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LINE DRIVE: Ocean Park Boulevard recently changed from a two-lane to a one-lane road with a center lane for left turns. City planners changed the lanes to slow down traffic after several pedestrians were struck. The move has gotten mixed reviews.

One lane or another?

Ocean Park Blvd restriping gets mixed reviews

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

SUNSET PARK Everyone seems to have an opinion about the effects of transforming Ocean Park Boulevard from what was once called a two-lane highway into a one-lane corridor, the issue that has some commuters reeling and others praising city planners for making the change.

It was one month ago that city crews restriped an accident-prone strip of Ocean Park from Lincoln to Cloverfield boulevards, condensing the street into one west and eastbound lane but creating a left-turn option and bike lane as a result.

The change had many commuters,

including business owners and neighborhood residents, criticizing City Hall for a plan they believed would increase gridlock and create headaches for drivers who travel along the busy stretch of asphalt during rush hour.

Part of the reason why city planners decided to restripe the street was to increase safety for pedestrians that walk across the many unsignalized crosswalks along the boulevard — intersections that have seen numerous pedestrian and automobile-related casualties and fatalities in the past few years.

“The intent was to improve traffic safety and pedestrian safety by slowing down people who were speeding and making it easier to make a decision at the intersections and also to provide more parking availability,” Transportation Planning Manager Lucy Dyke said last month.

A month later, some commuters who have had time to get used to the changes say they’ve been pleasantly surprised.

“I expected that it was going to

make traffic that much more worse because traffic is bad enough on Ocean Park Boulevard,” said commuter Laurie Charchut, a 10-year resident of Sunset Park. “Logically, it seemed if you restricted two lanes to one, it would make it back up (traffic) even further.”

“For whatever reason, in this little time that has passed, that doesn’t seemed to have happened,” she added.

Others once in favor, now say they wish city planners never touched the street.

“I was in favor of restriping, now I think it’s a terrible idea,” Chris Downey, said in an e-mail. “They should go back to the way it was.”

The new one-lane roadway is also meant to avoid a specific type of accident that occurs when an impatient motorist — stuck behind a car that is stopped for a pedestrian — jumps into the second lane and possibly strikes the pedestrian in the crosswalk, Dyke explained last month.

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Not a smooth landing

Pilot overshoots SM runway,
heightening residents’ fears

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

SM AIRPORT A small single-engine aircraft overshot the runway at the municipal airport early Sunday evening, heightening fears of Sunset Park residents who have long been concerned that a plane could land in their backyard.

A four-seat Jabiru J400 model kit airplane, created by an Australian manufacturer that distributes affordable airplanes that can be assembled at home, reportedly exceeded the runway at the Santa Monica Airport around 5:50 p.m., rolling off the west end and landing on the service road.

There were no reported injuries or property damage to nearby residences, but the plane’s right wing, landing gear and windscreen, weren’t as fortunate.

The pilot, whose name was not released, flew in from Boulder, Colo. and is staying locally with a friend, according to Airport Manager Bob Trimborn.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) are investigating the incident. A report is not expected for at least six months.

Accidents of this nature have been a concern for neighbors who live roughly 300 feet from the east and west ends of the runway, fearful that a plane would exceed the landing strip and end up on top of a house.

“We are very relieved that no one was injured in this accident,” said Zina Josephs, president of the neighborhood group Friends of Sunset Park. “The last time we had a similar overrun off the west end of the runway, the plane caught fire and both the pilot and passenger died.”

The incident in which Josephs referred to occurred in November 2001 when a Cessna 340A attempted to take off from the airport, but instead jumped an embankment and crashed into a guardrail on the service road about 30 feet below, bursting into flames and killing

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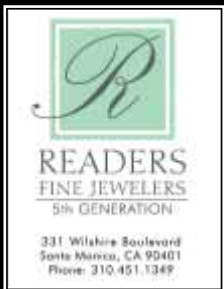
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State of the City Luncheon

101 Wilshire Blvd., noon — 2 p.m.

Join a discussion on the 2008-09 economic outlook for Santa Monica by an expert panel of Santa Monica city leaders. Panelists will include Mayor Herb Katz; City Manager Lamont Ewell;

Misti Kerns, S.M. Convention and Visitors' Bureau;
Kathleen Rawson, Bayside District Corporation; and
Laurel Rosen, Chamber of Commerce

If you can afford property in Santa Monica ...

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 6:30 p.m. — 9 p.m.

Owners and managers of rental property can attend these quarterly seminars on the basics of Santa Monica rent control laws.

Treesavers meeting

1527 Fourth St., 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.

An information and organizing meeting to save the threatened Ficus trees on Second and Fourth Street in the Santa Monica Downtown District.

