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THE NEW GUY ISSUE

O'Day is new face on council

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Environmentalist Terry O'Day, a former chairman of the Planning Commission, was selected by the City Council Tuesday night to fill the seat vacated by the death of Mayor Ken Genser last month.

The head of the non-profit group Environment Now, O'Day will serve until Nov. 2, when voters will decide who should finish the final two years of the term that Genser won in 2008.

"I take it very seriously that it's Ken's seat and I hope to reach out to all the folks in the community who supported me, who did not, and who don't know me," O'Day said on Wednesday.

It took eight rounds of voting for O'Day to win a majority vote from the six sitting council members. Councilman Bobby Shriver, who in earlier rounds supported Planning Commissioner Ted Winterer, appeared to cast the decisive vote, joining council members Richard Bloom, Bob Holbrook and Mayor Pro Tem Pam O'Connor to appoint O'Day.

Winterer, who ran for City Council in 2008 and received the fifth most votes in an election to fill four council seats, was nominated for the open position by Councilman Kevin McKeown but never garnered more than two votes.

Shriver said he switched his support to O'Day once it became clear Winterer wasn't a viable candidate.

"I realized that my first choice didn't have a second, third or fourth vote," he said.

Winterer has said he'll run for a council seat in November, when five seats will be open.

Councilwoman Gleam Davis supported Jennifer Kennedy, a Rent Control board member elected with the backing of the political party Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights, in every round of voting.

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DOING TIME

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce member Jeff Jarow takes part in the Muscular Dystrophy Association's Annual Lock-Up fundraiser on Wednesday at Bubba Gump Shrimp Company. 'Prisoners' donated money to 'post their bail' in an attempt to raise money for the MDA.

City Council says no to 'time-out' on development

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The City Council on Tuesday night rejected a proposal that would have postponed hearings on most large-scale development projects planned for Santa Monica.

City Councilman Kevin McKeown had asked his colleagues to approve putting off hearings on the biggest projects for several months while City Hall completes work on the Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE), a long-range planning document that will guide growth in neighborhoods where projects are proposed.

He said postponing the hearings would free up staff time to concentrate on the

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BOYS HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER PLAYOFFS

Tough defense sends Samohi to third round

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

CORSAIR FIELD Just two years removed from winning a state title the Santa Monica boys soccer team appears to be reliving the dream.

Samohi, the number seven seed in the playoffs, defeated Los Altos Tuesday in the second round of the California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section Division 4 playoffs to set up a home game against Laguna Hills today at Santa Monica College's Corsair field. The game is scheduled to begin at 5 p.m.

As opposed to the 2008 title team's offensive prowess, this version of the Vikings (15-5-3 overall, 8-1-1 in Ocean League play) is

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A free-wheeling review and discussion of the week's key news stories at home and abroad moderated by Jack Nordhaus.
For information, call (310) 458-8681.

Friday, Feb. 26, 2010

'45 minutes to Broadway'
Edgemar Center for the Arts
2437 Main St., 8 p.m.
A theatrical family of several generations is visited for the weekend by their two daughters and one potential son-in-law, a civilian, in their run-down home just 45 minutes From Broadway. The play is presented Friday — Sunday through Feb. 28. Admission is $25.

'Rent'
Santa Monica High School
601 Pico Blvd., 7 p.m.
Santa Monica High School theatre presents the Tony-award winning musical "Rent." The show runs Feb. 26-27. There are two shows on Saturday: 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Admission is $15 for adults and $10 for students. Call (310) 395-3204 ext. 239 for more information.

Saturday, Feb. 27, 2010

'The Collector'
Ruskin Group Theater
3000 Airport Ave., 8 p.m.
John Fowles' play runs Fridays and Saturdays through March 6. Admission is $10 for students, seniors and guild members and $15 for the general public. Free parking is available at the theater.

Farm fresh
Arizona Avenue and Third Street
8:30 a.m. — 1 p.m.
This weekly Farmers' Market features the best in fruits and vegetables. Prepared foods are also available.

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.



BOYS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS

Samohi boys upset top seed

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

CHINO HILLS The crowd was roaring for Santa Monica's boys basketball team as the clock struck zero on Tuesday, but they weren't the home team.

Samohi won the California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section Division 1A playoff game, 40-39, against top-seeded Chino Hills in front of nearly 100 cheering fans who made the trek in a pair of buses. Head Coach James Hecht credited Samohi's rooting section for comforting his team in what would have otherwise been a hostile environment.

"Our fans have been outstanding all year," Hecht said. "They turned it into a

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LETTING LOOSE

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Home-schooled Stephanie Sonuga sings 'You Gotta Be' by Desree during Downbeat 720 at the Miles Memorial Playhouse at Reed Park on Tuesday night. Downbeat provides high school students with a chance to perform for free every second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

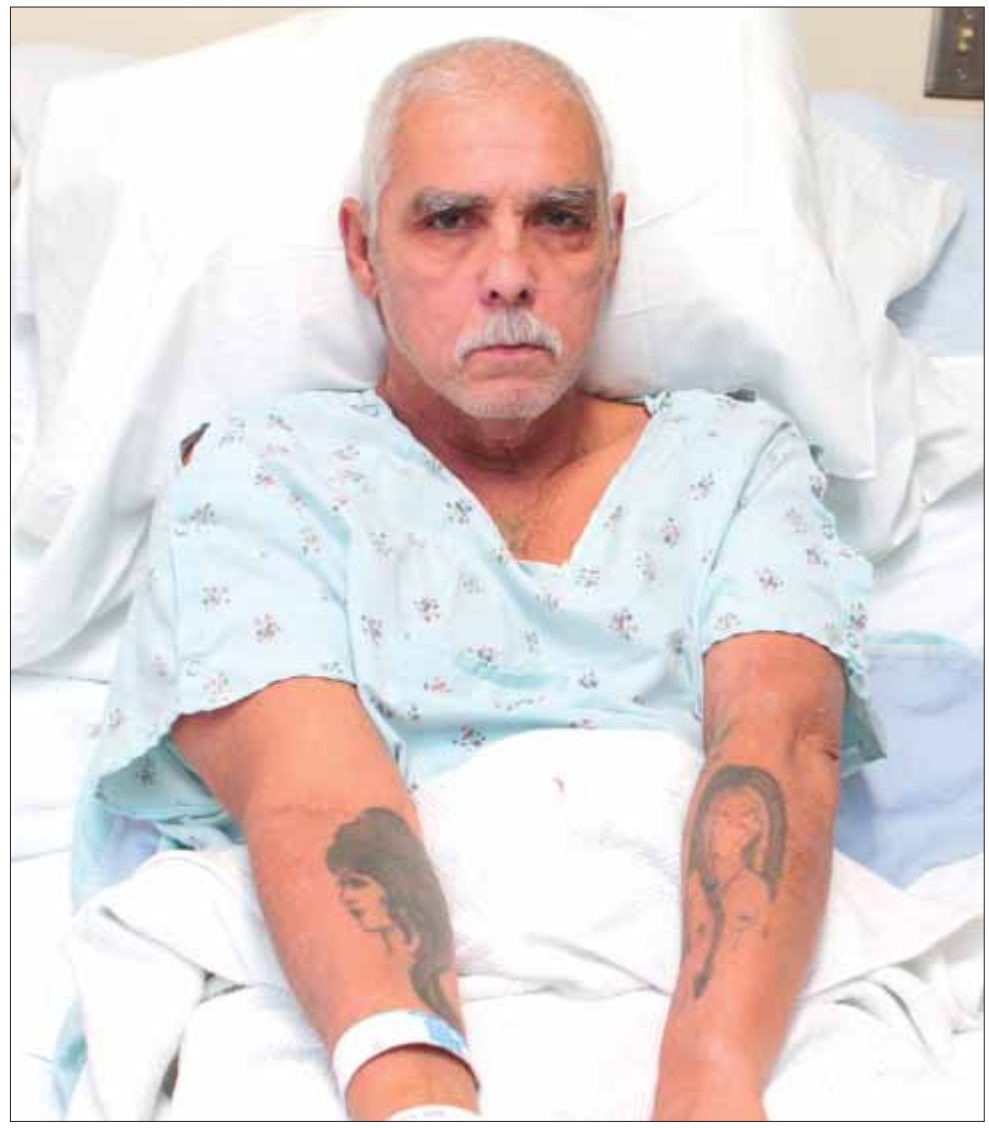


Photo courtesy Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital

SEEKING INFORMATION: **This man was taken to a local hospital on Feb. 12.**

Hospital needs help identifying patient

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

MID-CITY Officials at the Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital are asking for the public's help in identifying a "John Doe" patient who was admitted into the hospital's emergency room earlier this month.

