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ON THE HUNT: **Clients use computers to find jobs and improve their lives at Chrysalis, a nonprofit organization on Lincoln Boulevard that helps the homeless and low-income families secure employment. Chrysalis celebrates 25 years of service this year.**

Higher unemployment means more clients for Chrysalis

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

LINCOLN BLVD. First went the business, then the apartment.

After 20 years running an operation that represented wholesale clothing manufacturers to retailers in Downtown Los Angeles' Garment District, 59-year-old Alvaro Sotelo was without a job or home, left to face a murky future in a hostile job market with both an outdated resume and no interviewing experience in two decades.

Then he found Chrysalis.

About a month after the Santa Monica resident began seeking services at the local nonprofit agency that helps homeless and economically-disadvantaged individuals secure stable employment, Sotelo is honing his computer skills, rebuilding his resume, learning interviewing tips and preparing to get back in the game.

"It's all a new learning process for me because I have been out of the job market," Sotelo said.

He is part of a wave of new clients who have reached out to Chrysalis in the past year, victims of an economic crisis that has forced thousands of people to seek employment assistance whether it's to learn how to write a cover letter or even borrow a suit for an interview from the agency's closet.

In its 25th year helping the down and out become self sufficient through employment opportunities, Chrysalis has seen a record nearly 3,000 clients come through the doors of its three locations in Downtown Los Angeles, Santa Monica and Pacoima, representing a 40 percent increase over last year.

More than 1,100 of these clients have obtained employment in the first three quarters, which is consistent for the same period as 2008.

But what is different is the type of clients coming in this year, representing a demographic of workers who were laid off from

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Hospital nurses, neighbors rally against Saint John's

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

MID-CITY Two of the harshest critics of Saint John's Health Center have joined forces to shine a light on what they believe to be public health issues and anti-union activity at the Catholic hospital.

The coalition of nurses and neighbors of the medical center, simply named Nurses & Neighbors, began meeting recently to raise awareness about a range of concerns that include the stench of raw sewage wafting from Saint John's, possible health issues from the demolition of old hospital buildings believed to contain asbestos and lead, and alleged union busting by the administration.

Nurses & Neighbors most recently hosted a meeting last week in which several mem-

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Identity of shooting suspects released

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY Santa Monica police Thursday released the names of the four suspects believed responsible for the shooting death of local resident Richard Juarez, who was gunned down in what police called a "brazen attack" Tuesday night at Virginia Avenue Park.

The suspects have been booked for murder, attempted murder and promoting a criminal street gang.

The suspects were identified as Patrick Dwight Birdsong, Jr., 18, of Los Angeles; Norman Lovan Cole, 33, of Los Angeles; Sean Alex Mermer, 29, of Lancaster; and an African-American male juvenile, whose name could not be released by police because of his age.

Birdsong's bail was set at $1.05 million. No bail was set for the three remaining suspects.

Juarez was shot just before 9 p.m. as he

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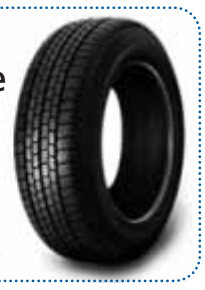


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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS

Friday, Nov. 6, 2009

"I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change"
Malibu Stage Company
29243 Pacific Coast Hwy., 8 p.m.
The Malibu Stage Company presents the musical "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change" by Joe DiPietro and Jimmy Roberts. The musical is put on every Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 5 p.m. Admission is $35. Call (310) 429-2665 for more information.

Saturday, Nov. 7, 2009

Headliners only
M.i.'s Westside Comedy Theater
1323-A Third Street Promenade, 10 p.m. — 11:30 p.m.
Enjoy a comedy extravaganza for only $10 on the promenade. Six comedians will perform. Minors are prohibited from attending the event, which is located in the alley behind Barney's Beanery. Call (310) 451-0850 or (818) 216-4215 for more information.

Mothers circle
Marine Street, 2:30 p.m. — 4 p.m.
Many women want a place where they can talk about both the positive and negative experiences of motherhood. This group offers a forum where women can speak honestly and openly about the challenges and joys of being a parent. This group provides a relaxed and nurturing environment where all experiences are welcome, and where mothers can feel supported and understood. Call (310) 922-6969 for more information.

Sunday, Nov. 8, 2009

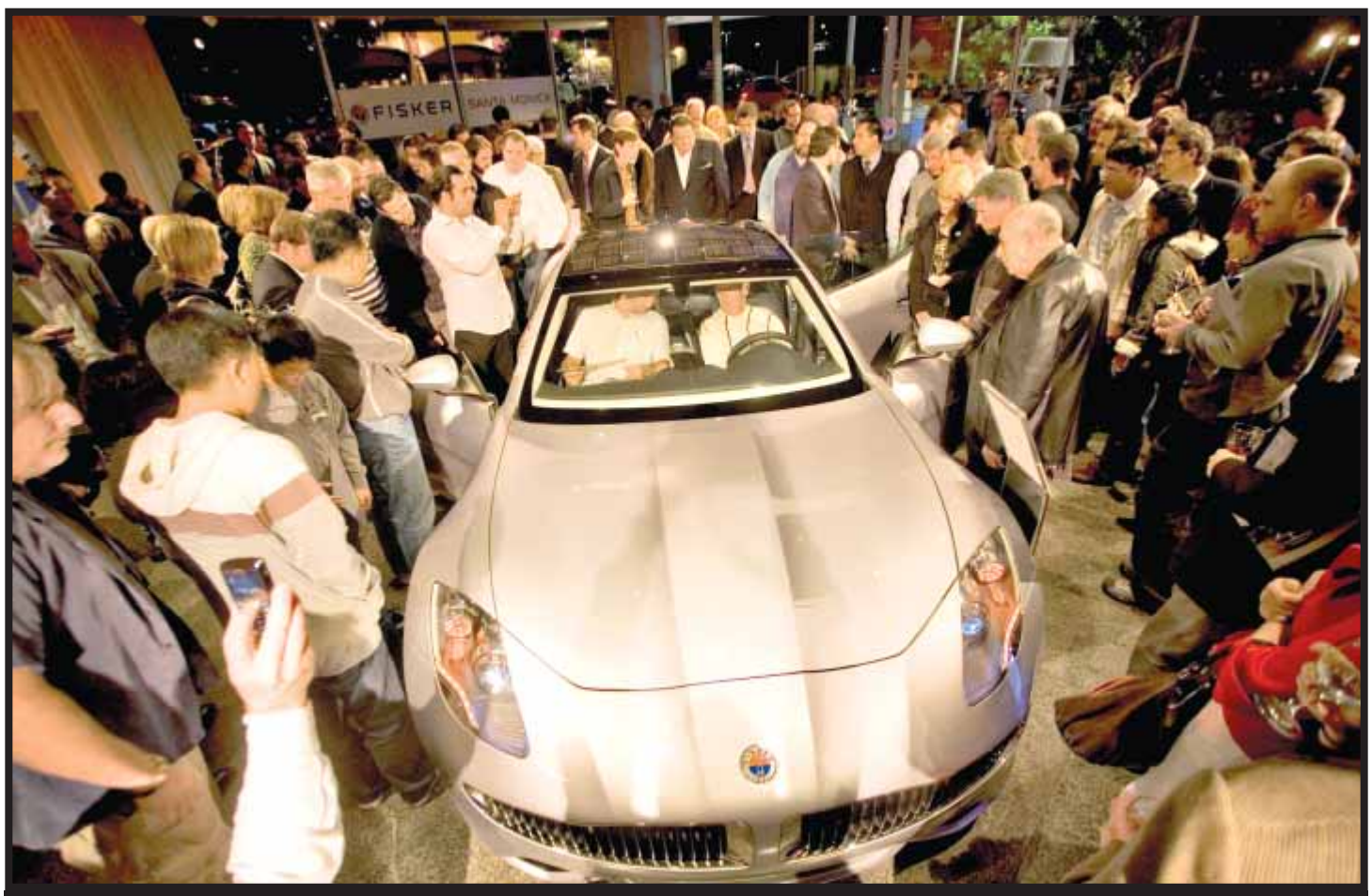
Crafts Market
Santa Monica Civic Auditorium
1855 Main St., 10:00 a.m. — 6:00 p.m.
Catch the last day of the Contemporary Crafts Market and get your hands on some one-of-a-kind functional and decorative crafts. This year's market will feature the distinctive works of over 250 artists in the form of jewelry, glassware, ceramics, textiles, furniture, mixed-media and more. All of the items on display for the 24th season of the market have been jury selected for their exceptional quality. Admission is $8, but children 12 and under are free. Call (310) 285-3655 for more information.

"All I Ever Wanted"
Santa Monica Playhouse Main Stage
1211 4th St., 7:00 p.m.
Come view the opening performance of Elaine Ocasio's "All I Ever Wanted," presented by the Santa Monica Playhouse Benefit Series and Angelplace Productions. The autobiographical solo show is a story about yearning, healing and emotional survival. It uplifts, while opening a window onto the issues that survivors of abuse deal with in their daily lives. Tickets are $20 at the door and $15 if purchased in advanced. Contact the Playhouse Box Office at (310) 394-9779, ext. 1 for more details.

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.

In the article "'Brazen' attack leaves man dead," page 1, Nov. 5, it should have stated that the suspects arrested were African American and Caucasian.