Cry Freedom, mothers!

1704 Montana Ave., 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.

Christy Bergin, founder of Best Fit School Service, and Tanya Anton, author of “Westside Guide to Public Elementary Schools” will discuss methods for finding the right preschool.

Can a Confederation Help Solve the Israeli Palestinian Conflict?

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.

Michael Dukakis, Kitty Dukakis, Neil Comess-Daniels, and Josef Avesar, Esq. will debate this question at the Main Library. Don Bustany, KPFC Producer will moderate. Get your ringside tickets for \$15; students pay half. For more information and tickets, visit www.aboutipc.org.

The Play ‘tis the Thing

2601 Main St., 2 p.m. — 4 p.m.

The Ocean Park Branch Library is hosting a six-week play writing workshop. Learn principles of dramatic structure, how to construct dialogue and analyze the finished product with instructor Anna Stramese. Registration required. Enrollment limited.

For more information, call (310) 458-8638.

Venice Neighborhood Council meeting

1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd., Venice, 7 p.m. — 10 p.m.

The Board of Venice Neighborhood Council will meet at Westminster Elementary to discuss and vote on a proposal to change the fees imposed when required parking places for new developments are not provided. Snacks and coffee will be provided.

For a detailed agenda, visit www.VeniceNC.org.

Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2008

Happy reading

1704 Montana Ave., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

The Montana Avenue Branch Library will discuss Daniel Gilbert’s smart and funny book on human nature, “Stumbling on Happiness.”

Green Living Workshop

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

Barent Roth, from Sustainable Works, leads this six-week workshop on living green. The workshop covers water, energy, waste, chemicals, transportation and travel, and shopping and food. To register, contact Barent Roth at (310) 458-8716, ext. 1 or rothbarent@smc.edu.

Home Staging Accrediting Class

530 W. Pico Blvd., 9 a.m. — 5 p.m.

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Newborn

Santa Monica-UCLA opens state-of-the-art birthing center

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

MID-CITY Choosing which hospital to give birth in is one of the most important decisions an expecting couple can make, right up there with picking the child's name.

To make the decision easier, Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital has opened a new, state-of-the-art birthing center that features Santa Monica's largest Neonatal Intensive-Care Unit (NICU) for premature babies and other newborns with life-threatening conditions.

Called The BirthPlace, the new facility opened on Jan. 5, enabling the hospital to provide expectant couples and their families with more efficient and compassionate care in a more comfortable environment, said Lynn Sullivan, community programs manager for The BirthPlace.

"We're like proud parents who can't wait to show off our new birthing center," Sullivan said. "We think expectant families will see that our BirthPlace is the best choice for their child's birthplace."

The BirthPlace features labor/delivery rooms designed to look and feel like home, with a warm decor, flat-screen televisions, wireless capabilities and fold-out chairs and couches for new fathers and other family members to sleep. The rooms are more spacious and contain private bathrooms, allowing mothers to give birth and recover in one place.

After delivery, mothers are moved to the postpartum unit where they recover and spend time with their newborn, all in the privacy of their own room at no extra charge. There are deluxe rooms available for those who want extra space and comfort.

"We designed it this way because we wanted it to be very family oriented," Sullivan said. "Some people can stay here for up to four months before delivery and we encourage them to bring a lot of stuff from home to make it as cozy as possible."

In addition to the new labor/delivery rooms, the BirthPlace also has two special delivery rooms to accommodate scheduled and emergency C-sections and other procedures.

The BirthPlace is part of Santa Monica-

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IN LITIGATION: The Pacific Convalescent Center, located at 1323 17th St., is one of 18 nursing homes in California owned by Sun Mar Health Care, which is being sued for false advertising.

Quality care questioned

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

Pacific Convalescent Center charged with false advertising

ORANGE COUNTY A Santa Monica assisted living center was named in a class action lawsuit filed last week against its parent company, alleging that the elder care provider purposely pinches pennies and cuts back on services offered, while promoting itself otherwise.

The lawsuit against Sun Mar Health Care was filed in an Orange County Superior Courthouse on Jan. 10 on behalf of Warren Richardson, an 84-year-old resident of the company's facility in Anaheim. Sun Mar operates 18 facilities in California, including the Pacific Convalescent Center in Santa

Monica. All 18 assisted living facilities have been named in the case.

A representative of Sun Mar declined to comment Monday. A hearing date has not been set.

The suit claims the nursing homes knowingly misrepresent themselves as providers of quality health care for the elderly, while intentionally running on a tight budget that would not allow them to offer such top notch level of service, according to attorney Stephen Garcia who is representing Richardson.

