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Administration shake-up at Samohi

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SAMOHI Five members of the Santa Monica High School administration, including the principal, will be leaving the school by the end of the year, district officials said Thursday.

The changes are part of a comprehensive review of the skill sets needed at each of the schools to move forward with changes to student assessments, technology and refinements to how Samohi is organized, and not a reflection on the work of the administrators, said Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Superintendent Sandra Lyon.

"We've been fortunate to have truly outstanding administrators who have done great work for and given their hearts and souls to each of the schools. None of this is done lightly," Lyon said. "I'm looking for the right combination of skills and collaborative pieces to do what I think we need to do in

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State Senate OKs money for gun seizure program

DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. Legislation approved Thursday by the state Senate would send more money to a program unique to California that seizes guns from people who are prohibited from having them, a number that has risen to nearly 20,000.

The bill authorizes $24 million for the state Department of Justice's Armed and Prohibited Persons program, which is the only one of its kind in the nation. It prohibits gun ownership for people convicted of a felony or a violent misdemeanor, who are subject to a domestic violence restraining order or who are determined to be mentally unstable.

The department has confiscated more than 10,000 weapons under the program since 2006 but has a backlog of nearly 20,000 people because it has too few agents to go after the weapons. Those individuals own about 39,000 handguns and 1,600 assault weapons, said Sen. Mark Leno, D-San Francisco, the author of SB140.

The additional money would come from a surplus in fees paid for firearms purchases. It would let the department hire six supervisors, 30 special agents and support staff to create six new teams to seize the weapons.

They use a computerized system that cross-matches five databases to identify people who bought guns but are not allowed to own them.

It's the first bill to be considered by the

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SO TASTY

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Diane Christiansen from The Mark For Events catering serves up crostinis on Thursday during the Planned Parenthood Los Angeles Guild's Food Fare at the Civic Auditorium.



HOLIDAY INN

Downtown hotel gets new name

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN The Holiday Inn proposed for a facelift in Downtown can expect a change of name now, as well.

The hotel, owned by FelCor Lodging Trust Inc., is one of eight Holiday Inn properties that converted to the Wyndham Hotels and Resorts brand as of March 1.

The Wyndham Hotel Group will provide

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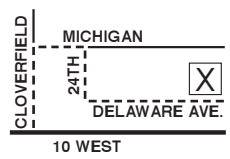
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2443 Main St., 5 p.m.
The opening reception for a $100 art sale will feature selected works from local and emerging artists. White wine and freshly popped popcorn will be served. Admission is free. For more information, call (310) 314-8038.

Stairway to the stars
Barnum Hall
601 Pico Blvd., 5:30 p.m.
The 64th annual Stairway to the Stars concert is underway. The three-day concert series will have its final performance of the year on Friday. Over 1,000 students are involved in the event that spotlights the talents of the public school district's music students. Tickets are on sale for $15. For more information, visit smmusd.org.

Students behind the camera
Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave., 7:30 p.m.
Fifty public and private schools in California are showcasing their films from 2012 at the sixth annual Screen Student Film Festival. Winners will receive a Cinematheque membership, among other prizes. Screenings begin at 8 p.m. For more information, visit pacificachristian.org/screen.

Saturday, March 9, 2013

'The Emperor's New Clothes'
The Little Theater
12420 Santa Monica Blvd., 1 p.m.
The Los Angeles Children's Theater's adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen's classic fairy tale "The Emperor's New Clothes" opens. Running at a fast paced 45 minutes this hilarious romp will keep children laughing throughout the whole thing. Admission is $15. Tickets may be purchased in advance at emperorsclothes.brownpapertickets.com.

A night of music
Barnum Hall
601 Pico Blvd., 7:30 p.m.
Santa Monica Symphony showcases three of the greatest works from the Romantic Era: Berlioz's "Roman Carnival Overture," Rachmaninov's "Third Piano Concerto," and Brahms' "Second Symphony." Music director Guido Lamell conducts in Barnum Hall. Admission is free, donation accepted in the foyer. For more information, call (310) 395-6330.

Texting melodies
McCabe's Guitar Shop
3101 Pico Blvd., 8 p.m.
In the last decade, Erin McKeown has averaged 200 stage shows a year. McKeown has made appearances on "Late Night with Conan O'Brien," NPR, and BBC. The musician has even written a song via text message with Rachel Maddow. McKeown's dynamic show, combined with her ability to bridge genres has garnered her international acclaim. Tickets are on sale for $16. For more information, call (310) 828-4497.

Sunday, March 10, 2013

Jazz it up
Mt. Olive Lutheran Church
1343 Ocean Park Blvd., 5 p.m.
This weekend enjoy The Anthony Wilson Trio featuring guitarist Anthony Wilson with Josh Nelson and Darek Oles. Free admission, childcare and parking. For more information, call (310) 452-1116

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

DOWNTOWN

Myeloma awareness month

Santa Monica Mayor Pam O'Connor and the City Council have declared March Myeloma Awareness Month.

Myeloma, also known as multiple myeloma, is an incurable cancer found in bone marrow that impacts blood cell production, kidney function and can lead to anemia.

Other cities around the country are following suit. This year more than 45 cities, five counties, Washington state and Delaware have issued proclamations.

"This recognition is important to me because when I was diagnosed with myeloma I had never heard of it. The proclamation will raise public awareness and help others," said Paula Union a Santa Monica resident diagnosed with myeloma last year.

In the United States there are approximately 100,000 myeloma patients and an estimated 22,350 will be diagnosed in 2013, according to the International myeloma Foundation. Despite these statistics there is a widespread lack of public awareness about the disease.

"We appreciate Mayor O'Connor's and the City Council's help in raising awareness of myeloma," Union said.

– HENRY CRUMBLISH

THIRD STREET

Palihouse hotel on the way

The stylish hotelier Avi Brosh, the mind behind Palihouse West Hollywood and Palihotel on Melrose Avenue, has given tourists something to look forward to this summer with his purchase of the Embassy Hotel apartments in Santa Monica.

Brosh, who has not widely advertised his purchase, has already begun renovating the property.

The Palihouse Santa Monica which is slated to open this June is billed as a 36-room "beach lodge," which will include classic guest suites, studio, one-bedroom and two-bedroom residences.

Big spenders will likely want to stay in the residences which start at 600-square-feet and go up to 2,850-square feet.

Opening rates will range from $350 to $1,500 per night. The hotel is currently open as the Embassy but will close for good on April 15. It will reopen as the Palihouse Santa Monica in June.

– HC

MAIN STREET

Santa Monica Parks and Rec wins award

The Recreation and Parks Commission of Santa Monica was named the outstanding Recreation and Parks Commission of 2012 in California by the California Association of Park and Recreation Commissioners and Board Members.

This is the first time in Santa Monica history that the Recreation and Parks Commission has achieved the statewide honor.

The commission is being acknowledged for its excellence in tackling challenging problems using innovative solutions and establishing more open and green space for Santa Monica citizens.

"This is an award that recognizes our staff and the very involved citizens of Santa Monica," said chair of the Recreation and Parks Commission, Phil Brock.

In the past year the commission has pushed forward solutions in bike safety, pedestrian safety, green streets, a state-of-the-art park, and environmentally sound concepts for development in the city.

– HC

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL

Samohi survives mad Narbonne rally

Vikings advance to face Pali in second round of state playoffs

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor



Morgan Genser *editor@smdp.com*

D-UP: **Samohi's Quinton Foshag (left) defends Narbonne's Eban Jackson on Wednesday at home. Samohi would win the first round state playoff game, 73-68.**

SAMOHI For three quarters, Santa Monica was firmly in control of Narbonne.

Samohi's pressing defense and high-octane offense flummoxed Narbonne to the tune of a 24-point advantage late in the third quarter.

Then, the fourth quarter happened.

No. 16 seed Narbonne mounted a furious comeback in the first round of the CIF State Boys Division I Basketball Championships only to come up short against the No. 1 team in the Southern California bracket, 73-68.

The late run didn't sit well with Samohi head coach James Hecht, who plans on using the experience as a learning tool as the Vikings prepare for a second round tilt with long-time rival Palisades.