In the article "Samohi baseball plays its cards," page 3, Nov. 5, it should have said the Santa Monica Diamond Club's fundraiser will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 10 .



HOT ROD

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Guests take a look at the future of the automotive industry at the unveiling of the new Fisker 'Karma' from Fisker Automotive on Santa Monica Boulevard Wednesday night. The new luxury hybrid four-door sedan with 403 horsepower and 100 mpg range should be on the market within a year. Fisker is based in Santa Monica.

Theater air clean in time for holidays

Mann Theatres partners with SANYO to install air filter system

BY MARISSA LYMAN
Special to the Daily Press

DOWNTOWN With fears about swine flu and other airborne diseases on the rise, Mann Theatre's The Criterion 6 in Santa Monica is moving one step closer to providing patrons with a healthier movie-going experience.

SANYO North America Corp., a subsidiary of SANYO Electric Co., Ltd. and Mann Theatres announced Thursday that they have partnered for the first-ever U.S. installation of SANYO's duct-type air purification system in a public movie theater.

"It has always been our desire to provide our customers with the highest quality cinema operations," Peter Dobson, CEO of Mann Theatres said. "Mann Theatres is excited to offer this as another way for movie-goers to enjoy movies while knowing they are in a clean and comfortable cinema."

The largest auditorium in Santa Monica's The Criterion 6 has already been equipped with the new rooftop purification system for the trial run. Over the course of the next year, the theater will observe and survey patrons to see how they react to the new system. The installation is particularly timely as the holidays drawn near.

"With the holiday season being the peak time for watching movies, it's a way to make the whole movie experience more enjoyable," Rachel Neppes, a representative from BERKMAN PR, which represents SANYO, said.

Dobson said he chose Santa Monica because the city and its residents are particularly conscious about air quality.

"I thought 'Well, this is something maybe we should really look at especially in light of health being on every news item at the moment, whether it be bad health … or the cost of getting insurance," Dobson said.

SANYO's system was tested in Japan, the company's home country and a place notorious for cleanliness. After a successful trial run in Japanese theaters, it has now been installed in a number of theaters across the country. The ducts are unique in that they use electrolyzed water to draw out airborne impurities such as bacteria, pollen and odors. So far, SANYO is the only company

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Taking sports personally

Samo homecoming emotional

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

CORSAIR FIELD The game of football can get personal at times.

Tonight's Santa Monica High School homecoming game against Inglewood has playoff implications, but it also holds a deeper meaning for those involved.

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Macerich 3Q results fall 10 pct. as revenue dips

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DOWNTOWN Mall operator Macerich Co. on Thursday said its third quarter funds from operations slid 10 percent as revenue fell.

The real estate investment trust posted FFO of $88.7 million or 97 cents per share, compared with $98.5 million, or $1.12 per share, in the same quarter of 2008. Per-share results in the latest quarter reflect 6 percent more shares outstanding than last year.

FFO, a widely used gauge of real estate operating performance, adds depreciation and amortization expenses, as well as other non-operating items, back to net income.

Revenue slid 11 percent to $200.7 million from $225.8 million.

Analysts polled by Thomson Reuters, on average, expected FFO of 92 cents per share on revenue of $200.3 million.

Net income available to common stockholders was $142.8 million, or $1.75 per share, up from $2.6 million or 3 cents per share, in the 2008 quarter. The latest period was boosted by $161.6 million of gain on property sales, mainly the sale of a joint venture interest in Queens Center, a mall in New York City.

During the quarter, Macerich signed 294,000 square feet of specialty store leases with average initial rents of $40.98 per square foot. Starting base rent on new lease signings was 14.2 percent higher than the expiring base rent, the company said.

Occupancy at Sept. 30, 2009, was 91 percent, compared with 92.8 percent a year ago.

The company said it has focused this year on reducing debt. During the quarter $446 million in unsecured term notes were paid off.

Macerich shares added 10 cents to $29.89 in morning trading.

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Not happy with supe's salary

Editor:

A note to SMMUSD board members, please do not ask me or the other residents of Santa Monica to pass yet another parcel tax next year simply to cover Mr. Tim Cuneo's exorbitant salary of $270,400. Unlike Mr. Cuneo, I live in this city and I have to pay my own rent without a taxpayer subsidy. Let's come back down to Earth and reality – he has not solved the largest problem in our school district. My three kids still are sitting in overcrowded classrooms. I say no to overcrowded classrooms, no to bloated admin salaries, and no to new parcel taxes to fund these bloated salaries – a new parcel tax will never reduce class size (Let's remember Measure R).

Lisette Gold
Santa Monica

Minding manners

Editor:

Halloween has come and gone. I was invited to join a friend and her family for dinner that evening and afterward, while they made the traditional homemade donuts, I was the fortunate one to greet the little trick or treaters at the door.

It was with surprise I heard 99 percent of the children say "Thank you," for the treat.

Courtesy is still being taught in the homes.

Shirley Stumley
Santa Monica

Peace, not war is the answer

Editor:

I find the blind praise for unconscionable war-mongering such as America's absolutely brainless, heartless assault on Afghanis a most strange form of public expression in a "civilized" democracy. Obviously the USA is a long way from attaining civility. Seventy-five percent of the people slaughtered in the wars shattering these Third World countries are women and children, according to a recent survey. And what about the murder of innocents in Palestine being massacred by Israel daily as the Israeli Gestapo continues to steal and criminally occupy Palestinian property and bulldoze Palestinian homes. Where do those Israeli tanks and bombs come from? The U.S.A. I say it is high time this country begins to affirm basic principles of democracy in its attitude toward all peoples and nations. We have never had one sound reason for making war against Iraq. Iraq has never given offense or posed the slightest threat to the U.S. And there are at most a hundred al-Qaida presently in Afghanistan according to those in the know.

The blind worship of war in the name of family allegiance is not patriotism. And it has no place in the house of democracy – this blind loyalty to a killing machine without regard to the rights of every individual nation. These nations may indeed be anti-democratic, which is their privilege as sovereign nations. It's a big world. Different strokes for different folks. Not all nations are equally at home in a democratic environment. Obviously America itself was founded largely by radical anti-democratic Puritans, many of them with violently paranoid attitudes toward Native Americans who didn't read the Bible and pray piously to a white God. So of course these foreigners invading North America killed whatever got in their way and called it "the will of God." Many of these "pilgrims" apparently were totalitarian "Christians," which of course is self-contradictory. In all events, democracy by definition is a state of government controlled by civilians not the militia. So let it remain or, become, as the case may be.

I submit that democracy thrives on the availability of diverse strategies of peace not more techniques for killing that which is culturally alien to our poor, undernourished, ill-educated selves. A wise prophet once said: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. And that goes for all military matters as well as civilian.

RL Greenfield
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Write Rachel

Rachel Iverson

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Mom to be needs to be honest

Q. DEAR RACHEL,

As a single, 40-year old woman, I've decided to start a family on my own. I've filed adoption papers and my attorney says I should be expecting my child within six months. As fate would have it, I just met a wonderful man, completely out of the blue, and went on two of the best dates of my life. We have plans to see each other again this weekend. My dilemma is this: How do I tell someone I just started dating that I'm about to be a mother without scaring him away? Why is my timing always off?

Signed, Mother-To-Be

A. DEAR MOTHER-TO-BE,

My question is: How do you not tell the man you're dating that you're about to be a mother? If he gets scared away, he's either not so wonderful after all or at least he's not the right Mr. Wonderful for you. Either way, it's better to know now before you waste another precious minute of your mother-to-be time on him. You can't afford to worry about the feelings of a man you barely know if he's not OK with the child that's about to be a very big part of your life. Assuming this man continues to be wonderful, you should still tell him about your child-on-the-way, as he or she will have a very big impact on this man's life if he decides to stick around.

As for timing, it may not be traditional to become a mother before finding a partner, but that doesn't necessarily mean you have bad timing. One of the biggest lessons I've learned is this: Life doesn't always unfold as expected, but sometimes it works out better than we could have imagined. If you meet your dream guy and you begin a relationship that becomes serious, then you may end up giving your child a solid father figure sooner than you anticipated. Even if the man you're dating hadn't planned on starting a family so quickly, he'll accept you and your child as family over time if he's the right man for you.

At this point, it's too early to tell whether your date is meant to be a permanent part of your life with your child or not. A lot depends on his reaction to your impending motherhood. Your next step is to tell him about your baby. If he's still around in six months when you receive your child, you can reevaluate your relationship at that time and decide whether the two of you want to proceed as a couple. There are too many variables to make an informed decision at this time.

Just keep in mind that your life with your child will soon be your main priority, so you must now be discriminating about who you want in your child's life as well as your own. While the wrong relationship will only distract you from your motherly duties, the right partner will arrive exactly on time and enhance the lives of both you and your child.

Q. DEAR RACHEL,

How much time does a guy need to recover after a break-up before he's ready to date again? The guy I like is fresh out of a relationship and I don't want to be his rebound girl. How long should we wait to date?

Signed, Impatient

A. DEAR IMPATIENT,

Men often react to break-ups differently than women. When the average woman goes through a break-up, she uses every tool at her disposal, including counseling sessions with friends, therapists, self-help books in addition to other restorative modalities to learn, grow and heal until she feels strong and healthy enough to search for true love one more time.

