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PUTTING IN WORK: Heal the Bay volunteer Kelly Seal (left) weighs the trash collected by Gertz Ressler High School's environmental club members (right to left) Sophia Elias, 14, Darcy Barrales, 14, and Julia Cerrato, 14, during Heal the Bay's Coastal Cleanup Day on Saturday. Volunteers collected roughly 181,000 pounds of debris, which could have ended up in the Santa Monica Bay. Volunteers have collected one million pounds of debris since Coastal Cleanup Day began in 1990.

Beach cleanup reaches one million pounds milestone

BY CHRISTINA WALKER
Special to the Daily Press

SM BEACH This past Saturday Santa Monicans turned out in record numbers to do their part for Coastal Cleanup Day, contributing to the millionth pound of ocean bound debris weighed and collected since the day's inception 19 years ago.

Heal the Bay coordinated the clean up effort in Santa Monica and at 71 sites through out Los Angeles County for the world wide event.

Armed with data cards, gloves, trash and recyclable bags, over 12,000 volunteers

combed both beach and inland areas for litter big and small from 9 a.m. to noon. More than 181,000 pounds of debris, including common place contaminants like cigarette butts and pieces of Styrofoam, were collected.

In Santa Monica some of the more unexpected finds included a mannequin arm and blood sugar testing kit. A bag filled with chicken parts and images of the Virgin of Guadalupe was collected at Ken Mallory Park in Harbor City as well.

Dana Ehrlich, team captain at Santa Monica Beach Tower 27, was rewarded with an iPod Nano for her efforts. The iPod was

fully functional and filled with rap music, Ehrlich said.

Ehrlich, who works for Keller Williams Reality, recruited families from her office as well as other volunteers for the event.

"We had 280 [volunteers] this year which I thought was fantastic," Ehrlich said.

Volunteers at site tower 27 nearly doubled compared to last year's 150 person turnout. This trend was reflected across the county as approximately 1,000 more people donated their Saturday morning for the cause this year.

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City Hall looks into historic carob tree

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

PALISADES PARK Hidden among the lush date palms, war memorials and exercise buffs is a little-known homage to the women who supported the veterans of the Civil War.

That dedication is now being intertwined with a grassroots effort to preserve the existing tree canopy in Santa Monica.

Activists Herbert and Sally Silverstein, who are members of the Santa Monica Treesavers, are calling on City Hall to preserve a carob tree in Palisades Park that in 1938 was dedicated to the California and Nevada Women's Auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The tree is among a group of carobs that was recently identified as having a high failure potential by city consultant HortScience, which evaluated more than 630 of the species in Santa Monica.

Upon learning of the possible historical significance, Community Forester Walt Warriner halted the removal of the carob while he studies the background behind the plaque.

"We are sensitive to the fact that there is a plaque and someone dedicated the tree to somebody," he said.

The history of the plaque remains a mystery as several notable local historians have said they are unaware that such a dedication existed. A quick search by the Santa Monica Historical Society on Monday did not reveal any information about either the carob dedication or the Grand Army of the Republic's role in Santa Monica. The GAR was formed shortly after the Civil War by a group of veterans.

The Silversteins contacted Warriner about the tree last week after they noticed a sign posted about its removal. The couple has been holding a daily vigil in front of the St. Monica statue in Palisades Park since March in protest of a controversial ficus tree removal plan in Downtown.

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Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2008

Kicking it with Kiwanis

1332 Sixth St., Noon — 1:30 p.m.

Join members of the Santa Monica Kiwanis Club for their weekly luncheon where guests connect and hear from a rotating panel of speakers. The club has been serving the needs of the community and its children since 1922. For more information, call (310) 613-1249.

Heal your body

1844 Lincoln Blvd., 6 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.

Come for free energy Pranic Healing for asthma, arthritis, cancer, addictions, depression, and phobias with Master Choa Kok Sui at the Kathmandu Boutique. The no-touch, painless, and effective healing art helps the body to repair itself. This healing treatment is offered as a service to the community, and all are welcome with no appointments necessary. For more information, call (310) 396-4036.

Workouts for teens

3026 Nebraska Ave., 3:30 p.m. — 5 p.m.

02 Max offers two daily classes teaching teens how to exercise and eat properly in a cool and fun environment. They get to hang out afterwards in the Wi-Fi lounge, play Nintendo Wii, or simply surf the Internet. For information, call (310) 867-1650.

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.



Toll road hearing focuses on security

BY GILLIAN FLACCUS
Associated Press Writer

DEL MAR, Calif. More than 1,000 people turned out Monday at a public hearing over a proposed toll road that would pass through one of Southern California's most popular parks and near a world-class surf break.

Until now, the fight over the road — which would cut through San Onofre State Beach and end a half-mile from the surf break Trestles — has focused on its environ-

mental impact.

The California Coastal Commission rejected the plan in February after environmentalists and other opponents argued that the 16-mile, six lane road would wipe out several endangered or threatened coastal species, decimate an ancient Indian burial ground and block sediment that creates world-class waves at Trestles.

But the company that hopes to build and finance the proposed \$1.3 billion road, the Transportation Corridor Agencies, appealed that decision to the National Oceanic &

Atmospheric Administration, a branch of the U.S. Commerce Department. It hopes to get the state's decision overturned by arguing that the road would play a key role in national security and economic growth.

So many people signed up to speak at NOAA's hearing Monday — more than 650 — that it scheduled the meeting at a fairgrounds to accommodate the crowd and hired security officers to help maintain order. Officials expected to make it through less than a quarter of those speakers before the end of the 10-hour hearing, and most of

those were to be elected officials.

Even so, more than 1,000 people packed into the space by the start of the hearing, many wearing T-shirts that read either "Save the Park, Stop the Toll Road" or "241: Less Traffic, More Jobs." Audience members — who frequently interrupted the speakers with cheers or boos — were urged to instead give a thumbs-up or thumbs-down sign to indicate their feelings.

The company and other proponents, who

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A new cafe coming for Civic Center garage

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

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL A space in the Civic Center Parking Garage that was specifically designed for a restaurant could finally get a tenant more than a year after the award-winning structure opened.

The City Council tonight is expected to sign a 10-year-lease with Trimana Grill to operate a morning and daytime cafe on the northern portion of the colorful parking structure, renting the approximately 1,600 square feet space for roughly \$4,100 a month.

