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THE HEADING TO THE BAY ISSUE

Anti-panhandling campaign changes focus

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Responding to concerns that a proposed anti-panhandling campaign could reinforce stereotypes about a city once known as the "home for the homeless," officials are looking to take a different approach.

More than a year after a consultant was hired to craft a marketing initiative that would advise visitors to donate money to social service providers rather than give to beggars, City Hall is planning to broaden the scope of the campaign to target the entire community, educating about homeless issues in general.

The change comes after the consultant — GMMB — tested a number of anti-panhandling concepts with a focus group, learning that the perception about homelessness in the city has changed.

"They felt that there was a growing and significant perception of success in that the impact of homelessness in public spaces has decreased," said Danielle Noble, a City Hall senior administrative analyst for homeless services.

The City Council tonight will be asked to reallocate the remaining funds set aside for the campaign — about $150,000 — to be used to roll out elements of the new educational program, which could happen before the end of the fiscal year.

After conducting research for eight months last year, the consultant presented three different concepts to the focus group, which consisted of residents and nonresidents, givers and nongivers. The focus group

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SOLITUDE
Byron Kennerly *news@smdp.com*
A Jogger on Monday braves gusting winds for a run down deserted Santa Monica Beach, getting some exercise before the next rain hits.

Trial strains family ties

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Special to the Daily Press

DOWNTOWN L.A. The blood spilled at the Moose Lodge left a stain on the lives of the families of both the victims and the alleged murderers, and it is now seeping out to affect another family, that of material witness Cristian Solares.

Solares was called to testify to the events of Mar. 5, 2005 when three documented gang members entered a private birthday party and killed two of the attendees at the Moose Lodge in Sunset Park.

But Solares refuses to appear, and now his father faces possible incarceration for declining to give his whereabouts to the district attorney.

Eric Nuñez, a.k.a. Ector Hugo Sanchez, and Jose Mojarro face two counts of murder with a special gang enhancement (using firearms during a gang crime) and a third count of assault with a deadly weapon.

A third man, William "Willie" Vasquez, who is also an alleged gang member, has been charged as well, but will not be tried at this time. All three have pleaded not guilty.

If convicted, the defendants face life sentences without parole or the death penalty.

The three, who are believed to be members of the 18th Street gang Alsace clique, are charged with the murders of Santa Monicans Hector Bonilla and Jonathan Hernandez, who were shot multiple times at

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Octuplet doctor believed to be fertility pioneer

BY SHAYA TAYEFE MOHAJER
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES The doctor who helped a mother become pregnant with octuplets is believed to be a well-known Beverly Hills fertility specialist who pioneered a method for implanting embryos in women trying to have children.

Video from a 2006 feature report on infertility that was re-aired Monday on KTLA-TV shows Dr. Michael Kamrava treating Nadya Suleman and discussing embryo implantation.

Suleman did not name her doctor in an NBC interview that also aired Monday but said the same doctor had helped her conceive all 14 of her children.

Kamrava did not immediately return a pager message left by The Associated Press and a receptionist at the well-kept clinic said he was not giving interviews.

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WHAT'S UP WESTSIDE

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



Story Time
Ocean Park Branch Library
2601 Main St., 10 a.m. — 11 a.m.
Bring two-year-old children to Mr. Jesse's Toddler Story Time for Two's for stories, songs, rhymes and puppets. Registration is required. Call (310) 458-4638 for more information.

Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2009

Taking away aches and pains
Kathmandu Boutique
1844 Lincoln Blvd., 6 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.
Free lessons offered on the technique of Pranic Healing, developed by Master Choa Kok Sui. For more information, call (310) 396-4036.

Kickin' it with Kiwanis
Santa Monica YMCA
1332 Sixth St., 12 p.m. — 1:30 p.m.
Join the Santa Monica Kiwanis Club for its weekly luncheon with guest speakers. Call (310) 613-1249 for more information.

Walk the labyrinth
First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica
1008 11th St., 1 p.m. — 2 p.m.
Come to the Simkins Hall to walk the labyrinth, an ancient form of meditation where one follows an inlaid path in quiet contemplation. Call (310) 393-8258 or e-mail Mary Garbesi at mary.garbesi@santa monica.org for more information.

Thursday Feb. 12, 2009

What's new this week?
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean park Blvd., 1 p.m. — 2:30 p.m.
Join us for a free-wheeling review and discussion of the week's key news stories at home and abroad. Subjects cover politics, the economy, society and culture. Discussion moderator, Jack Nordhaus, is a former college history professor. Call (310) 450-0443 for more information.

Robbie Kaye photo exhibit
Bergamot Station
2525 Michigan Ave. Call for times.
A retrospective of vintage and antique dolls, mannequins, ceramics, glass and other materials will be the centerpiece of this new exhibit. Robbie Kaye is a native of New York and has focused her recent work on Santa Monica's seaside vistas, buildings and fauna. For more information, call (310) 828-4001.

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.



DRIVING ON

Morgan Genser *news@smdp.com*

Markus Silbiger of Beverly Hills chases after Vikings junior guard Tate Tucker inside the north gym on the campus of Santa Monica High School on Friday, Feb. 6th. Samohi won by a score of 62-36 and improved their record to 4-4 in league play and 17-7 overall.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SM BEACH

Stay out of the water

Because of current rainfall, county health officials are cautioning residents who are planning to visit local beaches to be careful of swimming, surfing, and playing in ocean waters around discharging storm drains, creeks, and rivers. Bacteria, debris, trash, and other public health hazards from city streets and mountain areas are likely to enter ocean waters though these outlets.

"Fortunately, discharging storm drains, creeks, and rivers only comprises a small portion of the beach, and therefore, anybody who wants to go to the beach will be able to enjoy their outing," said Dr. Jonathan E. Fielding, director of public health for the county. "We do advise swimmers and surfers to stay away from the storm drains, creeks and rivers as there is the possibility that bacteria or chemicals from debris and trash may contaminate the water near and around these areas, and some individuals may become ill."

Areas of the beach apart from discharging storm drains, creeks, and rivers are exempted from this advisory. This advisory will be in effect until at least Friday, Feb. 13 at 7 a.m. This advisory may be extended depending on further rainfall.

Recorded information on beach conditions is available 24-hours a day on the county's beach closure hotline: (800) 525-5662. Information is also available online at our Web site: www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/beach/. DAILY PRESS

LOS ANGELES

My furry valentine

Los Angeles Animal Services, in partnership with the Found Animals Foundation and the Pet Care Foundation, is announcing the "My Furry Valentine" adoption event at all six Animal Care Centers Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 14 and 15.

Animals will be available for adoption at a Valentine's Day special low price of $43 for a dog, $28 for a cat (second cat is free) and $25 for a rabbit. This is a 60 to 80 percent off regular adoption fees. During this event, these low adoption fees include spay/neuter surgery, microchip, vaccinations and in the case of dogs a license.

Doors are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

On Saturday at the West L.A. and East Valley Care Centers, the My Furry Valentine event will include face painting, valentine-making and "Pet Matchmakers" to help you find your forever friend.