On the other hand, when the average man goes through a break-up he thinks to himself, "Love hurts and I never want to feel that kind of heartache." He then proceeds to encircle his heart with metaphorical barbed wire, places it in a metaphorical castle, surrounds it by the requisite moat, drawbridge, sharks and crocodiles (which can live together harmoniously in metaphors) and vows never to allow access to it again. In other words, if this guy was deeply in love, it may be a while before you're anything more than a rebound girl to him. Therefore, I suggest waiting a while to date this guy. In fact, I'd wait an additional chunk of time to date him just in case he's in a, "I'll get even with my ex by sleeping with random people that I don't care about phase."

Overall, I wouldn't advise getting emotionally attached to this man until he's on steadier ground. Unless you want to end up a rebound one-night stand, or even worse, an ongoing one-night stand, don't sleep with him for at least a few months. Be his friend first and if over time you still want to date him, ask him about his relationship goals with you before you sleep with him to make sure the two of you are on the same page. Follow these precautions as your best bet to safeguard yourself from becoming his "rebound girl."

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How can they keep a straight face?

THIS WEEK I HAD PLANNED ON WRITING about the Clinton-Bush (43) debates to be held in February in New York and Los Angeles. Then I watched a compelling segment on "Meet the Press." Afterward, I couldn't bring myself to write about two highly flawed ex-presidents, each probably getting $100,000 for two hours work. (That's almost A-Rod money.)

The segment involved the controversial death of Pat Tillman in Afghanistan. Pat was a long-haired "surfer/intellectual" who graduated from Arizona State with a 3.8 GPA and read Emerson and Thoreau. After college he became an All-Pro football player for the Arizona Cardinals.

Following 9/11, Pat wanted to do something about those who were responsible. His grandfather and great uncle fought in WWII (uncle awarded a Silver Star). Maybe bravery was in Pat's DNA. Recently married, he turned down a $3.6 million football contract to join the Army.

Mary, Pat's divorced mother, a teacher, pleaded with him to reconsider. He responded, "How can I not help when it's my time to serve?"

In May of 2002, Pat enlisted as did his brother, Kevin, who gave up a professional baseball career. Both became elite Army Rangers. But then one day Mary got a phone call from a reporter seeking a comment about Pat. Troubled, she hurriedly called Pat's wife, Marie, and received the devastating news.

The official account of Pat's death was that, while protecting his fellow GIs, he rushed a hill held by the enemy. He was so famous that his funeral was broadcast live on ESPN. But the Army's story was a lie. Pat hadn't been killed by the enemy, but by friendly fire. And worse, the many high-ranking military officials attending the funeral knew it.

In five-and-a-half years, two Congressional hearings, and seven investigations revealed many disturbing facts: Pat's medical chart was falsified, his uniform was burned, his body armor was destroyed, and his diary disappeared. But, it seemed the harder the Tillman family fought for answers (Pat's father is a lawyer) the more they were stonewalled. On this past Sunday's "Meet the Press," I was stunned to learn something new, at least for me.

The general in Afghanistan in charge of special operations signed a letter sent to the secretary of the Army recommending that Pat receive the Silver Star. But, inexplicably, there was no mention of friendly fire. The letter was a lie. That general was Stanley A. McChrystal, the current commander of the U.S. forces in Afghanistan who recently requested that President Obama send additional 40,000 troops.

As I usually write humor (or try) I've occasionally thought the subject of a column ought to be my idea for a new reality TV show for Washington, D.C., "Who Can Keep the Straightest Face?" Imagine the political version of "American Idol."

Anyone who's ever seen the charismatic Gen. McChrystal on "60 Minutes," or any other of his television interviews, would have to vote for him. I'd always held him in high esteem, that is, until this past "Meet the Press" when I heard McChrystal's June 3 explanation for that letter about Pat. He was testifying before Congress at his confirmation hearing.

With the straightest of faces, McChrystal said that he "hadn't carefully read the letter." (Say, what?) The most famous soldier in the entire military dies and the commanding general didn't carefully review the letter recommending him for a Silver Star? The notion is ludicrous. (We'd have to believe that McChrystal didn't know the difference between enemy fire and friendly fire.) He did acknowledge that were it today he'd have "handled it differently." I bet.

There are still so many unanswered questions. Who first fabricated the enemy fire story? Who authorized the funeral deceit? Who got punished, demoted or court martialed? Who went to jail? (To the last four, basically nobody.)

Friendly fire deaths are a tragic reality in war. Falsifying a homicide investigation of a member of the armed services is not only a serious crime, it's unconscionable.

In 2007, Pete Geren, acting secretary of the Army said, "We as an Army failed in our duty to the Tillman family, the duty we owe to all the families of our fallen soldiers: Give them the truth, the best we know it, as fast as we can."

As I've written before, probably too often for most, where is the public outrage?

Soon President Obama will decide about increasing our troops in Afghanistan (a country that hasn't been successfully occupied since the third century). I hope I'm wrong, but given the Tillman case, can we really trust McChrystal? And when soldiers die, what guaranty is there that the Army will tell the truth to grieving families?

With those cheery thoughts, maybe I should have written about the Clinton-Bush debates. Although personally, I'd rather see them in a steel cage match.

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The Q Line

Parking perks

City officials are considering a proposal that would introduce parking validation to the city's many garages.

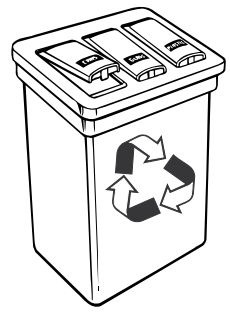
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CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Crime Watch is a weekly series culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Man threatens to cut woman's genitals

SUNDAY, NOV. 1, AT 7:26 P.M.,
Santa Monica police officers responded to the 1100 block of Montana Avenue regarding a report of a suspicious person in the area. When officers arrived, they made contact with the victim who said that as she exited a business in the 600 block of Montana the suspect approached her with a 4-foot PVC pipe in his hand. The suspect allegedly yelled at the victim, "How would you like your vagina to be cut?" The suspect then swung the pipe at the victim. The victim, fearing for her safety, called 911. The suspect then crossed the street, picked up a pumpkin and threw it into the street. Officers located the suspect a short distance away. The suspect was placed under arrest for assault with a deadly weapon. He was identified as Naseer Astanboos, 26, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at $30,000.

SUNDAY, OCT. 25, AT 10:20 P.M.,
Officers on routine patrol observed a man riding a bicycle on the sidewalk in violation of the municipal code. Officers saw the suspect approach two locked bicycles in the 1400 block of Second Street. After looking at the bikes for awhile, the suspect rode off, still riding on the sidewalk. Officers stopped the suspect for the violation. Further investigation revealed that the two bicycles that the suspect was looking at were locked by a combination lock. The suspect had the combination to the lock, police said. Officers researched recent stolen bicycles and were able to find similar high-end bicycles that had recently been stolen that matched the two the suspect was looking at. The suspect, William Hill, 39, of Santa Monica, was arrested for possession of stolen property, riding on the sidewalk and warrants. His bail was set at $23,000.

TUESDAY, OCT. 27, AT 8:45 A.M.,
Officers on routine patrol in the 1500 block of Alley 1 observed a man allegedly vandalizing a recycling bin. Officers said the suspect was writing "ARON" on the bin with a black marker. The suspect was also in possession of a false identification card. He was placed under arrest for vandalism and a deceptive I.D. card. He was identified as Myles Zuckerman, 19, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at $500.

TUESDAY, OCT. 27, AT 10:40 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 2200 block of Lincoln Boulevard — Bill's Liquor — regarding a robbery. When officers arrived, they made contact with the store manager who said he was stocking shelves when he heard someone grad a bag of chips. As he went to look at who was in the store, he saw the suspect exit the store with the bag of chips in his hands. He followed the suspect outside and confronted him. The suspect allegedly took a fighting stance and threatened the victim. A fight ensued with the suspect fleeing afterward. The suspect was detained a short distance away. He was placed under arrest for robbery. He was identified as Joshua McDonald, 33, of Lawndale. His bail was set at $50,000.

FRIDAY, OCT. 30, AT 6:45 A.M.,
Officers assisted the Los Angeles County Probation Department with a compliance check in the 1900 block of Stewart Street. During the compliance check, officers located a clear glass pipe commonly used to smoke narcotics. The suspect, Raul Corcio, 18, of Santa Monica, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and a probation violation. His bail was set at $10,000.

SATURDAY, OCT. 31, AT 4:20 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 1200 block of the Third Street Promenade — Sephora — regarding a theft suspect in custody. When officers arrived, they spoke with store security who said that they saw a suspect remove an item from the shelves and conceal it underneath her sweater. Security said another suspect placed another item in her purse and then left the store with the other suspect, failing to pay for the items. Security stopped the women once outside the store and held them until police arrived. Officers spoke with the suspects and learned that they planned to steal the items. The suspects were also in possession of stolen items from a nearby store, police said. The suspects were placed under arrest for burglary, conspiracy and possession of burglary tools. They were identified as Shirin Bwagwagar, 18, of Los Angeles and Camellia Shahmoradi,18, of Santa Monica. Bail was set at $20,000 for both suspects.

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Additionally, the new system should help to freshen typically recycled theater air, as well as benefit people with allergies.

"The biggest benefit is it does feel fresh — it's not perfumed," Dobson said. "It's a much nicer environment to actually sit and watch a movie."

Though it will be a matter of opinion whether patrons like the new system, Mistry said the main hope is that they notice the difference.

