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OPENING DAY: **City officials take part in the ribbon cutting ceremony Wednesday for the new Big Blue Bus maintenance facility.**

BBB maintenance facility opens doors

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

COLORADO AVENUE On time and under budget.

Those were the words that city officials proudly repeated multiple times in celebrating the new Big Blue Bus maintenance facility during its grand opening on Wednesday, praising a project team that managed to bring the 66,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art structure to completion at $60 million.

The project cost has fluctuated at times, originally estimated to be $80 million, a figure that would have covered the maintenance facility, a new administration building and underground parking for employees. It was also at one point estimated to cost approximately $140.2 million, including $95 million for construction.

The finished product is a maintenance facility that includes 21 service bays, which can handle maintenance and repair for a maximum of 20 buses every day. The new facility also allows the Big Blue Bus to later expand its fleet to include articulated — accordian-like — buses that the old structure could not accommodate.

Officials decided to cut the administration office out of the project because of cost issues, opting instead to use about $4 million to redesign the interior of the building that it occupied during construction, one that they thought would be a temporary space. The interior design work is expected to be completed in June 2010.

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Declawing law may be clipped

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL A controversial surgical procedure that animal lovers have dubbed as an amputation on cats could face restrictions in Santa Monica.

The City Council on Tuesday directed its staff to draft an ordinance that would ban the veterinary practice of declawing cats, limiting the procedure only to cases in which it would be in the direct therapeutic interest of the animal.

With just a few months left before a new state law prohibiting cities from banning declawing goes into effect on Jan. 1, the local ordinance faces a tight deadline, needing to be enacted by the end of the year to be grandfathered.

A similar ordinance was considered in 2004.

"We're not talking here about pampering your pet with a manicurist," said Councilman Kevin McKeown, who made the request to staff with Councilwoman Gleam Davis. "So-called declawing is 10 separate painful amputations of the first joint of each toe on both front paws, 20 amputations if the front and hind paws are done."

Declawing opponents call the procedure inhumane, causing behavioral problems in cats that can lead them to abandonment at the shelter where they can subsequently be put down.

Dr. Armaiti May, a Santa Monica veterinarian who makes house calls, said she has witnessed the complications from the procedure, including one cat that ended up becoming crippled because the bandages were placed so tightly that it was unable to use its legs properly.

She notes that some of the other effects include increased biting and litter box aversion.

"These behavioral problems are greater cause for relinquishment to shelters than scratching behaviors," she said.

Dr. Ken Jones, a veterinarian in Santa Monica, said he has never in the past 24 years of practice ever saw the need to declaw a cat.

"I feel it's amputation of the toes and it verges on mistreatment, which verges on abuse," he said.

Such bans have been opposed by the California Veterinary Medical Association,

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Skaggs lives it up in pro baseball

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

TEMPE, Ariz. It didn't take long for Tyler Skaggs to win a championship.

The former Santa Monica High School star hurler — in his first year of professional baseball — helped the single-A Orem Owlz win the Pioneer league title last week giving the highly-

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



Thursday, Sept. 24, 2009

Laughter club
Shakti's Elements
717 Broadway, 11 a.m. — noon
Laugh your socks off every Thursday in this form of body-mind exercise for all ages and fitness levels. Certified laughter yoga leader Kim Selbert leads the class. Cost is $10. Visit www.kim-selbert.com or call (310) 849-4642 for more information.

What's new this week?
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 1 p.m. — 2:30 p.m.
Join a free-wheeling review and discussion of the week's key news stories at home and abroad, moderated by Jack Nordhaus. Call (310) 450-0443 for more information.

Friday, Sept. 25, 2009

Movies and more
1527 Fourth St., 12:30 p.m. — 4 p.m.
Join WISE and Healthy Aging for their twice-monthly showing of an entertaining and thought-provoking film. A lively discussion follows the movie led by peer counselor Bert Dragin, who has produced, written and directed three motion pictures. The cost is $3 per person, and covers the film, popcorn and discussion. Call (310) 394-9871 ext. 373 for more information.

Saturday, Sept. 26, 2009

'Cinderella: The Musical'
Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 Fourth St., 12:30 p.m. — 1:30 p.m.
Audiences help romance bloom in this delightful Rudie-DeCarlo musical for kids 2 to 102, featuring a charming prince, a zany fairy godmother, silly stepsisters and a zealously well-meaning stepmother. Birthday and tea parties are available with every performance of Cinderella. Cost is $10.50 — $12.50. Call (310) 394-9779 ext. 2 for more information.

Yoga in the park
Palisades Park
Ocean Avenue and Palisades Avenue, 10 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.
Start your weekend off right with an energizing and rejuvenating yoga class in Palisades Park, overlooking the ocean. Beginners and all other levels are welcome — just bring yoga mat and an open heart. If you've always wanted to try yoga, this is the class for you. All classes are paid for by donation. Call (310) 560-4317 or e-mail jonathan @alignmentforlife.com for more information.

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



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CITY HALL

Bringing gardeners together

As popular as gardening is in Santa Monica, 8 square miles cannot accommodate gardens for all 94,000 residents. As a result, the city has created a garden sharing registry to meet everyone's needs.

The registry matches homeowners with yard space but no time for gardening to experienced or interested gardeners with no space for themselves to plant. The community garden waiting list is long, leaving few alternatives, until now.

Once registered, owners choose from a list of avid gardeners and create a partnership with specifications according to each party. They discuss schedules, supply storage, gardening projects, costs of seeds and supplies and length of commitment. Though home and property owners provide land and water, gardeners actually cultivate the land.

The resulting crops are shared between the landowners and the gardeners.

To sign up and complete an application, visit communitygardens.smgov.net or call (310) 458-8573.

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SM BAY

Tons of trash removed in cleanup

More than 14,000 Coastal Cleanup Day volunteers in Los Angeles County removed a record 150 tons of trash from regional watersheds last weekend, according to environmental watchdog Heal the Bay, which organized the effort.

Some 14,038 community members – also an all-time high number – scoured beaches, parks, alleys, creeks, highways and stormdrains for three hours at 69 sites throughout the county. City crews, families, local businesses, faith-based organizations, schools and youth sports teams removed 300,413 pounds of debris and recyclables.

This year's haul marked a 65 percent increase from last year's total of 181,000 pounds. The increased total is due to more aggressive public works efforts coordinated in concert with Heal the Bay to clear bulky, heavy items from so-called "Code Red" sites. The inaugural program designated five sites in or near heavily urbanized, debris-choked waterways, officials with Heal the Bay said.

Heal the Bay's cleanup campaigns have captured a cumulative 1.17 million pounds of trash since 1990. Cigarette butts and Styrofoam fragments are the most frequently found items at cleanups.

Sites covered the entire county, from Tujunga to Long Beach, Compton to Malibu. SCUBA dive teams canvassed the Santa Monica and Redondo Beach piers, while a flotilla of kayakers removed trash from Marina del Rey.

This year's worldwide cleanup event unavoidably conflicted with the Rosh Hashanah holidays, nonetheless volunteer totals rose nearly 15 percent from last year's 12,262 participants.

Among the most unusual items found this year was a lifesize human skull model that divers in Redondo Beach first assumed marked actual human remains. Local police were called to examine the object, which was found on the seafloor and wrapped in plastic. Authorities quickly cordoned off the area and brought forensics teams to examine the plastic skull, whose origins remain a mystery.

Other noteworthy items found this year: a dead sea lion (Ballona Creek), a severed goat's head (Malibu Lagoon), a restroom urinal (Dominguez Channel), a dilapidated 10-foot skiff (trail adjacent to Malibu Creek), and a fake mustache (Zuma Beach).

"Coastal Cleanup Day is a remarkable day of action" said Karin Hall, executive director of Heal the Bay. "Volunteers removed a record amount of trash, but the biggest benefit of the day is raising so much awareness about the everyday steps people can take to reduce marine-bound pollution throughout the year."

Urban runoff from more than 200 storm drains flowing out to Santa Monica and San Pedro bays causes the vast majority of local ocean pollution. By removing tons of debris from beaches and inland neighborhoods, cleanup participants enhanced quality of life, protected marine animals and bolstered the regional economy.

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TALKING SHOP: **Residents Eric Gilbert (right) and Chris Lamb talk about the future plans for the cottage at 1012 Second St. on Tuesday afternoon. Plans to construct condominiums behind the historic landmark will continue after the City Council denied an appeal filed by neighbors against the Planning Commission's approval of seven variances for the project earlier this year.**

CITY COUNCIL WRAP

Bus accident victims get cash; contruction appeal denied

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL A man confined to a wheelchair after he was struck by a Big Blue Bus while crossing the street will have a hefty sum of money coming his way.

The City Council approved a $1.5 million settlement on Tuesday in the case of Powell v. city of Santa Monica, one of three legal agreements passed out of closed session.

City Attorney Marsha Moutrie said the plaintiff suffered a serious injury to his right leg and broke a bone in the other.

"The injuries will change the rest of his life," she said.

A separate case involving a claim that a bus rider got their foot stuck in the door was also settled for $47,500.

The council also agreed to settle a personnel matter, reinstating an employee on a promotion list in exchange for the plaintiff's dismissal of his administrative appeal and lawsuit. Both sides also agreed to limit any public statements to matters that are part of the public record.

PLANNING COMMISSION APPEAL DENIED

Plans to construct condominiums behind a historic landmark on Second Street will continue after the council denied an appeal filed by neighbors against the Planning Commission's approval of seven variances for the project earlier this year.

