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THE TAKE THAT MCHALE ISSUE

Yoga takes the field

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI It was hard to take yoga seriously at first.

When quarterbacks coach Jason Battung first introduced yoga to the Santa Monica High School football team he knew that more than a few players might think it strange.

They did.

When Battung gathered the players for the first couple of sessions there were more than a few giggles. He knew that winning over high school-age young men wasn't going to be easy. He knew that some may consider it uncool, but he knew that it would benefit them in the long run.

"Everybody thought it was weird," senior wide receiver Chris Featherstone said. "After we realized this is helping us be more flexible, we all opened up to it."

Featherstone said that it helped him gain more flexibility and explosiveness. But, aside from the physical benefits, he said that it helps in harder to quantify ways.

"Our chemistry is already set," he said. "We're good with it."

Battung couldn't be happier.

After coming to the football program he wanted to add a new wrinkle to their workouts. Yoga has helped countless pro and college players and he figured it could help the Vikings on and off the field.

On the field, Battung said, it helps increase athletic performance by training muscles to operate loosely. It also helped players make better cuts during drills.

He believes that the yoga regiment has helped players rejuvenate muscles quicker by allowing blood and oxygen to flow more freely in their bodies.

But more importantly, Battung sees the biggest difference in the players' mindset.

He called it mental toughness.

"It is easy when you are distracted and you are playing video games," Battung said of many of his players' typical mindset. "I challenge them to sit in stillness. Sometimes, they can't do it.

SEE YOGA PAGE 8



Benjamin Brayfield *news@smdp.com*

STRETCH: **Luke Zelon (right) of the SAMOHI football team during a yoga workout at the school.**

City Hall wants Lincoln

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

LINCOLN BOULEVARD An unsightly stretch of Highway 1 that has long been thought of needing a little TLC could soon be in the hands of City Hall.

City officials have renewed discussions with the California Department of Transportation — better known as Caltrans — about relinquishing the state's control of

SEE LINCOLN PAGE 9

Studying the impact of Expo on circulation

Editor's note: This story is part of an ongoing series that tracks the city's expenditures appearing on upcoming Santa Monica City Council consent agendas. Consent agenda items are routinely passed by the City Council with little or no discussion from elected officials or the public. However, many of the items have been part of public discussion in the past.

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL A set of suggestions to stave off anticipated traffic impacts around the Exposition Light Rail terminal in Downtown will get a second look as officials prepare for the arrival of the electric train in 2015.

The City Council tonight is slated to hire Fehr & Peers to conduct a study that will examine the projected increase of pedestrians and cyclists around the light rail station

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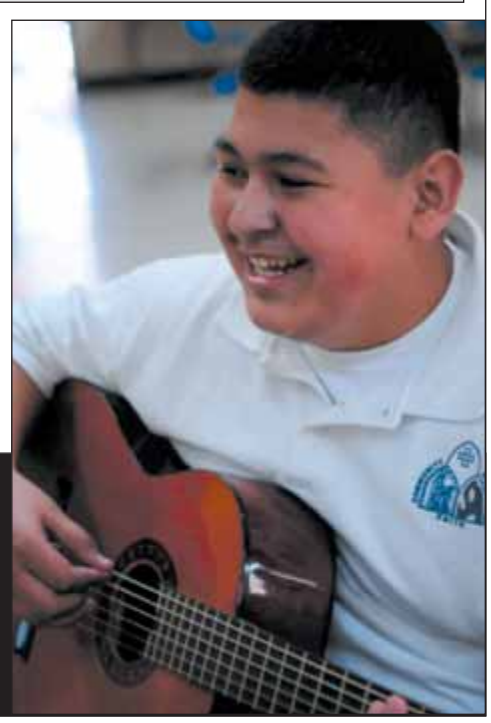
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WHAT'S UP WESTSIDE

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



Toddler story time
Ocean Park Branch Library
2601 Main St., 10 a.m. — 11 a.m.
Join Mr. Jesse for a morning of stories, songs, rhymes and puppets. This program is for children ages two and three. The program is free, but registration is required. Call (310) 392-3804 for more information.

Book reading
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 Pacific Coast Hwy., 11 a.m. — noon
Author Harry Chandler will discuss his book, "Dreamers in Dream City," a collection of biographies of 54 men and women from Los Angeles. Admission is free.

Santa Monica Pier Photo Exhibit
First United Methodist Church
1008 11th St., 9 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.
The First United Methodist Church presents a beautiful, free photo exhibit by church member Allan Walker to coincide with the Santa Monica Pier's 100th anniversary. This exhibit will be open daily through Sep. 9. For more information, call (310) 393-8258.

Enchanted lunch
Santa Monica Playhouse Main Stage
1211 Fourth St., 10:30 a.m. — noon
The Enchanted Lunchtime Theatre is offering a special summer program for children ages three to seven. The day includes crafts, face painting, dance, theater games, stories and a picnic lunch. Admission is $15 for children and free for their parents. Call (310) 394-9779 for more information.

Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2009

Mystery Book Group
Montana Ave. Branch Library
1704 Montana Ave., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
This month, the book club is comparing and contrasting two books: "The Faithful Spy" by Alex Berenson and "Irene at Large" by Carole Nelson Douglas. For more information, call (310) 829-7081.

Wisdom of the Last Farmer
Santa Monica Public Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Mas Masumoto weaves together stories of family and farming in his book "Wisdom of the Last Farmer: Harvesting Legacies from the Land." A book sale and signing will follow the event.
For more information, call (310) 458-8600.

Ballroom by the bay
Santa Monica Bay Women's Club
1210 Fourth St., 7 p.m. — 11 p.m.
Get a free dance lesson on a 3,000-square-foot floor and learn how to waltz, swing, fox-trot and other styles of dance. No partner is required. Call (310) 487-0911 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.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SMMUSD

New scale for free and reduced-price meals

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District announced Monday its new scale for providing free and reduced-price meals for children served under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program.

Household size and income criteria will be used to determine eligibility for free, reduced-price or full-price meal benefits.

For example, a student who comes from a four-person household making less than $28,665 a year would be eligible for free lunch, breakfast and milk. A student from a four-person household making less than $40,793 a year would be eligible for reduced-price lunch and breakfast.

Application forms for free or reduced-price meals will be distributed to all households within the school district and will be made available at the principal's office in each school and at the district office. Applications can be submitted at any time during the school year.

Children who receive Food Stamp, California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids, Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payments or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations benefits are automatically eligible for free meals regardless of the income of the household in which they reside. These household may not need to complete an application form for students.

Eligibility for a foster child is based on a separate application and solely on the amount of the child's "personal use" income.

To determine your household's eligibility for free or reduced-price meals, visit www.smmusd.org.

DAILY PRESS

LOS ANGELES

West Nile Virus hits Los Angeles County

The first symptomatic human case of West Nile Virus in Los Angeles County for the 2009 season has been confirmed, according to a Los Angeles County Health Officer.

The case involved a teenager with pre-existing medical conditions from Antelope Valley who became symptomatic in mid-July but has now recovered.

Though two other individuals tested positive for WNV earlier this year, they were asymptomatic.

"People should take precautions to avoid mosquitos, as that is the primary way this disease is transmitted. Mosquitos obtain the virus by feeding on infected wild birds," said Jonathan E. Fielding, MD, MPH, director of Public Health.

"West Nile Virus can appear anywhere in Los Angeles County or around the state, and we urge residents to get rid of pools or stagnant water around their homes where mosquitos breed, and to use a repellent containing DEET or another approved repellent when outdoors in mosquito-prone areas, especially around dawn or dusk."

Public Health and independent mosquito abatement districts have detected WNV in 38 dead birds, six mosquito pools and 10 sentinel chickens as of Aug. 5. The Antelope Valley region has shown the most WNV activity in 2009. Infected birds and positive mosquitos were found in the San Fernando Valley, San Gabriel Valley and East Los Angeles County areas in past seasons.

In most cases, people who are infected with WNV never become sick, or have mild symptoms including fever, headache, nausea, body aches and a mild skin rash. Symptoms can appear within three to 12 days of the infection.

For updated information on the West Nile Virus, contact the Los Angeles County Public Health Department's toll-free information line at 800-975-4448.

