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THE BELT TIGHTENING ISSUE

School board votes to cut 92 jobs

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS As many as 92 employees could be laid off from the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District this year under a plan approved Thursday by the Board of Education.

The layoffs would include classroom teachers, nurses and counselors and would save the district about $7.3 million.

It's possible, though, fewer employees ultimately will lose their jobs. Under state law, the district has to issue pink slips by March 15, well before next year's budget is finalized.

Superintendent Tim Cuneo said if SMMUSD receives more money than expected from Sacramento, which contributes 71 percent of the local school system's revenue, or if the district's proposed $198 parcel tax wins voter approval, some of the laid off employees could be rehired. A one-time early retirement incentive also could save some jobs.

Voters will decide on the parcel tax in a mail-in election scheduled for May 25. The measure needs approval from two-thirds of voters to take effect.

"This is devastating to the district and programs and kids' education and also to the [employees] it impacts," Cuneo said of the cuts.

The district didn't layoff teachers last year, though it trimmed its budget by $4.5 million. District officials are still facing a $14 million gap, which they hope to bridge with a combination of layoffs, unpaid furlough days and the use of reserve funds.

The board will take a final vote on the job cuts at its next meeting March 4.

Under the plan approved Thursday, all 10 of the district's elementary music teachers would be eliminated. Forty-two additional elementary school teachers would be cut, along with 22 middle school teachers and seven counselors. Six child development positions also would be eliminated.

Harry Keiley, the president of the Santa Monica-Malibu Classroom Teachers Association, on Thursday argued that approving 92 layoffs was excessive because the number of reductions was based on very conservative revenue estimates.

On Friday, he said the union was concerned about the potential number of job reductions, but added, "We also realize and believe that no one on the school board nor in the central office wants people to lose their jobs."

The teachers union is expected to approve an employment contract with the district that includes five unpaid furlough

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Police make progress on rape evidence

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

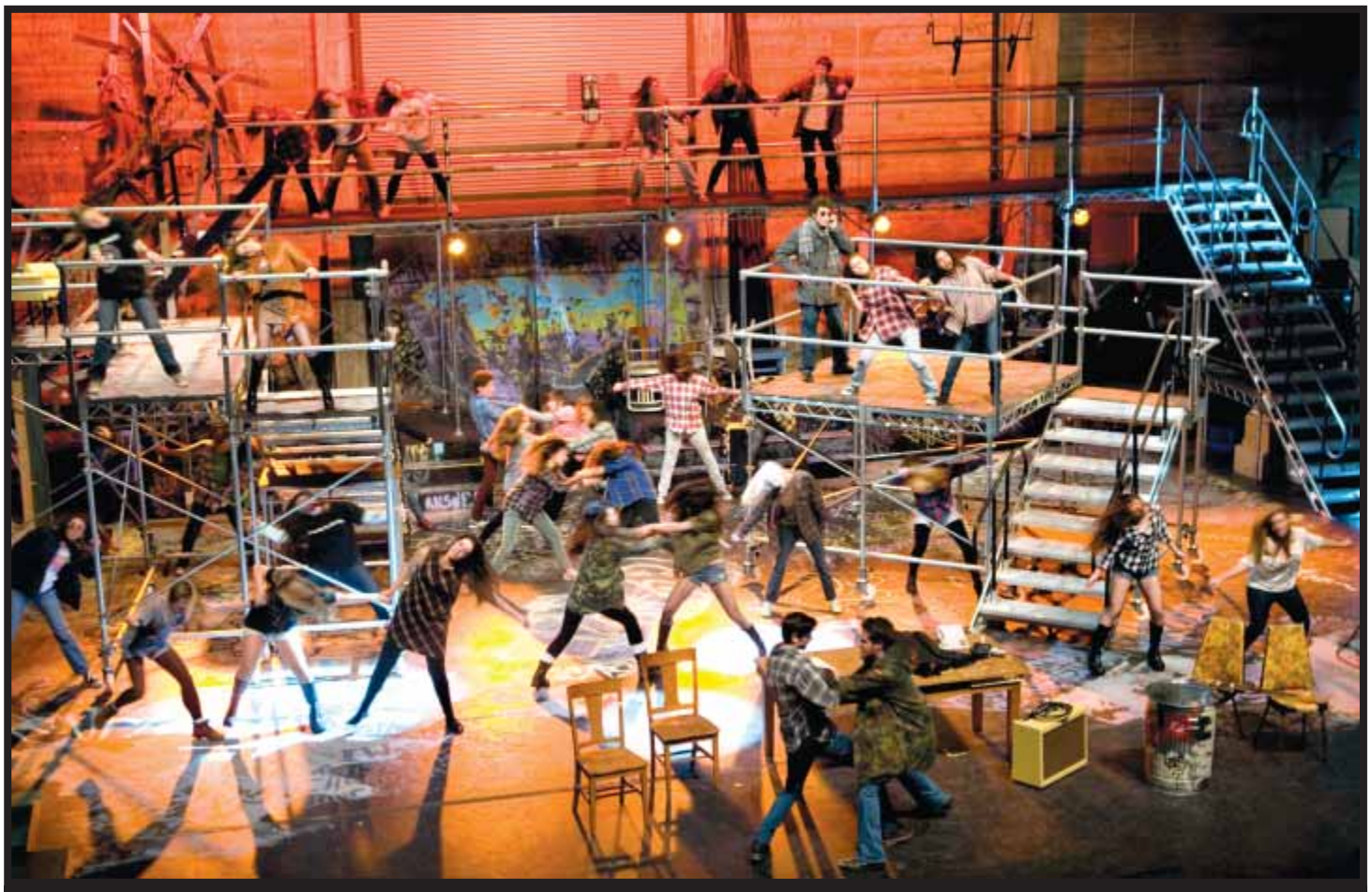
PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY After facing considerable criticism for failing to process over 450 rape kits that may contain critical DNA evidence, the Santa Monica Police Department has dramatically changed its policy regarding the kits and has processed nearly 75 percent of those in storage, police said.

Under the new policy, all rape kits — the physical evidence collected after an alleged sexual assault — are sent to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for processing, whereas before it was left up to detectives which kits would be sent or placed in storage.

"We are 100 percent committed to processing all sexual assault evidence, regardless of whether the case is prosecutable or not," said SMPD Lt. Mike Beautz, executive officer of the Criminal Investigations Division. "Where there's an allegation, we want to maintain and process the evidence and to complete the follow up we need to do."

The SMPD came under fire from advo-

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BURGEONING THESPIANS

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Saturday, Feb. 20, 2010

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Santa Monica High's Barnum Hall
601 Pico Blvd., 7 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Santa Monica High Theatre presents Jonathan Larson's Pulitzer Prize Award-winning musical, "Rent." Playing every Friday, Saturday and Sunday through Feb. 28. Tickets are $10 for students, $20 for adults. Call (310)395-3204 ext. 239 for more information.

Fresh Start 2010
Arena 1 Gallery
3026 Airport Ave., 7 p.m. 9 p.m.
A one-night sale of paintings, works on paper, and photography to benefit therapeutic art programs for at-risk youth. Fifty percent of art sales go to charity. The night includes raffle prizes, DJ Anne Litt, tasty bites by Lemongrass Boutique, and a bar hosted by 901 Silver Tequila. Tickets are $40 online and $50 at the door.

Lee Ritenour and friends
The Santa Monica College Performing Arts Center
1310 11th St., 7:30 p.m.
Grammy award-winning jazz guitarist Lee Ritenour is back by popular demand after a sold-out performance at The Broad Stage last year. His performance will include surprise guests.
Call (310) 434-3412 for more information.

