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THE **RIP IT AND SHIP IT** ISSUE



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JUST FOR KICKS: **President of the Will Rogers Polo Club Andrew Bossom (left) practices at the Will Rogers polo field on Friday afternoon.**

The last days of recreation

Officials to close 100 state parks and are looking for sustainable funding solutions

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

WILMONT As hundreds of hikers head out to their favorite trails this weekend, they would be wise to stop and smell the roses, or whatever foliage is around, for the hike could be their last — in the state park that is.

Faced with devastating budget cuts totaling $53.6 million, the California Department of Parks and Recreation is being forced to close or reduce services at state parks, with some state officials estimating that 100 parks will be off limits to visitors.

The bad news for nature lovers is expected to come soon after Labor Day, with officials looking at key factors such as the number of visitors and revenue generated to determine which parks to close.

In response, State Sen. Fran Pavley (D-Santa Monica), the chair of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water, held an informational hearing Friday at the First United Methodist Church in Santa Monica to solicit ideas from the public on how to protect the parks by developing "sustainable" funding sources instead of relying on the erratic general fund.

"A resource that we love and treasure is at risk," said Pavley, who reminded the roughly 50 people who attended the hearing that each Californian is technically an owner of the state parks system. "State parks are always on the hit list [during budget discussions]. … It is difficult [to find funding when] you are competing against limited resources."

Pavley called on the public to "think outside the box" to find funding solutions that can work in the short term — around two to three years — to bridge the gap, during which time more long-term measures can be developed. Hopefully the economy can rebound in that time as well to lessen the blow, but there are no guarantees, Pavley added.

HOW WE GOT HERE

There are 278 parks within the state sys-

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Promenade food carts expected back this fall

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN Out of all the parts that make up the Third Street Promenade, from the artists to retail carts to the merchants that line the strip, there's one that's been absent for the past few years.

That missing piece of the puzzle — food carts — is due to return this fall.

There was a time when shoppers on the promenade could grab a quick bite without stepping foot inside, buying a hot dog, shaved ice or donuts from different vendors who dotted the outdoor mall.

While the retail mobiles have remained since, their partners in food have not been present on the city's busiest commercial corridor since 2006 when cart operator Provenzano Resources Inc. (PRI) began redesigning the food cart program.

"We're hoping that we can be underway pretty soon," Deborah Kravitz, a partner in PRI, said. "It's taken a bit longer than we thought."

The reason for the delay can be attributed to the overhaul in state health regulations for permitting food carts in 2007, which forced PRI to make a number of changes to its proposal.

The Los Angeles County Health Department in December 2006 approved PRI's commissary, which is the offsite food prep and cart storage facility located in the basement of Parking Structure 2, allowing the company to move forward with the next step in the process — getting each of the carts permitted by the state.

But just as PRI was about to submit its application, the state introduced new permitting guidelines, which included changes in areas like food transport and preparation. As a result, Kravitz had to go back to the drawing board and create a new set of designs for the carts to meet new requirements.

Kravitz said the carts have gone through several design changes since the new regula-

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Ocean appreciation celebration
Santa Monica Bay Aquarium
1600 Ocean Front Walk, 12:30 p.m. — 6 p.m.
Celebrate and appreciate the ocean during the last days of summer. Normal admission rates apply. Continues Sunday. For more information, visit www.healthebay.org/calendar.

Pier in pictures
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. The exhibit features contemporary images of the famous structure. This exhibit will be open daily through Sept. 9. For more information, call (310) 393-8258.

Saturday, Aug. 29, 2009

'Cinderella: The Musical'
Santa Monica Playhouse, main stage
1211 Fourth St., 12:30 p.m. — 1:30 p.m.
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Monday, Aug. 31, 2009

Game day
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 1 p.m. — 3 p.m.
Have fun, meet new people and challenge your mind playing bridge or Scrabble for free every Monday. Call (310) 450-0443 for more information.

Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2009

Psyche out
Santa Monica Family YMCA
1332 Sixth St., noon — 1 p.m.
Learn about the psychological issues at each stage of life and the exciting ways humans can grow throughout adulthood. Call (310) 393-2721 ext. 129 for more information, or e-mail lidiam@ymcasm.org. Cost is free.

Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2009

Ballroom by the bay
Santa Monica Bay Women's Club
1210 4th St., 7 p.m. — 11 p.m.
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MOVING AND GROOVING

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

People dance and enjoy the music while Very Be Careful from Colombia play the Twilight Dance Series concert on Thursday night.

Firefighters struggle to contain fires

CHRISTINA HOAG
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES Firefighters beat back flames licking at ocean-view estates Friday, while another wildfire raged through a dry forest above Los Angeles' foothill suburbs. Residents nervously watched aircraft drop loads of water and retardant on nearby blazing slopes.

The dramatic success of an overnight air and ground battle against a swift-moving blaze on the Palos Verdes Peninsula was tempered by the threat from an out-of-control fire on the opposite side of Los Angeles in the steep San Gabriel Mountains above the city of La Canada Flintridge.

The 2.3-square-mile fire in Angeles National Forest was among the most dangerous in a siege of wildfires charring thousands of acres of brush from Southern California north to the central coast region and east to the Sierra Nevada. Triple-digit heat and very low humidity made many areas ripe for burning.

"We're boxed up and ready to go," said La Canada Flintridge resident Steve Buntich, watching helicopters line up to siphon water from a golf course reservoir. He said his wife and children had evacuated to a friend's house for several hours, but had since returned home.

Ash fell from the sky and huge billows of smoke rose from the mountains as Elias Yidonoy, 62, and his wife prepared to leave their La Canada Flintridge home. Their minivan was loaded with suitcases filled with clothing, documents and photographs.

"It's wait and see," said Yidonoy, who with his wife had also left their home for several hours overnight and then returned.

The foothill residents were among more than a thousand Californians chased from their homes by the threat of wildfires.

The Palos Verdes Peninsula fire roared to life on the south Los Angeles County coast Thursday night and spread rapidly up canyons in the city of Rancho Palos Verdes. As many as 1,500 people fled as hundreds of firefighters rushed to protect homes in the fire's path in adjacent Rolling Hills Estates.

"The fire was stopped right at the backyards of those homes," county fire Chief Deputy John Tripp told a morning news conference.

Calm, windless conditions allowed water-dropping helicopters with spotlights to work much of the night. Six homes received minor exterior damage, and the only structures destroyed were an outbuild-

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Pot garden forces tourists out of park

GARANCE BURKE
Associated Press Writer

SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK A section of this Sierra Nevada national park was closed to visitors Thursday while rangers helicoptered in to destroy a sizable marijuana growing operation just a half-mile away from a crystal-filled cave popular with tourists.

Authorities said the proximity of the pot plants to such a heavily trafficked tourist site was unusual and reflects a newfound boldness among growers, who are now planting marijuana near trails and access roads at an increasing number of parks.

"We've really seen an expansion of the types of sites where people are growing marijuana," said Scott Wanek, chief ranger for the Pacific West region of the National Park Service. "There are some that are very close to trails and much closer to where visitors are."

The National Park Service received an additional $3.3 million this year to combat marijuana growers across the nation, said Jeff Olson, a spokesman for the park service. Yosemite, Sequoia and Kings Canyon, and Redwood national parks in California and North Cascades National Park in Washington are receiving funding. Santa Monica Mountains and Whiskeytown national recreation areas and Point Reyes National Seashore, all in California, are the other recipients.

In Sequoia National Park on Thursday, rangers lowered ropes from a helicopter into Yucca Creek Canyon to investigate five grow sites. There, among the oaks and conifers, they found trash, propane tanks and miles of hose to irrigate the pot plants, law enforcement officials said.

By late afternoon, the helicopter had carried out starter plant trays, camping gear, fertilizer and marijuana plants piled three-feet deep in a black net.

Authorities said trash at the site would be examined for fingerprints or any other clues about who was in charge of the operation.

About three-quarters of the marijuana already had been harvested before the rangers dropped in.

