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THE TRYING NEW THINGS ISSUE

Deal for SMC Malibu campus moves forward

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

MALIBU A plan to bring a Santa Monica College satellite campus to Malibu moved a step closer to reality on Tuesday as the Malibu Public Facilities Authority approved the outline of a deal to build the campus on Los Angeles County-owned land in the city's Civic Center.

The vote by the four-member panel, which is composed of two Malibu City Council members and two SMC trustees, clears the way for the college to finalize a deal for the facility with the county. Both the full SMC board and the county Board of Supervisors must sign off on the completed agreement.

The proposal calls for SMC to build a 20,000-square-foot college campus and a

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City Hall explores a valet program

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

DOWNTOWN Aiming to cut down on the number of drivers cruising Downtown and nearby residential streets in search of parking, City Hall is considering getting into the valet business.

While still in the early stages, city officials are studying whether or not a centralized valet system with multiple drop-off and pick-up points would be feasible in Downtown, where there are currently 27 city-licensed, but privately-operated valet locations serving hotels and restaurants.

The Bayside District Corp. Land and Asset Committee seemed interested in exploring the idea earlier this month, but said many details still need to be considered before giving its stamp of approval. Bayside is a public-private management company that oversees Downtown and would most

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THE GOOD OLD DAYS: **Participants in a paddleboard race held on Aug. 13, 1949 line up for the start of the competition.**

Paddling toward history

Paddleboard racing returns to Santa Monica Pier

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

SM BAY Restoring a decades-old tradition, the Santa Monica Pier and Honolua Surf Co. will kick off the summer of 2010 with the Santa Monica Pier Paddleboard Race, featuring up to 250 contestants, a dory competition and a paddle gear exhibition.

The race will be held Saturday, June 12, organizers said.

"Santa Monica and the pier in particular have a rich history of paddleboarding and we're thrilled to be bringing back that tradition and tapping into the growing popularity of stand up paddling," said Pat Fraley, brand manager at Honolua Surf Co. "This will be a great day at the beach and the pier for anyone who enjoys the ocean or a good competition."

Paddleboard racing was a popular Santa Monica sport in the 1940s with two paddleboard clubs headquartered on the pier and race results regularly published in the local newspaper. The sport's popularity waned over the decades, but has recently made a dramatic resurgence.

The event is presented by Honolua Surf Co. and Santa Monica-based Heal the Bay and its public marine education facility, the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium will receive a portion of gross proceeds from the paddleboard race.

"Heal the Bay is excited to be a part of this wonderful ocean event," said Natalie Burdick, Heal the Bay's constituent development manager. "Not only will a portion of the proceeds support our efforts to make Southern California coastal waters and watersheds, safe, healthy and clean, but it also promotes greater awareness of, and deeper connections with, the Santa Monica Bay,"

The start and finish of the races will take place on the sand immediately adjacent to the pier with the course running north and south in the heart of the Santa Monica Bay.

The stand up paddle and prone paddleboard races feature 5.5-mile and 1-mile courses, both of which take paddlers by the historic pier.

"The pier is a world-class venue for an ocean event and restoring the paddleboard tradition to Santa Monica is awesome," said Todd Roberts of ZJ Boarding House, which is helping to organize the event. "We are expecting everyone from some serious competitors to first-time racers who are just out to have fun and be a part of fantastic day at the beach."

Participation in the race is limited and early registration is encouraged. The first race begins at 8:45 a.m., June 12. For more information visit www.pierpaddle.com.

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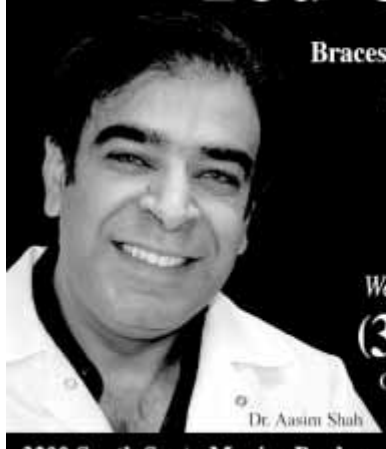
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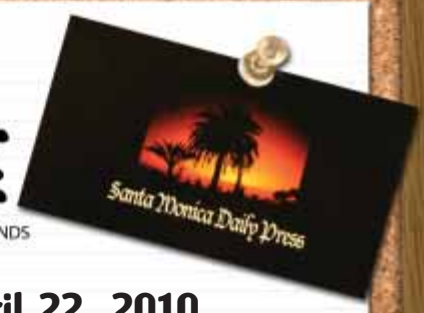
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Thursday, April 22, 2010

Earth Day festival
Santa Monica College Quad
11:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.
Celebrate the 40th anniversary of Earth Day with interactive, educational activities including a game show wheel, treasure hunt, eco-themed music, art, and a raffle for eco-prizes. There will also be an open mic, performance art, and vegetarian food and drinks. Have fun while learning how to make a difference. The event is sponsored by the SMC Center for Environmental & Urban Studies.

Intelligence and national security: a hard look
Santa Monica College
HSS 165, 11:15 a.m.
Dr. Amy Zegart, associate professor at UCLA's School of Public Affairs, fellow at the UCLA Burkle Center for International Relations, and research fellow at Stanford University's Hoover Institution will discuss myth versus reality in intelligence, covert actions, and intelligence oversight. The event is sponsored by the SMC Associates and SMC Office of Public Programs. Call (310) 434-4303 for more information.

Earth Day celebration with Frog's Leap Winery
Pourtal Wine Tasting Bar
104 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Frog's Leap Winery will be pouring some very special wine from their solar-powered, LEED certified, geothermal, dryfarmed winery in celebration of Earth Day. Come toast to mother nature. Call 310-393-7693 for more information.

Friday, April 23, 2010

Last Fridays
Main Street
Last Friday's gives visitors to Main Street a chance to check out special events and take advantage of extended hours at shops along this popular shopping district. For more information, visit www.mainstreetsm.com.

Paint, wine and cheese singles night
Paint:Lab
2912 Main St., 6 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Singles are invited to enjoy a night of fine art, fine cheese and fine company. For information, call (310) 450-9200.

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.





ANOTHER WIN

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New Roads' Marlow Leal tags-out a Providence High School baserunner on Wednesday at Pote Field. New Roads won, 24-14. The win improves their record to 10-4 overall.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

St. Monica Mariners finally at full strength

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

ST. MONICA The season started with high expectations for St. Monica's baseball team.

The team had a number of starters returning and looked like a lock to challenge for a second consecutive Camino Real League title. They began by winning two of the first three, but then the losses started to mount. Before they knew it, they were 2-5 and looking for answers.

To make things worse, third baseman and relief pitcher Kyle Schwan injured his shoulder before the season started, taking away a player who was on the mound last season when the team clinched a league title.

"He was being counted on," Head Coach Jack White said of Schwan. "He's back now, but it has been gradual.

"He hasn't pitched an inning yet."

That is expected to change as the St. Monica Mariners find themselves knee-deep in the league portion of their schedule. White expects Schwan to again take the mound and hopes the fortunes of his 9-8 (3-4 in league) ballclub improve as a result.

"When Kyle got hurt it throws everybody off," White said. "We're a small school, we're not deep."

The return of Schwan has helped St. Monica rebound of late, winning six of its last eight games.

"Our play has improved," White said.

Filling the void created by Schwan's absence has been the surprising play of sophomore pitcher Matthew Rubio. The youngster has been closing games or late, which will give Schwan the opportunity to round back into his familiar closer role.

The Mariners will get an opportunity to see its full-strength squad in action today as they travel to play St. Bernard (6-10-1 overall, 1-5 in league) at 3:15 p.m.

Even with better play of late, the team will be hard pressed to catch first place Cathedral, despite the fact that the Mariners were the only team to deal them a league defeat. If both teams continue to win, the Mariners have no choice but to play for second place.

But, that prospect sits well with White.

"This team is capable of running off seven, eight wins in a row," he said.

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Gardening event helps newbies

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE If you've always wanted to grow your own produce but your tomatoes just end up dead on the vine, fret no longer. The volunteers of the Westside Permaculture Group are here to show you how it's done.

Members of the club are holding their second annual "Gardens of Gratitude" event this weekend with the goal of helping Santa Monicans and others on the Westside set up their own organic "edible gardens."

Volunteer gardening enthusiasts — some of them expert growers and others gardening newcomers themselves — will be fanning out to plots in backyards, apartment building common areas and school sites — anywhere would-be green thumbs are in need of help.

"It's geared toward anybody that wants to get vegetables in the ground," said Joey Soto, a spokeswoman for the event.

At least 170 volunteers will be visiting the 66 garden sites that have signed up so far.

One stop on their itinerary will be at Lynn O. Peterson's apartment complex in Ocean Park. A gardening student herself, she signed up for the event to help kickstart a planned vegetable garden next to her building's pool.

She said it's a chance to learn from experts in organic growing and an opportunity to get others excited about gardening. Though she's planning to take a course to become a master gardener next year, Peterson said she's an "environmental lightweight" compared with many of the volunteers in the group.

"I don't use anything that's not extremely organic, and these people are on the same page. They are really green," she said.

They also bring a sense of enthusiasm to the job.

By Wednesday, a volunteer had already dropped off compost to be used in setting up the garden, Peterson said, and there was no shortage of helping hands.

"I had my compost shoveled by a pregnant woman with dreadlocks," she said.

Stroller White, another volunteer, has been making the rounds dropping off mulch and plans to be part of a gardening crew on Saturday. A Sunset Park resident, he said he has spinach, carrots, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, lettuce and herbs growing in his backyard.

"I'm an avid gardener, I'm just trying to get other people turned onto it also," he said.

