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THE ROLLING INTO TOWN ISSUE



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JUST THE BEGINNING: **City Councilmember Pam O'Connor (left), Santa Monica's representative on the Exposition Light Rail Construction Authority board, ceremoniously shovels dirt Monday along with Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa (center) and county Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky during a ground breaking ceremony for the rail line at the corner of Fourth Street and Colorado Avenue.**

All aboard: Officials break ground on Expo Line

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN With a flourish of gold-painted shovels, a gaggle of city, county and state officials broke ground on the final stop of the Exposition Light Rail Line, which should be coming to Santa Monica in 2015.

The event marks the end of a 22-year process that required uncommon cooperation and collaboration between multiple jurisdictions to bring the rail line from its beginning in Downtown Los Angeles to its terminus 15 miles away in Santa Monica.

When complete, it should take 46 minutes to travel from Los Angeles to the city by the sea.

The first phase of the $2.4 billion project, which starts in Los Angeles and ends in Culver City, is almost online, and the Exposition Construction Authority has already begun work to prepare the path down Colorado Avenue for the second phase that will end in what is now a vacant lot at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street.

"We've been waiting a long time for this day," said County Supervisor and Expo Board Chair Zev Yaroslavksy. "This groundbreaking marks the first rail transit on the Westside of Los Angeles since the Red Car was dismantled half a century ago."

Yaroslavsky was joined by top brass from surrounding cities like Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and Assemblymember Mike Feuer, who played integral roles in funding the project with the 2008 passage of a half-cent sales tax and fought for the project at the state level.

"This is really a milestone event," said Darrell Clarke, former Santa Monica planning commissioner and leader of the pro-light rail group Friends of Expo. "A lot of good friends have been working together a long time to achieve this vision."

The process began in 1989 with the sale of a package of right of ways by the Southern Pacific Railroad to the Los Angeles Transportation Commission, said Santa Monica City Councilmember and Expo Board member Pam O'Connor.

"It's a rare resource, ripe for using," O'Connor said.

It stalled in its design phases in the mid-1990s only to get steam behind it again at the end of the decade. Clarke and others worked tirelessly, promoting the light rail concept at community meetings and fomenting a "groundswell of support" that helped push the project closer to reality.

The vision seemed possible in 2008 when over two-thirds of voters passed a half cent sales tax expected to raise $40 billion over the next 30 years.

That money represents the backbone of

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Police, firefighters to contribute more toward retirement

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

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.

CITY HALL The Santa Monica City Council is set to approve changes to a number of labor contracts, which are expected to lower the cost of personnel by nearly a quarter of a million dollars in the current fiscal year.

Contracts between City Hall and all nine bargaining groups expired on June 30. The newly-renegotiated memorandums of understanding include reductions in workers' compensation benefits, and some groups, including firefighters and police officers, will see increasing contributions to

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Rare blue whales spotted in SM Bay

ASSOCIATED PRESS

REDONDO BEACH A pod of rare blue whales has been thrilling kayakers, boaters and tourists off the Southern California coast.

The world's largest mammals have been breaching for the past week off Redondo Beach.

A KTTV news helicopter broadcast live video Monday showing one of the whales breaching in Santa Monica Bay. The station also showed footage of kayakers within a few feet of the ocean giants.

Voyager Excursions skipper Craig Stanton says it's the second year in a row that blue whales are coming within a mile of the mouth of King Harbor. They are seeing an average of 10 blue whales a day.

And they are very curious.

Stanton says they swim to the boat and brush up against the vessel.

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2011

Talking environment
Santa Monica College
1900 Pico Blvd., 6:30 p.m.
SMC's fall "Environmental Issues Lecture Series" — encompassing topics such as climate change, transportation and air pollution — begins with "Santa Monica College and Sustainable Works for You!"
For more information, call (310) 434-4743.

Time for song
Senior Center
1450 Ocean Ave., 10:30 a.m.
Calling all singers! Come and show off your pipes. The center welcomes you to participate in this fun sing-a-long with Douglas and Mary Jane. You must be a Senior Center member and 50 or older to participate; membership is free.
For more information, call (310) 458-8644.

All about art
Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club
1210 Fourth St.,
11:30 a.m. — 2 p.m.
The Artists League of the Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club invites you to drop in to work on independent projects in watercolor, gouache and collage. This is a self-directed workshop that provides a supportive environment for those wishing to concentrate on their painting and an opportunity for painters to learn from each other. For more information, call (310) 310-2273.

Writers group
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 12 p.m.
Meet with other aspiring writers for inspiration, guidance and support during this regular meeting.
For more information, call (310) 450-0443.

Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2011

Eat it up
Multiple locations and times
The Santa Monica Farmers' Market is celebrating its 30th anniversary by partnering with FamilyFarmed.org to launch the Good Food Festival & Conference. This unprecedented multi-day festival showcases locally and sustainably produced food and innovative leaders from the good food movement. It runs through Sept. 18. For information on times and locations, call (310) 454-8933.

Busting stress, anxiety and depression
Main Library, MLK Auditorium
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m.
Join David Allen, M.D. and Allen Green, M.D., two of Southern California's leading integrative medicine experts, for this special lecture on how the integrative medical approach to treating these common disorders can help you achieve an optimal level of emotional, mental and physical wellness, leading to a greater ability to live a balanced, full and satisfying life. Cost: Free.
For more information, call (310) 445-6600.

Movies at the mall
Santa Monica Place
Broadway and Third Street
Promenade, 7 p.m.
Catch a free screening of the James Bond classic "Goldfinger," starring Sean Connery. For more information, call (310) 260-8333.

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CORRECTION

A story titled "Court date set in City Hall parking ticket dispute," which ran in the Sept. 6 edition of the Daily Press, should have stated that resident Stanley Epstein reported that 16,000 people challenged parking tickets with City Hall since 2009.

Stolen Rembrandt intrigues art world

JOHN ROGERS
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES On the surface it looked like an open-and-shut case: A pair of thieves drop by an art exhibition at the Ritz-Carlton and, while one distracts a curator, the other snatches a valuable, centuries-old Rembrandt drawing and bolts with it.

Apparently finding the small pen-and-ink work by the Dutch master too hot to fence, the thieves have second thoughts. They abandon it, undamaged, at a church on the other side of town.

Then the real mystery begins.

Three weeks after recovering the framed, 11-by-6 inch drawing called "The Judgment," authorities aren't sure whether it really is a Rembrandt or if it even belongs to the art dealer that displayed it with other works at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Marina del Rey.

"They have to show us something to prove that they own it, and they haven't been able to do that," said Steve Whitmore, a spokesman for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. He said authorities are keeping the alleged Rembrandt under lock and key until the ownership issue is resolved.

Officials with the Linearis Institute, which says it owns the work that it values at $250,000, did not respond to phone calls and e-mail messages.

However, the institute's attorney, William Klein, said Linearis purchased "The Judgment," from a legitimate seller. He said the institute's officials just don't want to say who that was.

"Things like that really are trade secrets," Klein told The Associated Press. "We don't believe we need to reveal trade secrets to get back what is ours."

He acknowledged the institute has no trail of paperwork (called provenance in art-world speak) to prove "The Judgment" really is a Rembrandt. But he added that officials at Linearis believe it is and it shouldn't matter what authorities think.

Art appraisers and other experts have said they cannot find "The Judgment" listed in any catalog or database chronicling the works of Rembrandt, who created hundreds of paintings, drawings and etchings before his death in 1669.

The Sheriff's Department is continuing to investigate the theft, although Whitmore said Linearis officials have told authorities they are not interested in having the people who snatched the drawing prosecuted.

