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THE RAIN IS GOOD ISSUE

Gadfly wants $10M from City Hall for discrimination

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL By one measure, last Tuesday's City Council meeting — the first to be conducted under a recently adopted set of procedural rules aimed at moving meetings along at a brisker pace — was a remarkable success.

Adjourned at 9:41 p.m., it made for a comparatively early night for council members used to wrapping up around midnight.

But to one attendee, the new rules were cause for protest — and for a $10 million claim against City Hall.

Pro Se, a regular at City Council meetings who is confined to a wheelchair, objected to

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HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

Samohi aspires to improve on last season

BY PATRICK HOURIHAN
Special to the Daily Press

SAMOHI With Ocean League play underway, the Vikings' girls' volleyball team hopes to improve on the success they had in the playoffs last season.

So far this year, the Santa Monica High School Vikings have played two regular season games — last Wednesday they faced El Segundo and lost in straight games, 0-3. The girls then had their first league game against Morningside last Friday and swept the Monarchs, with a score of 3-0.

After being asked how her team looks so far this season, Samohi Head Coach Liane Sato, a former U.S. Olympic team member who won a bronze medal in 1992 at Barcelona, said, "So far, so good."

"The team is training hard every day, we are working our butts off to get better and better."

The team also played in several pre-season tournaments, including the 28th annual Ann Kang Varsity Invitation held at Iolani High school in Honolulu on the island of

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THE SCENE: **Candidates for the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education take part in the SMDP's Squirm Night on Monday.**

'Squirm Night' puts spotlight on candidates

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

MAIN LIBRARY Who are these people who think they should be responsible for making the biggest decisions that affect Santa Monica and its public school system?

Some of them have been in the public eye for a decade or two; others are making their first forays into local politics.

All of them (at least all of them who qualified to get their names on the Nov. 2 ballot) got an invitation to Squirm Night, an election season candidate forum put on by the Santa Monica Daily Press that was held Monday night. Also sponsored by several neighborhood groups, the three-and-a-half hour event attracted several hundred curious voters to the Martin Luther King Jr. Auditorium at the Main Library.

Most candidates turned up for the festivities. All were subjected to a few rounds of pointed (and sometimes squirm-inducing) questions posed by SMDP Editor Kevin Herrera.

With less than a month left to go before voters have their say at the polls, it was a chance for residents, who were invited to submit questions, to put candidates on the spot and pin them down on the most contentious local issues.

Though most questions focused on specifics, forum participants also were given an opportunity to speak directly to voters — and engage in some old-fashioned political elbow throwing.

Some of the more confrontational moments came early, during the school board portion of the event.

Challenger Chris Bley accused incumbents of doing too little to cut the district's costs, presenting himself as a crusader against wasteful spending by questioning line items in the district's $100 million-plus budget.

Newcomer Nimish Patel said there was an "idea deficit" on the current board and spun his lack of endorsements from local political organizations and education advocacy groups as proof that he "doesn't care about local politics" and will bring an independent perspective to the job.

Mostly, though, candidates praised each other as eminently qualified and avoided confrontations over their disagreements.

Candidates for the City Council were grilled in two groups: one for those seeking two-year terms, and one for those in the four-year race.

Issues covered in the discussion included the Santa Monica Airport (Should it be shut down in 2015, when a contract requiring City Hall to run the facility expires?), the proposed sales tax hike known as Measure Y (Does City

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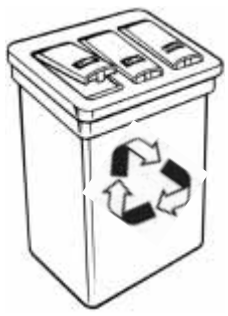


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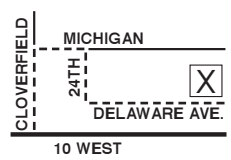
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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2010

Downward facing dog
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 PCH, 9 a.m. — 10 a.m.
Relax with a weekly yoga session at the Annenberg Community Beach House. Practice your downward dogs and lotus positions in harmony, while you take in the ocean breeze. To sign up, visit recenroll.smgov.net.

Calling foodies
Downtown Santa Monica
Second Street and Arizona Avenue
8:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.
Get the freshest of the fresh at this weekly Farmers' Market. For more info, visit www01.smgov.net/farmersmarket.

Tech-savy training
Main Street Library, computer classroom 2nd floor
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 4 p.m. — 5 p.m.
An introduction to using Microsoft Office software. Learn how to create, edit, save, print, and spell-check documents. To register, please call 310-434-2608.

Aging-101
Santa Monica Synagogue
1448 18th St., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Listen to UCLA geriatrician James Davis as he discusses the aging process, how to detect symptoms, diagnosis, and proper treatments. Contact 310-453-4276 for more information. $10 RSVP for dinner.

Thursday, Oct. 7, 2010

Revisiting recipes from 1896
Third Street Promenade Barnes and Noble
7 p.m.
Join Chris Kimball, host of PBS's "America's Test Kitchen," as he presents his new book, "Fannie's Last Supper," a culinary reminiscing on Fannie Farmer's best-selling 1896 cookbook.

An evening of world-fusion jazz
The Broad Stage
1310 11th St., 7:30 p.m.
Bask in the soothing melodies of bassist and vocalist Esperanza Spalding's unique fusion of jazz, funk, soul, R&B, Brazilian samba, and hip-hop.

Election social mixer
502 Colorado Ave.
6:30 p.m. — 8:45 p.m.
Come meet Santa Monica City Council candidates in an informal setting. Share your comments and ideas up-close and personally. RSVP to contact@smspoke.org.

Bicycle tales
Main Library, Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7:30 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Author, David Herlihy discusses and signs his new book, "The Lost Cyclist: The Epic Tale of an American Adventurer and His Mysterious Disappearance" — a true story about the 1894 disappearance of a young photographer who tried to bike around the world.

Buddhism for addiction recovery
1001 #A Colorado Ave., 7:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Learn about Buddhist teachings, meditation techniques, and how to change habitual patterns to overcome addiction at the Against The Stream Buddhist Meditation Society.

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

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STRETCHING OUT

Morgan Genser *news@smdp.com*

Goalkeeper Lauren Rae Reichardt of the Santa Monica College women's soccer team dives after a header from Glendale College at Corsair Field on Tuesday as SMC hosted Glendale in a Western State Conference soccer game and won 7-0.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

Samohi plans fundraiser for Williams

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI Santa Monica High School's football team is partnering with organizers of the Pico Festival and Car Show for the second straight year to raise funds to benefit the team and injured player Cody Williams, who suffered a traumatic spinal injury last season.

The event, scheduled for Oct. 16, will include concessions, raffles and a silent auction. While the parents organizing the event have received items for the raffle and auction, they are actively pursuing more donations.

The funds raised at the car show will be distributed between the team and the Cody Williams Recovery Fund, which was set up shortly after his injury last season during the Leuzinger game. Although, Michele Prichard-Lane, the mother of Samohi player Taylor Lane, said that contributions can also be given specifically to each cause.

"Cody has been such an inspiration for us," she said. "It's great working with all the good Samohi moms and dads on this special event."

For information, contact Prichard-Lane at michele@laneprichard.com.

MARINERS IN MINOR ACCIDENT

A not-so-funny thing happened on the way to Pasadena to the St. Monica football team on Saturday.

While en route to play Blair — a game the Mariners would win 42-0 — the bus carrying the team ran into a guard rail while mistakenly exiting the 101 Freeway just before the game, Head Coach Larry Muno said.

The crash, which Muno said happened as the bus was traveling approximately 40 mph, shook the players up, but none were injured enough to miss the game.

"It was pretty gnarly," Muno said. "But, it was all good."

