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Internal slate politics may have cost group a council seat

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER
Daily Press Staff Writer

Internal politics may have been to blame for the narrow defeat of city council candidate Abby Arnold in last week's election.

Four days before the election, a letter was sent to more than 1,000 members of Santa Monicans for Renters Rights, an organization of renters that has dominated local politics for decades. The letter urged them to vote against Arnold, one of the group's three endorsed candidates.

The unsigned letter consisted of quotes taken from a prior letter from city council members Richard Bloom and Ken Genser, as well as Mayor Mike Feinstein, which was distributed during SMRR's endorsement convention in August that asked the membership to endorse anyone but Arnold.

However, Arnold won the nomination because of 49 "bullet votes," which are votes by mem-

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— MIKE FEINSTEIN
Santa Monica Mayor

bers who consolidate all their votes for one candidate. But resentment remained over Arnold's candidacy, which some SMRR members believe was a hijacked endorsement.

Arnold's opponents say her record on protecting affordable housing and renters' rights was not strong enough to warrant the SMRR endorsement.

Lingering bad feelings over Arnold's candidacy culminated in a letter received by many

SMRR members on Friday, Nov. 1 that was paid for by Feinstein's friend and political ally, Eric Siss.

Siss was unavailable for comment.

SMRR leaders Denny Zane and Judy Abdo, among others, immediately wrote a letter of their own in response to Siss' letter which re-affirmed their support of Arnold and urged the SMRR membership to vote for her. The letter did not mention

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Andrew H. Fixmer/Daily Press
Santa Monica Fire Department firefighters survey damage in the garage next to a home that caught on fire Tuesday. Contents of the garage lie charred in the front.

Privileges lost for Ventura man who stole 3,000 library books

By The Associated Press

SIMI VALLEY — An 85-year-old man lost his library privileges for three years Tuesday after admitting that he stole more than 3,000 books and videotapes.

As a condition of his formal probation, Ernest Heyneman "is not allowed to own a library card, he is not allowed to go to any library," said Ventura County deputy district attorney Audry Rohn. "Obviously, he has some kind of compulsion and he

is unable to stop himself from stealing books."

Authorities also have the right to search him and his home for stolen property.

Prosecutors didn't seek prison time for Heyneman in light of his age, his failing health and his lack of a criminal record, she added.

Heyneman pleaded no contest more than a month ago to one count of felony commercial burglary. In December, sheriff's deputies raided his hilltop ranch home and found an estimated \$26,000 worth of material from the Thousand Oaks and Simi Valley libraries.

The retired movie studio employee did not speak during his sentencing in Superior Court but his wife, Emma, apologized on his behalf.

"My husband is very sorry,

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Bungalow fire threatens Arizona Avenue homes

Incident is one in a series of fires at location

By Daily Press staff

An Arizona Avenue bungalow fire almost spread to other buildings Tuesday before firefighters got the blaze under control.

The fire was reported at 5:11 p.m. and the Santa Monica Fire Department dispatched 27 firefighters, who arrived at the scene of 2702 Arizona Ave. five minutes later.

The fire started in a small area between the bungalow and its detached garage, which faces Princeton Street. Before the fire was extinguished, it briefly threatened nearby buildings when it spread to the roof of the garage and the bungalow.

However, firefighters were able to quickly contain the blaze before it could grow.

No one was in the home or the garage at the time of the fire. The property is unoccupied and there is a "for sale" sign posted in the front lawn.

Fire officials said the cause of the fire was not immediately known, and the incident is under investigation. There have been two other small fires at the same location within the past two months, fire officials said.

Damage to the home and the detached garage is estimated at \$25,000.

From the editor ...

One year ago today the Santa Monica Daily Press hit the streets in hopes of informing residents of what's going on in the city.

We hope we've done that and more.

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★★★ Continue your low-key attitude, and you will gain. Others reveal much more than they realize through their dissatisfaction. Later on, discuss someone's ambivalence more openly with him or her. Discussions reveal new information. Tonight: Digest all that you recently heard.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Consider your options carefully, but if a partner lets you down, don't make it a big thing. Later, this person chooses to open up discussions on his or her terms. You'll understand and perhaps even agree. Trust in others more often. Tonight: In the limelight.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Your efforts come back in multiples. At first, you could be discouraged by work, a partnership and the general climate around you. Relax; do one thing at a time. Have a long-overdue discussion with someone who can really understand you. Tonight: Where the crowds are.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Your understanding could cause you to reschedule a project. You might feel as if you're running in too many directions at once. Stop. Ask an associate for additional help, if need be. Brainstorm with someone you trust. Tonight: Throw yourself into a midweek date or outing.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Let others get news through the normal flow of things, but you might want to let a loved one or child know ASAP. Discussions might be uncomfortable, but they will lighten up later on. Brainstorm with a family member. Accept a new purchase or a change at home with a smile. Tonight: Put your feet up.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You shut down with a family member because of domestic pressure. The good news is you realize what you're doing and open up as a result. Communication flourishes. You could hear some very interesting news. Tonight: Go along with someone else's wishes.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Dig into work, but maintain your sensitivity to associates. Harsh words draw a strong reaction. It makes little difference who the recipient is. What is important is the real issue, which still might not be discussed. Talk, talk, and listen. Tonight: Treat yourself.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Your quick mind, coupled with resourcefulness, helps you hop over what appears to be a financial boomerang. Express your interest in a project. Let loved ones know just how much you care. Good vibes mark your interactions. Tonight: As you like it.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★ You could get cranky without understanding why. Stop. Take a breather over a cup of tea, or refresh your mind and spirit with a walk. Anchor in with a personal matter. If you're willing to be vulnerable, you'll find answers. Tonight: Snuggle in.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You could be disconcerted by how someone else approaches you. Could you possibly be overreacting? Step back and work through your feelings. Your response later proves to be substantially different once you back off. Tonight: Catch up with friends' news.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Reach out for others. You might find that a friend is more upset than you realize. Be sensitive to this person, even if you find that he or she is quite controlling. Carefully explain your position regarding finances. Tonight: Take charge.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Lunar energy vibrates through your being. Know when enough is enough. Discuss what you want from a loved one you care about. Your smile and innate charm help you move past a problem. Listen well to a suggestion. Tonight: A big grin.



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LOCAL

Electrical fire destroys Sixth Street apartment

By Daily Press staff

An electrical fire gutted a rear apartment at a Sixth Street complex Monday night.

The fire started at about 9:51 p.m. in an unoccupied ground floor unit used by the manager of the apartment complex, which is located at 1147 Sixth St.

Santa Monica Fire Department dispatched 24 firefighters, who arrived at the scene almost immediately. They had the fire under control and extinguished within minutes.

The fire was contained to one unit, and smoke and water damage is believed to not have affected any adjacent apartments.

Santa Monica police officers closed off part of Sixth Street at the corner of Wilshire Boulevard while firefighters put out the fire and made sure the fire did not spread to any adjacent apartments.

Fire investigators believe the fire may have been started by faulty electrical wires. But before the fire could be extinguished, it had melted the apartment manager's stereo, television and other electronics into a solid lump of plastic.

The fire had spread to the walls and ceilings, and destroyed the contents of at least two bookshelves that lined opposing walls.

Though a specific number was not



Andrew H. Fixmer/Daily Press

A local firefighter investigates the damage in an apartment that burned Monday.

immediately available Tuesday, damages are estimated to be in the tens of thousands of dollars, according to the fire department.

Help redesign downtown

By Daily Press staff

If you had your way, how would downtown Santa Monica look?

