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THE NOT-SO-SECRET GARDEN ISSUE

Lincoln Middle forced to cut a.m. classes

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL The day before Lincoln Middle School students lined up to get their schedules for the 2011-12 academic year, the word came down: There would be no elective classes for seventh graders.

The announcement was also brought before the Lincoln PTA. Parents tried to understand what could explain the loss, which would deprive students of the ability to take extra classes in the 7:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. timeslot before the first official period of the day.

E-mails flew, saying that the school day had been truncated.

That a.m. period is used for physical education, student council, yearbook, art, music and support classes for struggling students, Suzanne Webb, the principal at Lincoln, wrote in an e-mail.

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Ocean Park streets, airport to get facelift

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

CITY HALL The City Council is expected tonight to approve over $6 million on two contracts to complete an annual paving and sidewalk repair project, which is supposed to improve street conditions and pedestrian and bicyclist safety.

Improvements would take place mainly in the Ocean Park neighborhood, south of Pico Boulevard and west of Lincoln Boulevard. They would include better street striping and video imaging at seven signalized intersections, on top of normal repairs.

As the job progresses, workers will also begin putting in place key components of the draft Bicycle Action Plan, which mostly consist of new striping.

City staff recommended PALP, Inc. for the construction contract of $5,569,836 and CivilSource, Inc., for the $509,388 construction management contract.

The funding for the project comes from a mix of sources, including the general fund, Redevelopment Agency and water, wastewater and miscellaneous grant funding.

Measure V, a parcel tax to improve ocean

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GREEN PIECES

Kevin Herrera *kevinh@smdp.com*

City Hall's water resources manager Russell Ackerman on Monday stands on top of an infiltration pit masked by rocks that can hold captured rain water for irrigation. The feature is part of a sustainable demonstration garden on Airport Avenue that City Hall created to give residents ideas on how to use less water and materials when building their own backyard oasis. The garden, which also features planters for herbs and vegetables, and drought-resistant plants, will be officially dedicated today at 10 a.m. The garden is split into three sections to reflect different uses: Play, Relax and Entertain. Learn more about the garden's features by going to www.smdemogardens.mobi

FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

SMC edged by San Bernardino Valley, 40-35

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

CORSAIR FIELD Santa Monica College lost a shootout with San Bernardino Valley, 40-35, on Saturday at the Main Campus.

Down 21-14 heading into the second half, the Corsairs' football team was able to rally, but couldn't convert on its last possession as SMC fell to 2-2 on the season.

Former Santa Monica High School standout wide receiver Kris Comas scored three times for the Corsairs in the defeat. Comas finished the night with six catches, good for 152 yards.

SMC has a bye this week and will return

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Such stuff that dreams are made on
Fairview Library Branch
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Watch Julie Taymor's cinematic rendition of Shakespeare's play, "The Tempest." Helen Mirren stars as Prospero, a magician who controls an island and holds the fate of a shipwrecked crew in her hands. Also starring Alfred Molina and Russell Brand. Cost: free. For more information, call (310) 458-8681.

Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2011

For your benefit
Senior Center
1450 Ocean Ave., 11:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.
WISE & Healthy Aging was awarded a grant to develop a benefits center to help seniors enroll into public programs that can help improve their quality of life. The center will focus on Medi-Cal, Medicare programs, food stamps and low-income home energy assistance. Must be a Senior Center member to participate. Free membership open to all ages over 50. For more information, call (310) 458-8544.

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Get active
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Join the Activist Support Circle for its monthly meeting. Members will share their fears, frustrations and hopes regarding the 2012 presidential campaign. The Activist Support Circle is an emotional support group for progressive activists that has been holding ongoing open gatherings since February 2005 to help guard against activist burnout. For further information call (310) 399-1000, e-mail ActivistSupportCircle@earthlink.net, or visit www.activistsupportcircle.org

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CYBERSPACE

Homelessness has home online

City Hall has launched a homelessness services page on its web site. The page provides information about the current state of homelessness in the city, as well as information concerning local efforts to address homelessness for both people who are homeless and people who want to help.

The web site is part of City Hall's effort to address the needs of Santa Monica's most vulnerable and chronically homeless individuals.

City Hall has had a history of working with nonprofit agencies, housing providers, and representatives from local businesses and faith communities to promote services that provide those in need with resources and housing.

For more information about the city's initiatives related to homelessness, including the upcoming review of the Action Plan in January 2012, visit www.smgov.net/homelessness, or call (310) 458-8701.

COLIN NEWTON

CIVIC CENTER

Palm trees on the move

City officials are in the process of relocating 17 Washingtonia robusta palm trees to the Woodlawn Cemetery on Pico Boulevard as part of the Civic Center park project.

The non-native palms are currently located on the future park site just west of City Hall. Four or five palms will be re-planted per day until the work is complete, city officials said. Work began Monday.

All other palm trees will remain on the park site.

The roughly 6-acre park, which has yet to be named, is located within the Coastal Zone and is therefore subject to California Coastal Commission oversight. Park plans prepared by the project designers, James Corner Field Operations, were approved by the commission in July, city officials said.

However, the commission ruled that non-native invasive palms like the Washingtonias could not be relocated within the new park or the Coastal Zone. Woodlawn is outside of the Coastal Zone, city officials said.

The Washingtonians will be scattered at various locations inside the cemetery grounds, including along Maple Avenue and 15th Street.

Other trees are also on the move.

The three large ficus known as The Three Amigos have been boxed in preparation to be replanted at the park site. Seven other trees were transported across the street for planting on the sloped site adjacent to City Hall and Interstate 10. While crews were clearing overgrown ivy and other debris, they discovered old stone wall terraces. City officials said a "native meadow" seed mix ground cover with slope stabilizer will be planted in this area.

For questions, contact city staff at ccs@smgov.net or (310) 458-8310.

KEVIN HERRERA



City of Santa Monica

LOST & FOUND: **While crews were clearing overgrown ivy and other debris near City Hall as part of the Civic Center park project, they discovered old stone wall terraces.**



File photo

HEAD OF THE CLASS: **Runners compete in the 2008 Santa Monica 5000. This year the Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation will receive a portion of the entry fees paid by runners to create an athletic endowment for local public schools.**

SM 5000 to support Ed Foundation

BY SOPHIA ZHORNE
Special to the Daily Press

DOWNTOWN Ready, set, go fund education.

The sixth annual Santa Monica 5000, scheduled for Oct. 2 and sponsored by K-Swiss and Clif Bar, has selected the Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation as its nonprofit beneficiary, with race proceeds going towards the establishment of an athletic endowment.

"I feel that this particular race, the SM 5000, is a perfect community-wide event because anybody can participate," said Linda Greenberg-Gross, executive director of the foundation. "Either way, you are helping raise funds for vital athletic programs and at the same time building spirit and cohesion through the community."

The race includes a 5K/10K run/walk, a 2.7K dash for kids and a stroller stride for parents of new babies or toddlers. Roughly 3,000 people in total will be participating in the race, organizers said.

"From what I learned, the numbers grow. We are hoping to get about 500 people from the Santa Monica and Malibu schools," Rachel Faulkner, program director at the foundation, said. "Anyone and everyone can run. I'm running, teachers in the schools, parents, this is a community opportunity."

The foundation was created in 1982 and has helped ensure a promising education for students ever since. The foundation already has an academic and an arts endowment, and usually organizes about 20 programs per year.

The race is being produced by Generic Events. Michelle Linder and her husband founded Generic Events about 10 years ago.

"Event production is our main purpose. And when I say purpose, I mean events that affect local communities in positive ways," Linder said. "Our intention is not only to get people who are athletic individuals involved but to get them together to make a difference."

The foundation will receive a percentage of the entry fees and sponsorship revenues, which will help purchase "much needed supplies, increased technology, facility improvements, like scoreboards and fields and also professional development for all PE teachers and coaches," Greenberg-Gross said. Those who donate also have the option of directly contributing to a chosen school or team.

The races will commence at 7:30 a.m., with various start times. The races start at Ocean Park Boulevard, near the beach, and take the runners on a scenic route, ending at the Santa Monica Pier. There will be a post-race event called the Cool Down, featuring live music, fitness demos, face painting and other activities for children. Also, all rides at Pacific Park,

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Breaking the law for dog

Editor:

I read your article about the hope for a dog beach with both appreciation and depression ("Beach going to the dogs?" Sept. 16). I appreciated the article for shedding light on this issue, however, I was depressed by the "seems unlikely" to happen part.

It's hard for me to fully understand this. I understand that a lot of people don't want to mingle with dogs, and that people are concerned about water quality, feces and dog attacks. What I don't understand is the resistance to finding a solution. Many of the concerns are either unfounded or they've been proven not to be a factor. And yet, there's resistance.