Officials said the patient is Hispanic, standing 5-feet, 8-inches tall and weighs 160 pounds. He is believed to be in his mid-to-late 50s. He has a tanned complexion, short, gray hair, a mustache and tattoos of women on both forearms. He also has a heart tattoo on his chest.

Hospital officials said the patient cannot speak or write.

The patient was wearing a blue polo shirt with "Buena Park W.G.C." on the lapel, and dark gray sweatpants when he was brought to the Nethercutt Emergency Center on Feb. 12, said Ted Braun, spokesman for the hospital. The patient was brought into the hospital by Santa Monica paramedics, who found him on a bus that had reached the end of the line.

Braun would not release more information on the condition of the patient.

Anyone with information about the patient is asked to call the hospital at (310) 319-4500.

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Litter bugs

Editor:

Yes, we love Santa Monica, but last week the sidewalks were littered with stickers by the paper's inserts from the Santa Monica Convention and Visitors Bureau. The ground around the delivery areas was covered all week. Don't litter and find a better way so we can just promote our city.

P.S. Love the paper!

Beverly J. Howe
Santa Monica

Pico will have a library

Editor:

Tuesday, the City Council voted to move forward on creating the Pico Branch Library. For many years, beginning with the 1983 Pico Neighborhood Community Plan, residents have advocated for a library amongst a long list of other needs. More recently, the Pico Neighborhood Association advocated for the creation of a library as a way to revitalize Pico Boulevard and strengthen academic support for our youth. And although the PNA's push to replace Eddie's Liquor with a library was visionary, a library at Virginia Avenue Park is a blessing for our youth and families.

The Pico Neighborhood is home to the largest concentration of the city's youth. Poverty and lack of education in the household presents challenges to students in the community. The school district has implemented support programs for struggling students but we need support from parents and community resources to close the achievement gap. A library in the Pico Neighborhood will be a key resource in our effort to expand educational and cultural opportunities for our city's future.

I want to express my gratitude to the City Council, former City Manager Lamont Ewell, Councilmember's Bloom and Genser and city staff for their commitment to putting resources where the need is greatest. I also want to thank the leadership of the Pico Neighborhood Association and residents who stood with us to make our dream and the demands of past community leaders come to fruition.

Oscar de la Torre
Member, Santa Monica-Malibu Board of Education

Innocent victims

Editor:

The news reports about the recall of nearly 5 million pounds of beef and veal products produced by Huntington Meat Packing Inc. failed to mention that at least 12,000 sentient individuals were killed to make the recalled meat. We mustn't overlook their needless suffering and pain-filled deaths.

Animals are made of flesh, bone, and blood, just as you and I are. They form friendships, feel pain and joy, grieve for lost loved ones, and are afraid to die. But in slaughterhouses, they are often scalded alive or dismembered while they're still conscious.

The recalled meat, which was produced from January 2009 to January 2010, will likely make headlines for a few days, and then the issue will be forgotten. Meat recalls happen again and again and little changes — for people or animals. In memory of the more than 12,000 animals who were killed to produce the recalled meat — and the billions of other farmed animals who are killed every year — please go vegan. See www.GoVeg.com for more information and a free vegetarian starter kit.

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

Putting a rude colleague in her place

DEAR NEW SHRINK,

You know those people who are rude no matter what. I can normally tolerate this behavior for a short amount of time, however, the person I have in mind is someone that I work with. I have a good relationship with most of my colleagues, but one woman is rude beyond belief. She spends most of her day complaining and when I ask her to contribute even the smallest things to a project I'm managing she responds in a very sarcastic tone and often says rude things about me as I walk away. I know I need to be careful of my behavior toward her because this is a professional workplace but it's to the point now where I feel like I'm about to snap at her. What can I do to get this rude woman off my case and get on with my work?

Sincerely,
Polite Professional

DEAR POLITE,

It is surprising that this woman would be gutsy enough to be so openly rude in the workplace, but you are right, there are those people who seem to have a negative attitude no matter what. I applaud you for maintaining your cool for this long but can only imagine how frustrating it must be to deal with this woman on a regular basis.

Ideally you should look for ways that you can reduce your contact with this woman. While it may be impossible to cut off all contact you may be able to find new ways to go about your work without having to deal with her. For instance, when involving her on projects it might be helpful to e-mail her instructions and details on the project rather than engaging in a physical interaction. This way you can reduce your emotional involvement in the conversation and there will be a paper trail of any unprofessional responses she might send your way.

While your colleague is obviously behaving unprofessionally, it might be helpful to reflect on your own behavior to be sure you protect yourself from further negative interactions. Some individuals are rude to test their boundaries with other people and others express this when they feel threatened or insecure in their relationship with others. Unbeknownst to you she may be reacting to what you represent to her or your own success at the company. While you cannot control others' behavior, you can act to prevent yourself from being tangled up in her negative mess. When you do interact with her it is important that you remain firm and neutral on your comments and behaviors. While it might seem natural that you should follow the old phrase to "kill her with kindness" she may interpret this behavior as passive and it may actually even worsen her behavior. Remaining calm and collected will help ensure that you are treated in the professional way you deserve.

While you may not feel comfortable reporting your colleague, it may be possible for you to casually explore how she treats others in the office by asking open-ended questions to her supervisor and others in direct contact with her. Monitor her interactions and behaviors with others, in particular those who have a positive working relationship with her. Perhaps this will help you gain insight into how you can best interact with her and reduce the rudeness.

Sometimes in these situations you have to take the higher road. Talking directly with this woman may be the fastest way to resolving the tension. Rather than acknowledging her insults or responding with your own, it may be helpful to focus on what you can do to strengthen the relationship. Consider having an open conversation about what each of you can do to improve communication. Putting it out in the open may be the best way to acknowledge the tension and may help to enlighten her negative behaviors. Even if the behavior does not improve immediately, the more steps you take to remain professional in this setting will help from making this situation any more damaging to your work. While it may feel easy to slip into a habit of gossiping about her or responding in a similar tone, this may only escalate her behavior.

Finally, if you have vacation or personal time saved up it might be helpful to take a few days away from the office to take care of yourself and re-energize. Sometimes breaking the routine and gaining a new perspective on the situation can produce surprising results. It will take patience and professionalism, but I am confident that you have what it takes to reduce rudeness, one coworker at a time!

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An open letter to Bob Costas

DEAR BOB (MAY I CALL YOU BOB?),

Having spent some time over the past two weeks watching the Winter Olympics, I wanted to tell you personally how much I've admired your tremendous hosting efforts. From the nuances of the skeleton track to the minutiae of large hill individual ski jumping, your breadth of sports knowledge is unparalleled.

But more than that, you're a paragon of journalists. Not for a moment have you revealed even the tiniest hint of emotion on your face. Few others have lived and breathed the Society of Professional Journalists' Code of Ethics as righteously as you do. Surely Edward R. Murrow would have respected enormously how you're gallantly carrying on the long-standing and proud tradition of professional integrity.

Mr. Murrow also might have been just a wee bit astounded at how little you appear to have aged over the last several years, which probably goes hand-in-hand with the lack of expression on your face. And that brings me to the real purpose of this letter: Michael Jackson's nose called. He wants his punch line back.