The community is invited to participate in planning the future of the Third Street Promenade and the downtown area this Sunday, Nov. 17.

The Santa Monica Promenade Uses Task Force is hosting a community workshop to consider ideas of improving the mix of stores, restaurants and entertainment venues downtown.

Participants will be asked a variety of things, including their opinions on how downtown could improve. They'll also be asked to play the "place game," where they stand in different places downtown and observe what is going on at each location.

Project for Public Spaces, a New York City-based consulting firm, last

month released preliminary findings of a study to the Third Street Promenade Uses Task Force that indicate downtown Santa Monica needs a transformation. The city is paying the consultants \$54,000 to assess the downtown's "public spaces." What the consultants already have told officials is that the downtown area is disconnected and needs be redesigned, particularly the side streets off the Promenade.

While the task force was created earlier this year to figure out what the proper amount of retail and restaurant space is on the Promenade, it has taken a much broader view of the downtown area.

The meeting begins at 11 a.m. and will be held at Santa Monica Place shopping mall, in the community room on the third floor.

For more information, call (310) 458-2275.

surf report

Information compiled by Jesse Haley

Things are shaping up nicely today, and bacteria levels are dropping.

Left over northwest swell holds on for waist- to chest-high surf at west facing breaks. Pulses of swell are still good for shoulder- and head-highs at best breaks, though the huge sets will be somewhat less consistent than Monday and Tuesday.

Today and Thursday we'll see a decreasing swell in the water, with some minor northwest swell getting through.

South Bay spots have the best exposure, and get more size, while conditions stay smaller, but with good shape in the north half of the county.

Today's Tides:

High-	5:55 a.m.	4.52'
Low-	11:51 a.m.	2.21'
High-	5:07 p.m.	4.10'
Low-	11:46 p.m.	0.59'

Location	Tuesday	Wednesday	Water Quality
County Line	3-4'/Fair	3-4'/Fair	A
Zuma	3-4'/Fair	3-4'/Fair	A
Surfrider	1-3'/Fair	1-3'/Fair	A-B
Topanga	3-4'/Fair	2-3'/Fair	A
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The Q Line

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Some would argue deceptive campaigning affected the outcome of the election. Others will tell you the demographics of the city are changing and there are more conservative homeowners influencing politics here than liberal renters. Election data

shows fewer renters went to the polls this year than in recent years.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know:

"Do think Santa Monica's demographics are changing? If so, is it good or bad?"

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LETTERS

Capitalist government, socialist ideals

Editor:

I am writing in regards to Charles Springer's column and the sentiments he expresses in it. While the ideals are all noble, and ones every individual should aspire to (help out your fellow man, no one goes hungry or is left behind, etc.), they are not those our society is built upon. We are a capitalist society, one that values independence, freedom, and the chance to make a successful life for ourselves despite humble beginnings. We do not offer a guarantee of financial success, or happiness, to everyone who exists here.

That is a socialist ideal. And the socialist ideals that guarantee all will be fed, housed, and given employment, depend on the concept of each person contributing to the common welfare, and pulling their own weight — not on financing from those who have managed, for whatever reason, to earn some measure of success for themselves. Our form of economy IS the reason we are one of the richest nations. To become successful by one means and then try to follow the ideals of another would lead to certain destruction of what stability we have. Additionally, there is no shortage of evidence of the failure of socialism, and the oppression that accompanies it. While Mr. Springer may express some valid points, I feel that they are not the kind favored by the economy in the country we have chosen to live in. If he believes so strongly in the need for support for all, I'm sure that there are plenty of Cubans who would love to trade places with him.

Helena Lazaro
Santa Monica

Homeless problem needs vision and plan

Editor:

A true leader moves forward to change the world with both vision and a plan. The un-housed do not have to die from drugs, booze or violence in shelters, emergency

rooms and on the streets. The U.S. government's fair share in providing exits to homelessness would be to allow the cities to redirect their service-receptive homeless to Veteran Administration (V.A.) facilities where all benefit checks would go directly to the V.A. and used for being rehabilitated off of alcohol and drugs, housed, clothed, feed, receive childcare, paid job training (money to be held in security deposit to pay for housing), full medical care, and receive case management. The federal government, all states, all cities will provide its fair share of funding by giving \$5 contribution per year to the V.A. for each resident.

A constitutional amendment is needed to provide for real exits for homelessness. A constitutional amendment must be enacted to allow all cities to apply strict camping laws that would apply equally to all persons caught without a police-issued camping permit; violators would be prosecuted. The police will give one-time only warnings to any camper caught without a permit by warning the violator to get a permit or camp out of the city. The federal government must provide funding to the cities to hire more police to cut off the booze, drugs and gangs citywide! Stop criminal and antisocial behavior by expanding the police to deal with liquor stores, bars that flagrantly supply inebriates with alcohol and put them out of business.

All cities need to "triage" those asking for services based on length of time in the city. All homeless services should be linked to goals or results. Those failing to meet the stated goals of a program or services should be dropped. A 95 percent cut in homelessness on the streets over five years is realistic and this goal can be achieved by coordinating strategies, enforcement, services and controlling free handouts. Services should be focused on the mentally ill, elderly and women who suffer the most on the streets. Homeless service providers should work closely with the police department. Communication between providers, and the police is vital in order to locate, outreach and serve those in real need.

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LOCAL



Resentment blamed for council candidate's loss

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SMRR's other city council candidates Mayor Pro Tem Kevin McKeown or Councilwoman Pam O'Connor, who both won re-election.

However, Arnold ended up losing to incumbent Councilman Bob Holbrook, a more conservative member of the council who SMRR attempted to unseat this year. Holbrook edged out the victory with 10,485 votes to Arnold's 10,242 — a margin of 243 votes.

Zane said he believes the letter sent by Siss was an attempt by Feinstein to swing votes for city council candidate Josefina Aranda, whom he supported over Arnold at SMRR's convention.

"I think it's very clear that Abby Arnold was hurt by two things," Zane said. "One was Josefina Santiago (Aranda) who took away some share of the liberal SMRR support and the last minute hit piece that attacked her."

"When you lose by only 200 votes or so, things like that make a difference," he said. "It's very regrettable."

Feinstein — like the others who signed the letter at the SMRR convention — denies having anything to do with Siss' letter.

But Feinstein said the letter could have been avoided.

"If Abby's people hadn't stolen the SMRR convention and gotten her an illegitimate endorsement, there would have been a more unified SMRR ticket," he said. "And I think a more unified ticket would have possibly won all three seats."

And instead of taking away votes from Arnold,

Feinstein believes Aranda pulled people to the polls who typically do not vote. Since many of those people Aranda pulled to the polls have liberal beliefs, Feinstein said Aranda supporters probably voted for Arnold, O'Connor, or McKeown.

That would have resulted in more votes for all of SMRR's endorsed candidates, instead of simply taking away votes from Arnold, he said.

"To the extent that Josefina voters perceived Abby to be similarly left of center, Josefina actually helped Abby get more votes from people that otherwise wouldn't have voted," Feinstein said.

"Abby gained votes from Josefina's voters, who also voted for Kevin and Pam," he said. "Those votes far out numbered the people that voted for Josefina instead of Abby."

Zane said he finds that argument without merit. He said many of the 6,152 votes Aranda received are votes that should have gone to Arnold.

"Certainly there are people who voted for Josefina who are friends and associates, but Josefina is far more philosophically like a SMRR candidate than any other that was running," Zane said.

