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THE WE GOT IT MADE ISSUE

SMC to reduce course offerings

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

PICO BLVD While the economic downturn is forcing an upturn in enrollment at Santa Monica College, it's also cutting into the number of available classes to those new students.

After eliminating about 193 sections — or about 6 percent — from its course offerings in the spring semester, administrators with SMC said they plan on scaling back another 5 percent in the fall to combat budget cuts from the state.

The reductions, which have affected the institution's part-time faculty, have saved the college about $500,000 to $600,000 in salary. Most of the instructors have retained positions with SMC because they only lost one out of several classes they teach. Some have lost employment altogether because it was their only section that got cut.

Part-time faculty work on a semester-by-semester contract basis with the college, Jeff Shimizu, the vice president of academic affairs, said.

Administrators worked in consultation with faculty department chairs to determine which sections to eliminate, targeting classes with low enrollment.

"Our focus was on keeping high demand classes that students need for their certificate or transfer degree," Shimizu said.

Shimizu could not comment specifically on the college's financial situation, noting the picture will remain unclear until after the May 19 special elections, which includes several propositions that would help the community colleges, specifically Propositions 1A and 1B.

Class sizes in some sections have grown as a result of the cuts in course offerings, growing from 18-20 students to between 30-35. The late afternoon and evening classes, which were traditionally the least popular time for students, are also filling up.

Approximately 2,000 new students enrolled at SMC in the spring semester, increasing as more people get laid off and return to school to further their credentials.

"What that means is we have become more efficient in classes," Shimizu said.

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ENVIRONMENTALISM COMES WITH A PRICE: **Solar panels line the top of the Civic Center Parking Structure, which is LEED certified, as is the Public Safety Facility in the background. Getting LEED certification can be costly, ranging from $40,000 to $200,000.**

Green is an expensive designation

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN There's the cost of going green, and then there's the cost of letting everyone know about it.

One of the largest local developers of affordable housing, Community Corporation of Santa Monica owns approximately 80 properties in the city, a combination of apartment rehabilitation and newly constructed complexes.

The nonprofit organization is one of many public supporters of sustainable design, incorporating environmentally-friendly features in many of its new apartment buildings, many of which would qualify for certification in Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, a designation awarded by the U.S. Green Building Council.

Yet only one of its projects — Colorado Court — is LEED certified.

"We do not seek LEED certification for new construction because it's expensive," Joan Ling, the executive director of CCSM, said last week during an interview about a series of new construction projects the developer is undertaking. "We're committed to doing every project at LEED silver level equivalent or above."

There are more than a dozen LEED certified projects in Santa Monica, including The Ambrose Hotel, Public Safety Facility, Civic Center Parking Garage and two buildings on the Lantana media campus.

But there are a series of other developments in the city that were built with a whole slate of sustainable features in mind, which together could qualify them for certification.

The reason why the developers didn't go for the designation could be the money.

John Zinner, a locally-based LEED project manager, estimates that the soft costs of going for certification could range roughly from $40,000 to $200,000, depending on the size of the project.

"We're talking just the design process, not

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A time for prayer

City Hall
1685 Main St., 7 a.m. — 10 a.m.
In honor of the National Day of Prayer a special service will be held on the lawn in front of City Hall. Prayers will be offered for community and national leaders, the armed forces and ministry organizations. This event is open to all faiths. A light breakfast will be offered at 6:30 a.m. for a suggested donation of $5. For more information, call (310) 365-8219.

Sunset yoga on the beach

Grassy area at Ashland and Main St.
Ashland and Main St., 6:15 — 7:45 p.m.
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Friday, May 8, 2009

'Jumping the Median'

The Other Space at Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 Fourth St., 8 p.m.
Steve Connell's five new plays run the gamut from sexy and outrageous to moving and provocative. Above all, they're unabashedly fun. The evening explores love, loss and life as we know it, accompanied by live music under the direction of Josh Foy and Sekou Andrews. "Jumping the Median" also runs on Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 7 p.m. Tickets are $20. Call (562) 547-6207 for more information.

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.

Point Dume school goes solar

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

MALIBU With proceeds from a lemonade stand, students at Point Dume Marine Science Elementary School are reducing their carbon footprint by going solar.

Students contributed $300 toward the purchase of 33 solar panels, which have been installed at one of the Malibu campus' buildings, making Point Dume, a member of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, the first public elementary school in Southern California to join the local power grid, district officials said.

"It has been our goal to tie in all aspects of our environmental science curriculum and bring in real life models for our students," said Point Dume Principal Chi Kim. "Thanks to some exceptional public and private community partnerships, we are the beneficiaries of a community that believes in working together to create a more sustainable world for future generations. I am thankful that our students can really be a part of our contribution to reducing our carbon footprint."

The total project cost is estimated at $100,000, Kim said, with the majority of the funding coming from the school's PTA, The David Geffen Foundation, Shangri-La Construction, Diana and Roger Jenkins, and Kelly and Ron Meyer.

The panels, which were installed by Perma City Solar on southward facing classrooms to ensure maximum sun exposure, will generate enough power to prevent 3.52 tons of coal from being burned and 10,919 pounds of carbon dioxide from being released into the atmosphere, district officials said.

Energy generated will not be enough to power the entire school, Kim said. The panels will act as a demonstration project for students.

When asked his thoughts about the project, fifth-grader Harry Putterman said, "It's a learning experience to find ways to help stop global warming. If you learn about it then you can help stop it."

Point Dume students are taught about the fragile ecosystems and how one's choices make a vital difference to the world, Kim said.

"Learning about the environment teaches students that they can make a difference in their own school and hopefully their homes," said fifth-grader Emma Kelly.

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CALL FOR SHELTER

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Members of the homeless advocacy group Side By Side and some of Santa Monica's homeless stage a 'pro-homeless' protest in front of City Hall on Tuesday afternoon, drawing attention to the lack of shelter beds in Los Angeles County.

PREP SPORTS ROUNDUP

Samohi's Frick to play for Air Force

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI Garrett Frick has decided to aim high.

The senior forward who helped lead Santa Monica High School's boys basketball team to the semifinals of the CIF-SS playoffs in February has committed to play ball for the Air Force Academy.

"Other schools were tracking me, too," Frick said. "But in the end it came down to West Point and Air Force.

"I chose Air Force because I want to be a commercial pilot someday."

Frick was also excited by the prospect of playing for a NCAA Division I program. Air Force is a part of the Mountain West Conference, which includes BYU, Utah and San Diego State.

"I wanted to serve my country, too," Frick added.

ST. MONICA BASEBALL HAS LEAGUE TITLE IN SIGHT

St. Monica High School's mini playoff drought may be coming to an end.

With three games remaining the Mariners

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In support of day care

Editor:

Re: "Concerns revolve around daycare center," page 1, May 5.

As an advocate for quality child care in Santa Monica, I am dismayed to learn of the resistance to the relocation to Sunset Park of a home-based family child-care program. Licensed family child care is set in the caregiver's home and is designed to be neighborhood based. This type of care is frequently the choice of parents seeking a nurturing home environment where their children will be safe and will have enriching learning opportunities while they are working.

Licensed family child care provides a unique setting, where infants, toddlers, and pre-schoolers can learn and play together. Older children may also join the mix after school hours. Programs such as Collier Family Day Care are required by the state of California to always have enough staff on the premises to adequately supervise the children.

Home-based child care programs have a long history in our community, serving many working families throughout the city of Santa Monica. Family child care is a vital part of our local economy and helps keep our community working. In fact, there are over 5,000 licensed family childcare programs tucked into the many diverse neighborhoods of Los Angeles County. Without licensed family childcare programs in our Santa Monica community, many parents would be unable to find care for their children.

As for the issue of noise, how could anyone really object to hearing happy children at play together – singing, learning to read, cooperating, and exploring their world? Isn't this what a residential neighborhood is really all about?

