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THE SHOESTRING BUDGET ISSUE

SM Pier concert series in jeopardy

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

SM PIER Facing two years of severe sponsorship shortfalls, Santa Monica Pier leadership is considering a reduced Twilight Dance Series or replacing the popular event with a less expensive run of free concerts.

Officials with the pier said sponsorship revenue has dropped by 80 percent from 2008, and have announced a fundraising effort in hopes of securing over $50,000 to cover the shortfall. If that effort fails, there could be fewer concerts or the series could go on hiatus. There is also the possibility of teaming up with local radio stations, relying more on Los Angeles-area bands that are cheaper than those hired previously.

"We are 100 percent committed to preserving the tradition of free summer concerts on the Santa Monica Pier, but we are not immune to the economic downturn," said Ben Franz-Knight, executive director of the Santa Monica Pier Restoration Corp., which manages the pier and produces the popular concert series. "We depend on corporate sponsors and that revenue was down 80 percent from 2008 and this year is projected to be just as bad."

The pier launched an online campaign

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District to send 61 pink slips to teachers, staff

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS Sixty-one local public school employees, most of them classroom teachers, will be getting pink slips by March 15, part of a plan approved by the school board to eliminate a total of 92 positions to help cut into a projected $14 million budget deficit.

The damage could have been greater, but some teachers who would have been laid off under that plan were spared this week after 23 older teachers opted to take a one-time, early retirement incentive, and others resigned.

Unless the district's budget outlook improves and some of the teachers can be rehired, the cuts mean the district's elementary music teachers will be eliminated. Fifty-two elementary school teaching positions would be eliminated, along with 22 middle school positions and seven school counseling jobs. Six child development positions also would be reduced.

The finalized cuts were announced at the school board's meeting on Thursday, though the board had voted to move ahead with the reductions Feb. 18.

Under the cost cutting plan the district is also eliminating four administrative positions and cutting pay for employees across the board. Most employees will be taking five unpaid days of leave this school year and next school year. Top administrators are taking an equivalent pay reduction but keeping their work schedules, said Superintendent

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Morgan Genser *news@smdp.com*

TOP OF THE WORLD: **Members of the Santa Monica High School girls varsity basketball team pose with their coaches Thursday after securing the 2010 CIF Southern Sectional Division 1 championship, defeating Summit High school 69-63. It is the first girls basketball title for Samohi.**

GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS

Vikings victorious, win first ever CIF title

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SANTA ANA Santa Monica's girls basketball team apparently takes the "see it, be it" philosophy to heart.

The Vikings defeated Summit, 69-63, Thursday in the final of the California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section Division 1A Playoffs at Mater Dei High School, fulfilling the stated goal of being the first girls team in school history to win a title.

"Our goals this season were to win [the Ocean League], win CIF and host a state [playoff] game," Samohi Head Coach

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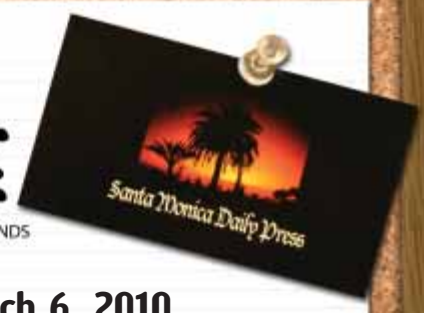
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WHAT'S UP WESTSIDE

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



Saturday, March 6, 2010

Taxes done for free
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 10 a.m. — 2:30 p.m.
The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) is offering free income tax preparation to low income adults. Bring your Social Security card, last year's return, photo ID and any 1099-MISC, W-2, 1098-T, or 1099 INT. This is intended for people with an income which is $49,000 and below.

Jump down the rabbit hole
Santa Monica Playhouse Main Stage
1211 Fourth St., 12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.
As the classic story of "Alice in Wonderland" is regaining popularity through the movie which starts playing in theaters this weekend, the Santa Monica Playhouse hosts its own rendition, which they boast is highly recommended. They invite you to join Alice as she accepts a party invitation to return to the Wonderland of her youth. Audience participation helps Alice set things aright in this zany musical
comedy for kids ages 2 to 102. Come in costume and receive a two-for-one coupon for any future family theater performance throughout the Santa Monica Playhouse's two-year 50th anniversary celebration. The cost is $10.50 for kids ages 12 and under, and $12.50 for adults. Call (310) 394-9779 ext. 2 for more information. The play is an hour long and will also be playing on Sunday.

Suess-tastic day
Main Library, Children's Activity Room
10:30 a.m. — 12 p.m.
Celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss with fun, laughter and a wacky juggling show by Michael Rayner. (He can balance things on an umbrella!) Make a Seuss-tastic craft, and more! Ages 4 and up. Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Santa Monica.

Sunday, March 7, 2010

United we stand
Santa Monica Unity Resource Festival
Virginia Avenue Park
1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Residents are encouraged to attend the fourth annual Unity Resource Festival, which features information on city, business and non-profit agencies that strengthen the community with supportive resources. In the spirit of community service, the festival will also provide information on opportunities for residents to serve as volunteers in programs for youth and families throughout the city. The producers and sponsors of the festival feel that, in these economic times, a festival such as this provides the opportunity to highlight resources that strengthen family support networks including employment, counseling, health services, after-school activities, art, food banks and more. Free live entertainment will be featured throughout the event. Sponsors include City Hall, Santa Monica College, Time-Warner Cable, Santa Monica-Bay Area Human Relations Council, Your Private Chef, and Trader Joe's. Delicious food will be
provided by the Barbie's Q, India Jones Chow Truck and the Gourmet Quickie. Residents are asked to bring canned or packaged food for the Westside Food Bank.

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.



Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

ON THE JOB: **California Assemblywoman Julia Brownley (center) joins John Adams Middle School security guard Chancy Jones as they talk with Boys and Girls Club membership coordinator Erin Rossello (left) on Friday afternoon at the middle school.**

Brownley walks a mile in guard's shoes

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

JAMS Having sent both her children here, state Assemblywoman Julia Brownley (D-Santa Monica) is well acquainted with John Adams Middle School.

But on Friday the former Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District board of education member got to see the campus from a whole new perspective.

Donning a florescent yellow work vest and carrying a walkie-talkie, Brownley played the part of a security officer at JAMS all day, taking part in a Service Employees International Union program meant to highlight its members' vital roles.

Called "Walk a Day in My Shoes," the program aims "to have legislators really understand working people and the different jobs they do," said Blanca Gallegos, a spokeswoman for the local SEIU chapter.

Launched during the 2008 presidential campaign to publicize workers' issues, Gallegos said the program is especially relevant today as state legislators deal with a budget crisis that could mean an additional $2.5 billion in cuts to California school districts. SMMUSD officials said they are facing a projected $14 million budget deficit for the coming school year and have been forced to eliminate five school days.

The SEIU's 450 members in the SMMUSD are the district's custodians, instructional aids, maintenance workers and other support staff.

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Tony Award nominee Nan Martin dead at 82

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

DOWNTOWN Nan Martin, who played Ali MacGraw's snobbish mother in the 1969 film "Goodbye, Columbus" and the lively Mrs. Louder on "The Drew Carey Show," died Thursday of complications from emphysema at her Malibu home. She was 82.

Born in Decatur, Ill. and raised in Santa Monica, Martin became one of the leading actresses of her generation, consistently working to within four years of her death. She was nominated for a Tony Award in 1960 for her performance in "J.B.," Archibald MacLeish's modern retelling of the story of Job. Martin played Sarah, the faithful wife of J.B.