"She was competing for the same SMRR base, and it's frankly delusional that she didn't have a significant impact on Abby and other SMRR candidates as well," he said. "Our victory would have been far greater if Josefina had not run."

SMRR was formed in 1979 when the group successfully helped pass a measure on the Santa



Abby Arnold



Josefina Santiago Aranda

Monica ballot that established the city's rent control laws.

Since then, the group has dominated local politics and helped enact legislation protecting the rights of renters, who make up approximately 66 percent of the city's population.

Aranda and Arnold were unavailable for comment.

McKeown, who like Aranda and Feinstein is Green Party member, downplayed Aranda's role in Arnold's loss. He said city council candidates Jerry Rubin or Matteo "Matt" Dinolfo could have siphoned votes away from Arnold as easily as Aranda could have.

"Everyone has the right to run for office," he said. "If different people didn't run people wouldn't have candidates with a difference of opinion to chose from."

Teens learn realities of war

By Daily Press staff

New Roads High School, 3131 Olympic Blvd., Santa Monica, is hosting a student organized workshop day on the realities of war today.

At 8:45 a.m., Mark Skully, a Vietnam veteran, and Michael Shore, a conscientious objector from the Vietnam era, will be speaking.

At 11 a.m., Tom Hayden will be speaking to the student body about his views on war in general and Iraq specifically.

At 2 a.m., Kathy Eldon will be speaking about her son, Dan, who was killed during the U.S. involvement in Somalia. The workshop is designed to heighten

awareness as well as humanize and demystify the intricacies of the possible war with Iraq. It is not an anti-war day, but it is pro-peace. The students will be listening to a series of speakers and having discussions to help them formulate their own opinions about the appropriate course of action and become more engaged in the domestic and foreign policies that affect them.

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Samohi Vikings are one win away from playoffs

BY JESSE HALEY
 Special to the Daily Press

With one game left in league play, Santa Monica High School's Vikings are 3-1 with a shot at the playoffs.

In non-league play, during September and early October, the Vikings worked to establish a consistent offensive attack. Their defense gave up key runs while young cornerbacks got a crash course in pass coverage.

Samohi went 3-2 in non-league, with losses to La Costa Canyon and Claremont, and victories over Venice and Palisades, and a blow-out win over Morningside in which the Vikings scored a season high of 45 points.

Morningside, however, did little to prepare Samohi for their league opener against Redondo Union High, a big, hard rushing, option offense whose quarterback keeper plays threw off the Viking defense.

Redondo's defensive line stopped tailback Adrian Gonzales, Samohi's leading rusher and the anchor of their offense. It forced Ricky Johnson to pass the ball more than usual.

Coach Norm Lacey said of the game, "We tried to do too many things."

Mainly, they failed to run the ball and tried to force pass plays, he said.

Although wide-receivers Paul Helmy and Tyler Brunk have made big catches this season, and newcomer Kai Oredugba has shown marked improvement, the Vikings can't rely primarily on their passing to win games.

Lacey and his team recovered easily from the loss, taking their mistakes to heart.

In their next outing, Samohi struggled to establish the run in the first half, gaining a measly five yards on the ground against Peninsula High School. However, the resilient Vikings rallied in the second half, coming back from a 14 point deficit to win 27-20. Johnson went 12-17 for 201 yards in the air, and Brunk caught two touchdown passes, proving the Vikings had no plans of lying down.

From there, Samohi dispensed with Hawthorne 28-6, and last week West Torrance 34-13.

"We got (the chance) to refine what we do and do it well," said Lacey.

The Vikings have consistently improved their preparation for each game.

Lacey spent the last week, before playing West, practicing wet-ball drills.

This past Friday night's game saw weather conditions vary from a light drizzle to moderate showers, as slippery muddy conditions tested the feet and hand of both teams.

The sloppy, slippery conditions didn't hamper the Vikings who scored 34 points and blocked two punts.

"If you pop, you're going to have some big things happen."

— NORM LACEY
 Vikings coach

Johnson threw only one pass, which fell incomplete, slipping off his fingers wildly toward the sideline, far short of the intended receiver.

Lacey saw the poor field conditions as an advantage his team could exploit.

"If you pop, you're going to have some big things happen," he said.

Oredugba was responsible for both blocked punts, each of which led to Viking touchdowns. Oredugba also had one interception.

"He's a great athlete," Lacey said. "He knows how to use his athleticism... (and is becoming) more comfortable in football mode. He'll make a fine player."

Gonzales had three touchdowns, and Johnson went 65 yards on the ground in two plays for his only touchdown in the Vikings' thirds straight league win.

"Three and one is huge," Lacey said of the victory.

This Friday, North Torrance will host the Vikings for the fifth and final game of Ocean league play. A victory puts Samohi in playoff contention, where they would likely face Redondo for a second time.

After losing so many outstanding players from last season's CIF championship team, seven of whom went onto college sports, it would be a testament to the determination of this young team and the Samohi football program at large.

Samohi plays North Torrance High Friday at 7 p.m. at North Torrance.

Library thief sorry and distraught over incident

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and it is showing in his health because he feels he has let his family down," she said. "This is the first time anything like this has happened. He always has been an upstanding citizen, and has taught his children the same."

Library officials described Heyneman as a devoted patron who spent hours at the library every week culling the stacks for information on health and fitness, music and classic television shows.

Authorities said Heyneman had a methodical plan for the thefts; he would check out materials, remove their security strips and return them. After the items went back on the library shelves, he would go back and smuggle them out.

The 24 boxes of books, audiotapes, videotapes and compact discs discovered at his home carried everything from medical books to the video "Milton Berle's Low Impact Fitness for People Over 50."

The materials will be returned, Rohn said.

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Rape suspect ID'd



Associated Press

Long Beach Police Chief Anthony Batts walks past a photo of rape suspect Mark Wayne Rathbun during a news conference on Monday, in Long Beach, Calif. Rathbun is a suspect arrested for a series of as many as 31 rapes that have terrorized women in Southern California and Washington over six years, police said. He was linked through DNA evidence to 13 of the assaults since 1996, Batts said.

Comic book creator sues for 'Spider-Man' movie profits

BY DEVLIN BARRETT
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — The creative force behind Spider-Man, the Incredible Hulk and Daredevil filed a \$10 million lawsuit Tuesday, charging his old comic book company is cheating him out of millions of dollars in movie profits.

Stan Lee, who crafted a menagerie of superpowered heroes with very human flaws, now claims Marvel Entertainment Inc. has tried to shut him out of the "jackpot" success of this summer's "Spider-Man" movie.

Lee's attorneys filed court papers in Manhattan federal court, claiming that Marvel signed a deal to give their client 10 percent of any profits from his characters used in films and television shows.

"Spider-Man" has been the year's biggest hit, grossing more than \$400 million domestically — but the 80-year-old Lee says he hasn't seen a penny.

"Despite reaping enormous benefits

from Mr. Lee's creations, defendants have failed and refused to honor their commitments to him," the lawsuit charges.

Marvel has reported millions of dollars in earnings from the film but has told Lee the company has seen no "profits" as defined by their contract.

Lee hopes a judge will intervene and make sure he gets a percentage of profits from the Ben Affleck movie "Daredevil," scheduled for release in February.

He also seeks a share of profits from the upcoming movie "The Hulk," and the sequels to "X-Men" and "Spider-Man."

The lawsuit demands damages and a court order forcing Marvel to turn over Lee's share in any profits from movies about characters he created.

Marvel issued a statement saying Lee "continues to be well-compensated" for his contributions to the industry. It said the company is "in full compliance with, and current on all payments due under, terms of Mr. Lee's employment agreement."