To learn more or to volunteer this weekend, go to www.gardensofgratitude.org.

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Listen to Churchill

Editor:

I'm tired of people that accuse President Obama of being a socialist without any foundation or, in reality, without any understanding of what socialism is.

This reminded me of the famous Winston Churchill speech explaining his philosophy on liberalism and socialism. I find it very appropriate for the present times.

"Liberalism has its own history and its own tradition. Socialism has its own formulas and its own aims. Socialism seeks to pull down wealth; Liberalism seeks to raise up poverty. Socialism would destroy private interests; Liberalism would preserve private interests in the only way in which they can be safely and justly preserved, namely, by reconciling them with public right. Socialism would kill enterprise; Liberalism would rescue enterprise from the trammels of privilege and preference. Socialism assails the pre-eminence of the individual; Liberalism seeks, and shall seek more in the future, to build up a minimum standard for the mass. Socialism exalts the rule; Liberalism exalts the man. Socialism attacks capital; Liberalism attacks monopoly. These are the great distinctions which I draw, and which, I think, you will think I am right in drawing at this election between our philosophies and our ideals. Don't think that liberalism is a faith that is played out; that it is a philosophy to which there is no expanding future. As long as the world rolls round, liberalism will have its part to play – a grand, beneficent, and ameliorating part to play – in relation to men and states."

– Winston Churchill

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Editor:

The new guidelines and student reform are a welcome and needed change for 5 million students.

It ends subsidies to private lending companies. It doubles up to 6,000 Pell Grants, which do not have to be paid back. It helps more students afford a college education, which can only benefit our society in the long run, by having a more educated work force. A 10 percent annual cap on student loan repayment, again means more students will seek higher learning. They do not have to live in poverty while they are repaying their student loans.

The fact that 5 million more Americans can now earn a degree or certificate over the next 10 years will benefit these students as well as society.

What the Democrats have done (Obama I should say) shows how committed they are to the betterment of society as a whole instead of a few wealthy individuals and large corporations, like the Bush administration.

Society will benefit because of the two key passages, the first one being health reform and, of course, the new student reform bill. Our Democrats are standing up to powerful special interests at a possible high cost of them being ousted from their positions.

I admire and respect the Democratic Party as never before. Finally I feel that our politicians are listening to us and, most importantly, making key changes at great personal costs to them. I hope my fellow Americans know and understand this and support and back the Democratic Party!

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Life Matters

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

Stuck in a dead-end job

DEAR NEW SHRINK,

I have been a working professional for approximately 15 years now. While I have always been a diligent and hard worker, lately I have begun to feel that perhaps my current job is not the right one for me. I have spent my entire professional life in the financial services industry and although I have been financially successful, I still feel as though there is a part missing from my life. What signs should someone look for to know if they are in the wrong profession? What steps can I take to explore something else without risking everything?

Sincerely,
Lost in Transactions

DEAR LOST IN TRANSACTIONS,

You're asking a question that a lot of people face at some point in their life. There is often an event that gets us thinking. We start to consider whether there is something more to life than our current post. I think that it takes a lot of courage to ask this question and to really consider and take full stock of your situation. Moving passively through life can be exhausting and take away from our true identity as individuals. Although I have a hard time saying that there is a "right" or a "wrong" job for a particular person, I do believe that there are jobs that fit one's personality and interests more than others. To me, the journey is about making decisions based on what fits you well and the best way to learn that is to simply try things out. While it sounds like you have made the most of your current position, and have thoroughly tested it out, it is significant if you are asking yourself questions regarding your own fit and personal enjoyment of the experience.

First off, I would consider whether your feelings about your job have come about after a recent incident, or problem, or whether these are lingering feelings that have developed over an extended period of time. If the rejection of your current career is a result of a bad experience at work, it is natural to want to pull away from the experience as a whole. It may be that you are confusing a bad circumstance for a bad profession.

However, if these feelings have stretched over a longer portion of your career, then it may be time to think hard about the meaning of those nagging thoughts. Do you find it difficult to convince yourself to go to work in the morning? Do you dread certain aspects of your job? Do you often daydream about vacations or opportunities to get away from your work? For instance, one of my clients even noted that his daydream fantasies involved something awful happening to his office building just so he wouldn't have to go in. If these are things you are experiencing, this is likely a strong sign that your job is not fulfilling you and now is the perfect time to start exploring your options.

In terms of moving forward, it may be helpful to examine your current job and determine whether there are parts of your work that you truly enjoy. For instance, perhaps your current position requires that you spend a lot of time at your desk, but upon reflection you realize that it is when you're out meeting clients that you truly enjoy your work. If this is true, perhaps you can find ways to spend more of your time focusing on the aspects you do enjoy; this may help build your job satisfaction, even if just for the short-term while you evaluate your options.

Examining your hobbies and other things that you do for fun can also provide new insights. What topics do you enjoy reading or learning more about? Where do you spend your free time? If someone else were paying the bills, what would you be doing? These reflective questions may provide us with great ideas for new ventures based on your own natural interests. For instance, if you find that you spend a lot of your free time playing intramural sports, watching games, and reading about the field, it may be worthwhile to investigate options that would allow you to work within your own interest area. Perhaps it is the content of your professional work within the financial services industry that is bringing you down. Shifting to a new environment and working with numbers as they relate to sports, may bring a refreshing change to your workday.

Finding a career that fits your natural talents is an important part of personal and professional fulfillment. This does not always need to be a major shift; like leaving your industry and finding something totally new; it may be some simple shifts in your everyday work that make all the difference.

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Your column here

Terry O'Day

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Going green saves green

IT WAS 1998. THE SPORT UTILITY VEHICLE was king. That was the year I helped to start a company that would rent electric, hybrid, and natural gas cars to the public. Years before a gallon of gas hit $3, our company, EV Rental Cars, was at 14 airports, serving over 200,000 customers. Policies that supported environmental vehicles in California helped us to establish and grow our company.

Twelve years later, I am now a Santa Monica City Council member and also directing an environmental foundation. Now more than ever, California policy is leading a national transformation to a clean-energy future. And small businesses across the state are positioned to deliver the benefits of clean energy.

As Robert Kennedy Jr. often says, good environmental policy is good economic policy 100 percent of the time. Historical data on energy efficiency in California supports his claim. The state's appliance and building efficiency standards have saved Californians over $56 billion since the 1970s — that's the equivalent of $1,000 per household.

Over the past 35 years, energy efficiency measures have been the cornerstone of California's economic success story. Clean energy policies are recharging California's economy. Green jobs are growing 2.5 times as fast as traditional jobs, and California's clean-energy economy has attracted more than $6.5 billion in venture capital in the past three years — skyrocketing above previous levels. The Global Warming Solutions Act (AB32), passed in 2006, requires us to reduce our global warming pollution 15 percent by 2020, and is partly responsible for this growth because it provides market certainty that investors need.

Moving our economy to a clean-energy future is something that Santa Monica has been doing for years. City Hall adopted a groundbreaking Sustainable City Plan in 1994 and became a leader in a movement that has resulted in sustainability becoming a mainstream practice in government, business, and our daily lives. In 2000, Santa Monica became the first city in the country to purchase 100 percent of its electricity from renewable sources, and met the 2012 Kyoto global warming pollution reduction goals five years early. Through programs like Solar Santa Monica and through private action, we quadrupled the amount of solar photovoltaic installations in just two years. In fact, there are over 40 "Santa Monica Certified Green Businesses" here and one of the largest concentrations of certified green buildings in the country.

If you are interested only in the bottom line, this "new economy" is already producing results. Anyone who has owned a fuel-efficient car, installed a compact fluorescent light bulb or purchased an Energy Star appliance knows energy efficiency saves money. Money left in Californians' pockets frees it for other priorities.

Take the case of the solar energy system pending approval for installation by the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. Thanks to a partnership with Solar Santa Monica, the district may install a system that is anticipated to avoid the production of almost 24,000 tons of greenhouse gases over the next 25 years and save over $1 million in energy costs. That's $1 million that will be reinvested in our schools and our children.

To understand what clean energy policies mean to small business locally, The Brattle Group, an independent economic research organization, audited five years of electricity and gas bills from the Border Grill on Fourth Street. With carbon-cutting technologies, the Border Grill could completely absorb the small increase in energy costs related to AB 32 by raising the price of a $20 meal less than three cents in 2020. That pales in comparison to the effect of inflation over 10 years: a typical increase of 2 percent per year would add $4.38 to a $20 bill.

AB32 and energy efficiency policies are helping small businesses throughout California. Consider Tom Bowman, who runs Bowman Design Group, a small company in Signal Hill. He changed his business practices to reduce energy consumption and found that his changes improved everything from the welfare of his workforce to the overall growth of his business.

"Businesses must constantly innovate in order to thrive," he says. Everything Tom did had a return on investment. He traded an SUV for a hybrid car and plugged equipment into power strips that were switched off at night. He replaced several office machines with a single multi-function unit. When the air conditioner broke down, he upgraded to the most energy efficient model he could afford. By slashing its carbon footprint by 65 percent, Bowman Design saves about $9,000 a year.

A recent poll found that 70 percent of California voters recognize that a clean environment and strong economy go hand in hand. Out-of-state opponents of AB32 will spend millions to convince us otherwise. In Santa Monica, however, we have already seen that Bobby Kennedy's claim is true, and we have the experience already in place to be a leader in the emerging clean-energy economy.

TERRY O'DAY is a Santa Monica City Council member. He is executive director of Environment Now, which has been fighting to protect California ecosystems for over 20 years. O'Day is also past president of EV Rental Cars. He is a 12-year resident of Santa Monica.

The Q Line

Travel plans

A good indicator of the local economy is travel. The same goes to be said about other tourist destinations.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Are you planning a trip this year? If so, where?

