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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Samohi's Clark heading home

Second-year head coach leads the Vikings against Inglewood, his former team

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

INGLEWOOD Friday's game between Santa Monica and Inglewood high schools will be a homecoming of sorts.

Head Coach Travis Clark, in his second year leading Samohi (3-2), will be pitting his Vikings against a mighty familiar foe on the road at Coleman Stadium. In addition to being Ocean League rivals, Clark is just four years removed from serving as defensive coordinator for the Inglewood Sentinels (3-2).

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School board member breaks up another fight

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

MALIBU HIGH Trouble, it seems, is always right around the corner.

Tuesday evening, as school board member Oscar de la Torre was heading to a candidate forum being held at Malibu High School, for the second time this year, he saw a fight in progress and stopped to intervene.

The scuffle had apparently broken out between a group of six young men who had been skateboarding on the school's campus and several school custodians who told them to leave the premises.

For de la Torre, it was a case of deja vu.

The school board member became the focus of a Santa Monica Police Department investigation back in March after he showed up at the scene of a fist fight between two high school students near the Pico Youth &

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BUNCH OF BIKES

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Students get their bikes ready to leave school during Bike It Day at Santa Monica High School on Wednesday.

Council gets first peek at park plans

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The City Council on Tuesday got its first chance to formally weigh in on early-stage concepts for what is likely to become the most significant public space in Santa Monica — and the council's most lasting legacy.

Leaders for the first time on Tuesday reviewed preliminary designs for the Palisades Garden Walk and Town Square that is slated for 7 acres in the Civic Center, commenting on the drawings but for the most part refraining from issuing specific judgments.

The park, a $25 million project funded by Santa Monica's Redevelopment Agency, is planned for a vacant lot next to Rand Corp., with the town square portion to be located just west of City Hall.

New York landscape architecture firm James Corner Field Operations has been commissioned to come up with a design.

On Tuesday, council members were largely complimentary of the design team, which has already conducted two public meetings to gather residents' ideas.

Councilman Kevin McKeown praised the firm's efforts to incorporate feedback from Santa Monica residents.

"I was astonished at the two workshops you conducted — how you engaged our community, directed our thinking productively, came out with these ideas, funneled us toward options, and yet I never felt you limited us," he said.

Once built, leaders hope the park will become a destination for residents and visitors as well as a connector between the beach, the Civic Center and points east.

On Tuesday, James Corner presented three concepts for the space. The simplest design, called the "Arroyo Wash," featured "fluid pathways and hills that appear to organically emerge from the entrance of City Hall, extending outward toward Downtown, the pier, and beach," according to a City Hall description. The design also included "newly created hills and overlooks with a maximum height of 15 feet."

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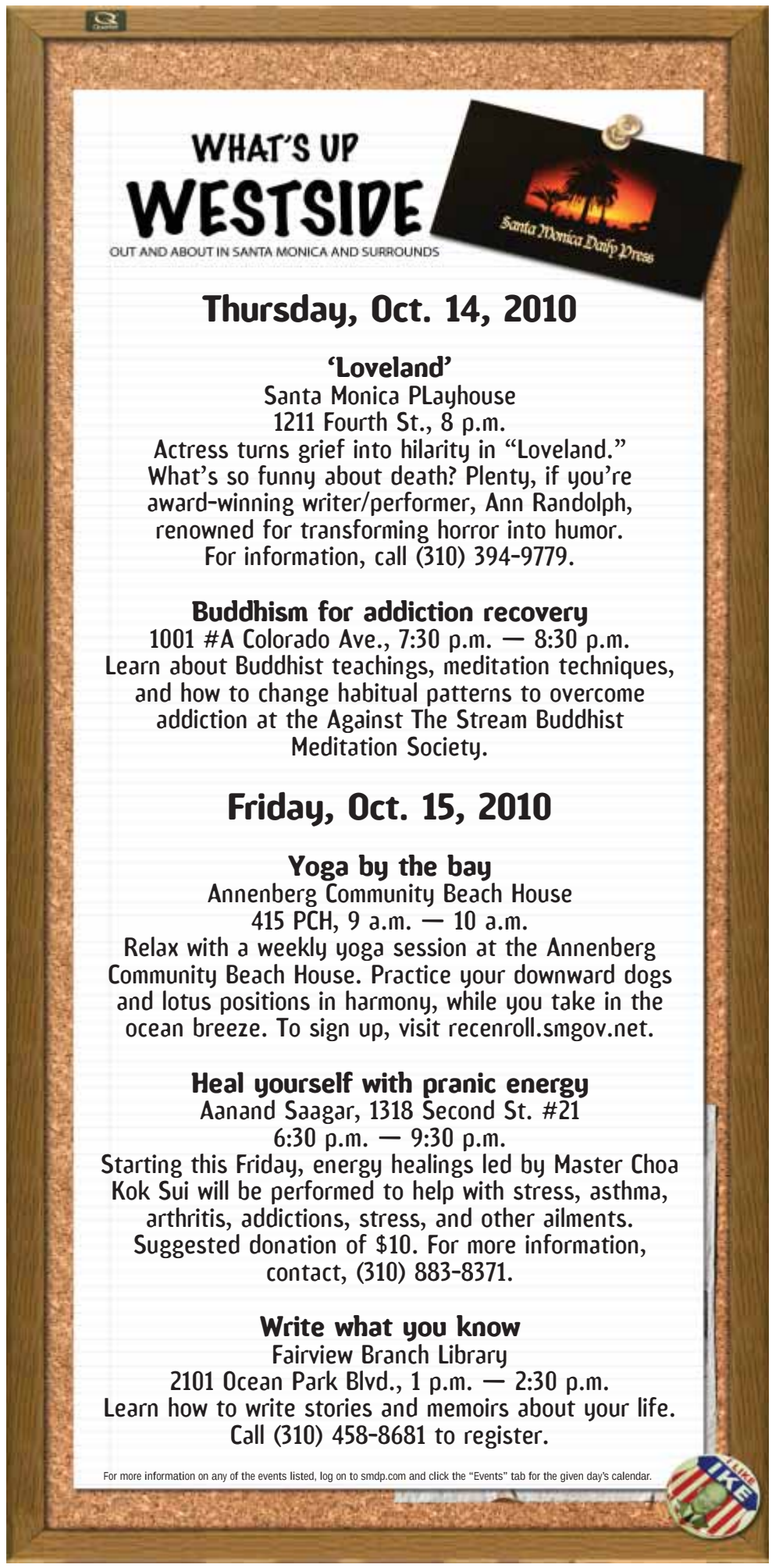
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Buddhism for addiction recovery
1001 #A Colorado Ave., 7:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Learn about Buddhist teachings, meditation techniques, and how to change habitual patterns to overcome addiction at the Against The Stream Buddhist Meditation Society.

Friday, Oct. 15, 2010

Yoga by the bay
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.

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READY FOR HER SHOW: **Actress and playwright Mary Jo Deschanel is the artist-in-residence at the Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club and will be performing her one-woman show 'Dooth on Vonoco' there beginning Oct. 15.**

Mary Jo Deschanel stars in one-woman show about death

BY MELISSA LEU
Special to the Daily Press

DOWNTOWN Like many creative minds, Mary Jo Deschanel keeps a journal for inspiration, recording everything she hears and sees. From the dark director David Lynch to the playwriting professor at UCLA, she's encountered her fair share of colorful characters.

After spending nearly her entire life in Hollywood, a marriage to cinematographer Caleb Deschanel ("My Sister's Keeper," "Passion of the Christ") and raising two kids (Zooey and Emily Deschanel, both accomplished actresses), Deschanel is sharing her experiences in her first one-woman show, "Dooth on Vonoco," a play about exactly what the title insinuates — a death in Venice.

"I would say [the characters] were inspired by real people, but there is no one real person in a character," said Deschanel, who is best known for her work as Eileen Haywood, the handicapped wife in Lynch's TV series "Twin Peaks." "It's all true, but it's not."

The play, which will show Oct. 15 —17 at the Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club, is set in 1970s Venice, Calif. where a group of seven women are connected by the violent death of a young musician.

"The death is the catalyst for the people going into a bit of a shock situation … it allows people to go into another space, and lots of times they open up in a different way," Deschanel said. "I think this death is a very important moment … . We all remember when someone close to us dies, and it really changes you."

Deschanel, who has been developing the characters through acting classes and workshops for the past few years, started seriously working on the project last year.

"A problem [that I had is] I couldn't figure out how to tie them together even though they had similar themes," said Deschanel, who has since finished writing a complete script.