"Which I find curious," he said.

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BLING, BLING

Morgan Genser *news@smdp.com*

Santa Monica High School's CIF-Southern Section title-winning team from last year show off their championship rings during halftime Friday of the school's season-opening football game at Santa Monica College's Corsair Field. Players who graduated in the spring were present.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Skaggs returns to dugout

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI Retirement from coaching didn't last too long for Debbie Skaggs.

The former long-time Santa Monica High School head coach has decided to return to the softball team after taking a one-year break.

"We're excited to have her back as our coach again," Athletic Director Daniel Escalera said. "Having her back in the fold is wonderful, it's outstanding."

Skaggs returns to a team that she led to its first CIF-Southern Section title in the sport to cap her last year as coach in 2010. After 24 years of leading the team she cited her desire to follow her son, Tyler Skaggs, a prospect in the Arizona Diamond Backs organization, as motivation for leaving the team. Tyler Skaggs has emerged as one of the top pitching prospects in all of Major League Baseball and Debbie Skaggs has returned to her new/old position.

"I'm either stupid or crazy," she said jokingly. "There are things that I love about coaching, and things that I don't, but I felt that I could help the girls be better players and people.

"That's important to me."

Skaggs continued to teach at the school, but handed the reins of the team to former junior varsity coach and Samohi alumna Marybell Moreno. Moreno was successful in keeping Samohi's impressive string of Ocean League titles and playoff appearances alive in Skaggs' absence.

Staying with the school was strained for Moreno this summer as she has dealt with her mother's failing health and the prospect of a better job at the aerospace company she works for.

Deciding it was in the best interest of the school, Moreno stepped down in August, paving the way for Skaggs' return to the dugout.

The news was a pleasant surprise for at least one member of the softball team.

Kelly Ricard, the team's catcher who was a starter on the '10 CIF-SS title team, is stoked to have her former coach return.

"We're going back to the roots of the program," Ricard said, "back to a winning mentality."

Ricard said that Skaggs wasted little time in getting after her players on her first day back at practice. As soon as Skaggs hit the field, she was pushing players, hoping to win another regional title in the process.

The decision to bring Skaggs back was simple for Escalera.

After interviewing five candidates, he had little hesitation in going with Skaggs.

"There's no way around it, she has tremendous experience," he said. "More than anything else, it's Debbie Skaggs. It's her program, she built it."

Escalera said that the only thing he has to do is "get out of her way."

Skaggs even comes complete with a co-

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Breaking it down

Editor:

We have lived in the Pico Neighborhood for over 30 years.

The Bergamot Transit Village development is huge. The revised Papermate site pending development is still too large and will negatively impact all of the surrounding areas with the increased traffic and congestion. With this development project, in addition to all the other pending projects, the density of commercial buildings in this area will be over the top. There is no need for this massive development in this area. Why is all of this massive development happening in the Pico Neighborhood?

Traffic is already highly impacted in this area. Try driving either direction down Pico, Olympic, and Cloverfield boulevards, Stewart Street or Colorado Avenue after 4 p.m. on weekdays. They are like parking lots. The streets cannot sustain that level of traffic and it is a safety hazard for residents. Emergency vehicles will not be able to reach residents if there is a need. They will be stuck just like every other car.

In all of the development proposals we have reviewed, we can see no mitigation being proposed for the impact on local streets such as Stewart and Cloverfield in Santa Monica, or Bundy Drive in West L.A. How will cars move from any of these developments to the Santa Monica Freeway? Stewart between Olympic and Pico is one lane each direction and is already totally impacted from the current commercial and school traffic. Cloverfield is equally impacted, and Bundy backs up so much it impacts Olympic.

Existing developments already in this immediate area include:

1) Yahoo Center – 1.2 million square feet
2) Water Garden – 1.27 million square feet
3) MTV Networks – 318,000 square feet
4) Lantana Media Center – 543,000 square feet

Large developments in that area that have already been approved by the City Council:

1) Agensys –153,000 square feet
2) Colorado Creative Studios/Lionsgate – 197,000 square feet
3) New Roads School – 117,000 square feet

The 47,000-square-foot expansion at the SMC Academy of Entertainment & Technology on Stewart and 28th streets between Olympic and Colorado, with 450 parking spaces, doesn't require city approval.

Projects that will soon be coming before the City Council for approval:

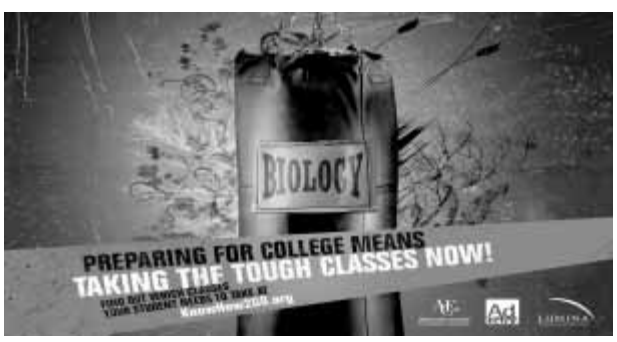
1) Roberts Business Center – 250,000 square feet with commercial space, up to 170 residential units, and 538 parking spaces.

2) Village Trailer Park re-development – 230,000 square feet of commercial, retail, and 349 residential units, with 503 parking spaces, displacing about 100 current residents who own their own mobile homes and rent space at the trailer park.

3) Paseo Nebraska (NMS Properties) – a 3.5 acre parcel bordered by Olympic, Berkeley and Nebraska streets, including the Santa Monica Studios site and the SCI-Arc site – 356,000 square feet. Five-story project, with commercial and creative office space, 545 apartments, and 1,000 parking spaces.

4) Projects that don't require City Council approval include 40 units of low-income housing on the southeast corner of Pico and 28th, and a huge low-income housing project on Virginia Avenue just east of Cloverfield.

Steve Kandell
Santa Monica





What's the Point?

David Pisarra — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Getting older, maybe wiser

MY BIRTHDAY IS IN TWO WEEKS. I'LL BE 45 years old. It's not one of the milestone birthdays, but it's a milestone marker of my life. I've now outlived a brother, both my parents and have almost no cousins left. I come from a family that in some ways is very long lived, and in others, not.

I have relatives who lived, hearty and hale, into their 70s and 80s. My mother lived to 77, but my father died at 65 of a massive coronary. The three packs a day of Merits and a lifetime of coffee and donuts I'm sure contributed mightily to that. My eldest brother has had a bypass, or as he puts it a "Roto-Rooter" job on his heart. Mom had a triple bypass. I'd like to avoid that.

As a young man I followed in the family footsteps of hard drinking, heavy smoking and lots of unhealthy food. I smoked two packs a day of Marlboros for 10 years, I quit about 16 years ago. I gave up alcohol almost 12 years ago, and so the last thing to be dealt with is the diet. This one has taken a long time to address. There's a lot of emotional baggage attached to food for me. To this day, there is nothing that is as comforting as a plate of fettucine alfredo with chicken.

I love to cook and feed people, and whether it is barbecue or baked goods, paella or pies, I'm really good at making it taste delicious. I grew up in the kitchen, using butter and fats, lots of meat and cheese, to make truly sumptuous meals.

I've paid the price for that all my life as well. My weight has been a constant source of embarrassment and shame. I've never been one of those men who loved and played sports. I was always too intimidated by the other men. I guess it dates back to being a kid who was better with words and numbers than a football. The high school tormenting I went through for being gay kept me out of the weight room as well.

So all my life I've had to fight the battle with forcing myself to exercise and diet, a battle that I have mostly lost over the years.