"Hats off to Narbonne, they could have easily took the foot off the gas," Hecht said. "I think we're just lucky that the time expired. They had the momentum that we just couldn't get back in our favor."

Hecht couched the late-game letdown as being a symptom of an emotional week that peaked with Saturday's win in the CIF-Southern Section Division 1A final over El Toro and continued through the first round on Thursday.

The first three quarters of the game gave little indication to what was to come in the final frame. Samohi senior Jordan Mathews did his usual thing, leading all scorers with 21 points at half-time, propelling the Vikings to a 37-23 cushion at the break.

It was more of the same during the third quarter as Samohi amassed a comfortable 57-33 edge with 2:17 left in the period. Hecht rested a number of starters, including Mathews and final most valuable player Trevis Jackson, giving Narbonne a little breathing room.

Narbonne was able to chip at the lead, forcing Hecht to return his starters to the floor to end the third. The period ended with Samohi holding what seemed to be a commanding 59-41 advantage.

Once the fourth quarter began it was obvious Narbonne had a renewed urgency.

Point guard Uchenna Okeneme led Narbonne as they countered Samohi's slowed down tempo with a fast-break attack that continued to whittle away at the Vikings' lead.

Making matters worse, Samohi missed three out of four free throws in the final minute that gave Narbonne reason to continue its push.

Once time expired, Narbonne head coach Dominique Street was

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In the land of lambs and frogs

Editor:

Re: "Californians may pay the nation's highest gas taxes," March 2-3.

For those few who may be unaware of the state's most recent tax hike on gas, "the state Board of Equalization voted Thursday to increase the excise tax from 36 cents to 39.5 cents per gallon ... ." Why? "[P]artly to offset tax losses because Californians are using less gas." Let's re-read that again: "[B]ecause Californians are using less gas." OMG! So, this government agency (which the public has no control over how it votes and what it proposes) is penalizing us for conserving our petrol fuel footprint, and we now must pay a higher price for this? I don't care how many times I think about that I find this offensive to my intelligence.

Obviously the board cannot manage its present financial needs without passing an increased tax onto its environmentally-conscious citizens who are doing a better job at managing their financial needs! Besides that, these very same gas-saving (seen by the board as tax-saving) individuals have been doing their part to provide cleaner air by using more efficient cars. The government encouraged our involvement to do more by awarding privileged driving lanes, cash incentives, tax incentives, etc. and car manufacturers responded by offering what seemed like a great idea — and it worked! It was a win/win for everyone, but not for the State Board of Equalization, apparently.

So what did we do wrong to warrant a higher tax base for what we were asked to do and what our higher conscious demanded? Nothing. Instead of rewarding us with a reduced cost in taxes, they raised taxes.

Think about this. Fifteen years ago gas was just under $2 a gallon and in great supply. The board operated just fine back then. Since 1997 the price of gas has more than doubled. Yet the board is now asking for even more money for their budget, making California the highest fuel-taxed state in the nation. Yet, aren't we also the number one state (per population percentage) which has done more to minimize pollution by alternative and innovative methods? How about if we cut out legislative pollution by firing some of them? That would save the state millions and send a message to those who remain to get with the flow of what is good for our state, not what money is needed for the good of the state.

Now we will be penalized by a 3.5-cents increased tax. That is a fact. Why not $5 a gallon? Because there would be a revolution. They don't want that; the sheep would become alarmed.

A better analogy of this would be that of a frog. I have never done this, but it is a fact that if you place a frog in boiling water it would quickly jump out. However, if you place a frog in cold water and then raise the temperature gradually to boiling it will stay there until it has expired.

Over 200 years ago our reasons were less valid to dispute a tea tax than our present need to cry out over this increased gas tax.

Oh, but I forgot, we are a nation of lambs and frogs, not revolutionaries anymore, whose only noise is a silent "baa" or a questioning "ribbet" as we sit still in the warming water.

Jim Barden
Marina del Rey, Calif.



Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

Leave it to Bieber

THIS WEEK I HAD INTENDED TO WRITE about the devastating and unnecessary sequester that has Washington, D.C. gridlocked, but another event has forced me to take a temporary detour. You see, last Friday was Justin Bieber's 19th birthday.

Unfortunately it turned out so miserably that he tweeted "Worst birthday ever!" Being the guru of pop culture that I am I had to investigate.

The Biebs was on tour in merry old England, which didn't turn out so merry. With his birthday approaching he planned a bodacious bash at London's Cirque du Soir nightclub. I had never heard of the place so I went on the Internet.

According to their website, "Cirque Du Soir brings the most exclusive circus to London. Be welcomed at the door by the ringmaster and escorted downstairs by the Cirque clown and our goblin dwarf. You will be mesmerized by fire eaters, aerial acts and the burlesque angle grinder launching sparks off an electric guitar." Frankly, nothing says happy birthday to me more than giant sparks off an electric guitar while I'm dining.

But among Justin's invited guests were two who were underage. Uh, oh. One was Biebs' new rumored flamed, Ella-Paige Roberts Clarke. If you Google Ella's photo, you might be surprised. For white-bread Biebs I was expecting a cute, demure Selena Gomez type. Well, Ella appears to be more the Beyonce "take no prisoners" type.

The other underage guest was Jaden Smith, Will Smith and Jada Pinkett's oldest son, who starred in the 2010 movie "The Karate Kid" and, like Ella, also has four names. Jaden Christopher Syre Smith was born in 1998. At 14 he's rumored to be "romancing" Kylie Jenner, the "Keeping Up with the Kardashians" star. Other than "who cares?" this raises the question, what is 14-year-old Jaden doing partying in London? And where were Will and Jada?

On the night of Biebs' big bash, unfortunately security stopped Jaden and Ella from entering the Cirque. As he's wont to do, Justin threw a huge tantrum, canceled the party and later angrily tweeted, "Worst birthday ever!" (A less poetic version of "It's my party and I'll cry if I want to.")

Meanwhile, back in L.A., Biebs "BFF" (best friend forever, or until further notice) Lil Twist was pulled over on the 101 Freeway by the CHP. (Surprise, surprise, Lil Twist is a rapper.) He was driving the Biebs' luxury hybrid sports sedan, the Karma. Given the circumstances, what a perfect name.

According to the police report, Lil Twist was pulled over for an unsafe lane change but that charge was dropped. Whew. But Biebs' windows are evidently excessively tinted so when he comes back to the states he's got some un-tinting to do.

This isn't the first problem of Lil Twist in a Biebermobile. On the evening of New Year's Day he was driving Biebs' Ferrari when he was pulled over again. Moments later a paparazzo was hit by another car and killed! Forgive me but Lil Twist sounds like the modern-day Eddie Haskell.

Unfortunately, it appears that Biebs was still rattled at Monday's London concert. As described in the British press as "disgusting behaviour," Bieber was two hours late "leaving hundreds of young girls crying and heartbroken after being forced to leave without seeing Baby singer."

FRANKLY, I'M CONVINCED THAT THE GOP DOESN'T WANT A GOOD ECONOMY, AT LEAST NOT NOW. THAT WOULD MEAN HILLARY WINS IN 2016.

Crying and heartbroken brings me back to the sequester and Congress. Am I trying to compare a severely spoiled, self-indulgent, seemingly out of control and shallow pop singer to the Republican majority in the House? Actually yes, but without the talent. (Unless you count Speaker Boehner's crying as some sort of talent.)

The Senate is not much better. The Democratic majority was trying to pass a bill that, if ratified by the House and signed by the president, would solve the sequester. But the GOP minority saw fit to filibuster so that the bill was never even voted on. In fact, since Obama took office, Senate Republicans have filibustered more than at any time since southern segregationists employed the tactic to block civil rights legislation.

Frankly, I'm convinced that the GOP doesn't want a good economy, at least not now. That would mean Hillary wins in 2016. Another egregious example is that 87 percent of the country wants universal background checks on gun purchases, but the GOP is blocking that, too. Since they can't win elections they've turned obstructionism into an art form.

But there is a glimmer of hope. Wednesday, to discuss the nation's budget woes, President Obama took a dozen GOP senators out to dinner at the Jefferson Hotel in downtown D.C. (If you're wondering who picked up the tab, we did.) As opposed to Biebs' botched birthday bash, I hope and pray all went well at the Jefferson. Put it this way, we're all in trouble if the president tweets, "Worst dinner ever."