"The real tragedy about this is that visitors won't have access to an attraction some have traveled hundreds of miles to see," said Adrienne Freeman, a spokeswoman for the park.

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Speaking up about guns

Editor:

For the life of me, I do not understand why leaders in the Republican Party such as John McCain, Olympia Snowe or Michael Steele have not denounced the crazies who are bringing guns to what are supposed to be discussions about health care reform.

I do not understand why prominent Republicans have not spoken out about the display of pictures showing Obama as a Nazi and making derogatory remarks about his wife and children. Why are the religious leaders like Rick Warren, Pat Robertson or Joel Osteen not speaking up against this appalling behavior?

I have lived through the assassinations of John F. Kennedy, Bobby Kennedy, Martin Luther King and the attempted assassinations of Ronald Reagan and Gerald Ford.

I believe that the right wing talk radio and television commentators like Glenn Beck, Sean Hannity, Rush Limbaugh and Lou Dobbs have caused much of the deviousness in our country.

I pray that nothing bad happens to this young president.

Norman Hensley
Santa Monica

A humane solution to pollution

Editor:

Regarding the City Council's proposed action of placing netting under the Santa Monica Pier to prevent pigeons from roosting underneath, and the animal activists who are protesting this as a cruel solution to pigeon's "pooping" in the ocean under the pier. The activists offer a more humane solution to this nightmare of birds being trapped, which the council will no doubt ignore.

Here's the thing, the City Council never takes the high road when a more humane solution is available to solve perceived pesky wildlife problems. Just as when they chose to poison the squirrels in Palisades Park. In that case, the Santa Monica residents, including families with horrified young children, were treated to seeing small animals dying in terrible agony. And it wasn't as though the City Council had no choice. They were offered a more humane way to handle the situation, but they disregarded this option and chose the cruelest way possible. Now they're at it again – choosing a cruel solution over the more humane one offered.

And while they are at it, busily preventing birds from "pooping" in the ocean, they might consider the fact that pigeon droppings are only a drop in the bucket, so to speak. How about a plan to prevent humans from doing the same, both from toilets flushed into the ocean, to the questionable humans who just use the ocean off the beach as a toilet? And then there are the cruise ships dumping human waste at a prodigious rate. Let's put our minds to solving the bigger issues of ocean pollution. The City Council seems to be in the business of solving little problems while turning a blind eye to the bigger picture.

For once, just take the advice of people devoted to doing the right thing by our animals and birds and try a humane solution. That would be a real change of pace.

Marilyn Brennan
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Modern Times

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Getting a taste of their own medicine

THERE ARE GERIATRIC PROGRAMS NOW that encourage medical students to spend 10 days or so in a nursing home — as a patient. They are given a "pretend" disease and diagnosis, and if that means living in a wheelchair and eating a special diet, that's what they do. One student who was at a VA hospital, smeared petroleum jelly on his glasses and put cotton in his ears to replicate a patient with failing eyesight and hearing. I think this is a great idea and will give these men and women more empathy for their patients once they become doctors. But I don't think it goes far enough, and I believe all doctors should learn what it's like to be a patient in their specialty before they get a license to put on their white coats and ask us to take off our clothes.

Obstetricians should have to have some sort of uncomfortable pillow bulging from their stomachs. Then they should be subjected to perfect strangers touching their bellies and saying things like, "In my day, the doctors didn't let us gain so much weight." Of course, the male future obstetricians will get some different kinds of comments, but they must just smile at the skeptic who doesn't believe a man can get pregnant.

Pediatricians should have to go through everything that babies endure. Their cheeks should be pinched and people they don't know should pat their bottoms affectionately. When the male students' diapers are changed, they can't say a word when whoever is changing them makes a comment about the size of their genitals. On the other hand, since they will be pretending to be babies, the students will be allowed to try to pee on the person changing their diaper.

Those prospective doctors who plan on treating adolescents will have huge false pimples placed all over their bodies. Then in the waiting room, they'll have to sit next to young people with perfect skin who look at them with disgust. When they see the doctor, they'll sit there calmly as he tells them, "They're just pimples. Nothing to worry about. Nobody will even notice."

Medical students pretending to be adult patients will have to wait up to two hours before seeing their "doctor." Then after he or she deigns to see the student, the doctor will have the wrong file, take personal calls and forget why the patient is there. After that, the medical student/patient will be presented with a bill whose total will be slightly more than the Gross National Product of Brazil.

Getting back to the geriatric patients, as I said, I think it's a good idea, but it's just a start. Those posing as senior citizens should be ignored by people in the gift shop, pushed out of the way by younger people and spoken to by almost everyone in a condescending tone of voice.

To give the prospective doctors an even greater idea of the frame of mind of some seniors, they should have to participate in a little play. The students should be seated at the kitchen table while those pretending to be their kids are off to the side. The kids talk about the senior citizen as if he or she isn't there. They don't even bother to whisper. It would go something like this:

MEDICAL STUDENTS PRETENDING TO BE ADULT PATIENTS WILL HAVE TO WAIT UP TO TWO HOURS BEFORE SEEING THEIR 'DOCTOR.' THEN AFTER HE OR SHE DEIGNS TO SEE THE STUDENT, THE DOCTOR WILL HAVE THE WRONG FILE, TAKE PERSONAL CALLS, AND FORGET WHY THE PATIENT IS THERE.

DAUGHTER: "We've got to do something about Dad."

SON: "What are you talking about? He's fine."

DAUGHTER: "He's not fine. Just look at him."

At this point, the son and daughter look at the medical student/older person who continues to eat his or her breakfast cereal. The son and daughter shake their heads glumly and the student is supposed to act as if he doesn't know they are talking about and staring at him or her.

SON: "Well, he can't live with us. We don't have the room."

DAUGHTER: "I knew you were going to say that. OK, he can stay with us, but I get Mom's jewelry."

At this point, the medical student/senior has the right to pretend to be choking, spitting the cereal all over the kitchen table.

I definitely think this kind of program will make doctors more compassionate toward older patients. And it might make them think a little longer about how much they should leave their kids in their wills.

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The Q Line

Troubling increase

This past week, Q-line asked:
An article in the Daily Press revealed that crime is on the rise in Santa Monica. The majority of the increase has been fueled by property crimes. Have you been the victim of crime this year? If so, what took place?
Here are your responses:

"NO, I HAVE NOT BEEN THE VICTIM OF crime per se – at least, not the crimes you mentioned. But I still feel victimized by the many times I have been nearly run over on the sidewalk by bicyclists roaring down the sidewalk – mindless bicyclists – or while crossing the street. They don't stop for red lights or stop signs. And also having to walk on the filthy, pee and poop littered, spittle and vomit littered from the transients that they leave behind on the sidewalk – disgusting and beyond unhealthy. My sympathies are with the victims of the other devastating crimes that you mentioned."

"YES, EACH TIME I FILL MY TANK AT THE automotive gasoline station or shop at a grocery supermarket, I am extorted and my wallet is picked."

"DO YOU THINK ANYONE IN THIS TOWN IS surprised by the increasing crime rate? Look around at the increasing transient population, 24/7. The only safe place will be in low-cost housing, where the city is moving them all in. Drugs are rampant in this town, so they need to rob from the citizens to support their drug habits."

"I HAVE NEVER BEEN A VICTIM OF CRIME, but I will say that when I read the crime reports in the Daily Press and also in the Mirror, I notice 90 to 95 percent of those people that are picked up for any kind of crime are transients. Now, if we get rid of all the transients, I don't think there would be much crime in Santa Monica. But as long as the City Council does not want to do that, we're going to have crime out of this world."

"SANTA MONICANS FOR RENTERS' RIGHTS has sold us out to tourism and has encouraged bums, crazies and gangs to live here with their homeless programs and low cost housing, all to the detriment of tax-paying residents and homeowners. Worse areas for crime, grime, bums, thieves, noise and traffic are around the main tourist spots, like Downtown, the pier and beach, and all around Main Street. Anyone living next to these tourist traps suffers from this mess they've created."