West Los Angeles Animal Care Center
11361 W. Pico Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90064
Hours: 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. DP

Council considers beachside apartments for the homeless

Editor's note: This story is part of an ongoing series that tracks the city's expenditures appearing on upcoming Santa Monica City Council consent agendas. Consent agenda items are routinely passed by the City Council with little or no discussion from elected officials or the public. However, many of the items have been part of public discussion in the past.

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE The views of the ocean for the homeless are about to get more comfortable.

More than 35 years after purchasing a mixed-use building on scenic Ocean Avenue, City Hall is preparing to lease the property for affordable housing.

The City Council is expected tonight to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute a lease with OPCC and allocate $100,000 to the nonprofit homeless service provider for architectural, legal and consulting purposes.

The expenditure is part of an approximately $787,000 spending package the council is expected to approve tonight.

City Hall purchased the 19-unit property at 1614-1616 Ocean Ave. in 1973, leasing the rent-controlled spaces to residents and OPCC's Daybreak Day Center, which offers social service programs to homeless and mentally-ill women. About seven units are currently vacant to make way for future building rehabilitation.

Along with affordable housing, the building will also host supportive services for homeless individuals. Community Corporation of Santa Monica, the largest affordable housing developer in the city, will also partner in the project.

"OPCC is well established in the community with a proven capacity to develop, own and operate supportive housing and provide intensive services to chronically homeless and mentally ill persons," the city staff report stated. "The development team members are all experienced and well qualified organizations with track records in Santa Monica and with affordable housing."

COMMUNICATION IS KEY

The Santa Monica Fire Department is looking to improve communication with its peers.

Fire officials will be asking the council to approve the purchase of a Lifeline Regional Interoperability System that will allow the department to transmit data regarding hazardous materials via wireless technology to other agencies in the county. The more than $123,300 system was developed following concerns from the U.S. Department of

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Calif. artist sues over image of Obama

BY LARRY NEUMEISTER
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK An artist who created a famous image of Barack Obama before he became president sued The Associated Press on Monday, asking a judge to find that his use of an AP photo in creating the poster did not violate copyright law.

The lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court in Manhattan said street artist Shepard Fairey did not violate the copyright of the April 2006 photograph because he dramatically changed the nature of the image.

The AP has said it is owed credit and compensation for the artist's rendition of the picture, taken by Mannie Garcia on assignment for the AP at the National Press Club in Washington.

Lawyers for Fairey acknowledged that the artist used the photograph. But they said he transformed the literal depiction into a "stunning, abstracted and idealized visual image that creates powerful new meaning and conveys a radically different message."

AP spokesman Paul Colford said the AP was "disappointed by the surprise filing."

He said in a statement that the AP had agreed last week not to take legal action while it was in settlement talks, but that Fairey's attorney broke off contact Friday.

Colford said the AP had indicated that any settlement would benefit a charitable fund that supports AP journalists worldwide who suffer personal loss from natural disasters and conflicts.

"AP believes it is crucial to protect photographers, who are creators and artists. Their work should not be misappropriated by others," Colford said.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Pro-development will win again

Editor:

Any Santa Monica resident can apply for the opening on the City Council to replace Herb Katz. Because pro-development interests hold the majority on the council, I expect the appointment will be political and they will select a person who supports [the Land Use and Circulation Element].

By rights, the person receiving the fifth highest [number of] votes in the last election should be appointed. I wish there was a law that the next in place gets the position, but only [Councilmembers Bobby] Shriver and [Kevin] McKeown would support that solution.

If an election is held, the same developers, architects, and lawyers, both local and out of state, will again support a pro-development candidate. I don't believe that an election would guarantee that the pro-development people would determine who wins, since their opposition would not be running against an incumbent. The voting public has voted against the developers and hotel owners in the past when they ran a smear campaign against McKeown.

Jonathan Mann
Santa Monica

A call for diversity

Editor:

Many of our elected officials do an outstanding job governing Santa Monica. However, the fact remains that gender and racial equity are serious concerns for our city. Santa Monica residents have elected only [a handful of] women to council. Since the inception of council in 1947, less than 20 percent of our elected members have been women. Currently, we have only one female elected official out of seven council seats. This is even less than our historical representation, meaning we have made negative progress toward equality on council over time.

As is often said, women's participation in political leadership of any society is the litmus test of the progress of democracy. When constructing the current United Nations Development Plan, many economists stated that "from the point of view of political economy, no issue is more important than recognizing the need for women's political, economic and social participation and their leadership."

Seen from this perspective, it's appalling that in a city supposedly as progressive as ours, only one woman sits on our council and racial diversity is nonexistent.

There is currently an open seat on City Council that has the possibility of being filled by appointment if council members can reach consensus on a candidate. In the last several elections, residents were more likely to vote for incumbents, making it difficult for new candidates to get elected.

Being this is the case, the current open position on City Council would be a good opportunity to introduce more women to council, thus improving their odds of election during the next race. Residents interested in being appointed to City Council are submitting their applications and current City Council members will appoint a candidate on Feb. 24, if a majority can reach consensus.

There will be excellent candidates regardless of gender.

However, this is an opportunity to promote equality in our local elected government, while having a candidate that is interested in resident issues and shares the values of the citizens of Santa Monica. I'd like to put out a call to action to all residents that are concerned with gender equity and democracy. Prior to Feb. 24, evaluate all interested candidates who have submitted an application and call or write our City Council members to voice your opinion.

In 2009, it is time for women to have an equal voice in political decision making. Only when women are equally part of the political process, will we have a democracy that is truly representative.

Gale Feldman
Santa Monica



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Mark Cromer — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

Making babies on society's tab

MANY YEARS AGO MY MOTHER WARNED my long-time girlfriend and I: "If you wait until you can afford kids to have them — you'll never have them."

Fueled by her desire for grandkids, my mom's advice was a pointed rejoinder to my social and professional circle's stubborn insistence on not sacrificing our hard-earned upward mobility to a whimsical decision or a cultural expectation to start making babies.

"If your father and I were that self-obsessed," she said. "You and your brother might not be here today."

Ouch.

But as the story of Nadya Suleman, the 33-year-old Whittier woman who gave birth to octuplets last week, continues to devolve into a media sideshow, my mother's critique still resonates for me, as it highlights the fine line in society between selflessness and self-destructiveness.

The rising volume of anger directed at Suleman, an unemployed single mom who underwent fertility treatments and now has a total of 14 children, including the half-dozen kids she spawned before the octuplets, is understandable but misplaced.

Suleman is just an extreme example of the costly and corrosive reproductive malfeasance that far too many parents (a term I apply reluctantly) indulge today — becoming pregnant on a whim with children they can't afford and all with an expectation that society will foot the bill.

It's not this single mother of 14 that's so devastating to our social fabric and public treasury. No, it's the millions of mothers and fathers — both single and married — that are choosing to have two, three and four children when they clearly can't afford even one. The real story isn't Suleman's bizarre wish to have more children, but rather a society and a government that have little enthusiasm for dissuading economically unsound childbearing.

To the contrary, we now accommodate it at virtually every turn.

