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MAKE YOUR MARK

Fabian Lewkowicz *FabianLewkowicz.com*

Zach Legein, with his son Desmond, 1, on Sunday, Feb. 21 votes that he will spend the same amount of money each week if Main Street restaurants would replace the existing prepared food vendors at the Farmers' Market on Sundays.

City names new fire chief

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

CITY HALL After a nationwide search that produced 20 finalists, City Manager Rod Gould has selected Manhattan Beach Fire Chief Scott Ferguson to lead the Santa Monica Fire Department, city officials said Monday.

As Santa Monica's Fire Chief Ferguson, 48, will earn a salary of $198,168 and oversee a department that boasts a budget of $28.4 million annually with 128 employees. He succeeds Jim Hone, a 30-year veteran of the SMFD who retired earlier this month.

Ferguson and his wife Maria will be introduced to the public by Gould at the March 9 City Council meeting. He is expected to take the helm on March 29.

"Chief Scott Ferguson is a fast rising star in the fire profession," Gould said. "His references and all who interviewed him are most impressed with his skill, energy, leadership and integrity. His passion is training to ensure a solid foundation in fire tactics while employing innovation, collaboration and accountability in the departments he has managed. Scott will be the right person to lead the department."

During his tenure as fire chief in Manhattan Beach, Ferguson completed a strategic plan for the department, refined professional development for its members and forged relationships with regional stakeholders in emergency response and preparedness.

Before becoming fire chief of Manhattan Beach, Ferguson was a chief officer of two growing agencies in Peoria, Ariz. and Vancouver, Wash. As a fire officer, his work was wide ranging from building fire stations, implementing succession planning and fire service best practices. He served in Peoria from 2002 to 2007 and in Vancouver from 1988 to 2002.

"The experience I've gained throughout

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Roadhouse keeps its lease on life

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

SM CANYON Patrick's Roadhouse, the landmark diner on Pacific Coast Highway that in recent months has faced closure after its owner received an eviction notice, is keeping its doors open — at least for one more year.

The restaurant's owner, Anthony Fischler, was caught off guard last November when he was told to vacate the property within 30 days and went to court to contest the eviction. The property's landlord, Lee Benchay, had apparently become disgruntled on a couple of scores — including a subpoena he received related to Fischler's divorce — and wanted the restaurant off his prime seaside real estate.

The two sides , though, have agreed to a settlement that will let the restaurant — known for its lime-green facade, quirky decor and celebrity clientele — remain in business through January of next year, Duane Hall, a

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Cops search for serial arsonist

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY Santa Monica investigators are looking for a serial arsonist who they believe is responsible for more than a dozen fires since last June.

More than a dozen residents were forced out of their homes in the 200 block of Washington Avenue after a fire erupted in a carport of an apartment complex during President's Day weekend. The apartment fire was the worst of the crime spree, police said. No one was injured but residents are still unable to get back into their apartments and have been forced to find lodging elsewhere.

Other fires have erupted over the last two weeks within a two-block radius around the apartment building. A trash bin, three vehicles and some shrubbery have been burned.

The suspicious fires have occurred on the following dates, locations and times:

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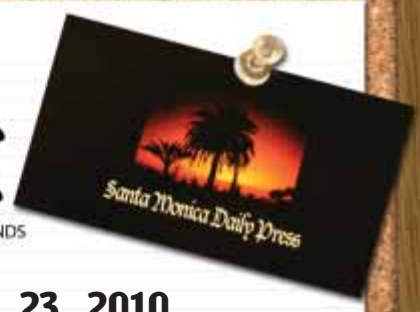
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Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2010

It's art!
Bergamot Station
2525 Michigan Ave., 5 p.m. — 8 p.m.
Pam Douglas' "The seekers Series" and Joan Horsfall Young's "Caught in Time" are now on display at Bergamot's TAG Gallery. Call (310) 829-9556 for more information.

Write away
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 12 p.m. — 3 p.m.
Writers of all genres can find support, inspiration and guidance at this free working group. Call (310) 458-8681 for more information.

Watching whales
Malibu Pier
10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. tours
Come aboard and Join Malibu Outfitters and a California park ranger for a whale watching and site-seeing tour. Learn about the amazing migration of the gray whale on its trip back to Mexico. See dolphins, seals, sea lions and explore the beautiful coast and learn about its unique history. Tours last 2.5 hours and depart from the Malibu Pier. Tours are held Saturday and Sundays through March. Reservations are recommended. Call (310) 456-8031 for more information.

Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2010

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.

In between
Santa Monica Museum of Art
2525 Michigan Ave., 11 a.m. — 6 p.m.
Working in film, video, and installation, Diana Thater has been an innovator in her medium for 20 years and is best known for creating complex visual and spatial environments. "Between Science and Magic" is a simple, and beautiful, interpretation of "movie magic" — a century-old expression that still conjures the mythology of Hollywood filmmaking. Thater's project is conceived as a brief history of cinema.
For more information, call (310) 586-6488.

Divorce detox
212 Marine St., 12:30 p.m. — 1:30 p.m.
Everybody needs a break, especially with the added stress of divorce, which (after all) sometimes feels like your in a war zone. This one-hour class provides a brief break from the challenges and hurdles in your day and gives you the opportunity to de-stress, refocus, and revitalize yourself. Sign up 48 hours in advance and get lunch included. Phone registration also available at www.divorcedetox.com. For more information call (310) 439-8964. Cost: $20

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City Hall replacing aging Big Blue Bus fleet

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 NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL City officials are planning to spruce up the Big Blue Bus fleet with nine new 40-foot buses that run on compressed natural gas.

The new buses would replace 13-year-old coaches City Hall says are more costly to maintain and run on dirtier diesel fuel.

The planned purchases will cost $5.16 million, with the funds for three of the nine buses — about $1.9 million — coming from a federal grant received under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, better known as the stimulus bill.

The new buses are expected to arrive in October, along with other new additions to the fleet. At that point City Hall said more than 65 percent of the BBB fleet will run on natural gas or hybrid technology.

The City Council is expected to approve the bus purchases at its meeting Tuesday night as part of a $6.9 million spending package included in the council's consent agenda.

It may not seem like an obvious risk to go up in flames, but the Santa Monica Pier is in need of additional fire protection measures, according to a study of the pier's infrastructure done in 2008. On Tuesday, the council is being asked to approve a contract for $233,000 with Aztec Fire Protection to enhance fire protection at the pier and repair portions of the existing fire sprinkler system beneath the 100-year-old landmark.

The council is also being asked to approve $40,000 more to upgrade the traffic management system meant to speed bus traffic along Wilshire, Santa Monica, Pico and Lincoln boulevards. The upgrade, which is paid for with federal funds given to Santa Monica by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, is now expected to cost $700,000.

The council is also being asked to authorize $1.19 million for security services at the Big Blue Bus facility. The proposed contract with U.S. Security Associates would cover security for the remainder of this fiscal year and the next three fiscal years.

Also expected to win council's approval is a $58,000 contract extension with Nonzero Architecture for design improvements to the CityTV facility located at 1654 19th St. With the contract amendment, the firm would be paid a total of $261,000 to design $2 million worth of improvements to the facility, according to a City Hall report.

Also on the agenda is a contract amendment worth $250,000 with financial consulting company Public Resources Advisory Group. The company assists City Hall, the Redevelopment Agency and the Parking Authority with financial planning, analysis and debt issuance activities. After the amendment the company's five-year contract would be worth $500,000.

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Calif. Legislature takes steps to close deficit

BY JUDY LIN
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO, Calif. California lawmakers began voting Monday on a Democratic package of bills aimed at trimming the state's $20 billion deficit by about $5 billion.

The Assembly and Senate took up legislation that would reduce some government services and the state employee payroll. Assembly Speaker Karen Bass, D-Los Angeles, said voting was likely to be completed Tuesday.

Among other provisions, the package would change the way the state allocates the taxes it collects on gasoline. It also would give local transit agencies more authority to raise taxes and would allow the state to enforce tax collections from Internet retailers.

It's unclear if Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger would sign the whole package, which is being voted on without Republican support.

Democrats acknowledged that their plan does not achieve the savings the governor sought when he called lawmakers into an emergency legislative session to tackle the state's fiscal crisis. He called on lawmakers to start cutting education and social service programs, which make up the bulk of state spending.

Democrats are waiting to see if tax revenue continues to come in ahead of projections and

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OFF THEY GO

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

George Throop (right) and his walking companion Shay Emmons at the Santa Monica Pier on Saturday morning. Throop has been walking across America for the last two months in an effort to inspire people to live healthier lifestyles.

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Make the right decision

Editor:

Santa Monica is up for grabs again. Forget about residents' votes in the most recent election. Forget about democracy. That doesn't happen in Santa Monica. Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights (SMRR) and the developers are at it again. Ted Winterer was the obvious choice for Herb Katz' seat last year because he received the next most votes in the November 2008 election. Instead, SMRR and developers' backroom machination gave us Gleam Davis, who didn't even run in 2008. Now they're pushing for another non-candidate in Terry O'Day. Not only has he never been the people's choice (didn't even run in 2008), but he has a history of being ultra pro-development, pushing for more and higher developments. Cry for Santa Monica.

Ted Winterer was next in line as the people's choice. The vacant council seat should be his.

Susan Hartley
Santa Monica

Don't take away tamales

Editor:

I just finished reading the article about the Main Street restaurant owners taking the city to task for not giving them preferential treatment at the Sunday Farmers' Market ("Eatery owners grill City Hall on market plans," Feb. 19). I understand their want to try and capitalize on the brisk business that goes on in that vital, friendly venue.