Daughter of a WWI veteran and cornetist father, Clarence Martin, and cellist mother, Frances, she demon-

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CYBERSPACE

GLOW needs your vote

City Hall's Cultural Affairs Division is in the running to win $250,000 from Pepsi to help produce the nocturnal art event GLOW, which will take over the Santa Monica Pier, the beach and parts of Palisades Park this fall, offering visitors interactive art exhibits that use light to inspire awe.

City Hall is competing for the cash as part of Pepsi's Refresh Project, an initiative to fund great ideas that will have positive impacts. There are six competitive categories: health, arts and culture, food and shelter, the planet, neighborhoods and education. Prizes ranging from $5,000 to $250,000 will be awarded for those projects that receive the most votes through the month of March.

Those interested in voting can log on to www.refresheverything.com. Winners will be announced at the end of March and the process starts all over again. Up to 1,000 new applications will be eligible for voting each month. The top 100 runners-up from each category will be automatically transferred over to the next month's voting period. Each month there will be up to 32 potential Pepsi Refresh grant recipients selected.

City Hall is competing in the arts and culture category. In their pitch, city officials said GLOW offers a "multi-generational, once-in-a-lifetime experience" that "engages audiences from all walks of life" and "encourages public participation and interaction."

"The projects created by these artists will offer audiences an opportunity to find engagement, awe, amusement and enticing interaction, all to share in civic space," the proposal states.

When City Hall produced GLOW in 2008, it attracted over 200,000 people. The dusk-to-dawn event featured over 100 artists in 20 locations. The event is free and open to the public.

The GLOW proposal was ranked 141 on Friday afternoon.

The top two ideas in the running for the $250,000 are a resource house for families who have lost a child and building homes for foster children so that they can live together in a stable environment and learn valuable life skills.

DAILY PRESS

EL SEGUNDO

Indecent exposure

A man accused of exposing himself to underage girls in El Segundo spent a night in jail before being released on bail Friday, police reported.

Jeffrey William Freeman, 39, of Westchester, was arrested around 8:30 p.m. Thursday at a Santa Monica hotel, hours after officers saw him "driving his silver 2008 Infiniti in a suspicious manner" near Richmond Street Elementary in El Segundo, said Lt. Brian Evanski of the El Segundo Police Department.

Police believe Freeman is responsible for 10 indecent exposure incidents in El Segundo between November 2008 and January of this year, Evanski said.

Freeman, who was booked on suspicion of indecent exposure and possession of a controlled substance, was released on $360,000 bail, according to the jail records.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Proactive policing, not harassment

Editor:

Re: Mr. Daryl Bristol's letter to the editor, "Tell the whole story," published March 3.

Thanks for the news on the efforts you outlined of activities in Santa Monica at 3 a.m. in the morning. See, what the average person sleeping snugly in there homes isn't being mentioned though is the "homeless" you refer to are in reality ex-cons, felons, drug addicts and thieves. This proactive law enforcement gives these residents the ability to sleep safely. I am grateful, as are so many others who live and work hard for our living standards. And the businesses need the protection, just as you would. Publish your address so they can sleep with you. Thank you SMPD. We can see the difference being made. We're taking back our city.

On another note, see what San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom is doing on this same issue in this same publication, SMDP March 4, page 10, "SF mayor introduces ban on sidewalk sitting." Ha, ha Daryl and bunch.

Cameron Hopper
Santa Monica

Set the record straight

Editor:

I was present in the City Council Chambers when the vote occurred for the empty council seat.

What follows is one of the letters that I wrote to Bobby Shriver because of his vote for Terry O'Day. It was not Kevin McKeown who voted for Terry, an error that was printed in the Daily Press by Bill Bauer.

"To Bobby Shriver: I hope you saw the letters to the editor in today's Daily Press. I see I wasn't alone in my opinion of O'Day's appointment. I'm sure the Daily Press got lots more letters that said the same thing. I'm sure there are thousands more who share the writer's opinion.

"I'm happy to see I will have company fighting hard for the defeat of developer-funded candidates. Your vote for O'Day came as a shock to many of us. We thought you cared about Santa Monica. You objected to Santa Monica Place becoming a 30-32 story building. Then, Tuesday night, you gave carte blanche to the developers. Even if you and Kevin McKeown opposed the grandiose projects of the developers, you can't do anything about it. You will be outvoted on everything. Our only hope is the November election.

"I hope that you can show the people of Santa Monica that you are not another minion of the developers instead of a representative of the residents of Santa Monica. You speak so admiringly and graciously of your neighbors. I know they all can't be developers. The developers are from Houston, San Francisco, Los Angeles. When the developers get their way, every street in Santa Monica will be 100 times worse than Adelaide is on its busiest day."

Kevin McKeown nominated and voted for Ted Winterer over and over. When it was clear that Ted would not get enough votes, McKeown switched his vote to the candidate that Gleam Davis had nominated. That was Jennifer Kennedy. Watching the tape from the beginning to end will prove that Kevin McKeown never voted for Terry O'Day.

Please print a correction in your paper immediately in a place and in the size type that will get noticed by anyone looking at the paper. Councilmember McKeown should not have to suffer for what Bobby Shriver did. I know it was Bauer's column, but it is your paper that printed the egregious error.

Jeanne Laurie
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Being regular just doesn't cut it

IT WAS REVEALED RECENTLY THAT President Obama's bad cholesterol has gone up 42 points since 2007. Apparently, his diet is not as healthy as it was before. He's also still smoking. His Republican adversaries did not leak these revelations. His press secretary didn't begrudgingly admit them. On the contrary, Press Secretary Robert Gibbs implied that this proves that the president is not an effete eater, someone Republicans might describe as a latte-drinking, salad-grazing liberal.

"You guys think he eats carrots and celery," said Gibbs. "There's more cheeseburgers, fries, and pie than you previously knew."

The subtext of that, of course, is that Obama isn't just this Harvard-educated lawyer who's a great orator. He is also a regular guy who likes unhealthy food and smokes even though he knows he shouldn't. Why is it so important for politicians to be thought of as regular guys?

Obama really went over the regular guy line when he sat down for a lunch in Savannah, Ga. with a plate piled high with fried chicken, beans, sweet potatoes, greens, and macaroni and cheese. The worst part wasn't what he was eating (the regular guy food). It was when he turned to the people there and said, "Don't tell Michelle." That's good old-fashioned wink-wink, nod-nod, scratch your belly, manly punch to the shoulder "Regular Guyism." At least he didn't say, "Don't tell the old lady." Who does he think he's kidding? Does anyone believe that he and the first lady really have that kind of "I'm the king of this castle" marriage?

Of course, he's not the first president or presidential hopeful to try to cloak him- or herself in Regular Guyism. Dukakis in the Jeep and Hillary Clinton throwing back shots on the campaign are just two examples. George W. Bush was a master at Regular Guyism. Here was a man who was born into a wealthy, powerful, political family of the Northeast. He went to college at Yale, and got his master's degree at Harvard. But I never heard him allude to any of these things. He passed himself off as an outsider to politics and a "regular guy."

Those running for office don't put on airs, they take them off. Intellectualism and even intelligence are often mocked and rarely thought of as good qualities for a president. Some pundits feel that Scott Brown, the new senator from Massachusetts, was aided in his election by the fact that he drove an old pickup truck — a "regular guy" vehicle.