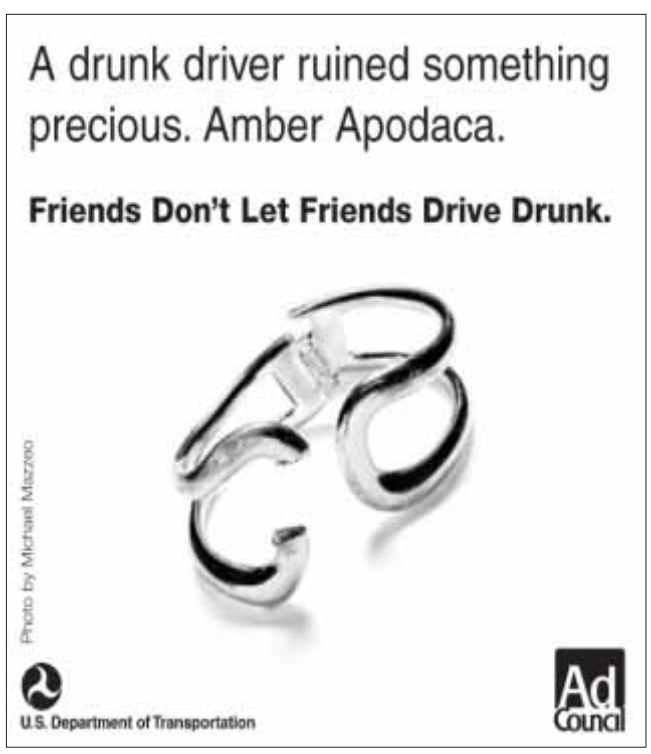
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Connections For Children

Put it in the paper

Editor:

Two Santa Monica police officers were recently honored by MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) for their conscientious enforcement of drunk driving laws ("SM officers honored for busting drunks," page1, April 17). You correctly thought the story important enough to feature it on your front page. Yet if my memory is correct, your weekly Crime Watch feature, which describes a variety of criminal activities, rarely if ever mentions an arrest for drunk driving. Perhaps if you were willing to include information about DUI arrests in Crime Watch, the spectre of seeing their names in the local paper might deter some Santa Monica residents from committing DUI's in the first place.

Paul Bergman
Santa Monica





Your column here

Laurie Lieberman and Debbie Mulvaney Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Calling for full funding

WE ARE WRITING TO UNDERSCORE OUR support for the Civic Center Joint Use Project and to emphasize the unique opportunity it represents for our community. While complementing City Hall's plans for the Civic Center, it embodies vital community values which have been supported by voters, various boards and commissions, and the City Council and staff, time and time again — education, the arts, and sports and recreation. City planning documents … confirm the significance of these values as well. The Civic Center Joint Use Project addresses a multiplicity of community needs simultaneously, in a location that will serve the entire city.

Its scope involves collaboration between the City Council (as the Redevelopment Agency) and the school district. It is a visionary project which will bring harmony to the arts, athletic, and education communities and an opportunity for many different groups to work together for the benefit of all of us. And it is a project which addresses the remaining piece of our Civic Center, which has been overlooked until recently.

The project will rebuild the woefully inadequate athletic facilities that currently serve our community and Santa Monica High School's student body. In so doing, it will move the soccer field currently planned for the Civic Center surface parking lot onto the Samohi site, thereby freeing up Civic Center land for other cultural and open space opportunities. A new regulation track and football/soccer/lacrosse/rugby stadium will accommodate community events which cannot currently be held in Santa Monica. A new Olympic-size pool will better serve both the high school and the city's residents. Turfing of fields and lighting of all facilities, combined with spectator seating will increase usability and availability of all athletic venues.

This project will create a cultural synergy between the to-be-refurbished Civic Auditorium, Barnum Hall and the Greek Theater (which will become a mini-Hollywood Bowl by the sea), three venues of differing sizes and capabilities.

And it will re-connect the east and west sides of the city by means of a new bicycle path and art walk — the Michigan Promenade — which will run from Fourth Street through to Seventh Street. It will also provide whatever shared parking the city and school district determine necessary to serve the newly enhanced Civic Center.

This project presents a singular chance for City Hall and the school district to partner in a highly efficient use of school district- and city-owned land to promote widely shared community values. If RDA funds are used to fund this project, our community will have greater arts, athletic and educational facilities in a revitalized and exciting Civic Center for many years to come.

The beauty of this plan is that the whole will most definitely be greater than the sum of the parts.

Furthermore, the Samohi project has the distinct advantage that it has emerged from extensive community discussions and is very far along in the planning process. Samohi has a master plan in place and the school district has had an architect designing for its full build-out for almost two years. While continuing to be refined, the project reflects public input from parents, coaches, community members, city staff and others.

It has been shared with the Recreation & Parks Commission, the Sports Advisory Council, the Arts Commission, the school board, the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, and many others. Because the project has been publicly vetted — and because of its obvious merits — more than a thousand people have signed petitions and approximately 30 speakers showed up at the April 14 City Council meeting to advocate for the Samohi plan.

In contrast, many of the projects on city staff's "Summary of Recommended Funding Allocations," appear to be little more than nice ideas which have not yet been the subject of professional planning and public process. Given the limited time involved, this could pose a serious problem.

City Hall must issue bonds by 2012 in order to maximize RDA funding. Less than 32 months remain for design, bidding and public process for all RDA-funded projects. Rarely has any city project ever received all necessary approvals in that time frame. Since most of the projects currently recommended for funding are in their earliest stages of development, it requires a revision of recent city history to believe that the process necessary to meet the 2012 deadline could be completed in a timely manner for a few, let alone all, of them.

It would be more than unfortunate — it would be downright irresponsible — if City Hall were to severely underfund the Civic Center project and then forfeit RDA funds because projects that constitute mere ideas at this point were unable to be completely developed in time to meet existing RDA deadlines. (The current staff recommendation allocates $46 million of the $235 million required to complete this project, which is very far along in the planning process.) City Hall will be better served by funding a few significant projects that can actually be "shovel and bond ready" by 2012 than by allocating small amounts of money to many projects, most of which cannot be planned in the time remaining.

As an organization that formed to encourage the school board to provide stronger leadership for the school district, we now urge our city's elected representatives to provide bold leadership for the entire community.

Please take advantage of this rare legacy opportunity and fully fund the Civic Center project.

There is no project that compares with the range of public benefits it confers upon our community.

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A hypochondriac reacts to swine flu

EVEN THOUGH HEALTH EXPERTS ARE cautiously optimistic that the international panic over swine flu appears to be on the verge of abating, sending the bug slithering into ailment oblivion, my H1N1 alarm clock has just started ringing. I think there's an outside chance I'm one of the few hundred people harboring a case of the disease du jour.

After returning from a short trip back east two weeks ago, I came down with a stuffy nose, sore throat and cough that has stubbornly and suspiciously persisted long past most of my standard annual abstract sniffles and viruses. Still, I didn't think much of it until last Thursday when I was preparing to get on a plane again at the same time the news hit that at the bottom of the ninth, the swine flu was up at bat with bases loaded, threatening to dethrone SARS as the home run disease du decade.

As my cough echoed through the house while I was packing for my trip, I thought about how a few days earlier I had been drinking margaritas with a friend who was in close contact with another friend who had just returned from a Mexican vacation with a cough. And that was the day after my husband and I went to a Mexican restaurant for lunch.

I immediately concluded I was destined for an indefinite membership in the Quarantine Club, so I called the doctor's office and described my symptoms to the receptionist. She put me on with someone else (hopefully and presumably with some sort of medical degree) who diagnosed me as having allergies, but said it couldn't hurt if I armed myself with a face mask for the flight.

Clearly she hadn't read how face masks are generally believed to be ineffective in guarding against swine flu. Nevertheless, I sent my husband on a Holy Grail-like search for one. Since the local pharmacy was fresh out, he went to the hospital. He was bounced around a bit before being sent to the cafeteria, where the lunch lady gave him a few. A face mask might not ward off swine flu, but at least I was certain not to inadvertently spit in anyone's food.

And so with all apologies and due respect to Joe Biden, I woke up last Friday ready to be voluntarily sealed in a giant piece of winged Tupperware with 150 people for a three-and-a-half-hour journey. However, when I got to the airport I learned my flight was delayed for several hours, giving me ample time to study thousands of other coughing and sneezing travelers in detail (thereby ensuring if I didn't have swine flu before, I would certainly leave with a parting gift).

I sat down in an empty boarding area to read, figuring it was safest to be as far from other people as possible. However, it turns out it was actually the eventual boarding area for a flight to Cancun. So I wandered down to my gate, which was right next to the gate for a flight to Los Cabos.

When it was finally time to leave the future infirmary for everyone voluntarily heading south of the border, I was relieved to be in the front row of the plane so I didn't have to worry about swine particles floating backward (just frontward). Thankfully the 3-year-old sitting next to me seemed to be in good health. Hopefully the boogers she smeared on our shared armrest weren't infected with anything other than grossness.