I frequent the market on Sunday mornings to pick up some produce items, listen to the music, and hobnob with hundreds of my friendliest neighbors in a relaxed atmosphere. One of the greatest offerings that the market has is the delicious, varied, inexpensive food that the current vendors serve up to waiting lines every Sunday. Where else can you get super spicy blue corn tamales, plates full of pancakes or eggs and bacon, crepes maid to order, or wonderful thick smoothies for between $5 and $10?

My worry with the restaurants' position is that they feel entitled to our business solely on their want to not "miss out" on the money that's being spent. I have not seen very many of these places offering the types of food at the low cost that it is currently available from the market vendors.

I applaud City Hall for taking the step of planning to survey the people who go to the market, to help them make their decision. I would suggest that the restaurant owners be asked to submit menu items and prices for us to see as part of that survey.

I would be more than happy to support the local businesses if they are able to offer similar variety at a similar price. I have my doubts, but I would gladly eat my words if they were to come up to the plate and deliver.

Just don't take away my cheap, spicy, tamale!

Scott Mossman
Santa Monica





Back to Nature

Reese Halter — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

GE and Google forge an energy alliance

GENERAL ELECTRIC AND GOOGLE — TWO of the most advanced 21st century companies — have joined forces that will revolutionize North America and elsewhere with state-of-the-art "smart" electricity grids.

General Electric is an industrial conglomerate and a world leader in manufacturing and deploying solar, wind and geothermal energies.

Google is the world's leading search engine, software and Internet company.

General Electric's engineers calculated that if only 7 percent of the land area of Arizona was covered with GE PV 165 photovoltaic modules, on a sunny day they would generate daily electricity equal to that of the average daily electricity demand for the entire United States.

In 2007 Google became carbon neutral, in part by covering its headquarters in Mountain View, Calif., with 6,000 photovoltaic cells and by planting 3,000 pole-mounted solar panels throughout their campus.

Google is also a major investor in at least two solar ventures: eSolar, an enhanced thermal solar players, and Bright Solar Energy, a nanosolar company.

Currently, billions of dollars are invested in the largest solar play in North America located in western Nevada. There are over 104 claims held by major companies that are backed by Goldman Sachs, Pacific Gas & Electric, Edison International, Israeli and German solar firms, Google, Silicon Valley start-ups and Chevron covering about 900,000 acres. They will generate about twice what the state of California consumes in electricity in a year (33 gigawatts).

A conservative estimate from this western Mojave solar project predicts that by 2020 it will be generating $50 billion annually.

And that's important because hundreds of thousands of jobs will be created over the next decade in a bold plan to solarize American cities.

Oilman T. Boone Pickens has clearly shown that about $700 billion a year is flowing out of the U.S. to purchase imported oil. The Pickens Plan proposes to create comparable energy in the U.S. from one of his subsidiaries by installing thousands of windmills throughout America.

He is asking the U.S. government to bear the cost of $15 billion to install new utility transmission lines.

In fact, an entire new electrical grid is needed to accommodate the western Mojave solar project.

As a part of President Obama's $1 trillion spending package his administration will be announcing a revamp of the U.S.'s antiquated high-voltage power-transmission system so that it can deliver, solar, wind, geothermal, tidal and wave energies efficiently across the nation.

Currently, alternating-current (AC) lines cannot carry wind-generated electricity from the Midwest to the Northeast because too much of the energy would dissipate before it crossed the country. Instead Obama's administration will invest in a new direct-current (DC) power lines that will enable efficient long-haul transmissions.

This is where General Electric and Google come in. Both companies believe it is crucial to build a 21st century U.S. electrical system.

They believe that a "smart" electricity grid including storage points with computerized management overlays allowing the new grid to intelligently deploy the energy along the way will empower utilities and end users to manage electricity more efficiently with significantly lower emissions while America begins changing-over its petroleum-based energy to clean, renewable green energies.

One new feature which is already being installed in San Diego, Los Angeles and elsewhere are easy-to-read electric meters. And in many new homes around the globe, the electric meters are placed next to water meters in a highly visible location inside the house so that the occupants are constantly aware of consumption rates.

General Electric and Google will develop and deploy renewable energy and plug-in vehicle related technologies. In addition, they will create utility-scale renewable energy with an initial focus on advanced geothermal technology.

State-of-the-art software, controls and services will enable utilities to integrate plug-in vehicles into the conventional grid.

Israel has launched an electric car venture that will spear-head into an oil-free economy. Hundreds of thousands of recharging points are being erected throughout the country. The plan calls for motorists to swap their batteries within a matter of minutes at dedicated stations or recharge them at home or at work. "Oil is the greatest problem of all time — the greatest polluter and promoter of terror. We should get rid of it," said former Israeli President Shimon Peres.

With a host of exciting and affordable new electric cars coming on the market, it's clear that at least 25 cities in the U.S. are gearing up to power vehicles that do not rely on fossil fuels.

Despite the current economic downturn there are millions of jobs waiting to be created throughout the Western Hemisphere from clean energy partnerships just like the one between General Electric and Google.

This article is dedicated to the late Robert Donner, Jr. (Sep. 25, 1930 – Jan. 13, 2010) my friend, mentor, entrepreneur, sportsman, conservationist and philanthropist.

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What's the Point?

David Pisarra
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Small town surprises

THIS IS ONE OF MY FAVORITE TIMES OF the year. I love the cold weather, the rain and the fact that it will turn on a dime and then become a gorgeous, sunny day. Just last week I was able to do some sun tanning in my backyard one day, and go skiing the next. Life in Southern California is pretty amazing. The daffodils are blooming and I have begun the spring cleaning of my backyard as I prep for the planting of this year's flowers and my annual tomato patch. That makes for a wonderful way to spend a weekend.

There was so much overgrowth this year that I had to borrow a green bin from a neighbor, and that is a bonus of living in this small town, I know my neighbors. One of the nicest attributes of living in a small town is the fact that you get to know so many people. I've lived here for over 15 years, and in that time I've met hundreds, if not thousands of people. Some of them stayed in my life, some left quickly, some slowly.

But over the years I've amassed a large coterie of wonderful people in my life. And that is an asset that you cannot acquire except with time and effort. By staying put and having roots in a community, you get to experience a continuity in life that allows for happy coincidences to occur.

This past week I was on my way to Snow Summit to go skiing for a day. On my way, I remembered that one of my many friends recommended Mt. Baldy as a great place to ski, he said it was close, that it's only 45 minutes from downtown Los Angeles and has some great runs.

I'd never been there before, so I thought I'd give it a shot. It's a cute little Mom-n-Pop type resort with four chairs, some mediocre cafeteria food, but some awesome runs.

The morning was great. It was a midweek ski trip and that means no crowds. There could not have been more than 75 people on the entire mountain. So I was pleasantly surprised to run into a friend who was celebrating his birthday with his daughter and his mother. It always makes me feel special when I run into someone I know in a place where I don't expect to see them.

It reminds me that this world, for all its craziness, and the mass of humanity, most of whom I do not know, and will never know, can be a very small place. I like the feeling of it. I like being able to run into people wherever I go.

This past weekend I was asked if I could live in a small town. I immediately said no, but the reality is, I do. I rarely go east of Bundy, or south of Rose, unless I'm headed to court for some family law hearing. I grew up in a small town, we had only 16,000 people in my town, and it was very spread out. To me, that's a small town.

Santa Monica isn't really small in that way, but the feel of it is. At only 8 square miles we don't have a lot of room, but the fact is I can pretty much walk down the street any time of day and run into someone I know, which means it's a small town.

IT REMINDS ME THAT THIS WORLD, FOR ALL ITS CRAZINESS, AND THE MASS OF HUMANITY, MOST OF WHOM I DO NOT KNOW, AND WILL NEVER KNOW, CAN BE A VERY SMALL PLACE. I LIKE THE FEELING OF IT. I LIKE BEING ABLE TO RUN INTO PEOPLE WHEREVER I GO.

On Sunday I was walking my dog on the bluffs. It was a gloriously blustery day. The sun was peeking out from behind a bank of clouds, so it was making those striking rays of light, as the sky turned orange with streaks of blue. As I made my way back to my car, I heard a familiar voice call out, "Jeez, they'll let anyone in the park won't they?"

My friend Dennis had unknowingly parked right next to me and was coming down to watch the sunset also. We chatted for about 10 minutes and then it was too cold for us. But I was warmed by the connection that happened. It is the warmth of an easy friendship that has developed over a decade. That is what keeps me here. It is that comfortable lifestyle of being part of a community that makes life here so wonderful.

Yes the weather is great, and the eye candy is delicious, but in the end it is the friendships and the connections that sustain us as a community and make it livable. I think I want to take back my response to that question about living in a small town, I can and do, and I love it.

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The Q Line

Taking a 'time-out'

City Councilman Kevin McKeown would like the city government to take a "time-out" from approving large-scale developments until the Land Use and Circulation Element is completed, spelling out the direction the city will take in terms of development.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Do you think a time-out is a wise choice or should business continue as usual?

