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THE HERE COME THE HOLIDAYS ISSUE

SMRR supports districtwide fundraising

Powerful organization helped six of seven SMMUSD school board members get elected

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

DISTRICT HDQTRS Arguably the most powerful force in Santa Monica politics announced its support for one of the most controversial topics before the school board — districtwide fundraising.

The steering committee for Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights (SMRR) voted unanimously to get behind the districtwide fundraising proposal at its meeting Saturday.

"SMRR's platform states that SMRR supports equity in educational programming to achieve social and economic justice for all students," organization leaders wrote in a press release.

The announcement comes days before

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'Chain Reaction' to get a check up

Famous statue to be inspected for structural integrity

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
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CIVIC CENTER A prized piece of Santa Monica public art will undergo testing this week to ensure that it's structurally stable after 20 years of exposure to the elements and human tampering.

A team led by renowned conservationist Rosa Lowinger will begin the careful work of opening up Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist Paul Conrad's monumental work "Chain Reaction" and taking samples of the fiberglass, concrete and chain links used to make the piece.

Lowinger has also done work on a huge statue of Amida Buddha at the Jodo Mission in Lahaina, Maui, and assisted with the preservation of art after the earthquake that rocked Haiti in 2010.

Once a section of "Chain Reaction" has been cleared, engineers will be able to check the internal steel armature that comprises the interior of the piece to see if it is still in good condition.

Then, the samples collected by Lowinger's team will be lab-tested to determine their strength, said Public Art Supervisor Malina Moore.

The goal is to find out as much about the condition of all the materials used to make the work to ensure that it doesn't represent a hazard to the public, Moore said.

"Its age, the conditions, the fact that no one has looked at the inside of it since it's been installed and because it could be a public safety hazard we need to make sure (it's stable)," Moore said.

The work's composition presents unusual challenges for the team brought in to inspect it.

"Chain Reaction" was originally envisioned as cast bronze, but the fabrication was "prohibitively expensive," said Cultural Affairs Manager Jessica Cusick.

Failing that, Conrad and expert fabricator Peter Carlson developed a second concept — using a fiberglass core over a steel armature with copper link chains used as decoration around the outside.

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STERN WARNING: **A sign instructs people to avoid the 'Chain Reaction' sculpture, which is being assessed by city officials to determine if it is structurally deficient. It's located in the Civic Center.**

Groundbreaking for wildfire-ravaged Malibu church

ASSOCIATED PRESS

MALIBU Construction should be completed next year on a $10 million sanctuary to replace a Malibu church destroyed in a 2007 wildfire.

A groundbreaking ceremony was held Sunday on the hillside where Malibu Presbyterian Church once stood.

The Los Angeles Times says the Rev. Greg Hughes told a crowd of 450 people to give thanks for the 63-year-old congregation's survival.

A wildfire swept across 4,500 acres on Oct. 21, 2007, and destroyed 21 structures, including the church.

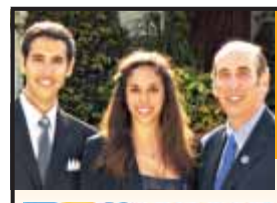
Tent-like temporary structures on the site have serve as a worship hall, classrooms and offices.

Insurance is covering the cost of construction, which is expected to a year.

The steeple's charred metal spire will be displayed in the new sanctuary as a reminder of how a church rose from its ashes.

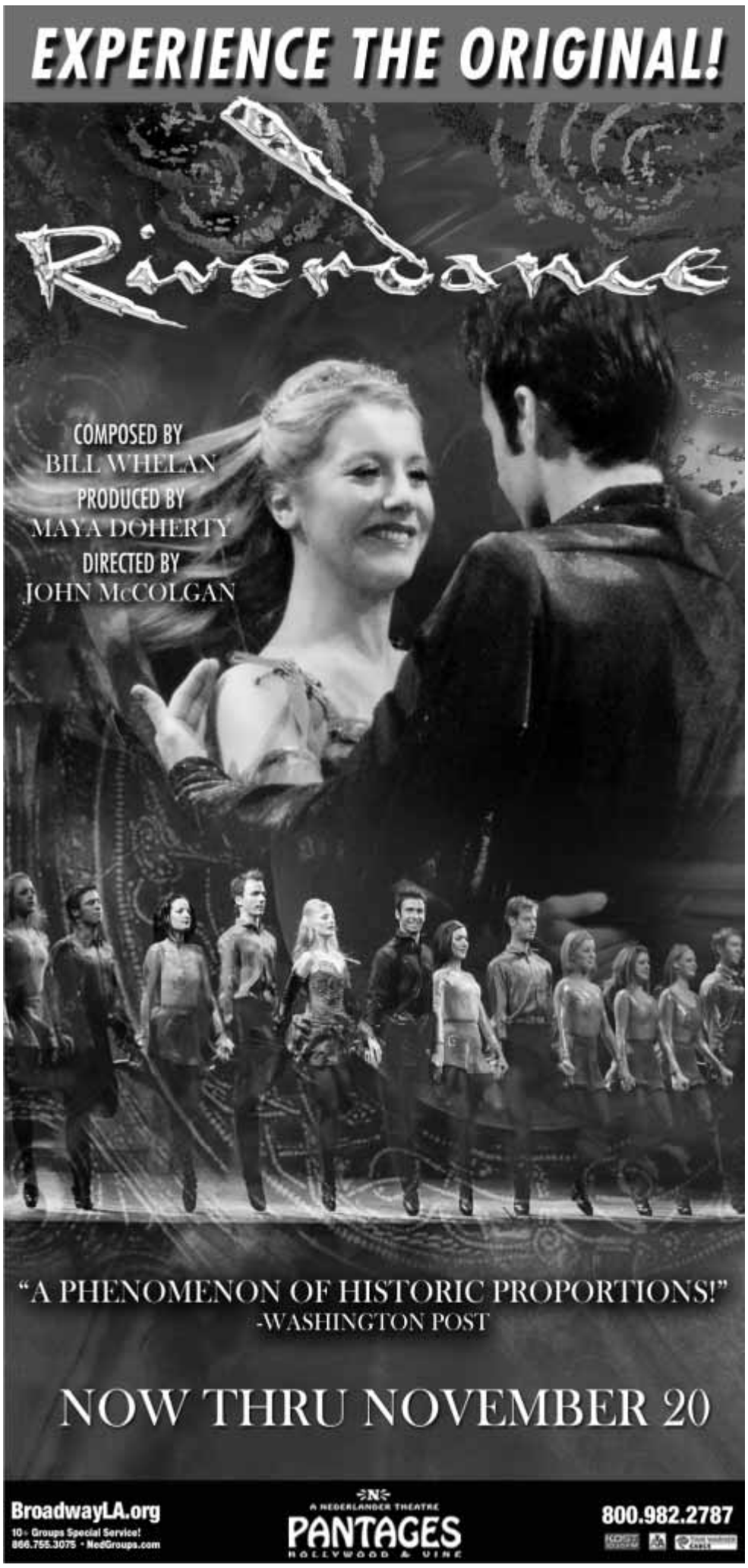

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2011

World celebration
Santa Monica College
1900 Pico Blvd., 11:15 a.m.
Santa Monica College continues its weeklong celebration with "Global Citizenship Day," offering dance performances, samples of international food and music. Come by the campus quad to get information on how different departments are involved with the college's Global Citizenship initiative. For more information, call (310) 434-3962.

Looking at Expo
Santa Monica Civic Auditorium
1855 Main St., 6:30 p.m.
Come by the East Wing Meeting Room to learn about Phase 2 of the Expo Line Project, which is expected to expand light rail to Santa Monica by 2015. The meeting will include updates on the design and opportunities for community members to offer input. For more information, call (213) 243-5500.

Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2011

Food for thought
Santa Monica Public Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3:45 p.m.
Bring your kids to this "Books for Cooks" event as they read Thanksgiving-themed stories and make tasty treats with chefs from Kitchen Aid. The event is for children ages 4-8 and space is limited, so make sure to sign up early. For more information, call (310) 458-8621.

Good girl goes bad
Santa Monica Public Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m.
Authors Mary McDonough and Alison Arngrim will discuss their careers and new autobiographies in an intimate discussion at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium. McDonough and Arngrim played Erin Walton on "The Waltons" and Nellie Oleson on "Little House on the Prairie," respectively. Following their discussion will be a book sale and signing. Tickets for the discussion will be released one hour prior to the event; for more information, call (310) 458-8600.

Thursday, Nov. 17, 2011

Digesting the information
Santa Monica Senior Center
1450 Ocean Ave., 11:30 a.m.
Santa Monica College professors and students invite seniors to come learn about gastrointestinal digestive issues. Participants must be members of the Senior Center; membership is free and open to everyone ages 50 and older. For more information, call (310) 458-8644.

Friday, Nov. 18, 2011

Toast your teachers
Gilbert's El Indio Restaurant
2526 Pico Blvd., 4 p.m.
Come celebrate the National Education Association's Substitute Educators Day with substitute teachers from the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. The NEA conducts a "Substitute Educators Poll" each year to bring in a well-known public figure to serve as a substitute teacher for a day. Last year's nominee CNN anchor Anderson Cooper taught at a New York public school for a day, and this year's top pick is Jessica Alba. To RSVP, email vincentbernota@yahoo.com. For more information, call (310) 395-1528.