"WELL, A BUM SPIT ON ME WHEN I DIDN'T give him any money, so I punched him in the nose."

"I AM THE VICTIM OF MULTIPLE CRIMES, AS we all are in Santa Monica, every day, all year long. Number one: Pollution-causing gridlock, due to ridiculous traffic harming measures. Two: Development, which overtaxes our resources. Three: Incompetent management of the city government, schools and college with analyst bonds and parcel taxes. Four: Vaccuum-cleaners like homeless services sucking in everyone from other cities, which needs the homeless in order to be funded. Five: Leaf blowers sending dirt that covers everything into the air. Six: Drunks disturbing the peace and damaging property at 2 a.m. These crimes and many more can be laid at the feet of our city government. Stop voting the criminals back into office time after time."

"MY BEAUTIFUL, BEAUTIFUL BELOVED roadbike was stolen two weeks ago on Wilshire Boulevard in front of the UCLA medical building between 11th and 12th street. I like to live green, now my bike is gone and I have to use my car."

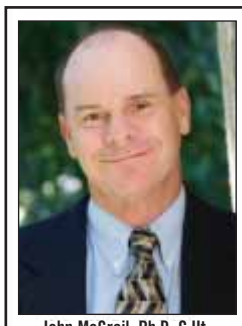
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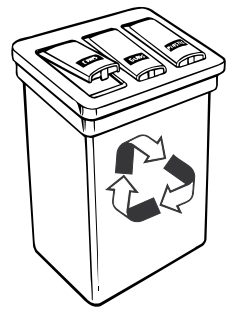


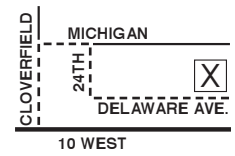
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD BY THE SANTA MONICA ZONING ADMINISTRATOR ON APPLICATIONS FOR VARIANCES

TIME: **10:30 a.m., Tuesday, September 8, 2009**

LOCATION: Council Chambers, Room 213, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica

A Public Hearing will be held by the Zoning Administrator of the City of Santa Monica at the above noted time and place in regard to the following requests:

SUBJECT OF HEARING:

USE PERMIT 09-007, 1617-1631 Stanford Street. The applicant requests approval to install, operate, and maintain an unmanned wireless communications facility on the roof of an existing two-story light manufacturing building located at 1617-1631 Stanford Street in the City of Santa Monica. The proposed facility includes twelve new panel antennas (3 arrays of 4 antennas each), one GPS antenna, six equipment cabinets, and related installation equipment. As proposed, the project does not comply with the requirements for non-parabolic antennas contained in Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.04.10.06.110(a). Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.04.10.06.110(b), the Zoning Administrator may approve modifications to the requirements for non-parabolic commercial antennas through the approval of a Use Permit application. (Planner: Gina Szilak) **APPLICANT: T-Mobile West Corporation. PROPERTY OWNER: Gary Karrass.**

USE PERMIT 09-008, 1919 Santa Monica Boulevard. The applicant requests approval to install, operate, and maintain an unmanned wireless communications facility on the roof of an existing four-story office building located at 1919 Santa Monica Boulevard in the City of Santa Monica. The proposed project involves replacing three (3) existing rooftop panel antennas, adding three (3) new rooftop parabolic antennas, and mounting related equipment within an existing basement enclosure. As proposed, the project does not comply with the requirements for non-parabolic and parabolic antennas contained in Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Sections 9.04.10.06.110(a) and 9.04.10.06.160(a) respectively. Pursuant to SMMC Sections 9.04.10.06.110(b) and 9.04.10.06.161(a), the Zoning Administrator may approve modifications to the requirements for non-parabolic and parabolic commercial antennas through the approval of a Use Permit application. (Planner; Tony Kim) **APPLICANT: Sprint/Nextel. PROPERTY OWNER: Gillis Family Trust, LP.**

USE PERMIT 09-009, 315 Palisades Avenue. The applicant requests approval to retain an existing curb cut to provide street access to an on-site 2-car garage facing the street attached to a new single family residence. This proposal is requested in conjunction with the demolition of an existing single-family residence and the development of a new two-story residence with rear alley access to a new detached carport. The applicant requests approval to allow vehicle access onto the property from Palisades Avenue. Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.04.08.02.040(d), the applicant may request a Use Permit to allow a curb cut for purposes of providing street access to an on-site parking garage on parcels located within the North of Montana Avenue neighborhood with an adjacent rear alley having a minimum right-of-way of fifteen feet. The subject property is located in the North of Montana Avenue neighborhood and it has an adjacent rear alley that is 20 feet in width. (Planner: Chris Townes) **APPLICANT: Ken Ungar. PROPERTY OWNER: Sherman Ma.**

VARIANCE 09-010, 3202 Wilshire Blvd. The applicant requests approval to construct a new escalator within the subterranean garage of an existing commercial building thereby altering the existing parking arrangement, resulting in a reduction of 7 parking spaces. Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.04.20.10.030(b), the applicant may request a modification to the number of automobile parking spaces provided to satisfy the off-street parking requirement from the Zoning Administrator. (Planner: Chris Townes) **APPLICANT: Laile A. Giansetto, PSM Architects. PROPERTY OWNER: Welk Real Estate Co. & Lawrence Welk (as tenants in common).**

Any person may comment at the Public Hearing, or by writing a letter to the City Planning Division, Room 212, P.O. Box 2220, Santa Monica, CA 90407-2220. Plans are available for public review at the City Planning Division. For more information, please contact the City Planning Division at (310) 458-8341. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 64009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing. The meeting facility is accessible. If you have any disabilities related request, contact at (310) 458-8341 or TTY (310) 458-8696 at least three (3) days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, #4, #7 and #8 serve the City Hall.

*Esto es un aviso sobre una audiencia publica para revisar applicaciones proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Esto puede ser de interes para usted. Si desea mas informacion, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la Division de Planificacion al numero (310) 458-8341.

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NEW DVD RELEASES

BY RANDY WILLIAMS



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'Adventureland'

Director Greg Mottola ("Superbad") focuses on a smart young man (Jessie Eiesenberg) making the most of a bogus job at an amusement park set in the summer of 1987. Kristen Stewart co-stars as an alt-rock loving co-worker. Extra material includes deleted scenes, cast/filmmaker commentary and a making-of segment. Soundtrack includes tunes by The Cure, David Bowie, INXS, Crowded House and Lou Reed among others. (Miramax/Disney)

'Hannah Montana: The Movie'

Teen sensation Miley Cyrus brings her popular TV character onto the silver screen as we follow the hectic life of a performer striving for a normal life. Her father (played by Billy Ray Cyrus) tries to reduce her daughter's swollen ego by taking her back to their rural roots in Tennessee for a spell. Dance lessons, merchandise listings, live audio streaming and music videos comprise some of the bonus materials. Parts of this movie were filmed on the Santa Monica Pier. This is a Blu-ray release. (Disney)

'The Diary of Anne Frank' 50th Anniversary Edition

This riveting portrait of humanity, winner of three Academy Awards, follows a 13-year-old girl and her family as they are forced into hiding after the Nazis invade Amsterdam. Special segments include a making-of presentation, cast interview, music and photo galleries. (Fox)

'The Good the Bad and the Ugly'

Sergio Leone's classic western strikes gold with the Blu-ray treatment. Clint Eastwood, Eli Wallach and Lee van Cleef star in this tale of a bounty hunting scam that joins two men (Eastwood as bounty hunter Blondie and Wallach as bandit Tuco) in an uneasy alliance against a third (Van Cleef as sharp shooter Angel Eyes) in a race to find a fortune in gold buried in a remote cemetery. A treasure chest of extras include a making-of documentary, deleted scenes and a profile of the film's music composer, Ennio Morricone. (MGM)

'Californication' The Second Season

David Duchovny, in a Golden Globe-winning performance, returns in a sophomore season as Hank Moody, a talented writer who struggles with a multitude of addictions and neuroses while raising a daughter and an on/off relationship with the mother of his child. All 12 episodes are joined by interviews with the cast and assorted episodes of other Showtime series: "The Tudors" and "The United States of Tara." (CBS/Showtime)