Richardson has been a patient at the Anaheim Healthcare Center since April 2007.

"(The staff) failed to adequately meet his needs, they failed to adequately assess him, they failed to adequately implement their care plans for him," Garcia said on Monday.

Anywhere between 4,000 and 10,000 former and current patients of the nursing homes from Jan. 8, 2005 to Jan. 5, 2008 are expected to be a part of the class action suit, Garcia estimates.

Sun Mar and its facilities falsely advertise themselves as offering "superlative" care when in fact they have a history of repeated violations by the California Department of Health Services for "substandard care," according to Garcia.

The Pacific Convalescent Center received 11 violation notices between Aug. 1, 2006 and Oct. 31, 2007, according to the lawsuit.

Aside from compensation, the plaintiffs in the class action suit are seeking to force the nursing homes to operate as they are advertised. An estimated amount of money each plaintiff would receive was not available.

"Money is not a precipitating factor in this lawsuit," Garcia said. "Our primary desire is to motivate, cajole or whatever lawful mechanism is available to make this company operate their facilities as they represent them to be."

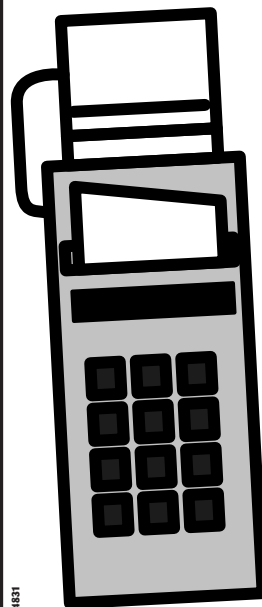
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Tow the line while Bush reigns

Editor:

(Former) FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover planned mass jailings, wanted to suspend habeas corpus and imprison 12,000 Americans in 1950; and 97 percent of the people on the lists were U.S. citizens who had irked Hoover over the years.

Following suit, Bush and Republicans in their six-year power surge passed legislation that seems to classify civil disobedience as terrorism. Most know of the Patriot Act and Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA). Less publicized are amendments to the Insurrection Act, the Posse Comitatus Act authorizing the president to declare martial law using the United States military to repress domestic insurrection, conspiracy, disorderly citizens and other undesirables. Add to this the Violent Radicalization and Homegrown Terrorism Act (VRHTPA) passed by the House in 2007.

Since violence, radicalism, extremism and disasters are undefined, almost anyone is at risk and at the mercy of the Bush administration.

Ron Lowe
Santa Monica

Exercising is great, just keep it down

Editor:

San Vicente Boulevard from Ocean Avenue to Barrington Avenue is one of the loveliest streets on the Westside.

The landmark coral tree median, landscaped residences and long blocks between stoplights create an almost park-like atmosphere. It's this park-like appearance that leads walkers, joggers and bikers to use San Vicente as a fitness track.

I give kudos to all who care about their health, and are committed to a schedule of fitness. I don't mind sharing my neighborhood with you, but your pursuit of fitness does not give you license to converse loudly as you go along, carelessly shouting beneath our windows, forgetting that you are in a residential area.

So to all individuals, couples, walking clubs, biking teams: Here's to your health! Enjoy the green space, but QUIET, PLEASE!

Aleyne Fawcett
Brentwood

Change: It's all Greek to this reader

Editor:

All this campaign rhetoric about "change" reminds me of being in Greece in 1981, when they held presidential elections. As journalists at an English-language daily called The Greek Times (we called it "The Times" of course), we learned a few words of Greek to put into our stories, the most popular being one we heard at every political rally: "Alla-yi!"

I've mistransliterated it, but the word meant "change." It was chanted over and over with the accompanying heads-held-high/fists-in-the-air approach, like this: "Allayi! Allayi!"

And the opposition Socialist party called Pasok, headed by Papandreou, won and ruled until 1990.

Got change, America?

Henry Rosenfeld
Ocean Park



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Without Measure R students will suffer

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With the state proposing cuts of as much as \$1.4 billion from K-12 education, local Santa Monica schools require a reliable source of funding to ensure that our children continue to receive an excellent education in their neighborhood schools. The state budget simply can't provide enough funding for high-quality local schools.

That is why Measure R is so important for Santa Monica residents — it protects our local schools and ensures our students will continue to receive an excellent education.

Measure R continues local funding that has already been approved by voters. This funding is critical for keeping class sizes small in kindergarten through third grade, retaining great teachers and high quality academic programs such as literacy instruction, mathematics, science and technology instruction, elementary school libraries, arts, music and much more.