The execution of the rental agreement is part of a lengthy consent calendar that also includes more than \$5 million in expenditures, ranging from new pool chemicals at the Santa Monica Swim Center to lobbying services for City Hall.

The new tenant was secured after City Hall gave up on a long search for a sit-down restaurant in the parking garage, citing difficulty in finding an operator because the space was too big and would require too much money to retrofit into a desirable culinary spot.

The originally 3,500 square feet was eventually scaled down to about half the size in order to find a small cafe that would serve



AQUATIC LAPS: Santa Monica College students lap swim Monday afternoon at the Santa Monica Swim Center, located on 16th Street. The City Council is being asked tonight to purchase chemicals in the amount of \$129,000 that will make sure the water chemistry is balanced according to standards set by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health.

the morning and daytime office crowd.

The remaining half will be used by City Hall's Transportation Management Division, addressing the need for more office space for municipal services.

That need could temporarily be rectified by sub-leasing approximately 9,400 square feet adjacent to the Double Tree Hotel from the Los Angeles Times to house City TV and Code Enforcement, both of which are cur-

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Charlie Gibson’s gaffe

Editor:

Jack Neworth continues his misguided and factually incorrect assault on Sarah Palin. He ridicules her for asking Charlie Gibson to clarify the “Bush Doctrine.” Jack seems to think everyone should know what the Bush Doctrine means.

The truth: Nobody really knows what the Bush Doctrine is because, as the Washington Post (Michael Abramowitz, Sept. 14) points out, there are many distinct definitions of the Bush Doctrine.

Peter Feaver, who worked on the Bush national security strategy as a staff member on the National Security Council, has counted at least seven versions.

The various version include the president’s second term “freedom agenda”; states harboring terrorists should be treated no differently than terrorists themselves; the willingness to use a “coalition of the willing” if the United Nations does not address the threat; and, then what Gibson thought was the only definition, the doctrine of pre-emptive war.

Gibson was in error. He thought there was only one definition when actually there were many definitions. Sarah Palin gave the smart answer asking him to clarify and in the process exposing his ignorance.

Eric Cooper
Santa Monica

Touching

Editor:

How fitting it was to declare the Republicans out of touch while you [Kenny Mack] and all of the other Dems continue to show how you all stopped evolving, and how you “tow the party line” goose-stepping in synch (“Still out of touch,” page 5 Sept. 10).

For example, would you care to guess-timate the cost of Michelle Obama’s outfit, or are you to suggest she grabbed whatever fit off the rack at Goodwill? The point was to raise money for disaster relief [following Hurricane Gustav]. Who cares what they [Cindy McCain, Laura Bush] wear when addressing the nation on 25 different channels in doing so? The last time the Obama’s asked for money was to fill their own sweet coffers “one dollar at a time.”

You lose all credibility when you slide right into the gutter with your persistent name-calling. That’s more fitting for a 10 year old in the playground at recess. Please, I thought you were better than that.

The fact remains that while McCain may be labeled a Republican, and is representing the party on the ticket, he is anything but in many ways. This makes him most attractive to the rest of us. Adding Gov. Palin – whom I never heard of before last month, and I consider myself an educated politico – on the ticket was a stroke of genius, for she fills in the Republican holes that he oversteps.

More importantly, the choice once again shows how progressive our party will be. If, and when, the first woman, the first African-American, the first Jewish president shall be elected in this United States, I will proudly stand in their honor as a fellow Republican. That’s how “out of touch” we are.

Eugene Scala, Jr.
Santa Monica

Writing in

Editor:

It seems that in Santa Monica the law of this town is made by the Santa Monicans for Renters’ Rights and the Santa Monica Democratic Club, and this is very vividly presented by the fact that Ralph Mechur is elected as a member of the school board without the vote of its citizens?

I believe we have the right to give a name of another person. Is it called “Write In Candidate?” How silly of me to think so when I have the Santa Monica Elite to think for me. Sorry, I will obey Big Brother(s) and walk with the other sheepish citizens, moreover, the deal is done.

Maria Sirotti
Santa Monica



Your column here

Roger Swanson

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Calling for a compromise on Critical Mass bike rides

THE UNFOLDING SAGA OF SANTA Monica Critical Mass (SMCM) versus the Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD) continues.

First some background: SMCM is not a formal organization, a legal entity with officers and formal leadership. It is just an ad-hoc group of bike riders, who enjoy getting out of their cars, if they own one, and riding with like minded people. There are over 700 “members” (more correctly, potential participants, who have requested ride information). Many are Santa Monica residents, but many are not. The primary focus is to convince people to get out of their cars and enjoy a night riding around Santa Monica and West Los Angeles.

On Aug. 1, 2008, 14 police officers (in cars, on motorcycles and bikes) and reportedly two undercover cops shadowed SMCM through the streets and issued 14 citations. City Hall spent over \$3,000 for police officer overtime. I witnessed one “violation” that was so questionable that it will likely be thrown out by the courts. Many other violations that night are for offenses seldom enforced, except for SMCM riders, or for misinterpretations of the vehicle code.

On Sept. 5, 2008, there were eight police officers and eight citations. In one incident, an officer pulled over a bike rider and allowed a car that ran a red light go free. In another, a rider did not make a complete stop at a stop sign. But when the next 50, or so, riders made complete stops, the officer told them to “not stop” since they were holding up auto traffic. What irony!

SMCM has evolved in the almost two years since I started riding. Warnings about stopping for traffic lights and stop signs, and adhering to all vehicle codes are made at the beginning of all rides. Bikes on streets are governed by the California Vehicle Code, with a few exceptions. It is quite apparent that some SM police officers are misinterpreting the vehicle code. For example, SMPD officers usually indicate that a bike without an operating headlight is “not a correctable violation.” According to the CHP, it is. The difference is a fine of \$10 (correctable) versus a fine of \$100.

What is disturbing about this is that several bike advocates who help coordinate the rides have been rebuffed by city officials for over a year. Sgt. Horn of the SMPD, in two separate meetings, stressed the need for lawful rides and suggested “take a nice ride on the beach bike path.” You all know that the beach bike path is clogged with pedestrians, who violate the city ordinance knowing full well that SMPD does not enforce the ordinance. It is irresponsible for a public safety officer to suggest that 150 to 200 bike riders use the path at night when they would pose a serious safety risk to pedestrians on the path.