While irresponsible baby-making is clearly not limited to any one ethnic or cultural demographic, its impact is indisputably more visible and more damaging in working class communities that have been reshaped by unrestrained immigration.

The public schools on the working class streets of Pomona that I attended more than a generation ago are no longer recognizable as the campuses where I was provided a solid education. The dramatic difference is not merely that the integration and racial balance that Pomona schools had achieved in the 1970s and early '80s has been completely erased, with the Pomona Unified School District student body now approaching 90 percent Latino.

At the schools I attended, which are now packed with nearly twice as many students, more than 90 percent of the children qualify for "free" breakfasts and lunches. The iconic brown bag lunch that my generation's parents sent us to school with — just like the breakfasts they fed us in our own homes — are long gone. Day care centers for toddlers also abound on these public school campuses, including nurseries at the high schools for the students who are having babies.

IT'S NOT THIS SINGLE MOTHER OF 14 THAT'S SO DEVASTATING TO OUR SOCIAL FABRIC AND PUBLIC TREASURY.

Far from carrying a social stigma today, reproduction irrespective of the parents' socio-economic circumstances seems to be seen either as an act of cultural obligation or something divinely inspired that's greeted with wide-eyed elation at yet another miracle in diapers. That magical assessment usually seems to vanish by the time the kid is ready for school and is left to become, in many respects, a ward of the state.

As the stigma of having children you can't afford has vanished, trepidation is fading away to expectation now; the expectation that "The Village" — not the family — will pony up to raise the kids.

So as the convulsions continue over Suleman's staggering feat of gleefully producing 14 children in the absence of a job, a husband and, quite frankly, a future, it might be worth our while to pause for a moment to consider the tens of millions of women and men in America today who are not yet as prolific as Nadya Suleman, but far more catastrophic for this country in aggregate.

Nearly two decades ago, when our parents were agitating for us to give them some grandkids, my girlfriend and I were out of college, well into our professions and living in a house we bought together. We tried to balance the cost of having a child with our relentlessly tight checking accounts. Like so many other couples we knew, we just couldn't make the numbers work.

We wanted to get ahead and we accepted that desire came with its own set of sacrifices.

I suspect my mom still thinks it was a selfish decision (and it was), but when she sees what's happening across a California now packed with families and children dependent on the state, I have the feeling she wishes more people had made the same choice.

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What's the Point?

David Pisarra
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Valentine's Day values

STRAWBERRIES AND CHAMPAGNE, candlelight and negligees, love and romance, that's what this Saturday is all about. A Hallmark Holiday, brought to you by the good people in the marketing department.

Valentine's Day is one of those holidays that is designed to make some of us brutally aware of just how alone we are, and others of us are crafting as romantic a night as possible, no matter how forced it is, and unloving we actually feel.

As a divorce attorney I see the results of forced romance all too often. My partner and I are in court on a regular basis working out the details of a love, or just as likely these days, a night of passion gone wrong. We regularly have to negotiate the child support and the visitation by dad, with a woman that he doesn't have any real relationship with, and never did.

Not that either person is bad or wrong, they were impulsive, and that resulted in another life, a life for which they are equally responsible, and in which they are equally entitled to participate in the growth and education of.

Valentine's Day is all about the dream of a perfect love, an enduring romance, finding one's soul-mate and living conflict free and in ecstasy forever.

That's not going to happen so much.

The expectations for all that Valentine's Day represents are unreasonable. We all have them because they start in grammar school. I can remember how I was judged, along with everyone else, by how many little hearts I got.

It was a popularity contest for being loved and adored by my grammar school peers. Talk about a rough crowd. Everyone was vying for popularity, and to find their "true love," but the reality is that pre-teens have no idea about love and romance, but those feelings are what get attached to Valentine's Day and programmed into us.

In grammar school it was little red paper hearts, and those horrible candies with printed sayings like "Be Mine" and "Love Me Forever."

The underlying message was one of possession of another human being, locked in a romantic love obsession, forever.

Along comes high school with the joys of puberty and hormones raging, and what do the teachers have us read? "Romeo and Juliet," "Wuthering Heights," and love sonnets.

We spend this most impressionable period in our life, that time of rebellion and angst, when everything our parents did was wrong, when we weren't going to be like them, when we were better and smarter than they were — we spent this time, learning all about romantic love, from poets and dreamers.

It's wonderful. We fall in love with the idea of love. We crave that enduring love of Heathcliff, and the burning lust of Pan. This schoolhouse idealism is what most of us take into the world as we enter our 20s.

And then along comes Hallmark, the Wedding Channel, and "Pretty Woman." The myth of perfect love continues and meanwhile, no one teaches us what love really is, or how to make it last.

Men are told that if they give a woman a dozen roses, a box of chocolates, and buy her a diamond ring, they have fulfilled their duty for the night. Together they will go to a restaurant for a romantic, candlelit dinner, and so long as she is wearing a negligee and passion erupts by the end of the night, she has fulfilled her role.

When the morning comes, and they are brought back to their lives, the fog of forced romance will lift. That's where the problems come in.

By forcing the romance, by trying to create the "perfect" night, we set ourselves up for the fall back to reality. By never having a real education on what true love and relationships are, we settle for the false, and then get unhappy when that disappears.

I'm all for romance. When I fell in love, I fell in love with a man who I responded to as a person, not as a cotton candy figment of some ad writer's imagination who complied with the shopping list of roses, candy and diamonds.

Let's enjoy Valentine's Day. Let's love as much, and as hard, as we possibly can. Throw your heart into it. But let's do it with our eyes open, and be aware of what real love is, not just the Hallmark, hard candy with pre-printed inane messages kind.

Have the kind of love that doesn't disappear with the sunrise, but gets warmer as the day brightens.

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The Q Line

Love on the cheap

Everybody knows that the economy is in a bad place, but that doesn't mean your sweetheart has to go without this Valentine's Day.

So this week's Q-Line question asks:

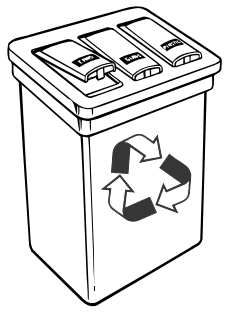
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The Quackers

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Planting the seed of eco-diversity

Editor's Note: The Quackers are three awesome ducks from the canals of Venice who are on a mission to educate the community about the dangers of global warming and the importance of practicing sustainability, all while surfing the most gnarly waves possible.

SANTA MONICA BAY? IT WAS MORE LIKE Santa Monica Pond. With half-foot swells there was no need to paddle out. Rusty, never one to give up, walked his board out, jumped on and immediately scraped sand. Sighing with disappointment, we accepted our sad fate and headed home.

As we sauntered down the street, I reminded Rusty it was his day to cook. Technically, he doesn't cook. He is highly skilled at package and can opening and is an excellent "warmer upper." He keeps it simple with frozen fish, taquitos or pizza. If my calculations are correct, tonight, taquitos. Rusty's attempts at cooking have given us a deep appreciation for his mastery at opening and warming.

Back home, Richard spent the rest of the day meticulously sorting and packaging seeds from his last harvest.

