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THE LOTS OF NEWS ISSUE

Study: Elevated pollution levels near SM Airport

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

SM AIRPORT People who live and work near the Santa Monica Airport are being exposed to unusually high levels of air pollution, a significant health concern that has been largely associated with major commercial airports such as LAX, according to a new study by UCLA researchers.

The study, published Wednesday in the journal Environmental Science and Technology, found that emissions of ultrafine particles such as black carbon were 10 times higher than background levels about 100 yards downwind of the east end of the airport. The levels were 2.5 times higher at a distance of 660 meters, or roughly six football fields.

The study, one of only a handful to examine airborne pollutants near regional airports, suggests that officials should pay closer attention to these overlooked emissions, which could cause health problems for local residents.

Research has shown that those who are exposed to concentrated amounts of ultrafine particles are more prone to developing serious health problems, said Dr. Suzanne Paulson, one of the UCLA researches who authored the study.

"If I had family members who are or who have reason to be sensitive to air pollution, that would include asthmatic kids or people with respiratory disorders or people with heart problems, then I might consider relocating or possibly using an air purifier — at least keep the windows closed," Paulson said.

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City Council pursues Broad museum

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The Santa Monica City Council voted unanimously Tuesday to launch formal negotiations with art collector and philanthropist Eli Broad to secure the museum he intends to build on the Westside for his 2,000-piece contemporary art collection.

City Manager Lamont Ewell was given permission to initiate negotiations with the Broad Foundations to build the cultural facility on 2.5 acres between the Santa Monica Courthouse and Civic Auditorium, officially throwing its name into the hat for a project that is facing stiff competition from the city of Beverly Hills and a third unnamed municipality.

The nonprofit is comprised of the Broad Art Foundation and Eli and Edythe Broad Foundation, both started by philanthropist and prominent businessman Eli Broad and his wife, Edythe, who also gave a substantial amount of money to build the Broad Stage at Santa Monica College.

The concept of a museum that displays works from artists such as Ed Ruscha, Andy Warhol and Jeff Koons expectedly drew widespread support from not only councilmembers, but the crowd of people who spoke in support of bringing the facility to the Civic Center, an up-and-coming area that is slated to see a slew of stimulating development projects in the near future, including an affordable housing complex, the Exposition Light Rail and refurbishment of the auditorium, which once hosted the Academy Awards.

"When I heard about it, I was just blown away because I've been hearing a lot about the possibilities we're looking to do in the Civic and the area of the Civic and that was already exciting but now this just seems like a lightening bolt," said Tom Whaley, the visual and performing arts coordinator for the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District.

Jessica Cusick, the cultural affairs supervisor for City Hall, said one of the reasons why the Broad's collection is significant is because the couple often acquires every artist piece from a certain series.

"They have been willing to go out on a limb and collect work such as major installation work by artists, which is difficult often to collect," she said. "It'll be a piece that might be an entire room you walk into or a piece that might be the kind of piece that can only be unveiled over time.

"They have been willing to commit as collectors to works that are not simple for museums to exhibit."

The more than 2,000-piece collection, representing more than 200 artists, are housed in several different locations that are inaccessible to the public, including the Broad's residences and the Broad Art Foundation's facility on Barnard Way. Pieces from the collection have been loaned more than 7,000 times since 1984 to nearly 500 museums.

Some of the recent acquisitions in the collection include Ruscha's "Desire" and Koons' "Wishing Well."

Under the proposal, the Broad Foundations would build and operate the museum, paying for all costs but a small percentage of design and construction, which would be covered by City Hall in the amount of about $1 million. City Hall would also have the option of purchasing the art foundation's property on Barnard Way, which is

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HOT SHOT

Natalie Saito *news@smdp.com*

Pacifica Christian's Alex Gearin (right) hits the ball past a Saddleback Valley Christian defender on Thursday at Crossroads High School in the semi-finals of the CIF-SS girls volleyball playoffs. Pacifica lost the match, ending its season.

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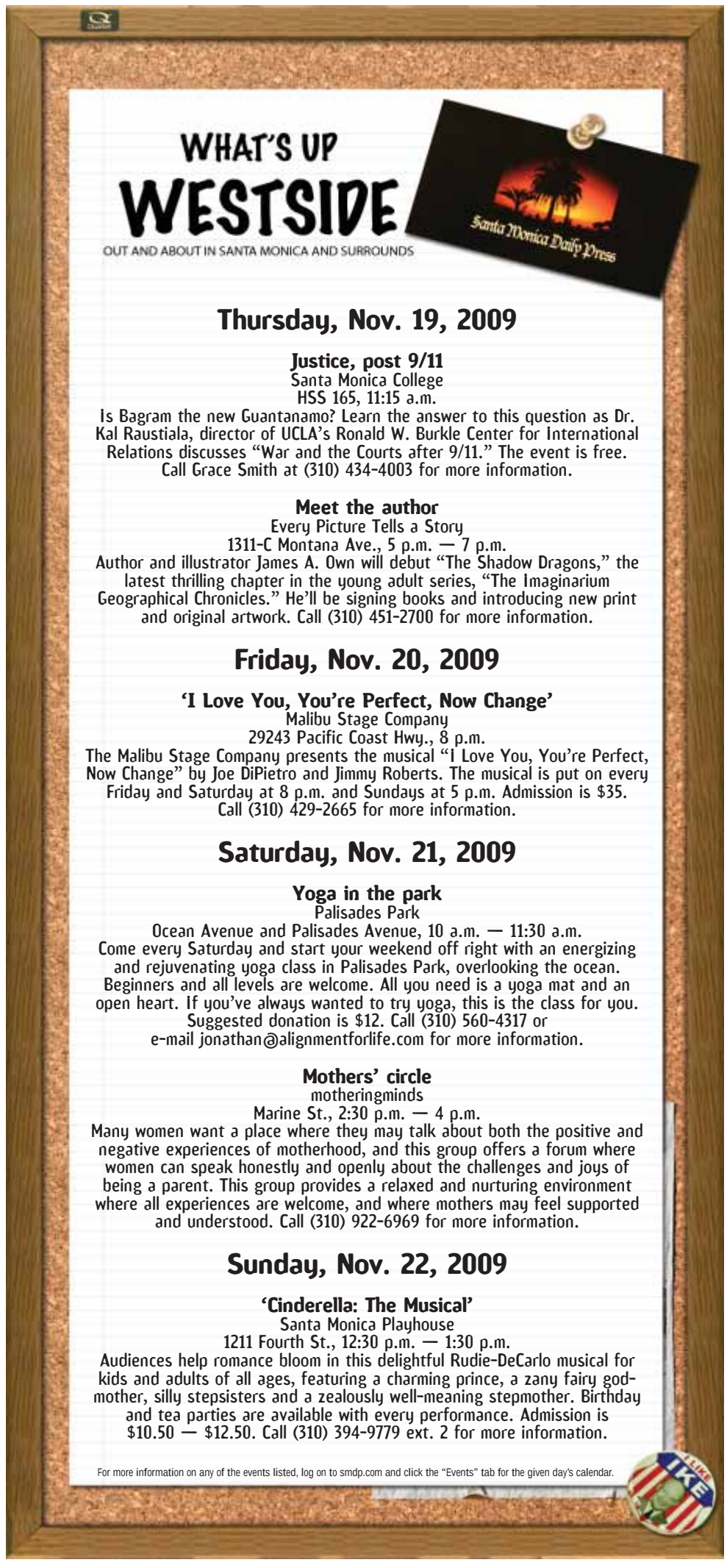
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Thursday, Nov. 19, 2009

Justice, post 9/11
Santa Monica College
HSS 165, 11:15 a.m.
Is Bagram the new Guantanamo? Learn the answer to this question as Dr. Kal Raustiala, director of UCLA's Ronald W. Burkle Center for International Relations discusses "War and the Courts after 9/11." The event is free. Call Grace Smith at (310) 434-4003 for more information.

Meet the author
Every Picture Tells a Story
1311-C Montana Ave., 5 p.m. — 7 p.m.
Author and illustrator James A. Own will debut "The Shadow Dragons," the latest thrilling chapter in the young adult series, "The Imaginarium Geographical Chronicles." He'll be signing books and introducing new print and original artwork. Call (310) 451-2700 for more information.

Friday, Nov. 20, 2009

'I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change'
Malibu Stage Company
29243 Pacific Coast Hwy., 8 p.m.
The Malibu Stage Company presents the musical "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change" by Joe DiPietro and Jimmy Roberts. The musical is put on every Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 5 p.m. Admission is $35. Call (310) 429-2665 for more information.

Saturday, Nov. 21, 2009

Yoga in the park
Palisades Park
Ocean Avenue and Palisades Avenue, 10 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.
Come every Saturday and start your weekend off right with an energizing and rejuvenating yoga class in Palisades Park, overlooking the ocean. Beginners and all levels are welcome. All you need is a yoga mat and an open heart. If you've always wanted to try yoga, this is the class for you. Suggested donation is $12. Call (310) 560-4317 or e-mail jonathan@alignmentforlife.com for more information.