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Death of lion lover spurs state, federal scrutiny

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Associated Press

DUNLAP, Calif. A 24-year-old intern who was described by her father as a "fearless" lover of big cats ventured into a lion enclosure at a privately owned zoo and was mauled to death, prompting investigations by several government agencies that want to know how the accident happened.

Dianna Hanson, whose Facebook page is plastered with photos of her petting tigers and other big cats, was frustrated that the exotic cat zoo in California where she had worked since January did not allow direct contact with animals, her father told The Associated Press.

"She was disappointed because she said they wouldn't let her into the cages with the lion and tiger there," Paul Hanson, a Seattle-area attorney, said about Cat Haven, the site of the deadly mauling Wednesday.

The owner of 100-acre site in the Sierra Nevada foothills said Thursday that safety protocols were in place but he would not discuss them because they are a part of the law enforcement investigation. Dale Anderson said that he's the only person allowed in the enclosure when lions are present.

"We want to assure the community that we have followed all safety protocols," said Anderson said. "We have been incident-free since 1998 when we opened."

Friends of Dianna Hanson recalled her passion for cat conservation.

"She was lovely, energetic, athletic. She did everything she could to help our conservation efforts," said Kat Combes of the Soysambu Conservancy in Kenya, where Hanson recently had volunteered to work in the Cheetah Research Center.

For reasons still being investigated, Dianna Hanson entered the enclosure of a male African lion named Cous Cous on a day that Cat Haven, 45 miles east of Fresno, was closed to the public.

The 5-year-old lion, which had lived at the park since it was a cub, attacked Hanson and was later shot by Fresno County sheriff's deputies who were trying to reach her body.

Autopsy results revealed the reddish-haired young woman died quickly of a broken neck, possibly from a paw swipe by the 550-pound lion, and the numerous bites and scratches she sustained were inflicted after she died.

"Which means the young lady ... wasn't alive when the lion was tossing the body about," said Fresno County Coroner David Hadden. "We think the lion hit her with his paw and that's what fractured her neck."

Cous Cous lived in a large enclosure with a 10-year-old lioness named Pele, who was present during the attack. The enclosure includes a smaller cage where the animals can be confined for feeding or when the larger space is being cleaned.

When the attack occurred, Anderson said that he and two other Cat Haven workers had left to take a cheetah to exhibit at a local school. Hanson and another worker were left behind.

Whether Hanson ignored orders or was performing a function that placed her in danger is being investigated by Cal-OSHA, which also is trying to determine if employees were properly instructed about potential danger, as required.

"There should have been procedures that very clearly stated what the employees were required to do in order to not get killed," said agency spokesman Peter Melton, who added that documentation about the warning had not yet been provided by Cat Haven.

In addition, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which enforces the federal Animal Welfare Act, is also looking to understand why the lion turned on the intern.

"We're looking at whether the animal was acting in a manner leading up to that situation that maybe the staff should have been aware of," spokesman Dave Sacks said. "Was it being fed properly? Was it under undue stress?"

USDA inspectors conduct multiple unannounced inspections of Cat Haven every year and never had found a violation, Sacks said. Federal regulations pertain only to animal treatment and do not "cover every single instance of what a facility can and cannot do," he said.

A necropsy on the lion is being performed at the California Animal Health and Food Safety Lab in Tulare.

Cat Haven breeds and keeps lions, tigers, jaguars, lynx and other exotic cats and takes them out for public appearances. A recent television report showed a reporter petting one of the animals. It does not hold voluntary accreditation from the Association of Zoos & Aquariums, said Senior Vice President Steve Feldman, or by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries. Both set standards for members.

"There are very clear standards for care," said Adam Roberts of Born Free USA, part of the federation.

The Q Line

Coming attractions

A Frank Gehry-designed hotel has been proposed for Ocean Avenue. The 22-story hotel would also include condominiums.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
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management services, and each of the eight sites, spread throughout the country, will undergo major renovations, according to a release by FelCor.

FelCor announced the change in January, and has approached City Hall with plans for a 195-foot tower as part of a redevelopment for the site.

The subject popped up at Wednesday's Planning Commission meeting when Tom Corcoran, chairman of FelCor's board, came in person to raise concerns about circulation pieces of the Downtown Specific Plan, a planning effort that will determine how development, pedestrian and vehicular access play out in the Downtown.

Although he came to ensure that guests would have the option to enter and exit the new hotel off of Main Street rather than Colorado Avenue, Planning Commissioner Richard McKinnon engaged Corcoran on development plans for the site before Deputy City Attorney Barry Rosenbaum could corral the conversation back to the agendized topic.

McKinnon asked Corcoran at what point the company would give up on plans for so large a development on the site, asserting that the existing Holiday Inn is profitable.

"It does make money, it's not like we have to do it," Corcoran said. "It's just the right thing to do long term."

For all its prime location overlooking the Pacific Ocean and key position near Downtown, Santa Monica Pier and future Exposition Light Rail terminus, the hotel itself is significantly flawed, Corcoran said.

"Why would you have a building with a wall facing the ocean with no windows?" Corcoran said. "If you do it right, you will enhance the overall appeal to what Santa Monica is doing now in what is now a very ugly building."

Wyndham Worldwide Corporation promised FelCor $100 million over the 10-year term of the agreement, which includes a renewal option, with an annual guarantee of up to $21.5 million that ensures a minimum operating income for the eight hotels, according to a FelCor release.

"This is a great opportunity for Wyndham Hotel Group to significantly increase our presence without significant capital outlays," said Eric Danziger, president and CEO of the Wyndham Hotel Group.

MORE ROOMS AT THE INN

The number of proposed new hotels and renovations to existing properties in Santa Monica has boomed over the last year.

The Fairmont Miramar hotel is trying to pull off a rebuild of the majority of its site, and the Worthe Real Estate Group and M. David Paul Associates have proposed a new luxury hotel designed by famed architect Frank Gehry where Santa Monica Boulevard meets Ocean Avenue.

Two moderately-priced hotels — a Courtyard by Marriott and Hampton Inn — are planned for the intersection at Colorado Avenue at Fifth Street, and hotels have been proposed for the Bergamot area.

The City Council also voted in February to consider hotels before other kinds of development for their combination of money-making potential and relatively low traffic impact.

City Hall charges a 14 percent tax on hotel rooms, which generated $36 million in fiscal year 2010-11 for the general fund.

In the summer of 2012, Santa Monica was rated the second most expensive hotel destination in the country by Cheaphotels.org, second only to Newport, R.I. It cost an average $287 to stay in one of Santa Monica's central hotels, compared to $319 for the eastern town.

Although Santa Monica's hotels are pricey, they're almost always booked.

According to the Santa Monica Convention and Visitors Bureau, hotels boasted an 82 percent occupancy in July 2012, topping projections from 2011 and actuals from 2010 in a report on lodging statistics compiled by PKS Consulting for nearby cities.

Misti Kerns, president and CEO of the Convention and Visitors Bureau, said that the Holiday Inn was consistently ranked as one of the best performing hotels in the "upper midscale" segment by Smith Travel Research.

"With a prime location and booming destination, it's no surprise that another hotel group wanted this property," she said. "We wish them well and look forward to working with them."

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the years ahead."

House principals Jason Kurtenbach, Renee Semik and Stephen Franklin told their teachers and staff on Wednesday that they would be leaving the district, and Principal Laurel Fretz announced her own departure in an e-mail to parents Thursday at noon.

They were given "varied options" for the ensuing school year, Lyon said.

House principal Clara Herran will assume the role of assistant principal at John Adams Middle School.

Eva Mayoral, the current JAMS principal, will take over Samohi beginning in the fall, and her assistant principal, Florence Culpepper, will join her as a house principal of the high school.

Will Rogers Learning Community Principal Steve Richardson will take Mayoral's spot as the principal at JAMS.

In an e-mail to parents, Lyon cautioned that the departure of administrators should not be seen as a move to dismantle the system of houses, designed to break the 3,000-person school into smaller units to better serve students and create a sense of community.

"My goal with the house system is to ensure that there is consistency in how those houses operate and that each of us can articulate exactly why the house system works, how it works and how it benefits our students," Lyon wrote.

