years. Ideally, it would be better to leave the governing to those who are elected to do the job, but since ballot measures are a reality, we must weigh in. The Santa Monica Daily Press Editorial Board has studied each proposition on the Nov. 2 ballot, as well as the state and national races. We looked closely at the financial and social impacts of each measure and who was supporting them to come up with our picks for the ballot. Here they are:

PROPOSITION 19:
Legalize, regulate and tax marijuana
YES

The time has come to decriminalize marijuana possession for those 21 years old or older and allow local governments to create a system that taxes the safe and secure distribution of cannabis, helping to generate much-needed revenues that can help bring the Golden State out of financial ruin, while simultaneously striking a blow to drug cartels, who rely heavily on marijuana sales to fund their operations.

Don't be fooled by the "Reefer Madness" mentality being pushed by opponents who want voters to buy into the hysteria by believing California will be overrun by pot heads crashing cars if Prop. 19 passes. Don't listen to those who believe the measure is flawed and will create more confusion. They're wrong. Some may try pot who normally would not have if still illegal, but we won't be overrun by stoners. If you've ever wanted to try pot, chances are you already have and had no trouble doing so.

The measure's flexibility allows local governments to set up their own system of taxation and control, catering it to a particular community's needs. Cities could decide by a vote or leave it up to their elected officials to decide if they want to allow the sale of pot or not and to what extent.

Employers will still be able to enforce policies against being high or drunk on the job and conduct regular drug testing, and police officers will still be able to issue tickets for those driving under the influence of pot.

The measure saves taxpayer money in enforcement and incarceration and allows police the flexibility to focus on more serious crimes. This measure would also help to create jobs, bringing those currently growing pot off the grid into the system, paying taxes on previously black-market income.

While there are some legitimate concerns about how the U.S. Department of Justice will react and if California will be punished for Prop. 19, the amount of money this measure could raise and save outweighs those fears. California has traditionally been a leader in adopting progressive policies. We must continue to push the envelope. Others will follow and the senseless prohibition of marijuana in this country will end.

PROPOSITION 20:
Gives commission redistricting power
YES

As voters, it is our responsibility to hold elected officials accountable, but how can we do that when our Congressional districts are drawn to give incumbents a considerable advantage over challengers? How can we make a difference when voting districts are drawn specifically to dilute our voices? Prop. 20 is an attempt to level the playing field and make our elected officials more responsive to our needs. If approved, it would strip the Legislature of the power to draw Congressional districts and give that power to the Citizens Redistricting Commission, which is comprised of five Democrats, five Republicans and four voters registered with neither party. Any new district lines would have to be approved by nine of those commissioners — three Democrats, three Republicans and three from neither party. This breakdown ensures there will be debate and that no one district will be drawn to favor one party over another. Voters created the commission, which is already charged with redrawing the district boundaries for the State Senate, Assembly and Board of Equalization. The cost of funding the commission is minimal, particularly when considering the commission's job is to help create a more equitable electoral process.

PROPOSITION 21:
Funding for state parks and wildlife programs
NO

The Daily Press Editorial Board supports our state parks and uses them often, but we cannot support Prop. 21 because we are concerned about what impacts it could have on City Hall's revenue stream when it comes to collecting parking revenue at our many beach lots.

If approved, Prop. 21 would establish a new, $18 vehicle license surcharge that would generate an estimated $500 million annually for state parks and wildlife programs. Supporters say the measure would help offset damaging cuts to our state parks that have left them in peril. In exchange for the surcharge, those who register their vehicles would be allowed to park for free at state parks and beaches.

That is where we grow worrisome. City officials told the Daily Press that there is still uncertainty as to how much money City Hall would receive from the state to replace beach lot parking revenue lost if Prop. 21 is approved. There are also concerns about the loss of parking revenue generated by Downtown structures as drivers will certainly be tempted to park at a beach lot for free and walk to Downtown instead of paying to park closer. This could mean the loss of millions in parking revenue annually, putting further strain on City Hall's coffers, which have already taken a hit thanks to Sacramento.

And Prop. 21 sets a bad precedent. If it passes, it will embolden special interest groups and the Legislature to come up with new fees and surcharges to fund other programs, putting an even greater burden on working-class families. We support the parks, but there's just too much uncertainty locally to support Prop. 21.

PROPOSITION 22:
Local revenue protection
YES

If approved, Prop. 22 would prohibit the Legislature, even in times of fiscal crisis, from delaying the distribution of tax revenues for transportation, redevelopment or local government projects. We feel strongly in the need to protect local revenues and support Prop. 22. Our roads are in bad shape and delaying key infrastructure improvements will only cost us more down the road.

PROPOSITION 23:
Suspends air pollution control law AB 32
NO

Global warming is a real threat and California must do its part to cut down on greenhouse gas emissions. By suspending AB 32, we will only be contributing to the problem and delaying needed reforms to protect the health of future generations. This is not the time to be shortsighted. We must plan for the future and that means investing more in clean, renewable sources of energy. AB 32 creates the incentive to reinvest in cleaner technologies and will help create jobs in the green economy, which is the future of California. Don't give in to the rich oil companies, vote no on Prop. 23.

PROPOSITION 24:
Repeals tax breaks for businesses
NO

Businesses need all they help they can get during this economic recession and the tax breaks negotiated by the Legislature would significantly help businesses save money and reinvest. If approved, this measure would repeal legislation that allows businesses to shift operating losses to prior tax years, share tax credits with affiliated corporations and use a sales-based income calculation rather than a combination of property, payroll and sales-based income calculation. These are tools that businesses can use to survive. Without them, California could see more job losses and companies moving to neighboring states — all not good for the Golden State.

PROPOSITION 25:
Establishes lower threshold for Legislature to pass a budget
YES

When is the last time you can remember the Legislature approving a budget on time? Late budgets cost taxpayers money. Prop. 25 would help end the budget gridlock in Sacramento and hold legislators accountable by docking their pay every day a budget is late. No longer would a small minority be able to hold the budget process hostage. Fourty-seven other states allow a simple majority vote for passage. Prop. 25 would not lower the two-thirds threshold for approving new taxes. This is a move that should have been made years ago.

PROPOSITION 26:
Increases voting threshold for fee increases
NO

If approved, Prop. 26 would make it more difficult to hold polluters responsible for their negative impacts on communities by increasing the voting threshold to pass fees that include those which address adverse impacts on society or the environ-

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Desperately seeking Susan

THE MID-TERM ELECTIONS ARE ON Tuesday. Can it really be two years since Barack Obama gave his stirring victory speech in Chicago's Grant Park and Oprah cried tears of joy on a stranger's shoulder? (I wonder if that guy got a free car.)

Oprah will likely be shedding tears of a different type on Nov. 2 as it appears that the Democrats are going to get trounced with a capital T. The voting public apparently wants to return to the policies of George W. Bush. Hello! Do we all have collective amnesia?

I'm not saying that Bush was a colossal failure, but if his administration had been in Japan, there wouldn't have been enough hara-kiri knives to go around. (OK, so I am saying it.) W gave us two wars: one totally unnecessary, based on lies and likely to cost $4 trillion by the time we leave; and the other, Afghanistan, so compromised by Iraq that we're still there nine years later. Some of my conservative friends say they liked Bush, just not the Iraq war. That's like saying you like Eminem, just not his lyrics.

And, as a parting gift to the country, W handed over an economy on the brink of total collapse. But where were the Tea Partiers when Bush was setting record deficits?

This year the T-Baggers' pin-up girl is Delaware's Christine O'Donnell, who makes Sarah "Refudiate" Palin look like a Rhodes Scholar. O'Donnell's U.S. Senate campaign seems to be, "I'm not a witch so vote for me." Even worse, if that's possible, is Rich Iott, an Ohio congressional candidate who has a penchant for dressing up in Nazi uniforms (what a quaint hobby).

Meanwhile, in New York, the anti-gay gubernatorial candidate is Carl Paladino. But in 2005 Paladino reportedly rented two of his Buffalo properties to gay bars (one co-owned by his son). It turns out that Paladino also has a 10-year-old daughter out of wedlock. Apparently, he's so "pro family" that he has two.

In California, billionaire Republican Meg Whitman, the GOP "law and order" candidate for governor, wants to crack down on employers of illegal aliens. I suppose she should start with herself as Whitman had an undocumented woman working for her for nine years. Whitman also acknowledges that she was so busy getting rich that she didn't have time to vote … for 28 years! Meg, two words: absentee ballot!