But with the coming of 45 and the realization that what I eat actually does matter if I want to see 80, I've started to change my diet and started to exercise. It began about two months ago when I was walking along the Third Street Promenade one Friday night, and there was a PETA exhibit. It definitely affected me. I was disturbed by the video of the slaughterhouses, but what bothered me more was the living conditions prior to being slaughtered. It got me to thinking about how important the quality of one's life is, much more so than the manner of one's death.

MY WEIGHT HAS BEEN A CONSTANT SOURCE OF EMBARRASSMENT AND SHAME.

Yes the slaughterhouse process is grim, but so are the autopsy and embalming processes, we just don't have to see them regularly. What matters more is how we live. The life I was living was full of pizza, pasta, cheeseburgers and ice cream. I love that stuff, but it doesn't love me. That food has kept me overweight, sluggish, and sedentary. It leads to heart disease, which in my family is as rampant as alcoholism.

So I'm making a change. I'm eating much healthier. I watched "Forks Over Knives," and it was a real eye-opener, as was "Food, Inc.," and "Food Matters." It's been about two months since I've cut out beef and pork, I've almost cut out chicken entirely, and reduced fish to a fraction of what I used to eat. While doing an inventory of my diet, I found that cheese was in almost everything. It was shocking to me when I actually realized how much cheese I was eating. So I've cut that out.

I thought it would be difficult, but the truth is there are some great options for vegetarian meals in Santa Monica, from the new Veggie Grill, which I love by the way, to Raw, The Golden Mean and RAWvolution on Main Street. Plus all the wonderful Indian restaurants have options galore.

One of the things that I've learned also is that restaurants will make changes for me. I ask for things to be made without cheese and it is surprisingly easy to do, and satisfying as well. I'm still waiting for the extra 30 pounds to drop off, but at least I'm cutting down on the cholesterol and fat.

At 45, maybe I'm growing up. Maybe.

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Going, going, going, gout

AS THE RATE OF OBESE ADULTS IN AMERICA rises, so does the number of people being diagnosed with the painful form of arthritis known as gout, according to a recent article published in Reuters Health.

This comes as no surprise, really. The reason obesity is linked to many degenerative diseases is because excess fat causes metabolic aberrations. Gout is a classic example of this. People who have gout are unable to properly metabolize a substance called uric acid. Uric acid builds up in the bloodstream and is eventually deposited in the joints causing inflammation and extreme pain.

Uric acid is formed by the breakdown of purines. Purines can be found in the body and also in certain foods. The cause of gout is not actually the ingestion of these foods, but rather the inability to efficiently eliminate uric acid from the blood.

Although the exact metabolic defect is not known in the majority of gout sufferers, gout is one of the most controllable metabolic diseases. The good news is that by changing your diet you can experience instant relief and prevent painful gout attacks in the future. There are 10 dietary strategies that have been shown to be very effective in controlling gout:

1. Avoid all high (and most medium) purine proteins. Consuming purines greatly increases uric acid levels. High purine foods include organ meat, meats, shellfish, yeast, herring, sardines, mackerel, and anchovies. Foods with moderate levels of purines include dried legumes, spinach, asparagus, fish, poultry, and mushrooms.

2. Avoid nightshade foods. Nightshade foods contain substances called alkaloids that have many physiological effects. In people with gout, alkaloids exacerbate inflammation caused by elevated uric acid. Examples of nightshade foods include potatoes, tomatoes, peppers, and eggplant.

3. Avoid fructose and other sugars. Sugars such as honey, maple syrup, and corn syrup rapidly increase uric acid. In gout sufferers this effect is exaggerated. Fruit juice and sugar sweetened soft drinks should be eliminated.

4. Eliminate alcohol. Alcohol increases uric acid production by accelerating purine breakdown. It also reduces uric acid excretion by increasing lactate production which impairs kidney function. Moreover the breakdown products of alcohol are toxic. Metabolism of these toxic compounds takes priority over uric acid disposal. Not all alcoholic beverages contribute to gout to the same extent. Beer has been shown to carry the highest risk because it contains purines.

5. Include potassium bicarbonate. In normal metabolism there is a post-meal alkaline surge that keeps uric acid from building up. Potassium bicarbonate raises pH, thereby stimulating this normal physiologic mechanism. Taking potassium bicarbonate is a simple way to raise pH and prevent gout attacks.

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6. Drink unsweetened cherry juice. Cherries contain compounds that reduce inflammation. Eating 1/2 pound of cherries or drinking 6 ounces of cherry juice is an effective strategy for lowering uric acid levels and preventing gout attacks.

7. Drink plenty of water. Dehydration is a trigger for gout attacks. Adequate fluid intake keeps the urine diluted and promotes the excretion of uric acid. Pure water is the single best fluid for hydration. Be sure to consume at least .5 ounces per pound of body weight to maintain hydration.

8. Lose weight. Being overweight is a major risk factor for gout. Excess weight increases uric acid because there is more tissue available for turnover and breakdown. Weight reduction has been shown to significantly reduce serum uric acid levels. An effective weight loss plan includes proper nutrition and regular exercise.

9. Eat right for your metabolic type. The one-size-fits-all diet just doesn't exist. One man's food really is another man's poison. Eating in a way that is right for your metabolic type is fundamental because it balances biochemistry, improves metabolic efficiency, and restores the fundamental homeostatic controls that govern metabolic processes. Building health starts with eating the right foods for you.

10. Work with a nutritionist. Because the diet therapy for gout involves many food restrictions and includes determining your metabolic type, it is important to work with a qualified nutritionist. A nutritionist will also determine proper supplementation based on nutrient deficiencies and your unique needs. Making dietary changes can be a challenging process and requires support. A nutritionist will guide you through the process of changing your diet and provide you with all the resources you need to be successful.

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The Q Line

Will you ride?

This week, city officials will hold a groundbreaking ceremony for the Expo Light Rail line. Many feel that it will relieve traffic on the Westside.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Will you ride the light rail line or do you think it is being over-hyped?

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STATE BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

School officer convicted in fake shoot

A school policeman who claimed to have been shot while on patrol, sparking a massive manhunt and a school lockdown, was convicted Monday of fraud and other offenses for making the whole thing up.

In a non-jury trial, Superior Court Judge Richard H. Kirschner convicted Officer Jeff Stenroos of felony counts of planting false evidence, insurance fraud, giving false evidence, workers compensation fraud and a misdemeanor count of making a false report of an emergency.

The 31-year-old officer was ordered detained without bail and led from the courtroom in handcuffs. As he left, he turned to his wife and mouthed, "Love you."

Stenroos could face more than five years in prison at his Dec. 14 sentencing.

The case stems from an emergency call Stenroos made Jan. 19 in which he claimed a ponytailed car burglary suspect shot him in his bulletproof vest as he was patrolling in his car outside the El Camino Real High School campus.

The report prompted the lockdown of 9,000 students for hours while police delayed traffic and searched for a suspect.

More than a week later, Stenroos told investigators that he accidentally shot himself while cleaning a personal handgun in his office.

According to a transcript of his statement, Stenroos said: "I don't even know how it happened, it discharged."

The judge did not make a ruling on another charge of making a false report to school police. He has given lawyers until next month to present additional information on that count.

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GLENDALE

Neighbors concerned about coyotes in gutted home

A pack of coyotes has apparently moved into a burned-out Southern California house.

The northern Glendale home has been abandoned since it was gutted by a fire in November. Owners Brett and Lisa Van den Berg got a demolition permit in August that calls for removal within six months. Glendale deputy city attorney Yvette Neukian is working with the Van den Berg's to raze the house sooner.

Neighbors are concerned.