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STILL STANDING: **City officials no longer plan to chop down this bunya bunya tree at Douglas Park following protests by residents opposed to the idea. Instead, city officials will look at other ways to protect people from falling pine cones, some of which are the size of bowling balls.**

After protests, city officials reconsider tree removal

BY NATALIE JARVEY
Special to the Daily Press

DOUGLAS PARK The Santa Monica Community Maintenance Department is conferring this week to find an alternative to the removal of one of the tallest trees here.

The decision comes in response to a surge in public outrage against the proposed tree removal.

The tree, an Australian bunya bunya, is known for dropping heavy, bowling ball-sized pine cones during the months of September and October. City staff announced in a public notice Aug. 4 that they planned to remove the tree in concern for public safety and replace it with an Afghan pine.

Upon hearing this, members of the community group Treesavers drafted a petition, canvassing Douglas Park for a few hours on Saturday and Sunday to collect signatures in support of saving the tree. Their argument centered around finding a less drastic measure to keep Santa Monicans safe from the falling pine cones.

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Support the cause

Editor:

I am 23 years old, was born in and currently live in Santa Monica. I am writing on behalf of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP), which on Oct. 24, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., is hosting the Los Angeles Out of the Darkness Community Walk at Santa Monica City Hall. On behalf of AFSP, I invite the Santa Monica Daily Press to cover this important civic event and invite all readers to attend as well. At last year's walk, Santa Monica City Councilmember Richard Bloom addressed the crowd. This year, we expect a large delegation of Santa Monica city officials and the Los Angeles mayor, Antonio Villaraigosa, as well!

Please show up and walk with your friends, visit AFSP.org and click "Chapters" to find the "Los Angeles Chapter" and "Los Angeles Walk 2009." Add "AFSP Los Angeles" on Facebook, Twitter and MySpace!

AFSP funds research to help prevent suicide, hosts groups for survivors who have lost loved ones to suicide, and holds walks in cities around the country to raise money for suicide prevention and to erase the stigma of shame and silence which prevents people from talking about suicide. In the U.S., every 16 seconds someone attempts to kill themselves and every 38 minutes someone dies by suicide.

Jeremy Sultan
Santa Monica

Just come out with it

Editor:

I am confident Obama is a citizen and can furnish a birth certificate to a court. We all know he did it when he got his passport. The problem is many courts have asked and he has fought each case to be dismissed from court for lack of standing. Now one case is left and it has standing. Can someone explain why our president will not just send over a copy of his birth certificate to the court? Posting a copy on a Web site is not the same as a court of law. I can not even guess why he is acting like a criminal using a wall of lawyers to not answer a $25 question.

David Alsabery
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Not sold on "clunkers"

Editor:

Understandably the "Cash for Clunkers" program is wildly popular among new car dealers, car makers and those consumers who have the ability to buy a new vehicle. However, the majority of Americans cannot afford a new car payment today, but they probably can afford to trade up to a newer used vehicle or make their current vehicle more fuel-efficient.

Routine vehicle maintenance for an entire year costs a consumer less than a single monthly new car payment and would be significantly more successful in reducing gasoline use and pollution than "Cash for Clunkers." Vehicle maintenance would save consumers $30 billion in gasoline a year verses spending $3 billion in taxpayer dollars to buy new cars.

While "Cash for Clunkers" is estimated to save 72 million gallons of gasoline each year, simple vehicle maintenance would save more than 12 billion gallons of gasoline a year – an amount equivalent to all of the gasoline used in Illinois, Michigan and Connecticut in one year. Additionally, vehicle maintenance does not require destroying perfectly good used vehicles that could be sold or donated to people who cannot afford a new car.

Doesn't it make more sense to give a tax credit or other incentive to the majority of Americans to improve the fuel efficiency, safety and dependability of their current vehicle, rather than taking their tax dollars to help a small minority of consumers and pump up new car dealer profits?

Kathleen Schmatz
President & CEO
Automotive Aftermarket Industry Association (AAIA)



Back to Nature

Reese Halter — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

Sipping tea goes way back

TEA IS THE MOST WIDELY CONSUMED DAILY beverage in the world. It has a fascinating history that dates back almost 4,800 years.

According to Chinese legend, in 2737 B.C. Emperor Shen Nung was resting under a wild tea tree when a slight breeze caused a few leaves to drift into his cup of boiling water. He found the warm drink both refreshing and invigorating. Tea was discovered.

Interestingly, tea was first used as a medicine. It wasn't until the Fourth and Fifth centuries that tea became a very popular drink throughout China. An entire industry grew around tea. Tea merchants became wealthy. Potters, silversmiths, traders and goldsmiths started to manufacture expensive and elegant pots and cups denoting the wealth and status of their owners.

The Tang Dynasty 618-906 A.D. was known as "The Golden Age of Tea." Tea leaves were pressed into bricks and orange peels, cloves, ginger and peppermint were added as flavorings.

During the Song Dynasty 960-1279 A.D. growers discovered how to preserve tea leaves by first fermenting them in air until they turned a copper red color and then halting the natural decomposition by baking them.

Japanese records show that in 729 A.D. Emperor Shomu served 100 Buddhist monks Chinese tea. It wasn't until 803 A.D. that the first tea seeds were brought from China to Japan. Emperor Saga enjoyed tea so much that he ordered it to be cultivated in five provinces. Tea drinking in Japan is a ceremony. It embraces harmony, respect, purity and tranquility.

Early in the 17th century the Dutch and Portuguese first brought tea to Europe. Portuguese boats from Macao — mainland China — and Dutch tall-ships from the island of Java carried silks, brocades, spices and tea. Tea soon became very popular in Great Britain and Russia.

In 1618 A.D. Chinese tea was given as a gift to Tsar Alexis. Two-hundred-and-fifty camels each carrying a load of 551 pounds trekked from China to the border of Usk Kayakhta. The arduous journey took about 18 months. Tea was traded for Russian furs. And by 1796 Russians were consuming 6,000 camel loads of tea a year. The completion of the Trans-Siberian Railway in 1903 enabled Chinese tea, silks and porcelain to reach Russia in just over one week.

Tea arrived in Britain in 1658 and was very expensive. Tea was consumed by ladies at home and men drank it at coffee houses. Edward Lloyd — founder of Lloyds of London Insurance — started Edward Lloyd's Coffeehouse. In 1706 Thomas Twining, founder of the famous tea company, opened Tom's Coffeehouse outside the old city walls of London.

Tea was expensive in England because Charles II taxed it. Britain had an insatiable demand for tea. It grew from 92,594 pounds in 1701 to 17,636,979 pounds by 1791.

The British East India Company grew opium in Bengal and from 1800 to 1839 traded it to China for tea. In 1840 Britain declared war on China and tea supplies from that nation were cut off.

Britain sourced northern India, Upper Assam first and then Ceylon, now Sri Lanka, to supply its demand for tea. And in 1870 British grocery mogul Thomas Lipton bought a half a dozen plantations in Ceylon and produced and marketed his own tea using the slogan "Direct from the Tea Gardens to the Tea Pot."

British consumption rose from 28,660,092 pounds in 1801 to 275,577,809 pounds in 1901 and most of the imports came from India and Ceylon.

Tea comes from an evergreen plant in the Camellia family. There are three varieties of tea from China, Assam and Cambodia that are used in plantations.

Camellia sinensis thrives in China, Japan and Tibet, it can reach a height of about 13 feet with 2-inch long leaves. It tolerates cold temperatures and can live for a hundred years.

Camellia assamica is a fast growing tree, it can get to 56 feet with leaves over 12-inches long, but it only lives for 40 years.

The best teas are grown at high elevations above 4,921 feet. Slow growth at high elevation promotes flavor.

Green, oolong and black tea all come from the same plant. The processing methods produce six main types — white, green, oolong, black, scented and compressed tea. There are more than 3,000 kinds of tea around the world (www.mightyleaf.com/).

Tea pickers remove the two leaves from the bud of a new shoot. One picker, working an eight-hour day, can collect 100,000 leaves a day.

Tea leaves contain amino acids, carbohydrates, minerals, caffeine andpolyphenols. The aroma of black tea contains over 500 chemicals including hydrocarbons, alcohols and acids. The taste of tea comes primarily from polyphenols and caffeine.

All types of tea contain caffeine, but in different quantities. An average cup of green tea contains 8.4 milligrams of caffeine, oolong tea has 12.6 milligrams and black tea 25-110 milligrams, whereas an average cup of coffee contains 60 –120 milligrams.

The caffeine from coffee is absorbed quickly into the body by increasing the heart rate and blood circulation and the cardio vascular system. The polyphenols in tea slow down the rate of caffeine absorption and stay in the body longer. That's why tea is a more refreshing and invigorating beverage than coffee.