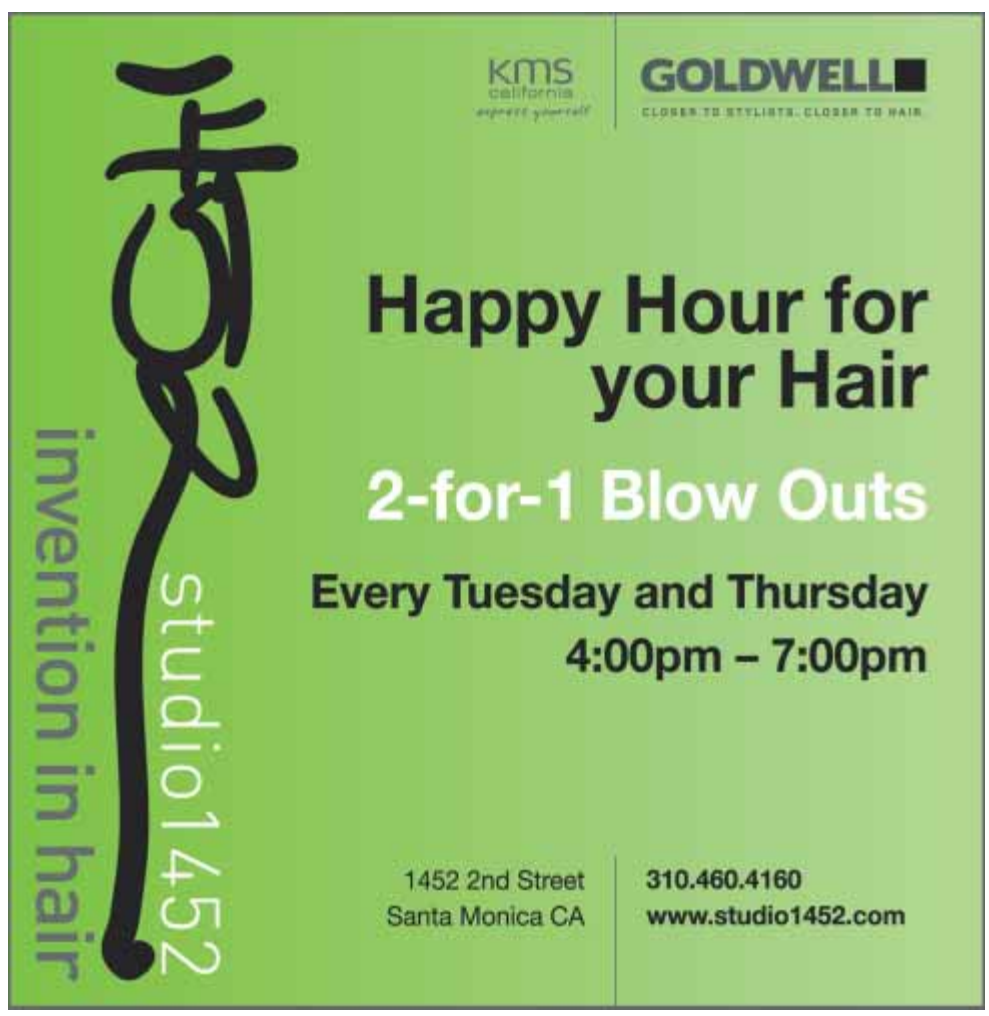
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Ordinance Number 2305 (CCS)
(City Council Series)

The following is a summary, prepared by the City Attorney, of Ordinance Number 2305, which was adopted by the City Council on February 9, 2010.

Ordinance Number 2305 (CCS) modifies the current code to make overnight beach-parking permits available to members of the public attending a regional event within the City if Council determines by resolution that providing such parking will further the interests of the City. This change in the code will allow for overnight parking the night before the Los Angeles Marathon.

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



CITY OF SANTA MONICA

PUBLIC NOTICE

Please take notice that the Santa Monica Rent Control Board adopted Regulation 12060, subsection (b) and 13001, subsection (m) at a special Board meeting on February 18, 2010.

These changes, as set forth below, will become effective by promulgation the day after publication in this newspaper.

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(b) Residential rental units constructed and offered for rent or lease within five years of the withdrawal and subsequent demolition of controlled rental units pursuant to Government Code section 7060, et seq. (the Ellis Act) and Board regulations 1600, et seq. shall not be considered new construction qualifying for exemption under §1801(c)(5).

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Santa Monica From A to Z

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Fun restaurants for kids

KID-FRIENDLY RESTAURANTS COME IN ALL different shapes and sizes. One restaurant was actually built for kids.

Giggles 'n Hugs on Wilshire Boulevard near Bundy Drive really sets the bar for kid friendly. The owner, unable to find a place to eat with her daughter that was truly geared toward children, decided to start one. From its kid-sized chairs to kid-sized utensils, it's designed with kids in mind.

The meals are definitely kid friendly and surprisingly adult friendly as well. Salads, pasta, pizza and chicken please everyone. It's high quality, healthy food that even manages to sneak veggies into favorite kiddy meals.

Perhaps more importantly, kids are allowed to act like kids, they aren't expected to sit still and quiet through a long (or even short) meal. They are always welcome to take a play break. And they love the place. They immediately head to the large open area filled with toys and new playmates.

The play area is large enough to accommodate outdoor fun indoors (good to remember during our rainy season). And in addition to having every kind of toy imaginable, they also have activities and shows; during dinner, entertainers sing and give kids musical instruments to play.

On the negative side, there are only so many tables, and eating can become a very cramped experience. When crowded, the ambient noise can be deafening and headache-inducing. The experience can also be expensive. Most adult meals are around $10; children's meals are around $7; snacks are between $4-$7 and drinks are $3. In addition to the food, you have to pay a "playground fee" of $9 for the first kid and $6 for a sibling. We spent around $60 for a couple of hours of entertainment at the restaurant. Also, socks are required so remember to wear some or be prepared to buy a pair.

Another restaurant goes above and beyond to entertain kids.

Uncle Darrow's just celebrated their 10th anniversary of providing Cajun/Creole food. We stop by the restaurant, which is located on Lincoln Boulevard near Washington, on our way to Costco to pick up supersized boxes of diapers. Los Angeles Magazine has bestowed the best Cajun/Creole restaurant award on Uncle Darrow's, so you know the food is good.

Jazz on the outdoor patio provides the family-friendly element. The house band, legendary Joe Banks and Friends, plays every Thursday and Saturday at noon to 2 p.m. for free. Dash and Zora danced to the music and were fascinated when one of the musicians played two trumpets at once. Outside eating is always my preference with messy kids (thanks to our pigeon population) and a more forgiving attitude towards noise.

Uncle Darrow's also offers kids meals. The kids menu is only $5.99 for two pieces of catfish or chicken, one side of red beans and rice or jambalaya or salad along with French bread and a drink. Dash also enjoyed the grown-up jambalaya, although he usually is violently opposed to spices. We recommend the delicious fried beignets covered in powdered sugar when you have purged all remnants of your New Year's diet resolutions.

On Fat Saturday (Feb. 27) from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Uncle Darrow's is having its 10th Annual "Mardi Gras West." Family festivities include free live music from T-Lou and Super Hot Zydeco Band, a crawfish boil, dancing and raffles.

Still others carefully cater to the kid set.

Any restaurant that greets a family by asking if they want a highchair or booster, hands out crayons and something to color on with their kids menu and has a modified sippy cup with a straw falls into this category. If you come early on a Friday night with a child or two in tow you'll fit right in at El Cholo. The outdoor patio with its wishing well fountain is a big hit with the kids, weather permitting of course. And the Mexican favorites on the menu para los ninos are all quite reasonably priced at $6.25 each, though Addison tends to just steal rice and beans off our plates.

Then there are some restaurants that are just unexpectedly kid friendly.

Finn McCool's, an Irish pub on Main Street, is one of the few places that serves a good burger and beer in Santa Monica so Addison's dad, Steve, and I were both loath to give it up after Addi was born. Luckily, even without any of the extra kiddy stuff, Addison really likes it (though they did just add a menu for the wee ones where you can get most mini-sized traditional Irish favorites for $5.95). For a pub they are amazingly kid friendly (some don't even allow children inside i.e. Father's Office on Montana) and not just to Adam Sandler's and Rob Estes' kids. We've been known to go once or even twice a week and are rarely the only family toting kids. The staff is great. Some have kids. Some don't. But they all seem to get a kick out of the ones that come in. Maybe they are trying to recreate the whole family atmosphere one gets in Dublin pubs? Whatever it is, Addison especially loves the music, making friends at the bar and of course the chips. Like her dad says, it doesn't matter the age, a French fry is a French fry.

And then there's Panera.

We couldn't write an article about restaurants without mentioning Panera (Wilshire and Fifth). It is a rare morning these days that I'm not greeted first thing by cries for "bagel, bagel, bagel". This is Addison's way of saying she wants to go to Panera, which we do on a very regular basis and are always greeted warmly by their welcoming staff who know us by name and bagel and never forget to give Addison her very own little water glass to practice drinking with. Panera also has great salads and sandwiches and was recognized by Health Magazine and Zagat's for its healthy, on the go options. They also have a kid's menu ($3.99 for a sandwich) and a community bulletin board filled with smiling pictures of happy young customers. Parents Magazine named them one of the 10 best fast-casual family restaurants.

Events this week:

Best-selling, award-winner Mo Willems will be reading his latest works "Cat the Cat, Who is That" and "Let's Say Hi to Friends who Fly" at Barnes & Noble on the Third Street Promenade at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 23.