Muno said that the accident disabled the doors and the team had to wait for the fire department to arrive to pry them open.

The win improved St. Monica's record to 3-2.

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Applicants sought

The Santa Monica Community College District is looking to appoint a member to the Personnel Commission. The appointment term is Dec. 1, 2010 – Dec. 1, 2013. Deadline to apply is Oct. 21.

The SMC Personnel Commission is a public body responsible for the administration of the college's Merit System, a civil service system for classified employees.

To qualify for appointment to the commission the applicant must:

• Be a registered voter and resident of the Santa Monica Community College District.

• Support the concept of employment, continuance in employment, in-service promotional opportunities and other related matters on the basis of merit and fitness.

Applications can be obtained from the college's Office of the Board of Trustees or by calling (310) 434-4402, and should be submitted online at www.smc.edu/jobs.

The Board of Trustees will review all applications and make the final appointment.

DAILY PRESS

LAPD: Homeless sex offenders on the rise

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Officials say Los Angeles has seen an increase in the number of registered sex offenders ending up homeless as neighboring communities comply with Jessica's Law.

Detective Diane Webb told members of the Los Angeles Police Commission on Tuesday there are 576 homeless registered sex offenders living in the city, up from 191 in 2007, the year California implemented Jessica's Law.

The law prohibits sex offenders from living within 2,000 feet of schools, parks and other places children congregate.

Webb says offenders come to Los Angeles to live in housing units compliant with the law, especially in the area near the harbor.

When funding for these houses runs out, the offenders can end up homeless.

Webb says there has been no increase in recidivism.

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Taking over the streets

Editor:

There's lots of disheartening letters these days critical of bicycling after the likes of the Daily Press reports that cycling continues to be dangerous on our city streets.

One solution, in light of the flowering growth of cycling in Santa Monica, is to make biking safer for cyclists. We need to develop alternatives like biking anyway to get off oil dependence.

So, how can we make biking safer, easier, and more mainstream? Cities like Portland, Madison, and San Francisco are trying. But the most progress is being made in Europe, where Santa Monica could look to. The few designated bike lanes are OK in Santa Monica, but not enough.

Some European ideas are that bike lanes should also be physically separated from cars. In Copenhagen, for instance, the busy streets are lined with cycle tracks (elevated bike paths painted bright blue for distinction). In the Hague, bike paths are separate from cars and trucks. Some streets are even designated as "bike boulevards," where bikes take precedence over cars.

In some Dutch cities bike riders stopped at red lights can grab onto railings to keep their balance. And another of their projects is to improve parking.

Access to safe, convenient bike storage has a big impact on whether people bike, as most people choose the car just because it's easier, being right out front on the street.

And Santa Monica can teach the young in school. In Copenhagen, instead of driver's education classes, children attend biker's-ed through grade school, where they learn traffic laws, proper bike etiquette and general agility. We should consider adding these features to city life that will make it as convenient to bike as it is to drive or walk. On Oct. 10, here in Santa Monica, we'll see how this works when our Downtown streets become bike and people friendly for the day when the streets are closed off to cars.

Andy K. Liberman
Santa Monica

Flag facts

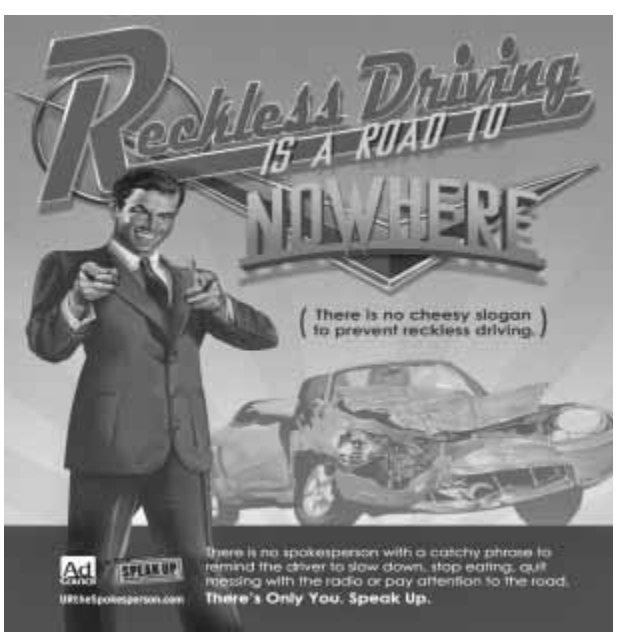
Editor:

I want to thank John Medlin ("Don't disrespect the flag," Letters to the editor, Sept. 24), for teaching me the reason our flag is flown at half-mast. I always thought it was to honor our true heroes – our precious youth who died on the battlefield. It came as a shock to me to learn it was to honor "principal figures of the U.S. government ... ."

I am horrified at the thought that one day the men responsible for so many unnecessary deaths may be so honored.

The villain here is the law, and it must be changed to honor our true heroes. In the present time of war, flags should be flown at half-mast daily, not just on Sundays, and all day. And without the up/down fanfare!

Cecilia Rosenthal
Santa Monica





Hiding in the Open

David Alsabery — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Lessons learned from Al Capone

IF YOU SUPPORT KEEPING MARIJUANA illegal you are supporting terrorism. In 1919, the United States Constitution was amended to outlaw alcohol. The unintended consequence was the rise to power of organized crime. Today we face the same threat from Mexican narco-terrorists that control the trafficking of marijuana in the United States. According to a 2008 Justice Department threat assessment, "Mexican drug trafficking organizations represent the greatest organized crime threat to the United States." But a solution is at hand. The Tax Cannabis 2010 organization has put an initiative on the ballot for this November that will legalize, tax, and regulate marijuana in California.

Trying to charge Al Capone for alcohol production, drug smuggling and distribution proved impossible, and in the end they sent him to jail on tax evasion. Like the drug dealers of today, Al Capone bribed elected officials, colluded with bankers and everyone else in the food chain. No matter how much money we spent to fight organized crime, the dealers prevailed and grew stronger. Our local police do not have a chance when the full military power of the United States is in Afghanistan today, and they are not able to stop the heroin production from growing to 93 percent of the world's crops. Those drugs pay for the terrorists to attack us.

Finally Americans decided to pass the 21st Amendment to the Constitution that repealed the prohibition of alcohol. In one quick move the dealers were out of business. At the same time the federal, state and local governments all taxed the production, sales and distribution of alcohol.

We face the same challenge today. The people that profit from keeping marijuana illegal have worked hard to keep it illegal. The Mexican drug cartels do not want legal marijuana in the United States for obvious reasons. The Mexican narco-terrorists use that money to destroy the lives of the good people of Mexico and force them to flee to our country every day. What people don't realize is that the American Medical Association is on the side of the drug dealers, and fights hard to keep it illegal as well. The reason is simple, the AMA and the narco-terrorists together control the entire North American drug trade. If you don't believe the AMA is in it for the money, ask yourself why the Food and Drug Administration has done no study to date on the medical use of marijuana.

Without conducting a study of their own, the FDA's position contradicts the favorable 1999 study by the Institute of Medicine, a part of the National Academy of Sciences, our nation's most prestigious scientific advisory agency. "Unfortunately, this is yet another example of the FDA making pronouncements that seem to be driven more by ideology than by science," said Dr. Jerry Avorn, a medical professor at Harvard Medical School.

A close friend had a fight with cancer and the doctors prescribed about $9,000 per month of highly addictive pills to manage the pain. That person tried marijuana and found it worked better and was far less expensive. Marijuana has many benefits that the AMA really does not want you to know since they can prescribe you a great number of expensive, highly addictive alternatives that make them a great deal of profit. If you think the AMA has your best interests in mind, ask yourself how many diseases have been cured in the last 20 years? How many addicts do they create by giving you the only legal way to "manage" your ailment with a lifetime of profitable drugs? Cures are not very profitable.