In pursuit of the governor's job, Whitman will likely shatter all records by spending $160 million ($140 million of her own). Assuming she gets 4,000,000 votes, that's $40 a vote.

Our City Council races in Santa Monica aren't exactly in the Whitman price range, but they're not cheap. In 2008, the winning candidates all had budgets over $55,000, this for a job that pays $12,000 a year. Go figure.

In 2008, Susan Hartley ran for council with $9,060 and got 9,924 votes, or about 91 cents a vote. (She should run the Whitman campaign and save Meg $156,000,000.) Susan is back this year as one of 15 candidates seeking the five council seats up for grabs.

Susan's been endorsed by the Daily Press and also has the backing of Oscar, the famed golden retriever owned by a friend of mine. (Go to Facebook, type "Susan Hartley For Council" and you'll see Oscar on the campaign trail.) Susan's for limited growth, reduced traffic congestion, having the council tighten its financial belt and actually listen to the residents. (What a novel concept.)

This year's election is historic as there are five council seats up for grabs. They're divided into two-year and four-year terms. Ten candidates are running for the three four-year terms and five are seeking the two two-year terms.

This sounds so complicated it reminds me of the late Buddy Hackett's immortal "Chinese waiter, one from column A, one from column B," stand-up routine. At age 9 my Aunt Amelia took me to see Hackett in Las Vegas and I spent much of pre-puberty doing my imitation. (Some say I still am, here every Friday, happily across from the breast augmentation ad.)

This year's council candidates are a rather "eclectic" group. An example is the outspoken Jon Mann, who's running for a record 10th time. One of Jon's more controversial ideas is to convert the Santa Monica Airport hangars into giant medical marijuana farms. (That just corralled the youth vote.)

Candidates Jerry Rubin and Linda Armstrong have also run on numerous occasions, as have incumbents Bob Holbrook, Kevin McKeown and Pam O'Connor. The fact is, my hat is off to anyone who runs for council, as the process is exhausting. There were almost as many council debates as there are candidates.

With the national elections appearing grim for progressives such as myself, I'd like to TIVO the whole thing but I don't have TIVO. (Slight problem.) For Santa Monica City Council, for the two-year term, I bet you can guess one person I'm going to be voting for. (And it'll be with Oscar's blessing.) Susan Hartley, you go girl.

If **JACK** isn't too busy fretting about the upcoming election, he can be reached at Jnsmdp@aol.com.

The Q Line

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Upset at the ballot box

With Election Day nearly upon us, we couldn't help but wonder if there was an upset in the making in the Santa Monica City Council races.

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City of Santa Monica

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

TIME: **10:30 a.m., Tuesday, November 9, 2010**

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:

Use Permit 10-006, 531-533 7th Street. The applicant requests approval to retain an existing curb cut providing street access to an on-site parking space on the subject parcel which has an adjacent rear alley. The proposed parking space would provide on-site parking for the single family dwelling in the front of the property that currently has no on-site parking. The applicant requests approval to allow vehicle access onto the property from 20th Street. Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.04.08.02.040(d), the applicant may request a Use Permit to allow a curb cut for purposes of providing street access to an on-site parking garage on parcels located within the North of Montana neighborhood with an adjacent rear alley having a minimum right-of-way of fifteen feet. The subject property is located in the North of Montana neighborhood and has an adjacent rear alley that is 20 feet in width. [Planner: Dennis Banks] **APPLICANT/OWNER**: Homa Shirzad-Bald

Fence, Wall, Hedge Height Modification FWHM 10-0004, 420 Alta Avenue. The applicant requests approval of a fence and hedge height modification within the front and sideyard setbacks to retain a 8'H x 9'W x 9'D pergola and existing landscaping on the perimeter of the property. Specifically, a grouping of plants ranging in 4' to 10' in height in the front yard and 20-foot tall bamboo plants along both side yard areas. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.04.10.02.080, fences, walls, or hedges cannot exceed the maximum height of 42-inches within the required front yard and hedges cannot exceed 12-feet along the sideyards. SMMC Section 9.04.10.02.080(e) permits a modification. [Planner: Grace Page] **APPLICANT/OWNER**: Jeffrey and Linda Rush.

Fence, Wall, Hedge Height Modification FWHM 10-0006, 476 20th Street. The applicant requests approval of the installation of a six and a half feet tall by 10 feet front gate entry located six feet located in the front yard setback. SMMC Section 9.04.10.02.080(e) permits a modification to the height limitations in the front yard area, subject to approval by the Zoning Administrator. [Planner: Dennis Banks] **APPLICANT/OWNER**: Jeff and Melissa Green

Fence, Wall, Hedge Height Modification FWHM 10-0007, 1001 Pacific Street. The applicant requests approval of a seven foot tall wooden gate entrance in the front yard setback area. The applicant also requests approval of a wooden fence that ranges from four feet to eight feet in height along the side property lines in the front yard setback area. SMMC Section 9.04.10.02.080(e) permits a modification to the height limitations in the front yard area, subject to approval by the Zoning Administrator. [Planner: Dennis Banks] **APPLICANT/OWNER**: Keith Harrison.

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 #1, #2, #3, #4, #7 and #8 serve the City Hall.

*Esto es un aviso sobre una audiencia publica para revisar applicaciones proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Esto puede ser de interes para usted. Si desea mas informacion, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la Division de Planificacion al numero (310) 458-8341.

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World Series matchup includes home cooking

LINDA STEWART BALL
PAUL ELIAS
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO The rivalry between San Francisco and Texas extends beyond the field — at least in this food-crazy city: the ChaCha Bowl vs. the Big Dog, the Crazy Crab'z Sandwich vs. the Ranger Tater, and other north-south arguments for ballpark food supremacy.

"They even have sushi," gushed Nancy Khalas, of San Francisco, during the first game of the World Series on Wednesday. "Not many other ball parks can claim that."

Indeed, fans of the Rangers defend their basic, sushi-free ballpark fare as unpretentious and distinctly Texas, where bigger is often considered better. The Arlington ballpark has the $9 Big Dog, a half-pound wiener loaded with chili, cheese and grilled onions.

"I don't know if sushi would go over well with Texas Rangers fans," said Andrew McDonald, 33, of Frisco, Texas. "Your average Rangers fan is not going to carry a plate of sushi to his seat for fear of being beat up."

But San Francisco foodies embrace haute cuisine and the Giants with equal passion, saying that eating well during a baseball game is part of the experience.

"This is San Francisco," said Shanelle Mishlof, 27, as she squeezed lemon over her fish and chips Wednesday night. "Food is more than an afterthought, even at baseball games."

That's why the lines are always long at Orlando's Caribbean Barbecue, named after Giants great Orlando Cepeda. Cepeda was born in Puerto Rico and carried the nicknames Baby Bull and Cha Cha during his 16-year Major League Baseball career that began with the Giants' first year in San Francisco in 1958. He hit a home run during San Francisco's first opening day.

Now fans pay $10 for a ChaCha Bowl that includes chicken, rice, beans and pineapple salsa. "It's a San Francisco tradition," said Gary Mesko, 30, of San Francisco. "You have to get a ChaCha Bowl at the game."

Giants fans also line up to spend $15 on Dungeness crab salad spread between grilled sourdough toast coated in garlic butter.

"It's the best sandwich in any ballpark anywhere, any sport," said Donnie Beckwith. The 35-year-old San Franciscan said he and his wife failed to recreate the sandwich at home, even after an excursion to Whole Foods grocery store for the ingredients.

"There's something special about it at the ball park," Beckwith said.

Such talk makes many Rangers fans roll their eyes. The Rangers Ballpark menu leans more heavily toward Tex-Mex dishes like nine-layer dip, quesadillas, soft tacos and nachos or anything with barbecue sauce, including the chopped beef-brisket sandwich.

There's also the Ranger Tater, a fully loaded baked potato with brisket on it.

"It's a ballpark," sniffed Mary Freeman, 18. "It should stick to traditional stuff. It's not a gourmet restaurant. It's baseball."

Not everyone agrees with Freeman, though.

"The nachos are gross. The chips are greasy and the cheese is canned," complained Shelly Champagne, 39, of Keller, Texas, who admitted that she at least liked the hamburgers.

In comparison, few in San Francisco complain about the quality and selection, which also include Irish Nachos (with cheddar cheese), a wide assortment of micro brews and the Stinking Rose's 40-clove Garlic Chicken Sandwich. Instead, some Giants fans mutter about high prices: Kneft spent a little more than $20 on nachos and two beers.

Despite their differences, both parks have a common ground: garlic fries, which first became popular in San Francisco and are considered the ballpark's signature dish by many.