Bob, it's time to break up with your plastic surgeon.

I'm sure you're wondering why I'm the one broaching this deeply personal and uncomfortable subject with you. But we actually met once — about 14 years ago when I was a page at NBC and brought a rear admiral from the Navy and his family into the sports studio for a private tour while you were preparing for a broadcast. The studio manager tried to "shoo" us out, but when you saw a man in uniform, you insisted on personally showing him around. You shook my hand as we left to go visit the "Dateline" studio. I was the one wearing the standard-issue fluffy maroon and white polka dot bow tie, tan polyester skirt and blue blazer with a peacock pin. I'm sure you remember me.

Anyway, it appears as if neither your producers, agents, network executives, friends, family, fans, critics nor either of your wives have been brave enough to stage a cosmetic procedure intervention. So as a former NBC colleague and one of the countless people who have spent more time analyzing the scarcity of movement in your face than the sparkles on the costumes of the male ice dancers, apparently the dirty deed has fallen to me.

And since you did me a favor once, I feel obliged to tell you that it appears as if you are a few nips and tucks away from looking better than your wax statue at Madame Tussauds.

Bob, there's really no need to try and look like Shaun White's contemporary. In Utah and some parts of West Virginia, you're old enough to be his great-grandfather. Yet the Flying Tomato looks way more sun-dried than you. If you let your 57 years just happen naturally, I have no doubt you'd be dashing.

There's a certain dignity in looking your age. And then there's Madonna. She's pushing 52 but dresses like a Nickelodeon starlet and has more chemicals in her than a Dow laboratory. If she tried to look her age, she'd look fabulous. As it is, though, she's just as convincing a 19-year-old as Andrea Zuckerman was as a 16-year-old on "Beverly Hills, 90210."

Then there's the matter of your hair. If it's a toupee, then it's time for a new, thinner one. Believe it or not — there is such a thing as too thick when it comes to men's hair (paging Rod Blagojevich).

If it is, in fact, your real hair, then I'm going to guess that no one has seen its real shade since President Reagan took the oath of office (the first time). You might take a cue from Brian Williams, who I strongly suspect strategically adds some gray to his hair to lend him some gravitas. Just For Men makes a shade called Touch of Gray, which lets you get rid of some gray without getting rid of it all. The first box is on me — just say the word.

To be sure, some amount of artificial enhancement can be fine, but only if you actually look better as a result. When you start looking like Jocelyn Wildenstein's second cousin, or Katie Couric, then it's time to step away from the Botox needle and admit you have a problem.

You're not a lady who lunches, but at this point, with the number of procedures you appear to have undergone (not to mention how much makeup you cake on before each broadcast), you might as well have a standing reservation at Nello to nibble on a $26 salad of four beet slices with Annette de la Renta, Evelyn Lauder and Muffie Potter Aston.

An ice rink in the Winter Olympics is good. On your forehead, not so much. Stick with what you know and leave the Juvéderm to Nicole Kidman and Joan Rivers.

Love (because if I didn't love you, then I wouldn't say anything),

Meredith

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The Q Line

Taking a 'time-out'

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

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

Do you think a time-out is a wise choice or should business continue as usual?

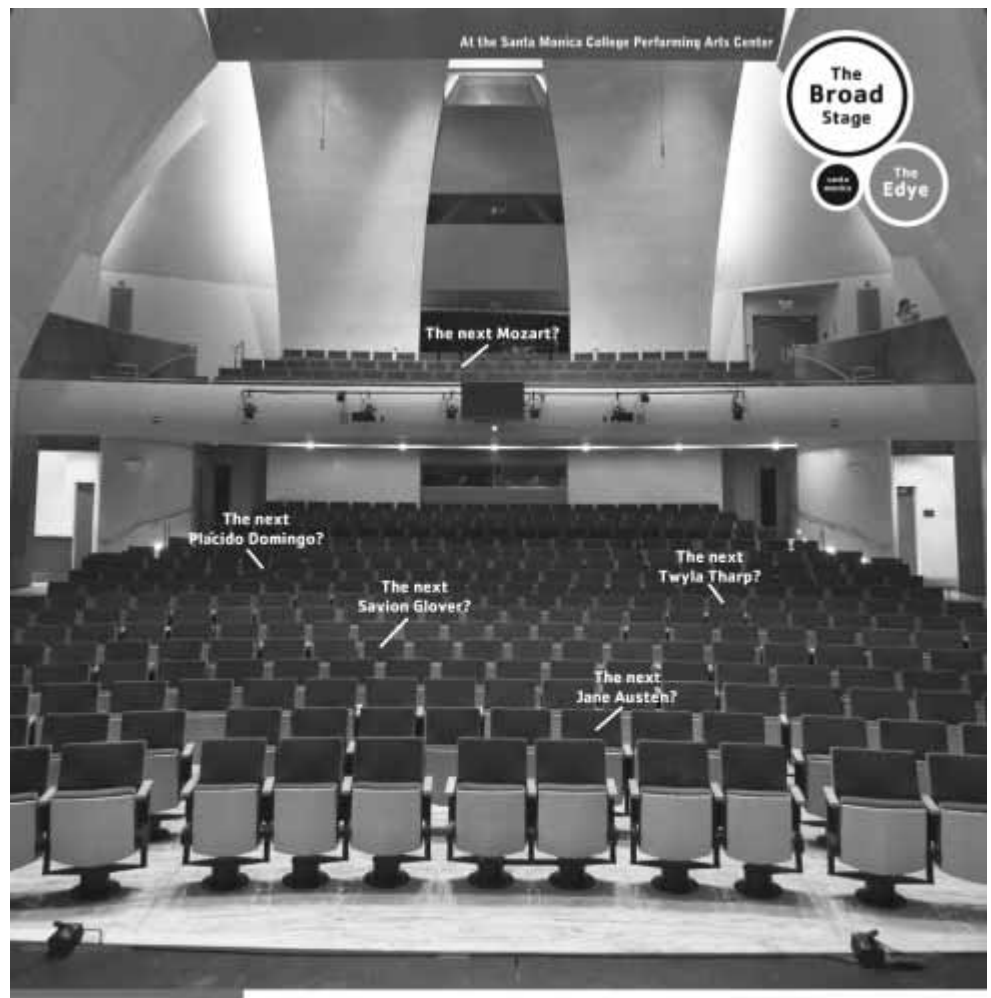
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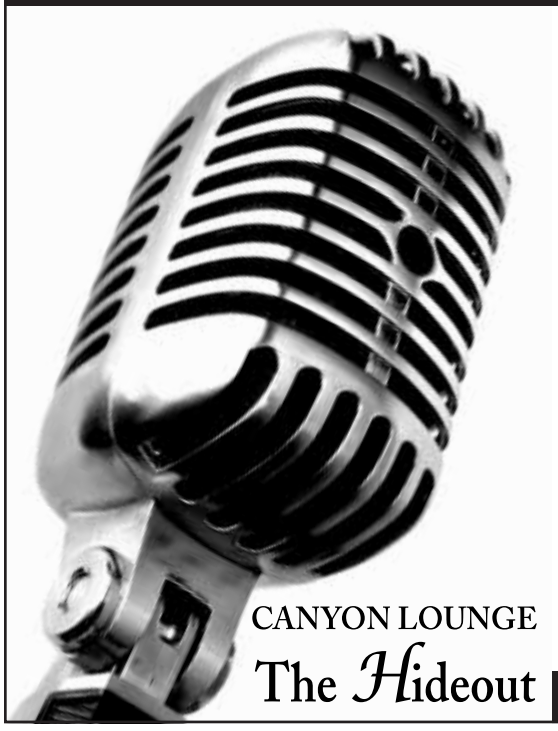
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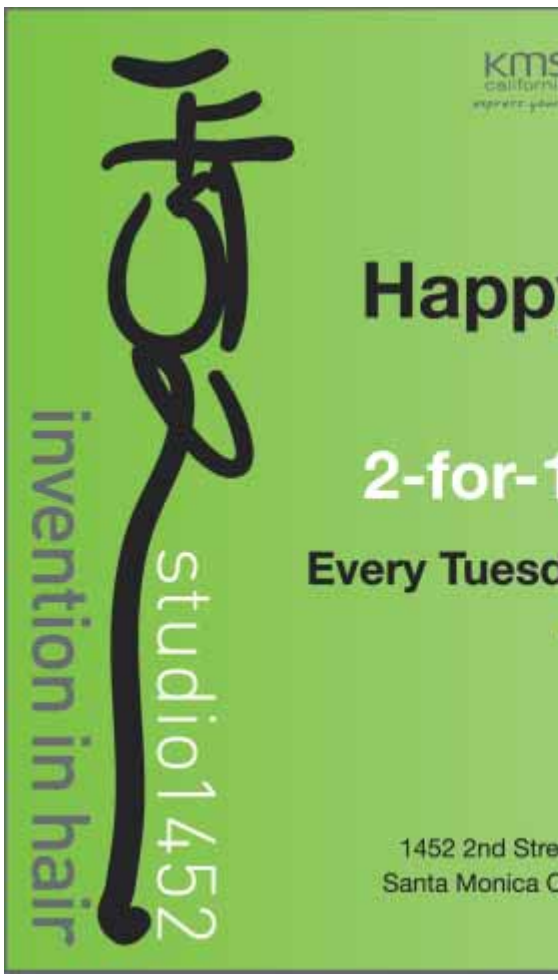
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The Re-View

