

POPULAR STORE EXPANDS

# H&M sets opening day at Park Place



PHOTO COURTESY OF H&M  
The collection for men includes blazers like this one for \$69.95.

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H&M (Hennes & Mauritz), the popular fashion retailer, has announced its grand opening at Park Place: noon on Oct. 20.

The store in the mall at 5870 E. Broadway will offer collections for women and men, and for children from newborns to age 14.

The opening coincides with H&M's promotion of its fall color palettes, including "camel, burgundy, cognac, pumpkin and muted jewel tones," the company said Thursday in a news release.

Key items for women, H&M says, will include knit dresses for \$19.95, blouses starting at \$17.95, and blazers starting at \$29.95. For men, shirts start at \$9.95, basic T-shirts at \$5.95, and trousers at \$19.95.

On opening day at Park Place mall, H&M says it will offer the first 200 shoppers in line a T-shirt and access to a fashion pass valued from \$10 to \$300, in addition to other giveaways.

If H&M's opening in August 2010 at its first local store, at Tucson Mall, is any indication, long lines will form for those promotions.



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Employee Karla Mexia hands out gift cards to shoppers waiting in line. The company opened its first local store at Tucson Mall in August 2010.

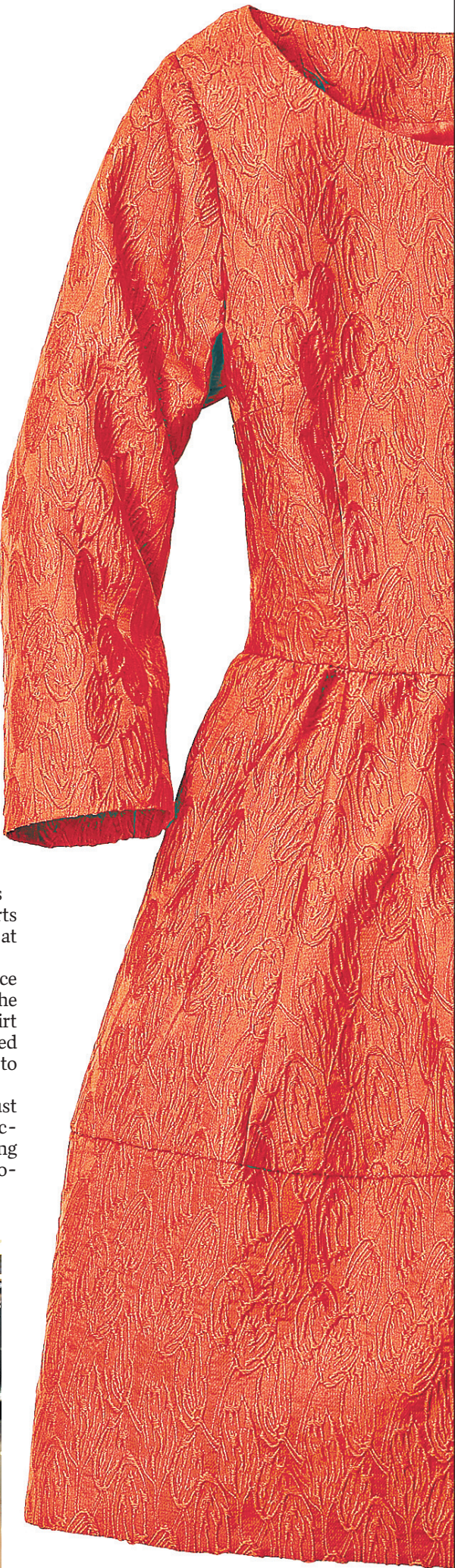


PHOTO COURTESY OF H&M  
H&M's fall collection includes colors such as camel, burgundy, cognac and pumpkin.

# Two were harassed, EEOC suit charges

By Michelle A. Monroe  
ARIZONA DAILY STAR

Nazi jokes, Hitler pictures and "dumb Polack" comments were a constant at Autonation's Tucson BMW dealership, says the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

The commission said Thursday that it is suing AN Luxury Imports of Tucson Inc. and its parent, Autonation USA Corp., contending two service technicians were harassed by co-workers and supervisors.

Joachim Bannes, who is German, was called a "German spy" and given Nazi salutes while working at AN Luxury Imports, 835 W. Auto Mall Drive, according to the lawsuit filed Wednesday by the EEOC.

