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THE ELECTION FEVER ISSUE



HOOPLA ON THE SAND

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Children play with hula hoops around an art installation by contemporary artist Shingo Francis in front of the Casa del Mar hotel on Wednesday afternoon. Francis said his works are inspired by his own sunny beachside childhood in Santa Monica Canyon. The installation is up until Nov. 30.

Police, fire departments back council incumbents

Dem Club also makes November endorsements

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN Following in the footsteps of Santa Monica's non-public safety employees, associations for local cops and firefighters on Thursday endorsed all five sitting City Council members in November's election.

In the race for three four-year terms, the public safety associations backed Kevin McKeown, Bob Holbrook and Pam O'Connor. In the race for two two-year terms they endorsed Gleam Davis and Terry O'Day.

"They have been making sure that public safety has all the tools and the personnel that they need to provide a high level of quality service to the community," Police Officers Association President Sgt. Jay Trisler said.

The vote of confidence in the status quo comes after council members in June rejected a cost saving plan proposed by City Manager Rod Gould and Police Chief Tim Jackman that would have eliminated two police lieutenant positions. The council instead voted to freeze the positions, making it easier to restore funding for the posts if revenue increases. Mayor Bobby Shriver, who is not up for re-election in November, cast the only vote against keeping the positions on the books.

Trisler said all of the endorsement decisions, made by a joint committee of board members from the police and fire associations, were reached unanimously.

The police and fire associations also are supporting Measure Y, the proposed half percent sales tax hike, and Measure YY, an advisory measure that urges leaders to pledge half of the estimated $12 million that would be raised annually for education programs.

"Passage of these measures will ensure

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Agensys deal gets council's OK

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The City Council, with a 5-1 vote, has given its blessing to a development agreement with bio-tech company Agensys that will allow the Santa Monica-based drug maker to build its new headquarters on a City Hall-owned lot near Bergamot Station.

As part of the deal, the company plans to provide a "public benefits" package that includes a sculpture garden, a pedestrian walkway, a publicly accessible cafe, a program aimed at reducing employees' vehicle trips, and up to $90,000 for bicycle infrastructure improvements. The company has also agreed to sponsor an internship program for local students and host a job fair. Under the deal, Agensys said it will seek to hire local workers, though it made no commitment to do so.

Despite pressure from bicycle activists and their allies on the council and Planning Commission, a proposed bicycle path through the property, located at 1800 Stewart St., was not included in the final plans for the nearly 160,000 square-foot facility. As a consolation prize for cyclists, the council approved an additional $20,000 contribution from Agensys for city-wide bicycle studies and related improvements, on top of $70,350 Agensys has already agreed to pay for bicycle improvements in the project's vicinity.

The finalized agreement will return to the council on Sept. 28 for a routine second reading, at which point Agensys is expected to agree to its terms.

The majority on the council praised the agreement, saying it would benefit Santa Monicans by keeping a desirable employer in town while improving a neighborhood slated for redevelopment.

Some bicycle advocates who spoke at the meeting, though, called the deal a "missed

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Free movies by the sea
Santa Monica Pier
7 p.m.
Brand X Movies at the Pier this week will feature "The Spongebob Squarepants Movie." Organizers suggest that you bring a chair and a blanket to this free event.

Art and a ride
Santa Monica Pier Carousel
Daily
An exhibit featuring photographs by Elena Perrotta are on display in the Carousel Building through Sept. 15, 2010. The exhibit is open during normal Carousel business hours and closed on Tuesdays. This event is free.

Saturday, Sept. 18, 2010

Chile roast
Virginia Avenue Park
2200 Virginia Ave., 9 a.m.
Chile roasts return every Saturday for the month of September at the Saturday Farmers' Market in Santa Monica. Chile roasts will start at 9 a.m. and go until the chiles, which will sell for $2 a pound, are gone.

Family free day at the museum
Santa Monica Museum of Art
2525 Michigan Ave., 2 p.m. — 5 p.m.
Participants make projects that explore the science, art, and happy accidents, found in the work of Alberto Burri. For more information, call (310) 586-6488.

Meet a Laker
Nordstrom
Santa Monica Place, 1 p.m.
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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Malibu hopes to stop St. Monica's Partyka & co.

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

PLAY DEL REY On a St. Monica team stocked with offensive weapons, there is one that Malibu Head Coach Ray Humphrey has his eyes on.

St. Monica High School quarterback Matthew Partyka has been the subject of Humphrey's game planning all week, the coach said. After watching game film from the Mariners' season-opening 41-0 win over Animo, Humphrey was impressed by the shifty quarterback's ability to lead the offense.

"[Partyka] looks good throwing the ball," Humphrey said. "And the kid can run, too."

Both attributes have helped the Mariners to a 1-1 record. Partyka has thrown for 447 yards and three touchdowns and rushed for 88 yards and three scores thus far this season. While it's just his second season playing organized football, Partyka has helped second-year head coach Larry Muno establish an up-tempo offense.

"[Muno] has done a great job getting the program turned around," Humphrey said. "They are quick and run their stuff pretty well."

Also on Humphrey's radar on Saturday is wide receiver Sam Holguin, a player who missed most of last season due to injury. Holguin as been St. Monica's leading receiver with eight catches for 233 yards and two

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ZOOM: **St. Monica's Matthew Partyka runs for a touchdown against Animo earlier this year.**

Survey: High pay not uncommon at many state city halls

JOHN ROGERS
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES A salary scandal in a small suburb of Los Angeles prompted California Attorney General Jerry Brown to say he would look into the salaries of local government officials paid more than $300,000 a year.

He won't have to look far.

The League of California Cities released a survey last week showing 16 city managers, from Santa Monica to Sunnyvale, were paid more than $300,000 in 2009. At the top of the list were the managers of Moreno Valley ($459,468) and Beverly Hills ($438,571).

However, Brown spokesman Jim Finefrock said not all 16 salaries were necessarily abusive and explained that investigators were also looking into factors such as what cities of comparable size pay their officials; whether those officials also have lucrative benefits packages; and whether there was any back-room dealing the public wasn't aware of that led to the setting of high salaries.

"Some of them are perfectly lawful and maybe even justified," Finefrock said of some of the 16 salaries. "But others, as in the city of Bell, where we've seen that these guys were finagling and self-dealing and saying, 'You pad my paycheck and I'll pad yours,' may be excessive."

Brown's investigation was prompted by revelations that several officials in the working-class city of Bell were being paid huge salaries.

On Wednesday, he sued eight current and former Bell officials, accusing them of defrauding taxpayers and demanding repayments. He also said he was looking into government salaries. exceeding the $300,000 annual benchmark.

Defendants in Brown's lawsuit include former Bell City Manager Robert Rizzo, who was paid $787,637 a year, nearly twice the salary of President Barack Obama, and former Police Chief Randy Adams, who at $457,000 made $150,000 more than Chief Charlie Beck of the Los Angeles Police

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HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Adame new Samohi softball head coach

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI The search for a new softball coach at Santa Monica High School is over.

School officials announced Wednesday that Natalie Adame will replace Debbie Skaggs, who led the team to its first ever California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section Division 4 title last season.

Replacing Skaggs, who led the team for 24 seasons, won't be easy, but Adame said that she's looking to continuing some of the things that have been established for a program that perennially dominates the Ocean League. But, she said she won't shy away from putting her stamp on the team.

"It's great to come into something that has already been established," Adame said. "It's a little nerve wracking, but I'm ready for it."

Adame has a long history in softball. She played at both Fresno's Clovis West High School and later at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Her most recent position was head coach at Archer School in Brentwood, where she also served as the soccer coach.

Her hiring comes as a relief to Athletic Director Daniel Escalera, who has spent his first summer on the job sifting through candidates for the position. He said that Adame's commitment to detail and her long history in the sport were key in making his pick. The position is a walk-on coach, who will not teach at the school. She is among a growing group of walk-ons at Samohi that includes football coach Travis Clark and baseball coach Sheldon Philip-Guide.

"She's coached everything from travel ball to high school," Escalera said of Adame. "She knows her stuff."

Adame had her first opportunity to meet the team on Wednesday, leaving behind the impression that although she's a nice enough person she will demand dedication from her team that returns few starters from last year's title team.