When the city manager asked police Chief Tim Jackman to meet with SMCM advocates in September 2007, Jackman scheduled a meeting. When the advocates arrived, he stepped in for 30 seconds, introduced himself, and returned to his office —

skipping the meeting. Capt. Mark Smiley sat in for Jackman and when the advocates suggested that SMCM riders might be receptive to a police escort, as is done for San Francisco Critical Mass, Smiley replied that “I couldn’t do something like that without authorization from the city manager or the chief.” Oh, you mean the chief of police who just skipped the meeting?

AFTER OVER A YEAR OF SMPD AND COUNCIL BEHAVIOR LEADS TO SOME OBVIOUS QUESTIONS: DOES SMPD AND THE COUNCIL WANT TO WORK TOGETHER TO SOLVE THE GROWING DISCONNECT? IS IT BAD FAITH TO AGREE TO A MEETING AND THEN DUCK OUT?

On Nov. 13, 2007, over 50 SMCM participants attended a City Council meeting and over 30 advocates spoke in support of SMCM. Many of these same advocates attended numerous LUCE workshops and City Council LUCE review sessions to ensure that Santa Monica continued its support of bike related policies and projects.

Comments made in a recent City Council meeting indicates that some council members still don’t understand that bikes are part of the solution (i.e., reducing traffic and CO2 emissions, while promoting health and recreation), not the problem.

After over a year of SMPD and council behavior leads to some obvious questions: Does SMPD and the council want to work together to solve the growing disconnect? Is it bad faith to agree to a meeting and then duck out? What solution saves taxpayer funds (\$3,000 in August 2008) without jeopardizing public safety and vehicle code enforcement?

Reaching some creative compromise with SMCM would illustrate council support for bike riding in Santa Monica. The alternative might be bike advocates flooding the public comment portion of council meetings. That would be a clearly undesirable outcome for all.

Let’s stop wasting taxpayer money on SMPD overtime to chase SMCM, which appears to be like swatting flies with a sledgehammer.

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What's the Point?

David Pizarra

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Devoted dad gets a victory

I HAD A WIN LAST WEEK, WELL, AS much as anyone wins in the family courts. One of the fathers that I've been representing for the past nine months had the value of his relationship to his child validated by the courts. This is a man who is going through an agonizing divorce and child custody battle. We've been in court a dozen times seeking and fighting restraining orders, custody orders, visitation enforcement.

The mom has done everything in her power to prevent dad from seeing his 2-year-old daughter. For 10 weeks his wife denied him visitation, before he hired me. She has used the "Nuclear Option" in custody battles and alleged that there was sexual molestation by the father, on absolutely no evidence.

Finally, the court ordered an independent evaluation of the respective parenting skills of the parent, which involved full psychological evaluations of all parties. The report came back heavily weighted in favor of my client, and so, in a last ditch effort to alienate the father from his daughter, mom decided she "had to move" out of state.

Thankfully the judge saw this case, after all the court appearances, and the psychology, for what it was — a mother doing everything she could to rid dad from his daughter's life, and he put a stop to it. She can move, but if she does, dad gets full custody here in California. Suddenly she doesn't quite "need to" anymore.

This was nothing more than what is called Parental Alienation Syndrome, and it is a hot button issue, and which side you come down on is very much determined by whether you are the parent who is trying to destroy any relationship between your kids and your ex, which frequently masquerades as "protecting the children"; or whether you are the ex, the "target."

It is a pattern of behavior that creates fear, anxiety and distrust of the target parent. Frequently it is the mother, but it could be either parent who tries in subtle, and sometimes not so subtle, ways to create a wedge in the relationship between parent and child.

The subject is difficult to identify because of what the alienator does, for example,

"Susie, I want you to call me as soon as you get to daddy's house. You know you can ALWAYS call me if you need me." On the surface this looks like mom is just being a concerned mother. But the underlying message is that "Dad's house is not a safe environment for you and I'm concerned for your welfare."

Many judges, lawyers, therapists, counselors and evaluators will not see this as an example of PAS, but when comments like that pile up, it begins to create a wedge between child and parent. The goal of the alienating parent is to destroy the relationship between parent and child, so that in a child custody case, full custody is given to one parent in contravention of the other's rights. Fathers already have a hard time with this, as they are usually not the primary caregiver, so already their relationship is being minimized due to time constraints.

This topic was widely covered in the media in April of 2007 when Kim Basinger released a private family phone call from the father of her daughter, Alec Baldwin. This was a clear attempt at parental alienation, and was in my opinion a wholly inappropriate and mean spirited thing to do. Mr. Baldwin has a book coming out today about his trials and tribulations in family court called "A Promise to Ourselves: A Journey Through Fatherhood and Divorce." As he said in his public apology, "I have been driven to the edge by parental alienation for many years now. You have to go through this to understand (although I hope you never do)."

It is a common belief that men don't love their children as much as women. Well, in the case I've dubbed "Big Daddy and the Psycho," he drives 2 1/2 hours each way, twice a week, to spend 2 hours with his daughter, and every other week he makes that trip a third time, to pick up the baby for a weekend visit. He spends 10 hours a week in traffic, to see his child for a mere 4 hours a week. Dads can be, and are, dedicated parents also.

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So this week's Q-Line question asks:

Have Downtown construction projects impacted your life and how?

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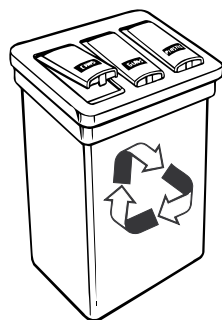
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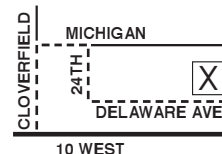


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Steve Parker

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The iPhones know

CAR LOVERS REJOICE! ONE OF THE third-party applications developed for the iPhone and iPod Touch comes from Dynolicious, an apt name because their app is a delicious piece of software that turns any iPhone, classic or 3G, and the iPod Touch, into miniature and easy-to-use versions of the sophisticated and expensive testing equipment used by car enthusiast magazines, testing laboratories like Consumer Reports and the car-makers themselves.

Sure, all their big-bucks, fancy-shmancy test gear costs a lot more and is probably more accurate than an iPhone outfitted with Dynolicious, but there's a huge saving grace apart from making all this information available to anyone with an iPhone: It costs \$12.99 (that is, after you buy the iPhone).

Dynolicious will run, with all its features, on iPhones (classic or 3G) or iPod Touch models running Apple's 2.0 firmware.