Bannes worked at the dealership from early 2007 to late 2008, said Sally Shanley, the EEOC's supervisory trial attorney.

Zbigniew Orlinski, who is Polish, was harassed about his heritage "at least every other day," the EEOC said. Orlinski worked there about 18 months, from 2008 to 2009, Shanley said.

The dealership gave no comment Thursday and referred inquiries to the corporation. Marc Cannon, senior vice president of corporate communications for Autonation, said he would not comment until fully informed about the lawsuit.

Discrimination based on national origin violates Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

The EEOC suit says that rather than management taking corrective action, officials "retaliated against the two service technicians by subjecting them to unwarranted disciplinary actions and ultimately terminating them."

The EEOC said it tried to settle outside of court, but after failing to do so filed suit.

Officials are asking for back wages and punitive damages as well as money to account for any emotional distress, loss of enjoyment of life and humiliation. The EEOC also wants the two companies to review their policies and send their employees to equal-opportunities training.

"Companies cannot allow their employees to subject others to harassment because of where they were born," said Mary Jo O'Neill, regional attorney of the EEOC's Phoenix district office. "By not taking prompt, corrective action when companies become aware of harassment, companies subject themselves to liability for the hostile work environment suffered by their employees."

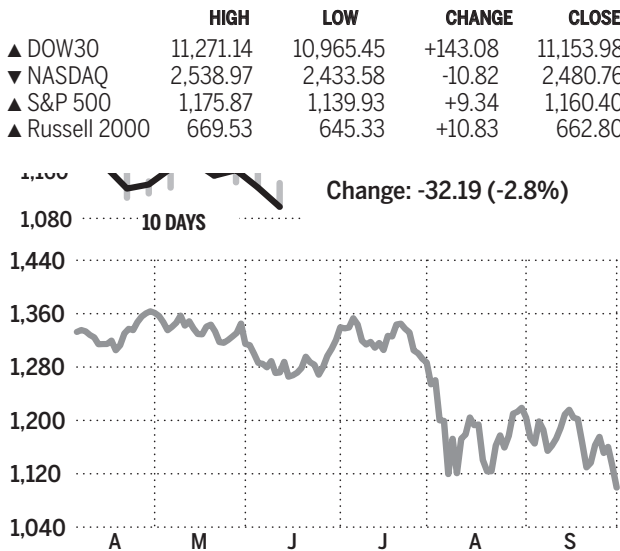
Bannes and Orlinski have lived in the U.S. for about 10 years.

Around 14 percent of Tucsonans are foreign-born, according to 2010 data from the U.S. Census Bureau.

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## MARKET ROUNDUP

It was another day of big swings in the stock market. Traders were relieved that Germany passed a measure to expand the powers of a regional bailout fund. But investors struggled to make sense of conflicting reports on the U.S. economy (see story, Page A12).



## LOCAL AND WIDELY HELD STOCKS

NAME	TICKER	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	YTD %CHG	YLD	VOL (Thous)
AMR	AMR	3.14	-.06	-1.9	-59.7	...	9869
AT&T Inc	T	28.84	+.29	+1.0	-1.8	6.0	26146
Alcoa	AA	10.06	+.10	+1.0	-34.6	1.2	33438
Apple Inc	AAPL	390.57	-6.44	-1.6	+21.1	...	22886
Augusta g	AZC	3.39	-.01	-0.3	-11.0	...	436
BE Aero	BEAV	34.07	+.35	+1.0	-8.0	...	886
Bkfst	BAC	6.35	+.19	+3.1	-52.4	.6	214709
BerkH B	BRK/B	72.71	+.193	+2.7	-9.2	...	8275
CntryLink	CTL	33.72	+.13	+0.4	-27.0	8.6	5408
Chevron	CVX	94.39	+.265	+2.9	+3.4	3.3	10031
Citigrp rs	C	26.90	+.98	+3.8	-43.1	.1	42666
CocaCola	KO	69.05	+.99	+1.5	+5.0	2.7	10655
Cnvrgrs	CVG	9.54	+.14	+1.5	-27.6	...	722
Correctn Cp	CXW	23.36	+.65	+2.9	-6.8	...	760
Costco	COST	82.98	-.81	-1.0	+14.9	1.2	2414
DukeEngy	DUK	20.13	+.25	+1.3	+13.0	5.0	27909
ExxonMbl	XOM	73.88	+.181	+2.5	+1.0	2.5	27464
FMCG s	FCX	31.34	-.96	-3.0	-47.8	3.2	39326
GenDynam	GD	58.18	+.74	+1.3	-18.0	3.2	1758
GenElec	GE	15.86	+.41	+2.7	-13.3	3.8	59723
GraniteC	GVA	19.56	+.62	+3.3	-28.7	2.7	234
HomeDp	HD	33.79	+.19	+0.6	-3.6	3.0	14187
HonWllnt	HON	45.00	+.73	+1.6	-15.3	3.0	5110
Intel	INTC	22.21	-.10	-0.4	+5.6	3.8	66407
IBM	IBM	179.17	+.162	+0.9	+22.1	1.7	6864
Intuit	INTU	48.44	+.11	+0.2	-1.7	1.2	3172
JPMorgCh	JPM	31.39	+.92	+3.0	-26.0	3.2	49180
JohnJn	JNJ	63.90	+.65	+1.0	+3.3	3.6	8812
Kroger	KR	22.22	+.27	+1.2	-0.6	2.1	6426