Although she plans on sticking to the dialogue, certain areas will be open to improvi-

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HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

Xrds close to matching last year's win total

BY PATRICK HOURIHAN
Special to the Daily Press

XRDS With eight games left in the regular season and a record of 10-4-1, the Crossroads High School varsity girls' volleyball team is close to matching the number of wins they had last season with 11.

However, the Roadrunners are just 1-3 in Alpha league play this season, a record they need to improve on if they expect to make it again to the California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section playoffs.

The Roadrunners began league play earlier this month and swept Archer on Oct. 1, with convincing scores of 25-15, 25-9 and 25-15. During that game junior Sarah Baradaran had nine kills, while seniors Kylie Deutschman had 17 digs and Madi Fair had four aces.

After that win however, Crossroads have since dropped two straight league matches while failing to win a single game.

"We finally started league play and won our first match against Archer, which was great, but losing to both Campbell Hall and Paraclete has been tough," explained Catie Vagneur-Mintz, head coach for Crossroads. "Our league is so tough that it really makes you enjoy the wins when they come. We're really expecting some battles this season in the league."

The Roadrunners best defense to compete in their second year in the Alpha league is a loaded roaster — of the 14 players listed on the team this season, eight are seniors.

"Our team is so deep and solid in every position it is hard for other teams to adjust," Vagneur-Mintz said.

"Arden Shore and Sarah Baradaran are solid passers and outside hitters, they are go-to hitters for us. Madi Fair is a great setter and Kylie Deutschman keeps us in matches because of her defense. Sara Glusker had a great blocking game against Campbell Hall and in general is a reliable and consistent player.

"There are also the future players of the squad who are already contributing which is helping to add team confidence: sophomore Cherokee Washington and freshmen Zoe Prince and Olivia Levanthal, and several more girls I didn't recognize who are adding so much to our team."

Earlier this season, the Roadrunners won

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Get on board, Bauer

Editor:

We moved to Santa Monica when my kids were in preschool because I wanted to live in a community that invests in its schools and makes them great. Columnist Bill Bauer missed the big picture in Monday's paper when he attacked our schools ("School board incumbents dropped the ball," My Write, page 4, Oct. 11). Santa Monica schools provide an excellent education at a time when most other school districts are falling apart. You wouldn't know it from reading Mr. Bauer's column, but Santa Monica schools are the envy of the region. That's why, even in these difficult economic times, families continue to move to Santa Monica to enroll their kids in our fantastic public schools. It is also why families in Santa Monica are rallying behind Measures Y and YY to protect our schools in the long term. As I say to my kids all the time, you are either part of the solution or part of the problem. Mr. Bauer, stop knocking our schools and Santa Monica and get behind Y and YY.

Margot McLeay
Santa Monica

Crack down on distracted drivers

Editor:

According to the bicycle and pedestrian accident figures published in the Daily Press ("Bike accidents on the rise in Santa Monica," Sept. 29, page 1), in 2008, about 200 car drivers were involved in crashes which were severe enough to require the involvement of the police; 200 drivers who were deeply traumatized, stepping out of their car in the greatest anxiety, barely able to see how badly the victim is faring; 200 happy motorists, in an instant turned into a shivering shadow of their former self, often as badly shocked as the victim itself.

Add to these all the cases where police were not involved, and the figure is probably more like 500 motorists, many of them shaken to the point of wetting themselves. Every single one of them will never again be a member of the happily motoring public.

On both sides of the impact, lives have been destroyed by a moment of inattention, of multi-tasking, of distracted driving or walking, even if only a limb was broken. Not a single driver who suddenly is involved in such an unequal and potentially deadly encounter who would be pleased or gleeful. Even those who shrug it off and deny responsibility ("Wrong time, wrong place") will wake up at night and dream the dreams of a murderer.

The local police may be unclear about its obligation toward the pedestrians and bicyclists who are harmed in great numbers on the streets on Santa Monica. We have not been offered an analysis of these figures, nor have not seen a plan to reduce them. But may I submit that for benefit of all those shocked motorists, each of them undergoing a deeply traumatic experience, our public safety agency has an obligation to act in a strategic manner to reduce unsafe driving on our streets. This is not about ticketing right, left and center, it is about developing a comprehensive strategy with the aim to reduce these shocking and unacceptable numbers.

Beverly Hills now has big signs up that tell drivers the ban on cell phone use is strictly enforced. When will we see these signs in Santa Monica? When will we see police officers riding the streets on bikes so that they can witness and end the plague of distracted driving.

Dr. Michael Cahn
Santa Monica Spoke



Life Matters

JoAnne Barge & Katrina Davy Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Hobbies help high schoolers determine college course

DEAR NEW SHRINK,

My daughter is currently working on her college applications and I am trying my best to support her. For most of the schools she is applying to she must declare a major. However, she feels very unsure about her future and her high school only offers very basic disciplines so she has only been able to explore the typical science, math, English, and social studies courses. While I know what she is good at and I could make a guess about the college majors she could study, I am not sure that this is the best long-term approach. What advice do you have to help her select a college major for her applications?

Signed,
Undeclared Mom

DEAR UNDECLARED MOM,

Your question is a very common one. Choosing a college major is one of the key decisions a young adult has to make, and to make this decision before one has truly experienced the world may seem impossible. While choosing a college major does not dictate the rest of one's life, it still can have a significant impact on a student's adjustment to college life and to opening their mind to new ideas. Ask your daughter to try out the following things before declaring a major on her college applications.

1. Consider what your true interests are. What magazines or books are appealing? What TV shows do you find yourself drawn to? Are there certain special projects that you have really enjoyed? Although high school classes may only expose you to a few topics there are ways to explore your academic interests through other environments. For instance, if you find yourself drawn to home improvement shows, you might consider exploring majors like architecture, real estate, urban planning, or interior design. If you enjoy trying out new recipes or watching cooking shows you might explore majors like hospitality management, culinary arts, or food science.

2. What's your story? Applying to college is all about making sure that the pieces of your background connect to tell a story. Reflect back on your past and consider the things you enjoyed at an early age, the activities you have participated in, the volunteer work you have done to serve your community, and the areas you have received awards for. While this may not translate directly to a college major, it can help you consider how your past experiences can help support your decision to choose a particular field of focus. For instance, if you always find yourself working with a group of people you might explore majors that allow you to work in teams or to study other people. Majors like psychology, sociology, or anthropology might provide a unique opportunity to learn more about the people in the world around you. If you found that you really enjoy being outside or you enjoy working with your hands you might explore mechanical engineering, landscape architecture, or viticulture.

3. Consider your learning style. Do you learn better through reading and lectures? Do you need hands-on activities to truly understand the materials? Do you enjoy group projects? Writing? Experiments? Considering the components of your ideal

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class may help you to make a major decision. Some majors like biological sciences, chemical engineering, or sports medicine typically require a number of labs and experiments whereas majors like philosophy, humanities, or political science may focus more on research papers and projects. By focusing on your strengths and reviewing the classes required of particular majors you could find an ideal match.

4. You can always change your mind. Many college students end up changing their major at least once during college. The more experiences you take advantage of the easier the process of choosing a major will be. Many liberal arts college students are required to take a wide variety of courses in addition to those in their major. Use these electives to test out different majors and confirm whether you made a good first decision or whether you need to re-evaluate and try something else.

Finally, in deciding which schools to apply to it may be best to select those that have a wide variety of majors. Having options once you enroll in a particular school will help your daughter to remain open minded about her major and her future.

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Why potty training is crappy

A CONNOISSEUR OF ROMANTIC COMEDIES, I learned ages ago that despite how hilarious and charming Katherine Heigl and Cynthia Nixon are when they have it unknowingly smeared on their cheeks, there's actually nothing adorable about real life, non-chick flick poop.

In truth, when it becomes embedded in your fingernails after changing a particularly messy diaper and the only way to get rid of the real or psychological stink is to cut them off and bleach the cuticles, no immature but ultimately tender-hearted guy will ever regard feces as if it were a coat of blush and gaze at you lovingly, realizing at long last that he's found his soul mate. As such, most parents drop everything when their children turn 2-ish to impart unto them a set of tools to deal with their own waste.

Yet, a few weeks into trying to get my daughter out of diapers, I'm questioning why we're really trying to potty train her at this exact moment.