The project involves moving the cottage forward closer to the property line, demolishing an apartment complex behind it and constructing a three-unit condo development in its place, connecting the new and historic structure with a breezeway. The commission approved variances for the building height, number of stories, volume, and parcel coverage among others.

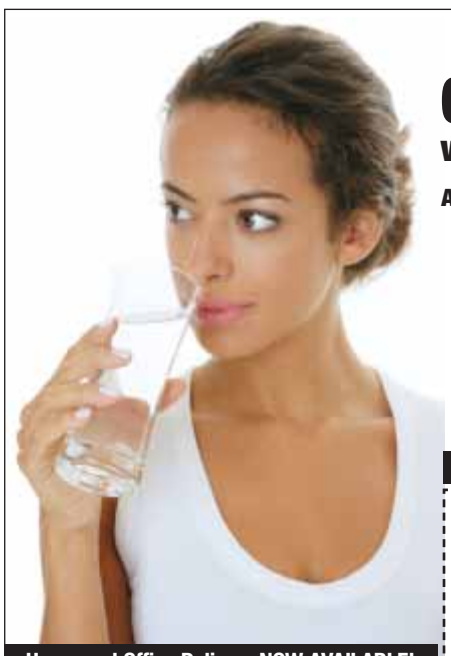
Neighbors filed three separate appeals contending that the unique nature of the project merits an environmental review, the condo development would fundamentally alter the historic house, and that there's no substantial evidence to support the variance findings. Residents have also argued that the project would be out of scale and character with the neighborhood.

"I don't think it's right for them to have seven variances of the building code," Scott Taylor, one of the appellants, said. "It makes you wonder why there is a building code."

The applicant has countered that the variances are necessary to make the project, which would preserve the historic cottage, feasible.

"The variances approved by the Planning Commission are minor in nature, narrow in

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Trees, please!

Editor:

"Marcy Miller rested her head gently on the California palm tree, tears welling in her eyes as she embraced the trunk, memories of her now deceased father, once a worker in a lumber yard, flooding back. 'I have hugged trees before but it did not have the same impact,'" she said.

The above quote was Daily Press staff writer Melody Hanatani's lead-in to a front page article (Sept. 23, 2009) about Santa Monica's Tree Hugging Day.

Amazing ... amazing how so many oddballs get so much validation and legitimization!

Later in the article, Jerry Rubin is quoted: "I'm tired of people that use the word 'tree hugger' in a disparaging way to demean an environmentalist."

Well, pardon me, Jerry, but "tree hugger" is not a word, they are two words, but putting aside math for a moment is it any wonder why so many (most, actually) folks think tree huggers are weird when confronted by such ridiculous statements by Ms. Miller, particularly when fine reporters like Hanatani write so poetically about them? From Miller's statements and (assuming nothing was embellished) Hanatani's narrative, it would seem we are to believe that poor, deceased lumber yard daddy was a tree murderer! A cold-blooded killer with the sap of untold thousands on his hands and saws! (I wonder how much lumber Ms. Miller has holding up her home?) Why, I'll even bet evil daddy kicked puppies and yelled out surprise endings in movie theaters: "Rosebud was his sled!" And how is this for irony – in order to protest and prevent the felling of certain trees, tree-hugger-sitters build platforms in them using lumber!

Even more hypocritical are the freaks in City Hall who endorsed this "Tree Hugging Day." Funny how the city leaders mandated a Santa Monica living wage law because they want workers in the city to have a better life (so they said), yet there is no health care coverage for part-time city employees! Oh, but hundreds of thousands, and even millions of dollars always seem to be in the coffers for things like installing ugly cables and power boxes for gaudy lights in the city's trees, tearing up and re-paving already perfectly smooth, useable streets, and demolishing public parking structures in order to what now? Oh, yeah, cure the so-called parking problem.

So, in closing, as I gnaw my wooden toothpick and wonder how much more PTSD Ms. Miller would have suffered had she been born in Holland and forced to wear wooden clogs on her feet, I urge Santa Monica's City Council and this newspaper to focus on a more (much more) important issue, namely the health care insurance void being endured by the city's part-timers who may be getting a fair wage but by no means a fair shake.

James Zeruk Jr.
Santa Monica

Pink slip

Editor:

Unbelievably, Time magazine showed Glenn Beck on its cover! Glenn Beck consistently and continually uses the language of hate and fear on his program. This is not real news and is not intelligent discourse or comment. Furthermore, most of what Beck says is based on paranoid fantasies, not fact. It is time for Time magazine and the networks to do something about this fear-mongering divisive lunatic. Fire him!

Sheila Zovar
Santa Monica

Living desperate lives

Editor:

No one is proposing socialism and no one is proposing a government takeover of our health care system. But we do need to make sure that 50 million uninsured Americans can get health care. For 12 years, I haven't had insurance because of a pre-existing condition. My children and grandchildren don't have insurance. And the cost of care, out of pocket, is causing us to live desperate lives.

Carolynn Grant
Los Angeles



Life Matters

JoAnne Barge & Katrina Davy Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Choosing what's right for you

DEAR NEW SHRINK,

My sister and brother are both UC students and I expected that I would also get into a UC, too. Even though we have about the same GPA and SAT scores, I am attending a local college instead. Everyone has been telling me that perhaps this is a blessing in disguise because otherwise I would've just followed my "family path" and do what my parents think I should do. Since I am here, I want to make the right choices to prepare for my future or to try and transfer to a UC. Are there any tests I can take or books I can read that will help me pick a major that I will enjoy?

Thank you for your help,
Undecided Student

DEAR UNDECIDED,

No matter which school you attend, college provides the perfect setting for you to begin to explore and prepare for your future. Every class, project, and assignment will help you learn more about yourself. Although you may not enjoy every class you take, you can learn just as much about your future from what you like as what you dislike.

Start by visiting your college career center. Meeting with a career counselor can help you explore your interests, personality, values, and skills to determine those career paths that may best fit for you. There are a few different assessments that many college career centers use. The Myers-Briggs Type Indicator, called MBTI for short, is a personality preference inventory that is used for lots of different things like leadership and communication styles. In career planning we use this assessment to help you explore the types of environments and situations that might be most comfortable or natural for you based on your personality.

Another common assessment is called the Strong Interest Inventory. Like the name suggests this inventory looks at your interests and helps to generate a list of different career areas based on the way you answer the questions. The Strong Interest Inventory takes your results and compares them to professionals working in over 120 different occupations. What is helpful about this assessment is that it not only gives you an idea of what areas might be a good fit for you but it also compares your results to people who are happy in their profession. The college version of the Strong also suggests related majors and activities based on your interests.

One important thing to mention is that assessments are just a place to start. There is not a single career test that will tell you what you should be or do, that's up to you to explore and decide.

Your career counselor or academic advisor can tell you more about the majors your school offers and help you to select classes that will help you meet your career goals. For many four-year universities you do not have to declare your major until your sophomore year. Take the first year of college to test out a few different classes and majors that interest you. You may also find it helpful to talk with upper-classmen about their major or sit in on a class to see if the topics covered interest you.

Meeting with a career counselor can also be helpful to give you ideas of ways you can begin preparing for your career while you're still in college. One of the benefits of living in, or around, Los Angeles is that you have the opportunity to explore almost every industry imaginable. Participating in internships during your college experience will help you to see what the world of work is like and will help you to determine the skills and experience necessary to get your dream job.

Books and online tools can also be helpful in your career exploration. I often recommend that students read "What Color is Your Parachute" by Bolles; it's a great hands-on exploratory book to help you declare a major and explore careers. There is also a teen edition, which may be more specific to the types of decisions you are facing right now. There are two free Web sites that are great for more specific occupational research. O*NET (online.onetcenter.org) has an easy to search feature based on your interests or career keyword and the Occupational Outlook Handbook lists thousands of different occupations (http://www.bls.gov/search/ooh.htm).

Ultimately choosing a major is simply choosing the classes you'll focus on during your college years. Most employers hire graduates based on their experience and the qualities they bring to the company, not the major they studied in college. Taking the time necessary to explore your major and career will help you to find work that you will truly enjoy.

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An appetite for anything, especially the inedible

FOR A WHILE I WAS WORRIED ABOUT HOW to best ensure my daughter was getting the proper nutrients in her diet. However, I've come to realize that while I'm some 38 inches taller and many, many pounds heavier than her (not to mention much more adept at using my thumbs and other fingers), I'm still mostly powerless over what goes into her mouth.

There were about five minutes when she graduated from baby food in a jar to real food that she was a picky eater. That time has long since passed. Now, at 13 months old, she eats just about anything, particularly if it's not at a mealtime, it's not being fed to her, it's not food and it's not hers. Chances are strong that some of what she consumes contains vitamins and minerals. And that all of the bacteria she's inevitably ingesting are unlikely to be deadly. Or at least a mother can dream.

That she puts everything into her mouth and chews it is beyond a teething phase; she's simply realized early on that her lot in life is that of a garbage disposal. The fact that she doesn't discriminate is good; my husband and I had just hoped that personality trait would have related more to people and relationships than items not fit for human consumption.

The other day we went to the playground and I was armed with what I thought was a respectable stash of snacks, including sippy cups, grapes, whole grain Goldfish crackers and MultiGrain Cheerios. She seemed perfectly happy noshing on all of it in between climbing up the slide and being pushed on the swing, until which time she spotted a puddle of dirty (is there any other kind?) water and a used Band-Aid, both of which were apparently more palatable.