Great teachers are essential for excellent education — and Measure R helps ensure they remain in our schools. Measure R also supports small class sizes that allow teachers to give additional help to those students who need it, and challenge others who excel in subjects such as reading and math.

If Measure R does not pass with 66.7 percent voter approval, our schools will lose this critical funding and the programs it supports. No other source of funding exists to prevent severe cuts in education programs if Measure R fails.

Measure R does not increase tax rates. It

simply continues existing funding measures previously approved by local voters. The measure includes strict taxpayer accountability provisions to ensure that funds are spent wisely and as promised. Annual audits are reviewed by an independent citizens' oversight committee to track every penny of Measure R spending, and will be reported annually to taxpayers. No Measure R funds

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Our community expects great schools for our kids. Great schools are part of what makes Santa Monica a great place in which to live, helps protect property values, and keeps our community safe. Vote to protect our schools.

Please join us on Feb. 5 and vote Yes on R.

By **REBECCA KENNERLY**, president, Santa Monica-Malibu Council of PTAs, **DR. MIKE GRUNING**, past chair, Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, and **HARRY KEILEY**, president, Santa Monica-Malibu Classroom Teachers Association For more information about Measure R, or to get involved in the campaign, visit www.YesOnRforOurSchools.org.



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What's the Point?

David Pizarra

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The time to ban plastic bags is now

IT WAS TWO YEARS AGO THAT I WAS driving home from a Christmas in Utah when I was struck by the powerful, awful image of a roadside inundated with plastic bags. In January of 2006 I wrote a column about the vile use of such a waste of plastic. I said that their main redeeming value was that they were used by pet owners such as myself to pick up after my dog. I called them poo bags.

My article pointed out that Ireland put a tax on their plastic bags and saw an immediate 95 percent drop in their use, thus proving that it is not just the Scottish who are frugal. I suggested a tax be placed on the use of bags in our fair city of \$1.00 per bag.

People thought I was crazy.

But, the proposal was floated out there by the state Assembly. However, in a state where we are \$14 billion short of funds, the Schwarzenegger government (I'm including the Assembly and the Senate in that) has better things to do than pass a consumption tax that will generate revenue, help with conservation and beautify the state. It died.

Well, along comes China.

Yes, that great behemoth of conspicuous oil consumption, those environmental wastrels, have the nerve to take wholesale action, and ban the use of plastic bags, nationally, effective in June of this year.

Now their reasons for doing so are different than the ones that I put forth. They are looking at the problem from the perspective of saving 37 million barrels of oil. (Note, yes, plastic comes from oil. It is a petroleum based product. I'm not making this up, really.) I say great. I realize that it's because they want to use the oil for things like gasoline, and other more profitable plastics. Whatever their reasons, the ending of the production and use of these bags by 1.3 billion people is a good thing. Granted, it is China, and there does seem to be a bit of lawlessness there, but at least their making an effort, and if they reduce their use by 95 percent, that's a lot of poo bags not in the environment.

I realize that it is not the entire solution, and lord only knows if the solution is going to be worse than the problem, but it is a step in the right direction in my book. I wanted these things reduced for their aesthetic blight they cause, and for their damage to the environment. The fact that they have some good aspects is not really enough for me. After two years of watching what people do with them,

how slowly the government moves in reducing their use and increasing their recycling, I have come to believe that we are better off with the wholesale eradication of them.

Here's why I feel that way, I was in my local grocery store the other day, and there was this lovely couple, who obviously were Green Party members. Their food choices screamed that they were vegetarian, holistically organic and environmentally aware. They had brought their own canvas grocery bags to be used. So what does the bagger do, the only thing he can think of doing, bag the groceries in the double bagged plastic bags, and then place them in the canvas bags.

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I just wanted to scream at him, and them, "how can you be so dense, and so unclear on the concept". But I realized that there is no motivating force driving him to change his behavior, the shoppers have no motivating force, other than a vague sense of altruistic "greenness", to change their behavior, and there is no force on the clerk to change.

Thus, I'm changing my suggestion. I don't believe that a \$1.00 tax on the bags would do it. I think China has the right idea — ban the bags.

It is too late for our City Council to show the world how progressive we are on this topic. We can't be out front on this one, but at least we can join the growing pack.

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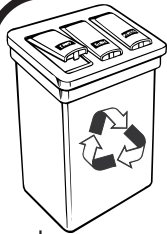
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Measuring Measure R

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So this week's Q-Line question asks:

Do you think Measure R is good for the area or just another attempt to get tax payers to foot the bill for education?

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The perfect toy isn't always perfect

WAY BACK IN THE FALL, I DECIDED I'D get my girls a wooden train set with all its endless accessories and engines for Christmas.