Long lines at DMV to get even longer with budget cuts

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — California drivers can expect even longer lines at the Department of Motor Vehicles next year.

Californians already wait an average of 25 minutes to register a vehicle and 23 minutes to get a driver's license. If that isn't long enough, recent state budget cuts that led to the loss of 93 jobs in the DMV will likely translate into even longer visits to the DMV.

The layoffs are part of 7,000 positions cut statewide, on top of the 6,600 positions that had been left vacant.

More than half of the jobs cut from the DMV are "field representatives," who work at the counters trying to keep those

lines moving. It already has about 800 vacant positions and has maintained a hiring freeze for months.

The DMV will also be instituting more fees, effective Jan. 1, including a new \$5 fee to take the driving test again for those who fail the first one and a \$17 fee for late vehicle registration, up from the usual \$10.

The new fees are expected to generate an additional \$58 million a year for the state. But the extra cash will be spent on helping to close the state's \$23.6 billion budget shortfall, rather than relieving those long lines at the DMV.

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Government estimates cost of WTC attacks up to \$36B

BY AMY WESTFELDT
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — The attack that destroyed the World Trade Center has cost the city \$33 billion to \$36 billion in lost wages and business, property damage and cleanup, Federal Reserve experts said Tuesday.

The losses, estimated from October 2001 through June, include \$7.8 billion the 2,795 people killed in the trade center attack would have earned had they lived and \$21.6 billion to clean up and replace the twin towers.

The report by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York appears in the November issue of the bank's Economic Policy Review.

The Sept. 11 attack "significantly reduced the productive potential of the New York City economy" and hit the airline, restaurant, hotel and financial services industries especially hard, the report said.

Those businesses accounted for 42,000 of the 51,000 private-sector jobs lost in the city in October 2001 alone, the report said.

The financial services industry, with many businesses headquartered at the trade center, lost 12,000 jobs in October

and an additional 6,000 jobs through June, the report said. The number of jobs at the city's two airports fell by about 20 percent.

The report calculated the lost income of the victims of the attacks by finding the average income of trade center employees — \$127,000 a year — their average age, and estimating how much they would earn until they retired. The loss amounted to \$2.8 million per worker.

The city lost an additional \$3.6 billion to \$6.4 billion in wages from job cuts and reduced hours in businesses like the restaurant industry, the report said. Studies showed some residents also smoked and drank more and became depressed after the attacks, which likely also cut productivity.

The cleanup and replacement costs for the World Trade Center includes a \$1.4 billion estimate to replace a commuter rail hub destroyed underneath the center.

An \$11.2 billion estimate to replace the trade center's two towers assumed that officials "will essentially duplicate what existed before the attack." Six architects have issued competing proposals for developing the site and no conclusions have been reached.

Corporate America tries using slang aimed at young people

BY MARTHA IRVINE
AP National Writer

CHICAGO — Use a little slang and you've got their attention. That seems to be the growing thought in corporate America and the media, eager to hook the younger crowd.

Some sportscasters have started describing impressive plays as "sick." Before that, Budweiser ads helped place the greeting "Whassup" in the American lexicon.

But those are the rare cases that don't draw groans and eye-rolling from the young crowd. More often, young people say adults shouldn't even think about using lingo from the streets, hip-hop clubs and school hallways.

"Uh-hhhh, they need to quit," says Aurielle McIntosh, a seventh-grader from the Chicago suburb of Oak Park. "They just look silly."

That goes for just about anybody over 30. Aurielle says she and others can't help but giggle, for example, when their social studies teacher shouts, "Roll out!" — the title of a hit song by rapper Ludacris.

Still, corporate America seems set on using slang.

One current TV ad announces the release of DVDs of "Star Wars: Episode II" with the question "Who's da man?" and answers, "Yoda's da man," while showing scenes of the movie's pint-size Jedi elder fighting bad guys.

Another new spot for a new Microsoft Xbox game called "Blinx the Time Sweeper" features old guys wearing urban clothes and calling each other "homeys."

Some news organizations are getting into the act.

In an e-mail leaked this fall to other media outlets, a CNN Headline News producer gave his staff a slang dictionary and a suggestion. "Please use this guide to help all you homeys and honeys add a new flava to your tickers and dekkos," the

message said, referring to graphics on the TV screen.

"I would sort of chuckle at it, although it would catch my eye," says 14-year-old Guy Weltcheck of South Orange, N.J. "But what are they going to say? Something like 'Yo, yo, yo — what up, Saddam?'"

Another problem: The slang adults use is often out of date.

CNN's slang dictionary, for example, has an old definition for "ill," which once meant strange or obnoxious. Now it means just the opposite — as in, "That DJ rocks. She plays the illest music."

But Kenny Ong, a graphic design student at the Art Institute of California-Orange County, says you are much more likely to hear students there say "that's butter" or "that's gravy" instead of phat.

Elsewhere, others prefer "slammin'" and "tight" to describe something they like. And at parties, some like to get "crunked up."

It's no surprise that most adults don't know that, says Paul McFedries, creator of an online catalog of terms called Wordspy.com.

"Slang is meant to be separate," he says. In other words, if adults are using it, it's not cool anymore.

That's what Microsoft failed to understand in the Blinx spot, says Buzz Marketing Group, a New Jersey-based firm where teen advisers panned the ad.

"I think the smartest advertisers are realizing that it's more about understanding youth culture than using their language," says Tina Wells, Buzz Marketing's 22-year-old chief executive.

Jameel Spencer, president and partner of Blue Flame Marketing + Advertising, agrees. "It's really about being respectful," says Spencer, whose company is led by music executive Sean "P. Diddy" Combs. "Any culture wants to be respected — it doesn't want to be seen as a mockery."

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Thomas Manis, 12, looks at a toy car he recovered from his friend's destroyed home as a front-end loader tears down the remains of another home in Mossy Grove, Tenn. on Tuesday. Sixteen people were reported killed in Tennessee, 12 in Alabama, five in Ohio and one each in Mississippi and Pennsylvania.

History shows that stocks can get stuck in volatile trading for decades

BY RACHEL BECK

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — OK, time for a little reality check. You've lost \$25,000 in the terrible bear market, but just maybe the worst is over, so you can sit back and watch your stocks go up, up and away again.

Dreamer.

History tells a much different story.

Stocks can get stuck in a volatile trading range for weeks, months and possibly years, often making big swings in either direction and ending up pretty much where they started. That means it might take a very long while for investors to see any big gains in their portfolios.

During the 1990s, a lot of people were smitten with investing for the first time.

Some jumped in because they simply couldn't resist the big gains being tallied on Wall Street. Others got involved thanks to the company retirement plans like 401(k)s, which let employees invest part of their paychecks in financial markets.

Their holdings surged to astonishing levels. Could the good times ever end?

Not only did they end, they crashed. The big money investors earned — which was mostly accounted for only on paper — has vanished in a crippling downslide that's lasted almost three years.

Now there's some hope, though nothing definitive, that the bear market is over.

Since early October, there's been a healthy stock rally fueled by some positive earnings news.

The Dow Jones industrial average has surged about 17 percent from its five-year low reached Oct. 9. During the

same period of time, both the Nasdaq and the Standard & Poor's 500 index have jumped from their six-year lows. The Nasdaq is up 22 percent and the S&P is up about 15 percent.

These gains sure look good. They feel good too, especially for those who have been terribly beaten up by the market's recent tumble.

But investors, especially those new to the game, need to understand how Wall Street works.