He saved hundreds this time. Seed sorting must be thirsty work. He practically wore a path in the floor going back and forth to the kitchen.

I admire Rusty. He gives his best effort to everything he does, even if he is not the best at doing it. On his night, he ties on an apron, dons his chef toque and is transformed from plain, Rusty Quacker into "Chef Rus-tay." He loves telling us that the hundred folds in the chef's toque symbolize the 100 different ways a chef knows how to cook an egg. We would be overjoyed if he knew how to cook an egg just one way.

With his toque at a rakish angle, Chef Rus-tay rolled up his sleeves and with a flourish flung open the freezer. Hundreds of small packages came tumbling out and slid to the floor forming a small mountain.

Rusty grabbed for some as they drifted to the floor. They looked like the seed packets Richard had worked on. Why were they in the freezer? "Richard!," Rusty said with his best Ricky Ricardo imitation, "You've got some s'plaining to do!"

Staring sheepishly at the mountain of seeds, Richard said, "Did I forget to mention me starting the Westside Seed Vault in our freezer?"

Rusty was exasperated. "What am I supposed to do for dinner, warm up some seeds," he asked.

Richard looked horrified, "Absolutely not! Those seeds could save the agricultural diversity of the whole Westside!" We just looked at Richard. What agriculture on the Westside? There are pots and kitchen gardens, but agriculture? I felt Richard's forehead to see if he was OK.

Richard explained. He had recently been to a lecture on the Svalbard Global Seed Vault, an enormous man-made, seed freezer. It is located on a remote island in a place called Spitsbergen, Norway, in the Arctic Circle.

At this location, a design was implemented by digging deep into the frozen rock of an arctic mountain. It was perfect for saving hundreds of millions of seeds for centuries or even longer.

The stored seeds represent every important crop variety available in the world today. When loss of a seed sample could mean the extinction of a variety of plant, it is reassuring to have this "insurance policy" protecting crop diversity and our worldwide food supply.

The speaker told Richard that saving the world's crops is equally as important as saving endangered species and the rainforest. He went on to say that crop diversity could be the most valuable resource for addressing climate change and water and energy supply challenges. He felt it was the key to meeting the food needs of our growing population.

Unfortunately, much diversity has already been lost over the years. For example, in 1903 U.S. farmers used 578 varieties of beans. Just 80 years later only 32 were still existing. Richard added that the Arctic Circle location was great for security. If one wasn't deterred by four months of total darkness a year and extreme, severe weather, it was also inhabited by polar bears. Rusty laughed at the thought of polar bears on sentry duty roaring a challenge of, "Stop! Who goes there?"

We understood the concept of what Richard was doing but did not agree with the necessity of having a seed vault in our freezer.

We reasoned and cajoled, finally convincing him that there already were regional seed banks close by and as he told us, the Svalbard was there for anyone who really needed it.

The aroma of warming taquitos tantalized us. We were all starved. Wanting to make amends, Richard whipped up a tasty guacamole and an amazing salad. They were so good we agreed to help him this weekend pass out his extra seeds at the Farmer's Market.

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Saying goodbye to the last car guy

BOB LUTZ, THE CHARISMATIC, FIERY AND egomaniacal automotive genius behind creation and development of the Chevrolet Volt extended range plug-in hybrid, due for sale in 2010, is leaving General Motors, the corporation announced yesterday. Since 2001, the 76-year old Lutz served as GM vice-chairman and product czar, answerable only to company CEO Rick Wagoner.

The announcement came not from Lutz' office, but in a press release from GM corporate, leading many to wonder if he's really retiring or was pushed-out by the company's board of directors. A noted car and fighter plane collector and pilot, Lutz turns 77 tomorrow, and will become a senior adviser to GM chairman Rick Wagoner on April 1, focusing on product design.

As soon as this kind of retirement announcement is made, the retiree becomes an instant lame duck and thus irrelevant. Making Lutz an adviser to Wagoner seems the American equivalent of what Japanese companies call giving outgoing top executives "an office with a window," which often gives those executives tacit control of a smaller company within the carmaker's corporation. But there's no such company-running in Lutz's future, though he'll no doubt receive a big monthly check for his "adviser" services.

Lutz will be replaced by Tom Stephens, who has been in charge of GM's global powertrain and product quality efforts. Stephens, 60, adds Lutz's product duties to his portfolio on April 1.

According to Autoweek magazine's Web site, Lutz was hired by Wagoner in 2001 to inject passion and style into GM's product lineup. The automaker had been widely criticized for building vehicles with bland exterior styling and interiors covered in cheap-looking plastic.

Lutz arrived and questioned everything about GM — its products, its hierarchy and its product development strategy. Ultimately, Lutz lost his battles within GM. The same mid-level and senior management remains at the corporation as he leaves.

Lutz's first shot in turning GM's product lineup around was the surprise introduction of the Pontiac Solstice roadster at the 2002 Detroit Auto Show. Lutz ordered the concept built soon after joining GM — and the concept when from initial sketch to drivable vehicle in less than four months. Solstice, also sold as the Saturn Sky, is one of the best small sports cars we've ever driven, especially its sport-tuned turbo-charged models which produce some 260 horsepower with moderately-good gas mileage for about $30,000.

Other landmark vehicles during Lutz's tenure include: the Cadillac Sixteen concept, which attracted huge media attention worldwide, the revival of the Pontiac GTO and G8, both sales failures which were Americanized-versions of Corvette drivetrain- equipped cars built in Australia by GM's division there, Holden, and the Chevrolet Malibu hybrid. Cadillac's CTS and 500-horsepower CTS-V were also Lutz-inspired creations.

Lutz, who was born in Switzerland, had a career with stops at Ford, BMW, where he was involved in the creation of the BMW 3-series, and Chrysler, where he gave approval for the Dodge Viper supercar and the Plymouth Prowler faux hot rod. He left Chrysler after retiring Chairman Lee Iacocca picked then-GM executive Bob Eaton for the top job and he then headed-up battery-maker Exide until getting the call from GM.

LUTZ ARRIVED AND QUESTIONED EVERYTHING ABOUT GM – ITS PRODUCTS, ITS HIERARCHY AND ITS PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY. ULTIMATELY, LUTZ LOST HIS BATTLES WITHIN GM. THE SAME MID-LEVEL AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT REMAINS AT THE CORPORATION AS HE LEAVES.

With his leaving GM, the future of the Volt becomes even more questionable to appear as a real car for sale in dealerships. Lutz was the Volt's "rabbi," bringing it from an idea to a car which may soon be ready for production. The question: does a Lutz-less GM have the will, and the money, to produce the Volt.

Lutz , the first major car company executive to call for increased gas taxes, thus becomes the last of the real car guys to leave a US carmaker; bean-counters like Rick Wagoner and Chrysler's Bob Nardelli now have almost total control in Detroit. Lutz's genius, ego and charisma served him well personally, but his tenure at GM, though it had some high points, will also be remembered as his being the right man at the wrong time in a struggling company and economy. Bon voyage, Bob. Journalists, especially, will miss you, because you were always there with a pithy quote and, sometimes, a hell of a concept car for GM's future.