Tea has a wide-range of beneficial qualities. Tea leaves contain fluoride which strengthens teeth, and a host of chemicals that fight plaque and prevent gum disease. Green and black teas reduce the risk of lung, colon and skin cancers. Drinking tea also reduces heart disease, stroke and thrombosis.

The caffeine in tea is a gentle stimulant promoting the heart and circulatory system, and it helps keep the walls of the blood vessels soft, thereby reducing the risk of arteriosclerosis (hardening of the arteries).

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What's the Point?

David Pisarra
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Forced to raise rates

SATURDAY I WAS MEETING SOME FRIENDS for lunch on the Third Street Promenade and I took the wrong exit from the freeway. Instead of the Fifth Street exit, I took Lincoln Boulevard. This caused me to drive past the Salvation Army center where there was a food distribution going on. As I looked at the faces of the people in line I was struck with the breadth of humanity that was represented.

There was one woman who particularly struck me. She was seated on some stairs, her shoulder length gray hair pulled neatly into a bun, her pink sweater contrasted against the green of the leaves growing on the wall behind her; a trim lady, she appeared to me to be the type of person who six months ago had a comfortable if not particularly exorbitant lifestyle. Sitting with her face in her hands, the brown paper bag of today's lunch next to her leg, I swear I could hear her thoughts. "How did this happen to me? How did this become my life? I have nowhere to turn."

Looking at her I was struck not by our differences, but rather our similarities. Average Joes and Janes, just trying to survive in a whirlwind of economic insanity.

In addition to being a divorce lawyer I also own a medical diagnostic company. There are four people who rely on our cash-flow directly, and many more when you add in the family members that are affected. We just passed the five year mark in operations. A huge milestone that any economics professor, business guru or hired gun will tell you is quite an accomplishment.

We also just had what I am praying is the worst quarter ever in cash-flow. The insurance companies have tightened their rules regarding paying for the procedures that we perform.

Here are some of the hoops that my company jumps through when a patient is referred to us by a doctor. The insurance must be verified as currently valid, then many times we must submit the procedure for a "pre-approval" which means that the insurer decides whether or not they will pay for this particular procedure. This can take up to a month with some companies.

Frequently the person reviewing the pre-approval application will also require a Letter of Medical Necessity, in addition to the prescription that the doctor has already filled out. This interim step can take an addition week or two depending on the doctor's office.

Once the pre-approval is granted, the patient is then scheduled, the test performed and we submit a bill to the insurance company for payment. One would think that with a prescription, a pre-approval, a Letter of Medical Necessity and an authorization that payment would be forthcoming.

One would be wrong.

When the bill is submitted to the insurance company they have their "process" for payment. First they must review that all of the above requirements have been met, if they can find any undotted "i", or uncrossed "t," they will reject the claim right at the 30 day statutory maximum deadline. This will require us to resubmit correcting whatever trivial matter is incorrect. This allows the insurance company to then take an additional 30 days to pay the claim.

As if that wasn't enough, many companies have now instituted an internal review procedure once the check has been actually drafted to make sure they paid the correct amount. This can take an additional two weeks.

Now throughout this time, our rent has to be paid, our phone bill paid, our people who perform the test have to be paid, so they can pay their rent, phone bill and car payments.

We hit a period earlier this year where the insurance companies were holding on to so much money I was scared I was going to lose the company. It forced me to re-evaluate the whole process and I came up with a solution. I raised the rates.

It's all I could do. I have to charge more, because the insurance companies are holding on to my money so long, that I have to have more of it when they do write me a check, in order to keep the company going.

As my cash-flow got tighter, I had to get more from each individual test and company. It's insanity, I know. It will drive up the cost of health care overall. It will make the insurance companies pay more, and to keep their profits high, they have to pass on the cost as increased premiums.

Tough times are painful, scary and frustrating, and like the woman on the steps, I've felt that I had nowhere to turn, but out of tough times come great lessons.

I learned that I can charge more, and that will secure the future for my company and the people who work with me.

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The Q Line

Park it

City officials are considering raising parking rates at Downtown structures from $7 a day to $9 and the monthly rate from $82.50 to $121.

So this week's Q-Line question asks:

Do you think the proposed rates are reasonable?

Call (310) 285-8106 before Friday at 5 p.m. and we'll print your answers in the weekend edition of the Daily Press.


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It's time for parents to fight back

MY SON JUST TURNED 3. FOR MOST, THIS simply means a party and presents. And for Benjamin, he had all that and then some. But turning 3 for him, for us, is bigger than just the train table his grandma sent him, bigger than the party at Travel Town.

Turning 3 for Benjamin means he has aged out of the Early Start program at Regional Center.

Now for those who do not know what Regional Center is, for I did not know what it was until I needed to, I found online this good description, "Infants and toddlers from birth to 36 months may be eligible for early intervention services if they have a cognitive, communication, social or emotional, adaptive or physical or motor developmental delay, or are at risk for a delay in their development."

My son was at-risk because of a birth trauma. They helped us with all of the therapies he needed to get stronger. When he reached 36 months, he was strong enough to "graduate" to the school district.

California has been quite generous when it comes to services for children. We would have been completely strapped and financially overwhelmed if we would have had to pay for all of our son's services, and we are comfortable and have insurance. Regional Center provided access to services and paid for it. They were a tremendous help during a scary time in our lives. And Benjamin got to a point where he no longer qualified because he was doing so well. Perhaps if he had not received so many services he would still be in the system.

What is unfortunate is that other families may not have these services or opportunities that we had, that my child had, because of budget cuts at the state level. Regional Center is taking a serious hit. Children who are at-risk, say from a birth trauma or being premature, will not be getting services the way they used to. It will be devastating for these children, who, like my son, benefit tremendously from therapies. To qualify now, children must be at least 33 percent delayed. And that kind of delay is hard to see with children under 2. For those who are at-risk or who have been catching up because of their therapies, they will no longer qualify.

Benjamin was lucky to have been born when he was and to a neurotic mother who wouldn't let any developmental blip pass without an evaluation. If he were born now, Regional Center would probably not be part of his care, though it should be.

I sat down with the woman who runs the early intervention program, Step By Step, that Benjamin has been attending, Shelley Cox. Shelley is not just the head of my son's school, she has become my friend. For she is also a mother in this world. She is mother to Kristina, who has cerebral palsy. After Kristina's birth and finding her way in this world of services for special needs children, Shelley not only got involved, for Kristina's sake, but she got her degree in child development and eventually went on and founded a school that provides early intervention to children. Shelley also runs a group called TIPS (tips-foundation.org) that provides scholarships to families to access services and to providers to further their education.

Children deserve access and Shelley and others like her are trying to do just that.

But referrals are down 60 percent at Step by Step. Families who cannot afford services for their children no longer have the state to help them out, but those children still need help.

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Shelley thinks parents need to get angry. These original rights to early intervention were created by angry parents. And if getting angry is what needs to happen then let's get angry.

But I am not angry. I am grateful.

I have such gratitude that we were able to provide all of this to our son and that he has flourished. When your child is delayed, all you want is for them to climb and jump and be safe on the playground and engage in play like everyone else. Now that he is doing that, we could easily just walk away and be thankful for what we received.

But I want other children to benefit the way Benjamin has. I want other families to feel that there is something they can do, that they can bring their child to an expert and they can do the work and they can see the progress and the beauty in their child as they prosper and develop.

I cannot expect California to fix things overnight, and so I must look to other ways to help. I have expressed interest in joining the board of TIPS. I am writing this so you know what is going on. I am telling our story.

So if it is anger that motivates you or gratitude or something else, let's get involved by contacting our representatives or by committing ourselves to this work, like Shelley, or by donating to TIPS and other organizations that help children prosper.

For children, like my son, should leave Regional Center because they no longer require services, not because their families, or the Regional Center, can no longer afford them.

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MAKE LIKE A TREE: **The new zero-emission, all electric Leaf from Nissan will hit the streets in 2010.**

Nissan's Ghosn goes electric

YOU MAY HAVE MISSED THIS NEWS AMONG all the recent clamor over "clunkers," but Nissan just rocked the automotive world.

The company opened a new world headquarters this past week in Yokohama, just south of Tokyo, and company CEO Carlos Ghosn used the grand opening to announce that the Leaf, an all-electric, zero-emissions five-passenger hatchback, will be sold worldwide starting in late 2010.