Jazzing up the music scene
Santa Monica College Performing Arts Center
1310 11th St., 7 and 9 p.m.
SMC's music department hosts a special benefit concert to raise money for its Applied Music Program. The Gilbert Castellaños Quintet will perform and tickets are $10. Additional concerts will be held on Sunday. For more information, call (310) 434-3005.

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DOG DAY

Kevin Herrera *kevinh@smdp.com*

Chef Nick Shipp of Upper West watches his tea cup yorkie Gnocchi chow down Sunday on gourmet dog food featured in the book 'The Culinary Canine,' which includes recipes from Shipp and several other Santa Monica chefs who cook for their pups. Upper West hosted a book signing and fundraiser Sunday for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals to celebrate the book.

Occupy L.A. enlists social workers to help homeless

CHRISTINA HOAG
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Occupy Los Angeles is taking a new tack in trying to grapple with the nettlesome issue of the homeless people who have moved into the tent village — social workers.

Volunteer social workers are scheduled to visit the camp surrounding City Hall on Saturday in a bid to help some of the more troubled residents, possibly moving them to facilities better equipped to deal with their problems, said organizer Darren Danks.

"We love their support, but there's a percentage who need social services," he said Monday.

The Occupy movement, formed as a protest of government economic policies perceived to favor the rich, operates with an all-are-welcome policy, and organizers will even try to find a tent for those who lack one. But they admit the homeless have been an unanticipated challenge that has diverted the focus from political activities to keeping internal order.

"It's created disorder in the encampment," said organizer Clark Davis. "It's sort of weakened our stance."

An influx of mentally ill and drug addicted homeless moved into the 485-tent camp soon after it sprang up six weeks ago, drawn by its free meals, toilets and showers, and a largely tranquil community free of police harassment and the strict rules of shelters that many homeless people dislike.

The camp's location at City Hall is only blocks away from Skid Row, where some 800 people bed down on sidewalks nightly and 1,000 others sleep in shelters.

Although the homeless have helped bolster the Occupy movement's ranks and are part of the "99 percent" of the population that it says it represents, some of the more mentally ill have posed problems with

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'Immortals' reigns with $32M opening weekend

DAVID GERMAIN
AP Movie Writer

LOS ANGELES The gods of ancient Greece have extended their rule to the weekend box office with a No. 1 debut for the action tale "Immortals."

The story of Greek hero Theseus took in $32 million domestically, while Adam Sandler's comedy "Jack and Jill" opened at No. 2 with $26 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

The new movies bumped the animated hit "Puss in Boots" to the No. 3 spot after two weekends at the top. "Puss in Boots" earned $25.5 million, raising its domestic total to $108.8 million.

Director Clint Eastwood's "J. Edgar," a film biography starring Leonardo DiCaprio as longtime FBI boss J. Edgar Hoover, played in narrower release and opened at No. 5 with $11.5 million.

Released by Relativity Media, "Immortals" stars Henry Cavill and Freida Pinto in a tale of human heroes battling an evil king (Mickey Rourke) who aims to bring down the Olympian gods.

With males making up 60 percent of its audience, "Immortals" has a chance to corner much of the action market through Thanksgiving weekend and beyond, a period likely to be dominated by family movies such as "Happy Feet 2," "The Muppets," "Hugo" and "Arthur Christmas."

"The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn — Part 1" does open Friday, but that blockbuster action fantasy franchise mainly draws female crowds, typically a smaller segment of the action audience.

"There's really not another action movie until you approach the Christmas holidays," said Kyle Davies, head of distribution for Relativity. "Over the next few weeks, there's no real competition for us."

"Immortals" added $36 million in 35 overseas markets, bringing its worldwide total to $68 million.

Sandler plays dual roles in "Jack and Jill," portraying a sturdy family man and his needy sister, who comes to visit for Thanksgiving.

"Jack and Jill" got off to a solid start but came in on the low end for Sandler, whose comedies typically open in the $30 million to $40 million range. Still, it continues Sandler's virtually unbroken string of strong

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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It's a bad idea

Editor:

To narrow the resource gap between schools, SMMUSD's proposed fundraising plan pursues a disastrous path with grave consequences.

The district will lose the passionate fundraising performed by local PTAs and the dollars raised will drop by hundreds of thousands of dollars annually, resulting in the elimination of highly-valued staff and programs in local schools currently paid for by those PTAs.

The district will not come close to raising equivalent dollars and the schools which have not had great success in PTA fundraising will still largely do without.

Parents at schools that lost their fundraising ability will enroll their children in private schools, which provide the staff and programs they want for their children.

Achievement scores districtwide will drop as large numbers of high-scoring children leave.

SMMUSD will lose the state funding it currently receives for the students who will leave.

Future district budgets will be further decimated as school bond measures fail as fewer voters have children in public schools and fewer passionate and influential parents advocate passage.

The school district will achieve a narrowing of the resource and achievement gap by eliminating excellence at PTA-supported schools.

The district fundraising plan is premised on the fantasy that it can take parent-funded programs away from PTA members' own children and then persuade those same parents to give their money to the district. Angry parents won't give. Less-resourced schools will not be helped by preventing successful PTAs from making their local schools the best they can possibly be.

John Miller
Malibu

Liberals are a cancer

Editor:

It's obvious that Mr. Lowe ("Can't Cain be the nominee?" Letters to the Editor, Nov. 10) wants to open our border with Mexico to illegal immigrants and drugs, but that would not be fair to the non-Mexican immigrants. We should go ahead and open our airports and shipping ports, too, so illegal Muslim terrorists don't face discrimination (when compared with Mexicans) while also invading our country. It's too bad that America does not share a land border with Africa, because I'm sure Mr. Lowe would welcome the starving, infected masses from there to walk directly into his living room, too.

But wasn't this country founded by immigrants? Yes, legal immigrants, such as myself who had to contribute, pay taxes and buy into government programs instead of taking away from them. I came to this country a poor Democrat and worked my way up to a middle-class Republican, something that took me decades, and something that illegal immigrants will never have the opportunity to achieve because they are criminals. I am proof that there is a way to achieve the American dream, and climbing a fence is not that way.

You are in for a real dose of reality, Mr. Lowe, whomever wins the next election. Liberals like you are a cancer on our society that America may not survive.

Robert Kay
Santa Monica





What's the Point?

David Pisarra — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

Thoughts for Thanksgiving

I'M DOING SOMETHING DIFFERENTLY THIS year by writing about Thanksgiving the week before because I want to remind people what the day is all about — really. As we are preparing for this year's gastronomic extravaganza, I want to give thanks for the many gifts that I have.

Originally, Thanksgiving was the fall harvest festival to celebrate the bounty of a good summer, a hard year's work and the promise of a new land. Legend has it that pilgrims and Indians (Native Americans these days) sat down at a common table to break bread and make peace. Not many of us are farmers, and our connection to the production of our food is decidedly remote. That, however, should not prevent us from taking a moment to examine the process by which we are all going to indulge in a few thousand calorie eat-a-thon.

It used to be that people would actually till the earth, plant seeds, water the seedlings, nurture them and eventually harvest the vegetables and grains that provided sustenance. Today, it is corporate farming, done with automatic seeders, computer-controlled irrigation systems, pest control done by low-flying propeller planes and harvesting done mostly by giant trucks that can clear huge fields in a day. The amount of work that is now performed by some form of automation has lead us to a time of supreme abundance in our diet.

We can stop in at the local Mega-Mart and purchase cases of canned, frozen and freeze-dried foods. We have the ability to feed hordes of people out of our pantries. Our collective food wealth has surged to unprecedented levels in the history of mankind.

Yet, all this wealth comes at a tremendous cost to us. Not in terms of money, for in actual fact, the food bill of America is extraordinarily low when you consider the amount of nutrition that one can buy — if one shops wisely. I don't believe that the snack packs of hyper-salted food qualify as true sustenance; they are more an emotional impulse buy than truly buying one's health.

The cost to us comes in the form of being separated from the process. We don't have the experience of tilling a row, planting corn, watching it grow all summer, and then seeing huge chunks of it eaten by caterpillars or worms. We don't know what it is to see a cow grow from a calf to a heifer to being slaughtered for our Sunday dinner. No, it comes to us pre-packaged, pre-sorted, and prepared.

We have food markets for all types of differing cuisine. I can gastronomically travel the world, all from the comfort of living in this little pocket of paradise.

From the very beginning of our country we have been blending cultures to achieve something that is an odd mix of foreign and native. We have taken the best of the various contributors to build a new set of traditions on the foundations of the old.

This is what Thanksgiving is all about, the blending of cultures, experiences, and people to become one — American.

It is easy to look around and give thanks for the obvious things. Our newest iPod, the home we live in, the plasma screen TV, maybe even our family. But dig deeper, look at the true wealth we have; the mix of people and cultures that makes us a society. Look at how your life is shaped by the fact that your next door neighbor could be a different race, or religion, and yet you both share a commonality.

This Thanksgiving, we should take a look at how it all started, not from a historical perspective, for the bare facts of history shed no light or warmth; but from the perspective of what the first pilgrims and Indians did. They set in motion a pattern that we repeat today. They opened their hearts and their homes to get to know each other.