We were at a friend's house last week when she discovered a pacifier on the floor that had just been in the mouth of a sick 2-year-old. While she hasn't used a pacifier in four months, my little girl popped it right in her mouth as if it had just fallen out. When I went to grab it out, she wailed the baby blabber equivalent of bloody murder. The same incident was repeated hours later except at a different friend's house and instead of a pacifier it was a dog dish full of kibble.

I'm fairly certain she understands the word no. She just chooses to ignore it. In fact, there are few things as amusing to her as when I say it. Like when she goes over to the plants in our living room and starts picking off the leaves. I could even begrudgingly live with the leaf picking if only she would stop eating the dirt in the plants' pots.

She grabs fists full of soil, examines it and then sticks it in her mouth, savoring it like a glass of fine port. Sometimes she just picks out the fertilizer and munches on it like movie theatre popcorn with extra butter. When she's inevitably banished from the plants, she'll oftentimes settle for the shoes lined up by our front door, choosing the soles of the foulest, muddiest pair to lick. At least there's probably a little protein in the fertilizer.

Before feeding her a banana we carefully cut each piece into quarters to reduce the risk of her choking only to watch her cram five or six quarters into her mouth at a time as if she's storing up for the winter or needs a potassium fix. A useful strategy, to be sure, if she were hypokalemic or a squirrel. (If nothing else, at least the food-shoveling skill will come in handy later in life should she venture into the realm of competitive eating.)

After most meals are over she'll crawl around the floor under her high chair and pop into her mouth whatever she missed the first time around. When lying on the changing table to get a new diaper, if she uncovers leftovers in the folds of her shirt or belly, that'll do, too.

She's taken to peeing upon getting settled into the bathtub and then later, sticking her face into the water like she's bobbing for apples, gulping the soapy urine-laced water. She also regularly crawls into our friends' house next door and eats off their floor indiscriminately. If her name was Spot and she wore a collar it might not bother me so much. But it's not and she doesn't so it kind of does.

I guess if nothing else I should just be relieved that at such a tender age my daughter doesn't sweat the small stuff. For better or worse, she eats it.

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

The Q Line

Thinking of Third Street

The Third Street Promenade recently celebrated its 20th anniversary. The outdoor shopping mall helped revitalize Downtown and helped spark a revolution in retail, moving people from boxy, enclosed malls to outdoor shopping centers.

So this week's Q-Line question asks:

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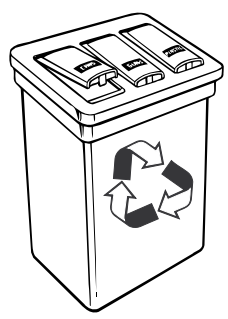
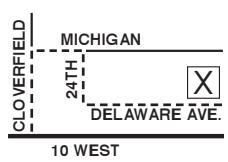
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Everyone has a favorite

THE SKY IS BLUE, THE PLATE IS WHITE, I wonder what I'll have tonight? I am at one of my favorite restaurants right now. It is called Il Forno Trattoria. I have been going to this restaurant since I was born, and I absolutely love it, and everybody who works there including the owner, Joseph Suceveann, the manager, Soren Costache, and my personal favorite waiter, Michael Giudice.

Il Forno is a semi-dressy restaurant that serves northern Italian cuisine. Il Forno is located at 2901 Ocean Park Blvd. in Santa Monica. It's a great place to go for parties and anniversary dinners. Sometimes when I go there, I sit down at the counter and watch the wonderful chef (Dominico Salvatore, who has been a partner in the restaurant since it opened 24 years ago) prepare food for their loyal customers. Food is really an art.

When you sit down at the table, one of their knowledgeable waiters quickly and efficiently comes over and asks for your drink orders. Around the same time that they bring you drinks, they also bring out their freshly baked Panne al Il Forno bread, butter and my favorite, Il Forno's homemade bruschetta made with tomato, basil, garlic and balsamic vinegar. I just love putting all of those sweet, juicy tomatoes, fresh-picked basil and oil onto a piece of bread. It tastes so good!

After they bring out the bread and drinks, they tell you about all their daily specials and then they ask for your food order. After you order, you have a little bit of time to just kind of relax, talk a little, until the appetizers come out, and then later, the main course.

I would highly recommend getting the pasta e fagioli soup, the insalata dell' ortolano or the melanzane alla caprina (rolled eggplant with tomato sauce and goat cheese) as an appetizer. For a main course I would either order the tortellini nuovi or the pappardelle all' abruzzese (lamb sauce), as they are my favorites. If you would like an entrée instead of pasta I would recommend trancio di salmone (herbed salmon), filetto agro dolce (filet mignon in a port wine and balsamic reduction) or the petto di pollo Il Forno (not your traditional chicken marsala).

Then there's always their pizza, which comes with thin, crispy crust with many different toppings. My favorite is alla salsiccia, but I have them caramelize pearl onions instead of peppers. It melts in your mouth.

And then my favorite part: dessert. Il Forno is known for its tartufos, which are completely delicious chocolate-covered domes of ice cream served on a white plate. They come in all sorts of flavours like: zabaione (which tastes like eggnog to me,) white chocolate chip, vanilla bean and of course chocolate. If you have a party (or not), you can order from a choice of several delicious cakes, including lemon hazelnut torte, flourless chocolate cake, carrot cake, apple torte and their handmade cheesecake which will send you to heaven with your first bite.

And for the adults, Il Forno has a very wide selection of red and white wines. I haven't tried them, but my parents say they are delicious. They also have kid-friendly drinks and will make half orders of any pasta for the younger crowd.

Il Forno is a very busy restaurant, so the waiters and busboys are always on the move. So if you go there and see a line to get in the door, just know it is because the restaurant is so good, people are willing to wait for their food.

The décor of the restaurant is clean and contemporary. They have two rooms and outdoor seating when weather permits. They have paintings and plants hanging on the walls. The overall ambiance of this restaurant is a neighborhood hangout. Whenever I go there I see people I know. It is the sort of place that the whole neighborhood would want to go to for a nice night out.

It's amazing how much I love this restaurant. I would recommend anyone and everyone go there for lunch or dinner. If this restaurant were being graded like me in school, it would get an A+!

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Casual cafe at the heart of the arts

BY JENNIFER MEIER
Special to the Daily Press

Always mellow, rarely crowded, the Bergamot Café is a hidden lunch destination in a peaceful outdoor setting surrounded by art galleries at the Bergamot Station Arts Center. The café is not fancy — orders are taken at a counter and served on paper plates — and neither is the seating, which almost feels like sitting in someone's backyard. If you like this sort of casual atmosphere, or are willing to overlook it, you'll be rewarded with fast service, fresh ingredients and a simple but usually well-prepared lunch.

A dozen sandwiches and six salads make up the bulk of the menu, with daily soups and specials providing additional options. The specials are always worth considering and on a recent day the choices were as diverse as a spinach salad with roasted red pepper, goat cheese and pine nuts or a 1970s taco bar quesadilla ($7.99) filled with seasoned ground beef and a light sprinkling of cheddar and jack cheese, scallions and tomato. The guacamole served on the side of the quesadilla had the perfect amount of salt and was doused heavily in lime, giving it a bright, fresh kick. The quesadilla completely lived up to its name and immediately transported me back to taco night when I was a kid. More often than not it is this type of food, the type that makes you swear your mom snuck into the kitchen to make your lunch, that the Bergamot Café succeeds most at.

Off the regular menu, the buena forTUNA sandwich ($7.79) is a perfect example. The Bergamot Café's tuna sandwich is one of my favorites, not because it's anything out of the ordinary but because it is ordinary: albacore tuna with nothing more exotic than a touch of mayonnaise, mustard, celery, onion and dill served on whole grain bread. In my mind, it's the perfect tuna sandwich.

A straightforward chopped Greek salad ($7.49) is equally good. Crisp romaine is tossed with creamy feta cheese, cucumber, tomato, Kalamata olives, red onion and a lemon herb dressing. The salty feta and olives are balanced perfectly by the crisp, cool tomato and cucumber. The salad portions are generous and are great for sharing or ordering in half-portions with a sandwich.

The café's emphasis on simple food is one of its strengths but on occasion can also be a weakness. Manny's turkey meatloaf sandwich is so simple that it borders on bland and uninspiring. The meatloaf lacks character and is sliced too thin, throwing off the bread-to-meat ratio. The roasted red pepper aioli lacks any real flavor and a simple garnish of tomato and lettuce isn't quite enough. The sandwich could easily be improved; maybe some grilled onions, bread that is toasted instead of plain and a little more seasoning.

Lack of interesting flavor led to similar disappointment with a cup of chilled minted pea soup with crème fraiche ($2.99). The flavor of a summer pea should be sweet and earthy but this soup was dull, as if it had been made from bland winter peas. The addition of fresh herbs, a dusting of spice or even more salt might have added more flavor. The best chilled soups are light and velvety; this one was thick and heavy, leaning dangerously into baby food territory.

On the other hand, you won't want to miss the Bergamot Café's tomato soup when it's offered, as it's perfect in its simplicity. Ditto for the roast beef and avocado sandwich and the sassy garden avocado, a filling vegetarian sandwich packed with avocado, lettuce, tomato, cucumber, carrot and red onion.