Cathy and Terry Molloy have videotaped six coyotes that are believed to have set up a den in the house.

The owners have given Los Angeles County permission to set traps on their property.

The Los Angeles Times says county agricultural officials will visit the site this week to consider placing traps in the gutted house.

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LOS ANGELES

Magic Johnson forms partnership with schools firm

NBA legend Earvin "Magic" Johnson is lending his name and business prowess to for-profit education company EdisonLearning Inc. as it seeks to offer services to school districts in urban areas.

Magic Johnson Enterprises and EdisonLearning announced Monday that the partnership will concentrate on services to help urban school districts boost their performance and reduce dropout rates.

Johnson said in a statement that he hopes to help boost graduation rates and educational achievement in those districts through his participation in the partnership with EdisonLearning. The company seeks contracts with school districts to manage all or part of their operations, including staffing, curriculum development and testing.

"When just over 40 percent of students in Los Angeles, Houston, and Baltimore are graduating from high school and less than 30 percent of black males in New York, Detroit and Miami, steps need to be taken to recapture these students into the education system to better their opportunities in life," he said.

AP

BURBANK

Bird-feeding defendant pleads not guilty

A Burbank businessman involved in months of legal wrangling for allegedly feeding pigeons near Bob Hope Airport has pleaded not guilty to nuisance charges involving air safety.

Prosecutors say 59-year-old Charles Douglas entered the pleas Friday to misdemeanor charges of disobeying a court order and creating a public nuisance.

He's accused of feeding pigeons for the past year at his Precise Roofing Co. on Hollywood Way near the east San Fernando Valley airport.

After two court citations and a bench warrant, Burbank police arrested Douglas last month.

City prosecutor Denny Wei tells Los Angeles Times (http://lat.ms/ouVblj) that the burgeoning pigeon population has created an air safety hazard at the airport.

AP

LOS ANGELES

Jamie Foxx to host Michael Jackson tribute concert

Jamie Foxx has been named to host the Michael Jackson tribute concert planned for October in Wales.

Foxx's spokesman said Monday that the Oscar-winning star of "Ray" would host "Michael Forever – The Tribute Concert." It is scheduled for Oct. 8 in Cardiff, Wales.

Christina Aguilera, Smokey Robinson and Cee Lo Green are among the show's announced performers.

The show is not affiliated with Michael Jackson's estate, but Jackson's mother, Katherine, and other Jackson family members are scheduled to attend.

Organizers had to rescind an offer to the band Kiss last month after fans and Jackson's estate noted that singer-bassist Gene Simmons had harshly criticized the pop singer over the years.

AP

Postal Service in jeopardy

RANDOLPH E. SCHMID
Associated Press

WASHINGTON Imagine a nation without the Postal Service.

No more birthday cards and bills or magazines and catalogs filling the mailbox. It's a worst-case scenario being painted for an organization that lost $8.5 billion in 2010 and seems headed deeper into the red this year.

"A lot of people would miss it," says Tony Conway, a 34-year post office veteran who now heads the Alliance of Nonprofit Mailers.

Businesses, too.

The letter carrier or clerk is the face of the mail. But hanging in the balance is a $1.1 trillion mailing industry that employs more than 8 million people in direct mail, periodicals, catalogs, financial services, charities and other businesses that depend on the post office.

Who would carry mail to the Hualapai Indian Reservation in the Grand Canyon? To islands off the coast of Maine? To rural villages in Alaska? Only the post office goes to those places and thousands of others in the United States, and all for 44 cents. And it's older than the United States itself.

Ernest Burkes Sr. says his bills, magazines and diabetes medication are mailed to his home in Canton, in northeast Ohio, and he frequently visits the post office down the street to send first-class mail, mostly documents for the tax service he runs. As his business increased over the past three decades, so has the load of mail he sends, and it's still pretty steady.

"I don't know what I'd do if they'd close down the post offices," said Burkes, who doesn't use rival delivery services such as UPS or FedEx. "They need to help them, just like they helped some of these other places, automobiles and others."

Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe is struggling to keep his money-losing organization afloat as more and more people are ditching mail in favor of the Internet, causing the lucrative first-class mail flow to plummet.

Donahoe has a plan to turn things around, if he can get the attention of Congress and pass a series of hurdles, including union concerns.

"The Postal Service is not going out of business," postal spokesman David Partenheimer said. "We will continue to deliver the mail as we have for more than 200 years. The postmaster general has developed a plan that will return the Postal Service to financial stability. We continue to do what we can on our own to achieve this plan and we need Congress to do its part to get us there."

He acknowledged that if Congress doesn't act, the post office could reach a point next summer where it doesn't have the money to keep operating.

That wouldn't sit well with Mimi Raskin, a wine and antiques store owner in Grants Pass, Ore., who likes her birthday card mailed. "If you get a birthday card on the Internet, it's like, well, I didn't care about you enough to go to a store, buy a card that suited your personality, and mail it," she said.

Donahoe and his predecessor, John Potter, have warned for years of the problems and stressed that the post office will be unable to make a mandated $5.5 billion payment due Sept. 30 to a fund for future medical benefits for retirees.

A 90-day delay on the payment has been suggested, but postal officials and others in the industry say a long-term solution is needed.

Donahoe has one. It includes laying off staff beyond the 110,000 cut in the past four years, closing as many as 3,700 offices, eliminating Saturday delivery and switching from the federal retirement plan to one of its own.

Cliff Guffey, president of the American Postal Workers Union, called the proposal "outrageous, illegal and despicable."

A contract signed in March protects many workers from layoffs. Guffey said the attempt to change that now "is in utter disregard for the legal requirement to bargain with the APWU in good faith." Other unions, including the National Association of Letter Carriers, are negotiating their contracts with the post office.

Yet Donahoe's efforts are drawing praise from people such as Conway, the head of the nonprofit mailers, who says these are necessary steps that officials have shied away from in the past.

Several bills proposing ways to fix the agency are circulating in Congress. One, by Rep. Darrell Issa, R-Calif., would impose a control board to make the tough decisions.

When it was first introduced, the bill was perceived as "way out there," Conway said. But as the postal financial problems have become more obvious, "you're seeing people thinking maybe it isn't that extreme."

Gene Del Polito, of the trade group American Association for Postal Commerce, said now that Donahoe has offered a plan, "why not give him the authority do to do what needs to be done." If that fails, then a control board could be instituted, he said.

Closing offices seems an easy way to save, but members of Congress never want cuts in their districts, and while the public may mail less, people still want their local office to stay open.

The changes that Donahoe are proposing would mean a different post office, but one that still operates for people such as Jovita Camesa, who's 75 and lives in a downtown Los Angeles retirement complex. She said she's sending more first-class mail than ever due to her expanding circle of grandchildren.

Camesa said she wouldn't think to use the Internet for those birthday and holiday greetings, or start going online to seek out the articles she now reads in the issues of Vogue, Readers Digest, Prevention and other magazines that are delivered to her. "I'm not interested in the Internet or computers," she said. "I'm very traditional."

Ellen Levine, editorial director of Hearst Magazines, told a Senate hearing that the Internet has not eliminated the need for mail delivery of magazines.