We might not be farmers, and few, if any, of us have slaughtered an animal for dinner, but we still have within us the ability to open our hearts and minds to see the bounty that is around us, a bounty that goes far beyond the material.

I am a man richly blessed in my friends. My house could be bigger, my car newer, my bank account fatter, my belly thinner, but at the end of the day, what is truly of value, what sustains me more than food, are the friends I have made, and the people I know and love.

Take a moment and look to see the human bounty that surrounds you, value your friends, and apologize to those you have hurt. Make your teenagers squirm, tell them you love them. Spend time with your parents, you'll miss them when they are gone. Don't worry about having the newest Playstation; worry that you have no one to invite to dinner.

Thanksgiving is not about pumpkin pie, and sage dressing. It is about making friends, breaking bread, and being grateful for both.

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How to fix distrust in government

THE LATEST NEW YORK TIMES/CBS News poll had bad news for Congress, whose support is down to single digits. But it had even worse news for the Republic. Americans' distrust of government, the pollsters found, is "at its highest level ever."

A lot of this ire is focused on Congress, which an overwhelming majority believe is incapable of acting on behalf of the nation as a whole, but it has come to take in all of Washington. The poll's findings can be summed up in the words of one respondent, a small-businesswoman from Arizona. "Probably the government in Washington could be trusted at one time," she told the Times, "but now it seems like it's all a game of who wins rather than what's best for the people."

When so many Americans believe that their representatives in Washington do not have their best interests in mind, something is desperately off-kilter. It means that Americans feel betrayed by how the political class operates.

So the question becomes what can be done to restore the people's trust in government. May I suggest it involves more than changing policies. It means paying attention to the values that people would like to see embodied in government.

It is a fact of life that American voters respond to likability — a sense of connection — in their candidates. But that's not how they judge politicians once they're in office. Instead, they really do care about how elected officials govern.

To start, they want fairness from Washington. Whatever you think of the Tea Party or Occupy Wall Street, both have touched a nerve, a sense that our political leaders have not just grown distant from the concerns of ordinary Americans, but actively discriminate against them in one way or another. I've always been impressed by the importance Americans place on fairness; they strive to be fair to those around them, and they expect government to do the same.

They also want government to be open. This is not a blanket pronouncement — where national security and defense are concerned, or where congressional negotiators need space to find common ground without being forced to posture for the cameras, there is a place for secrecy. But transparency ought to be the rule. Secrecy feeds suspicion and distrust of government. Politicians must be sensitive to this.

Speaking to audiences around the country, I've also been struck by the deep thirst for accountability in Washington. It is very hard to determine who's responsible for any given situation in the federal government — so many people have their hands on promoting or blocking a given initiative, it can seem that the entire political system is designed to shrug off responsibility.

When the economy is floundering, Americans are desperate for work, and Washington seems incapable of coming to grips with the nation's needs, this is a huge problem. It is hard to respect institutions whose leaders refuse a forthright accounting of, or deny responsibility for, their failures.

Americans do not expect miracles or understate the difficulties of governing. They do not expect a single person to right the ship of state. Quite the contrary. They want a collective effort, a sense that people in government, regardless of party, are rolling up their sleeves and working together to resolve their differences.

Americans have some tolerance for disagreement, but not to the point of gridlock — in the end, they prefer cooperation, not confrontation. And they abhor the sort of brinksmanship that has become a Washington specialty, with its last-minute negotiations and short-term fixes. We have serious long-term problems, and Americans want to see their elected officials working on them. They want remedies, not filibusters and scorched-earth politicking.

Finally, they want honesty. Americans really do want to know the scope of the problems they confront and to make up their own minds about them. They resent politicians who paper over the difficulties of the problems or toss off inadequate solutions to really tough problems. There is, in the country at large, a thirst for basic facts, not spin. The people can handle the truth, and they deserve no less.

Rebuilding trust in American government will require more than changes in rules or policy. It will rest on the manner in which our elected officials conduct the business of government, and their willingness to embrace fairness, openness, accountability, cooperation, competence and honesty.

Lack of trust in government is a far more serious problem than most politicians believe, one that cannot be resolved easily. The solution can only come from a patient, long-term effort to return to our fundamental values and instincts.

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The Q Line

Life on two wheels

The Planning Commission recently approved the ambitious Bicycle Master Plan, a 400-page document that spells out the future of bikes in Santa Monica. Within its pages, it hopes to have 14 to 35 percent of all trips made on bicycles by 2030.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Do you think 14 to 35 percent is possible, or do you think it's unrealistic?

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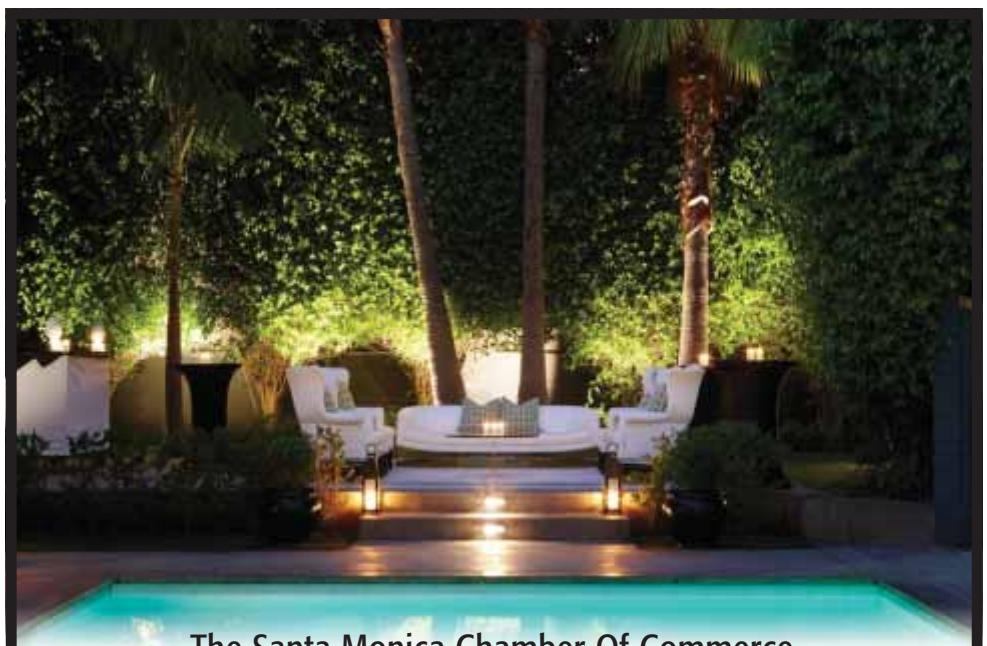
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Doctors: Test all kids for cholesterol by the age of 11

BY LINDSEY TANNER & MARILYNN MARCHIONE
AP Medical Writers

CHICAGO Every child should be tested for high cholesterol as early as age 9 — surprising new advice from a government panel that suggests screening kids in grade school for a problem more common in middle age.

The idea will come as a shock to most parents. And it's certain to stir debate.

The doctors on the expert panel that announced the new guidelines Friday concede there is little proof that testing now will prevent heart attacks decades later. But many doctors say waiting might be too late for children who have hidden risks.

Fat deposits form in the heart arteries in childhood but don't usually harden them and cause symptoms until later in life. The panel urges cholesterol screening between ages 9 and 11 — before puberty, when cholesterol temporarily dips — and again between ages 17 and 21.

The panel also suggests diabetes screening every two years starting as early as 9 for children who are overweight and have other risks for Type 2 diabetes, including family history.

The new guidelines are from an expert panel appointed by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute and endorsed by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Some facts everyone agrees on:

• By the fourth grade, 10 to 13 percent of U.S. children have high cholesterol, defined as a score of 200 or more.

• Half of children with high cholesterol will also have it as adults, raising their risk of heart disease.

• One third of U.S. children and teens are obese or overweight, which makes high cholesterol and diabetes more likely.

Until now, cholesterol testing has only been done for kids with a known family history of early heart disease or inherited high cholesterol, or with risk factors such as obesity, diabetes or high blood pressure. That approach misses about 30 percent of kids with high cholesterol.

"If we screen at age 20, it may be already too late," said one of the guideline panel members, Dr. Elaine Urbina, director of preventive cardiology at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. "To me, it's not controversial at all. We should have been doing this for years."

Elizabeth Duruz didn't want to take that chance. Her 10-year-old daughter, Joscelyn Benninghoff, has been on cholesterol-lowering medicines since she was 5 because high cholesterol runs in her family. They live in Cincinnati.

"We decided when she was 5 that we would get her screened early on. She tested really high" despite being active and not overweight, Duruz said. "We're doing what we need to do for her now, and that gives me hope that she'll be healthy."

Dr. Roger Blumenthal, who is preventive cardiology chief at Johns Hopkins Medical Center and had no role in the guidelines, said he thinks his 12-year-old son should be tested because he has a cousin with very high "bad" cholesterol who needed heart bypass surgery for clogged arteries in his 40s.

"I'm very supportive" of universal screening, he said. "The knowledge of their cholesterol numbers as well as their blood sugar levels can be very helpful for the physicians and their families about which patients are headed toward diabetes."

Dr. William Cooper, a pediatrics and preventive medicine professor at Vanderbilt University, said expanding the testing guidelines "would seem to me to make sense."