We picked a long, empty and flat road in the desert near Palm Springs and put our 2002 Toyota Prius hybrid, with about 55,000 miles on it, through some initial Dynolicious paces.

Dyno uses the accelerometer hardware built into iPhones and can measure the performance characteristics of any vehicle (even motorcycles; I'm sure we'll see reports of all sorts of weird things being "tested"). No external wires or equipment is necessary. Don't even have to plug it into a cigarette lighter (or whatever they call them these days).

We've had our iPhones for quite some time now (at least in terms of a world with a five-minute news cycle) and last week picked up our 3Gs. Its performance, compared to the classic, is outstanding, especially when it comes to truckin' around the Web; while Apple says the new 3G network is three times as fast when working with the phone's Safari browser, we think it's often faster than that. A quantum leap in online speed, definitely.

And Dynolicious provides a quantum leap for casual and serious tuners. Those looking for the most speed and horsepower from their car, truck or motorcycle will benefit, as well as those working to create the best balance of speed, horsepower and engine efficiency for improved miles-per-gallon. An efficient engine is a clean and happy one.

In-putting your vehicle's weight and a few other details, including what Dyno calls drivetrain loss (though we like the term "parasitic drag" better) enables iPhone + Dyno to work their magic.

Find a suitable area, stop, and start your tuning exercise. You'll first calibrate the iPhone (which takes about one minute) and then slip it into a cradle or cupholder. The test session begins the instant you hit the gas or twist the throttle. We found it best to wrap the iPhone in some foam rubber to keep it from moving during testing or being influenced by vibration from the vehicle. A passenger holding the iPhone steady in their lap during a run seems to work well, too.

Our ferocious Prius' 0 to 60 time was a blazing 15.31 seconds. We covered the 1/8-mile in 13.20 seconds at 55.4 miles per hour. Our maximum speed in the test was 69.5mph. We always knew it was slow; the testing confirmed it.

And our Prius' peak horsepower? A veritably throbbing 62!

Dynolicious also maintains a history of

test runs, displaying averages and trends in results. It also allows entry about modifications performed to your vehicle (new exhaust system, different tires or wheels or a different engine chip, for example) and will instantly show before-and-after results to easily identify gains or losses. Results are available in "time slip" form and as a graphic showing G's, horsepower, distance and speed. It will definitely add new dimensions to "test and tune" sessions.

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The annual Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) Show in Las Vegas is coming up in a little over a month, where hundreds of performance equipment manufacturers and many of the car-makers, import and domestic, display their latest wares for 2009 and beyond. We're looking forward to seeing what other auto-related applications have been developed for Apple and other cell phones, and how programmers might have already tweaked Dynolicious to offer even more helpful information. And we'll let you know what we find there (find out more about this application at www.dynolicious.com).

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Being a cool mom takes a lot of work

I AM NOT THE KIND OF MOTHER I thought I would be.

I wanted to be the cool mom, not cool in the sense of hip and fashionable. Rather, I wanted to be confident and comfortable, laid back and reasonable. I wanted to be loose.

I read an article before I had my son that called it the "third child syndrome." By the third child, you are not so worried about shoulds and appropriate. By the third child, if the pacifier falls on the floor, it does not need to be boiled and hosed down. You know in your heart your child will not break. I wanted to be this relaxed, this cool, from the first child on.

This was a lot to ask. By nature I am a worrier, a little neurotic. Even before my son was born, I found shopping for gear and clothes to be a gut-wrenching endeavor.

Which onesie? How about all? Which stroller? The red one? Looks good. How does it roll? The wheels squeak, but it's just so pretty.

"No more shopping today," my husband would say as he headed out the door for work. I'd agree and mean it. But then I'd stumble upon that perfect little bib. If everything was in its place, I reasoned, then I could be more relaxed about this whole creating and being responsible for a new life thing.

But then my son was born in an emergency situation. Seeing him connected to tubes and wires, which were connected to machines that scream alerts of impending danger, was not part of my plans. All preconceived notions of being relaxed went out the window.

I held my son close for many months, barely letting anyone else hold him for longer than it took me to catch my breath. I offended family members by not letting them watch him, thinking they couldn't handle it, even though they raised their own children.

I wanted the community around him to be his support. I wanted him to be comfortable being passed around. I wanted me to be comfortable watching him being passed around. Here I was snatching him away from my very wish for him.

That is the weight I carry as a NICU parent. My child determined how I parent. He needs extra attention. He receives lots of physical therapy. He is not the steadiest on his feet. He falls a lot. So, though I never meant to be a hovering mother, I am there to catch him if he needs me to.

But medical scare or not, would I have been any different if all had gone without a hitch? After all, the gear had already thrown me for such a loop.

Can we predetermine our parenting style? Can I just decide to be cool, if I'm not?

I don't know what I expected from motherhood.

But along came this little blonde haired, blue-eyed boy who looked to me for everything, who entered the world reminding me that life sometimes can be seconds away from being completely unfair.

He showed me, though I may not have known it, that he was everything I had been

waiting for. And I was going to get him everything he needed and I didn't care how I came off to anyone else.

I have been aware that I am not cool for much of my life.

PERHAPS SOME DAY MY SON WILL THINK I AM COOL, JUST AS I THINK MY MOM IS NOW. SHE IS NOT CLASSICALLY COOL, HER JEANS COME UP A LITTLE TOO HIGH, SHE CAN TALK ABOUT GENETIC DNA HERITAGE TESTING FOR HOURS, AND SHE MAKES TO-DO LISTS THAT INCLUDE SUCH MINUTE DETAILS LIKE WASH HAIR.

I had been hopeful this would be a chance for change. Obviously this is not the time for change, this is the time to be attentive and to give myself over completely to someone else's needs.

And so I have.

Though, as my son now gets stronger, I get looser. We have left him with sitters, with family, even gone away overnight. "As long as you are both alive when we get back," I said to my mom.

They were. Cool.

Perhaps some day my son will think I am cool, just as I think my mom is now. She is not classically cool, her jeans come up a little too high, she can talk about genetic DNA heritage testing for hours, and she makes to-do lists that include such minute details like wash hair.

But now being a mother and seeing what she went through when she was widowed with me at four years old, I think what she has done for me was pretty cool.

So maybe some day, after my son's body has grown strong from all of his therapies and he's playing in some sports game somewhere, he will look up and see me in the stands. He will call his friends over and point me out, not embarrassed by his doting mom, but rather proud. He will say, "Look, there's my mom."

