

## Trustees

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in place for next year," said Amy Howorth. "Just want the public to know that we are really working hard so that our kids have their schedule before the first day of school."

The next School Board meeting will be

Wednesday, December 9.

President Nancy Hersman and Joyce Fahey will be leaving the group, with new members Ellen Rosenberg and Penny Bordokas to be sworn-in. •

## History

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safety into the classroom. In 1967, a puppet show, which was professionally organized, was shown to every kindergarten and first grade child in the Manhattan Beach school system. The show depicted numerous safety scenes and at its conclusion, a uniformed officer, known as "Officer Friendly," appeared. Children in the primary grades got to know good safety habits and the police officers, instilling the idea that a police officer was someone they could go to in time of need.

At the high school level, the officers played additional roles in the Accident Prevention

Program. Each year they assisted the local high school in traffic education, hoping to improve driving habits of the young students. Information from speeding to driving under the influence to reckless driving was available. Not only did the program promote safety awareness, but it also built a positive image for the Police Department in the community.

More information about the Police Department can be found in *Images of America - Manhattan Beach Police Department*, by Jan Dennis, who can be reached at 310-372-8520.

To be continued... •

## Frankly

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to continue my research. Thursday night NFL football, Laker game, etc. Couldn't be bothered with watching the games on one of the other TVs in the mansion that are hooked up to satellite. They both continued to work, by the way.

Got settled in at the research spot and mentioned my devastating plight to a sympathetic ear, or so I thought. Told her that the screen froze, and I was SOL. Expected to get a little love, but all she said was something like, "Were you watching porn when it froze?" Can you believe that someone would think that of *Plank*? The audacity. But it was a pretty funny comment.

No, I said, I was watching *TVG*, the horseracing network. Which she said was worse than watching adult TV! I cancelled any and all

of those "adult stations" when they started making me pay for them. See, I mentioned sports in the last graph. Horseracing, right?

Are you looking forward to this week's titanic tussle at the old Coliseum between the reeling USC Trojans and the Air Force Blue Bruins?

Don't remember the last time that the contest was played in the evening, but then I don't seem to remember a lot of things these days. USC has captured nine of the last 10 contests, including a 28-7 thumping of Coach Rick Neuheisel's squad last year at the Rose Bowl.

SC Coach Pete Carroll has had a couple of weeks to prepare for the game and get over the hangover that was the Stanford debacle. He walks on water, right, Trojan homers? •

## Penguin

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healthcare page-turner. Maybe read the Cliff Notes version down the road.

Are you one of the folks who will apparently be paying back some moolah to the Feds? Saw a blurb recently that mentioned that more than 15 million taxpayers may have to repay 250 or more bucks each to Uncle Sam. Seems that the IRS, while generously granting a tax break last spring to help prod us consumers to open our wallets and spend the country out of recession, may want some of that cashola break back. Got hammered last year on my taxes, owing the government for the first time in a long time. Not sure what happened. Better figure something out by next April, though. Or my tax dude better get on the ball.

Protests and protestors be damned, the UC Board of Regents was forced to approve a 32 percent fee hike for students attending Cali's top public schools. Collegiate-wise. Not football-wise, but actually kids going to school to try and get an education, and then go out into society and make some serious coin. Cuz as we all know, it's all about the Benjamins.

The \$2,500 increase will run the cost of a year's tuition in the UC system to more than \$10,000 a year. And that doesn't include the cost of books, housing, pot or beer.

Students and professional protestors had been rabble-raising before the Regents' vote,

but to no avail. Other than to get 14 or so of the protesters arrested and escorted to clink.

Said UC President Mark G. Yudoff after the committee voted to raise the fees: "I hate to say it, but if you have no choice, you have no choice." Less pot, less beer, kids. Sorry. Glad that I have graduated. Did take me about 10 years, but that was then, this is now.

The long-term effects of the recession and the fact that the state of Cali is running billions of bucks in the red have made it necessary to shift more of the financial burden of paying for college back to the students and their families, and away from the money mis-managers in Sacramento.

Good deal, run the State's fiscal business into the ground, then try to recoup some of the funds from the hard-working, beer-drinking, pot-smoking kids and their rich mommies and daddies.

As the at-times overwhelmed students and their cash-strapped families are asked to pony-up again, and again, one has to wonder how many overpaid mucky-mucks populate the UC systems' payrolls? Titled and entitled folks with this degree and that degree, doctors of this and that. Gotta believe that there is some fat to trim there, don'tcha?