How 'bout limiting hours for dogs on beaches? How 'bout finding a stretch of beach where people don't really go (like Dockweiler)? How 'bout limiting hours on beaches where people don't really go? There are a lot of creative ideas, there are solutions to problems and dog owners are willing to adapt. But where's the flexibility on the part of Mr. Sap? And who else within [California State Parks] is stopping any sort of discussion or forward movement?

Beyond their names, my real question is who are they? Have they never seen the joy of a dog splashing through water and sand? Have they never felt some strange sort of deep, deep, penetrating love that makes dog owners want to give their dogs that experience? How is it possible that park officials are not also dog advocates? How could park officials not understand that the same people who own dogs tend to love hiking and caring for our environment? We care about open spaces that are protected, in fact, cherished. I'm mystified by the amount of parks that don't allow dogs, but I do understand the need for areas where dogs aren't permitted. What's ironic to me is that my dog is a certified therapy dog. The idea that well-behaved dogs go into hospitals and retirement centers to bring people happiness was birthed by a sensitive, astute, loving person. Science says it's healing. So, um, my dog can go inside hospitals but she can't go to the beach in L.A. County. I find that very perplexing.

For now, I'm one of those dedicated owners who will spend two hours in the car driving to Huntington Beach so my dog can enjoy the beach unencumbered. I'm also one of those people who will go to the beach illegally and risk the consequences.

Tess Clark
Venice





What's the Point?

David Pisarra — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Learning to be goofy or regular

SOME DAYS ARE JUST MORE SPECIAL THAN others.

I learned that when I was a teenage boy working at Temple Akiba in Culver City as a day camp counselor. You may be wondering why a 15-year-old Christian boy would be working in a Jewish day camp. Well, my dad didn't know what to do with me during the summer and one of his morning coffee crew suggested that I work in a day camp. Then another of the cadre of old codgers who met every morning for coffee and crullers at Primo's Westside Donuts mentioned the camp at his temple. We went down there to meet the folks and I fit right in.

Having the name David certainly helped with my integration as most people just assumed that I was a member of the tribe. Spending a summer working with kids was a great experience and it helped me learn life lessons that I still use today. One of those lessons was that if you try something and have a good first experience with it, you are likely to want to do it again. We focused a lot of effort on being inclusive and making sure each child had a positive experience with each new game or project.

I was reminded of that over the weekend as I was at an event for an organization where I am on the board. Youth Mentoring Connection works with at-risk teens, pairing them with mentors to bring them into the workplace. As the web site puts it: "Youth Mentoring Connection is at the forefront of the mentoring movement, utilizing innovative ways to get more adults involved in mentoring programs. Our primary strategy is to bring kids to the workplace, making it as easy as possible for busy employees to participate and for kids to see professionals in action. We provide the expertise and guide the process every step of the way."

Utilizing real world environments does two things, one it introduces the teens to a world they may never have seen before, so it's an eye-opening exercise to expand their view of what is possible. Two, it demonstrates to the mentor that the process of changing someone's life is not nearly as difficult or cumbersome as some may fear.

Each side has a positive experience, and that is what makes them want to continue down the road of mentorship. The relationship grows between the mentor and the mentee over time and exposure, and each becomes more than they were.

I saw this dynamic played out over the weekend at Will Rogers State Beach. Each summer the YMC works with surf instructors to teach a group of kids from the inner-city how to surf. So at 9 a.m. on Sunday there were a dozen or so kids getting into wetsuits and doing warm up exercises as they began the process of learning how to get up on a board for the first time. The teacher explained to the crowded teens the difference between "goofy" foot and "regular" foot when you stand on a surfboard. Soon it was time to get the kids in the water.

YOUTH MENTORING CONNECTION WORKS WITH AT-RISK TEENS, PAIRING THEM WITH MENTORS TO BRING THEM INTO THE WORKPLACE.

By the fourth or fifth attempt, many of the kids were almost up, but not for long — which is really the point. They were having a blast, trying something new, and by the end of the day would be able to say they learned how to surf, even if they never become the next great surfer. They had a great first experience, and will likely want to try it again.

Youth Mentoring Connection focuses on teens, a difficult group by nature to corral and get to listen, but on Sunday, watching the dozen or so surfers teach an anxious and excited group of teens how to do what they had never done, and have fun doing it, was a great experience. It brought back memories of teaching kids camp songs and games.

While I was chatting with one of the instructors, who told me this was his third year of teaching, I could see the happiness and joy by his big grin. The teachers come back year after year because they are getting something that money can't buy. The rewards of teaching are frequently thought to be what the student learns, but more often than not, it is what the teacher gains that is the true benefit.

Which is where I believe the saying that it is better to give, than to receive comes from.

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Fix for Congress must run deep

THERE WERE PLENTY OF REASONS TO BE somber as we marked the tenth anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks recently. Honoring the lives lost and communities shattered on that day were foremost among them. But for many of us, there was also the worrying realization that Americans believe we are adrift, saddled with a political system that is ineffective at addressing the challenges that beset us.

Congress, in particular, has lost the faith of its constituents. In the immediate aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks, its approval rating jumped to above 80 percent. Now, according to a mid-August Gallup poll, that figure stands at an abysmal 13 percent, while public disapproval has reached a historic high of 84 percent. To borrow a term from the housing meltdown, Congress is deep underwater.

It has been years since Congress acted as if it took seriously its responsibility, as the separate and coequal branch of government envisioned in the Constitution, to make the country work. Yet that is precisely how it needs to behave at this moment — it should not require an attack on our shores to boost its public standing.

Removing the roadblocks to institutional effectiveness will take hard work. Congress has gotten its house in order before, however, and it can do so again.

It could start by addressing the filibuster rule, which effectively requires 60 votes in the Senate in order to move most legislation, a formidable hurdle in a closely divided Senate. In the name of efficiency, Congress routinely embraces giant omnibus bills which allow the leadership basically to undermine the deliberation, transparency, and accountability we expect and need in our system; it needs to return to the regular order developed by Congress over many decades.

The country also needs more robust congressional oversight into every nook and cranny of government, and a vigorous ethics system which enforces the basic rule that every member act in such a manner as to reflect credit on the institution.

A Congress seriously interested in effectiveness would pursue procedural fixes to reduce the excessive partisanship that too often paralyzes Capitol Hill. None of them are mysterious: redressing the outsized role of special-interest money in elections; reducing partisan gerrymandering of congressional districts; eliminating closed state primaries, which enable ideological activists to dominate elections; and wringing the intense partisanship of committee staffers out of the legislative process.

These "process" solutions only skirt a deeper problem, though. Our founders envisioned Congress as a co-equal branch of government, with the elevated standing both to critique and to form a partnership with the executive in making this nation strong and effective. Congress needs to live up to that constitutional role.

The noted historian Arthur Schlesinger, Jr. once wrote that at heart, politics is about "the search for remedy" — finding a way to fix the problems that beset us. None of our challenges — not the debt ceiling, not the economy, not our entanglements overseas or our growing inequalities back home — are insurmountable. But they do require politics at its best: an honest effort to find remedies that are fair and lasting. We need members who think about how their proposals would work in the real world, and who try to build the broadest consensus possible, so that their proposals have a chance to advance solutions to our challenges.

A CONGRESS SERIOUSLY INTERESTED IN EFFECTIVENESS WOULD PURSUE PROCEDURAL FIXES TO REDUCE THE EXCESSIVE PARTISANSHIP THAT TOO OFTEN PARALYZES CAPITOL HILL.

This requires reconciling the manifold needs and interests of an extraordinarily diverse people. Despite all that unites us, we are also divided by differences in philosophy, background, and community. Congress is where those differences come together, which is often why debate there is — and should be— long and contentious. But diversity only explains conflict; it's not an excuse for failing to overcome it.

It is not hard to find members on the Hill who speak for a defined narrow interest. It is much harder, though not impossible, to find members who search for a remedy, as opposed to a political position. We need more members who reflect the diversity of this great and varied country yet work to bring it together, not tear it asunder.

Turning Congress around will take some effort. But make no mistake. Congress can live up to the faith our Constitution and our democracy place in it. But we, as Americans, have to insist that the people we elect make this a priority. Congress has to want to change, and we as voters have a major role to play in helping to bring that about.

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The Q Line

What to do ...

A Walgreens proposed for the corner of Pico and Lincoln boulevards has created quite a stir. The Planning Commission held off on making a decision until it has seven voting members.