And he and his friends will wave and smile and then they will take to the field and play. And I will watch as they get lost in the game.

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Carob may have ties to Civil War

FROM TREE PAGE 1

"I thought, 'this is terrible, why would they cut down a tree with a plaque?'" Herbert Silverstein, who is a candidate for City Council, said about his reaction when he saw the posting. "At least look and see what the background is."

There are several landmarked trees in the city, the most notable being the Moreton Bay Fig Tree at the Fairmont Miramar Hotel.

Warriner said the carob in question has a failure rating of 10 out of 12. The study by HortScience rated trees on a 12-point ranking system that took three factors into consideration — the probability of failing, the size of the tree's part most likely to fail and the objects on which it would fall. All three factors were rated on a scale of one to four and were added for the final score.

The trees that were ranked as 10 or higher were slated for immediate removal.

More than 60 carob limbs and trees have failed in the city since the 2001-02 fiscal year, more than half of which have gone down since the beginning of 2005.

Warriner said the carob in Palisades Park has significant decay at the base of the tree as well as in the main lateral limb.

"If indeed the tree does remain, we will need to get creative with how we will do

that," Warriner said. "The tree does pose a risk."

He added that preserving it will be a matter of providing physical support as opposed to cabling, which is the case for the Moreton Bay Fig Tree.

Though the plaque at the base of the tree states it was dedicated in 1938, Warriner said he doubts the tree is that old.

The carob is among the more than 1,100 trees in Palisades Park, which is a designated city landmark. If the tree is removed, the replacement will be something that is similar in character, size, shape, texture and foliage, as required by regulations set by the Landmarks Commission.

Trees have been a sensitive topic in the city since the Treesavers rallied against the ficus removal plan, which eventually went to court. Altogether approximately 23 ficus trees were removed and another seven are in the process of being relocated to the Palisades Garden Walk behind the RAND Corp.

The Silversteins said they just hope the carob will be preserved.

"It's so magnificent that the canopy must be at least 30 feet," Sally Silverstein said. "It's gorgeous and really beautiful."

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Shriver blasts toll road

FROM TOLL ROAD PAGE 3

include Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, say the toll road extension shores up national security by providing an alternative to Interstate 5 in the event of a wildfire or accident at the nearby San Onofre nuclear power plant.

"When those fires in San Diego happened and they had to evacuate all the people, they had one exit route and that was backed up for hours. People were trying to drive 60 miles and it took them five hours," said Lance MacLean, a company board member. "It's in the interest of national security that you have an alternate route."

Proponents also argue that the road would boost an economy that's strangled by heavy traffic. State Assemblywoman Mimi Walters, R-Lake Forest, said studies show congestion will increase 60 percent by 2025 in that area of the interstate.

"Traffic congestion in my district is bad,

but by 2025 it will be unbearable," she said.

Environmentalists counter that the proposed road would be little more than another local commuter option for a planned 14,000-home development in south Orange County — and not a national security linchpin.

Schwarzenegger's brother-in-law, Santa Monica City Councilman Bobby Shriver, said locals don't want the toll road.

The governor was accused earlier this year of dumping Shriver and actor-director Clint Eastwood from the California State Parks and Recreation Commission because they voted against the toll road.

The governor's office has denied those accusations.

"There's a very serious traffic problem on the 5, there's no doubt about that," Shriver said, referring to the freeway. "But they do not want to solve that problem by building this road."

Turnout larger than last year

FROM BEACH PAGE 1

Matthew King, communications director for Heal the Bay, attributed the larger turnout to an increase in public concern for the environment.

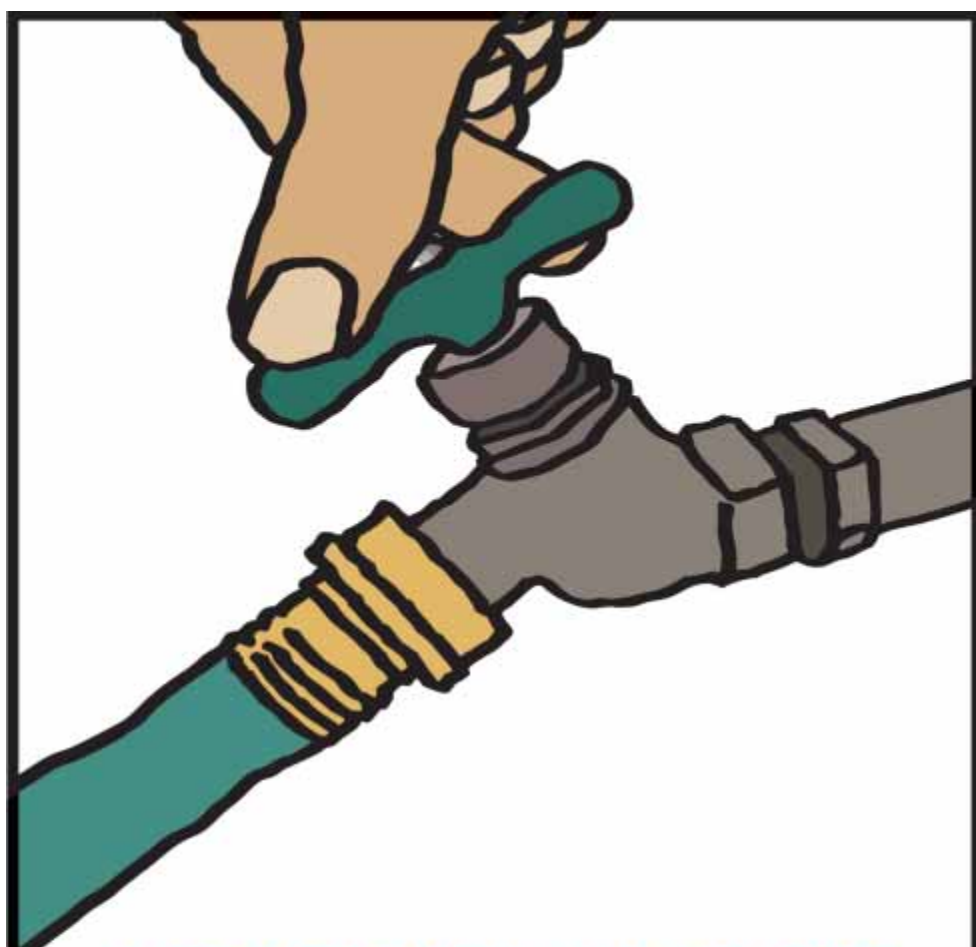
"All things environmental is on the forefront of social conscience," King said. "More and more people are thinking of their daily habits. People want to do the right thing."