I don't buy into Regular Guyism. I don't want a president who is just a regular guy (or gal). I want a president who is special. I want a president who is consumed by the unbelievably difficult job he has and not one who is consumed by the rumors that McDonald's will soon be bringing back the McRib. I know it's heresy in America, but forget a pickup truck. It wouldn't bother me if a president didn't even know how to drive, and majored in French in college — as long as he was dedicated to keeping our country safe, turning around the economy, and keeping Americans free and equal. I'm not turned off by a president who is educated. I want a president who is smarter than the average guy on the street. Let's face it, would you want a president with my intelligence and personality? I wouldn't.

To many people, having the very traits that they might admire in others are things they reject in political candidates. They see those who are highly educated, who seem overly serious, and who love things like the arts as "phonies." And they don't want a phony for a president.

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Ironically, what actually happens is that the candidate or president who doesn't want to appear to be a phony becomes a phony as he pretends to be a "regular guy." The Republicans would be better off exposing Obama as a phony regular guy than wasting their time on things like insinuating that he's not really a citizen or that his wife's arms are too muscular. Let Mitch McConnell or one of those guys stand up and say, "I've got news for you, America. Obama is a phony. He might pretend to be a regular guy, but he's not. He's actually a brilliant, articulate, capable man who cares about our country's problems far more than he cares about who will win the next Super Bowl."

Then just watch Obama's popularity drop like it's never dropped before.

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Thieves targeting cars in Wilmont

Q: I HAVE LIVED IN THE SUNSET PARK area of Santa Monica for 20 years and I am the captain of our Neighborhood Watch group on our block. In order to prevent crime, I have instructed our neighbors to call the police when they witness suspicious activity in our neighborhood. I'm often asked what would be considered suspicious and what number should a person call when this activity is observed. Can you help me with some suggestions?

ANY TIME YOU WITNESS A RECKLESS DRIVER WHOSE BEHAVIOR YOU BELIEVE WILL LIKELY CAUSE A COLLISION, SUCH AS AN IMPAIRED DRIVER, PLEASE CALL OUR COMMUNICATIONS CENTER AT (310) 458-8491 AND PROVIDE AS MUCH INFORMATION ABOUT THE VEHICLE AS POSSIBLE.

A: Suspicious activity is anything that seems "out of place" for your area. Some things to look out for are (but not limited to):

• A person walking down the street peering into parked vehicles;

• A stranger entering your neighbor's property/house when they are away;

• Any vehicle driving slowly or repeatedly through your area, with or without lights on;

• A person selling expensive merchandise, such as speakers, at an extremely low price;

• Door to door salesmen/solicitors who do not have identification, refuse to show you identification, or turn the doorknob to see if the door is locked;

• Someone sitting in a parked car for an extended period of time.

These behaviors are some of the many signs that an individual is either committing a crime or looking for the opportunity to commit a crime. If you suspect unusual activity in your area, please call the Santa Monica Police Department's non-emergency line at (310) 458-8491 and provide as much information to the dispatcher as possible. If you believe an actual crime is occurring, call 911 immediately. Our department is most effective when we receive the help of concerned, responsible citizens. So please don't hesitate to call us, even if you think someone else already has or will.

Q: Cars are always speeding down my street. Is there anything that can be done about them?

A: Any time you witness a reckless driver whose behavior you believe will likely cause a collision, such as an impaired driver, please call our Communications Center at (310) 458-8491 and provide as much information about the vehicle as possible.

In other cases, if you notice that speeding vehicles are becoming a constant problem on your street, you have several options. First, you can call your neighborhood resource officer and/or the police department's Traffic Enforcement Section at (310) 458-8993. NROs work with the Traffic Enforcement Section to track and implement traffic safety programs in the city, which include both education and enforcement measures.

Another option would be to contact the Transportation Management Division at City Hall and see what types of traffic calming measures are available for your neighborhood. Traffic calming measures include speed bumps, traffic circles and additional signs (including speed limit signs that display a vehicle's speed using radar). For more information on these measures, contact Transportation Management at (310) 458-8291.

CRIME ALERT

Beat 4, which is the area between Wilshire Boulevard and Montana Avenue and Lincoln Boulevard to 20th Street, is experiencing an increase in auto related break-ins. The SMPD reminds everyone to remove all valuables from your vehicle, place them in the trunk before arriving at your destination, or store them away so they are not easily visible. This includes laptops, cell phones, GPS devices, purses, backpacks, money, etc. Take these precautions at all times, whether parking on a public street or in a parking garage. These types of crimes are crimes of opportunity, so making it difficult for criminals to strike will help the effort significantly. Visit our Web site at www.santamonicapd.org to watch a great video with tips to prevent you from becoming a victim.

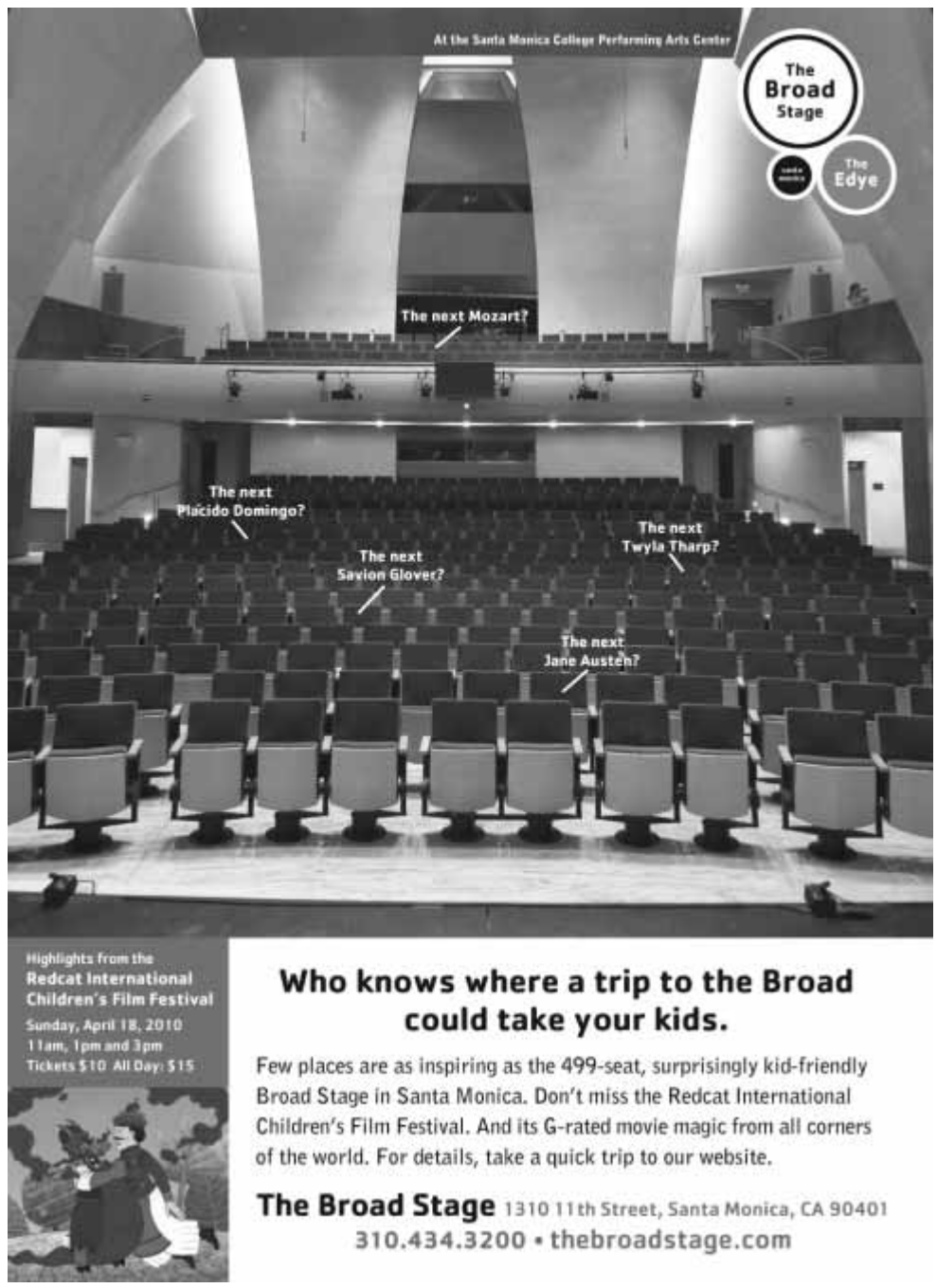
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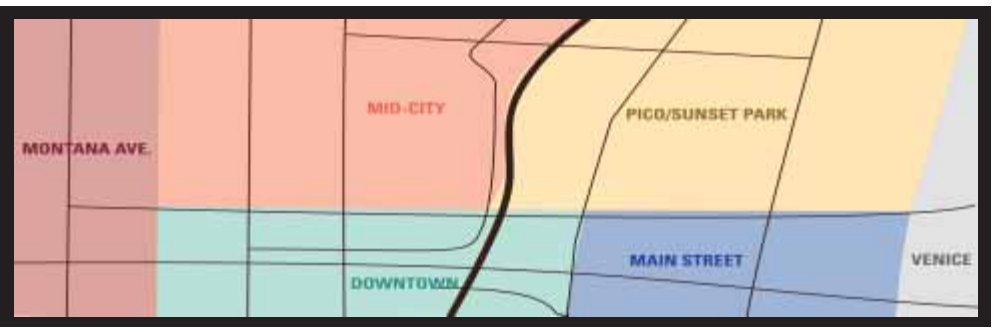