I hear many argue that marijuana is a gateway drug while alcohol is not. Alcohol can cause people to beat their spouse and drive their car into a bus full of children. In contrast, Marijuana causes people to stay home, eat food and sit on the couch. The only gateway to addictive drugs is created by forcing people to deal with drug dealers that also sell addictive drugs. The medical marijuana shops do not sell hard drugs and have proven to be easy to tax, regulate and control.

The proposed law is well written and to the point. The proposed law states: "Prohibits people from possessing marijuana on school grounds, using it in public, smoking it while minors are present, or providing it to anyone under 21 years old. Maintains current prohibitions against operating a vehicle while impaired." This leaves marijuana in the hands of the same people that can buy a bottle of scotch. In the Netherlands, which legalized marijuana, the number is half that of American users as a percentage of population.

Like any good Republican, I always look to raise revenue from fair sources and encourage more effective ways to fight crime. The people of Santa Monica and their neighbors on the Westside have led the charge to fight the evil narco-terrorists with the medical marijuana movement. The people of Santa Monica had the sense to pass a law that made personal marijuana use the police department's lowest priority. Since we did that, the police were able to focus on real crime and real criminals. The 21st Amendment method of legalizing a controlled substance has proven to work. Let's do the smart thing and stop the Mexican narco-terrorists once and for all by taking away their main source of revenue and have more money for the schools.

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Prop. 25: New front in long war against Proposition 13

PROPOSITION 25 IS THE LATEST WEAPON against Proposition 13, but backers don't want voters to know it.

Statewide polls taken in recent years consistently show Proposition 13 to be as popular as it was 32 years ago when it passed with nearly two-thirds of the vote. While the general public supports the landmark measure with its limitation on property tax increases and requirement of a two-thirds vote of the Legislature to increase state taxes, politicians and government employee union leaders continue to see Proposition 13 as a barrier to their draining every dime from taxpayers.

Writing about the campaign to pass Proposition 13, the measure's author, Howard Jarvis, wrote, "Virtually all of the howlers against Proposition 13 had their noses buried deeply in the public trough. They were on a gravy train provided by the taxpayers, and they wanted to ride that train at the taxpayers' expense until they reached the promised land of exorbitant pensions for the rest of their lives."

Three decades later, Jarvis' description of Proposition 13's opponents is still accurate — with one important exception. Those who would destroy Proposition 13 no longer howl against it directly. They have learned that the public will reject and ridicule their complaints. They have become more clever, more subtle in their efforts to undermine Proposition 13. Now, they employ other methods to soften voter resolve and convince the public to return more control over taxing and spending to the politicians and there government employee union allies.

Enter Proposition 25, a creation of ultra-liberal former Sen. John Burton. With great fanfare, promoters of this measure say it will not change the rules to pass new taxes — all it does is make it easier to pass the state budget — what's not to like?

The two-thirds vote requirement to pass a budget, which Burton and others want to lower, dates back to 1933. It has served as an assurance that, not only will both major parties be considered in spending plans, but so, too, will all geographic areas of the state.

If all Proposition 25 did was lower the vote to pass a budget, that would be detrimental enough, but it also contains language that says that appropriations-related bills can be passed with a simple majority. To some legal experts this means new taxes could be approved using this loophole, thereby circumventing Proposition 13. Add to that the fact that an easy to pass budget would allow greater spending — risking more debt for our state — and it becomes clear that Proposition 25 is a witches brew, very damaging to taxpayers.

But that is just the "good" news.

Here is what Proposition 25 is really all about, in the words of some of its promoters. Talking about eliminating the two-thirds vote for the budget and for taxes, Senate leader Darrell Steinberg said, "The question then becomes one of strategy and timing. Do you try to accomplish it all at once, or do you set a two- to four-year to six–year plan that takes a big piece or two at a time to voters?"

THE TWO-THIRDS VOTE REQUIREMENT TO PASS A BUDGET, WHICH BURTON AND OTHERS WANT TO LOWER, DATES BACK TO 1933. IT HAS SERVED AS AN ASSURANCE THAT, NOT ONLY WILL BOTH MAJOR PARTIES BE CONSIDERED IN SPENDING PLANS, BUT SO, TOO, WILL ALL GEOGRAPHIC AREAS OF THE STATE.

And United Teachers of Los Angeles — a major backer of Proposition 25 along with allied unions CFT and CTA — tells its members, "Further it will send an important signal that Californians believe in majority rule and will help set the stage for taking on some of the regressive elements of Proposition 13."

To Steinberg, Burton and the government employee unions, the "regressive elements of Proposition 13" are the taxpayer protections it contains. If Proposition 25 passes, we know what will come next.

JON COUPAL is president of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, California's largest grass-roots taxpayer organization dedicated to the protection of Proposition 13 and the advancement of taxpayers' rights.

The Q Line

What's bugging you?

With election season upon us, we were wondering what is bothering Santa Monica residents these days.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
What poses the greatest threat to the quality of life in this city by the sea, and what could be done about it?

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Culver City hiker followed shade during desert ordeal

JACOB ADELMAN
Associated Press Writer

CULVER CITY A 64-year-old man who was stranded for six days in the Joshua Tree desert in Southern California said Tuesday he survived by staying still in a small canyon and moving only to follow the shade.

Edward Rosenthal said he became so weak that he couldn't sit up when a helicopter rescue crew finally found him last Thursday.

He was gaunt and a bit unsteady Tuesday at his first news conference since the ordeal in the desert, where he had lost 20 pounds.

His face was tan and leathery, and his eyes were tired but alert as he recounted the days without food or water, beyond the rain drops he caught in his mouth during a drizzle that came the day before he was rescued.

"I'm much more religious now," he said. "I prayed for rain and it rained."

His ordeal started Sept. 24 when Rosenthal went for a day hike but became disoriented after making a wrong turn while returning to his car.

In the days that followed, he wrote on his hat what he thought would be his last messages of love to his wife and daughter, and to offer plans for his funeral.

To his brother he wrote: "A brother like you, is all good and true." To his nephew: "Gideon — Kick soccer ass!"

He named pallbearers for his funeral, specified a menu and asked guests not to solemnly mourn him but to get drunk and celebrate his life instead.

Rosenthal, a prominent Los Angeles real estate broker, also recalled restricting his movements to use as little energy as possible, and using his prized walking stick to lift himself up and out of the sun just a few times a day.

"If I had to walk 10 steps, that was a big deal," said Rosenthal, who spoke in the dining room of Clifton's Cafeteria, a landmark restaurant he had brokered the sale of just days before leaving on what he thought would be a short hike in Joshua Tree National Park, where he had been many times.

After losing his bearings, he wandered some 25 miles in the searing heat to the canyon where he spent the following days with a horsefly that buzzed around him.

He was dehydrated when rescue crews airlifted him to a hospital and doctors told him his kidneys were in danger of failing. By Monday, he had recovered enough to return to his Culver City home.

He did not think he would have survived without the walking stick, the light rain and the small canyon that offered refuge from the sun.

"That little five-acre canyon saved my life. It always had some shade," he said.

LAUSD expects $268 million budget gap for 2011-12

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES The Los Angeles school district faces a $268 million budget deficit for the next academic year that could affect as many as 3,300 jobs, the superintendent said Tuesday.

Superintendent Ramon Cortines said he was proposing to partially cover the shortfall by using $103 million in federal education jobs funding and reducing expenses by $5 million at central headquarters and district offices.

The remainder, though, could come from employee givebacks.

The district intends to discuss several options with unions to avoid layoffs. The possibilities include pay cuts, furlough days or a combination of furloughs and salary freezes, Cortines said.