I thought it would be something they could both play with for years. Little did I know the odyssey I was about to take — and the unexpected place at which we'd arrive. First I just started buying bridges and engines that I thought were cool. But then I realized I needed a design, not just random track and bridges.

So I went online, picked a design and set about buying each piece to make up the track layout. It would have been much easier if they just sold all the pieces together in a kit, but that isn't the case. Man, this wooden stuff is expensive. One bridge is \$49. An engine is \$19. What are we building here? Rome?

I found a store nearby that offers a weekly coupon. So beginning in September, I bought one train item a week to get the discount.

I was proud of myself for scoring such a deal, but I still had so much more to get.

Tales from the crib

Angie Wagner

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I hit eBay and started buying like crazy. I needed female-female track adapters, male-male-female adapters, battery-powered engines, regular engines and an extremely expensive roundhouse where all the trains live.

It became my project, my obsession. I wanted to outbid everyone so I could fulfill my greatest wooden train ambitions.

Packages came in the mail daily, and I started to run out of space to store everything. I started marking off track pieces on the layout sheet I printed, but soon it just looked messy and I couldn't tell which pieces I had left to buy.

My husband wanted to know how much money we were actually spending.

The truth is I didn't know. I started so early and did it in such small increments, I had no idea what the grand total was.

Next, I was on the hunt for a train table. I didn't care for the blue one designed to go with the set. I found one that was a bit pricey, but it could be used later after the girls grow out of the train scene. Sold.

Christmas Eve came and my husband and my father headed to our bedroom to put the show together. The table came out of the box and I loved it.

I got down on my knees, as the girls would be when playing with the trains and, what's this? A large crack in the right corner of the table. This table has clearly been dropped on its corner. The wood is split, and I was about to lose it.

Months of work and now this. It was my own fault for not checking it when it arrived.

But there was another problem.

The train wouldn't fit on the table. The table was too narrow. I figured a few inches wouldn't make a big difference, but I was wrong.

With midnight on its way, and exhaustion already setting in, we left the damaged table set up in our bedroom and set up the train on the carpet in front of the Christmas tree.

It didn't stay up well because of the carpet, but at least all the track fit together, after some curse words from the engineers.

Later, when all the gifts had been opened and dinner had been eaten, I settled down with my 4-year-old and asked her if she had a good Christmas.

"What was your favorite toy?" I asked.

Her response? The little dolls that slide into a bath duck and dolphin and float around in the bathtub.

She's not kidding. She loves them and even plays with them when she isn't in the bath. I spent \$10 on those dolls. They were stocking stuffers.

The train is still sitting on the carpet. The track needs to be put back together after my baby sat on it. The table still needs to be returned.

And my baby got a battery-powered engine stuck in her hair while it was still running.

ANGIE WAGNER is a writer for the Associated Press.

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Child rearing is big business in LA

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

LOS ANGELES The child care industry directly employs more than 65,000 people and generates more than \$1.9 billion annually for the local economy, according to a study released Monday county officials.

"The child care industry is a significant part of Los Angeles County's economic infrastructure," said county Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke, who also chairs the county Children's Planning Council.

"These small businesses not only educate and care for our children, but lay the groundwork for the county's future economic success by preparing the next generation for constructive participation in the economy, which will help in attracting business to the area," Burke added.

THE FINDINGS DEMONSTRATE THE IMPORTANT CONNECTION BETWEEN ACCESSIBILITY TO HIGH QUALITY CHILD CARE AND THE ECONOMIC WELL-BEING AND FUTURE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY."

Jack Kyser
chief economist for the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corp.

The findings were presented at a conference for business and government leaders by the Los Angeles Child Care Planning Committee, Los Angeles Universal Preschool and the City of Los Angeles Workforce Investment Board.

The study was conducted by the Insight Center for Community Economic Development. Researchers examined licensed and regulated care countywide to assess the direct and indirect impact the child care industry has had on the local economy.

In the county, an estimated 15 percent of the workforce has children ages 13 years and younger, and live in households where all parents work. While population numbers appear to be stable, more families are entering the workforce, so the demand for child care and development services continues to grow.

"The findings demonstrate the important connection between accessibility to high quality child care and the economic well-being and future of Los Angeles County," said Jack Kyser, chief economist for the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corp.

Key points of the study show the child care industry:

- Employs 65,000 people.
- Generates \$1.9 billion annually.
- Benefits all industries in the county by enabling parents to work and attend job training/education programs to upgrade skills.

• Supports the employment of thousands of families whose earnings are estimated at more than \$22 billion.

• Is projected to generate the sixth highest number of new jobs between 2006 and 2016 of all industries in Los Angeles County.