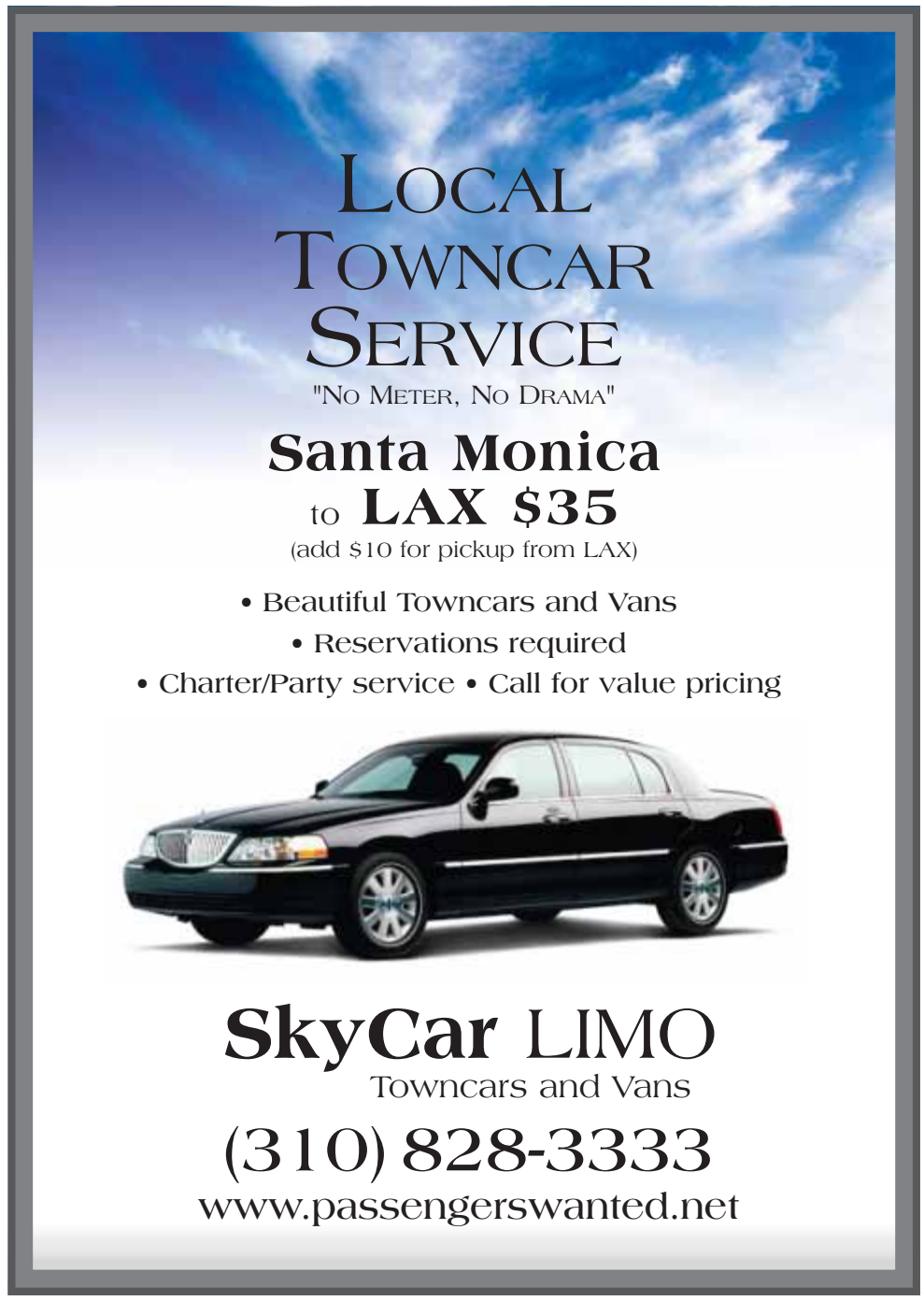
"Nearly all publishers use the United States Postal Service to deliver their magazines to subscribers," she said. "While most consumer titles are also available on newsstands, mail subscriptions will remain the major component of hard-copy magazine circulation in the United States for the foreseeable future." Overall, Levine said subscriptions account for about 90 percent of magazine circulation.

Olive Ayhens, an artist who lives in Brooklyn, N.Y., says she pays her bills online but still uses first-class mail. She was mailing announcements of her newest gallery opening; one was going to her son in London.

"Less than a dollar, I'm sending to London," she said during a stop at the James A. Farley Post Office in Manhattan.

The internet, along with the advent of online bill paying, has contributed to a sharp decline in mail handled by the post office, from 207 billion in 2001 to 171 billion last year. Although the price of stamps has increased from 34 cents to 44 cents over the same period, it is not enough to cover the post office's bills, in part because of higher labor costs.











CONSENT

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their retirement funds.

The changes, along with alterations to the executive pay plan, are expected to cost $2,686,865 for this fiscal year, and $3,101,923 for fiscal year 2012-13.

That actually comes in as a savings of $245,770 this year, and $890,935 for the next.

The contract negotiations also open the door to a potential two-tiered retirement system, which would allow City Hall to lower benefits for new employees. That could also be a moneysaver.

The item represents a chunk of savings in an unusually inexpensive consent agenda, which totals $410,559 in expenditures and $316,799 received in grant money.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

The company that manages the Mountain View Mobile Home Park may take over responsibility for four other municipally-owned residential properties.

At present, the Housing Division oversees properties at 419 Ocean Ave., 1930 Stewart St., 1616 Ocean Ave. and 1122 22nd St.

Another firm, Overland, Pacific & Cutler was selected in March to manage the properties, but the service would cost more than the $205,124 requested by Real Estate Consulting & Services, Inc. to expand its contract from just the Mountain View Mobile Home Park to cover the other buildings.

The contract covers day-to-day operations, coordination and supervision of maintenance and repair, payment of all operating expenses and leasing and rent collection.

SMART LIGHTS

Twenty-six traffic signals are slated to get smarter if the City Council awards a $164,000 contract to upgrade the systems in three western traffic corridors.

The contract rounds out the fourth in a five-phase project begun in 2006 designed to bring all of the traffic signals and other traffic management devices under centralized control using wireless technology.

By outfitting the lights with wireless infrastructure, staff can control them remotely using software called i2TMS, which will ostensibly help quell traffic by increasing control and flexibility over intersections.

So far, 85 lights in Downtown have been connected to this wireless network during the first three phases of work.

The work would be performed by Iteris Inc., and would cover the creation of plans, specifications and estimates for the installation of the upgrades.

Construction on the fourth phase should be finished by July 2012. The fifth phase, which would upgrade the lights on Montana Avenue and San Vicente Boulevard, only has enough funding to cover the design.

CITY YARDS

A master plan for the City Yards begun in 2002 needs a final update to reflect two changes in use before it can finally be approved.

Nine years ago, City Hall authorized a contract for a master plan for the 10-acre site at 2500 Michigan Ave. with RNL Interplan Inc.

Basically, there was too much going on.

The City Yards, also called Corporation Yard, handled fleet, street and facilities maintenance, administrative offices, hazardous waste collection, a solid waste transfer station, recycling center, water and wastewater operations, traffic operations, fire training tower and classroom, a central warehouse and extra materials.

The master plan was meant to impose order on the operations at the site, and was almost finished in 2010. Since, officials have decided to move the Resource Recovery Center off-site and bring in the fire department training center.

To account for the changes, RNL needs another $41,435 for planning, a sum the council is expected to approve Tuesday night.

EMERGENCY GRANT

As part of an ongoing effort to keep the Los Angeles region secure, the police and fire departments will get a $316,799 federal grant to train officers and buy an automated license plate reading system.

The bulk of the grant, $252,799, will be used to train fire department staff on hazardous materials, urban search and rescue and terrorism-specific information. The remainder will be used to buy the equipment for the license plate-reading device.

MUSEUM OF FLYING DONATION

The Santa Monica Police Department will donate its 1973 Cessna 172 Skyhawk to the still-closed Santa Monica Museum of Flying.