Get ready for your close-up
Santa Monica YWCA
2019 14th St., 10:30 a.m. — 12 p.m.
This class, for students ages 18 and up, will train you in the techniques necessary to start a commercial acting career.
Cost is $48 for six weeks. Call (310)452-3881 for more information

Sunday, Feb. 21, 2010

Furry fitness
Montana Stairs
Ocean Ave. and Montana Ave., 10 a.m. — 11 a.m.
The Loved Dog, L.A.'s first cage-free kennel, is teaming up with the Spectrum Club to show owners and their dogs how to combine quality time with a fitness regime. Events include a dog/owner workout and a fitness walk along the bike path. This event is free to all.
Call (310)914-3033 for more information.

One with the whales
Malibu Pier
Tours depart at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Learn about the amazing migration of the Gray Whale on its trip back to Mexico, see dolphins, seals and sea lions, explore the beautiful Malibu coast and learn about its unique history. Reservations are recommended as seats book up fast.
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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.



POWER PLAYER

Morgan Genser *news@smdp.com*

Santa Monica's Aniese Palmore powers past a group of Arcadia defenders on Thursday at Samohi. Santa Monica won the California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section Division 1A playoff game, 77-42. The Vikings advance to face Perris on the road Saturday.

KCRW hires new station manager

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

KCRW Local public radio station KCRW 89.9 FM has hired one of its own to replace general manager Ruth Seymour, who is retiring this month after running the station for 32 years.

The Santa Monica College Board of Trustees Saturday is expected to announce they've hired Jennifer Ferro, the station's assistant general manager, to fill the position.

Ferro started at KCRW as a volunteer arts reporter in 1991 and has been with the station ever since, joining the staff in 1994 and working in every one of the station's departments. She became the assistant general manager in 1997 and also acts as the executive director of the radio programs "Good Food with Evan Kleiman" and "DnA: Design and Architecture with Frances Anderton."

In a press release, SMC said Ferro has been instrumental in improving on-air fundraising tactics and developing the station's online strategy, which includes its three live Internet radio channels, iPhone apps, blogs, original Web content features and social media outreach.

"We've never really thought of ourselves exclusively as a radio station," Ferro said. "We're more about the passion that drives us to create good content."

The station employs about 50 people full time and has more than 100 regular volunteers, she said.

During the recession, KCRW has seen a "softening" in donations, she said, though not a severe drop in revenue. Half of the station's funding comes from private contributions, 40 percent comes from underwriting by sponsors and 10 percent comes from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Ferro said.

Ferro said she doesn't expect to make major changes to KCRW's lineup of news, public affairs, music and cultural programming.



Courtesy Marc Goldstein
FERRO

"We have a real great formula here and we're just going to continue to make it better," she said.

In her new role, though, she said one goal will be to increase the station's support for independent producers.

"That kind of fire and [the] stories those people tell is what we all got into public radio in the first place [for]," she said.

Another task is to prepare the station for its transition in 2013 to a new facility planned for SMC's Academy of

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L.A. mayor expects painful budget cuts

MICHAEL R. BLOOD
AP Political Writer

LOS ANGELES Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa on Friday forecast a long season of painful budget cuts that will shutter city departments, force layoffs and potentially slash salaries for police, firefighters and other city workers.

Over the next 16 months, the nation's second-largest city needs to close spending gaps of about $700 million as the economy struggles with double-digit unemployment and a housing crisis. As early steps, the Democratic mayor announced he would eliminate two small agencies to save $3.2 million.

"I don't relish having to make these decisions," a grim-faced mayor said at City Hall. "We are going to have to cut everywhere."

The City Council and the mayor's office have been discussing plans for weeks to shutter the departments of Environmental Affairs and Human Services, which will cut 46 jobs.

Villaraigosa said most of the functions carried out by the agencies would be shifted elsewhere. But he sees no scenario that does not include future layoffs and "you can't lay off people ... without reducing the size of services."

It's just the beginning.

Earlier this month, the mayor announced 1,000 planned layoffs to help close a $212 million budget gap by June 30. With the city's finances continuing to erode, the Council directed agencies Thursday to cut 3,000 additional jobs by that time, a move supported by the mayor.

If completed, the layoffs would cut the work force paid from the city's general fund by 16 percent. Overall, Los Angeles has 46,000 workers, but 21,000 are paid from separate sources, such as at the Department of Water and Power.

The gap projected for the year that begins July 1 is nearly $500 million, all but assuring further cutbacks.

"There is no scenario where there will not be layoffs," Villaraigosa said.

Villaraigosa opposes police layoffs — he's made expanding the police ranks a cornerstone of his administration. But he wants unionized workers, including police officers and firefighters, to consider pay cuts as deep as 15 percent, which would save as much as $450 million a year.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Trailer park shame

Editor:

I enjoy coming to Santa Monica to visit the various city parks because they are beautiful. Recently I visited the park next door to the trailer court on Stewart Street. I hadn't been in that area since the city did the renovation, so I eagerly expected the finished project to be as nice as the park next door to it.

I was shocked because the trailer court looks so unfinished. The smaller trailers a couple rows back from the front look so dilapidated it's a wonder they haven't fallen down. As I walked down Stewart Street toward the freeway, I noticed the electrical wiring strung across the ground between trailers with the plug-ins facing up. I thought of how dangerous they would be in the rain.

I noticed children playing, and thought back to when my brothers were little boys who pretended to slay dragons by stabbing their swords and sticks into everything. If children at the trailer court stuck their swords into those electrical sockets they could be shocked and seriously injured. Those plug-ins should at least be off the ground. I wonder why the city of Santa Monica didn't inspect the trailer park and why the electricians deliberately left the electrical wiring unprotected from children playing, from rainy weather, with a potential trip-and-fall hazard.

With a lot of nice housing projects within the city of Santa Monica, I wonder why the trailer court on Stewart Street looks so dumpy. What kind of an example does the trailer court project represent for the city.

I hope readers of this comment.

Wilma Frances Stone
Via e-mail

Save the beauty

Editor:

I am compelled to add to Judy B. David's excellent letter ("Slow development down," Letters to the editor, Feb. 19, 2010) concerning massive development in Santa Monica.

Ours is a very special 8.3 square miles of beach front city. Those who would sell their souls to out-of-town developers and special interests should be ashamed.

We will become Manhattan by the sea, with gridlock traffic, and congestion. Our family has lived here since 1971, and the "constant growth" theory is rapidly trashing what was once serenely beautiful.

Ruth Rosen
Santa Monica





Modern Times

Lloyd Garver — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

Fly the skinny skies

RECENTLY, ACTOR-DIRECTOR, KEVIN Smith was removed from his seat on a plane and forced to leave. The reason: he was too fat, or as the airlines say, "He was a person of size." Smith, who starred as Silent Bob in a couple of movies, had purchased tickets for two seats because of his girth. But then he decided to stand by for an earlier flight. There was only one seat available on that flight, he sat in it, then was forced to leave. Now before you start sending irate e-mails to me, let me say something: I recognize that obesity is a big problem in America, and I understand that there may be times when someone is big enough to squish the person next to him. But this guy tried to play by the rules, and bought two seats. If there had been two vacant seats on the next plane, he would have bought them. And he was already seated! Was his physique really such an inconvenience for other passengers or such a danger to the flight that he should have been removed from the plane? Being overweight might be bad for you, but he wasn't a criminal. Eating second helpings is not a felony.