"They're awesome," said Kurt Schmitt, 39, of Sunnyvale, who buys an order at every game. "But you can't eat them all. I've been known to share an order with two friends."

Given their competition, Texas is now making an effort to up its game. Last week, the food service company at Arlington added three carving stations where guests can have their brisket sliced right before their eyes by white-uniformed chefs.

The Rangers also recently added a bayou cooking cart, which features red beans and rice and gumbo. An Asian Wok station with its noodles or fried rice and choice of chicken and shrimp has been around for about a week.

But for all their many differences, most fans in both locales agreed that hot dogs are de riguer at all baseball games.

"Sometimes, you just want a hot dog at a ball game," said Troy Loro, of San Francisco. "In fact, I always want a hot-dog here."



Brown leads Whitman in latest poll

SAMANTHA YOUNG
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO Democrat Jerry Brown holds a double-digit lead over Republican Meg Whitman in their contest for California governor less than a week before Election Day, according to a Field Poll released Thursday.

The survey found the former two-term governor leading the former eBay chief executive 49 percent to 39 percent among likely voters. It is the third poll released in the past week showing Brown leading a race considered too close to call a month ago.

"I don't remember anything in recent memory, going back 50 years, a candidate riding this low in the polls overtaking and winning," this close to an election, said Jaime Regalado, executive director of the Pat Brown Institute of Public Affairs at California State University, Los Angeles.

That doesn't bode well for Whitman, a billionaire who has spent nearly $142 million of her own money in her first bid for political office. She has spent the past two weeks traveling California in a bid to woo the independent voters she needs to win in a state where Democrats hold a 13-point registration advantage.

At a campaign stop Thursday morning in the agriculture hub of Salinas, in Monterey County, Whitman urged supporters to contact everyone they know to get out the vote.

"It's going to be a close race. We need every single vote," she said, according to The Salinas Californian newspaper.

Brown appears to be gaining favor among undecided voters, who in previous polls made up about a fifth of likely voters. Thursday's poll shows 12 percent remain undecided.

"What we've known in the history of elections, politics and campaigns is that undecided voters like to see where momentum is going and then they are likely to jump on the bandwagon," Regalado said. "Simply by looking at the polls, Jerry has to be happy and Meg has to be worried."

Just a month ago, Brown and Whitman were tied after a summer of intense advertising and campaigning by Whitman. Brown began advertising over the Labor Day weekend.

The general election campaign for governor has become the most expensive in the state's history, according to the California Fair Political Practices Commission.

The candidates have met in three debates this fall, and each dealt with controversies that temporarily overshadowed their campaigns. Whitman was forced to admit that her former housekeeper of nine years was an illegal immigrant from Mexico, after she called on holding employers accountable for hiring illegal workers. Whitman says she fired Nicky Diaz Santillan last year when she learned Santillan was in the country illegally.

Meanwhile, a female Brown campaign aide was overheard on a leaked audio tape calling Whitman a "whore" for cutting a deal with a police union for its endorsement. Brown apologized for the remark but continued to attack his rival for bowing to union pressure.

The Field Poll indicates Brown has shored up his support among women and Latinos, traditionally Democratic-leaning constituencies that Whitman has aggressively targeted. Latinos are supporting Brown, the state attorney general, 57 percent to 27 percent, while women support him 51 percent to 35 percent.

Of the likely voters interviewed, 21 percent have already cast their ballots — 48 percent in favor of Brown and 41 percent in support of Whitman. An estimated 55 percent of likely voters are expected to cast their ballots by mail, a record high percentage for a general election in California.

The poll surveyed 1,092 likely voters by telephone from Oct. 14-26. It has a sampling error margin of plus or minus 3.2 percentage points.

Yahoo hires former News Corp. exec

MICHAEL LIEDTKE
AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO Yahoo Inc. is turning to a former Internet sharpshooter at News Corp.'s media empire to fill a big hole on its management team.

In a hiring announced late Wednesday, Ross Levinsohn will be Yahoo's executive vice president in charge the company's advertising sales, media division and business partnerships in North America, Central America and South America. He will report to Yahoo CEO Carol Bartz, although he will be based in the company's Santa Monica office instead of its Sunnyvale headquarters.

Although he left News Corp. nearly four years ago, Levinsohn is still best known for orchestrating that company's $580 million acquisition of the online hangout MySpace.com in 2005. The deal was seen as an Internet-savvy move by News Corp., a traditional media company that owns the 20th Century Fox movie studio, Fox television network and The Wall Street Journal.

Levinsohn made the acquisition look even better in 2006 when he sold MySpace's search advertising rights to Google Inc. for $900 million in 2006, but the site has been overtaken in recent years by Facebook.

MySpace's inability to keep pace with Facebook triggered a reorganization that brought in one of Levinsohn's business partners, Jon Miller, to shake things up. Miller had been working with Levinsohn at an Internet investment fund, Velocity Interactive Group, now known as Fuse Capital.

Levinsohn is leaving that fund to join Yahoo to replace Hilary Schneider, who announced her resignation last month along with two other top executives.

The defections raised doubts about Yahoo CEO Carol Bartz's efforts to revive the company's revenue growth and lift its long-sagging stock price.

Bringing in Levinsohn should help ease some investor worries about the depth and talent of Yahoo's management team as Bartz approaches the midway point of her four-year contract as CEO.

"Ross has a phenomenal track record of executing digital media strategies that increase user engagement and, most importantly, accelerate (revenue) growth," Bartz said.

Levinsohn could even emerge as a candidate for Bartz's job if Yahoo's struggles continue.

Yahoo's board so far has indicated it has no plans to replace Bartz, 62, before her contract expires in January 2013.

"Having this opportunity to work with a group of immensely talented people to enhance Yahoo's leadership position is a once in a lifetime opportunity," Levinsohn said.

Levinsohn's name came up as a potential Yahoo CEO in media reports published in 2008 after the company balked at an opportunity to sell itself for $47.5 billion, or $33 per share. Then, billionaire investor Carl Icahn, once one of the company's major shareholders, was pushing for the ouster of Yahoo's then-CEO, co-founder Jerry Yang.

Yahoo shares remain far below Microsoft's final offer in May 2008. The stock closed Wednesday at $16.42, down 4 cents.



NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: **10APP005 (Appeal of Development Review Permit 10DR-001 and Variance 10VAR008)**
301 Ocean Avenue

APPLICANT: 301 Ocean Development LLC
APPELLANT: Citizens in San Vicente – Ocean Avenue Neighborhood
PROPERTY OWNER: 301 Ocean Development LLC

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider the following request:

Appeal of Planning Commission's Approval of Development Review Permit (10DR-001) to construct a new three and four-story, twenty-unit condominium complex at 301 Ocean Avenue and Variance (10VAR008) to allow the second and third floor parcel coverages to exceed the limits set forth by the Municipal Code. The project includes a Mitigated Negative Declaration.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2010, AT 6:45 p.m.**

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 City Council public hearing, or by writing a letter. Written information will be given to the City Council at the meeting.

Address your letters to: City Clerk
Re: 10APP005 (301 Ocean Ave)
1685 Main Street, Room 102
Santa Monica, CA 90401

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

The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, and the Tide Ride serve City Hall.

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ESPAÑOL
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CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Drive-by robbers busted for snatching iPhone

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.

THURSDAY, OCT. 21, AT 8:20 P.M.,
Santa Monica police officers were flagged down in the 1200 block of 14th Street regarding a robbery that just occurred. When officers arrived, they made contact with the victim, who stated he was sitting on a bus bench when two suspects approached him and grabbed his iPhone and ran away. The victim chased after the suspects. The suspects jumped into a waiting vehicle and fled. Officers observed the vehicle in the 1100 block of 17th Street. Officers arrested the suspects, Andrew Punche, 20, of Inglewood, and Josie Ruttenberg, 18, of Culver City, for grand theft and conspiracy. Their bail was set at $25,000. The third suspect, a 17-year-old boy from Culver City was booked for grand theft and conspiracy. He was released to a guardian.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 20, AT 4 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 2600 block of Lincoln Boulevard regarding a theft. When officers arrived, they made contact with a store employee who told officers that another employee had placed bottles of alcohol outside by the loading dock to be picked up later. The bottles of alcohol had not been paid for, police said. Security cameras had observed the employee remove bottles of alcohol and place them in a shopping cart with trash to be disposed of. Security confronted the employee who allegedly confessed to the thefts. The total amount of theft was $687.89. Security placed the suspect under citizen's arrest. The suspect, Gerrold Babb,19, of Santa Monica, was arrested for burglary. His bail was set at $20,000.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 20, AT 8:30 A.M.,
Officers responded to the 1400 block of Ocean Avenue (Ocean View Hotel) regarding a possible arson attempt. Upon arrival, officers were advised that an employee had seen the suspect burning papers in the stairwell. The suspect was the same person who came in a few days earlier and allegedly took food from the buffet and harassed customers. Officers located the suspect a short distance away. Further investigation revealed that the suspect was trespassing and possibly lit the fire to destroy some paper or as a heat source. The suspect, Jarris Castenda, 31, a transient in Santa Monica, was booked for trespassing and a probation violation. His bail was set at $10,000.