The first two years of her life were spent in successive phases. There was the Will She Successfully Breast Feed phase (no), followed by the Will She Choke or Have An Allergic Reaction To Anything She's Being Fed phase (no) and the Will She Ever Learn To Nap phase (yesssss!). Then there was the Will She Ever Crawl and Walk phases (yes and yes), the Will She Be Weaned Off The Bottle Without Issue phase (no, and 11 months later she still won't drink milk), and the Will She Bite Other Kids phase (not yet, fingers crossed).

Each phase comes equipped with its own set of books, tools, stickers, charts, diagrams, gear, television programs, unsolicited advice, and tales of lessons learned the hard way. We've weathered more phases than Jessica Simpson's love life.

Luckily, at the moment everything seems to be smooth sailing. My daughter throws herself into music and art with flair, cheerfully plays and explores on the playground and outside, and except for virtually every flight on which she's been awake (and some on which she's been asleep), I consider myself a fortunate mom (fingers crossed).

For that reason, I'm not sure I have the emotional fortitude to embark on a new journey right now, especially since I don't envision any sort of short- or medium-term relief as a result of the Will She Learn How To Go On The Potty phase. It's not like once she's trained I can leave her sitting on the toilet with a newspaper while I go downstairs to take a nap or cook dinner. I mean, I'll still have to wipe her until she's, like, 5 or 6. With wiping being the worst part about diapers, what's the benefit of doing it while she's sitting on a toilet? With the narrow little potty seat fixed on top, there's much less room to work than the changing table.

Hearing things from other moms like, "Well, you just have to expect accidents and always have a change of clothes handy. It's not a bad idea to keep a portable potty in the back of your car, too," doesn't inspire me to shop for "Dora the Explorer" panties.

I've never really understood the little pots that some people use to train their kids. Who, exactly, cleans them out, and how? That seems to be up there with cloth diapers and '90s grunge rock in terms of filth. And what I'll save in diapers will undoubtedly be made up for in carpet-cleaning expenses. I also know I won't have any patience to wash and reassemble her car seat if she soils it repeatedly. Maybe we can just stop taking her places.

I'm giving serious consideration to boycotting potty training entirely. What's the worst that'll happen if I just stop trying to teach her? Even neglected kids eventually wear underwear without incident, right? Presumably even Precious was potty trained at some point. The preschools might not take my daughter in diapers, but the public school has to. I'm pretty sure that's the law. And despite the fact that she thinks it's a riot to look at the potty and talk about what others do on it, I strongly suspect she won't notice or care if we quietly make it go away.

"Guess who just went pee pee on the potty?" my husband called out from the bathroom last week in the baby-talk way that all adults swear they'll never do until each and every single one of them becomes a parent and does it.

"Did my big girl go pee pee on the potty?" I cried with delight. "Yaaaaaay! Now you get some chocolate!"

"Chock-wit?" she squealed with her legs dangling from the toilet, clapping her hands with joy.

"Yes," I explained. "Here's an M&M. And if you go poo poo or pee pee on the potty again, there's more where that came from."

She ate it and when a second one wasn't forthcoming, the bliss quickly drained from her face.

"So, let me get this straight," her scowl seemed to say, "I pee on the potty and get a single stinking M&M. But last night, when I had a loaded diaper, Daddy and I sat on the couch and shared an entire bag of M&Ms. I think we can effectively kiss the potty training crap good-bye, folks."

At least we're on the same page of this phase.

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The Q Line

What on Y?

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So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
How will you vote on Measures Y and YY, and why?

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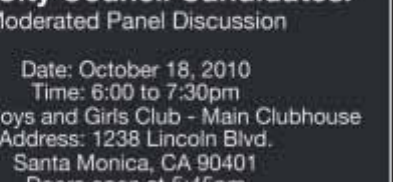
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LOS ANGELES A coastal panel approved a multimillion dollar plan Wednesday to restore circulation to the brackish waters of Malibu Lagoon near one of the state's most popular and scenic stretches of coast.

The lagoon, a wetlands that was first restored in 1983, was so poorly constructed that officials say part of it must be drained and rebuilt to help get water flowing again.

Part of a state park, the lagoon is located where Malibu Creek meets the Pacific Ocean at famed Surfrider Beach.

"If we knew then what we know now we would've done it differently," said Mark Abramson, senior watershed adviser at the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission who has been working on the lagoon for more than a decade.

The plan would be to temporarily drain a 12-acre section of the lagoon near Surfrider Beach to lower the banks and build a single channel. Thousands of plants will also be added to improve the overall health of the lagoon.

Poor circulation caused by the channel configuration has resulted in low oxygen levels and dead zones. Proponents say Malibu Lagoon has low species diversity in comparison to other wetlands.

The changes will take about a year to complete and cost as much as $7 million in state and local funding. In addition to improving water quality and ecological health of the lagoon, the plan may also help Surfrider Beach, which regularly makes the list of most polluted beaches in California. The lagoon periodically breaches into the beach.

Opponents expressed concerns at the commission meeting in Oceanside that the fix could further damage the estuary, which is a regular stop for herons and egrets and other birds.

Commission staff, the city of Malibu and a number of environmental groups support the plan. After hours of debate, the panel voted unanimously to move forward.

Commissioner Sara Wan said long-term benefits outweighed short-term disruptions.

"Overall the lagoon is degraded ... it's not functioning as it should," said Wan, a long-time Malibu resident. "This may not cure all the problems, but it will go a long way to cure many of them."

NTSB issues prelim report on San Bruno gas line blast

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN BRUNO A brief power failure shortly before a deadly gas pipeline explosion in a San Francisco suburb briefly increased pressure in the pipe, according to a preliminary investigative report released Wednesday by federal officials.

The National Transportation Safety Board's first report on the incident does not identify the cause of the Sept. 9 blast that killed eight people and destroyed 37 homes.

Much of the material in the report was previously released, but Wednesday was the first time the board had laid out its timeline of events surrounding the explosion.

Investigators said that after the power failure, an electronic valve opened completely and briefly increased pressure by 15 pounds-per-square-inch just 11 minutes before the blast in a San Bruno neighborhood.

At 6:11 p.m., when the blast occurred, Pacific Gas & Electric Co. monitors recorded a drop in pipeline pressure, likely occurring after it had ruptured and released the gas that eventually created a giant fireball.

Experts said that small increase in pressure would not be enough to rupture the 30-inch steel pipe but could have worsened a preexisting hole.

The NTSB found that PG&E sent its first crews out at 6:45 p.m. to shut off valves that controlled the flow of gas. One manual valve was turned off at 7:20 p.m. and the second at 7:40 p.m., one hour and 29 minutes after the explosion.

PG&E president Chris Johns said Tuesday the company wants to replace its manual valves with automatic or remote controlled valves to increase safety on the gas pipeline.

Rep. Jackie Speier, who has introduced a bill that would require automatic shutoff valves, said the report by the NTSB and the statement by Johns should not divert attention from what she saw as human failure in the delay to dispatch crews to turn off the valves.

NTSB officials said a more detailed report will be released in coming months after scientific tests are conducted on the pipe segments.

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HIV test halts porn shoots at five companies

A leading pornographer says at least five companies have halted production in California's multibillion-dollar adult entertainment industry in response to reports that an actor has tested HIV positive.

The actor's identity and gender have not been released by the Adult Industry Medical Healthcare Foundation, the clinic that caters to adult film actors where the case was found.

Vivid Entertainment Group founder Steven Hirsch says at least five companies have shut down production as the industry awaits more news and testing. More companies are expected to follow suit.

Hirsch would not name the other companies.

Vivid and Wicked Pictures on Tuesday announced halting production as a precaution to protect actors.

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LOS ANGELES

Tribune Co. suspends executive over racy e-mail

Tribune Co. is suspending a top executive without pay over an inappropriate e-mail sent to staff.

In a memo to employees Wednesday, CEO Randy Michaels says Chief Innovation Officer Lee Abrams is being suspended while the company investigates an e-mail message he sent staff Monday that contained links to raunchy video clips. Radio industry veteran Abrams was appointed to the position in 2008 and put in charge of print, broadcast and online innovation.

Michaels is stopping short of saying whether Abrams could lose his job, but he is calling the e-mail a "serious mistake that can't be tolerated."

The suspension is one more headache for Tribune, owner of the Los Angeles Times, Chicago Tribune and other media properties, as it struggles to emerge from bankruptcy protection after nearly two years.

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LOS ANGELES

GOP candidate Whitman visits iconic restaurant

The day after a feisty debate with her Democratic rival, Republican candidate for governor Meg Whitman shook hands with supporters at a landmark downtown Los Angeles restaurant.