"I know I'm going to have to work really hard," senior Kelsey Hom said. "I'm going to have to set a good example."

Considering that this year's Vikings will have a youthful look, both Hom and Adame said that mentoring younger players will be job one.

"A lot of the seniors have already stepped up," Adame said after meeting with the team. "The younger players need to have somebody to look up to."

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Combating childhood obesity

Editor:

Childhood obesity is on the rise, and we can't afford to sit idle and simply watch our children's waistlines grow. In California alone, an estimated 30.5 percent of children between the ages of 10 and 17 are considered overweight or obese, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

September is National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month, providing a timely reminder to youth, parents and community leaders to the growing epidemic of childhood obesity in the United States.

The short- and long-term impacts of obesity on our children's health can be devastating. They range from greater risk of bone and joint problems to cardiovascular disease such as high cholesterol and high blood pressure. Obese children are more likely to become overweight or obese adults, meaning greater risk for such health problems as type 2 diabetes, stroke, cancer and osteoarthritis.

It's also an epidemic of life or death. A recent report in the New England Journal of Medicine stated that children who are obese are twice as likely to die from disease before they reach 55.

These are sobering thoughts, but the good news is obesity is preventable and reversible. As summer comes to a close and our children start going back to school, let's ask ourselves: "What can we do to reverse this alarming and potentially deadly trend?"

Foremost, the home can play an important role. From a child's first breath, the top priority for every parent should be to make sure the child is properly fed, which means plenty of healthful food, but not more than he or she needs.

Early screening for children can detect many potential health issues, including obesity. By measuring a child's Body Mass Index, a doctor or nurse can detect weight issues early and help get the child on the right track through exercise and nutrition counseling, further testing, or other programs aimed at preventing obesity.

Health and human-services providers – nutritionists, schools and health care companies – can further contribute to tackling childhood obesity by helping educate children and parents about healthy nutrition and proper exercise.

United Health Foundation estimates that more than $8.6 billion will be spent this year in California on medical costs related to obesity. If we don't do something to help our children get in better shape, those costs are expected to more than quadruple in eight years, according to the foundation.

To be sure, there are significant efforts to fight childhood obesity. Earlier this year, First Lady Michelle Obama launched a new initiative, "Let's Move," with an ambitious goal of solving the challenge of childhood obesity within a generation.

For its part, UnitedHealthcare is also investing in our children's health by providing grants of up to $1,000 to schools and youth-focused, community-based organizations in California. The grants will help these organizations create and implement local, hands-on programs to fight childhood obesity in their communities. The grants are being made available through the UnitedHealth HEROES program, a service-learning health literacy initiative developed in collaboration with Youth Service America, a national nonprofit.

Efforts like these can together culminate into improving the lives of our children. So let's all work together toward this common goal of helping our children's generation overcome obesity.

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EDITORIAL

Bus behavior is too much

IT TAKES A LOT TO SHOCK US THESE DAYS, but Wednesday, while wating for the Big Blue Bus at the corner of Fourth Street and Santa Monica Boulevard, we were blown away by what we saw.

First, it was what we smelled — the potent odor of marijuana. While we have nothing against cannabis and believe City Hall should allow at least one medical marijuana dispensary to open within Santa Monica, we were amazed that someone would have the gall to spark one up at one of the busiest intersections in Santa Monica.

We followed the scent to find out who was responsible for this late afternoon session. Behind a Big Blue Bus sign was what can only be described as a beach bum using a magnifying glass — yes, a magnifying glass — to harness the sun's rays so that he could light his metal pipe and take a hit. We had to pause for a minute and take it all in. We remember using a magnifying glass to burn leaves when we were kids, but to use it to smoke weed — we couldn't believe it.

Then came the icing on this insane cake. The beach bum took a hit and then blew his smoke in the faces of two young women who were sitting on the bus bench. Not only is it illegal to smoke at a bus stop, but to smoke weed at a bus stop and then blow it in people's faces is downright dispicable. We were furious and confronted the inconsiderate stoner, who laughed it off and began singing "puff the magic dragon."

It was just another sign of how far we've fallen as a society — especially when it comes to having consideration for others. One only has to ride the Big Blue to see plenty of examples of how morals have been flushed down the toilet, replaced by this ultra-narcacisitic, self-absorbed existence where the only thing that matters is "Me!"

Following the beach bum's magnifying display, we saw a teenage girl at the back of the bus with her dirty Converse sneakers planted on the seat in front of her. As the bus became crowded, she finally moved her feet off the seat so another young woman could sit down. We couldn't help but obsess over the fact that the young woman was sitting in a seat that had just been a resting place for dirty sneakers.

And that's not all. Oftentimes people will occupy the first few seats and refuse to move when an elderly passenger boards, which is clearly against the law. Others will eat, drink or play loud music. Many bus drivers try to maintain order, but when you are responsible for manuevering an 11 to 14 ton bus through rushhour traffic on Wilshire, it can be difficult to play the disciplinarian.

Our point is that we all need to be more considerate of those around us. We need to remember that we are not the center of the universe. We need to lend a helping hand. We need to abide by the rules. It can be difficult, but if we do not try to be civil, we might as well just be animals. So the next time you find yourself on a crowded bus, see if that older man would like to sit in your seat and turn down your i-Pod. Not everyone wants to hear Lady Gaga blaring from your headphones.

Hands off money, Santa Monica College

If the Santa Monica College Board of Trustees and administration think that they should receive some of the cash generated by the half-cent sales tax increase if it passes by a simple majority in November, they better think again. At least if we have anything to say about it.

In an endorsement of the tax (Measure Y) and an advisory measure (YY) that asks voters if half of the estimated $12 million generated by the increase should go towards education, the board made it clear that they intend to ask City Hall for some dough to cover the cost of Emeritus exercises classes and possibly other programs.

"Without Measure Y, vital services, such as 911 services, paramedics and police, school and community college funding face serious cuts," the board's statement in support of the measure read.

We say keep your hands off. SMC has already received generous support from the community in the form of two multi-million-dollar bond measures to revitalize the campus. Coming to the taxpayers again at a time when local public schools are struggling shows how out of touch the board is and how greedy. Even though the advisory measure simply says "education" and does not specifically list the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, it is clear that the intent is to help fund K-12, and not the thousands of students who attend SMC but do not live in Santa Monica or Malibu and therefore will not pay their fare share of the tax increase.

While the Daily Press still has to decide whether or not to support the tax, we do not support any money generated going to SMC. College officials have more financial wiggle room when it comes to balancing their budget, whereas the school district is pretty much reliant on Sacramento, a fact that strikes fear in the hearts of many. This tax increase is supposed to be about saving essential city services and protecting public education. We don't believe that exercises classes for seniors, while important, are critical to the future of this community and therefore should not be funded with this revenue. SMC needs to find a way to save those classes without going to City Hall looking for a handout.



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The great escape

WITH SUMMER COMING TO AN END soon, I found myself getting nostalgic. Then it dawned on me, what summer? I recalled Mark Twain's quote, "The coldest winter I ever spent was one summer in San Francisco." This year, Twain could almost have been talking about Santa Monica.

Desperate to catch a last glimmer of summer, lately I've been going into the ocean. As cold as the water is, forget catching summer, I'm lucky I didn't catch the flu.

Last week it was so chilly that, as I walked toward the beach, I debated whether it was even warm enough to sit and read. I was comforted by the sight of a large gathering by the shoreline. How cold could it be if so many people were by the water?

It turns out that day was Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, which makes today at sundown Yom Kippur. The people on the beach were observing a religious ritual called Tashlich. (As opposed to my religious ritual of sitting in a beach chair with a good book.)

Tashlich means "casting off" in Hebrew and involves symbolically casting off one's sins by tossing pieces of bread into the water. It's taught that just as the water carries away the bread, so too are sins symbolically carried away. Given that I haven't been in temple in 20 years, I'd need more than pieces of bread, I might need a whole loaf.

I chatted with a few of the people and learned the group was from Temple Isaiah (on Pico Boulevard near Cheviot Hills). It was ironic because, decades ago, my family had not only belonged, my mother was perpetually on the temple board. I suddenly flashed back on High Holiday services that I had suffered through as a kid. For me, it was misery.