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East is worth the trip to Hollywood

I RARELY DRIVE INTO HOLLYWOOD FOR dinner — only when something very special takes me there. And I don't usually pay a lot of attention to the décor in a restaurant; I'm mostly focused on my comfort level. I usually am most attentive to the food. But when my friend Paul McCloskey invited us to dinner at a restaurant called East, in which he was an investor, knowing that he had very good taste, we agreed to drive to Hollywood Boulevard to see the new restaurant. And he invited his girlfriend, Ashley.

That night, as luck would have it, there was a movie opening ("When in Rome") and part of Hollywood Boulevard was blocked off. The sidewalks were jammed with tourists gawking at the theater and looking at the stars both embedded in and on the sidewalk. We parked in the Hollywood-Highland building, which was conveniently located and very up-scale. Then we walked east, through the crowds, past Highland, into a less up-scale area.

The entrance to East itself is spectacular. Flames shoot out of a rock garden in the window. A huge stone-studded door opens into a modern, gray lounge. Paul and Ashley were waiting at the bar. Ashley was also spectacular — everyone's image of a beautiful blond ex-New York model (which she is, although she was born and raised in Missouri).

We were led through the restaurant, past wood-carved and stone walls all of a natural texture, with a canopy of live trees under a 65-foot skylight with views of the night sky above, creating an airy quality to the room. We were seated in an enclosed booth looking out over floating candelabras in a church-like setting. It is stunningly beautiful.

Oh yes, what about the food? That too was very special. And no wonder, the chef is Keven Alan Lee, who was formerly the executive chef at Lutéce, one of the top restaurants in Las Vegas (in the hotel Venetian). His concept at East is to offer a raw bar with special sauces, such as chili garlic, miso mustard cream, and southwestern chipotle lime, plus a number of unusual dishes appropriate for sharing. Some of his specialties include:

• Thai red snapper served whole with a spicy citrus tomato and pepper concasse.

• Organic, free-range chicken with five spice, chicken confit and bamboo rice, little marinated lamb chops.

• The "dinosaur egg," diced albacore tossed in a unagi sauce, encased in a half avocado, topped with sesame seeds.

• Steamed duck confit, seared and plated with ginger gastrique and orange brown butter.

• Prime skirt steak, layered on top of a crispy wonton chip, topped with queso fresco, black beans, tomatillo and ancho chili sauce.

And that's just a few of the dishes we shared.

We had a good bottle of wine, but there's no sense in talking about the wine list because it's just in the process of a complete overhaul. But the overhaul is in good hands and I know there's not going to be any problem with it.

Prices at East are very reasonable, but because of the nature of the menu a group of four people might order as many as eight different dishes to share around. With drinks, you should expect to spend $30-$40 per person for a full dinner. But many folks come in for a late night drink and a light snack.

East is the darling of David Judaken, owner of the Syndicate Hospitality Group that operates a number of the very exclusive late-night clubs in town. In a few months, one of his clubs will open up next to East.

I suggest you try it before that.

If You Go:

East
6611 Hollywood Blvd.
Tuesdays through Sundays, 6 p.m.
(323)462-EAST (3278)
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Add some tang to your eggs with this sauce

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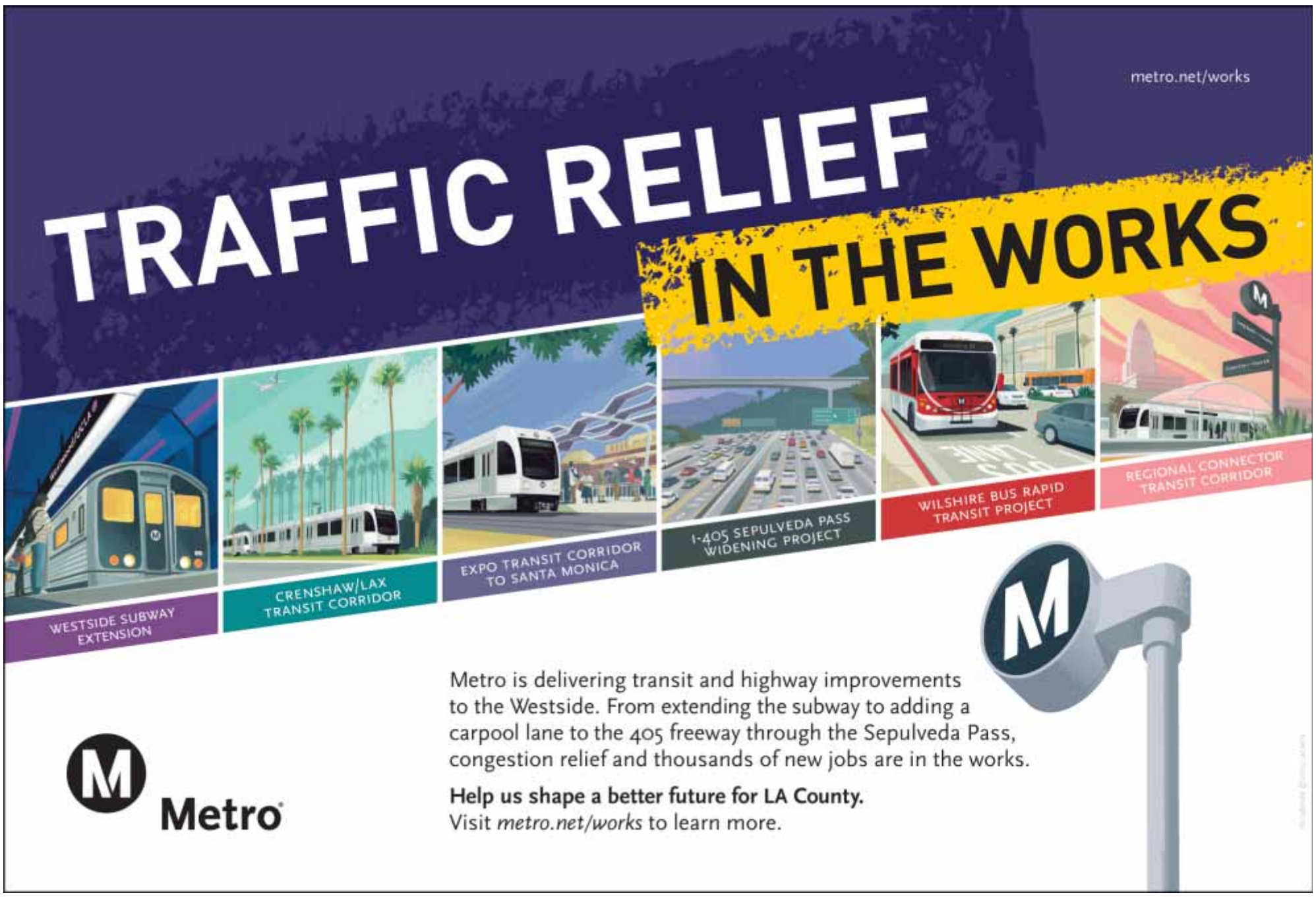
This tangy, spicy sauce is used at Penny Cluse Cafe in Burlington, Vt., for among other things topping the "Ham Randy," a grilled sandwich made with locally produced ham, cheddar cheese and tomatoes.