Heal the Bay concentrated their efforts on making a bigger push to clean up inland areas this year. The push resulted from the

fact that the majority of ocean pollution comes from urban runoff carried through storm drains.

The organization was happy to add the first ever inland site to Santa Monica in the Ocean Park neighborhood. John Muir Elementary School and Santa Monica Alternative School House joined forces to clean up their communities collecting 36 pounds of trash and 35 pounds of recyclables. Over 70 families participated in the event.

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Solar Santa Monica starts second phase

FROM CONSENT PAGE 3

rently located at 525 Broadway.

The public television station and Code Enforcement are both planning on relocating to other offices in the city but those spaces are not expected to be ready for move-in by the time their current lease is up in May 2009. The total cost to sub-lease the space is expected to cost more than \$191,000, which includes the rent, moving expenses and costs for computer and telephone wiring.

The Finance Department is also located adjacent to the hotel.

BIGGER RESTROOM FOR THE PIER

The newest attraction on the Santa Monica Pier could be a larger restroom.

The popular landmark is slated to receive a bigger and better central facility that will include 32 toilets, nine urinals and 18 hand-wash sinks, filling a need for more lavatories on site.

The council's anticipated approval of the project includes accepting an estimate by TLD Construction — which is engaged in a design-build contract with City Hall — that the construction portion will not exceed \$3.2 million.

The Santa Monica Pier Restoration Corp. has long been looking to replace and expand the existing central facility. The target date to finish construction is July 2009.

REPRESENTING CITY HALL'S INTERESTS

A long-time lobbyist could continue to fight for City Hall before state officials.

Shaw/Yoder Inc., which has represented the municipality since 1986, is expected to stick around for at least another five years as the council will be asked to sign another long-term deal.

If approved, the first year of the contract will not exceed \$42,350.

The lobbyist has represented City Hall on issues related to housing homeless veterans and transportation funding.

FUELING BUSES

The Liquid Compressed Natural Gas station which fuels all of the Big Blue Buses that run on LNG will be maintained by Northstar.

The operator won a \$748,000 bid to maintain and repair parts for the fueling station that supplies approximately two million gallons to the 100 Big Blue Buses that run on LNG.

In addition to awarding the winning bid to Northstar, the council will also be asked to extend a contract with Converse Consultant to provide more geotechnical work for the new Big Blue Bus Campus.

"Geotechnical services are required to ensure that soil conditions meet recommendations that are outlined in the Geotechnical Report," according to the staff report.

The consultant recently discovered large amounts of undocumented fill and other hazardous material. The contract will be expanded by \$109,000.

THE SECOND ERA FOR SOLAR PANELS

Following a successful beginning to the Solar Santa Monica initiative, which seeks to expand solar capacity via photovoltaic panels, City Hall is preparing to embark on phase two of the project.

That phase could be handled by EcoMotion if the council approves a \$450,000 contract that will include marketing and public outreach work.

The goal of the second phase, which will last roughly three years, is to install a minimum of 1,500 kilowatts of solar capacity in the city, which would be roughly a 300 percent gain.

Sustainability has long been a goal of City Hall, and that includes teaching good environmental citizenship to its students.

In order to continue teaching environmental values to public school students in Santa Monica, the council is expected to add \$50,000 to an existing contract with Heal the Bay.

The nonprofit organization recently hosted more than 700 elementary school children from the Los Angeles area for its annual Coastal Cleanup Day, which included a trip to the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium.

BALANCED WATER

In order to maintain the water chemistry in the pool at the Santa Monica Swim Center, the council will be asked to buy \$129,000 worth of chemicals from Hill Brothers Chemical Co.

The chemicals, which include muriatic acid, sodium hypochlorite and sodium bicarbonate, are required by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health to keep the water balanced.

TRAINING EMPLOYEES

Good leadership skills are important, especially in an organization as large as City Hall.

Glaser & Associates, which for the past two years has provided leadership and conflict resolution training for managers in City Hall, will be asked to return and provide that same training to other city departments.

The extra training sessions will cost City Hall approximately \$40,000.

CONTINUED RELATIONSHIP WITH CITY HALL

The Santa Monica Daily Press is being recommended to continue publishing legal notices for City Hall.

City Hall spent about \$61,000 last year publishing the notices in the newspaper and estimates it will spend another \$66,300 for the 2008-09 fiscal year.

The SMDP was founded in 2001 and was adjudicated as a newspaper of general circulation in Santa Monica in 2005.

MEDICAL TRACKING

The Santa Monica Fire Department could get a second patient care tracking and reporting system.

The council will be asked to authorize the second installation of the FireMed Pro software at Fire Station 1 for \$2,500. The first software was installed in 2007.

"Six months after the system was implemented, staff determined that the installation of one FireMed Pro workstation at Fire Station 1 was insufficient for the large number of users," the staff report stated.

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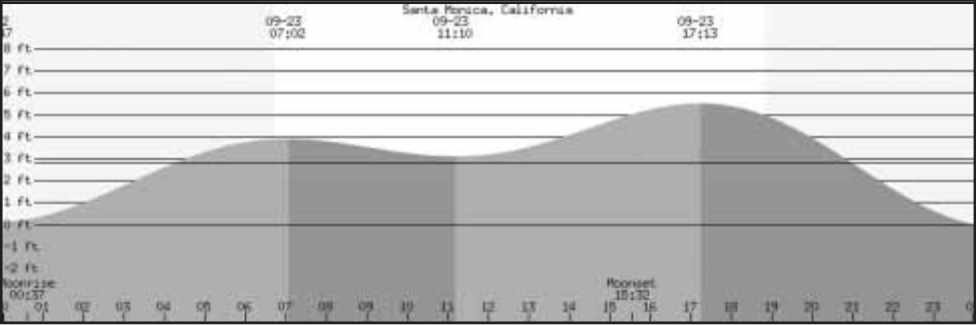
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Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 40

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LOCATION

DRY

WET

Leo Canillo Beach, at Arroyo Soguit Creek mouth

A+

ns

Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth

A+

ns

El Pescador State Beach, between Luchessa and Las Aliso creeks

A+

ns

Escorial Canyon at El Morador 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

Escandido Creek, just east of Escandido State Beach

A+

ns

Lariga Canyon Creek mouth

A+

ns

Selstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach

F

ns

Puerto State Beach at creek mouth

A+

ns

Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.