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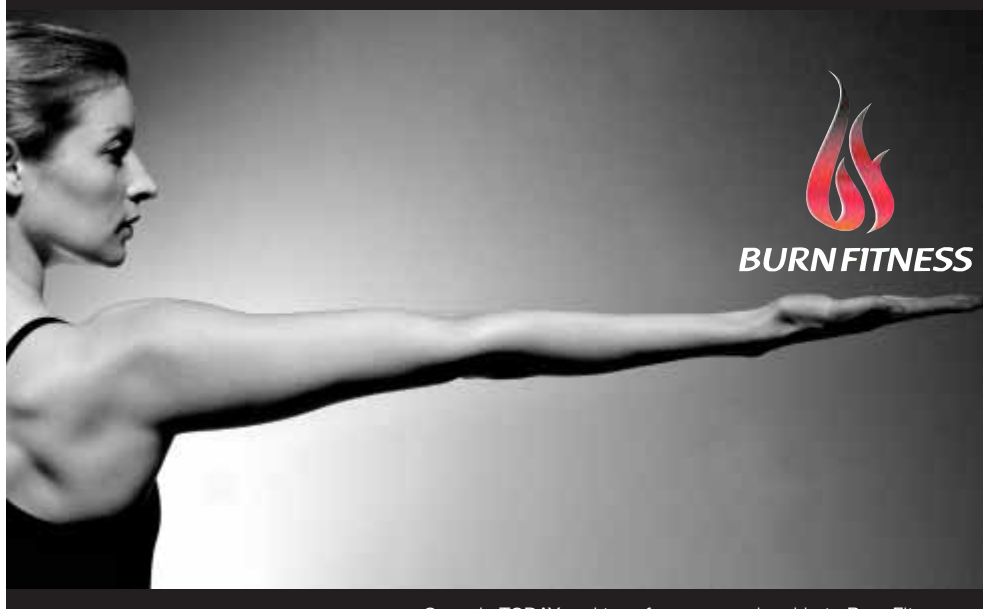
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Vikings already looking ahead to state championship

FROM TITLE PAGE 1

Marty Verdugo said.

With the win in the final, Verdugo and senior guard Thea Lemberger are already thinking big. Neither appear to be satisfied with the win, although both said that they were proud of their accomplishment.

"Our goals have changed," Verdugo said. "We believe we can win this whole thing now."

Pairings for the state playoffs will be released early next week. With the win in the finals, Samohi figures to be one of the top seeds and will surely host at least one home game.

The path to the state playoffs was paved with wins that Verdugo said were anything but easy. He scheduled a difficult non-league slate that saw his team taking on a number of powerhouse programs. A win against Troy and a good showing against Mater Dei proved that Samohi was a serious contender.

"Our strength of schedule prepared us for a big stage," Verdugo said. "That arena was out of this is world."

A number of rooter buses accompanied the Vikings to the site of the final, making the environment all the more charged.

"It felt loud and fast," Lemberger said. "It was a fun game to be in."

Lemberger scored 16 points, but was limited to just four in the second half. It was the play of Moriah Faulk that helped Samohi salt away a close halftime lead, securing a place in school history. She scored 19 points on the game with 12 coming in the second half.

Lemberger said that finding quality looks on offense was made difficult by Summit's zone defense, forcing her to look to other teammates to make plays. Faulk took advantage of the opportunity.

Samohi held the lead for much of the game, but the task of fending off Summit was made difficult by foul trouble. Faulk, Lemberger and Bianka Balthazar were all assessed three fouls by halftime, forcing Verdugo to juggle his lineup. Verdugo praised Brianna Harris for filling in for Balthazar, giving the Vikings another tough post defender.

The roster flexibility Verdugo used to account for foul trouble is a relatively new development for Samohi.

The Vikings prospered with the additions of Balthazar and Faulk. The two transferred from a school in Arizona to bolster what was already considered an elite team. Both were granted eligibility during the Ocean League season, helping the Vikings cruise to a league title and a 10-0 record.

The Vikings also weathered the departure of starting center Sabrina Norton. She left school just before the playoffs after her father, former NFL star and college coach Ken Norton Jr., agreed to join former USC Head Coach Pete Carroll on the Seattle Seahawks staff. The team gave tribute to Norton by hanging her warm-up jacket over a chair on the bench throughout the playoffs.

Thursday's win over Summit may be a springboard to bigger things, but the significance of the win wasn't lost on Verdugo. In his fourth season, he has taken the team to the third round of the playoffs twice, the semi-finals once and now a CIF-SS title. With a team filled with a number of underclassmen, including Kristina Johnson, Faulk and Balthazar, he couldn't help but look forward to next season.

"We're going to be good, really good," he said. "With this experience, there's no telling what this team can do."

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Samohi's boys play for title

Samohi's boys basketball team will face Leuzinger in the final of the CIF-SS Division 1A Playoffs on Saturday. The game will take place at the Honda Center in Anaheim. The game begins at 2:30 p.m.





Community Participation Needed for *Memorial Day Ceremony* at **Santa Monica's Woodlawn Cemetery**

This marks the 72nd year the City of Santa Monica has sponsored in conjunction with local service-oriented organizations a Memorial Day observance on the grounds of Woodlawn Cemetery. This is an important event that honors and celebrates the memory our nation's fallen military heroes.