Recommendations targeted at businesses, government and the child care industry include:

• Enhancing the affordability and accessibility of quality early childhood education (ECE), enabling children to receive the full benefit of a quality early education experience and working families obtain and maintain employment.

• Developing an ECE industry-wide workforce development agenda to ensure a well qualified workforce for an expanding ECE sector.

• Encouraging regional and local planning entities, including cities and community redevelopment agencies, to incorporate ECE issues into their agendas.

Members of the advisory board that oversaw the development of the report included Evelyn Martinez, First 5 LA; Bruce Ackerman, Economic Alliance of the San Fernando Valley; Maria Elena Durazo, LA County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO; Martin Castro, Mexican-American Opportunity Foundation; and Rafael Lopez, City of Los Angeles Commission for Children, Youth and Their Families.

The \$210,000 study was funded by the Los Angeles Child Care Planning Committee, Los Angeles Universal Preschool, and the City of Los Angeles Workforce Investment Board.

A copy of the executive summary and the full report is available at www.childcare.lacounty.gov.

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Some residents welcome restriping

FROM RESTRIPE PAGE 1

For some residents, who have witnessed one near-pedestrian fatality after another, the restriping is a welcome change, even if it means added congestion.

"It will probably stop the accidents," said Tony Munoz, a Sunset Park resident who also owns the Varieties International ballroom dance studio at the corner of 17th Street and Ocean Park Boulevard. "But for traffic, it's made it worse."

Munoz and his wife, Nancy, have run the dance studio in a small strip mall for more than 30 years and have both come close to being hit by cars on several occasions during those three decades. Whereas it used to take the couple about seven minutes to drive home after work, the commute time has been doubled because of the added congestion from the restriped lanes, Tony Munoz said.

It occasionally takes Munoz two light cycles just to make a left turn from 17th Street onto Ocean Park, he said.

"Traffic has come down to a crawl," he said.

The slowed-down traffic has made crossing the street a much less fearful activity for Julie Vo, who owns Seventh Muse, a gift store near 18th and Ocean Park.



TRAFFIC HAS COME DOWN TO A CRAWL."

Tony Munoz, Owner, Varieties International

"I feel safer because I only need to watch for one set of cars instead of two," Vo said. "I would like to see traffic slow down even more."

While a month with the new configuration has seemed to ease the nerves of some commuters, others who were originally in opposition have not strayed from their stance.

"I thought the restriping idea was bad, but I did not realize how horrible an idea it was until it was done," Sunset Park resident Karrie Nordberg said in an e-mail. "Going eastbound, the traffic is often backed up to Fourth Street. It's ridiculous."

Restriping could have the unintended consequence of encouraging motorists to take

benefits and ill-effects of the new one-lane street before them.

"You could see more traffic in the neighborhood, more on the side streets," Manuel said. "Traffic always adapts."

Carpusor added that one of the most pleasant changes is the addition of a left turn lane. Before, drivers would get caught behind a motorist attempting to make a left turn, causing a back up of cars behind them.

"If you lived in the area and needed to make a left turn, it was horrible," Carpusor said.

The restriping is on a six-month trial basis. City transportation planners with City Hall plan to study the impact on traffic to determine whether it's an improvement.

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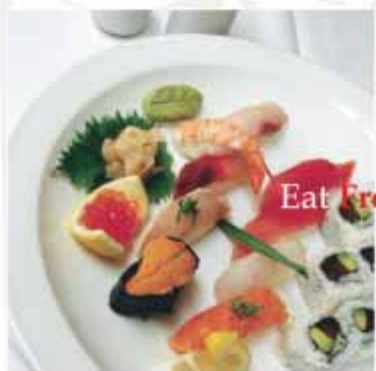
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AN EXAMPLE: A Jabiru J400 airplane like this one overran the runway at SM Airport.

City officials to discuss runway safety with FAA

FROM OVERRUN PAGE 1

both the pilot, a Santa Monica resident, and a passenger on board, according to a report by the NTSB. The possible cause of the 2001 accident was the "pilot's failure to remove the control gust lock prior to takeoff and his failure to abort the takeoff with sufficient runway remaining to stop the airplane on the runway," the report states.

"Every crash, even if it might not be fatal to the pilot or the people on the ground, just shows that incidents can happen and one of these days, it will happen with a larger plane and it'll be much more serious," said Lorraine Sanchez, who lives on the east side of 23rd Street to the north of the airport.

Sanchez said she didn't hear the accident on Sunday afternoon but did notice helicopters flying overhead in the hours following the crash.