But he added: "One of the risks would be that we would be treating more kids, potentially, and we don't know yet the implications of what we're treating. Are we treating a number or are we treating a risk factor?"

That's the reason a different group of government advisers, the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, concluded in 2007 that not enough is known about the possible benefits and risks to recommend for or against cholesterol screening for children and teens.

One of its leaders, Dr. Michael LeFevre, a family medicine specialist at the University of Missouri, said that for the task force to declare screening beneficial there must be evidence that treatment improves health, such as preventing heart attacks, rather than just nudging down a number — the cholesterol score.

"Some of the argument is that we need to treat children when they're 14 or 15 to keep them from having a heart attack when they're 50, and that's a pretty long lag time," he said.

The guidelines say that cholesterol drugs likely would be recommended for less than 1 percent of kids tested, and they shouldn't be used in children younger than 10 unless they have severe problems.

"We'll also continue to encourage parents and children to make positive lifestyle choices to prevent risk factors from occurring," steps such as diet and exercise, said Dr. Gordan Tomaselli, president of the American Heart Association. The group praised the guidelines and will host a presentation on them Sunday at its annual conference in Florida.

Cholesterol tests cost around $80 and usually are covered by health insurance. Several of the 14 doctors on the guidelines panel have received consulting fees or have had other financial ties to makers of cholesterol medicines.

Typically, cholesterol drugs are used indefinitely but they are generally safe, said Dr. Sarah Blumenschein, director of preventive cardiology at Children's Medical Center in Dallas, who had no role in the guidelines but supports them.

"You have to start early. It's much easier to change children's behavior when they're 5 or 10 or 12" than when they're older, she said.

The guidelines also say doctors should:

• Take yearly blood pressure measurements for children starting at age 3.

• Start routine anti-smoking advice when kids are ages 5 to 9, and counsel parents of infants not to smoke in the home.

• Review infants' family history of obesity and start tracking body mass index, or BMI, a measure of obesity, at age 2.

The panel also suggests using more frank terms for kids who are overweight and obese than some government agencies have used in the past. Children whose BMI is in the 85th to 95th percentile should be called overweight, not "at risk for overweight," and kids whose BMI is in the 95th percentile or higher should be called obese, not "overweight — even kids as young as age 2, the panel said.

"Some might feel that 'obese' is an unacceptable term for children and parents," so doctors should "use descriptive terminology that is appropriate for each child and family," the guidelines recommend.

They were released online Friday by the journal Pediatrics.

Paid-leave benefits lagging for working moms in U.S.

BY HOPE YEN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON After decades of worker gains in paid-leave benefits, employers are becoming more selective about granting maternity leave in an economic downturn.

A Census Bureau analysis released last week shows that the share of women given time off for pregnancy, birth and child care has leveled off, with about half of working first-time mothers passing up paychecks to care for their newborns.

Lower-educated mothers are nearly four times more likely than college graduates to be denied paid maternity benefits. That's the widest gap over the past 50 years.

Women with no more than a high-school diploma saw drop-offs in paid-leave benefits from the early 2000s to the period covering 2006 to 2008, which includes the first year of the recession.

"Access to paid leave is limited, and it's also sharply regressive," said Lynda Laughlin, a family demographer at the Census Bureau who put together the report. "For working families where the norm now is for both mom and dad to work, not having some kind of paycheck coming in while they take time to take care of a child can be a real financial burden."

The analysis highlights the patchwork of work-family arrangements in the U.S., which lacks a federal policy on paid parental leave, unlike most other countries. There's a longer-term trend of widening U.S. income inequality caused by slowing wage growth at the middle- and lower-income levels.

Women with higher birth rates in the U.S. are on average younger, less educated and typically Hispanic, and they are more likely to toil in lower-wage positions.

If first-time mothers don't receive paid-leave benefits, they often return to their jobs quickly after giving birth, or sacrifice a steady paycheck by taking unpaid leave or quitting to spend more time with their newborns.

"This isn't good news for women at the bottom, and the irony is that the people with the most children are now the least likely to have the supports they need," said Kathleen Gerson, a professor of sociology at New York University and author of "The Unfinished Revolution: Coming of Age in a New Era of Gender, Work, and Family."

She noted that companies typically offer paid maternity leave after weighing the costs of finding and training a new employee against a short leave of absence. "The question is whether we can politically, as well as privately, create a wider blanket of support for these families."

About 50.8 percent of first-time mothers said they used some kind of paid leave, which includes maternity, sick and vacation time, from 2006 to 2008, the most recent years for which figures are available, according to the census report. That is unchanged from 2001 to 2005, but compares with 37.3 percent in the 1981-1985 period, when federal laws barring pregnancy discrimination in employment were starting to take fuller effect.

About 66 percent of women with a bachelor's degree or higher were able to use paid leave, compared with 61 percent earlier in the past decade. In contrast, 18 percent of women who had less than a high school education received the paid-leave benefits during 2006-2008, down from 26 percent.

The nearly 4-1 gap between college graduates and high-school dropouts is the widest it's been over the half-century that the Census Bureau has tracked such data. The disparity was essentially the same in 1991-1995.

High school graduates were less likely than earlier in the decade to use paid leave, 32 percent compared with 39 percent. Among women who had some college schooling but lacked a bachelor's degree, about 47 percent said they received paid time off for pregnancy, birth and child care, unchanged from the early 2000s.

By age and race, the shares of women using paid leave increased as they got older, from 24 percent of first-time mothers under age 22 to 61 percent of those 25 and older. That reflects in part more schooling and work experience that enabled older women to find jobs with better salary and benefits. Hispanics as a whole were generally less likely than other groups to receive paid leave, at 46.6 percent.

In the recession, most jobs lost were in middle-wage occupations such as machinists, managers and teachers, while jobs added in the slow recovery have been mostly lower-wage positions, according to the National Employment Law Project. The reduction in middle-wage jobs has contributed to an increasing gap between higher-skilled employees who receive better benefits and lesser-educated workers who do not.

The federal Family and Medical Leave Act, passed in 1993, enables workers with new children or seriously ill family members to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave. But it excludes companies with fewer than 50 employees.

Past efforts in Congress to enact a paid family leave law have been unsuccessful, lumping the U.S. with Swaziland, Papua New Guinea and a few others that do not require paid benefits on a national level. Some U.S. states, including New Jersey and California, offer paid-leave programs.

Other census findings:

• Women are more likely than before to work while pregnant. About 66 percent of first-time mothers between 2006 and 2008 worked during their pregnancy, compared with 44 percent in the early 1960s.

• First-time mothers are working later into their pregnancies than before. About 88 percent worked into the last trimester, while 65 percent worked into the last month of pregnancy.

• Eight out of 10 mothers who worked during their pregnancies returned to work for the same employer within a year of the birth. About 7 out of 10 of these women returned to a job at the same pay, skill level and hours worked per week.





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openings for his broad comedies dating back to the late 1990s.

"A big part of his success is just that sort of Everyman appeal he has, whether it be the guys going out to have a beer or girls thinking he's just as charming as all hell," said Rory Bruer, head of distribution for Sony, which released "Jack and Jill."

"J. Edgar" played in 1,910 theaters, compared with more than 3,000 for the rest of the top-five movies. It was the weekend's grown-up choice, with 66 percent of viewers over age 50, according to distributor Warner Bros.

Like "Immortals" with action crowds, "J. Edgar" has the prospect to dominate among older viewers through Thanksgiving weekend, one of the busiest times of the year for movie theaters.

"We're the adult choice," said Dan Fellman, head of distribution for Warner. "We feel we have really good play time ahead of us going into the holiday."

"J. Edgar" will join a parade of potential Academy Awards contenders arriving before year's end as Hollywood rolls into its most diverse season, when drama, comedy, action and family films share screen time.

"This was one of the first weekends we've seen in a while that had a nice combination of films that gave us a really solid weekend," said Paul Dergarabedian, an analyst for box-office tracker Hollywood.com. "To me, this is what the holiday season is all about, having films like 'Immortals' in the mix in the top-five with a drama like 'J. Edgar.'"

The variety clicked with audiences this weekend. Overall revenues came in at $137 million, up 13 percent from the same weekend last year, when "Megamind" led with $29.1 million, according to Hollywood.com.

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the Board of Education holds a second meeting on Nov. 17 focused on the issue.

District officials began pushing forward the concept of districtwide fundraising to address the large achievement gap between minority students and their white and Asian counterparts.

Fundraising, now handled by the local Parent Teacher Associations, varies from school to school based on the ability of the parents to pitch in both time and money to make events a success.

It's led to a disparity in programming between the schools, with the highest grossing school spending an extra $2,100 per student while the lowest spends $65, according to a report by Superintendent Sandra Lyon.

The proposed fundraising model would prohibit PTAs from spending money on personnel or trainings, and instead transfer that authority to the Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation over the course of two years.

That money would be split between the schools equally so that each school in the district has access to what Lyon calls "premium programs," or programs above and beyond what state and federal funding provide.

Over that two year transitional period, Lyon would convene an advisory committee made up of Education Foundation members, PTA members and other stakeholders to work out the details of the plan including what constitutes a "premium program."

PTAs would still provide funding during those two years to prevent any drop in services.

SMRR leadership believes that the new model will ensure all students have access to high quality education programs that aren't provided for in the state budget, said SMRR co-chair Patricia Hoffman.