This hasn't been my first brush with a trendy yet deadly affliction. In 2001, I was away for a weekend in the country with my parents and my sister and her family when we took my then 21-month-old nephew on a horse-drawn carriage ride.

As we sat snugly under some blankets as the horse set off, my chest tightened and I started wheezing. My thoughts immediately went to the anthrax attacks that were currently gripping the nation with fear and how I worked at NBC, where a news assistant had just opened a letter containing anthrax powder. And how I lived down the street from ABC, where another news assistant received a similar envelope. I was sure my work and home mail had mingled with the infected mail and I was a goner.

My breath became more labored as I quietly debated how to break the news to my family that anthrax was about to claim another victim. Then my mother interrupted my silent funeral planning by asking if I had ever outgrown my allergy to horses.

While I'll wait a few more days before declaring victory over swine flu, I think I might have cheated death for the second time. Now if there was only a vaccine for allergies.

E-mail questions or comments to meredithccarroll@hotmail.com.

The Q Line

Eternal question

City Officials are considering a plan to lift the residency requirement at Woodlawn Cemetery. Cemetery officials say it would help raise funds to maintain the facility.

So this week's Q-Line question asks:

Do you think Woodlawn should be reserved for residents or do you thinking opening it up to others is a sound decision given the current economic slump?

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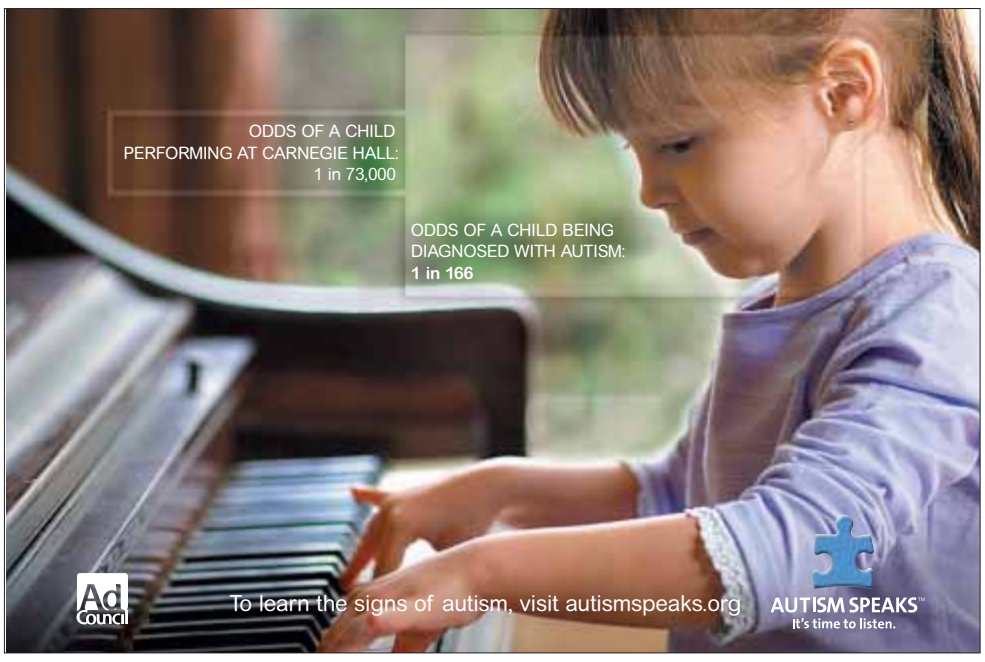
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Building a campfire that cooks more than ambiance

PERVAIZ SHALLWANI
For The Associated Press

A well-built campfire can cook up a lot more than ambiance, wieners and marshmallows.

You can spend big bucks on stone or metal fire pits, but it's not necessary. Done right, a simple stone-ringed fire can cook up entire meals, from back-to-the-woods basics like pork and beans, to more complicated stuffed roasts, pizzas, even cakes.

"The great debate in my field is gas versus charcoal, and I say wood," says Steven Raichlen, host of public television's "Primal Grill with Steven Raichlen." "Wood gives you both heat and flavor."

The first step is to check with your local fire codes. Some communities require fire permits even for small campfires. Permits usually are free, but may need to be picked up in person on the day you burn, so be sure to check local regulations ahead of time.

This also is a good time to determine what you will be cooking and how large a fire you will need to do so. The size of the fire can determine the type of permit needed, and even the time of day you can burn.

If you will be cooking multiple dishes at once, you may need a larger fire in order to arrange the wood and embers in different areas to create warmer and cooler cooking zones.

Mary Karlin, author of "Wood-fired Cooking," says the goal is to build a compact fire that distributes heat efficiently. If at the beach, begin by digging a hole in the sand and lining it with rocks or bricks. When camping, build a tight ring of rocks or bricks.

For most basic cooking, a simple 2-foot ring of stones or bricks will be fine. The wood rests on the edges of the rocks, which lifts it a bit and allows air to circulate beneath, making it easier to light. The stones also absorb and conduct heat.

To start the fire, pile crumpled newspaper or paper bags and twigs. And while paraffin fire starters available at hardware stores can help, dry twigs and paper should make lighter fluid unnecessary.

Once your kindling is burning well, start adding small logs. As the fire builds, you can increase the size of the logs you add. The fire will need to burn for about 20 to 30 minutes before it is ready for cooking, says Raichlen.

As for wood type, hardwood works best. And while firewood can be purchased, it's easier and cheaper to forage for dry thick branches and logs.

Once the fire is established, the embers can be pushed to one side while burning logs can be pushed to another. Moving the fire around in this manner is how the heat level is controlled.

Now top everything with a grill rack. The higher the rack sits, the slower the cooking process. Karlin recommends roughly 8 inches above the flame for high heat cooking, and 10 to 12 inches for low and slow cooking, such as a stew.

To test the temperature hold your hand at the level of the grate, then count the seconds and move it when the heat becomes too much. At high heat, you should be able to stand it for about 2 seconds; 4 seconds for low heat.

Use high heat for seared steaks, grilled vegetables and pizzas. Use low to bake a cake or sear slices of pineapple.

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No guilt when eating at this fast food chain

I HAD A GREAT LUNCH THE OTHER DAY at Panera Bread in the Marina and I am impressed by the quality of their food.

As you may have heard, Health magazine recently released its list of healthiest fast food restaurants in the country, and Panera Bread ranked at the top thanks to its "comprehensive menu of healthy choices for every meal."

To conduct the research for the article, an expert panel of dietitians and nutritionists surveyed and scored the nation's 100 largest fast food chain restaurants based on factors such as the use of healthy fats and preparations, healthy sodium counts in entrées and availability of nutritional information, among other criteria.

Here are some of the great things about Panera:

• You can pick from two whole-grain breads for your sandwich and have an apple with it instead of chips (though the chips are fine too — they can be baked).

• Half-size soups, salads, and sandwiches make it a cinch to control portion size.

• Also, most of the chicken is antibiotic- and hormone-free, a rarity for large chains.

• The kids menu offers squeezable organic yogurt, PB&J (with all-natural peanut butter), and grilled organic cheese on white whole-grain bread.

I chose a delicious salad with chicken, dried Fuji apple chips, pecans and Roquefort cheese over greens. I was so happy with it in every way. It was the right portion, great vinaigrette, perfectly cooked (not dry) chicken and the dried apple chips were quite addictive. There were a number of other salads and sandwiches that appealed to me, requiring a return trip.

I highly recommend Panera for an enjoyable meal at any time of day.

Here's my version of a chicken and apple salad, which is quite different but also yummy! Enjoy!

Brown Rice and Vegetable Salad with Chicken
This recipe serves 4

Preparation time: 20 minutes
Cooking time: 8 minutes

Ingredients
3 cups leftover, cooked, short grain brown rice
1 red pepper, diced
1 yellow pepper, diced
3 ribs celery, diced
1 Granny Smith apple, halved, core removed, diced
4 scallions, white and green part, thinly sliced
1 cup currants
1 boneless, skinless chicken breast, about 8 ounces, poached in chicken broth to cover for 8 minutes
3 tbs. tamari sauce
2 tbs. olive oil
1 tbs. sesame oil
2 tbs. chopped parsley or cilantro
Freshly ground black pepper

Procedure
Combine the rice, peppers, celery, apple, scallions and currants in a medium bowl. Set aside. Cut the chicken into 1/2 -inch cubes. Add to the rice and mix well. Add the tamari sauce, grape seed oil, sesame oil, parsley and fresh pepper to taste. Mix well and taste for seasoning and serve.
This recipe can be made vegetarian by substituting grilled firm tofu for the cooked chicken. Grilled salmon or tuna can be used in place of the chicken if desired.