The event will be held at Woodlawn Cemetery located at 1847 14th Street in Santa Monica on Memorial Day, Monday May 31, at 11:00 a.m.

This year the Cemetery staff would like to reach out to the Santa Monica Community and surrounding areas in an effort to achieve a wider degree of participation from local organizations and residents.

If you or your organization would like to participate in the planning of the upcoming event, or participate as a part of the event program, **please contact Virgil County, Cemetery Administrator** at **(310) 458-8717** by **March 25th**. Musical groups (bands, choirs, etc.) are highly encouraged to participate.

Remember for this event to be a continued success and to truly mirror the Community, your participation is essential.

Concert series budget short $90K

FROM CONCERTS PAGE 1

seeking tax-deductible donations for the summer concerts. Donations can be made at www.santamonicapier.org.

In order to produce the 26th season of the popular Twilight Dance Series with a full, 10-concert summer run, another $164,000 at a minimum, would need to be raised in the next two weeks, Franz-Knight said.

The pier's board of directors, believing that amount to be unreachable, voted March 4 to cut the series to seven concerts, which would require $92,000 in additional funding.

On Tuesday, the City Council will consider a one-time matching grant of $35,000 to the concert series, which would bring the total funds that need to be raised in the coming weeks to $57,000.

In past years, the series has offered a range of national and international performers during the Thursday night concerts from June through August.

"I think the series is the way many people on the Westside mark the beginning and end of summer," Franz-Knight said. The pier's board of directors will decide March 24 whether sufficient funding has been raised to pay for the seven concerts. If not, the board is expected to request that staff pursue options for a less expensive free concert series that relies on Los Angeles-area bands and creative partnerships.

"We hope businesses and residents will donate generously. Every dollar we raise will go toward free community concerts this summer. The more we raise, the better those concerts will be," said Franz-Knight.

Devoted concert-goer Debra Schloss, who attends more than half of the acts scheduled each year, said she could not imagine a summer without the series. She and her husband attend regularly with friends and guests from



file photo.

BETTER DAYS: **Residents enjoy pier concerts.**

out of town. They bring their children and have fun dancing in the open air with people from all walks of life.

"I say if you have to chose between one expensive show and six less expensive ones, you should go with the six shows," Schloss said. "We live in Los Angeles where there is plenty of talent out there so I'm not concerned about the quality dropping off. Besides, it's really about just being out on the pier with the ocean in the background, dancing and having fun with friends.

"When it is summer, we don't do anything else on Thursday nights. On Thursdays, we're at the pier."

Emily Kroll, a life-long Santa Monica resident, said she is prepared to donate $100 and plans to contact friends, family and neighbors to see if they too want to donate. She is also going to reach out to see if she can find additional corporate sponsors.

If there were to be no concert series, "there would be no reason to be in Santa Monica," she said. "It is the highlight of our summer," Kroll added. "I will do whatever it takes. I'm no trustfunder, but I will do my best."

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Martin was active at Samohi

FROM OBIT PAGE 3

strated her drive and abilities at an early age by becoming the first female student body president at Santa Monica High School. Martin attended UCLA and studied at the Max Reinhardt School and Actors' Lab. After a move to New York City with first husband, screen composer Robert Emmett Dolan, she became a first-year member of the Actors' Studio.

Martin made her Broadway debut in the 1950s in the short-lived "A Story for a Sunday Evening. She was in a 1951 revival of Maugham's "The Constant Wife," starring Katharine Cornell.

Martin appeared in many Shakespeare productions during the early years of Joseph Papp's New York Shakespeare Festival. She was Portia to George C. Scott's Shylock in "The Merchant of Venice," Gertrude to Al Ryder's "Hamlet," and Beatrice to J.D. Cannon's Benedick in "Much Ado About Nothing."

She and her husband, screen composer Robert Emmett Dolan, divorced in 1963. At that time, the Ford Foundation helped to set up a program under the Department of State for Cultural Exchange. Martin was the chairperson of the theatre committee and a member of the Arts Advisory Committee, appointed by President Kennedy.

During the 1960s, she did a lot regional work, performing at the Arena Stage and the Alley Theater. She worked in the inaugural season of the Mark Taper Forum in Los Angeles in 1967.

Her films included "Toys in the Attic," "For the Love of Ivy" and "Goodbye Columbus."

In 1969, she married California architect Harry Gesner, with whom she had attended Santa Monica High School 25 years earlier (and had not seen since), and moved to Tarzana, and later Malibu. They stayed together for 41 years. During this period, she acted regularly at such West Coast theatres as South Coast Repertory and Los Angeles Theater Center. In 1995, she was a Joseph Jefferson Award winner for her performance in Edward Albee's "Three Tall Women."

Martin suffered a stroke in 1981, which did nothing to inhibit her work. During the 1980s, she enjoyed a string of successes, particularly with the South Coast Repertory in Costa Mesa and for which she won several Dramalogue Awards.

Aside from the "Drew Carey Show," Martin had many guest appearances on such hit shows as "Curb Your Enthusiasm," "Nip/Tuck," "E.R.," "Columbo," and "Golden Girls."

She is survived by husband, architect Harry Gesner, and sons, musician and writer Casey Dolan (by the first marriage) and actor/producer Zen Gesner.

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- Tree selection
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- Completed traffic study
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- Incorporation of LUCE concepts

This key step leads to an upcoming Council meeting this spring.

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The Q Line

Leading the Council

This past week, Q-line asked:
Now that Terry O'Day has been selected to fill the late Mayor Ken Genser's seat on the City Council, the next order of business for the governing body is to appoint a new mayor. Who should be he next mayor, and why?
Here are your responses:

"SINCE RECENT ELECTIONS PROVE THAT democracy is a non-issue, it is pointless for voters to waste their time offering their opinions as to the choice of our new mayor. Rest assured, City Council members will conduct themselves entirely to their own satisfaction."

"WHAT ARE YOU ASKING OUR OPINION for? The City Council will take care of that, promptly and quite nicely, for them, like they do whenever there is a vacancy. The Santa Monica oligarchy lives on."

"MY VOTE WOULD BE FOR FORMER Santa Monica activist and Rent Control Board candidate Thomas D. Carter. Trust me folks, there would never be a dull moment in Santa Monica politics from that moment on. Mr. Carter would shine his light in every nook and cranny in the city bringing truth, liberty, and justice for all."

"GENGHIS KHAN, HITLER, AND OSAMA bin Laden would be less crooked than the evil Commie monsters from Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights that woo us. They will appoint one of their slimes as mayor. The independent Shriver might have been OK, except this is only a springboard for him to a big state or federal job. So, there is nobody. A mayor is not needed, so let's not have one."

"THE NEXT MAYOR SHOULD BE Groundskeeper Willy from 'The Simpsons' because he once said, 'If elected mayor, my first act will be to kill the whole lot of ya, and burn your town to cinders.' We could use someone like him in office."

"I THINK YOU SHOULD APPOINT FOR mayor Jerry Rubin because he cares about people and he cares about the city of Santa Monica."

"KEVIN MCKEOWN IS THE UNOFFICIAL mayor of Santa Monica. He listens to and represents the interests of the residents of Santa Monica and attends most of the city events, meetings, etc. Kevin McKeown should be the mayor and have a staff and then we don't need any of the remaining council members who really don't represent us at all."

