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Talk of the town

THE ONLY GAME IN TOWN ISSUE

Moose Lodge suspects guilty of murder

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN L.A. Just one day before the four-year anniversary of when two Santa Monica men were fatally shot during a birthday party at the Moose Lodge, a jury found two suspected gang members guilty of their murders.

Jose Mojarro and Erick Nunez, both 24, were convicted of two counts each of first-degree murder on Wednesday after jurors spent three days in deliberations. Mojarro was also found guilty of the special circumstance that he murdered the victims while actively engaged with a criminal street gang. Both were also convicted of multiple murder special circumstances and allegations that they committed the crime to benefit a criminal street gang.

The two men, who face life in prison without the possibility of parole, are due back in court for sentencing on March 20. A third suspect in the murders, William "Willie" Vasquez, is also scheduled to appear in court for his pretrial hearing that same day. They are all suspected of being members of the 18th Street gang Alsace clique.

"Given that the jury convicted on everything, I believe justice was served," said Deputy District Attorney Alan Schneider of the Hardcore Gang Division. "There are no winners in murder cases as we can't bring the victims back, just holding those responsible accountable for their actions."

The Moose Lodge on Ocean Park Boulevard was the site of the gruesome murders on March 5, 2005 when Jonathan Hernandez and Hector Bonilla were shot and killed during a birthday party attended by 80 to 100 people at the time. The defendants reportedly used a 9 millimeter,

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POSSIBLE SITE: **Residents living off of Olympic Boulevard and Stewart Street are fighting a proposal to build a maintenance yard for the Exposition Light Rail line at the Verizon lot on Exposition Boulevard. Residents believe the location is not suitable for a maintenance yard.**

Residents rally against Expo maintenance facility

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL One by one they spoke of a community unified through its racial and socio-economic diversity, yet physically divided decades ago with the construction of a large arterial known as the I-10 Freeway.

They used words such as "environmental injustice" and "disenfranchisement" when describing the living conditions in the small pocket of the Pico Neighborhood, which in addition to the freeway is also home to the city's Waste Transfer Station and possibly soon a maintenance facility for the pending Exposition Light Rail.

The thought of having a 24-hour facility on Exposition Boulevard where train cars

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A shot at a second life

Samohi girls basketball team may qualify for statewide tournament

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI It's difficult to console a team that loses in the playoffs, let alone in the semifinals.

The Santa Monica High School girls basketball team may be in line for a booster shot of confidence and another opportunity at a championship if they are selected by the California Interscholastic Federation to take part in a statewide tournament set to begin next Monday and culminate at the Arco Arena in Sacramento.

"We have a good chance at a second life," Head Coach Marty Verdugo said. "I think we can get one of the four at-large berths."

The team is collectively crossing their fingers in anticipation of Sunday's announcement of the brackets. If Samohi is selected to play, games will begin Monday. Verdugo was unsure if his team could qualify for a home game, but is just happy to still be in the mix for a state title.

The Vikings were eliminated from the CIF-SS Division I-A playoffs on Saturday by Canyon Springs. 48-50. Samohi was the no.

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Come for a free screening of "Baby Mama" starring Tina Fey and Amy Poehler. Popcorn and beverages will be served. Call (310) 829-7081 for more information.

Prose and poetry
Novel Cafe
212 Pier Ave., 8 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Come read, listen, and enjoy open poetry and prose readings for free every Thursday. Everyone and all genres are welcome with a 1,000 word limit per reader. This weekly event is hosted by Forth Magazine. Call (310) 396-8566 or visit forthmagazine.com/weeklyreadings.php for more information.

Meet the author
Santa Monica Public Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Come for a discussion and book signing with writer J.D. Trout, author of "The Empathy Gap." Using scientific research on empathy, free will and decision-making, "The Empathy Gap" explains how society fails to put plans into action when it comes to the unacceptable conditions of others, and offers insight into how society may reverse failed efforts. Call (310) 458-8600 for more information.

Friday, March 6, 2009

Rocking rotary
Riviera Country Club
1250 Capri Dr., call for time
The Rotary Club of Santa Monica has long enjoyed a reputation as being the hub for westside men and women dedicated to improving their local and worldwide communities. Those interested in attending the regular lunch should call (310) 917-3313.

Saturday, March 7, 2009

Start axing the tax
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 12:30 p.m. — 4 p.m.
Volunteers provide free income tax preparation assistance. This service is provided by UCLA volunteers for low-income, elderly, disabled and limited-English-speaking people. Call (310) 450-0443 for more information.

Yoga in the park
Palisades Park
Ocean Ave. and Palisades Ave., 10 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.
Start your weekend off right with an energizing and rejuvenating yoga class in Palisades Park, overlooking the ocean. All levels are welcome. Bring a yoga mat and an open heart. All classes are donation only. For more information, call (310) 560-4317.

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.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

Rain brings warning

Because of current rainfall, the county health officer is cautioning residents who are planning to visit the Santa Monica Bay to be careful of swimming, surfing, and playing in ocean waters around discharging storm drains, creeks, and rivers.

Bacteria, debris, trash, and other public health hazards from city streets and mountain areas are likely to enter ocean waters though these outlets.

This advisory will be in effect until at least Sunday, March 8 at 7 a.m. This advisory may be extended depending on further rainfall.