Penny Cluse Cafe Rocket Sauce
Start to finish: 5 minutes
Makes about 3 cups
1/3 cup white vinegar
2 tablespoons chopped jarred jalapenos
1 large egg
1 large egg yolk
1 tablespoon chopped garlic
2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon ground white pepper
1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
2 cups canola oil

In a food processor or blender, combine the vinegar, jalapenos, whole egg, egg yolk, garlic, mustard, salt, white pepper and cayenne pepper. Process until blended, about 10 seconds. With the processor or blender running, slowly drizzle in the canola oil and process until emulsified, about 45 seconds. Refrigerate in a covered container for up to 5 days.

Nutrition information per 2 tablespoon serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 172 calories; 168 calories from fat; 19 g fat (1 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 16 mg cholesterol; 0 g carbohydrate; 0 g protein; 0 g fiber; 102 mg sodium.

(Recipe from Charles Reeves, chef and owner of Penny Cluse Cafe in Burlington, Vt.)



O'Day denies 'pro-development' label

FROM COUNCIL PAGE 1

In the fifth voting round Kennedy appeared to be close to winning the appointment.

Bloom, McKeown and Davis, all of whom were elected as SMRR-backed candidates, voted for Kennedy. O'Connor, also a SMRR-backed council member, could have handed the seat to Kennedy but declined to do so.

During the later voting rounds, O'Day, Winterer and Planning Commission Vice Chairman Jim Ries, also a candidate for the seat, sat together in the back of the council chamber.

"You could feel the mounting pressure but it was fun," O'Day said of the experience. "It was a real expression of participatory democracy. Despite not being an election, it was an exceptional outpouring from the community."

Many of the speakers during a public comment period before the vote urged the council to select Winterer, pointing out he had been the next highest vote-getter in the most recent election. Speakers also voiced support for O'Day, who served for six years on the Planning Commission before stepping down last year.

O'Day was widely perceived to be the candidate favored by development interests, with most activists tied to neighborhood groups urging the council to appoint Winterer.

On Wednesday, O'Day said the notion that he would be a "pro-development" council member is baseless.

"I'm sorry that people were spreading those misconceptions about me. I encourage people to reach me, if I don't reach them first, to talk with me about these issues," he said.

Though he co-chaired the successful effort to defeat the anti-development measure known as RIFT in 2008, he has said his position on that measure shouldn't be viewed as a litmus test of his development views. Many leaders, including Genser, not considered developer-friendly opposed the measure, he said.



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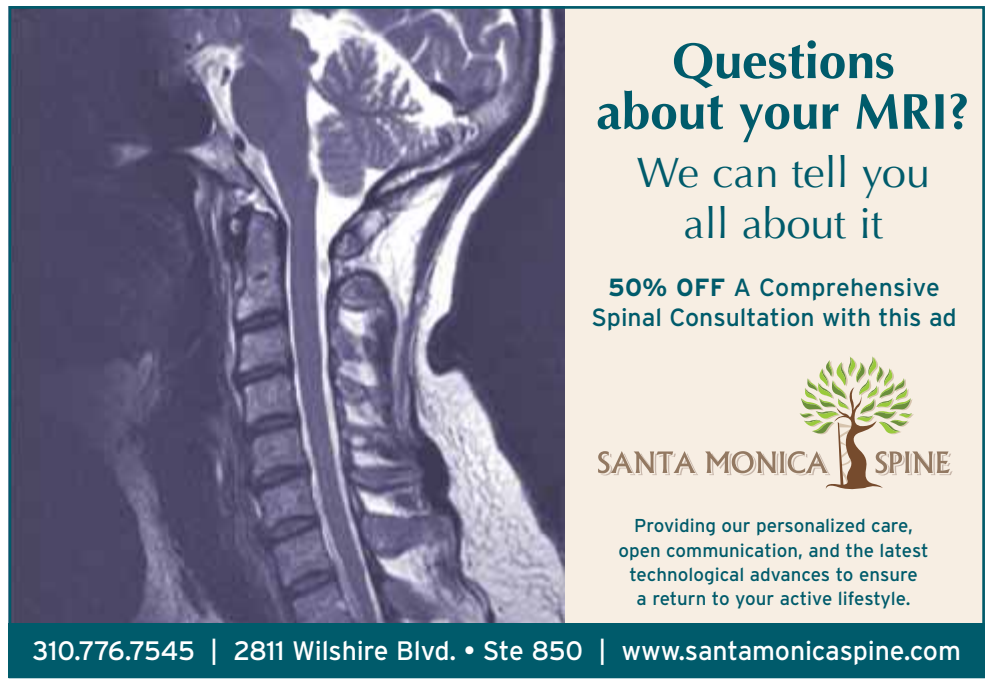
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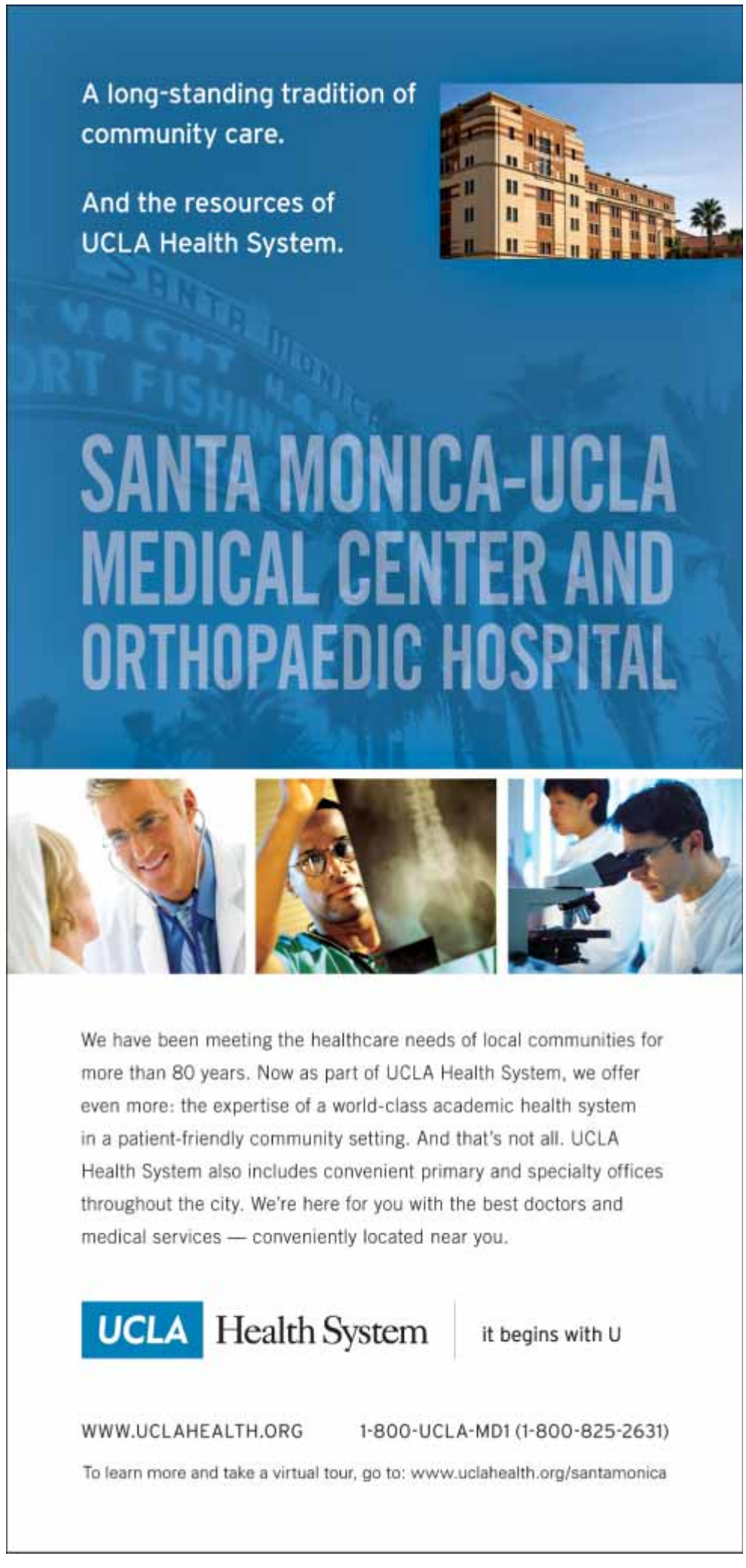
"I understand too that the concerns people have about the way development is done and the amount of development in our community [are] real," he said.