'Mistral's Daughter'

Judith Krantz's bestseller and CBS mini-series arrives on DVD for the first time. The opulent 6-hour production stars Stacy Keach ("W," "Fat City," "Mike Hammer") as the arrogant but brilliant French painter Julien Mistral as well as Lee Remick, Stephanie Powers, Robert Urich and Timothy Dalton. Spanning three generations, Philippine Leroy-Beaulieu is Fauve — Mistral's daughter, the headstrong glory girl whose one dark secret drove her to rule the world of high fashion yet risks it all searching for love. (E1)

'Beatles: Rare and Unseen'

Fellow British musicians, publicists, crew members and music historians reflect on the Fab Four in this unofficial account. Comprised of home movies, personal photographs, private memorabilia and newly discovered film, the package also includes an interview with musician/actor Phil Collins, who as a kid appeared in The Beatles film, "A Hard Day's Night." (MVD)

RANDY WILLIAMS can be reached at www.sportandcinema.com

BiMi is a sushi lover's dream

BY M. SPENCER HECHT
Special to the Daily Press

Entering BiMi Restaurant on Wilshire Boulevard in West Los Angeles, I was at first a bit apprehensive. These days there are so many similarly designed generic, and mediocre sushi bars in town, that the experienced Japanese restaurant-hand tends to get slightly jaded.

Fortunately, BiMi is the exception. Although the décor was rather pedestrian, the owners have gone out of their way to create a pleasant, courteous and professional atmosphere. More importantly, both owners (Mr. and Mrs. Kunemoto from Yokohama, who previously operated a noodle shop and Japanese style bistro or *izakaya* in the area) are on-site, a critical factor in maintaining high standards. And the standard of quality is very high. In the background some jazz was playing, then Beethoven.

Although the restaurant is stocked with several excellent varieties of Japanese sake, my guest and I opted for the premium all-malt Yebisu, a rich, hoppy, refreshing brew highly prized in Japan.

Our first dish, the slightly seared, spicy albacore with crispy onion appetizer, was very good. Garnished with a sesame oil-infused seaweed salad, Japanese daikon radish, and shiso mint leaves, the slices of fresh fish were accented nicely by the combination of the red pepper seasoning, vinegar-soy ponzu sauce and the crispy fried onion topping.

Next we had a wonderful piece of big-eye maguro tuna that was particularly tasty. With this first piece of sushi, immediately we noticed the interesting nature of the chef's unique *shari*, Japanese sushi rice. The owners explained that their shari, unlike that of many other establishments, was served only at room temperature and that the hint of warmth rising up from the rice into the fish intensifies the flavor.

The following piece of *tai* (red snapper) flown in from Japan was even better. Served with a small shiso leaf which was placed between the rice and fish, the extremely soft and delicate flavor of the snapper was balanced perfectly with the rock salt and lemon seasoning, used in place of soy sauce.

The marinated *kohada* (gizzard shard), albeit slightly less remarkable, was also delicious. Seasoned with grated Japanese yuzu citrus, a favorite among gourmet chefs in Japan, each restaurant's kohada serves as a kind of barometer of quality of the shop for hard-core aficionados, and although this writer has had better, BiMi's kohada was very good

The *ankimo* (steamed monkfish liver) with ponzu, was next. Although not as rich as some and lacking slightly in flavor, it was fresh tasting and lighter than usual.

Next, we enjoyed a superior piece of *uni* (sea urchin) from Santa Barbara. The freshness of this sublime dish was unsurpassed, and the flavor was truly exceptional.

Finally, we finished off the feast with an equally phenomenal piece of *ikura* (salmon eggs) marinated in a delicious homemade *dashi* (Japanese fish stock). My dad immediately noticed how different this ikura was from what he is normally served. This is because of the very complex marinade, called dashi. The owners explained that their particular brand of dashi was made at the shop first thing in the morning. Their hard labor did not go unnoticed.

All in all, BiMi is a great restaurant that, although a bit pricey, I would not hesitate to recommend to any sushi lover in Santa Monica. It is particularly inviting because it has the customary Japanese dishes one expects to see in Los Angeles County, but also a number of specialty dishes, such as "corn tempura" and "creamy rock shrimp" that give it some variety.

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Fast food gets a makeover

MICHAEL HILL
Associated Press Writer

At FancyFastFood.com, dashboard dining gets a serious — and seriously upscale — makeover.

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The Web site is the brainchild of Erik Trinidad, a Brooklyn resident who buys fast-food dinners, deconstructs them in his kitchen and then reassembles them into meals resembling haute cuisine.

The site, which features toungue-in-cheek recipes and luscious photos, has received plenty of media attention in the three months since its debut. And while it may not represent a full-blown culinary trend, it does illustrate the enduring appeal of playing with your food.

"Every day I'm thinking about how absurd it is," Trinidad said.

Trinidad posts new creations about once a week, covering the major fast-food groups of burger, pizza, chicken, taco, hot dog and doughnut. The restaurants rotate, but the process is the same.

He brings a meal home, pulls it apart, then puts it back together (a food processor is often involved) to make it look like a gourmet dish.

He has transformed a fried chicken from Popeyes into "Spicy Chicken Sushi," Taco Bell burritos into a tortellini dish dubbed "Tacobellini" and Domino's veggie pizza into "Dao Mi Noh Chow Mein" (reducing the Diet Coke to syrup in a wok for the "hoisin sauce").

As for the taste? "They all pretty much taste the same," Trinidad said.

Trinidad is a freelance interactive designer and writer with no formal culinary training. But he does have a history of culinary mischief.

He and his brother used to have food styling competitions as kids during family trips to Chinese buffets. Dad would say something like "Do a soup dish" and Trinidad would fetch a bowl of egg drop soup, peel some shrimp to rest on the bowl's edge and drizzle on soy sauce.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: A Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Commission on the following:

The Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to discuss general policy matters and issues pertaining to the City's ongoing effort to prepare new Land Use and Circulation Elements of the City's General Plan. This will include input, discussion, and possible action on policies, process, materials, timeline, participation strategies and related issues pertaining to the Land Use and Circulation Elements of the General Plans. Regular policy discussion meetings are scheduled on the first Wednesday of each month. Discussion topics are set in advance of the meeting are available at City Hall and online at www.santa-monica.org.

Public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider the following proposed text amendments and to forward recommendations to the City Council:
Proposed Zoning Text Amendment related to number and type of driveways required for parking lots and structures with more than 40 spaces, HVO (hazardous visual obstruction) mitigations, allowable number of parking maneuvers, parking access in all districts, and garage door width in the front one-half of parcels. Modification of Article IX (Zoning Code) of the City of Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Sections 9.04.10.02.090, 9.04.10.08.070, 9.04.10.08.100 and 9.04.10.08.190, incorporating the provisions of Interim Ordinance 2200(CCS) in order to allow administrative approval of the number and type of driveways required for parking lots and structures with more than 40 parking spaces; removing two references to speed bumps as a suggested element to mitigate the lack of providing an area clear of hazardous visual obstructions (HVO) next to driveways and streets where required; allowing up to 5% of parking spaces in lots and structures with 20 or more spaces to be designed such that four maneuvers are needed to access them; clarifying the provisions of the Code section regarding access to parking in all districts; requiring that residential garage door widths must be sufficient to allow access to enclosed parking in not more than two maneuvers; and clarifying garage door width requirements in the front one-half of parcel depth and on reversed corners. [Planner: Liz Bar-El]

WHEN: **Wednesday, September 2, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.**

WHERE: Council Chambers, City Hall
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Planning Commission public hearing, or by writing a letter or e-mail. Information received prior to the hearing will be given to the Planning Commission at the meeting.