"Fortunately, discharging storm drains, creeks, and rivers only comprises a small portion of the beach, and therefore, anybody who wants to go to the beach will be able to enjoy their outing," said Dr. Jonathan E. Fielding, director of public health for the county. "We do advise swimmers and surfers to stay away from the storm drains, creeks and rivers as there is the possibility that bacteria or chemicals from debris and trash may contaminate the water near and around these areas, and some individuals may become ill."

Areas of the beach apart from discharging storm drains, creeks, and rivers are exempted from this advisory.

Recorded information on beach conditions is available 24-hours a day on the county's beach closure hotline: (800) 525-5662. Information is also available online www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/beach.

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Virginia Avenue Park

Time to unite

City Hall, Santa Monica College and the Santa Monica Bay Area Human Relations Council will present the Third Annual Unity Resource Festival this Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Virginia Avenue Park.

This year's festival theme is "Promoting a Strong and Sustainable Community" and features information on city, business and non-profit agencies that strengthen the community with supportive resources.

In the spirit of community service, the fair will also provide information on opportunities for residents to serve as volunteers in programs for youth and families throughout the city.

The producers and sponsors of the festival feel that, in these economic times, a festival such as this provides the opportunity to highlight resources that strengthen family support networks including employment, counseling, health services, after-school activities, art, food banks and more. For a community of residents known for civic involvement, the festival will provide opportunities to volunteer in all areas from tutoring to distributing food.

Residents are asked to bring canned or packaged food for the Westside Food Bank.

Free live entertainment will be featured, with such groups as the Luminaries, a 10-piece live music, "conscious hip-hop" band with their new release, "Peace."

Back of the Hand Allstars (an ensemble of studio jazz musicians) will be on hand as will local dance band Horny Toad. In addition, oldies station 92.3 FM will broadcast from the event.

Art, games, a rock climbing wall, fitness contests by O2MAX, and Silly Sally Balloons will all be part of a Fun Zone for youth.

Featured speakers this year will be Louise Jaffe, chair of SMC Board of Trustees, and Tasha Danvers, 2008 Summer Olympics Bronze Medal winner.

For the third year, the Santa Monica-Bay Area Human Relations Council is coordinating a youth leadership dialogue.

This year, the dialogue is youth driven and organized by representatives from youth leadership councils and clubs throughout the city. The theme chosen by the youth organizers is "Power in Numbers: The Value of Our Voices."

Also for the third year, Unity awards will be given for outstanding community service. This year's recipients are the Santa Monica Rotary Club, the Kiwanis, the Lions, and GEMS.

Food will be provided by the Green Truck, Corn Maiden, Earle's Grille and Jamba Juice.

Parking at the park is limited so walk, bike or take the Big Blue Bus shuttle from SMC. Virginia Avenue Park is wheelchair accessible and welcomes persons of all abilities. Event sponsors include the City of Santa Monica, SMC, Wells Fargo Bank, the Santa Monica-Bay Area Human Relations Council, The Santa Monica Police Officers Association, O2MAX, and Your Private Chef.

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MAJOR CHANGES: **Volunteer parishioner John Burnes walks into St. Monica's Pastoral Center on Tuesday afternoon. Officials with the church are looking to demolish the center and create a Community Center with underground parking that could relieve congestion in the area.**

Residents hopeful church project will lead to parking

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

WILMONT Residents who have long complained about the dearth of parking in their neighborhood could soon see a solution to their problems.

As St. Monica Catholic Church moves forward with its campus enhancement project, which includes the construction of a new Community Center and two levels of underground parking, residents in the Wilshire-Montana neighborhood are hopeful that the structure will be open for their vehicles during off hours.

After reviewing the proposed plans, the City Council on Tuesday directed its staff to pursue the development agreement negotiation process, asking that it incorporate public benefits that include shared parking, traffic management, publicly-accessible facilities and outreach to the homeless in nearby Reed Park.

Church officials last month met with the neighborhood in which they unveiled the project, expressing a willingness to consider a shared parking arrangement for the neighborhood, said Jeanne Dodson, the chair of the Wilshire-Montana Neighborhood Coalition.

"We have a lot of eyewitnesses saying they would be willing to do this," she joked.

Parking has long remained the top concern amongst residents in one of the most densely packed neighborhoods in the city, many speaking of stories of how they endlessly circle blocks looking for a space.

"I'm happy they're working with us to try and find some solutions together for the neighborhood," Dodson said.

The estimated $27 million project includes the demolition of the 13,065 square foot Pastoral Center on the corner of Lincoln Boulevard and California and replacing it with a larger 30,438 square foot Community Center. A subterranean parking structure with 270 spaces is slated to be constructed underneath the Community Center.

The project also includes a 7,200 square foot classroom addition to the rear of the St. Monica Catholic High School's east building and renovating the auditorium and other facilities.

Construction is estimated to begin in June of next year and will be completed about 18-24 months later.

The church has so far raised approximately $13.1 million in its capital campaign for the enhancement project.

Jason Farmer, spokesman for St. Monica Catholic Church, said that church officials are open to ideas that will be brought forth during

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Actions speak louder than words

Editor:

Dear Councilmembers [Ken] Genser, [Pam] O' Conner and [Richard] Bloom,

I am very disappointed that none of you would nominate Ted Winterer to the City Council. As the non-elected candidate with the highest number of votes, he would be the most logical appointment – chosen by the voters; your constituents! You have been elected to represent the people of Santa Monica, not your own personal interests. If the people want Winterer, who are you to appoint someone who did not even run for the office in 2008?