Next week: Motor racing, 2009.

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City of Santa Monica
Ordinance Numbers 2282 and 2283 (CCS)
(City Council Series)

The following are summaries of Ordinance Numbers 2282 and 2283, which were adopted by the City Council on January 27, 2009.

Ordinance Number 2282 (CCS) provides a civil remedy to address smoking in common areas of multi-unit residential properties. Under the ordinance, any person may sue in Small Claims Court to recover damages of at least $100. This remedy is in addition to any other remedy afforded by law, including the remedy of a nuisance action. Additionally, the law expressly allows, but does not require, property owners to designate a smoking location in common areas, subject to certain limitations that create buffer zones. The ordinance requires that notice be given and a good faith attempt be make to resolve the situation informally before filing suit, and the ordinance requires property owners to post signs and provide notice of the law. The ordinance explicitly protects tenants from evictions based on the ordinance.

Ordinance Number 2283(CCS) is an interim ordinance extending, until January 27, 2011, Ordinance Number 2232(CCS). That ordinance implements the City Council's policy directive that housing projects over 50 units obtain a Development Review Permit so that there is public review of large, dense projects. In addition to extending the existing ordinance, Ordinance Number 2283 also modifies the applicability of the permit policy in response to lawsuits against the City challenging the application of the policy to pending projects.

These ordinances will become effective thirty days after adoption. Their full text is available upon request from the Office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica; phone (310) 458-8211.



PILE UP

Fabian Lewkowicz *FabianLewkowicz.com*

Kathie Sahakyan, 12, (left) collides into her sister Anoush, 9, at Pacific Park's new 'Sig Alert' bumper cars on Sunday at the Santa Monica Pier.

Trial difficult for families involved

FROM **TRIAL** PAGE 1

the Moose Lodge.

Solares' father sat in the back of a downtown Los Angeles courtroom throughout the morning Monday, waiting for the interpreter to explain his situation. The interpreter did not come until the recess, at which point the judge ordered Solares to give up the location of his son.

"I brought my son last time," Solares said, translated by the interpreter. "My son is afraid and doesn't feel well and I can't force him to come."

He maintained that he had cooperated to the best of his ability with the prosecution, offering a phone number at which his son could be reached. Nevertheless, he may be held in contempt of court for not divulging his son's address.

The family of one of the accused, Jose Mojarro, was also in attendance. His younger brother, Jesse Mojarro, was in good spirits after a morning in the courtroom.

"We're fine. It's crazy, but we're used to it," he said. "We've been dealing with it for four years, but it's finally at the last point."

Four years of waiting and wondering will be decided in the next two weeks. Mojarro's mother, who works two regular jobs, made no bones to the prosecution about her willingness to be available for the entirety of the trial, despite the difficulty of scheduling.

"It's most difficult for my mom," Jesse Mojarro said. "But it seems to be going OK. Just two more weeks."

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Artist pleads not guilty to tagging charges

FROM **IMAGE** PAGE 3

The AP has not taken legal action against Fairey. But his lawsuit noted that the AP had threatened twice to sue Fairey, possibly as early as Tuesday, and that it considered all works that incorporate the imagery of the "Obama Hope" poster to be infringements of its copyrights.

The lawsuit said the purpose of the photograph documented the day's events while Fairey's art, titled "Obama Progress" and "Obama Hope," was meant "to inspire, convince and convey the power of Obama's ideals, as well as his potential as a leader, through graphic metaphor."

Fairey's image became popular on buttons, posters and Web sites. It showed a pensive Barack Obama looking upward. It was splashed in a Warholesque red, white and blue and underlined with the caption HOPE.

The lawsuit noted that Fairey first began distributing his Obama images in early 2008 and that Obama thanked him in a Feb. 22 letter for his contribution to the presidential campaign.

When asked Monday about AP's position, Fairey said: "It's a suppression of an artist's freedom of expression." His attorney advised him not to say anything else.

The lawsuit was brought on Fairey's behalf by the Stanford Law School's Fair Use Project and a San Francisco-based law firm.

"There should be no doubt about the legality of Fairey's work," said Anthony Falzone, executive director of the Fair Use Project. "He used the photograph for a purpose entirely different than the original, and transformed it dramatically."

The lawsuit was filed on the same day that Fairey appeared in two different Boston courtrooms, where he pleaded not guilty to charges he tagged property with graffiti.

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Grandmother upset with fertility doctor

FROM **DOCTOR** PAGE 1

The Beverly Hills office is located in a medical building not far from the famous Rodeo Drive shopping district.

Kamrava's Web site claims he is an internationally recognized leader in the field of in vitro fertilization whose work has led to breakthrough technology. The Web site also claims the technology helps reduce the cost of the process.

His clinic performed 20 in vitro procedures on women under 35 in 2006, according to the latest national report compiled by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Of those, four resulted in pregnancies and two in births. One woman delivered twins.

The average number of embryos he transferred per procedure for women under 35 was 3.5, the report states.

Suleman said she had six embryos implanted for each of her pregnancies. The octuplets were a surprise result of her last set of six embryos, she said, explaining she had expected twins at most.

Medical ethicists have criticized the decision to implant so many embryos. National guidelines put the norm at two to three embryos for a woman of Suleman's age except in extraordinary circumstances in order to lessen the health risks to the mother and the chances of multiple births.

Without identifying the doctor, the Medical Board of California said last week it was looking into the matter to see if there was a "violation of the standard of care" for implanting so many embryos. The medical board has not taken actions against the doctor in the past.

Dr. Jeffrey Steinberg said Kamrava has worked to develop an embryo transfer device that allows doctors to implant a plastic capsule of the genetic material directly onto the uterine lining. However, Steinberg said there was no evidence the method improved success rates for pregnancy.

"Usually we inject the embryos into the uterus and they float around and attach themselves," said Steinberg, a professional acquaintance of Kamrava.

It was not immediately known if the technique was used on Suleman, who identified the West Coast IVF Clinic in Beverly Hills, where Kamrava works, as the provider of in vitro fertilization for all 14 of her children.

Suleman told NBC's "Today" show she was "fixated" on having children and "may not have really deep down wanted that many siblings" for her six other children. Asked if she was deluded into thinking her six children wanted a bigger family, Suleman replied: "Not really deluded myself, but I knew that's what I wanted."

Suleman, 33, single and unemployed, already had six children when she gave birth Jan. 26 to octuplets.

Suleman said her doctor "did nothing wrong" and said the doctor had warned her of possible complications to the pregnancy and risks to the development of the babies.

On Sunday, Suleman's mother Angela Suleman seemed to contradict her daughter's account, telling a Web site the fertility specialist who helped her daughter give birth to the octuplets was different from the one who aided in the birth of her first six children.

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>
> Angela Suleman

In an interview with celebrity news Web site RadarOnline.com, Angela Suleman, whose daughter and grandchildren live with her in Whittier, said she and Nadya's father pleaded with her first fertility doctor not to treat their daughter again. She said her daughter went to another doctor.

"I'm really angry about that," Angela Suleman said of the doctor's decision to perform the procedure.