The Bergamot Café also offers a breakfast menu, mostly made up of egg inspired wraps, until 11 a.m. Smoothies and shakes are offered all day long as are a wide assortment of espresso drinks.

Although the food at the Bergamot Café can sometimes be un-even, each time I go I wonder why I don't come back more often. Every item on the menu genuinely tastes homemade and the ingredients are never over-processed or greasy. The quiet setting and complete lack of pretension are also a huge draw. No one is waiting impatiently for your table, parking is easy and free and a stroll through the surrounding art galleries is the perfect way to digest your meal. The café is also ideal for those who don't have time to linger; service is fast and efficient even during weekday lunch hours.

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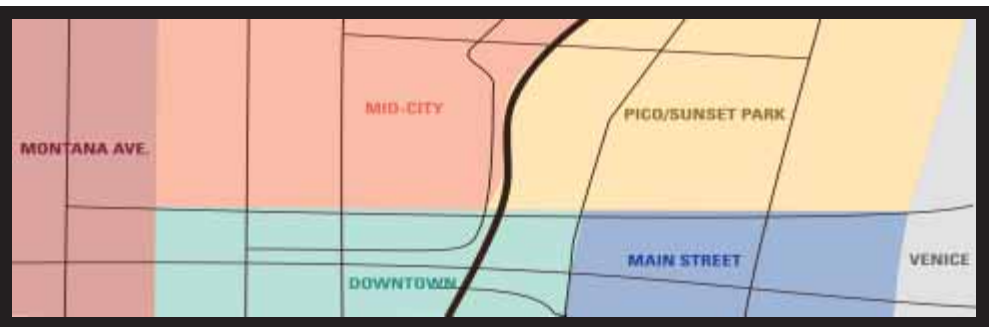






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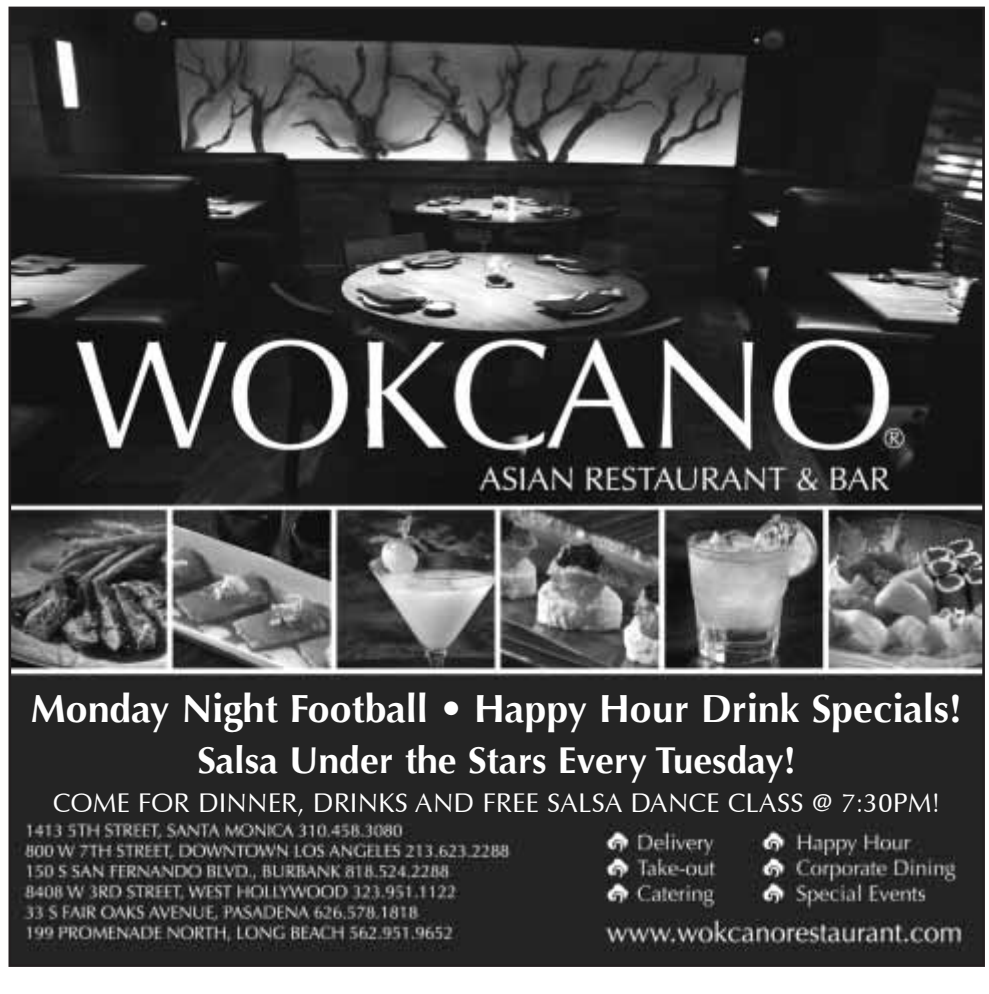






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TOUCHY SUBJECT: **City officials are considering a ban on the declawing of house cats.**

Declawing opponents call procedure cruel, inhumane

FROM **DECLAWING** PAGE 1

which has sued the city of West Hollywood for blocking a surgical procedure they argue was allowed under state law.

Dr. Mark Nunez, the president of the association, said with current technology, which includes laser surgery, and pain management medication, the procedure is not as painful and the outcomes not as disastrous as opponents claim.

He adds that the procedure is not prevalent and veterinarians are not offering it to make money.

"Veterinarians are not just adding it on to a routine spay or neuter procedure like one would supersize a meal from McDonald's," he said.

He said that declawing should only be used to save a cat's life, keeping it out of a shelter where it might be euthanized. He also dismissed claims that declawing is the same as a cosmetic procedure, saying it trivializes the seriousness of the procedure and efforts made by the doctor and pet owner to understand the individual circumstance's of a cat's behavior.

"Life and death decisions are being made for a cat's life and these decisions cannot be made in a City Council chamber," he said. "These decisions must be made in the exam room between a caring, loving and informed cat owner and their knowledgeable, educated and experienced veterinarian."

The proposed local law received some concern from Councilman Richard Bloom, who was the lone member to vote against the drafting of the ordinance, believing it would interfere with the rights of pet owners.

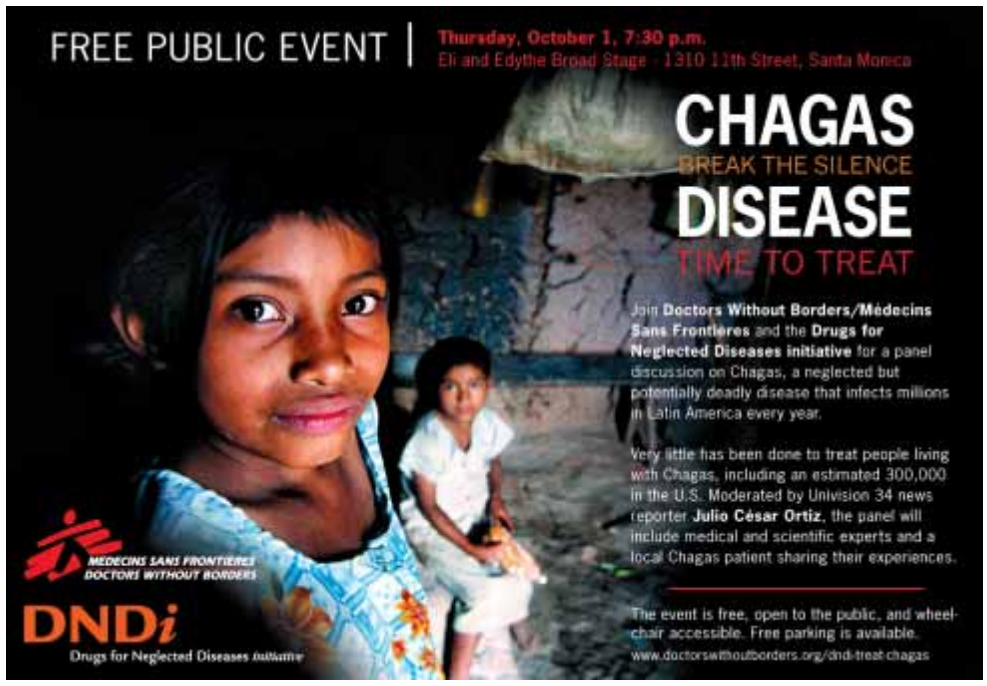
THESE BEHAVIORAL PROBLEMS ARE GREATER CAUSE FOR RELINQUISHMENT TO SHELTERS THAN SCRATCHING BEHAVIORS."

Dr. Armaiti May
Santa Monica vet

He noted that the California Supreme Court sided with West Hollywood in 2007 in its ban and that declawing opponents had two years since to bring the ordinance to Santa Monica city officials.

"There really is no emergency here I can detect," Bloom said. "If there was an emergency, this would have been brought to us long ago."

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NICE LOOK: **Solar panels run along the roof of the new, 66,000-square-foot maintenance facility for the Big Blue Bus, which opened Wednesday. The facility will allow Big Blue to purchase longer, articulated buses, which could not be repaired at a smaller facility used since the 1960s.**

Big Blue Bus called ambassador

FROM **BBB** PAGE 1

"It will be a sustainable building that we'll be able to live in another 10 to 15 years," Stephanie Negriff, the director of transit services, said.