Shame on you! Your actions speak for themselves and I have become very skeptical about your motives on the council. You must rise above whatever political issues you have and do what is right for the people of Santa Monica – especially when they have told you what they wanted.

Aaron Furlong
Santa Monica

Preserve the house system

Editor:

As a parent of two Santa Monica High School alumni (1986 and 2004), a former site governance member, and a volunteer member of the committee that developed and implemented the house system at Samohi, I urge the Board of Education and the current leadership to do what is necessary to preserve the organizational and personnel structure necessary to continue the house system.

Successful schools are those in which each student is known, where they are actively encouraged to take responsibility for their education, and where a culture of respect is firmly woven into the ethos of the institution. A desire to embody these building blocks of success at Samohi was the motive behind reorganizing the school in 2003. Creating a culture in which this change could be made was painstaking and required years of work to build the support needed to implement the change. To read today that parents, students, and educators offer testimony about the success students are experiencing is heartening.

A strong commitment to maintaining this organization and the personnel necessary at the ground level to make it work is the key to broad range student success – students of all backgrounds, be it racial, ethnic, socio-economic or family history. A commitment to increasing student success has been and should continue to be at the heart of any decision made. "What's best for the students?" is the essential question all should embrace. By doing so, it is obvious that maintaining small learning communities at Samohi is key. Find other avenues to meet the budget reductions.

Colleen Pundyk
Santa Monica





Meredith Pro Tem

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I know you are but what am I?

IF ONCE IS A FLUKE AND TWICE IS A coincidence then three times must be a conspiracy.

The 2009 Pulitzer Prize Awards won't be announced until April 20, but I already know I didn't win because for the third year in a row I missed the entry deadline. You don't need to be Oliver Stone to recognize that various factions contributed to ensuring once again that I remained unaware of the Feb. 1 cut-off date for submissions until it was too late.

Surely no one expected me to be personally responsible for being conscious of something as common as a deadline. Who doesn't agree that I have far better things to do with my time than hassle with banal tasks like printing applications, stamping envelopes and schlepping to the post office? Yes, I'm too good for that because I'm that good.

Not sure? Don't believe me? Then clearly you're not a regular reader of this column.

Hardcore fans (known in the blogosphere as Tem Heads) of "Meredith Pro Tem" frequently express their concern that I turn a blind eye to my extraordinary, nay, transcendental writing abilities. Like a reader named Hypatia who e-mailed me in response to a column last month.

"I wonder if you realize the kind of personality you project," she wrote warmly. "What comes through is narrow, narcissistic, negative. You assume the worse and are surprised when people act normally."

In the same message Hypatia also marveled about the mechanics of my writing, suggesting it "merit[s] a D-. Terminally cutesy … snotty." The depth and quality of my personality weren't lost on her, either. "Your attitude … reflects your overall narcissism, " she said.

Hypatia went on to confide that it was her heartfelt esteem for my work that inspired her to get in touch. "I'm seldom moved to respond to an article," she gushed. "But this one was so unappealing, I had to write."

A devotee named John couldn't help but relay after reading a January 2009 column that he found my phenomenal powers with pen and paper inconceivably good. "Just read your article," he said. "Yikes!"

In response to the same column, "jgately" suggested it would be generous for me to broaden my horizons by sharing my God-given gift with others. "Find a new day job," he said.

And a booster named Bob was a considerable ally of that column, too, lending me much love and support by letting me know the topic was "really old news." He was also kind enough to suggest a future subject. "How about something positive?" he asked helpfully.

One of my biggest fans, Christopher, often reacts strongly to my work and if possible, he might just have been more upset than me last year when I was overlooked for the Pulitzer. After a column last spring, he expressed his sympathy for my loss by writing, "OK, you're obviously crying out for some compliments so I'm going to fill the void … I love reading your column, and … [I] even forward it to my wife, except when it's lame, like last week."

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But despite the Pulitzer snub, Christopher assures me my work is destined for awards nonetheless, saying, "[Your husband] will no doubt read [it] and realize that you are very depressed and bring you flowers to cheer you up."

But who needs flowers when you have groupies like mine, especially the one who goes by the moniker "premiewithin." S/he contacted me after a June 2008 column. "It is too bad that mean-spirited drivel passes for journalism today," s/he enthused.

S/he also expressed her/his undying reverence for my body of work: "Please know that this reader, at least, does not appreciate it at all. If this is your authentic voice, then it becomes sad for both you and the readers."

Another Meredith Pro Tem fanatic, Marilyn, e-mailed me after a column last fall, saying admiringly, "I usually read your column and find it mostly to be a fluff piece."

"Mfitzgerald" admired a piece I wrote about Sarah Palin so much that s/he generously concluded my daughter is an incredibly fortunate baby. "You're a month into your first experiment with child rearing, and all of a sudden you're an expert and qualified to critique somebody who has about five times your experience."

And it's exactly that experience plus a little je ne sais quoi that I know will lead me to Pulitzer gold next year. That is, if someone could just remind me when it's time to send in the entry?

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The Re-View

Merv Hecht

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Barking up the right tree

OH BOY! ANOTHER REALLY GOOD restaurant to use up my discretionary food money. And this one comes with special features I rarely find: a great wine staff and wine selection.