Whitman had a few bites of a beef-dip sandwich at the century-old Philippe's restaurant Wednesday. She shook hands with customers, many of whom repeatedly asked her to help create jobs if she's elected Nov. 2.

Whitman said she plans to fight for every vote during a bus tour dubbed the "Take Back Sac Express."

She and Democrat Jerry Brown are on the final stretch of their campaign.

Whitman said Wednesday that she was happy with her performance in Tuesday night's debate, where she sparred with Brown on issues including state pensions, the economy and education.

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LOS ANGELES

Man charged with killing returned to state

The mother of a bride-to-be who was left dead in a burning Los Angeles home says she's relieved that the accused killer has been caught.

Gail Cameron says Wednesday that she shouted with relief after learning that Omar Loera (loh-EHR'-ah) was apprehended in Mexico. He was returned to the U.S. Tuesday night and remained jailed on a murder charge that could carry the death penalty.

Cameron is the mother of 34-year-old Chere Osmanhodzic. Prosecutors say Loera, a homeless ex-convict, stabbed her in July during a burglary and set fire to her Valley Village home. The woman's fiance found the intruder inside and chased him for blocks.

Osmanhodzic died two months before her wedding. Cameron says she and her daughter had spent that day shopping for shoes and other wedding items.

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LOS ANGELES

Low-income housing giant under investigation

A Los Angeles company that built more than 50 low-income housing projects in California is under federal investigation into claims that it bilked taxpayers out of millions and built potentially unsafe apartments.

A court-appointed receiver for Advanced Development and Investment Inc. reported that the company submitted phony bills to cities, failed to keep proper records on more than $650 million and transferred up to $80 million to personal bank accounts.

The Los Angeles Times says the report was turned over to the U.S. attorney's office and the company is under investigation by a federal grand jury and various agencies.

The receiver, David Pasternak, said Wednesday the company continues to operate but he doesn't expect it to take on any new low-income housing projects in the immediate future.

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Sub teacher accused of molestation out of jail

Santa Clara County prosecutors are declining to file charges for now against a substitute teacher accused of molesting students at a San Jose elementary school.

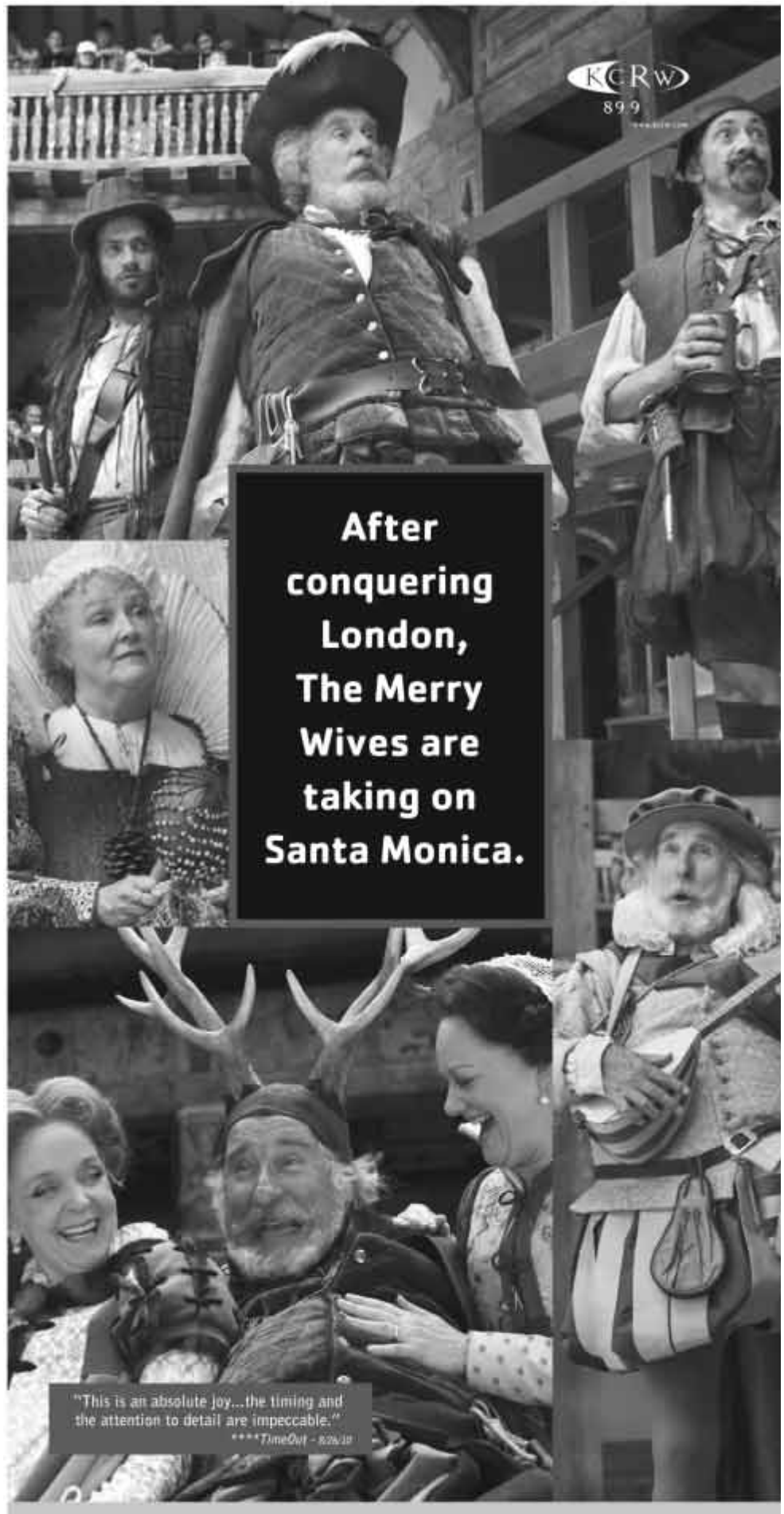
The San Jose Mercury News reports that the district attorney's office told police Tuesday that the case against 64-year-old Jayanthum Kapasi needs further investigation.

School officials say Kapasi was completing his first assignment at McKinley Elementary School — his first with the Franklin-McKinley district — when several students complained about him.

The San Jose Unified School District, where Kapasi has also worked, says it has not received any complaints.

Kapasi has been released from jail. Messages left at two numbers listed for him were not immediately returned.

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The "Arroyo Ravine" scheme consisted primarily of a wide pathway between two powerful man made hills, narrow at the entrance on Ocean Avenue and Colorado Boulevard and widening to a plaza on Main Street. In the design, each hill is a long, ramped landscape leading to an overlook with one oriented toward City Hall and the other toward the pier and beach at a maximum height of 20 feet.

The most distinct design was called the "Arroyo Dune" and featured "an animated and playful arrangement of earthwork forms and garden areas," according to the City Hall description. "The pathways are programmed for seating, strolling, and people-watching while landscaped areas are confined to the specific puzzle pieces of varied topographic forms and overlooks of a maximum height of 15," the description continued.

Council members, who must ultimately approve a design, did not select a preferred concept, but contributed feedback on the plans.

Mayor Bobby Shriver said he was for incorporating an element of "wildness" into the park, that is, an area that looks more like natural terrain than a meticulously landscaped park.

Council members Gleam Davis and Pam O'Connor encouraged designers to incorporate play areas for kids into the park and Councilman Bob Holbrook raised a concern about a proposal to replace the rose garden in front of City Hall built to honor military veterans with a water sculpture.

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Kevin McKeown,
City Councilman

McKeown also indicated the specifics of how paths for cyclists will be incorporated into the park design will become an important topic as the design process progresses.

A joint meeting of the Recreation and Parks Commission and the Planning Commission to review an updated design is set for Nov. 13, followed by a second design presentation to the City Council on Dec. 14.

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the annual Whittier Tournament by beating all five of its opponents and not losing a single match, although they did tie St. Paul's, who they ended up sweeping in the final with a score of 25-23.

Fair and Baradaran made the All-Tournament team, while senior Deutschman was named the tournament's MVP.

Despite the great result from the mid-season Whittier tournament, the team has failed to maintain consistency throughout the season and need to bounce back for their next match.

"We didn't play our best in these last two games, but we never gave up which is important," explains Vagneur-Mintz. "We're hoping to get back in stride for our next league game against Windward."

The Roadrunners will host Windward High School tonight at 5 p.m. in Crossroad's Grisanti Gym.

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FIGHT
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Family Center, which he runs.