"The time seems to be right that the school board and community are coming together to say that we should give our students the best education available," Hoffman said.

SMRR's endorsements carry weight in Santa Monica elections — six of the seven school board members, with the exception of Nimish Patel, were endorsed by SMRR in their campaigns.

The majority of members on the Santa Monica City Council and Rent Control Board also received SMRR support.

School Boardmember Oscar de la Torre told the Daily Press that SMRR's announcement was along party lines given the organization's platform in favor of equity and equal opportunity.

de la Torre received the endorsement of SMRR's leadership in his last school board run.

Still, he said, his constituents are all Malibu and Santa Monica residents with children in SMMUSD.

"More than 80 percent of students are residents of the city of Santa Monica or city of Malibu," de la Torre said. "Therefore, our obligation is to those students and their parents without regard to political organization."

The heavy SMRR influence and the organization's position on districtwide fundraising didn't come as a surprise, said Seth Jacobson, a member of Advocates for Malibu Public Schools.

Given the momentum behind the measure, the group's members want to raise awareness about districtwide fundraising and get a hand in shaping it rather than work to stop it.

"The board is going to pass this thing," Jacobson said. "It's just a matter of coming up with what we think are reasonable suggestions and alternatives to implementation."

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"It was a pretty innovative solution," Cusick said.

That leaves Lowinger's team to the delicate process of uncovering not one but three layers of materials for inspection.

That shouldn't be too much of a problem, Lowinger said.

"Here's the thing: Contemporary art and public art is often times made of materials that are unusual and in combination," Lowinger said. "This was fabricated by a well-known and respected fabricator. (Conrad) had it made by the best of the best."

Despite two decades of weather, and the occasional young person using the statute as a jungle gym, Lowinger suspects that the piece is in good condition.

"One can't say until one really knows, but I think and hope we'll be pleasantly surprised," Lowinger said.

Lowinger and her team will be working on taking samples and opening up the space for the engineers' work today and Wednesday.

The Lowinger team has a $10,000 contract with City Hall to complete the work.

The potential for a problem with "Chain Reaction" came to light in June when Building and Safety official Ron Takiguchi saw children gripping the chain links on the outside of the sculpture.

Takiguchi requested a temporary fence to protect the sculpture, and got in touch with Cusick to bring in the conservationists and engineers.

"Chain Reaction" came to Santa Monica in 1991 amid a fiery public debate. The work represents the mushroom cloud created by the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima, Japan to bring an end to World War II

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My Personnel File: Why Do I Want it and How Do I Get a Copy?

The permanent record from our youth may have been a ruse cooked up to keep children in line, but these days, we are close to having permanent records due to our rapidly all encompassing digital world. Thankfully, personnel files are not yet in digital format. While we still can, we should at least always be prepared to have access to these records to check and to fix any wrong information. We may also want access when we think we should get a raise and want to use former evaluations, client letters, or training records to get it.

The Why:

More often than not, employees do not even know how to access this information until they talk to a lawyer. And if you are talking to a lawyer about work, something's already gone wrong. Lawyers want to see what your performance record is, any personnel actions and the basis, or any other records that could help determine whether, say, a termination was legally wrongful or justifiable in light of the bigger history. Most of these employment cases turn on performance, the reason the employer gives for the termination, versus whatever you as a plaintiff will show. For example, one good way to maintain better records in your file is to put in writing what you disagree with, such as in a negative evaluation. Later when these are reviewed, and the employee has these notes, it will be more difficult for a bad employer to justify their wrongful behavior through performance issues.

Another reason to keep track is that personnel records can be subpoenaed by a third party, which is something that could happen in any type of legal action where you are involved. The law does require that you are given a notice and opportunity to object to the subpoena. If any of it is relevant to whatever legal action is happening, not necessarily even an employment case, then usually the subpoena is allowed.

The How:

There are no federal laws about these records, but California has very clear laws. Still, some employers do not know them or follow them properly so it is better to know your rights and educate your employer if needed. Here are the types of records that you are legally entitled to get: Pay Records: Employers have to keep for at least three years of your pay records and give their employees a copy within 21 days of request or face civil penalties (Labor Code 226). Personnel Files: Employers have to keep records and give you access to them within a reasonable time (Labor Code 1198.5). All documents you signed: These are the ones signed at hire or as continuing term and condition of employment (not documents signed in the course of conducting business). (Labor Code 432).

Tips: Though these requests do not have to be in writing, it is usually better so that you can keep track of the response time. Employers may have part of your personnel file in different offices. Be sure to know where yours is kept so when the time comes you know how to find it without being given the run around. Ask for or make copies of all personnel documents as they come up and hold on to the hiring paperwork so that you have your own set for comparison later.

Unemployment Benefits: Do I Qualify?

The news is not getting better about the economy and the unemployment office has to be really picky when it comes to claims. You were not laid off, but instead quit or were terminated. How can you file for unemployment and be approved? This is one of the most often asked questions from my clients. Some who are still working want to know if they should quit or wait to be terminated. The decision will vary from person to person to situation. The decision can also be personal or health related or that you just want to be out of there. Here are some legalities to consider in your decision.

The Quit:

In a situation with a quit, there is generally just one type of circumstance that will get you these benefits. If you can show that you quit because the work conditions were such that no reasonable person could be expected to work there, then you can still qualify for the benefits. This is a high standard limited to what the law requires of the workplace, such as safe conditions, free from harassment, being paid, and free from retaliation. This is not an easy showing to make and so arguments based on personality, rudeness, bad bosses, etc, will not fly.

The Termination:

Most people think that if you have been terminated, there is no unemployment for you. However, there are exceptions to this. Of course, if you have been terminated based on policy violations, gross misconduct, and other severe actions, then you are disqualified. One way to overcome that, if the facts are there, is the exception that the conduct may not have been appropriate but it was an isolated instance of poor judgment, or something excusable that happened the one time for a good reason. Criminal activity at work or assault or harassment is never excusable.

The Wrongful Termination:

If you have been "wrongfully terminated" in the legal sense, you may still qualify for unemployment. Most employees who file lawsuits have been terminated. If the facts are there for a lawsuit, then they should be there to qualify you for unemployment. You need to show that the termination was not based on whatever the employer is claiming, but because of some legal violation they have committed. For example, if you complain of sexual harassment, then a week later, you are terminated for some work issue that happened two months ago, then the termination was retaliation. When an employer retaliates for your report of a prohibited workplace activity, that employer just violated anti-retaliation laws.

Tip: If you are unemployed but develop a disability and you can't work, then you no longer qualify for unemployment. At this point, apply for State Disability Benefits. Again, these is not easy to get and you will need medical proof, but it is one safety we are lucky to have here in California.

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OCCUPY
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cleanliness, disruptiveness and security.

Some political activists have been scared off by them and left the camp, or go home at night instead of staying, Davis said.

Organizers asked several disruptive people to leave of their own accord, but they did not.

Camps from New York to Portland, Ore., have reported similar challenges with homeless campers.

The issue may affect Occupy Los Angeles' food policy.

A rift in the camp has now surfaced among activists who feel food should be reserved for those who contribute to the camp, such as sweeping pathways or serving on a committee, and those who feel it should be available to all, Danks said, noting that some homeless do contribute, while others simply hang out.

Contributors would receive a wristband or some other insignia to signify their eligibility for meals.

An official posting on the camp's website Sunday indicates organizers are leaning toward the hardline stance.

"It should be remembered Occupy Los Angeles has no mandate to serve the homeless," the posting stated. "Food distribution was never intended to become a part of the Occupation Movement, nor is it feasible to add our names to the long list of organizations and agencies that are funded, staffed and structured to serve that purpose."

Decisions in the camp are made by consensus at the camp's nightly General Assembly meeting, which is open to all.

Camper Brian Mendoza, 22, who said he was living in his father's truck before coming to Occupy LA, said it was only fair that campers should contribute in some way to the movement for food. "There's some people who just want to stay here because in Skid Row you have to pick up your tent every day and here you can just leave it," he said.

The issue puts the Occupy movement in the crosshairs of dealing with difficult populations.

The challenges they face are part of the evolution of a protest movement, which must constantly change as issues arise, said T.V. Reed, American studies professor at Washington State University who has written about protest movements. The fact that the camps have to deal with homeless people underscores why the movement was formed.

"Gross economic inequality," Reed said. "That's really what they're talking about."



Stocks slip as Italian bond sale renews euro fears

MATTHEW CRAFT
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK The stock market fell Monday after a jump in Italy's borrowing costs reminded investors of how much work remains to be done to contain Europe's debt problems.

The Dow Jones industrial average lost nearly 75 points. Bank stocks fell the most. European markets also fell and the euro weakened against the dollar.

Major indexes closed higher last week as Greece and Italy moved to form new governments and took other decisive steps to get their debt troubles under control. However worrisome signs re-emerged Monday.

The Italian government had to pay 6.29 percent at an auction of five-year bonds, the highest rate since since 1997. Italy paid a much lower rate of 5.32 percent at a similar auction last month. That's a sign investors are still concerned about Italy's ability to repay its debts. Stocks tanked last Wednesday after key Italian borrowing rates jumped above 7 percent, a level widely seen as unsustainable.

Also Italy's biggest bank, Unicredit, reported a $14.4 billion loss.