"We seldom have products that you can tell when it's working," Mistry said. "With this, when you turn it on, you can immediately feel that it's working."

SANYO, which is committed to being a "leading company for energy and environment" is looking to make electrolyzed water purification systems available for consumer and commercial use within the next year. If the trial at The Criterion 6 is successful, the company hopes to install the system in more of Mann's 11 theaters with 71 screens across Southern California.

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"We're doing this with the intent to have the system installed not just in the Mann Theatres, but in other theaters in order to create a cleaner, safer environment for the customers," Aaron Fowles, a specialist for SANYO's North America Corporation said.

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Celebrating 25 years of service

FROM JOBS PAGE 1

good-paying jobs in which they once felt secure, losing their positions once their companies downsized or went out of business, Mark Loranger, the president and CEO of Chrysalis said.

"Not only do we have folks that we traditionally have seen over the years — homeless and economically disadvantaged — but we're also seeing clients at the most vulnerable parts of our communities who may not be unemployed but are being underemployed," Loranger said.

In response, Chrysalis is catering its courses to a contemporary landscape, focusing on teaching skills and techniques that are more attractive in today's market.

At the same time the organization is dealing with a drop in individual donations and a slight decrease in corporate contributions.

"We've been stretched like a lot of people have," Loranger said. "Fortunately for us we're in an industry in serving a client base and doing work that people respond to and get."

Loranger said he anticipates the organization to come out of the year in a "decent" spot financially.

Aiding the organization will be a fundraiser and celebration of its 25th anniversary on Tuesday at the Fairmont Miramar Hotel which will feature guest speaker John Dillon, who founded Chrysalis on Skid Row in 1984.

Dillon was 22 years old and fresh out of college when he made a life-changing trip to Skid Row, where the sight of crowds of homeless men and women sleeping on sidewalks and hanging aimlessly on street corners was enough to galvanize him into action.

His initial thought was to start a food pantry and clothing facility but quickly learned that the homeless population needed something different.

"What was missing from Skid Row was any emphasis on employment," Loranger said.

He built an organization that would help the homeless and the economically challenged to find employment through counseling and classes.

More than 30,000 people have received services since then. The organization maintains an 80 percent success rate among clients who come in and complete the Chrysalis program.

One of the success stories is Kathy Jefferson, a Santa Monica resident who was referred to Chrysalis from a behavior modification program in Venice.

She had a long history of abusing cocaine and spent seven years in homelessness. Soon after arriving at Chrysalis, Jefferson landed a job in telemarketing.

The resume developed slowly, added with stints as a ride operator at Pacific Park and banquet worker at Casa del Mar hotel. Today she works as a barista at The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf on the Third Street Promenade.

Jefferson has been sober for seven years and rents an apartment.

"I did what I was supposed to do and kept going," she said.

Sotelo is battling similar demons with alcoholism and depression, now sober for 60 days.

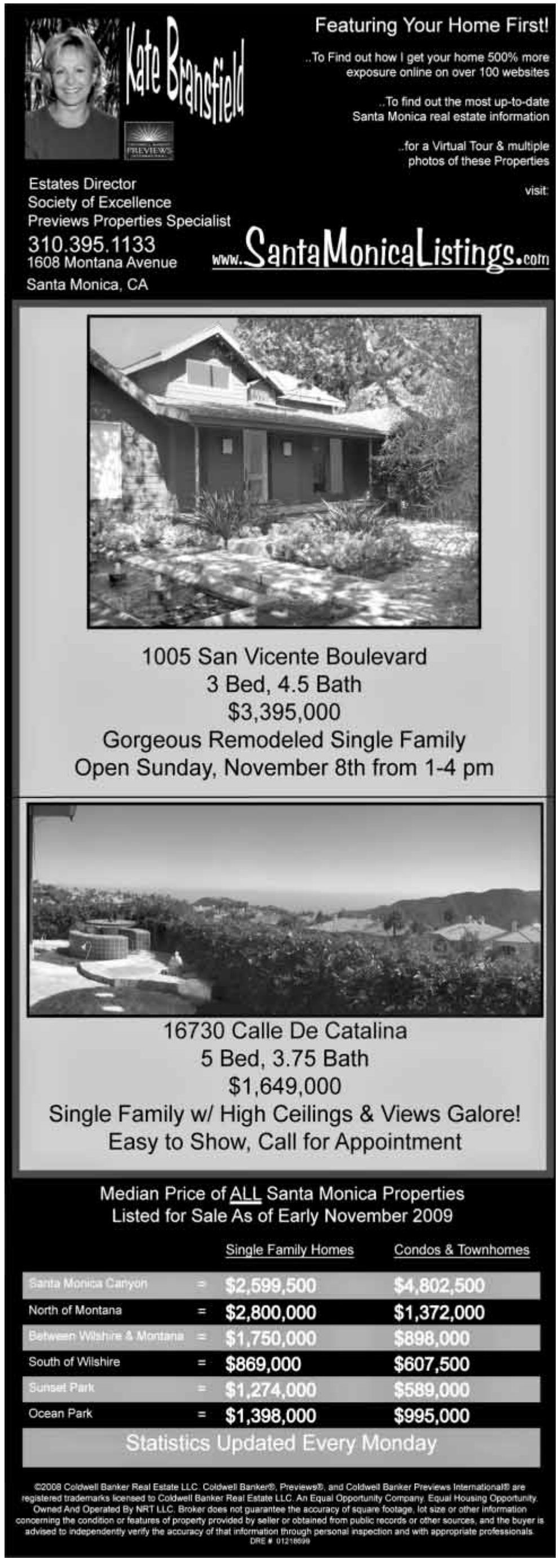
"I just got my 60-day chip from AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)," Sotelo said.

The garment business went under after his partner suffered from congestive heart failure. The partner is now awaiting a heart transplant. After the business, Sotelo lost his apartment, forcing him to move into his car. Depression hit harder as a result.

A referral from Edelman Westside Mental Health brought Sotelo to Chrysalis.

"This has been my home away from home because people know my situation," Sotelo said. "They understand what it is that I need to do to get myself together and get back in the marketplace."

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Teams thinking playoffs

FROM **FOOTBALL** PAGE 3

Samohi's Head Coach Travis Clark gets a chance to face a foe he knows all to well. Clark coached under Inglewood's Charles Mincy from 2005-06. Clark began as a defensive back coach before moving on to defensive coordinator.

Things have even gotten a little "chippy" between the two coaching staffs.

A few interesting texts have been sent back and forth between Clark and some of Mincy's staff.

"(Mincy's) already called me, talking smack," Clark said with a bit of a laugh, "and several of his coaching staff has been texting me a little."

Clark said it's all fun until both teams meet at Santa Monica College's Corsair Field at 7 p.m. tonight.

"Sometimes when you know somebody's strengths and weaknesses it helps in terms of knowing how they run their system," he said. "But it doesn't help you when trying to stop sensational athletes."

Clark points to Inglewood senior quarterback Shashaun Alexander as the main threat lining up on the Sentinels' side of the ball. He and a a pair of athletic wide receivers in Derrick Woods and Patrick Onwasor make Inglewood's passing game Clark's main concern heading into a crucial league matchup.

Samohi (3-5 overall and 2-1 in league) gets a bit of a reprieve as sophomore defensive back/running back Kori Garcia returns from a one-game suspension he was given for his involvement in a scuffle during the win over Beverly Hills late last month.

Clark said that Garcia's athleticism should give the Vikings' defensive backfield a boost when defending against the pass.

"We missed him last week," Clark said of Garcia. "He's playing like a junior. He's going to help us offensively and defensively."

When it comes to Mincy evaluating Clark's squad, he said familiarity may not hold much water.

"Yes and no," he said about any perceived advantage. "It may cancel each other out."

Although, Mincy said that the he and Clark's friendship adds a little to any so-called rivalry between the two close men.

"Nobody wants to lose," he said flatly.

What does concern Mincy is Samohi's passing game. Calling Viking senior quarterback Garret Safron the second best signal caller in the league behind Alexander, Mincy said that Samohi has changed its attack from years past when the Vikings used to pound the ball between the tackles with the running game.

He has grown to consider Samohi's passing game as the strength of its offense.

"Their QB is athletic," Mincy said of Safron. "He has a lot of heart."

Along with Safron, Samohi's receiving corps led by Chris Featherstone and Mike Smith gives Mincy reason to think that his secondary will have to step it up against the talented group.

While Featherstone and Smith may be the team's leading pass catchers, its senior Luke Zelon that Mincy has his eye on. Zelon is known to play a little of every offensive position. Clark deploys Zelon all over the field. He's been a running back, a tight end and has even lined up on the wing as a wide receiver.

Clark agrees that the key to a Samohi victory will come through the air.

When asked what would be important against Inglewood (5-3 overall, 2-1 in league), he simply said, "Garret Safron, he's the best quarter back in the league."

Football may be the order of business during tonight's homecoming game, but it comes with a bit of sadness for Samohi's 16 seniors.

It will be their last game in front of a regular season home crowd and Clark knows that will motivate them to come out firing after last week's late comeback that fell short against Culver City.

"We have to be aggressive," Clark said. "We've been working on that all week."

Also giving tonight's game a tinge of sadness is the news that a friend of many on campus was killed recently.

Richard Juarez, a graduate of Olympic High School whose family has lived in Santa Monica for four generations, was gunned down Tuesday night at Virginia Avenue Park.