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Guilty plea in probe into tomato industry

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FRESNO Federal prosecutors announced another guilty plea Tuesday stemming from an ongoing probe into a conspiracy in the California tomato growing industry that authorities say drove up food prices across the nation.

Robert C. Turner Jr., 59, a former corporate purchasing manager at B&G Foods Inc. in Parsipanny, N.J., pleaded guilty to two counts of honest services mail fraud in connection with the investigation.

Turner admitted receiving about $65,000 in bribes from Randall Lee Rahal, a former sales broker at SK Foods, a Lemoore-based company that grows and processes products like tomato paste and diced tomatoes.

Acting U.S. Attorney Lawrence Brown said Rahal bribed Turner from at least 2004 to 2008, hoping to ensure his employer bought only from SK Foods and paid inflated prices for its tomato-based products.

Rahal also is the owner and president of New Jersey-based Intramark USA Inc., a wholesaler of food ingredients, including processed tomatoes grown in California. Prosecutors say Rahal worked with SK Foods to fix prices and rig bids across the country in violation of antitrust laws.

Rahal, the first person charged in the probe, pleaded guilty in December to racketeering, money laundering and antitrust charges. He also agreed to cooperate with investigators and forfeit more than $600,000.

As part of his plea agreement, Turner agreed Tuesday to pay $65,198 in restitution to B&G Foods and Nabisco Inc., where he worked as a purchasing manager in the 1990s and also accepted bribes, authorities said.

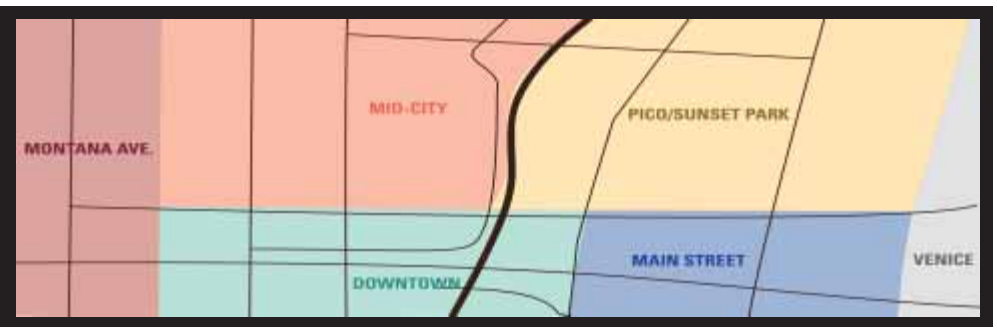
His attorney, John Azzarello, did not return an after-hours call for comment.

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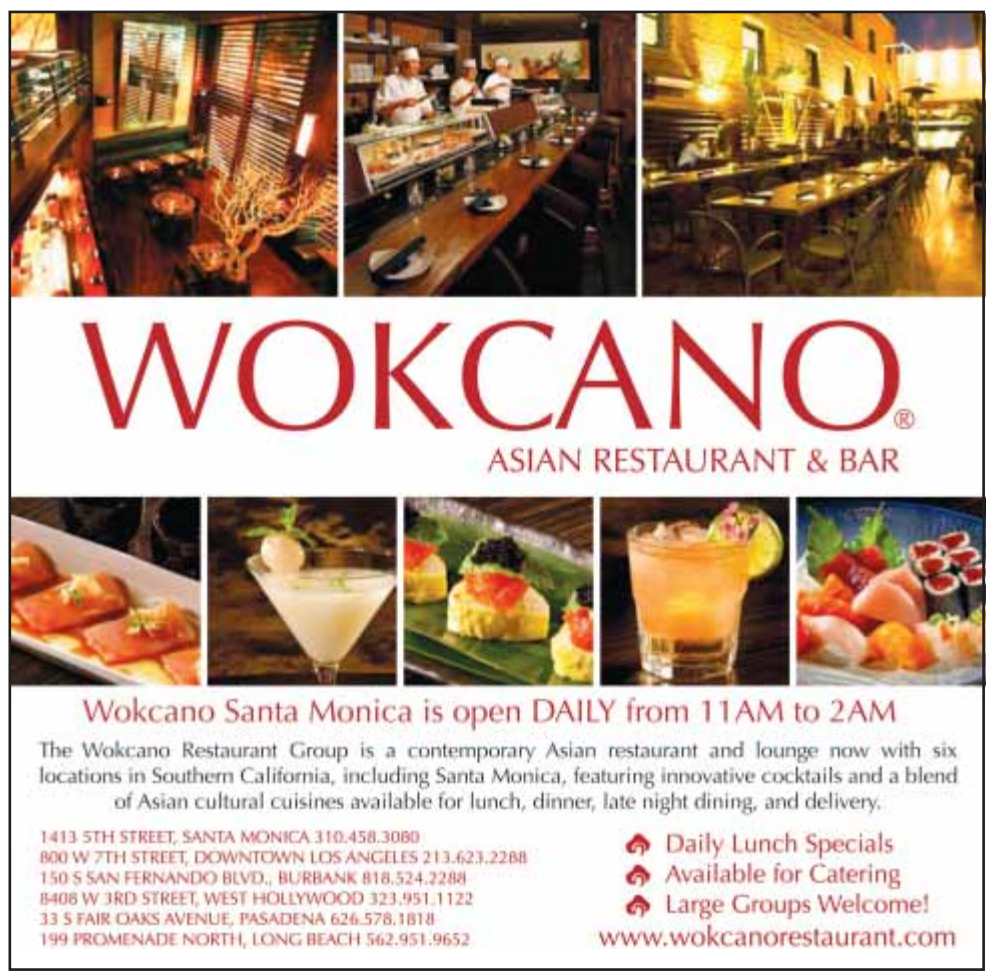
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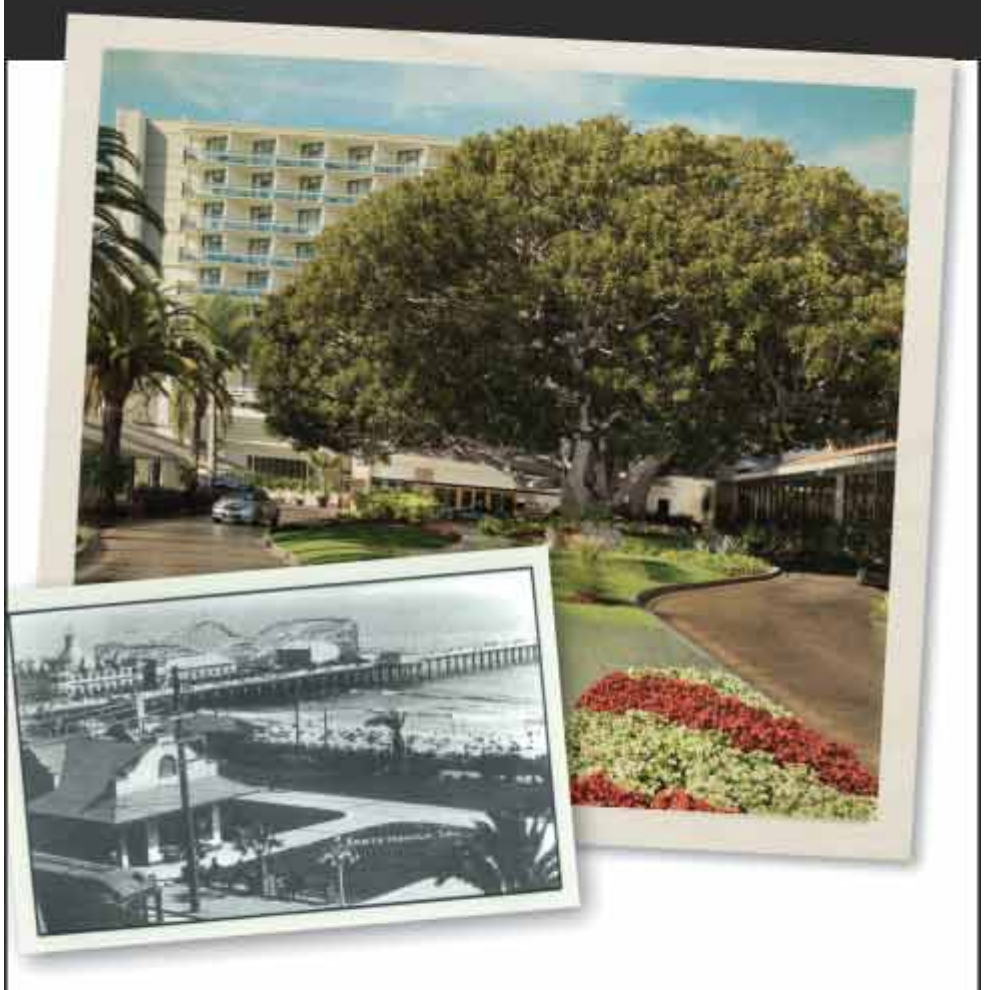
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STUDY TIME: **Santa Monica College students work on math problems at the main campus math lab on Wednesday morning. SMC officials are being forced to cut 6 percent of classes offered.**