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AP-MTV Poll: Young people jaded by slurs online

BY CONNIE CASS & JENNIFER AGIESTA
Associated Press

WASHINGTON Young people immersed in the online world are encountering racist and sexist slurs and other name-calling that probably would appall their parents and teachers. And most consider it no big deal, a new poll says.

Teens and twentysomethings say in an Associated Press-MTV poll that people feel freer to use hurtful language when texting on their cellphones or posting to sites like Facebook than they would face to face. Half the young people regularly see discriminatory slang — including racial taunts and words like "slut," "fag" and "retard" — and the majority say they aren't very offended by it.

Those surveyed are twice as likely to say biased slurs are used to be funny as they are to think that the user is expressing hateful feelings toward a group of people. Another popular reason: to sound cool.

"They might be really serious, but you take it as a joke," said Kervin Browner II, 20, a junior at Oakland University in Rochester, Mich. He's black but says the ugly words he sees are generally aimed at women, not minorities. And although Browner doesn't like it, he doesn't protest when his friends use those words on Twitter. "That's just how it is," he said. "People in their own minds, they think it's cool."

When the question is asked broadly, half of young people say using discriminatory words is wrong. But 54 percent think it's OK to use them within their own circle of friends, because "I know we don't mean it." And they don't worry much about whether the things they tap into their cellphones and laptops could reach a wider audience and get them into trouble.

Those who use slurs are probably offending more people than they realize, even within their own age range. The poll of 14- to 24-year-olds shows a significant minority are upset by some pejoratives they encounter online, especially when they identify with the group being targeted.

"It's so derogatory to women and demeaning, it just makes you feel gross," Lori Pletka, 22, says about "slut" and more vulgar words aimed at women. The Southeast Missouri State University senior said she regularly sees other offensive terms, too — for black people, Hispanics and gays.

But even the most inflammatory racist slur in the AP-MTV poll — the "N-word" — didn't rouse a majority of young people. Only 44 percent said they'd be very or extremely offended if they saw someone using it online or in a text message. Thirty-five percent said it wouldn't bother them much, including fully 26 percent who wouldn't be offended at all.

Among African-American youth, however, 60 percent said they would be offended by seeing the N-word used against someone.

Four in 10 young people overall said they encounter that word being used against other people, with half of those seeing it often.

Other derogatory expressions are more common and accepted. Majorities see "slut" and "fag" used against others, and only about a third consider them seriously offensive.

But 41 percent of women deem "slut" deeply offensive (jumping to 65 percent if it's used against them specifically), compared with only 28 percent of men. And 39 percent of those who are gay or know someone who is gay are seriously offended by the use of "fag," compared with 23 percent of all others.

Demeaning something with "that's so gay" is so common that two-thirds of young people see it used, and the majority aren't offended at all, despite a public-service ad campaign that tried to stamp out the anti-gay slang.

A similar effort by the Special Olympics and others to persuade kids not to use "retard" hasn't hit home with half of those surveyed, who don't find the word even moderately bothersome. Twenty-seven percent are seriously offended, however.

Some teens just text the way they talk. Calling each other "gay" and "retarded" is routine in high school, says Robert Leader, 17, a senior in Voorhees, N.J. So teens text it, too.

But constantly seeing ugly words on their electronic screens may have a coarsening effect. "It's caused people to loosen their boundaries on what's not acceptable," Leader said.

What group gets picked on the most? Those who are overweight. And slurs against the overweight are more likely to be considered intentionally hurtful than slights against others; 47 percent say these comments are meant to sting.

Muslims and gays also are seen as targets of mean-spiritedness.

In contrast, only a third say discriminatory words about blacks are most often intended as hurtful, while two-thirds think they are mostly jokes. And 75 percent think slurs against women are generally meant to be funny.

That blasé attitude could lead them in trouble.

Four out of 10 young people have given little or no thought to the ease with which their electronic messages could be passed to people they didn't expect to see them; less than a quarter have thought about it a lot. Two-thirds haven't considered that what they type could get them in trouble with their parents or their school. But it happens.

A 13-year-old Concord, N.H., girl was suspended from school for posting on Facebook that she wished Osama bin Laden had killed her math teacher. The University of Texas Longhorns dismissed a sophomore football player for his racial slam against Barack Obama on Facebook after the 2008 presidential election. And a Harvard law student's email to friends, suggesting that blacks might be intellectually inferior, was forwarded across the Internet, prompting the law school dean to publicly denounce it.

"People have that false sense of security that they can say whatever they want online," said Pletka of Cape Girardeau, Mo. "Anything that you put into print can be used."

The AP-MTV poll was conducted Aug. 18-31 and involved online interviews with 1,355 people ages 14-24 nationwide. The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3.8 percentage points.

The poll is part of an MTV campaign, "A Thin Line," aiming to stop the spread of digital abuse.

The survey was conducted by Knowledge Networks, which used traditional telephone and mail sampling methods to randomly recruit respondents. People selected who had no Internet access were given it for free.

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water quality through infrastructure projects, will also be used.

The project constitutes just under half of the $14,056,861.75 consent calendar.

BIODIESEL FUEL

Municipal diesel vehicles will be getting a power boost Tuesday night if the City Council approves a $5.1 million contract for biodiesel fuel.

Biodiesel fits in with the Santa Monica ethos of sustainability and reduced emissions. As a result, 62 buses, over 70 vehicles as well as large trucks, compressors and other machines run on biodiesel.

The material burns more cleanly, is produced domestically and is compatible with diesel engines, storage tanks and distribution equipment that City Hall already has.

Staff chose contractor General Petroleum Corp. after a competitive bid process was begun in June that elicited eight responses.

LIGHTING THE WAY

After one failed attempt, lights on the Santa Monica Pier and some city streets will be replaced with energy-efficient bulbs using federal grant money if the City Council gives the OK.

The $683,466 expenditure would replace 576 100-watt lights with LED street lights on residential streets as well as 702 light fixtures of various types on the pier.

It would also cover 4,500 linear feet of perimeter lighting on the outer edge of the pier.

Staff estimate that the replacement materials will use 40 percent less energy than the current bulbs, and have a longer lifetime, reducing maintenance.

C.T. & F., Inc. came in with the lowest bid.

This is the second try at finding a company to complete the project after council members rejected five bids during the July 12 meeting because of problems with the bid documents.

SANTA MONICA DISTRICTS GET PLANNED

The City Council will get the opportunity to select companies that will determine the layout of two critical pieces of the city — the Downtown and Bergamot districts.

As Downtown readies for a wave of incoming projects including the Exposition Light Rail line, staff are pushing forward to create a plan for the district to map out land-use, circulation and building requirements.

Staff recommend planning firm Torti Gallas and Partners, Inc. to take on the bulk of that work, which will involve translating the policies detailed in the Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE) into practical standards.

Torti Gallas and Partners' work will define building heights and floor areas for construction in Downtown, as well as transportation and parking modeling and financial analysis for proposed development in the area.

The planning will cost City Hall a total of $655,500.

Similar work will be conducted for the Bergamot area by a different firm, The Planning Center DC&E for a proposed $546,485.

The money will come from a federal grant, and will be used to determine urban design, planning, transportation planning, shared parking strategies, economic analysis and infrastructure needs for the mixed use district that will grow around the coming light rail station.

Staff's oft-repeated goal is to create a community around the Bergamot Station that is both attractive as well as accessible to alternative forms of transportation like walking and biking.

The recommendations put forth by The Planning Center will form a basis for zoning code standards for the Bergamot Transit Village and the Mixed-Use Creative District that sit within the geographic boundaries of the Bergamot Area Plan.

COOPERATION MAKES IT HAPPEN

Los Angeles County has asked Santa Monica and three other cities to buy into an emergency communications program to bolster local response in the face of a major disaster.

The Los Angeles Regional Common Operational Picture Platform is the long-winded name for the Antares communications system that would link Santa Monica, Culver City, Beverly Hills and the City of Los Angeles to federal and state agencies that already have the system.

The hardware and software involved would help get news and information out on major and minor incidents and help coordinate responses to large scale, regional emergencies.

Staff recommends that the $250,000 contract go to Future Concepts Inc., the only company that provides the Antares system.

PAY-PER-SPACE PARKING, THE NEXT GENERATION

Staff have requested a quarter-million dollar expenditure on new pay-per-space machines for beach parking lots to replace those that are broken or on the brink.