On Sunday the 28th, Energy Rocks 5k run/walk and 1 mile youth run will begin at Barnard Way at 8 a.m. and end on the historic Santa Monica Pier. The post race party will feature high school bands, fitness and fun for everyone. Funds from the event will go to the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Education Foundation Athletic Endowment Fund. Interested in racing? Register at www.active.com before noon Friday the 26th.

Also on Sunday, McCabe's (3101 Pico Blvd.) is having a kids concert with Earthworm Ensemble at 11 a.m. Tickets are $8 (kids under 2 are free).

Find a calendar with local events, helpful links, and more adventures of **ADDISON, ZORA, AND DASH** at smatoz.blogspot.com.

Pediatricians urge choking warning labels for food

LINDSEY TANNER
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CHICAGO When 4-year-old Eric Stavros Adler choked to death on a piece of hot dog, his anguished mother never dreamed that the popular kids' food could be so dangerous.

Some food makers including Oscar Mayer have warning labels about choking, but not nearly enough, says Joan Stavros Adler, Eric's mom.

The American Academy of Pediatrics agrees. The nation's largest pediatricians group is calling for sweeping changes in the way food is designed and labeled to minimize children's chances for choking.

Choking kills more than 100 U.S. children 14 years or younger each year and thousands more — 15,000 in 2001 — are treated in emergency rooms. Food, including candy and gum, is among the leading culprits, along with items like coins and balloons. Of the 141 choking deaths in kids in 2006, 61 were food-related.

Surveillance systems lack detailed information about food choking incidents, which are thought to be underreported but remain a significant and under-appreciated problem, said Dr. Gary Smith, director of the Center for Injury Research and Policy at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.

Smith is lead author of a new policy report from the pediatrics academy that seeks to make choking prevention a priority for government and food makers. The report was released Monday in the journal Pediatrics.

Doctors say high-risk foods, including hot dogs, raw carrots, grapes and apples — should be cut into pea-sized pieces for small children to reduce chances of choking. Some say other risky foods, including hard candies, popcorn, peanuts and marshmallows, shouldn't be given to young children at all.

Federal law requires choking warning labels on certain toys including small balls, balloons and games with small parts. Unless food makers voluntarily put more warning labels on high-risk foods, there should be a similar mandate for food, the pediatrics academy says.

Adler, a Warren, N.J. attorney who pushed for more warning labels after her son died in 2001, says she hopes the academy's efforts will work. Several efforts to pass federal legislation for labels have failed in Congress.

The group also urges the Food and Drug Administration to work with other government agencies to establish a nationwide food-related choking reporting system; and to recall foods linked with choking.

The academy says the food industry should avoid shapes and sizes that pose choking risks.

Something as simple as making lollipops flat like a silver dollar instead of round like a pingpong ball can make a big difference, said Bruce Silverglade, legal affairs director at the Center for Science in the Public Interest, which also has lobbied for more attention to choking prevention.

Grocery Manufacturers Association spokesman Scott Openshaw declined to say whether food makers would consider warning labels or new designs, but said making parents aware of choking dangers is key to keeping kids safe.

Openshaw said the industry would continue working with the FDA and USDA "to ensure that our products are as safe as possible."

At the FDA, spokeswoman Rita Chappelle said the agency will review the academy's analysis and recommendations. She said the FDA also would continue consulting with the Consumer Product Safety Commission on assessing choking hazards associated with food and take action on a case-by-case basis.

Adler considered herself educated about children's safety. Her son had eaten hot dogs before without any problem.

Hot dogs are "almost as American as apple pie," she said. "You really don't know how horrible it can be."

Pa. school official defended in webcam spy case

BY RON TODT
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PHILADELPHIA A suburban Philadelphia school district accused of secretly switching on laptop computer webcams inside students' homes says it never used webcam images to monitor or discipline students and believes one of its administrators has been "unfairly portrayed and unjustly attacked."

The Lower Merion School District, in response to a suit filed by a student, has acknowledged that webcams were remotely activated 42 times in the past 14 months, but only to find missing, lost or stolen laptops — which the district noted would include "a loaner computer that, against regulations, might be taken off campus."

"Despite some reports to the contrary, be assured that the security-tracking software has been completely disabled," Superintendent Christopher W. McGinley said in a statement on the district's Web site late Friday. Officials vowed a comprehensive review that McGinley said should result in stronger privacy policies.

Harriton High School student Blake Robbins and his parents, Michael and Holly Robbins, filed a federal civil rights lawsuit Tuesday against the district, its board of directors and McGinley. They accused the school of turning on the webcam in his computer while it was inside their Penn Valley home, which they allege violated wiretap laws and his right to privacy.

The suit, which seeks class-action status, alleges that Harriton vice principal Lindy Matsko on Nov. 11 cited a laptop photo in telling Blake that the school thought he was engaging in improper behavior. He and his family have told reporters that an official mistook a piece of candy for a pill and thought he was selling drugs.

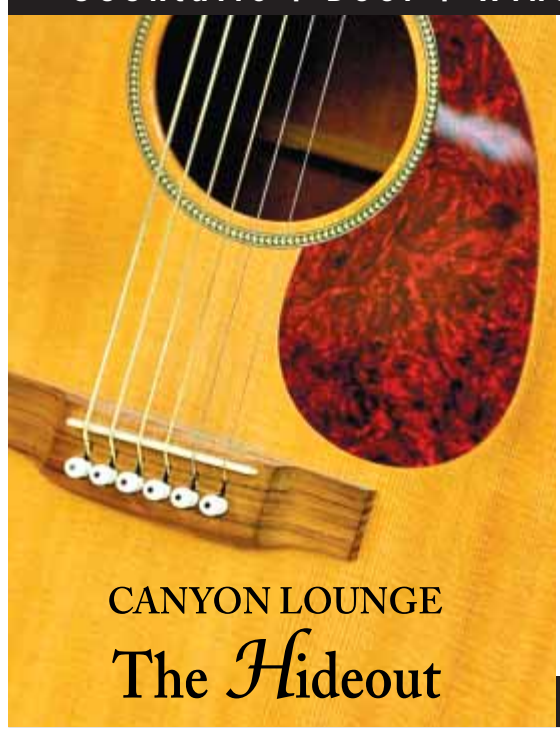
Neither the family nor their attorney, Mark Haltzman, returned calls this week seeking comment. A listed number for Matsko could not be found.

"We believe that the administrator at Harriton has been unfairly portrayed and unjustly attacked in connection with her attempts to be supportive of a student and his family," the statement on the Lower Merion School District site said. "The district never did and never would use such tactics as a basis for disciplinary action."

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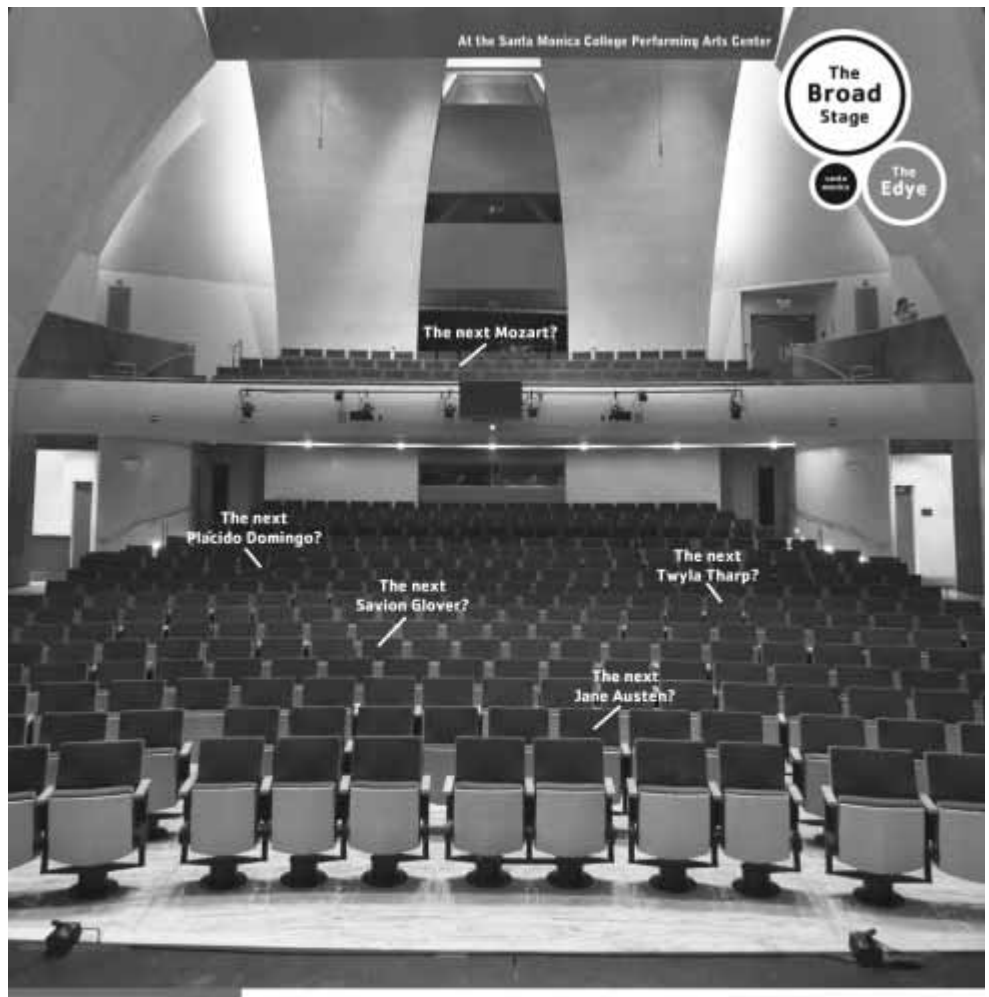
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New chief to take helm March 29

FROM **FERGUSON** PAGE 1

my career has prepared me for this new challenge," said Ferguson, who likes the idea of running a larger department in a community that expects public safety officials to be engaged. "The Santa Monica Fire Department serves a dream community. I look forward to developing lasting partnerships to build on the strong foundation laid by Chief Hone so that together we can hold the community's pride and resources well in hand."