About 6 percent of classes cut at SMC

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Howard Stahl, the chief negotiator of the Santa Monica College Faculty Association, said that there are three levels of members in their union with varying degrees of protection in cases such as what the college is currently experiencing. The full-time faculty have the most protection, followed by the part-time faculty that have achieved associate status, which means they have "bumping rights" that allows them to push out another instructor when their sections are lost to get their contractual load.

Then there are the other 500 part-time faculty who are receiving the brunt of the section cuts.

He said there are concerns of the cuts moving up the ladder.

But Stahl added that the reductions in course offerings are not close to what is was earlier in the decade when it shrunk about 25 percent, taking out entire programs.

"The current financial problem hasn't grown to that level," he said. "Everyone hopes it doesn't grow to that extent."

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Going for LEED can be costly for developers

FROM LEED PAGE 1

the hard cost," Zinner, a former city planning commissioner who worked on the Sustainable City Plan, said.

Established in 1998, LEED has grown as a benchmark for acceptable environmental design, an industry standard for which projects are considered sustainable in offsetting impacts caused from construction and operations.

The Green Building Certification Institute, which manages the LEED program for the U.S. Green Building Council, charges developers a fee to register their project and get the process started, which costs $450 for members and $600 for non-members.

Then there's the certification fee that comes after the application and supporting documents are filed, which is all based on the size of the project and square footage, ranging from $1,750 to $17,500 for members to $2,250 to $22,500 for non-members.

Applicants are also required to hire a commissioning agent who checks to be sure the project is operating properly. The price of the agent's service depends on the project size, but generally start at about $15,000, said Brenden McEneaney, the green building program adviser for City Hall.

Then there are the extras, including a consultant, which is not required, to help navigate the applicant through what can be a time-consuming and complicated process to achieve certification, including filing and tracking all of the paperwork.

"You need someone who understands how the system works," Zinner said. "There are a lot of people out there who have studied the system."

Ling estimated that going for LEED certification could add about $100,000 to a project.

"I think for the market rate projects, it gives them some marketing cache," she said. "For us it's a good thing to build sustainably but we don't need that market cache and it adds a lot of money."

City Hall, which has several LEED certified projects, including Virginia Avenue Park and the Santa Monica Public Library, typically designates about 10 percent of its total construction budget for green features, which includes both hard and soft costs.

Most projects typically finish well under the 10 percent.

"In my opinion, it's a huge overestimation of what it takes to do the minimum LEED certification," McEneaney said.

He added that while there are costs of going for LEED, including the registration and certification fees, savings can be realized through downsizing equipment and building more efficiently, leaving more money for soft costs.

Specific figures for LEED-related costs in the city projects were not available.

McEneaney said that he believes more architectural firms will have professionals on staff who are trained in the LEED certification process, eliminating the need to hire an outside consultant.

Miriam Mulder, the principal architect for City Hall, said that a consultant was necessary in the earlier days when many builders were not familiar with the certification process.

"(U.S. Green Building Council) has been working hard to try and improve things and make it more user friendly," she said. "At the same time people are more familiar with the process so contractors are not bidding as much."

Mulder said she hopes the application process is made to be less complex so that when City Hall tackles projects with a smaller budget, a staff member can handle the LEED portion.

The U.S. Green Building Council last month released a new version of its rating system, making the requirements and project submittals more clear for applicants, said Corey Enck, the director of rating system development.

"They are much more in line with the typical documentation that is created during the construction process," he said. "It is documentation created not specifically for the LEED process, instead we tried to align our documentation with that of any construction project would generate."

Gregory Brown, the director of facilities planning for Santa Monica College, said that he thinks costs related to green design in general are coming down as sustainability becomes more mainstream.

SMC has two buildings that are LEED certified — both the north and south wings of the Humanities and Social Sciences Complex.

He estimates that about $350,000 — including both hard and soft costs — was spent on LEED.

"I think they are coming down but the big cost still are on some of the technologies," he said. "Just having natural ventilation and natural materials used in the building and low-flow fixtures doesn't add too much to the building anymore."

As much as it costs, going for LEED certification and having that designation could be well worth it for developers.

Lori Selcer, a project manager and sustainability manager with HOK, an architecture firm that worked on the LEED certified Allsteel Inc. furniture show room in the Water Garden, said that the market is going to drive developers to go for certification and green design.

She said that most developers find that they're surprised how short of a time it takes to recoup the costs.

"It's going to be an expectation their buildings have a certain level of sustainability in them," she said. "When a potential tenant comes looking, it's going to make their property more valuable."

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St. Monica faces Cathedral

FROM ROUNDUP PAGE 3

are tied atop the Camino Real League standings with Bosco Tech, but a spot in the playoffs is far from a done deal for the team that has not made the playoffs since 2007.

"We could finish first or out of the playoffs," Head Coach Jack White said before Wednesday's practice. "We have to show up to play everyday."

Next up for the Mariners (12-9 overall, 8-4 in league) is a tough matchup with Los Angeles' Cathedral. The game will be the third game the two teams have played this season with St. Monica the victor in both previous contests. The game will take place on Friday at Marine Park at 3 p.m.

The most recent game was of the exciting variety.

Down 2-3 in the top of the seventh inning Tuesday, the Mariners rallied for two runs and the victory.

Catcher Anthony Yoshinaga, who started the game on the mound, led off the inning with a single to left. Senior Apollo Nestoras sacrificed Yoshinaga over during the subsequent at-bat. Sophomore Michael Doherty, who had been called up from junior varsity earlier this season, lined a shot off Cathedral's first baseman for a double, scoring Yoshinaga on the play, tying the score at 3-3.

With the score knotted and a man on second, White decided to pinch hit for freshman Vincent Flores. Conor Walsh came in and promptly laced a single up the middle.

With men on the corners senior Hector Santiesteban wasted little time driving a ball to deep center sacrificing home Doherty with the go-ahead run.

"It was a nice team win, everybody did well," White said of his team's late game heroics.

SAMOHI SOFTBALL KEEPS STREAK ALIVE

Head Coach Debbie Skaggs' girls continue their stingy ways.

For the 23rd consecutive Ocean League game the Vikings shut out its opponent on Tuesday. Beverly Hills was the latest victim, falling 10-0 in six innings.

With the win, Samohi is now 18-6 overall and 6-0 in league. Next up for the Vikings is a road game at Hawthorne today at 3:15 p.m.

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Students helping Mother Earth

FROM SOLAR PAGE 3

Getting the panels installed wasn't easy, Kim said. It took roughly two-and-a-half years to get approval from the Department of State Architects, which provides design and construction oversight for K–12 schools and community colleges, and develops and maintains accessibility standards and codes utilized in public and private buildings throughout the state.

"They are really stringent because it is a public building," Kim said of DSA.

Funding came easy.

Parents and donors were willing to contribute once they heard about the educational and environmental benefits.

"We made our commitment a couple of years ago," said Point Dume PTA President Robyn Ross. "We definitely wanted to support the project and the kids and all of the learning that has gone on around the solar project."

Ross said the installation of the panels has been a "amazing" experience for the students, who are learning how to take care of the Earth.

"To have them actually see what is happening on a daily basis is an incredible opportunity," she said.

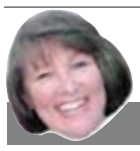
Starting next week when Southern California Edison connects the panels to the energy grid, students will be able to check out how much power is being generated each day through a wireless monitoring system. Students will be able to log on from any computer on campus.