Three of the 18 machines don't work at all, but perhaps more importantly, the parts for the Lexis pay-by-space machines haven't been available since 2008, leaving staff to repair broken machines by cannibalizing

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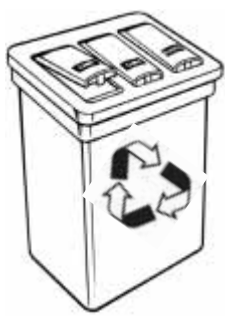
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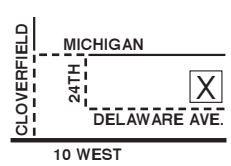
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Each student at the middle school level is entitled to a six-period day. When the school district was flush with cash, prior to the massive state budget cuts seen in the last several years, students could expect to take one or two more periods if they wanted to take extra electives and an a.m. class.

The reductions show a continuing trend at Lincoln and throughout the school district, where school sites have had to contend with the loss of teachers, making it ever more difficult for Webb and her administrative team to match the master class schedule to student demand.

In the previous 2010-11 school year, Lincoln was able to offer three a.m. classes, down from four the previous year. That reduction came from the loss of five full-time teachers.

That led to the elimination of a.m. classes for sixth graders, support classes in reading and math and technology classes for both sixth and seventh grades.

This year, Lincoln once again saw a reduction, this time a much smaller proportion of three-fifths of a "teacher," resulting from a drop in enrollment.

That awkward fraction comes from the fact that teachers are measured as "full time equivalent" employees, or FTE.

One full-time teacher works five periods of the day, so a reduction of less than one FTE may mean that certain periods must be cut, and one or multiple teachers' classes reduced.

In this case, Webb wrote, three-fifths of an FTE meant that three class sections had to go to fit within the allotment given to Lincoln by the district.

Lincoln lost the staffing allotment because it enrolled 77 fewer students than the year before. That's scant comfort to the remainder of the Lincoln crew.

According to a staffing report delivered at last Thursday's Board of Education meeting, every class at Lincoln, with the exception of sixth and seventh grade math and pre-Algebra, averages between 30 and 34 students to every teacher.

The task of creating a master schedule falls exclusively to the principal and his or her administrative team, although Webb made sure that the district office was apprised of the process.

"Beginning in May, my leadership team worked on building a master schedule that could match teacher credentials with class offerings and student requests," Webb wrote. "We first had to look at our class offerings and figure out what should be eliminated."

A number of students wanted to take two elective classes on top of an a.m. class.

Webb and her team made the decision to give priority to academic electives and music classes.

"Given those parameters, we had 80 eighth graders who fit the requirements and only 16 seventh graders," Webb said.

Two a.m. classes for eighth graders — physical education and Algebra — made the cut.

Classes not offered this year that made it last year included student council, seventh grade a.m. physical education and a course in exploratory rotation.

"I am sad that this year's seventh graders do not have the opportunity for an a.m. class, especially since they were sixth graders when we had to eliminate the sixth grade a.m. class," Webb wrote. "But I do believe that we have the best schedule possible given our FTEs, student requests and teacher credential availability."

It comes down to money, said Sally Chou, chief academic officer with the school district.

"We're tightening up assignments and allocations," she said. "We don't have that much money now, and we have to be very careful."

Under those circumstances, extras, like a.m. classes, are the first to go.

For one, they're easier to move around than other classes.

Each school has different needs, and uses teachers in different ways, which can impact how a schedule is put together.

For instance, the situation at a school like Lincoln is complicated by a practice called "coring," which means that four teachers have a specific group of children that they work with.

That affects how teachers and specific class sections can be moved around and ties the hands of administrators trying to create a balanced schedule.

Early morning classes are also not necessary to moving forward in academics, meaning that the cuts do not jeopardize students' schedules, Chou said.

"We don't take this lightly," she said. "We don't say let's just cut this out. What we do is make this work for the benefit of all kids, not just yours or mine."

Parents are disappointed, but understand both the district's limitations and their own, said Lincoln's PTA President Karen Gardner.

"This is something we can't fundraise for because it's teacher salaries," Gardner said. "We're hamstrung. There's nothing we can do about it."

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to action on Saturday, Oct. 8 against Santa Barbara on the road.

ST. MONICA EVENS RECORD AT 2-2

St. Monica used a strong second half to down nearby Brentwood, 34-14, on Saturday at Corsair Field.

The Mariners trailed 14-7 at the end of the first half, but finished strong behind the play of running backs Sean Martinez and Kevin Holubowski, who finished with two touchdowns each.

The win improves St. Monica to 2-2 this season.

Next for St. Monica is a home game against Pasadena Blair on Friday at Corsair Field. The game begins at 7:30 p.m.

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HANDS: **SMC receiver, and Samohi alum, Kris Comas catches a pass at Corsair Field during a losing effort Saturday.**

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others and using spare parts.

Replacement of these machines with modern versions would cut down on labor and maintenance costs, as well as ensuring that functional pay machines are available to the public.

The machines would be purchased for $250,000 from Digital Payment Technologies.

ROGER WILCO!

City Hall will either re-up its lease at an antenna site or risk disrupting the Big Blue Bus and other regional transportation services.

Officials currently pay to put transponders for a computer dispatch service at a site on Saddle Peak that is owned by the American Tower Corp., a Delaware-based company.

That infrastructure provides communications between BBB vehicles and the dispatch offices, and also helps locate and monitor buses.

The recommended $214,890 lease extension would ensure the use of the Saddle Peak antenna site for another five years.

AIRPORT REPAVING

Asphalt around the Santa Monica Airport will get a makeover if the City Council approves $186,571 in resurfacing work Tuesday.

The 60,000 square feet of pavement surrounding 22 hangars and about 48,000 square feet of parking lot pavement will be stripped clean and resurfaced as part of the contract between the airport administration and its lease-holders.

Staff recommend the Sully-Miller Contracting Co., which turned in the lowest of four bids.

LEASE EXTENSION

City Hall is requesting another five months on a lease for the Office of Sustainability and the Environment before it relocates to its permanent home on Fourth Street.

The company that leases out the space at 1212 Fifth St. agreed to lock in the same rent amount for the five months after Jan. 31, 2012, when the original lease expires.

In the meantime, City Hall will finish up on improvements at the Fourth Street location.

The total cost of the extension, parking spaces and additional expenses will be $41,619.75 over that five months.

AUDITING SERVICES

Very few enjoy doing taxes, and even fewer do them correctly.

That's the premise of a consent agenda item that proposes hiring tax audit firm Hinderliter, de Llamas and Associates to examine tax records to ensure that all of the half-cent transaction and use tax passed by voters in November will end up in city coffers.

According to the staff report, taxpayer error can impact the amount of money given back to City Hall by the state Board of Equalization.

Over the last 10 years, Hinderliter, de Llamas and Associates has recovered $4.507 million in sales tax revenue that would have gone to other jurisdictions because of those taxpayer mistakes, according to city staff.

The firm will be allowed to keep a quarter of whatever it helps recover as payment.

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located on the pier, will open at 11 a.m.

The foundation is hoping to raise $25,000 from entry fees. As of Sept. 23, the foundation received a little over $22,000. By visiting their web site at runforschools.org, $15 of the entry fee is automatically split; $7.50 goes to the foundation's athletic endowment and the other $7.50 goes to the designated team being chosen.

The foundation wants to raise $2 million for the athletic endowment.

Santa Monica High School has about 900 athletes in total and about 200 have signed up to participate, according to Tania Fischer, head track and field and cross county coach at Samohi.

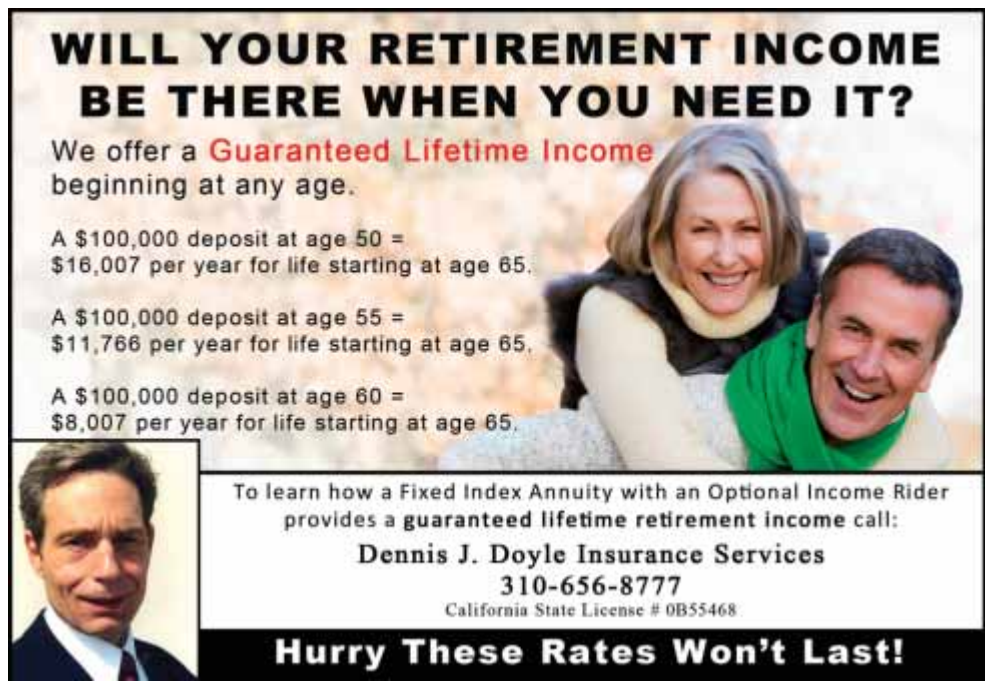
Some of the top teams who have raised the most amounts of money are Samohi water polo with $2,490, Samohi boys volleyball with $1,358 and Samohi girls volleyball with $1,061.