In a letter to the Samohi community, Fretz praised the outgoing administrators and touted improvements in academics and changes in instruction that have occurred over the past two years.

Indeed, a composite number representing standardized test scores at Samohi called the Academic Performance Index has risen from 804 out of a maximum 1,000 in 2011 to 823 in 2012, according to the California Department of Education.

Student achievement on the California Standards Test, or CST, went up in geometry, U.S. History, 10th grade life science, chemistry and physics.

Latino and African-American students as well as those with disabilities, English learners and low-income students all saw gains in some categories of English and mathematics.

"Together, we set goals and met them. Samohi is a great place to teach and a great place to learn," Fretz wrote.

Fretz was hired in the summer of 2011 after former Principal Hugo Pedroza

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CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Arrest made in attempted purse snatching

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 22, 2012,
Officers responded to the 1500 block of Alley 9 regarding a report of an attempted robbery. When officers arrived they made contact with a woman who said that she was walking in the alley when a man ran up from behind her and pushed her to the ground. The suspect then allegedly hit and kicked the woman as he tried to grab her purse. Several people witnessed the attack, police said. The suspect eventually gave up and ran away without the purse. A report was taken and forensics collected evidence at the scene. A suspect was identified through DNA collected at the scene and a warrant was issued. On March 1, 2013 officers responded to the LAPD Hollywood Division to take custody of the suspect. He was booked for attempted robbery. He was identified as John Snyder, 30, a transient. His bail was set at $50,000.

MONDAY, FEB. 25, AT 1:01 A.M.,
Officers conducted a traffic stop on a green Chevy Blazer on the 900 block of Second Street after they observed that the rear license plate lamp was not working. During the stop the driver told officers that he did not have any identification on him because he lost his wallet. He allegedly provided two false names and dates of birth before telling them his true name. Officers searched the suspect and said they found cocaine and Adderall. He was placed under arrest for possession of a controlled substance, driving on a suspended license and providing false information to a police officer. He was identified as Daniel Jimenez, 23, of Los Angeles. His bail was set at $10,000.

TUESDAY, FEB. 26, AT 10:40 P.M.,
Officers responded to Marine Park on the report of three teenagers tagging a utility building in the park. When officers arrived they saw two guys and one woman using markers to write on a building. As soon as the suspects saw the cops they ran behind the building. Officers ordered the suspects to return to the scene and they complied. All were placed under arrest for graffiti. One of the suspects was found to be in possession of Xanax without a prescription. Two of the suspects were 17 years old and were cited and released to their parents. The third suspect was booked for possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, vandalism and a probation violation. He was identified as Dante West, 18, of Santa Monica. No bail was set.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 27, AT 9:05 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 500 block of Adelaide Drive regarding a report of someone trying to gain entry onto a property. When officers arrived they saw the suspect on the sidewalk. When they tried to talk with him he allegedly ran away. Officers quickly caught up to him and detained him. Officers spoke with the person who called police. They told officers that the suspect was found on the gated property and he wanted him arrested for trespassing. The suspect was booked for resisting arrest and two additional warrants. He was identified as Samuel Gaddis, 22, a transient. His bail was set at $10,483.

THURSDAY, FEB. 28, AT 4:35 P.M.,
Officers responded to a home on the 1600 block of Appian Way regarding a report of domestic violence. When officers arrived they interviewed two people who were involved in a romantic relationship and were living together. Based on the investigation, officers learned that both were arguing with each other and at one point it turned physical, with both suffering minor injuries. Since cops could not determine who was at fault they placed both women under arrest for domestic violence. They were identified as Rebecca Hathaway, 39, and Amy Christensen, 41; both of Santa Monica. Bail was set at $50,000.

SATURDAY, MARCH 2, AT 3:05 P.M.,
Officers responded to a home located on the 700 block of Pier Avenue regarding a report of a burglary in progress. When officers arrived they found that the suspect was being detained by one of the residents. The residents – a boyfriend and girlfriend – told officers that they were in the back of their apartment when they heard the suspect open a door. The boyfriend confronted him. The suspect said he was looking for a friend and tried to leave. The boyfriend pushed the suspect to the ground while his girlfriend called police. The couple said a guitar in the home was out of place but nothing was stolen. The suspect was placed under arrest for burglary and an outstanding warrant. He was identified as Michael Handler, 53, a transient. His bail was set at $51,508.

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, AT 5 P.M.,
Officers were on patrol near Broadway and Alley 11 when they saw a man riding a bike on the sidewalk in violation of the Santa Monica Municipal Code. He was stopped for the violation and consented to a search. Officers said they found several syringes and a spoon. Officers placed the man under arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia. He was identified as Abel Torres-Saenz , 38, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at $500.

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announced his intention to leave the school. She came onboard at a time when the Samohi community was up in arms over allegations that an African-American member of the wrestling team had been the victim of a racial incident while on campus.

Race and gang-related tensions persisted through the beginning of 2012, leading Fretz to spearhead an effort to bring an ethnic studies program to the campus.

Outgoing house president Semik created the "Campus Conversations" program, which began dialogues to analyze values around race, gender, power, equity, intelligence and participation in the community, Fretz said Thursday.

Fretz has also been at the center of some controversy over the dismissal of a popular photography teacher and overseen significant changes in the Athletics Department, including the loss of a baseball coach and switch up in the role of athletic director.

While some parents are pleased with Fretz' performance, others have looked askance on her time at Samohi, and saying she "systematically slashed" programs in both academics and sports.

The woman who will be taking up the reins at the district's biggest school, Mayoral, has been there before.

Mayoral served as house principal at Samohi from the fall of 2004 to summer of 2010 before becoming the principal at JAMS. Though her "heart is breaking" to leave the middle school that she loves, Mayoral said she's excited to return to Samohi.

She plans to continue building on the work that Fretz has begun and ensure that Samohi has systems in place to support high-achieving, average and low-achieving students.

"I'm excited to take on the challenges and opportunities to help Samohi embrace and support all kids. I hope what I bring is something that can do that," she said.

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GUNS
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Legislature from among the dozens of gun control measures introduced after recent mass shootings, particularly the Newtown, Conn., school massacre.

"Knowing that there are 40,000 weapons out there today, if there were to be — heaven forbid — anything approaching the Newtown tragedy here in California by one of these 19,000-plus individuals, and we were sitting on $25 million, doing nothing with it because we were squabbling over this little point or this little point, I don't know how any of us would sleep at night," Leno said. "We have a chance to get those weapons now. The money's there."

The Senate passed the emergency legislation 31-0, with support from eight Republicans. The bill would take effect immediately if it is approved by the Assembly and signed by Democratic Gov. Jerry Brown.

Despite the bipartisan vote, some Republican lawmakers objected that the money should come from general taxes instead of the $19 fee on firearms purchases or transfers. The surplus shows that the fee should be reduced, said Sen. Ted Gaines, R-Roseville.

Sen. Jim Nielsen, R-Gerber, criticized the Department of Justice for not already spending the surplus to seize illegally held weapons, although Leno noted that the Legislature took $11.5 million from that fund to help close a budget deficit. The large surplus has accumulated in recent years only because so many people are buying weapons in anticipation of tighter gun controls, he said.

Nielsen abstained from voting on the bill, but Gaines and Sen. Joel Anderson, R-La Mesa, were among eight Republicans voting for it.

"This is not an easy decision for me," said Anderson, who supports gun-owners' rights but co-authored Leno's bill. "I'm making the best choice I can to protect my Second Amendment rights, but most importantly, to protect Californians. I can't sit idly by and allow 6-year-olds to be shot."

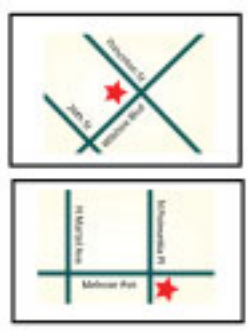
State Attorney General Kamala Harris has been promoting California's program as a model for national efforts to keep guns away from those who shouldn't have them.

Last month, Rep. Mike Thompson, a Democrat from St. Helena, introduced HR848 to create a U.S. Department of Justice grant program for states that want to develop programs similar to California's. The program cross-checks five computerized databases to find people who bought guns but are not permitted to own them.