"It makes me feel pretty good that I earned money for the lemonade stand," said third-grader Tyler Ray. "Instead of using electricity, we wanted to help the environment by getting solar panels."

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Play Time

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One-man show is a real ordeal

NO MATTER HOW ENDEARING YOU might find Frank South to be, spending two hours with him is a real ordeal. He paces, he twitches, he rages, he apologizes, he laments, he speaks in non-sequiturs, and he fights with his personal demons. In short, he displays vividly the ailments that have afflicted him for a lifetime: attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), hypomania (part of the cycle of manic depression), alcoholism, short-term memory loss, and issues with authority.

South brings all this to the stage of The Other Space at the Santa Monica Playhouse in a one-man show called "Pay Attention: ADHD in Hollywood, On the Rocks with a Twist." The "twist" is that, between episodes of working as a waiter, South was one of the most successful television writers in Hollywood. Among his hit shows were "Melrose Place," "Cagney & Lacey," "Fame," "Hill Street Blues," and "General Hospital."

To demonstrate his typical behavior, he begins his story in 1964, when he quixotically signed up to appear in his high school's spring talent show. Which was unfortunate, he tells us, because he had no particular talent. But, unfazed, he decided he could teach himself to play guitar in time for the show. And then he reveals one of the major components of ADHD: "If something is really important, I don't pay attention." So he never learned to play the guitar, but he showed up for the talent show anyway, delivered a rambling rant, and totally humiliated himself. In that experience, he says, he learned that "shame and pain are great teachers."

He introduces us to his "crazy," the demon with clawed fists who urges him to do outrageous things and helps him to his first mental breakdown in 1969. This breakdown he treats with Paxil, Ritalin and gin. Then, apparently because he can match auteur Robert Altman drink for drink, he becomes Altman's bosom buddy and protégé.

Altman had contacted him originally because he had liked two one-act plays that South had written. South, who was a waiter at New York's Windows on the World at the time, let Altman move him to L.A., where he lived in the Malibu Colony with Altman and his wife and became part of the celebrity set of the 1980s. Altman subsequently directed his plays, titled "2 by South" in L.A. and off-Broadway, and then filmed them for presentation on ABC Arts. For a time, South seemed to have achieved his dream of "being accepted at the grownups' table."

Following his time with Altman and another meltdown, he was enlisted to write for television mogul Aaron Spelling. For Spelling, he says, he wrote "crappy, brain-dead TV shows" and turned "arty farty TV shows into a must-see crap pie." Admitting to having "a severe reaction to cute," South claims that with Spelling he earned a PhD in lame and a black belt in B.S.

His bitter commentary on Spelling, whom he claims "does not even pretend to stick up for you when things go bad," was obviously fueled by the fact that he, South, became the fall guy in a notorious lawsuit filed by an actress whose role as the lead in a series had been recast when she became pregnant. South, who had fired her at Spelling's direction, was blamed for what was termed "exploitation of a woman."

HE INTRODUCES US TO HIS 'CRAZY,' THE DEMON WITH CLAWED FISTS WHO URGES HIM TO DO OUTRAGEOUS THINGS AND HELPS HIM TO HIS FIRST MENTAL BREAKDOWN IN 1969.

South, who resembles the late Jim Backus when he smiles, eventually found a woman who could put up with him and calm him down. She is Margaret South, a producer who has developed films and television shows for Disney, Fox, and Tri-Star Studios. With her, he moved to Hawaii so that he could write and produce "Baywatch Hawaii." They are still there.

The Souths have two sons, both with ADHD. How Margaret copes with the three of them boggles the imagination. But, as Frank points out, "Three percent of American adults have ADHD," so there must be many such copers out there. Margaret produced her husband's show and their friend Mark Travis, a prominent director of solo shows, directed it. Kathi O'Donohue provided the colorful lighting effects.

"Pay Attention" is a grim tale, discomfiting and tension-filled and not easy to sit through. But as South notes in conclusion, "We are all inventing our lives as we live them." His life has been as inventive as can be expected from someone with his challenges. One can only hope there is a light bulb at the end of his tunnel.

"Pay Attention" will be performed Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 6 p.m. for six weeks only, May 2 through June 7, at The Other Space at the Santa Monica Playhouse, 1211 Fourth St., Santa Monica. Call 323-960-7738 for tickets.

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TIME FOR SOME R AND R: **The Tru spa in San Francisco's Chinatown.**

Losing his stress in San Francisco

LIFE SOMETIMES COMES AT YOU SO fast that even stopping to take a deep breath seems like an impossibility. When this happens on a long-term basis, the body goes into stress mode — a state of high alert. In the short term, stress is meant to kick-start you into action. Just think about the effect of a car swerving in front of you on the highway and how your senses go into overdrive, you react quickly, and your life is saved.

But the body isn't meant to be in this state 24/7. Studies show that chronic stress inhibits your capacity to heal and increases the likelihood of developing physical and emotional problems, such as high blood pressure, ulcers, immune dysfunction, and depression. In times like these, finding ways to escape, even if it is for an hour or two, can do a world of good. San Francisco, the famous city by the bay, offers a unique spot that can rejuvenate and energize you at a price anyone can afford.

It isn't often that a spa in a hotel is innovative and luxurious, but, the Tru Spa in the Hilton San Francisco is all that and more. The simple clean elegance of the spa hits you the moment you walk in. A large tank with ghost-like floating jellyfish greets you and sets the stage for the peaceful pampering you are about to experience.

Tru is a real in-city spa, not large with only 10 treatment rooms, but with some very unique offerings. Because of the size there is no sauna or wet area to speak of, but Tru makes up for it supplying champagne, chocolates, fruits and a cheese plate as you wait for your spa experience to begin.

For anyone who has had a facial the one constant is the hot steam that usually starts the process. But, a facial at Tru substitutes this facial staple with a new process using oxygen blasts. One of the first spa's to use this revolutionary technique it is now catching on quickly at spas across the country. Infused with beneficial vitamins, this pure oxygen blast is like taking a topical vitamin pill that is absorbed directly into the skin of your face.

Each massage room feels worlds away from the hustle of the Financial District and Chinatown, which the hotel straddles. A variety of massages are offered, but each comes with your choice of a special light therapy experience. Each room is equipped with computerized light therapy that can be customized for the type of massage you want, such as "energize," "relax" or "detox."

"The color and light affects your body and mind, even though your skin," said Ania Mankowska-Allard, the spa director.

Your light therapy massage is matched with a handmade shea butter that is accented with scents and oils that compliment the type of massage you request.

But, the highlight of this place is the most unique of spa experiences, the Rainforest Room. Tucked away in the back corner of the spa a rock-like semi-circular wall sticks out from the rest of the simple décor signaling that something different is going on here. The Rainforest Room is actually three different rooms that you move through in a pampered haze.

Once inside you can choose from five different rainforest experiences that include scrubs, wraps, masks, steam, soaks, hair and scalp treatments that will certainly rejuvenate and relax you all at once.

Complete body wraps are done with none of the typical mummy-like wrappings. Instead, the wrap is a specially-created thick paste applied by your massage therapist and then you relax in the privacy of your room until the rain begins. When the treatment time is complete, the thundering rain then washes it, and your stress away.

If you are traveling with a special someone, the rainforest experience makes for a romantic afternoon for two. You and your loved one can apply the wrap to each other and enjoy the rainforest experience together. This special two-in-one experience has won the spa the Best Couples Treatment Award and Allure Magazine has declared it as the best spa in San Francisco.

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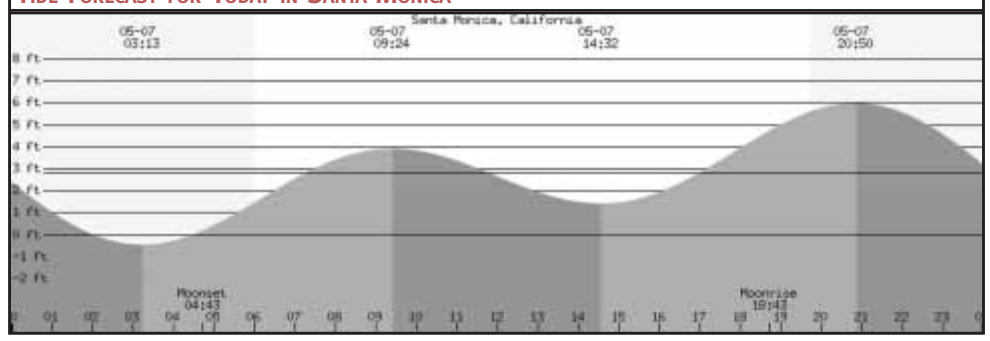
Swell Forecast (3-5 FT)

It looks like the WNW ground swell will peak along the SoCal coast, placing most west facing breaks in chest to head high waves. Wind swell will still be quite pronounced.