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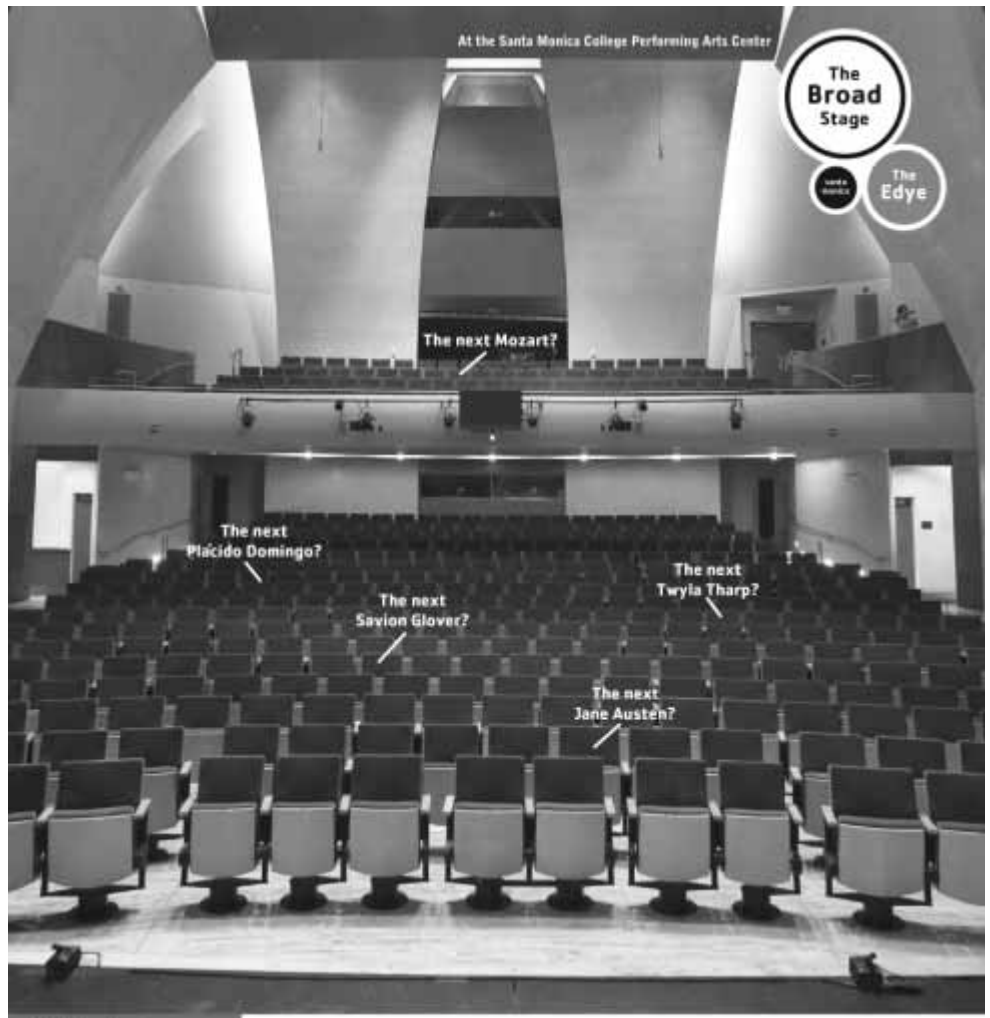
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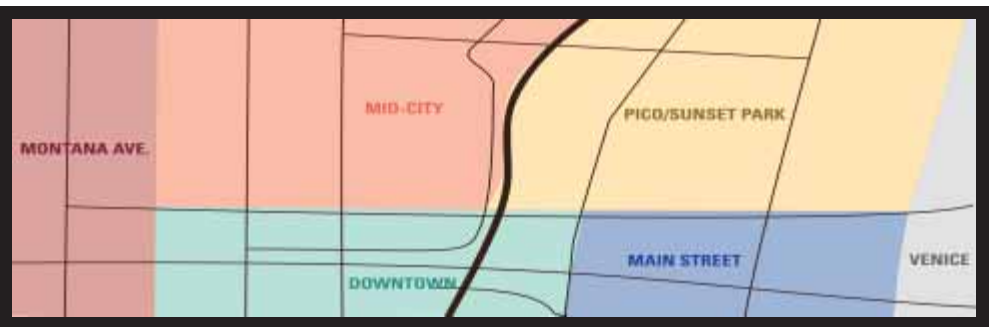
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Worms eat up at restaurant

REBECCA BOONE
Associated Press Writer

BOISE, Idaho For eco-restaurateur Dave Krick, it's not just about where his food comes from, but also where it's going.

And in the case of his Red Feather Lounge and Bittercreek Ale House, some 100 pounds of it a day are feeding an extra 200,000 diners — Vermont red wiggler worms that live in the restaurants' basement, working around the clock to turn kitchen waste into nutrient-rich compost.

That's a lot of worms, but it's a singular distinction.

The Green Restaurant Association knows of no other restaurant in the continental U.S. doing onsite worm composting — known as vermiculture — and only one other in the country, The Kona Brewing Company, which has pubs in Hawaii.

Even before Krick got into worms, his businesses focused on sustainability, serving grass-fed Idaho beef and local cheeses. The wine list is sorted by the miles each bottle travels to reach the table to encourage diners to select from local vineyards. Even the ketchup is made in-house.

"One of our goals is to eliminate our garbage by 2012," says Krick, who opened Bittercreek in 1995 and the Red Feather in 2002.

So Krick started thinking about what happens to all the food that either doesn't make it to the plate, or gets left behind. He spent weeks cataloging the restaurants' garbage, figuring out where they could reduce waste.

"We wanted to do onsite composting because it takes very little energy," he says. "But regular composting smells, because it's basically the chemical process of heating things up. And in a restaurant setting we knew that wasn't going to work."

Krick had heard of organic farms using worms to compost and the Web is awash with advice for doing it in home basements. But he couldn't find any information about using worms in a restaurant setting.

He did find a 14-by-4-foot metal bin that would fit in his building's basement. It could handle about half of the 200 pounds of the compostable food waste generated daily by his restaurants.

The bin has a built-in grid of metal screens. The worms stay above the screens, nestled among organic dirt and food waste. The compost drops through the screens and is scraped into buckets by a blade. It has worked so well he plans to get another bin and double his worms.

Rhonda Sherman, a vermicomposting expert and faculty member at North Carolina State University, says vermicomposting is an emerging trend among businesses of all kinds.

"More and more people are doing it, especially with this new green movement. All sorts of businesses are jumping on the green bandwagon and doing vermicomposting onsite," Sherman said. "It's being used on a really large scale to handle animal manure, and on a mid-scale in places like hospitals, restaurants, universities and prisons. There's just huge interest out there."

But Colleen Oteri, spokeswoman for the Green Restaurant Association, says most restaurants simply don't have the space to do it.

"Restaurants pay a lot of money for rent, and at the end of the day they want to just send it off and have the composter pick it up," Oteri said.

There's also the potential "Ewww!" factor — worry that people would be unsettled to know about thousands of squirming eaters nearby.

"I anticipated that," said Tracy Solomon, sustainability coordinator for Kona Brewing Company, who keeps her worm bins on the lanai of the Kona Pub and Brewery, alongside dining tables. "Sometimes when I go feed the worms I get a lot of people staring at me wondering what I'm dumping in the bins."

But Solomon says she's found that reactions aren't what she'd feared.

"People just think it sounds like an interesting step to take," she said. "But kids love it. I do presentations for kids at schools, and we give starter bins of worms and castings to the schools for their own gardening."

For the past year, Krick has been filling the restaurants' outdoor planters and supplementing his home garden with the compost. But this summer he hopes to sell it at a local organic nursery.

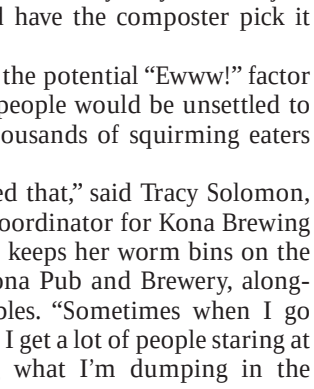
Still, though gardeners often call compost "black gold," Krick is unlikely to get rich off the endeavor.

Each bin costs about $12,000, and he opted to fill them with pricier organic soil to start so that his resulting compost would be completely organic. Selling the compost likely will only defray some of the startup expenses.

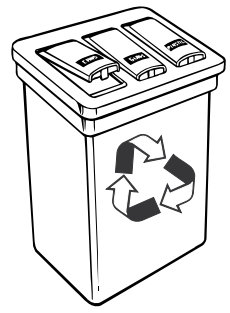
"For us, we know that we're not ever going to recoup the investment. But to eliminate our garbage, we find those gains are intrinsic to our business, (it's) a matter of priorities," Krick said.

As his worm herd increases, Krick also hopes to sell starter buckets for home vermicomposting — potentially creating a scenario where customers take home doggie bags from Bittercreek to feed to worms that were raised in the basement of the restaurant.