One year from Governor Moonbeam returning to Sacramento, folks... •

## Trojans

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Captain Dustin Brown nudded up, telling Hall-of-Fame writer Helene Elliot that the Kings had players "not playing hard enough, for one, and not playing together."

And goalie Jon Be Nimble, Jon Be Quick also chimed in on the responsibility angle. After giving the Flames kudos for being a darn good team, the franchise goalie added that "we have to prepare ourselves mentally and physically and come up with a better showings than we have these past two games. We're better than that. We know that."

Good to hear the words, fellas. A crummy 14th in the Conference finish won't be acceptable, fellas. At least to us diehard King fans, like MB entrepreneur Joe R.

Had to throw this in, right now. Just saw another infomercial from the very-dead Billy Mays. Selling something that sticks to something.

Please, TV guys, knock off this abomination. And how does his hair seem to get darker every day? Dude is six feet under. Mentioned my gripe to *RJ the Golfer*, who didn't agree with my Mays' comments. Think he said something to the effect that dead celebrities are all over the TV, pitching products. Frank

Sinatra, Fred Astaire, Jack Nicklaus. Catch that one, discerning reader?

All right, so my Angels re-upped with Bobby Abreu at the start of free agency. Good move. Guy is a damn good outfielder, wanted to stay with the Halos, and wasn't looking to shop around. And wasn't represented by a tough negotiator, some may say a butt-head, like Scott Boras. Apparently the Halos don't want to get involved with any of the Boras guys, like outfielder Matt Holliday, who is shopping his wares after finishing last season playing with the Saint Louie Cardinals, and basically blowing their playoff series against Los Dodgers by mis-handling a key fly ball in game dos of the series.

Remember that one, folks? I know you do, *Dodger Girl*. I saw you jump for joy when the two-out, bottom-of-the-ninth-inning fly ball bounced off of the privates of Mr. Holliday, allowing the inning to continue and the Dodgers to eventually win the contest.

Per usual, I have run out of space and run out of time. And the Galaxy are just beginning the first overtime period in the MLS Championship tilt. Didn't turn out too well for the locals, did it? •

## Task Force

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such programs held around the world to recognize the goal to reduce carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) levels in the atmosphere from the current 390 parts per million to 350 ppm. The latter number is considered the safe upper limit for CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere, according to leading scientists. During the one-hour event, attendees including elected officials and community supporters formed a human tide line starting from the Manhattan Beach Pier to demonstrate where sea level rises due to climate change will bring the tide in the future if greenhouse gas emissions are not reduced.

Meanwhile in June, Manhattan Beach made a shortlist of small cities across the country recognized by the United States Conference of Mayors for climate best practices. It was one of only seven small municipalities so honored and the only one in Southern California. "The City of Manhattan Beach is actively seeking ways to meet its commitment to protecting the climate and this national recognition highlights the fact that a small city can set a leading example in environmental stewardship for other communities," said Mayor Cohen.

As 2009 comes to a close, the Task Force may be near the end of its road, as its 18-month term is set to expire in April 2010. Its future after that has yet to be determined. In the meantime, it has set an ambitious series of

goals to accomplish over those final few months. Upcoming presentations will include the City's energy audit results; reports on green purchasing; a bike route plan along Valley/Ardmore; a municipal climate action plan and community-wide climate action goal; enforcement options for the water conservation ordinance; review and outreach ideas for the current stormwater program; a zero waste policy; and a comprehensive package of building code requirements that include tiered energy and sustainable building ordinances.

Sona Kalapura, the City's Environmental Programs Manager, noted that the dedication and skill levels of the Task Force are key factors in the group's achievements. "The City's Environmental Task Force is a unique volunteer opportunity for our residents to make a difference in the community they live in, but the policies they are developing have far reaching impacts," she said.

"Based in the work we are doing, our neighboring communities are setting new environmental policies and commitments—and that is really the best outcome any of us can hope for."

The City of Manhattan Beach Environmental Task Force holds public meetings on the third Thursday of every month. For more information, log onto [www.citymb.info](http://www.citymb.info), or contact Sona Kalapura at 310-802-5058.



Adolescence comes with a one-time window for building bones that will stay stronger into adulthood and beyond. That's why it's so important for young teens to "build their bone banks" with weight-bearing exercise and a diet rich in calcium. At least three cups of low fat or fat free milk plus other calcium-rich foods each day is a good rule. If you have children 11-15, make sure they take advantage of this critical time. They won't get a second chance to build strong bones. A public service message from the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development.

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