"KEVIN MCKEOWN OR BOBBY SHRIVER should be selected to become next mayor because they care about the people of the city and Kevin McKeown seems to have been shut out for several years."

"WELL, WITH THE SEVEN DWARFS ON the City Council laying waste to any vestige of a charming beach town, I choose Dopey. You say, but which one is Dopey? I say that they are all Dopey. Thirty years of the evil witches of Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights have put Snow White, that's Santa Monica, into an unenlightened sleep with their love of all things European and New York City-numbing entitlements. Snow White, that's Santa Monica, awaits the day when a prince awakes us with a love of Santa Monica. Instead, the seven dwarfs each sock Snow White in the face. Who cares which dwarf is mayor? Their diminutive leadership size has led to the ruination of this town."

"NEXT MAYOR SHOULD BE SOMEONE NOT affiliated with SMRR. And that leaves Shriver … ."

"I'M A 30-YEAR RESIDENT OF SANTA Monica and I think Kevin McKeown should become mayor of Santa Monica. He is definitely a hero of the people and the residents. He is there at every rally or function that is for the betterment of the residents. Every time I have a problem, Kevin McKeown has responded to help within a matter of hours. He definitely should be the mayor."

"I WOULD LIKE KEVIN MCKEOWN TO BE our mayor."

"I THOUGHT THAT THE MAYOR PRO TEM took over in case the mayor could not serve on the Santa Monica City Council. So why would we need to appoint another mayor? It seems to me that Pam O'Connor would be the next mayor, if she were the mayor pro tem."

"I BELIEVE THAT KEVIN MCKEOWN should be the next mayor. He is the only voice of reason on that panel, and that's just what we need, a moderate and not a hard-liner that agrees with developers and big money."

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New parcel tax would ease cuts

FROM **LAYOFFS** PAGE 1

Tim Cuneo. Cuneo is also taking a 10 percent reduction in the allowance he receives for his housing, phone and automobile and forgoing his yearly bonus.

Cuts to classified employees haven't been announced, but Cuneo said as many as 30 support staff positions could be eliminated by this summer. Under state law, teachers who may not be hired for the upcoming school year have to be notified by March 15. Because there's no requirement to give classified employees such early notice they may be dismissed, he said the district will wait until after the May 25 parcel tax election to decide how many support positions will have to be cut.

The school board is asking voters this spring to approve a $198 per parcel tax to raise about $5.7 million for the district. Two-thirds of voters will have to approve the measure in the mail-in election for it to take effect.

"The budget crisis has forced us to do the unthinkable," School Board member Oscar de la Torre said on Friday. "Our hope is to respond with a local funding measure that we hope voters will approve in May."

> **"OUR HOPE IS TO RESPOND WITH A LOCAL FUNDING MEASURE THAT WE HOPE VOTERS WILL APPROVE IN MAY."**
>
> **Oscar de la Torre**
> School Board member

On Tuesday the school board also approved contracts with its employee bargaining units.

The Santa Monica-Malibu Classroom Teachers Association recently agreed to the deal its leadership had negotiated with the district requiring five unpaid furlough days.

The labor contracts will save the district $2 million per year, district officials said.

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School districts could face $2.5 billion in additional cuts

FROM **BROWNLEY** PAGE 3

Starting at 7:30 a.m., Brownley shadowed a security officer named Chauncy Jones as she walked the campus grounds looking for tardy students, prepared for an afternoon assembly and escorted a disruptive student to the front office.

During recess at JAMS, Brownley, who chairs the Assembly's Education Committee, patrolled the multi-purpose room and greeted students as they filed through the cafeteria line.

Jones went about her normal routine.

"One line! Up against the wall, let's go!" Jones shouted as students headed for the snack counter.

Having worked in the district for 11 years, she said this is the first time she's felt her job may be in jeopardy. Some security officers could be eliminated from the district's payroll next year, giving her "an uneasy feeling," she said.

Jones said there are two security officers at JAMS. If the district cuts one security position, "That will mean one officer patrolling 16 acres and responsible for the safety of 1,100 students," she said.

As the SMMUSD school board grapples with an estimated $14 budget gap, district officials are yet to layoff any SEIU members. But Superintendent Tim Cuneo has said as many 30 classified employees could lose their jobs before the next school year. This week he announced 61 teachers would be getting pink slips.

> **"ONE LINE! UP AGAINST THE WALL, LET'S GO!"**
>
> **Chauncy Jones,**
> Security officer at JAMS

The school board is asking voters this spring to approved a $198 "emergency" parcel tax to generate an estimated $5.7 million per year.

By mid morning, Brownley said she was impressed by how many different functions Jones was asked to serve. From setting up audio visual equipment to acting like an extra counselor to helping out with maintenance, Brownley said the job entailed being an "all purpose person."

As for alleviating the need to make deep cuts to schools, Brownley said she's hopeful the state's revenues will improve as the legislature revises the budget for the upcoming year in May. She said while she supports ideas like creating a tax on companies that drill for oil in the state, plans to generate new revenues that could go to the school system haven't gained traction in Sacramento because of Republican opposition.

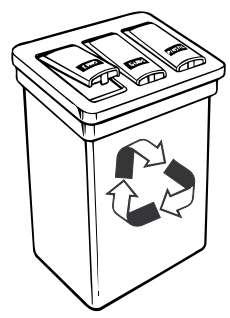
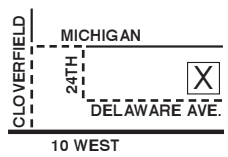
Brownley is the first politician to participate in the SEIU's program in Santa Monica.

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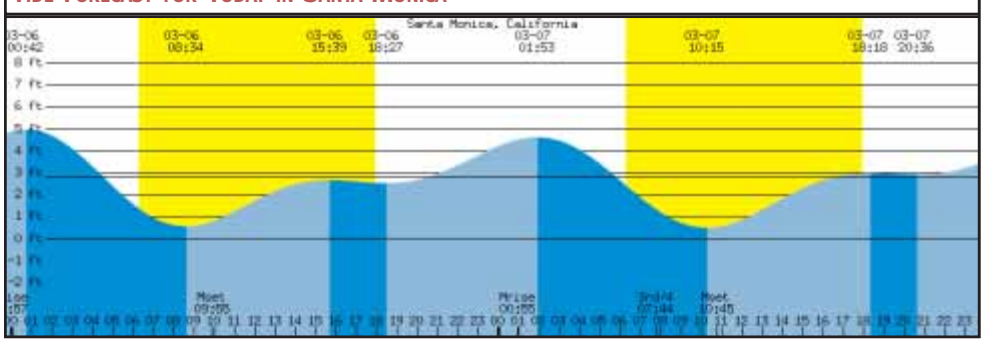
Swell Forecast

Looks rather anemic with waist to chest high wind swell around west facing breaks, smaller at south facing spots. Weather and winds are likely to make for less than favorable conditions.

Long Range Synopsis

Wind/ground swell is likely to push west facing breaks into head high surf. Conditions though are looking trashed from winds and rain.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 9 / 15

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
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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+	F
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	D
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	F	F
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A+	D
Pearce State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Pearce Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	F	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
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+	A
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Los Tunos County Beach.	A	A+
Topanga Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	F	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A	B
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	A+

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	C	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	C	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	A+
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	D
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	B
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	A+
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	A+
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	C	D
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A+	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	B
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A+	A+
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
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MLB

Dodgers have logjam in the outfield

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GLENDALE, Ariz. The Dodgers suddenly have a logjam of outfielders that could end up affecting the pitching staff come opening day.