Mothers' circle
motheringminds
Marine St., 2:30 p.m. — 4 p.m.
Many women want a place where they may talk about both the positive and negative experiences of motherhood, and this group offers a forum where women can speak honestly and openly about the challenges and joys of being a parent. This group provides a relaxed and nurturing environment where all experiences are welcome, and where mothers may feel supported and understood. Call (310) 922-6969 for more information.

Sunday, Nov. 22, 2009

'Cinderella: The Musical'
Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 Fourth St., 12:30 p.m. — 1:30 p.m.
Audiences help romance bloom in this delightful Rudie-DeCarlo musical for kids and adults of all ages, featuring a charming prince, a zany fairy godmother, silly stepsisters and a zealously well-meaning stepmother. Birthday and tea parties are available with every performance. Admission is $10.50 — $12.50. Call (310) 394-9779 ext. 2 for more information.

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CORRECTION

In "Late officer gives students school assist" (Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2009), Maria Crocker's name was misspelled.



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NEW ON THE JOB: **Fire Communications Operators (left to right) J. Walker, Jena Thyzel, Herbie Sirota, Dina Salazar, Janine Pruett, Anna King, and Leticia Elder take an oath during the swearing in ceremony at the Public Safety Building on Wednesday.**

SMFD welcomes dispatch operators

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY Just a few weeks before its dispatch center goes live for the first time in nearly three years, the Santa Monica Fire Department on Wednesday welcomed the people who will be responsible for fielding the emergency calls for the city.

The first class for the reactivated center includes a communications supervisor and seven communications operators, coming with a diversity of experiences working in dispatching, some for private security companies, others for public entities, including the SMFD.

"I'm really excited that they will not only provide our community with a high level of service but for the safety of our firefighters as well," Fire Chief Jim Hone said.

The dispatch center is expected to come online sometime during the first two weeks of December.

Challenged by a staffing shortage and outdated technological equipment, the center closed in early 2007 when the SMFD decided to merge dispatch operations with the Los Angeles Fire Department Regional Dispatch System to improve efficiency.

The change, however, led to problems, including confusion caused by emergency calls that came from addresses that existed both in Santa Monica and Los Angeles. After nearly two years, the City Council in January decided to reactivate the old communications center in the Public Safety Facility, agreeing to address the issue that led to its deactivation in the first place, including staffing and equipment.

Rejoining the SMFD are two former employees, including new supervisor Shannon Cornman, who was first hired in 2004 as an on-call dispatcher, serving until operations were transferred to LAFD, after which she became a police dispatcher with SMPD.

Also returning is Janine Pruett, who was a dispatcher with the center before it closed in 2007. Pruett has also worked for the L.A. County Fire Department where she processed more than 100 calls a day.

The operators underwent four months of immersion-style training, which included learning the geography, its landmark buildings, streets and locations, by touring the area. They also simulated calls, alternating as communication operators and field units on the radios.

"I am just amazed with the level of commitment they have to learn all the new technologies that are available and necessary to provide the highest level of service to our community," Hone said. "They epitomize the phrase multitask because that is in fact what they do and the training they received is more extensive than any of our communication operators ever received in the past."

The operators include Anna King, a 22-year-old recent graduate of Pepperdine University where she received her bachelor's degree in public relations with an emphasis on emergency communications. She also comes from a family of fire personnel.

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KCRW's Seymour steps down as general manager

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

SMC Ruth Seymour, the longtime general manager of public radio station KCRW-FM (89.9), announced Wednesday she is retiring at the end of February after more than three decades on the job.

Seymour, who joined the station as a consultant in 1977, said she is "leaving a station that is strong in its identity, a station like no other in the country."

"It's been an extraordinary privilege to serve as KCRW's general manager — a joy and source of great pride," she added. "That's a pretty good note on which to say goodbye."

Seymour, who could be heard during pledge drives and on the program "The Politics of Culture," has overseen the transformation of a station originally located in a middle school playground, with the oldest transmitter west of the Mississippi. Today KCRW's 13 transmitters deliver its broadcast service to much of Southern California.

Santa Monica College, which holds the station's license, expects to take several months to find a successor.

Online, the station has one of the largest audiences of any American radio station,

SEE KCRW PAGE 12

Search for possible boat fire victims ends

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MARINA DEL REY The U.S. Coast Guard has suspended an air and sea search for two people who may have been aboard a burning powerboat just south of the Santa Monica coast.

Lt. j.g. Tyler Stutin says the Coast Guard searched 148 square miles of ocean before calling off the search shortly after 11 a.m. Wednesday.

The 27-foot "Casey Lynn" was found burning Tuesday afternoon about two miles offshore. Harbor Patrol firefighters doused the blaze and the boat was towed to Marina del Rey.

Stutin says there was an early report that two people were onboard but nobody was found. He says if anyone was aboard and jumped into the 60-degree water, it's doubtful they're still alive.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Take a chill pill Bill

Editor:

Dear Mr. Bauer,

Save your indignation for something that matters. Such rage over the Route 66 fiction wastes paper and ink (My Write, "Route 66's bogus end," Nov. 16). You talk as if the sheriff kept the beaches open after a great white shark attack. This little site relocation is not only harmless, it follows the grand tradition of venerating places based on little more than their selection and the passage of time. To cite an extreme example: no one can be certain as to the true location of the crucifixion and resurrection, which is famously disputed among Christians. Yet millions of pilgrims and tourists visit the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. The Via Dolorosa is definitely not the location of the actual route it honors. Such places are, nevertheless, good enough for pilgrimage, so who cares if the actual end of Route 66 was a couple of blocks away? If you promote it, they will come. I'm sure that anyone "discredited" by this little ruse can live with it. Given the choice, tourists will likely prefer to take their snapshots at the Santa Monica Pier than at the beautiful intersection of Lincoln and Olympic boulevards. Congratulations to the editor for continuing to include the perceptive remarks of Mr. Whitehead [That Rutherford Guy appears Mondays] in your publication.

Joel Martin Levy
Santa Monica

Without a home

Editor:

I read Ruth Sarnoff's Nov. 12 letter to the editor entitled, "Homeless numbers don't tell story," and absolutely agree with her. Not all people who are homeless get counted. I've been homeless in Santa Monica for close to three months, after moving here from Ohio and running out of money.

For the last two weeks, I've been living at a shelter in West Los Angeles, but prior to that I had been sleeping outside on benches in Downtown Santa Monica – but mostly in the terminals at LAX. As a woman, I felt safer at the airport than on the streets. Lately, I've been volunteering for an organization called United Steps, which is hosting a bike ride called "Pedal With Me" to bring awareness to the issue of homelessness in the area.

I'm blessed that I'm no longer on the streets and am appreciative to people like Ruth and Charles Hill, founder of United Steps, who have a heart for people who are less fortunate.

Stacey Smith
West Los Angeles

Smoked out

Editor:

I want to congratulate the ongoing work of Smoke Free Apartments. We were just forced to move out of our lovely rent-controlled apartment on Second Street and Montana Avenue because the neighbor below was a chain smoker out on the balcony day and night. Our clothing, hair, bedding and furniture became so saturated with smoke that it began to smell like a bar. I feared for the health of my family. The landlord could do nothing but tell me to move. What a tragedy; one block from the beach and not able to take a deep breath. Closing all windows and getting expensive filters did not help. It leaked through the walls, outlets and the floor. I have no right to punch my neighbor in the nose, why should he and other advocates for smokers like the Rent Control Board retain the right to expose my family to a carcinogen right below the windows of our home. Smoke out of Santa Monica apartments now!

Aaron Kipnis
Formerly of Second Street



Life Matters

JoAnne Barge & Katrina Davy Send comments to editor@smdp.com

On the job training

DEAR NEW SHRINK,

I started a new job about two weeks ago. I have been waiting for a position like this for a long time but now I have a difficult decision to make. The company only takes off Thanksgiving Day for a holiday and I am expected to work the day before and the day after. My family lives over five hours away and I have been planning for months to go home for the long weekend. I have been contemplating telling my boss that I have already purchased a ticket so it seems like I have to go home. Is it too early to ask for time off?

Signed,
Vacation Requester

DEAR VACATION REQUESTER,

This new opportunity puts you in a tough situation. It sounds like you have worked hard to achieve this new job and therefore you must think hard about what you need to do in order to maintain the position you've recently attained.

When you first start out in a new position you are being watched by everyone around you. Your boss is looking to see that he or she made a good hiring decision. The quality of your work and your work ethic is being reviewed through each decision you make. Your colleagues are watching you to see if you are a good team player and if you can be trusted in times of need. What assumptions would you make about a new colleague's work ethic if he or she expected time off after only a few weeks on the job? Use this as a time to demonstrate that you're a team player and are willing to put in the work even when it doesn't fit with your travel plans.

It also sounds like perhaps you have not yet purchased your ticket and therefore would be stretching the truth so that your boss would feel obligated to approve your request. Telling a lie at the start of a new job may set the tone for the future. While it is important to spend time with family you are considering putting your new job at risk just for a few days off. Think about the impression you want your boss and new colleagues to have of you and allow this will help you make your decision.

DEAR NEW SHRINK,

I received an offer from Company A that I need to accept by next Monday; but I also have an offer from a company I want more, Company B. However, Company B will not give me any details about the position, medical benefits, etc. until they complete a background check later this month. I want to keep my options open just in case Company B falls through. What I want to know is, what will happen if I accept Company A's offer and then revoke my acceptance once Company B gives me more information? Will Company B see that I am employed by Company A during their background check?