Clark said a number of his players knew Juarez personally. He added that it has been said that Juarez was staying with the family of junior lineman Tim Lozano, making this week's game all the more personal.

"This is a tragic situation," Clark said. "We've been going through a lot. They are resilient."

With the news weighing heavily on Lozano, Clark said that ironically, Lozano had his best practice all season on Wednesday.

"It was good for him to go out there and get away from it all for a few hours," Clark said. "Sometimes, that's all it takes."

Unfortunately, this isn't the first bit of tragedy that has hit the Samohi football team this season. Earlier this year, junior linebacker Cody Williams injured his cervical spine and has been hospitalized since.

Williams' injury has been a rallying point for the team this season. Clark said he's been amazed at how his players have reacted to such serious circumstances.

"They have really grown as men this year," he said. "I'm proud of them."

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Looking for a motive in shootings

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and three friends were leaving an art class at the Virginia Avenue Park Teen Center, according to family members.

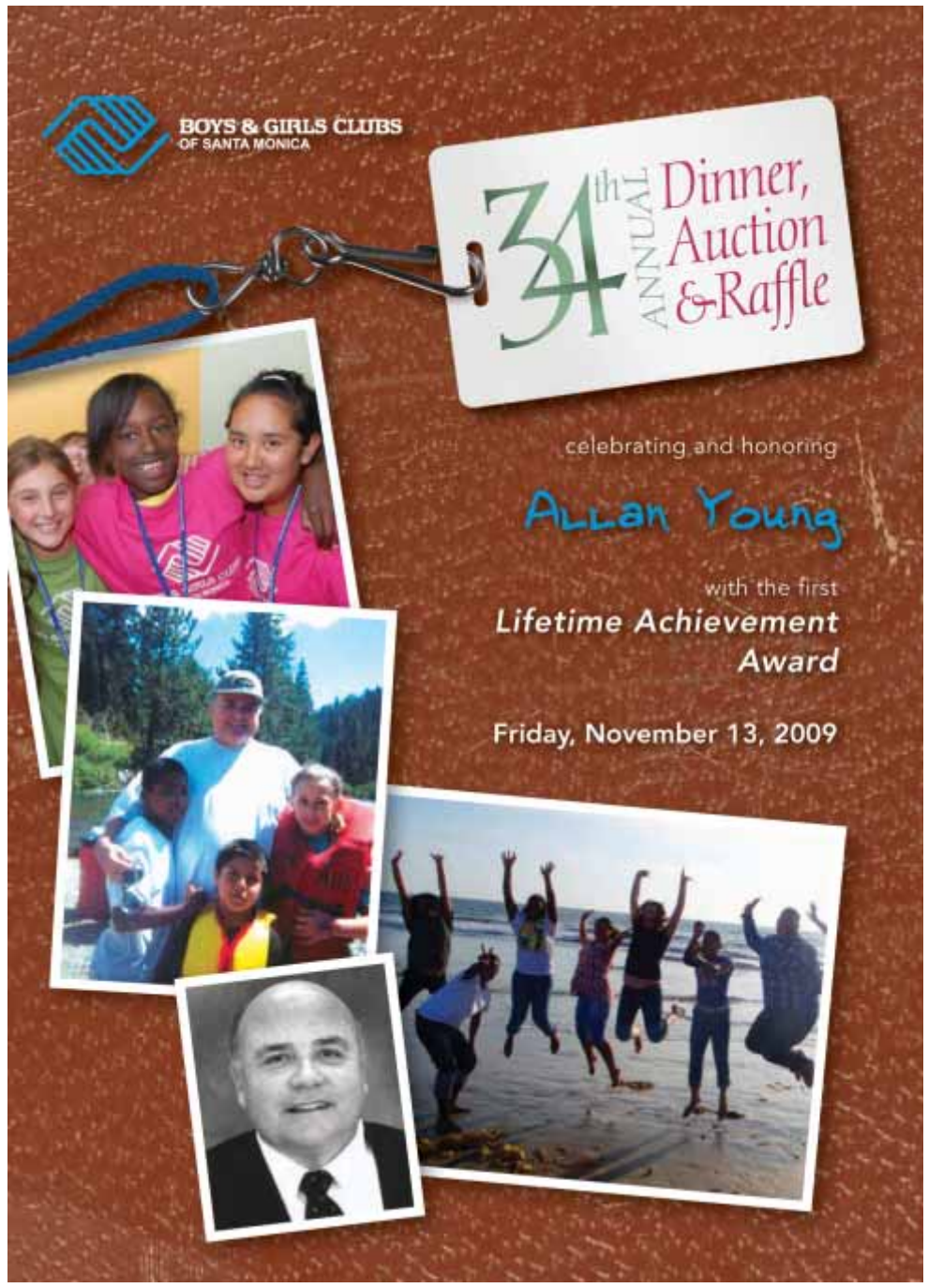
Two of the suspects approached the group and opened fire, striking Juarez at least once. The three other victims were not hit. Santa Monica Fire Department paramedics responded to the scene but Juarez was pronounced dead on arrival, police said.

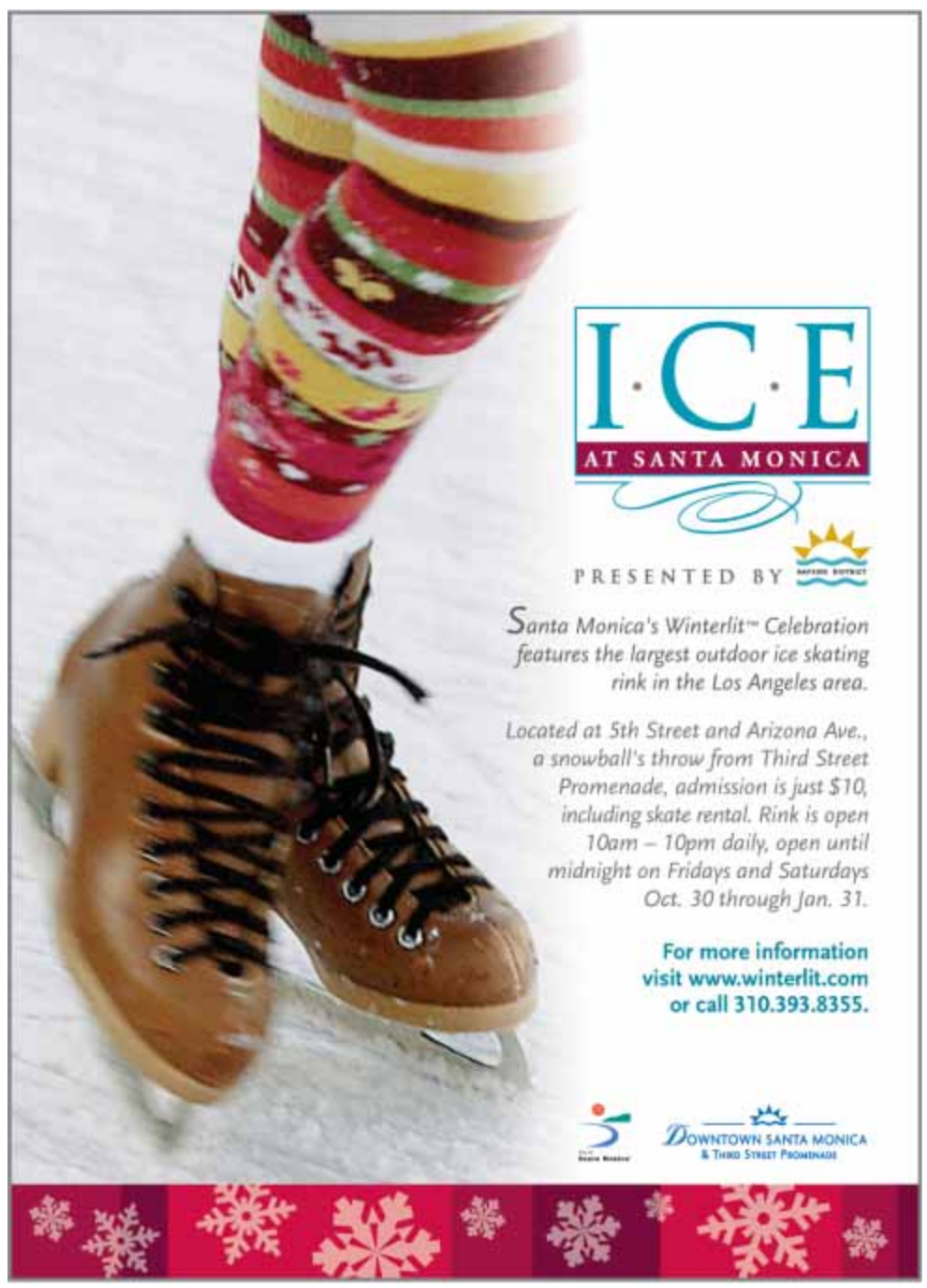
A sergeant on patrol in the area heard the shots and saw the two suspects running towards a parked car that contained two other men. The officer gave chase and detained the two in the car. The other two suspects continued on foot and were found a short time later hiding, one underneath a van and the other in the backyard of a vacant home.

Police are still investigating the incident and urge anyone with information to contact the Santa Monica Police Department, Criminal Investigations Division at (310) 458-8451 or the watch commander at (310)458-8427 (24 hours). Those wishing to remain anonymous can call the We-Tip Hotline at (800) 78-CRIME (27463).