Thus Nissan aims to become the first major car maker to mass produce an EV for the world. And more than anything else, Leaf will be a reflection of the determination of Ghosn, one of very few non-Japanese corporate leaders in that country, and one of the most respected.

The prototype Leaf which was displayed at Ghosn's press conference looks very close to a production version, says the company. Because aerodynamics ultimately controls the design of high-mileage cars like EVs and hybrids, which is why so many of them look alike, Leaf looks even geekier than you'd expect. If the car does make any styling statement, inside and out, it's "Look at me … I've been sent from the future!"

Within the auto industry, Leaf was no surprise. Ghosn, the French-Lebanese Brazilian-born chief of the Renault/Nissan alliance, has adamantly been against spending the billions necessary to develop and manufacture gas/electric hybrids, choosing instead to focus the company's time and money on what he saw as the inevitability of electric cars.

Nissan does sell a hybrid version of its Altima sedan, but the car's drivetrain technology is licensed by Toyota; it's essentially a Prius with a Nissan body.

Leaf uses a lithium-ion battery pack and regenerative braking to keep the juice flowing. The battery is under the seats and floor, allowing for the expected interior room in a car its size.

No pricing and little performance information has been released, but Nissan promises the Leaf will be "competitively priced" in its segment, which is what we'd expect them to say.

It's estimated the battery pack alone now costs Nissan as much as $10,000; they may initially lease the pack to Leaf owners, with new batteries installed when necessary at no extra charge (pun intended). Those costs will drop quickly as production advances; Nissan says they'll be building 200,000 Leafs (Leaves?) by 2012, and other car makers are planning their own EVs or hybrids using lithium-ion technology.

Nissan claims a top speed of more than 80 mph for Leaf and a range of over 100 miles-per-charge.

The company says Leaf can be fully recharged via a 220-volt household outlet in under eight hours and will also charge to 80 percent of its capacity in less than half an hour if a to-be-available quick charger is used.

Japan's second leading car maker also says the electric motor will develop 80 kilowatts, which is the equivalent of about 107 horsepower.

Ghosn says they'll build the car in Japan, Great Britain and Smyrna, Tenn., where Nissan has their U.S. manufacturing plants. And the company has already begun investing the billions necessary to get those assembly lines up-and-running.

Leaf is just the latest big news from Nissan since Ghosn started running the company in 1999.

A corporation in serious trouble when he took over, Ghosn cut the company's home country workforce, a then-necessary action a Japanese executive might not have been able to do because of Japan's tradition of lifetime employment.

That got the attention of everyone in the country; people liked his swagger and outspokenness, qualities almost never found in Japanese executives. In fact, those very traits can keep an executive from moving up in their career. Ghosn is likened to Akio Morita, founder of Sony, and Soichiro Honda, the two major "un-Japanese-like" gods in the pantheon of Japan Inc.

The jury is still out on Ghosn's cost-cutting move of Nissan's American headquarters from Gardena to Nashville. The Southern California lifestyle has always been a major influence on Nissan's U.S. products, starting with the Z-car (almost 40 years ago). What inspiration Tennessee might offer remains to be seen. The company's styling studio, Nissan Design International, is still located in La Jolla … at least for now.

Leaf, when it goes into production, will represent a bunch of "firsts," but perhaps most importantly it will put pressure on every other major car maker to mass produce their own EV, which is a real car, and more than a glorified golf cart.

And if all goes as Ghosn hopes, Leaf will also represent proof-positive that an uncompromising point-of-view and vision for the future are still good things in an auto industry leader.

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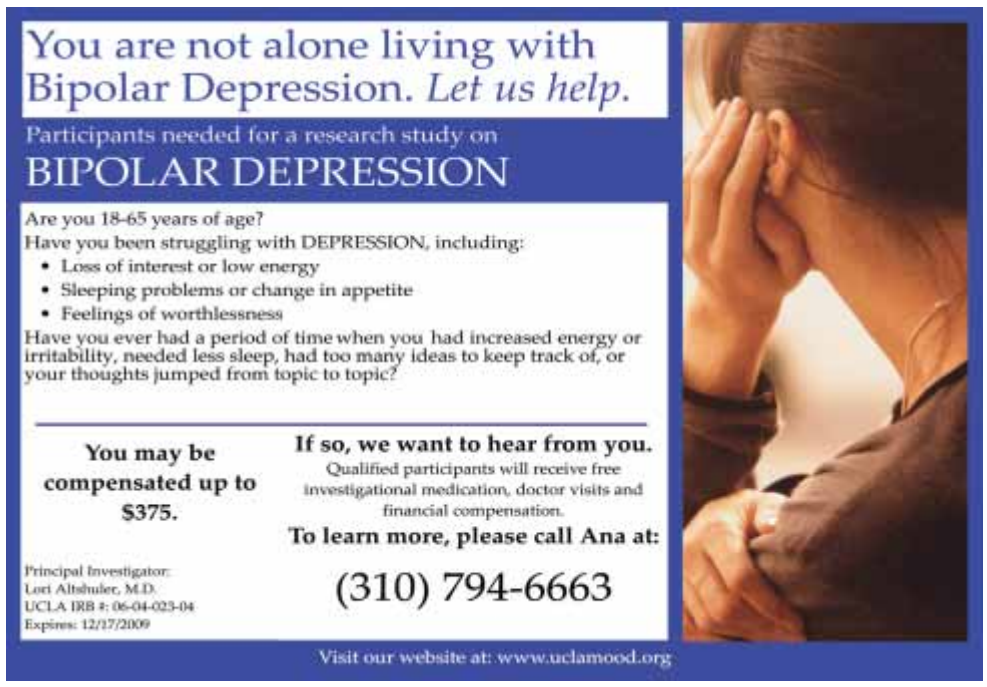
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Vikings seek football nirvana

FROM YOGA PAGE 1

"We kind of challenge them with that. Makes their minds focus in."

He hopes the real benefits are reaped during the fourth quarter of games this fall. He holds steadfast to the belief that practicing yoga will help them cultivate that focus. He wants to see that pay off by limiting off-sides penalties and other mental errors that often sink high school teams.

Battung, 30, has come to this conclusion through years of battling on the football field and expanding his mind and body on a yoga mat.

After playing college football at the University of Pennsylvania, he found himself searching for something to keep him in shape. He tried weights, but realized that he wanted more. He'd spent years in weight rooms while chasing his football career, but

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> Garrett Safron
> starting senior quarterback

that type of pounding wasn't for him anymore.

Friends first recommended yoga as a means to scratch his fitness itch. It didn't take long for Battung to take to it straight away in 2001.

"It has been a huge thing in my life across the board," he said. "Once I got back to football it was a no-brainer."

Battung's path to football nirvana started when he moved to the area a few years back. He fell in love with Westside life and quickly gained employment in the burgeoning yoga movement. He taught privately around Venice and Santa Monica, meeting people along the way. Eventually a friend referred him to an elective program at Samohi.

Thinking that this could help advance his yoga practice he began volunteering on campus two days a week this past school year. He fell headlong into the program and even noticed a few Viking athletes in his classes, but not many football players.

During his time volunteering on campus he heard that new football coach Travis Clark was looking for a coaching staff. After meeting with Clark he quickly assumed the role of quarterbacks coach and helped the team through spring drills.

It was then that he began introducing yoga to some of the players on the side. Battung said that Clark asked him to add the practice to the team's weekly training schedule.

Part of the reason the program has taken off is thanks to the city's connection to yoga.

"I would be foolish not to admit that there is great exposure to it in these communities," he said. "Santa Monica is the yoga capital of the world."

Aside from the occasional snicker or two when the program began four months ago, it appears that yoga is beginning to take hold of at least a couple Vikings.

"We may not have taken it seriously at first, but it is really helpful," starting senior quarterback Garrett Safron said. "I have to be a good student, [Battung] demands it."

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Tree known for large pine cones

FROM TREE PAGE 3

"We don't see why they have to be killing this tree," said Susan Hartley, co-founder of Treesavers. "There are other, more economic measures to protecting anybody when the pine cones drop — like fencing it off."

Hartley and other protesters submitted the signatures to City Hall and received word early Monday morning that the situation would be reviewed.

In a notice sent Monday afternoon, Walt Warriner, community forest & public landscape superintendent, announced that the Public Landscape Division would begin to explore alternative options that would allow for the retention of the tree.