The next phase of the project is to demolish the old maintenance facility on the west side of the campus on Colorado Avenue, installing a water reclamation and recycling system underneath. Another system will also be installed immediately next to the new facility.

"We are on an incline where the rain water goes to the ocean," Negriff said. "We want to make sure we are keeping the environment clean."

The Big Blue Bus has used the old maintenance facility since 1962. Just across the street from the new facility is the Wertz Brothers Antique Mart on Lincoln Boulevard, which was home to maintenance operations in the 1920s. Several offices above the facility have a view of the antique mart, a look into the Big Blue Bus' past.

The transit agency has gone through many changes in the past 81 years, today operating a fleet that entirely runs on alternative fuel.

Negriff said the new facility will mean more efficient operations and a diversification of the fleet.

The new vehicles to join that fleet will be 11 articulated buses that will come in 2011, each costing approximately $850,000. They will replace the old biodiesel vehicles that were purchased in 1995.

During the opening ceremony, Councilman Kevin McKeown called the Big Blue Bus a great ambassador for the city that deserves a "nice place to come home to at night."

A series of sustainable elements were included in the design of the facility, including 600, 80-watt solar panels that can reduce energy costs up to 15 percent a year, producing enough electricity to run the blow dryers at the Miss America pageant, McKeown joked.

The facility is also paved in highly reflective concrete that will help keep the microclimate cooler.

"This is not a place that will become an industrial heat island," McKeown said.

Mayor Pro Tem Pam O'Connor, who serves on the Metropolitan Transportation Authority board, said that the Big Blue Bus is the flagship agency in the area, the star of Los Angeles County.

"We have the history, we have the foundation," she said. "You are the symbol, you are the ambassador of the city."

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Skaggs earns a championship ring

FROM **SKAGGS** PAGE 1

touted prospect a bit of success early in his career.

"I feel really good," Skaggs said of the accomplishment. "Everybody on the team is really cool even though I'm the youngest guy."

The 18-year-old left hander has only been in the minors for the better part of two months after signing with the Los Angeles Angels, the team that selected him in the June Major League Baseball Draft. After picking Skaggs with the 40th pick, the Angels spent the next two months hammering out a contract that was finally inked in early August.

Immediately after signing, he was shipped off to rookie ball in Arizona. In three appearances — two starting and another in relief — Skaggs was not charged with a single run. He finished with a 0.00 ERA and struck out seven in six innings.

Once play wrapped up in late August, Skaggs was shipped to Orem where he helped the team to a title. Skaggs made two starts, tallying a 4.50 ERA. He also struck out six batters in four innings.

Skaggs is back in Tempe where he will play for the next month. Even with his early success, Skaggs is aware that he has to continue the strong showing if the Angels are to continue to move him up through the minor leagues.

While the work has been hard, Skaggs said that it is the "easiest job in the world."

"(Baseball) is a job now," he said, "but I just do what I love."

Although playing pro ball is a far cry from high school, Skaggs said that his approach to the game is unchanged. Known as a consummate worker during his time at Samohi, Skaggs said that the most important thing for him to do is "throw strikes" and the rest will work out from there.

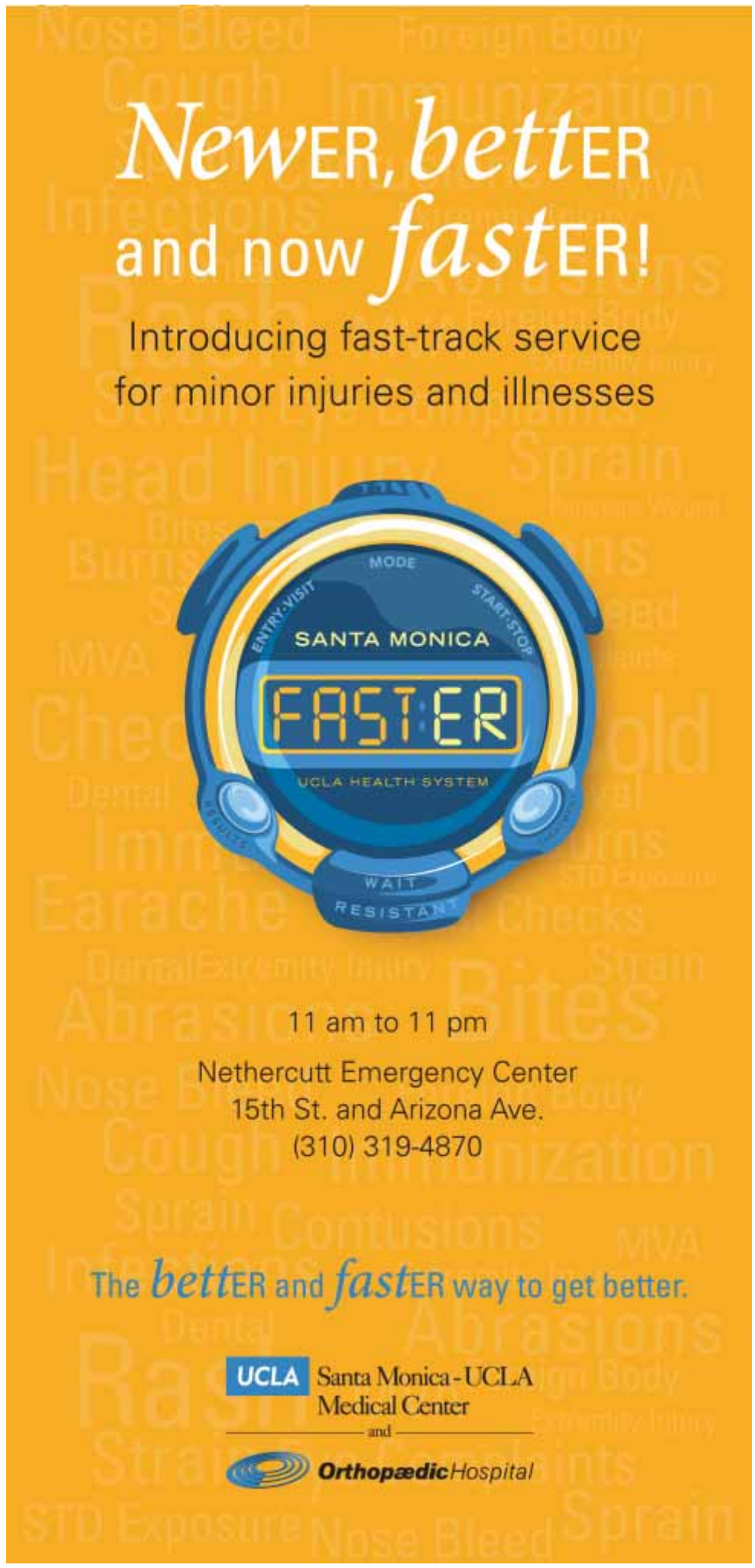
Once his first season wraps sometime next month, the Los Angeles-native said he plans to come home to the Westside and spend time with his family and friends.

He said that being away from them has been hard, but he's been able to cope thanks to his teammates.

"You find new friends out here," Skaggs said. "It's a family of baseball."

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Council expands fortune telling beyond the pier

FROM COUNCIL PAGE 3

scope," Ken Kutcher, the attorney representing the property owner, said. "They're not overreaching, they simply allow the applicant to redistribute the floor area from the front of the parcel to the rear and the additional height is allowed by the Land Use Element."

MARATHON TO END IN SANTA MONICA

Runners in the Los Angeles Marathon next year can enjoy a scenic view of the Santa Monica Pier at the conclusion of the race.

That's because the council approved a first reading of an ordinance change that would establish a route for the final leg of the marathon in Santa Monica, ending at the intersection of Ocean Avenue and Santa Monica Boulevard. The revised ordinance, which would allow only one marathon a year to occur on a Sunday between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m., will become final upon a second reading at a later meeting.

The idea to route the race on its 25th anniversary through Santa Monica first emerged this summer when officials unveiled a plan to bring the marathon from Dodger Stadium to the sea, highlighting some of the greatest Los Angeles landmarks along the way.

Marathon officials initially proposed ending the race in Venice just steps from the city border, holding the after party at the south beach lot in Santa Monica. City officials however asked that Santa Monica be considered as the finish line.

The race will enter the city at the intersection of 26th Street and San Vicente Boulevard, heading west on the latter before turning left on Ocean Avenue. The post race festivities will be held at the 1550 lot immediately north of the pier.

The council also voted to modify the Extended Events Policy to permit large-scale, single-day commercial events in the 1550 lot.

FORTUNE TELLING NOT JUST FOR THE PIER

An expired ordinance that temporarily allowed fortunetellers to conduct business on Ocean Front Walk will become permanent.

Concerned about First Amendment protections, the council approved the first reading of an ordinance that would expand the areas where fortune telling is allowed to Ocean Front Walk, Lincoln Boulevard and Santa Monica Boulevard. The activity is currently restricted to the pier.

The ordinance will become final upon a second reading.

The California Supreme Court in 1985 ruled that fortune telling is a constitutionally protected activity that cannot be prohibited by a municipality. While City Hall's existing ordinance allows for fortune telling to take place on the pier, there are time, place and manner concerns with the restriction, Moutrie said.

The council in 2000 adopted a temporary ordinance that allowed fortune telling on Ocean Front Walk. The ordinance however has since expired.

A NEW COMMISSION ON TREES

Nearly half a year after the council voted to establish a new task force that would advise city staff on the development of an urban forest master plan, the members have finally been selected.