Some are questioning whether or not Juarez was shot in retaliation for a fatal shooting earlier that day in Venice in which an African-American male, William Charles McKillian, Jr.,19, was killed while walking in an alley off Westminster Avenue on the Oakwood Neighborhood. Family and friends of Juarez said he was not a gang member but could have been targeted because of his dress.

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Residents concerned about asbestos from old hospital

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bers of the City Council and Planning Commission attended. Representatives of the hospital were invited but did not attend.

"Although we recognize that individuals in the community may have questions and concerns about any large organization, we are reluctant to recognize this group which we believe is simply a front designed to leverage other issues," Saint John's spokesman Greg Harrison said.

He added that the California Nurses Association has been public about becoming involved in the establishment of the union as it has with other causes, not because it supports the cause, but because if wants to "embarrass the hospital to get something else — an agreement to circumvent the rights of employees in union organizing."

Harrison also refuted claims that the hospital has engaged in union busting, noting that the decision to be represented by a union is made in a secret ballot election overseen by the National Labor Relations Board, a process that Saint John's has supported. He added that the hospital has an obligation to support the rights of employees who want to unionize and those who do not.

The nurses, who claim the hospital has spent thousands of dollars on union busting, decided to reach out to neighbors after seeing a sign that complained about the raw sewage odor at a house across the street from the hospital on Arizona Avenue.

"That gave us the idea there might be some dissent in the neighborhood," James Moy, an organizer with the California Nurses Association, said.

The coalition is also urgently mobilizing in anticipation of the hospital requesting the City Council to approve a development agreement amendment that would postpone the construction of a parking garage for another 10 years, hoping city officials will consider some of the allegations involving the hospital before approving any changes to the contract.

One of the biggest issues tying the nurses and neighbors together is the smell of raw sewage that floats through the hospital and around the surrounding homes whenever a truck comes to vacuum the tanks where the waste collects. Neighbors have long contended that a design flaw in the hospital's sewage system causes the problem.

Nurses claim that the patients have also suffered from the smell of raw sewage.

"The stench is on the floor, the stench comes through the drains in our units," said one nurse, who declined to give her name for fear of backlash from the hospital. "Nurses are being told to go to employee health and nothing can be done."

The concerns grew when more than 120 gallons of raw sewage flowed onto a street near Saint John's during an evening in September, some of which made its way into the storm drain system. The incident occurred during a routine flushing of the hospital's septic storage tank when a mechanical malfunction caused two tank pumps to go on simultaneously. Hospital officials said at the time that the increased pressure caused the spill where its drainage system meets the city sewage system.

Councilman Kevin McKeown, who attended the coalition's meeting last week, said the hospital could have originally linked its septic system to the city sewage system.

"When they make the transfer from the holding bin to the truck, it is clearly noticeable," he said. "Whether it's a health hazard or not is a different question."

> **"WE ARE MONITORING THE SEWAGE SITUATION AND OUR CITY ENGINEER AND PUBLIC WORKS ARE TALKING TO THE HOSPITAL ABOUT HOW WE CAN REMEDY THIS."**
>
> **Kevin McKeown**
> Councilman

He added that there are no laws on the books about a nuisance for smell, though one does exist for noise.

McKeown said City Hall cannot take enforceable action on the sewage issue unless there is another spill on the street. With regards to the odor wafting into the hospital, McKeown said the issue should be directed to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

"We are monitoring the sewage situation and our city engineer and public works are talking to the hospital about how we can remedy this," McKeown said. "We certainly let them know that spilling sewage on the street is not allowable and we are concerned about the odors but we don't know under what law that could be pursued."

McKeown said the council could negotiate for a cleaner sewage system when the development agreement is brought back for changes.

The proposed amendment to the development agreement has been filed preliminarily with City Hall but has not been scheduled for a City Council meeting. McKeown said the hospital might want to delay the parking garage because the lease for a bank on the corner of 23rd Street and Santa Monica Boulevard will soon expire, a piece of land that Saint John's could be interested in.

"The hospital might want to acquire land and move things around and not build a parking structure where it is now," he said. "They might want to go ahead and fix the entrance on Santa Monica Boulevard first."

He called the entrance, which often is packed with cars, a safety hazard.

Harrison said city officials are reviewing the hospital's request for the extension as well as an independent study that concluded Saint John's can provide sufficient parking for doctors, employees, patients and visitors in the foreseeable future without building the garage.

Saint John's recently completed construction of the Howard Keck Center, a landmark milestone in the medical center's efforts to rebuild its campus after more than a third of its buildings were irreparably damaged in the 1994 Northridge earthquake. The hospital in 2005 also opened the Chan Soon Shiong Center for Life Sciences.

The two buildings sit behind the old 1950s hospital, which will soon be demolished.

Its demolition is also drawing concerns from neighbors about asbestos and whether there will be proper abatement.

"We would like some public oversight of their demolition and the process of abatement related to those hazardous materials," Heacock said.

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Sharp through the years

TOMORROW I TURN THE BIG 3-0, AND this birthday has me thinking about how society deems certain fashion cut-off points. The big 3-0 is the biggest fashion cut-off point of all.

In your 20s, you're finishing up college. You move out of your parents' house and into an apartment of your own, date guys you know you shouldn't, because of the possibility that one of them might be Mr. Right in disguise, and work a job to pay the rent, while trying to figure out what you really want to do for a living. Society deems this behavior acceptable. You're finding your way.

You can get away with almost anything. You're young. You can wear ripped jeans, ruffles, plunging necklines, micro-minis, neon tights and shapeless styles like shift dresses.

You're allowed to experiment at Fantastic Sam's, telling the hairdresser to cut it all off, give you bangs, or dye your 'do "Run Lola Run" red. You're allowed to get angry with the world and take it out on your hair.

But in your 30s, you're supposed to have arrived. You're supposed to be settled, and that includes being settled on a hairstyle. You've chosen a career, you're in a solid relationship and you've purchased towels that all match.

You are no longer allowed to wear "cute" jewelry, body glitter, or, I'm told, flip-flops when not at the beach. What then do you do if you live three blocks from the beach? Does this rule still apply?

By 30, you're supposed to know your shape, and, to reflect that knowledge, your dresses should be more structured, and your pants should create a streamlined silhouette. You want to look professional, which translates to hemlines to the knee and a covered up décolleté. If a neckline is too low, a camisole should be worn. In your 20s, you had the time and desire to work out, and the toned arms to prove it, but now you bring work home (that didn't happen when you were a barista); you start to shy away from sleeveless.

In your 40s, you're a mom, a capable woman balancing work and home. You want to feel sexy, but you still want to look like a mom, and that, my friends, is a paradox; you may show leg or neck, but not both. You start trying to hide figure flaws, steering clear of clingy fabrics. While your 30s were about being chic, your 40s are about being — I hate this word because it's its own opposite — classy.

The last age group is 50-plus. In your 50s, your children move out and you suddenly have time to do the things you always wanted to do. You throw dinner parties and attend charity events, and you do all this in statement jewelry.

Please understand, I'm not saying that I agree with any of this. I don't. I did things quite differently, getting married at 21, and starting a career at 24. What I am saying is that society does a really good job of perpetuating these archetypal women, pitting me against the mythical 30-something.

I don't like her. She's no fun at all.

When I was 15, I was in Heathrow, making a connecting flight on my way back to the U.S. from a summer in Europe, I noticed this head covered with a rainbow of braids. I knew those braids. That audacious hairstyle belonged to designer Betsy Johnson. I was awestruck. I walked up to her to say hello while she was having a breakfast of caviar.

That's when I realized that if you've got to settle on a look, make it bold and unapologetic regardless of age.

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Mixing patriotism and a pony

SAMANTHA CRITCHELL
AP Fashion Writer

NEW YORK Ralph Lauren's affinity for Americana will be on full display on athletes at the Winter Olympics in Vancouver, British Columbia — complete with red, white and blue, stars-and-stripes flags and, of course, polo ponies.

Polo Ralph Lauren began its strategic unveiling of its outfits for athletes on Wednesday, with 100 days until the start of the games. The closing-ceremony parade outfit includes a mostly red and blue shawl-collar sweater with antique buttons, a newsboy cap, a plaid shirt for the men, and a navy ribbed turtleneck for the women.

Long-sleeve T-shirts with big bold graphics printed on the chest are part of the Olympic Village wardrobe, as well as white warm-up jackets with red and blue stripes down the sleeves and old-school alpine ski sweaters decorated with reindeer.

"We took a lot of inspiration from the 1930s games, reaching into the heyday of the Olympics and bringing to a more modern sensibility," said David Lauren, the company's senior vice president of advertising, marketing and communications.

The company dressed the American athletes for the summer games two years ago and has signed on with the U.S. Olympic Committee through 2012 in London to provide ceremonial clothes as well as recreational looks. It's also creating the outfits for the Paralympic teams.

As far as performance uniforms during actual competition, Ralph Lauren isn't ready to get into that game yet because of the technical aspects of the clothes.

Many of the items are also available to the public, said David Lauren, who called the Olympics the "ultimate branding opportunity."

"There's an interest in what athletes are wearing, but what people really want is what's commemorative, so they can hold on to something that's a piece of history," he said.

At the Beijing games, Lauren said he was mistaken for an athlete in an elevator because he was wearing the same flag-bearing styles — the highlight of a memorable trip. "For one brief moment, I could put myself in the shoes of an Olympic athlete," he said.