Signed,
Confused

DEAR CONFUSED,

I think you are wise to keep your options open but I would be very careful about accepting an offer with one company if you're already thinking about revoking to accept another offer. While many background checks do contain employment history, Company B's check may not necessarily reveal your current decision with Company A. However, I do know that employers and recruiters talk to each other. This is especially true if the companies are in the same industry; they probably know each other and are often at the same career fairs or industry events. An issue may arise if you accept an offer yet continue to pursue another opportunity with Company B. This may cause either (or both) companies to question your ethics and professionalism, two qualities employers care a lot about.

With such a difficult decision ahead I would begin exploring options with both companies. Have you informed Company B that you have an offer from another company which has been upfront with you about benefits and salary? Have you explored to see whether Company A can extend your offer? Make sure you let Company A know that you are very interested in the opportunity but that you need more time to make a final decision. If the company has any flexibility in their hiring timeline they will often provide an extension to ensure they get the best hire. Giving yourself more time to weigh your options and to get the final numbers from Company B will help you to make the best decision for you.

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Breaking up is hard to do

MOST PARENTS RESIGN THEMSELVES TO the fact that they will eventually square off with their kids about something of critical importance to one or both of them. While I'm no exception, I didn't think it would happen quite so soon.

My daughter has been drinking water out of a sippy cup for months but still takes immense comfort and pleasure in drinking milk from a bottle twice daily. However, last week at her 15-month well-child visit, the pediatrician announced it was time to wean her off the bottle, lest we risk her attending her prom while still sucking on the nipple.

The next morning I awoke to the unmistakable sounds of distress coming from downstairs as my husband tried to give our daughter milk in a sippy cup. She seemed confused then anguished and, ultimately, pissed. We quickly conferred.

"Maybe I can give her the milk in a bottle now and then later, when she gets up from her nap this afternoon, you can try to give it to her in a sippy cup again," he pleaded as the sounds of toddler hysteria grew alarmingly louder.

"No, we have to stand firm. I'm sure in a few hours, or by tomorrow, she'll be fine," I yelled back over the din.

Later that day, she walked around playing it cool, deftly staring right through the milk-filled sippy cup like it was a panhandler holding out a tin can on a New York City subway.

"To hell with your milk and the sippy cup it's in," she seemed to be saying with her stoicism. I almost wished she'd act out because the nonchalant attitude seemed eerily sophisticated for someone with a penchant for eating paper.

The next morning her indifference turned into panic. She took one look at the milk in the foreign milk vessel and swatted it away, after which time she fell to the floor, howling, the tears streaming down her face like she'd just watched Oprah unmask the chimp woman. It was her first full-blown tantrum, actually (which has since been lovingly noted in her baby book).

That same reaction lasted another day or two until she stopped crying and started antagonizing me. She'd calmly take the sippy cup, walk around with it for a minute and then shake it upside down, seeing how much milk would spill out before dumping it on the floor and then moving on to peacefully play with her toys while I cleaned up the dairy mess.

I'm not sure if it's a coincidence, but since she's been banned from the bottle she's also taken to scowling on a semi-regular basis — generally in my direction. And at other times she's been coming up to me, wrapping her arms around my legs and looking up at me wide-eyed, cooing, "ba ba?"

Everything has become a ba ba to her (or a bachul, as it's alternatively called). She points to a hairbrush, lamp, bathtub, the Zans can guy in "One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish," and whines to have it passed to her. I don't know what'll happen if a kid in her gym or music class whips out an actual bottle in her presence, but I can guarantee it won't end well.

We've tried reading her the "Bye-Bye Bottle!" book that our friend gave us. She seems to enjoy it — dutifully identifying the bottle on each page — until it gets to the part where the toddler happily adjusts to the sippy cup. That's when she snatches the book, tosses it aside and runs away. We've also tried calling it by different names ("big girl cup") and buying different kinds of sippy cups, but her scowl each time reminds us she's nobody's fool.

Nearly two weeks of milk-less days into it, I'm starting to worry she might come down with the calcium equivalent of scurvy. So I've been researching other foods with calcium (besides cheese, because no one wants to see her undergo an angioplasty on her second birthday).

Kale is on the list, as is okra, collard greens, turnip greens, sardines, currants, prickly pears, rhubarb and spinach. It just seems a bit cruel to take away her beloved bottle and milk and replace them with sustenance that seems most appropriate for children in a Grimm's Fairy Tale. After all, this isn't "The Story of the Youth Who Went Forth to Learn What Fear Was."

We plan to give it a few more days and if worse comes to worst, we'll get a corsage for her bottle and cross our fingers hoping that her prom date is too dumb to notice or too polite to say anything.

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The Q Line

Be-all and end-all

The Route 66 Alliance last week named the Santa Monica Pier as the official end to the famous Route 66. This designation has angered some historians who say that the pier is not the time-honored end of the Mother Road and feel that the alliance and others are just trying to make a buck.

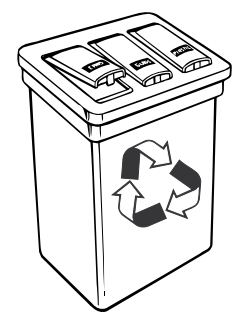
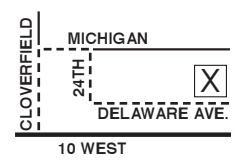
So, this week's Q-Line question asks:

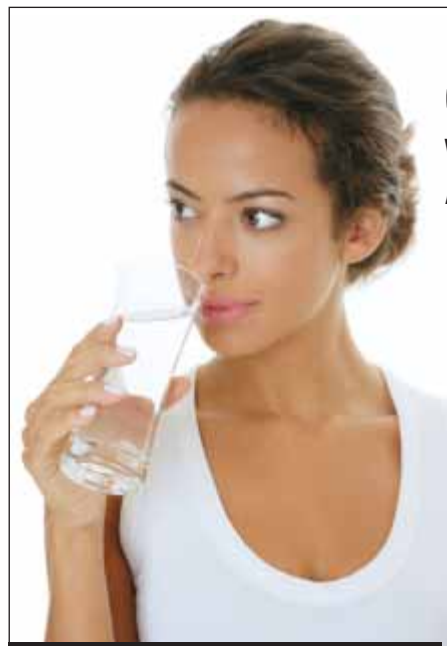
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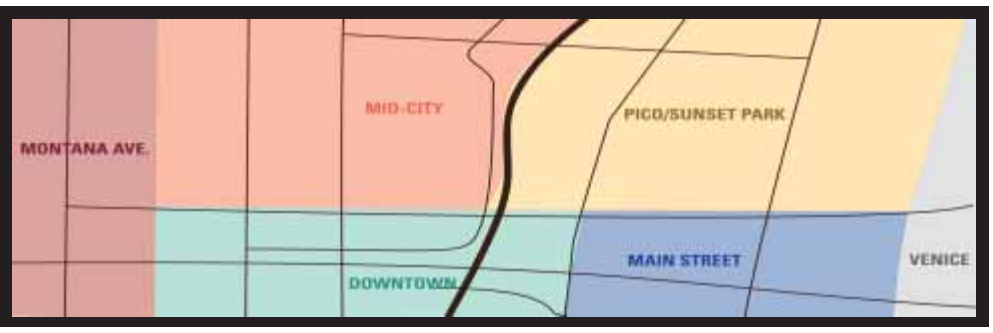
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No bliss found at new age dinner

MY HUSBAND AND I WERE INVITED TO experience an unusual food event the other night at 1418 Abbott Kinney called Bare Naked Bliss.

The lovely center that hosted it, Ascended Living, is on the second floor of a building that promotes itself as an urban oasis. We "ascended" the stairs and were greeted by the hostess, Suzanne Toro, a 30-something woman, very warm and friendly who proceeded to invite us to begin our Bare Naked Bliss experience. We had no idea what to expect as the invitation read as follows:

"Toro will guide guests through a two-hour dinner with wine, appetizers, main courses and dessert and only uses foods that stimulate the senses and help arouse different elements of the body. The menu begins with empanadas filled with mushrooms and seafood, dripped in a savory dipping sauce. The mushroom empanadas will ground the evening and feed everyone with an aphrodisiac that will provoke a creative and an interactive experience. From there, Toro will guide people through a feast of foods which both inspire and awaken the mind and end the night with delectable Bare Naked Bliss Chocolate Balls to end on a sweet note."

After an introduction like this I expected to have a sit down dinner shared with others led by a dynamic woman who would educate us in how her particular philosophy is unique.

The reality went a bit differently. There were three small rooms and about 15 people showed up. Suzanne led us into the main room which had a tiny kitchen where two Scandinavian young chefs were preparing our "meal." Everyone was handed a card and on it was the experience you were to begin and a description of the food. The fist card read: "Empanadas mushroom" and then proceeded to explain the earthy energy of the mushroom and the emotional reaction you were to feel (her description is that they are an aphrodisiac). Then she suggests a conversation that is to be ignited by this course. In this case it was, "Who do you need to make peace with?" Then you are told to sit down with the other diners and start talking. The idea is a bit odd and could work but I am afraid the way it was executed on this particular evening it didn't.