D

ns

Surfider Beach at Malibu Colony fences

A+

ns

Surfider Beach (beach location)- daily

B

ns

Malibu Pier - 50 yards east

D

ns

Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon

A+

ns

Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)

A+

ns

Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs

A+

ns

Pine Creek at Las Tunas County Beach

A+

ns

Tuna Canyon

A+

ns

Topanga State Beach at creek mouth

A

ns

Castroville Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach

A

ns

Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach

A

ns

Will Rogers State Beach at 17260 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)

A+

ns

LOCATION

DRY

WET

Will Rogers State Beach at Del Air Bay Club drain near fence

A+

ns

Will Rogers State Beach at Palga Canyon storm drain

A+

ns

Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain

A+

ns

Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chantrelle)

A

ns

Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain

F

ns

Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain

F

ns

Santa Monica Municipal Pier

A

ns

Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kanter storm drain

A

ns

Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurants)

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 Tappan St.

B

ns

Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower

A

ns

Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth

C

ns

Dockweiler State Beach at Calver Blvd. drain

B

ns

North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach

A+

ns

Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)

A+

ns

Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain

A+

ns

Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant

A+

ns

Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain

A+

ns

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A - F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone

WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days

ns -- no sample taken

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Death Race (R) 1hr 29min 2:10, 4:35, 7:05, 9:25	Ghost Town (PG-13) 1hr 42min 12:05, 2:30, 5:00, 7:35, 9:55	Traitor (PG-13) 1hr 50min 11:40am, 5:20, 10:30
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Pisces, let your feelings lead

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Sometimes the best of intentions fall to the wayside. You could be dragged down by others and their ideas. Stop and accept the fact that you could hit a logjam. Then, you are less likely to resist the inevitable. Tonight: Relax; easy does it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ What one person says startles you and triggers strong reactions. Still, have a meaningful discussion rather than indulge in a powerful reaction. You discover that you might be reticent to address your feelings. Tonight: Speak your mind.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Spending easily could become an issue when you least expect it. Understand your limits or self-imposed limitations. You can find ways around any problem if you so choose. Choose! Stay on top of your game! Tonight: Your treat.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You have energy and the ability to get a lot done if you do not get caught up in a passionate and/or emotional situation. Listen to different ideas, and you might open up to what might be a unique idea. This opens up a door, if not your life! Tonight: All smiles.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★ Use your instincts and follow through on what needs to happen. You hear a lot. Your instincts prove to be protective and may encourage a financial halt, just for now! Playing it conservatively does not hurt. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Zoom in and make what you want happen. You could be a bit uptight, which will not help. On the positive side, you get breathing time and are unlikely to create a problem. Investigate a potential expenditure. Consider it an indulgence, but a worthwhile one. Tonight: Give in to whim.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You smile, and others respond. Your ability to get past an immediate problem proves to be remarkable. Embrace new ideas, and new values will emerge, possibly changing a decision. Clear out responsibilities quickly and effectively. Tonight: In the limelight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Reach past the obvious and embrace new ideas. You could be taken aback by what you hear, but walk past a hassle and greet a situation with new dynamics and ideas. Break past a barrier. Tonight: Let your imagination make the call.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Defer to others, and suddenly they join in. You have much to smile about, as teamwork always makes it more possible to hit a home run. Know what it is that you want, and head in that direction. Tonight: Go with another's suggestion.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Investigate options more freely. Know what it is you are seeking, and you might have a better chance to get where you want to go. Others chime in and obviously support you, even if their ideas are very different. Tonight: Others take action.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Your creativity emerges in a professional situation in which you might be extremely vested. Take time for some exercise, remembering to keep your body healthy, too. An innovative idea works. Tonight: Run an errand on the way home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Your creativity draws solutions. Reach out for more information. As busy as you might be, rely on your intuition. You have a stronger sense of direction than you might realize. Consider a mini getaway. Tonight: Let your feelings lead.

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Realize that you might be dealing with unusual responsibility and demands this year. Don't worry, as you will step up to the plate and achieve what you want. A parent or older relative could be demanding; do not try to change this person. You could waste time and energy if you do. Money is a vulnerability. You might overspend, justifying this action the whole way. Do not throw caution to the wind. Often, you might act on feelings, causing you to spend. If single, you discover your own desirability. 2009 holds delightful possibilities. If attached, romance builds as the year progresses. CANCER adds to responsibilities but is very confident in your abilities.

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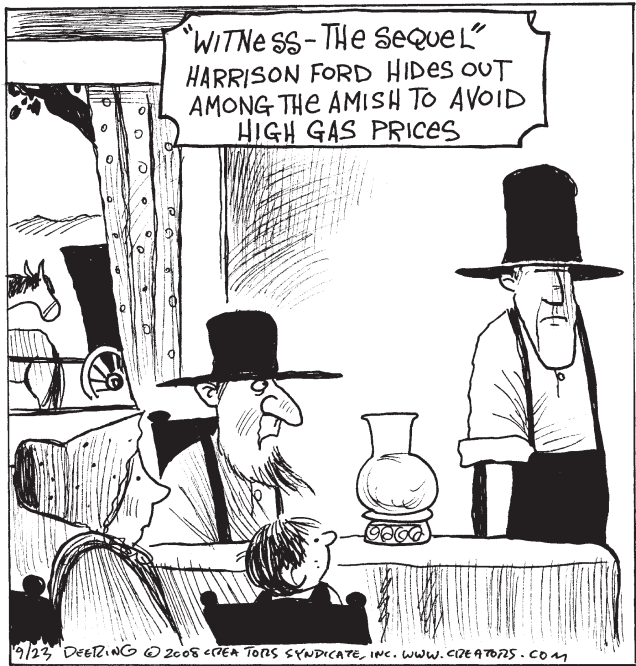


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By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 41 Stop-watch
 - 1 Some hits
 - 6 Stylish
 - 11 Moon of Saturn
 - 12 Copier need
 - 13 1984 Diana Ross song
 - 15 Lawyer's charge
 - 16 Cell messenger
 - 17 Fellows
 - 18 It may involve planted evidence
 - 20 Gallery fill
 - 21 Ulna's place
 - 22 Commercial award
 - 23 Sprawling tales
 - 26 Senior member
 - 27 Arrive
 - 28 Central
 - 29 Backtalk
 - 30 Shows
 - 34 Santa —, California
 - 35 Count starter
 - 36 Sprinted
 - 37 1997 Tim McGraw song
 - 40 Tricks