Ferguson started his fire service career in 1982 as a part-time fire fighter in Federal Way, Wash. and began serving full-time with the Richland Fire Department in 1984. He then moved back to his hometown in Vancouver, where he served from 1988 to 2001, progressing through the ranks until he was appointed chief of training.

Fighting fires is in his blood. Ferguson's father was a fire chief and his brother is a fire fighter. The once aspiring advertising executive said he chose fire fighting because of the excitement and challenges faced daily.

"I just love how active it is, how involved the community can be," he said. "Early on my father gave me some good advice, to prepare myself to move up."

Ferguson supplemented his fire service training with lessons in business and management, eventually receiving a master's degree in management from Wayland Baptist University in Phoenix. In his spare time he helps high school and college students prepare for job interviews and was former president of the Peoria Rotary Club.

"I like to have a good, healthy integration of strategic plans, business plans and career development throughout the department because I think those are important aspects to prepare our fire fighters for the future and give them the tools to be successful," he said. "I am also heavily involved in training. Training is one of those arms that produces great results. Morale goes up, confidence goes up and we end up providing a better product for the community."

Ferguson, who enjoys riding his motorcycle up the coast with his wife, taking hikes and playing softball, said he plans to spend the first few weeks getting to know his fire fighters and how the department operates. He has already spoken with Hone and has visited the city several times over the last few weeks. His wife will be busy looking for a place to live in town and perhaps find full-time employment, one of the reasons why Ferguson decided to look elsewhere for work.

"Manhattan Beach has been great, the fire fighters, those in the city and the community have all welcomed us, but after two years my wife has yet to find a job," he said. "She gave up her career when we came out here and it's been difficult since. We're hoping that Santa Monica will offer more diversity and more opportunities. It really was a family decision that wasn't easy because Manhattan Beach has treated us so well."



Photo Courtesy

FERGUSON

Manhattan Beach Mayor Mitch Ward said Ferguson has performed well, but he expressed disappointment that Ferguson was leaving after only two years on the job.

"We realize this is a step up for him, but we really wish he would have stayed her a little bit longer," Ward said. "We were pleased with his work … . Our men and women have a very calm demeanor, very professional and Scott stepped right in and there was no disruption. He was able to recognize our strengths and make recommendations in areas he felt needed improvement."

Ferguson said he would like to retire in Santa Monica, and perhaps pick up surfing, something he said he was going to do when he moved to Manhattan Beach but has yet to get wet.

"I look forward to getting my hands dirty, meet the fire fighters and the command staff and find out what their needs are," Ferguson said. "I want them to know that they have a say in the future of this organization and I hope they are as excited as I am."

Ferguson knows he will face some financial challenges given the current state of the economy and city coffers, and there is considerable concern about the pace of development and what impact it will have on public safety and the ability to respond to emergencies. Ferguson said in Vancouver the population grew exponentially, adding more than 25,000 people in a few years. During that time Ferguson helped build four new fire stations and hired additional fire fighters.

"You need to make sure that people are prepared for future leadership roles," he said. "Fire fighters are the key. They are the ones who make a difference. I'm just a conductor. They are the players and I respect that. They will have a say in where we are going."

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Lawmakers looking at payroll cuts

FROM **BUDGET** PAGE 3

if federal aid increases, as they have requested.

"We want to take time with some of these decisions," Bass said. "The idea that we would just take this time right now and whack education and health and human services — obviously, people would not be willing to do that."

Some of the cuts lawmakers agreed to include cutting state government payroll by 5 percent, cutting inmate health care costs and continue a 3 percent cut for developmental centers.

The Senate passed most of the package on Monday but had not taken up a complicated shift in the way the state taxes gasoline. In essence, the governor's plan is to lower the overall amount drivers pay in gasoline taxes but direct more of that money to the state general fund and away from public transit. Democrats don't want to lower gas taxes so they can preserve funding for transit agencies.

The Senate also had not voted on the governor's proposal to impose a surcharge on residential and commercial insurance policies as a way to help pay for the state's response to wildfires, earthquakes and other disasters. The administration says the fee would cost the average homeowner $12 a year and would bring in about $200 million a year.

The Assembly began passing the same bills and pushed through one bill on the gas tax swap on a majority vote.

Republican lawmakers supported parts of the package to cut spending and shift money but criticized the legislation for not doing enough to cut spending.

"This is a sorry way to run government," said Assemblyman Jim Nielsen, R-Yuba City, about lawmakers' decision to wait until the last day of a 45-day deadline to take up midyear budget cuts.

Both houses were expected to resume voting Tuesday but have not scheduled a time for session.

Threatened with closure, restaurant keeps doors open

FROM **DINER** PAGE 1

lawyer for Benchay said. The deal requires Fischler to pay more rent and avoid involving his landlord in his personal life.

"I can't blame [him] for that. To be frank with you, I don't want to be involved in my personal life," Fischler said.

He said he was thrilled with the arrangement and hopes the extra time will allow him to negotiate a more permanent lease for the restaurant.

"Nobody wants to see this big green icon leave the planet," he said.

"At this point there's not much profit in it, but the property will remain open at least through the end of the year and hopefully a lot longer."

Hall said the settlement reached this month requires Fischler to leave at the end of the term, but he left open the possibility of an extension.

"They can always re-negotiate. There's nothing saying that this is chiseled in granite," Hall said.

Started by Fischler's father in 1974, the Roadhouse is popular among Santa Monica Canyon locals and tourists alike. The food at Patrick's is ordinary diner fare, but the restaurant has benefited from media attention over the years because of its unique look and celebrity cachet. Bill Clinton has paid a visit, Arnold Schwarzenegger has an honorary chair and actor Josh Brolin is among the regulars. It was recently profiled in the Los Angeles Times and featured in an episode of the Food Network show "Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives." The decor is a mix of memorabilia that one patron described as "Irish pub meets pirate ship."

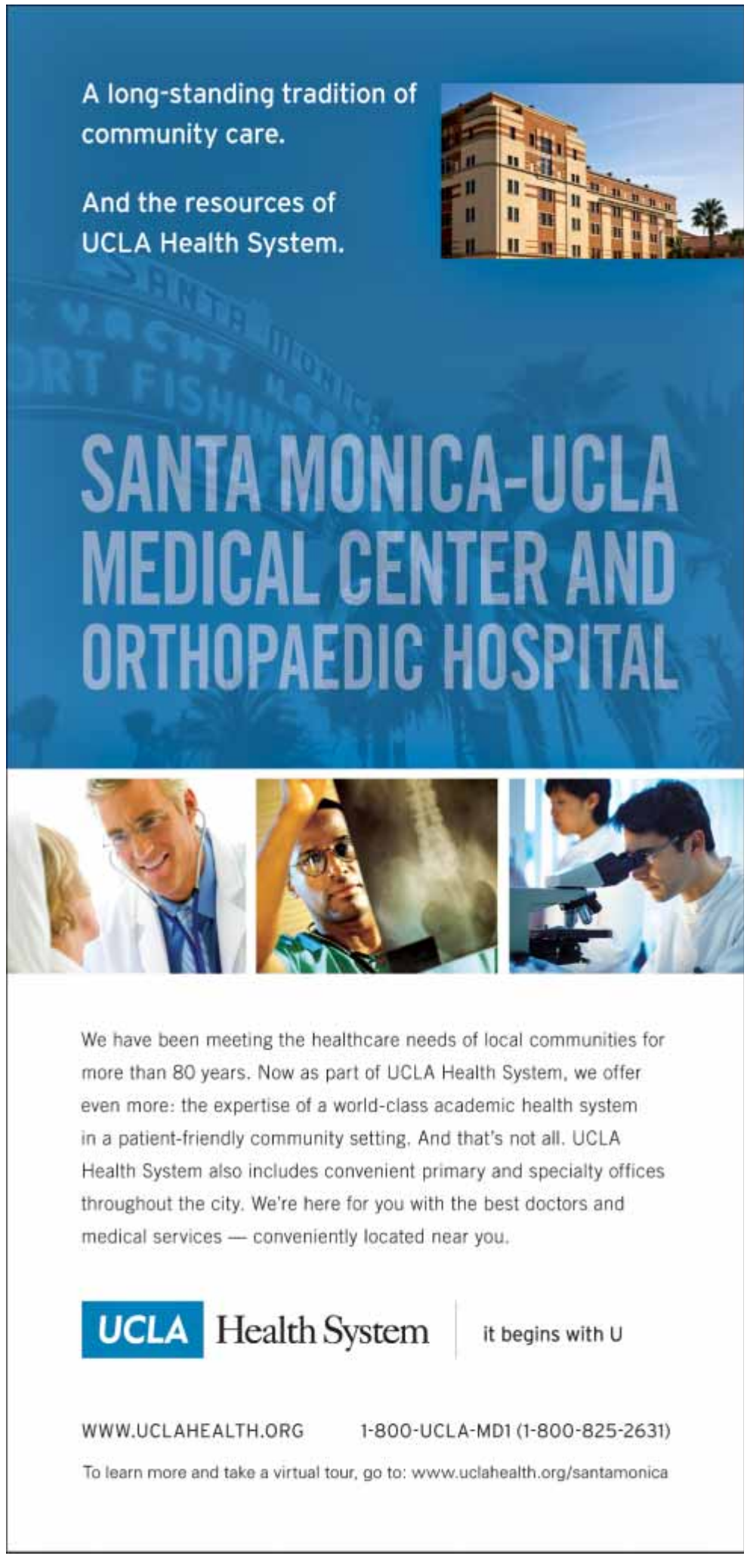
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>
> **Anthony Fischler,**
> Patrick's Roadhouse owner

Even if the restaurant is forced to close a year from now, Fischler said he's relieved the establishment, which he considers to be his father's legacy, will have enough time for a proper closing.