O'Day is a 12-year resident of Santa Monica. O'Day ran for the council in 2006, receiving 11,756 votes, or 16.13 percent of the total, coming in fourth in a contest for three seats behind incumbents Holbrook, O'Connor and McKeown.

O'Day is the executive director of Environment Now, founded in 1989 with the goal of protecting and restoring California's ecosystems. He has a master's in business from The UCLA Anderson School of Management and completed the Coro Public Affairs Fellows Program in Los Angeles. He received a bachelor's degree in public policy from Stanford University. He and his wife Tiffany have two daughters.

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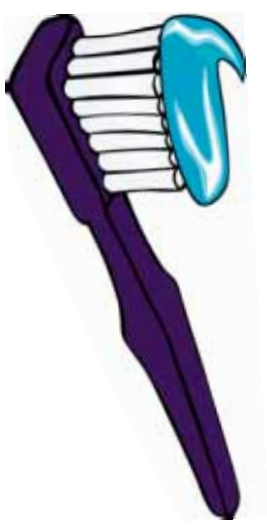
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Planning Commission may hold special LMSD meeting

FROM DEVELOPMENT PAGE 1

LUCE and would give decision makers on the Planning Commission and City Council a better sense of community priorities before considering individual projects.

The motion failed as McKeown and Councilwoman Gleam Davis were the only members to support it. The other five council members, including Terry O'Day, who was sworn in earlier in the evening, voted against the measure.

After hearing from Planning Director Eileen Fogarty, several council members who opposed the motion said they were satisfied that City Hall planners could handle working on development agreements while also focusing on completing the LUCE.

"It sounds to me like the process is working," said Councilman Richard Bloom. "There's a plan afoot to make this kind of thing happen and perhaps we should hear back if it doesn't."

Before the vote attorneys for several projects that would have been affected argued against McKeown's proposal.

Attorney Dale Goldsmith, who represents Agensys, a biotech company with plans to expand its facility in Santa Monica, said postponing hearings would hurt his client.

"We have a very tight time frame and unfortunately there's no slack in the scheduling," he said.

Chris Harding, who represents developer Hines, the company planning the nearly 1 million square-foot Bergamot Transit Village, argued the proposal was counterproductive and would result in fewer opportunities for the public to give input on development projects.

Representatives from several neighborhood groups, though, said residents support slowing down the review process for development agreements.

Speaking on behalf of the Wilshire-Montana Neighborhood Coalition, Chairperson Valerie Griffin urged the council to approve McKeown's measure.

"It is unreasonable to rush approval of development that will take years to complete and will be part of the city for decades," she told the council.

Though the council rejected McKeown's idea, there appears to be some momentum behind an alternative proposal neighborhood groups have backed.

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Because six of the 10 projects seeking development agreements with City Hall are located in the eastside area known as the Light Manufacturing and Studio District (LMSD), residents who live in the nearby Pico and Sunset Park neighborhoods have expressed concern over increased traffic if the projects are approved.

Groups like the Coalition for a Livable City have argued City Hall should study the cumulative impacts of the projects, rather than holding individual hearings on each one.

On Wednesday, Hank Koning, who chairs the Planning Commission, said at the commission's next meeting he plans to discuss holding such a "study session" on the LMSD projects. The idea, Koning said, would be to examine whether the projects together would be in line with the LUCE's requirements and would provide the right mix of community benefits to constitute a "complete neighborhood."

Before the vote to reject his proposal, McKeown said he believed residents would continue to bring complaints about City Hall's review process for large-scale projects to the City Council.

"I disagree that everything is fine. I don't share the sunny view that the process at this moment is serving the public as well as you might do," he said.

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Samohi returns to quarterfinals

FROM HOOPS PAGE 3

home-court advantage for us."

The game's pace was slow from the jump with both teams struggling to manufacture points. The pace of the game was so slow that no Viking scored in double figures. Center Harry Horn led the team with nine points. Soloman Singer chipped in eight points of his own.

Hecht wasn't alone in his praise for the traveling crowd.

"It felt like a home game for us," Horn said. "They all came with their shirts and their signs.

"It really gave us energy."

That extra edge was needed as the game was contested down to the final whistle.

With 10 seconds remaining, Samohi held a two point lead as Corey Walker was fouled. He missed the first freethow, but hit the second to give Samohi a 40-37 lead. Without a time-out, Chino Hills was able to hustle down court and make a running hook in the lane with two seconds to go. Samohi inbounded the ball and ran out the rest of the clock sending the team to the quarterfinals for the second year in a row. Samohi lost in the semifinals last season.

"It was one of our lowest scoring performances of the year," said Hecht, who is seeking his first CIF title in his 16 years as coach. "But, we'll take it as they come."

The eighth-seeded Vikings advance to take on Colony on Friday at Santa Monica College.

Hecht likened Colony to his own team, saying he expects both teams to be evenly matched. Both teams enjoy stretching the floor and playing up-tempo.

Samohi will have to stay in front on both sides of the ball and stay aggressive if they are to advance, Hecht added.

Horn, who defends the post for Samohi, said that ball movement will win the day.

"It's pretty hard to stop us when we're doing that," Horn said. "Other teams can't guard all five of us at once."

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Samohi leans on freshman

FROM SOCCER PAGE 1

relying on its defense to advance through the postseason tournament. In two games, Samohi has allowed just one goal, a feat that Head Coach Serafin Rodriguez attributes to the stellar play of defender Daniel Hulbert.

"He is the one who runs the defense," Rodriguez said. "He tells the team who to mark.

"He's the one who takes responsibility for communicating on the field."

He also said that goalkeeper Michael Freedman has been sharp the few times opposing teams have threatened to score.

"We're very greedy about giving up goals," Rodriguez said. "We just don't give up goals."

He said that trend would have to continue if his Vikings are to advance past Laguna Hills because the team has been hard pressed to take advantage of scoring opportunities.

"We're creating a lot of opportunities," he said. "The offense is not pushing it in."

The offense has been struggling since the team's primary offensive weapon, Christian Marcial, was ruled ineligible due to grades. Rodriguez said that finding players to step up hasn't been easy. One bright spot has been the addition of Simon Carlsen. The Danish national has been with the team for just a few weeks, but Rodriguez anticipates that he'll continue to learn the team's offense and make contributions during the playoff run.

Aside from Hulbert and Freedman, Rodriguez said that the play of freshman Manny Serrano has been pivotal for the Vikings. He's been starting in the midfield since Marcial left the team and has blossomed into the playmaker Rodriguez expected him to be.