(His real talent, he joked, is "spectating.")

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SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 61°

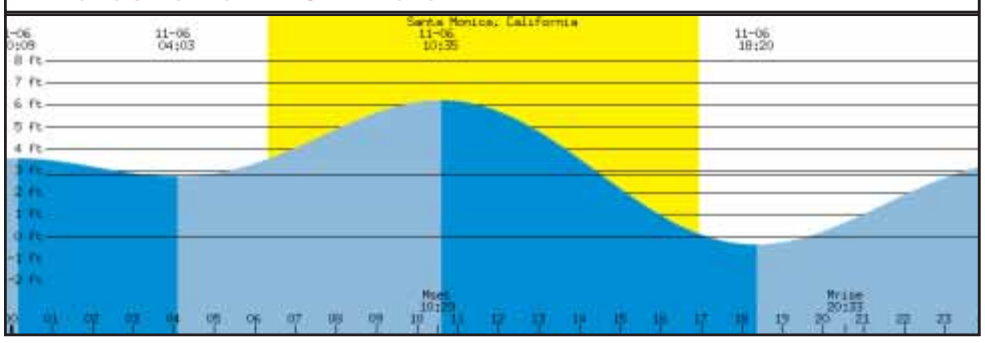
Swell Forecast

Should see NW swell start to build in from the Gulf system. This though is looking smaller than surf we'd see over the weekend.

Long Range Synopsis

NW swell should make full impact in SoCal. This is expected to place most west facing breaks in surf running 2-3 feet overhead, and with standouts goingDOH.

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 four weeks up to the ending date of **October 14, 2009**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 28 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 1
- Number of wet days -- 2
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 41 / 14
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 4 / 9

The Beach Report Card is made possible by simplehuman, Goldhirsh Foundation, the James Irvine Foundation, Ford

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 Lechasa and Las Alisos creeks.	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blacker County Beach.	A	A+
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	C	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A	C
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	A+
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	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).	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A+	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	F
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A	A+
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	B	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	A+
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	A+
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	ns

LEGEND

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

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MLB

Abreu agrees to $19 million, 2-year deal

GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

ANAHEIM, Calif. Bobby Abreu had no interest in spending another winter — or even another week — without an employer. The Los Angeles Angels were only too happy to oblige the slugger who transformed their lineup this year.

The veteran outfielder agreed Thursday to a $19 million, two-year contract to stay with the Angels rather than test the free-agent market again.

"I really feel happy here with Los Angeles," Abreu said in a telephone interview from Las Vegas. "I really enjoy to play for them, and I think when they started with the conversation for the contract and we didn't have any problems back and forth, it was a nice negotiation. It was no problem to stay and come back with the Angels."

After earning $16 million with the New York Yankees in 2008 under the final year of a contract he originally signed with the Philadelphia Phillies, Abreu became a free agent. He didn't find a new home until Feb. 12, just before spring training, when the Angels gave him a one-year contract that guaranteed $5 million.

He earned an additional $1 million based on plate appearances, but the Venezuelan still was one of the majors' biggest bargains.

Mostly playing right field, Abreu hit .293 with 15 homers, 103 RBIs, 30 steals and 94 walks as a durable contributor to one of the majors' top offenses. He also raised his game to keep Los Angeles afloat while sluggers Vladimir Guerrero and Torii Hunter were sidelined with midseason injuries, earning AL player of the month honors for July by batting .380 with 28 RBIs.

Manager Mike Scioscia labeled Abreu as the Angels' most valuable player late in the season.

"He did a tremendous job for us last year, both on and off the field," said Angels general manager Tony Reagins, who swiftly finalized the deal with Abreu this week. "It was an easy decision for us to bring Bobby back, and I think he enjoyed the environment that we had last year. Hopefully we can continue to achieve our goals that we've set."

Several Los Angeles teammates even credited Abreu with changing the club's approach at the plate with his deliberate, patient at-bats. Hunter said he became more mindful of his opportunities after a few batting cage conversations with Abreu, and both sluggers produced remarkable seasons as the Angels led the majors with a .285 batting average and set franchise records for hits (1,604), runs (883) and RBIs (841).

The Angels won 97 games and the AL West title before sweeping Boston out of the first round. Abreu played in the league championship series for the first time in his career during Los Angeles' loss to the Yankees.

"I feel so comfortable with my teammates and the organization, and to play for Mike Scioscia is awesome," Abreu said. "He's one of those managers that lets you play the game, and he gives you big support. ... I really wanted to stay. The conversation was going good. I decided to just say yes."

Abreu's new contract calls for $9 million salaries in each of the next two seasons. It includes a 2012 option for $9 million with a $1 million buyout, and the option would become guaranteed if Abreu has 550 plate appearances in 2011 or 1,200 in 2010-11 combined.

Given Abreu's remarkable record of durability, he has a good shot at the guarantee. He has played at least 151 games in every season since 1998, his first full major league campaign, and the two-time All-Star has driven in at least 100 runs in seven straight seasons.

The little things also mattered to Abreu: He praised the Angels for their public embrace of him during a season in which he surpassed several career milestones, including 2,000 hits and 250 homers. The organization rewarded him for those achievements with trophies and on-field recognition in front of cheering Angel Stadium crowds.

"I think if you (compare) this season to the last three or four, they've been almost pretty much the same, but this year I've been more recognized," Abreu said. "One of the reasons is the Angels let the people know what I'm doing. It meant a lot to myself (to get) a lot of respect for what I've done on the field."

But the chance to play for a consistent winner also is important to the 35-year-old, who said during the playoffs that he hoped to play for perhaps five more years. Los Angeles has won five of the last six AL West titles and made six postseason appearances in the last eight years.

"This is a team that gives you an opportunity always to be in the playoffs," Abreu said. "This time, my first time with them, I was very close to getting to the World Series, so why not stay? Of course you want a team that is going to give you opportunities to be in the World Series and win the World Series. I don't want to take a chance with someone else."

Abreu spent the previous 2 1/2 seasons with the Yankees after 8 1/2 years with Philadelphia. He began his major league career in Houston.

The Angels still have six potential free agents, including Guerrero, ace John Lackey and third baseman Chone Figgins.



MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
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Dune (NR) 2hr 20min
7:30

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

Astro Boy (PG) 1hr 34min
5:00

The Boondock Saints II: All Saints Day (R) 1hr 27min
5:10, 7:50, 10:30

Saw VI (R) 1hr 31min
7:30, 10:00

Zombieland (R) 1hr 21min
5:30, 7:40, 9:50

A Serious Man (R) 1hr 45min
5:20, 8:00, 10:45

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
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Paranormal Activity (R) 1hr 39min
5:40, 8:05, 10:15

Disney's A Christmas Carol (PG) 1hr 36min
5:15, 7:40, 10:10

Disney's A Christmas Carol in Disney Digital 3D (PG) 1hr 36min
5:45, 8:15, 10:45

The Fourth Kind (PG-13) 1hr 38min
5:30, 8:00, 10:30

Where the Wild Things Are (PG) 1hr 34min
5:50, 8:20, 10:50

Men Who Stare at Goats (R) 1hr 30min
5:20, 6:00, 7:50, 8:30, 10:20, 11:00

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
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The Maid (NR) 1hr 49min
7:45, 10:10

Turning Green (NR) 1hr 41min
7:50, 10:10

New York, I Love You (R) 1hr 58min
7:50, 10:15

Irene In Time (PG-13) 1hr 49min
7:30, 10:00

Mann's Criterion Theatre
1313 Third St.
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The Box (PG-13) 1hr 56min
7:30, 9:20, 10:20, 11:30

Couples Retreat (PG-13) 1hr 47min
6:30

Julie & Julia (Pg-13) 2hr 3min
6:00, 8:45

Law Abiding Citizen (R) 1hr 48min
7:20, 9:50

Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) 2hrs 1min
6:50, 7:50, 9:30, 10:30

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Spice up the love life, Pisces

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Your emotional nature comes forward when dealing with a restriction and/or someone who has become quite chilly. You want to avoid getting into an issue with this person, or anyone, right now. Play it cool. Tonight: Make it an early night.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Your communication could be off, or perhaps others simply don't want to hear your message. You'll get to the bottom of a problem. Investigate what seems like a difficult position or attitude. Tonight: Hang out with friends.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Be sensitive to your own needs and limitations. Someone might be bargaining very hard, and you see no other alternative than to go along. Don't do anything you don't have to do. Given time, your situation could change. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Don't allow someone to push you too hard. Listen to what this person thinks, and you'll see no choice but to go along. There is another route or possibility. Just pull back and think. Tonight: Act like the world is your oyster, and it will be.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★ If you feel pushed, you might want to rethink a situation. Someone clearly feels his or her power and is bullying others. You will be putting a dent into this thought. Doing nothing, not responding, is the way to go. Tonight: Get some extra sleep.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ A loved one could be controlling or touchy. If you don't want to play along, count on heading out without this person. Your creativity surges in the face of a problem. Know that there is more than one path. Tonight: Where people are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ You might want to rethink a situation, especially if someone is putting terms on you. Claim your power and continue on your path. You don't have to respond or do anything; just head on your merry way. The message is clear. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Somehow you accomplish a lot more than you originally thought possible. Bypass a stoppage, and you'll stay on top of your game. Listen to what is being said behind the scenes, but also note what isn't being said. Tonight: Try a new spot.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Work with individuals, not groups. You could be more insecure than you realize. Take your time making decisions if you don't feel that you are in the best place. Avoid using money as a way to control. Tonight: Go along with another's suggestion.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★ Your attitude still could be a problem. Yes, you are under a lot of pressure and might be more controlling than normal. Take a walk; go out and relax. Use the next few days for you. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Be even and follow through on what you feel is natural. Clear out as much work as possible. You could be overwhelmed and tired by the end of the morning. Be aware of your priorities and get out as soon as you can. Tonight: Change your pace.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Your creativity emerges and lets you get through problems where others cannot. You are on top of your game, that is clear. With as much as is going on, you could lose focus of the big picture. Tonight: Add more romance.