First of all you are to eat with your hands, which for some may be lovely, but a bit awkward for others, especially now with the huge amount of press given to the outbreak of swine flu and everyone obsessed with anti-bacterial sprays. I think you get my drift here. I just shook hands with a whole bunch of new people and am now expected to eat with those same hands? I don't think so.

That is the first odd part. Then you sit down with people you just met and maybe are not actually choosing to sit with and are told to bare your soul and reveal intimate thoughts that are inspired by the food we are eating.

Suzanne was touted as a woman who has "traveled the country speaking to men and women about finding a deeper connection, overcoming tragedy and finding a way to live an authentic and inspired life," but the problem was all we experienced of her was a lovely, friendly person who was obviously passionate about travel and professed to enjoy cooking and food, yet she wasn't cooking at the event. She passed us our plates and made sure we had enough to drink; in other words a perfectly lovely hostess. But her magical powers to bring people together to discuss deep emotional issues was not being revealed.

We proceeded through the courses realizing that this was to be a vegan meal not a "two-hour dinner with appetizers, main courses and dessert." What we actually had were two appetizers, a mushroom empanada and a lettuce wrap sparsely filled with a few vegetables; one entrée, a veggie skewer (this was supposed to have tempeh but somehow that was not communicated to the chef); and a fruit dessert, skewered sticky rice balls with mango.

The best part of the meal was an elixir that was served that was not part of Suzanne's deal but made by the Ascended Living people — an herbal, tart drink that had you feeling energized and alive.

All in all we both agreed that the evening was quite entertaining; the people were earnest, kind and loving and the idea, although hard to grasp, was interesting enough to check out. But the execution, I have to say, was a failure. Yes, we ate with our hands with a couple of perfectly friendly people and revealed a tidbit of ourselves but what no one could tell me is why I would need an outside person to teach me how to have an emotional conversation around the dinner table? Suzanne didn't seem to know how to share this either and didn't seize the day (or evening as it were) and show us her magic even though we were there for that reason.

The food was the forgettable part of the evening; quite unremarkable and the omission of the tempeh entrée was, for me, a glaring mistake.

I will leave you with this: Suzanne Toro may be gifted or a medium of sorts or even a saint (she contributes to homeless shelters and charities for children) but at this event titled Bare Naked Bliss, we didn't see any of this. We ate vegan food with a bunch of strangers and enjoyed meeting a group of new-age people who were very kind and that is about as blissful as it got.

To learn more about Suzanne Toro's Bliss dinners or to purchase her book you can find her at Suzannetoro.com

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Residents hope study will lead to action

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The airport is located on a plateau with homes resting 300 yards from both ends of the runway. Residents for decades have complained about air pollution coming from idling jets and propeller planes and have pressured City Hall to put restrictions on operations. City Hall in 2008 approved a ban on larger, faster jets, which tend to spew more pollution, according to the study.

However, the FAA was successful in blocking enforcement of the jet ban. City Hall has filed an appeal. The ban was enacted to protect residents from a possible overrun of the runway by faster jets. The airport does not have adequate runway safety areas to protect residents in the event of an overrun.

Many smaller airports in urban areas, the study noted, do not have adequate buffer zones to reduce noise and air pollution in surrounding neighborhoods.

UCLA researchers measured a range of air pollutants near the airport for private planes and corporate jets in the spring and summer of 2008.

Residents welcomed the study, saying it finally documents what they've known for years and proves that concrete data can be collected on aircraft emissions.

"This is fantastic news and potentially will bring us a lot closer to getting some standards for ultra-fine particle emissions," said Ping Ho, a member of the Friends of Sunset Park Airport Committee who has lived near the airport for over 25 years.

Martin Rubin, founder and director of Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution, intends to use the study as ammunition in the fight to ban jets.

"It is good to finally have a monitoring study that was designed and intended to look just at Santa Monica Airport's operational impacts and which concludes what residents to the east of Santa Monica Airport have long been aware of," he said. "The air pollution from idling jets is extreme, dangerous, and needs immediate attention."

The FAA, which does not have jurisdiction over aircraft emission standards, has taken measures to try and reduce exposure to residents, said Ian Gregor, spokesman for the federal agency. Pilots are asked to not start their engines until they have a green light for take-off, helping to reduce idling. Pilots who are preparing for takeoff are also asked to turn their aircraft so engines are not pushing exhaust into neighborhoods before heading down the runway.

"We are doing what we can, limited as it may be, to try and limit pollution to neighborhoods surrounding the airport," Gregor said.

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Dispatch center to open in December

FROM **DISPATCH** PAGE 3

King said she has a desire to help people in their time of need, to be the calm and collected voice that guides them through.

"A lot of people don't realize that for the people calling in, it's probably one of the worst days of their life," she said. "It makes you feel good to know you're helping them during that time."

King said that one of the most valuables parts of training was spending time in the city, learning the neighborhoods, the parks and major landmarks.

The communications center will be staffed by two operators around-the-clock and one supervisor during the day. There are three stations set up in the small center, each equipped with seven monitors that display everything from the call screen to a map showing where the report is originating.

Emergency communications in the city were originally handled by the local phone company, which either transferred the call through an old plug in the switchboard or directly called the public safety agencies with the incident information.

The first official communications center in the city was set up in the old SMFD headquarters at the corner of Fourth Street and Santa Monica Boulevard, staffed by an on-duty firefighter. The headquarters moved to the back half of City Hall when it was built in 1939. A room on the second floor of City Hall had an emergency phone and radio communications system that had only one frequency shared with the SMPD.

A new headquarters opened at 1444 Seventh St. in 1955, housing a state-of-the-art dispatching center with a multi-channel alert system, serving also as the terminus for the fire call boxes that were located at almost every intersection in the city.

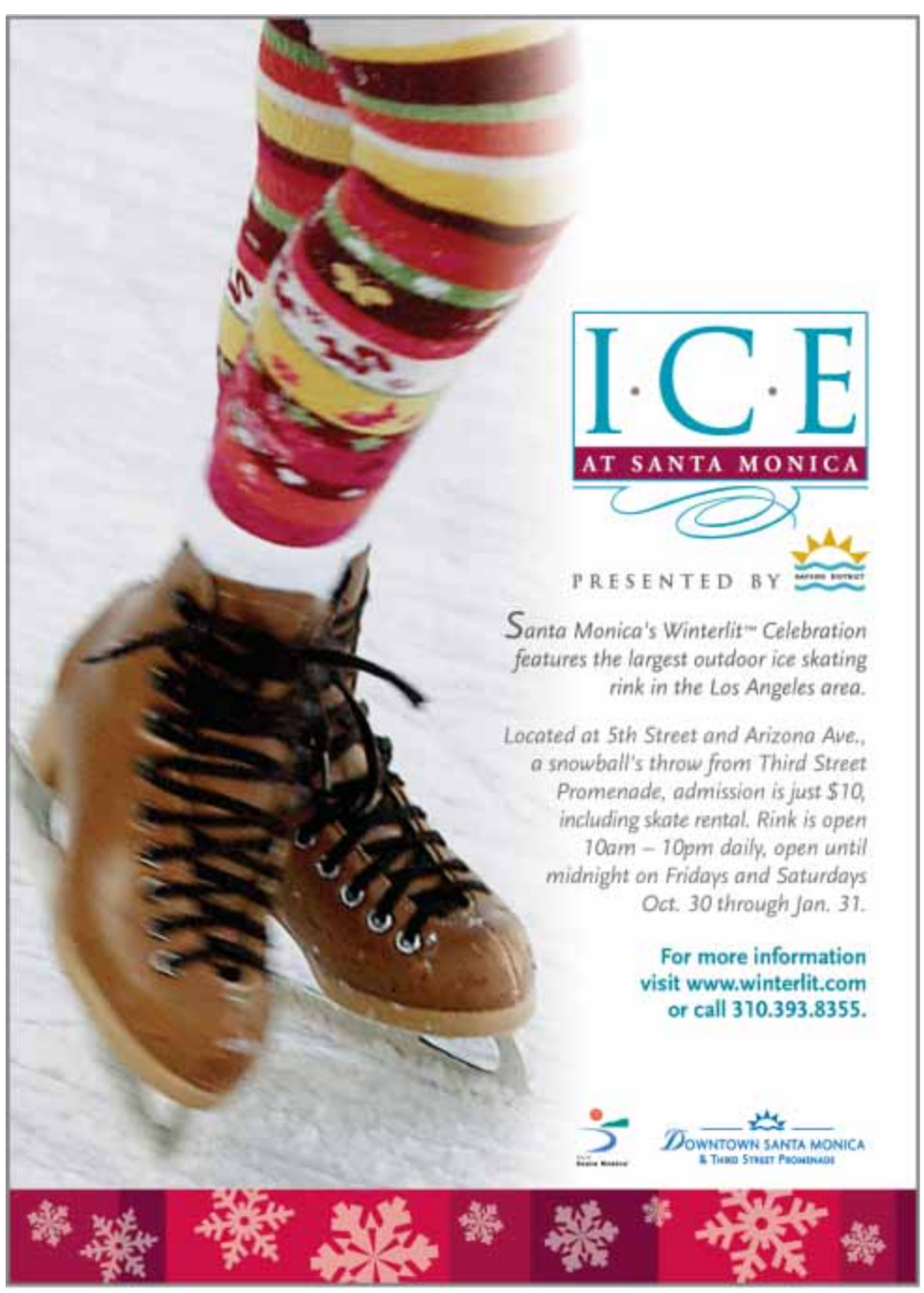
It was also the first time that civilian dispatchers were hired on a 24-hour basis.