In front of the Fairmont Miramar Hotel's south entrance on the corner of Wilshire Boulevard and Ocean Avenue sits a huge 135-year-old non-bearing fig tree. Inside you'll find the Fig restaurant that's bearing some really good food. More than that, there's a great staff, and the service is perhaps the best I've seen anywhere in Santa Monica.

That might be because some of the top people came over from the Belvedere at the Peninsula Hotel in Beverly Hills, which selects people who are interested in restaurant service, not in becoming actors, and trains their staff the old fashioned way. So in the kitchen chef Ray Garcia from the Peninsula holds forth while on the floor the sommelier Matthew Lehman, one of the most knowledgeable and articulate wine people I've met in Los Angeles, helps customers select wines.

You can tell the staff has been trained in wine service when they check with the diners before pouring more wine into your glass. The first time as we sat in one of the two quiet corner booths, I started with the chanterelle and sweetbread fricassee tart, a melt-in-your-mouth, simply delicious appetizer. On my second visit the chanterelle mushrooms were out of season, a compliment to the chef as they do feature seasonal dishes changing the menu accordingly. A companion had the braised tongue, an unusual but delicious hors d'oeuvre.

For me, the top four menu selections include the duck leg on a bed of cabbage, with real wild rice on the side; the steaks (three sizes, ranging from 8 oz to 16 oz, $24 to $31 respectively), the kurobuta pork tenderloin served on a bed of spinach, and the sable-fish nestled on brandade. These dishes although not unusual are very good quality and well prepared. Although if I were the chef, I would skip the blue cheese on one of the steak selections, and the brandade could use more garlic and cod flavor. The vegetable side dishes are particularly good. My favorite is the Brussels sprouts with bacon served in a skillet.

In addition to good food and service, there are three very special features at the Fig that warrant a visit:

First feature: the charcuterie/cheese bar and plates. All of a sudden Charcuterie is hot in Los Angeles. It's a specialty at the new Bazaar, the lead restaurant in the SLS hotel, but now that they got 4 stars from Irene Virbila you probably can't get a reservation there unless you're a friend of Sam Nasarian, the owner. Then there is Anisette, the only other restaurant in town, I believe, with a four star chef (Alain Giraud) with its three- tiered cheese and charcuterie platter — you might get a reservation there, although it's very crowded every night. Third is the Saluté Wine bar on Main Street that I reviewed recently (and specifically mentioned the charcuterie as it too is exceptional). And now we have the Fig, with a charcuterie plate and selection up there with the best of them, plus a fromageur stationed at the bar to discuss the sheep fromage blanc from Sonoma, or the Laura Chenel chevre. Second feature: the indoor/outdoor seating, where in the spring and summer this will surely be a favorite spot for anyone who likes to eat poolside, with the Pacific breezes wafting overhead.

And the third feature: the wine selection. Say goodbye to the same old commercial wines that you'll find in most hotel restaurants, and say hello to especially selected, small production, delicious wines of all types and price ranges. The first time I was there we started with an excellent New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc for $32. With lots of acidity and a floral nose, it was dry, crisp and grassy. We moved on to a California Syrah with a nose of violets from a very small vineyard I've never heard of. At the bar we started out with California Rhone-style wine which was very flavorful, but a bit too concentrated for my taste. Then we switched to an excellent Bordeaux. The nice thing about Matthew is that when you explain your wine taste to him, he understands you and can find a wine that matches your taste and your food.

Other little touches that make this restaurant special: freshly brewed tea and the server offered simple syrup to sweeten the iced tea. The coffee tastes fresh and not burned. And there are chocolate chip cookies for dessert. I suggest that you forego their signature dessert, the fig bar.

Prices are pretty reasonable at the Fig. You might get by for $35 or so per person, or you might spend $50-60 per person with a good bottle of wine. So where is the negative? Easy. It's the music. As is so often the case, the music might work at a pop concert but it's all wrong in a restaurant setting and it detracts from what could otherwise be a relaxing ambiance. The Fig is open for dinner only (and will open for lunch in the near future, I'm told) Tuesday through Saturday, with free valet parking. Call (310) 576-7777 for reservations.

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The Q Line

Council's new face

The City Council last Tuesday appointed Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights co-chair Gleam Davis to fulfill the remainder of the late Herb Katz' term.