Long Range Synopsis

Friday the 8th the WNW ground and wind swell combo should keep most west facing breaks in chest to head high waves. Southern hemi is also due, bringing chest+ waves to south facing breaks.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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QUICK STATS (for the last 28 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 0
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 38 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 6 / ns

The Beach Report Card is made possible by simplehuman, The Goldhirsh Foundation, the James Irvine Foundation, Ford

Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for 3 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Arlas creeks	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	C	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach	A+	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	B	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily	B	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	C	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	C	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	C	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	ns

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

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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MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
(323) 466-FILM

The Human Comedy (NR)

Love Finds Andy Hardy (1938) (NR) 1hr 35min
7:30

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

Hannah Montana: The Movie (G) 1hr 42min
1:35, 4:00, 6:30, 9:05

Battle for Terra (PG) 1hr 25min
1:30, 3:35, 5:45, 7:50, 9:55

The Informers (R) 1hr 38min
4:45, 7:15

Is Anybody There? (PG-13) 1hr 32 min
2:20

Observe and Report (R) 1hr 46min
9:40

I Love You, Man (R) 1hr 50min
2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

Star Trek (2009) (PG-13) 2hrs 06min
7:00, 10:00

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
(310) 289-4262

Fast & Furious (PG-13) 1hr 46min
1:40, 4:10

Ghosts of Girlfriends Past (PG-13) CC-Closed Captions
1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00

Ghosts of Girlfriends Past (PG-13)
1:30, 2:30, 4:00, 5:00, 6:30, 7:30, 9:00, 10:00

Earth (G) 1hr 30min
2:20, 4:40, 7:00, 9:20

Monsters vs. Aliens 3D (PG) 1hr 34min
1:50, 4:05, 6:20, 8:45

Fighting (PG-13) 1hr 45min
1:45, 4:15

Obsessed (PG-13) 1hr 40min
2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10

Star Trek (2009) (PG-13) 2hrs 06min
7:00, 10:00

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 394-9741

Paris 36 (Faubourg 36) (PG-13) 2hr 00min
1:40, 7:00

Sin Nombre (R) 1hr 36min
4:30, 9:50

Naked Ambition: An R Rated Look at an X Rated Industry (R)
1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:40, 9:50

Tyson (R) 1hr 45min
1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00

The Merry Gentleman (R) 1hr 50min
1:50, 4:40, 7:20, 9:45

Mann's Criterion Theatre
1313 Third St.
(310) 395-1599

17 Again (PG-13) 1hr 42min
11:10 a.m., 1:40, 4:10, 6:40, 9:10

X-Men Origins: Wolverine (PG-13) 1hr 47min
10:50 a.m., 12:20, 1:30, 3:10, 4:20, 6:10, 7:10, 9:00, 10:00

State of Play (PG-13) 1hr 58min
1:20, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30

The Soloist (PG-13) 1hr 49min
12:50, 3:50, 7:00, 9:50

X-Men Origins: Wolverine (PG-13) 1hr 47min
Digital Projection
11:40 a.m., 2:20, 5:10, 8:00

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Get some rest, Sagittarius

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Choose not to dominate, and just make suggestions. You could be delighted by morning talks. An intense discussion cannot be avoided this afternoon. Others demand that you step up to the plate. Tonight: Dinner with a favorite person.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Dive into work quickly and effectively. You might need to revamp your ideas because of what others are willing to accept. Listen to news that heads in your direction. Try to absorb questions, but also detach from your goals. Tonight: Think about what is not being said.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Your playfulness emerges and allows you to move in a new direction. Though you make light of a situation, try to look at the implications of it. A discussion with a partner might not be inevitable. Tonight: Get some exercise.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Basics do count. You are coming from a new point of view and opening up to different possibilities. Others come forward and share much more than in the past. Ideas seem to pop in the afternoon while off by yourself or brainstorming. Tonight: Dive into an early weekend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Discussions occur, even when you are trying to complete a project. Can you balance the two? The likelihood is that you can, though you might need more quiet time in the evening. Your hands are full, and you have a lot to deal with. Tonight: Happily heading home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Deal with money matters head-on. Your ability to get past a situation is highlighted. Much bubbles forth out of the blue in the p.m. You could be stunned by what you hear. Tonight: Hang out with friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Get as much done as you can in the early hours. Your charisma and willingness to risk merge in an interesting way. Listen to news with an eye to structuring a successful financial situation. Security continues to remain a prime concern. Tonight: Mosey on home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Schedule important plans for the afternoon, when you seem more able and resilient. You enter a phase in which you increase your energy and possibilities. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Where the action is is where you want to be. You could be taken aback by news that heads in your direction this morning. This afternoon, rather than acting, you might want to think. Trust that there is a different path. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Visibility comes with ease. Others come to you for help and direction. Take the lead in a meeting or with planning a happening. You could be overwhelmed by everything that is heading your way. Know when to say "enough." Tonight: Get together with friends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Take an overview. Use your intellect to detach and perhaps see what path you might have eliminated by not looking. Take a strong action once you have ascertained the alternatives. Your instincts serve you well. Tonight: Be available.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Don't act until you are sure of yourself and know what you are doing. A partner makes a strong decision or takes a powerful stand. Detach later on and see what you feel is best for you. Tonight: Relax to a game of Scrabble or music.

Happy birthday

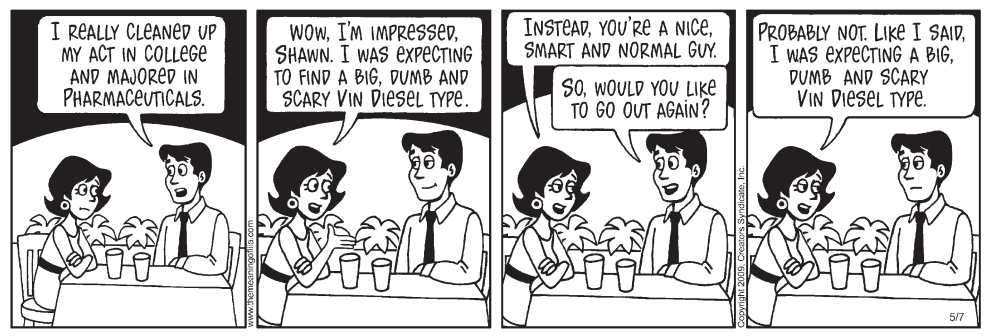
JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

You often waiver about which way to go when eyeing a conflicting situation. You are well aware that nothing replaces hard work. A partner, as well as others in general, always can provide another opinion. The real question is, What do you think? What is best for you? Be willing to kick back and take a hard look at what is going on around you. Your creativity often bubbles forth when exercising or meditating. Note those ideas. If you are single, many admirers surround you. You will make an excellent decision around your next birthday. If you are attached, take on projects together. Share the balance of power in the marriage. SCORPIO can be challenging!