The plane was used or 30 years in department operations before officials decided to retire it this year. No one wanted to buy the plane because of its age and condition, so the department decided to donate it to the Museum of Flying.

WATER LIMITS

City staff requested that the council impose a 10 percent cut in water use in an attempt to further City Hall's goal of supplying all of its own water by 2020.

At present, city-owned aquifers produce 73 percent of the 11 million gallons used each day by Santa Monica residents.

Water use inched up in recent months after Gov. Jerry Brown announced the end of a statewide drought, hampering efforts to be self-sufficient within nine years.

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A TOUCH OF CLASS: **Culver City High School softball coach John Sargent honors Samohi coach Debbie Skaggs in 2010 before the two teams took the field in the season finale.**

SKAGGS
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head coach, her husband Dan Ramos. He had served as her assistant for a number of years, but Skaggs said that their relationship was always that of co-coaches. John Heavens will also return as a package deal. All three retired following the championship season.

The only marching orders Escalera has given her is to continue Samohi's dominance of the Ocean League.

"We'll pick it up from there and go on," he said. "Debbie has some very high standards."

The only significant change to the program will be the loss of the team's field on campus. It is slated to be replaced by a science building as part of an overall Samohi redevelopment.

The team will play at Memorial Park for the next few years. As part of the campus overhaul, a new softball field is planned, which will sit above a subterranean parking structure.

Escalera said that it isn't clear exactly where on campus it will be located, but that it is in the cards.

Now that Skaggs is back at the helm the only thing she can think about is putting in work.

"We have to focus on the fundamentals," she said. "We have to get after it."

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ART
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Klein said Linearis is most interested at this point in getting its drawing back, although he added that if investigators happen to catch the thieves, "We'd like the Sheriff's Department and the District Attorney's office to do anything they need to do that's in the interests of justice."

Meanwhile, he said he's hoping to work out a compromise that will allow the drawing's return. If he can't he says he'll take the Sheriff's Department to court.

Even in the art world, where questions about who owns what and how they got it arise frequently, the Rembrandt mystery has evoked curiosity.

It's not as unusual as one might think for a low-level thief to drop in on an exhibition and grab something, said Anthony Amore, who is head of security for the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston and co-author of the book "Stealing Rembrandts."

He noted that just a month before the Rembrandt theft someone walked into a San Francisco art gallery and carried out a $200,000 Picasso. Police quickly arrested a New Jersey man they say has been linked to at least a half-dozen other art thefts since June.

Works by Rembrandt and Picasso are especially popular targets, Amore said, because everybody has heard of those artists and knows their works sell for huge amounts of money. In the last 100 years, he said, at least 81 Rembrandts have been stolen.

What is unusual, Amore continued, is that the institute didn't immediately come forward with documents to get its painting back. He compared it to someone having a high-end car like a Ferrari stolen and, after police recover it, not immediately producing the ownership documents to reclaim it.

"Provenance is the key to authenticating a piece and something like this would have to have some sort of provenance behind it," Amore said of the paperwork tracing a piece's ownership, often back to the time it was created.

"It's not impossible, but it's unusual for an institute, or anybody, to purchase something worth a quarter of a million dollars with no bonafides behind it," he said.

Confirming at this late date if Rembrandt really did the small drawing of a man kneeling before a judge could be difficult but not impossible, said veteran appraiser Mark Winter of Art Experts Inc. of Florida.

Doing so would require a side-by-side comparison of the work with an acknowledged Rembrandt drawing from the same period, as well as a search of Rembrandt books and other documents, which could be scattered all over the world.

Still, he said, every now and then someone confirms something as the artist's work.

For years, he noted, Rembrandt's "Self Portrait with Gorget," which hangs in the Germanisches Nationalmuseum in Nuremberg, was thought to be a copy of the artist's work that had been done by a friend. Then, in the 1990s, further study of documents and the painting revealed it was the real deal.

"I do not know the particular history and whereabouts of this drawing," Winter said. "But potentially yes, it is possible it could be by Rembrandt's hand."

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VIEW OF THE FUTURE: **Renderings and photos of the Exposition Light Rail Line, which is expected to reach Santa Monica via Olympic Boulevard and Colorado Avenue by 2015.**

EXPO
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the light rail funding, supplemented by state and federal grants.

Attendees were urged to be enthusiastic not only for the culmination of past work, but the economic benefits yet to come.

Politicians estimate that the construction will bring between 9,000 and 10,000 construction jobs to the area, breathing new life into a beleaguered industry that's now at 13.5 percent unemployment, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

They also stressed the connections that will grow between cities on the Westside which some predict will get more business from people stopping on the train rather than zipping by on the freeway.

"The freeway rent these communities asunder," said Santa Monica Mayor Richard Bloom. "The light rail will help us reconnect. We will all be better off having this project."

Santa Monica will host three of the seven stations in Phase 2. The first will be located at Olympic Boulevard and 26th Street, and become the focus of the Bergamot Transit Village mixed-use development that is making its way through the planning process.

The line then turns down Colorado Avenue with stops at 17th Street and Fourth Street.

The groundbreaking was, in some ways, a passing of the torch from those who lobbied and gathered support and the people charged with making sure the project comes to a timely conclusion.

The Expo Authority has all of the approvals it needs, and a lawsuit from a group of Cheviot Hills homeowners is the last obstacle to overcome, Clarke said.

"I'm happy to sit back and watch the construction professionals do their job," Clarke said.

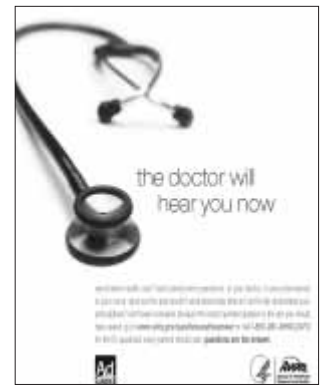
Others are less content to wait on the sidelines.

"I'm not going to relax until I'm on the train riding east," O'Connor said.

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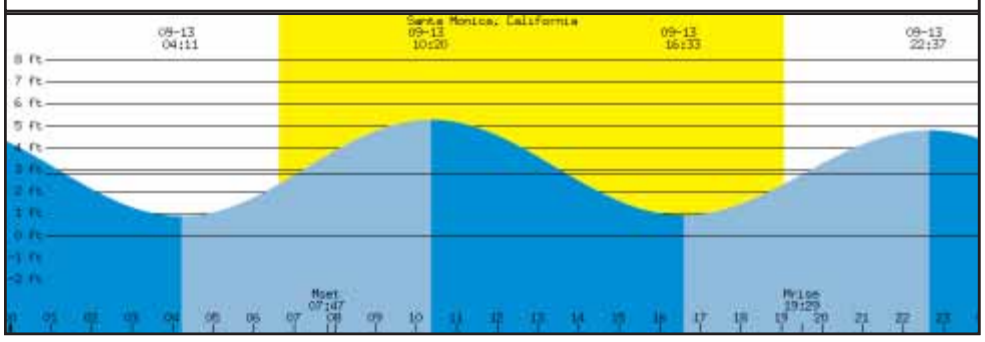
Swell Forecast

NW swell come ashore, hitting SB/VC early in the day, and finally SD mid to late morning. Size should run head high at most west facing breaks with pluses at standouts going about 2' overhead.