Police argued de la Torre had failed to intervene in the fight promptly based on a cell phone video taken by a bystander that showed him stepping in after about a minute. Detectives presented a felony child endangerment case to the District Attorney's Office, but prosecutors declined to press charges.

After public outcry that the police investigation may have been politically motivated, City Hall hired an independent investigator to review the police department's work on the case. The investigator's review has not yet been completed.

Though he was never charged with a crime in connection with the earlier fight, de la Torre on Tuesday said his previous experience initially made him reluctant to intervene on Tuesday.

"I'm a little traumatized by that, but I feel as a community peacemaker I have a responsibility and I have a mission — I had to follow my conscience," he said.

de la Torre said he intervened as a custodian was taking off his jacket in preparation to escalate the fight. He said he helped calm the participants down before he continued in to the candidate forum.

> **AS A COMMUNITY PEACEMAKER I HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY AND I HAVE A MISSION – I HAD TO FOLLOW MY CONSCIENCE"**
>
> **Oscar de la Torre,**
> School board member

Lt. Scott Chew of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department said officers received a call about the fight at 7:05 p.m. on Tuesday.

Six skateboarders were "trying to pick a fight with a custodian," according to a report on the incident, Chew said. No arrests were made.

The skateboarders were from Camarillo and were not students at Malibu High, de la Torre said. An attempt to reach Malibu High School principal Mark Kelley was not successful.

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sation depending on the flow, Deschanel said.

"Sometimes there's deeper meaning … and it feels right and you don't know why exactly," Deschanel said. "And lots of times when you create a process, you do it without knowing why."

The production is expected to be minimal on the technical level with the hopes that the show will be rich more in content rather than flashy effects.

"I question at times the wisdom of this, but I have committed to doing it," Deschanel said of the play.

The process began when she told her friend Astrid Preston about the idea. Preston put her in touch with the Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club, which had an opening for an artist-in-residence, a position designed to empower women in the arts.

After a lengthy application process, Deschanel was selected as an artist-in-residence, which led her to a director and provided a venue to put on the play.

"It's been pretty much a learning process for me. I still don't know how to go about putting something together [completely by] yourself," Deschanel said.

In the future, Deschanel hopes to perform the play in other venues and with an entire cast.

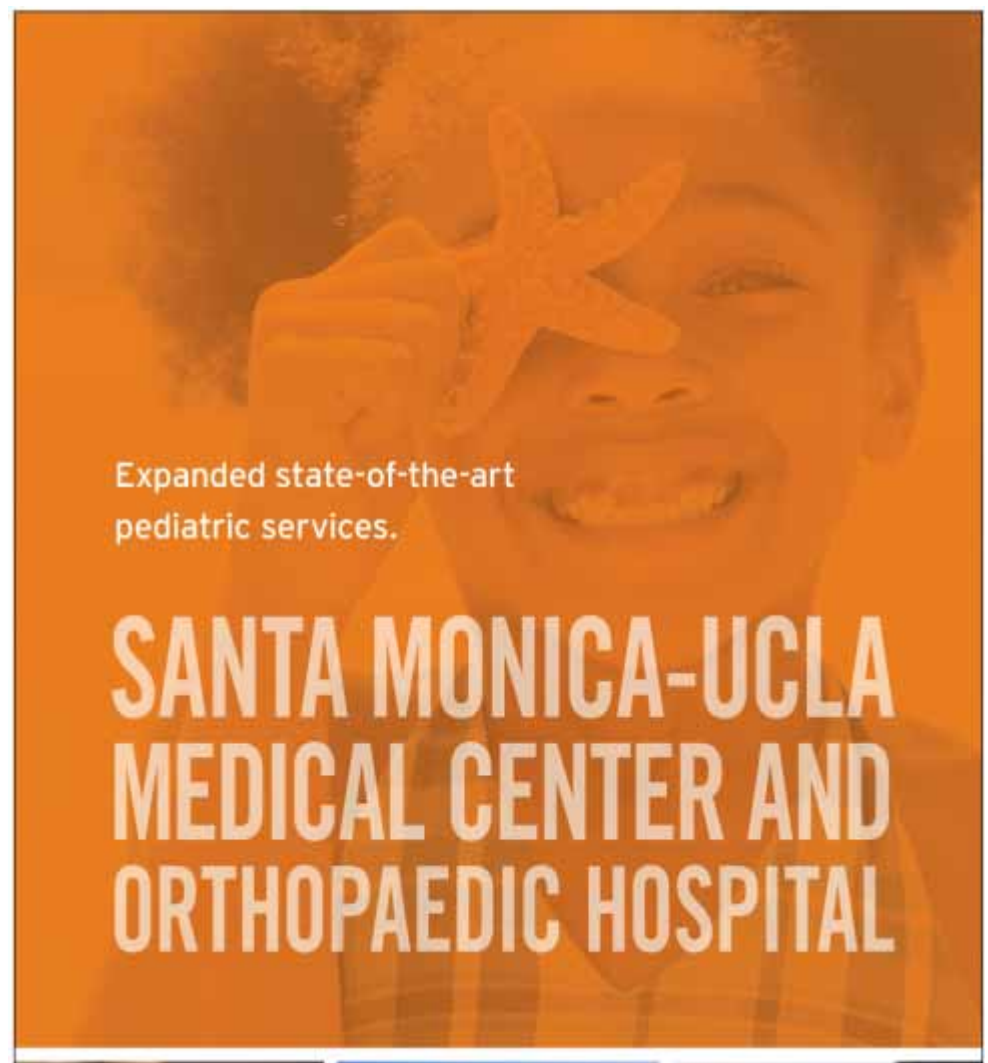
"It makes you feel happy to do that. The whole journey of doing this has been so wonderful because I've had so much help and support. Everybody that I tell has been so positive. You receive more than you give," Deschanel said.

"Dooth on Vonoco" opens Oct. 15 at the Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club. Tickets are $20 in advance and $25 at the door. All proceeds will benefit 826 LA and the Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club Women in the Arts Program Fund.

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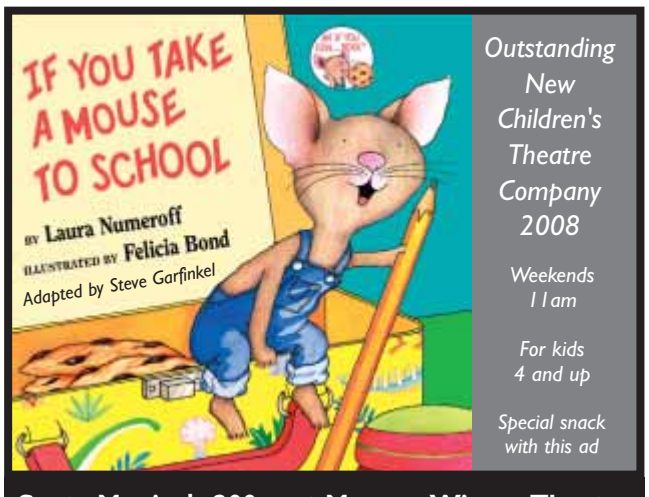
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SAMOHI

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To up the ante even further, Clark served on the same staff with a number of Inglewood's current coaches including Stephen Thomas, the new head coach. Clark is on such friendly terms that he and a group of Inglewood coaches were seen playfully ribbing each other after Samohi's victory over Centennial last week.

"I know them very well," Clark said. "I know they will be motivated."

But, despite his bonds to Inglewood, Clark would like nothing more than to pin a loss on those guys as the two schools begin the league season.

Samohi brings a talented offensive team into the game that has scored 197 points through five contests, good for nearly 40 per. Inglewood is on the other end of the spectrum with a stingy defense that has allowed just 45 points all season.

Something has to give and both head coaches are putting their money on the other side flinching first.

Clark's Vikings will again be led by a group of skill position players who have been able to seemingly score at will. Wide receiver Kris Comas, and his gaudy total of 13 total touchdowns, will be Inglewood's primary concern come game time.

"He's having a big year," Thomas said. "But, we have a few tricks up our sleeve."

Thomas wouldn't elaborate, but he said that he thinks he has the athletes to stay with Comas and Samohi's other playmakers.

Clark, acknowledging that Inglewood is more athletic, said he remains confident in sophomore quarterback Rhys Gervais' ability to lead the Vikings to the end zone, something not many of Inglewood's opponents have been successful with.

Helping ease the burden off the combination of Comas and Gervais will be running back/defensive back Kori Garcia who is coming off his best performance of the season last week. The junior finished with 194 yards on the ground, giving him a team-leading 537 on the season.