The superintendent noted the budget figures were preliminary because the state has not yet released final funding amounts.

United Teachers Los Angeles said Cortines' statements were a scare tactic designed to extract more concessions from employees.

The union said when state funding is finalized, it is willing to negotiate and will also present its own proposals.

Cortines said the deficit could widen if the district loses special education and other federal funding for low-income students.

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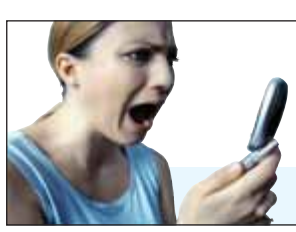


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Stocks shoot to new five-month high

SETH SUTEL
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK Stocks surged to their highest level in five months Tuesday after a measure of the most important driver of the U.S. economy surged ahead in September, a hopeful sign for the country's main source of employment.

A surprise move by the Bank of Japan to cut its key interest rate to virtually zero also lifted stocks worldwide. The dollar fell as investors shed defensive assets, and a gauge of U.S. stock market volatility fell.

The Institute for Supply Management reported that its index of business activity at U.S. service companies expanded again last month, and far faster than analysts were expecting. The ISM's measure of service companies encompasses a wide range of industries including finance, health care and trade.

It was the ninth-straight month of expansion in service businesses, which have been growing at a slower pace in the U.S. relative to the much smaller manufacturing sector. Service providers account for about 83 percent of all private employment in the U.S.

Traders are also hoping to get more positive news from the beginning of corporate earnings reports this week and from another key economic indicator, the Labor Department's monthly jobs survey on Friday. PepsiCo Inc. and Alcoa Inc. report results on Thursday.

In corporate news, Mexican broadcaster Grupo Televisa said it would invest $1.2 billion in Univision Communications, expanding a license deal between the Spanish-language media heavyweights. Televisa's U.S. shares rose 9.8 percent.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 193.45 points, or 1.8 percent, to close at 10,944.72, its highest close since May 3 and its biggest gain since Sept. 24. The Dow is still 2.3 percent below is 2010 high reached on April 26, and is up 5 percent for the year so far.

All but one of the 30 companies that make up the average rose, led by Boeing Co. and Bank of America Corp. American Express Co. fell again, a day after the company said it would fight an antitrust lawsuit, even after Visa and MasterCard settled similar suits.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 23.72, or 2.1 percent, to 1,160.75. The index broke through 1,150, a level it hadn't traded above since mid-May, and kept on going.

Robert Pavlik, chief market strategist at Banyan Partners LLC in New York, cited another factor in today's upward swing: Even when stocks have fallen lately, the S&P 500 has managed to stay above 1,130, a key technical barrier that it had broken through on Sept. 20. He said that has given jittery investors confidence to buy.

"A lot folks who have cash on the sidelines are being drawn into the market because they don't want to be left behind," Pavlik says. "I think there's potential to get to 1,200 by the end of the year."

The Nasdaq composite index rose 55.31, or 2.4 percent, to 2,399.83.

Other market indicators also suggested growing confidence among investors. An index measuring the dollar against six major currencies fell 0.7 percent, the CBOE Market Volatility Index fell 7.2 percent to its lowest level since Sept. 24, and crude oil rose $1.35 to settle at $82.82 a barrel.

Service sector flexes in September

TALI ARBEL
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK The U.S. service sector, the nation's predominant employer, expanded in September for a ninth straight month, although the growth has not been consistent enough to dent the high unemployment rate.

The Institute for Supply Management said Tuesday that its service-sector index rose last month to 53.2 from 51.5 in August. The rate hit a high point of 55.4 in March, stayed there in April and May, and has fluctuated since. Readings above 50 signal growth.

Weak consumer spending has kept the service industry, which employs about 83 percent of workers in the private sector, from gaining momentum after the recession ended. Economists say Tuesday's reading was better than expected, but not enough to change their outlook of high unemployment and slow job growth for the rest of the year.

Still, stocks jumped on hopes that the report points to an improving economy. The Dow Jones industrial average gained 193.45, or 1.8 percent, to 10,944.72.

Many expect Friday's employment report to show the jobless rate rose in September to 9.7 percent from 9.6 percent, and that 75,000 private-sector jobs were added. They predict the economy will growth at roughly a 2 percent rate for the rest of the year, not enough to lower unemployment.

"Obviously a rise is better than a fall, but we're still faced with an economy that is growing well below its trend rate and not fast enough to generate the job gains required to drive down the unemployment rate," Paul Ashworth, senior U.S. economist for Capital Economics, said about the service-sector survey.

The service-sector survey, along with a surprise move by the central bank of Japan to slash interest rates to near zero, helped to lift stocks. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 172 points in afternoon trading.

The survey polls about 350 companies in 18 industries, including health care, retail, utilities, education, financial services and shipping. In September, 11 of the industries reported growth. They were led by business management and administrative services, industries that provide information, and professional and scientific services. Three industries shrank and four had the same pace of activity.

There were a few promising signals for winter. A gauge of future business, the new orders index, grew more quickly in September than in August. That suggests demand for services has increased and business activity may grow in the next few months.

And, a measure of how willing employers are to fill vacant positions showed slim growth in September after a pullback in August. Still, that improvement, to 50.2 from 48.2, leaves the measure stuck in the same range it has been for months. It does not suggest employers are ready to hire enough to bring down the employment rate.

"It's still teetering on that threshold between expansion and contraction which continues to show that overall employment is still very weak," said Wells Fargo economist Anika Khan.

An analysis by Credit Suisse economist Jill Brown of ISM's employment measure in September suggests the economy added about 90,000 jobs in the service sector last month.

Brown predicts businesses and organizations added a net total of 75,000 jobs in September, just slightly more than the 67,000 private-sector jobs gained in August and in line with other economists' forecasts.

Private companies and other organizations would need to consistently add about 125,000 jobs each month to bring down the unemployment rate, Khan said.




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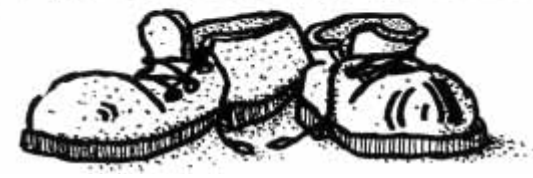
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BOYS FOOTBALL				
Oct 9	JV	St. Francis	St. Bernard	4:00pm
Oct 9	Var	Windward	St. Bernard	7:00pm

Santa Monica High School

Date	Team	Opponent	Location	Time
BOYS WATER POLO				
Oct 6	Var	CulverCity (Ocean League Game)		3:00pm
Oct 6	Frosh/Soph	CulverCity (Ocean League Game)		4:00pm
Oct 7	Var	Chadwick School		3:30pm
Oct 7	Frosh/Soph	Chadwick School		4:30pm
GIRLS TENNIS				
Oct 7	Var	Morningside	Morningside	2:30pm
Oct 12	Var	Beverly Hills	Beverly Hills	2:30pm
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL				
Oct 6	Var	Inglewood		3:15pm
Oct 6	JV	Inglewood		4:30pm
Oct 8	Var	Culver City		3:15pm
Oct 8	JV	Culver City		4:30pm
Oct 12	Var	Morningside	Morningside	3:15pm
Oct 12	JV	Morningside	Morningside	4:30pm
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Oct 7	JV	Centennial HS	Compton	3:00pm
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Hall need more money, and should a portion of potential new revenue be directed to local schools?), and City Hall's vigilance when it comes to enforcing development agreements (Why didn't officials hold developers' feet to the fire sooner?).