Long Range Synopsis

NW is expected to back off a bit, more along the lines of chest to at times head high for west 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 30 days up to the ending date of **September 6, 2011**

HEAL THE BAY - 1444 9th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 - www.healthebay.org - brc@healthebay.org - 800 HEAL BAY

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 0
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 31 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / ns

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: The Diller – von Furstenberg Family Foundation, Grousbeck Family Foundation, simplehuman, LAcarGUY, SMA

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las 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 Blocker County Beach.	F	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	D	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	C	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	C	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.	ns	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.	B	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	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.	A	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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NCAA FOOTBALL

Texas changes QBs for UCLA game

JIM VERTUNO
AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN, Texas Garrett Gilbert is out as the starting quarterback at No. 24 Texas. The Longhorns will go with Case McCoy and David Ash when they play at UCLA.

Texas coach Mack Brown announced the expected switch Monday, two days after McCoy and Ash came off the bench in the second quarter and rotated snaps while leading the Longhorns to a come-from-behind 17-16 win over BYU.

Ash, a freshman who is still primarily a runner, shook up BYU's defense by directing an option attack that took advantage of Texas' speed.

McCoy, a sophomore whose older brother is former Texas quarterback Colt McCoy, at this point is the better passer and took most of the snaps on the drive to the winning touchdown in the fourth quarter.

Texas (2-0) also announced another big change on offense, with freshman Malcolm Brown listed as the starting tailback ahead of senior Fozzy Whittaker. Brown leads Texas in rushing with 154 yards on 30 carries.

"The one thing we've committed to ourselves and our team is that if something's not working, change it," Brown said. "It's a product of are you moving the ball? Are you scoring points? As a staff, we said let's try something else. The combination of David and Case worked."

While McCoy is likely to get the first snaps against UCLA, Brown said the game plan will dictate how much the quarterbacks rotate against the Bruins. McCoy and Ash combined to complete 8 of 11 passes for 92 yards against BYU, and Ash also ran for 39 yards.

Gilbert won a tense training camp battle to keep his job and seemed settled in the position after directing a stable if unspectacular season-opening 34-9 win against Rice.

But Gilbert was just 2 of 8 passing for 8 yards and two interceptions against BYU and was loudly booed by the home crowd. Down 13-0 and sensing the game was slipping away, Brown and offensive co-coordinator Bryan Harsin pulled Gilbert off the field.

"I'll give Garrett a lot of credit because he was the biggest cheerleader on the sideline. He wants Texas to win," Brown said.

The change culminates a long and steady fall for the former national high school player of the year from nearby Lake Travis. Gilbert was thrust into action as a freshman in the 2010 BCS championship game when Colt McCoy was hurt early and nearly rallied Texas to a win. He was expected to easily slide into the role of Texas' next great quarterback..

Instead, Gilbert struggled badly to live up to those expectations and shouldered much of the blame last year from Texas fans for the Longhorns' first losing season since 1997. Gilbert had a penchant for turnovers — 19 interceptions against 12 touchdown passes in 14 games as a starter — and his quiet personality never seemed at ease in the role of leader of the offense.

Case McCoy's teammates said his leadership and command of the huddle were immediately evident against BYU.

"I need ya'll guys to trust me," McCoy told his teammates, according to freshman wide receiver Jaxon Shipley, McCoy's roommate.

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11:30am, 1:45pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 10:15pm

Rise of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) 1hr 44min
12:30pm, 3:15pm, 6:10pm, 9:00pm

Contagion (PG-13) 1hr 45min
11:45am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 9:30pm

Creature (R) 1hr 33min
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Warrior (PG-13) 2hrs 19min
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Debt (R) 1hr 53min
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Rise of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) 1hr 44min
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Crazy, Stupid, Love (PG-13) 1hr 47min
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Help (PG-13) 2hrs 17min
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Shark Night 3D (PG-13) 1hr 35min
2:20pm, 7:25pm, 10:00pm

Contagion (PG-13) 1hr 45min
11:15am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:05pm

Shark Night (PG-13) 1hr 35min
11:45am, 4:50pm

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Hedgehog (Le herisson) (NR) 1hr 40min
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Point Blank (A Bout Portant) (R) 1hr 24min
4:30pm, 9:45pm

Guard (R) 1hr 36min
1:30pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:40pm

Our Idiot Brother (R) 1hr 30min
1:50pm, 4:50pm, 7:30pm, 9:55pm

Whistleblower (R) 1hr 52min
1:20pm, 7:00pm

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Captain America: The First Avenger (PG-13) 2hrs 05min
2:00pm, 7:40pm

Bucky Larson: Born to Be a Star (R)
11:20am, 1:45pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

Cowboys & Aliens (PG-13) 1hr 58min
11:15am, 4:50pm, 10:30pm

Don't Be Afraid of the Dark (R) 1hr 40min
11:50am, 2:30pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:30pm

Colombiana (PG-13) 1hr 47min
11:15am, 2:05pm, 5:00pm, 7:50pm, 10:30pm

Apollo 18 (PG-13) 1hr 26min
11:45am, 2:15pm, 4:35pm, 7:15pm, 9:45pm

Kevin Hart: Laugh At My Pain (NR) 1hr 28min
11:30am, 2:10pm, 5:05pm, 7:45pm, 10:20pm

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Hit the gym tonight, Scorpio

ARIES (March 30-April 19)
★★★ You might act in a quirky manner. You wonder which way to go and for what reason. Listen to what is being shared by a boss or parent. He or she is not always this open. Don't stress out over a misunderstanding. Tonight: All smiles.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Know what is going on behind the scenes. You know much more of what is going on than you realize. You think there is a problem with getting your message understood. Don't be surprised by a misunderstanding. Tonight: Play it low-key.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You might want to zero in on what is going on with a key partner. A meeting could reveal a lot more than you realize. Recognize what is happening with this person. Though you sometimes don't like what you are seeing, honor this person's process. Tonight: Follow the gang.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Recognize that it might be necessary to take the lead in order to continue on your present path. Be careful with a partner who has a strong sense of entitlement. He or she could become quite manipulative. Tonight: Until the wee hours.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You will be challenged to look at the big picture. The unexpected happens out of the blue. Once more, you need to understand what motivates someone. There could be a control issue going on. Understand what is going on behind the scenes. Tonight: Where there is music.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ You need to get to the bottom of an issue with an associate. This person could act like a wild horse rearing as you try to find solutions. You might not be comfortable with everything that you are hearing. Tonight: With a favorite person.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Defer to others, especially if you cannot handle what they say they want. A personal or domestic matter starts building with importance once more. Others are acting strange and quirky. You aren't going to change them. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Do what you must, but don't feel as if you have to push someone into following through. Communication could be stilted and involve a power play. Be open to revising your schedule. The unexpected actually opens up a new possibility. Tonight: Off to the gym.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Your natural knee-jerk reaction right now draws admirers, but that is no guarantee it always will. The innate nature of a new friendship or tie could be based on perpetual surprises and changes. The excitement will become the glue. Tonight: Infuse your life with more fun.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Get down to basics concerning a real-estate matter. You might need to check in with family. They could be uneasy with what is going on. In response, you could become very controlling. Relax with the situation. Tonight: Mosey on home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Listen to news with an open mind. Stay direct, and express your ideas. The unexpected occurs, forcing you to regroup. Your ability to adapt emerges once you get past being a bit stubborn. Tonight: On top of your game.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Be aware of what is going on with your finances. Risk-taking could backfire, so be cautious, or wait until you are sure of yourself. A friend could be pushing your limits. You need to say "enough." Tonight: Your treat.

Happy birthday

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

The unexpected occurs throughout the year, and you will be adjusting often. In your case, these events often occur with risk-taking, a partnership and others' funds. You could win at bingo or get a surprise inheritance. You also might want to look at what motivates you. If you are single, do your very best not to choose someone who might not be on the up and up. Take your time getting to know a potential sweetie and deciding if you want to commit. If you are attached, you need to defer to your significant other more often. ARIES helps you make money.