"Santa Monica really supports its schools and this is the first time they're supporting athletics so this is very important, Fischer said. "It is going to be a great partnership once fully established."

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'Diversity Bake Sale' heats up debate at UC Berkeley

BY TERENCE CHEA
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO A Republican group at the University of California, Berkeley has cooked up controversy with a plan to hold an "Increase Diversity Bake Sale" as a satirical way to oppose legislation that would allow public colleges to consider race and other factors in student admissions.

Students at the Berkeley College Republicans' event set for Tuesday will be charged different prices based on race, gender and ethnicity, with white students charged the most, Native Americans the least, and women receiving a 25 percent discount, according to the Facebook event posting.

"If you don't come, you're a racist!" the post declares. The group's website contains a link to the Facebook page.

In response to the sale, the Associated Students of the University of California unanimously approved a resolution Sunday that "condemns the use of discrimination whether it is in satire or in seriousness by any student group."

Student Republican groups have held similar events on other college campuses to oppose affirmative action policies.

The Berkeley event is aimed at opposing a bill on Gov. Jerry Brown's desk that would allow the University of California and California State University systems to consider race, ethnicity and gender while deciding admissions.

California previously banned affirmative action in public college admissions, hiring and contracting when voters approved Proposition 209 in 1996.

The bake sale on the famously liberal Berkeley campus was organized to counter the student association's plan to sponsor a call-in booth where students can urge the governor to sign SB185, the bill authored by Sen. Ed Hernandez, D-West Covina.

Members of the Republican group say the bake sale is meant to show how affirmative action policies are a form of discrimination.

"Measuring any admit's merit based on race is intrinsically racist," according to the event posting. "The pricing structure of the baked goods is meant to be satirical, while urging students to think more critically about the implications of this policy."

Joey Freeman, a spokesman for the student body association, said campus Republicans have the right to organize against the legislation and the campus phone-in effort, but he's disappointed in the tactics.

"It is very offensive to many communities on campus," Freeman said. "We try to promote a healthy campus climate. Events like this bake sale get in the way of respect for one another."

EPA warns 13 Chino dairies on manure disposal

BY SUE MANNING
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has warned 13 Chino dairy owners they need to upgrade manure handling systems so pollution doesn't reach area waterways.

The dairies contacted last week were among dozens inspected between November 2010 and February, Ken Greenberg, manager of EPA's Clean Water Act compliance office in Los Angeles, said Monday.

Inspections usually take place during the rainy season because that's when problems are most visible, Greenberg said, noting that federal and state officers conducted the inspections jointly.

Dairy owners have until Dec. 31 to make improvements.

If the owners fail to comply, new orders can be issued, fines up to $37,500 a day can be levied and civil lawsuits can be filed, Greenberg said.

Last winter brought record rains up and down the state, said Michael Marsh, chief executive officer of the trade association Western United Dairymen in Modesto. Sometimes the rains were so heavy, it was a challenge for every dairy owner to stay in compliance, he said.

"But we have an obligation to protect California," he added.

None of the dairies receiving compliance orders belong to his group, Marsh said, but the trade group has a 12-member team that focuses solely on environmental regulations. Team members have been sent to Chino to see if they can help, Marsh said.

Chino is 40 miles east of Los Angeles in San Bernardino County.

Most of the time, dairies use open space, surrounded on three sides by earth berms, to contain manure. It is then trucked to various locations.

Every dairy inspected had some kind of manure management plan, Greenberg said. But in a few cases, the berms weren't big enough or they had deteriorated. In other cases, some portions of the dairy were not contained, or maybe maintenance was a problem, Greenberg said.

"We didn't find anybody who had done nothing," he said.

Greenberg said he didn't know how much it would cost each individual dairy. "Many dairies in the area have complied, and we think it's do-able," he said.

Even simple improvements can be costly, Marsh said.

Putting gutters on barns so rainwater is diverted and kept away from manure areas sounds simple, but then you have to collect and divert it with pipelines so the rain water stays separate from other water on the farm, he said.

All of those who received warning orders will have to do something to get back in compliance, Marsh said. They can't just hope for less rain.

If manure does get into the watershed, it creates a heavy organic load, Greenberg said. It can deplete the oxygen and carry pathogens that can be harmful to anyone coming in contact with the water. Manure also adds heavy amounts of salt to the water, he said.

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board requires the dairies to control manure.

"Overall, the permit has been effective and the dairies as a whole have done a good job keeping waste out of the Santa Ana River," Greenberg said.

According to the water board's most recent statistics in 2007, there are 251,000 cows on dairies located in the Santa Ana River area. Of those, 185,000 are in the Chino area and 65,000 are in the San Jacinto or Lake Elsinore area, Greenberg said.

The board also said that in 2006, those quarter million cows produced 940,000 tons of manure.

Study: Fathers less likely to die of heart problems

BY MARILYNN MARCHIONE
AP Medical Writer

Fatherhood may be a kick in the old testosterone, but it may also help keep a man alive. New research suggests that dads are a little less likely to die of heart-related problems than childless men are.

The study — by the AARP, the government and several universities — is the largest ever on male fertility and mortality, involving nearly 138,000 men. Although a study like this can't prove that fatherhood and mortality are related, there are plenty of reasons to think they might be, several heart disease experts said.

Marriage, having lots of friends and even having a dog can lower the chance of heart problems and cardiac-related deaths, previous research suggests. Similarly, kids might help take care of you or give you a reason to take better care of yourself.

Also, it takes reasonably good genes to father a child. An inability to do so might mean a genetic weakness that can spell heart trouble down the road.

"There is emerging evidence that male infertility is a window into a man's later health," said Dr. Michael Eisenberg, a Stanford University urologist and fertility specialist who led the study. "Maybe it's telling us that something else is involved in their inability to have kids."

The study was published online Monday by the journal Human Reproduction.

Last week, a study by other researchers of 600 men in the Philippines found that testosterone, the main male hormone, drops after a man becomes a dad. Men who started out with higher levels of it were more likely to become fathers, suggesting that low levels might reflect an underlying health issue that prevents reproduction, Eisenberg said.

In general, higher levels of testosterone are better, but too much or too little can cause HDL, or "good cholesterol," to fall — a key heart disease risk factor, said Dr. Robert Eckel, past president of the American Heart Association and professor of medicine at the University of Colorado, Denver.

"This is a hot topic," Eckel said. "I like this study because I have five children," he joked, but he said many factors such as job stress affect heart risks and the decision to have children.

Researchers admit they couldn't measure factors like stress, but they said they did their best to account for the ones they could. They started with more than 500,000 AARP members age 50 and over who filled out periodic surveys starting in the 1990s for a long-running research project sponsored by the National Cancer Institute.

For this study, researchers excluded men who had never been married so they could focus on those most likely to have the intent and opportunity to father a child. Men with cancer or heart disease also were excluded to compare just men who were healthy when the study began.

Of the remaining 137,903 men, 92 percent were fathers and half had three or more children. After an average of 10 years of follow-up, about 10 percent had died. Researchers calculated death rates according to the number of children, and adjusted for differences in smoking, weight, age, household income and other factors.

They saw no difference in death rates between childless men and fathers. However, dads were 17 percent less likely to have died of cardiovascular causes than childless men were.

Now for all the caveats.

Researchers don't know how many men were childless by choice and not because of a fertility problem.

They don't know what fertility problems the men's partners may have had that could have left them childless.

They didn't have cholesterol or blood pressure information on the men — key heart risk factors.

Less than 5 percent of participants were blacks or other minorities, so the results may not apply to them.

All those questions aside, however, some prominent heart experts were reassured by the study's large size and the steps researchers took to adjust for heart disease risk factors.