Even if the bear market is indeed over, that doesn't guarantee stocks will rocket higher and stay there. The market could get caught in a cycle of trendless volatility, where prices just keep going up and down and the end result of the swings isn't much.

At least that's what history shows. Take a look at what happened from 1960 to 1982, a 22-year period when the Dow industrials were caught in a tight trading range between 550 and 1,000.

There were six bull markets during that time with an average gain of 52 percent, and six bear markets during the same span with an average loss of 26 percent, according to Edward Yardeni, chief investment officer at Prudential Financial in New York.

On Nov. 14, 1972, the Dow topped 1,000 for the first time, but that surge didn't last long. And it took until December of 1982 to move above 1,000 again and stay there for good, according to the Stock Trader's Almanac.

No one's thinking that trendless volatility will linger in the market for another two decades. But Yardeni and others say that it could hang around at least through next year.

We are already seeing these kinds of swings. Just look what's happened since last spring.

The financial markets collapsed from already depressed levels in May through mid-July and then rallied sharply higher. But by late August, a damaging sell-off again set in and lasted through early October. Now stocks are climbing again.

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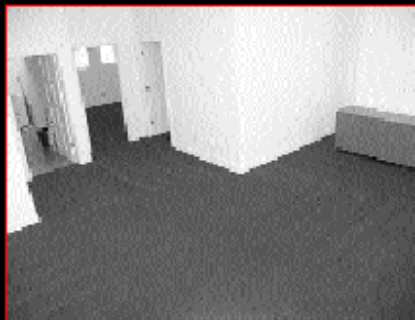
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INTERNATIONAL



IEA: Crude prices slide on slack demand; growth in Iraqi, Norwegian supplies

BY BRUCE STANLEY
AP Business Reporter

LONDON — Sluggish demand from refiners and a surge in oil output from Iraq and Norway sent crude prices sliding by more than \$3 a barrel last month, the International Energy Agency reported Tuesday.

The peak winter heating season in the northern hemisphere should help rebalance supply and demand in the fourth quarter despite the slow pace of global economic recovery, the energy watchdog said in its monthly oil market report.

The IEA, based in Paris, is the energy watchdog for the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, a group of rich, oil-importing nations.

Worldwide oil supplies rose by 1.6 percent in October to 78.27 million barrels a day. OPEC's contribution to the increase "caught the market off guard," particularly the growth of 570,000 barrels a day in Iraq's output, the report said. Iraqi exports have risen sharply since September when Baghdad stopped imposing illegal surcharges on them.

Norwegian rigs resumed activity after interruptions for maintenance the previous month, adding 390,000 barrels a day to global supplies.

At the same time, worldwide demand was virtually unchanged from September. Demand for gasoline showed steady growth, but the jet fuel market remained depressed. The IEA forecast a global demand this year of 76.7 million barrels a day.

A perceived relaxation of tensions in the Gulf led to a sell-off of oil futures con-

tracts in October and contributed to the downward drift in crude prices. North Sea Brent crude futures fell last month by \$3.33 a barrel, while U.S. light, sweet crude dropped by \$3.25, the report said.

However, prices for refined products such as gasoline and heating oil fell less sharply, suggesting that a tighter market for crude could lie ahead.

At the end of October, light sweet crude sold at about \$27 a barrel, with other grades at \$25.40. Prices slid further Tuesday, when light sweet crude sold at \$26 a barrel and North Sea Brent sold for \$23.75.

The average U.S. retail price for gasoline during the two weeks ending Sunday was about \$1.49 per gallon, all but unchanged from Oct. 23, according to the Lundberg Survey of 8,000 stations nationwide.

For refiners, firm product prices and cheaper crude means an opportunity for bigger profits. They are likely therefore to increase purchases of crude to boost their output of gasoline and heating oil, the IEA said.

The International Energy Agency noted that inventories of both crude and refined products are already below their seasonal average in key markets. Iraq remains a "wildcard," but with the winter heating season just ahead, the report suggested that crude prices would stabilize and perhaps even rise by the end of the year.

Venezuela, among the top four oil suppliers to the United States, announced Monday that it would increase its oil production capacity. It hopes that an expected rise in demand and higher prices in 2003 will help pull it out of recession.

Analysts see minor risk to world economy from war

BY BRUCE STANLEY
AP Business Writer

LONDON — A U.S.-led war against Iraq with its massive oil reserves would probably inflict only modest and temporary pain on the world economy, analysts say, providing the conflict did not drag on and spread throughout the region.

The immediate economic effect of hostilities would be a disruption in the production and export of Iraqi crude oil. Baghdad's reserves rank second in size to those of Saudi Arabia.

"The market is fairly laid back about a short, sharp and relatively confined conflict," said Keith Morris, an oil industry analyst at French bank BNP Paribas.

What's more, the nightmare vision of war spilling across borders and involving nuclear arms or other weapons of mass destruction is seen as unlikely, in the view of most analysts.

Nevertheless, much would depend on the speed at which other oil-producing countries boosted production to make up for shortfalls. Iraq pumped 1.89 million barrels a day in September, or 2.5 percent of world supplies, according to the Paris-based International Energy Agency.

Because of the perceived risk of war in the Gulf, crude now costs about \$25 a barrel, several dollars above what the price would be under normal market conditions.

The Economist Intelligence Unit says this so-called war premium has already shaved 0.2 percent off annual growth rates in wealthy oil-importing countries.

An attack on Iraq is widely expected to cause oil prices to spike at \$30 or more per barrel. If prices stayed at that level for six months, rich oil-importing countries would see economic growth slow by 0.5 percent, said Fatih Birol, chief economist for the International Energy Agency, which represents the interests of the world's richest nations.

Developing countries would be hit harder, losing 1 percent in growth because steel, chemicals and other energy-dependent industries comprise a bigger share of their economies. Prices of \$35 a barrel would double the impact for rich and poor alike, Birol said.

However, a war-induced price spike could reverse within weeks, days or even hours, economists and analysts say, citing massive stockpiles in the United States and other wealthy countries.

U.S.-led forces could seize the Gulf port of Mina al-Bakr and the oil fields in southern Iraq — where more than half the country's export capacity lies — and resume exporting even before the fighting ends, said Leo Drollas, chief economist for the London-based Center for Global Energy Studies.

Final decision in Hussein's hands



Hussein Malla/Associated Press

Iraqi parliament members vote against the U.N. resolution on arms inspections during their second day of emergency session in Baghdad on Tuesday. The parliament recommended rejection of the U.N. resolution on weapons inspectors, saying the final decision rests on Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

Voice said to be bin Laden praises Bali, Moscow attacks, threatens West over Iraqi war

BY ROBERT H. REID
Associated Press Writer

CAIRO, Egypt — In an audiotaped message aired across the Arab world Tuesday, a voice purported to be that of Osama bin Laden praised terrorist strikes in Bali and Moscow and threatened Western nations over any attack on Iraq.

If bin Laden's voice is authenticated, his references to recent events would be the clearest indication the terrorist mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks survived U.S. airstrikes in Afghanistan last year.

The speaker on the tape broadcast on Al-Jazeera television referred to the Oct. 12 Bali bombings, the killing last month of a Marine in Kuwait, the bombing of a French oil tanker last month off Yemen and the Chechen hostage taking in Moscow, saying the attacks were "undertaken by sons who are zealous in the defense of their religion."

He said those attacks and others were "only a reaction in response to what (President) Bush, the pharaoh of the age, is doing by killing our sons in Iraq and what America's ally Israel is doing, bombarding houses with women and old people and children inside with American planes."