NAME	TICKER	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	YTD %CHG	YLD	VOL (Thous)
Loews	L	35.23	+.61	+1.8	-9.5	.7	2040
Lowes	LOW	20.02	+.14	+0.7	-20.2	2.8	13605
MetLife	MET	29.30	+.111	+3.9	-34.1	2.5	9681
Microsoft	MSFT	25.45	-.13	-0.5	-8.8	3.1	62663
NorthropG	NOC	53.27	+.117	+2.2	-9.3	3.8	2402
PG&E Cp	PCG	42.77	+.77	+1.8	-10.6	4.3	2242
PepsiCo	PEP	62.58	+.61	+1.0	-4.2	3.3	6599
ProvidSvc	PRSC	10.36	+.40	+4.0	-35.5	...	26
Raytheon	RTN	41.26	+.97	+2.4	-10.2	4.2	3005
Safeway	SWY	16.99	+.46	+2.8	-24.5	3.4	4000
SearsHldgs	SHLD	57.37	+.141	+2.5	-22.2	...	401
SwiGas	SWX	37.02	+.114	+3.2	+1.0	2.9	232
Target	TGT	50.23	+.24	+0.5	-16.5	2.4	7865
Texinst	TXN	27.19	-.14	-0.5	-16.3	2.5	10463
TimeWarn	TXW	30.70	-.08	-0.3	-4.6	3.1	9209
UniSrcEn	UNS	36.63	+.41	+1.1	+2.2	4.6	283
UnionPac	UNP	85.22	+.195	+2.3	-8.0	2.2	2635
UPS B	UPS	64.67	+.152	+2.4	-10.9	3.2	5188
WalMart	WMT	51.93	+.62	+1.2	-3.7	2.8	10246
Walgrn	WAG	32.53	-.22	-0.7	-16.5	2.8	8833
WsteMinc	WM	32.37	+.82	+2.6	-12.2	4.2	5279
WellsFargo	WFC	24.99	+.54	+2.2	-19.4	1.9	40387
YumBrnds	YUM	49.54	-3.03	-5.8	+1.0	2.3	11945

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Country	Foreign currency in \$US		\$US in foreign currency	
	Today	6mo ago	Today	6mo ago
Britain Pound	1.5590	1.5990	.6414	.6254
Canada Dollar	.9620	1.0255	1.0395	.9751
Euro Euro	1.3559	1.4088	.7375	.7098
Mexico Peso	.074250	.083651	13.4680	11.9544

## COMMODITIES

	Close	Previous	% change	% YTD
Crude oil (bbl)	82.14	81.21	+1.15	-10.1
Copper (lb)	3.24	3.24	-0.02	-27.1
Gold (oz)	1615.50	1616.30	-0.04	+13.7
Silver (oz)	30.47	30.09	+1.29	-1.4

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BRIEFS

Mortgage rates likely to keep dropping

Fixed mortgage rates have fallen to historic new lows for a fourth straight week and are likely to fall further.

The average on a 30-year fixed mortgage fell to 4.01 percent from 4.09 percent this week, Freddie Mac said Thursday. That's the lowest rate since the mortgage buyer began keeping records in 1971.

The average on a 15-year fixed mortgage, a popular refinancing option, ticked down to 3.28 percent. Economists say that's the lowest rate ever for the loan.