FRIDAY, OCT. 22, AT 11:53 A.M.,
Officers responded to the 1300 block of 16th Street regarding a subject trying to open doors and looking under mats of an apartment complex. Upon arrival, officers observed a subject matching the description of the suspect. Upon contacting the subject, she showed signs of being under the influence of a central nervous system drug (meth). Further investigation revealed that the suspect was looking for a friend but did not know what apartment she lived in. Officers also found two glass pipes commonly used to smoke meth, police said. The suspect, Courtney Stout, 29, a transient in Santa Monica, was booked for possession of paraphernalia, being under the influence and a probation violation. Her bail was set at $10,000.

SATURDAY, OCT. 23, AT 1:10 A.M.,
Officers responded to the intersection of Lincoln Boulevard and Colorado Avenue regarding a traffic collision. A police department employee was monitoring traffic when they observed a vehicle rear-end another. Officers contacted the driver of the vehicle that rear-ended another vehicle. The driver allegedly showed symptoms of being impaired. Officers had the driver perform a series of balance and coordination tests. Upon completion officers arrested the driver, Jon Aune, 26, of Los Angeles, for driving while impaired. His bail was set at $30,000.

SUNDAY, OCT. 24, AT 8:45,
Officers responded to the 1900 block of 18th Street regarding a fight between a daughter and mother. Upon arrival, officers contacted the victim (mother) who was visibly upset. She stated that she confronted the suspect (daughter) when her son advised her that the suspect had thrown his shoes into the trash. The mom retrieved the shoes out of the trash and was confronted by her daughter. The daughter grabbed the shoes and threw them back into the trash. The mother grabbed the trash can and started to walk away with the shoes inside. The daughter tried to grab the trash can and allegedly attempted to hit her mother in the head. Her swing hit the mother in the back. As the mom turned, another altercation occurred and both fell to the ground. The mom stated she was desirous of an arrest. The suspect, Sharalee Dudak, 20, of Santa Monica, was arrested for assault and battery. Her bail was set at $20,000.

THURSDAY, OCT. 21, AT 6:05 P.M.,
Officers were flagged down in the 1300 block of the Third Street Promenade (Anthropologie) regarding a theft of clothing. The store employee advised she observed the suspect enter the fitting room carrying two pairs of pants. The suspect was wearing blue jeans. The suspect exited the dressing room wearing purple pants and carrying one pair of pants, the employee told police. As the suspect was at the counter paying for one pair of the pants, the employee asked if she was going to pay for the pair she was currently wearing. The suspect was offended and exited the business wearing the pants. Officers located the suspect a short distance away. The suspect, Cowan Ruth, 61, a transient in Santa Monica, was placed under citizen's arrest for petty theft. The suspect was additionally booked for a probation violation. Her bail was set at $10,000.

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Editor-in-Chief **KEVIN HERRERA** compiled these reports.

ENDORSEMENTS
FROM PAGE 4

ment. It would most likely decrease revenues to the state, creating more cuts to services.

PROPOSITION 27:
Eliminates redistricting commission
NO

Since the Daily Press Editorial Board is in favor of Prop. 20, we cannot endorse Prop. 27, which would eliminate the State Commission on Redistricting. We do not believe elected officials should be in charge of drawing electoral districts.

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RALLY
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ty back to political discourse," the Crossroads Political Union is planning to gather on campus this Saturday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. for a day of activities aimed at promoting political engagement.

Speakers at the event will include former state senator Tom Hayden and filmmaker Davis Guggenheim, who directed "An Inconvenient Truth" and the education documentary "Waiting for Superman."

There will also be food trucks on hand, campaign booths and a musical performance by the Jane Carrey Band. In between acts, a live Internet stream of the D.C. rally will be shown on a projection screen.

Emma Cohen, president of the Political Union, said it's a non-partisan event aimed at encouraging students to be politically engaged.

"We're not trying to push a political agenda, we just want it to be about being informed about the issues," she said. "We thought it was a great premise for an event and it was something that we could really relate to as students."

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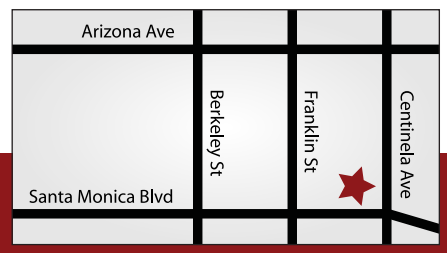
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SUBWAY
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minutes.

The vote on the draft environmental study of the planned Purple Line was 10 for approval, with county Supervisor Michael Antonovich abstaining. He did not explain his vote.

The Westside subway extension — often dubbed the "Subway to the Sea," even though it only has funding to stretch as far as Westwood — would extend the Purple Line from the Wilshire Boulevard/Western Avenue station through Century City and end at the hospital west of the San Diego (405) Freeway south of Wilshire.

Although planning on the exact location of stations and specific details of the route are still being studied, the project is expected to cost at least $4.2 billion.

The proposed route would include seven stations, with the line roughly following the Wilshire corridor with stops including Fairfax, La Cienega, Century City, UCLA and the hospital.

Now that the preferred route has been chosen — Metro officials had been considering five proposed routes — the agency will move forward with more detailed engineering and environmental studies.

According to Metro, the line could be extended to Fairfax by 2019, to Century City by 2026 and Westwood by 2036. That schedule could be advanced, however, under Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa's proposed "30/10 Initiative," which would use federal funds to speed construction of major transit projects.

Metro board member and county Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky asked that as study moves forward on the project, special consideration be given to the risks of tunneling under Beverly Hills High School, including the risks from oil wells on the property and considering the possibility of moving the subway tunnel to avoid all school buildings.

The draft environmental report on the project, released in September, found that the subway would enable commuters to travel between Union Station and Westwood in about 25 minutes, but it wouldn't do much to reduce the number of cars in the area.

The report found that it would take commuters 13 minutes to travel along the Purple Line from downtown to the Wilshire/Western station, then another 12 minutes along the extension to reach Westwood.

It also proposed that trains would run every 3.3 minutes, holding as many as 1,000 people and traveling at a maximum speed of 70 mph.

But the study found that the number of cars on the streets in congested West Los Angeles would be reduced very little by the subway over the next 25 years, with the population expected to continue growing and many people still relying on cars for transportation.

The subway, however, would provide commuters an alternative to sitting in traffic, according to the report.

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The Associated Press contributed to this report.

ST. MONICA
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the horses this year."

Particularly difficult has been the quarterback situation. Bell-Jeff is down to its third-string quarterback who is playing his first year of varsity ball. Senior Chris Issakanian will be making his third start of the season.

Aguirre said that Issakanian has a tendency to scramble too often and has implored the signal caller to remain confident in the pocket. That will be difficult, Aguirre said, against a St. Monica defense led by sophomore sensation Mau Lauaki, who has 11 sacks this season.

Easing the load on Issakanian will be senior running back Micah Shirley. Muno sees him as potentially the greatest threat on offense and has devised a game plan with Shirley in mind. Shirley has run for nearly 1,000 yards this season.

"[Shirley's] one of the best players in the league," Muno said. "He pounded us last year."

Bell-Jeff defeated St. Monica, 47-35, last season.

While Shirley is by all accounts healthy, there are some concerns that St. Monica's play-making quarterback Matthew Partyka may not play. The speedy quarterback was knocked unconscious during last week's 34-7 loss to league rival Salesian. Wide receiver Sam Holguin took over for Partyka and, during his time in the game, impressed Bell-Jeff's coaching staff with his athletic ability and ease behind center.

Muno said that Partyka is doubtful this week. If he can't play, Muno would again turn to the lanky Holguin at quarterback.

"He's actually pretty good," Muno said. "He does some things that Matt can't do."

Muno added that while Holguin isn't as accurate as Partyka, he likes his arm strength and quick release.