Happy birthday

This year, you understand what needs to happen more clearly than in the past. If you want more feedback or help, you need only ask. Update your communication by developing a more caring style. You could be surprised by the change that improved communication makes. Ease up and enjoy better relationships. A sibling or a neighbor could become a problem. Be aware of this person's energy and needs. Even if you meet someone this year, it will be more likely in 2010 when you walk into a better relationship. This person might be quite exciting and open to new adventures. If you are attached, share more of your wild ideas with your sweetie. CANCER can be inspirational.

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

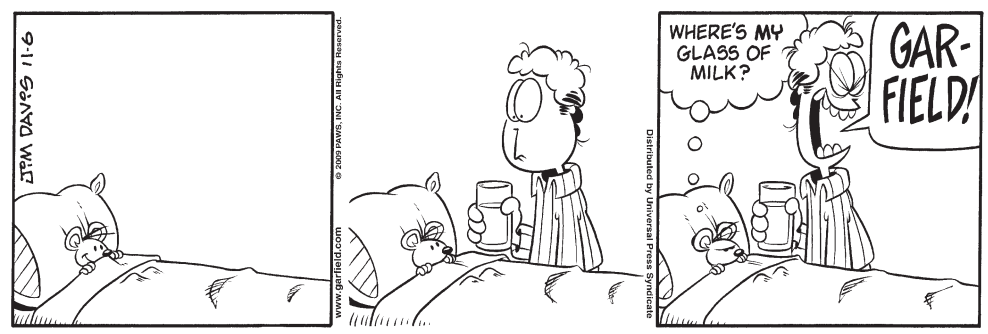
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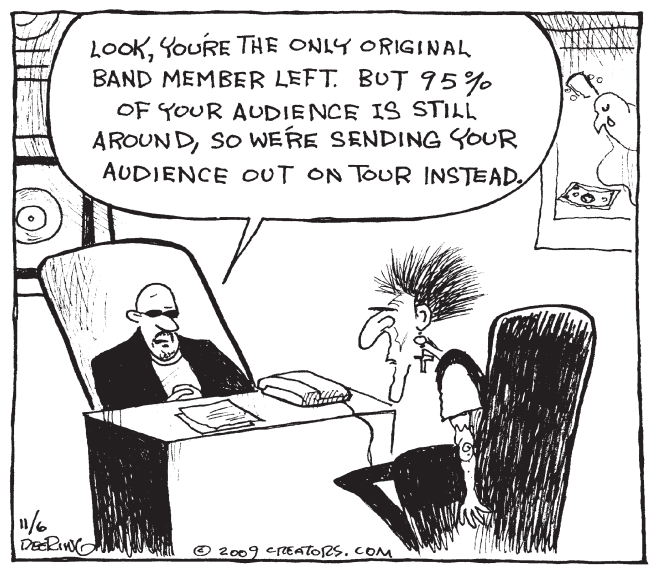
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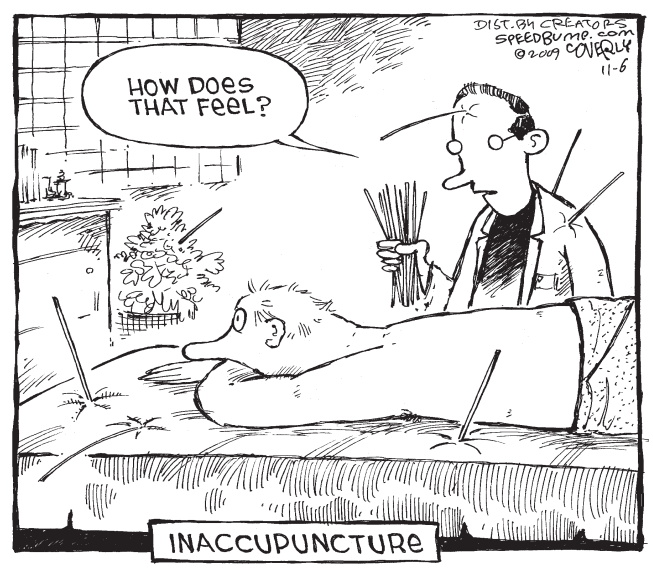
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Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from ★ (easiest) to ★★★★★ (hardest).

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

3	9	1	4	6	2	7	5	8
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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Emergency money
6 Pound sounds
11 Most writing
12 Forsaken
13 Scout's work
14 Daughter of Leda
15 Sturdy wood
16 Enclosed
18 Try out
19 Important time
20 Golfer Ernie
21 Koppel and Danson
23 Sorts
25 Gumshoe
27 Trawling need
28 Anarchist's goal
30 Resistance units
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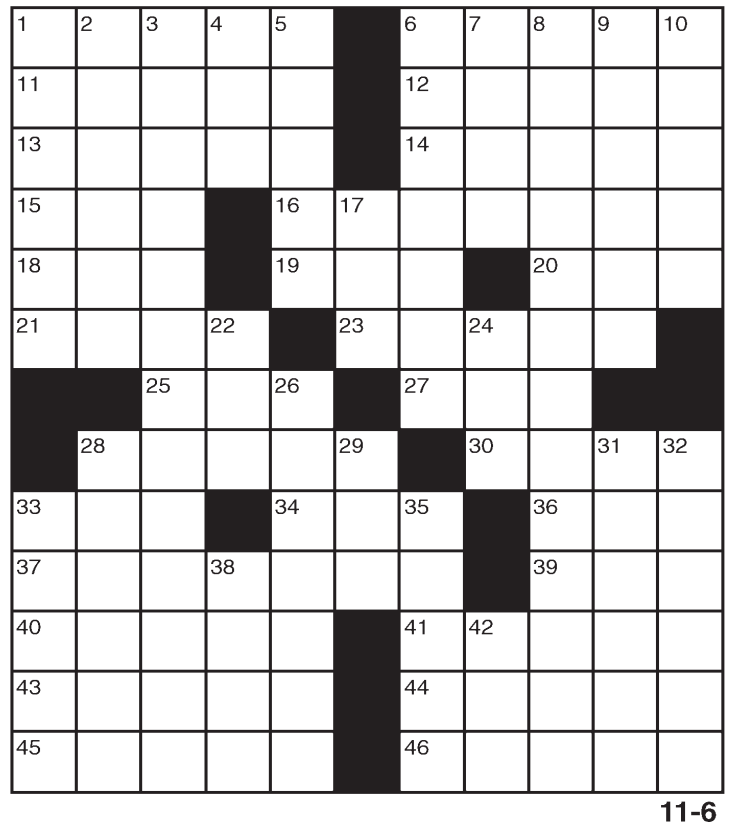
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2 Iron's target
3 Caused trouble
4 Equal: Pref.
5 Brit's change
6 Persian Gulf nation
7 Tina's TV co-star
8 Took a chance
9 Prepares to propose
10 Posts
17 Annoy
22 Great expanse
24 "The Matrix" hero
26 More vulgar
28 Identifying flag
29 Plop down
31 Posted
32 Horses
33 Israeli port
35 Grating sounds
38 "Sesame Street" regular
42 West of films

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Yesterday's answer

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ A nine-hour, 16-officer search of the home of alleged drug kingpin Michael Difalco, near Lakeland, Fla., in March, apparently was not exciting enough. Surveillance video (from Difalco's security system) released by police in September showed that the easily distracted officers also took time out to play spirited frames of bowling on Difalco's Wii game. Since the detectives were unaware of the camera, they uninhibitedly pumped their fists and shouted gleefully with every strike. Police supervisors acknowledged the unprofessional behavior but said the search nonetheless was productive.

■ Bombastic financier R. Allen Stanford was able to maintain secrecy in the multibillion-dollar Ponzi scheme he allegedly operated for years out of a bank in Antigua because he and Antigua's chief bank regulator had met in secret in 2003 and taken an actual "blood oath" of loyalty. The hematic bonding was revealed by Stanford's No. 2 executive, James Davis, who pleaded guilty in August in federal court in Houston.

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1528 Shipwrecked Spanish conquistador Álvar Núñez Cabeza de Vaca becomes the first known European to set foot in Texas.

1632 Death of King Gustavus Adolphus the Great of Sweden in the Battle of Lützen during the Thirty Years War.

1789 Pope Pius VI appoints Father John Carroll as the first Catholic bishop in the United States.

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1856 The first work of fiction by the author later known as George Eliot is submitted for publication.

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Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of MARGARET STOMMEL GANSON for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner or Attorney: MARGARET STOMMEL GANSON filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: MARGARET STOMMEL GANSON to MARGO STOMMEL GANSON. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.
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Date: DECEMBER 11, 2009 Time: 8:30AM, Dept. B
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Date: OCT 15, 2009
CANDACE J. BEASON
Judge Of The Superior Court
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