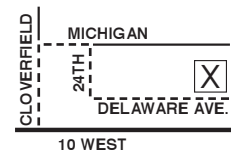
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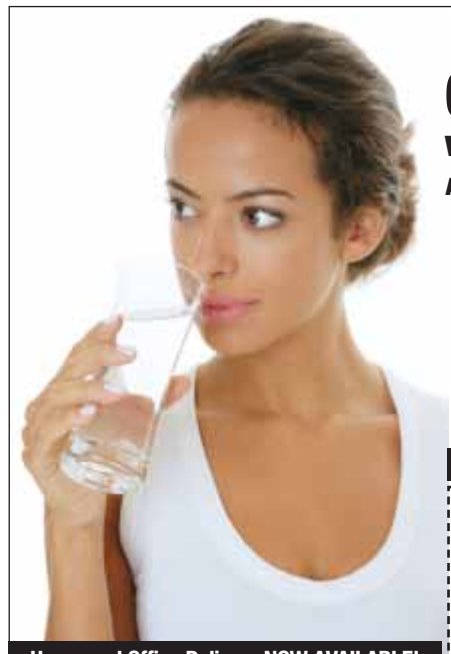


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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
SANTA MONICA COLLEGE FACILITIES MASTER PLAN 2010 UPDATE
[CEQA Guidelines Section 15087]
April 21, 2010

TO: All Interested Agencies, Parties, Organizations, and Persons
FROM: Santa Monica Community College District
1900 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica, CA 90405
SUBJECT: Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report
PROJECT TITLE: Santa Monica College Facilities Master Plan (2010 Update)
PROJECT PROPONENT/APPLICANT: Santa Monica Community College District

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15105, the Santa Monica Community College District (SMCCD) is providing public notice that it has completed an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Santa Monica College Facilities Master Plan 2010 Update ("Proposed Project"). The Draft EIR will be made available for review and comment during a 45-day public review period commencing on April 21, 2010 and ending on June 4, 2010.

The Proposed Project encompasses the Santa Monica College (SMC) Main Campus at 1900 Pico Boulevard, and seven satellite facilities: (1) the Academy of Entertainment and Technology Campus at 1660 Stewart Street, (2) the Olympic Shuttle lot at the northeast corner of Stewart Street and Exposition Boulevard, (3) the Performing Arts Campus at 1310 11th Street, (4) the Emeritus College Campus at 1227 Second Street, (5) the Airport Arts Campus at 2800 Airport Avenue, (6) the Administration Building at 2714 Pico Boulevard, and (7) the Bundy Campus at 3171 South Bundy Drive. Some of the satellite facilities (i.e., Emeritus, Airport Arts, and Administration) will have no proposed changes, and they are not evaluated in the Draft EIR. Future changes to the Bundy Campus were already evaluated in the Bundy Campus Master Plan EIR, and no new changes are proposed to that campus. The primary objective of the SMC Career and Educational Facilities Master Plan (2010 Update) is to update the 1998 Santa Monica College [Educational Facilities] Master Plan (Amended 2002, 2004, and 2007) goals and policies with respect to acquiring, planning, developing, and maintaining facilities and equipment to provide the best possible educational environment and promote the incorporation of sustainable resources. In total, the Proposed Project would result in a total of approximately 1,409,151 gross square feet of development (or approximately 903,552 square feet of assignable square feet (ASF)) campus-wide, which is a net increase of 243,626 gross square feet (or approximately 161,990 square feet ASF) as compared to the existing environmental baseline conditions. The Proposed Project would involve the demolition of approximately 227,020 square feet of gross building area (or 144,877 square feet ASF).

The Draft EIR examines the impacts of the Proposed Project on the environment. With the implementation of mitigation measures, impacts would be less than significant in the following issue areas: Aesthetics, Air Quality/Global Climate Change, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Noise/Vibration, Public Services (Fire Protection), Geology/Soils, and Neighborhood Effects. Impacts found to be less than significant without mitigation measures include the following issue areas: Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Public Utilities, Public Services (Police Protection), and Parking. Impacts associated with Transportation/Traffic cannot be fully mitigated and therefore will result significant and unavoidable impacts. The public is encouraged to provide written comments to the SMCCD with respect to the adequacy and completeness of the EIR. The Draft EIR will be made available to the public via the College's official website at www.smc.edu/facilities_masterplan. Copies of the Draft EIR and all documents referenced in the Draft EIR will be also be available for public review at SMC's Administrative Offices during normal business hours at 2714 Pico Boulevard, Room 320, Santa Monica, California 90405. All comments regarding the adequacy and completeness of the Draft EIR should be submitted in writing to the following address by no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 4, 2010: Randal Lawson, Executive Vice-President, Santa Monica College, 1900 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica, CA 90405.







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Getting kids interested in reading

INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING TOPICS SUCH as: Does the American economy have a future? Check out the panel discussions at the Los Angeles Times Festival of Books this weekend at UCLA. If you're like me, with a seriously fried mommie brain, you can sample lighter fare like "Comic Books: Indie and Beyond" or two days worth of who-done-it authors sponsored by the Mystery Writers of America.

Although it's very difficult to bring children to a panel discussion, (believe me, we've tried), the festival features seven open-air stages where noise and fidgeting are more acceptable. The Los Angeles Times stage features big name authors, and there are also stages devoted to cooking, poetry, health and wellness, and young adult literature.

An entire courtyard is dedicated to children's books. Bookseller and community group booths ring the giant Target stage, which features popular entertainers and author readings. This year, watch the Fresh Beat Band and Hip Hop Harry shake their stuff. Grandparents may be interested in Peter Yarrow from Peter, Paul and Mary who will undoubtedly sing "Puff the Magic Dragon." Notable authors this year include R.L. Steine of "Goosebumps" fame, and Joanna Cole and Bruce Degan, who will read from the latest installment of the "Magic School Bus" series about climate change. Anna Dewdney, one of our family's favorites, will be sharing stories about little Llama, Llama. (The Rader llamas have thrown many a fit in the Shop-o-Rama.)

In the past, we have seen Clifford the Big Red Dog wandering the crowds, and grabbed him for a photo op. Don't forget to pick up some T-shirts, bags, posters or pens with this year's featured illustrator, David Shannon. Each year, an illustrator makes a design just for the festival. (I wrote a draft of this article with my Eric Carle caterpillar pen.) After readings, authors are usually available for book signings, but we've found that the lines are too long for the kids.

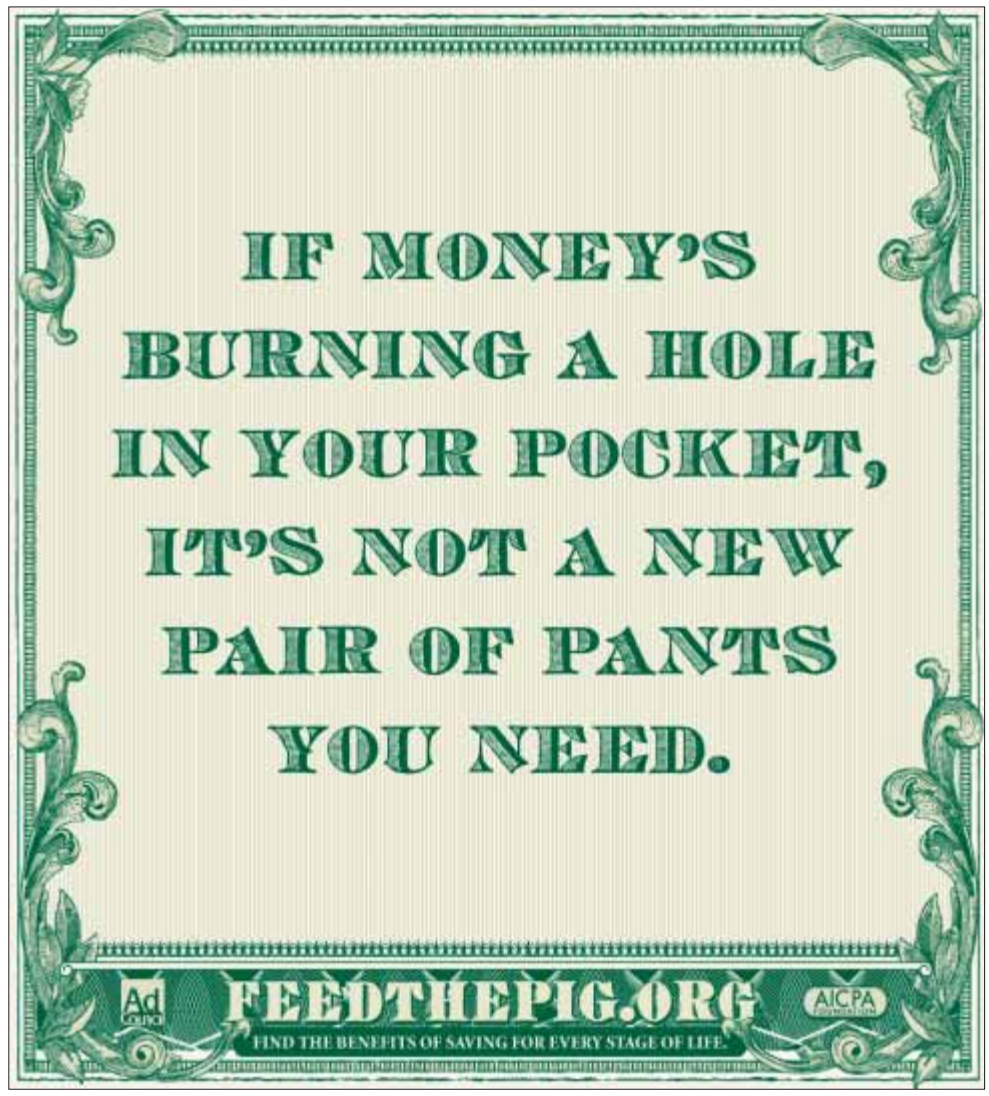
An entire campus full of green space is available for picnics, but there are usually kid-friendly food choices, including a healthy organic option. Dash and Zora usually burn off extra energy after lunch by running up and down the grassy knolls of UCLA.

In between presentations on the children's stage, we wander the festival to browse the booths. We expect to see a wide variety of publishers, booksellers, radio stations and universities, but some of the exhibitors are a suprise. This year, look for The Consulate General of Israel, Atheists United, and Kerrygold Cheeses and Butters from Ireland.