Harris said she is not concerned that groups advocating for gun-owner rights could use the seizure program to stoke fears that California is confiscating firearms.

"They'd have to be desperate to make that kind of argument, which would be absolutely fallacious because the reality is this is not about taking the guns out of the hands of anyone other than people who are legally prohibited from owning or possessing guns, and in particular people who have been convicted of a felony or found by a court to be mentally ill," the attorney general said in a telephone interview.

She noted that the National Rifle Association supported the bipartisan bill in 2002 that created California's Armed and Prohibited Persons program.


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SWISH: **Samohi's Jordan Mathews rises up for a shot against Narbonne on Wednesday.**

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pleased with his team's rally, but regretted that it didn't begin just a touch earlier.

"We fought hard," Street said. "But, that's a good team over there. They are deserving of the No. 1 ranking."

There'll be little time to reflect on what could have been as Samohi readies for Palisades.

Sharing a border, both schools have a long history. The schools' football teams play each fall and the basketball programs once laced it up every season. Things have changed in recent years in terms of familiarity, but enough remains to give the game extra buzz.

"[Pali head coach] James Paleno and I have been friends for many years," Hecht said. "They have been playing some good basketball lately.

"There's no doubt that they will be up to play us."

The second round game is scheduled for Saturday at 7 p.m. at Samohi. Fans are being urged on a Facebook page set up for the event to arrive early, as a sellout is expected.

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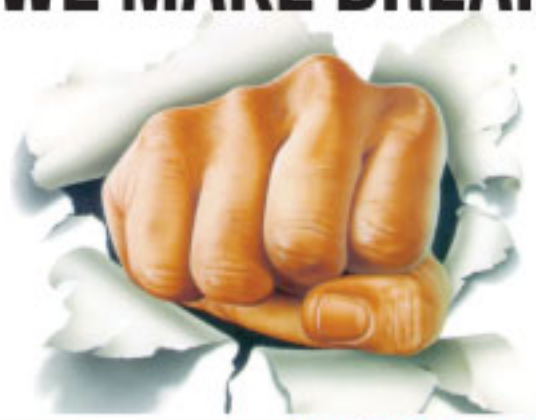
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Doing the group thing

LIVING IN LOS ANGELES AND BEING A fitness professional is an amazing career that I would have never imagined having growing up as a student athlete. Like most boys I wanted to be a football player or a fireman. However, once I met a real firefighter I realized the hazards of that career path were way too dangerous. So I focused on sports.

My sports dream was cut short due to injuries, but I knew I wanted to be in health and wellness as a profession. Cut to the mid 1990s when I moved to L.A. to strike my fortune in Hollywood. No, not as an actor, but a fitness pro. You see, the pulse of the city is entertainment and all celebrities want to look good (yup, even the character actors).

Lately the landscape of fitness training has changed due to a breadth of reasons, but most specifically the economy and the introduction of group fitness classes. So which is better for you, group or personal/private fitness? Well that depends on your goals.

As a group and private fitness trainer I believe they both have their pros and cons. In my recent experience the private one-on-one training has become reserved for physical therapy or injury recovery. Sure, I still have a great deal of clients who enjoy their one hour to have all the attention focused on them and they can dictate the pace of the workout, but honestly, too much chit chat takes place in the private sessions.

In a group fitness training session the pace of the class is dictated by the instructor. All of my group classes move at an incredibly quick pace or HIIT (high intensity interval training). Generally speaking, you will burn more calories in a group class and you will be using mostly body weight resistance exercises, whereas in a private gym training session you will be using freeweight or cable assisted machines.

Don't worry about watching the clock in a group fitness class. You won't have the time and when you do you'll be shocked how much time has passed and what you've accomplished. You want more bang for your buck? Well group classes are a fraction of the cost as a private training session, usually 60 to 75 percent less. What's more, it's like a "semi-private" training session anyway as most classes are as few as three or four and usually no larger than 10 to 12. Most of my group classes have turned into a fitness social hour. The group goes to battle together and comes out better, stronger and sweatier. Therefore you'll have your brothers (or sisters) in arms.

Forget about routine or boredom, as my classes change with every session. You never know what you're walking into when you enter my class. You'll learn a new skill from jump rope, suspension training, treadmill sprints, running stairs, light weight or band resistance for body sculpting and many more.

In short, if your mission is to lose weight, tone your body, learn a new fitness skill set and bond with other like-minded athletes, I strongly encourage group fitness to achieve your goals.

FIT BIT

Did someone say Chipotle? Sure it might be considered "fast food" but their burrito bowl served with chicken or steak and half the regular serving of brown rice is under 500 calories and truly filling. For the vegetarian in the group, sub fresh tomato salsa for a filling meal under 350 calories. Breakfast is served with a natural punch when you order a fresh-pressed juice from Whole Foods or Kreation Kafe off Montana Avenue. Most of their 16-ounce custom juices are packed with nutrients, filling and under 285 calories.

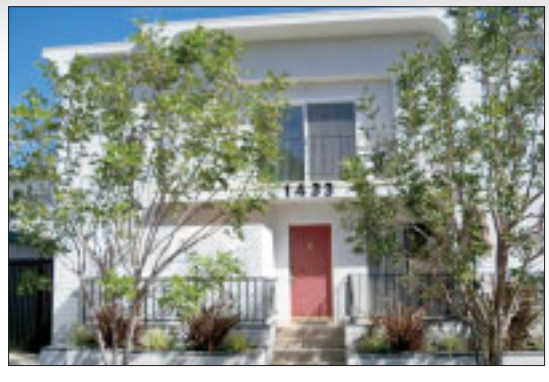
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Living a heart-healthy lifestyle

THERE ARE BEAUTIFUL, TONED, AND fit people everywhere you go in Santa Monica. They are carrying yoga mats, running and cycling along the boardwalk. They're inescapable.

For those of us who aren't elite athletes, what are some simple steps we can take to lead a more heart healthy lifestyle? After all, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more commonly known as the CDC, the leading cause of death in the United States and here in Los Angeles County is heart disease.

You've heard it time and again, but it can't be emphasized enough — quit smoking if you haven't already. If you are a longtime smoker quitting can be extremely difficult, even for the most well-intentioned. Most people need help. Talk to your doctor about smoking cessation aids, such as the nicotine patch or newer medications like Chantix to help you quit. Not only will quitting smoking stave off heart disease, but less fumes also means decreased risk for many cancers, more energy and in the long run, less wrinkles!

Let's move! Obviously physical activity and regular exercise are correlated with a healthier lifestyle. The American Heart Association (AHA) recommends at least 150 minutes per week of moderate exercise, averaging out to 20-25 minutes a day. This could equate to walking up and back the length of the Third Street Promenade daily. Alternatively, for those Santa Monicans short on time, this could be substituted for 75 minutes of vigorous exercise a week. Head to Clover Park to play some soccer or basketball, or join the vacationing joggers along the boardwalk.

The next step for a heart healthy lifestyle is to eat a healthy diet and maintain a healthy weight as advised by your doctor. According to the AHA, a healthy diet is rich in fruits and vegetables, contains at least two servings of fish per week, and is rich in nuts, legumes or seeds. Limiting sodium intake, as well as limiting consumption of saturated fats and processed meats, is important as well. Luckily, like quitting smoking, eating healthy meals at home can be a great way to save money as well.

Perhaps the hardest step to take to stave off heart disease is to manage your stress. We all live in this high paced world, and it can certainly affect our health. Find time to relax on a daily basis and make sure to find hobbies that bring you pleasure. Surfing anyone?

Finally, see your doctor regularly to make sure that your blood pressure and cholesterol are well controlled. Additionally, your doctor will check for signs of diabetes, an epidemic in our country and a leading cause of heart disease. And remember, watching "The Doctors" television show is certainly no substitute for physically seeing your own doctor.

Good luck and good health Santa Monica! Lucky for us we live in the ideal place to take the steps to lead a healthy lifestyle and beat heart disease!