Coming in September, the High Holidays always seemed to accompany a heatwave. At 14, there was nothing I hated more than wearing a suit, tie and yarmulke (skullcap), especially in the heat. It became even worse when Temple Isaiah rented the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium for the holidays. While I was inside "schvitzing" (sweating), only blocks away, kids my age were body surfing.

One year, my buddy Don and I hatched a plan to ditch services and sneak off to the beach. Don would tell his parents that he was going to sit with my family, and I would tell my parents that I was sitting with Don's. Amazingly, both sets of parents bought it.

After slipping out the back of the Civic, we took off our ties, jackets and yarmulkes, and rushed to the beach. We felt like complete dorks in our suits when everybody else was in swim trunks or bikinis. But we didn't care, we were at the ocean. Our first destination was Honest John's hot dog stand at Muscle Beach.

Honest John was a burly, ebullient former wrestler who wore khaki shorts, a Hawaiian shirt and flip-flops. He had a waxed Salvador Dali handlebar mustache with spiky tips at the ends that looked like they could poke your eye out. The stand was across from the rings and bars where muscle builders and gymnasts worked out. HJ's was often frequented by other wrestlers so, for a kid, it provided a carnival-like atmosphere.

AS DON AND I WOLFED DOWN HJ HOT DOGS, AT THAT VERY MOMENT, RABBI WAS PROBABLY GIVING HIS SERMON ABOUT THE SPIRITUAL MEANING OF THE HIGH HOLIDAYS. WE WERE TOTALLY OBLIVIOUS.

All these years later, Honest John's is now a bike rental shop. Every time I walk by, I can almost salivate remembering John's succulent hot dogs. He would slice them vertically and grill them, adding mustard, relish and onions, all served on a sesame bun.

As Don and I wolfed down HJ hot dogs, at that very moment, Rabbi was probably giving his sermon about the spiritual meaning of the High Holidays. We were totally oblivious. Ah, the beauty of being 14.

After lunch, we rolled up our pants and walked knee-deep into the cool ocean. We were without a care in the world. That is, until it hit us that services would be letting out. We would soon discover that, while it was fairly easy to escape out, it was not so easy to escape in.

As we were stealthily re-entering the Civic, and seemingly home free, the Cantor nabbed us. He was less than pleased, especially given my mother's position on the temple board.

Fumbling, I nervously explained that we had gone outside to get some fresh air. Perhaps noticing a wet pant leg, or one not all the way rolled down, Cantor asked sternly, "Were your legs getting air, too?"

Ten days ago, when I saw the Temple Isaiah congregates by the waters edge it seemed idyllic. (Observing the High Holidays AND getting a tan!) I had a pang that perhaps I was born 50 years too early. But, truth be known, I had an even stronger pang for one of Honest John's hot dogs.

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The Q Line

Tough choices

With a few notable challengers in this year's City Council race, we got to thinking about the possibility of, say Ted Winterer or Susan Hartley, seriously challenging the likes of Bob Holbrook and Pam O'Connor for seats on the dais.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
In November's election, are you more inclined to vote for an incumbent or a newcomer?

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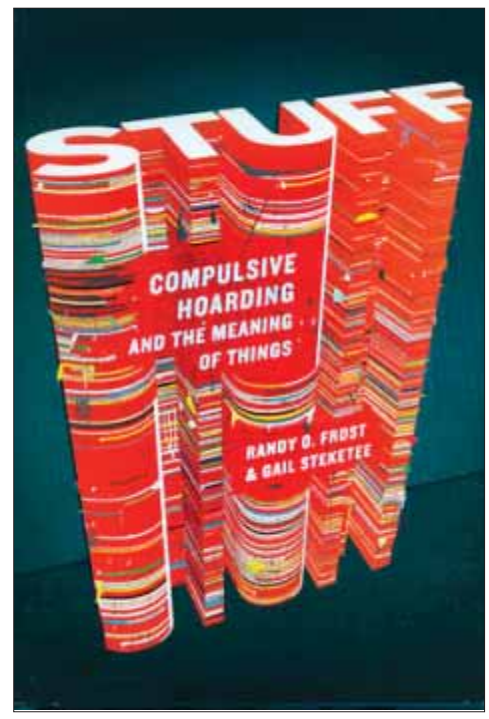
BOOKREVIEW

BY DANE ROBERT SWANSON



'Stuff: Compulsive Hoarding and the Meaning of Things'

By Randy O. Frost and Gail Steketee • Houghton Mifflin Harcourt



At what point does a collection become hoarding? All of us at one time or another had collections whether of stamps, books or plates.

"People collect and save objects as a hobby in virtually all cultures," the authors point out.

There are three major themes that were discovered by Lita Furby, a pioneer researcher in the field of ownership and possessions. She pointed out that when we have possessions we get a feeling of power. They also, she pointed out, can offer us a sense of security. Lastly, they can give us a sense of self.

But the authors of "Stuff" go a step further and point out it can also become a psychological problem. Where the point is reached where collecting becomes hoarding is handled in this study.

The book starts out with a story of the Collyer Mansion where on March 21, 1947 at 10 a.m. the police arrived at the brownstone mansion in Harlem. They had a crew help them using crowbars and axes to get through the front door. They then forced open an iron grille door to the basement. "The door was full of a wall of newspapers, tightly wrapped in small packages and too thick to push through." They found Homer Collyer, 65, dead. They could only get to him as they walked through a labyrinth of tunnels, some with traps. His body was sitting in a chair with his hands on his knees.

Much later they located his brother buried in trash. He had tripped over one of the traps and suffocated.

Most hoarding is not that extreme. But hoarding is hoarding. You may know someone who hoards. That someone may even be you.

Hoarding is not something we tend to notice until it becomes extreme. The authors write, "Hoarders tend to be ashamed of their disorder and unwelcoming to those who would interfere with their activates."

Both authors, Randy O. Frost and Gail Steketee, are experts on the subject of obsessive-compulsive disorders. Frost teaches at Smith College and Steketee is the professor and dean of the School of Social Work at Boston University.

What we need to ask ourselves is: Just when does collecting become hoarding? Does it really matter how much stuff a person owns as long as it doesn't interfere with his or her health or happiness or even that of others? This study will help you answer that question.

One response a person can have to reading this book is to clean out their house and other areas of stuff that isn't needed such as bills that are already paid and acknowledged. It is a start in the right direction.

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Oprah selects 'Freedom' for book club

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NEW YORK Oprah Winfrey has forgiven Jonathan Franzen.

Nine years after picking Franzen's "The Corrections" for her book club and then canceling his appearance on her show after he expressed ambivalence over her endorsement, Winfrey has chosen his new novel, "Freedom." The talk show host is not scheduled to announce her pick until Friday, but The Associated Press on Thursday purchased a copy that had a book club sticker on the front.

Three bookstores had previously told the AP that "Freedom" had been selected.

Winfrey's decision tells a story she loves well, one of redemption, and cites a book that itself redeems a troubled Minnesota-based family. Released in late August, "Freedom" was virtually canonized by critics before publication and has been topping best-seller lists even without Oprah's approval. Franzen was the subject of a Time Magazine cover story, titled "Great American Novelist," and anticipation was so great that President Obama secured an early copy while visiting a bookstore on Martha's Vineyard in Massachusetts.

"I'm not a bit surprised (about Winfrey's choice)," said Lorin Stein, editor of The Paris Review and a former editor at Farrar, Straus & Giroux, which publishes Franzen. "Oprah has always shown great faith in the American reader. In that sense, I think she is a model to those of us in the literature business."

"I think anything that gets a wonderful literary book to millions of people would make anyone in my profession happy," said Deborah Treisman, fiction editor of The New Yorker, where early versions of two chapters from "Freedom" were serialized.

Farrar, Straus & Giroux did not immediately respond to requests for comment. Angela DePaul, a spokeswoman for Winfrey's production company Harpo, would not confirm or deny the selection.

CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Rubbing out prostitution

THURSDAY, SEPT. 9, AT 5:55 P.M.,
Santa Monica police officers responded to the 2800 block of Pico Boulevard (Japanese Health Therapy) regarding reports of prostitution at the business. Officers conducted an undercover operation and arrested two people. One female masseuse, Nam Quezada, 45, of Encino, Calif., was arrested for prostitution, exposure of her genitals, buttocks and breast while performing a massage and massaging the genitals of a patron. Her bail was set at $2,000. A second suspect, Ilsun Cervantes, 57, of Buena Park, Calif., was arrested for keeping a house of ill fame. Her bail was set at $500.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 7, AT 2:40 A.M.,
Officers were on routine patrol in the 1100 block of Alley 6 when they observed a man carrying a bundle of items in his hands. Officers made contact with the man, who placed the items in a carport. Officers asked if they could search the suspect. He agreed. Officers said they found in the man's pocket a small glass pipe commonly used to smoke methamphetamines. Further investigation revealed the man was in possession of meth. He was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and paraphernalia. He was identified as Jonas James, 38, a transient. His bail was set at $10,000.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 7, AT 11:53 A.M.,
Officers responded to the 1900 block of Lincoln Boulevard (Tommy's) regarding a person who refused to leave. When officers arrived, they made contact with a security guard who said the suspect was sitting at a table but had not purchased any food. When she was asked to leave, the suspect allegedly refused. Officers placed the suspect under arrest for trespassing. She was identified as Lafonda Doxie, 31, a transient. His bail was set at $500.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 8, AT 8:48 A.M.,
Officers responded to the 1500 block of 19th Street regarding a prowler. When officers arrived, they were advised that the suspect kicked in a door to an apartment, went inside and was looking around when he was confronted by the resident. The suspect ran but was located out front by officers. The suspect, Rachel Dunn, 43, of North Hollywood, was arrested for burglary. His bail was set at $50,000.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 9, AT 2 A.M.,
Officers responded to the 1400 block of Alley 3 regarding a drunk person vandalizing vehicles. When officers arrived, they made contact with a woman who said that when she exited a business she saw the suspect yelling incoherently. She looked over and saw the suspect kick two vehicles several times causing damage, police said. Officers located the suspect, who was extremely intoxicated. The suspect, Dennis Chan, 24, of Clovis, Calif., was arrested for felony vandalism, public intoxication and obstruction of police work. His bail was set at $20,000.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 11, AT 3:28 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 1300 block of Ocean Avenue (Shangri-La Hotel) regarding a customer refusing to pay for his meal. When officers arrived, they made contact with hotel security who said that the suspect came into the hotel, ordered food and said he did not have any money to pay for his meal, valued at $26.34. The suspect told officers he was broke. He was placed under arrest for defrauding an innkeeper. He was identified as Ian Vosper, 30, of Los Angeles. His bail was set at $500.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 12, AT 1:17 A.M.,
Officers responded to the corner of Ocean Avenue and San Vicente Boulevard regarding a person passed out behind the wheel of his car, which was still in the roadway. When officers arrived, they made contact with the driver, who was allegedly asleep at the wheel. Officers put the vehicle in park and removed the keys from the ignition. Officers observed that the driver had cigarette ashes on his leg. Officers awoke the driver, who said he thought he was in Venice. Officers could not smell any alcohol on the driver but he had the symptoms of being under the influence. During the investigation, officers learned that the driver takes many medications. Officers had the driver perform a series of balance and coordination tests. Upon completion, officers believed the suspect, Paul Romon, 21, of Pacific Palisades, had been driving while impaired. He was arrested for DUI and his bail was set at $5,000.

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COUNCIL
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opportunity" for promoting active transportation.

With as many as 10 additional development agreements slated to come before the council within the next two years, Parks and Recreation Commissioner Richard McKinnon said leaders need to do more to include measures friendly to cyclists in future deals. Otherwise, decision makers will end up "ruing the fact that we have not been able to increase the connectivity of alternative methods of transportation in this city" — a major goal laid out in City Hall's recent general plan update, he said.

The sharpest criticism of the deal, though, came from Mayor Bobby Shriver, who cast the only dissenting vote.

In remarks before the vote, he said City Hall staff had failed to provide the council with enough information about the value of key aspects of the deal, making it impossible to decide whether Agensys was providing adequate public benefits.

Under the agreement, Agensys is taking over a lease currently held by Texas-based developer Lionstone and extending that lease with City Hall for 10 years. A City Hall report on the deal did not quantify how much the lease extension was worth, prompting Shriver's criticism.

"To me, this is not the way I would do this is if I were representing a single owner of this property," he said.

Shriver also dismissed earlier comments by Agensys representatives that the company should be treated differently than a for-profit developer because its products are used to treat cancer.

"With all due respect to that laudable goal, I don't think it's fair to come to your partner in the deal and say that 'Because we're curing cancer and you're not, you should give us all the money,'" he said.

He called the argument that Agensys deserves special treatment "cancer washing" — a cheap attempt to get humanitarian credit where none is due.

> **I DON'T THINK IT'S FAIR TO COME TO YOUR PARTNER IN THE DEAL AND SAY THAT 'BECAUSE WE'RE CURING CANCER AND YOU'RE NOT, YOU SHOULD GIVE US ALL THE MONEY."**
>
> **Bobby Shriver**
> Mayor

Shriver also said the deal proposed on Tuesday did not honor the council's earlier direction to include a "robust" jobs program in the development agreement.

"The deal being brought to us tonight has not one single job in it. Period," he said. "A job fair is nice and it's nice that they're going to consider people who apply, but they have no obligation to hire anybody [from Santa Monica]," he said.

In supporting the agreement, Councilman Richard Bloom said he believed Santa Monica residents would find jobs with Agensys despite the lack of a mandate.

He said the public benefits package and the fact that Santa Monica will be retaining a high value employer make the agreement with Agensys worthwhile.

"I am absolutely certain that other communities would bend over backwards — would be fighting and climbing over one another — to attract this kind of business to their city," he said.

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Department.

Soon after the Bell scandal broke, the League of California Cities surveyed all 468 cities and towns in California with city managers, asking for their salaries based on their 2009 tax forms. About 90 percent complied.

Several of the 16 city managers above the $300,000 mark had explanations about why their income was so high.

Covina City Manager Daryl Parrish, who reported income of $328,830 in 2009, said he cashed out accumulated vacation and sick leave when he left a previous employer of 18 years to manage the Southern California city of about 50,000 people. He said his pay would be considerably less this year.

Santa Clara City Manager Jennifer Sparacino, who made $303,513 last year to run a city of about 118,000, said she had taken a 10 percent pay cut this year.

Beverly Hills told the league that City Manager Roderick Wood's income of $438,571 included more than $140,000 in vacation and sick leave he cashed in when he retired in August 2009. Moreno Valley said Robert G. Gutierrez had income of $459,468 that included a "leave payoff" of $183,366.20 when he retired at the end of last year from the city in Riverside County.

Other cities with highly paid managers included Laguna Hills, $321,550; Danville, $310,029; Fontana, $318,497; Palmdale, $367,518; Rancho Cucamonga, $324,582; Roseville, $353,000; Santa Monica, $317,000; Sunnyvale, $301,470, Temecula, $336,288 and West Hollywood, $309,203.

Of the scores of other California cities that responded to the survey, many fell into the high $100,000 to mid-$200,000 range.

Bell Gardens, a neighboring city of Bell with a similar population paid its city manager $246,681. Another neighboring city, Vernon, with a population of only about 90 people, paid its manager $211,372.

Maywood, where Bell's assistant city manager, Angela Spaccia, doubled as city manager for a time earlier this year, did not participate in the survey.

Spaccia, who was paid $376,288 for her work in Bell, is one of the former officials Brown is suing.

The attorney general hasn't filed suit against officials in any other cities but said Wednesday his office was investigating several.

Dave Mora, West Coast regional director of the International City/County Management Association, said many factors should go into determining a city manager's salary, including the cost of living in the area and the size and complexity of the city government.

"Frankly, what I think we need to learn from Bell is how that determination is made," Mora said.



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HEAVY LOAD: **St. Monica's Sean Martinez figures to play a big role in the running game this week.**

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scores. He said that he expects Partyka to target him all night.