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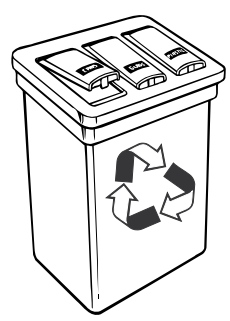
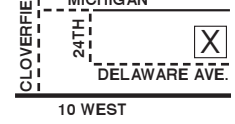
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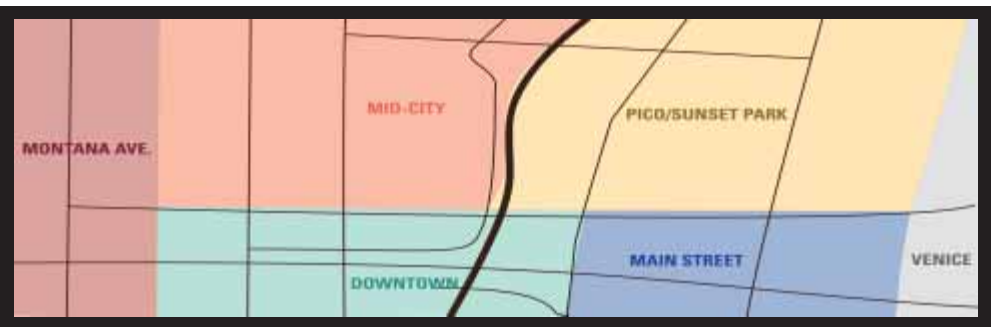
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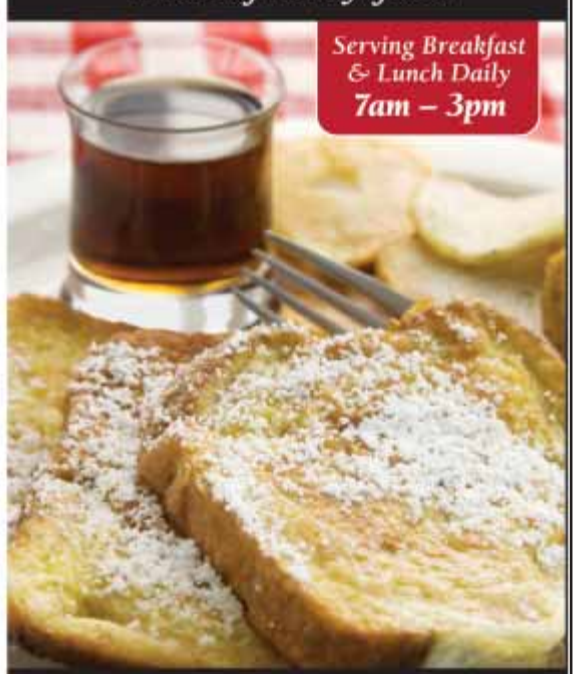
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Residents call facility 'environmental injustice'

FROM **EXPO** PAGE 1

will be repaired, washed and tested in a working-class neighborhood was too much for its residents to bear.

More than a dozen residents spoke out against the Exposition Construction Authority's proposal to place the facility at the current Verizon site during a City Council meeting on Tuesday when transit officials discussed how it reached its decision on the maintenance yard's location.

"I'm deeply concerned for my family and neighbors concerning the brake dust, tire dust, … the smells and hazards of potentially dangerous chemicals and what I'm talking about now is the current effects from the I-10 Freeway and city dump blocks away from my home and neighborhood," Eleanor Path, a Delaware Avenue resident, said. "And now the Expo Line 24-hour train maintenance facility is proposed to block us in even more."

After hearing from residents, the council adopted a position to vigorously oppose the proposed location near a residential neighborhood and plans to send a letter to the Expo board requesting that it actively search for another site that is not near homes.

It was among a series of actions that the council took regarding its position on the light rail project, including endorsing an alignment that would have trains traveling on Colorado Avenue instead of Olympic Boulevard, which would require an above grade station at the terminal.

"It's just impossible for us to accept this kind of thing will be done in this neighborhood," Councilmember Bobby Shriver said, pointing out that the placement of the maintenance facility will affect home property values.

Expo officials said they looked at more than 40 different properties from Downtown Los Angeles to Santa Monica, searching for sites that would meet the facility's many physical requirements — located on land that is about six to 10 acres and is next to the main line, ideally in an industrial area away from homes, provide enough parking for employees, and have a reasonable shape that could accommodate the tracks.



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NOT IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD: **A Verizon van pulls out of a lot on Exposition Boulevard Tuesday afternoon. The lot is being considered as a maintenance yard for the upcoming Exposition LIght Rail line, which has many neighbors upset, claiming environmental injustice.**

The criteria narrowed the list of locations to a few viable candidates, including Bergamot Station and the Casden property off Sepulveda Boulevard in Los Angeles. The Casden site, which currently houses a cement factory, was taken off the list because its size was deemed inadequate along with other issues involving its configuration. Officials also nixed Bergamot because it was found to require property acquisitions.

Steve Polechronis, a consultant with Expo, said part of the value in having the station at Bergamot was not only to serve the businesses at the Water Garden but to maximize the connectivity to the cultural site.

He showed officials a map of the MTA Green Line maintenance facility in Redondo Beach, which is similar in size to the Verizon site. Several residences arrived nearby after the facility was constructed.

He added that most of the noise and other impacts could be mitigated by placing the shop buildings between the yard and the residences on Exposition Boulevard.

"There will be some noise of course," he said. "We can't deny that."

Polechronis said that a maintenance facility is needed in order for the Expo line to be a real viable project. The facility would hold anywhere from 20 to 36 cars.

"I know it's hard to believe in all this we came up with one alternative," he said. "But as you know there is a great deal of development along the Expo line and the Westside and land is quite precious, particularly when it is constrained to land adjacent to the Expo right-of-way itself."

Transit staff is expected to take its recommendations to the Expo board next month when they will discuss the proposed alignment that the train should take when traveling from Culver City to the terminal in Santa Monica, also known as Phase II of the project. Phase I, which takes the light rail from Downtown Los Angeles to Culver City, is currently under construction.

The second phase is expected to commence in 2010.

The board meeting, which comes after the 45-day comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Report is completed, could cover the maintenance facility.