The festival becomes increasingly crowded during the day. We usually aim to be there when it starts and leave early. On a sunny, hot day, the temperature can be unbearable with all the bodies crammed in between the booths, so don't forget hats and water. We usually bring a stroller for tired kids, but our legs do get a workout navigating UCLA's looping handicapped ramps. There are several parking structures and the festival runs a shuttle from the far-away lots to campus. Information booths throughout the grounds offer maps of the exhibitors and a schedule for the stages and panels. Panels require tickets for admission, which are available for a nominal fee from TicketMaster. Tickets went on sale Sunday, so many panels may be sold out. There are often tickets available at will call from folks who turn them in, and each panel has a waiting line for unclaimed seats.

The Festival of Books is a fun event to attend — 130,000 other Angelenos agree each year. See events.latimes.com/festivalofbooks for more information.

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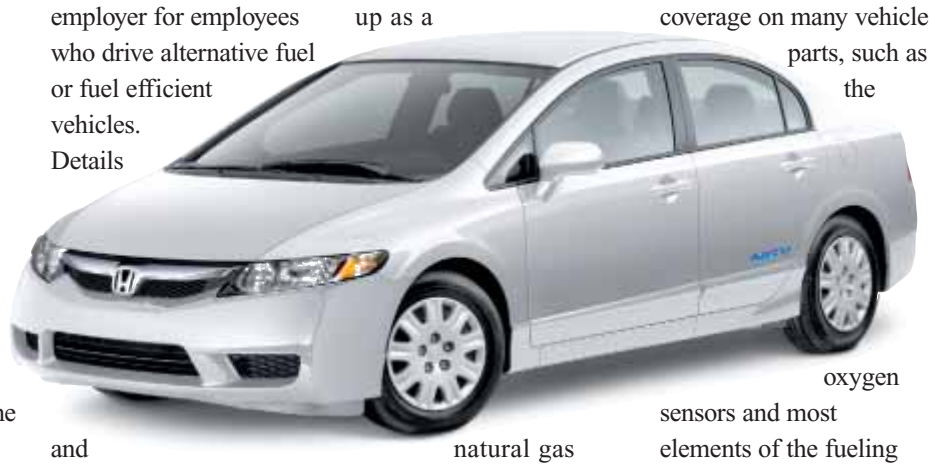
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The United States needs an alternative and American Honda believes that natural gas is a natural choice.

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Samohi students talk with professionals during the Career Day Fair inside the Santa Monica High School cafeteria on Wednesday. Interested students were also able to gather information through 11 different career panels throughout the fair.

County board expected to sign off on deal

FROM SMC PAGE 1

5,700-square-foot Los Angeles County Sheriff's substation.

County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky said the deal also requires the college facility to include a room equipped to become an emergency operations center in case of a disaster.

He said allowing the college building to double as a command center during emergencies will save money by eliminating the need for a separate Sheriff's facility and was a linchpin of working out the deal.

"It works perfectly because the college is going to be closed as a college in the event of an emergency in Malibu," Yaroslavsky said.

"The board of supervisors, I think, will see this as an innovative solution to a problem and one that will serve the interests of the county very well," he said. "It's not going to be that expensive to us and I have no doubt that the board will approve it."

Terms of the tentative agreement have not been finalized, but the arrangement is expected to involve the college agreeing to a long-term lease of the county land. The expected cost of the lease was not released on Wednesday.

The facilities will be funded with $25 million raised from a $135 million bond measure voters approved in 2004.

Malibu and SMC officials praised the MPFA's vote, saying the new campus would result in improved educational opportunities for residents of Malibu.

"Malibu contributes a lot of the tax dollars for the district and they really shouldn't have to drive 25 miles to come to the facilities," said Rob Rader, an SMC trustee who also sits on the joint powers authority.

Yaroslavsky said the addition of a needed Sheriff's substation on the Pacific Ocean side of the Santa Monica Mountains complements the plan to expand SMC's offerings.

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> **Rob Rader,**
> SMC board trustee

"The Malibu community will doubly benefit from expanded educational opportunities and enhanced public safety and emergency services, while Santa Monica College and our Sheriff's department will be able to advance their policy and public service missions as partners and joint tenants," he stated in a news release.

This semester, the college boosted its presence in Malibu, offering credited classes there for the first time in 20 years. Six SMC classes in art, English, geography, photography and psychology are being offered at Webster Elementary School, with nearly 130 students enrolled, the college said.

It could be years before construction of the campus begins, but Don Girard, SMC's senior director of government relations, said he expects the agreement between SMC and the county to receive final approval within three months. He said public meetings to discuss the project's design should begin this year.

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Most area valet programs subsidized by businesses

FROM VALET PAGE 1

likely run the valet program if approved by the City Council. Bayside is funded by an assessment approved by property owners.

Business interests have talked about creating a valet program for years, however, nothing has materialized because running one is expensive, experts said, and Downtown poses many logistical problems, such as where to store the cars and where to locate valet stands that will not interfere with the flow of traffic but make it convenient for shoppers.

"We got some positive, encouraging feedback that the program is worthy of further analysis so we'll do that and come back [to Bayside]," said Miriam Mack, City Hall's director of economic development.

A study on parking in Downtown recommended a centralized valet system that could include six drop-off and pick-up stations, charging customers around $7. A valet program would have to rely heavily on private parking spaces not utilized by the public, spaces that may already be used by private valet companies.

City officials said the centralized valet program is not intended to take away business from private valet companies.

"In theory there are a lot of things that can be cited as a benefit of a valet program," Mack said. "Certainly customer convenience would be one and then the idea that this would reduce traffic and give people an alternative to circling blocks, which is important" to cutting down on air pollution.

Mack said valets could also open more spaces in public parking structures.

"There are a lot of compelling reasons to do it, but it also has to be profitable and a self-sustaining operation."

Several cities in the region have a centralized valet program, many of which are subsidized by a business improvement district like Bayside. Old Pasadena has one, as does Beverly Hills, Manhattan Beach and Culver City. Some operate only during peak hours and charge around $7.

Even though the idea is still in the infant stages, there are already critics who feel the program will fail or end up costing City Hall or Bayside big bucks with little in return. Just to break even with six valet stations, there would have to be 411 cars parked per night at $7 per car, a number that experts in the field feel is impossible to reach, even in an area as popular as Downtown with the Third Street Promenade.

"I just don't see it working," said Chuck Pick of Chuck's Parking Service, which specializes in providing valet service for private events. "The city will end up having to pay a lot for this. It is expensive, labor intensive and you have to ask yourself, who is going to want to pay this? People would much rather feed the meter. That area of Santa Monica doesn't have the real high-end stores where people are going to drop thousands of dollars and not mind paying $15 to valet their car. I just don't see it."

Those who are in the parking business said City Hall needs to decide where it will park the cars, if it will be feasible to locate them nearby so that drivers aren't waiting longer than five to seven minutes, how many valet stations to have, and if valets would be paid a living wage.



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THE SWITCH: **Francisco Garcia delivers a car for a visitor at the Hotel Carmel on Second Street on Wednesday afternoon. City Hall is studying whether or not to create a centralized valet program for visitors.**

If a plan is proposed, a key part will be ownership or having some control over the parking spaces, said Ken Kaufman, owner of the Rush Street Restaurant in Culver City and president of the Culver City Downtown Business Association, which runs a centralized valet program. Kaufman said it is critical to have control over the spaces because it gives a business improvement district or City Hall leverage if it is not happy with the valet company running the program.

Culver City had similar issues as Santa Monica, mainly parking structures that were often full or near capacity during peak hours, frustrating visitors. Drivers were parking in residential areas adjacent to Culver City's revitalized Downtown, which led to complaints from homeowners. Kaufman said the valet program has been successful, although it is heavily subsidized.

"To this point, the volume is not high enough yet," to break even, he said. "But it is important to the Downtown area that his program exists."

It's all about customer service and creating a pleasant experience for visitors, Kaufman said.

"My place, for example, we are open until 2 a.m. and many are people in their 20s or 30s, many of them young women who you don't want to have crossing the streets to the parking structures at that time of night, so it's a safety issue, too," he said. "Culver City is a clean, and very safe environment. It's an area people want to come to and in order to keep it convenient, we have to subsidize."

A parking study is being conducted, Kaufman said, so he will soon have a better idea of the valet program's success. He would not release any information on how many cars are parked per month and the revenue generated. The first valet company contracted by the merchants' association resigned because it was operating at a deficit and believed it would not make a profit in the foreseeable future.

To be somewhat successful, Kaufman, a Santa Monica resident, said developing a strong partnership between the business district, the valet company and City Hall is key.

Kathleen Rawson, executive director of Bayside, summed it up best.

"We are pretty far from making a recommendation," she said. "We have a lot of work to do."

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Obama ponders value-added tax

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WASHINGTON President Barack Obama suggested Wednesday that a new value-added tax on Americans is still on the table, seeming to show more openness to the idea than his aides have expressed in recent days.

Before deciding what revenue options are best for dealing with the deficit and the economy, Obama said in an interview with CNBC, "I want to get a better picture of what our options are."

After Obama adviser Paul Volcker recently raised the prospect of a value-added tax, or VAT, the Senate voted 85-13 last week for a nonbinding "sense of the Senate" resolution that calls the such a tax "a massive tax increase that will cripple families on fixed income and only further push back America's economic recovery."

For days, White House spokesmen have said the president has not proposed and is not considering a VAT.

"I think I directly answered this the other day by saying that it wasn't something that the president had under consideration," White House press secretary Robert Gibbs told reporters shortly before Obama spoke with CNBC.