MYSTERY PHOTO

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By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



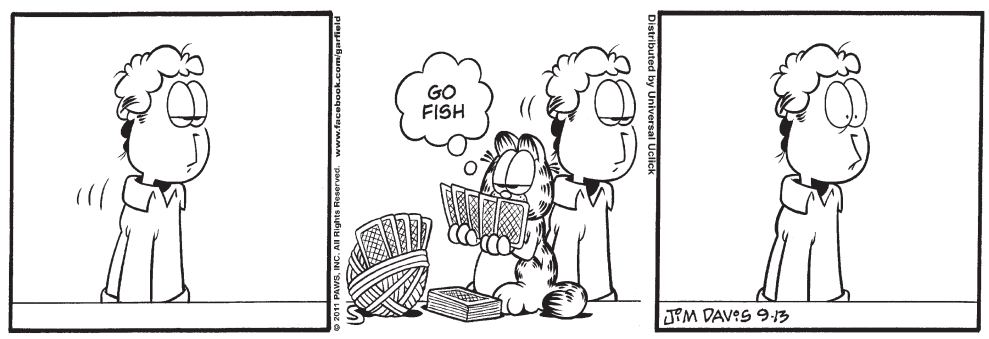
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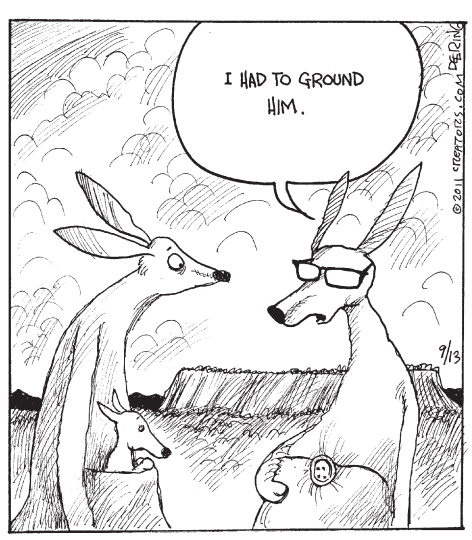
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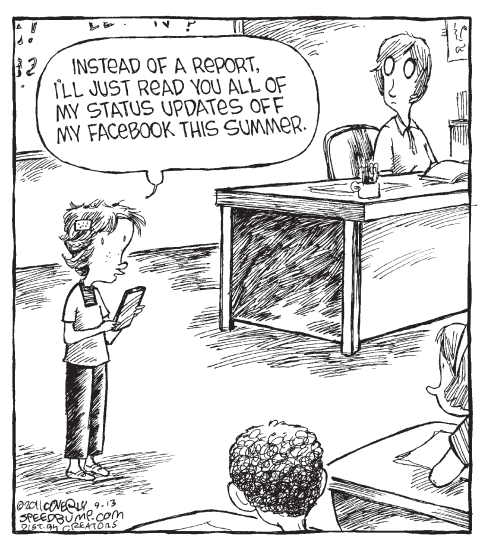
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By Dave Coverly



Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from ★ (easiest) to ★★★★★ (hardest).

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

1	4	7	5	6	9	2	3	8
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7	2	3	6	1	8	9	4	5
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Procrastination is a problem when it comes to doing my disaster plan. As a business owner I have a lot to do. It's not like a disaster is going to happen tomorrow. Besides, we have that new business pitch. I've been waiting for this to happen for a while now. I'll get the disaster plan finished eventually. Nothing to worry about, it'll happen.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Bread-making need
6 Fads
11 Realty units
12 Period of history
13 Other similar things
15 Tennis hit
16 Rink surface
17 Termite's cousin
18 Anomaly
20 Ready to swing
23 Illuminated
27 Den
28 Boat's trail
29 Door sign
31 Pan, for one
32 Flanks
34 Cry loudly
37 KGB's rival
38 Shade tree
41 Words to a late-comer
44 Broadway orphan
45 Track great Jesse
46 Wander (along)
47 Avoid

DOWN

1 Sailing vessel
2 Canyon answer
3 Speedy horse
4 Filming site
5 Casual top
6 Show
7 Clumsy fellow
8 "The Naked Maja" painter
9 Bus. sch. course
10 Close
14 Good serve
18 Cab costs
19 New Zealand natives
20 Frothy brew
21 Light brown
22 Smidgen
24 Spigot
25 Hawaiian instrument
26 For each
30 Lime drink
31 Chinese food veggie
33 Spotted cube
34 Did laps, maybe
35 "Dear me!"
36 Outlaws
38 Looked over
39 Drawn out
40 Artist's inspiration
42 Bind
43 Tango need

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Yesterday's answer

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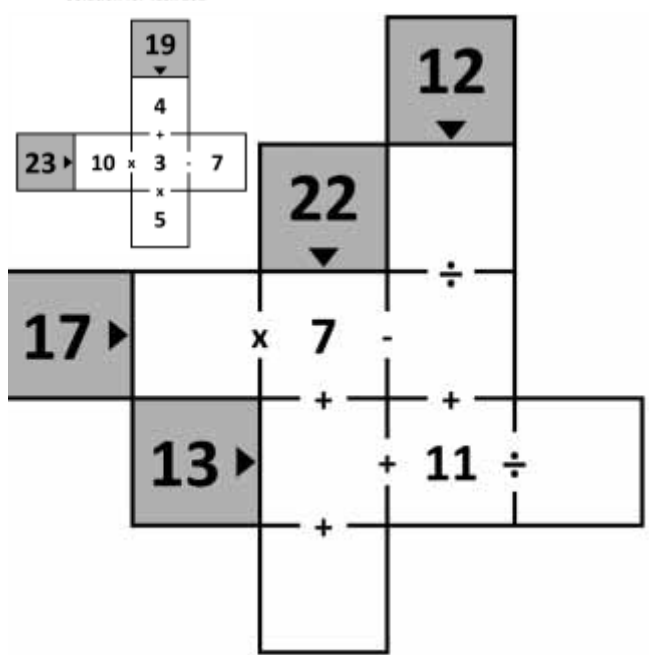
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Solution for Task 261



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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Augustin James Evangelista is only 4 years old, but he nevertheless has certain financial needs -- which amount to about $46,000 a month, according to the child-support request filed by his mother, "supermodel" Linda Evangelista. A Wall Street Journal reporter concluded that the figure is about right for rich kids in New York City, what with needing a driver, designer clothes, around-the-clock nannies and various personalized lessons. And soon, according to a consultant-to-the-rich interviewed in August by the Journal, Augustin James will become even more expensive, as he graduates from his exclusive preschool and enters his exclusive kindergarten.

■ The highest-paid state government employee in budget-strapped California in 2010 was among the least productive workers in the system, according to a Los Angeles Times investigation reported in July. Jeffrey Rohlfing is on the payroll as a surgeon in the state prison system (base pay: $235,740), but he has been barred from treating inmates for the last six years because supervisors believe him to be incompetent. Last year, Dr. Rohlfing earned an additional $541,000 in back pay after he successfully appealed his firing to the state's apparently easily persuaded Personnel Board. Currently, Dr. Rohlfing is assigned records-keeping duties.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1989 Largest anti-Apartheid march in South Africa, led by Desmond Tutu.

1993 Public unveiling of the Oslo Accords, an Israeli-Palestinian agreement initiated by Norway.

1993 Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin shakes hands with PLO chairman Yasser Arafat at the White House after signing an accord granting limited Palestinian autonomy.

1994 Ulysses probe passes the Sun's south pole.

2001 Civilian aircraft traffic resumes in the U.S. after the September 11, 2001 attacks.

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