I understand the reasons for the airlines' rule. Nobody wants someone else infringing upon their space, and there's hardly any room on airplane seats if the one next to you is empty. But people other than those "of size" can cause just as much discomfort and annoyance to the person next to them, but nobody's kicking them off the plane. How about someone sitting next to you who hasn't had a bath since the Clinton administration? Or what if you get "a talker" next to you? He's some guy who buckles up and then says something like, "Let me tell you about myself. A lot of people don't realize what an interesting field recycling bowling balls is. …." Then there's "the laugher." She watches a movie on her computer while you're trying to sleep, and every time you doze off, she laughs out loud. Her laugh is slightly more annoying than the sound of broken chalk on a blackboard.

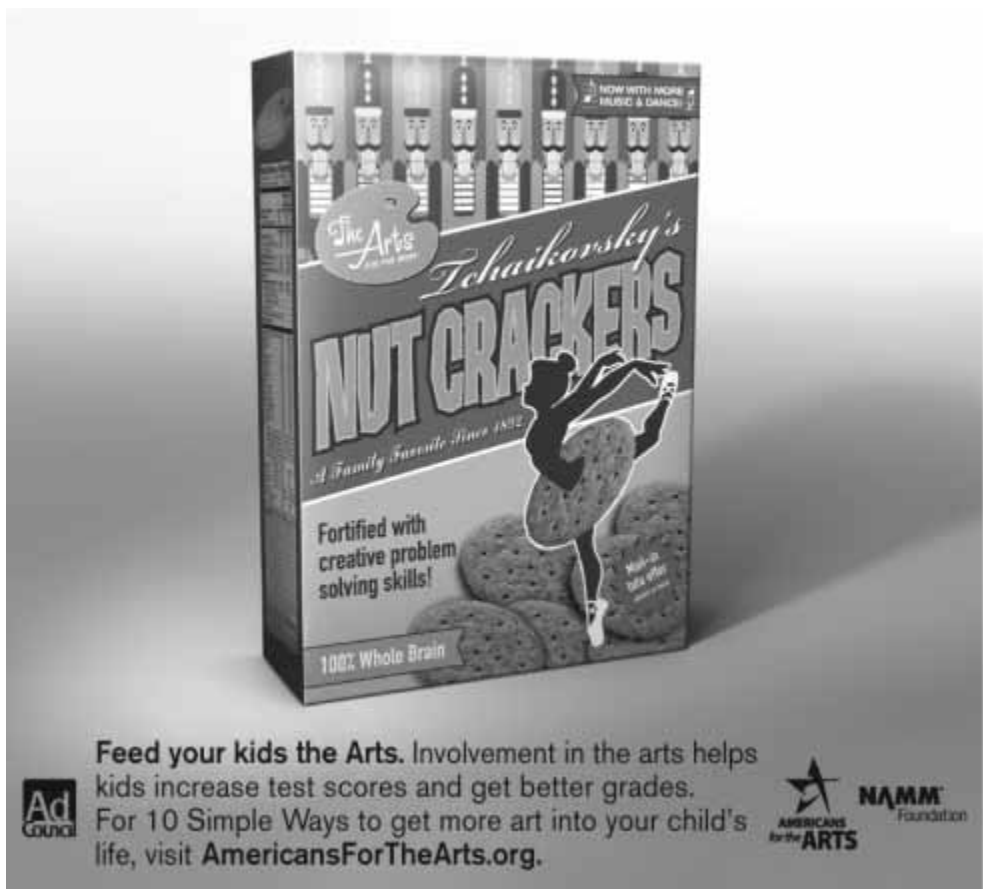
Nobody wants to sit next to a drunk who spills half his drink on your new pair of pants. Then there's the guy who's taken a sleeping pill right when the plane takes off. He falls into a deep sleep with his head flopping onto your shoulder in a creepy way. The drooling doesn't help. As much as we all love children, do you really want to sit next to a kid who keeps banging his toy hammer on the armrest for five hours?

Beside the "squish factor," the other reason airlines say they are reluctant to have a heavy person on board is because in an emergency, he or she might prevent "a timely exit from the aircraft." If you ask me, if you have to exit a plane because of an emergency, your least problem is that the person next to you likes to have ice cream after his pasta.

Besides, who decides if a passenger is "too fat?" Is it OK to be 10 pounds overweight? How about 25? 50? Do they draw the line at 100? 108 1/2? Obviously, it's a subjective call. Well, kicking someone off the plane who has made an effort to abide by the airline's rules is a subjective call, too. And they blew it. They should have thrown a little common sense into the mix. An allowance should have been made for his having bought two seats, and there should have been some understanding of the inconvenience and embarrassment of being kicked off the plane after being seated. Again, I'm not saying that I'd love to be next to someone who takes up a good portion of my seat, too. I'm just saying they shouldn't have made such a big deal about someone being big.

Now it would be easy for me to argue snidely that they kicked this guy off a plane, but they let a guy on who had a bomb in his underpants. So, I won't say that. But it is a bit weird for the airlines to be so vigilant in profiling people with big profiles.

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The Q Line

History or view?

This past week, Q-line asked:

The Santa Monica Pier Restoration Corp. is considering creating a museum at the west-end of the historic structure to tell the story of the pier's illustrious past. It would replace a viewing deck that currently is open to the public and offers the best views of the bay, which at least one Coastal Commission member (Richard Bloom) says may be problematic. Should pier officials build the museum or leave the viewing deck as is?

Here are your responses:

"WHAT NEXT FROM THE NUTCASES ON the City Council? Of course leave the public viewing deck at the end of the pier. If they must have another museum, put it in the library next to the city museum or anywhere else. Then the bums and free-loading homeless will have another spot to flop."

"COUNCILMAN BLOOM IS WRONG IN his assessment that the museum at the west-end of the pier would be problematic. There aren't any problems with a small museum at the end of the pier, which will clearly define the pier's history to the city of Santa Monica. I am for the museum at the west-end of the pier."

"EVERYTHING THAT WOULD BE SHOWN IN the pier museum could be shown at the Main Library in the Santa Monica history museum. Also, if a new museum is considered, we should wait until we have all the money for the building, for the exhibits, and an untouchable endowment fund that will be used only for the running of it."

"YEAH, WELL HOW BIG WILL THIS museum be? Maybe it will be so heavy that when the next storm hits, the whole thing will collapse into the ocean."

"THE MERRY-GO-ROUND IS THE ONLY historic structure left on the pier and so that's where the museum should be. The upstairs is wasted on offices for privileged Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights cronies and pals running the pier when it should open for public use and one of the many public uses upstairs might be a museum."

"HAVING LIVED IN THE BAY AREA between Palos Verdes and Malibu for many years and the lack of museums in Los Angeles county, I have always felt that the one thing Santa Monica has always needed is an museum on the pier. The construction will again give us the crescendo of the rhythmic staccato of the steelhead of a hammer crashing down on the flat head of a nail. A sound that has become dear to my ears here in Santa Monica. Biblically, we are told that the love of money is the root of all evil. Then some entity mentioned greed. I personally believe that the need and necessity of money to function is the root. It appears that the need for pier operation cash is the footings for the construction of this new pier edifice, thus enabling the city to dig a little deeper into the pockets of the pier's congesting tourism trade. My choice is save the observation deck."

"THE IDEA OF TEARING DOWN THE viewing deck for a museum is ludicrous. Why live in the past? The past stories of the Santa Monica Pier are not all that illustrious. What pictures or stories would it have? Would it be pictures of the shootings near the pier on the Fourth of July? Or perhaps the pier when it broke off in the early '80s during the El Nino winter. Or, or yes, the hostage taking of one of the victims during Fourth of July weekend. Or, oh yes, Bruce Hensel of Channel 4 news diving off the pier to save a suicidal woman. Please, please leave well enough alone. Let the viewing deck live."