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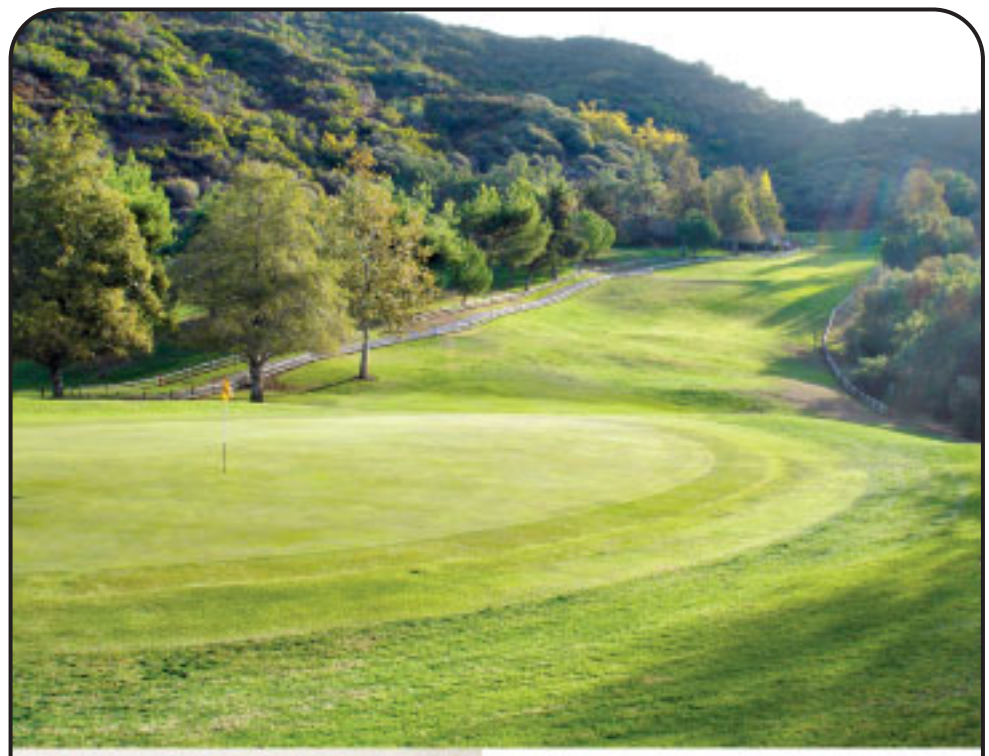
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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **57.7°**

THURSDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high
Minimal new WNW swell. Best for standout spots which are up to waist high on the sets late.

FRIDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high
Minimal WNW swell eases. Mostly shows for standout spots with 1-3' surf there

SATURDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high
Small WNW swell leftovers; possible long period NW swell forerunners late

SUNDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** thigh to chest high occ. 4ft
Long period WNW builds in; larger sets possible for standout spots

WIND / WEATHER

Colder air, more rain and steadily rising westerly winds due on Friday for generally poor conditions. At this point it looks like the onshores continue into Saturday morning, keeping the first half of the weekend on the poor side, then lighter winds and better conditions are due by Sunday.

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 27, 2013**

HEAL THE BAY - 1444 9th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 - beachreportcard.org - brc@healthebay.org - 800 HEAL BAY

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 8
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 5
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 28 / 31
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 0

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: simplehuman, LAcarGUY, SIMA, and Groueback Family Foundation

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
Los Cerritos Beach, at Arroyo Seguit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alles creeks.	ns	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	B
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Winter Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A	A+
Solstice Canyon at Geo Blocker County Beach.	A+	A+
Pearce State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Pearce Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A+	A
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (beach location) - daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	F
Los Flores State Beach at Los Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	C
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	A
Pena Creek at Los Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	F	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17208 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	A+
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).	A	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	D	A
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	A
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	A
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	A+
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	A+
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.	F	A
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A+	C
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	A+
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of CSAW 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
- **ns** -- no sample taken

Heal the Bay is a non-profit environmental organization dedicated to making Santa Monica Bay and Southern California coastal waters safe and healthy for people and marine life.

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The Beach Report Card is an indication of past water quality and is not a warranty of the current safety of those areas surveyed. Our lawyers are happy.

From video to field, Norwegian dubbed 'Kickalicious' eyes NFL

BERNIE WILSON
AP Sports Writer

SAN DIEGO Just call him "Kickalicious."

That's what coaches with the Detroit Lions did after they had too much trouble pronouncing Havard Rugland's name during a tryout earlier this week.

Rugland is the Norwegian Internet kicking sensation who hopes to parlay his incredible trick-shot video — which he called "Kickalicious" — into a dream job kicking for an NFL team.

Rugland is headed next to Michael Husted's pro kicking camp in Florida, where the goal is to be seen by more NFL teams.

Rugland feels his tryout went well, despite tweaking the hamstring in his powerful left leg. He's refined his kicking motion while working out with Husted in San Diego since having a tryout with the New York Jets in December. The 28-year-old feels he has a good shot at signing with an NFL team, even if it's not right away.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION BY THE SANTA MONICA REDEVELOPMENT SUCCESSOR AGENCY OVERSIGHT BOARD TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY ASSETS CONSTRUCTED AND USED FOR A GOVERNMENTAL PURPOSE TO THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION (A) OF HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTION 34181

On March 18, 2013, the Santa Monica Redevelopment Successor Agency Oversight Board ("Oversight Board") will consider a proposed action to authorize the transfer of ownership of real property assets constructed and used for a governmental purpose to the City pursuant to any existing agreements relating to the construction or use of that asset ("Proposed Action").

Address*	Government Purpose
1700 Main	public park
1673 Ocean Ave	public park
1665, 1667 and 1683 Ocean Ave	public right of way
1234 4th Street (Parking Structure 1)	public parking structure
1235 2nd Street (Parking Structure 2)	public parking structure
1318 and 1320 4th Street (Parking Structure 3)	public parking structure
1321 2nd Street (Parking Structure 4)	public parking structure
1440 4th Street (Parking Structure 5)	public parking structure
1431 2nd Street (Parking Structure 6)	public parking structure
320 Broadway (Parking Structure 7)	public parking structure
215 Colorado (Parking Structure 8)	public parking structure
2701 Barnard Way	public park and landscaped pathway
3275 Barnard Way	public landscape parkway
3285 and 3358 Barnard Way	public street and landscape parkway
2918 Barnard Way and 110 Pier	public street, bike path and park

*All addresses are located within the City of Santa Monica, California

WHAT: Santa Monica Redevelopment Successor Agency Oversight Board Public Meeting to consider the Proposed Action

WHERE: Ken Edwards Center
1527 4th Street, Room 100 B
Santa Monica, 90401

WHEN: Monday, March 18, 2013
5:30 p.m.

City of Santa Monica

MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
(310) 260-1528

Lenny (NR) 1hr 52 min
Slaughterhouse-Five (NR) 1hr 44min
7:30pm

Discussion between films with actress Valerie Perrine, moderated by Larry Karaszewski.

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
(888) 262-4386

Life of Pi 3D (PG) 2hrs 06min
1:00pm, 4:15pm, 7:05pm, 9:55pm

Django Unchained (R) 2hrs 45min
9:45pm

Argo (R) 2hrs 00min
1:15pm, 7:15pm

Escape from Planet Earth 3D (PG) 1hr 29min
1:55pm, 7:25pm

Escape from Planet Earth (PG) 1hr 29min
4:40pm

Lincoln (PG-13) 2hrs 30min
4:00pm, 10:00pm

Phantom (R) 1hr 37min
1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
(310) 451-9440

Jack the Giant Slayer (PG-13) 1hr 54min
11:25am, 2:25pm, 5:05pm, 7:50pm, 10:30pm

Jack the Giant Slayer 3D (PG-13) 1hr 54min
1:00pm, 4:05pm, 7:00pm

Zero Dark Thirty (R) 2hrs 37min
11:45am, 3:15pm, 6:50pm, 10:25pm

Good Day to Die Hard (R) 1hr 37min
11:10am, 1:40pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

Warm Bodies (PG-13) 1hr 37min
11:35am, 2:20pm, 5:05pm, 7:45pm, 10:20pm

Identity Thief (R) 1hr 51min
11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm

Oz The Great and Powerful in 3D (PG) 2hrs 07min
10:00pm

Snitch (PG-13) 1hr 52min
11:20am, 2:10pm, 5:00pm, 7:50pm, 10:30pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 478-3836