After the interview, White House deputy communications director Jen Psaki said nothing has changed and the White House is "not considering" a VAT.

Many European countries impose a VAT, which taxes the value that is added at each stage of production of certain commodities. It could apply, for instance, to raw products delivered to a mill, the mill's production work and so on up the line to the retailer.

In the CNBC interview, Obama said he was waiting for recommendations from a bipartisan fiscal advisory commission on ways to tackle the deficit and other problems.

When asked if he could see a potential VAT in this nation, the president said: "I know that there's been a lot of talk around town lately about the value-added tax. That is something that has worked for some countries. It's something that would be novel for the United States."

"And before, you know, I start saying 'this makes sense or that makes sense,' I want to get a better picture of what our options are," Obama said.

He said his first priority "is to figure out how can we reduce wasteful spending so that, you know, we have a baseline of the core services that we need and the government should provide. And then we decide how do we pay for that."

Volcker has said taxes might have to be raised to slow the deficit's growth. He said a value-added tax "was not as toxic an idea" as it had been in the past.

Since then, some GOP lawmakers and conservative commentators have said the Obama administration is edging toward a VAT.

Poll: Americans shifting to domestic cars

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CINCINNATI Buy American? That's suddenly a good idea again to more car buyers.

Toyota's safety problems and a buffed-up lineup of offerings from Detroit's Big 3 are rubbing the tarnish off car buyers' perceptions of U.S. models. An Associated Press-GfK Poll shows that 38 percent favor U.S. vehicles while 33 percent prefer Asian brands, a significant improvement for U.S. automakers compared to four years ago.

"Really, the American car industry has opened its eyes," said Jose Nunez, 24, a customer at Planet Dodge Chrysler Jeep in Miami on Wednesday. "And it's really giving the people what they want, what they need. I think after all we've been through, definitely the three big companies are responding to it."

The findings provide fuel for U.S. automakers who are getting sales and swagger back after a bleak period of huge financial losses, job cuts and market share declines. General Motors Co. and Chrysler LLC needed government help just to survive.

Watching an iconic American industry beaten down amid the Great Recession may be one reason Americans are giving U.S. automakers a closer look.

"I think Americans are beginning to realize the significance of America's auto industry to its history and to its future, and we're a bit more sensitive now to what will be its fate," said John Heitmann, an auto historian at the University of Dayton.

Veronica Sullivan, 41, typified that approach as she finalized the paperwork at a suburban Buffalo, N.Y., dealership on her new Ford Focus.

"Keep the wages in the American hand, supplying jobs for Americans. Why not keep the cash flow where we are and benefit for ourselves?" Sullivan said. "And I think also that Ford, for myself, builds a really good car."

The poll results are encouraging to Tom Gill, who owns a Chevrolet dealership just off Interstate 75 in Florence, Ky. — in the heart of the so-called "Auto Alley" region loaded with auto-related businesses and plants. The veteran dealer often uses the American flag and patriotic pitches in his advertising.

"With all that said, the General Motors product line, the Ford product line, have just really been producing hit after hit," said Gill, citing the Chevrolet Malibu and Camaro as current hot sellers. He says his sales are up 30 percent so far this year.

General Motors CEO Ed Whitacre noted the optimism Wednesday at a factory in Kansas City, Kan., where he announced that GM was paying $8.1 billion in U.S. and Canadian government loans early. He also announced that GM will pump $257 million into expanded production at the Kansas plant and another in Michigan.

Whitacre said the company is "designing, building and selling the best cars and trucks General Motors has produced ever."

Peggy Hyatt, a 52-year-old worker at the Kansas City plant who moved there after being laid off in Georgia, echoed that sentiment.

"We may have had hard times before, but now we're coming back," Hyatt said.

The AP-GfK Poll was conducted in March, as Toyota reeled from the recall of more than 8 million vehicles around the globe and allegations that it responded sluggishly to safety concerns.

In a December 2006 AP-AOL poll, 46 percent said Asian countries made superior cars, while just 29 percent said American automakers did.

In both AP polls, Japan — home to brands including Toyota, Honda and Nissan — was by far the dominant Asian nation volunteered as producing the best cars. European vehicles were viewed about the same in both polls; 15 percent of respondents last month, and 17 percent of those in 2006, called them top quality.

The safety controversy is hurting Toyota's U.S. market share, which dropped from 16.3 percent in the first quarter of 2009 to 15.2 percent for the same period this year, according to industry sales tracking firm Autodata Corp.

Market share for the Detroit Three combined rose from 43.8 percent in the first quarter of 2009 to 44.7 percent this year, while Asian automakers saw a drop from 47.9 percent to 46.8.

Asian automakers topped the Big 3 in combined market share for the first time last year. U.S. automakers had a combined U.S. market share of 57 percent as recently as 2005, but when high gas prices deflated the truck and SUV markets they dominated, they were battered by the long-simmering notion that the Japanese made better cars.

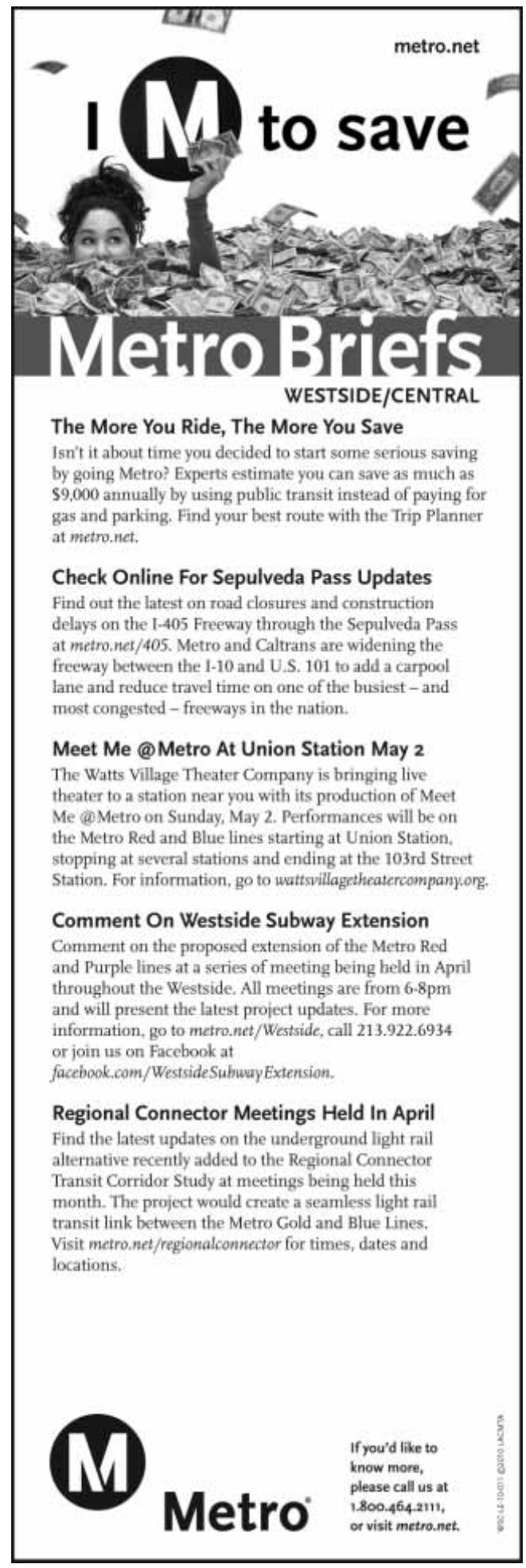
While the U.S. automakers have revamped their lineups, including with more fuel-efficient vehicles and crossover and hybrid innovations, analysts say Ford Motor Co. got an extra boost by not accepting a taxpayer bailout or going into bankruptcy as GM and Chrysler did.

Ford's U.S. sales jumped 37 percent in the first three months of this year, and its market share saw its biggest increase since 1977. Its reliability ratings, as judged by Consumer Reports, are now on par with the leading Asian makers, though GM has also improved.

Some car buyers continue to have a dim view of the other U.S. automakers — one of which is arguably not even American anymore. Chrysler is now run by Italy's Fiat Group SpA.

"The reason I don't want any of my kids driving anything but a Ford is because GM and Chrysler had to get bailed out," said Brian Sorell of Johnson County, Kan., who drives a Ford Flex. "I'm vocal. I tell them you're not buying any cars that the government had to pay for. Period."





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Traveling Back to Fitness

Taylor Van Arsdale

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Burning to begin

SEVERAL MONTHS AGO WHILE INTERVIEWING a dentist, I was lamenting about not being able to find "Mr. Right." My subject looked me straight in the eye and told me, "You're a very pretty girl, but you're fat. Lose some weight, you'll have no trouble."

Not exactly the answer I was looking for. More of a harsh dose of reality — but sadly he was right. "Get yourself on a weight-loss program," he advised. "Join a gym."

There are gyms all over Los Angeles — in fact, one could argue that as the home of Hollywood's elite, L.A. may indeed be the Mecca when it comes to getting in shape. As a Santa Monica resident I wanted to find one that was close, convenient and affordable. After a few weeks of searching I found Burn Fitness — a two-level facility located on the Third Street Promenade with ocean views, blonde wood floors, stainless steel interiors and a bright, open, airy atmosphere.

This gym is the brainchild of CEO and co-founder Tom Williams, a certified personal trainer and world-class swimmer. Today Williams shares his sage with those of us looking to learn how to get fit. I met with Williams for a tour of the gym and to discuss a personal fitness program, a frightening prospect for someone who hasn't worked out in years.

Most appealing is his online weight loss system dubbed fatburn.com, which boasts the largest food database in the world. It's a $15 monthly fee for people who join online, but is free to Burn Fitness members.