The center was in use until the Public Safety Facility opened in 2003, housing a communication center that had two new consoles but staffed by only one person.

"Reopening the fire Communications Center will allow the Santa Monica Fire Department to take advantage of significant technological advances, including an updated computer-aided dispatch system, an automatic vehicle location system and rapid availability of digital geographic information services," Fire Captain John Nevandro said.

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INTERNATIONAL FEEL

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Santa Monica College student Mayuri Bhandari leads the student troupe Folklórico de SMC in a Bollywood dance during the ninth annual International Fest at SMC on Tuesday. The free festival featured food, music and dances from around the world.

Enthusiasm at council meeting for new museum

FROM **MUSEUM** PAGE 1

valued at an estimated $6 million.

Also in contention is the city of Beverly Hills which was approached by the Broad Foundations last year about developing a museum on a strip of land at the intersection of Wilshire and Santa Monica boulevards. The proposal there is to build a museum that would have more than 43,000 square feet of gallery space, an outdoor public plaza, a sculpture garden, archives, offices for the foundations and ground-floor retail.

Santa Monica city officials approached Eli Broad more than two months ago about opening the museum closer to the beach.

"The museum would draw more than our residents, it would draw visitors to the Civic Center area," Cusick said.

But while there was excitement surrounding the proposal, concerns were raised about the cost to City Hall.

Councilman Bobby Shriver, who said he supports the project, pointed out that aside from the $7 million that City Hall would cover for construction and design costs and acquisition of the foundations' facility on Barnard Way, there's also the expenditure of a public asset.

"That piece of land … where [the museum] is located is worth hundreds of millions of dollars," Shriver said. "It's important to the community to realize by putting that land up we have made a large expenditure of city assets."

The foundation would pay a nominal rent to lease the 2.5 acres.

He also cautioned that the project is not a done deal because of competition from Beverly Hills.

Councilmembers said the Civic Center would be an ideal location for the city.

"Not only is it a fabulous opportunity to build a museum in the heart of our city that does house a world class art collection, the synergy it would create with the other cultural venues in our city and our educational institutions, I think, is fabulous," Councilwoman Gleam Davis said.

"WHEN I HEARD ABOUT IT, I WAS JUST BLOWN AWAY BECAUSE I'VE BEEN HEARING A LOT ABOUT THE POSSIBILITIES WE'RE LOOKING TO DO IN THE CIVIC AND THE AREA OF THE CIVIC AND THAT WAS ALREADY EXCITING BUT NOW THIS JUST SEEMS LIKE A LIGHTENING BOLT."

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Students protest UC fee hike

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WESTWOOD Financially hobbled University of California moved Wednesday to boost student fees by $2,500 over two years as students staged raucous demonstrations across the state against the higher costs.

Fourteen protesters were arrested at a University of California, Los Angeles, meeting where a Board of Regents committee endorsed a plan that will boost undergraduate fees, the equivalent of tuition, by 32 percent in two stages by 2010. The full board is expected to approve the fee increases Thursday.

At the University of California, Berkeley, more than 1,000 demonstrators condemned the fee boost and high salaries for university administrators. Protesters carried mock gravestones to represent programs that have suffered under state budget cuts and waved signs reading "Save our university."

After a series of deep cuts, and with state government facing a nearly $21 billion budget gap over the next year and a half, Board of Regents members said there was no option to higher fees in light of withering government dollars. University of California President Mark Yudof has said the 10-campus system needs a $913 million increase in state funding next year, in addition to higher student fees.

More than two-thirds of the request would restore previous cuts. He did not rule out even higher student fees if Sacramento can't find the money.

"When you have no choice, you have no choice," Yudof told reporters after the committee vote. "I'm sorry."

Board members pointed out that lower-income families would be shielded from the jump, and financial aid would help others defray the higher cost.

The Los Angeles meeting was repeatedly interrupted by outbursts from students and union members, who accused the board of turning its back on the next generation.

"We are bailing out the banks, we are bailing out Wall Street. Where is the bailout for public education?" asked UCLA graduate student Sonja Diaz.

Armed officers arrested 14 protesters after they refused to leave the meeting room. As officers approached them, the protesters locked arms and sang the civil rights anthem, "We Shall Overcome." Others shouted "Shame on you." Some cursed.

UCLA police spokeswoman Nancy Greenstein said a crowd as large as 500 outside the building tossed sticks, food and rags soaked in vinegar at police. A group that rushed the doors was turned back by police. Several police and two students suffered minor injuries.



Photo courtesy Marc Goldstein

MOVING ON: **Ruth Seymour, the long-time general manager of public radio station KCRW-FM (89.9), announced Wednesday she is retiring at the end of February after more than three decades on the job.**

Seymour proud of subscriber base

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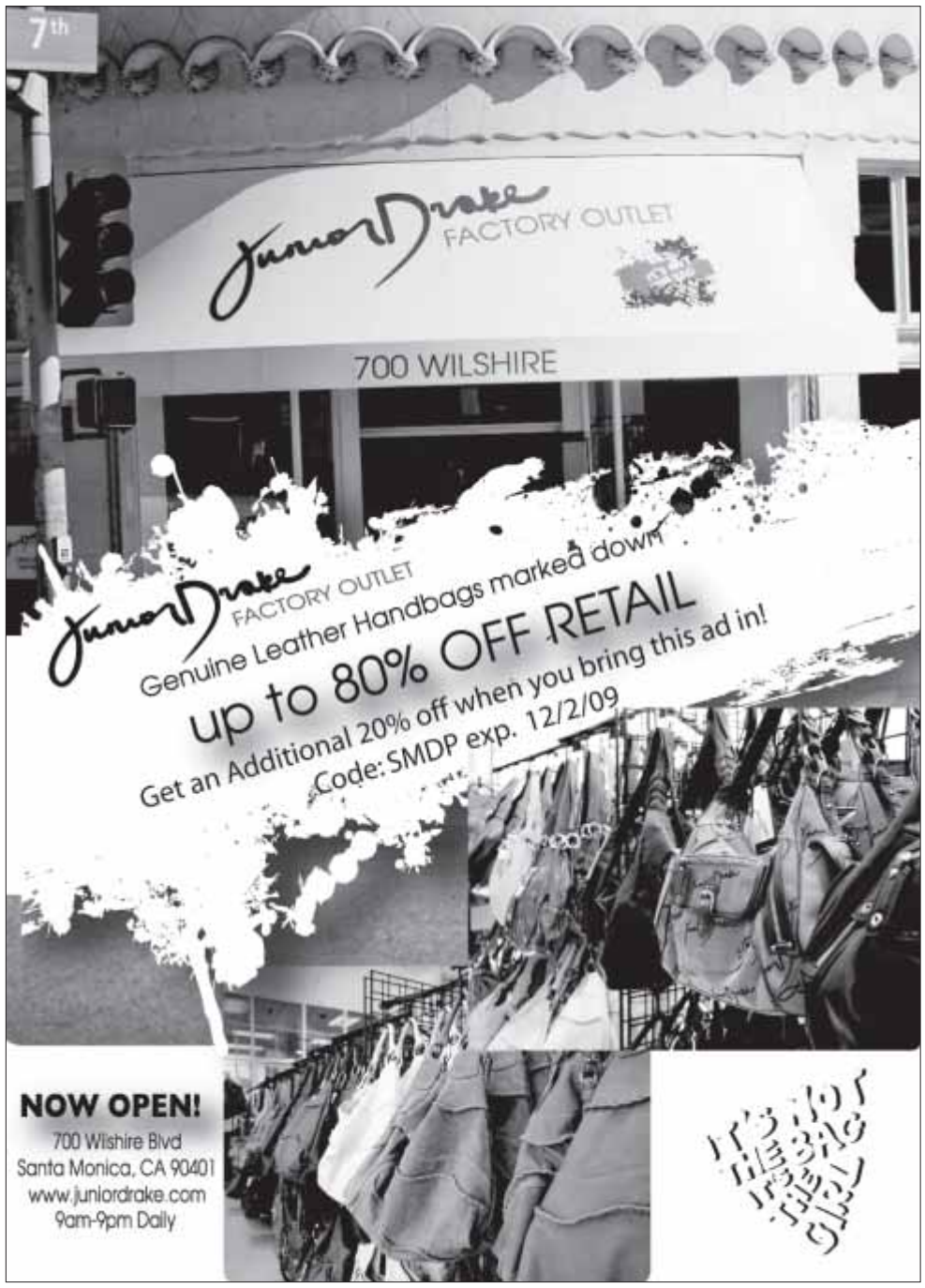
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Source: Reid's bill to cover 31 million

DAVID ESPO
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON Health care legislation heading for the Senate floor this week would extend coverage to 31 million uninsured Americans at a cost of $849 billion over a decade, a Democratic leadership aide said Wednesday, citing a report from congressional budget experts.