"NO, NO, NO FOR A MUSEUM. THAT'S just more space taken away from us. Let's enjoy the museum now. Let's enjoy the ocean now. People who are into the past can have a nice little pamphlet if they want to read about the past. But let's live for now."

"I AM A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF SANTA Monica and I live near the pier and I definitely do not want a museum on the viewing deck. I think people should go to the beach to see the water."

"NO, THEY SHOULD NOT BUILD A MUSEUM at the end of the pier. It's the only place on the pier where you can sit quietly and enjoy the ocean and I have a family member whose ashes were scattered out in the ocean and we go down there and sit quietly on the pier and think about him. They should put the museum where there's already traffic. Leave one peaceful section on the pier."

"PLEASE LEAVE THAT LITTLE SPOT ALONE so we can enjoy ourselves semi-quietly."

"BY ALL MEANS, CAN'T THEY FIND another place for that museum as opposed as to the very end of the pier? That would be my proposal. Sounds like a terrible idea."

"MY RESPONSE IS NO TO THE MUSEUM on the pier. We need the open space and we need more of it to live. Once again, save the pier."

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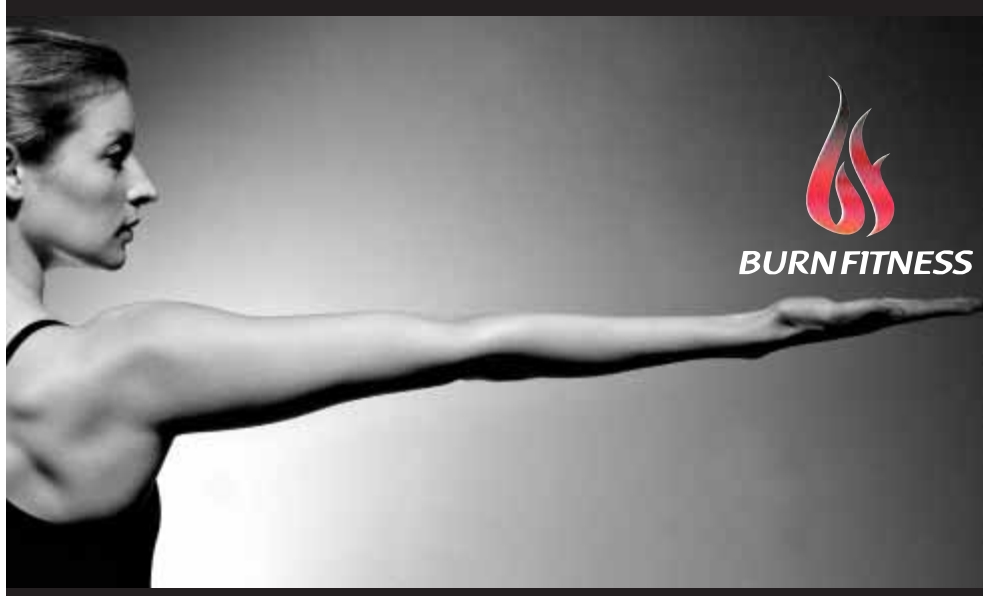
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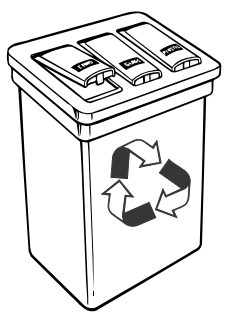




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Kicking the coffee habit

WITH THE PASSING OF VALENTINE'S Day and lovers everywhere having just indulged in Cacao of the Now's "Sexual Chocolate," I'm sure those whose desires were fed on Sunday, found themselves seeking some "mud" on Monday.

I didn't celebrate, but instead had a lovely post V-Day coffee date at Urth Café. Although, in lieu of coffee, I had a chai latte, which I highly recommend for the wonderful flavors and beautiful latte art. How do they do that?

I thought tea would be a better choice for a date so that my nervous chatter would not be enhanced by a caffeine buzz. Besides, I've practically OD'd on coffee drinks since moving into a building that has a coffee machine complete with 12 different sugar-laden, caffeinated options, all for free from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

This made me think about the accumulation of empty calories that come from these "free" drinks. If they provide empty calories that, in essence, rob you of nutrients, then how free are they really?

Despite the extra calories from some coffee drinks, a plain old Cup O' Joe may have a place in any diet. Caffeine, from coffee, can reduce respiratory muscle fatigue which may aid performance during exercise. Caffeine also acts as a bronchodilator meaning that it increases the size of the tubes that carry oxygen into the lungs thereby potentially allowing more oxygenated blood to get to the working muscles.

Although research is inconclusive, there are some theories that caffeine may aid weight loss by acting as an appetite suppressant or by increasing thermogenesis: the heat and energy produced during digestion. One study said this: "caffeine dose-dependently increased motor activity while decreasing grooming and time spent in the corner." Oh, but they were talking about rats not people, I think. And that's the problem with research. Animal models don't translate to people. I mean, give me a cup of coffee and you can't get me out of the bathroom, where I do my "grooming." Another way caffeine may contribute to weight loss is by acting as a diuretic (makes you pee more).

Caffeine may also increase blood pressure. Although there are several physiological reasons for this increase in blood pressure, one may be related to decreasing blood potassium levels related to increased urination.

Drinking more water to replace fluid loss will only cause further reduction in potassium which becomes diluted in the blood stream. Although some studies showed delayed muscle fatigue from reduced potassium levels, it is not advised to intentionally reduce potassium even for performance sake. Also known as hypokalemia, low blood potassium can be fatal.

Potassium's job in the body is to regulate water and acid-base balance. It aids the conduction of nerve impulses, generates muscle contraction and regulates heartbeat. Potassium is an essential component of protein synthesis and carbohydrate metabolism helping convert glucose to glycogen which can be stored in the liver and muscles for future energy. This makes potassium a key player in the growth and development of muscle tissue. Muscle increases metabolism.

So, in the end, caffeine may not be such a great weight loss aid if it causes us to lose potassium. Not to mention the weight you can gain by drinking those calorie rich coffee drinks. One 16 ounce (Grande) latte made with whole milk, contains 220 calories, 11g of fat and 17g of sugar. A nonfat cappuccino has only 80 calories and zero grams of fat, same goes for a misto or café au lait plus you get seven grams of protein and 35 percent of your daily value for calcium.

But the true key to balancing out potassium levels with caffeine consumption is to follow your morning mocha with some potassium rich fruits and vegetables throughout the day.

Best sources of potassium include: beet greens, white beans, raisins, potato with skin, grapefruit juice, dates, halibut, refried beans, spinach, sweet potato, papaya and all other beans. Surprisingly, bananas are not high on the list.

Here's some nutrient dense, potassium rich recipes to get you started.

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Energy-on-the-Go

12 ounces dates (1 cup date paste or about 40 dates, seeds removed)
1/4 cup almond butter
2 cups whey protein powder
1/4 cup green powder (any supergreens)
2 Tablespoons cocoa powder (unprocessed)
2 Tablespoons ground flax seeds
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
1/4 cup walnuts, ground (DO NOT add, set aside)

Add all ingredients, except walnuts, to food processor and process until smooth and well blended. With clean hands, gather some "dough" about the size of a super ball and roll between the palms of your hands. If dough becomes sticky, roll it in extra protein powder. Roll each ball in ground walnuts. Set on a cookie sheet lined with parchment or wax paper and freeze for 2-4 hours. Place in an airtight container and keep refrigerated. Carry in a small baggie for quick Energy-on-the-Go. Makes about 25-30 balls of energy. Per serving: 55 calories, 1.5g fat, 2g carbs, 1g fiber, 4g protein.