Serving on the seven-member task force will be landscape designer Grace Phillips, arborist Peter Jensen, physical therapist and Santa Monica Treesaver Linda Piera-Avila, landscape architect Angie Coyier, school administrator and former Mayor Judy Abdo, north of Montana Avenue activist Doris Sosin, and former City Manager Susan McCarthy. More than 20 people applied for the task force.

Several key local activists who lobbied the council for months to establish the commission were not appointed, including Jerry Rubin, Susan Hartley, and Herbert and Sally Silverstein, all of whom applied.

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Teacher killed at Texas school

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TYLER, Texas A special-education teacher who had a passion for music was fatally stabbed Wednesday morning in a Texas high school classroom, and police took a 16-year-old student into custody.

Todd R. Henry, 50, worked with students at John Tyler High School who were either emotionally or behaviorally challenged, according to his older brother, Jody Henry.

"He loved it," the elder Henry said. "He told me it was his calling. He had never been happier than when working with these kids."

District Superintendent Randy Reid said the male suspect approached his teacher about 8:50 a.m. and stabbed him in the neck with a sharp object. A teacher's aide and two other students were in the classroom, and the aide subdued the suspect before calling district police, Reid said.

Reid said the student had been in and out of the district "a couple of times," but declined to provide further details, citing privacy laws.

"It is our understanding at this time that there was nothing in the classroom that incited this situation," Reid said. "It was a random act."

The high school was locked down after the stabbing and students were eventually sent home for the day, according to a statement on the district's Web site. Reid said classes would resume Thursday.

Jan Shaw Henry, the teacher's wife of 10 months, said he had been injured by a student before. Todd Henry missed the first two weeks of school recovering from shoulder surgery after he broke up a fight at school last year, his wife said.

"He worked in a prison for 10 years. Do you think this man was afraid? Get real," Jan said in a telephone interview from her Tyler home, surrounded by close friends and family. "We'd be eating out and a student would walk up and shake his hand. He'd look at me and smile and say, 'That's what it's all about.'"

Police did not offer a motive behind the stabbing and referred further questions to Angela Jenkins, a school district spokeswoman.

Jenkins said about 2,000 students attend John Tyler High and the district will provide additional support, security, and counseling for students and staff as needed.

She said Todd Henry began working for the district in 2003 at a school for special needs students and transferred to the high school four years ago.

Late Wednesday afternoon only a few cars remained in the parking lot, and all entrances were blocked off with heavy steel barriers.

Those who lived and worked nearby said they were stunned to learn of the slaying.

"Nothing like this has ever happened here as far as I know," said Don Dozier, a custodian for 15 years at Westwood Baptist Church next to the school.

The stabbing stunned the tight-knit community of 110,000, located about 90 miles southeast of Dallas.

"It's quite a shock," said city of Tyler Communications Director Susan Guthrie, who received a text message from the police chief soon after the stabbing. "Everybody was very shocked and saddened by the news."

Tyler Mayor Barbara Bass interrupted the morning City Council meeting to observe a moment of silence, Guthrie said. The school board planned an emergency meeting Wednesday afternoon.

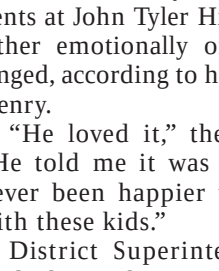
Henry, a native of Chicago, grew up in Huntsville, Texas, after his family moved there in 1973. He was a confirmed bachelor until he married Jan, also an educator.

Henry earned a degree in psychology with an emphasis in music therapy, working for at least a decade as a music therapist, mainly with inmates in the state's prison system, his wife said.

He was self-taught on several string instruments, played in several bands on the weekends and did some studio work.

"He was an amazing guitar player and just an all-around great guy," said Matt Robb, minister of instrumental music at Green Acres Baptist Church in Tyler, where Todd Henry filled in on guitar for the church orchestra. "He was so gifted. Music was like his first language.

On his Web site, Todd Henry gave an inkling of how powerful he believed music to be. "I know that music can be a direct link to feelings and passions and is therefore a powerful tool," he wrote.



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SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
NOTICE OF PREPARATION AND SCOPING MEETING FOR THE SANTA MONICA COLLEGE FACILITIES MASTER PLAN 2009 UPDATE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
[CEQA Guidelines Section 15082]

September 24, 2009

TO: All Interested Agencies, Parties, Organizations, and Persons
FROM: Santa Monica Community College District
1900 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica, CA 90405
SUBJECT: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report
PROJECT TITLE: Santa Monica College Facilities Master Plan 2009 Update
PROJECT PROPONENT/APPLICANT: Santa Monica Community College District

Santa Monica Community College District (SMCCD) has determined that a Program and Project-level Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is required for the Santa Monica College Career and Educational Facilities Master Plan (2009 Update), herein after referred to as the "Proposed Project." The SMCCD is the Lead Agency for this project and is requesting your Agency's input as to the scope and content of environmental information germane to your Agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the Proposed Project. Your Agency will need to use this EIR when considering any applicable approvals that may be required by your Agency. Interested parties, organizations and persons are also invited to participate in the Notice of Preparation (NOP) consultation and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review process.

Project Location

The Proposed Project encompasses the Santa Monica College (SMC) Main Campus at 1900 Pico Boulevard, the Academy of Entertainment and Technology Campus at 1660 Stewart Street, the Olympic Shuttle lot at the northeast corner of Stewart Street and Exposition Boulevard, the SMC Performing Arts Campus at 1310 11th Street, the Emeritus College Campus at 1227 Second Street, the Airport Arts Campus at 2800 Airport Avenue, the Administration Building at 2714 Pico Boulevard, and the Bundy Campus at 3171 South Bundy Drive, all in or adjacent to the City of Santa Monica.

Project Description

The primary objective of the SMC Career and Educational Facilities Master Plan (2009 Update) is to update the 1998 SMC [Educational Facilities] Master Plan (Amended 2004, 2007) goals and policies with respect to acquiring, planning, developing, and maintaining facilities and equipment to provide a superior educational environment and promote the incorporation of sustainable resources.

The purposes of the Proposed Project are to identify long-term planning goals for SMC facilities that will assist the District in preparing students for the jobs of the 21st Century and competing in a global economy, including improving the teaching of math, science, and technology; to identify program improvements for specific projects; and to obtain necessary project-specific approvals.

The Proposed Project will involve renovation, new construction and demolition of facilities on the 41.5-acre SMC Main Campus at 1900 Pico Boulevard, the 3.5-acre Academy of Entertainment and Technology (AET) Campus at 1660 Stewart Street, the 2.4-acre Olympic Shuttle lot at the northeast corner of Stewart Street and Exposition Boulevard, and the 4.5-acre SMC Performing Arts Campus located at 1310 11th Street. All properties are located in the City of Santa Monica. No facility changes are proposed at Emeritus College, the Airport Arts Campus nor the Administration Building. No amendments are proposed to the Bundy Campus Master Plan.

The Proposed Project provides for the orderly implementation of capital improvement projects as identified in Measure AA, a local bond measure approved by the voters of the District in November 2008; the final phase of a modernization program of new and renovated facilities on the Main Campus resulting in a net increase of approximately 64,554 asf; the consolidation of related digital media programs in new and renovated facilities on the AET Campus resulting in a net increase of approximately 44,948 asf and associated parking; the seismic repair and expansion of facilities at the Performing Arts Campus resulting in a net increase of 55,030 asf; related relocations; related parking improvements; related circulation improvements; related landscaping/open space elements; general site improvements; and the long-range development planning for the Olympic Shuttle site with a total building area of 48,750 asf including a parking structure with 630 parking spaces. When fully implemented under the 2009 Master Plan, the total building area for the Main Campus, including all projects currently existing or entitled, will be approximately six percent below the gross square feet called for under the 1998 Master Plan.

Environmental Issues to be Analyzed in the EIR

The SMCCD, as Lead Agency, has determined that an EIR is required for this Proposed Project and, through an Initial Study, has identified the following environmental issue areas to be included within the scope of the EIR: Air Quality, Aesthetics (Views, Light & Glare), Biology, Cultural/Historic Resources, Geology/Soils, Global Climate Change, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Noise, Public Utilities (Water, Sewer, and Energy Conservation), Public Services (Police and Fire Protection), Transportation and Circulation, Parking, Neighborhood Effects, and Mandatory Findings of Significance.

Draft Master Plan and CEQA Initial Study Checklist

A copy of the Draft Facilities Master Plan and CEQA Initial Study Checklist are accessible on SMC's official website at www.smc.edu/facilities_masterplan.

Scoping Meeting

A public scoping meeting will be held to present the Proposed Project and solicit public comments with regard to potential environmental impacts that may occur as a result of the Proposed Project. The scoping meeting will be held on October 14, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the following location:

SMC Main Campus, Business Room 111
1900 Pico Boulevard
Santa Monica, CA 90405.

Request for Agency Consultation

Due to the time limits mandated by state law, your response to this NOP or the scope for this EIR must be sent at the earliest possible date but not later than 30 days after receipt of this notice. In order to receive consideration in the Draft EIR, comments are due by October 26, 2009. Please address all comments to **Mr. Randal Lawson, Executive Vice President, Santa Monica College at 1900 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica, CA 90405.** Please provide the name of a contact person in your Agency.

