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*Walking with Dinosaurs*



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*The first of 20 new traction power substations is lifted into place at the Metro Blue Line Washington Station.*

## **Blue Line Powers Up For The Next 20 Years**

Just in time to celebrate its 20th anniversary, the Metro Blue Line is having 20 aging traction power substations and electrical support systems replaced thanks to a grant of \$71 million provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA).

The installation of the first of 20 substations – each weighing 83 tons – on the Blue Line took place in July adjacent to the Washington Station just south of downtown LA.

Each of the new substations consume approximately 5 percent less energy than the existing power substations. The project is expected to be completed by July 2014.

On an average weekday, the Blue Line carries more than 76,000 passengers. The line marked its 20th anniversary of operation July 14.



*This rendering shows the new two-story El Monte Station bus terminal that will double the capacity of the original station that opened in 1973.*

## **Work Begins On A New El Monte Bus Station**

Groundbreaking was held recently to start construction of a new \$45 million public bus terminal at Santa Anita Avenue and Ramona Boulevard. The project will double the capacity of the original El Monte Station it is replacing that opened in 1973.

The new station will feature a two-story building with a public bus terminal, retail space, customer service center and parking. Final construction is expected to be completed by January 2012.

Currently, some 22,000 riders use the station daily. It is the largest bus station west of Chicago and is used by Metro, Foothill Transit, LAX FlyAway, Greyhound, El Monte Transit and Metrolink Shuttle. A temporary bus terminal has been constructed for passengers to use until the new station is completed.

The upgrade is part of the ExpressLanes Project, a demonstration project in which existing carpool lanes on the I-10 and I-110 freeways will be converted to High-Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes called ExpressLanes.

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## See *Walking with Dinosaurs* And Get \$10 Off

Catch the captivating ten-million-pound arena spectacle, *Walking With Dinosaurs*, at STAPLES Center from September 9-12. You'll marvel at the unprecedented size and quality of these creatures as you see them walk and hear them roar.

Save \$10 off tickets regularly priced \$79, \$59 and \$39 when you show your valid Metro pass, Metro Rail ticket or Destination Discounts card at the box office or buy tickets online at [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com) and use the promotional code TREX.

Take the Metro Blue Line or Silver Line to STAPLES Center. For more information, visit [dinosaurlive.com](http://dinosaurlive.com).

## Get \$1 Off *Feast Of San Gennaro* September 24-26

Celebrate Italian culture, entertainment and cuisine as the *Precious Cheese Feast of San Gennaro* takes over Hawthorne Avenue between Highland Avenue and Orange Drive in Hollywood from 11am-11pm on September 24-26.

Inspired by New York City's oldest street festival, the event features food from LA's greatest Italian restaurants. General admission is \$5 and kids under 12 are free. Take the Metro Red Line to Hollywood/Highland Station and show your valid Metro pass, Metro Rail ticket or Destination Discounts card and get \$1 off admission. For more information, visit [feastofla.org](http://feastofla.org) or call 818.508.0082.





## **Save \$1 At LA Greek Fest September 10-12**

Join super-star hosts Tom Hanks and Rita Wilson by experiencing the fun and excitement of the Greek Islands without leaving LA at the *LA Greek Fest*, September 10-12, on the grounds of Saint Sophia's Cathedral, Normandie Avenue at Pico Boulevard.

This year's "*Celebrating A Taste of Greece*" theme offers an entertaining weekend of music, dancing and food. Admission is \$3 on Friday and \$5 on Saturday and Sunday. Show your valid Metro pass, Metro Rail ticket or Destination Discounts card at the box office and get \$1 off admission. Children under 12 are free all weekend. For more information, visit [lagreekfest.com](http://lagreekfest.com) or call 323.737.2424.

## **Save \$2 On Admission To Polish Festival**

Explore Polish culture and heritage at the 2010 *Polish Festival LA* on September 25 and 26. This year's festival celebrates Fredric Chopin, Poland's most famous pianist, with "*Year of the Chopin*" and special activities.

You'll find two days of folk dancing, games, raffles, food, vendors and fun for the entire family. Save \$2 on adult admission when you show your valid Metro pass, Metro Rail ticket or Destination Discounts card at the front gate.

The *Polish Festival LA* is located at 3424 West Adams Boulevard in LA. Plan your route using the Trip Planner at [metro.net](http://metro.net). For more information, visit [PolishFestLA.com](http://PolishFestLA.com).

For convenient connections to the Go Metro Destination Discounts listed here, check the Trip Planner at [metro.net](http://metro.net).



## ***East LA Mexican Independence Parade And Festival September 12***

Don't miss the *Bicentennial Mexican Independence Day Parade and Festival* showcasing celebrity grand marshal operatic tenor Placido Domingo on Sunday, September 12 in East LA.

The parade begins at noon at Cesar E. Chavez Avenue and Indiana Street and travels to Mednik Avenue, ending at Belvedere Park with a festival. Watch top Latin stars' performances, play games, ride attractions and enjoy delicious food.

Take the Metro Gold Line to Indiana, Maravilla or East LA Civic Center stations and find yourself just a short walk away from all the action. You'll get \$1 off every \$10 you spend in the "Kids World" area when you show your valid Metro pass, Metro Rail ticket or Destination Discounts card.



*Placido Domingo*

# Metro Challenge

## Sudoku

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

*Last month's solution*

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

Fill out the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9. The solution to this puzzle will be in next month's Metro Monthly or find it online at the [Go Metro Destination Discounts](#) link.

## Metro Destination Scramble

Re-arrange the letters below to name a popular LA destination on the Metro system.

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*Metro Silver Line*

Last Month's Answer: *Graumans Theatre*