White beans and greens

1 (15 ounce) can white beans
1 bunch beet greens or greens of your choice
1 small yellow onion
4 carrots, diced
2 stalks celery, diced
1 Tablespoon olive oil
4 cloves garlic, minced
1 Tablespoon fresh rosemary, chopped

In a large frying pan, sauté the onions, carrots and celery in olive oil. Add beans and bring to a simmer to blend flavors. Remove everything from the pan and set in a bowl. Add garlic and rosemary to pan and sauté. Add half the bean mixture to the garlic and rosemary. Add 1/2 cup water to the beans and throw in the greens. Cover with a lid to steam. Mash up the other half of the bean mixture. Add mashed beans to greens and simmer to heat through. Serve with steamed fish.



END OF LINE

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Santa Monica goalkeeper Rachel Forer tries to secure the ball before San Luis Obispo's Shannon Fontes can take control on Friday at John Adams Middle School. Samohi lost the California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section Division 4 playoff game 1-0 in overtime.

Administrative and classified employees also could be let go

FROM **CUTS** PAGE 1

days this school year and next, Keiley said. District employees represented by the Service Employees International Union have already signed off on a similar contract. Together the deals will save SMMUSD about $2 million and prevent further job reductions, district officials have said.

While no administrators were laid off in the round of cuts approved Thursday, Cuneo said he will be presenting a a recommendation to eliminate some administrators from the district's payroll in March. Additional cuts to the classified employee payroll could also be on the horizon, he said.

"THIS IS DEVASTATING TO THE DISTRICT AND PROGRAMS AND KIDS' EDUCATION AND ALSO TO THE [EMPLOYEES] IT IMPACTS."

Tim Cuneo
Superintendent

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Unions critical of mayor, council

FROM **CUTS** PAGE 3

Police union president Paul Weber said officers agreed in their last contract to be compensated for overtime for a two-year period in time off, not cash, to save the city money.

Cheryl Parisi, chair of the Coalition of Los Angeles City Unions, an umbrella group for 22,000 workers from librarians to street maintenance workers, faulted the mayor and Council for poor financial stewardship. She said other options should be considered, including givebacks from vendors with $2.5 billion in city contracts.

New KCRW boss to continue station's culture

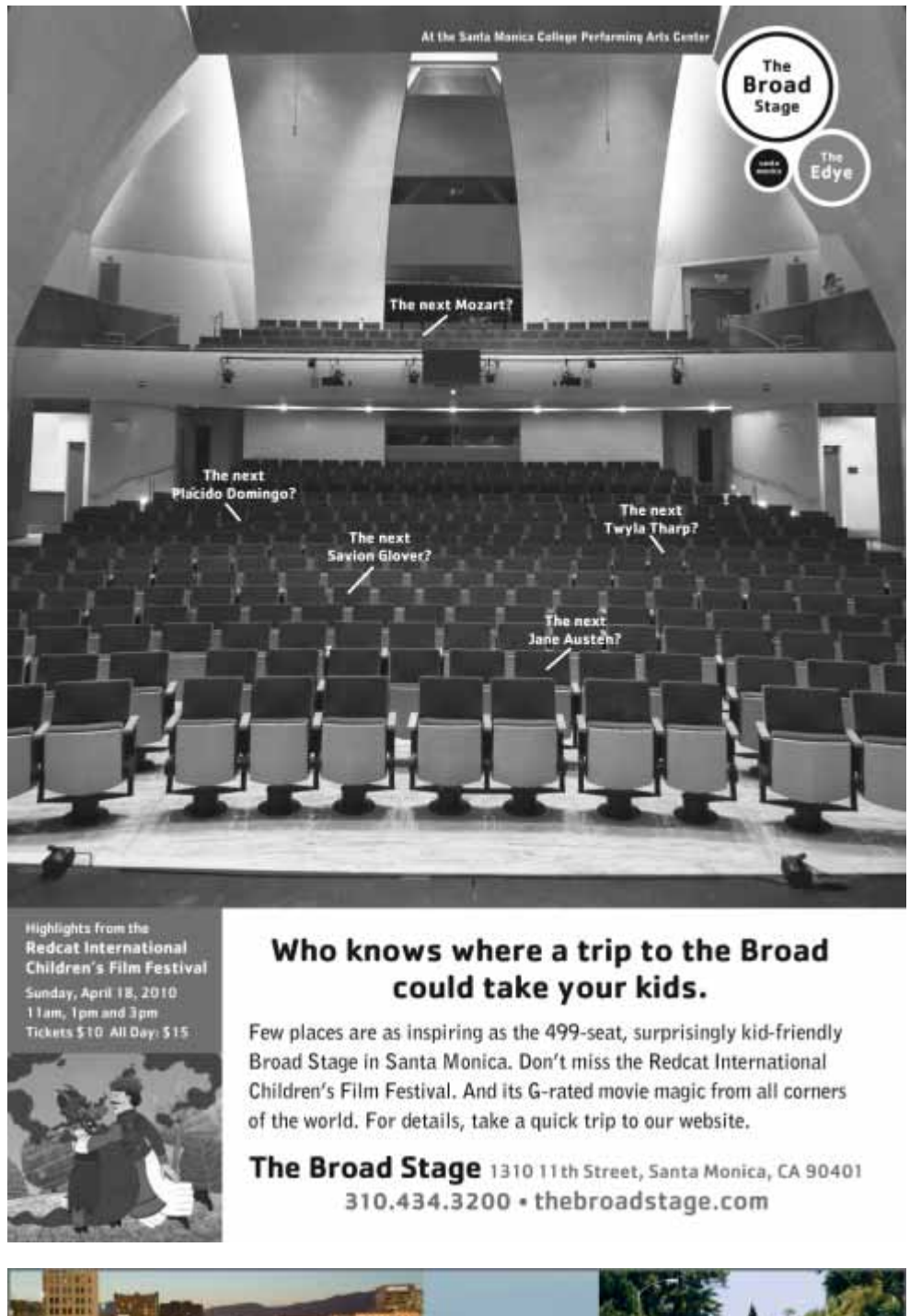
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Seymour, the outgoing manager, called Ferro "innovative, courageous and independent."

"She's an experienced programmer, producer and fundraiser. She will make a terrific manager and I look forward to a KCRW under her leadership," she said.

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SMPD changes policy to deal with kits

FROM KITS PAGE 1

cates of sexual assault victims last year when a report by Human Rights Watch entitled "Testing Justice: The Rape Kit Backlog in Los Angeles City and County," found that there were more than 12,000 rape kits yet to be tested in the county, with 485 in the custody of the SMPD.

Officers disputed that number, saying there were 467 kits, with 340 having been processed as of Feb. 5.

Advocates said there was no excuse for any backlog given the relatively low number of sexual assaults in Santa Monica (there were 21 reported rapes in 2008, 30 the year prior, according to figures released by the SMPD), the amount of resources at the department's disposal and the close proximity to one of the premier rape treatment centers in the nation at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center. Some said they were shocked to learn the SMPD had so many kits in storage.

"No one would have suspected Santa Monica to have such a backlog because of the close relationship they have with the rape treatment center," said Sarah Tofte, a researcher with Human Rights Watch and author of the report. "Santa Monica wasn't on our radar but we wanted to do a comprehensive report so we asked for their records and I was really surprised at what we found."