The airport runway is close to 5,000 feet long and most planes land at about the 1,000 foot marker, Trimborn said. According to the specifications of the single-engine plane involved in the accident, it could've stopped at about 700 feet, he said.

"It does seem particular that he went off the end," Trimborn said on Monday.

Susan Hartley, the vice-chairman of the



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Zina Josephs
Friends of Sunset Park

Airport Commission, said the incident is a reminder that an ordinance banning faster aircraft needs to be put into effect.

"Thank heavens it was not a Gulfstream IV jet," Hartley said. "Thank heavens nobody, including the residents of Sunset Park and persons in traffic on 23rd Street were injured."

Representatives from City Hall are expected to meet with FAA officials later this month to discuss runway safety enhancements. The City Council in November of last year unanimously approved the first reading of an ordinance that would ban large and fast jet activity from the airport.

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NEW DIGS: (Above) The BirthPlace at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital features labor/delivery rooms designed to look and feel like home. In addition to state-of-the-art technology, the rooms also feature flatscreen televisions and chairs that fold out into beds for daddy. (Right) Morris and Elizabeth Salem of Brentwood are the proud parents of the first babies born in the new BirthPlace, which opened Jan. 5.

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WE'RE LIKE PROUD PARENTS WHO CAN'T WAIT TO SHOW OFF OUR NEW BIRTHING CENTER."

Lynn Sullivane
community programs manager
for The BirthPlace.



BirthPlace has city's largest NICU

FROM BIRTHING PAGE 3

UCLA's extensive remodel, which has brought the community a new emergency room. The BirthPlace is 42,000 square feet, about 6,000 square feet larger than the previous birthing center, said Ted Braun, spokesman for the hospital.

Also included is a Well-Baby Nursery, where newborns are bathed and undergo nursing assessments, screenings, hearing tests, pediatrician exams and procedures such as circumcision. The nursery has large windows that enable family members and friends to view and welcome new arrivals.

In addition to the new facility and technology, the BirthPlace will continue to offer services such as high-risk pregnancy care, 24-hour obstetrical anesthesia and daily breast-feeding instruction and education. In 2007, Santa Monica-UCLA had the highest exclusive breast-feed rate of any hospital in Southern California, Braun said.

There is also a wide-range of prenatal and parenting classes available. The classes run the gamut, from childbirth preparation, baby care, infant CPR and first-aid to sibling preparation and new mom support groups.

"Our BirthPlace office also provides personalized assistance to help expectant couples with class selection, physician and community referrals and other birth-related decisions," Sullivan said. "Additionally, rooms ... will offer 'The Newborn Channel,' which broadcasts a full spectrum of educational programming for parents."

The hospital also contracts with a private company to snap shots of the newborns and their parents. There is also a family dining room where people can gather for breakfast or tea.

Parents aren't the only ones who are pampered. Staff at the hospital have their own break-room with recliners and a masseuse.

"Staff has to take care of themselves so they can take care of their patients," Braun said.

The first 20 patients to deliver receive a gift donated by local businesses, including many hotels and restaurants.

Elizabeth and Morris Salem of Brentwood were the first couple to give birth to twins at the BirthPlace and had nothing but positive things to say about their experience.

"It was just wonderful," Elizabeth Morris said as her babies, Eliana and Daniel, slept just a few feet away from her bed. "We've had such tremendous care. Everyone has been so helpful and so nice. It's been a great experience."

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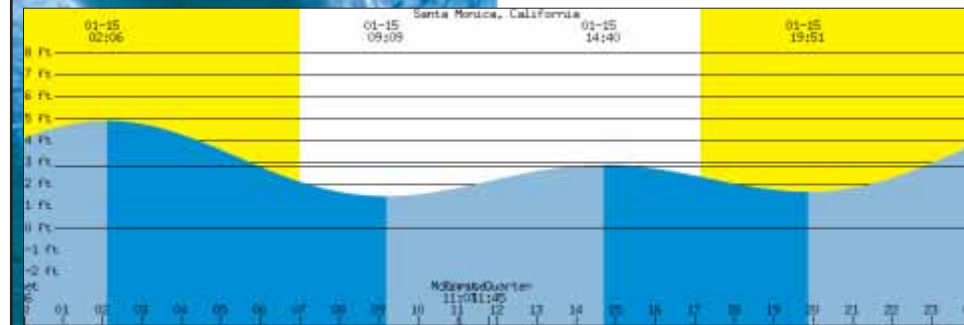
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Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+
El Pescadero State Beach, between Lachasa and Los Alisos creeks	A+	A+
Escorial Canyon at El Morado State Beach	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancos Creek mouth	A+	C
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	B	B
Escandido Creek, just east of Escandido State Beach	A+	D
Laguna Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+
Selkirk Canyon at San Blas County Beach	A+	F
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	A+	F
Serfider Beach at Malibu Colony Inlet	A+	A+
Serfider Beach (beach location) - daily	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A	A
Carlson Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zone)	A+	C
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCN stairs	A+	C
Pine Creek at Las Flores County Beach	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon	A+	F
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	F
Castroville Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	F
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCN (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	A+

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NFL

Second guessing out the window

Chargers' win over Indy silences critics of Coach Turner

BY FRED GOODALL
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS Norv Turner resisted the temptation to gloat.