"That running back is pretty fast," Thomas said. "He has the speed to get into the endzone."

To counter Samohi's high-powered attack, Thomas will again lean on a defense led by lineman Jaswha James, a senior who is beginning to draw interest from college recruiters.

"The defense is kind of the strength of our team," Thomas said, "We're senior-loaded across the board."

Another source of strength for Inglewood is at the wide receiver position. The highly-recruited duo of Patrick Onwuasor and Derrick Woods will certainly give Samohi's defensive backfield plenty to cope with on Friday.

Clark said that defensive backs Garcia, Dylan Muscat and Brandon Taylor will be expected to force Inglewood's first-year quarterback Sean Simmons into making mistakes. Clark recognizes that Simmons is a capable quarterback, but he feels that his unfamiliarity with the position may foil Inglewood's efforts on offense.

"They've had a difficult time putting up points," said Clark of an Inglewood offense that has mustered just 108 points all season. "It will be very important for us to score."

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Wounded soldiers recall Fort Hood rampage terror

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FORT HOOD, Texas A sergeant shot five times during last year's rampage at Fort Hood said Wednesday he recalled lying on the floor and locking eyes with Maj. Nidal Hasan after the Army psychiatrist cried out "Allahu Akbar" and unleashed a burst of gunfire into a crowd of soldiers preparing for deployment.

Sgt. Alonzo Lunsford said the light from a laser-guided weapon soon trained on him, and he closed his eyes before being shot in the head. He made his way outside, not realizing he'd been shot four more times, and heard a woman screaming about the gunman: "He's one of ours! He's one of ours!"

Lunsford, who lost most of the sight in his left eye in the attack, was the first in a string of victims who came face-to-face with Hasan at a military hearing to determine whether he should stand trial on 13 counts of premeditated murder and 32 counts of attempted premeditated murder.

Hasan, 40, wore his Army combat uniform and looked on intently as fellow soldiers described diving wounded to the ground, crawling through pools of blood and struggling to pull friends to safety. He showed no emotion as several identified him in the courtroom as the gunman in the worst mass shooting ever at an American military base.

Staff Sgt. Alvin Bernard Howard said he was playing solitaire on a computer when he heard yelling and gunshots he thought were part of a training exercise. He realized it wasn't when a bullet casing landed on his laptop, and then turned around.

"We looked eye to eye and he just shot me," the now-retired Howard testified, later standing up and pointing at Hasan. "I will never forget his face."

Hasan sat in a wheelchair just a few feet away from where eight witnesses took the stand Wednesday. He has been paralyzed from the chest down since Fort Hood police officers fired on him during the Nov. 5 attack.

Lunsford testified he saw Hasan earlier that day in Fort Hood's Soldier Readiness Processing Center, where soldiers go for medical screening immediately before and after deploying. Lunsford said Hasan that morning received vaccines and other routine tests ahead of a deployment to Afghanistan scheduled for the next month.

But after lunch, Lunsford saw Hasan in the building again — this time standing near the front doors, pulling a weapon from his Army combat uniform and shouting "God is Great" in Arabic. As the shots rang out, a civilian physician assistant, Michael Grant Cahill, tried to knock Hasan down with a chair but was shot, Lunsford said. Cahill was one of the 13 killed that day.

Spc. James Armstrong, who was shot twice, said he was in a large seating area when he heard shooting and turned around to see soldiers being shot and a chair thrown amid rapid gunfire before Hasan reloaded.

Dow ends day up 76

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AP Business Writer

NEW YORK Better than expected earnings reports from three corporate bellwethers helped push stocks to their fourth day of gains on Monday, even though the companies themselves didn't get to enjoy the rally.

Intel Corp. and JP Morgan Chase & Co. both fell by more than a percent despite announcing double-digit gains in profits. Their earnings reports, however, contained nuggets of hopeful news on the direction of the broader economy.

JPMorgan's CEO Jamie Dimon predicted credit card defaults are likely to fall next quarter, which helped push shares of American Express up 1.9 percent and MasterCard up 3.9 percent. Intel predicted sales should remain consistent through the end of the year as customers switch from back-to-school shopping to the holiday season, which contributed to gains in Dell, which was up 1.5 percent for the day, and Microsoft, which was up 2 percent. CSX Corp, one of the country's largest railroad companies, saw a big jump in the shipment of cars and trucks.

"They were assuring," said Andrew Ross, partner at First New York Securities. "But they weren't inspiring, or disrupting."

One reason that the shares in the companies that announced earnings didn't jump was that some traders were expecting even higher gains. "With Intel especially, there were whisper expectations that were much higher than what the analysts had printed, and that helped push the stock up beyond estimates," said Jay Leupp, the president of Grubb & Ellis AGA mutual funds.

Those results allowed the market to continue the upward trajectory it has taken in recent weeks, Ross said. The Dow is up 3.9 percent in October and has jumped more than 11 percent since the beginning of September.

Commodities also jumped sharply. Gold touched another record and oil rose about 2 percent. Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. and Newmont Mining Corp. were among the biggest winners.

"In an improving (global) economy, everyone is going to consume more," said Christian Wagner, CEO of Longview Capital Management. "You need the basic materials."

Wagner said growth should remain strong in emerging markets, helping keep demand high for commodities like aluminum and other metals.

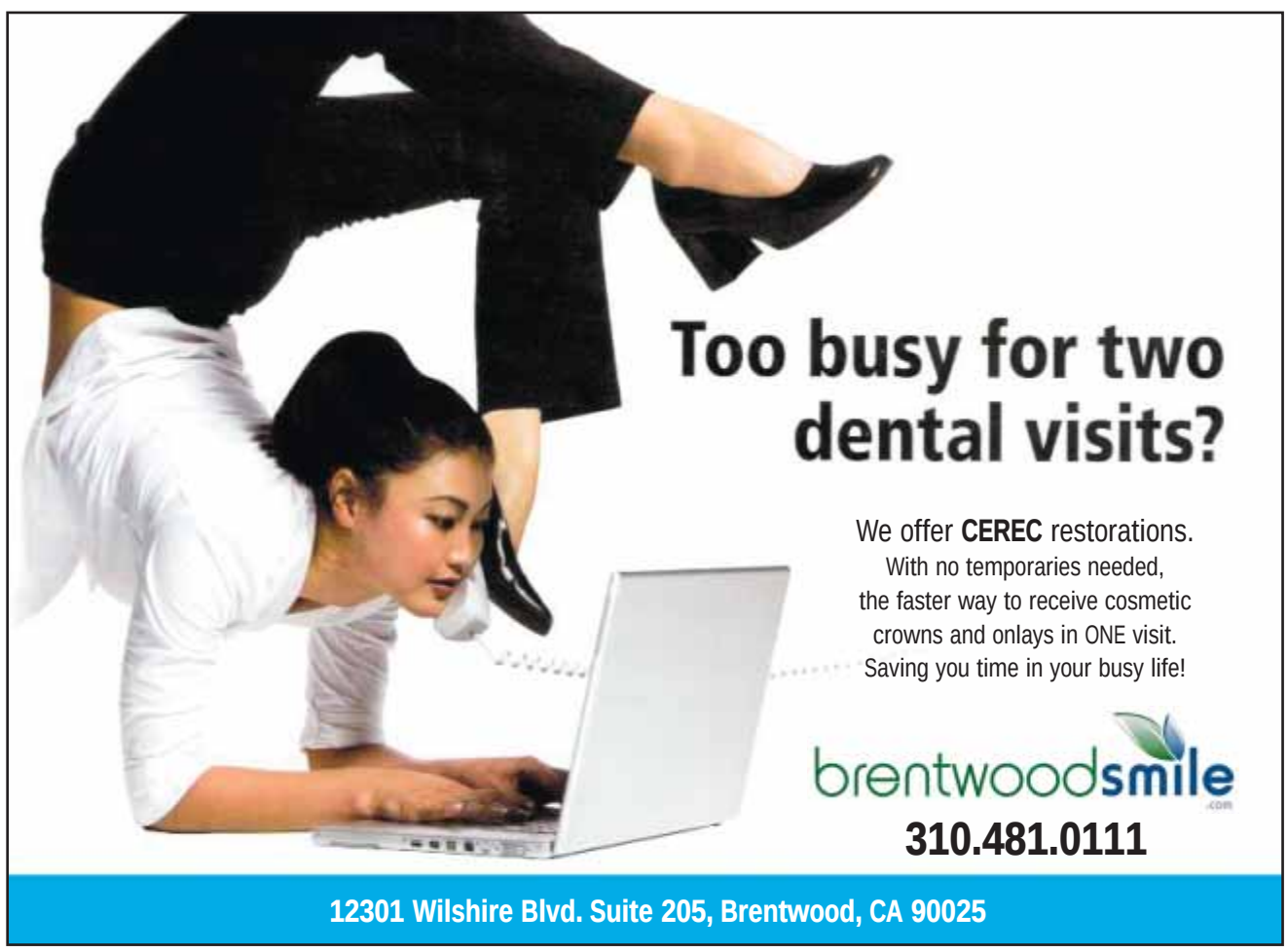
The Dow rose 75.68, or 0.7 percent, to 11,096.08. The broad Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 8.33, also 0.7 percent, to 1,178.10, while the Nasdaq composite index rose 23.31, or 1 percent, to 2,441.23.