"The scary thing is he's just a freshman," Rodriguez said. "He's getting so much playoff experience.

"He's doing great things for us."

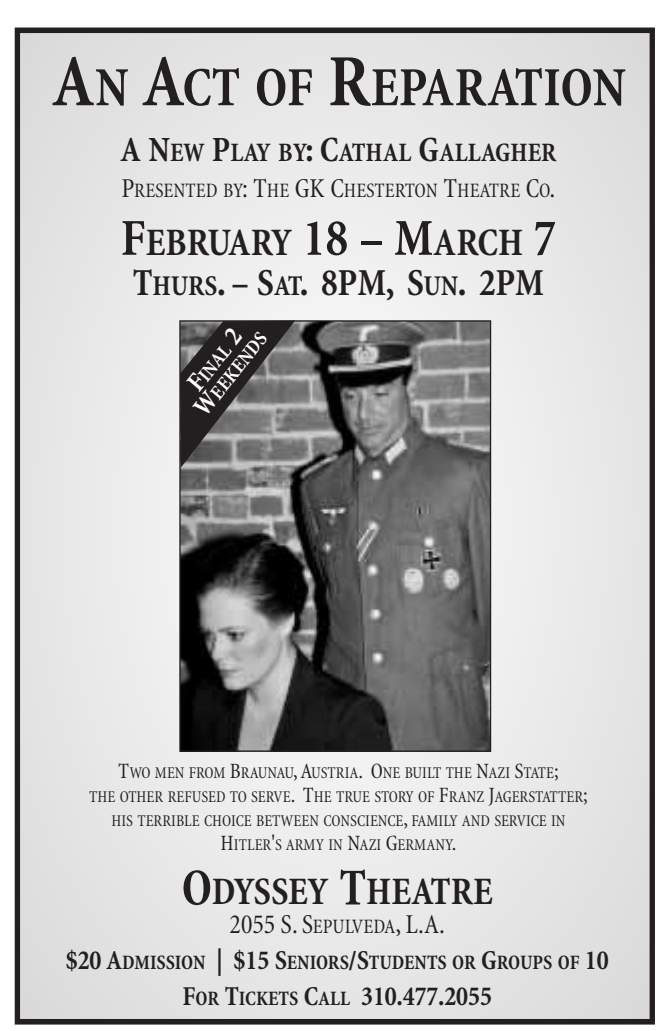
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SURF REPORT

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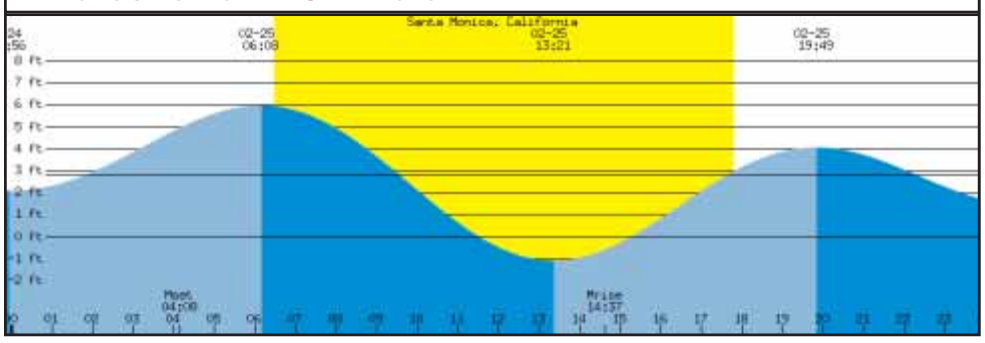
Swell Forecast

Should see NW swell come in from about 290° with 16-second periods. Size at well-exposed west facing breaks should run head high with some overhead pluses at times when this swell peaks.

Long Range Synopsis

This swell should continue, but back off later in the day.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 20
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 39 / 11
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 8 / 38

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	C
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisa creeks.	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	C
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	F	F
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A+	A
Pearce State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	D
Marie Canyon storm drain at Pearce Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	F
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	A
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	C
Big Rock Beach at 18948 PCH stairs.	A+	F
Pena Creek at Los Tunos County Beach.	A+	B
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	F	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	B
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	D	D
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	F

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

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
ns -- no sample taken

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Kemp gaining attention beyond baseball circles

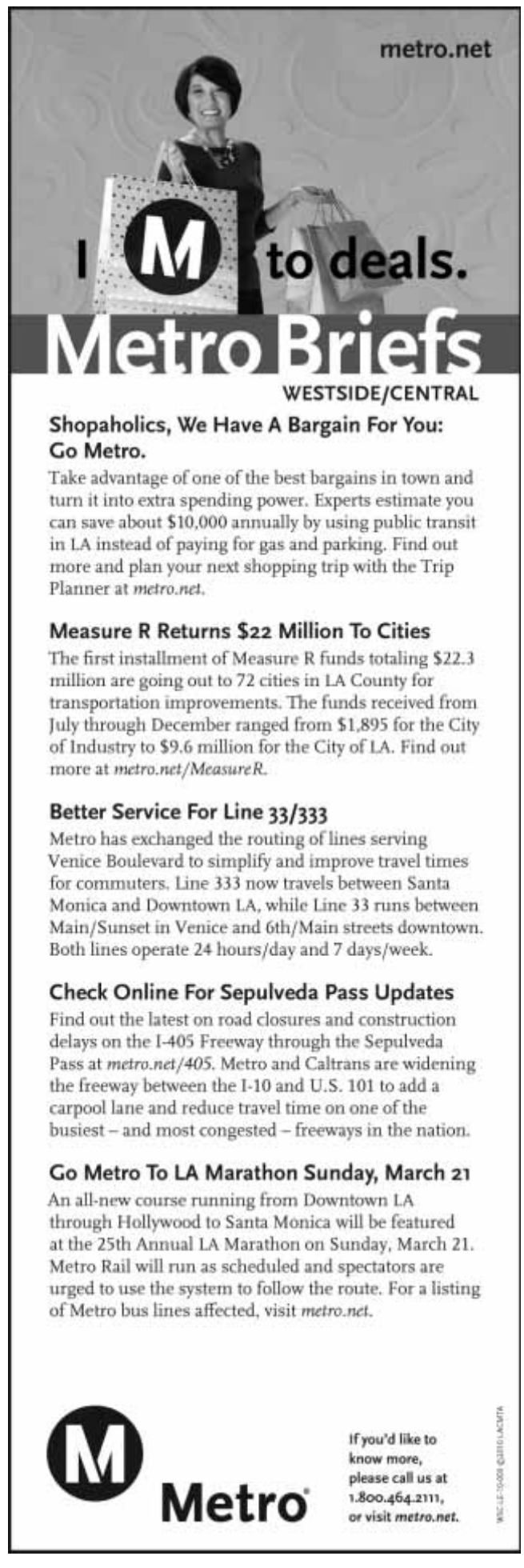
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GLENDALE, Ariz. Already in Los Angeles four years now, 2010 figures to be the first year Matt Kemp officially goes Hollywood.

Kemp was a Gold Glove and Silver Slugger winner in 2009, finished 10th in the NL MVP voting, and then added even more notoriety over the winter when he was spotted out on the town and at a Mexico resort with singer Rihanna.

It's no longer just the sports publications that want more of a piece of Kemp. People and Us have opened files on him, while Source and GQ have already made calls to the Dodgers' public relations office. Kemp is getting ready to do a GQ shoot this spring, in fact.

As if being on the cusp of becoming a baseball star wasn't enough, the 25-year-old Oklahoma native has started to become a household name for those who prefer their tickets get them into movies or concerts over ballgames.