MORE INFORMATION
If you want additional information about this project, please contact Kyle Ferstead, Planning Commission Secretary (310) 458-8341. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours or available on the City's web site at www.santa-monica.org. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation request, please contact (310) 458-8341, or TYY Number: (310) 458-8696 at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, and #8 serve City Hall. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

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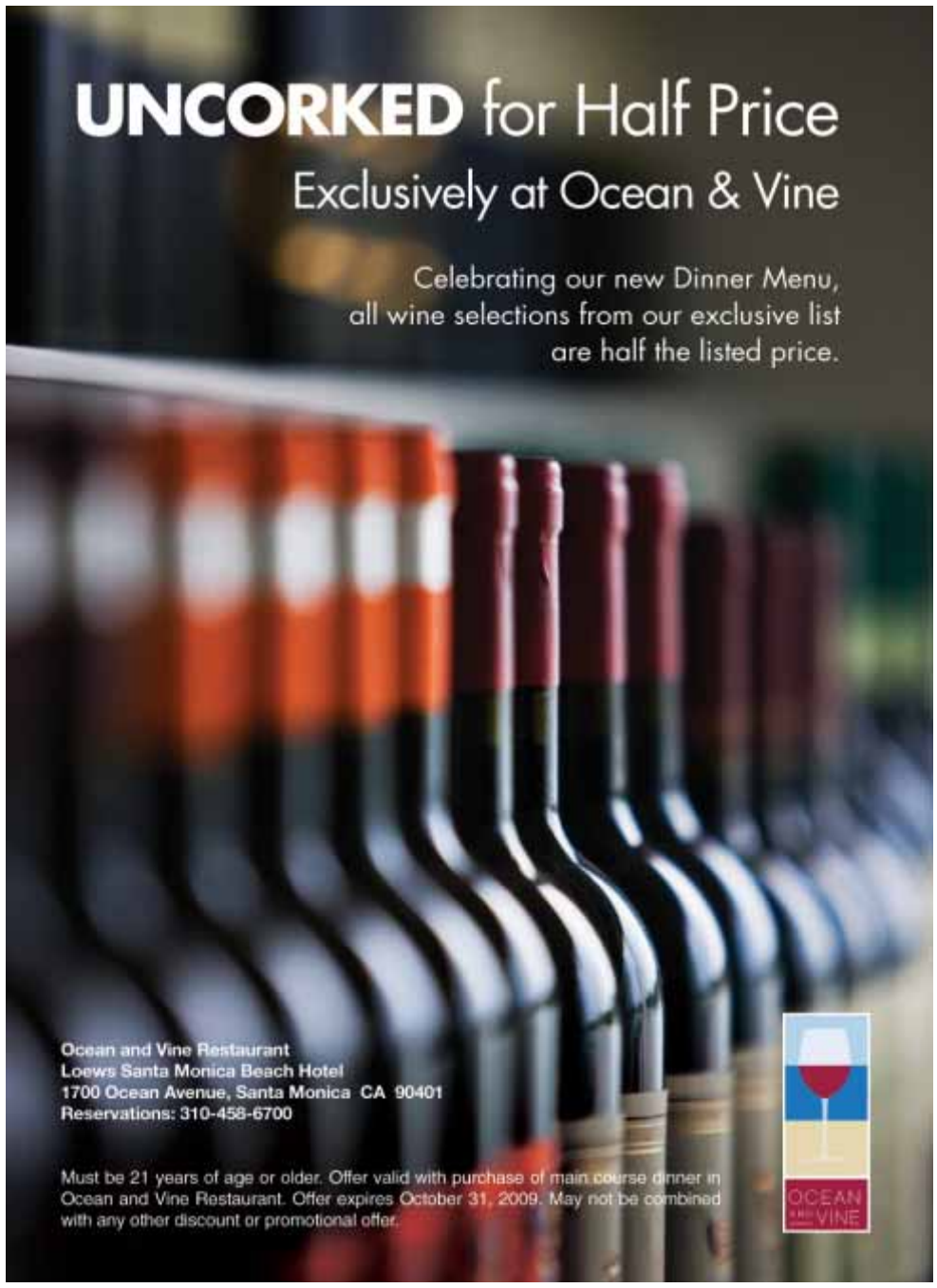
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Stagnant incomes worry analysts

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WASHINGTON Household income in the U.S. is essentially stagnant, raising doubts about whether consumers already hurt by job losses can sustain an economic recovery.

The now-ended Cash for Clunkers program helped lift consumer spending last month and is expected to provide an even bigger boost in August. But any rebound could falter if shoppers don't boost their buying, which makes up about 70 percent of U.S. economic activity.

"Consumers just don't have the financial firepower to go out and spend more," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Economy.com. "Unless businesses curtail their job cuts, the recovery could very well peter out."

Stronger consumer spending is the key to a sustained recovery. For spending to rise, analysts said, income growth has to resume.

The Commerce Department reported Friday that personal incomes were flat July, the eighth month out of 10 in which incomes have either fallen or failed to grow. Americans have been hammered by massive layoffs and efforts by some companies to restrain costs by forcing workers to take unpaid days off.

With incomes flat in July as spending rose, the personal savings rate dipped slightly to 4.2 percent from 4.5 percent in June. The savings rate was 2.6 percent a year ago.

Economists expect the savings rate to rise in coming months to around 6 percent as workers try to rebuild depleted nest eggs. The process of rebuilding savings is one of the factors expected to depress consumer spending and weaken the broader recovery.

The 0.2 percent rise in spending last month followed a 0.6 percent jump in June, a gain driven by a surge in gasoline prices. Adjusting for inflation, spending also rose 0.2 percent in July, and 0.1 percent in June.

The slight rise in spending reflected a 1.3 percent jump in purchases of durable goods such as cars, a gain propelled by the clunkers program that started at the end of July. Purchases of nondurable goods such as clothing actually fell 0.3 percent last month.

The unchanged reading for personal incomes followed large swings in the previous two months that reflected payments to individuals from the government's $787 billion economic stimulus program. Those payments pushed incomes up 1.4 percent in May and their absence in June caused incomes to fall 1.1 percent.

Even households with sufficient income to hit the shopping malls have trimmed their purchases and boosted savings to cope with a severe financial crisis which sent the stock market into a nosedive last year.

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Mourners pay last respects to Sen. Edward Kennedy

DENISE LAVOIE
Associated Press Writer

BOSTON The last time Ginger Romano saw Sen. Edward Kennedy, she wasn't at her best.

As she took clothing, blankets and other supplies to a high school for people whose homes had been damaged in Boston's great blizzard of 1978, she tripped over a snow bank. A pair of hands helped her to her feet. It was Kennedy, who had been walking behind her.

"He said to me, 'What can I do to help you?'" she said. "Then he thanked me and my family."

The weather was fairer but the mood somber Friday at his public viewing, where Romano took her turn along with tens of thousands of other people to thank Kennedy, who lay in repose for a second day in a flag-draped casket at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library.

Members of the Kennedy family, including his daughter Kara Kennedy Allen, nephew Tim Shriver and 81-year-old Jean Kennedy Smith, the senator's sister and the last surviving Kennedy sibling, greeted visitors.

Smith, the former U.S. ambassador to Ireland, choked back tears. "This is a hard time for me," she said when asked to talk about her brother. She was joined briefly by her son, William Kennedy Smith.

"It's a wonderful tribute to Teddy and the lives that he touched," he said of the line of thousands.

A five-person military honor guard stood at attention around the casket in a high-ceilinged room with a spectacular view of Boston Harbor. Large photos greeted mourners on their way into the room, including one of Kennedy as a boy with his father, Joseph P. Kennedy, and a 1960s-era shot of Kennedy with his slain brothers, John and Robert.

The library was supposed to close at 11 p.m. Thursday, but the doors were left open until 2 a.m. Friday as 25,000 people paid their respects. Visitation resumed before 8 a.m. Friday and continued until shortly before 3 p.m., when the event was closed to get preparations under way for a collection of big political names converging for a private "Celebration of Life" service Friday night.