Rates on mortgages could fall further after the Federal Reserve announced last week that it would take further action to try to lower long-term rates.

Still, low rates have so far done little to boost home sales or refinancing. Many would-be buyers or homeowners don't have enough cash or home equity to get a new loan.

A drop in mortgage rates could provide some help to the economy if more people could refinance. When people refinance at lower rates, they pay less interest on their loans and have more money to spend.

Phoenix man accused in Tempe ATM case

A Phoenix man is in custody in connection with an ATM skimming scam at a Tempe bank.

Tempe police said Thursday that 22-year-old Ray Camez is being held on two outstanding felony warrants plus suspicion of computer tampering, forgery and aggravated identity theft.

Authorities say Camez allegedly placed a skimming device on an ATM at a US Bank branch on June 5.

Police say video surveillance shows someone installing the skimming device.

Detectives later received a tip identifying the suspect as Camez. It took months before he was located at a Phoenix home.

Police say evidence of other skimming activity in the form of forged credit cards recoded with stolen credit card numbers were found in Camez's possession.

It was unclear Thursday whether Camez has an attorney for his case.

Arizona's gas prices lower again this week

Gasoline prices in Arizona are down again this week.

The average price around the state for regular is \$3.40 a gallon at the pumps, AAA Arizona said Thursday. That's down by more than 4 cents from last week.

This week's national average is \$3.45 per gallon, down by more than 10 cents from last week.

Tucson has the lowest average gasoline price in the state at \$3.28, down 2.7 cents per gallon since last week.

The Associated Press

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The event honors up-and-coming Tucsonians younger than 40 for their professional accomplishments, leadership and community impact.

The breakfast is Thursday, Oct. 6, from 7 to 9 a.m. at the Doubletree, Reid Park.

Tickets can be purchased online at [www.tucson.com/store](http://www.tucson.com/store)

# Economy gaining, but not much

Recession fears recede, but unemployment is likely to remain high

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The economy is showing signs of modest improvement — not enough to reduce high unemployment but enough to ease fears that another recession might be near.

Fewer people applied for unemployment benefits last week, though some of that was due to

technical factors. And the economy grew slightly more in the April-June quarter than previously estimated. Growth is expected to tick up in coming months.

Investors drew some hope from the latest data, as well as from news that Germany's government approved a plan to bolster Europe's response to its debt crisis.

But some of the news Thursday wasn't encouraging. Chief executives of the nation's largest companies are more pessimistic than they were just three months ago,

according to a survey by a trade group, the Business Roundtable.

Only about one-third of the CEOs said they plan to hire or boost spending in the next six months. That's down from about half who said so in June.

Fewer Americans signed contracts to buy homes in August, the second straight month of declines.

The economy expanded at an annual rate of 1.3 percent in the April-June quarter, up from an estimate of 1 percent a month ago, the Commerce Department said.

The improvement reflected modestly higher consumer spending and a bigger boost from trade.

Even so, the economy grew at an annual rate of just 0.9 percent in the first six months of the year. That's the weakest six-month performance since the recession ended more than two years ago.

Most economists don't expect another recession. But they also don't see growth accelerating much. Many foresee a rebound to between 2 percent and 2.5 percent growth in the current quarter.



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"The mining industry has had 23 fatalities so far this year, and we want to get to zero fatalities. The way we can do this is by better training," said Ros Hill, right, director of the University of Arizona's San Xavier Underground Mining Laboratory. Here, Hill helps direct the driver of a single-boom jumbo drive drill.

## UA wins \$122K mine-safety grant

By Becky Pallack  
ARIZONA DAILY STAR

A team of UA researchers has won a \$122,000 federal grant to develop safety-training programs for miners.

The money is from the Mine Safety and Health Administration's Brookwood-Sago grants program, named for those who died in major mine explosions at those sites in Alabama and West Virginia, respectively.

"The mining industry has had 23 fatalities so far this year, and

we want to get to zero fatalities. The way we can do this is by better training," said Ros Hill, director of the University of Arizona's San Xavier Underground Mining Laboratory.

The team includes professors Mary Poulton and Patricia Anders and graduate students Leonard Brown and Alison Waibel. They developed the Arizona Mine Safety Training Simulator, which uses gaming software to re-create mining accidents and lets workers learn how to prevent

such accidents, Hill said. The program especially helps workers with low literacy or limited English proficiency, he added.