"We want to teach you how to eat reasonably, exercise right and lose the weight you want," Williams explains.

The way it works is pretty simple. You key in your weight and a goal — it's important to have a goal. I'm starting at 182 pounds and want to lose 40 pounds by August. That means I need to lose 1.5 lbs. per week. A pound equals 3,500 calories, so to lose weight I have to create a daily calorie deficit.

Before your head starts spinning with numbers and calculations just stop — the brilliance of this program is that you don't have to figure out anything. All you do is type in your starting weight, your goal weight and your time frame for completion. Once you're signed up you simply type in what and how much you're eating (and what type of cardio you did for the day) and the program calculates and figures it out for you. It tells you how many calories you're able to eat and still be on track with your goal. And if you like to eat out (as we all do) not to worry — this program has everything in it. I mean every item at Starbucks is listed. (You cannot believe how many calories are in a grande soy latte.) The nice thing is I can monitor my progress from my iPhone; see if I'm eating too much or whether I need to work out more.

Back on the tour, Williams shows me the aerobics room's wood flooring, built over four-inch blocks of rubber. Williams tells me, "It's a kinetic flooring system and it moves with you thereby reducing the impact to the joints."

There are people in the room, jumping over step blocks. They are sweating. I have the sinking feeling I'll be jumping on this very floor once I start my training program.

All the trainers in the gym are top-notch but Williams suggests I start with, Keith Sims, the Director of Training, whom he says, "is one of the best trainers I've ever known and an important piece of what makes Burn Fitness work."

So there it is folks, I'm traveling back to health. I'll be reporting my progress, sharing my trials, tribulations and hopefully my successes, along with tips on how to bring fitness back to those of you who may also be struggling with added pounds from sedentary lifestyles.

Let's see what the journey brings.

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Experts say skip the pre-work out stretch

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LONDON Want a better work-out? Then don't stretch beforehand, some experts say.

Many people take it for granted that they should start their exercise routines with some stretching on the spot, perhaps hoping it will loosen them up for their work-out. Most fitness experts now agree this kind of static stretching before exercise is not just counter-productive, but potentially harmful.

Traditional stretches, like when people bend over to touch their toes or stretch their legs on a fence, often cause the muscles to tighten rather than relax — exactly the opposite of what is needed for physical activity.

Experts say it is like extending a rubber band to its limit. When people stretch to the maximum, they are more likely to pull a muscle.

"We have developed this idea of static stretching at exactly the wrong time," said Kieran O'Sullivan, an exercise expert at the University of Limerick in Ireland, who has studied various types of stretching and their impact on athletes.

When you stretch before exercising, your body may think it's at risk of being overstretched. It compensates by contracting and becoming more tense. That means you aren't able to move as fast or as freely, making you more likely to get hurt.

O'Sullivan said stretching helps with flexibility, but people should only do it when they aren't about to exercise, like after a workout, or at the end of the day.

"It's like weight training to become stronger," he said. "You wouldn't do a weight session right before you exercise, and you shouldn't stretch right before either."

In the last few years, several studies have found static stretching before playing a sport makes you slower and weaker.

And when experts at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention combed through more than 100 papers looking at stretching studies, they found people who stretched before exercise were no less likely to suffer injuries such as a pulled muscle, which the increased flexibility from stretching is supposed to prevent.

Instead of stretching, many experts recommend warming up with a light jog or sport-specific exercise, like kicking for football or a few serves for tennis. That type of light movement increases the heart rate and blood flow to the muscles, warming up the body temperature.

Research dispels myths regarding rural fitness

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CONCORD, N.H. From hiking and biking to skiing and shoveling snow, staying physically active in rural northern New England might sound like a cinch. But researchers who have begun exploring how to promote healthy living in rural communities are digging beneath that scenic surface.

"From the outside looking in, you say, 'Oh, they don't need a park, they have the woods. But the woods can be as much of a deterrent to being physically active as a freeway, depending on how you look at it," said Barbara McCahan, director of the Center for Active Living and Healthy Communities at Plymouth State University.

The New Hampshire school is one of a handful of universities looking at ways to encourage active living, health and wellness in rural places. Researchers say the work is important because people living in rural communities are at greater risk for obesity, and past research focused on cities and suburbs has often produced conclusions that are a poor fit for rural towns.

Adding sidewalks and bike paths so children can exercise on their way to school makes sense in cities and suburbs, but those aren't realistic options in a rural town where the school is on the outskirts, said David Hartley, director of the Maine Rural Health Research Center at the University of Southern Maine.

His research has included running focus groups in three Maine towns to identify opportunities for and obstacles to physical activity. For children in particular, transportation is a major barrier, he said.

"To get kids more physically active, one of the options seems to be getting more kids participating in after-school programs, but the busing situation is such that the bus goes home at 3 o'clock, and if you want to stay later you have to get a ride," he said. "If you're from a low income family, you may not be able to get a ride. Chances are, your parents are already working two jobs, and they just can't help you out."

Kyle Santheson is the town recreation director in Waldoboro, Maine, a coastal town of about 5,000 residents and one of the communities Hartley has studied. He said there are a range of athletic programs for children and adults — from Little League to co-ed softball leagues — and many parents carpool. But some children do end up left out.

More than one parent has told him, "Geez, I really can't have my kid participate because he doesn't have a ride."

Beyond organized athletic and recreation programs, Hartley also found that the notion that rural residents have unlimited access to outdoor recreation and open space simply by stepping outside their doors didn't ring true.

Hiking trails are largely informal and unmarked, overrun by snowmobiles in the winter and all-terrain vehicles in the summer.

Though there are well-maintained hiking trails around Waldoboro's high school, other trails are on private land held in trust and require a property owner's permission to use, Santheson said. A quick phone call is usually all it takes, he said, "But most people, if they have to go through one extra step, they say, 'Oh, the heck with it.'"

That common attitude must be kept in mind when trying to promote physical activity, said Deborah John, who spearheaded Plymouth State's research and is now an assistant professor at Oregon State University.

"We need to do a better job of making the healthy choices the easy choices," she said. "And it needs to be informed by the people who live in the environment."

Some people may move to the country because they enjoy the kind of outdoor experiences a rural area provides. But others — people who were born in a rural area or live there for other reasons — might not want to go on a solitary hike because they don't feel safe alone and would prefer more companionship and structure.

Bringing those two groups together can be challenging, John said. For example, avid rock climbers might not want to make their favorite rocks more accessible by building parking lots or offering climbing lessons.

That's why it's important to get input from the people who live in rural areas rather than try to impose some outside notion of what should be done, she said.

To that end, researchers at Plymouth State worked with residents of three rural towns to create a Google-style "active living" map, with captions of certain features — a favorite bike route, for example — provided by residents.

"It's one thing to go into a community and do research, it's another thing to get the people who live there to help do the research," said Mccahan. "The people were actually generating the information. We weren't standing there watching people. ... What that did was stimulate their interest in the whole process."

In Maine, Bob Faunce drives 15 miles to another town to exercise at a YMCA, but he knows others in his rural town don't have that option if they don't have cars or aren't old enough to drive.

"There's no other place in the country I would rather live than in Maine, but the fact is, recreational opportunities are extremely limited," said Faunce. "And it's a terrible shame, specially for the kids."

But as the Lincoln County planner, Faunce has seen some progress in the few years since Hartley's focus groups. The state is changing its requirements about school construction so new schools might not end up far so from a town center, and projects are in the works to make towns more pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly.

"Of all the projects I've been involved with that require community input, these things get more input than any other projects," he said. "There's a latent desire that people have. They just want to do some type of exercise where they live."

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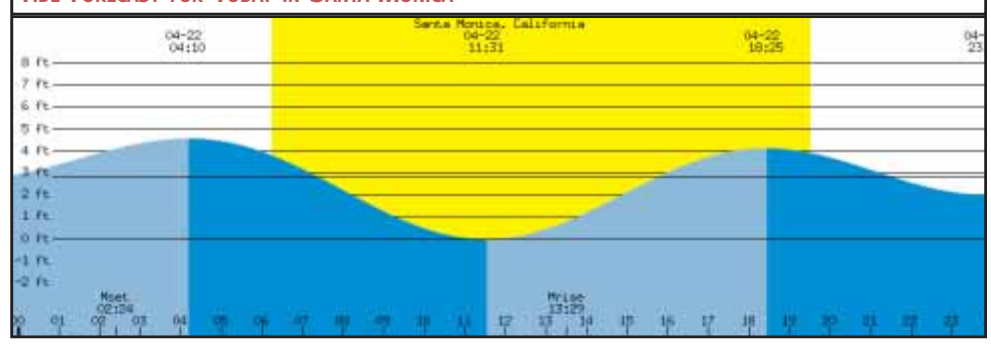
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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechasa and Los Alisos creeks.	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	B	B
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	C	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	F	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	C
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A+	B
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	F
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	F	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	C	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	C	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	B
Los Flores State Beach at Los Flores Creek (point zero).	A	C
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Los Tunos County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A+	A+
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	F	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
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+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	A+
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	B
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	A+
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	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A+	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	D
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	A+
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+	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	F

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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The Joneses (R) 1hr 33min
12:30pm, 2:45pm, 5:10pm, 7:30pm, 9:50pm

Greenberg (R) 1hr 47min
2:05pm, 4:40pm, 7:15pm, 9:45pm

Clash of the Titans 3D (PG-13) 1hr 50min
12:45pm, 3:30pm, 6:15pm, 9:00pm

The Last Song (PG) 1hr 47min
1:45pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:35pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
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Alice in Wonderland (in Disney Digital 3D) (PG) 1hr 49min
1:35pm, 4:20pm, 10:10pm

Clash of the Titans 3D (PG-13) 1hr 50min
1:30pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:05pm