Efforts, Warriner said, would include monitoring cone development and de-coning the tree on a bi-monthly schedule.

"We figure the city (was) making an issue over this tree because they don't want a lawsuit in case somebody gets hit with a pine cone," said Herb Silverstein a community tree activist.

Frequent park visitors were surprised to learn that city officials were willing to remove the tree without exploring other options.

"Why now after 30 years? Just take off the pine cones," said Jane Walker, a Santa Monica resident who often eats lunch in Douglas Park. "I don't mind if my tax dollars go to taking off those pine cones so this tree can stay."

Santa Monica resident and mother Erin Eastland said she has noticed large pine cones on the ground and is sometimes concerned about them falling on her young child.

"We often go on walks around here and there are huge pine cones that fall," she said. "I keep her covered because they are heavy."

But while Eastland wants the park to be safe for children, she believes cutting the tree down isn't the only option.

> **"WE DON'T SEE WHY THEY HAVE TO BE KILLING THIS TREE."**
> Susan Hartley
> co-founder of Treesavers

"Maybe they could rope the area off during falling season. It seems a little drastic to tear it down, a little aggressive," she said.

In his public notice, Warriner thanked the community for their immediate response to his posting about the bunya bunya tree.

"Posting tree removal notices is designed to obtain public comment on recommended tree removals," he wrote. "We thank everyone for their comments and good ideas and we will continue to take them under advisement as we explore all the options."

For Walker, keeping the tree means a continuation of her weekly lunches beneath its shade.

"It's fabulous and it needs to stay," she said.

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Council to hear new proposal on light rail maintenance yard

FROM LINCOLN PAGE 1

a 1.2 mile stretch of Lincoln Boulevard to City Hall, a move that would provide flexibility when it comes to future improvements to the drab corridor.

"It would give us more control over the roadway so that we can properly maintain the roadway and if we want to make operational or urban design improvements, we would have the ability to do that without seeking approval from Caltrans, which greatly simplifies the process," Lee Swain, the director of public works, said.

Swain is scheduled to make a presentation to the City Council tonight on the status of his discussions with state officials over Lincoln Boulevard, as well as updates on conversations with Caltrans regarding the Palisades Bluff Stabilization and California Incline Replacement projects.

The portion of Lincoln Boulevard in question spans the I-10 Freeway to the southern city limits, a stretch considered by many to be in need of improvement, filled with plain one-and two-story buildings, motels, automobile dealerships and massage parlors.

"The relinquishment will enable the city to move forward with our planning for the street itself," Ellen Gelbard, the assistant director of planning and community development, said. "The city has wanted for a long time to take a good look at what could make the street more attractive and more pedestrian friendly."

Doing so would require the introduction of a state bill that would authorize the transfer and deletion of the boulevard from the California State Highway System, Patrick Chandler, spokesman for the Caltrans' District 7 office, said.

After a bill is signed by the governor, Caltrans would then have to negotiate the repair costs for the road. The entire process could take up to 10 years, Chandler said.

"In some cases Caltrans will bring the road up to code or standard then relinquish it to the city," he said. "In some cases Caltrans and the city will negotiate what the repair costs are and relinquish the street and give the money to the city to bring the road to their standards."

Swain said he expects the transfer to occur in a reasonable time frame of about one to two years.

City officials initiated talks for Lincoln in 2003 but negotiations were suspended about three years later. Swain, who wasn't with City Hall at the time, said he suspects other issues came up for both agencies and the relinquishment wasn't a priority at the time.

Caltrans previously relinquished portions of Santa Monica Boulevard to City Hall in 1996.

Swain said that discussions were renewed after he began meeting with Caltrans to update a 1960s street maintenance agreement for Lincoln.

"It started there and we realized we still had an interest in gaining Lincoln Boulevard in this section and having Caltrans relinquish it," he said.

Both parties have also been meeting quarterly about several other projects, including the bluffs and California Incline.

The incline project involves replacing the bridge constructed in the 1930s. The project is currently in the design development phase.

Swain said there's been complexities with the project involving Caltrans' desire for City Hall to stabilize the bluffs above the incline as a safety measure.

"Our geotechnical team has been working on a solution that we believe we now have," Swain said.

> **"THE RELINQUISHMENT WILL ENABLE THE CITY TO MOVE FORWARD WITH OUR PLANNING FOR THE STREET ITSELF,"**
>
> **Ellen Gelbard**
> assistant director of planning and community development

The federally-funded Palisades Bluff Stabilization Project involves installing horizontal drains to remove groundwater that collects behind the bluffs, reducing the chances of future landslides. The project is currently out for bid for a contractor. Swain said he expects a contract will be awarded in September.

New proposal for maintenance yard?

Less than a month after presenting an alternative plan to a controversial proposal to place a light rail maintenance yard in the Pico Neighborhood, city officials are expected to return tonight with another option.

The alternative plan involved moving the noisy functions of the maintenance facility away from east of Stewart Street and Exposition Boulevard to the west at a city-owned site, which would be farther away from homes. It also entailed using the Santa Monica College parking lot and the Verizon site, which in the original proposal by the Exposition Construction Authority would be the only site used for the yard.

The new option would still involve the Verizon site and SMC parking lot, but would use a portion of the city yards instead of the city-owned property at 1800 Stewart St. A 120-foot buffer would also be constructed to protect the residents on Exposition Boulevard from the yard.

Expo officials said they no longer back the alternative plan presented in July because it's too costly and has even more opposition than its original proposal. The Lionstone Group, which owns the lease for the city-owned site at 1800 Stewart, has also expressed opposition.

The Expo board has final say over where the yard will be placed. Expo officials have previously said that they exhausted all possible options to place the yard elsewhere within phase two of the light rail, which goes from Culver City to Santa Monica.

Samantha Bricker, the chief operating officer of the Exposition Construction Authority, said the agency continues to back its original proposal — the Verizon site.

"At this stage we're not recommending a different site," she said. "We're going to continue to work with the city on a different configuration of that site."

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Searching for cleaner diesel

FROM CONSENT PAGE 1

at Fourth Street and Colorado Avenue, which is expected to change traffic patterns near the already congested intersection.

Fehr & Peers' $89,100 contract is part of an estimated $2.4 million spending package waiting for the council's approval.

Expo as a system is projected to carry about 62,000 passengers, translating to about 200 to 400 people who will get off each train in Santa Monica, creating a possible circulation nightmare.

These concerns were raised during a council meeting in March when traffic consultants presented several proposals to minimize problems at the impacted intersection, including diverting cars by creating a new street that would go from the I-10 Freeway offramp at Fourth Street, cutting through the City Hall north parking lot and ending at Main Street.

Other suggestions include limiting Colorado between Fourth and Fifth streets to one-way configurations, and creating a "green street" along Colorado from Fourth to Ocean Avenue, which would entail widening sidewalks and reducing travel lanes.

"The circulation analysis is a necessary next step in testing the feasibility and potential effectiveness of possible infrastructure and other circulation measures," a city staff report said.

GREENER BIODIESEL FUEL ON THE WAY

When City Hall goes out to bid for a new biodiesel supplier later this year, it will be looking for the greenest option on the market — yellow grease.

In the meantime, the council will be asked to extend its agreement with current supplier General Petroleum Corp. until the end of November at a cost of $1.24 million.

The council requested additional information related to the overall environmental impact of biodiesel fuel when it approved the contract with General Petroleum in December, wanting to ensure that the bidder's entire carbon footprint was taken into account. City staff met with users of biodiesel, including the Big Blue Bus, about their experiences using biodiesel, finding that yellow grease (mostly recycled cooking oil from restaurants) is considered the most sustainable option, which up until recently was not available in the Los Angeles region.

STUDYING CLEAN WATER PROJECTS

Following a request for more information about a series of proposed water improvement projects to be funded by Measure V, more money will be needed for consultant time.

That request came from the Measure V Citizen's Oversight Committee in June about the watershed capital improvement program, asking for additional project scopes, cost estimates and concept reports. Black and Veatch has since last year helped develop strategies to carry out projects under Measure V, a parcel tax which voters passed in 2006 to clean up the ocean and beaches.

The extra work will mean an additional $153,000 to the consultant's contract.

LOBBYING FOR PUBLIC TRANSIT

The Ferguson Group is slated to receive a $35,000 contract to serve as the Big Blue Bus' federal representative on matters related to transit funding issues in Washington D.C.

The Municipal Transit Operators Coalition, which consists of various public transportation agencies in the county, has also selected the Ferguson Group to serve as its lobbyist.