In prior years, detectives with the SMPD and other departments had discretion over whether or not to send DNA evidence to the Sheriff's Department for processing. Some rape kits were not processed because the victim did not want to prosecute or the District Attorney's Office would not file a case. Some of the kits were also collected before advancements in DNA technology, Beautz said, which could account for why they were never processed.

Detectives were aware that the Sheriff's Department, which processes kits for free for Santa Monica and roughly 80 other contract cities, was overloaded, trying to process its own backlog, and therefore did not want to add to their backlog by sending kits that the detectives felt were not of the highest priority.

That was in the past. Beautz said the SMPD now sends roughly six or seven kits a month for processing to eradicate the backlog. If evidence is collected that needs to be processed immediately, SMPD detectives can send the evidence to the Orange County Sheriff's Department, a service the SMPD pays for by the hour.

"It's not that the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department doesn't do a great job," Beautz said. "They do a spectacular job, but they can't always turn over evidence in the time we want it so we looked at other options, private companies, other agencies and we found that Orange County has a quick turnaround."

It takes roughly four to six weeks for the kits to be processed and can take longer before results are entered into a DNA database so detectives can search for a possible suspect, said Det. Karen Thompson with the cold case unit who handles sexual assaults.

Many kits submitted do not contain enough DNA markers to be uploaded into the database, known as CODIS, or Combined DNA Index System. Some kits may have deteriorated after having sat in storage for years. There must be 13 predetermined DNA markers found, Thompson said.

Of the 347 kits submitted by the SMPD and processed, there were 26 cases entered into CODIS, Thompson said. Of those, 10 have been uploaded but the suspect has not been identified. Thirteen additional profiles were uploaded and a match was made to a person, providing a lead. Three cases were resolved when the evidence was immediately examined and DNA samples from a named suspect were compared to DNA recovered from the victim.

Thompson said four arrests have been made, but prosecutors declined to file charges in two of the cases. One case has been filed while another was resolved with the suspect being convicted on all counts and sentenced to 149 years to life in prison. That suspect had been connected to a series of rapes in Los Angeles, Thompson said.

Sometimes when there is a match, the victims decline to participate in the investigation, Thompson said. Victims may not want to reopen old wounds or be forced to have their lives examined on the witness stand.

"There are many rape victims who do not report these crimes because they fear retaliation, they fear a loss of privacy or being blamed or disbelieved, and a lot have concerns about how they will be treated in the criminal justice system," said Gail Abarbanel, director of the Rape Treatment Center at the Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center.

Beautz said the SMPD realized there was a backlog and wanted to address it before the Human Rights Watch report was released and formed the new cold case unit to work specifically on the backlog.

That meant processing every kit, even if the case was outside the statute of limitations. Beautz said it is important to process all kits, even if no charges will be filed, because the evidence can be used in a future case to show prior conduct on behalf of the suspect.

"We feel that having a suspect profile on every one of the rape kits may ultimately help us solve a sexual assault somewhere down the line," Beautz said.

While advocates said they would have hoped the backlog would have been eradicated by now, they were pleased to learn that the SMPD has changed its policy regarding processing. That said, they are still putting pressure on law enforcement agencies to not only process the kits faster by hiring more technicians, but also uploading the DNA evidence into CODIS so that detectives have more to work with.

"Every kit that's not opened or tested or entered into the database represents a rapist still on the streets, ready to commit more crimes, and we've seen that happen," Abarbanel said. "It's one thing to process the kits, but it's what you do with that information that really matters."

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Gagne agrees with Dodgers

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GLENDALE, Ariz. Former NL Cy Young Award winner Eric Gagne has agreed to a minor league contract with the Los Angeles Dodgers and would receive a $500,000, one-year contract if added to the 40-man roster.

Gagne won the 2003 NL Cy Young with the Dodgers, when he converted all 55 save chances, and saved 152 games over three seasons through 2004. The right-hander converted a record 84 consecutive save chances during that time, but had operations on his pitching elbow in 2005 and 2006, and back surgery in 2006.

Now 34, he hasn't pitched in the majors since 2008, when he was 4-3 with a 5.44 ERA and 10 saves in 17 chances for Milwaukee. The Brewers released him from a minor league contract last March after doctors found he had a frayed rotator cuff. He signed with the Quebec Capitales of the independent Can-Am League and went 6-6 with a 4.65 ERA in 17 starts.

The Mitchell Report accused Gagne of receiving human growth hormone in 2004. He apologized to Milwaukee teammates for "a distraction that shouldn't be taking place" but didn't directly address the allegation.



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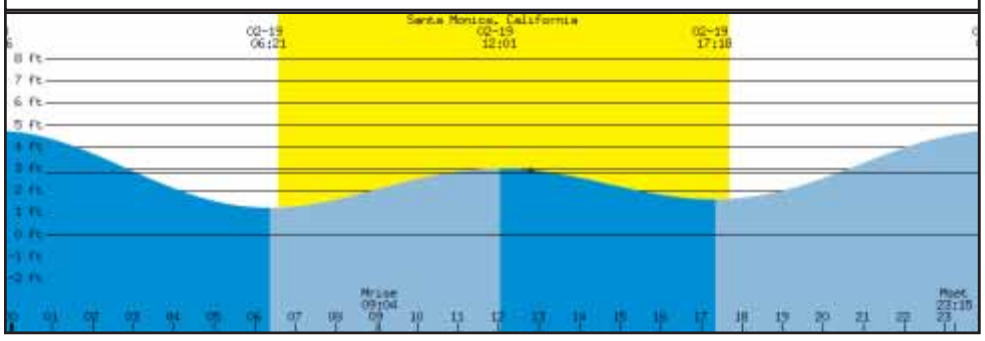
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Long Range Synopsis

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- Number of sewage spills -- 0
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- Number of wet days -- 20
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 39 / 11
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 8 / 30

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	C
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alina creeks.	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	C
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	F	F
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A+	A
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	D
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	F
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Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	A
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	C
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	F
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	B
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	F	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	B
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	D	D
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	B
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	D	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	C
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	F
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+	F
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	D
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	F
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	F
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	B
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	D
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	C
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	D	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	D
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	B
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	B
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A+	F
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+	A+

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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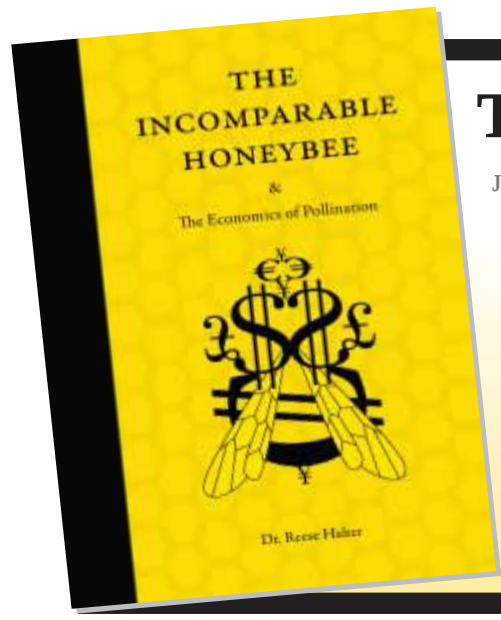
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Sherlock Holmes (PG-13) 2hrs 14min
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Shutter Island (R) 1hr 35min
11:40 a.m., 1:00, 3:15, 4:15, 6:40, 7:40, 9:55, 10:55

Dear John - Digital Presentation (PG-13) 1hr 48min
11:20 a.m., 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:30