"The problems these countries are dealing with go well beyond their prime ministers," said Dan Greenhaus, chief global strategist at the brokerage BTIG. "Italy didn't get where it is in five minutes. And it's not going to get out of where it is in five minutes. This is going to take months."

The Dow fell 74.70 points, or 0.6 percent, to close at 12,078.98. Bank of America Corp. fell 2.6 percent and JPMorgan Chase & Co. fell 2.2 percent, the largest drops among the 30 large companies in the Dow.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 12.06 points, or 1 percent, to 1,251.79. The Nasdaq composite index fell 21.53, or 0.8 percent, to 2,657.22.

Three stocks fell for every one that rose on the New York Stock Exchange. Volume was very light at 3 billion shares.

Stocks have risen since early October on encouraging signs of progress in containing Europe's debt crisis, stronger U.S. corporate earnings and better news on the U.S. economy. The S&P 500 has soared 13.7 percent since hitting its low for the year on Oct. 3.

That surge has drawn big investors back into the stock market and opened the door to a long line of companies waiting to go public. The flow of money from institutions into U.S. stock funds hit $7.3 billion last week, the third largest tally this year, according to fund tracker EPFR Global.

Angie's List, a customer review website, Delphi Automotive and seven other companies are scheduled to go public this week. If they all wind up going through, it would be the biggest week for IPOs in four years, according to Renaissance Capital, an IPO advisory firm.

In corporate news, the airline Emirates placed an order for 50 Boeing 777s, one of the largest orders ever placed with the aircraft maker. Boeing Co. also picked up a new customer, Oman Air, which ordered six 787s. Boeing rose 1.5 percent.

J.C. Penney Co. fell 2.8 percent after reporting a quarterly loss. The department store operator said its results were weighed down by restructuring costs. The company also lowered its earnings outlook for the rest of the year.

Lowe's Cos. rose 1.7 percent after the country's second-largest home-improvement retailer reported revenue and earnings that beat analysts' expectations.

The Dow has made gains in six of the past seven weeks, and is still up 1 percent for the month. The S&P 500 and the Nasdaq are slightly lower.

Obama says everything on the line in 2012

BEN FELLER
AP White House Correspondent

KAPOLEI, Hawaii Politicking in his boyhood home, President Barack Obama told supporters Monday that everything they worked for and that the country stands for is on the line in his 2012 re-election bid, warning of a bleak America should a Republican win.

At ease in Hawaii, where he was born and vacations each year, Obama sprinkled his standard campaign speech with personal memories and called himself the "hometown kid." But his message turned urgent in trying to get his backers to think of the next election as a choice between a vision of a big country of opportunity or one where regular people lose their voice.

"You kept up the fight for change long after the election was over, and that should make you proud," Obama said inside a lush resort on the western side of Oahu. "It should make you hopeful. But it can't make you satisfied."

He added: "Everything we fought for in the last election is now at stake in the next election. The very core of what this country stands for is on the line."

Obama made time for domestic politics and the constant demand for cash amid a nine-day trip otherwise dominated by foreign affairs. He was enjoying a lighter schedule on Monday after hosting an Asia-Pacific economic summit of 21 nations over the weekend, and before heading to Australia Tuesday morning. Obama was also was to visit Indonesia before a Nov. 20 return to Washington.

As he raised money for his re-election bid, the president sought to defend his record of change as more than a campaign slogan. Obama reminded his audience that he has presided over the return of the American auto industry, financial help for college students, higher fuel efficiency for cars and more.

When it came to noting his signature health care law, Obama spoke of expanded and improved coverage for Americans but made no mention of Monday's move by the Supreme Court. The high court promised a full review over the constitutionality of the historic health care overhaul, likely in time for a ruling just before the presidential election next November.

The president spoke inside the waterfront Disney-themed Aulani Resort to a relaxed crowd of about 250 people at the fundraising brunch, where tickets started at $1,000 per person.

Obama said Republicans want to engage in a "race to the bottom" with other countries, rolling back wage protections and environmental standards. "Their attitude is, 'Let's go ahead and pollute," Obama said.

As for his promised change, he said he still needs time: "It takes more than a single term. It takes more than a single president."

The president promised that his wife, Michelle, and daughters, Sasha and Malia, would be back in Hawaii for the winter holidays as usual.

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SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 61°

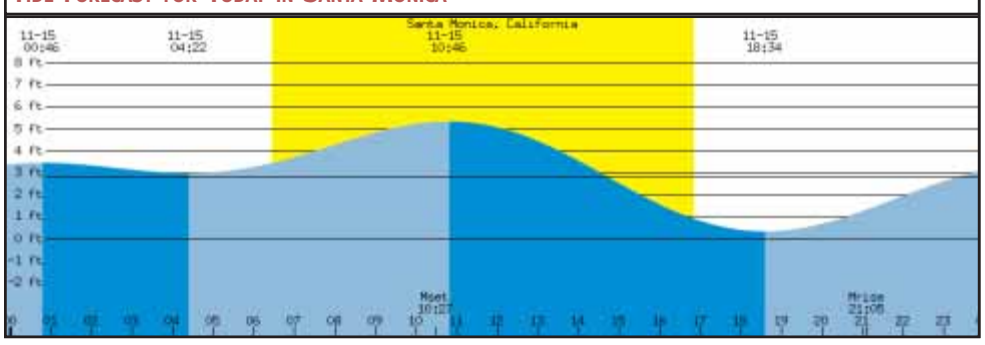
Swell Forecast

Looks smaller, around knee high most everywhere.

Long Range Synopsis

May get a small boost in NW, but nothing above waist high at west facing breaks. South facing breaks look smaller.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **November 8, 2011**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

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Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- /
Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- /

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	B	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	D
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	B	A+
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	B	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	B	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	A+
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	D
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A	B
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A	F
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	F	D
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	C	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A	A+
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	C	F
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A	A+
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	F	F
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A	A+
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A	A+

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisa creeks.	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	B	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+
Solstice Canyon at Las Flores County Beach.	F	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	A+
Malibu Canyon storm drain at Pearce Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	F	A
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A	A+
Surfrider Beach (broach location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	A+
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	A+
Los Flores State Beach at Los Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	F	A+
Pena Creek at Los Tunos County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	F	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Pearce State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+

LEGEND

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

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NBA

Players reject league's latest offer

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NEW YORK NBA players delivered a resounding but risky response to one more ultimatum from NBA Commissioner David Stern: See you in court.

The players' association rejected the league's latest proposal for a new labor deal Monday and began disbanding, paving the way for a lawsuit that throws the season in jeopardy.

Negotiating went nowhere, so now the union is going away.

And Stern said "nuclear winter" is coming.

"We're prepared to file this antitrust action against the NBA," union executive director Billy Hunter said. "That's the best situation where players can get their due process."

And that's a tragedy as far as Stern is concerned.

"It looks like the 2011-12 season is really in jeopardy," Stern said in an interview aired on ESPN. "It's just a big charade. To do it now, the union is ratcheting up I guess to see if they can scare the NBA owners or something. That's not happening."

Hunter said players were not prepared to agree to Stern's ultimatum to accept the current proposal or face a worse one, saying they thought it was "extremely unfair." And they're aware what this battle might cost them.

"We understand the consequences of potentially missing the season; we understand the consequences that players could potentially face if things don't go our way, but it's a risk worth taking," union vice president Maurice Evans said. "It's the right move to do."

But it's risky.

Hunter said all players will be represented in a class-action suit against the NBA by attorneys Jeffrey Kessler and David Boies — who were on opposite sides of the NFL labor dispute, Kessler working for the players, Boies for the league.

"Mr. Kessler got his way, and we're about to go into the nuclear winter of the NBA," Stern told ESPN. "If I were a player ... I would be wondering what it is that Billy Hunter just did."

The league already has filed a pre-emptive lawsuit seeking to prove the lockout is legal and contends that without a union that collectively bargained them, the players' guaranteed contracts could legally be voided.

During oral arguments on Nov. 2, the NBA asked U.S. District Judge Paul Gardephe to decide the legality of its lockout, but he was reluctant to wade into the league's labor mess. Gardephe has yet to issue a ruling.

Two years of bargaining couldn't produce a deal, with owners' desires for more competitive balance clashing with players' wishes to keep the salary cap system largely intact. The sides last met Thursday, when the league offered a revised proposal but told the players there would be no further negotiating on it.

Stern, who is a lawyer, had urged players to take the deal on the table, saying it's the best the NBA could offer and advised that decertification is not a winning strategy.

Players ignored that warning, choosing instead to dissolve the union, giving them a chance to win several billion dollars in triple damages in an antitrust lawsuit.

"This is the best decision for the players," union president Derek Fisher said. "I want to reiterate that point, that a lot of individual players have a lot of things personally at stake in terms of their careers and where they stand. And right now they feel it's important — we all feel it's important to all our players, not just the ones in this room, but our entire group — that we not only try to get a deal done for today but for the body of NBA players that will come into this league over the next decade and beyond."

Fisher, flanked at a press conference by dozens player representatives and superstars including Kobe Bryant and Carmelo Anthony, said the decision was unanimous. But there were surely players throughout the league who would have preferred union leadership put the proposal to a vote of the full membership, with many ready to go back to work.

The sides still can negotiate during the legal process, so players didn't want to write off the season just yet.