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

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

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

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

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Avatar 3D (PG-13) 2hr 40 min
2:15, 6:00, 9:30

The Wolfman (R) 1hr 42min
1:35, 2:30, 4:10, 5:15, 6:45, 7:45, 9:20, 10:15

Shutter Island (R) 1hr 35min
1:00, 3:15, 4:15, 6:30, 7:15, 9:40, 10:20

Dear John - Digital Presentation (PG-13) 1hr 48min
1:15, 4:00, 7:00, 9:35

From Paris With Love (R) 1hr 35min
2:00, 4:30, 7:05, 9:50

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
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An Education (PG13) 1hr 55min
1:50, 4:30

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

Last Station (Ein Russischer Sommer) (R) 1hr 52min
1:10, 4:00, 7:00

Single Man (R) 1hr 39min
9:45

Ajami (NR) 2hr 15min
1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50

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

Mann's Criterion Theatre
1313 Third St.
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The Blind Side (PG-13) 2hrs 6min
12:40, 3:50, 6:40, 9:40

The Good Guy (R) 1hr 30min
12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:10

Percy Jackson & The Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) 2 hrs
11:10 a.m., 12:50, 1:50, 3:40, 4:30, 6:20, 7:20, 9:00

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11:00 a.m., 12:30, 2:00, 3:30, 5:00, 6:30, 8:00, 9:30, 10:00,

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Time to treat, Cancer

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Complete a matter dealing with your home and/or an investment. You have many suggestions. Great ideas might have come forth, but ultimately you alone can make the right decision for you. Once past this issue, you'll feel revived. Tonight: Are you starting the weekend early?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Sometimes you push so hard that people walk away. Learn not to be quite so emphatic about what you want. You really can only control yourself, and no one else. Confusion involving a respected friend, associate or loved one will clear. Tonight: Home is where your heart will be.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You can handle your finances if you let go and worry less. Overthinking an issue will only use up time better spent elsewhere. A job or financial offer might not be everything that it seems to be. Be a bit of a cynic, please. Tonight: Visit with a friend or two. Lighten up.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Others will tend to give you the nod, whether it is a request, making plans or nearly anything you could dream up. Do be reasonable. You and a partner are not seeing each other clearly, as you both are seeing only what you want to see. Tonight: Time to treat.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Much that you will accomplish will be behind closed doors, or won't be something you choose to discuss. You have a lot on your plate, and coming up with the right plan might take some reflecting. Change gears in the p.m. Tonight: All smiles.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Zero in on what you want, be it in a meeting, a discussion or simply in thought. Staying goal-directed could be more important than you realize. An associate seems scattered, possibly because he or she is. Tonight: Split and take some personal time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Others demand a lot from you, which probably doesn't surprise you. Whether you decide to put out that effort could be a whole different story. Do only what you must. Schedule meetings for later today. Tonight: Get into the weekend spirit.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ It might take you all day to decide what is important. Trying to get a grasp on an idea or concept could help point out the right direction. If the tried-and-true hasn't worked, try an offbeat path. It just might work. Tonight: A force to behold.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Keep your eye on the big picture, though you could be even more confused by a conversation. It might be what someone doesn't say as opposed to what he or she does say. Look at a problem or situation from above and not within. Tonight: Think "escape."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Others are determined to have their way. You could be most tired by the state of affairs, yet feel powerless to change the moment. Let go. Trust a key associate who comes through more often than not. Tonight: Talk over dinner.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Focus as long as you can. Clear out as much as you can. You could be unsure about a decision. Make that OK, and trust that when the time comes, you will know which way is best. Others demand a lot of your attention. Make it your pleasure. Tonight: Have an early case of TGIF? Start your weekend now.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You might not be reading a situation correctly. Understand that you have your own bias and perspective, which you might not even have knowledge of. Allow a trusted friend or associate to play devil's advocate. Tonight: Slow down.

Happy birthday

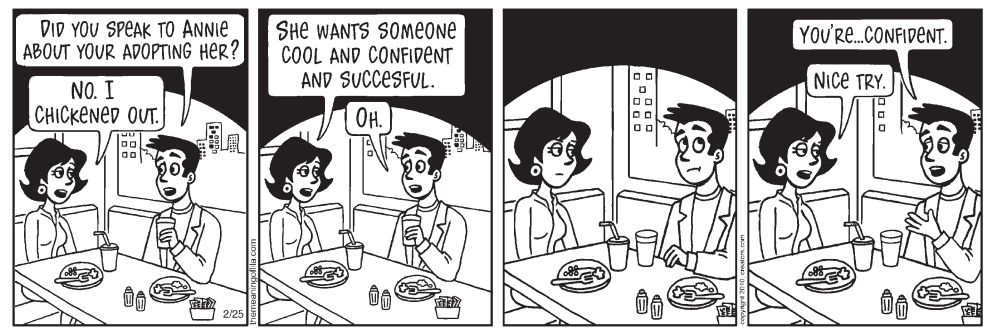
This year, you might find that getting the right footing or feeling good about situations could be difficult. You might feel that there is always an element out of sync. Nevertheless, this year could be unusually lucky, as you begin a new life and life cycle. Some of you could have an event occur that doesn't make you happy at first. This happening is to make space for something better in your life. In hindsight, you will feel fortunate with many of the events. If you are single, two someones could float into your life. If you are attached, you just feel happier. LEO always pitches in on projects.

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★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

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Difficulty Level ★★★

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

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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

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

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5 Chases baseballs
10 Casual shirt
11 Platter player
12 Skin woe
13 Serve
14 Poultry buys
16 Arrogant folks
20 Class cutter
23 Compete
24 Cattle groups
25 Constructed
27 Classified info
28 Sugar sources
29 Kitchen appliances
32 Table protectors
36 Inform against
39 Lotion add-in
40 Brings to bear
41 Sticky stuff
42 College heads
43 Diner food

DOWN

1 Rigging support
2 Nuts
3 Arm bone
4 Spoils
5 Flag features
6 Bank job
7 Louvre contents
8 Earth: Prefix
9 Heir, often
11 Worry excessively
15 Massive amounts
17 Malevolent
18 Annoy
19 Goes down
20 Yonder item
21 Give a new look to
22 — Major
25 Cell dividers
26 Draw attention away from
28 Abattoir array
30 Derision
31 Track tipsters
33 First name in jazz
34 Decisive win
35 Spots
36 Wine choice
37 Hacking tool
38 Assam export

B	R	A	G	■	■	■	M	I	S	T
R	A	V	E	D	■	D	U	N	C	E
A	D	E	L	E	■	A	C	T	O	N
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A	P	P	■	B	A	S	H	F	U	L
S	A	S	H	A	Y	S	■	L	I	E
T	R	I	A	L	■	I	N	A	N	E
R	E	D	I	D	■	P	E	T	E	R
O	D	E	R	■	■	■	W	E	D	S

Yesterday's answer

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1	2	3	4	■	■	5	6	7	8	9
10				■	11					
12				■	13					
14				15				■	■	■
■	■	■	16					17	18	19
20	21	22				■	■	23		
24					■	25	26			
27			■	■	28					
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Women's rights activists in Uganda finally got the attention of the Western press in December, when London's The Independent verified the plight of Jennipher Alupot, who periodically for seven years had been forced to breast-feed her husband's hunting dogs as she was nursing the couple's own children. Farmer Nathan Awoloi of Pallisa explained that his dogs needed to eat, and since he was forced to send Jennipher's family two milk cows in order to win her hand, he felt his demands were reasonable.

■ In January, the Justice Department's Inspector General released a long-anticipated report detailing the FBI's post-9/11 corner-cutting in obtaining individual Americans' phone records. Federal law permits such acquisition only with a "terrorism" subpoena ("National Security Letter") unless the FBI documents emergency ("exigent") circumstances to a telecom company. The Inspector General found that, from 2002-2006, the FBI had representatives of three telecom companies set up in the FBI unit so that agents could request phone records orally, without documentation, and in some cases merely by writing the requested phone numbers on Post-it Notes and sticking them on the telecom employees' workstations. Some of the acquired records were uploaded to the FBI's database.

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