Date Night (PG-13) 1hr 28min
1:45pm, 2:45pm, 4:15pm, 5:15pm, 7:05pm, 7:45pm, 9:30pm, 10:15pm

Kick-Ass (R) 1hr 57min
1:15pm, 2:30pm, 4:00pm, 5:30pm, 7:00pm, 8:30pm, 10:00pm

Hot Tub Time Machine (R) 1hr 40min
2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:35pm, 9:55pm

Kenny Chesney: Summer in 3D (NR) 1hr 39min
7:30pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
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Mid-August Lunch (R) 1hr 30min
1:50pm, 7:00pm

The Ghost Writer (PG13) 2hr 23min
1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:10pm, 10:10pm

La Mission (R) 2hr 12min
4:00pm, 9:10pm

The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (NR) 2hr 49min
1:00pm, 4:30pm, 8:00pm

Who Do You Love (NR) 1hr 47min
1:00pm, 3:15pm, 5:30pm, 7:50pm, 10:10pm

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Death at a Funeral (R) 1hr 30min
12:00pm, 1:00pm, 2:20pm, 3:20pm, 4:40pm, 5:40pm, 7:00pm, 8:00pm, 9:20pm, 10:20pm

Diary of a Wimpy Kid (PG) 1hr 33min
11:40am, 2:00pm, 4:20pm

How to Train Your Dragon (PG) 1hr 38min
12:30am, 2:50pm, 5:10pm, 7:40pm, 10:00pm

How to Train Your Dragon 3D (PG) 1hr 38min
11:30am, 1:50pm, 4:10pm, 6:40pm, 9:00pm

The Perfect Game (PG) 1hr 58min
1:30pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm

Tyler Perry's Why Did I Get Married Too (PG-13) 2hr 1min
6:50pm, 9:50pm

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Start the weekend early, Aries

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ A misunderstanding could threaten chaos to the best-laid plans. When facing a setback, get back on your feet and find another path to the same point. Tonight: Kick up your heels. Start the weekend early.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ The Bull is in prime form, as long as he or she is not in a strange situation. You like to do everything well. When on new turf, you might make a slip or two. Know that you are normal. Know that this is as it should be. Give yourself the space to be human. Tonight: At home relaxing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Keep conversations moving. You might not be comfortable with everything you hear, but make that OK. Sometimes people don't think before they speak. This could be one of those times. Be willing to understand another person's distress. Tonight: Chat up a storm.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Be sensitive to your needs. You go to extremes, either being very self-indulgent or very stoic. Though you tend to swing back and forth like a pendulum, attempt to stay on middle ground. Your stability is more important in relating than you realize. Tonight: Just hang in there.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Many can sense when you walk in the room. Confusion can surround work or someone you put on a pedestal. You might feel out of sorts as you see situations developing, but you might not be sure of your role in the problem. It is there. Tonight: Let go of today and live in the now.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ You could be angrier than you acknowledge. What occurs could be the result of suppressed anger, whether it is a health issue or a problem with someone. Ground out, center and find out what is really ailing you. Tonight: Talk to someone who sees life much differently from you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ A friend keeps hammering for the same thing over and over. You might be fed up, and the way you express this feeling depends on you. If what this person suggests is feasible, why not go for it? Tonight: Only where the action is.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★ No one can be more stubborn than Ms. or Mr. Scorp. Today, you could prove that fact once more! Perhaps taking action to instrument change would be more worthwhile. Your creativity seems to be on the downswing, probably because you are not dealing with some strong feelings, and are holding them back. Tonight: Count on another late one.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ If you can keep your perspective, nothing too challenging will come in your direction. Many people seem to be acting out of character, causing feelings to arise. Step back and pretend you are watching a play. What you see might even be funny! Tonight: Try a new spot, a new place, a new type of cuisine or maybe even a new site on the Internet.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ No one likes being dictated to, especially our Goat. A partner feels that you need to follow his or her pre-scripted game plan. How you reject this person's ideas and the level of diplomacy you use define the outcome. Be careful! Tonight: Listen more. Observe carefully.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Defer to those around you. Rather than being criticized or being critical, just know that the issue in question is out of your hands. "What a relief" might be the response. Now go off and do what you love or want to do. Can't decide? Indulge yourself. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Tackle your work or must-do list. You will feel best if you don't sit on your duff. In fact, it could be amazing what you are capable of accomplishing if you just do. Give up overanalyzing for at least a day. Tonight: Stay physical.

Happy birthday

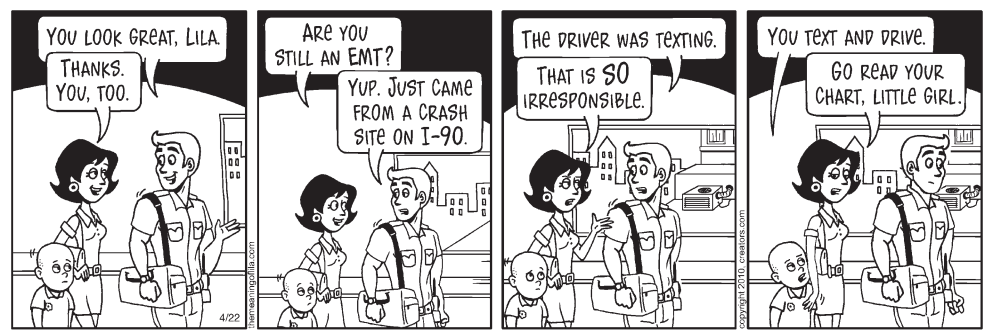
This year, express your anger in an appropriate manner. You could be overwhelmed by events in your personal and/or domestic life. Confusion often surrounds interactions. Bone up on those skills, learning to confirm and affirm. If you are single, you will experience the possibility of a meaningful relationship through a friendship. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy socializing. Do more of it. LEO can be testy.

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

Girls and Sports
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The Meaning of Lila
By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



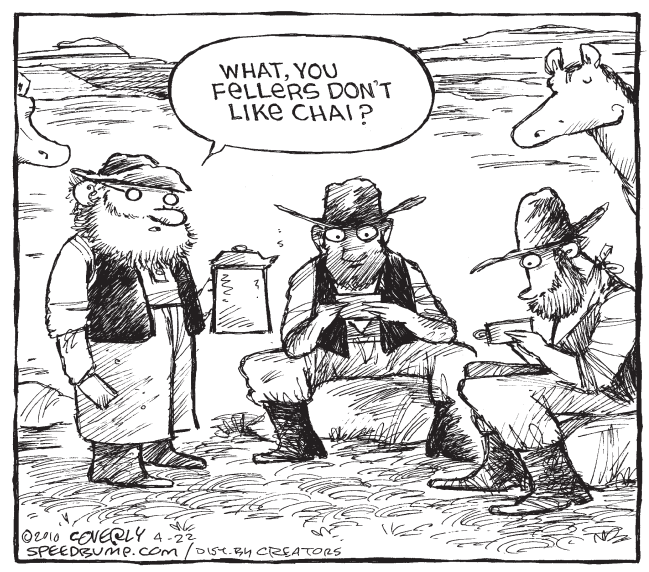
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9		1			4			6

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

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5 Digression
10 Theater box
11 Fits in
12 Advantage
13 Hollywood workers
14 Crusoe, for one
16 Retreat
20 Swift
23 H lookalike
24 Oklahoma city
25 Vagabond
27 Bar choice
28 Sandy spots
29 Promotional item
32 Illegal passenger
36 Beau
39 Not recorded
40 Mean
41 1982 Disney film
42 Deputized bunch
43 Evergreen shrubs

DOWN

1 Tina's TV co-star
2 Luke's teacher
3 Quiche base
4 Is furious
5 Pond growth
6 "Bye!"
7 Travel stop
8 Banned bug-killer
9 Snaky shape
11 Lewd
15 Opera set in Egypt
17 Dress in
18 "Don't look —!"
19 Puppy sounds
20 Without a date
21 Hungarian dog
22 Alt.
25 Turn to slush
26 Kings and queens
28 Foil, e.g.
30 Senator Kefauver
31 Be penitent
33 Piano part
34 Swear
35 Longings
36 Use a straw
37 First número
38 "— been real!"

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Yesterday's answer

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Felon-Candidates: (1) John White, now running for sheriff in Roundup, Mont., will be unable to carry a gun if he wins because of a long-ago bank robbery conviction. (2) Convicted felons might be running against each other if they win their primaries in May for county judge-executive in Hindman, Ky. Democrat Donnie Newsome and Republican Randy Thompson were both convicted of election fraud (though Thompson's case is still on appeal). (3) Cynthia Diaz was re-elected town clerk in Coventry, Vt., in March, though still facing 10 felony personal tax-filing counts. (The town clerk is the town's treasurer, delinquent-tax collector and trustee of public money.)

■ The U.S. Senate passed a bill in March to correct a misimpression Congress had in the 1990s when it instituted mandatory sentences for crack-cocaine possession that were about 100 times the sentences for powdered cocaine. Scientists long ago pointed out that the two substances are chemically the same, and the new provisions set crack-cocaine sentences at only about 18 times those for powder.

■ Tackling the Big Issues: (1) The Utah legislature passed a bill in March to, for the first time, legalize the personal collection of rainwater. "Harvesting" rain has been illegal, but now would be allowed, with a state permit, in special state-approved containers. (2) The Tennessee legislature is considering removing a longstanding ban on fish tanks in barbershops. Currently, no "animals, birds or fish" (except guide dogs) are permitted where hair is cut. Opponents said they don't mind aquariums but fear that trendy pedicures by nibbling fish (now in New York and Los Angeles salons) might come to Tennessee.

TODAY IN HISTORY

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