"Our people in Palestine are being killed, are being subjected to the worse kind of suffering for almost a century now," the speaker said. "If we defend our

people in Palestine the world is disturbed and allied against Muslims under the banner of combating terrorism."

The speaker then castigated U.S. allies that have joined the war against terrorism, specifically Britain, France, Italy, Canada, Germany and Australia.

After listing those countries, he warned: "If you don't like looking at your dead...so remember our dead, including the children in Iraq."

In September, the Al-Jazeera network aired voice recordings of bin Laden and top al-Qaida operatives. The CIA authenticated bin Laden's voice then, but officials said the recordings probably weren't made recently.

Those statements came out around the anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon and the start of the war in Afghanistan.

Al-Qaida operatives thought to be alive because of their recent recordings include bin Laden's No. 2, Ayman al-Zawahiri, and his spokesman Sulaiman Abu Ghath.

In the al-Zawahiri recording, obtained by Associated Press Television News in early October, he spoke about Iraq, accused Washington of seeking to subjugate the Arab world on behalf of Israel — America's strongest supporter in the region — and tried to assure followers that bin Laden was alive and well.

In addition, Iraq's fellow members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries have indicated their willingness to pump more oil, if only to keep the United States and other importers from tapping into their strategic reserves and flooding the market.

Although oil-producing countries would see an immediate benefit from any run-up in prices, they would probably pay for it later. Demand would decrease over time as consumers economized.

However, problems could come if the

war dragged on and created uncertainty, analysts say.

Share prices are likely to fall at first, as they did after Iraq invaded Kuwait 12 years ago. Stock markets rallied, however, after the U.S.-led coalition attacked Iraqi forces in January 1991. Ian Harnett, European stock strategist at investment bank UBS Warburg, predicts a similar bounce if war breaks out again.

In a prolonged conflict, some analysts anticipate oil prices could rise as high as \$40 a barrel.



SPORTS

Philadelphia Phillies moving alone on free-agent market

BY JOSH DUBOW

AP Sports Writer

TUCSON, Ariz. — While baseball's big spenders are looking to save money for a change, the usually low-budget Philadelphia Phillies are ready to spend.

The Phillies started off the free-agent season Tuesday by making offers to Jim Thome, Tom Glavine and David Bell. The three offers are believed to be worth more than \$100 million.

GM Ed Wade didn't wait long, e-mailing an offer Thome's agent, Pat Rooney, at 12:01 a.m. EST — the first possible minute allowed. He also met with Glavine's agent, Gregg Clifton, and talked directly to Bell on Tuesday.

"I'd like to get three voice mail messages tomorrow saying yes," Wade said from the GM meetings. "But I'm not going to bank on it."

That's because some players are waiting to see if more teams will join bidding.

Glavine is waiting to visit the cities of the teams that are interested in him. The New York Yankees, Mets, Phillies and Texas have contacted Clifton.

For now, most of the big spenders are interested in cutting payroll. The Yankees, Mets, Rangers and Colorado would like to dump salaries before making moves. Atlanta is just hoping to be able to hold on to one of its free-agent aces — Glavine and Greg Maddux.

"Our payroll will be lower next year," Yankees GM Brian Cashman said. "I don't know if it will be via trade or the free-agent market or a combination of the

two. How we're going to do it, I'm not sure. But we will do it."

The Yankees would like to trade Raul Mondesi, Rondell White or Sterling Hitchcock to free up money. But they won't hesitate to make a run at Japanese slugger Hideki Matsui. Cashman and three Yankees officials will travel to Japan later this week.

The Phillies aren't waiting.

They are believed to have offered Thome \$75 million for five years, at least \$10 million a year for three years to Glavine and a three-year deal for Bell, who hired Tom Reich and Adam Katz as his agents this week.

Wade, who would only characterize the offers as "significant, sincere and sufficient," isn't expecting a quick response.

"This is an important decision for the players," he said. "They all have emotional and other ties with their old clubs. We remain hopeful this will be resolved in our favor."

The Indians offered Thome a contract that is worth about \$45 million over four years and are waiting to hear back from Rooney. "The ball is in their court," GM Mark Shapiro said.

Part of the reason for the slow movement is a new labor deal that increases revenue sharing and places a luxury tax on payrolls over \$117 million next season.

Many teams that are usually buyers at this time of year are first looking to free up money.

"I do think that the trade market is probably a little more active early than the free-agent market," Mets GM Steve Phillips said. "Teams are looking to reconfigure or shift money before they

delve into the free-agent market."

The Phillies have already done that. They had the 16th-highest payroll last season, at just under \$60 million. Wade said that would increase to about \$70 million next season.

The Phillies, who will move into a new ballpark in 2004, freed up money when they traded Scott Rolen in July, and Robert Person, Terry Adams and Doug Glanville became free agents after the season.

Despite playing in one of the bigger markets, the Phillies' spending has been hampered by an unfavorable lease at Veterans Stadium.

"We should be between eight and 12 in revenue when the new ballpark opens," Wade said. "We should be there in payroll to. We're getting a head start on using that money."

Coming off a 14th losing season in 16 years, Wade hopes to energize the fan base. The Phillies averaged just 20,484 fans a game last season — third worst in the NL.

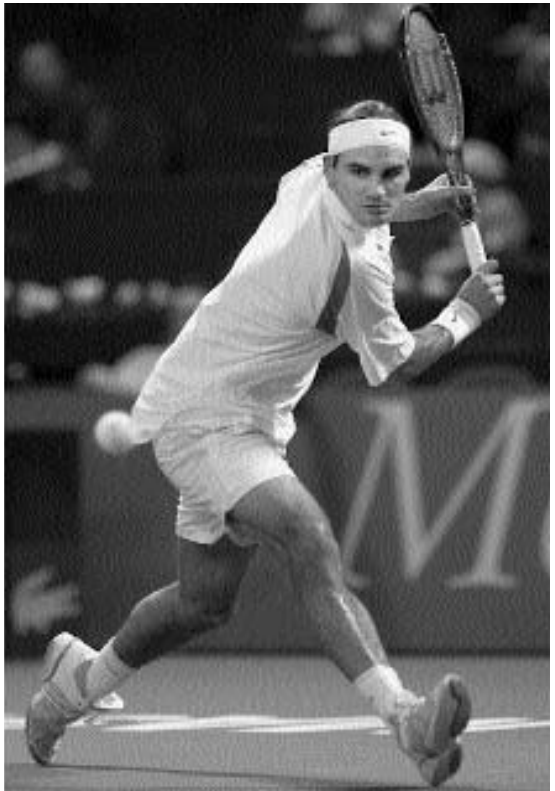
"If we do these types of things there better be a residual effect besides winning," Wade said. "I believe our fans are excited about this. They don't want to wait until '04."

The moves by the Phillies could put pressure on other teams, especially their rivals in the NL East.

But Phillips said he has to stay within his budget limitations.

"With a new stadium coming and a nice young nucleus, they are more aggressive than usual," he said. "We're going to do what's right for us. We can't be driven by what someone else does."

A Shanghai return



Itsuo Inouye/Associated Press

Roger Federer, of Switzerland, returns the ball against Spain's Juan Carlos Ferrero at the Tennis Masters Cup in Shanghai, China on Tuesday. Federer defeated Ferrero 6-3, 6-4.

Three surrender to FBI for \$3M horse race bet

BY JIM FITZGERALD

Associated Press Writer

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. — Three former fraternity brothers surrendered to the FBI on Tuesday morning in connection with a complicated horse racing bet on the Breeders' Cup that paid \$3 million and quickly raised suspicions that computers had been rigged.