Humphrey, whose team is 1-1, will look to defensive lineman Evan Anthony to create pressure on St. Monica's offensive line all night. He'll use Anthony in tandem with linebacker Laker Dohan to try to disrupt Partyka in the passing game.

As for Partyka's take on Malibu's defense, he is taking a wait-and-see attitude.

"We're not going to change too much up," he said.

And what they do is pass the ball. St. Monica's Muno has a penchant for creative offensive plays and looks at this game as an opportunity to, as he describes it, "call some crazy stuff."

"When you throw for as many yards as we do, it's hard to not stick with what you're doing," Muno said. "The only thing is that we can't turn the ball over."

Turnovers ultimately doomed St. Monica last week against Christian as the team surrendered the ball twice inside of the five-yard line. Muno and Partyka were pleased with the way the team played sans the give-aways.

To limit turnovers, Muno said he may look to run the ball more often. Aside from Partyka, who is known to scramble, the Mariners employ a committee at running back that includes Sia'Anga Moala and Sean Martinez, who have combined for 100 yards and three touchdowns.

"If we have a game like last week, we should do pretty well," Partyka said. "I don't think we'll see anything that will be too surprising."

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that public safety will maintain its high level of quality service that residents of Santa Monica deserve. In addition, our schools will maintain their high quality of service to the community and students," a statement from the public safety associations read.

DEMOCRATIC CLUB MAKES ENDORSEMENTS

At an endorsement meeting Wednesday night, members of the Santa Monica Democratic Club voted to endorse City Council challenger Ted Winterer, in addition to four sitting council members in November's race.

In making the endorsements, members of the club, who met Wednesday at the Santa Monica Playhouse, rejected some of the recommendations made last month by the organization's executive committee.

The committee had urged its membership to endorse Gleam Davis and Susan Hartley in the race for two two-year council seats; instead, the members voted to back Davis and Terry O'Day, who was appointed to the council this year to fill a vacancy.

The club's leadership also had recommended endorsing only Winterer and incumbent Kevin McKeown in the race for three four-year council seats. Members, though, added incumbent Pam O'Connor to the list of endorsed candidates.

Sixty percent of members in attendance at the meeting had to back a candidate for the person to win an endorsement. Each decision on Wednesday was reached after a single round of voting.

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>
> **Jay Trisler,**
> President of the Santa Monica Police Officers Association

Club president Jonathan Troen said he wasn't surprised the members expressed different candidate preferences from the executive committee.

"The club doesn't always follow the recommendations. The club votes its conscience and I definitely support what the club decides," he said.

In the school board race, the club also differed slightly from the executive committee, opting to endorse challenger Laurie Lieberman over Patrick Cady, who had received the committee's recommendation. Club members validated the committee's three other school board picks, endorsing incumbents Barry Snell, Ralph Mechur and Oscar de la Torre.

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Gluten-free foods continue rise

MICHAEL HILL
Associated Press Writer

Gwyneth Paltrow gushes over gluten-free. Chelsea Clinton's wedding cake was baked without it. The new Old Spice guy avoids the ubiquitous protein to help stay buff. In fact, odds are good you too have tried — or at least encountered — a product with the gluten removed.

Because gluten-free is what low-carb was a decade ago: The "it" diet discussed on daytime talk shows, promoted by hyper-slim actresses and adopted by masses. Grocery aisles are stocked with the likes of gluten-free pasta, crackers, cereal and beer.

Americans are enthusiastically exiling a dietary staple that wasn't even in most people's vocabulary a decade ago.

But why?

Unlike some other dietary boogeymen like trans-fats, gluten is not inherently bad to eat. Only a small percentage of people can't tolerate the protein, which occurs naturally in wheat, barley and rye. Plus, banning gluten from your diet can be really hard.

Not only is gluten an essential element of traditional breads and pastas (it's the protein that gives them their structure), it often is used as a thickening agent in processed foods, such as ketchup and ice cream. And cutting out gluten is no guarantee of weight loss.

The fad seems to be partly fueled by the celebrity factor: Paltrow talks it up on her website, Clinton stirred online chatter this summer when she ordered a gluten-free cake for her big day, and the muscular guy on the funny Old Spice commercials recently told Jay Leno gluten is one of the things he cut from his diet.

Then there are the claims that going "G-free" makes you feel more energetic.

"I feel better when I don't do it. If I go out to a restaurant with friends and I have a beer and a plate of pasta I'm going to feel it the next day. No one wants a gluten hangover," said Silvana Nardone, former editor-in-chief of Every Day with Rachael Ray magazine. Nardone, the mother of a teenage boy with a gluten intolerance, just released a cookbook of gluten- and dairy-free recipes titled "Cooking for Isaiah."

These sort of claims are common, if hard to prove. But that hasn't slowed the industry's growth.

U.S. sales of gluten-free food has more than doubled since 2005 to over $1.5 billion, according to the market research company Packaged Facts. And the growth spurt is expected to continue at least through 2012.

Gluten does affect some people, notably people with celiac disease. But celiacs, who suffer an immune reaction if they eat food with gluten, such as bread or pasta, are estimated to represent less than 1 percent of the population.

Some other people have less severe gluten allergies or sensitivities. Dr. Alessio Fasano, director of the Center for Celiac Research at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, figures that up to 7 or 8 percent of the U.S. population have some kind of sensitivity to gluten.

Yet about a quarter of U.S. adults are either trying to reduce or completely avoid gluten in their diets, according to the marketing firm NPD Group's Dieting Monitor. That means most of the people eating gluten-free foods probably don't have to, but want to.

"Some of the people we're talking about most are people who are dabbling in raw foods and dabbling in vegan and dabbling in different things and they see gluten-free as part of that world," said Shauna James Ahern, better known as the popular blogger "Gluten-Free Girl."

Ahern, diagnosed with celiac at age 38 after feeling "low-level lousy" her whole life, said that even as dabblers drop the diet, they build awareness of gluten-free, which leads to more people getting diagnosed. That's why she thinks the diet will still be around in a decade.

Many of these gluten watchers are people like Akiia James, a 33-year-old news producer from Durham, N.C., who already was healthy and fit before she decided to cut out gluten and dairy several months ago.

"The main thing is just feeling better after you eat, not feeling the weight of eating," James said. "I mean, I never anymore feel like I'm stuffed ... I think I still eat the same amount, but the ingredients play a big part."

Why people report feeling better is not totally clear. And the connection may be indirect. People who eliminate gluten-rich foods may eat more produce, and therefore have a healthier diet overall, said Dee Sandquist, a spokeswoman for the American Dietetic Association.

Fasano suggests that gluten is generally harder to digest, perhaps because it was only introduced to the human diet about 10,000 years ago. In evolutionary terms, that's not a lot of time to adapt to digesting a new protein.

Dr. Brian Bosworth, associate director of the Gastroenterology Fellowship Program at New York Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center, noted that while gluten can certainly be an irritant to some people, he wouldn't make a blanket statement that it's harder to digest for everyone.

"I don't think that, in general, that there's a reason to strictly avoid it," said Bosworth, who has celiac disease.

Sandquist says there's no harm in avoiding gluten, as long as you eat a balanced diet. But she said it can be a challenge to eat a nutritionally sound without gluten, despite the recent proliferation of products.

And watch out: just because a product is labeled gluten-free doesn't mean it's low in calories. And some gluten-free prepared meals can run high in both calories and salt.

"There are just as many calories, if not more, depending on the food choices," Sandquist said. "It's all about the food choices."



September stock rally loses ground

STEPHEN BERNARD
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK Stocks struggled to a mixed finish Thursday as a two-week rally lost momentum. News of a retrenchment by FedEx Corp. also discouraged buyers.

Stocks have been rising for most of September, but on unusually weak volume as skepticism lingers about the economy. FedEx, an economic bellwether, darkened the mood with an announcement that it would eliminate 1,700 jobs in an effort to save its money-losing U.S. trucking business.

Traders were becoming wary as the Standard & Poor's S&P 500 index, the benchmark most used by professional investors, approached the high end of its recent trading range. Investors are often hesitant to push a major index outside of recently tested limits for fear that automated selling programs could kick in and send prices lower.

Over the past few days the S&P has approached 1,131, a level it has not touched since June. Market analysts have long paid attention to technical trading levels such as these, but they are especially important now since electronic trading is so prevalent.