Scheduled speakers include Vice President Joe Biden; Sens. John McCain, Orrin Hatch and Christopher Dodd; and niece Caroline Kennedy, the daughter of President Kennedy. Performances will include Kennedy's favorite song, "The Impossible Dream," sung by Broadway star Brian Stokes Mitchell. Also on tap is a video tribute directed by renowned documentarian Ken Burns.

Among the visitors Friday was the Rev. Jesse Jackson, who said Kennedy helped change the country through his work for minorities, the disabled and the poor.

"As a rich person, no one reached back further for the poor or exalted them higher," Jackson said.







No hot dog vendors expected on promenade

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tions and that each version takes about two months to complete.

Under the new regulations, some old faces on the promenade might not be able to return, including hot dog vendors.

"Any new hot dog use has to go in a truck because you need three compartment sinks with certain sizes and a handwash sink and you're not allowed to cook (at the cart)," Kravitz said. "A lot of the uses are much more restricted because of the size of our carts and what we built and the size of the commissary."

IT'S TAKEN A BIT LONGER THAN WE THOUGHT.

Deborah Kravitz
partner, Provenzano Resources Inc.

Kravitz said she gets at least one application from a hot dog vendor every week.

The new food carts will match the design of their retail counterparts, having the same exterior but holding stainless steel sinks and compartments instead. After the state approves the carts, each food vendor will also be required to get their own set of permits.

She blames part of the delay on herself because of recent personnel changes and vacations that have pushed the timetable back.

Kravitz said she is planning to have the carts ready to go by November.

There will be three food carts, one for each block of the promenade.

Patricia Hoffman, who serves on the board of directors for the Bayside District Corp., which manages Downtown, said there's been some concern about the absence of the carts, which offer an affordable alternative for shoppers.

"I think it's disappointing it hasn't happened but I don't think there's anybody to blame for it," she said. "I just think that the circumstances have made that not happen and it's really too bad because it's definitely something that is missing from our cart program."

The program should not see any disruption from City Hall's renovations of the parking structures in Downtown. Structure 2, which is located on Second Street between Wilshire Boulevard and Arizona Avenue, is expected to be seismically upgraded. The project isn't expected to affect the commissary, Miriam Mack, the director of economic development, said.

Rob Rader, who serves on the Bayside board, said the food cart program will supplement other activities on the promenade, especially in areas that could use a little more attention.

He added that the carts should not be placed in close proximity to other snack areas, pointing out that a pretzel vendor should not be located near Wetzel's Pretzels.

"To offer a service that isn't duplicating something we already have will keep the activity feel on the promenade consistent so you won't see dead areas," Rader said. "Dead areas are a problem because it attracts antisocial behavior and that self perpetuates."

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Fires ravage SoCal mountains

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ing and gazebo. No injuries were reported.

After daybreak, no flames were showing and all evacuations were lifted, but Tripp warned that fire could still surge out of the uncontained area.

"We are not out of the woods yet," he said.

Firefighters continued to work the ashen landscape, and a helicopter dropped loads of water sucked from the Pacific Ocean.

Elsewhere in the Angeles National Forest, more than 1,600 firefighters working in 102-degree heat had achieved 60 percent containment of a 3.1-square-mile blaze in a canyon above the city of Azusa. No structures were threatened or damaged

"We're getting a handle on it. It's just taking a little longer than expected," said U.S. Forest Service spokeswoman Rachel Mailo.

To the north in the state's coastal midsection, a nearly 8-square-mile fire threatening Pinnacles National Monument kept 100 homes under evacuation orders near the Monterey County town of Soledad. The blaze, only 15 percent contained, was started by agricultural fireworks used to scare animals away from crops.

In the southern part of Monterey County, firefighters had 80 percent containment of a 6-square-mile fire that had threatened 20 ranch homes.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger declared a state of emergency Friday in Los Angeles and Monterey counties.

"It's fire season, clearly," he said. "There's tremendous amount of heat all over the state."

A nearly 3-square-mile fire in Yosemite National Park was 10 percent contained, said staff member Erik Skinrud.

Residents of the nearby community of El Portal watched as water-dropping helicopters refilled from the Merced River.

Park spokeswoman Kari Cobb said officials closed a campground and a portion of Highway 120, anticipating that the fire would spread north toward Tioga Road, the highest elevation route through the Sierra.

Southeast of Los Angeles in Riverside County, a 1-square-mile fire in the San Bernardino National Forest was 5 percent contained. Temperatures reached 106 degrees in the region.

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Corporate sponsors and more donations needed to save parks

FROM PARKS PAGE 1

tem, encompassing 1.5 million acres with 75 to 80 million visitors each year, and 2,400 permanent and 5,700 seasonal employees. Some parks are so large they can be classified as small cities with sanitation systems and public safety personnel. There are also educational programs for youth, said Michael Harris, the acting chief deputy director for the parks department.

Maintaining those acres and providing those programs costs a considerable amount of money, money that has been cut because of the massive budget deficit. Harris estimates that the parks department has lost more than 20 percent of its operating budget. Tobacco tax revenue has been cut and no inflation adjustment offered. Furloughs have forced parks to close on certain days, reducing revenue from visitors.

"You can imagine what a 20 percent reduction in your household finances means," Harris said. "Over the last 30 years, parks went from being 100 percent funded by the general fund to 45 to 50 percent, with the remainder coming from user fees. … We have to compete with health care, education and corrections. Our chronic needs regularly lose out … .

"As a result, we find ourselves in the position we are in today."

Locally that could mean the closure of Will Rogers, Topanga and Malibu Creek state parks.

"I have received more correspondence [from constituents] on state parks than any other issue, bar none," said State Assemblymember Julia Brownley (D-Santa Monica), who also attended the hearing. "That underscores how Californians feel about these wonderful natural resources."

THE FEAR

If a sustainable funding solution is not realized, conservationists fear parks could become the victims of vandals or drug cartels looking to grow marijuana. Fires could become more common and historical and cultural resources could be damaged, warned Elizabeth Goldstein, president of the California State Parks Foundation, a nonprofit dedicated to protecting and enhancing the state parks system.

With the economy struggling and family budgets constrained, more Californians are flocking to state parks for vacations and recreation, which makes it even more imperative to finding a solution to the funding shortfall, Goldstein said.

"Closing these parks will add another obstacle for California families already struggling with tough economic times," she said.

Closing the parks will not save money, Goldstein added. It will cost the state money from reduced revenue from visitors.

Pavley said the recent election in which voters defeated several budget measures proposed by the governor gave some state officials the idea that voters were not willing to spend money, leaving lawmakers with only one option — to make cuts. A proposal to add a $15 fee to annual vehicle registrations to raise money to run the parks was rejected by the governor. The measure could have generated over $400 million, Pavley and Harris said.

Paul Rathje of the Topanga Canyon Docents is worried that if parks are closed, private developers would put more pressure on the state to sell public land to close the deficit.

There is some good news, at least locally. Woody Smeck, district superintendent for the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area said he is close to finalizing a deal to essentially transfer roughly $3 million in federal funds to the state to keep state ranger stations open within the national recreation area.

OPTIONS TO CONSIDER

While the money from Washington is welcomed, state officials cannot count on their federal partners to get them out of the red. To do so, the state may have to rely more on corporate sponsorships or turn operations of some parks over to private companies such as the California Land Management Co., whose president, Eric Mart, attended the hearing.

Mart said his company does look to make a profit, but only in the 5 percent range, knowing that park operations do not create much business. He said private companies in general are more responsive to customer complaints and suggestions and doesn't believe most visitors even know the difference between public and private, just as long as the facilities are clean and safe.

State officials have already begun a major fundraising effort, reaching out to donors. But corporate sponsorship will be pursued aggressively, said Tony Perez, deputy director of park operations for the parks department, who is in charge of selecting which parks to close. Perez said corporate sponsorship will be done tastefully.

"We are not talking about renaming or turning over ownership," Perez said.

Nonprofits could also be the answer. Partnering with these organizations can increase fundraising as well as the number of volunteers. Talented board members can also use their expertise to cut costs, such as an architect donating time to design plans for new restrooms or a visitor's center.