"She already has six beautiful children, why would she do this?" Angela Suleman said. "I'm struggling to look after her six. We had to put in bunk beds, feed them in shifts and there's children's clothing piled all over the house."

The Web site posted photographs from inside Suleman's disheveled three-bedroom home.

Heaps of clothing pour from an open closet door and a carpeted bedroom, where a bedsheet serves as a curtain, is cluttered with cribs.

Angela Suleman said Nadya's boyfriend was the biological father of all 14 children, but that she refused to marry him.

"He was in love with her and wanted to marry her," she said. "But Nadya wanted to have children on her own."

A call to Nadya Suleman's publicist Mike Furtney wasn't immediately returned Monday.

He said Sunday his client has been away for nearly two months, so she shouldn't be held responsible for the home's current condition.

Furtney said his client planned to move into a larger home once the octuplets were healthy enough to leave their doctors' care.

He declined to comment on any of the remarks Angela Suleman made about her daughter in the interview.

"Those are very personal issues between a mother and a daughter," he said.

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Requesting repairs has never been easier

FROM **CONSENT** PAGE 3

Homeland Security for a reliable integrated program.

"The system allows wireless integration of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive (CBRNE) instruments as well as telemetry, Internet connectivity and alert and notification systems sharing with multiple agencies," the staff report stated.

The Department of Homeland Security initiated a pilot project testing the system in 2007. The Los Angeles Area Fire Chiefs Association subsequently authorized agencies to purchase the system. The SMFD's Hazardous Materials Response Truck has been designated as the county's regional responder to major haz mat events, including attacks involving weapons of mass destruction in the county.

FIXING THE PROBLEM

Requesting maintenance for City Hall-owned vehicles will soon get easier.

City Hall is planning on purchasing a $164,000 computerized vehicle maintenance reporting system that will allow fleet operators to easily submit work requests and receive status updates.

The current system, which was developed in 1999, is considered to be outdated and unresponsive to the needs of City Hall.

A survey of employees showed that they were not completely satisfied with the uncertainty of the status of their work requests.

Along with the new tracking system, the council is also expected to authorize the purchase of three new CNG-fueled trucks, two of which will be used to clean the Third Street Promenade. The third vehicle will be operated by the Solid Waste Division.

The trucks will altogether cost more than $273,900.

SMOOTH MOVE

Citing potential damage to parked aircraft, city officials are looking to repave the asphalt near the Barker Hangar.

The council will be asked to award a $126,600 contract to All American Asphalt to repave a surface that officials said is in poor condition.

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NICE DIGS: **The City Council is expected to sing a lease with OPCC and Community Corp. for affordable housing and homeless services at 1616 Ocean Ave., a city-owned property that has sweeping ocean views and is Santa Monica Pier adjacent.**

'Ball-of-change' concept doesn't sit well with those surveyed

FROM **CAMPAIGN** PAGE 1

generally spoke favorably of a ball-of-change concept in which a homeless man is "chained" to the street by a ball made of coins, finding the message to be attention-grabbing. The second concept, which was more positive and focused on service providers, was found to be confusing for the test audience. A third concept was negatively received.

The ball-of-change concept was subsequently presented to a committee of business owners, social service providers and members of the faith community, expressing a mixed-bag of concerns, including about the impact that the campaign would have on stereotypes.

"I did not think that it represented homeless people well and I don't think it represented the city well," said John Maceri, the executive director of OPCC, Santa Monica's largest homeless services provider.

Kathleen Rawson, the executive director of the Bayside District Corp., said that the private/public management company's board had concerns that the campaign could rekindle the old image of the city as being a haven for the homeless.

"They felt that was not a good connection to have and that instead it should either be more generic and more regional in approach," Rawson said.

The board was also concerned about the possibility of having the image posted on the side of buses or in the Downtown parking structures.

"Not that we have graduated from the problem, because we certainly haven't, but we certainly have evolved," Rawson said.

The new approach will focus on homelessness in general, informing the community about the successes of social service providers and educating on how to get involved, whether it's through donating time or money.

"I think the idea of having a broader education campaign, not just around panhandling but around alternative giving, is a good one," Maceri said. "I heard a lot of people say they wanted to know more information about what was happening both in terms of services that were available and what alternatives were available to help people."

The campaign would highlight several ongoing efforts by City Hall, including its Action Plan to Address Homelessness, and would touch on regional programs. Included in the campaign will be a new Web site — www.givetherightway.org — along with presentations to neighborhood groups and a newsletter.

"It highlights the strategic effort to address homelessness in Santa Monica and builds on the growing perception of success and at the same time gives community members a way to get involved, either through volunteering, donating and alternative giving mechanisms," Noble said.

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TAKING IT TO ANOTHER LEVEL: **A homeless man panhandles near the Third Street Promenade. The City Council is expected to broaden an anti-panhandling campaign, encouraging residents to volunteer with social service agencies instead of giving handouts.**

Neighbors opposed to planned Museum of Tolerance expansion

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Plans by the Museum of Tolerance to replace a Holocaust memorial garden with a 63-foot-high reception and banquet building for 800 guests have its Los Angeles neighbors in an uproar.

The 28,000-square-feet expansion of the Pico Boulevard facility could operate six nights a week up to midnight.

Residents complain traffic and noise would disrupt their neighborhood. The project doesn't include any new onsite parking.

The museum is the educational arm of the Simon Wiesenthal Center. Chief financial officer Susan Burden says the museum is "bursting at the seams" and needs more room.

Opposition leader Susan Gans, an attorney, says the Wiesenthal Center is pushing hard for city approval and neighbors are planning for a Feb. 18 city hearing.

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MLB

Mayor wants Manny

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES The mayor wants Manny back.

Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa is throwing his support behind the Los Angeles Dodgers' bid to re-sign Manny Ramirez. The slugger has so far rejected three offers from the club, including the latest that would have made him baseball's second-highest paid player behind Alex Rodriguez.

"I hope they sign Manny. He was a spark plug, and not just with his hitting but his attitude," Villaraigosa told The Associated Press in an interview Monday. "He provided a spark plug for the team — a winning kind of attitude that was missing and I hope he does sign on."

Ramirez decided to test his value in the recession-plagued free agent market and he remains unsigned heading into spring training.

MLB

Feds make last plea to keep Bonds' steroids tests

SAN FRANCISCO Federal prosecutors are again asking a judge to let them show a jury three drug test results they say show Barry Bonds used steroids. The judge said last week she was inclined to throw out those results unless someone could directly testify to collecting the slugger's urine samples. The likeliest candidate to be able to do so is Bonds' former trainer, Greg Anderson. A lawyer for Anderson has said his client won't testify at Bonds' upcoming trial.