According to preliminary calculations, the Dow Jones industrial average rose 22.10, or 0.2 percent, to close at 10,594.83. The Dow has now risen in 10 of the last 12 days, but it's still 5.5 percent below its 2010 closing high level reached on April 26.

Broader indexes were mixed. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 0.4, or 0.04 percent, to 1,124.66. The index is still up 7.2 percent for September, which is usually a weak month for stocks.

The Nasdaq composite edged up 1.93, or 0.08 percent, to 2,303.25.

About three stocks fell for every two that rose on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume was low at 900 million shares. Trading volume has been very low in recent weeks as many investors sit on the sidelines. That could leave the market vulnerable if sentiment suddenly worsens.

The mixed day on Wall Street came despite some encouraging news on the economy. The Labor Department said first-time claims for unemployment benefits fell to a two-month low last week to 450,000. They're still well below levels that suggest economic growth.

"Bottom line, everybody is worried the economy is in terrible shape," said Dennis Paul, a senior portfolio manager at the Rosenau/Paul Group at Hightower Advisors. "But it's not getting any worse."

A separate report Thursday indicated prices at the wholesale level rose more than expected last month, easing concerns about deflation, an economic malaise defined by falling prices. Relief over the reading in the Producer Price Index sent Treasury prices slightly lower and their yields higher.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note, which moves opposite its price, rose to 2.76 percent from 2.72 percent late Wednesday. Its yield is used to help set interest rates on mortgages and other consumer loans.

"I'm not sure the deflation theory is completely debunked, but it's pretty close," said Jamie Cox, a managing director at Harris Financial Group.

FedEx shares dropped $3.22, or 3.8 percent, to $82.72. Competitor UPS Inc.'s shares also fell following the report from Fed. UPS dropped 94 cents to $66.72.

Foreclosures continue to plague recovery

ALEX VEIGA
AP Real Estate Writer

Lenders took back more homes in August than in any month since the start of the U.S. mortgage crisis.

The increase in home repossessions came even as the number of properties entering the foreclosure process slowed for the seventh month in a row, foreclosure listing firm RealtyTrac Inc. said Thursday.

In all, banks repossessed 95,364 properties last month, up 3 percent from July and an increase of 25 percent from August 2009, RealtyTrac said.

August makes the ninth month in a row that the pace of homes lost to foreclosure has increased on an annual basis. The previous high was in May.

Banks have been stepping up repossessions to clear out their backlog of bad loans with an eye on eventually placing the foreclosed properties on the market, but they can't afford to simply dump the properties on the market.

Concerns are growing that the housing market recovery could stumble amid stubbornly high unemployment, a sluggish economy and faltering consumer confidence. U.S. home sales have collapsed since federal homebuyer tax credits expired in April.

That's one reason fewer than one-third of homes repossessed by lenders are on the market, said Rick Sharga, a senior vice president at RealtyTrac.

"These (properties) are going to come to market, but very slowly because nobody wants to overwhelm a soft buyer's market with too much distressed inventory for fear of what it would do for house prices," he said.

As a result, lenders are putting off initiating the foreclosure process on homeowners who have missed payments, letting borrowers stay in their homes longer.

The number of properties receiving an initial default notice — the first step in the foreclosure process — slipped 1 percent last month from July, but was down 30 percent versus August last year, RealtyTrac said.

Initial defaults have fallen on an annual basis the past seven months. They peaked in April 2009.

Still, the number of homes scheduled to be sold at auction for the first time increased 9 percent from July and rose 2 percent from August last year. If they don't sell at auction, these homes typically end up going back to the lender.

More than 2.3 million homes have been repossessed by lenders since the recession began in December 2007, according to RealtyTrac. The firm estimates more than 1 million American households are likely to lose their homes to foreclosure this year.

In all, 338,836 properties received a foreclosure-related warning in August, up 4 percent from July, but down 5 percent from the same month last year, RealtyTrac said. That translates to one in 381 U.S. homes.

The firm tracks notices for defaults, scheduled home auctions and home repossessions — warnings that can lead up to a home eventually being lost to foreclosure.

Among states, Nevada posted the highest foreclosure rate last month, with one in every 84 households receiving a foreclosure notice. That's 4.5 times the national average.

Rounding out the top 10 states with the highest foreclosure rate in August were: Florida, Arizona, California, Idaho, Utah, Georgia, Michigan, Illinois and Hawaii.

Economic woes, such as unemployment or reduced income, are now the main catalysts for foreclosures.

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Job Walk: Wednesday, September 29, 2010 at 10:00 am

ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE: $1,500,000
CONTRACT CALENDAR DAYS: 210
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SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 64°

Swell Forecast

1-2' overhead on the better sets at standout south facing breaks.

Long Range Synopsis

Head high+ for south facing breaks, with the top spots seeing set waves maxing out around 1-2' overhead.

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 **September 8, 2010**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 43 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 2 / ns

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

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

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone

WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days

ns -- no sample taken

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NFL

Raiders run defense faces another test in Jackson

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ALAMEDA Linebacker Kamerion Wimbley insists problems the Oakland Raiders had stopping the run last week against the Tennessee Titans are correctable.

They better be.

With Stephen Jackson and St. Louis coming to town for Oakland's home opener, the Raiders won't get much of a break as they try to avoid an 0-2 start for the fourth time in six seasons.

"We just had a couple breakdowns here and there," Wimbley said Wednesday. "I don't think it was anything with the scheme or the play-calling. We just had a couple mental breakdowns that gave them some big plays that allowed them to get that high on us."

The most significant breakdown came late in the second quarter when Tennessee scored two touchdowns in a span of 1 minute, 53 seconds. Titans running back Chris Johnson provided the big blow with a 76-yard touchdown run after being shut down for most of the first half.

That helped turn what had been a promising start to the season for Oakland's run defense into a nightmarish afternoon that ended with Tennessee handing the Raiders a 35-13 loss. It was the eighth straight season-opening loss for Al Davis' team.

"We played well on Johnson for most of the game and he had that one big run that helped his average out," Wimbley said. "Facing Jackson, he's not necessarily as fast as Johnson is but he still has a lot of stuff that you have to be aware of and be careful about."

Wimbley was part of Oakland's offseason defensive makeover. The veteran linebacker was acquired from Cleveland in March in exchange for a third-round draft pick and broke into the Raiders' lineup early in training camp.

Oakland also signed free agent defensive tackle John Henderson and used their first two picks in the draft on middle linebacker Rolando McClain and defensive end Lamarr Houston.

It all looked good on paper until Johnson's big run, which brought to mind memories of 2009 when the Raiders ranked 29th against the run and 26th on defense overall. Safety Tyvon Branch whiffed on a tackle attempt near the line of scrimmage while linebackers Rolando McClain and Thomas Howard were sealed off perfectly, opening a huge lane for Johnson to burst through.

Oakland's players and coaching staff said the mistakes were self-inflicted.

"We needed to finish a little better," Wimbley said. "Once the score kind of got out of whack, I think we stepped it up a little bit, trying to bring it back close before the game was over, but by then it was already too late."

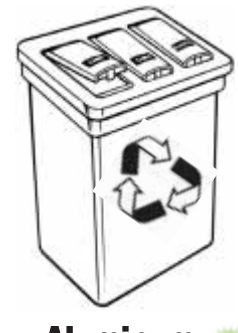
Before Johnson's long touchdown, which boosted his per-carry average from 2.54 to 5.3, Oakland's defense had shut down the NFL's leading rusher from 2009.

Raiders coach Tom Cable, though, isn't interested in moral victories.

"See, this is the mode we have got to get out of around here," Cable said. "That's not good enough. We have got to stay to this level, to this vision that we have. A standard of play if you will, and don't compromise it."

Oakland's offense got a boost when running back Michael Bush returned to practicing at full capacity. Bush sat out the season-opener after breaking the thumb on his left hand but worked out without limitations Wednesday. His playing status will be determined later in the week.