The group has been working on the project for more than a year, with previous grant funding from the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, and now is ready to start training trainers on how to use the simulator.

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## BofA to charge fee for debit card use

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Will a monthly debit card fee soon be the norm? Bank of America said Thursday that it plans to start charging a \$5 monthly fee when customers make debit card purchases. The fee will be rolled out starting early next year.

Paying to use a debit card was unheard of before this year and is still a novel concept for many consumers. But several banks recently have introduced or started testing debit card fees.

Bank of America's announcement carries added weight because it is the largest U.S. bank by deposits.

The fee will apply to basic accounts, which are marketed toward those with modest bal-

ances, and will be in addition to any existing monthly service fees. For example, one such account charges a \$12 monthly fee unless customers meet certain conditions, such as maintaining a minimum average balance of \$1,500.

Customers will be charged the fee only if they use their debit cards for purchases in any given month, said Anne Pace, a Bank of America spokeswoman. Those who only use their cards at ATMs won't have to pay.

The changes come ahead of a regulation that goes into effect this weekend.

Starting Saturday, the regulation will cap the fees that banks can collect from merchants whenever customers swipe their

debit cards. Those fees generated \$19 billion in revenue for banks in 2009, according to the Nilson Report, which tracks the payments industry.

There is no similar cap on the merchant fees that banks can collect when customers use their credit cards, however. That means many banks are increasingly encouraging customers to reach for their credit cards, in hopes of reversing a trend toward debit card use in the past several years.

Chase and Wells Fargo are also testing \$3 monthly debit card fees in select markets. Neither bank has said when it will make a final decision on whether to roll out the fee more broadly.

### BUSINESS CALENDAR

#### WEDNESDAY

**Best Practices Under the America Invents Act of 2011** — University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law Ares Auditorium, Room 164, 1201 E. Speedway. Attorneys with Quarles & Brady discuss the effects of the landmark new patent-reform law. 5:30 -7:30 p.m. Oct. 5. Free. R.S.V.P. to [karen.thomas@quarles.com](mailto:karen.thomas@quarles.com) or call 770-8733.

**Tucson Job Seekers Network** — Nanini Branch Library, 7300 N. Shannon Road. Group meets weekly to share job search information. 8:15-9:30 a.m. Wednesdays through Dec. 21. Free.

#### THURSDAY

**Connecting on LinkedIn** — Catalina Foothills High School, 4300 E. Sunrise Drive. Learn to use LinkedIn to build targeted connections and to exhibit expertise in your industry. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Oct. 6. \$20. 209-7812.

**Entrepreneurial Mothers Association Luncheon** — Old Pueblo Grille, 60 N. Alvernon Way. Guest speaker for October is Sandy Featherston, speaking on identity protection. Member speaker is Diane Krebs Carhuff, speaking on soul coaching. Reservations required. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Oct. 6. \$15. 400-1099.

#### FRIDAY

**Basics of Trade: Imports and Exports** — Pima Community College East Campus, 8181 E. Irvington Road, Room L101. Presenters: Thomas J. Lindmeier, adjunct faculty member; and Carlos Emmermann, president, Emmermann and Associates LLC. Topics: customs entry process; customs requirements ("the big three: classification, value and country of origin marking") and export financing. 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Oct. 7. \$80 through Sept. 30; \$100 after. 206-4850.

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## Sony's PlayStation chief to speak at UA next week

By Phil Villarreal  
ARIZONA DAILY STAR

Sony Computer Entertainment CEO Jack Tretton will speak at the University of Arizona next week as part of the Eller College Distinguished Speaker series.

Tretton, who is in charge of Sony's PlayStation video game consoles and games, has held the position since 2006.

It's been a tough year for the PlayStation brand, with the PlayStation 3 continuing to trail its Microsoft and Nintendo rivals in sales, and the notorious PlayStation Network failure that lasted from April 26 to May 14, in which hackers swiped personal information from holders of 77 million accounts.

Tretton has been praised for the way he handled the aftermath of the network failure and data breach, issuing apologies to the

#### IF YOU GO

**What:** Sony Computer Entertainment CEO Jack Tretton speaks at the University of Arizona.

**When:** 5:15 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6.

**Where:** Berger Auditorium, McClelland Hall, 1130 E. Helen Street.

**Admission:** Free.

public on various occasions and vowing to double down on security.

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