Gold settled up $23.80 at $1,370.50 an ounce, the latest in a recent series of record highs. Benchmark crude oil rose $1.34 to $83.01 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Bond prices rose and interest rates rose slightly. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note, which moves opposite its price, rose to 2.42 percent from 2.43 percent late Tuesday.

Bond prices have been rising in recent weeks as expectations mount that the Federal Reserve will start buying Treasurys and take other measures to encourage lending. Minutes from the Fed's September meeting released Tuesday afternoon suggest that the central bank is nearing consensus on when and how to take more stimulus measures.







Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 64°

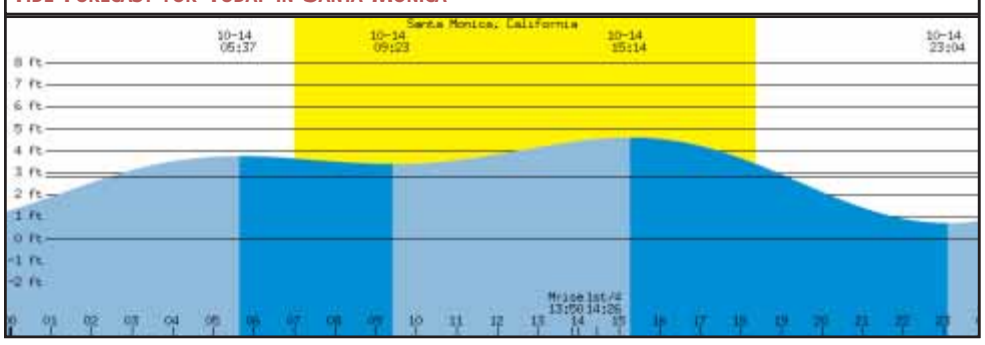
Swell Forecast

Sees the NW fade further as SW remains. South facing breaks are looking at chest high sets; west facing breaks are looking at waist high surf.

Long Range Synopsis

Most south facing breaks are looking at waist to chest high sets. West facing breaks are looking at knee to waist high surf.

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 **October 5, 2010**

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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 -- 14 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 8 / ns

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

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Cerrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	ns	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	ns	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Aliso creeks.	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	ns	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	ns	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	ns	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	C	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	ns	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A+	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	ns	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	F	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	ns	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	ns	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.	ns	ns
Pena Creek at Los Tunos 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.	D	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	ns	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	ns	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	ns	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	B	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	ns	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	ns	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	D	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	ns	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	F	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	ns	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	F	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	ns	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	ns	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	B	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	D	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	B	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	ns	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	F	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	ns	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	ns	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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SCIENCE

Study: Breaking curveball an illusion

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AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON When those curveballs from playoff pitchers like Phillies ace Roy Halladay near the plate, their sudden drop may be a mirage, scientists say.

It doesn't really matter, though, because most people still can't hit them.

That movement is called a "break," when the ball suddenly seems to drop sharply, usually resulting in the batter swinging above or below it.

The ball actually follows a smooth arc from pitcher to catcher, but seems to break when it moves from one part of the batter's vision to another, according to researchers Arthur Shapiro of American University and Zhong-Lin Lu of the University of Southern California.

The solution, they agree, has been the mantra of dads and coaches for decades: "Keep your eye on the ball."

And, as batters from Little League to the majors can attest, "Easier said than done."

"The argument been going on forever about whether (curveballs) break or not," observed Rob Gray, a psychology professor at Arizona State University who was not part of Shapiro and Lu's research team.

Scientists will tell you the ball follows a smooth curve, he said, while baseball players use terms like "falls off the table."

"We tell players to keep their eye on the ball, but you just can't," Gray said. "It is physically impossible to follow a major league baseball all the way to the plate."

"The curveball does curve, but the curve has been measured and shown to be gradual," Shapiro said. "It's always going to follow a parabolic path. But from a hitter's point of view, an approaching ball can appear to break, drop or do a whole range of unusual behaviors."

The problem is that how you see the ball differs depending on whether the eye is focused on it or if the peripheral vision at the side of the eye is being used, Lu and Shapiro report in a research paper published online Wednesday in the journal PLoS ONE.

Batters focus on the ball as it leaves the pitcher, Lu explained, but when it's about 20 feet from home plate they often switch to peripheral vision, then go back to central vision as the ball arrives at the plate.

That can cause the ball to appear to break as much as a foot, the researchers said.

It also explains the apparent rise of some fastballs, they added.

Indeed, in their research they won a prize for an illusion illustrating their theory demonstrating how an object falling in a straight line can seem to change direction.

Lu said he and Shapiro began studying the subject because they realize the "break" of a curve is inconsistent with physics.

Since then, he said, sports researchers have approached them for help in finding ways to defeat a curveball.

He said fans watching games on television also say a curveball appears to break when observed from behind home plate.

That is a geometric illusion, he said, caused by the fact that for the first part of a pitch, the viewer sees little or no vertical drop. Because the pitcher throws the ball at a slight upward angle, the first part of the pitch appears more or less flat. Then the drop seen near home plate surprises the eye.

Asked who throws the best curve, Lu had no hesitation in naming Dodgers' Hall of Famer Sandy Koufax.

Their findings aren't limited to baseball, Lu added.

"When we look at a scene, most of the images fall on the visual periphery, which has much lower resolution, although we don't normally notice the difference between central and peripheral vision," he said.







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Never Let Me Go (R) 1hr 43min
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Howl (NR) 2hr 16min
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Waiting for Superman (PG) 1hr 42min
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Secretariat (PG) 1hr 56min
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Hang with the crew, Pisces

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Take a stand and be direct with your dealings. You might be going to extremes in a key relationship or partnership. You find conflicting opinions difficult to deal with. Honor your feelings, and don't give away too much of yourself. Tonight: Out late.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Keep reaching out for others, knowing full well what needs to occur. You see yourself developing a different attitude with those you deal with on a daily level. Others respect your innate sense of what works. A meeting proves to be provocative and opens up many options. Tonight: Make anything possible.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Dealing with a difficult partner could be exhausting but absolutely necessary. Recognize your limits while getting as much accomplished as possible. You need to work through unusual stress. Tonight: Chat with a friend.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Defer to others, knowing your limits. Understanding evolves when dealing with others. You might not like a family member's attitude. You have to deal with a difficult person, whether you like it or not. Be open to possibilities. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ The Lion roars as he tries to complete his work. There are times when you feel as if you have had enough and it is time for some R and R. You will want to get through a project quickly and efficiently. Tonight: Working your tail off!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Creativity feeds the soul, especially right now. Understand what is happening behind the scenes with a child or loved one. This person might not be telling you the whole story. You might feel that you got a distorted tale when the facts come out. Tonight: Put on your dancing shoes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You could be inordinately hung up on a personal matter. You wonder about the hows and whys of the situation. Actually, you might have more of a problem isolating certain details than you realize. Pressure builds as a result, encouraging you to view life through new eyes. Tonight: Decide what you don't enjoy doing. Say "no" to just that!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You could be picking up a lot of strange information. Others make strong statements, and you might wonder which way to go with an opportunity. If you think someone is being deceptive, he or she probably is. Tonight: Easy works.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Your focus is on handling a money manner. Be sure of one thing: Others have very different ideas, especially involving your funds and finances. Rest assured, you will find the right path. Tonight: Pay bills first.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ You are still a force to behold and are extremely lively. You will see situations a lot differently from many, and are not afraid of hard work or responsibility. Imagine the possibilities more openly, and rest assured you will head in the right direction. Tonight: On top of your game.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Much is still going on behind the scenes. You could be questioning the pros and cons at the moment. You are often lightheaded, though you could be restricting yourself from certain possibilities. Tonight: Reach out for the impossible ... don't just think about it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You could see many different sides to a personal situation. In a meeting, you gain even more insight about what does and doesn't motivate those around you. Lady Luck plays a strong role. Tonight: Where the gang is.