The Big Blue Bus is also expected to ask the council to extend a contract with Harley Ellis Devereaux, which is designing the interior of the agency's operations building on Seventh Street, to cover extra work related to LEED achievement and compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

RESURFACING DOWNTOWN STREETS

A project to resurface portions of Santa Monica Boulevard, and Fifth and Sixth streets will require extra funding because of the uneven and deteriorated condition of the existing pavement at several locations.

The result will be an extra $77,900 to Silvia Construction, which has already begun work at several streets.

Caltrans will cover about 88 percent of the extra cost while the remaining will come from the general fund.

HANDLING PAYROLL SOFTWARE

Human Resources is requesting the council approve a contract with Oracle USA to maintain software that handles payroll, benefits and other aspects of the department.

The estimated $578,695 contract will cover the software provider's services for the next four years. The software was purchased from Peoplesoft Inc. in 1995, a company that was later acquired by Oracle.

"The system is the backbone for all human resources, benefits administration and payroll activity for the city," the staff said.

OUTDOOR SEATING FOR BEACH HOUSE

While the new Annenberg Community Beach House just opened doors in April, there's already some new furniture in mind for the future.

The council will be asked to approve an extra $27,293 to JANUS et Cie to supply outdoor furniture for the beach house. The money will cover future furniture repair and replacements.

MOVING SUSTAINABILITY LIAISON

The position of the community sustainable liaison, which for the past few years has helped bridge a gap between the community and City Hall on green matters, will join nonprofit organization Sustainable Works in order to better secure grant funding.

The council in 2007 approved a $150,000 contract with Traci Reitz to serve as the community sustainable liaison with the stipulation that she secure outside funding to continue in that role after the funds run out. The only problem is that grant funding is scarce for such consultants.

Reitz suggested that long-term funding would be possible if her position shifted from being an independent consultant working for the city to one that is incorporated into an established nonprofit organization — Sustainable Works.

The council is expected to approve a transfer of $87,500 to Community Partners, which is the fiscal manager for Sustainable Works, covering the remaining funding for the liaison.

GRANTS FOR CITY HALL

The council is expected to authorize the city manager to accept grants for vehicle replacement and public safety.

City Hall was recently awarded $600,000 from the South Coast Air Quality Management District to cover the costs of buying 24 heavy-duty natural gas vehicles, reimbursing up to $25,000 a piece. The council will be asked to authorize the city manager to obtain those funds.

The council is also expected to enter a memorandum of understanding with the city of Los Angeles to receive more than $248,000 in grant funding from the Department of Justice. The grant requires that one agency in the area serve as the grant administrator, which in this case is Los Angeles.

The money will be used to help the Santa Monica Police Department cover costs of overtime during peak seasons.

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Labor sec'y says green jobs hiring will pick up

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LAS VEGAS Labor Secretary Hilda Solis said Monday that she believes hiring in the alternative energy industry will pick up in the next 12 months, but it will take longer than that for so-called green jobs to become a bigger part of the U.S. job market.

Solis told The Associated Press that new government incentives will kick-start hiring in the fledgling industry as companies regain confidence and find it easier to borrow money.

"Once you start seeing more investments made in our economy recovering, as we stabilize and we get people back to work, then I think there'll be more interest in expanding," Solis said. "There'll be more, hopefully, credit available for this expansion, because there will be more confidence because that's what we're lacking right now — that investment and confidence in the market."

After a terrible start to the year there are signs of a rebound for alternative energy, in part because of a push from the Obama administration.

The second National Clean Energy Summit in Las Vegas drew a high-profile list of alternative energy backers, including former President Bill Clinton, Energy Secretary Steven Chu and U.S. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid.

"The economic crisis, the security crisis and the climate crisis are all intertwined, and the common thread running through them is our absurd and dangerous overdependence on carbon-based fuels," said Al Gore, Clinton's vice president.

"If your grab hold of that thread and pull on it all three of these crises will unravel, and we'll hold in our hand the solution to all three of them — that is to make a transition to a low-carbon economy and to put people to work doing it," he said.

Venture capitalists increased investments in alternative energy by 73 percent over the past three months compared with the first three months of the year, according to a report issued late last month by Ernst & Young LLP. Yet investors are still shaken and the money flowing into green energy companies remains meager compared with last year at this time.

Polls have shown that as the economy worsened, Americans were less enthusiastic about environmental policies that would come at the expense of jobs and a better economy.

That has created a rift between political leaders at the state and federal levels as to how aggressively the U.S. should push green jobs.

Money had already begun to flow into the sector at a record pace last year before new government initiatives were announced, but also before the full weight of the recession became apparent.

Wind, solar and other alternative energy companies have been forced to cut back on workers. Projects were canceled as credit markets froze and venture capital evaporated.

John Woolard, president and CEO of Bright Source Energy, Inc., said his company and competitors looking to develop high-scale solar energy projects need the full support of lawmakers press ahead with its projects and immediately create jobs.

"We need to transition from visionary leadership to roll-up-your-sleeves leadership," Woolard said.

The Obama administration last week announced $2.4 billion in federal grants to develop next-generation electric vehicles and batteries.

Michigan, which has been devastated by job losses in the auto industry, would see companies within its borders get $1 billion in federal grants with the administration pushing green jobs as part of its economic cure.

The alternative energy sector could spark a new "industrial revolution," with better prospects for minorities and new training for workers with traditional vocational skills, Solis said.

There has rapid growth in the industry, but employment in the green business still makes up only half of one percent of all jobs.

Solis said that slice would grow not only as more jobs are created, but as officials identify more existing positions that have become green jobs.

"It affects every facet of our life," Solis said. "So without a doubt it will have a much greater impact than the 1 percent that we're talking about."

Top insurance lobbyist says August key in health drive

ALAN FRAM
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON August will be a make-or-break month for the drive to revamp health care, as members of Congress use the recess to either sell the need for an overhaul to voters or continue criticism of the insurance industry, the chief of the insurers' main lobbying arm said Monday.

Karen Ignagni, president of America's Health Insurance Plans, told editors and reporters from The Associated Press that if lawmakers use their break to vilify her industry, "members of Congress will come back to Washington without a strong sense that health care reform is doable. And that would be a lost opportunity. We think health care reform is going to be won or lost in August."

Hoping to buttress support for their effort to reshape health care, President Barack Obama and his Democratic allies have targeted the insurance industry with some of their sharpest barbs. Obama has accused insurers of "abuses" and "record profits," House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., has called them "villains," and Obama's campaign organization, Organizing for America, accused them Monday of "stirring up fear with false rumors."

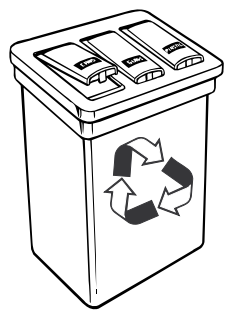
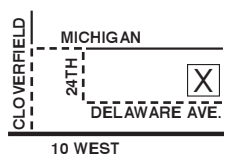
Ignagni said such attacks are designed as a distraction as the health care debate becomes more contentious, saying, "When polls are slipping, people turn to tried-and-true tactics."

Pelosi spokesman Nadeam Elshami said lawmakers were talking to constituents about an overhaul that would let doctors and patients make decisions, not insurance companies.

"Health insurance reform means that never again will Americans be denied coverage because of a pre-existing condition, lose their health coverage if they lose their job, if they become sick or if they file for bankruptcy because of medical bills," he said.

The insurance industry says it favors bipartisan changes in a health system it concedes has become unaffordable for many. But it is battling a proposal at the core of Democrats' blueprints: Creating an optional, government-run health insurance plan. Democrats say public coverage would push costs down by competing with private insurers, and the idea gets strong support in many polls.

Ignagni said a federally run plan would drive insurance companies, hospitals and doctors into bankruptcy, leaving only the government to provide coverage, often called single payer. Obama and other Democrats say they have no intention of setting up such a system.