NOTES:T Erik Pears, who was with the team in training camp, has been re-signed. To make room on the roster, wide receiver/kick returner Yamon Figurs was released. Figurs started on special teams against the Titans and fumbled the opening kickoff, but Cable insisted that wasn't why the move was made. ... LG Robert Gallery did not practice because of a hamstring strain. His status is questionable. ... CB Nnamdi Asomugha (groin), WR Chaz Schilens (knee), defensive tackle Richard Seymour (hamstring), safety Hiram Eugene (hamstring), cornerbacks Chris Johnson (stinger) and Walter McFadden (hamstring) and linebacker Travis Goethel (back) were also held out of practice.

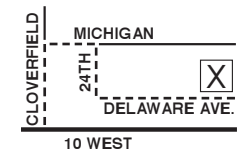


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MOVIE TIMES

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North by Northwest and To Catch a Thief
Double feature
7:30 pm

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

Eat Pray Love (PG-13) 2hrs 13min
1:30pm, 7:05pm

Salt (PG-13) 1hr 39min
4:40pm, 10:00pm

Other Guys (PG-13) 1hr 47min
2:00pm, 7:15pm

Kids Are All Right (R) 1hr 44min
4:35pm, 10:10pm

Tillman Story (R) 1hr 34min
12:05pm, 2:40pm, 5:15pm, 7:45pm, 10:20pm

I'm Still Here: The Lost Year of Joaquin Phoenix (NR)
2:10pm, 4:50pm, 7:30pm, 10:15pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
(310) 289-4262

Alpha and Omega 3D (NR)
11:40am, 2:10pm, 4:45pm, 7:15pm, 9:45pm

Inception (PG-13) 2hrs 28min
11:30am, 3:00pm, 6:30pm, 9:55pm

Going the Distance (R) 1hr 37min
11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:15pm

Resident Evil: Afterlife 3D (NR)
11:00am, 12:00pm, 1:30pm, 2:30pm, 4:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 8:00pm, 9:30pm, 10:35pm

American (R)
11:35am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

Alpha and Omega (NR)
11:00am, 1:20pm, 3:45pm, 6:15pm, 8:45pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 394-9741

Cairo Time (PG) 1hr 28min
1:00pm, 3:15pm, 5:30pm, 7:45pm, 10:00pm

Bran Nue Dae (NR) 1hr 28min
1:10pm, 3:25pm, 5:40pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

Soul Kitchen (NR) 1hr 33min
1:55pm, 7:10pm

Concert (Le concert) (PG-13) 2hrs 00min
4:25pm, 9:40pm

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

Town (NR)
10:45am, 1:35pm, 4:35pm, 7:40pm, 10:45pm

Town (NR)
12:00pm, 3:20pm, 6:30pm, 9:40pm

Machete (NR)
11:20am, 2:00pm, 4:35pm, 7:15pm, 9:55pm

Easy A (NR)
11:15am, 12:15pm, 1:50pm, 2:50pm, 4:25pm, 5:25pm, 7:00pm, 8:00pm, 9:30pm, 10:30pm

Devil (NR)
10:55am, 1:10pm, 3:30pm, 5:55pm, 8:25pm, 10:50pm

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Stop to visit, Libra

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Tap into your instincts, and you won't go wrong. Because of your unusual ideas and processing abilities, you might need to take the lead. Others cannot represent concepts that they don't have a full grasp of. Tonight: A must appearance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Keep reaching out. You will want to digest different ideas and get to the basis of a problem. How you handle a matter and the end results could be dynamic. Look to meetings to help create even better ideas and/or gain more support for yours. Tonight: Try a new spot.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ A partner always plays a strong role in your choices and actions. A discussion points to a new direction. Investigate your options with a greater awareness of the impact you have. Deal directly with each person on an individual level. Tonight: A close encounter.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Defer to others and understand the dynamics between you and another person. You have the ability to reach out for new information and ideas. Just give up rigid thinking, and you'll open up to a broad base of opportunities. Tonight: So many options ...

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ A steady pace and understanding can help you. You know what the possibilities are; pick and choose your priorities. A partner comes through for you, explaining what you thought was impossible. Go along for the adventure, and watch the whole plan unfold. Tonight: Even works.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Allow greater creativity, and with it perhaps more spontaneity and fun. Let your sense of humor emerge. Many people seek you out, trying to find out what really is on your mind. Schedule a late lunch as the day merges into the weekend. Tonight: Let your hair down.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You might want to anchor in and complete a project. Clearly, your sense of direction will help you with associates. You find that everyone is more optimistic than in the recent past. Tonight: Keep conversations moving. Visit with those on your path home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Your imagination knows no limits, and you feel more in the mood to share than you have in a while. Others share their flights of fancy as well. See what gives between you and another person. Tonight: Making the most of the moment, people and fun.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Be aware of the costs of continuing on your present path. You might want to attempt another form of getting down to basics with those close to you. Encourage a brainstorming session. Tonight: Treat yourself; treat others.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Allow greater creativity into your thinking. You can be very dry and logical, which works most of the time. Why not be frivolous and a little more creative? See the ideas that trigger from being involved with a full-on brainstorming session? Tonight: Talking up a storm.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ You might want to understand more of what is going on within before jumping to any conclusions or making a decision. The less said and the less done right now the better. Don't delude yourself about a financial matter. If your processing is on and you see a green light now, it will be there later. Tonight: Take some personal time.

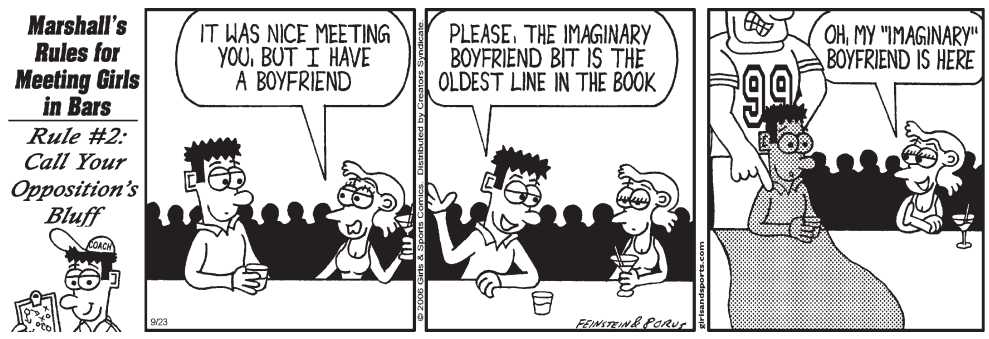
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Meetings point to a new direction. You see a situation in a different light. Know that anything is possible, especially if you can gain a key person's or two's support. Know what works for you. Emphasize what is positive within your immediate circle of friends. Tonight: Christen the weekend. TGIF!

Happy birthday

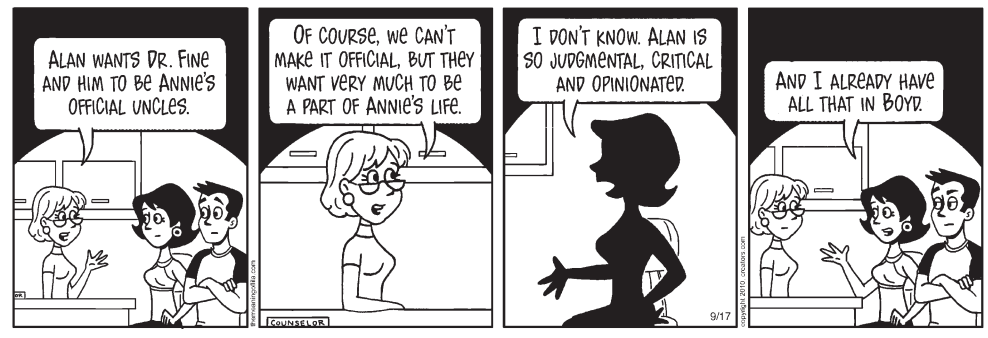
This year, you might be more creative and open than in recent years. You attract people and relationships like you are a cook flipping pancakes. Clearly, your life presents many unthought-of options. If you are single, the question is not whether you will experience a romantic tie but who will be your choice for that type of relationship. If you are attached, you gain a new perspective on your sweetie. Together you are quite the force to be dealt with. CAPRICORN can be more fun than many other signs.