"I don't want to make any assumptions," union VP Keyon Dooling said. "I believe we'll continue to try to get a deal done or let this process play out. I don't know what to expect from this process."

Hunter said the NBPA's "notice of disclaimer" was filed with Stern's office about an hour before the news conference announcing the move. Now, the NBPA is in the process of converting to a trade association as the fight shifts to the courts.

"The fact that the two biggest legal adversaries in the NFL players dispute over the NFL lockout both agree that the NBA lockout is now illegal and subject to triple damages speaks for itself," Kessler said in an email to The Associated Press. "I am delighted to work together with David Boies on behalf of the NBA players."

Hunter said the bargaining process had "completely broken down." Players made numerous economic concessions and were willing to meet the owners' demands of a 50-50 split of basketball-related income — a transfer of about $280 million annually from their feeling the league's desires to improve competitive balance would hurt their guaranteed 57 percent under the old deal — but only if the owners met them on their system wishes.





MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
(310) 260-1528

We Have a Pope (Habemus Papam) (NR) 1hr 40min
7:30pm

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
(888) 262-4386

Anonymous (PG-13) 2hrs 10min
5:00pm, 8:00pm, 11:00pm

Tower Heist (PG-13) 1hr 44min
2:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

Like Crazy (PG-13) 1hr 29min
1:00pm, 3:20pm, 5:40pm, 7:50pm, 10:15pm

Big Fix (NR) 1hr 52min
12:00pm, 2:30pm

Immortals 3D (R) 1hr 50min
2:15pm, 5:15pm, 8:15pm, 11:00pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
(310) 451-9440

Jack and Jill (PG) 1hr 31min
11:30am, 2:00pm, 4:25pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

Tower Heist (PG-13) 1hr 44min
10:50am, 1:40pm, 4:15pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

Puss in Boots (PG) 1hr 30min
11:15am, 1:30pm, 4:30pm, 6:45pm, 9:00pm

Puss in Boots 3D (PG) 1hr 30min
1:00pm, 3:30pm, 6:00pm, 8:15pm, 10:30pm

Immortals 3D (R) 1hr 50min
10:45am, 1:45pm, 4:45pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

J. Edgar (R) 2hrs 17min
11:00am, 1:15pm, 2:00pm, 4:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:30pm, 8:00pm, 10:30pm

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

Pete Smalls Is Dead (NR) 1hr 22min
1:50pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

Margin Call (R) 1hr 49min
1:40pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 9:55pm

Women on the 6th Floor (Les femmes du 6eme etage) (NR) 1hr 44min
1:55pm

Skin I Live In (La piel que habito) (R) 2hrs 00min
1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:10pm, 10:00pm

Revenge of the Electric Car (NR) 1hr 30min
5:00pm

Royal Opera House's: Tosca Encore (NR)
7:30pm

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

Rum Diary (R) 2hrs 00min
11:55am, 2:50pm

Jack and Jill (PG) 1hr 31min
12:30pm, 3:00pm, 5:15pm, 7:45pm, 10:15pm

In Time (PG-13) 1hr 49min
10:50am, 1:30pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:50pm

Martha Marcy May Marlene (R) 2hrs 00min
11:30am, 2:00pm, 4:35pm, 7:10pm, 9:45pm

Ides of March (R) 1hr 42min
11:15am, 2:10pm, 4:50pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

Very Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas (R) 1hr 29min
11:45am, 2:15pm, 4:40pm, 5:30pm, 7:15pm, 7:45pm, 9:30pm, 10:10pm

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Put your feet up tonight, Aquarius

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Your high energy, spontaneity and creativity braid together to create a close to impossible combination to beat. Someone around you might feel awkward. Understand where this person is coming from. An admirer is the source of a compliment. Tonight: Fun.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Anchor in, knowing your limits and where you are heading. Realize everything could change quickly. Be more forthright with a roommate or family member. You might see a situation in a new light once a conversation starts up. Tonight: Head home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Communication comes your way. Express yourself in a clear manner. You might feel awkward about a discussion involving money and/or feelings. You have a way of handling yourself that makes others quite insecure. Understanding will evolve. Tonight: Make it early.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Let your imagination flourish. Use care with your finances and domestic matters. Your creativity flourishes, and you recover from any stumbling blocks very well. Don't back off from a conversation. Know that there is a point of resolution. Tonight: Know when to call it a night.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ You sense a change coming, but perhaps not right away. You have a way of affecting others that you might not be aware of. Listen to what is being shared by a family member. Don't choose to take his or her comments personally. Instead, learn from them. Tonight: Say what you think.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Lie back and gain a better insight into what is really going on. The less said the better. You gather new information. The unexpected occurs. Honor your feelings. More often than not, you don't share your feelings. Tonight: Lie back.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Meetings and friends gather around you. You feel as if you are on top of the world, as success comes toward you after an awkward moment or two. Don't lose sight of your goals. You feel that there are many options, but don't take someone for granted. Tonight: Where the gang is.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You are in the limelight more than you might be comfortable with. You could feel out of sorts. Read between the lines with others. What isn't said might be more important than what is said. Don't sell yourself short. Tonight: Could go way late.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Keep reaching out for others. You tend to make the impossible happen. A partner prefers to deal with you directly. Listen to this person carefully. This dialogue has many gems of possibilities. Let others follow through on what you think is possible. Tonight: Go along with another's ideas.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Let someone else take the lead. This person needs to know whether he or she is capable of handling a situation. You must let go in order to allow this person to find out. A get-together proves to be most worthwhile. Say little; listen a lot. Tonight: Say "yes" to an invitation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Listen to what others say more often. Pace yourself and get the job done. You feel more relaxed with a certain associate. Take the lead with a work project for now, knowing it isn't forever. Keep an even pace. Tonight: Put your feet up.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Your creativity flows, and you come up with one solution after another. Allow your ingenuity to speak once and for all. If you follow your emotional sixth sense, you'll wind up A-OK. Later on, you will need to get into some more serious work. Tonight: Ever playful.

Happy birthday

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

You express the intuitive and wise side of your personality. Others cannot help but be drawn to you. You seem to understand so much, that others reveal a lot to you. You might not always be comfortable with the revelations. Travel, education and/or a foreigner could play a major role in your year. If you are single, you will need someone quite unique to keep your interest. You will know when this person comes along. If you are attached, any fighting you experience is about separation. Refuse to play into arguments. Remember, you are with the one you love. CANCER understands your depth.