With the signing of veteran Garret Anderson late Wednesday, the Dodgers could be in position to have five outfielders on their 25-man roster once spring training ends.

That scenario might require the Dodgers to carry 11 pitchers into the season opener, instead of the 12 manager Joe Torre had originally projected.

"You think you're going to take 12 pitchers. Is 11 an option? I guess it is," Torre said Thursday, a day after Anderson was given a minor-league deal with an invitation to major-league camp.

"We have an awful lot of decisions to make but we can't really start making them until we get deep into the games. I don't bother thinking about it right now. I've written it down. I'm just happy I don't have to do that today or tomorrow."

With a lack of confidence in their left-handed options off the bench, the Dodgers landed the former Angels outfielder, whom they had been considering most of the winter.

Anderson, 37, will make $550,000 if he makes the major-league roster with another $200,000 available in bonuses. One roster spot will now go to a group of left-handed hitters that includes Anderson, Brian Giles and Doug Mientkiewicz.

Giles had microfracture surgery on his right knee in 2007 and an arthritic condition in the same knee last season. In the early part of camp, Giles has been unable to operate at full speed, which helps explain the signing of Anderson.

"I'm confident I can make this team but you have to be healthy," Giles said. "It's a hard game anyway and when you don't have the confidence in how you're feeling it doesn't help out. That's why I came here to see how I feel."

Giles, 39, isn't ready to pull the plug on a return to the field. But if he isn't on a major-league team to start the season, he plans on calling it quits. He was asked if he would accept a minor-league assignment.

"Nah, I'd probably go home," he said.

Anderson might be facing the same decision if he doesn't make the Dodgers' roster.

In 16 seasons, the Southern California native is a .295 hitter with 285 home runs, 1,353 RBIs and 2,501 hits. He won a World Series with the Angels in 2002. He hit 13 home runs with 61 RBIs last season with the Atlanta Braves.

Like Giles, Mientkiewicz also is struggling with health issues. He had surgery last season to repair a right shoulder separation.

If Mientkiewicz doesn't make the roster, Ronnie Belliard and Casey Blake would be considered the backup first basemen and would play there on days James Loney gets a rest.

CATCH THIS

Hiroki Kuroda is coming off a season to forget, if only everybody would just let him get it out of his mind.

The Los Angeles Dodgers right-hander had to battle back from three serious injuries at age 34 last year, the most serious of which was a concussion suffered when a comebacker drilled him on the front right side of his head.

As he gets ready for his season of redemption, Kuroda goes through his daily workouts in the desert a mere 20 miles from the spot where the frightening incident took place.

Kuroda had been pitching well when he entered an Aug. 15 start at Arizona's Chase Field. Then came a Rusty Ryal comebacker that drilled Kuroda just to the side of the "LA" logo on his Dodgers cap.

Kuroda went to the ground instantly, while the ball rebounded toward the Diamondbacks' on-deck circle, took one hop off the warning track and bounced into the stands.

As it turned out, the long-distance carom was good news.

"He just got lucky," manager Joe Torre said. "I was told by a doctor that the ball landing so far away from where it hit him was probably the good news because it hit the part of the skull that had some give to it. The worst thing that could have happened was to hit and the ball drops straight down."

Kuroda never lost consciousness or his sense of humor.

He returned late last season and struggled, only to have a neck injury sideline him again as the Dodgers were struggling down the stretch. Kuroda joked the neck injury probably came from spinning around so fast while watching opponents hit home runs off him.

Even now he can generate laughs when asked if the concussion is something he can easily forget.

"I get asked that question every time I'm about to forget about it," he said.

He is about to start the final year of a three-year $35.3 million contract and is the Dodgers' highest paid pitcher at $15.4 million this season alone.

With spring training much shorter this season than it was last year because of the World Baseball Classic, Kuroda will be able to save his bullets for the regular season.

He was the Dodgers' opening day starter a year ago, but before start No. 2 he was already on the disabled list with a strained oblique that kept him out of action until June. He still made 20 starts, going 8-7 with a 3.76 ERA.

"There are many adversities and a lot of negative things that happened," Kuroda said. "I just want to make everything positive after what I went through last year and have a good season this year."

Torre has been impressed with Kuroda, especially with his resiliency. Kuroda spent just 21 days on the disabled list after getting hit in the head.

"For him to come back as quickly as he did — and he did have some testers during rehab with a line drive through the middle and a broken bat that came toward him — I thought he recovered from that well," Torre said.

Kuroda figures to be the Dodgers' No. 3 starter this season behind Clayton Kershaw and Chad Billingsley.

"I just have to keep moving forward. I can't give up," Kuroda said. "This game is my destiny so I just have to move forward."



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11:00 am, 4:30, 9:55

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1:50, 7:20

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10:30 am, 11:30 am, 1:20, 2:20, 4:10, 5:10, 7:00, 8:00, 9:50, 10:50

Cop Out (R) 1hr 50min
11:45 am, 2:25, 5:15, 8:15, 11:00

Shutter Island (R) 2hrs 18min
12:15, 1:00, 3:30, 4:30, 6:45, 7:45, 10:15, 10:55

Dear John - Digital Presentation (PG-13) 1hr 48min
11:00 am, 1:45, 4:20, 7:15, 10:00

The Crazies (R) 1hr 41min
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North Face (NR) 2hr 1min
11:00 am

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11:00 am

The Hurt Locker (R) 2hrs 26min
4:00, 9:45

An Education (PG13) 1hr 55min
1:50, 4:30, 7:30, 10:00

Crazy Heart (R) 2hrs 07min
1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:55

Ajami (NR) 2hrs 15min
1:15, 7:00

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Get wild, Scorpio

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ If you feel like taking off, the sooner the better. Someone who could be rather serious or dour might "need" to come along, but might be a drag. It is your call ultimately. Make it a day trip. Tonight: Try a new restaurant.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Deal with others directly. You might not be as energized as you'd like, but you can inspire others. Don't hesitate to do just that. Friends invite you here and there. Choose only what works for you. Tonight: Chat over dinner.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Others seek you out, and you could be overwhelmed by everything that you hear. Pressure builds with an older relative or someone you look up to. You might not feel like socializing all day long. Tonight: Defer to another person.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★ You might need to pull back and rest. Others want you to join them, and they make their desires clear. If you are happiest at home, then that is where you need to be. Don't feel pressured by anyone. Tonight: Just make it easy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Take the initiative with a child or loved one. Let go of a serious or stern tone. Aren't you just posturing anyway? Someone might be excessive in his or her self-expression and feelings. You understand drama. Tonight: Where you are, the action is.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ You still can have fun on a tight budget. You can prove that fact right now. Stay close to home and invite friends over. Let them bring a favorite munchie or treat. Let everyone unwind and just have a good time. Tonight: Where the action is.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Give up your somber, serious tone. Remember that how you approach someone has a lot to do with how he or she receives you. Why not invite a couple of friends to go to a ballgame or to the movies? Tonight: Share with friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Sometimes you simply don't want to hold back, and today is a good example. Temptation comes along in some form, and you decide ... OK! Still, remember that there is a tomorrow. Remain playful with a child or loved one. Romp like kids. Tonight: Paint the town red.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Be impulsive and worry less about others' reactions. By being your own person, you unleash a lot of happiness, not just for you, but also for others. Throw a party, and everyone will be all smiles at your pad. Tonight: Making the most of the moment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Know when to slow down. You might be happy doing your taxes or simply curling up with a good book, taking a snooze or two. Screen your calls, as others will be looking for you. Touch base with a special loved one. Tonight: Play it low-key.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Don't plan on spending any time alone. Find your friends and have a good time wherever you are. Just don't choose to be alone. At some point, count on going just a bit wild. Holding you back is close to impossible. Tonight: Where the party is.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Others drop their responsibilities on you, though you might not mind. Whatever you are doing, you really get into it and have a great time. A partner lets you know how much he or she wishes you could be with him or her. Tonight: Could be late.