Monica Born, the project director for Phase II, said that Expo staff members have made a good faith effort in looking at alternative sites for the maintenance yard. She said that staff will look to the board for direction on the next steps in terms of whether to proceed with the Verizon site or look for another location.

"They are basically going to listen to the public and especially the City Council and make their decision," Born said on Wednesday.

Residents last week began circulating a petition in the three to four block radius of the proposed site.

"We cannot allow the history of environmental injustice to repeat itself by allowing the placement of a facility with an onerous environmental impact in the middle of a residential area that is home to low income residents and people of color," said Maria Loya, who serves on the Pico Neighborhood Association board.

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City Council authorizes staff to move forward with agreement with area Catholic church

FROM **CHURCH** PAGE 3

development agreement discussions with City Hall, which could include a parking arrangement for residents.

Residents who spoke at the meeting were favorable of the project.

"The church has a long, well documented history of providing benefits to the community and the neighborhood," Suzanne Verge, a resident of Euclid Street, said. "The biggest problem we face is the street parking and I really believe the proposed underground parking will help alleviate this problem immensely."

Tom Zanic, the project lead for the church, said that the proposal offers several public benefits, including reducing on-street parking demand, opportunities for Reed Park staff to leave their cars in the new structure, and a community-accessible bookstore that will have a coffee bar.

"The philosophy of our project is we are enjoying the fruits of those who have come before us, their planning and their buildings," Zanic said at the meeting. "We recognize at this time it is our responsibility to improve on what they provided for us.

"We enjoy the shade of the trees planted of those who have gone before us and now we must contribute."

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Victim's mother said son had dreams of helping at-risk youth

FROM **GUILTY** PAGE 1

semi-automatic weapon in the double homicide, shooting 26 rounds at the victims and continuing as they lay motionless on the floor, Schneider said during the trial, adding that Bonilla and Hernandez were thought to be associated with the Santa Monica 13 gang.

While satisfied with the verdict, Hernandez' mother Natalie Preciado said she was still hurting from the loss of her son.

"I just hope that during the sentencing they receive life in prison without parole so that they don't kill another human being," she said.

Preciado said that her son was not a gang member and had aspirations of becoming a psychologist and working with at-risk youth.

"We got justice, but it still hurts. … I will never get my son back," she said.

Mojarro was taken into custody several months after the shootings when he was picked up for a parole violation. Nunez was apprehended in January 2006 after a violent pursuit in which he took a family hostage and shot an AK47 at L.A. County Sheriff's deputies. He was found guilty in that case about two years ago and sentenced to 194 years to life in state prison.

Vasquez' trial is expected to begin later this year and the District Attorney's Office intends to seek the death penalty. He will be on trial for the deaths of Bonilla and Hernandez as well as three other murders.

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>
> **Natalie Preciado**
> Mother of victim

Schneider, who will prosecute the case, said the Mojarro-Nunez verdict will not affect the outcome of Vasquez' trial.

During the trial, Schneider spoke of an atmosphere in which witnesses feared the threat of gang retaliation for speaking out, claiming that they were in the bathroom during the shootings. There was eyewitness testimony and other corroborative evidence, Schneider said.

"The brutal nature of these murders in the middle of a crowded party clearly intimidated and shocked many of the witnesses," he said. "The 18th Street gang gets their power in large part through violence and intimidation of the community, rival gangs, and witnesses."

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Vikings have fingers crossed

FROM **HOOPS** PAGE 1

2 seed in the division. Canyon Springs, the no. 3 seed, advanced to take on no. 1 seeded Colony on Saturday at Mater Dei High School for the division title. The winner earns an automatic berth in the Southern California side of the state tournament. A total of 16 teams will be selected for the SoCal half of the bracket. Another 16 will come from up north.

"I'm really proud of what the team and Marty [Verdugo] accomplished this season and it would be nice if they got a second chance," Athletic Director Norm Lacy said.

Lacy added that the boys team, which also lost in the semifinals last weekend, may have a slim chance to qualify for the state tourney as well. He said that the team's overall record, state ranking and strength of schedule may preclude it from making the cut.

If Verdugo and his team qualify, he said that the players are emotionally ready to put last weekend's heartbreaking loss behind them and head into the tournament with a measure of confidence.

"All you have to do is get on a roll," Verdugo said. "You just go out and play. Anything can happen."

Bolstering his team's prospects is the return of freshman Sabrina Norton, who broke her wrist early this season and has been on the mend ever since.

"We're coming in a little fresher than most teams," Verdugo said of his improved depth. "We need to be ready for that next level of competition."

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For further information, please contact Sarah Lejeune, Principal Planner at (310) 458-8341. Or e-mail: sarah.lejeune@smgov.net

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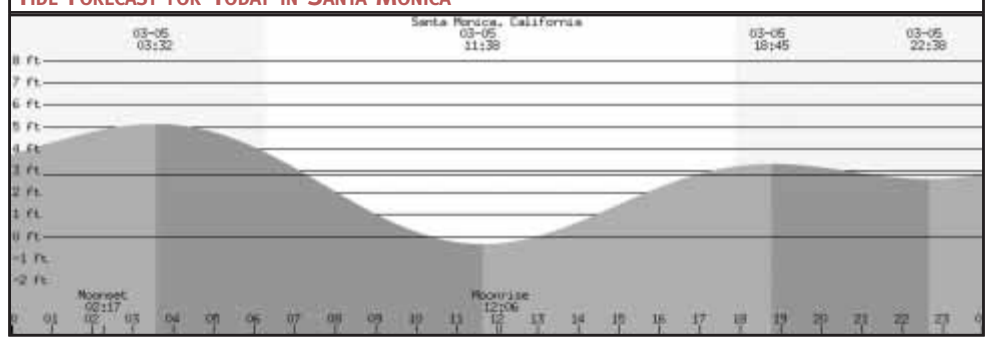
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Thursday the 5th should still some waves out of this, but with size more in the chest to head zone for most all west facing breaks, and chest high max around south facing spots.