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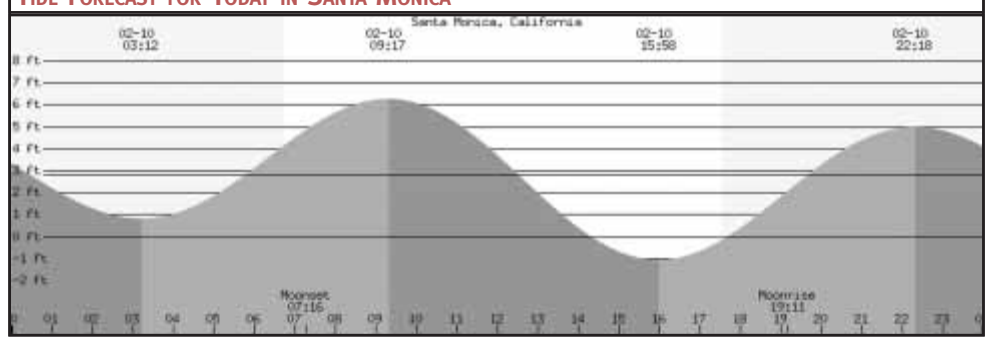
Swell Forecast (1-1 FT)

Tuesday the 10th is looking like a wind swell day with chest to head high peaky stuff around west facing breaks.

Long Range Synopsis

Wednesday the 11th it looks like wind swell will fade as conditions begin to clean up.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	B	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua)	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	A	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	A+	D
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+	A+
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+	F
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	A+
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	B
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	A+
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	A	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	D	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+	B
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	A+
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	B

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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AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
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Underworld: Rise of the Lycans (R) 1hr 32min
2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:35

Fanboys (PG-13) 1hr 30min
12:50, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45

Milk (R) 2hrs 08min
1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50

Defiance (R) 2hrs 17min
1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00

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

The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG-13) 2hrs 48min
Closed Captions and Descriptive video
1:15, 4:45, 8:15

New in Town (PG) 1hr 36min
1:35, 4:05

The Uninvited (PG-13) 1hr 27min
2:30, 5:05, 7:40, 9:50

Coraline 3D (PG) 1hr 40min
11:00am, 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40

Frost/Nixon (R) 2hrs 02min
1:45, 4:25, 7:00, 9:25

Push (PG-13) 1hr 51min
1:55, 4:35, 7:20, 10:00

The Pink Panther 2 (PG) 1hr 32min
2:10, 4:55, 7:30, 9:45

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
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Revolutionary Road (R) 1hr 59min
1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50

Doubt (PG-13) 1hr 44min
1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 9:55

Slumdog Millionaire (R) 2hr 1min
1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:00

The Wrestler (R) 1hr 45min
1:30, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40

Mann's Criterion Theatre
1313 Third St.
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Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) 1hr 27min
12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

Gran Torino (R)
1:00, 3:50, 6:50, 9:50

Taken (PG-13) 1hr 33min
11:50am, 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:40

Hotel for Dogs (PG) 1hr 40min
11:40am, 2:10, 4:30, 7:00

He's Just Not That Into You (PG-13) 2hrs 09min
1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:20, 10:10

The Reader (R) 2hrs 02min
12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:30

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Sorting through invitations, Pisces

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ You might be filled with energy and the ability to transform a difficult situation. You might be uncomfortable in a meeting where others push toward a similar goal as yours, but not exactly. You could feel a bit untouchable. Tonight: Burning the midnight oil.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Let your imagination help work out a situation with a boss. Consider options involving your future career commitment or another type of responsibility. You will meet the demand. Tonight: Understand when you cannot push any longer.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Deal with a personal or domestic matter. You cannot put this issue off any longer. Work from home if you can. Your presence makes a big difference to someone who is not feeling up to snuff. Tonight: At home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Keep conversations flowing. You might be amazed by what a comment here and there can do. Listen to feedback from a key associate. You might not completely agree with what you are hearing, but neither do you feel that it is totally off. Tonight: Dinner for two.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Balancing your budget could take all the skills you have! Also add in self-discipline. You could be overwhelmed by others' enthusiasm, which doesn't exactly fit in with your plans or ideas. Tonight: Your treat.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Your ability to dream and come up with ideas helps you move through an aggravating problem that might be getting the best of you. How you deal with someone and the choices you make define your success. Tonight: Where the action is.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Isolate yourself in order to complete a project. Don't be angry with yourself when you reflect rather than act. Not being on automatic is ultimately very important. A child or new friend keeps popping up in your mind. Tonight: Act like there is no tomorrow.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Zero in on what you feel is important. A meeting could prove to be instrumental, no matter what happens. Stay on top of your game, network and continue to be open to new ideas. Tonight: Let a meeting become a social happening.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Others look to you for feedback and decisions. You might want to revamp your budget to reflect a changing financial scene. Conversations seem oddly awkward and difficult. Just let it be. Tonight: Burning the midnight oil.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ With new information and an expert's opinion, revamp your thinking and approach. You could find that spending money is a bit too easy. Use your practicality and imagination to get past a problem. Tonight: Relax your mind.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Togetherness marks your actions and decisions. When you handle a situation as a team, you feel more confident. Two minds work better than one, as you will experience once more. A sense of buoyancy and resilience emanates from the two of you. Tonight: Chat over dinner.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Defer to others, and you will be much happier with the end results. Your ability to think through a situation might be challenged by a partner. You have a choice here. You can either take it personally or let it go. Tonight: Sort through potential invitations.

Happy birthday

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

Aquarius is recognized as the independent flag carrier and the ultimate friend of the zodiac. This year, you discover that you are much happier working as a team. Pressure builds, and you might need to delegate more often. Though you are sometimes out of sync with others, you always seem to remain confident. Look at suggestions as salt and pepper on the ideas you hatch. If you are single, you often prefer to be with one individual this year rather than groups. If you are attached, look to more quality in relating. You'll become closer. VIRGO understands you better than you think!

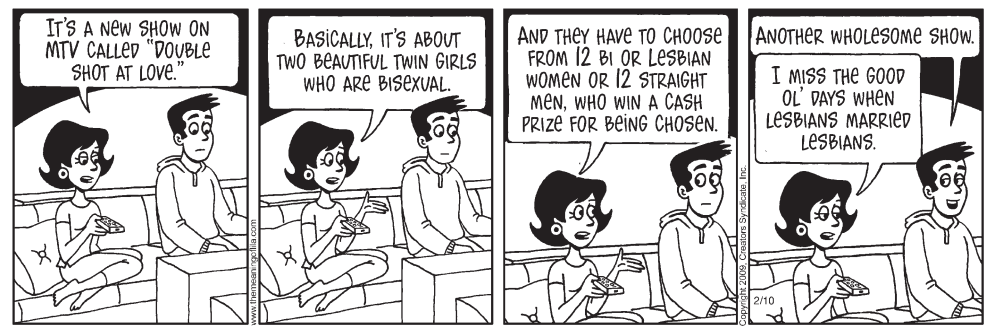
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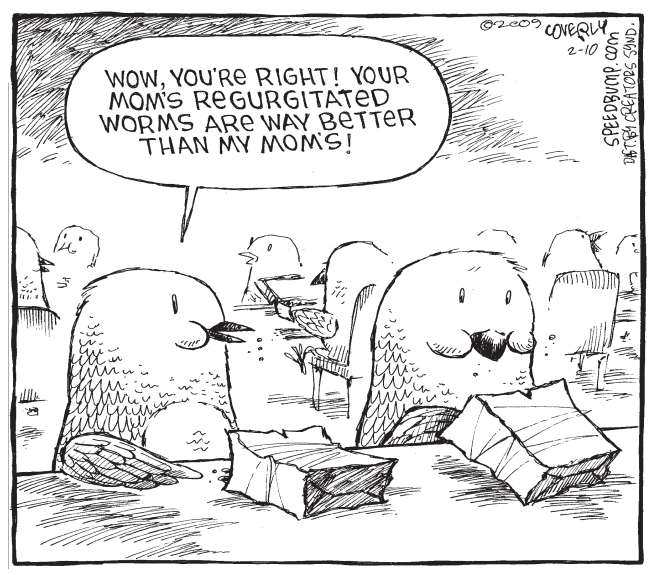
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3			5		6			8
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	1			8			5	
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4			1		8			5
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7			9		1			6