Happy birthday

This year, you change gears often as you experiment with different styles in your personal life. If you are attached, the more extroverted you are, the more threatened a partner could become. Learn how to create greater security between the two of you. If you are single, you are extremely magnetic and attract people. Settling in might not happen that easily. You might become extremely assertive about making money this year. Use your energy well. Pick and choose where you place it. CAPRICORN understands you well.

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



MYSTERY PHOTO

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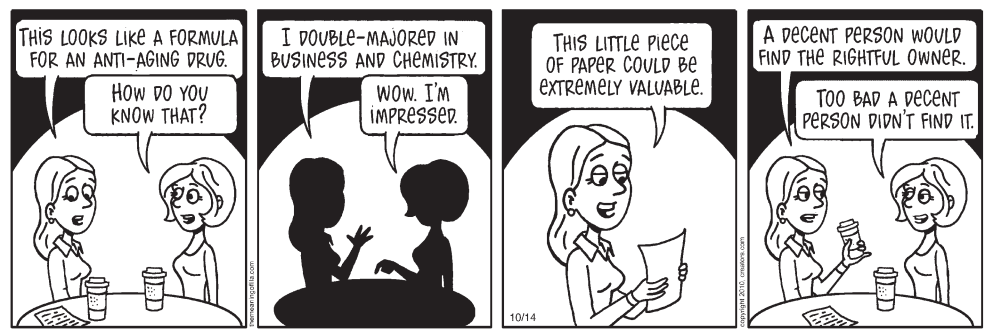
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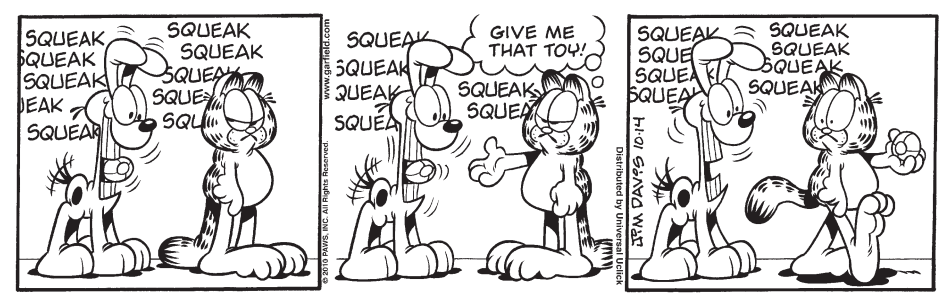
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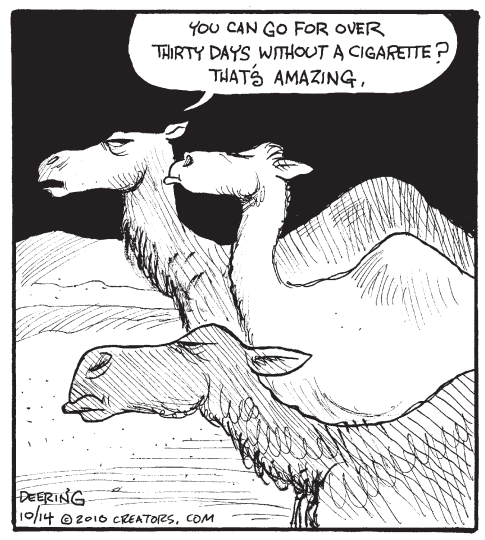
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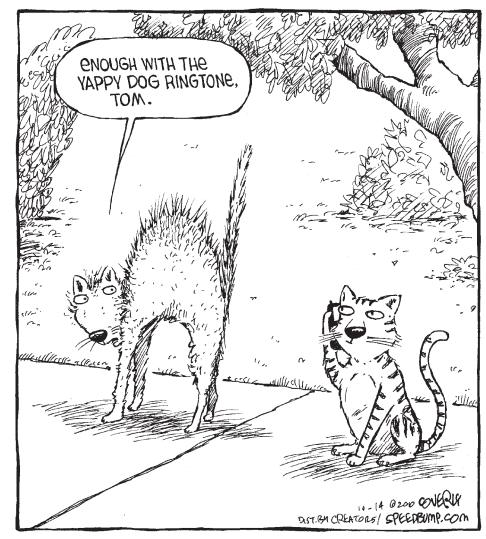
Strange Brew

By John Deering



Speed Bump

By Dave Coverly



Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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13 Lion group
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15 Brood watcher
16 Peerless example
18 Spanish region
20 Santa —, California
21 Meat-rating org.
23 Hosp. workers
24 Heredity unit
26 Speaker's place
28 Naughty act
29 Bar order
31 Easter find
32 Fit for farming
36 Tale with a moral
39 Crater part
40 Humble
41 Safari sight
43 Add zest to
44 Fencing weapon
45 Place
46 Refuse

DOWN

1 First letter
2 More certain
3 One of Chekhov's "Three Sisters"
4 "Ice Age" sloth
5 Surgery reminder
6 "Damn Yankees" role
7 Folding skill
8 Plate refill
9 Wild laughers
11 Ousts
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Yesterday's answer

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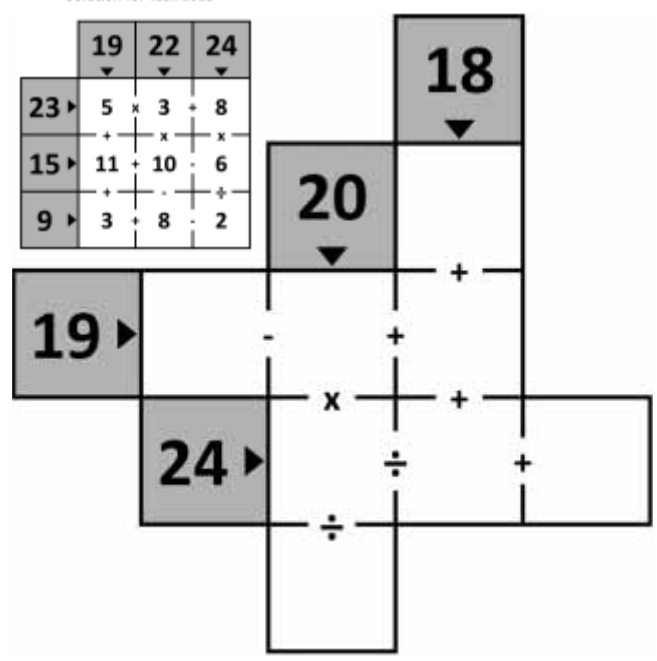
- Fill the grid with the set of given numbers (1 to 12) to satisfy the Equa demands (7 to 24) in the shaded boxes. The Equa demands represent the sum of the digits that you will insert into the empty squares.
- Each horizontal row has one Equa demand to satisfy; each vertical column also has one demand 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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Solution for Task 1013



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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In June, Raytown, Mo., farmer David Jungerman mounted a sign on a tractor-trailer denouncing "parasites" who "always have their hand out for whatever the government will give them." Following news reports about the sign, the Kansas City Star reported that Jungerman himself had received more than $1 million in federal crop subsidies since 1995. (He later explained that a "parasite" pays no taxes at all yet seeks handouts. By contrast, Jungerman said, he pays taxes.)

■ The administrative staff for Queen Elizabeth II, running a budget shortfall in 2004 (according to recently released documents), asked the governing Labour Party if the royal family's palaces could qualify for government home-heating subsidies. The documents, obtained by London's The Independent, indicated that the Labour Party was initially receptive but then rejected the idea.

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1910 The English aviator Claude Grahame-White lands his Farman Aircraft biplane on Executive Avenue near the White House in Washington, D.C.

1912 While campaigning in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the former President of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt, is shot and mildly wounded by John Schrank, who was angry with Roosevelt for some reason. With the fresh wound in his chest, and the bullet still within it, Mr. Roosevelt still carries out his scheduled public speech.

1913 Senghenydd Colliery Disaster, the United Kingdom's worst coal mining accident, occurs, and it claims the lives of 439 miners.

1920 Part of Petsamo Province is ceded by the Soviet Union to Finland.

1925 An Anti-French uprising in French-occupied Damascus, Syria. (All French inhabitants flee the city.)

1926 The children's book Winnie-the-Pooh, by A.A. Milne, is first published.

1933 Nazi Germany withdraws from The League of Nations.

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