Derrick Davis of Baltimore, Glen DaSilva of New York and Chris Harn of Newark, Del., surrendered at the FBI's office in White Plains and were expected to go before a judge later Tuesday, said Herb Hadad, spokesman for U.S. Attorney James Comey.

Comey, who announced Friday that he had joined the investigation, called a news conference for Tuesday afternoon.

Davis placed the bet in question, on six Breeders' Cup races Oct. 26. DaSilva placed an earlier wager along the same elaborate lines and Harn worked for the company that handles most computerized horse betting.

The New York Daily News reported Monday that the men would be charged with wire fraud conspiracy. Wire fraud statutes apparently would apply because the elaborate Pick Six bet was made by telephone on Davis'

account with Catskill Off-Track Betting, a Pomona-based division of the state OTB system.

Hadad said Tuesday morning that no complaint had yet been filed. An attorney for DaSilva, Rae Koshetz, would not comment on charges. Davis' attorney, Steven Allen, would say only that his client was innocent and Harn attorney Daniel Conti did not return calls.

The Breeders' Cup bet, on six prestigious races run at Arlington Park outside Chicago, was made by telephone on Davis' account with Catskill Off Track Betting, a Pomona-based division of the state OTB system. When the races were over, the computer showed that Davis had picked just one horse in each of the first four races, including two long shots, and won them all. But he had bet every horse in the last two races.

Davis, a computer service business owner, had the only winning Ultra Pick Six ticket. The \$12 ticket — the equivalent of six \$2 winning tickets each worth \$428,392 — also produced 108 consolation tickets, each worth \$4,606.20 for five of six winners. The cost of Davis' bets was \$1,152.

The \$3 million was never paid because suspicions were raised immediately.

Kim Clijsters gives others hope by beating Serena Williams

BY BETH HARRIS

AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — By beating Serena Williams to win the WTA Championships, Kim Clijsters slightly loosened the stranglehold Serena and older sister Venus have on women's tennis.

Clijsters lost her five previous matches against Serena until winning 7-5, 6-3 Monday night in the season-ending \$3 million tournament.

The 19-year-old Belgian became the first player since Martina Hingis in the 2001 Australian Open to beat the Williams sisters in the same tournament and only the fourth ever. Clijsters led 5-0 in the first set when Venus quit their semifinal because of a leg injury.

"It's nice for the other players to see that they are beatable and I think that will motivate some other players," said Clijsters, who

received \$765,000 for the victory.

She and Venus finished the year at Nos. 1 and 2 in the final WTA Tour rankings released Tuesday. Venus was runner-up to Serena in three of the four Grand Slam tournaments.

Jennifer Capriati is No. 3, while Clijsters jumped two spots to fourth and fellow Belgian Justine Henin is fifth.

The second five are Amelie Mauresmo, Monica Seles, Daniela Hantuchova, Jelena Dokic and Hingis. Lindsay Davenport finished 12th after missing six months because of knee surgery.

Clijsters doesn't think the Williams sisters have an iron grip on being the best.

"If I play well, I think I belong there, but there are a lot of other players who belong there as well," she said. "You have Lindsay and Monica who played

really well against Venus. If I'm injury-free, I think I'm capable of staying in the top five."

Clijsters also beat Venus on clay in May to win a tournament in Hamburg, Germany.

Serena finished with a 56-5 record and won French, Wimbledon and U.S. Open titles despite playing just 13 tournaments, second fewest among the top 10 players. Her prize money of \$3,657,826 was a season record.

"Last year, when I didn't play the Australian Open, I got super motivated," she said. "I told myself I was going to win the French, Wimbledon and U.S. Open. Sometimes for me, I need to take a step back."

Williams said her main goal next year is to go undefeated.

"Just pick very few tournaments and win all the ones I play," she said.

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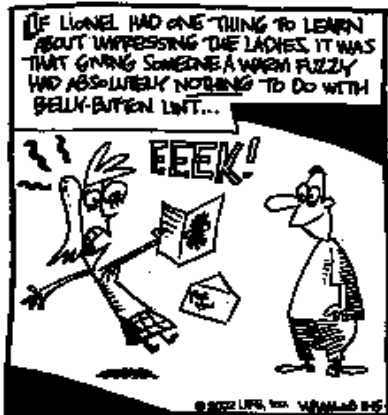


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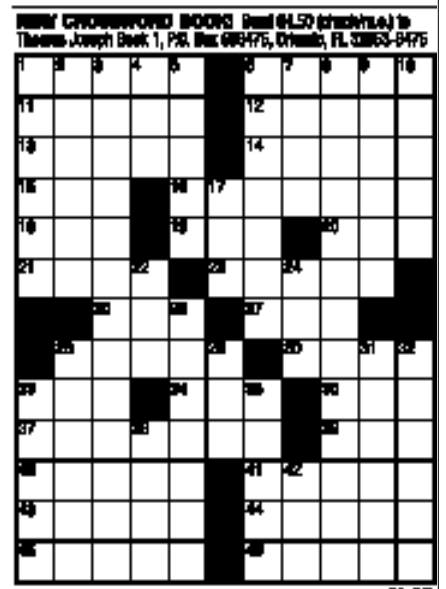
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Comedian (R) 12:45, 3:05, 5:25, 7:45, 10:25. Femme Fatale (R) 11:15, 1:55, 4:35, 7:15, 10:10. Jackass: The Movie (R) 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:55. The Truth About Charlie (PG-13) 1:10, 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40.

Mann Criterion
1313 Third St.
The Ring (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00. Sweet Home Alabama (PG-13) 11:30, 2:10, 5:05, 7:55, 10:35. Ghost Ship (R) 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:10. My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG) 11:20, 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:05. Punch-Drunk Love (R) 11:15, 1:45, 4:20, 7:10, 9:45. The Transporter (PG-13) 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:40, 10:15.

AMC Theatre SM 7
1310 3rd Street

Red Dragon (R) 1:15, 4:25, 7:35, 10:30. 8 Mile (R) 12:15, 1:00, 3:15, 4:00, 6:15, 7:00, 9:15, 10:00. Santa Clause 2 (G) 11:45, 1:35, 2:30, 4:10, 5:10, 7:45, 10:10. White Oleander (PG-13) 7:25, 9:55. I Spy (PG-13) 11:55, 12:30, 2:20, 3:00, 4:45, 5:30, 7:15, 7:50, 9:45, 10:05.

Landmark Nu-Wilshire
1314 Wilshire Blvd.
Bowling for Columbine (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 10:00. Far From Heaven (PG-13) 11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30.

Laemmle Monica
1332 2nd St.
Auto Focus (R) 12:00, 2:30, 5:05, 7:45, 10:20. Real Women Have Curves (PG-13) 12:15, 2:30, 4:50, 7:25, 9:45. Secretary (R) 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:50. Spirited Away (PG) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00.

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
Rules of Attraction 5:00, 7:30, 10:00.

Today Community

Farmer's Market every Wednesday and Saturday. 9am to 2pm, Arizona between Second and Fourth Streets. Come and enjoy one of the largest and best farmer's markets in California.

Santa Monica Strutters, a FREE program sponsored by UCLA Healthcare's 50-Plus Program! Walking programs for adults 50 or older looking for safe, low-impact exercise in a comfortable environment. The Santa Monica Strutters meet Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 8 a.m. To 10 a.m., at Santa Monica Place, Fourth St. and Broadway Ave. in Santa Monica.