Happy birthday

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

You start a new life and luck cycle this year. Please don't expect to play it low-key. Many people will want to be around you. Pick and choose your company and friends with care. You only have so much time, and with an expanding circle of friends, time is getting even shorter. Be careful what you wish for, as you are likely to get just that. If you are single, you no longer need to maintain that status. You will be surrounded by admirers and potential suitors. If you're attached, the two of you need to become more visible as a couple. SAGITTARIUS pushes you into the limelight.

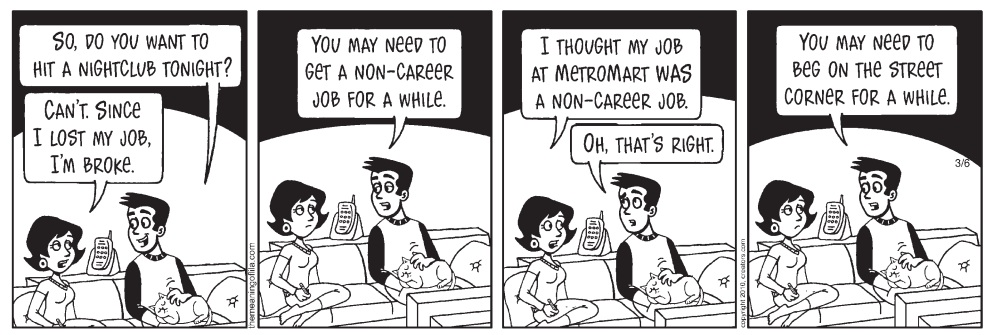
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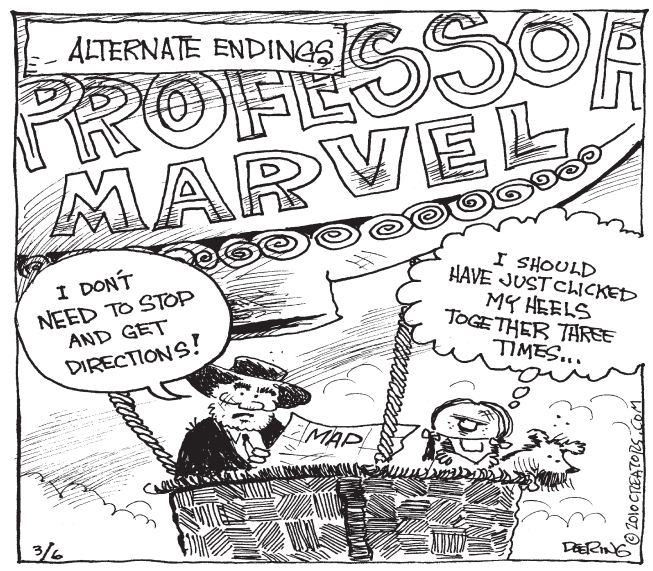
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Difficulty Level ★★★★

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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.

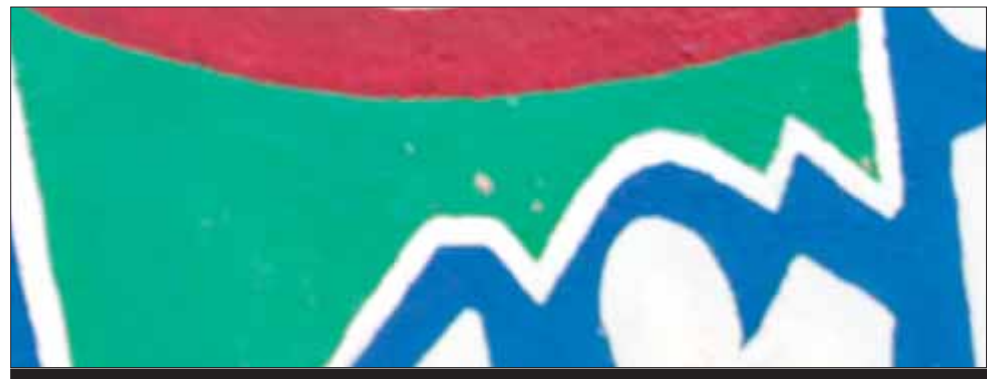
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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1 Understands
5 Hind's mate
9 Nasser's successor
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12 Tag number
13 Stretchy fabric
14 Part of the team
16 Kitchen invader
17 Bus. card no.
18 Slam-dancing site
20 Increase by degrees
22 Sight
23 Verdi work
25 Symbol of grace
28 Kind of cable box
32 Noisy grasshopper
34 Airport abbr.
35 Hot blood
36 Dante topic
38 Wipe off
40 Chose
41 Fix a clock
42 Brings up
43 Anchor's offering
44 Refuse

DOWN

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2 Like some mushrooms
3 Folded snack
4 Fill with mist
5 Maintains
6 Some
7 Sports summaries
8 Rutabaga's cousin
9 Giraffe features
11 Burger part
15 Entices
19 Race division
21 Track runner
24 "Ordinary People" director
25 Aspen aficionado
26 Rabbits' home
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31 Eggs on
33 Losing plans
37 Foil's kin
39 Fix seams

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ First, farmer Dick Kleis of Zwingle in eastern Iowa, composing a birthday note to his wife, arranged more than 60 tons of manure in a pasture to spell out "Happy Birthday, Love You" in shorthand. Then, for Valentine's Day, farmer Bruce Andersland created a half-mile-wide, arrow-pierced heart from plowed manure at his farm near the town of Albert Lea, Minn. "Now I've got my valentine!" shouted wife Beth, when she first viewed the aerial image.

■ Helmut Kichmeier, 27, a hypnotist "trainee" who appears as Hannibal Helmurto in Britain's Circus of Horrors, accidentally hypnotized himself in January as he was practicing in front of a mirror. (Being in such a trance helps him swallow swords on stage.) His wife called Kichmeier's mentor, Dr. Ray Roberts, who, as a "voice of authority," was able to snap Kichmeier out of it over the phone.

■ (1) A death-row inmate has a right to question the fairness of the sentencing jurors if they appear to be so friendly with the judge that they give him (and the bailiff) post-trial gag chocolates shaped like breasts and penises. The U.S. Supreme Court in January ordered a lower court to consider a rehearing request from convicted killer Marcus Wellons of Georgia. (2) Seattle-area resident Patricia Sylvester, on trial for vehicular assault in October, was declared "not guilty" by the jury, but her sense of relief quickly faded. Polling the jurors individually, the judge learned that the verdict was not unanimous, as required by law. He sent them back to deliberate further, and Sylvester was this time unanimously found "guilty" (although of a lesser charge).

TODAY IN HISTORY

1975 for the first time, ever, the Zapruder film of the Kennedy assassination was shown in motion to a national TV audience by Robert J. Groden and Dick Gregory.

1975 Algiers Accord: Iran and Iraq announce a settlement of their border dispute.

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