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12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:15, 10:50

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1:50, 4:30, 7:20

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1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:55

Last Station (Ein Russischer Sommer) (R) 1hr 52min
1:10, 4:00, 7:00

Single Man (R) 1hr 39min
9:45

Ajami (NR) 2hr 15min
1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50

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The Blind Side (PG-13) 2hrs 6min
12:40, 3:50, 6:40, 9:40

The Good Guy (R) 1hr 30min
12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:10

Percy Jackson & The Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) 2 hrs
11:10 a.m., 12:50, 1:50, 3:40, 4:30, 6:20, 7:20, 9:00

Valentine's Day (PG-13) 1hr 57min
11:00 a.m., 12:30, 2:00, 3:30, 5:00, 6:30, 8:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:45

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Dinner for two, Libra

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ A must appearance makes all the difference. Your nerves could be more fried than you realize, as your temper snaps. Right now, you might need more time to find out which path suits you. Tonight: Your treat.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ A friend comes through for you as you wished. You might feel better than you realize when dealing with a child or loved one. Do smile and loosen up with others. A family member continues to be challenging. Tonight: Go for what you want.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Know when to vanish or try another approach. You might feel that you need more feedback than before. Loosen up and remain sensitive to your inner vibes. Could you be a bit tired and drawn? Tonight: Vanish. Be mysterious.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Focus on what you want and with whom you want to be. This is no time to settle. You could be a bit extravagant if you're not careful. Be honest with yourself about change and a more positive opportunity. Tonight: Only where people are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Assume your natural role as a leader. Work with a key person who seems to understand a lot more than you. Confusion surrounds interactions in general. Confirm plans; make sure you are on the same page as someone else. Tonight: A must appearance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Keep looking for answers, knowing your limits and what you feel must happen within a key association. Caring runs deep on both sides. Detach from an issue, knowing there will be an answer. Understanding evolves. Tonight: Treat your mind to some relaxation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Your way of dealing with another person could change radically. If you want to open up a conversation, you can do it. Use a misunderstanding creatively to open yours and others' thinking. Tonight: Dinner for two.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Defer all you need. You have the ability to present a softer side. Understanding will evolve if you allow someone to express him- or herself in a more dynamic manner. Tonight: Enjoy others rather than judge them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ An even approach can bring only good results. You might wonder what is the best way to get through to a difficult associate who could be inordinately challenging. Stay above the fracas and disagreement. Tonight: Put your feet up.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ When you become more frivolous and light, others find it easier to relate to you. Sometimes you question the real basis of a relationship and your choices. Right now, simply enjoy those around you. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Emphasize better give-and-take. You might want to indulge a child or loved one. As long as you can afford the manner in which you want to treat this person, go for it. A misunderstanding is no big deal, even if you feel uncomfortable. Tonight: A must appearance.

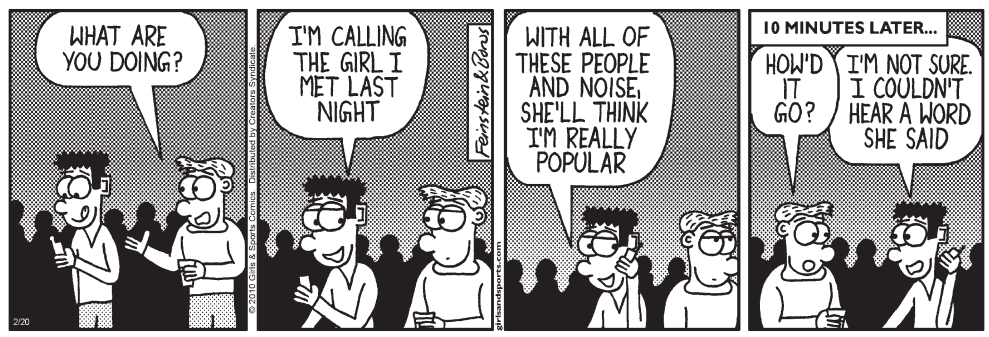
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Keep conversations open. Meet friends for a late lunch or maybe a movie. Your soft self-expression helps others come in close. Let go of a problem or misunderstanding. Listen to what someone thinks, but know that you do need to verify it. Tonight: Dinner with others.

Happy birthday

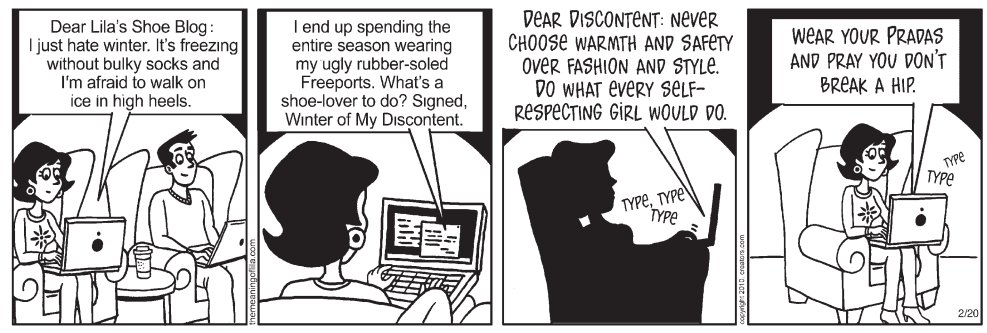
This year, the words you choose and the style in which you relate encourage your cause. Knowing this fact, you might want to take a class or workshop in communication. Your charisma draws in many people. Sometimes, when you are confused, step back rather than act or speak. You will need time to do some soul-searching. If you are single, you'll have quite your pick of suitors. Don't just jump on the first person who heads in your direction. If you are attached, you'll move in a new direction as a couple if you dialogue more. Use your high energy positively. TAURUS brings you out, helping you bloom.

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

Girls and Sports
By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



The Meaning of Lila
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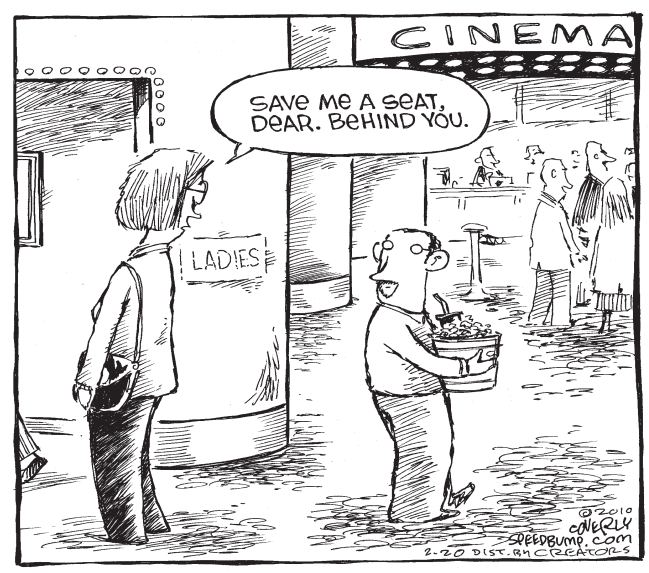
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Difficulty Level ★★★★

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

6	8	1	9	4	7	5	2	3
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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6 Murdered
11 Cowboy contest
12 O. Henry forte
13 Battle site of 1836
14 Purple shade
15 Night watches
17 Canine command
18 Put away
19 Grassy seats
22 Profs' aides: Abbr.
23 Stir up
24 Kid's shooter
25 Varnish coat
27 Poet Hughes
30 Sound systems
31 Cut drastically
32 Trifle
33 "Forget it!"
35 Thatcher creations
38 Finish off
39 Snowy wader
40 Wipe away
41 Like untended gardens
42 Less loony