Santa Monica Public Library presents Preschool Story Time, every Wednesday at 11:15am, 1343 Sixth Street. Stories for children between the ages of three and five who are ready to participate on their own. (310)458-8600

Comedy Underground presents Ted's Night! A stand-up comedy routine. Admission is \$7.00, show starts at 9pm. 320 Wilshire Blvd. For information please call (310)451-1800.

Ongoing support groups for people 55 and older. Current openings in Parents of Adult Children. Wednesdays 2:00 to 3:30. Center for Healthy Aging, 2125 Arizona Avenue. Sliding scale fee. Not drop-in groups. Phone interview required. Call Information and Referral. (310)576-2550.

Risky Discussion - "Compulsive Gambling: You Bet It's a Program" will be the title of a FREE community health talk given by UCLA psychiatrist Timothy Fong. Cafeteria Conference Room at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center, 1250 16th St. in Santa Monica, from 7pm to 8:30pm. Call (800) 516-5323 for reservations.

Unurban Coffee House presents Poetry and Spoken Word every Wednesday evening. Hosted by Tony Perez. 8pm, 3301 Pico Blvd. (310)315-0056

Thursday Community

Ongoing support groups for people 55 and older. Current openings in Men's Group. Thursdays, 11:15 to 12:45. Center for Healthy Aging, 2125 Arizona Avenue. Sliding scale fee. Not drop-in groups. Phone interview

required. Call Information and Referral. (310)576-2550.

Y Canned Fitness Week! November 4 thru 19. Just bring in ten cans of food per visit and you can participate in any one of our fitness classes, fitness center & lap swim for FREE! SM Family YMCA is located at 1332 Sixth Street. For more information please call (310)393-2721 ext. 118.

Dharma at the Clubhouse. A weekly book and multi-media study group, no fee. Applying studies of Buddhism-Dharma into our daily lives. Every Thursday night at the Clubhouse at Douglas Park, 25th & Wilshire. 7:30 to 9pm. Dan (310) 451-4368 www.santamonickksg.org

O'Briens Irish Pub, 2941 Main St., Santa Monica, pours A Pint of Funny, every Thurs., 8 p.m. FREE! (310)396-4725.

Senior Suppers - Discounted meals for people AGE 55 or older are served daily, from 3:30 p.m. To 7 p.m., in the cafeteria at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center, 1250 16th Street in Santa Monica. \$3.69 Info only: (310)319-4837. Unurban Coffee House presents Comedy Crunch every Thursday evening. Showtime is 7pm. 3301 Pico Blvd. (310)315-0056

FREE health talk about Osteoporosis sponsored by UCLA Healthcare. UCLA family physician Dr. Monica Oei will provide an overview of osteoporosis, including diet, exercise, medication and other treatment options. 7pm to 8:30pm, Classroom B at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center, 1250 16th St. in Santa Monica. Call (800)516-5323 for reservations.

Come practice at SUNSET YOGA, overlooking the Pacific! "Integral Hatha Yoga" every Thursday from 7:15-9pm. Mixed levels. Donations only. Please bring a mat and towel. Located at 1450 Ocean Ave. between Santa Monica Blvd. and Broadway. For more information contact skinny-buddahboy@hotmail.com

Three Women, Three Faiths, One Shared City: Women of Jerusalem Speak. A dinner and panel discussion presented by the Los Angeles World Affairs Council. 7:30pm dinner. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased by calling (213)628-2333. Tickets will not be available at the door. Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel, 1700 Ocean Ave.

Gotham Hall presents Comedy Night! Featuring professional stand-ups. Every Thursday, 1431 3rd St. Promenade, 8pm. Admission is \$5 + 2 item minimum. 21 and over. (323)525-5254

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Game has gone to the dogs

By The Associated Press

WATERFORD TOWNSHIP, Mich. — It's billed as the world's first football game for dogs.

On Saturday, a group of canines and their owners will take to the gridiron, playing in the "Dog Bowl" to raise funds for the Free Shot Clinic Program run by the Michigan Animal Adoption Network.

The Farmington Hills-based group provides free rabies and distemper vaccinations for dogs and cats when owners can't afford the treatments. Last year, the adoption network vaccinated more than 3,000 animals at clinics in the Detroit area.

"We have quite a few seniors and single mothers who are having a difficult time finding the means to take their dog and cat to the vet for shots," Marie Skladd, the adoption network executive director, told The Oakland Press of Pontiac.

Dogs will be tossed passes by a quarterback using a

soft doggie football. They will be judged on style and the number of receptions.

Obedience training part of classroom

By The Associated Press

AKRON, Ohio — In Renee Smith's classroom, attendance is up, trips to the principal's office are down and students are handing in assignments on time.

The Springfield High School teacher says she's seen great progress since adding a few new students to her class — five Labrador puppies and their father.

The seven human students in Smith's class have a history of discipline problems. But since they've started teaching the dogs obedience, their own behavior has improved, Smith told the Akron Beacon Journal for a Saturday story.

Chuck Reynolds, a dog trainer who owns a kennel in suburban Cuyahoga Falls, teaches the students a new trick each week that they then work on with the puppies.

At night, the dogs go home with the staff members who have adopted them. They get dropped off in the morning, much as a parent would take a child to day care.

Smith said she came up with the idea when her dog had puppies and she saw how well her own children responded to them.

She consulted with school psychologist Kristin Edinger, and they took the idea — along with letters from students supporting the program — to the school board.

A national expert says the technique used at Springfield High is similar to the system applied in prisons, in which training a dog is used as a reward for good behavior.

"It's sort of like a dog biscuit for the kid," said Nancy Dapper, vice president of the Delta Society, a nonprofit organization based in Renton, Wash., that trains pet therapy volunteers. "What you are trying to teach is self-control and that there are consequences for the decisions you make."

Old money brings in new money

By The Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Veteran's Day was a banker's holiday, especially for Frederick Curcio Sr.

Curcio Sr., 59, of Bangor, Pa., was with five other bankers on their annual trip to the casinos when he hit it rich Monday.

He had been playing a \$1 Wheel of Fortune slot machine at Harrah's Atlantic City for about 20 minutes when he won the \$1,797,261.46 jackpot, which will pay him \$89,858.12 annually for the next 20 years.

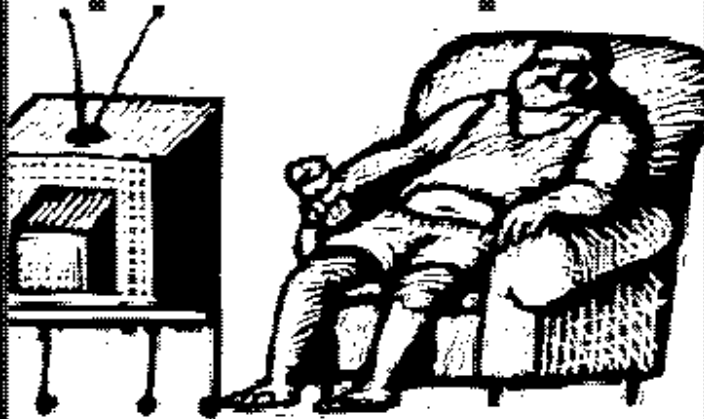
Curcio's day had an auspicious beginning.

"I found an old wallet in my house and it had \$240 in it. I used \$20 from that wallet," he said.

Curcio, vice president of Merchants National Bank in Bangor, said he will buy a new car and give his wife whatever she wants.

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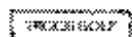
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