"I think there's something there," and social science supports the idea that children can lower heart risks, said Dr. Eric Topol, a cardiologist and genetics expert at Scripps Health in La Jolla, Calif. "Whether it's with a pet, a spouse or social interaction ... all those things are associated with better outcomes."

Dr. Daniel Rader, director of preventive cardiology at the University of Pennsylvania, said: "It's biologically plausible that there's a connection," but the reduced risk attributed to having children "is pretty modest."

Men often ask him what they can do to keep from dying of a heart attack, he said.

"I'm not really prepared to, on the basis of this, tell them to start having a few kids," Rader said.

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SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 61°

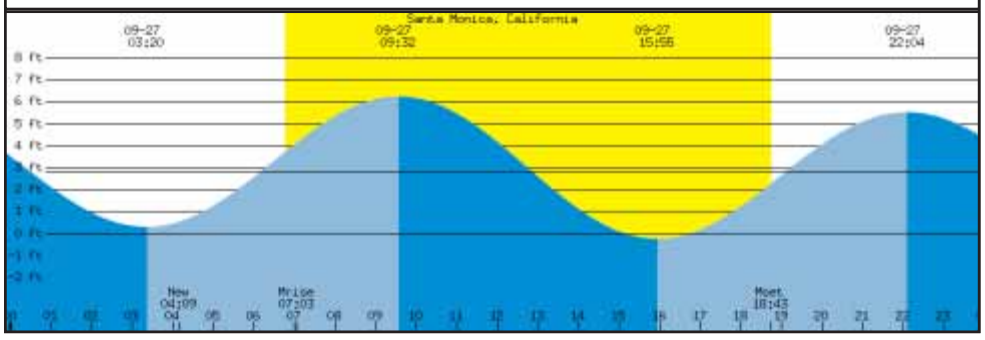
Swell Forecast

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

Long Range Synopsis

NW is expected to back off a bit, more along the lines of chest to at times head high for west facing breaks.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **September 21, 2011**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 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 -- 29 / 0s
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 0s

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

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	0s
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	0s
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisos creeks.	0s	0s
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	0s
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	0s
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	0s
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	0s
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	0s
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A	0s
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A	0s
Solstice Canyon at Don Blacker County Beach.	F	0s
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	0s
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	F	0s
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	0s
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A	0s
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	C	0s
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A	0s
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zone).	A+	0s
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A	0s
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	0s
Tuna Canyon.	0s	0s
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	B	0s
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	0s
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	C	0s
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	C	0s
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A	0s
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	0s
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	0s
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A+	0s
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	0s
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	0s
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	0s
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	0s
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	0s
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	0s
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	0s
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	0s
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	0s
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	0s
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	0s
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A	0s
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	B	0s
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	0s
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	0s
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A+	0s
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A	0s
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	0s
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	0s

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
0s -- no sample taken

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A Roundabout Way Of Thinking

Drivers in Santa Monica might have noticed some recent changes to many intersections around town that have people wondering if they are headed down the Champs Elysees towards the Arch de Triumph or perhaps lost on an English country road. The roundabout intersection has made a roundabout trip across the world to Santa Monica with the hopes of easing traffic congestion and making the roads safer for drivers and pedestrians alike. Drivers here in Santa Monica must be aware of the traffic rules and regulations that govern roundabout driving so that motorists are not stranded like foreigners in a foreign land. Here are some basic rules and explanations about roundabouts that will hopefully help you on your way around town.

The basic definition of a roundabout is a circular junction in which road traffic must travel in one direction around a central island. Roundabouts increase safety in the community by requiring drivers to both decrease their speeds and in turn increase their awareness upon entering the intersection. Roundabouts also increase a neighborhood's aesthetic appeal by creating charming and unique architectural designs. Neatly landscaped circles or placement of a statue, monument, or flagpole give roundabouts a homely and suburban feel despite their very urban purpose. Pedestrians are often prohibited or discouraged from entering the center circle of a roundabout, but pedestrians and drivers can nonetheless enjoy the visual charisma that the intersection adds to a community. Roundabouts facilitate motorists, bicyclists, runners, and dog-walkers in an efficient and competent manner.

Roundabouts have some negative drawbacks as well. Larger vehicles and trucks may find it difficult to navigate through narrow roundabouts that are not built to handle such vehicles. The recent implementation of roundabouts in Santa Monica has also caused some backup and unwanted traffic delays at roundabouts where drivers are not familiar with the traffic laws and traffic flow. On the same note, there is a greater risk of traffic collisions and accidents from drivers who are simply not paying attention to their surroundings. Roundabouts require far greater concentration and awareness than do conventional squared intersections.

Upon entering a roundabout, drivers should first notice a sign or traffic indicator alerting the driver to slow down and prepare to yield. A painted dashed line will also alert drivers that they are entering a roundabout intersection. Unless otherwise indicated, drivers do not have to come to a complete stop; however, the situation may require a complete stop depending on traffic conditions at the time. Remember, pedestrians always have the right of way! So, if you see a bicyclist, jogger, or walker you must stop in order to allow that person safe passage. If there are no other cars in the roundabout and no pedestrians, the driver can then safely enter the roundabout. Most Santa Monica roundabouts are one-way, meaning a driver can only make a right turn to enter the roundabout and a right turn to exit the roundabout.

A driver that is already in the roundabout has the right of way over a driver that is entering the roundabout. Thus, if you are the car that is approaching the roundabout and slowing down getting ready to turn into the roundabout, do not expect another car that is already in the roundabout to stop or slow to let you in! This area tends to be one of the most confusing aspects of roundabouts, but if you remember that the car already in the roundabout has the right of way…you should be alright. Regardless of who has the right of way, drivers should nonetheless always remain vigilant and aware of their surroundings to prevent any kind of accident. Keep a slow to moderate speed while circling depending on the traffic at the time. Also, it is very important that drivers remember to use their turn signals. Turn signals alert circling drivers inside the roundabout and allow other drivers to adjust speeds based on turns. Moreover, a turn signal also notifies drivers waiting to enter the roundabout that the path is clear for them to safely make the maneuver.

Avoid unnecessary traffic citations, accidents, and congestion by following these simple roundabout rules. Remember to be aware, vigilant, and attentive to your surroundings at all time. Adjust to a roundabout way of thinking and enjoy the ride around town!

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TUESDAY	
9:00-12:00noon	Patent, Trademark and Copyright Law with Attorney Marcus Risso (By appointment only)
1:00-4:00pm	Employment Law: Wrongful Termination, Sexual harassment, Disability Accommodation, Leave Law, Discrimination, Retaliation, Whistle Blower, Wage & Hour disputes with Attorney Sara Eliot
4:00-5:00pm	(1st and 3rd Tuesday/Month): Civil and Criminal Law with former Deputy District Attorney Hart Levin. Hart has expertise in all criminal and traffic issues, and he also has extensive knowledge in many areas of civil law including business disputes, fraud, personal injury and employment law.
WEDNESDAY	
5:00-6:30pm	Divorce and Legal Separation; Domestic Partnerships; Child Custody, Support and Visitation; Spousal Support; Prenuptial Agreements & Mediation with Family Law Specialist Attorney Elizabeth Fields at the Novel Café located at 2901 Ocean Park Blvd. in Santa Monica, 90405.
THURSDAY	
12:00-2:00pm	Immigration and Family Law with Attorney Galorah Keshavarz (By appointment Only)
5:00-6:00pm	Chapter 7 and 13 Bankruptcy Filings, Debt Negotiation and Personal Injury cases with Attorneys Paul Mankin and/or Jeff Hughes (By appointment Only)
4:00–5:00pm	(2nd & 4th Thursday/Month) Landlord/Tenant Rights & Obligations, Small Claims, Restraining Orders/Domestic Violence & General Practice Law with Attorney John Wittig
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4:00–5:00pm	(2nd & 4th Friday/Month) Small business start-ups, Corporations, Contracts, Non-Profit Organizations, Green Law, Employment Law, Green and Sustainable Business Practices with Attorney Becki Kammerling.
SATURDAY	
10am-12noon	(1st, 3rd, & 5th Saturday/Month) Estate Planning, Trust & Will Contests Probate, Elder Law, Business Litigation, Formation & Dissolution, Contracts, HOA & Personal Injury with Attorney Richard Ruman
10am-11:30am	(2nd & 4th Sat/Month) Employment/Labor Law including wrongful termination, sexual harassment, wage & hour claims, severance issues; and Family Law/Divorce including support, custody, & prenuptial agreements with Attorney Todd Smilovitz.