Despite being favored, Muno said he doesn't fear his team losing focus.

"We're not good enough to be over confident," Muno joked. "We lose a couple of guys [to injury] and we could easily lose the rest of our games."

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SAMOHI
FROM PAGE 3

After having played well in several tournaments both before and during the season, the girls feel they are thoroughly prepared to end the year at the top of the league standings, Sato added.

"We are improving every day," Sato said. "The team always works together to get the job done. We should do pretty well against Morningside."

Santa Monica's next game is today at home against Morningside, starting at 3:15 p.m. The Vikings will then play their last two regular season games next week. First, against Beverly Hills at home on Nov. 2 then they travel to Hawthorne on Thursday, Nov. 4. Both games are also scheduled to start at 3:15 p.m.

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MUSIC MEN ON THE PROMENADE: **Matt Gerovac (left) and Joseph 'Panhead' Peck from the band Babylon Saints play their style of reggae on the Third Street Promenade last year.**

PERFORMERS
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spaces on the beachfront strip.

The court also invalidated an L.A. City Council rule that had banned the use of musical instruments and amplifiers in designated areas.

That means banning amplifiers on the promenade is off the table, Santa Monica City Attorney Marsha Moutrie said this week.

But there could still be ways to reign-in the noise level. The maximum permitted decibel level on the promenade varies depending on the time of day but tops out at 107 dbl, and Moutrie said it's a possibility the council could choose to lower that threshold.

But to musicians who earn their living playing on the promenade, that move would come as unwelcome news.

Justine Bennett, a guitarist and singer who's a regular, said she tracks her volume level with a decibel measuring iPhone app. While she strives to stay below the limit, she said there's a financial incentive to turn it up.

"The louder you are, the more money you make," Bennett said.

While she's never received a ticket for violating the noise ordinance, she said police officers regularly monitor the musicians' noise levels and frequently warn performers to keep it down.

"They're always walking around and they take it very seriously," she said.

On Tuesday, the City Council gave no specific directions about a tougher noise ordinance for street performers but members indicated they were concerned about excessive volume.

"I think all of us want to strongly protect free speech and have this as free a forum as humanly possible," Councilman Richard Bloom said. "[But] in some respects I think we've got a problem."

The City Attorney's Office is expected to bring options for further limiting the noise level back to the council at a future meeting.

Moutrie said her office will also suggest an addition to the street performers' code that would bar convicted sex offenders from engaging in types of performance that entice children, a law that other jurisdictions have already passed. The council may also consider a rule aimed at ensuring that performers who use elaborate props in their acts are able to quickly pack up and evacuate in case of an emergency.

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MOUNTAINS
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their house."

Local residents and frequenters of the outdoors have already started voicing their opinions about what they would like the outcomes of the study to be, including the National Parks Conservation Association. The organization supports expansion of the boundaries of the Santa Monica Mountains in the belief that it will help protect local wildlife, especially larger mammals such as mountain lions, bobcats, and coyotes, from losing their habitats and migration routes to anthropogenic development. According to Seth Shteir, the California Desert Field Representative for the organization, the mountains are home to over 1,000 plant species and 500 mammal, bird, and reptile species.

"We can't get rid of the expansion that has already occurred in these lands, but we can prevent existing habitats from further fragmentation," Shteir said.

The group also recognizes the added recreational benefit that the study can have and is urging the National Parks Service to develop a "Transit to Trails" alternative transportation system that can deliver visitors to key trailheads without the use of their cars.

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Anne Dove,
Project manager of the Rim of the Valley Corridor Study

For the next year and a half, public meetings will be held in locations throughout the city and surrounding counties. The public will have an opportunity to learn about current developments and put forth comments on the outcomes for the study. The public is also invited to send their ideas to the National Parks Service through e-mail (pwr_rimofthevalley@nps.gov) or by visiting their website, parkplanning.nps.gov.

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3M, Apple woes send stocks down

STEPHEN BERNARD
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK Stocks struggled to a mixed finish Thursday after weak earnings news from 3M and other companies weighed on the market.

The Dow Jones industrial average lost 12 points, but broader indexes posted slight gains. The market had risen steadily in the opening moments of trading following a surprise drop in first-time claims for unemployment benefits, pushing the Dow up as high as 53.

3M Co. set a negative tone with a downbeat view on the economy and a lower forecast for full-year earnings. 3M's dim assessment of the U.S. and European economies was a sobering reminder that growth in many developed nations remains weak. The maker of everything from Post-It notes to Scotch Tape called growth in those regions "uninspiring." Its shares fell 6.4 percent.

Apple Inc. fell about 1 percent after warning in a regulatory filing that profit margins might narrow next year. Colgate-Palmolive Co. also said it expects sales growth to slow next year.

Not all the corporate news was bad. Eastman Kodak Co. rose 15.4 percent after saying more customers turned to home and office printers. Motorola Inc. said its phone division was profitable for the first time in three years as the company bets consumers will snap up more smart phones like the Droid X.

Avon Products Inc. sank 5.6 percent after reporting suprisingly poor results from emerging markets. The beauty products seller said weakness in Brazil and Russia hurt quarterly profits. Many companies have relied heavily on expansion in developing countries to offset lagging sales in the U.S. and Europe.

Mixed earnings over the past few days sapped energy from an upswing on the stock market, which has been on a nearly unbroken rise since early September.

Pharmaceutical companies Bayer AG and Sanofi-Aventis SA and automaker Hyundai Motor Co. kicked off earnings worldwide with upbeat results, sending stocks higher overseas before U.S. markets opened.

A surprise drop in claims for unemployment insurance provided the most encouragement about the economy. Claims fell to their lowest level in three months, bolstering hopes that companies might start ramping up hiring soon.

The Dow fell 12.33, or 0.1 percent, to close at 11,113.95.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 1.33 point to 1,183.78, while the Nasdaq composite rose 4.11, or 0.2 percent, to 2,507.37

Not even a falling dollar could provide support for the market. Stocks and commodities have been very sensitive to the movement of the dollar in recent weeks. A decline in the dollar makes riskier assets priced in the currency, such as gold, oil and domestic stocks, more attractive to investors.

The dollar was broadly lower against other currencies, while commodities prices mostly rose. Gold rose $19.90 to $1,342.50 an ounce.

Bond prices rose. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note, which moves opposite its price, fell to 2.66 percent from 2.72 percent late Wednesday.

Gaining stocks narrowly outpaced declining ones on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume came to 1 billion shares.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA LANDMARKS COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Public hearings will be held by the Landmarks Commission on the following applications:

2501 2nd Street, 10LM-002, Zoning: OP2 (Ocean Park Low Density Multiple Family) District. The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider Landmark Designation Application 10LM-002, at 2501 2nd Street to determine whether the existing residential cottages, in whole or in part, should be designated as a City Landmark. The Landmarks Commission will make a decision regarding designation based on whether the application, research and public testimony presented show that the structures meet one or more of the required criteria for Landmark designation. Applicant: City of Santa Monica Landmarks Commission. Owner: Plaster Family Trust.

2009 La Mesa Drive, LC-10LM-004, Zoning: R-1 (Single Family Residential) District. The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider Landmark Designation Application 10LM-004, at 2009 La Mesa Drive, to determine whether the residential structure, in whole or in part, should be designated as a City Landmark. The Landmarks Commission will make a decision regarding designation based on whether the application, research and public testimony presented show that the structure meets one or more of the required criteria for Landmark designation. Applicant: City of Santa Monica Landmarks Commission. Owner: Rogers, James E. Trust & Kathryn Z. Grayson Decd Trust.

When: **Monday, November 8, 2010 at 7:00 pm**

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

Questions/Comments
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment on this and other projects. You or your representative, or any other persons may comment on the application at the Public Hearing, or by writing a letter addressed to Scott Albright, AICP, Senior Planner, City Planning Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, California, 90401-3295. Or, you may contact Mr. Albright by phone at (310) 458-8341 or by email at scott.albright@smgov.net.

More Information
The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation requests, please contact (310) 458-8341 or TTY (310) 458-8696 at least three days prior to the event. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Bus Lines 1, 2, 3 and 7 serve City Hall. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the Challenge may be limited only to 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.