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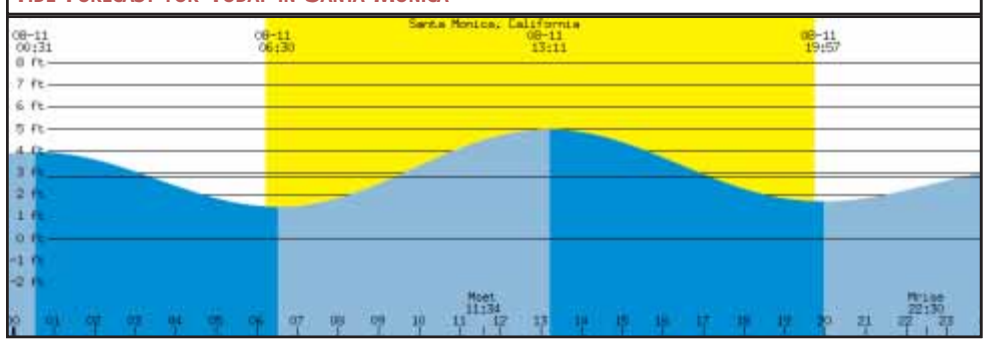
Swell Forecast

Today looks even smaller, perhaps only knee to waist high most everywhere. Winds should be light and mostly calm in the AM, and then onshore in the afternoon 9-14 mph.

Long Range Synopsis

We should see some minor southern hemi come up from 180 degrees with 14-second periods, bringing waist high waves to most south facing breaks.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous four weeks up to the ending date of **July 28, 2009**

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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 -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 44 / 28
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 3 / 28

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
Los Cerrillo 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 Alisos 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	A+	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blacker County Beach	A+	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily	A+	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A	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	A	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	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	D	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	F	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	A+	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	A	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	B	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

Heal the Bay's Beach Report Card® is based on weekly water quality monitoring data provided by the City of Los Angeles' Environmental Monitoring Division and the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. Data is analyzed as soon as it is made available to us by the public agencies. Beaches are graded on an A–F scale based on the risk of ocean users becoming ill. Samples are analyzed for bacteria—enterococcus, total and fecal coliforms—that indicate biological pollution. A fact sheet detailing the exact methodology used in determining grades for each location is available from the office or on our web site. The report is not designed to measure the amount of trash or toxins found at local beaches.

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NBA

Timberwolves select Rambis as new coach

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MINNEAPOLIS After years spent playing under Pat Riley and coaching under Phil Jackson, Kurt Rambis is finally getting a chance to run a team.

Rambis has been hired as coach of the Minnesota Timberwolves in hopes of transforming a struggling franchise into a contender. Terms were not disclosed, but the team said Monday that they had an agreement in principle. Rambis will be introduced Tuesday.

The 51-year-old Rambis has been an assistant with the Los Angeles Lakers for most of the past seven seasons. He won four titles as a player with the Lakers in the 1980s and two more as an assistant coach, including last season when he served as the team's defensive coordinator.

Rambis was one of three finalists along with TV commentator and former NBA star Mark Jackson and Houston assistant Elston Turner. He will replace Kevin McHale, who was let go by Minnesota on June 17.

"This arguably is the most important decision I will make, and thus it required a lot of time," said David Kahn, who was hired in May to run the team's basketball operations. "His reputation around the league is that he is a wonderful teacher who is hands-on on the court and one who understands that part of our business and will really energize it."

The teaching reference is not a throwaway. Kahn also said he believes Rambis is a natural fit to mold the "young" Timberwolves, who have not made the playoffs since 2004 and won just 24 games last season.

Rambis' work in player development was one of the biggest reasons Kahn chose him. At a press conference, Kahn said the three most important criteria he was looking for in a coach were an emphasis on player development, an up-tempo philosophy and a willingness to play the young players on the team big minutes — even if it means sacrificing a few wins in the process.

Long considered a possible heir apparent to Jackson in L.A., Rambis filled in on several occasions while the coach was out with medical issues. He also served as the head coach in the lockout-shortened 1998-99 season, going 24-13. That experience gave him the edge over Mark Jackson, who has never been a coach.

Rambis also interviewed for positions in Sacramento and Philadelphia this offseason.

He takes over in Minnesota for McHale, the man who famously clotheslined him while playing for the Boston Celtics in the 1984 Finals.

"Kurt has been the workhorse of my staff the past few years," Phil Jackson said in a statement issued by the Lakers. "He's worked with the youth of our team, coming in early and staying late, to help players develop.

"Last season he took on the responsibility as the defensive coordinator, a valuable part of our championship run. We will miss him, but know this is his time to do what he's destined to do."

NASCAR

Stewart wins at Watkins Glen

JOHN KEKIS
Associated Press Writer

WATKINS GLEN, N.Y. Smoke loves it when the Glen heats up.

Tony Stewart won the rain-delayed NASCAR Sprint Cup race at Watkins Glen International on a steamy Monday, holding off Australian Marcos Ambrose over the final 25 laps for his Cup-record fifth victory at the famed road course.

"I love it when it gets slick," Stewart said. "I was watching him (Ambrose). I think we were stronger in the parts we needed to be and we never looked at the fuel."

It was Stewart's third win in his first season as an owner-driver and the seventh road course win of his career, second to Jeff Gordon's NASCAR-record nine. Stewart has seven consecutive top-two finishes at The Glen, also winning in 2002, 2004, 2005, and 2007 and finishing second in 2006 and 2008. He also has finished first or second in eight of the past 11 road races; he was second to Kasey Kahne at Sonoma in June.

The race originally was scheduled for Sunday, but a string of thunderstorms forced it to be postponed until Monday. Last week's race at Pocono also was postponed to Monday because of rain.

Ambrose was second, a career best, and Carl Edwards third. Kyle Busch, Greg Biffle, Juan Pablo Montoya, Kurt Busch, Max Papis, Clint Bowyer and Denny Hamlin rounded out the top 10. Polesitter Jimmie Johnson, seeking his first career road win, finished 12th.

Kyle Busch, 13th in points, closed the gap on 12th-place Matt Kenseth for the cutoff spot in the Chase for the championship. Busch, who entered the race 102 points behind Kenseth, narrowed the gap to 58.

The chaos that everybody was expecting on the double-file restarts never materialized. There were no major incidents in the hard, downhill, 90-degree right-hand first turn.

Ambrose started fourth and ran up front early. But pit strategy dropped him deep in the field midway through the 90-lap race. He stayed out when the rest of the leaders pitted for the first time and was running 22nd on lap 50 after making his first stop. He ducked into the pits on lap 55 for fuel and made up 10 seconds on leader Kyle Busch.

A multicar crash involving Jeff Gordon and Sam Hornish Jr. on lap 63 brought out a 19-minute red flag stoppage and put Ambrose back in the mix.

Kasey Kahne precipitated the crash when he dived inside of Hornish coming out of turn nine on the 11-curve track and sent Hornish into the grass on the left side. Hornish's No. 77 Dodge caromed off a tire barrier and back onto the track, and Gordon's No. 24 slammed head-on into it, spinning violently around into the Armco barrier lining the track.

Both Gordon and Hornish climbed from their cars uninjured. Also involved were Andy Lally, Jeff Burton and Joey Logano.

Stewart cleared leader Kyle Busch on the restart on lap 67. Busch chose the outside line as the leader and Stewart took advantage, getting past him on the first turn and holding him off up through the high-speed esses.

MOVIE TIMES

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1441 Third Street Promenade

Aliens in the Attic (PG) 1hr 26min
12:15, 2:30, 5:10, 7:20, 9:40

A Perfect Getaway (R) 1hr 38min
11:30 a.m., 2:15, 5:00, 7:40, 10:15

Public Enemies (R) 2hr 23min
12:50, 4:00, 7:00, 10:10

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) 2hrs 33min
11:20 a.m., 2:45, 6:15, 9:45

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

Julie and Julia (PG-13) 2hrs 3min
11:30 a.m., 1:00, 2:15, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 7:45, 9:50, 10:40

Funny People (R) 2hrs 16min
12:30, 3:50, 7:15

Funny People (with closed captions and descriptive video) (R) 2hrs 16min
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G-Force: In Disney Digital 3-D (PG) 1hr 28min
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The Hangover (R) 1hr 36min
11:20 a.m., 2:00, 4:50, 7:30, 10:20

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) 2hrs 33min
11:35 a.m., 3:10, 7:10, 10:30

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
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(500) Days of Summer (PG-13) 1hr 50min
1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:15

The Hurt Locker (R) 2hr 26min
1:00, 4:00, 7:10, 10:15

Whatever Works (PG-13) 1hr 47min
1:40, 4:10, 7:00, 9:30

Adam (PG-13) 1hr 55min
1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 10:00

Mann's Criterion Theatre
1313 Third St.
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G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG-13) 1hr 58min
11:30 a.m., 1:00, 2:30, 3:50, 5:30, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00