Mass. lawmakers approve Kennedy succession change

GLEN JOHNSON
AP Political Writer

BOSTON Massachusetts lawmakers fulfilled Sen. Edward M. Kennedy's dying wish Wednesday, granting the governor the power to appoint an interim replacement for him so President Barack Obama can regain a critical 60th U.S. Senate vote he needs to pass a health care overhaul this year.

The final House and Senate votes came after another vote in which House members refused to attach an emergency preamble to the bill. That left it up to Gov. Deval Patrick to decide whether he'll force the measure into law immediately, instead of the normal 90 days required of all legislation.

He could do so as early as Thursday, simply with a letter to the secretary of state declaring an emergency since a special election to replace Kennedy permanently won't be held until Jan. 19. But even some of his fellow Democrats have accused him of a power grab.

Democrats revoked the governor's power to fill Senate vacancies in 2004, fearing then-Gov. Mitt Romney might appoint a fellow Republican if Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., won his campaign for the presidency. Instead, they created the special election campaign and beat back GOP efforts to supplement it with an interim appointment both that year and in 2006. Democrats argued voters should always fill a Senate vacancy.

Today, there are only 16 Republicans in the 160-member House and five in the 40-member Senate, but Wednesday's votes were far less lopsided. The House vote against the emergency preamble was 95-59, when a two-thirds vote of both chambers was needed to approve it. And the votes on the final bill were an identical 95-59 in the House and 24-16 in the Senate.

"This is not an emergency," said Rep. Paul Frost, R-Auburn. "So however the governor is going to write a letter to the secretary of state, saying the Legislature didn't agree it was an emergency, but I do, I can't wait to see it."

Four House Republicans, all attorneys, wrote Patrick a letter urging him to seek a ruling from the Supreme Judicial Court before signing the bill.

Patrick was returning to Boston Wednesday evening from his vacation home in the Berkshire Mountains, where he has been recovering from hip replacement surgery for the past three weeks. Aides would not say whether he had any announcements or bills signings planned.

On Aug. 20, just five days before he died of brain cancer, Kennedy sent Patrick, Senate President Therese Murray and House Speaker Robert DeLeo letters urging them to amend the succession law to allow an interim replacement. Patrick later termed it a "reasonable request" given the national health care debate, as well as coming Senate votes on climate change and economic recovery legislation.

On Wednesday, a family confidant said that Kennedy's two sons, Edward Kennedy Jr. and Rep. Patrick Kennedy of Rhode Island, had placed separate calls to the governor, urging him to appoint former Democratic National Committee chairman Paul G. Kirk Jr. to replace their father.

A top Patrick aide confirmed the contacts but said no decision had been made. A spokeswoman in Patrick Kennedy's congressional office declined to comment.

The 71-year-old Kirk, a Boston attorney, was close friends with the senator. He and his wife, Gail, live on Cape Cod, and he was among the few regular visitors allowed at Kennedy's Hyannis Port home before he succumbed to a malignant tumor.

Kirk also knows the senator's staff intimately and would likely be assured of their loyalty given his relationship with Kennedy.

As a senior statesman who has never served in political office, he would pose no threat to any of the candidates competing in the special election. The Democratic field includes Attorney General Martha Coakley, vying to be the state's first female senator, and U.S. Rep. Michael Capuano, the lone member of the state's congressional delegation in the race.

The family confidant, who like the Patrick aide demanded anonymity to speak about private conversations, refused to reveal whether the senator's widow, Vicki, had also endorsed Kirk. Vicki Kennedy has granted no interviews since her husband's death, but Patrick revealed recently that she had told him she did not want to be considered for the interim appointment.

Kirk graduated from Harvard College and Harvard Law School and served on Kennedy's staff between 1969 and 1977. He ran the Democratic National Committee in the run-up to former Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis' unsuccessful run for president in 1988.

Kirk also co-founded the Commission on Presidential Debates, which has sponsored every presidential and vice presidential debate involving major candidates since 1988.

He now serves as chairman of the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation. He was in the national spotlight last month when he hosted a memorial service the evening before Kennedy's funeral.

Kirk also is close to Caroline Kennedy, who serves as president of the library foundation honoring her late father. He stood on the stage with her and the late senator each year as they dispensed the library's annual "Profiles in Courage" awards.

Asked recently whether he would be interested in an interim appointment, Kirk told The Associated Press in an e-mail, "It would be much too presumptuous of me to even consider. Hope you will understand."

Dukakis is among those who is said to be under consideration. He, too, has declined to comment on the question.


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Lasorda makes it into Smithsonian

TIM DAHLBERG
AP Sports Columnist

The Hall of Fame was always pretty much a given, because Tommy Lasorda was as good at managing the Dodgers as he was at promoting them. But now he's hanging in the Smithsonian, of all places, for reasons even Lasorda isn't quite clear about.

One thing Lasorda was sure about was it was a great honor. Had to be, because this is a man who knows a few things about being honored.

When baseball isn't in season he hops from city to city, from one rubber chicken dinner to another. Last November alone, he made 22 appearances, 12 to be honored by one group or another and 10 to speak to one group or another.

He might not always know the reasons why, but he knows how many. He rattles them off like he rattles off stories about Kirk Gibson or the bulldog himself, Orel Hershiser.

There's the seven honorary doctorates he's been given, the 13 different hall of fames he's been inducted into. Cal Tech named an asteroid after him and, more recently the Japanese gave him the Order of the Rising Sun in recognition of his involvement in baseball in their country.

"I never realized the magnitude of it until all the Japanese in the city of Los Angeles started calling me and telling me how proud they were," Lasorda said. "Then I began to realize it was big."

So, too, is Lasorda's portrait at the Smithsonian, which hangs in the National Portrait Gallery among other famous Americans. Painted by Everett Raymond Kinstler, it measures 60 inches by 50 inches and shows Lasorda in his No. 2 uniform leaning on a bat.

Tuesday was his 82nd birthday, and Bud Selig, Steve Garvey and the chairman of the Joint Chief of Staff, among others, were on hand to watch the unveiling. Before the portrait was officially put on display, Lasorda walked downstairs to see it for the first time.

"I just stood there and cried," he said. "It didn't just represent a painting, it represented a life that I've been fortunate to lead. Nobody ever gets the chance to lead the kind of life I have."

The Dodger part of that life began 60 years ago, and the team and its biggest cheerleader have been nearly inseparable ever since. On the phone from Washington, Lasorda recalled walking into Dodgertown in Vero Beach, Fla., getting an upper bunk in a room he shared with five other young hopefuls, and waking the next morning to find a line of players a half a block long waiting for their turn at breakfast.

It's a story he's told a thousand times, but he's a storyteller at heart and he tells it like it's the first time. He's got a thousand other stories, too, and it's never long before he's in the middle of yet another one.

Argue if you want whether an oversized painting of an overweight manager should be in the Smithsonian. But if the puffy shirt from Seinfeld could be on display there, a puffed-up Lasorda can be, too.

He's a sliver of Americana, and there's no one else who spends each day like he does in a relentless promotion of everything that is, by his view, good in baseball. He may have manufactured much of his own PR, but there's no argument that he believes in his cause.

And don't forget — because he certainly hasn't — that he brought home a gold medal for his country in baseball in the 2000 Olympics, salvaging some American pride in its homegrown game.

"They said coaches don't get medals in the Olympics, but I told people not to feel sorry for me," Lasorda said. "I got my medal when they put it on the players, when they raised the American flag and played the national anthem."

His days in the dugout are long past, and the Dodgers have an equally famous manager now in Joe Torre. But Lasorda remains as a special adviser to Dodger owner Frank McCourt, and occasionally visits the clubhouse to give words of encouragement to young Dodger players.

The Dodgers are having a great year, and there's hope in LA that they might get to the World Series. They haven't been there since 1988, and we all know what happened then.

If not, Lasorda will gladly tell the tale as if it happened yesterday. No detail left out, from the way the clubhouse attendant signaled that Gibson was ready to hit to the way Lasorda kept him hidden so Mike Davis could draw a walk and prolong the inning.

Then there was the famous swing, and all Lasorda could do was look at the right fielder as he went back to watch the ball clear the fence.

"That's when all bedlam broke loose," Lasorda said. "I've never seen anything like that ever."

Baseball's never seen anything like Tommy Lasorda, either.



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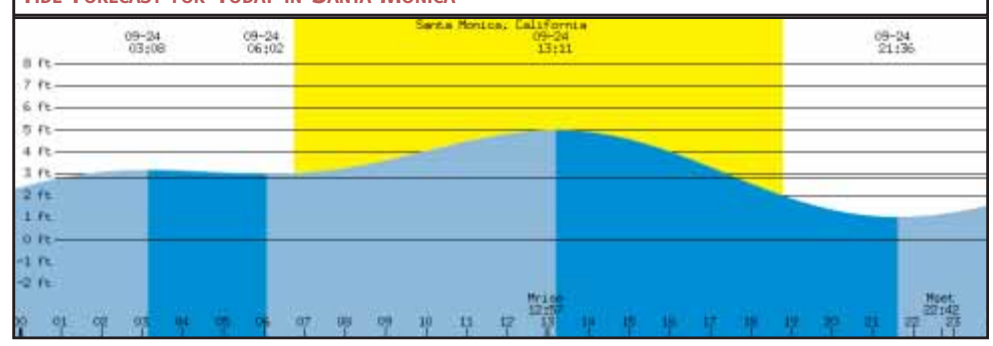
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The southern hemi swell is expected to back off, and NW swell should begin to back down. Most south facing breaks are looking at waist+ sets.