Testy exchanges were few and far between, with possibly the most pointed back-and-forth occurring when City Council challenger Robert Kronovet said opponent Terry O'Day was "clearly in the pocket of developers" and questioned his environmental record. O'Day fired back by criticizing Kronovet's plan to ask the federal government to revive a New Deal-era public works program in order to deal with homelessness in Santa Monica.

In between the school board and City Council candidate discussions, proponents and opponents of Measure Y, the proposed half-percent sales tax increase that will appear on the ballot, had a chance to duke it out. The same team that opposed the failed school district parcel tax earlier this year — Matt Millen and Don Gray — spoke against the initiative, while real estate attorney Tom Larmore and City Councilman Kevin McKeown made up the pro-Y team.

"How many of you in this community ever thought you'd see Tom Larmore and me sitting together?" McKeown, known as a progressive on the council who regularly argues for scaled-down development projects, quipped at one point.

The discussion also covered Measure YY, an advisory measure that, if passed by voters, would urge the City Council to dedicate half

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> **Kevin McKeown,**
> City Councilman

of the estimated $12 million that would be raised to public education.

Millen argued the advisory measure has "no force of law" and wouldn't compel the council to pledge the money to the school district. With rising pension costs, a future council could easily spend the money on obligations besides funding education, he said.

Larmore and McKeown countered that leaders have pledged to fully honor the public's wishes regarding YY and plan to follow through. They said the money that would be raised is vital to protect services and schools in Santa Monica as the state budget crisis threatens programs. They denied the tax hike would hurt business, with Larmore predicting it could even keep more money in Santa Monica by encouraging school supporters to shop locally.

For those who missed the action, a video of Squirm Night will be posted on YouTube by the end of the week. Check www.smdp.com for updates and a link.

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Oahu, which took place Aug. 12-14.

Samohi ended its run in that tournament with three wins and five losses before playing in the North High Tournament, where they faced Chadwick High School, losing both matches.

Coach Sato said her goals for this season include winning the Ocean League and qualifying for the California Interscholastic Southern Section playoffs once again. She said hard work and determination are what it will take to get the team to the late rounds of the postseason this year.

"We played really well in the North High Tournament," Sato said. "We lost in the second round, but were able to look at a few different lineups and work in a few of the younger players.

"The players are still competing for starting positions. We have some younger players that have shown considerable improvement and are hungry to get on the court."

The Vikings are not in the top 10 of the CIF-SS Division 3-AA poll, but are among a small group of teams on the cusp of making the rankings.

Last season, the Vikings finished with a record of 15 wins and 7 losses. They were second in the Ocean League with a record of 9-1, narrowly edged out by Beverly Hills High School.

The Vikings play in the six-team Ocean League. Sato said Beverly Hills is the league favorite, with other teams including Morningside, Culver City, Hawthorne and Inglewood High Schools.

The Vikings play league rival Inglewood today at 3:15 in the north gym. They continue league play on Friday against Culver City at home. That game is also set to begin at 3:15.

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the new meeting format because the change meant there is no longer a public comment period at the beginning reserved for disabled members of the public who wish to address the council.

Instead, those who can't wait until an agenda item is called to speak — whether because of a disability or some other reason — are now being asked to submit their comments in writing.

It's a change that Pro Se, a frequent critic of the council and City Hall, said was a constitutional violation that amounts to discrimination against the disabled.

By doing away with the early public comment period for those in need of special accommodations, he said the council was in effect denying the disabled an equal right to participate in democracy.

In what he called "an act of defiance," Pro Se remained in the vicinity of the podium throughout the Sept. 28 meeting — a show of endurance that he said caused further injury to his spine and the loss of some use of his right arm.

In a claim filed with City Hall last Thursday, he said the injuries should entitle him to $10 million in compensation.

Despite the sky-high claim, officials were not alarmed by the potential for liability.

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"We get claims on everything from A to Z," said City Clerk Maria Stewart.

Marsha Moutrie, the City Attorney said: "I don't have any concerns about it. The city is not legally required to allow any members of the public to speak early. We are only required to make the same opportunities available to all, and we do."

Seeming to acknowledge the claim would inevitably be rejected, Pro Se said he plans to take his battle for damages to court.

But he said he's not planning to continue his protest at the council's next meeting, scheduled for Oct. 12.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Lawmakers want IRS to examine bowl tax complaint

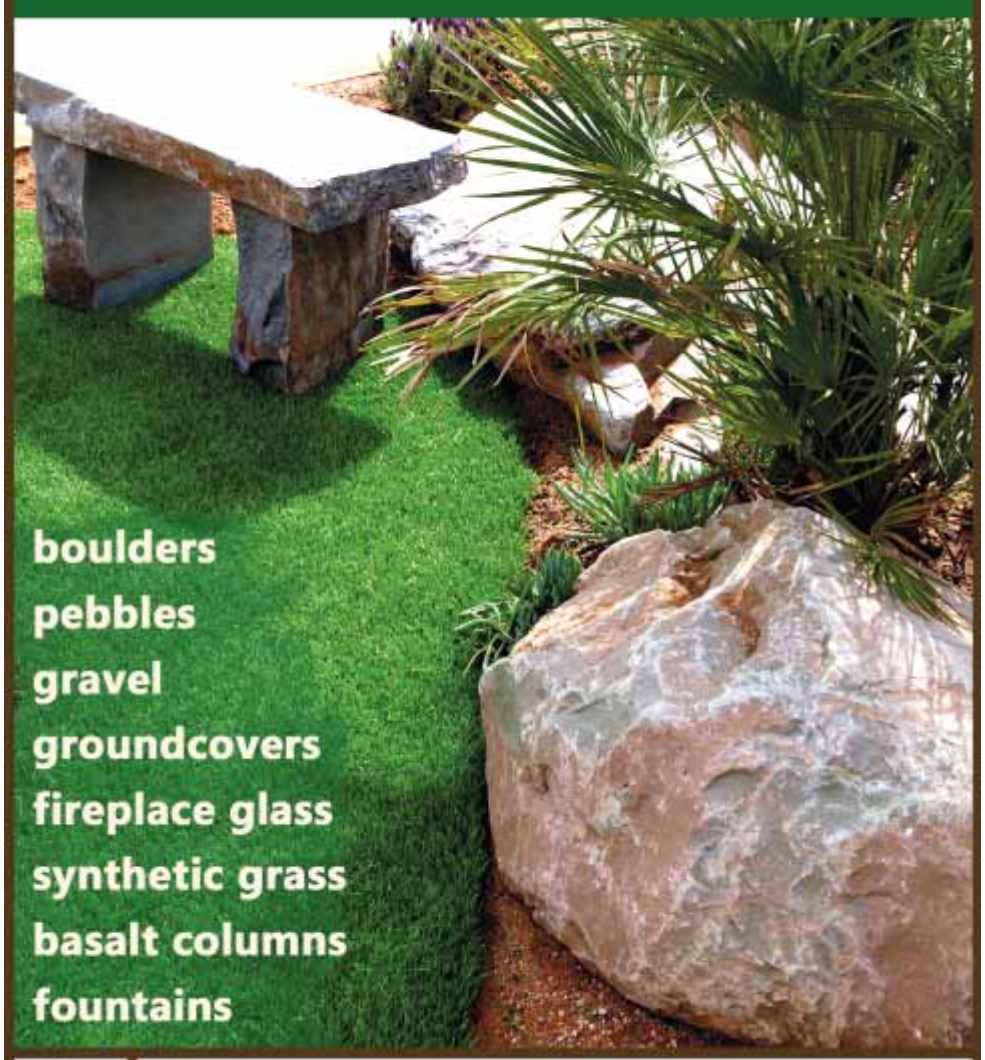
FREDERIC J. FROMMER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON Four lawmakers are urging the Internal Revenue Service to "thoroughly examine" a tax complaint filed against three premier college football bowls.