Long Range Synopsis

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- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 7 / 36

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Las Cerritos Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	B
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Arbo creeks	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	F
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	F
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	D
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A+	B
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A+	F
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A	F
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach	A+	D
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth	A+	F
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	A+	D
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	F
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Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	A	B
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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+	D
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua)	F	F
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Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	B	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)	A+	F
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A+	B
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+	A
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	F
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	F
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	A	B
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	C	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	B
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	F
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	F
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Waltz With Bashir (R) 1hr 30min
4:30, 9:50

Slumdog Millionaire (R) 2hr 1min
1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:00

The Wrestler (R) 1hr 45min
1:30, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40

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Gran Torino (R)
11:50am, 2:30, 5:10, 7:50, 10:30

Taken (PG-13) 1hr 33min
12:10, 2:40, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail (PG-13) 1hr 43min
11:40am, 2:10, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50

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The Reader (R) 2hrs 02min
1:00, 3:50, 6:50, 9:40

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Be a duo, Scorpio

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Your mood reflects a greater sense of empowerment and knowledge. Others might not agree, and you just might not care. Try to avoid a power play. The only way to win is not to play. Keep your long-term priorities in mind. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★ Know when to pull back. You might not be getting all the facts, but given time, you will. Keep your own council for now. You could be stunned by what happens if you relax. Learn to go with the flow more often. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Curb a need to spend or be possessive. Anytime you attempt to gain control over others, you can anticipate a huge backfire. Even if you want to do something different financially, today is not the time. Tonight: Pay bills.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Investigate an offer, even if it sounds too good to be true. One can never be too sure. Evaluate and think before acting. Are you seeing a budding power play? If that is the case, back off while you still can. Be smart. OK? Tonight: A must appearance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Reach for and seek out new answers. Just because an idea worked before doesn't mean it will again. You might not even want to try! Lighten up and have an overdue conversation. Tonight: Off to the movies!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Work with an individual directly and with firmness. You often let go and give up your ideas or your position. If you don't care, that might be OK. Truth be told, you are probably more vested than you think. Tonight: Dinner for two!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Reach out for experts, especially if you're feeling somewhat hesitant or insecure. There is no such thing as too much information. Approach work with new ideas and a more dynamic approach. Tonight: Let your mind wander, especially as you might not really have a choice.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Work with individuals rather than groups. By making each person feel important, you can accomplish a lot more. Don't hesitate to go for what you want. Do nothing halfway, whether it is relating or an independent project. Tonight: Be a duo.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ A partner clearly needs your feedback. Even if you don't want to give it, you can share a lot discreetly. Ask yourself why you are holding back. Also, try asking more questions with the other person and help him or her see all sides. Tonight: Talks over munchies.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Defer to your significant other if you're questioning which way to go. Many people would like to play a bigger role in your life. Why not make it possible? Perhaps you like being more independent. Tonight: So many invitations and choices.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Accomplishing a key task is very important. You might want to rethink a decision. Ask a friend for feedback. Use caution with finances, as it appears you have pulled the wild card. Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Right now, let go and consider what your options are. If you're questioning your direction, get feedback from several people. A friend is overly pushy. Step over this person's boomerang. Tonight: Add that touch of romance.

Happy birthday

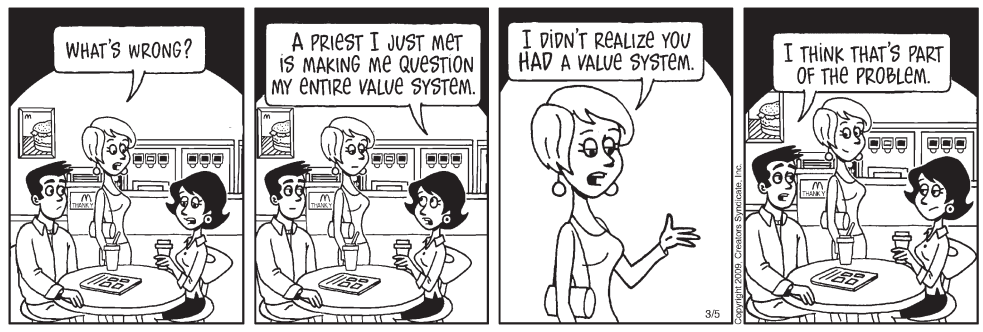
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The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★ Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

How you deal with others could change dramatically this year. If you are open to different ideas and other styles, you might be able to unleash some unusually dynamic ideas, powering high creativity. You could be worn out by everything that is going on around you, on top of this internal transformation. Take frequent timeouts for your well-being. If you are single, the question is not whether you are going to meet someone but rather which person you will choose. Your popularity soars. If you are attached, make it a point to add that romantic zip back into your love life. CANCER helps you enjoy yourself.