"We'll throw a big party and all of Santa Monica can come and say goodbye," he said.

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Prosecutor: Man stalked, killed 5 Calif. victims

GILLIAN FLACCUS
Associated Press Writer

SANTA ANA, Calif. A man accused of five serial slayings in the late 1970s was a hunter who stalked women like prey and took earrings as trophies after they died, a prosecutor said Monday.

"You're talking about a guy who is hunting through Southern California looking for people to kill because he enjoys it," Orange County prosecutor Matt Murphy said about Rodney James Alcala during closing arguments at his trial.

"I don't think in your lifetime you will ever see cases with more brutality, and there is ample evidence that all of these women put up some resistance and they were punished for it."

Alcala, 66, who is acting as his own attorney, was expected to begin his closing argument later in the day.

He has pleaded not guilty to five counts of first-degree murder in the killings of 12-year-old Robin Samsoe and four women between 1977 and 1979.

Prosecutors accused Alcala of torturing, strangling and raping some of the women then taking earrings as trophies. He could face the death penalty if convicted.

Murphy told jurors two of the four women were posed nude and possibly photographed after their deaths; one was raped with a claw hammer; and all of them were repeatedly strangled and resuscitated during their deaths to prolong their agony.

Prosecutors know little about the death of Samsoe, who disappeared in 1979 while riding a friend's bike to a ballet class in Orange County.

Her body was found 12 days later in Angeles National Forest, where it had been mutilated by wild animals. Investigators were never able to determine her cause of death or if she had been molested.

Alcala, an amateur photographer and UCLA graduate, has been sentenced to death twice for Samsoe's killing, but both convictions were overturned. He has been in custody since his arrest in 1979, including stints on death row.

Prosecutors filed the case for a third time and added the four Los Angeles County cases in 2005 after DNA and forensic evidence surfaced. It's the first time Alcala is being tried in those four cases.

Murphy begged the jury to convict Alcala in the death of Samsoe, pointing out it was the only charge for which he offered a defense during the monthlong trial.

"The L.A. cases, he's going down on all four of those and he knows it," Murphy said. "He wants to get away with this murder, he's living to get away with this murder ... this is the one we need you on," Murphy said. "He turned this beautiful young girl into a rotting corpse eaten by animals."

Evidence in the case included a pair of gold ball earrings that prosecutors said belonged to Samsoe and were found in a jewelry pouch in a Seattle storage locker rented by Alcala after her disappearance.

Alcala, however, claimed video footage from his appearance on "The Dating Game" showed him wearing the earrings a year before the girl died.

Murphy said it was impossible to see in the seconds-long, grainy clip what kind of earrings Alcala was wearing.

Another earring in the pouch carried the DNA of victim Charlotte Lamb of Santa Monica, who was 32 when she was killed, Murphy said. That evidence was introduced for the first time during the current trial.

Murphy called Lamb a silent witness.

"All these years, Charlotte Lamb was there. Charlotte Lamb is telling you all (that) what Rodney Alcala does is he murders women and steals their earrings," Murphy said. "Listen to her."

As his own attorney, Alcala has cross-examined Samsoe's mother, questioned former prosecutors and police detectives, and even quizzed himself when he took the stand in his own defense.

Also murdered were Jill Barcomb, 18, who had just moved to Los Angeles from Oneida, N.Y.; Georgia Wixted, 27, of Malibu; and Jill Parenteau, 21, of Burbank.

Courts says feds wrong to disclose pilot's HIV

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO A federal appeals court says a pilot who lost his license for failing to disclose that he was HIV-positive can sue the government for improperly disclosing his medical records.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said Monday that the Social Security Administration improperly turned over Stanmore Cooper's medical records to the Federal Aviation Administration.

The San Francisco man disclosed to Social Security officials his condition to receive medical benefits but withheld his HIV status from the FAA.

A lower court had agreed that Cooper's medical records were handle inappropriately, but tossed out the case because he couldn't prove any out-of-pocket expenses.

The appeals court ruled that Cooper can recoup unspecified damages by claiming the disclosure caused him emotional distress.

Ex-LA hospital owner sentenced for Medicare fraud

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES A former Los Angeles hospital owner has been sentenced to more than three years in prison for paying a recruiter to bring in Skid Row homeless for unnecessary treatment.

The U.S. attorney's office says 75-year-old Robert Bourseau was sentenced Monday and must pay $4.1 million in restitution for defrauding Medicare and Medi-Cal.

Bourseau and Dr. Rudra Sabaratnum co-owned the now-defunct City of Angels Medical Center. Authorities say they paid a recruiter $500,000 between 2004 and 2007 to find homeless people, who received a small fee to undergo unnecessary hospital stays.

The hospital then charged the government millions for services.

Both men pleaded guilty to fraud and Sabaratnum is awaiting sentencing. Last month, they also agreed to pay $10 million to settle a government lawsuit.

Marijuana use by seniors goes up as boomers age

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Associated Press Writer

MIAMI In her 88 years, Florence Siegel has learned how to relax: A glass of red wine. A crisp copy of The New York Times, if she can wrest it from her husband. Some classical music, preferably Bach. And every night like clockwork, she lifts a pipe to her lips and smokes marijuana.

Long a fixture among young people, use of the country's most popular illicit drug is now growing among the AARP set, as the massive generation of baby boomers who came of age in the 1960s and '70s grows older.

The number of people aged 50 and older reporting marijuana use in the prior year went up from 1.9 percent to 2.9 percent from 2002 to 2008, according to surveys from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

The rise was most dramatic among 55- to 59-year-olds, whose reported marijuana use more than tripled from 1.6 percent in 2002 to 5.1 percent.

Observers expect further increases as 78 million boomers born between 1945 and 1964 age. For many boomers, the drug never held the stigma it did for previous generations, and they tried it decades ago.

Some have used it ever since, while others are revisiting the habit in retirement, either for recreation or as a way to cope with the aches and pains of aging.

Siegel walks with a cane and has arthritis in her back and legs. She finds marijuana has helped her sleep better than pills ever did. And she can't figure out why everyone her age isn't sharing a joint, too.

"They're missing a lot of fun and a lot of relief," she said.

Politically, advocates for legalizing marijuana say the number of older users could represent an important shift in their decades-long push to change the laws.

"For the longest time, our political opponents were older Americans who were not familiar with marijuana and had lived through the 'Reefer Madness' mentality and they considered marijuana a very dangerous drug," said Keith Stroup, the founder and lawyer of NORML, a marijuana advocacy group.

"Now, whether they resume the habit of smoking or whether they simply understand that it's no big deal and that it shouldn't be a crime, in large numbers they're on our side of the issue."

Each night, 66-year-old Stroup says he sits down to the evening news, pours himself a glass of wine and rolls a joint. He's used the drug since he was a freshman at Georgetown, but many older adults are revisiting marijuana after years away.

"The kids are grown, they're out of school, you've got time on your hands and frankly it's a time when you can really enjoy marijuana," Stroup said. "Food tastes better, music sounds better, sex is more enjoyable."

The drug is credited with relieving many problems of aging: aches and pains, glaucoma, macular degeneration, and so on. Patients in 14 states enjoy medical marijuana laws, but those elsewhere buy or grow the drug illegally to ease their conditions.

Among them is Perry Parks, 67, of Rockingham, N.C., a retired Army pilot who suffered crippling pain from degenerative disc disease and arthritis. He had tried all sorts of drugs, from Vioxx to epidural steroids, but found little success. About two years ago he turned to marijuana, which he first had tried in college, and was amazed how well it worked for the pain.

"I realized I could get by without the narcotics," Parks said, referring to prescription painkillers. "I am essentially pain free."

But there's also the risk that health problems already faced by older people can be exacerbated by regular marijuana use.

Older users could be at risk for falls if they become dizzy, smoking it increases the risk of heart disease and it can cause cognitive impairment, said Dr. William Dale, chief of geriatrics and palliative medicine at the University of Chicago Medical Center.

Obama prods states to raise academic standards

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WASHINGTON President Barack Obama prodded states Monday to raise their school standards by using his best leverage: money.

Obama told governors he wants a change in law that would allow states to receive federal aid for poor students only if they adopt academic standards that are deemed to truly prepare children for college or careers out of high school.

The move would require a change in the nation's main elementary and secondary education law, which became known as the No Child Left Behind Act during the presidency of George W. Bush.

Traditionally, the federal government is a marginal player in the financing and control of education, but its role has expanded as educators and lawmakers at all levels worry about slipping U.S. competitiveness.