Espanol
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SANTA MONICA ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

DATE/TIME: November 1, 2010, 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Council Chambers, (wheelchair accessible)
Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street

PROPERTIES:
ARB 08-072, 1211 Ninth Street: Residential
ARB 10-456, 1921 Frank Street (a.k.a. 1908 Frank Street): Industrial
ARB 10-504, 2100 Colorado Avenue: Commercial
ARB 10-524, 530 Pico Boulevard: Hotel

More information is available on-line at http://santa-monica.org/planning/planningcomm/arbagendas.htm or at 310/458-8341 en espanol tambien). Plans may be reviewed at City Hall during business hours. Comments are invited at the hearing or in writing (FAX 310-458-3380, e-mail :planning@santa-monica.org, or mail Santa Monica Planning Division, 1685 Main St., Rm. 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401). The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact 310-458-8701 or TTY 310-450-8696 a minimum of 72 hours in advance. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Big Blue Bus lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 & 9 and the Tide Ride serve the Santa Monica Civic Center and City Hall.



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FBI: Terror suspect wanted to become martyr in death

ALICIA A. CALDWELL & MATT APUZZO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON A Pakistani-born suburban father was trying to enlist in a terrorist organization in January and was eager to become a martyr when he unknowingly walked into an FBI sting and began helping plan a purported attack on the Washington subway system, according to court documents.

What followed was an elaborate ruse in which Farooque Ahmed was given intelligence-gathering duties and coded information in a Quran by two individuals posing as al-Qaida operatives as part of the supposed plot to kill commuters on the nation's second-busiest subway system.

Ahmed, 34, of Ashburn, Va., was caught on FBI surveillance video discussing his firearm, martial arts and knife skills and offering to teach those deadly tactics to others, according to an FBI affidavit unsealed Thursday.

The affidavit by FBI agent Charles A. Dayoub describes meetings beginning in mid-April between Ahmed and the pair he believed were al-Qaida operatives and the actions Ahmed took to advance the fake plot. The operatives were really working on behalf of the U.S. government, according to a federal law enforcement official who requested anonymity to discuss details of the case.

Ahmed was arrested Wednesday, just weeks before, the FBI says, he planned to make the annual religious pilgrimage to the Islamic holy city of Mecca in Saudi Arabia. The case represents the latest in a recent string of would-be terrorist attacks that officials say were aided, hatched or carried out by U.S. citizens.

Dayoub said Ahmed had an associate who also tried to join a terrorist group and accompanied Ahmed while he conducted surveillance of subway systems. There was no immediate information about the associate's identity, whether the bureau might be looking for the associate or whether the individual was cooperating with authorities. Justice Department spokesman Dean Boyd would provide no details on the associate's identity.

The FBI and White House have said the public was never in danger because FBI agents had Ahmed under tight surveillance before the sting was begun and until his arrest.

Ahmed's lawyer, federal public defender Kenneth Troccoli, declined to comment on the case Thursday.

A naturalized U.S. citizen, Ahmed was a contractor with the telecommunications company Ericsson Services Inc. Company spokeswoman Kathy Egan said he never worked on the company's government contracts, including ones with the Pentagon. Ahmed never had access to classified information, Egan said.

Dayoub's affidavit disclosed that the FBI learned in January that Ahmed and an associate were trying to make contact with terrorist groups to help participate in jihad against U.S. forces overseas.

Dayoub wrote that Ahmed was lured by an e-mail to the first meeting detailed, on April 18, in the lobby of a hotel near Washington Dulles International Airport. As the FBI secretly videotaped the encounter, Ahmed accepted a Quran that contained "documents providing code words for locations to be used for future meeting," the affidavit said.

Ahmed told a purported al-Qaida operative he had come to the meeting because "he wanted to fight and kill Americans in Afghanistan," Dayoub wrote.

Dayoub also said the FBI had learned that Ahmed bought, or tried to buy, weapons in May 2008 and February 2009. Authorities believed he used firearms to train for his goal of traveling to Afghanistan to kill Americans.

The agents who searched Ahmed's town house Wednesday were looking for computers, associated equipment, software and instruction manuals for the equipment, according to the warrant application which was unsealed with Dayoub's affidavit. They also applied to seize Ahmed's 2005 Honda Accord and all assets in his bank account.

Ahmed has been indicted on charges of attempting to provide material support to a designated foreign terrorist organization, collecting information to assist in planning a terrorist attack on a transit facility, and attempting to provide material support to terrorists.

According to the indictment:

—Ahmed took video of four northern Virginia subway stations — Arlington Cemetery, Courthouse, Pentagon City and Crystal City, which is near the Pentagon — and monitored security at a hotel in Washington. In a series of meetings at hotels in northern Virginia, Ahmed provided the videos to someone he believed was part of a terrorist organization and said he wanted to donate $10,000 to help the overseas fight and collect donations in a way "that would not raise red flags."

—In a Sept. 28 meeting in a Herndon, Va., hotel, Ahmed suggested that terror operatives use rolling suitcases instead of backpacks to blow up the subway. During that same meeting, Ahmed said he wanted to kill as many military personnel as possible and suggested an additional attack on a Crystal City subway station.

Ahmed is merely the latest alleged example of homegrown terrorism and FBI stings directed at the problem.

Last week, a Hawaii man was arrested and accused of making false statements to the FBI about his plans to attend terrorist training in Pakistan. In July, a Virginia man was caught trying to leave the country to go fight with an al-Qaida-affiliated group in Somalia. And in May, Faisal Shazhad, a naturalized citizen from Pakistan, tried to set off a car bomb at a bustling street corner in New York City.

The FBI has made several cases with agents working undercover: Last year, authorities arrested a Jordanian national after he tried to detonate what he thought was a bomb outside a Dallas skyscraper. In an unrelated case, authorities in Springfield, Ill., arrested a man after he tried to set off what he thought were explosives in a van outside a federal courthouse. In both cases, decoy devices were provided to the men by FBI agents posing as al-Qaida operatives.

A LinkedIn page that was created for Farooque Ahmed identifies him as a network planning engineer with a bachelor's degree in computer science from the City College of New York in 2003, during the same period that other records showed he had been living in New York.

Neighbor Margaret Petney said Ahmed moved in his Ashburn, Va., town house about a year and a half ago with his wife and young child, and that they wore traditional Muslim clothing.

Candidates fight validity of polls

DAVID ESPO
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON When a widely publicized poll showed Republican John Kasich with a commanding, 10-point advantage in Ohio's governor's race, aides to Democratic Gov. Ted Strickland fought back hard.

Against the poll.

"With just two weeks until Election Day, it is our opinion that the Quinnipiac polls are irresponsible, inaccurate and completely removed from the reality of the Ohio governor's race," the campaign said in a statement that noted other private and public surveys were showing a much closer contest.

The Quinnipiac University Polling Institute, an organization with an unchallenged reputation for nonpartisanship, responded mildly. "We stand by our numbers and our overall record for reliability," said Doug Schwartz, the organization's polling director.

The flare-up underscored a widely held view among both politicians and pollsters that polls, once used largely to help a candidate shape strategy, increasingly can affect the outcome of political campaigns in the Internet Age. Candidates and their allies instantly disseminate bare-bones results, seizing on those that reflect well on their own prospects, ignoring the rest and generally skipping over details that might caution people about reading too much into them.

"They can affect contributions. They do affect news coverage in a substantial way. They can affect volunteers. They can affect (voter) interest, and through all those things can affect the outcome" of a race said Mark Mellman, a Democratic pollster not involved in the Ohio governor's contest.

Democratic complaints this year are sometimes dismissed as sour grapes in a campaign trending against them. But Republicans, too, express unease about the proliferation of polls.

"There's a great deal of frustration with media polls, which I don't think spend the kind of money to do this the proper way," said Rob Jesmer, the executive director of the National Republican Senatorial Committee.

According to HuffPost Pollster, 26 polls have been released on the Strickland-Kasich race since Labor Day by 13 organizations. An additional 22 surveys cover the Illinois Senate race, 21 a three-way Florida Senate contest and 20 the contest in Nevada.

As in Ohio, many produce startlingly different results within the space of a few days for reasons that go unexplained in the daily communications battle of modern-day campaigns.

"The public has an absolute right to be skeptical about any polling information" that doesn't include detailed material, said Richard Czuba, whose Detroit-based firm, Glengariff Group, Inc., does survey work for The Detroit News and WDIV Local 4.

Jesmer's statement, suggesting that not all polls are equal, hints at the complexities involved.

Demographics — making sure a survey reflects the views of a proper mix of men, women, older and younger voters, Republicans and Democrats — are critical to producing a poll that is reliable. A pollster's decisions on which respondents are likely to vote is key.

Professional pollsters also differ on another big issue.

Most if not all firms that work for candidates and the major political parties, as well as Quinnipiac and some other organizations, use live phone operators to ask questions.