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Warrior (PG-13) 2hrs 19min
12:15pm, 3:40pm, 7:00pm, 10:15pm

Crazy, Stupid, Love (PG-13) 1hr 47min
4:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:15pm

Moneyball (PG-13) 2hrs 06min
12:30pm, 3:30pm, 6:45pm, 10:10pm

Finding Kind (NR) 1hr 17min
12:00pm, 2:00pm

Contagion (PG-13) 1hr 45min
1:00pm, 3:45pm, 6:30pm, 9:20pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
(310) 451-9440

Lion King (G) 1hr 27min
11:15am, 1:40pm

Debt (R) 1hr 53min
11:15am, 2:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:50pm, 10:30pm

Dolphin Tale 3D (PG) 1hr 52min
1:40pm, 7:30pm, 10:25pm

Dolphin Tale (PG) 1hr 52min
11:00am, 4:35pm

Moneyball (PG-13) 2hrs 06min
11:55am, 3:10pm, 4:05pm, 6:15pm, 7:20pm, 9:30pm

Contagion (PG-13) 1hr 45min
11:00am, 1:45pm, 10:00pm

Lion King 3D (G) 1hr 29min
12:40pm, 3:15pm, 5:45pm, 8:15pm, 10:30pm

Killer Elite (R) 1hr 40min
11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:50pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 478-3836

Jane's Journey (NR) 1hr 47min
1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:55pm

Circumstance (Sharayet) (R) 1hr 47min
4:00pm, 9:40pm

Guard (R) 1hr 36min
1:50pm, 7:30pm

Senna (PG-13) 1hr 45min
1:20pm, 7:00pm

Our Idiot Brother (R) 1hr 30min
4:40pm, 10:00pm

Archie's Final Project (NR) 1hr 45min
1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:55pm

AMC Criterion 6
1313 Third St.
(310) 395-1599

Straw Dogs (R) 1hr 45min
11:20am, 2:05pm, 4:50pm, 7:30pm, 10:20pm

Help (PG-13) 2hrs 17min
11:55am, 3:15pm, 6:45pm, 10:15pm

Abduction (PG-13) 1hr 46min
11:15am, 11:50am, 1:45pm, 2:45pm, 4:30pm, 5:30pm, 7:05pm, 8:00pm, 9:45pm, 10:30pm

Drive (R) 1hr 40min
11:30am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

I Don't Know How She Does It (PG-13) 1hr 35min
11:45am, 2:10pm, 4:40pm, 7:10pm, 9:45pm

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Treat yourself, Virgo

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Understand another person's expectations. At that point you'll have a choice of whether to meet his or her implied desires. A new beginning is possible within a relationship. Meanwhile, there could be a misunderstanding, and getting it straightened out could take talent. Tonight: Say "yes" to an invitation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Pace yourself. Try not to get involved in an upset. You might have a very strong reaction. Do everything you can to distance yourself from a situation that could be hurtful. Stay centered on certain key tasks you need to accomplish. Tonight: Put your feet up.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Your creativity keeps mounting when faced with many different opinions. Some people might choose to say nothing. You could be set back by their attitude. Implicit in this experience is a misunderstanding. Tonight: Your creativity flows.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ You might strive for stability, but instead you are surrounded by chaos. Not sure about what to do, you feel torn. Why not detach and mentally put yourself in a position where you look down on the situation? It does look different, doesn't it? Tonight: Stay anchored.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Speak your mind. There could be considerable upset in your immediate circle. Speak directly to a loved one or dear friend, especially if you need to neutralize a problem. A new beginning becomes possible. Tonight: Where the action is.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ You might need to make an extra effort to pull a situation together. The unexpected has an impact. Confusion surrounds communication and plans. You might not be able to handle what is coming up. Tonight: Buy a little treat on the way home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ You naturally bloom, and many people come toward you. You could be tired and need to take another look at a personal matter. A new beginning becomes possible. You have a lot to celebrate. Tonight: Full steam ahead.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ If you're questioning which solution might work best, stop. You aren't ready to act just yet. You might consider doing something very differently. Slow down and consider options you had not previously considered. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Zero in on your priorities. A meeting could pave the way to better understanding, if you are willing to let go. You feel very good about a key friend. Express your caring in a meaningful way. Tonight: Clear out a problem with a loved one.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Take a stand with a boss. You might not see the end results immediately, but you will eventually. In a sense, you have created a new beginning. Let go of the many self-imposed constraints. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Try to detach, and you will be far happier. You have plenty of energy and get-up-and-go. A new beginning becomes possible because of your willingness to do something differently. Tonight: Change the tune.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Deal directly with a friend or loved one. Hemming and hawing won't work. Make an effort to loosen up and try another way. Be direct. Let someone else put in his or her two cents. Be ready to grasp a special opportunity. Tonight Have a long-overdue chat.

Happy birthday

Many currents move through your life this year. With them come options, new people and a personal assessment. You could hear many unexpected pieces of news. Often, you see so many paths that you could feel confused and not know which way to go. You get a new beginning this year. Be honest with yourself about what part of your life you would like to change, and do just that. For those who are single, you have an innate charisma that draws many admirers and suitors. If you are attached, you can infuse your relationship with some of the initial magic and charisma. You both will enjoy it. A fellow LIBRA understands you a little too well for your comfort!

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



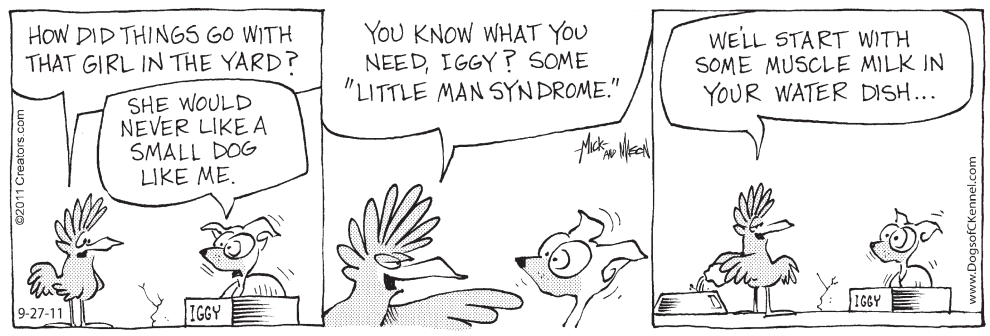
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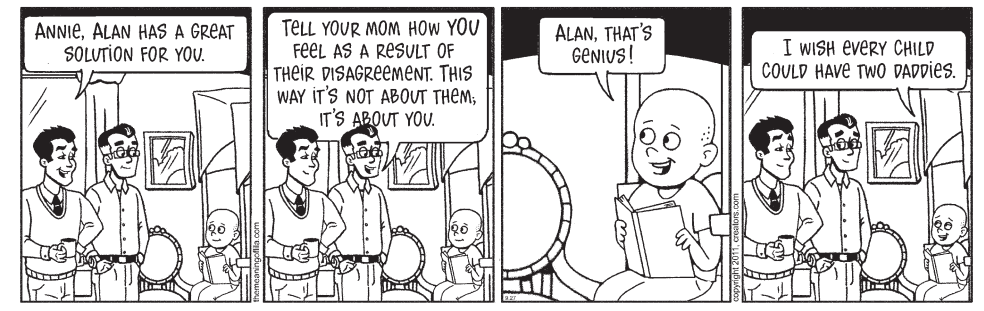
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★

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GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

7	4	3	9	6	5	2	1	8
9	5	1	8	7	2	6	4	3
8	2	6	1	4	3	5	9	7
2	9	7	5	3	8	4	6	1
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ACROSS

1 Complain
5 George Burns prop
10 Regions
12 Find charming
13 Spanish-born cellist
15 Memorable period
16 Habit inhabitant
17 Surrenderer of 1865
18 Lustrous fabrics
20 "— She Sweet?"
21 Belief
22 Geese formations
23 Make amends
25 Baseball's Musial
28 Pub game
31 Hound's quarry
32 Lead-ins
34 Dr.'s gp.
35 Lynx or lion
36 Fuss
37 Chilean poet
40 "Adam Bede" author
41 Mesopotamian region
42 Theater units
43 Prohibits