"I am a strong believer in the parks system as it is," said Jarrell Jackman, executive director of the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation, a nonprofit that protects historic sites in Santa Barbara County. "I don't see nonprofits encroaching or taking over. They are there for support."

Other ideas included creating a walk-in pass for those who do not drive into a state park, but enter through a backyard or other location.

"The important thing is to make sure that no one community feels like it is being singled out when it comes time to announce the closures," Rathje said.

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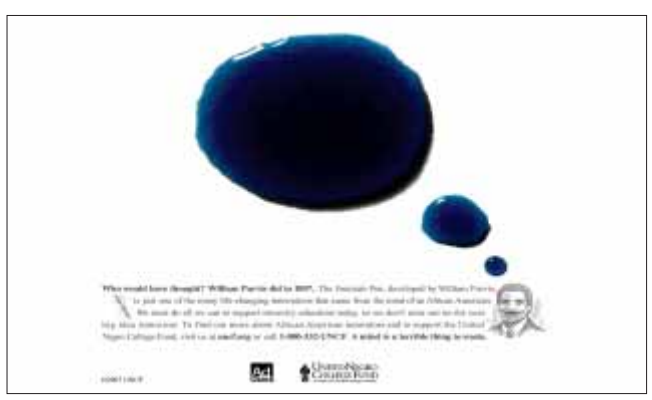
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Long Range Synopsis

The southern hemi swell is expected to back off. Ignacio's energy will likely linger.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 6 / 16

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Cerrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	as
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	as
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Las Alisos creeks	A+	as
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	as
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	as
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	as
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A	as
Paradise Cove Pier at Rominer Canyon Creek mouth	A+	as
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A+	as
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A+	as
Solstice Canyon at Don Blacker County Beach	A+	as
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth	A+	as
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	A	as
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	B	as
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily	A+	as
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	D	as
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	as
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	as
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	A	as
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	as
Tuna Canyon	A+	as
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	as
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	as
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	as
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	as
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	C	as
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	C	as
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	A+	as
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua)	A+	as
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	A	as
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	A+	as
Santa Monica Municipal Pier	D	as
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	A+	as
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)	A+	as
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A+	as
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	as
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A+	as
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	as
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	as
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	as
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	A+	as
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	B	as
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	as
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	as
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	as
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Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	as

LEGEND

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WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
as -- no sample taken

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Barkley wins USC's QB job

GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES Matt Barkley felt honored and thrilled when he learned he'll be No. 4 Southern California's starting quarterback in his first college game.

What this precocious freshman didn't feel was surprise.

From the moment the nation's most coveted high school player chose the Trojans last year, he envisioned his first season on campus working out exactly this way.

"I don't feel intimidated at all," Barkley said Thursday night after another practice with the first-team offense. "There's been some great quarterbacks here, we all know that, and I'm just excited to be a part of it. ... I've been preparing this whole time like I'm the starter. That's what I came in here in January hoping to do."

Barkley will become the first non-redshirt freshman quarterback to start a season opener for the Trojans.

With an outstanding performance in training camp, Barkley beat out sophomore Aaron Corp to start the Trojans' season opener against San Jose State at the Coliseum on Sept. 5.

Coach Pete Carroll unexpectedly announced his decision two days before USC's mock game, which was expected to be a deciding factor in the derby between Barkley, Mitch Mustain and Corp, the starter out of spring practice.

Instead, Carroll and quarterbacks coach Jeremy Bates felt they didn't need to wait.

"Matt earned it," said Bates, in his first year running the Trojans' offense. "It's not based on (Corp's) injury or anything like that. Matt has made some mistakes, but he's learned from it and come back. He's made it exciting."

Barkley was almost every college recruiter's favorite passer coming out of Orange County's Mater Dei High School, the alma mater of fellow USC quarterback Matt Leinart. After choosing the Trojans, Barkley graduated one semester early to participate in USC's spring practice.

By the fifth spring workout, Carroll was shaking his head in wonder at Barkley's maturity. Carroll and Bates only worried about Barkley picking up the intricacies of the offense — play-calling, signals and shifts — but the freshman now has it all under control.

"It was huge to get that head start with the offense," Barkley said. "If I wasn't here in January, there's no way I'd be in this position now."

Corp, another Orange County prodigy in his third year at USC, led the competition through spring, but Barkley took advantage when Corp missed two weeks of workouts this month after developing a small crack in a bone below his left knee Aug. 10.

Corp returned to full-speed practice Tuesday while wearing a knee brace, but Carroll said he will have a limited role in Saturday's camp-ending scrimmage. Corp acknowledged he's not at full speed, though he's medically cleared to play.

"I'm more disappointed (than angry)," Corp said. "I continued to get better, and my legs are strong enough."



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4:05, 7:15, 10:30

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12:00, 2:40, 5:10, 7:45, 10:15

Play the Game (PG-13) 1hr 45min
11:15 a.m., 1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 10:10

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11:30am, 1:50, 4:20, 6:50

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11:05am, 1:30, 4:05, 7:05, 9:40

The Time Traveler's Wife (PG-13) 1hr 48min
10:50am, 1:25, 4:10, 7:15, 9:55

Julie and Julia (PG-13) 2hrs 3min
10:45am, 1:35, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30

Halloween II (2009) (R) 1hr 41min
12:00, 2:40, 5:20, 8:00, 9:20, 10:45

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) 2hrs 33min
9:30

My One and Only (PG-13) 1hr 25min
11:00am, 1:10, 3:20, 5:35, 7:55, 10:20

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1:00, 4:00, 7:10, 10:15

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11:30am, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30, 11:45

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Get together, Gemini

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Bring friends together. You might be tossed into uncertainty several times. Revamp your thinking if it's not working. Stay on top of situations. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Reach out for someone at a distance. You don't need to agree, but you can step back from a major power play. Sharp words will be remembered, and an apology might not undo the damage. Tonight: Opt for a new setting.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Dealing with a partner encourages a different perspective. Understanding someone's needs and agreeing with them are two different issues. Define your boundaries. Your sense of humor helps you work through a misunderstanding. Tonight: Togetherness is the theme.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ The give-and-take of a situation is important. Don't give in to the moment and anger. You cannot win with a controlling individual, so being able to distance yourself and not get involved in his or her games could be instrumental. Stay true to yourself. Tonight: Party hopping.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Whatever you eye, whatever needs to happen, might be more difficult to instrument than you realize. You might be surprised at how your anger flares up out of the blue. You might need to clear your feelings more often. Tonight: Don't push yourself. Do what you want.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Letting go might be difficult, as you recently learned such self-restraint. Clearly, many people could surprise you with their passionate display. Step back if you don't get what is going on. Don't put yourself in a situation where you could feel squeezed. Tonight: Let your hair down.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ If you feel pressured no matter which way you turn, you might be 100 percent right about the forces around you. Look for the way out of this maze, which will occur once you detach and no longer trigger. Tonight: Happy at home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Your anger comes to the surface very easily. Note and use your ability to move a stalemated conversation forward. Reach out for a different type of plan, or get together with someone at a distance. Tonight: Relax.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Check out the pros and cons of an investment. If it doesn't feel solid, say "no." What makes you feel you must spend or do something with your money? Go off and enjoy friends or a favorite pastime. Tonight: Your treat.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Your ability to mobilize others emerges. Your finances could become more solid if you listen to your intuition a little more. In the interim, worry less. Making plans could involve bypassing some confusion! Tonight: You make the call.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★ If you feel overwhelmed by what you perceive and feel, perhaps the time has come for a timeout. Take a look at a situation with open eyes another day. Your sense of humor comes out when dealing with someone at a distance. Confusion surrounds plans and perceptions. Tonight: Be mysterious. Vanish.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ A friend is manipulative and could impact how you feel in the company of certain people. A loved one appears to be on the warpath. Center yourself first. Decide afterward. Tonight: Zero in on what you want.