Girls and Sports
By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



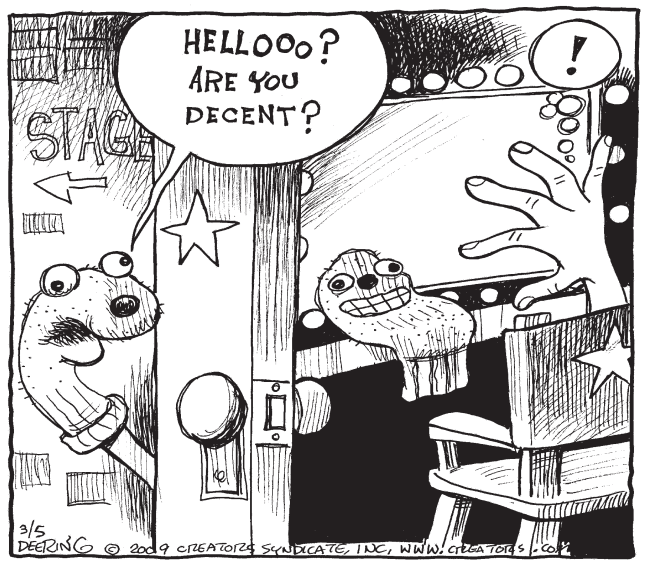
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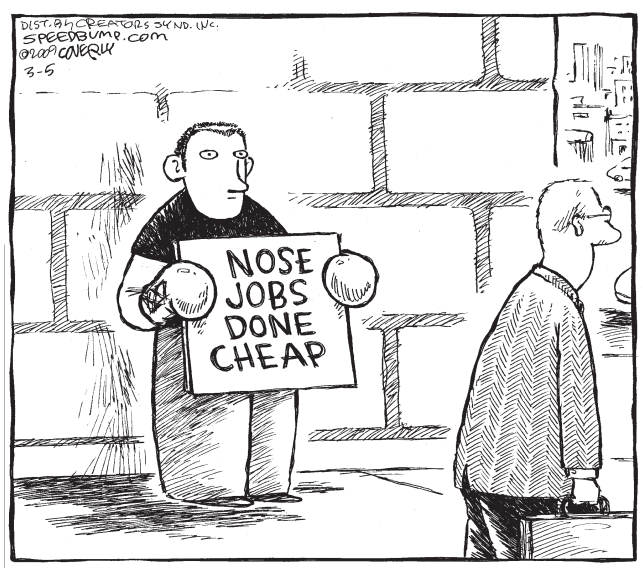
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Difficulty Level ★★★

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

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1 Rowing team
5 Chases off
10 Ominous bird
12 Ridicule
13 Parting word
14 Modify
15 Corpulent
16 Be behind schedule
18 Vestiges
20 USO audience
21 Pro votes
23 Print measures
24 Lounge attire
26 Act the model
28 Custodian's tool
29 Observe
31 Cannes comrade
32 Emulated Astaire
36 Go wild
39 Frothy brew
40 Suspect's claim
41 Surrendering cry
43 Walking aids
44 Wendy's friend
45 Uneasy feeling
46 Cellar supply

DOWN

1 Skill
2 Airport aid
3 Madonna movie
4 Petite
5 Lee of comics fame
6 Entrance area
7 Power failures
8 Former
9 Emphasis
11 Noted name in ballet
17 Employ
19 Truck part
22 Get louder
24 "Star Trek" baddy
25 Reckoning
27 Hold
28 Musical shaker
30 Groom's answer
33 Spiny flora
34 TV's DeGeneres
35 Plow pioneer
37 Burrows and Beame
38 Rainbow maker
42 Fresh

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MIDDAY: 2 4 0
EVENING: 6 7 6

DAILY DERBY
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ University of California researchers, on a Pentagon contract, announced in January success at rigging a live flower beetle with electrodes and a radio receiver to enable scientists to control the insect's flight remotely. Pulses sent to the bug's muscles or optic lobes can command it to take off, turn left or right, or hover, according to a report in MIT Technology Review, and the insect's "large" size (up to a whopping four inches in length) would enable it to also carry a camera, giving the beetle military uses such as surveillance or search and rescue. The researchers admired the native flight-control ability of the beetle so much that they abandoned developing robot beetles (which required trying to mimic nature).

■ An official of the National Association of Letter Carriers in Buffalo, N.Y., said in February that it would challenge the Postal Service's threatened suspension of a carrier who was using sidewalks to get from house to house this winter instead of walking across ice-packed, deep-snowdrift yards. Cutting across yards is required by Postal Service rules in order to speed up deliveries.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1953 Soviet dictator Josef Stalin died after three decades in power.

1959 a fire at the Negro Boys Industrial School in Wrightsville, Ark., claimed the lives of 21 teenagers trapped inside a locked dormitory room. (Four dozen other boys managed to escape).

1963 country music performers Patsy Cline, "Cowboy" Copas and "Hawkshaw" Hawkins died in a plane crash near Camden, Tenn., that also claimed the life of pilot Randy Hughes, Cline's manager.

1979 NASA's Voyager 1 space probe flew past Jupiter, sending back photographs of the planet and its moons.

1982 comedian John Belushi was found dead of a drug overdose in a rented bungalow in Hollywood, Calif. He was 33.

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