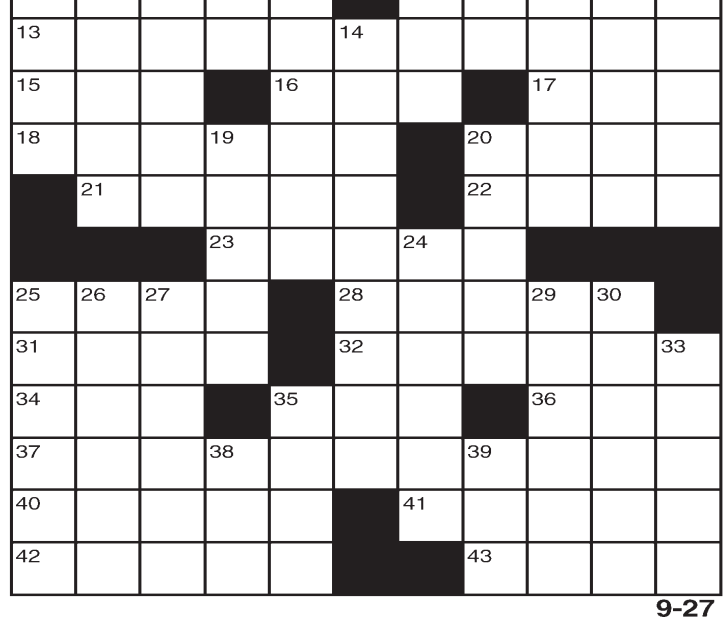
DOWN

1 Targets for bulls
2 Turkish peak
3 Money-back offer
4 Friend
5 James of "The Godfather"
6 Passports, etc.
7 Player in a mask
8 Dahl of films
9 Fixes a clock
11 Shakespeare poem
14 Mop handler
19 Laughable
20 Turn aside
24 City on the Loire
25 Forms
26 Tex-Mex treat
27 Mideast region
29 Emotional wound
30 Soaked
33 Flies high
35 Barracks beds
38 Fate
39 Massage

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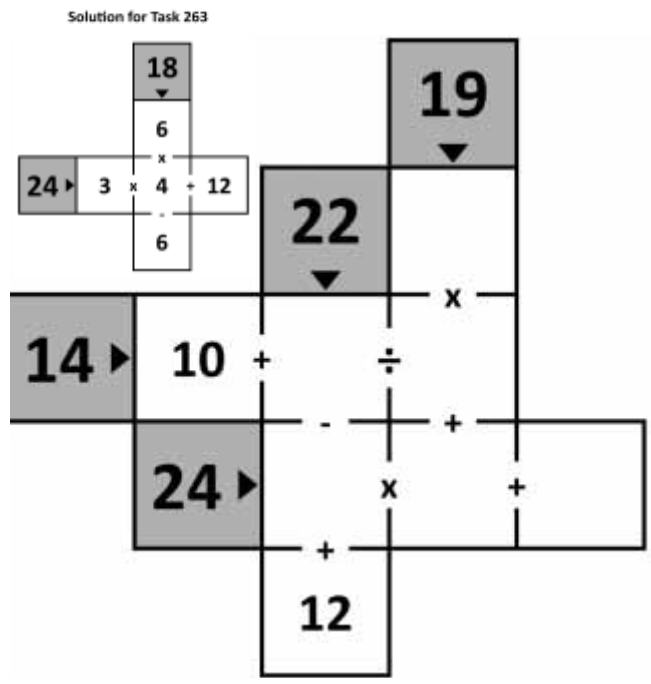
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2, 3, 3, 4, 10, 12

Solution for Task 263



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DAILY 3: MIDDAY: 5 1 5 EVENING: 8 0 9

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ **Things You Didn't Think Existed:** (1) World Record for Length of Tonsils: Justin Werner, 21, of Topeka, Kan., was certified in July by the Guinness Book, with tonsils measuring 2.1 inches and 1.9 inches, respectively. The old "champion" was Justin Dodge of Milwaukee. (2) Global Competition in Dominos: The breakaway Georgian region of Abkhazia will be the site, in October, of the world domino championship. (Twenty-five countries belong to the International Domino Federation.)

■ Retired U.S. Army Sgt. Maj. Rob Dickerson finally received his Purple Heart this summer, four years after he was seriously wounded in a rocket attack in Iraq and two years after he began a paperwork battle with the Army to "prove" his injury. Recently, the Army had apologized and mailed him the award, but it arrived C.O.D., leaving Dickerson to pay the $21 fee. (The Army subsequently reimbursed Dickerson the fee, but Dickerson said he hasn't been able to cash the check, in that it was erroneously made out to "Roy Dirksen.")

TODAY IN HISTORY

1954 The nationwide debut of Tonight! (The Tonight Show) hosted by Steve Allen on NBC.

1956 USAF Captain Milburn G. Apt becomes the first man to exceed Mach 3 while flying the Bell X-2. Shortly thereafter, the craft goes out of control and Captain Apt is killed.

1959 Nearly 5000 people die on the main Japanese island of Honsh✣ as the result of a typhoon.

1961 Sierra Leone joins the United Nations.

1964 The Warren Commission releases its report, concluding that Lee Harvey Oswald, acting alone, assassinated President John F. Kennedy.

1964 The British TSR-2 aircraft XR219 makes its maiden flight from Boscombe Down in Wiltshire.

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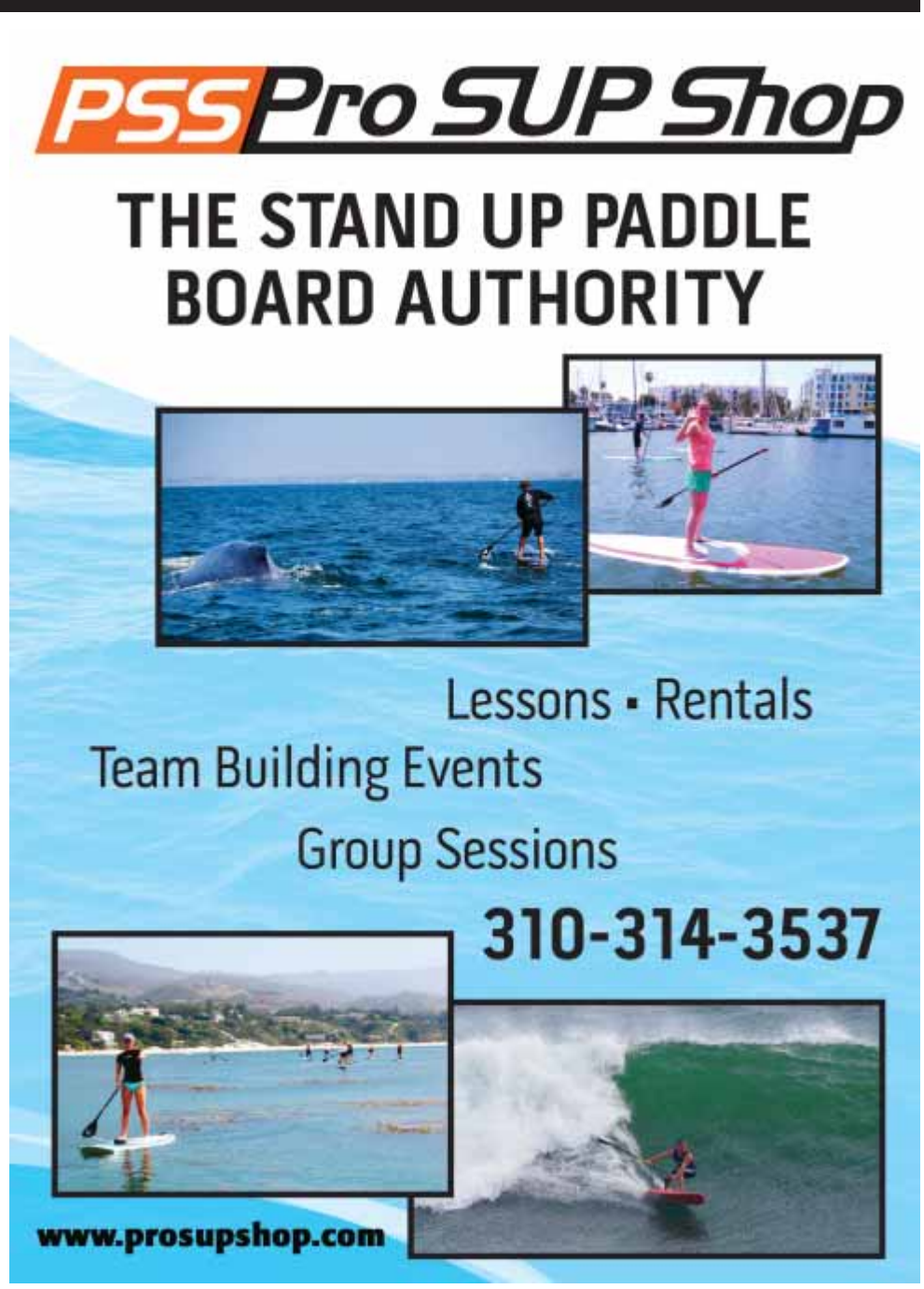
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