Other well-known pollsters such as Rasmussen, Public Policy Polling and SurveyUSA Research rely on automated calls, in which an individual who answers the phone responds to a series of recorded questions by touching the appropriate number on the keypad.

Automated calls are cheaper, but a debate flourishes about their relative reliability.

"I am a firm advocate of live operator telephone calls," said Czuba. "For one thing, you know who is on the other end of the call. If you are doing operator calls, you can screen out the 13-year-old who thinks it would be fun to go along and say, sure, they are eligible to vote."

"We were formed to give people a lower-cost polling option," said Tom Jensen, the head of Public Policy Polling, and he and others defend surveys done by recording.

"Generally speaking, the automated survey process is identical to that of traditional, operator-assisted research firms such as Gallup, Harris, and Roper," Rasmussen says on its website.

The Associated Press has an editorial policy not to report polls that rely on automated calls.

Advocates of automated calling also point to examples in which automated polls appeared to detect the mood of an electorate sooner than operator-assisted calls. They cite last spring's Republican Senate primary in Kentucky, where automated polls showed tea party-backed Rand Paul well ahead of Trey Grayson at a time private surveys by veteran Republican pollsters showed the race tight.

Either way, the difficulties in producing a reliable survey are considerable.

"Women answer the phone more than men, older people are home more and answer more than younger people, and rural residents typically answer the phone more frequently than urban residents," the Rasmussen website adds.

Pollsters must make decisions about which people are likely to vote.

Jensen said that for this fall's campaigns, Public Policy Polling makes calls from lists of voters known to have cast ballots in at least one of the 2004, 2006 and 2008 elections.

Many firms have their own techniques for separating the "likely voters" from the rest of the electorate, often ranking individuals on a scale of 1-10 to gauge the probability they will cast ballots. Some pollsters also adjust the demographic blend that results from phone calls to make it more reflective of the known makeup of the voting age population, a process known as weighting.

The differing approaches account for at least some of the variances in poll results, but some users of surveys consider the potential political bias of the source, as well.

Among Democrats, Rasmussen is widely viewed as partial to Republicans. PPP calls itself a Democratic polling firm. Both organizations say their polling is statistically sound.

Whatever the process, the results vary widely.

In recent months, Democrats attacked a SurveyUSA poll in a House race in Virginia and sought to cushion the results of a Quinnipiac survey in Connecticut's Senate race by issuing one of their own in advance.

"The frustrating thing is that various levels of credibility are given to various polls, and you just don't know the demographics of some of these things," said Aaron Pickrell, Strickland's campaign manager.

A mid-September Quinnipiac poll showed Kasich with a 17-point lead that was larger than any other survey before or since.

The group of likely voters was 54 percent male and 46 percent female, even though women have outnumbered men in nearly all statewide elections in the United States over the past few decades. Independents accounted for 34 percent of all likely voters, Republicans for 32 percent and Democrats 29.



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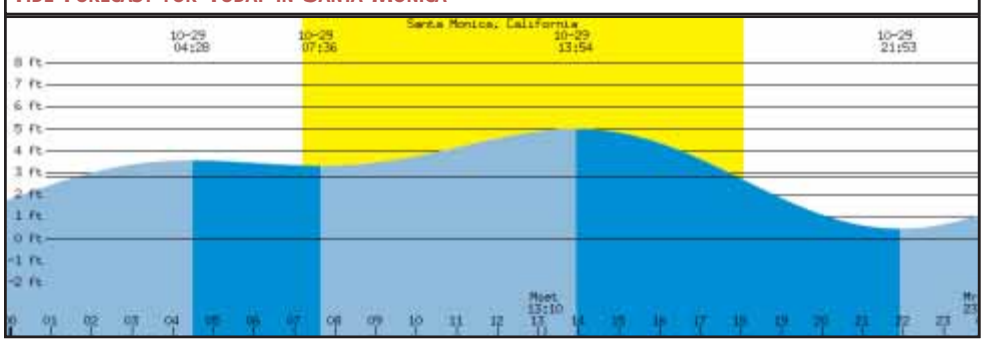
Swell Forecast

Looking to start off around waist high most everywhere, but swell should build later in the day.

Long Range Synopsis

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Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **October 19, 2010**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

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- Number of wet days -- 5
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- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 11 / 13

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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 Lechasa and Las Aliso creeks.	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	D	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	C	F
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	B	F
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	B	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	F	B
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	C	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Los Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	A
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	F	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	F	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	F	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	B
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	D
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	D	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	F
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+	F
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	F	F
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	B	F
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	B	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	B	A+
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	B	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	F	A+
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	ns

LEGEND

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Pac-10 to combine men's, women's hoops tourney

BETH HARRIS
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES The Pac-10 is combining its men's and women's basketball tournament for the first time in 2011, when the semifinal and title games will be played at Staples Center.

The conference said Thursday that all four rounds of the men's tournament will again be played at Staples. The first two rounds of the women's event will be at Galen Center on the Southern California campus before shifting to Staples for the final two days.

The combined tournament will run March 9-12.

"So much of March Madness doesn't necessarily begin with the NCAA tournament," second-year Arizona coach Sean Miller said. "It begins with your conference tournament."

The women will take the daytime slot for their semifinals on March 11 before turning it over to the men for their evening semis. The women's title game will precede the men's championship game on March 12.

It's the first time in the 10-year history of the women's tournament that it will be played at an NBA venue. Attendance in previous years at Galen has been sparse.

"For the women, it's an excellent venue to showcase their talent," said USC women's coach Michael Cooper, who previously coached the WNBA's Los Angeles Sparks in the arena.

The men's tourney will begin March 9 with two evening games. The women open that day at Galen with two games in the afternoon and two in the evening.

On March 10, two men's quarterfinals will be played during the day and the other two at night at Staples. The women will play their second round with a mid-afternoon game, followed by another in late afternoon at Galen.

Washington was picked on Thursday to win the Pac-10 title, a season after the Huskies won the conference tournament and reached the final 16 of the NCAA tourney.

The Huskies received 348 points and 33 first-place votes in polling by media who cover the conference. They return four starters, including All-Pac-10 guard Isaiah Thomas, who averaged 16.9 points last season.

"It's flattering," coach Lorenzo Romar said. "I like our team, but I don't know if we're ready to win a Pac-10 yet. We got a lot of work to do."

Washington is ranked 18th in the AP Top 25 preseason poll. Arizona and UCLA were the only Pac-10 teams among others receiving votes.

Arizona earned 296 points and one first-place vote in the Pac-10 media poll. The Wildcats also return four starters, including Pac-10 freshman of the year Derrick Williams, who averaged 15.7 points and 7.1 rebounds.

"Preseason predictions are just that, nobody's played a game yet," Miller said. "There's probably four or five teams that can compete to finish second."

UCLA was picked third, receiving 281 points and the only other first-place vote two years after the Bruins won their third consecutive Pac-10 title.

In the media poll, Arizona State was fourth, followed by Washington State, USC, defending champion California, Oregon State, Stanford and Oregon.

As it did in moving football media day to the Rose Bowl this year, the conference moved its basketball day to Nokia Theatre across from Staples. Coaches and athletes sat in spotlights on the stage and looked out upon a darkened theatre.

It's all part of new Pac-10 Commissioner Larry Scott's plan to raise the conference's national profile.

He said the upcoming season will be dedicated to John Wooden, the late UCLA coach who died in June at 99.

The men's and women's Pac-10 coach of the year awards will be renamed for Wooden, and his family will be honored during the tournament.

"He represents all the good things in basketball," Stanford women's coach Tara VanDerveer said. "It will keep him in our hearts."

The conference is producing sportsmanship public service announcements that will share Wooden's famous "Pyramid of Success" and air in each school's arena during the season.