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QUICK STATS (for the last 28 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 35 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 4 / ns

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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
Las Cerritos Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Las Alisa 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	B	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach	A+	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	B	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	F	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location) - daily	A	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	B	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (paint zone)	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	F	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	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	B	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	C	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	ns

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
ns -- no sample taken

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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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MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
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Gabriel Byrne: Stories From Home (NR)
7:30

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

Beyond a Reasonable Doubt (PG-13) 1hr 45min
2:00, 4:40, 7:15, 10:00

Whiteout (R) 1hr 46min
2:40, 5:10, 7:45, 10:20

Gamer (R) 1 hr 35min
5:00, 10:10

Ponyo (G) 1 hr 40min
1:50, 4:30, 7:00, 9:40

The Time Traveler's Wife (PG-13), 1 hr 48 min
2:20, 7:30

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

9 (PG-13) 1hr 19min
1:10, 3:10, 5:30, 7:45, 9:50

Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs (PG) 1 hr 21 min
1:00, 3:10, 5:25, 7:40, 9:55

Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 3D (PG) 1 hr 21 min
1:40, 4:10, 6:30, 9:00

Jennifer's Body (R) 1 hr 42 min
2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

Julie and Julia (PG-13) 2hrs 3min
1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 10:05

Love Happens (PG-13) 1 hr 49 min
1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40

The September Issue (PG-13) 1hr 30min
2:20, 4:40, 7:00, 9:30

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

Bright Star (PG) 2hr 59min
1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50

It Might Get Loud (PG) 1hr 37min
1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40

Extract (R) 1hr 30min
1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:15

The Baader-Meinhof Complex (R) 2hr 24min
1:30, 4:50, 8:10

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

All About Steve (PG-13) 1hr 39min
11:40am, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

District 9 (R) 1hr 53min
1:30, 4:10, 7:10, 9:50

The Informant! (R) 1hr 48min
11:30, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10

Inglourious Basterds (R) 2hrs 32min
12:00, 3:20, 6:40, 10:00

Sorority Row (R) 1hr 40min
12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30

Bright Star (PG) 2hr 59min
1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50

Tyler Perry's I Can Do Bad All by Myself (PG-13) 1hr 53min
1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20

For more information, e-mail news@smdp.com

Skip on home, Virgo

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Reach out for unusual ideas and solutions. Meetings continue to be instrumental. Don't read more into a friendship than exists. Tonight: Notice what isn't being said.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ One-on-one relating opens door after door. Wherever you are, relax and let things happen. Don't hesitate to change gears and approach your daily life in a more open and upbeat manner. Take a stand with the help of a partner. You know this person comes up with great ideas. Be willing to risk, within reason. Tonight: A must appearance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Others seem to pass by like a carousel in your life. Count on many repeat visits. Getting anything accomplished takes talent and extraordinary organization. Detach if a situation appears nonsensical. You'll find out a lot more if you aren't involved. Consider what might be at the base of the issue. Tonight: Follow the music.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ You accomplish a lion's share of work. You might want to rethink a decision that impacts a partner and his or her decisions. Your humor and upbeat approach have a lot of implications. Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ You might want to think before you leap. Re-evaluate what someone is really offering. Tonight: Remain open.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You are coming from a basic point of view and understand what needs to happen. You have the energy and wherewithal to handle more on your plate at the moment. Walk away from negative thinking, as well as what doesn't work. Tonight: Skip on home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Keep conversations moving, and stay on topic. You can accomplish a lot if you don't indulge in flights of fancy and go off on a tangent, as tempting as he or she or it might be! Stay optimistic and upbeat. Tonight: Let your imagination play out.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Juggle different concerns, and understand your options. Consider a fundamental adjustment that could impact your personal life. In the long run, you might feel far more joyous and upbeat as a result. Sometimes risking pays off. Tonight: Your treat.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You are all smiles, looking for only what you want. Remain positive and upbeat. Keep asking questions that otherwise might not be answered. Listen to the answers and come back with more questions, if need be. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Your instincts flow and point you toward the winning path. Your finances are critical in discovering what needs to be done. You will make a decision that works for you, though be aware that you might need to spend money in order to make money. Tonight: Do only for yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Zero in on a key goal, and you might like the end results. What is happening is disconcerting. Tonight: Aim for exactly what you want.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
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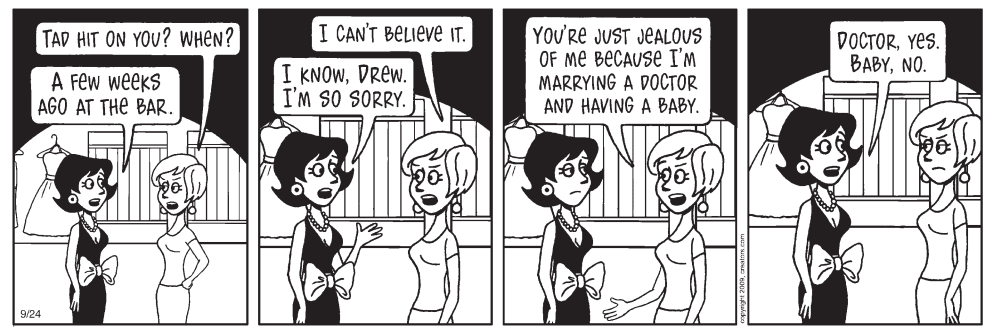
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★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
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Difficulty Level ★★★

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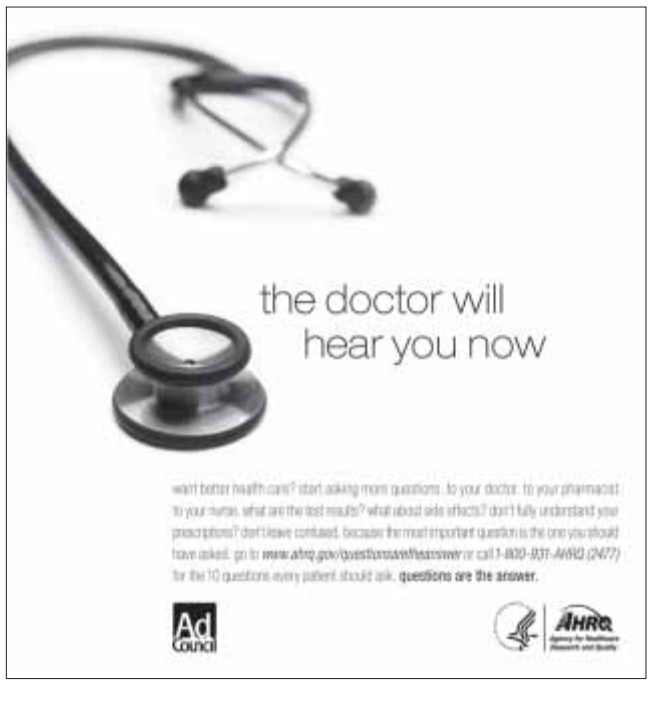
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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

1	5	4	9	2	7	8	6	3
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28 Diplomat's asset
29 Wind chimes sound
30 Spot
31 Snap
32 Method: Abbr.
33 Zany
35 Ignore the limit
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41 Kitchen gadget
42 Like corsets
43 Not napping
44 Without break

DOWN

1 Reb's org.
2 Contented sounds
3 Keyboard key
4 Privy to
5 Merchant of music
6 Delightful
7 Horned goddess
8 Weather-map icon
9 Scoundrel
10 Crafty
16 Neck artery
17 Ship staffs
18 Cocoon dwellers
20 Kitchen area
21 Bologna setting
22 Snouts
24 Drama division
25 Finger count
27 Flute's cousin
31 Mission head
33 Unassuming
34 "Walk Like —"
35 Masseur's place
36 Fido's foot
37 Hurler's stat
39 Brood watcher
40 Total

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In August, Jorge Iglesias petitioned a judge in Madison, Wis., to regain custody of his 66 roosters and hens that police confiscated in a suspected cockfighting raid. Iglesias said he feared that the Dane County Humane Society, temporarily holding the animals, was treating them with "cruel and barbaric" abuse. (2) Afghan refugee Fridoon Sadiqi filed a lawsuit against Britain's Home secretary in August after being turned down for political asylum because he had presented a forged passport to enter the U.K. According to Sadiqi, the rejection made him clinically depressed.

■ Elsie Poncher decided reluctantly in August to go back on a promise she had made to her late husband. Richard Poncher had purchased a crypt (for himself) just above the one in which the body of Marilyn Monroe rests in a Los Angeles memorial park, but Elsie now needs money and thus offered the crypt for sale in August, planning to move Richard to a less prominent place. Richard had been assured by Elsie that he could spend eternity lying face down "over Marilyn."

TODAY IN HISTORY

1950 Forest fires black out the sun over portions of Canada and New England. A Blue moon (in the astronomical sense) is seen as far away as Europe.

1957 Camp Nou, the largest stadium in Europe, is opened in Barcelona.

1957 President Dwight D. Eisenhower sends 101st Airborne Division troops to Little Rock, Arkansas, to enforce desegregation.

1962 United States court of appeals orders the University of Mississippi to admit James Meredith.

1968 60 Minutes debuts on CBS

1973 Guinea-Bissau declares its independence from Portugal.

1990 Periodic Great White Spot observed on Saturn

1994 National League for Democracy is formed by Aung San Suu Kyi and various others to help fight against dictatorship in Myanmar.

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