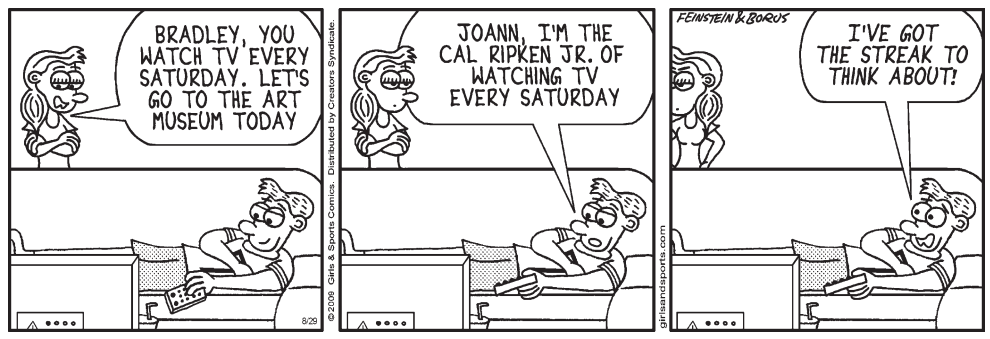
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★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

Happy birthday

This year, you break from precedence and change the dynamics in a key relationship. You might become frustrated, feeling pushed at times. Others will feel free to give you their opinions. Step back from power plays and control games. If you are single, you will meet many people. Don't jump into a relationship; go through Cupid's dance, and enjoy every moment. If you are attached, the two of you will have much to work out. Respect each other's differences rather than fight about them. CAPRICORN stubbornly holds his or her ground.

Girls and Sports

By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



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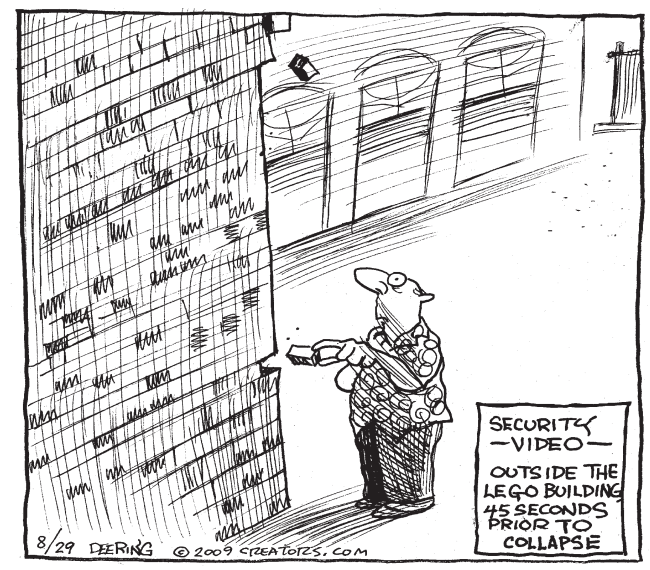
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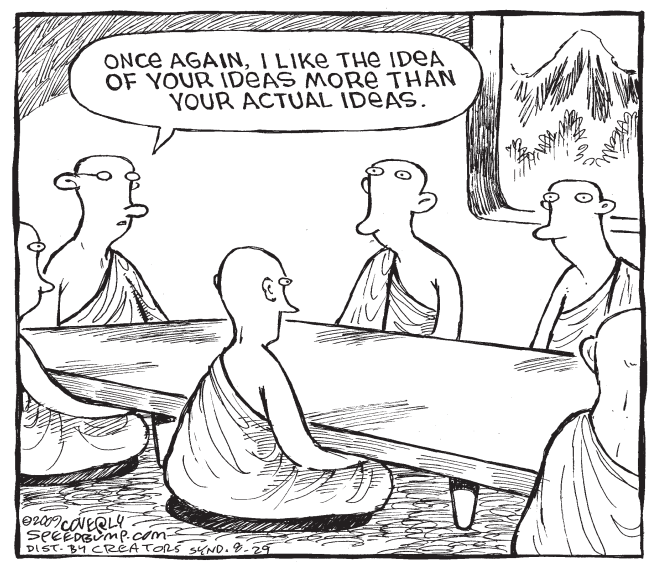
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Difficulty Level ★★★★

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9	2	6	3	7	4	8	1	5
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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Set up, perhaps
7 Luggage
11 Singer Scotto
12 Farm chunk
13 Having trouble
14 Proofing mark
15 Titled women
16 Awaits
17 Brighton brews
18 Andress of "Dr. No"
19 Literary plantation
21 Big Apple opera house
22 Fitzgerald hero
25 Coat rack part
26 Not to mention
27 Friend of Porthos
29 Survive
33 Compare
34 Conductor Georg
35 Ibuprofen target
36 Tar
37 Talk
38 Sneaker part
39 Ages and ages
40 Caught

DOWN

1 Salma Hayek film
2 Of the kidneys
3 "What's in —?"
4 Royal address
5 Airport guesses, for short
6 Block up
7 Foundation
8 Feign ignorance
9 Grant's opponent
10 Attacks
16 Rotten kids
18 Russian range
20 Once more
22 Biblical battle site
23 Ismaili leader
24 Recital star
25 Regal digs
28 Track events
30 Parcel out
31 Boosted
32 Worn out
34 All there
36 Confession item

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EVENING: 6 5 9

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2nd: 01 Gold Rush
3rd: 07 Eureka
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ (1) A 114-pound tortoise, part of the Zambini Family Circus performing in Madison, Wis., in July, escaped. He actually made good time on his dash for freedom, covering two miles in six days before being spotted. (2) About 20 men were present for a Belgian body builders' championship in May when three anti-doping officials arrived unexpectedly and requested urine samples. Every single contestant abruptly grabbed his gear and fled, according to press reports, and the event was canceled.

■ According to prosecutors in Britain's Preston Crown Court in July, Christopher Monks, 24, wanted two things (based on transcribed Internet chat room dialogue): his parents killed and his penis bitten off. As the Internet is fertile ground for communities of sexual aberrants, Monks easily found a man, Shaun Skarnes, 19, who was searching to accommodate someone on the latter desire and who allegedly agreed to kill Monks' parents in exchange. However, Skarnes botched the killings, and Monks, himself, is still intact.

TODAY IN HISTORY

708 Copper coins are minted in Japan for the first time (Traditional Japanese date: August 10, 708).

1885 Gottlieb Daimler patents the world's first motorcycle.

1910 Japan changes Korea's name to ChMsen and appoints a governor-general to rule its new colony.

1930 The last 36 remaining inhabitants of St Kilda are voluntarily evacuated to other parts of Scotland.

1943 German-occupied Denmark scuttles most of its navy;Germany dissolves the Danish government.

1966 The Beatles perform their last concert before paying fans at Candlestick Park in San Francisco.

1970 Chicano Moratorium against the Vietnam War, East Los Angeles, California. Police riot kills three people, including journalist Ruben Salazar.

1982 The synthetic chemical element Meitnerium is atomic number 109.

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275 Monte Grigio Drive
4 Bed, 2.5 Bath
$1,488,000
Palisades, Single Family
w/ Ocean, Canyon
& Mountain Views
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1209 Arizona Avenue #2, 2 Bed, 2 Bath
Priced to Sell $979,000
Dramatic, Remodeled Penthouse w/ Soaring Ceilings,
Loft and Private Roof-Top Deck
Open Sunday, August 30th 2:00 - 5:00 pm



201 Ocean Avenue #1009P
2 Bed, 2.5 Bath
Reduced $1,499,000
Condo with
Ocean, Canyon
& City Views
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714 Euclid Street
3 Bed, 2 Bath
Reduced $1,699,000
North of Montana
Charming, 1927 Spanish
w/ 1 Bed, 1 Ba In-Law Unit
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North of Montana	$2,795,000	$ 1,499,000
Between Wilshire & Montana	$ 1,895,000	$ 992,000
South of Wilshire	$880,000	$680,000
Sunset Park	$1,199,000	$644,250
Ocean Park	$1,598,500	$835,000

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