Orphan (R) 2hrs 3min
1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:20

The Ugly Truth (R) 1hr 36min
12:00, 2:20, 4:50, 7:10, 9:40

Bruno (R) 1hr 21min
3:00, 7:40

Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs 3D (PG) 1hr 27min
11:40 a.m., 2:00, 4:20, 6:50, 9:10

The Collector (R) 1hr 25min
12:50, 5:20, 9:50

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Treat yourself, Pisces

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ You move forward without interference — finally! Lose the word "no." You have the unique opportunity to move projects forward. Some interesting acquaintances add more excitement into the mix. Tonight: Where the action is.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Your instincts come forward. Analyze what is happening, and visualize more of what you want. You see a great opportunity. Still, remain behind the scenes. You will recognize when the time is right. Tonight: Think before you leap!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Open up to different types of thinking. You will see how fast a situation resolves itself when you let go of self-imposed mental boundaries. The power of the mind is displayed once more. Someone from a distance might appreciate hearing from you. Tonight: Where the action is.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Others seek you out for advice. You question which way to approach an important matter. Answers will come if you continue on your present path. Go for facts first. Tonight: A must appearance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Reach past the obvious, whether resolving a problem or deciding on a place to dine. Break from your routine; try something different. Relax with others more openly. Listen more. Tonight: Where your friends are.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Understanding develops to a new level. The problems that occur could change if you allow yourself to open up to a partner. Evaluate your role in a relationship. Don't prevent someone from coming in closer any longer. Tonight: Complete a project, if possible.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Many think they can do what you are doing, and they let you know that they can do it better, too. Let everyone demonstrate their capacities rather than get into a hot discussion. Tonight: Let your lighter side emerge.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ A light and easy pace works just fine, as long as you are well organized. A partner might push hard to get results. Usually, the role is reversed. If you relax, your creativity mounts when dealing with the routine. Tonight: Do as much from home as possible.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Your intuitive choice will be right-on. How you deal with a key associate changes. This person's response could be different. What would you like to be better at or have an impact on? Focus on those areas. Tonight: Let your wild side out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ The basics in your life must be honored. Sometimes you forget about who counts. You might opt for a home improvement. Though generally impulsiveness might not benefit you, in this case it does. Resonance grows within your close circle. Tonight: Let go of your must-dos and make it easy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Touch base with others and be direct in how you deal with a situation. See someone in his or her true light without making this person into something you want him or her to be. Tonight: Find your pals.

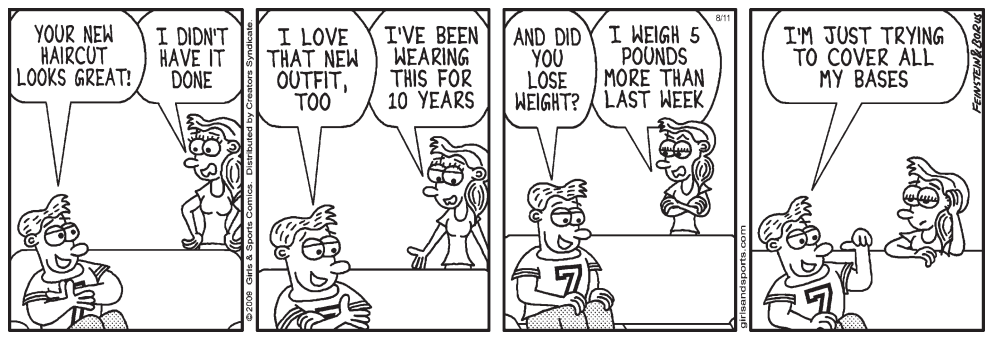
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Curb a need to be possessive and demanding, and instead reveal yourself and your vulnerabilities. Others can respond to this type of behavior. Tonight: Your treat. If you could have anything, what would that be?

Happy birthday

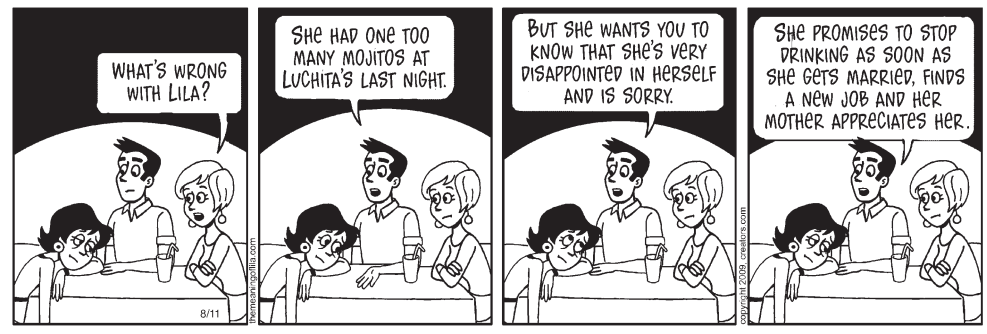
This year, you evolve to a new level of understanding. Try walking in another person's shoes more often. Empathy often solves disagreements, as it adds an element of caring, if not respect. Education and travel could play roles in your year. If you are single, meeting people is a snap. Choose the right person for the type of relationship you seek. If you are attached, the two of you will open up to a deeper and fuller connection. Be willing to take a seminar together or share a mutual hobby. ARIES helps you realize your long-term desires.

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

Girls and Sports
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Sudoku

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Difficulty Level ★★

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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

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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13 Keyboard pros
15 Deadly snake
16 High-school student
18 Auction bids
21 Helsinki native
22 Set, as the sun
24 Tack on
25 Mover's truck
26 "The Matrix" hero
27 Wild cards, often
29 Stallion-to-be
30 Reach across
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32 D'Artagnan's creator
34 Leaders
40 Way to go
41 Belgrade setting
42 Brewed drinks
43 Elitist

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2 Writer Tan
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4 Natural in craps
5 Amber source
6 Dance move
7 Drag-race car
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9 Road sealer
10 Golfer Ernie
14 Mortise's mate
16 Ocean motions
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19 Generous person
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37 Flow out
38 Chest bone
39 Pronounce

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ A Whiff of Injustice: William Dillon was released in November after 26 years in prison when a DNA test ruled him out as the murderer. He was the second Florida man recently freed by DNA after being positively identified at trial by a star police dog, Harass II, whose trainer Bill Preston had sworn could amazingly track scents through water and after months of site contamination. In June, the Innocence Project of Florida said as many as 60 other convicts might have been "identified" by Harass II. According to an Orlando Sentinel report, only one judge (who's now retired) thought to actually test Harass II's ability in a courtroom, and he wrote that the dog failed badly.

■ Small Town Management: (1) After haggling for a while at its June 16 meeting, the county board in Lincoln, Neb., finally voted, 2-1, to reimburse Shum Darwin for his pants, which went missing at the jail after Darwin was arrested. The city's liability was clear; the debate was about whether the pants were worth $12 or $10. (2) The city council of Brooksville, Fla., by 4-1, adopted an appearance policy in June that requires all municipal employees to wear underwear while on the clock and to make sure it is not visible.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1919 Germany's Weimar Constitution was signed by President Friedrich Ebert.

1934 The first federal prisoners arrived at the island prison Alcatraz in San Francisco Bay.

1942 During World War II, Pierre Laval, prime minister of Vichy France, publicly declared that "the hour of liberation for France is the hour when Germany wins the war."

1949 President Harry S. Truman nominated General Omar N. Bradley to become the first chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

1954 A formal peace took hold in Indochina, ending more than seven years of fighting between the French and Communist Vietminh.

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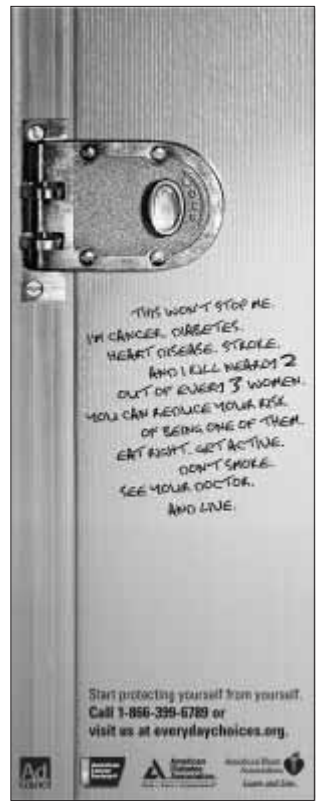
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