Many schools count on a key source of federal aid, known as Title I, to help out their poorest students. That's the money that Obama wants to make contingent upon the setting of more rigorous standards across the nation. It would remain up to states, not Washington, to choose their specific standards.

Many states are already working on a united effort to coordinate and improve their standards.

Yet Obama took a swipe at how some states responded to this challenge under No Child Left Behind, saying 11 states lowered their standards in math between 2005 and 2007.

"That may make those states look better relative to other states," Obama said, "but it's not going to help our students keep up with their global competitors."

Obama spoke to governors of both parties during their yearly gathering with the president at the White House.

The White House said the governors have been working on the president's Race to the Top program, which rewards school systems that raise standards and demonstrate commitment through tougher student assessments.

At the same time, the White House said that too many states are churning out graduates who are unprepared either for college or career.

In addition to supporting ongoing state efforts, the White House said the president will commit an additional $350 million to the Race to the Top challenge to back "state-led partnerships to develop new, state-of-the art assessments aligned to college and career-ready standards."

According to the White House, the president's 2011 budget will call for the reauthorization of the 1994 version of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, which would require states to meet six tough standards to help high school graduates prepare for college or jobs. The White House said schools need to focus on better teacher preparation, improved teaching and tougher student assessments.

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act was first passed in 1965 and has been routinely reauthorized every five years. Under the measure, federal money is sent to the states to pay for teacher development, instructional materials, educational resources and promotion of parental involvement.

Obama's reauthorization would:

• Require the states to "adopt and certify that they have college- and career-ready standards in reading and mathematics" to be eligible for the federal money.

• Establish a $405 million outlay to help states "align teacher preparation practices and programs to teaching of college- and career-ready standards."







SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 58°

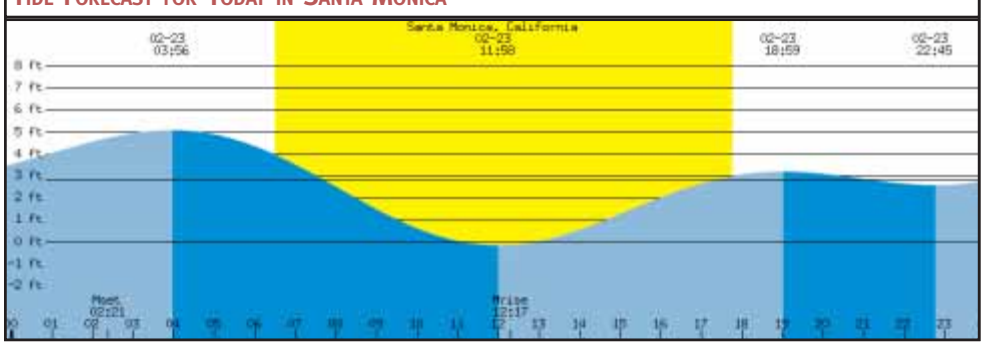
Swell Forecast

Our next NW swell is due, with chest to head high surf coming in from around 300° with 13-second periods.

Long Range Synopsis

Swell should back off to around chest high max.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **February 16, 2010**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- 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

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: The Diller – von Furstenberg Family Foundation; simplehuman; SIMA

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	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
Pearce State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	D
Marie Canyon storm drain at Pearce Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	F
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	A
Los Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	C
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	F
Pena Creek at Los Tunos 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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
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

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

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NFL

No. 21 is done in San Diego

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SAN DIEGO LaDainian Tomlinson was released Monday by the San Diego Chargers, ending a brilliant nine-year run in which he became one of the NFL's greatest running backs.

The move had been expected for some time. Tomlinson, who turned 30 last summer, was injured early in the 2009 season and finished with 730 yards on 223 carries for an average of 3.3 yards per carry, all career lows.

Tomlinson was due a $2 million bonus in early March, which all but guaranteed he would be cut loose as his role diminished on a team that thrived with a pass-happy offense.

L.T. wasn't immediately available for comment. He said after the Chargers' playoff loss to the New York Jets that he felt he could still play for a few more seasons.

Team president Dean Spanos met with Tomlinson on Monday and informed him of his release.

"This is a part of the business that I hate, and it's particularly hard when you're dealing with someone I consider a friend," Spanos said in a statement. "Change involving great players is never easy. I respect L.T. as much or more than any player I've ever known. And no one appreciates his contributions to this organization more than I do. That is why this is such a difficult announcement for me to make."

Tomlinson ranks eighth on the all-time rushing list with 12,490 yards. His 138 career rushing touchdowns rank second, and his 153 total touchdowns rank third.

He was the NFL's MVP in 2006, when he set NFL single-season records with 31 touchdowns and 186 points. Tomlinson won the NFL's rushing title in 2006 and '07.

Coming off a 1-15 finish in 2000, the Chargers held the No. 1 pick overall in the 2001 draft. They sent that pick to the Atlanta Falcons for a package that included the fifth pick, which they used to select Tomlinson. The Falcons took Michael Vick with the top pick.

MLB

Manny Ramirez says this is his final season in LA

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GLENDALE, Ariz. Manny Ramirez is known for saying some curious things. This is his latest pronouncement: The Dodgers star insists his days in LA are numbered.

"I know I'm not going to be here next year," Ramirez said Monday.

Ramirez's contract expires after this season. Why is he so certain he won't get an extension?

"I don't know," he said. "I just know I'm not going to be here."

At 37, Ramirez is heading into his 17th major league season. The former World Series MVP served a 50-game drug suspension last year and, for him, was hardly a force — .290, 19 home runs, 63 RBIs.

Ramirez threw out the possibility that he could retire after 2010.

"What I can do is to just wait and at the end of the season I can say to myself if I want to do this, if I want to play," Ramirez said. "That's where I'm at. I think I have to wait until the season ends and see where my family's at and make a choice."

Asked if he can see a scenario where Ramirez might be pursued in the offseason, general manager Ned Colletti wasn't in the mood to look into the future.

"I'm worried about this season, that's where my focus is," Colletti said. "If that is accurate (that Ramirez won't return to the Dodgers) and he still wants to play after this year, I hope that he's the premier free agent on the market. That would mean he had a great year for the Dodgers."

Ramirez knows the business of baseball. He knows that if he struggles, the Dodgers probably wouldn't want him back. He's also aware that if he returns to being a dominating offensive force, the Dodgers, with their uncertain financial situation, likely would not be in a position to re-sign him.

Ramirez can often be a bundle of contradictions and Monday was no different. He said he has accomplished everything he wanted to in the game. Yet, he said he worked harder this offseason than ever.

"My whole career I never hit (during the winter) but after this year I needed to figure out some stuff, so that's what I did," said Ramirez, who has been in Arizona a full week before position players are required to report.

A late arrival to spring training in 2009 as his contract was being negotiated, Ramirez started the season batting .348 with six home runs and 20 RBI over the first 27 games.

On May 7, though, he was suspended for violating baseball's drug policy. He returned to bat .278 in July and .301 in August, but hit just .218 from Sept. 1 until the end of the season.

A big turning point was a July 22 game against Cincinnati when he was hit on the wrist by a pitch from Homer Bailey. Despite hitting for average over the next month, Ramirez struggled with pitches on the inner half of the plate the remainder of the season.

The Dodgers have made the playoffs in both years Ramirez was on the team.

"I know he wasn't happy with the way things went on here (last season) and the way he struggled," manager Joe Torre said. "He was determined to get that thing straightened out. He watched a lot of video, did some work this winter and feels pretty good about where he is now."

Torre isn't about to buy into the idea that Ramirez won't play after 2010.

"I think it will depend on whether it continues to be fun for him," Torre said. "I'm sure there are things he wants to accomplish statistically. And just knowing Manny over the last 15 years or so, if it's not fun for him, he will have trouble going out there doing it as a job. But I'd like to believe he will play longer than this year."

Ramirez said he appreciated the support Dodgers fans have given him.

"It's been great," he said. "I wish I could have been there a long time ago. It's a great city and I had a blast there. I'm just happy the way they received me out there. It was unbelievable."

MOVIE TIMES

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1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50

Sherlock Holmes (PG-13) 2hrs 14min
9:35

Tooth Fairy (PG) 1hr 42min
1:45, 4:20, 7:00

Up in the Air (R) 1hr 49min
2:20, 4:50, 7:25, 10:00

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Avatar 3D (PG-13) 2hr 40 min
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The Wolfman (R) 1hr 42min
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Shutter Island (R) 1hr 35min
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Dear John - Digital Presentation (PG-13) 1hr 48min
1:15, 4:00, 7:00, 9:35

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2:00, 4:30, 7:05, 9:50

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1:50, 4:30

Crazy Heart (R) 2hr 07min
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

Fish Tank (NR) 2hr 17min
9:45

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

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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

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Don't worry, be happy, Pisces