Playoff PAC, a political action committee that wants the bowls replaced with a championship playoff system, recently filed the complaint with the IRS against the operators of the Fiesta, Sugar and Orange bowls. They are three of the five games that constitute the Bowl Championship Series. Playoff PAC accuses the bowls of violating their tax-exempt status by paying excessive salaries and perks and providing "sweetheart loans."

Rep. Joe Barton, R-Texas, and three other House members critical of the BCS wrote to IRS Commissioner Doug Shulman requesting a close review of the complaint.







NCAA SPORTS

Pac-10 officials ponder tough decisions

JOHN MARSHALL
AP College Football Writer

PHOENIX A relative newcomer with a background in tennis, not football, Pac-10 commissioner Larry Scott doesn't feel comfortable characterizing this week's athletic directors meetings as the most important in conference history. He'll leave that to someone who's been around a little longer.

But don't confuse reticence for naivete. Scott understands the potential landscape-altering significance Wednesday and Thursday in San Francisco — and the meeting of presidents and chancellors later in the month — will have on the future of what will become the Pac-12 next year.

"This is an inflection point with the conference moving to 12 teams," Scott said. "This conference is about to scale to new heights in terms of the popularity that we had and the types of media agreements we're about to strike next year. How we move to a 12-team conference when we haven't expanded since 1978 has obviously kicked up some pretty weighty issues."

The heavy lifting will be a three-headed monster: creating divisions and a schedule that don't foul up existing rivalries, divvying up the revenue and deciding on a format — and possibly a site — for a football championship game.

Revenue sharing will likely be the top priority.

The Pac-10's current model is based on TV appearances; get on TV more, get more money.

With the conference's current TV deals set to expire, the Pac-10 could be on the verge of a massive financial windfall, particularly if it's able to create its own network similar to the Big Ten's.

With so much money potentially on the table, there will likely be a push to divide it up more equally. Figure on USC and UCLA voting against a share-the-wealth model, though, since those schools traditionally make more TV appearances.

Another potentially divisive issue is figuring out how to divide the schools now that Colorado and Utah are joining the conference.

The conference is looking at numerous models, including north/south or coastal/inland splits, even breaking schools into pods.

There's also been discussion of a "zipper" model that would split geographical rivals down the middle and have them play in the regular season finale, which would allow each team to play in Los Angeles every year while still getting a shot at their biggest rival.

The Southern California trips are big for schools around the conference because of the rich recruiting grounds and, at least under the current deals, the extra TV money.

Whatever is decided, expect the revenue-sharing plan to be a big influence.

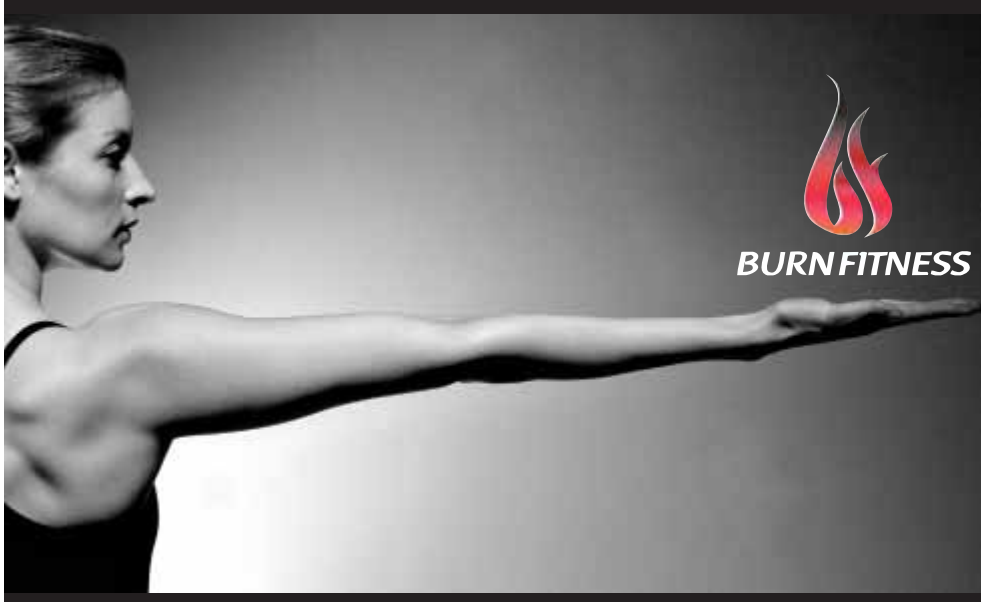
"Between those two issues, I think there is some interrelation," Scott said. "Traditionally, our conference has shared football TV revenue on the basis of how often you're on TV and folks correlate division structure with how often you're playing certain teams, particularly LA teams, and some get on TV more often than others.

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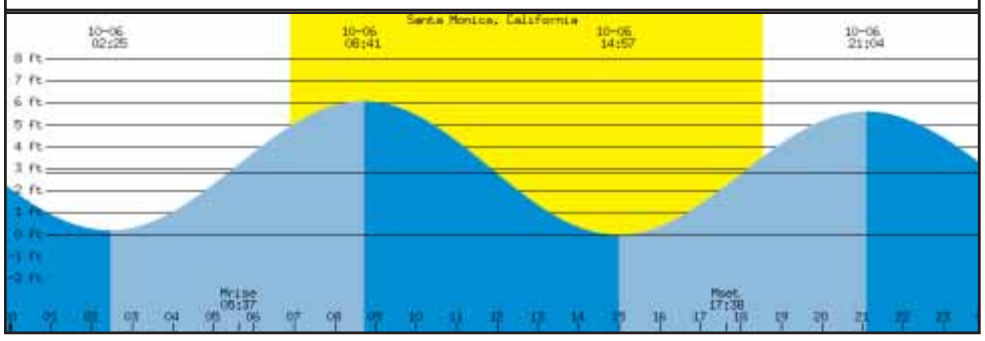
Swell Forecast

Looks a bit smaller as both swells fade, perhaps waist to chest most everywhere with the best chance for chest high surf at west facing breaks.

Long Range Synopsis

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Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **September 29, 2010**

HEAL THE BAY - 1444 9th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 - www.healthebay.org - brc@healthebay.org - 800 HEAL BAY

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 4
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 44 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 3 / ns

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: The Diller – von Furstenberg Family Foundation, Grousbeck Family Foundation, Carlson Family Foundation, Inc., simplehuman, SIMA

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
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 Lechusa 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 Rominer 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..	C	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.	A	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

Heal the Bay is a non-profit environmental organization dedicated to making Santa Monica Bay and Southern California coastal waters safe and healthy for people and marine life.

Heal the Bay

Heal the Bay's Beach Report Card® is based on weekly water quality monitoring data provided by the City of Los Angeles' Environmental Monitoring Division and the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. Data is analyzed as soon as it is made available to us by the public agencies. Beaches are graded on an A–F scale based on the risk of ocean users becoming ill. Samples are analyzed for bacteria—enterococcus, total and fecal coliforms—that indicate biological pollution. A fact sheet detailing the exact methodology used in determining grades for each location is available from the office or on our web site. The report is not designed to measure the amount of trash or toxins found at local beaches.

The Beach Report Card is an indication of past water quality and is not a warranty of the current safety of those areas surveyed. Our lawyers are happy.

PAC-10
FROM PAGE 11

"Until we are able to agree on our new revenue-sharing plan, we will have to decide those things in concept."

One decision appears to be an all-but-done deal: a football championship game.

The question will be where to play it.

One proposal is to have it at a neutral site, with Las Vegas, San Diego or NFL stadiums in Phoenix and the Bay Area as top contenders. The conference also is looking into the NFL playoff model, giving the higher-ranked team home-field advantage.