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12:05pm, 3:15pm, 6:20pm, 9:30pm

Life As We Know It (PG-13)
11:00am, 1:40pm, 4:25pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

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Paranormal Activity 2 (R)
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Call it an early night, Virgo

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ All eyes turn to you, whether you like it or not. You could be overwhelmed by your feelings. At the same time, you will gain insight into what drives you. Allow greater creativity and caring to flow into your life. Tonight: Let your hair down.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Communication flourishes when you focus on your long-term goals. Touch base with a key person you look up to. Let your imagination rock and roll. Unexpected developments could surprise you and point to a new course of action. Tonight: Happily mosey on home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Be careful about spending. Suddenly, out of the blue, a devil-may-care attitude might be marking your actions when it comes to spending and overindulgence. Careful! A boss reacts in an unanticipated manner. Tonight: Visit with friends as you start the weekend.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Your energy is right in sync with the moment. Surprising news comes your way. The unexpected occurs with plans. You won't want to change your plans, but it might be necessary. You understand what responsibility means. Tonight: Go off and be spontaneous.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Understand what is going on behind the scenes. You come to the inevitable conclusion that you might need more facts. Keep your own counsel. You don't need to let everyone know what you are thinking. Tonight: Nap, then decide.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Meetings prove to be instrumental in making decisions. You discover the power of a group. A partner could surprise you with his or her actions, reminding you that you never know someone completely. Tonight: You might want to call it an early night.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Detach yourself from a boss or difficult person in your life. You have energy and dynamic ideas. Mix them together, and you are unbeatable. Funnel your energy into your weekend, friends and long-term goals. Tonight: Where the party is.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ You understand how very psychic or intuitive you are. Know that you need to follow through on these feelings. The long-term ramifications of suppressing your emotions could be quite overwhelming. Tonight: Bring friends together.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You could make inroads with a key person, if you so choose. How you handle a personal relationship really is your decision, but if you could identify with this person, your bond would be closer. Try walking in his or her shoes. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Creativity flourishes because you are able to allow others to dominate and sometimes come up with the better idea. Accepting the power of teamwork in creating a better product could be more important than you realize. Tonight: Get together with a favorite person.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Complete what you start, knowing you probably won't want to work this weekend. In fact, as the day meets dusk, you already have a strong sense of what might be going on this weekend. Tonight: So many choices. Now what?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ You radiate contentment and anger. You also seem to be able to find solutions when few people can. Open up to news, and stay even and steady. Perspective defines situations. Your laughter heralds a new beginning and a change of pace. Tonight: Make it an early night.

Happy birthday

This year, follow your knee-jerk response, and you'll come out ahead. Creativity and imagination merge, especially as you learn to understand those in your day-to-day environment. Open up to new possibilities, though at times you could feel uncomfortable. If you are single, a foreigner could have a startling impact on your life. The experience could be a real eye-opener. If you are attached, the two of you become closer through taking a seminar or workshop together. You also might plan a very special trip together. CANCER can draw you in quickly.

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



MYSTERY REVEALED!

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Reader Asjah Boldware correctly identified this photo of a beach restroom located south of Perry's Cafe and Rentals near Ocean Park Boulevard. She will receive a prize from the Daily Press. Send your mystery photos to *editor@smdp.com* to be used in future issues.

Girls and Sports

By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



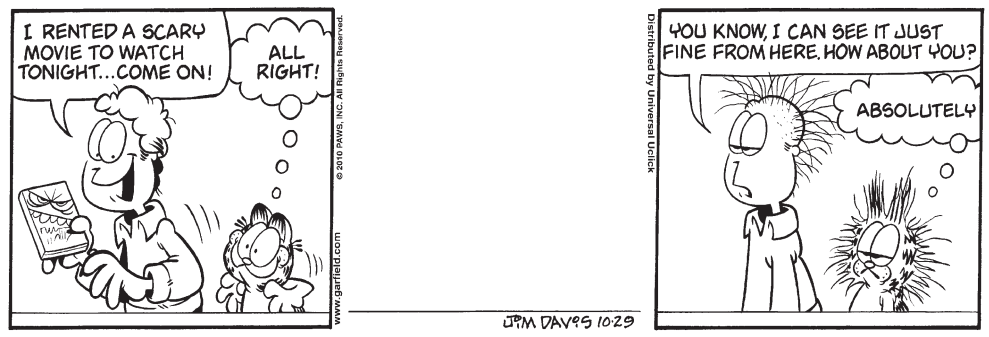
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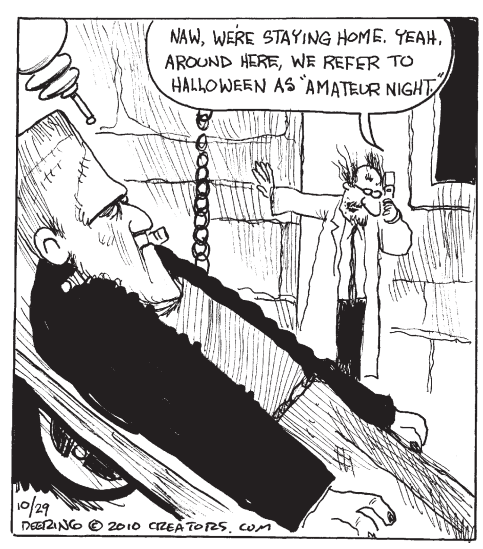
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Sudoku

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

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6 Plague
11 Dominant
12 More than sufficient
13 Hide-aways
14 Poker action
15 Owner's document
17 Mid-month time
18 Like some tea
20 End-of-year time
22 Bruins legend
23 Old hand
26 Buccaneers' base
28 Dote on
29 Outlaw
31 Mystery writer Stout
32 Some sisters
33 "Get lost!"
34 Diving birds
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43 Up to now
44 Zeal
45 Large and heavy
46 Irritable

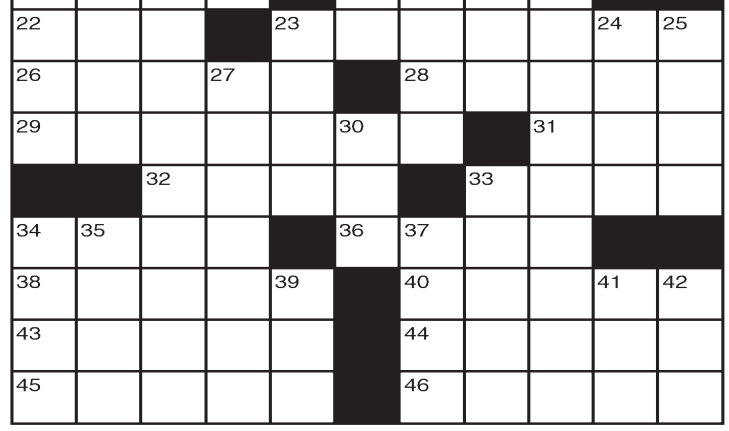
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1 Chum
2 As done by
3 Rain forest mammals
4 Tatter
5 Luxury
6 Soap buy
7 Contacted online
8 Delicate flowers
9 Different
10 Golf-bag items
16 Coloring agent
18 Little bit
19 Beach creature
21 Golden Spike state
23 Conceited
24 Bailiwick
25 Waiting-room call
27 Good qualities
30 Fast jet
33 Fright
34 First person
35 Bear in the air
37 Coup target
39 Pig's place
41 Word of denial
42 Attempt

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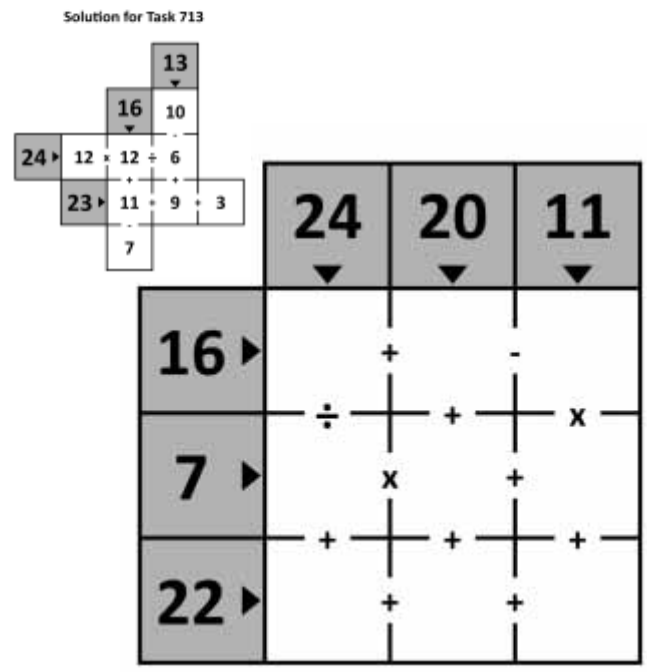
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ (1) The ski-mask-wearing armed robber who knocked off a Wendy's in Atlanta on July 31 has not been apprehended, but police said he later called the store to ridicule the staff for having so little cash: "(N)ext time, there better be more than $586." (2) Ronald White, 35, was arrested in Cinnaminson, N.J., in July, and charged with shoplifting, and was released after posting $400 bail. Only afterward did police realize that some of the money was counterfeit, but five days later, White was re-arrested when he returned to the station to demand a partial refund for "over-paying" the bail.

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