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Hold tightly
6 City areas
11 Severity
12 Staggering
13 Chess start
15 Desk set item
16 Maiden name label
17 Disencumber
18 Tempts
20 Mom's mate
21 Garden section
22 Singer Seeger
23 Fire aftermath
26 Fathered
27 Bar order
28 Pac.'s counterpart
29 Golf goal
30 Red on TV
34 Shade tree
35 Grenade part
36 Quarterback Manning
37 End-of-trading signal
40 Bar mixer
41 Bert's pal
42 Garbo, for one
43 Misplaces

DOWN

1 Feel in the dark
2 Mature
3 Deal maker
4 Junior, to senior
5 Some royals
6 Salary
7 Tattoo setting
8 Put in for more
9 Go off course
10 Went downhill, in a way
14 Must have
19 Skeptic's comment
22 Pharmacy unit
23 Facets
24 Superficial
25 Estrogen, for one
26 Baseball's Casey
28 Related
30 Cumin or coriander
31 Most new drivers
32 Stan's pal
33 Frasier's brother
38 Funny Caesar
39 Sis' sibling

S	W	A	P	S	■	C	A	M	P	■
C	A	N	I	T	■	A	G	I	L	E
A	D	D	E	R	■	R	E	N	A	L
B	U	R	■	O	H	O	■	I	N	D
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A	R	A	B	S	■	F	I	R	S	T
C	O	R	E	■	S	A	N	■	■	■
Q	U	I	L	T	I	N	G	B	E	E
U	N	E	■	O	R	B	■	R	A	D
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Yesterday's answer

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1	2	3	4	5	■	6	7	8	9	10
11					■	12				
13					14					
15			■	16			■	17		
18			19				■	20		
■	■	■	21			■	22			
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27				■	28			■	■	■
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DAILY 3: MIDDAY: 2 0 4
EVENING: 1 0 8

DAILY DERBY:
1st: 04 Big Ben
2nd: 08 Gorgeous George
3rd: 11 Money Bags
RACE TIME: 1:44.94

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Daniel Petric, 15 at the time, shot his parents in October 2007 (killing his mother) after they took away his violent Halo 3 video game. In January 2009, Judge James Burge pronounced Petric guilty of murder, rejecting his lawyers' claim that Petric was insane at the time because he had confused "killing" cartoon avatars with killing humans. However, even though the legal test of insanity was not met, Judge Burge acknowledged that Petric "had no idea at the time he hatched this plot that if he killed his parents, they would be dead forever."

■ No Time for Rehab: (1) Katherine Kelly, 76, was arrested in November for stealing a wallet from a supermarket basket in New York City. It was her 73rd arrest, at least, with 16 convictions, but police say it could be more, in that they've found 36 aliases so far. (2) Henry Earl, 58, of Lexington, Ky., gave rehab one more try in October after his arrest number 1,333 (according to TheSmokingGun.com's public-records search), almost all for public intoxication.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1949 Arthur Miller's play "Death of a Salesman" opened at Broadway's Morosco Theater.

1962 the Soviet Union exchanged captured American U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers for Rudolf Abel, a Soviet spy held by the United States.

1967 the 25th Amendment to the Constitution, dealing with presidential disability and succession, was ratified as Minnesota and Nevada adopted it.

1968 U.S. figure skater Peggy Fleming won America's only gold medal of the Winter Olympic Games in Grenoble, France.

1981 eight people were killed when a fire set by a busboy broke out at the Las Vegas Hilton hotel-casino.

1989 Ron Brown was elected chairman of the Democratic National Committee, becoming the first black to head a major U.S. political party.

WORD UP!

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1. a fawning flatterer; humble dependent
verb:
1. to attempt to gain favor by fawning or being servile

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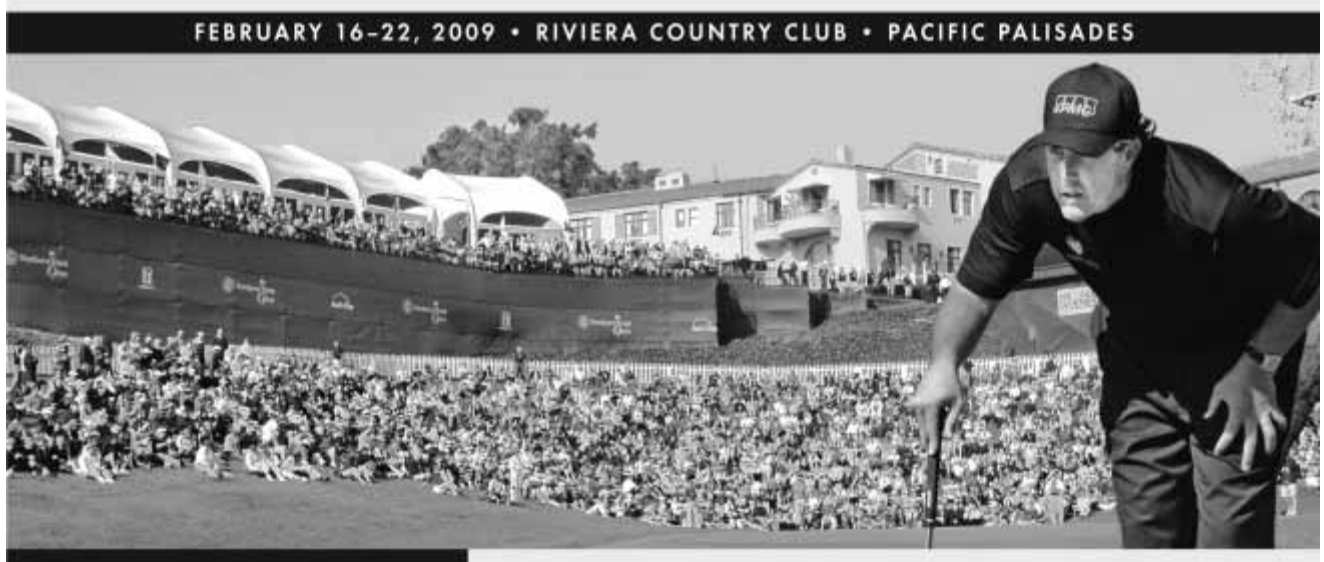
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