Bless Me, Ultima (PG-13) 1hr 46min
1:30pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

Amour (PG-13) 2hrs 07min
1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

Lore (NR) 1hr 49min
1:40pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 9:55pm

Quartet (PG-13) 1hr 37min
1:50pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

AMC Criterion 6
1313 Third St.
(310) 395-7910

Oz The Great and Powerful (PG) 2hrs 07min
9:00pm

Silver Linings Playbook (R) 2hrs 00min
11:15am, 1:45pm, 4:35pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm

21 and Over (R) 1hr 33min
11:40am, 2:20pm, 5:00pm, 7:40pm, 10:20pm

Side Effects (R) 1hr 46min
11:30am, 2:20pm, 5:00pm, 7:50pm, 10:40pm

Safe Haven (PG-13) 1hr 55min
11:15am, 2:05pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:40pm

Dark Skies (PG-13) 1hr 37min
11:50am, 2:40pm, 5:20pm

Last Exorcism Part II (PG-13) 1hr 28min
11:20am, 2:15pm, 4:45pm, 7:20pm, 10:00pm

For more information, e-mail news@smdp.com

Happy Birthday

Kate Burger: Local designer and stand up paddle queen

STAY CLOSE TO HOME TONIGHT, SCORP

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Listen to news. Events evoke a strong response. You might not be aware of your limits and choices, but you likely will decide that the best place to be is in charge. Look to your long-term goals. Tonight: TGIF.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Pressure builds. Step forward and handle situations your way. You might not be so sure of yourself once you dive into a personal matter. You will gain through your efforts. Tonight: Lead your friends into some fun playtime.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Others find you to be unusually fortunate and able to deal with various types of situations. Use your skills to listen to others, and also to get past an immediate issue. Your smile helps others trust you. Do not push past your limits. Tonight: Where the good times are.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Deal with others directly, and you'll get your desired response. Your instincts guide you as to how to handle a difficult situation. You also might want to schedule a personal meeting without others knowing about it. Tonight: Quality time with a loved one.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Note how many people are looking for you. You will have many sets of plans and options for company from which to choose. Your instincts tell you "the more, the merrier." Tonight: Do only want your heart desires.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ You could feel burdened by someone's requests, but you will do your best to meet them. Unfortunately, you might be the person left holding the bag at the end of the day. Do what you need to do. Follow through on an offer. Tonight: Do not take someone's comment personally.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Your playfulness emerges when dealing with others. You might want to rethink a personal matter and make an adjustment. When you change, others gradually seem to change as well. Tonight: Start your weekend right.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Your instincts point to working from home. Someone's quirky behavior might be the direct result of a perceived coldness from you. You have options; study each one, and consider the end results. It will be crucial to know what you want. Tonight: Stay close to your pad.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Use care with your finances once more, even if funds are on the plus side. Consider your checking account to be a train station, and your money the train. The train constantly is entering the station, but it leaves just as quickly. Tonight: Where the action is.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Watch what's happening with a loved one. An opinion you have held for a while could change as a result of a new experience. Be resourceful in how you approach others. Know that it will take an abundance of mental and/or physical energy to stay focused. Tonight: Head home early.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Decide to handle a personal matter directly. Understand more of what is happening within a key relationship. Others currently remain highly responsive to your energy. Tonight: Let it all hang out.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Consider taking at least part of today off, as you need some downtime. You have been pushing very hard for various reasons. Everyone has their limits -- you included. Be smart and take care of yourself. Tonight: Play it low-key.

Friday, March 8, 2013

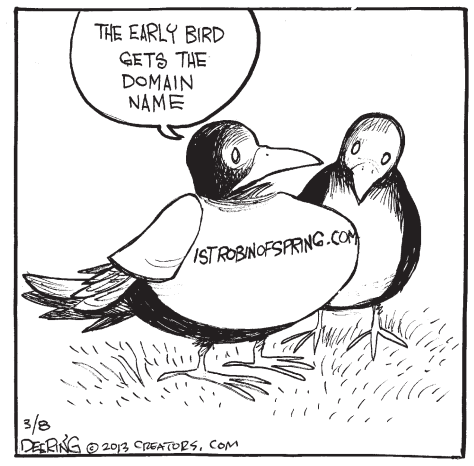
This year you might want to keep your own counsel more often. You will need time to center yourself, rethink situations and make important decisions. You also will enjoy your time more at home and with family. Moving into a new home or remodeling your current home adds to your pleasure. If you are single, some of you might tie the knot or move in with a new person. Romance definitely is in the air, especially in the summertime, when the love temperature rises. If you are attached, you enter a very romantic period. AQUARIUS points the way to new experiences.

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

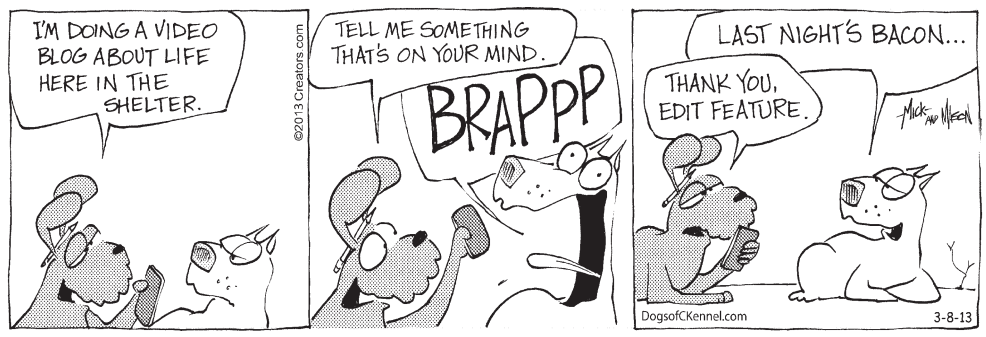
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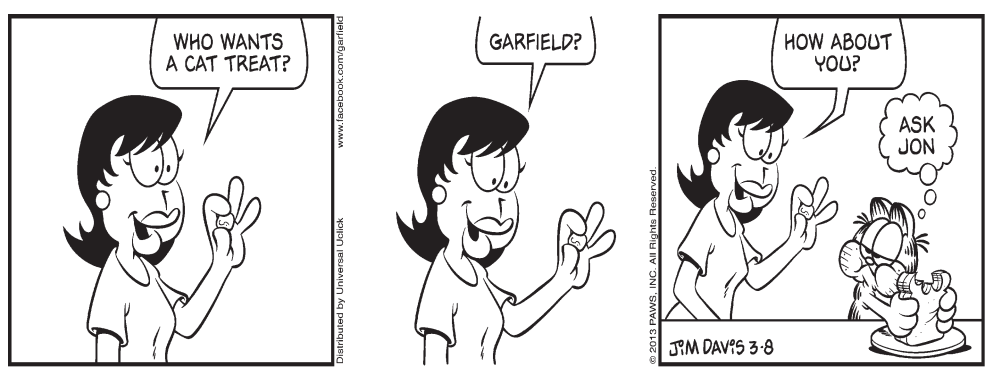
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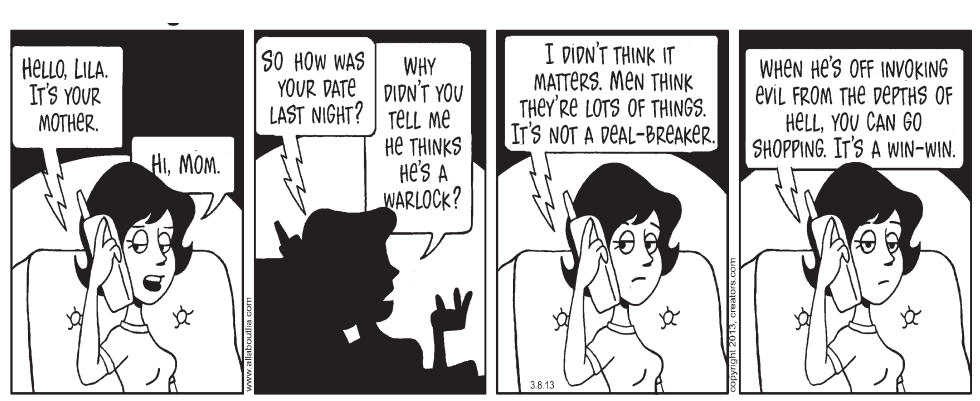
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By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