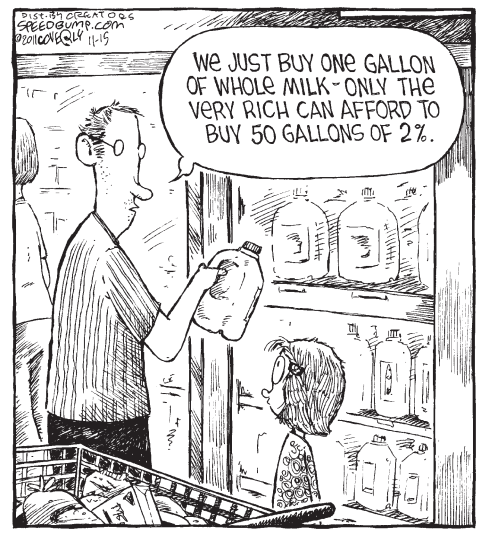


MYSTERY PHOTO

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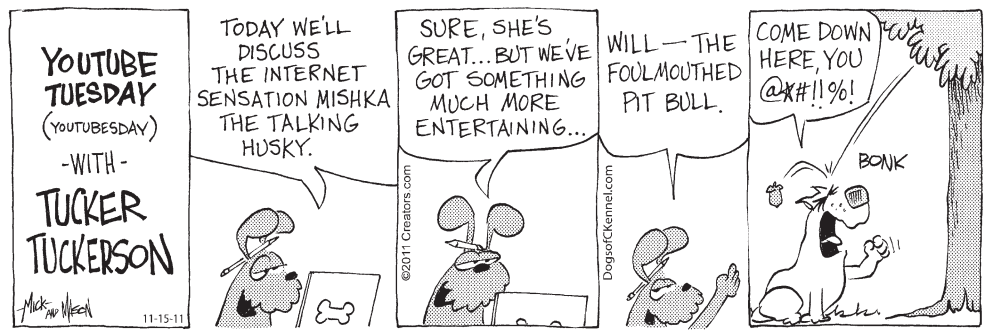
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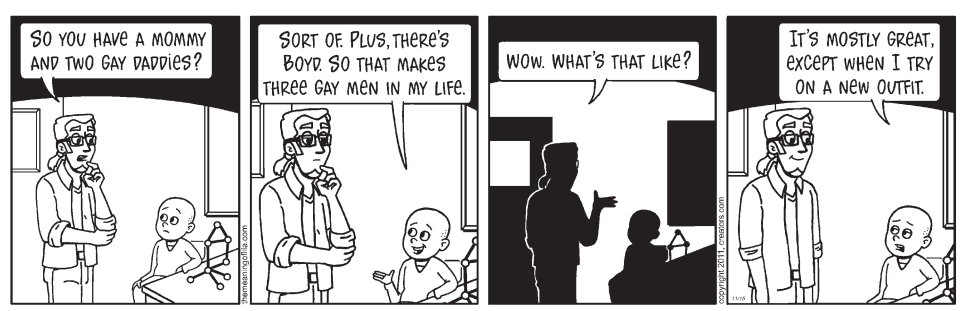
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Coffee-bar order
6 Powerful beam
11 Banish
12 Start of Caesar's declaration
13 Divided highway feature
15 Mine matter
16 Hogwash
17 Low digit
18 Maroons
20 Longing
21 Misery
22 Gasp for air
23 Paint-spilling sound
26 Do's and —
27 Hunted animal
28 Take the prize
29 Rooster's mate
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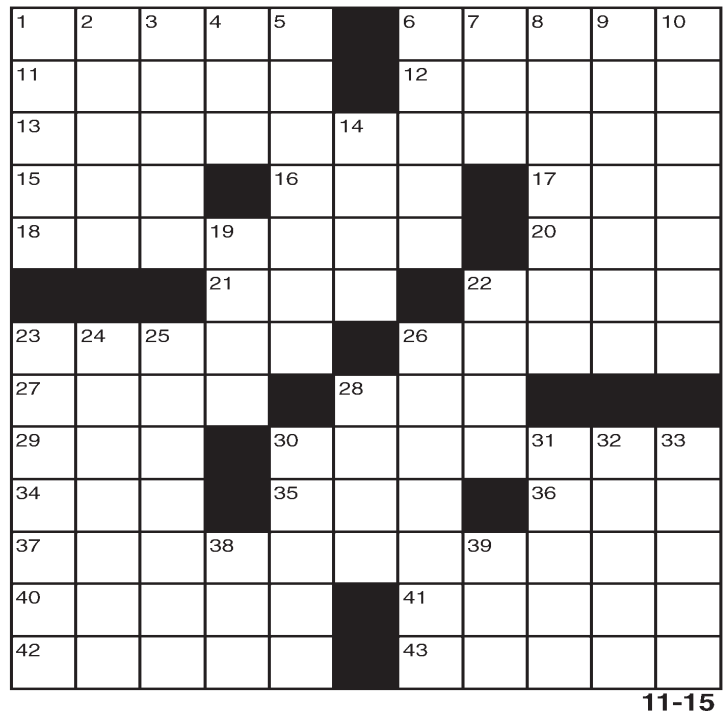
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2 Wield, as power
3 Apple drink
4 Boxing great
5 "Don't worry!"
6 Rosters
7 Do something
8 "The Human Comedy" writer
9 Famous
10 Feels remorse
14 Network junction
19 Not at home
22 Early video game
23 Globes
24 Speculate
25 Photographer
26 Assimilates
28 Boat's trail
30 Ship bodies
31 Peter of "Casablanca"
32 Select group
33 Push away
38 Bridge action
39 Young one

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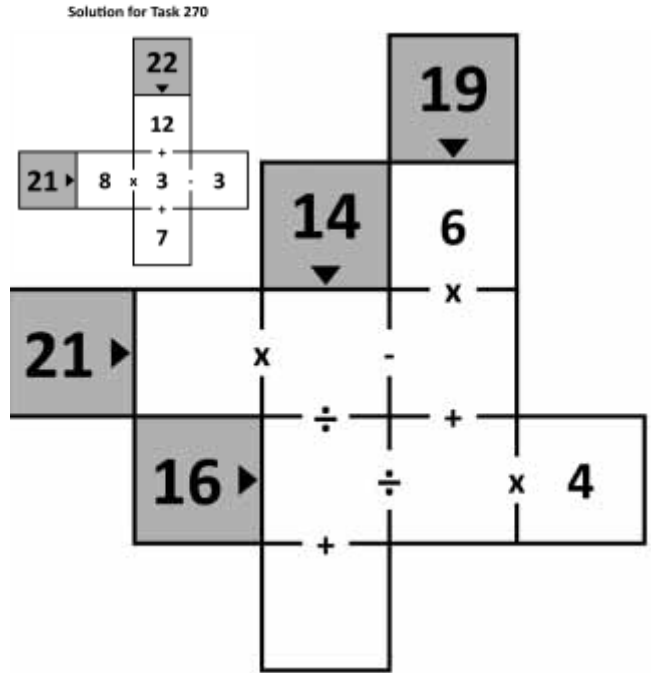
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In a 1992 issue of the journal Sexual and Marital Therapy, two therapists at the Institute of Psychiatry in London described "orgasmic reconditioning" they performed on their patient, "George," age 20. They reported "partial" success in getting George to switch his masturbatory stimuli from the family car (an Austin Metro) to photographs of naked women. George had reported arousal previously only when sitting in the car or when squatting behind it while the engine was running. (Before that, George was sexually preoccupied with urination by women, children and dogs.)

■ "You eat meat, so why not blood?" asked The Globe and Mail, which sampled several Toronto restaurants' sanguinary haute cuisines, including the Italian eatery Buca's spaghetti with blood-blackened noodles and torta di sanguinaccio (figs, almonds, buffalo-milk creme, on a base custard of dark chocolate and slow-cooked pig's blood). Patrons "thought we were crazy," said chef Rob Gentile, but now "can't seem to get enough." The Black Hoof restaurant uses 10 liters of fresh blood a week for dishes like its own blood custard, seasoned with rosemary and pickled pears. Montreal's DNA kitchen sometimes highlights blood soup and blood pasta. (The Noma in Copenhagen, Denmark -- which some believe to be the best restaurant in the world -- marinates cauliflower in pig's blood.)

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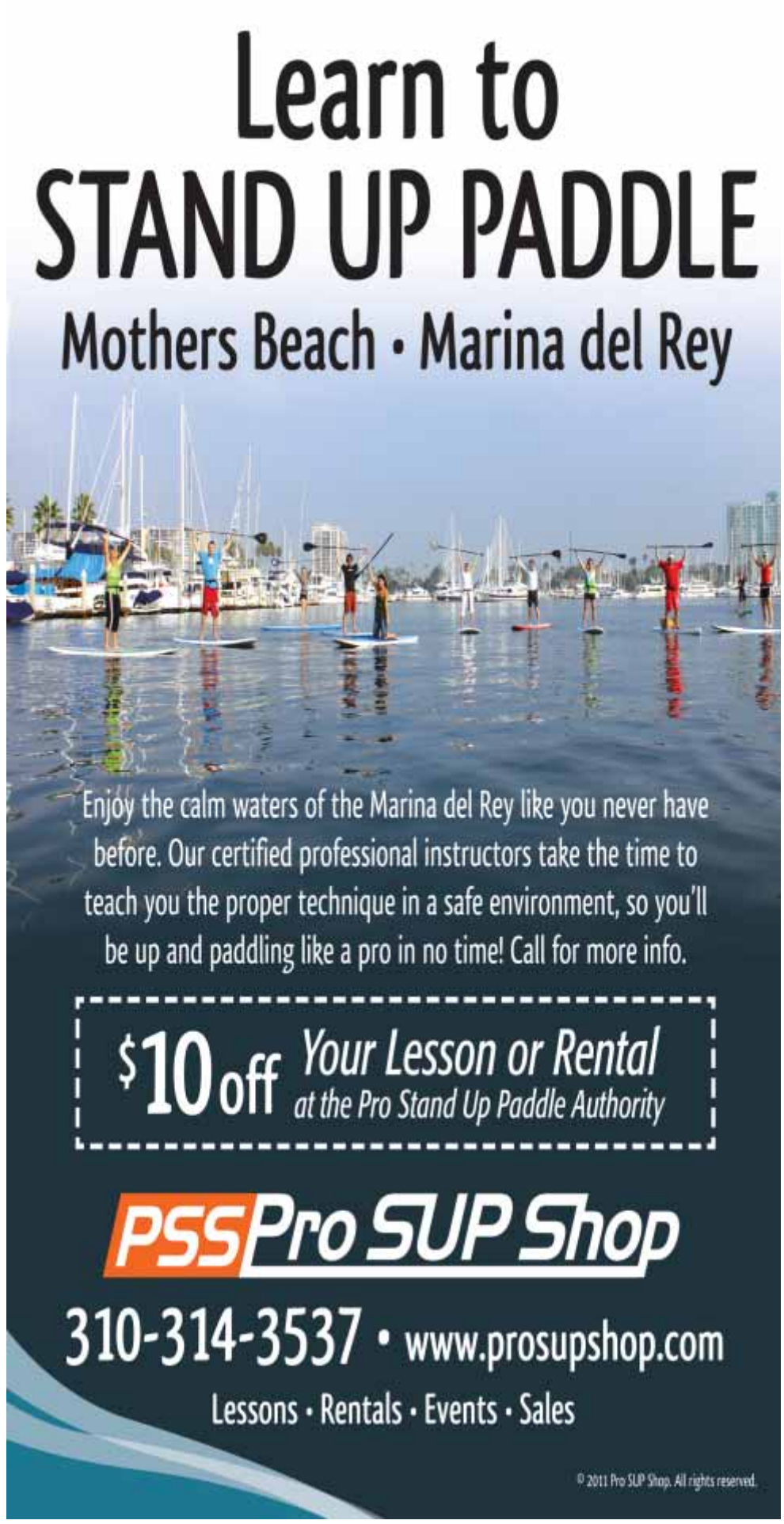
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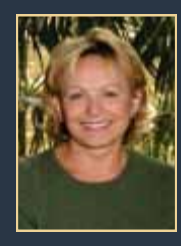


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