DOWN

1 Tie
2 Nabokov book
3 Saws
4 Convoy unit
5 Place for a break
6 Poorly lit
7 Author Levin
8 Extinguishes
9 Ask
10 Putin's denials
16 Operator, of a sort
20 Course groups
21 Sport
24 Soap buy
25 Patsy
26 Pal of Pooh
27 James Clavell book
28 Pardon
29 More profound
30 Scatter
34 TV "explorer"
36 Flowed into
37 Pig place

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Only four days after the January earthquake hit Port-au-Prince, two Royal Caribbean cruise ships made a port call at a private enclave about 60 miles up Haiti's coastline from ground zero, turning loose hundreds of frolickers for "jet ski rides, parasailing and rum cocktails delivered to their hammocks," according to a report in London's The Guardian. Haitian guards employed by the cruise line manned the resort's 12-foot-high fences, but about a third of the passengers still declined to leave the ships, too upset by the unfolding disaster nearby to enjoy themselves. Royal Caribbean said it had made a large donation to the rescue effort and promised, also, to send proceeds from the port's thriving craft stores.

■ The Need for Parental Licensing: In January, as punishment for her 12-year-old son's bad grade in school, a Warm Springs, Ga., mother allegedly forced the boy to club his pet hamster to death with a hammer. Lynn Middlebrooks Geter, 38, was arrested after the kid told his teacher, who called the state children's services agency.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1962 Mercury program: While aboard Friendship 7, John Glenn becomes the first American to orbit the earth, making three orbits in 4 hours, 55 minutes.

1965 Ranger 8 crashes into the moon after a successful mission of photographing possible landing sites for the Apollo program astronauts.

1976 The Southeast Asia Treaty Organization disbands.

1987 Unabomber: In Salt Lake City, a bomb explodes in a computer store.

1989 An IRA bomb destroys a section of a British Army barracks in Ternhill, England

1991 A gigantic statue of Albania's long-time dictator, Enver Hoxha, is brought down in the Albanian capital Tirana, by mobs of angry protesters.

1998 American figure skater Tara Lipinski becomes the youngest gold-medalist at the Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan.

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Obituaries

ROSEMARY BOULDS DOWNEY



Rosemary Boulds Downey of Novato, California and former resident of Santa Monica (45 years) passed away when her heart took it's final beat @ 11:45pm, February 1st, 2010.

Rosemary was born in Plentywood Montana on 11,23,1922 to her proud parents John and Vivienne Boulds. John owned the local bar and ran an evening craps game while Vivienne tended their brood and held her job as the best seamstress in town. During the Great Depression, Rosemary, the middle child of their 8 children survived well with the rest her siblings eating fresh vegetables from the family's home garden. Rosemary aka Romi, graduated early from Plentywood High (age 17) and skipped off to Billings, Montana for business school. From there Rosemary (19 yrs) packed up and moved to Chicago, Illinois. Rosemary met her husband Roy Downey on the job. After 7 years of marriage Rosemary became a mother when they were blessed to adopt, a baby boy and so named him Richard Bruce Downey. Rosemary gave birth to her daughter, Deborah eleven months later. In 1964 Mrs. Downey became interested in real estate and bought her first apartment building in Santa Monica on 6th Street.

From then on Rosemary's passion for real estate grew and she spent the next 50 years buying and selling properties in Santa Monica. Among her purchases were De Lorme Guest House and Ocean Gardens Retirement Home located on Ocean Avenue where she hired some 15 employees to maintain the high level of care for her 50 senior residents. A true trailblazer and women investor ahead of her time, Mrs. Downey could match smarts with bank officials and accountants and attorneys when it came to real estate finance. Greatly admired by her competitors and fellow investors for her incredible timing for buying and selling properties, Mrs. Downey was known to her large family as a kind and generous giver. She was always there to lend a helping hand…her unconditional love was unmatched. A beautiful and charming woman thru out her life span, Rosemary Boulds Downey will be survived by her sister Mona Welter and her darling daughter, Deborah Downey. Deborah gave Rosemary three incredible grandchildren, Jacqueline Downey Parsons, Matthew Sean Downey and Derek James Downey.

Jacqueline thrilled her "Mimi" with two divine great- grandsons, Saiyen and Dillon. Rosemary Boulds Downey's Memorial Celebration will take place @ Keaton's Funeral Home,1022E Street, San Rafael,CA on Sunday, February 28th @2pm in San Rafael, Calif. March 1st Rosemary and her son, Bruce's ashes will be installed @ Gate of Heaven Catholic Cemetery in Los Altos, Calif. Rosemary's bright eyes, lovely smile, delightful laugh and kind and generous heart will be missed by all.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20100060390 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as RJ REUBENS & CO, 15 PALOMA COURT, UNIT 26, VENICE, CA 90291. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : JESSE R. STOVALL, 15 PALOMA COURT, UNIT 26, VENICE, CA 90291; RYAN T. RUD, 15 PALOMA COURT, UNIT 26, VENICE, CA 90291 This Business is being conducted by, a general partnership. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)1/10/2010. /s/: RJ REUBENS & CO
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 1/14/2010. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 2/13/2010, 2/20/2010, 2/27/2010, 3/6/2010

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Santa Monica Single Family Homes

Santa Monica Canyon	previous period January-09	current period January-10	% change
Number of Sales	0	2	n/a
Average Days on the Market	0	108	n/a
Lowest Price	$0	$1,700,000	n/a
Median Price	$0	$2,075,000	n/a
Highest Price	$0	$2,450,000	n/a
Average Price Per Square Foot	$0	$645	n/a
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	0%	94%	n/a

North of Montana	previous period January-09	current period January-10	% change
Number of Sales	0	4	n/a
Average Days on the Market	0	90	n/a
Lowest Price	$0	$1,452,000	n/a
Median Price	$0	$1,917,500	n/a
Highest Price	$0	$2,795,000	n/a
Average Price Per Square Foot	$0	$815	n/a
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	0%	95%	n/a

Between Wilshire and Montana	previous period January-09	current period January-10	% change
Number of Sales	2	1	-50%
Average Days on the Market	42	80	90%
Lowest Price	$1,880,000	$2,875,000	53%
Median Price	$2,183,500	$2,875,000	32%
Highest Price	$2,487,000	$2,875,000	16%
Average Price Per Square Foot	$624	n/a	n/a
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	95%	85%	-11%

South of Wilshire	previous period January-09	current period January-10	% change
Number of Sales	0	1	n/a
Average Days on the Market	0	89	n/a
Lowest Price	$0	$720,000	n/a
Median Price	$0	$720,000	n/a
Highest Price	$0	$720,000	n/a
Average Price Per Square Foot	$0	$562	n/a
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	0%	94%	n/a

Sunset Park	previous period January-09	current period January-10	% change
Number of Sales	1	3	200%
Average Days on the Market	98	55	-44%
Lowest Price	$1,210,242	$901,000	-26%
Median Price	$1,210,242	$1,275,000	5%
Highest Price	$1,210,242	$1,383,375	14%
Average Price Per Square Foot	$432	$569	32%
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	74%	97%	31%

Ocean Park	previous period January-09	current period January-10	% change
Number of Sales	0	3	n/a
Average Days on the Market	0	48	n/a
Lowest Price	$0	$650,000	n/a
Median Price	$0	$680,000	n/a
Highest Price	$0	$1,695,000	n/a
Average Price Per Square Foot	$0	$1,003	n/a
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	0%	93%	n/a

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