As rank-and-file Democrats gathered to learn details of the long-awaited bill, the aide also said the Congressional Budget Office had estimated the legislation would reduce federal deficits by a total of $127 billion over that decade.

The aide said the budget agency also projected that if enacted, the legislation would leave 94 percent of eligible individuals with coverage. The aide spoke on condition of anonymity because the bill's full details had not yet been shared with Democratic lawmakers.

The political stakes were enormous as Majority Leader Harry Reid summoned fellow Democrats to a closed-door meeting to brief them on the legislation. It is being crafted to fulfill President Barack Obama's goal of expanding coverage to the uninsured, banning industry practices such as denying coverage on the basis of pre-existing medical conditions and slowing the growth of health care costs nationwide.

An intense struggle is expected on the Senate floor, where Republicans have vowed to block the legislation atop Obama's domestic agenda.

Officials have said the measure would require most Americans to carry health insurance and would mandate large companies to provide coverage to their workers, as well as ban insurance company practices such as denying coverage on the basis of pre-existing medical conditions.

The bill would set up new insurance marketplaces — called exchanges — primarily for those who now have a hard time getting or keeping coverage. Subsidies would be available to help defray the cost of coverage for people with lower incomes.

Reid announced two weeks ago it would also include an option for consumers to purchase government-sold insurance, with states permitted to drop out of the system.

Reid, D-Nev. met in advance of the closed-door caucus with Sens. Ben Nelson of Nebraska, Mary Landrieu of Louisiana and Blanche Lincoln of Arkansas, Democratic moderates who have expressed reservations about the bill. "He is walking through the particulars with them," said Reid's spokesman, Jim Manley.

"We need 60 votes to get this bill to the floor."

With the support of two independents, Democrats have 60 seats, the precise number needed to choke off any Republican delaying tactics. None of the 40 Republicans is expected to defect on the first test vote, expected by weekend.

Ahead lie weeks — if not more — of unpredictable maneuvering on the Senate floor, where Reid and his allies will seek to incorporate changes sought by Democrats and repel attempts by Republicans to defeat the legislation and inflict a significant political defeat on the president.

Reid was releasing his legislation more than a week after the House approved its version of the health care bill on a near party-line vote of 220-215.

Eggo waffles in short supply

DORIE TURNER
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA Dear Kellogg: Leggo my Eggo!

Kellogg Co. says there will be a nationwide shortage of its popular Eggo frozen waffles until next summer because of interruptions in production at two of the four plants that make them.

The company's Atlanta plant was shut down for an undisclosed period by a September storm that dumped historic amounts of rain in the area. Meanwhile, several production lines at its largest bakery in Rossville, Tenn., are closed indefinitely for repairs, company spokeswoman Kris Charles said in an e-mail.

It will take until the middle of 2010 before shelves around the country are stocked at pre-shutdown levels, Charles said.

Already customers are noticing near-empty Eggo shelves on the freezer aisle at many grocery stores.

Stay-at-home mom Joey Resciniti says she bought one of the last two boxes of Eggos at a Walmart in Cranberry Township, Pa., on Monday. The frozen waffles are a favorite of her 4-year-old daughter, Julia.

"We have eight of them, and if we ration those — maybe have half an Eggo in one sitting — then it'll last longer," said Resciniti, who blogs about being a mother. "I told my husband that maybe I need to put them on eBay."

Charles didn't know how long the Atlanta plant was shut down, but said that it's back at full production now.

The existing stock of Eggos will be distributed nationally based on stores' sales histories of the waffles, Charles said.

"We are working around the clock to restore Eggo store inventories to normal levels as quickly as possible," she wrote in the e-mail.

Eggo first hit the shelves in 1960, and its cult following grew in the following years. Kellogg started using the famed slogan "Leggo my Eggo" in 1972. For years, the waffles have been a staple for busy moms and college students looking for a quick breakfast.

This week, news of the shortage spread quickly on Twitter as shoppers reported not being able to find the breakfast food. Fans of Eggos lamented their scarcity on the waffle's Facebook page, which has more than 400 members.

Eggos are also made at plants in San Jose, Calif., and Blue Anchor, N.J.

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Nintendo's Mario still the man

BARBARA ORTUTAY
AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK You might call him the Mickey Mouse of video games. He's reminiscent of a doughnut, round and sweet and comforting. He's also a vessel, devoid of a real personality so you can live vicariously through him.

Mario, the pot-bellied Italian plumber with a penchant for rescuing princesses, collecting golden coins and gobbling magic mushrooms, has been around for nearly three decades. And even though he hasn't changed much, the latest game he stars in, the newly released "The New Super Mario Bros. Wii" ($50), is one of the holiday season's top titles.

Created by Japanese game designer Shigeru Miyamoto, Mario is a recognizable character even to people who don't play video games. He pops up in Halloween costumes — blue overalls, red hat, gut and all — as does his brother Luigi. Mario has been in cartoons and movies (though some were best forgotten), and he graces oodles of official and unofficial Mario merchandise.

"I like him. I like him a lot. He has a cool mustache," says Colin Gaul, 9, from Portland, Ore. "He is awesome because he is brave and he's been on a lot of adventures. And his favorite color is red and mine is too."

Colin first played a Mario game when he was 5, on Nintendo Co.'s handheld Game Boy system. On the Wii, Colin has played "Super Paper Mario" and "Super Smash Bros. Brawl," which features a cavalcade of Nintendo characters duking it out.

But Colin wasn't even born when Super Mario emerged.

First called Jumpman, the character debuted in 1981 in the arcade game "Donkey Kong," in which Jumpman had to save a damsel from a big ape. His first job was carpentry, but later he became a plumber, and in many games he travels up and down in a world of underground pipes.

In the mid-1980s, Nintendo and Mario helped save the U.S. video game industry, which was on the verge of imploding after early popularity. Terrible games — most infamously "E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial" — had flooded the market, and "people didn't realize that video games were a burgeoning industry," says Scott Steinberg, lead video game analyst at Digitaltrends.com. "They thought it was a fad."

It wasn't. With the launch of the Nintendo Entertainment System in 1985, which in the U.S. came bundled with "Super Mario Bros.," video games became a household phenomenon. Nintendo sold 60 million of the consoles, often called the NES.

In 2008, Americans spent more than $21 billion on video game systems, software and accessories, according to the NPD Group. Even with a recession and industry slump this year, the number will likely be close to that, with a good chunk of the money going to Nintendo. The company has been able to stay profitable, thanks largely to its Wii and the handheld DS being the world's top-selling gaming systems.

In all, Nintendo has sold more than 222 million games in its Super Mario franchise. There are more than 100 games, for various gaming systems, in which Mario is the primary character, and many more in which he makes appearances.

The Japanese company's creation of an Italian character is now video game folklore. In his book "Game Over: How Nintendo Conquered the World," David Sheff wrote that Mario was named after Nintendo's U.S. landlord, who was demanding back rent from the company's fledgling U.S. arm. Nintendo now won't confirm or deny the story.

Perhaps more important is that many of the features that define Mario came about from shortcuts that were needed in the early days of video game design, when arcade units had puny computing power and displayed few colors. He wears a hat, for example, so that his creators didn't have to render hair. His super-sized mustache easily hides facial expressions — which even now remain difficult to program into video games.

"The reason he continues to be so popular is that Mario is basically an everyman," Steinberg says. "Behind those bushy eyebrows, jolly belly, is gamers themselves. Short, balding, goofy — how many gamers does that describe?"

Miyamoto has called Mario a "convenient tool" who can be used with a range of games, whether they're racing titles such as "Mario Kart" or take place in the magical world of the Mushroom Kingdom where Mario fights to save Princess Peach.

The new game is a throwback to Mario games of the 1980s and '90s, played out in two dimensions rather than three. The characters mostly move left to right — jumping on platforms, stomping enemies and ducking through pipes into hidden areas.

Reviews have been mixed. The Associated Press, for example, found the game may disappoint fans looking for innovation but would probably "deliver plenty of newcomers to the cult of Mario."

Miyamoto says he hopes the latest installment attracts both Mario experts and people new to the game. It has a multiplayer option, a first for a Mario game, that lets four people play alongside one another, with better players helping less experienced ones.

Ian Bogost, a professor who studies video games at Georgia Tech, says Mario's enduring popularity is not merely about nostalgia for the 1980s.

"Mario is more like a brand," he says. "You drink Coke or buy a Chevrolet not simply because of nostalgia, but because it continues to represent something to you that you value."

And in Mario's case, the brand stands for good, clean fun. Colin's mother, Ninou Gaul, 33, who played Mario games as a kid, still occasionally picks up the Wii controller.

"It's timeless," she says, "and the level of violence is nothing I would object to."

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MLB

Tracy, Scioscia win baseball's Manager of the Year awards

JAY COHEN
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK Jim Tracy of Colorado won the NL Manager of the Year award on Wednesday — and earned a new contract, too — while Mike Scioscia of the Los Angeles Angels was selected for the AL honor.

Tracy became the second manager to win the award after taking over during the season, joining Jack McKeon for Florida in 2003. Less than an hour after the award was announced, the Rockies said Tracy had been rewarded with a three-year contract.