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Don't take someone's words personally. Stop, center and look at your priorities. There is the inevitable push and pull between your different concerns. A friend inspires you in a very special way. Tonight: A must appearance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Handle a money matter directly, and you will feel great. You might be on the verge of making an important decision. Someone you respect means well but might lead you down the wrong path. You could be tired from all the demands. Tonight: Hanging out.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You are all smiles and handle a situation far differently from many other people. Be aware of what you have to offer, but don't overestimate your value, either. Someone might give you a strong push. Tonight: Treat yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ This morning, do only what you must, and if you can close your door and do your thing, do. Midday, you perk up. Understand how magnetic and powerful you can be when you are in "prime" shape. Tonight: As you like.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ If you can, schedule meetings and discussions for the a.m. You might be taken aback by everything that happens. Someone might feel quite negative and is tossing that perspective on you and your ventures. Tonight: Take some personal time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ No one can complain about your sense of responsibility. Letting go could be problematic, especially in the afternoon. A meeting proves to be significant, especially if you let go and worry less. Many people want to pitch in. Tonight: All smiles, as long as you are with others.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Do needed research in the morning, because by the afternoon, you will be on top of your game. If you need to take the lead on a key project, please do. No one will stop you. Others might not agree 100 percent, but they will follow your lead. Tonight: Leader of the gang.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You might have gotten an earful from a certain friend or partner. Disengage and carefully go in your own direction. Listen to news knowing what works well in your opinion. Blaze your own trail. Tonight: Read between the lines.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Others continue to dominate. How you choose to look at this situation is your call. Your perspective will determine if it is palatable, a good thing or possibly a control issue. Try looking at these events in a different light. Tonight: One-on-one relating.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Get as much done in the a.m. as you can, because by the afternoon, meetings and/or networking could take over your schedule. People just seem to need your attention at any cost. Someone could be quite demanding. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ What triggers your ingenuity might not be as important as how you use this gift. Once more, you are challenged to move in a new direction or come up with a different and more effective path. Tonight: Take it easy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You could be slow to get going, but a handful once you get started. Don't try to curb your imagination; rather, use it to ease any situation or add that extra zip. Actions could clue you in to the fact that a friend is changing. Tonight: Let go of the worries of the day.

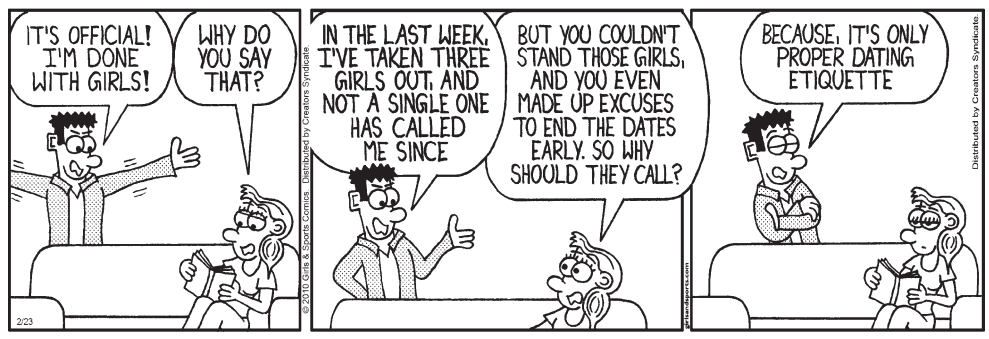
Happy birthday

This year, you head in a new direction as some of the burdens of the past lighten up. You also might wonder at your luck as you begin a new luck cycle this year. Think about what you want, and you easily could start manifesting it. If you are single, you could welcome a very special person into your life. Romance easily could bloom. If you are attached, the two of you could feel quite connected. CANCER brings out your feelings.

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

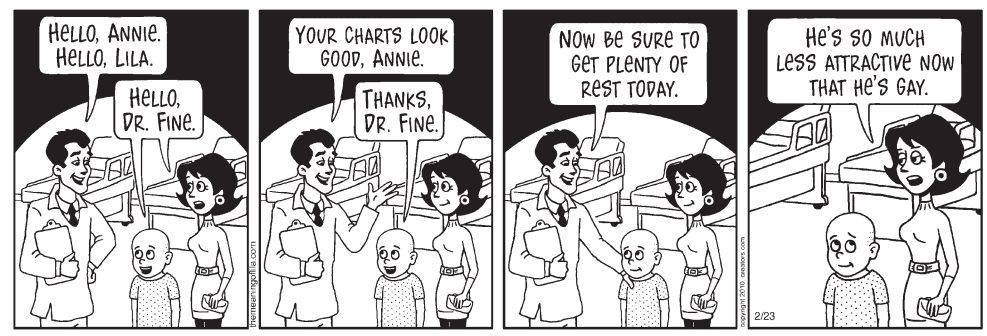
Girls and Sports

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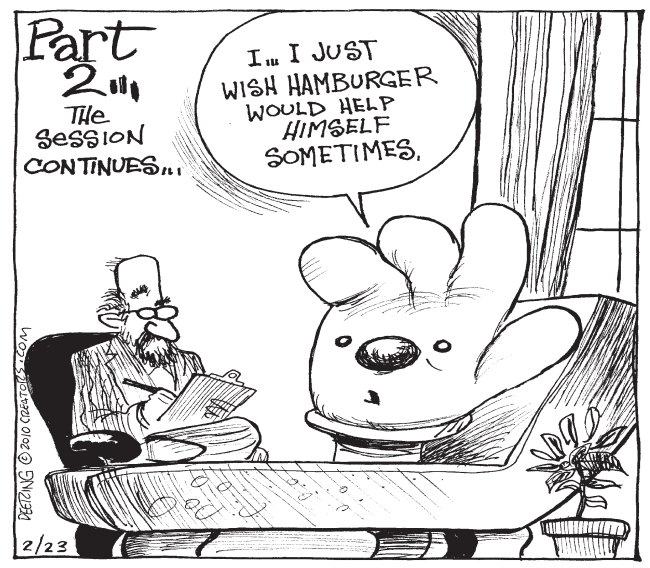
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Difficulty Level ★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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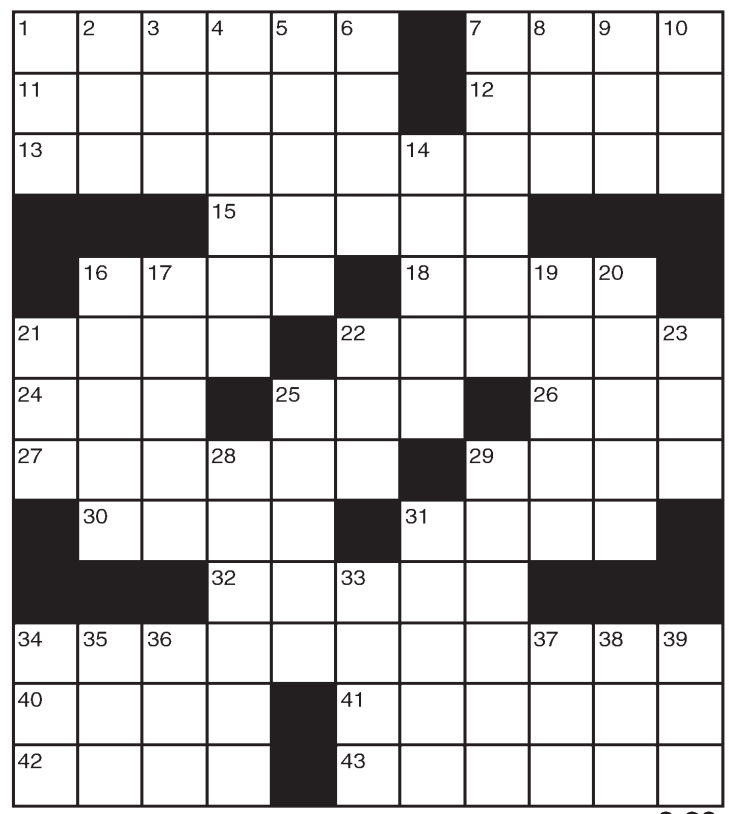
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1 Alley prowler
2 French friend
3 Boy
4 Charles' brother
5 Lazy sort
6 Declares
7 Of the backbone
8 Great weight
9 Invite
10 Agreeable response
14 Feverishly excited
16 Blackens
17 Travel stop
19 Marina sight
20 Learns about
21 Match part
22 Stir-frying vessel
23 Hog holder
25 Neighbor of Tibet
28 More brassy
29 Twisting force
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33 Pole explorer
34 Ball girl
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36 Conk out
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38 Presidential nickname
39 Brown hue

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The Whole Truth and Nothing But: Last August, an applicant for the police force in Montgomery, Ala., following directions to be truthful during the job interview, admitted that he owned child pornography. He was of course not hired, but arrested. In January 2010, 170 miles to the south in Pensacola, Fla., another law-enforcement applicant, Clarence Burnette, 25, admitted to owning child pornography -- during his interview to be a sheriff's deputy. He also was not hired, but arrested. (The Montgomery applicant, who also confessed to having sex with an underage girl, is now serving 30 years in prison.)

■ The death of a 49-year-old woman in Scotland in September 1999 brought to three the number of no-food, no-water, "breatharian"-diet followers of Australian Ellen Greve who have died of starvation in two years. Greve claims 5,000 disciples, charges over $2,000 (U.S.) per ticket for her seminars, and sells her only-sunlight-and-air philosophy ("liberation from the drudgery of food and drink") to guilty Westerners in part as conferring spirituality on Third World hunger. Nutritionists quoted by The Times of London said, of course, that there is no scientific basis for Greve's teachings.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1854 The official independence of the Orange Free State is declared.

1861 President-elect Abraham Lincoln arrives secretly in Washington, D.C., after the thwarting of an alleged assassination plot in Baltimore, Maryland.

1870 In the United States, post-Civil War military control of Mississippi ends and it is readmitted to the Union.

1883 Alabama becomes the first U.S. state to enact an antitrust law.

1887 The French Riviera is hit by a large earthquake, killing around 2,000.

1900 In South Africa, the Boers and British troops fight in the Battle of Hart's Hill.

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