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By Jim Davis



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By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

By THOMAS JOSEPH

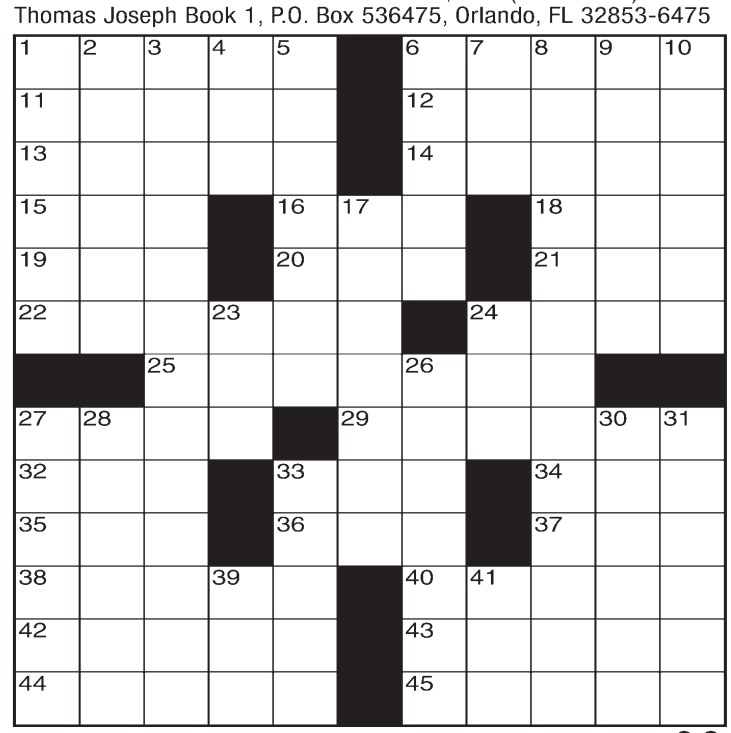
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19 Spring mo.
20 Young fox
21 Fiction
22 Fashions
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25 Carrot's cousin
27 Enjoy the pool
29 Subjects
32 Snapshot
33 Parrot or puppy
34 Friend of Fidel
35 Invite
36 MPG-rating grp.
37 Colo. neighbor
38 "Death-trap" co-star
40 Mix
42 2006 Olympics site
43 Slowly, in scores
44 Church parts
45 "Barnaby Jones" star

DOWN
1 Turkish rulers
2 Agree to
3 Telephone truck part
4 Family
5 House head
6 Mail in
7 Saloon supply
8 Shows with pointed toes
9 Blow one's top
10 Rocket sections
17 Blunder
23 Hurried flight
24 Try the tea
26 Famous person
27 Rival of Athens
28 Get smart
30 Modify
31 Forward, as a message
33 Hammer parts
39 Compete
41 Research site

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Yesterday's answer

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Lisa Biron's recent biography shows her to be a licensed lawyer in two states, practicing in Manchester, N.H., and also affiliated with a group of volunteer lawyers that advocates "religious liberty, the sanctity of life, and marriage and family," and issues warnings about the "homosexual agenda." (She recently represented a church in Concord, N.H., and served on the board of directors of a Christian school in Manchester.) In January, Biron was convicted in federal court in Concord on nine counts involving taking her teenage daughter to Canada and creating child pornography.

■ In September 2010, a speeding, intoxicated driver ran a stop sign near Dade City, Fla., careened off a highway, and rammed two trees along a private road, instantly killing himself and his passenger. In January, the estate of the passenger filed a lawsuit for wrongful death, charging the residents along the private road with letting the trees grow in a dangerous location where they could be easily hit, especially since the residents had failed to light the area adequately. "How it's our fault, I have no idea," said one surprised resident, who noted that the entire neighborhood had mourned the strangers at the time of the sad, traumatic collision.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1910 – French aviatrix Raymonde de Laroche becomes the first woman to receive a pilot's license.

1911 – International Women's Day is launched in Copenhagen, Denmark, by Clara Zetkin, leader of the Women's Office for the Social Democratic Party in Germany.

1916 – World War I: A British force unsuccessfully attempts to relieve the siege of Kut (present-day Iraq) in the Battle of Dujaila.

WORD UP!

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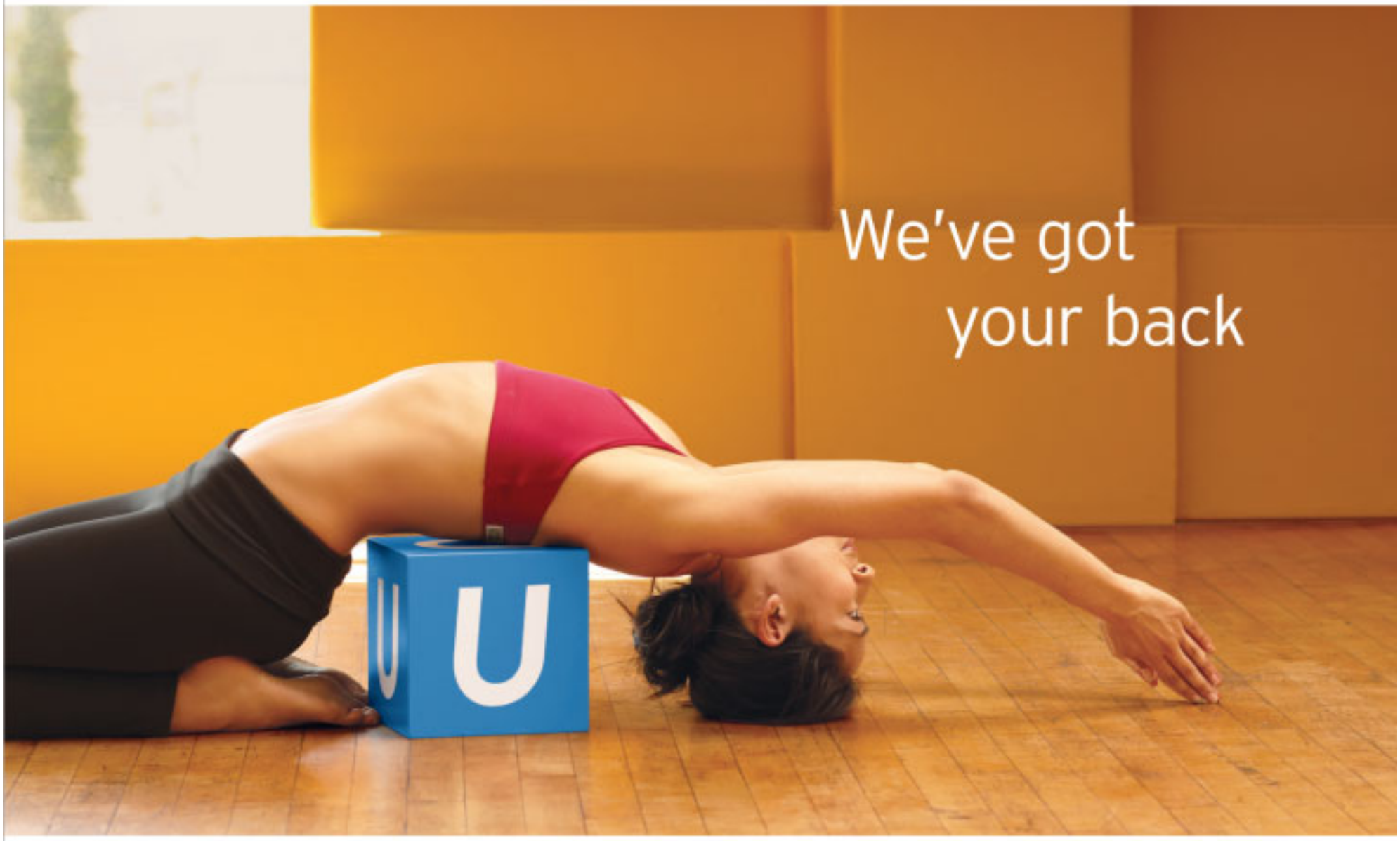
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