Girls and Sports
By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



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



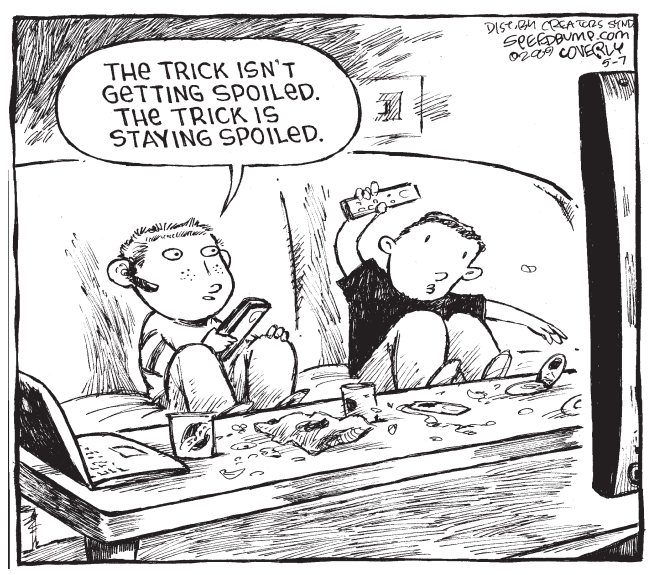
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Difficulty Level ★★★

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	1			4	5			7

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GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

ACROSS

1 Stylishly quaint
6 Past plump
11 Knock for —
12 Inert gas
13 Geography class aid
14 Undermine
15 Pop sax player
17 Through
19 Glimpse
20 In addition
23 Visible
25 Hen pen
26 Napped
28 Poker payment
29 Farmer, at times
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44 Smart guy

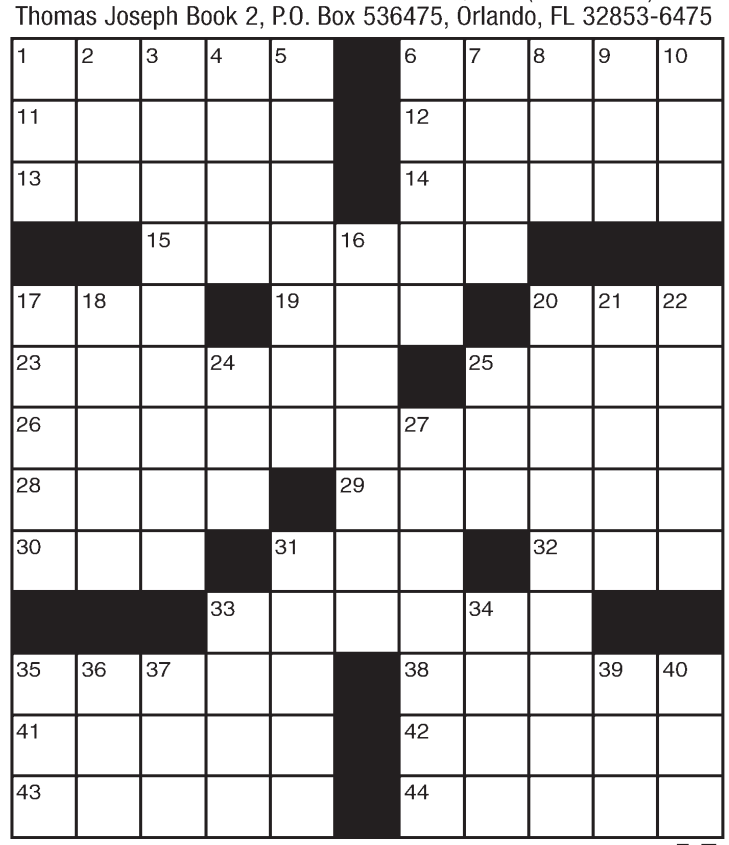
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3 Settled, in a way
4 Lounging garb
5 Pirate's place
6 Daisy variety
7 Ice chunk
8 Rock's Brian
9 Lawn material
10 Hydrocarbon suffix
16 Reporter
17 Imperative
18 Self-contained
20 Faked a knockout
21 Seeped
22 Met work
24 Mamie's man
25 Gen.'s underling
27 River from Lake Erie
31 Some statues
33 Transmit
34 Vaccine variety
35 Truck part
36 In the past
37 Stock holder
39 Brief time
40 Moose's kin

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2nd: 10 Solid Gold
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ "You use the toilet every day. Imagine if you could start pouring a little gasoline into the toilet bowl and get 50 cents a gallon (as a tax credit from IRS) every time you flushed." According to a hedge fund analyst (quoted by The Nation magazine for an April story), that's the way Congress' 2005 legislation to encourage "alternative" fuels has been exploited by the paper industry. Company representatives have until now been proud that the paper industry supplied most of its own fuel, as a by-product of making paper, but when it discovered the tax credit, it reworked its factories to accept a mixture of the incumbent by-product and ordinary diesel fuel, thus creating an "alternative" fuel and earning the credit, which, for example, was worth $71.6 million to International Paper Co. in March and is not scheduled to expire until December.

■ Italian researchers revealed in March that at least one method of increasing penis size actually works (but that it would take a highly motivated man to take advantage of it). Writing in the British Journal of Urology, a team from the University of Turin had volunteers attach weights of from 1.3 to 2.6 pounds for six hours a day for a six-month period and found that their flaccid-state lengths increased by an average of almost 1 inch.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1975 President Gerald R. Ford formally declared an end to the "Vietnam era." In Ho Chi Minh City – formerly Saigon – the Viet Cong celebrated its takeover.

1977 Seattle Slew won the Kentucky Derby, the first of his Triple Crown victories. (On this date in 2002, Seattle Slew died.)

1984 a $180 million out-of-court settlement was announced in the Agent Orange class-action suit brought by Vietnam veterans who charged they'd suffered injury from exposure to the defoliant.

WORD UP!

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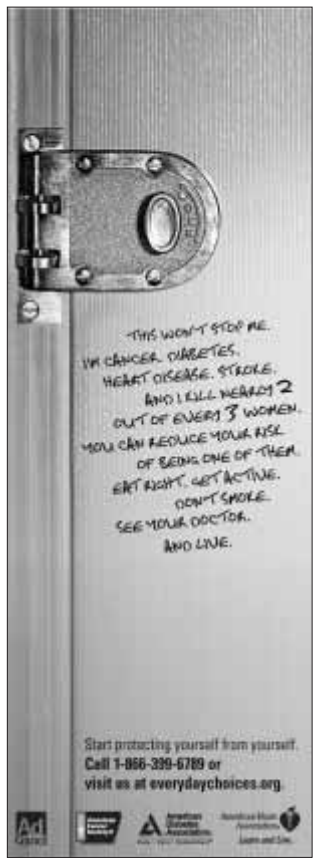
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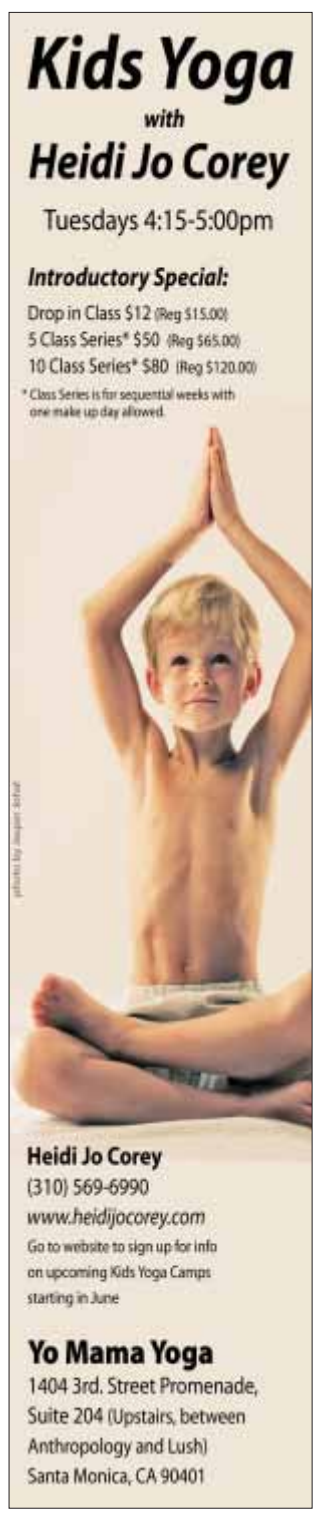
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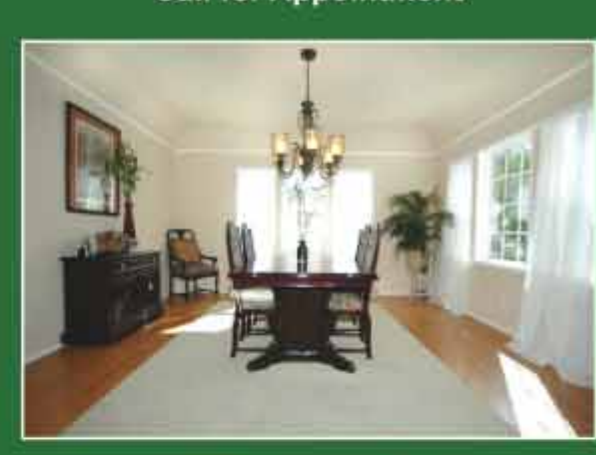
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