"One guy doesn't win an award like this," Tracy said in a conference call. "The Colorado Rockies won this award."

Tracy received 29 first-place votes and two seconds for 151 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America. Scioscia got 15 first-place votes, 10 seconds and one third for 106 points.

The Rockies promoted Tracy from bench coach after Clint Hurdle was fired in late May and won the wild-card race. Scioscia kept the Angels going after the death of pitcher Nick Adenhart, and they won their fifth AL West title in six years.

"Some things, you're never prepared for," Scioscia said. "But those things really weren't about us. They were about the Adenhart family and I think as we supported them we found some peace."

Ron Gardenhire finished second in the AL voting for the second straight year and fifth time during his eight seasons as Minnesota manager. He also placed third in 2002, when Scioscia was honored for the first time, but has never won the award. Tony La Russa of the Cardinals, a four-time winner, was a distant second in the NL with 55 points.

Lou Piniella of the Cubs and Joe Maddon of the Rays were honored last year.

Colorado was 18-28 and 14Ω games behind NL West-leading Los Angeles when Tracy was promoted from bench coach following Hurdle's dismissal on May 29. The Rockies responded to Tracy's steady hand, going 74-42 the rest of the way and taking the division race to the final weekend before settling for the wild card.

There was no Rocktober this year — Colorado lost to Philadelphia in the division series — but it was still quite the turnaround for the club and Tracy, who was fired after leading the Pittsburgh Pirates to a 68-94 record in 2007.

The 53-year-old Tracy was out of baseball before becoming the Rockies' bench coach in November 2008.

Scioscia managed the Angels to their third consecutive division title during one of his most difficult seasons in the dugout. Los Angeles has earned six postseason berths in the last eight years under Scioscia, who was a catcher for the Dodgers for 13 seasons and retired in 1994.

The Angels used 14 starting pitchers and played without sluggers Torii Hunter and Vladimir Guerrero for long stretches due to injuries. The team's biggest challenge was moving past the sorrow it felt when Adenhart was killed in a car accident in April.

Scioscia, who turns 51 on Nov. 27, was credited for giving his players time to grieve while gently insisting on accountability as an early slump lingered. Los Angeles responded by surging to another division title and making it to the AL championship series, eliminating postseason nemesis Boston along the way.

"They emerged as a terrific club as the summer wore on," Scioscia said.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Stanford dealing with 2-point controversy

ANNE M. PETERSON
AP SPORTS Writer

Stanford's 2-point conversion has turned into something of a 2-point controversy.

The Cardinal upset Southern California 55-21 Saturday, giving the Trojans three losses this season and dropping them in the polls to No. 22, their lowest ranking since 2002.

Up 48-21 and with 6:47 left in the game, Stanford went for a 2-point conversion. Some considered that overkill.

Stanford coach Jim Harbaugh said he has heard the critics.

"I've been reading some people's opinion that somehow this is something personal with coach (Pete) Carroll," Harbaugh said on a conference call with reporters. "That couldn't be further from the truth. There was nothing personal. I'm not trying to make any enemies."

Harbaugh, however, went on to pull out the battle analogy.

"We kind of yuck it up before the game. We kind of always end it with 'time to go to war.' And then you go out and try to gouge each other's eyes out. You do the same thing in recruiting. It's great competition. But these games are decided on the field by the players," he said.

The Trojans seemed none to happy with the move in the aftermath of the game.

"I don't feel like commenting," safety Taylor Mays was quoted as saying.

Pete Carroll said that opposing teams will do what they do. But he more than hinted at being miffed.

"I don't know what they were thinking with that, but in that situation, they get to do whatever they want," he said.

The Cardinal (7-3, 6-2 Pac-10) surged to No. 14 in the AP poll. Stanford, Arizona and Oregon State each have only two conference losses, threatening Oregon's tenuous top spot in the league standings in the season's final stretch.

Southern California, which has a bye this weekend, tumbled from No. 11.

The Trojans (7-3, 4-3) have been ranked in 128 consecutive media polls dating to the start of the 2002 season. They haven't been ranked lower than No. 13 since October 2002.

Meanwhile, Harbaugh is close to completing a contract extension with Stanford.

Athletic director Bob Bowlsby was expected to announce a new deal shortly. The two sides were close to announcing an extension after last season but talks were put on hold in February because of the poor economy.



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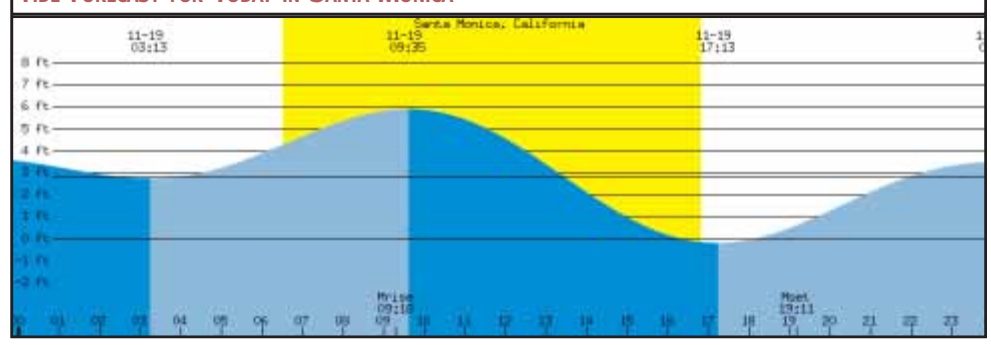
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NW swell is due. Most west facing breaks can expect chest to head high sets. Standouts may see sets running slightly overhead.

Long Range Synopsis

We could see another NW swell start to build, but size is not looking to be much above waist to chest in the early AM around west facing breaks, and of course smaller at south facing spots.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachasa and Las Alisos creeks.	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	C	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	D	A+
Solstice Canyon at Don Blacker County Beach.	F	A+
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A+	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A	A+
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	A+
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	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+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	B	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 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+	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	A+
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	F
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	C	A+
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	F	A+
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	A+
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	A+
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	D	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	D	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	A+
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	C	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
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2012 (PG-13) 2hr 38min
2:30, 6:00, 9:30

Pirate Radio (R) 1hr 55min
1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 10:05

Ten9eight (NR) 1hr 25min
1:20, 3:30, 5:40, 7:50, 10:00

A Serious Man (R) 1hr 45min
1:40, 4:25, 7:00, 9:35

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
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2012 (PG-13) 2hr 38min
12:00, 1:00, 3:30, 4:30, 7:00, 8:00, 10:30

Disney's A Christmas Carol (PG) 1hr 36min
1:45, 4:10, 6:45, 9:00

Disney's A Christmas Carol in Disney Digital 3D (PG) 1hr 36min
12:10, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

The Fourth Kind (PG-13) 1hr 38min
12:20, 2:45, 5:15, 7:40, 10:10

Where the Wild Things Are (PG) 1hr 34min
2:00, 4:40, 7:15, 9:50

Men Who Stare at Goats (R) 1hr 30min
12:30, 2:50, 5:30, 7:50, 10:20

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
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The Maid (La nana) (NR) 1hr 49min
12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:50, 10:15

Love Hurts (PG-13) 1hr 50min
12:00, 2:20, 4:50, 7:30, 9:55

Irene In Time (PG-13) 1hr 49min
1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:00

Precious (R) 1hr 49min
12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:40, 10:15

Mann's Criterion Theatre
1313 Third St.
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The Box (PG-13) 1hr 56min
11:30 (am), 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:20

Couples Retreat (PG-13) 1hr 47min
1:30, 6:40

Law Abiding Citizen (R) 1hr 48min
11:40 (am), 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40

Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) 2hrs 1min
11:50 (am), 1:20, 2:30, 4:10, 5:10, 6:50, 7:50, 9:30, 10:30

Paranormal Activity (R) 1hr 39min
1:10, 3:20, 5:30, 8:00, 10:10

Zombieland (R) 1hr 21min
4:20, 9:20

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Take in a movie, Aries

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Be adventuresome and open to new possibilities. Listen to your inner voice when trying to remove an obstacle or figure out a solution. Rid your mind of preconceived solutions. A meeting or get-together proves to be fruitful. Tonight: Some mind candy. How about a movie?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ A partnership or friendship is tested frequently. You are coming from a place of security. Where you see opportunities, others might feel jeopardized. Understanding evolves to a new level. A boss has spectacular dreams. Tonight: A must appearance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ The unexpected occurs when you least expect it, impacting your work and relationships. Use the mood of the moment to clear up the situation and head in a new direction. Examine your long-term needs. Tonight: Sort through invitations.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Don't irritate a situation that might be more volatile than you realize. A partner will come through in multiples and allow greater flex. News from a distance could shake up the status quo. Tonight: Time to visit the gym more often.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ The need for your problem-solving techniques emerges. How you deal with others relates directly to how much you can get done. Someone's vagueness and creativity prove to be enticing, drawing you closer. Tonight: Let your hair down.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ If you can maintain some distance from immediate work demands, you will flow through what must be done more easily. Seemingly great ideas come out of the blue. You cannot control how someone responds. Tonight: Stay close to home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Keep communication flowing. You have a way of expressing yourself that draws many different people. Though you have many great ideas, the question remains whether to instrument them. Try to verify information. Tonight: Return calls, and then decide.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Be aware of what is possible financially. Sometimes you overspend, which is part of a tendency to go to extremes. Be careful when dealing with a boss who is unusually hot-tempered and demanding. Tonight: Spontaneity rules.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Sometimes it is hard to decide which way to go when you have too many possibilities. A domestic matter could be more difficult or demanding than you anticipated. Make calls and seek out those at a distance. Tonight: Hang with friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You might like to integrate information that comes in. A partner could be quite upset at the lack of concern you express. The unexpected runs riot. Slow down, think and integrate. Tonight: Take a long-overdue break.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Where your friends are is where the Aquarian is the happiest. Surround yourself with friends. A meeting points to more information and associations. Your creativity surges when you're with others. Start sharing more. Tonight: Careful with financial risks.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ A must appearance tosses you into the limelight. You might be unnerved by recent events. If you need to pull back, do. Reflect and observe rather than act or react right now. Fatigue marks your caring. Tonight: Listen and think.