The neutral-site option appears to be most likely, since the logistics of planning a championship game in less than a week would be a nightmare and three of the conference's stadiums hold less than 50,000 fans, which would result in a huge loss in revenue for the conference.

The conference's athletic directors have already been discussing all three issues, but don't expect any decisions to come out of the meetings. It'll be more like a list of pros and cons that the presidents and chancellors will have to hash out at their meeting on Oct. 21.

"I don't think these are the kinds of issues where you have unanimous positions or recommendations," Scott said. "I expect we're going to be narrowing and framing options, but ultimately the decisions will be coming out of our board meeting."

Whatever the board decides, the new Pac-12 isn't likely to look anything like the current Pac-10.





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The 30th Anniversary Asbury Short Film Show of New York
7:30pm

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

Legend of the Guardians 3D: The Owls of Ga'Hoole (NR) 1hr 30min
1:30pm, 4:00pm, 6:30pm, 9:00pm

Catfish (NR) 1hr 34min
2:30pm, 4:45pm, 7:00pm, 9:15pm

Chain Letter (R)
2:15pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 9:40pm

Devil (NR)
4:20pm, 7:25pm, 9:35pm

Alpha and Omega (NR)
2:00pm

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

Legend of the Guardians 3D: The Owls of Ga'Hoole (NR) 1hr 30min
12:05pm, 2:35pm, 5:10pm, 7:40pm, 10:00pm

Let Me In (R) 1hr 55min
1:10pm, 4:05pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps (PG-13) 2hrs 07min
11:45am, 1:00pm, 3:15pm, 4:15pm, 6:30pm, 7:30pm, 9:30pm

You Again (PG) 1hr 45min
11:15am, 1:45pm, 4:15pm, 7:05pm, 9:40pm

Social Network (PG-13) 2hr 1min
11:00am, 12:00pm, 2:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 6:00pm, 8:00pm, 9:00pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
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Teza (NR) 2hrs 20min
1:40pm, 4:50pm, 8:00pm

Never Let Me Go (R) 1hr 58min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 9:55pm

Jack Goes Boating (R) 1hr 29min
1:00pm, 3:20pm, 5:40pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

Waiting for Superman (PG) 1hr 42min
1:30pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 10:00pm

AMC Criterion 6
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Case 39 (R) 1hr 49min
11:30am, 2:10pm, 4:45pm, 7:20pm, 9:55pm

Inception (PG-13) 2hrs 22min
11:15am, 2:30pm, 6:00pm, 9:15pm

Town (R) 2hr 5min
11:00am, 12:00pm, 2:00pm, 3:20pm, 5:00pm, 6:30pm, 8:00pm, 9:40pm

Social Network (PG-13) 2hr 1min
1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

Easy A (PG-13) 1hr 33min
11:05am, 1:20pm, 4:00pm, 7:05pm, 9:35pm

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Private time, Scorpio

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Dive into work with a strong sense of what you must do. Sudden realizations come your way through others and/or some thought about a situation. Postpone any meetings until later today. Tonight: Defer to others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Your creativity surges when in a meeting. Others present options that might not be quite workable, but could be with some touches and adjustments. News from a distance forces a change in your schedule. Tonight: Working late.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ You might be slow to get started, despite others who prod and push to get a response. You could toss your hands in the air, saying "enough." Work through a situation, and you'll come out smiling. Tonight: Midweek break.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Sorting through all the paperwork, calls and inquiries could easily have you a bit crazed. If you feel the need to find an expert, do. You will come out ahead only if you find the appropriate path. Tonight: Home is where the heart is.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Be aware of the financial implications of a partnership. You could suddenly decide to veer in another direction. Make it OK to be somewhat erratic, though normally you behave in a steadfast manner. A discussion could be quite animated and enlightening. Tonight: Hang with friends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Others put an inordinate amount of pressure on you. Examine what needs to be done and why. You don't have to do anything a particular way, though others certainly think they have better ideas. Tonight: Treat a friend to munchies and a drink.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Take your time. Do needed research, and don't back off a decision, even if it isn't popular. Associates could be quite challenging and full of themselves. Your diplomatic skills could be a necessity. Tonight: As you like it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Emphasize other opinions as well as your own. If you don't have the necessary support, you could have a problem. Know what you want and why. Your creativity finds a merging point where others can hop on the bandwagon! Tonight: Much-needed private time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Take a firm hand in clearing out errands or a project. Whether you are organizing an event or working, others trust you to do the right thing. A financial matter could slow you down. Tonight: Where the fun is.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Getting a complete vision will take detachment or perhaps a conversation with someone you respect who has expertise. You could be overwhelmed by all the input you receive. Know when to pull back and rethink a decision. Tonight: Check in on an older friend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Others make it clear where they are coming from. You could be overwhelmed by what is happening. Investigate alternatives with greater care, yet with diplomacy. You could be struggling with how to tell someone you might have changed your mind. Tonight: Relax to good music or a movie.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Juggling the pros and cons of a situation could be difficult, especially as someone makes it clear that you are not the lead player. Say little, and watch what others propose. Tonight: Dinner with a close friend.

Happy birthday

This year, you open up to the possibilities. Though you might spend a lot of time thinking and reflecting, you also come up with unusual answers. The quality of your daily life, health and work become an issue. You might decide on a major change that suits the "new" you. If you are single, you could meet someone in 2011. Take your time getting to know this person. Also, don't commit unless you are sure, as more than one suitor could head your way. If you are attached, you will want to keep in mind your partner. It will be unusually easy to become me-oriented. A fellow LIBRA might seem different but has similar core issues.

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



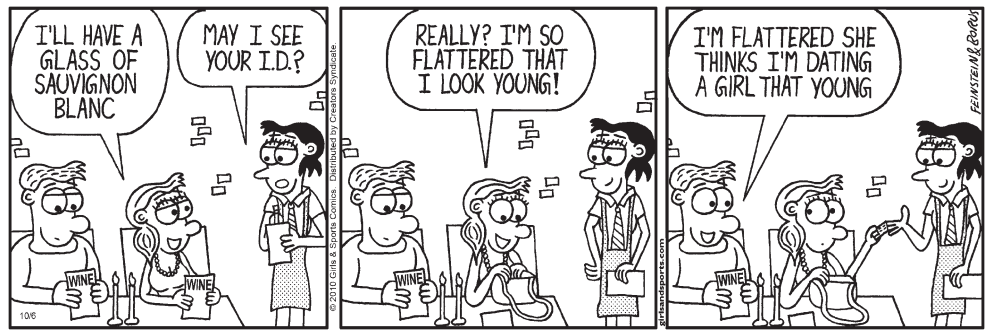
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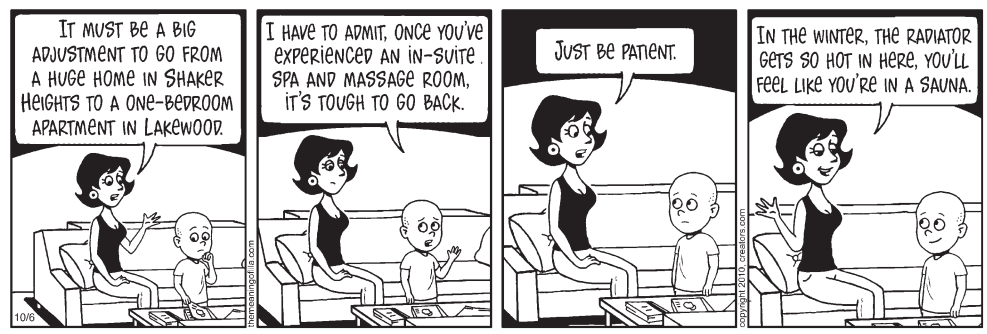
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Sudoku