DOWN

- 1 Wooden
- 2 Bottle size
- 3 Sailing
- 4 Settle the bill
- 5 Loud sleepers
- 6 Bra part
- 7 May honoree
- 8 Peculiar thing
- 9 Daydream
- 10 New Jersey capital
- 14 "E Pluribus —"
- 19 Spiked club
- 22 Collection of laws
- 23 Bakery treats
- 24 Empha-size
- 25 Deadlock
- 26 Entertains
- 28 Bistro list
- 30 Perch
- 31 Scent
- 32 Tennis legend Rod
- 33 Hägar's dog
- 38 Hankering
- 39 Turned on, as a lamp

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Gill Switalski, 51, filed a lawsuit in London, seeking the equivalent of almost \$40 million for her dismissal from the Foreign and Colonial investment firm, claiming she was fired illegally during an illness. However, F and C asserted in June that it found an instance during a particularly sickly spell for Switalski when she interviewed for a job at a competitor while demonstrating enough energy and drive to have received an offer of employment. Switalski said she was merely using an "alternative personality" during that interview.

■ In July, Leroy McAfee, 55, was charged in Austin, Texas, with molesting an 11-year-old girl but confessed to police that he had molested two others, as well. However, he refused to describe those incidents because he wanted to save that information for his autobiography.

■ Kevin Hansen filed a lawsuit in West Bend, Wis., in August, claiming that spotting a clump of hair in a steak he sliced into from a Texas Roadhouse restaurant caused "severe and permanent injuries," pain, suffering and "disability," requiring "extensive medical treatment." In fact, said his lawyer Ryan Hetzel to Milwaukee's Journal Sentinel, "It's bothered the heck out of him." (The employee who prepared the steak was fired and later pleaded guilty to a felony, explaining that he was trying to retaliate because Hansen complained about a previous order.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1779 during the Revolutionary War, the American warship Bon Homme Richard defeated the HMS Serapis in battle.

1780 British spy John Andre was captured along with papers revealing Benedict Arnold's plot to surrender West Point to the British.

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1846 Neptune was identified as a planet by German astronomer Johann Gottfried Galle.

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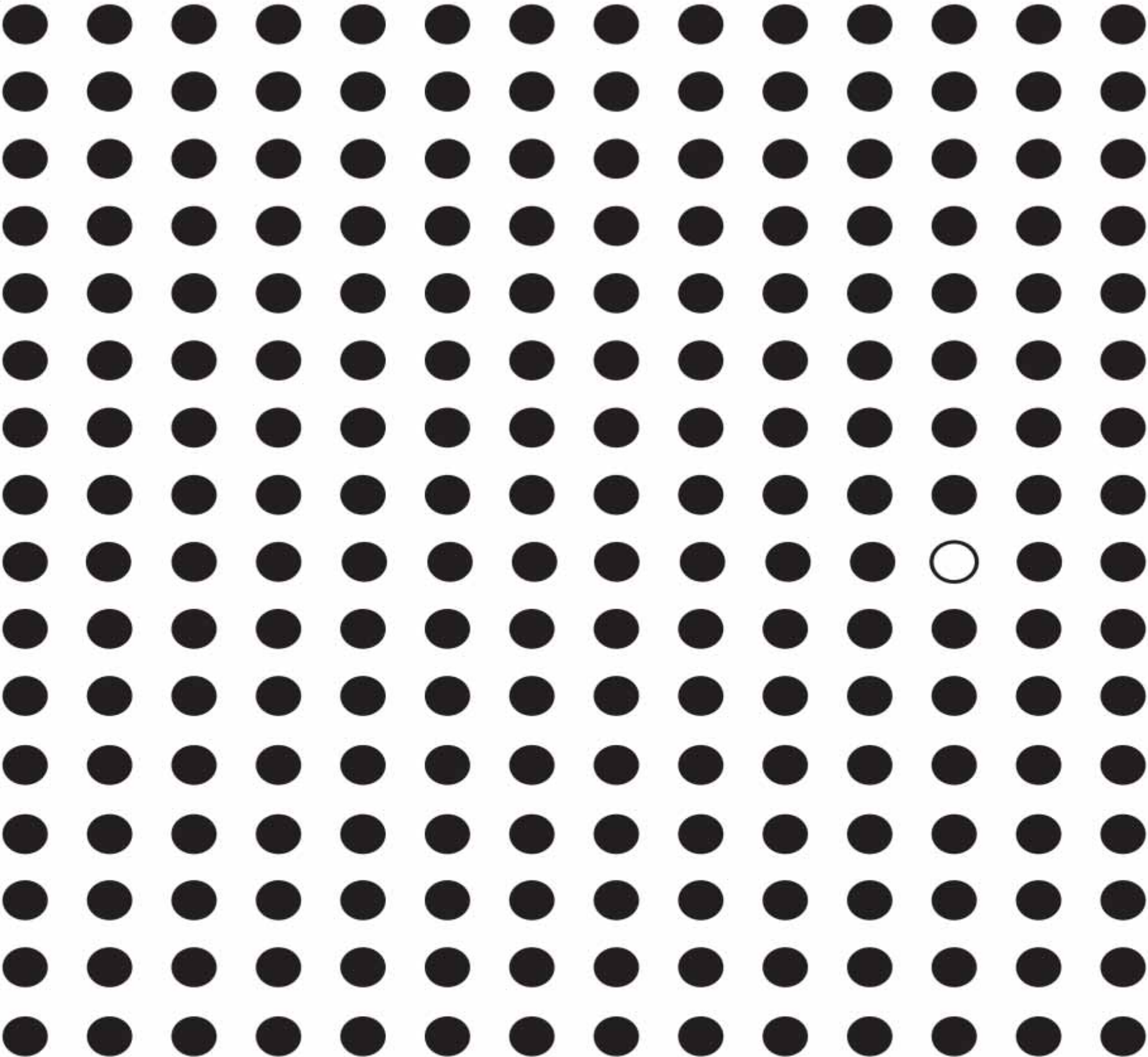
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North of Montana	\$ 3,803,538	\$ 2,098,909
Between Wilshire & Montana	\$ 3,926,000	\$ 1,015,621
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