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★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

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The Meaning of Lila

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By Jim Davis



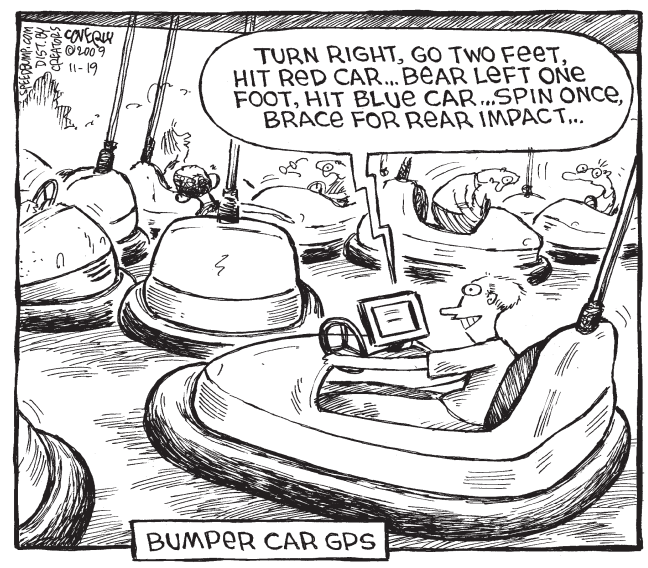
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Difficulty Level ★★★

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

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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

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

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1 Pocket beeper
6 From the Vatican
11 Yucca's kin
12 Resort off Venezuela
13 Star
14 Muscular power
15 Book boo-boos
17 Brit. fliers
19 Important time
20 Network
23 Kitchen come-ons
25 Igloo shape
26 Military attack unit
28 Layout unit
29 Make horse sounds
30 Take in
31 USO patrons
32 Tina of "30 Rock"
33 Rave music
35 Garnet unit
38 Usual values
41 Battle site of 1836
42 Orlando attraction
43 Turn red, maybe
44 Wee
18 Band-leader Shaw
20 Employee group
21 TV host
22 Like some frat parties
24 Hamm of soccer
25 Happy friend
27 Stocking type
31 Board
33 Unexciting
34 "Yep" opposite
35 Train unit
36 Will Smith biopic
37 Kanye's music
39 Cal. heading
40 Hog holder

DOWN

1 Ocean off Cal.
2 Grow older
3 Strong, as a wind
4 Continually
5 Start a game of pool over
6 Some bow ties
7 Met highlight
8 Groan cause
9 Playwright Burrows
10 Bar topic
16 Whodunit poison
17 Coarse files

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N	E	W	■	T	O	T	■	D	E	N
S	L	A	P	S	H	O	T	■	■	■
■	E	S	A	U	■	O	V	A	L	■
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13					■	14				
■	■	15			16			■	■	■
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ People With Too Much Money: A young, media-shy Chinese woman, identified only as "Mrs. Wang" and photographed in jeans, a T-shirt and baseball cap, purchased an 18-month-old Tibetan mastiff in September for a reported 4 million yuan (about $585,000). She ordered a motorcade of 30 luxury cars to meet her and the dog on their arrival in Xi'an, in Shaanxi province. The price is almost four times the previous reported high for the purchase of a dog (a cloned Labrador, by a Florida family).

■ Circular Reasoning: Surprisingly, the recession otherwise felt in the Phoenix area this year has largely spared one "profession": psychics. An October Arizona Republic report found that while longtime clients tended to reduce their use of astrology and related fields, their business was replaced by a new class of customers desperate to know the future -- those facing financial ruin because of bad home mortgages. (Few, wrote the reporter, seemed to sense the irony of purchasing questionable psychic services to overcome the consequences of questionable mortgage decisions.)

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1816 Warsaw University is established.

1847 The second Canadian railway line, the Montreal and Lachine Railway, is opened.

1863 American Civil War: U.S. President Abraham Lincoln delivers the Gettysburg Address at the dedication of the military cemetery ceremony at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

1881 A meteorite lands near the village of Grossliebenthal, southwest of Odessa, Ukraine.

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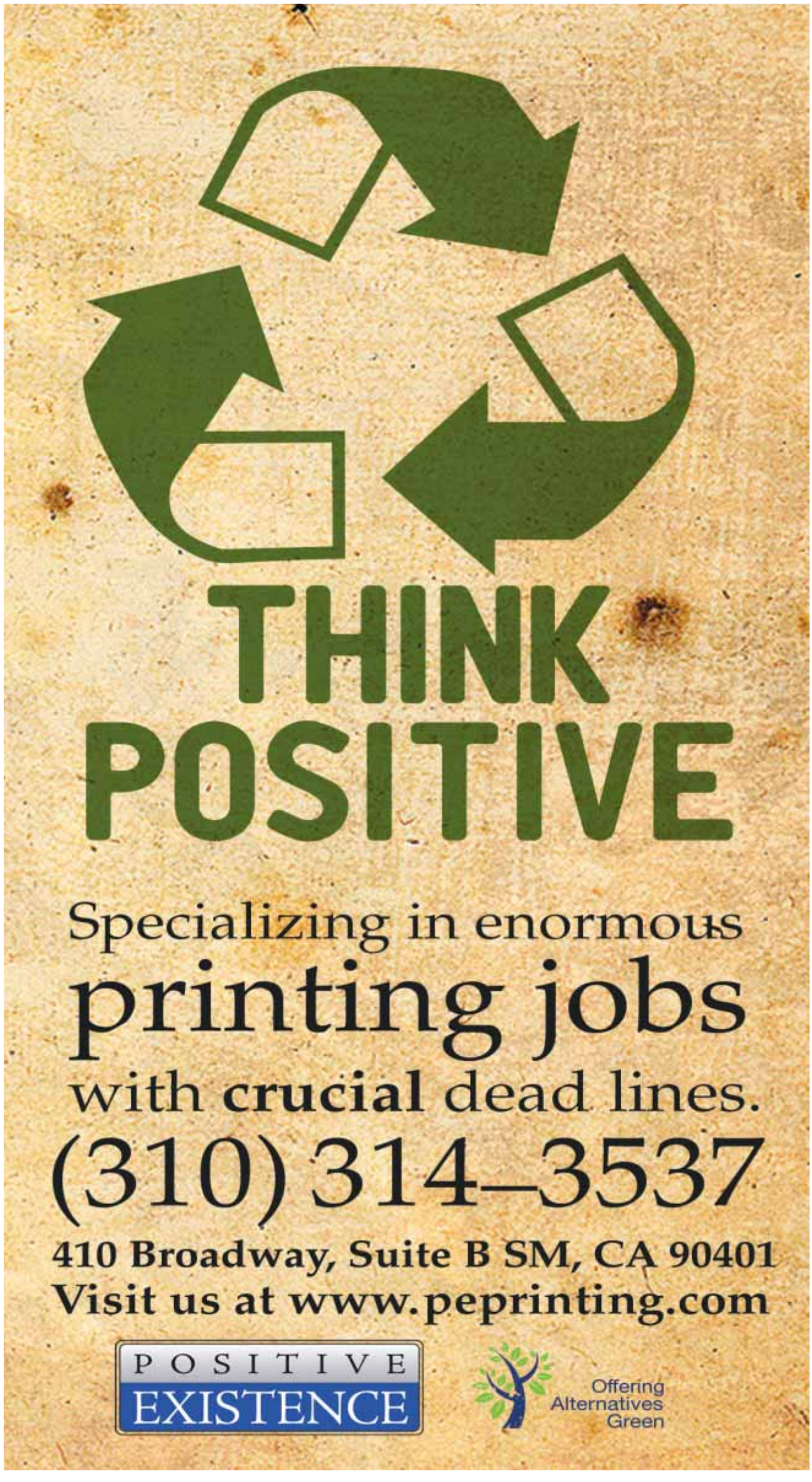
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Santa Monica Canyon	$2,650,000	$4,802,500
North of Montana	$2,995,000	$1,449,500
Between Wilshire & Montana	$1,725,000	$819,000
South of Wilshire	$884,000	$599,999
Sunset Park	$1,144,500	$607,500
Ocean Park	$1,380,000	$1,019,000

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