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 ★★★

		3	2	4				
	7				1			
2		5				9		
7		6				3		
5			1			7		
	8				9	5		
		4	9	3	6	2	7	
						1	3	8
							4	9

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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

6	9	5	4	1	3	7	2	8
8	3	2	7	5	6	9	1	4
1	4	7	9	8	2	3	6	5
4	1	8	5	6	7	2	3	9
2	5	6	3	9	1	8	4	7
3	7	9	2	4	8	6	5	1
9	2	3	1	7	4	5	8	6
5	8	1	6	2	9	4	7	3
7	6	4	8	3	5	1	9	2



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Blood donation
5 Thunder sound
9 Occupied
11 Hooch
12 Caravan creature
13 Film trophy
14 Had dinner
15 Doorways
17 Veneer
19 Golf's Trevino
20 Leg up
21 Porpoise's place
22 Diner seating choice
24 Urgent call
26 Rude fellows
29 Train part
30 Tyrants
32 Incarnations
34 West of Hollywood
35 Gunpowder ingredient
36 Grammar topic
38 Noted trailblazer
39 Longed
40 Goofs
41 Inquisitive

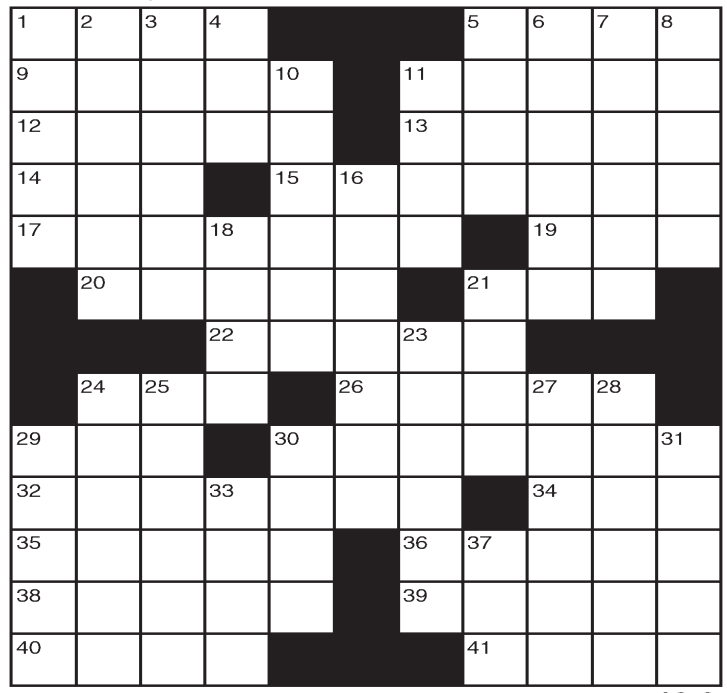
DOWN

1 Print units
2 Place for three men
3 — uno
4 Part of Mao's name
5 Run to
6 Place
7 Flowering shrub
8 In itself
10 Rio Grande city
11 Dull fellow
16 Harvest month
18 Watch chains
21 Mall unit
23 Even chance
24 Rescuer
25 Clay, for one
27 Cheese choice
28 Play places
29 "Now it — told"
30 Be bold
31 Run-down
33 Some bills
37 Moral no-no

B	A	R	M	A	N	■	S	W	A	P
A	S	H	O	R	E	■	P	I	L	E
G	H	O	S	T	W	R	I	T	E	R
■	■	■	C	I	T	E	D	■	■	■
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A	D	D	S	■	S	W	I	P	E	D

Yesterday's answer

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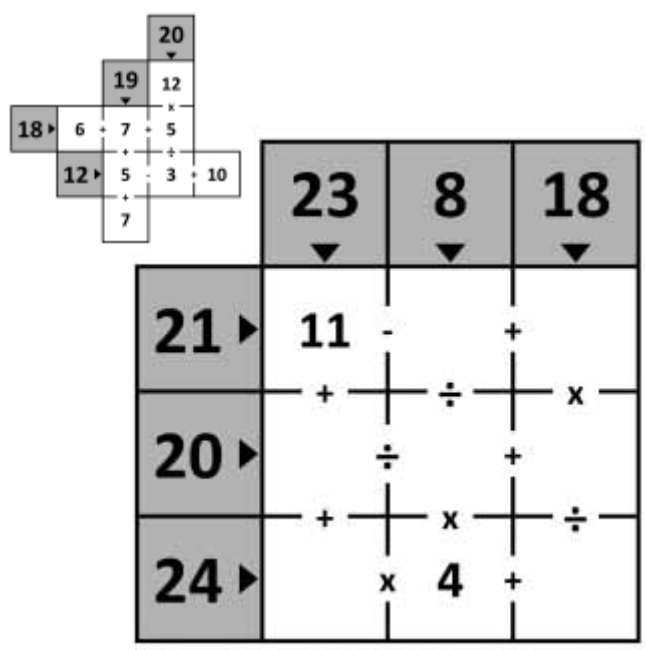
- Fill the grid with the set of given numbers (1 to 12) to satisfy the Equa demands (7 to 24) in the shaded boxes. The Equa demands represent the sum of the digits that you will insert into the empty squares.
- Each horizontal row has one Equa demand to satisfy; each vertical column also has one demand 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.
- The numbers you insert into the grid must satisfy the Equa demands both horizontally and vertically.

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Fill in the empty fields with the given numbers so when calculated together they satisfy all Equas in the gray boxes:

1, 2, 4, 8, 8, 12, 12

Solution for Task 511



DAILY LOTTERY

MEGA MILLIONS: 3 8 21 28 52 Meganumber: 43 Jackpot: $41M
SUPER LOTTO PLUS: 20 24 25 32 34 Meganumber: 11 Jackpot: $28M
Fantasy 5: 10 20 22 23 37
DAILY 3: MIDDAY: 7 2 0 EVENING: 2 8 4
DAILY DERBY: 1st: 10 Solid Gold 2nd: 06 Whirl Win 3rd: 03 Hot Shot RACE TIME: 1:42.77

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Marketing Professionals Not Ready for Prime Time: Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, feeling under-respected academically, commissioned an in-state firm to create a direct-mail campaign highlighting the many benefits of a Drake education. The pitch to potential students, which was rolled out in September in brochures and on Drake's website, is called the "Drake Advantage" and is graphically represented (curiously, for an academic institution) as "D+."

■ Creative Sentencing: (1) Convicted Pennsylvania embezzler Lanette Sansoni pleaded guilty in August and agreed to reimburse the victim the remaining $200,000 of the $475,000 she had stolen. Judge Joseph Smyth then sentenced Sansoni to house arrest -- for 21 years. She can remain out of jail as long as she works and contributes at least $750 a month for restitution. (2) Samuel McMaster Jr. pleaded guilty to securities fraud in August in Albuquerque but struck a deal with prosecutors to enable restitution to his two dozen victims. McMaster fancies himself an expert at poker, and the judge agreed to withhold sentencing for six months to let McMaster prove he could earn at least $7,500 a month for his victims at Las Vegas poker tables.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1903 The High Court of Australia sits for the first time.
1906 The Majlis of Iran convene for the first time.
1908 Austria annexes Bosnia and Herzegovina.
1922 The great powers of World War I withdraw from Istanbul
1927 Opening of The Jazz Singer, the first prominent talking movie.
1928 Chiang Kai-Shek becomes Chairman of the Republic of China.
1945 Baseball: Billy Sianis and his pet billy goat are ejected from Wrigley Field during Game 4 of the 1945 World Series (see Curse of the Billy Goat).

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