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

Girls and Sports
By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



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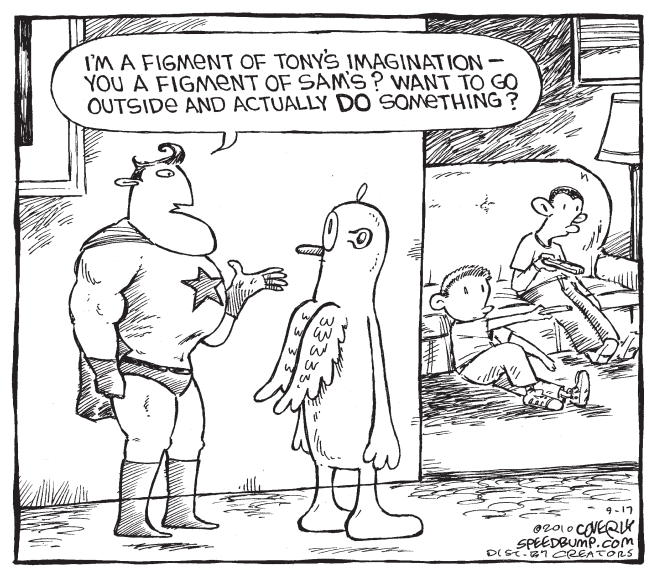
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

7	3	9	5	1	2	8	4	6
2	8	5	3	4	6	7	9	1
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9	2	8	7	6	3	1	5	4
4	7	3	1	8	5	2	6	9
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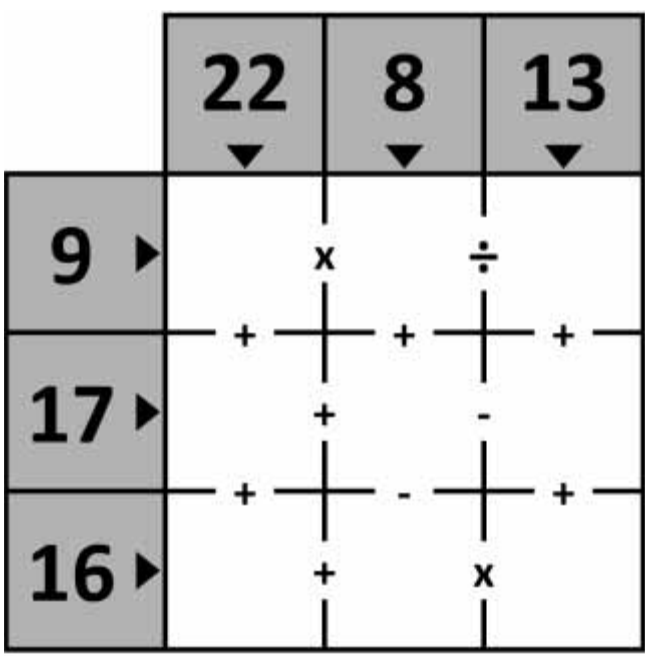
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• Fill the grid with the set of given numbers (1 to 12) to satisfy the Equa demands (7 to 24) in the shaded boxes. The Equa demands represent the sum of the digits that you will insert into the empty squares.
• Each horizontal row has one Equa demand to satisfy; each vertical column also has one demand to satisfy. Each empty square in the grid dictates the math operation (addition +, subtraction -, multiplication X, and division ÷) that must be performed to meet the demands.
• You must follow the given math operations for each square and you must make sure all the numbers satisfy the demands in the shaded boxes when connected in adjacent threes and calculated together from left to right, and top to bottom.
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1, 4, 4, 8, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12





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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Put together
5 "Very funny!"
9 Dizzying designs
11 Tusk material
13 Energy type
14 Way to go
15 Wing
16 Fork or knife
18 Libel's kin
20 — Aviv
21 Missouri tribe
22 Bombshell Diana
23 Pool need
24 Near star
25 Bunches
27 Borscht base
29 Playing marble
30 Nijinsky, e.g.
32 Maze runners
34 Noon, on a clock
35 Detached
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39 Sweet ring
40 Court star Arthur
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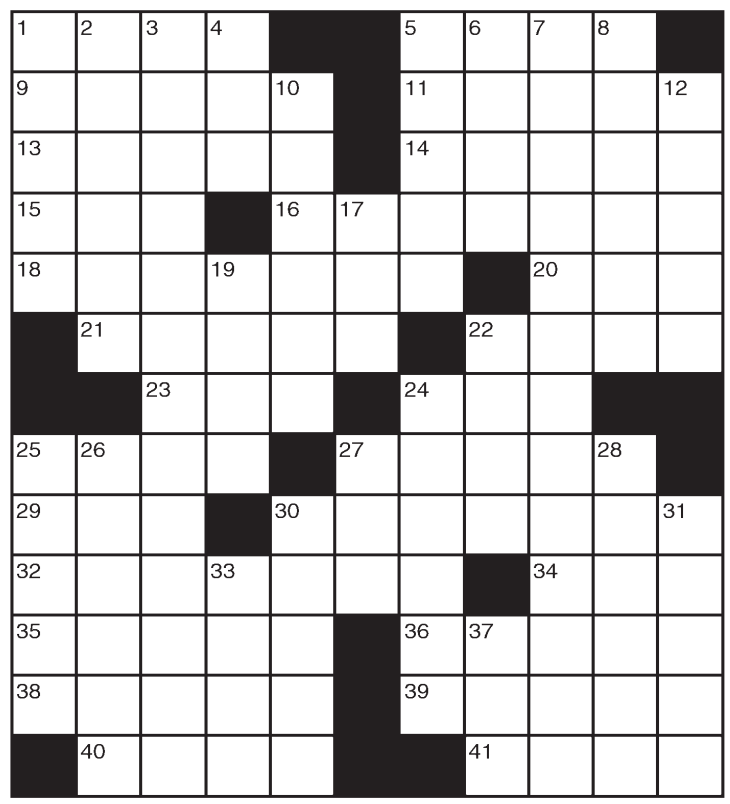
DOWN

1 Heston role
2 Artemis' twin
3 Texas team
4 Memorable time
5 Personnel head
6 Stratford's river
7 Texas team
8 More pretentious
10 Plod
12 Hollers
17 Course start
19 Seagoing: Abbr.
22 Club cost
24 Felt
25 Travel aid
26 One of the Teletubbies
27 Ball club?
28 Prepare to play
30 Willem of "Spider-Man"
31 Anarchic events
33 — Hashanah
37 Hogwash

S	A	S	H	■	■	W	A	L	E	S
C	U	T	E	R	■	A	V	A	N	T
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■	G	O	W	N	■	L	A	N	D	■
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O	L	D	■	■	A	M	Y	T	A	N
U	M	B	E	R	T	O	■	E	C	O
G	O	A	P	E	■	D	E	A	R	S
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ More British Local Council Wisdom: (1) Nottinghamshire County Council recently refused, for the third time, to issue a disabled-parking permit to British Army Cpl. Johno Lee, whose right leg was amputated below the knee following an explosion in Iraq. Lee said a staff member told him he was "young" and that his situation "might get better." (2) The Romford council's housing administrator ruled in July that, notwithstanding sweltering temperatures and kids' summer vacations, vinyl wading pools were prohibited -- as safety hazards, in that firefighters could possibly trip over them if responding to emergencies.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1976 The first Space Shuttle, Enterprise, is unveiled by NASA.

1978 The Camp David Accords are signed by Israel and Egypt.

1980 After weeks of strikes at the Lenin Shipyard in Gdafsk, Poland, the nationwide independent trade union Solidarity is established.

1980 Former Nicaraguan President Anastasio Somoza Debayle is killed in Asunción, Paraguay.

1983 Vanessa Williams becomes the first black Miss America.

1991 Estonia, North Korea, South Korea, Latvia, Lithuania, the Marshall Islands and Micronesia join the United Nations.

1991 The first version of the Linux kernel (0.01) is released to the Internet.

1992 An Iranian Kurdish leader and his two joiners are assassinated by political militants in Berlin, Germany.

1993 Last Russian troops leave Poland.

2001 The New York Stock Exchange reopens for trading after the September 11 Attacks, the longest closure since the Great Depression.

2004 Tamil is declared the first classical language in India.

WORD UP!

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2. Soft or flabby.

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