After all, Sunday was not a day for personal satisfaction. San Diego is headed to the AFC championship game, and the coach hired because predecessor Marty Schottenheimer couldn't get the Chargers there preferred to talk about a team's redemption.

"There's been a mind-set in our league that our guys are front-runners and when it gets tough or real challenging that they don't rise to the occasion," Turner said after the Chargers overcame injuries, crucial penalties and other mistakes to beat defending Super Bowl champion Indianapolis 28-24 in the divisional playoffs.

"I think we've put that thing to rest. I think that one's done forever. We've got some guys who compete and fight, and scratch and claw, as good as I've been around. I told them in the locker room I've been doing this a long time. I've never been around a more gutsy performance by a team."

Much-maligned during unsuccessful stints with the Washington Redskins and Oakland Raiders, Turner was a surprising choice to replace Schottenheimer after the former coach failed to win in the divisional playoffs.

Turner faced more criticism when the Chargers, who won 14 games under Schottenheimer in 2006, got off to a 1-3 start this season. The team regrouped to win 10 of its last 12 in the regular season, including six in a row down the stretch to clinch the AFC West.

Eleven wins and another division title weren't enough to validate the decision to hire Turner, though.

He finally did that by guiding the Chargers to their first playoff victory in 13 years — a 17-6 win over Tennessee in the wild-card round and dethroning the Colts on Sunday.

"We've talked all along, we want to play our best game in January," Turner said, looking ahead to next Sunday's AFC title game at unbeaten New England. "Hopefully we still have our best game in us."

The Chargers will take an eight-game winning streak to Foxborough. They beat the Colts despite playing most of the game without league rushing champion LaDainian Tomlinson and the fourth quarter without quarterback Phillip Rivers, both leaving with knee injuries.

San Diego also overcame several penalties Turner didn't agree with, including a holding call on Eric Weddle that cost the Chargers a touchdown by Antonio Cromartie on an 89-yard interception return in the closing seconds of the first half.

An incensed Turner ran onto the field to protest the call.

"I'm just like everybody else," the coach said. "I'm out there competing hard."

Tomlinson, who bruised his left knee in the second quarter and did not return, said Turner brought a "sense of confidence and kind of a relaxed feeling" that the Chargers have embraced.

"To me, he never seems to get uptight. ... Sometimes during a week leading up to a big game, you can sense the coach is uptight. I've never sensed that with Norv," Tomlinson said. "I guess because he's so silly. He always seems to say something to lighten everybody up. ... I think it fits good with our team."

Turner said he never doubted himself or his assistants when the Chargers got off to a sluggish start, losing three straight to New England, Green Bay and Kansas City after beating Chicago in the opener.

Linebacker Shawne Merriman said it simply took a while for the players to mesh with the new coach and his staff.

"I believe everybody deserves a fresh start, regardless of what he's done or where he's been," Merriman said.

"There are guys who probably aren't performing as well with another team and (go) to another team and start performing. You say, 'What was wrong with him before?' Well, he's in a new environment, a new situation, new surroundings. I believe that's probably a big part of it."

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No Show

Britney Spears fails to appear at a 'significant' child custody hearing

BRITNEY SPEARS was nowhere to be seen Monday as a court hearing convened in the pop star's child custody battle with ex-husband Kevin Federline.

Federline and his lawyer were on hand as Superior Court Commissioner Scott Gordon began the hearing, which was scheduled after

Gordon earlier this month suspended Spears' right to visit her two young sons.

The commissioner granted a motion Monday from Spears' attorneys to quash a subpoena, but there was no information about what the subpoena involved or to whom it had been issued.

A throng of photogra-

phers and reporters waited outside the downtown courthouse to see if Spears, 26, would come to what one attorney described as "the most significant hearing in the case so far." Law enforcement officers watched over the scene.

But Spears has had trouble making recent

legal dates: On Dec. 12, she called in sick for a court-ordered deposition, then arrived nearly two hours late at an attorney's office on its rescheduled date, Jan. 3.

Neither Spears nor Federline were under order to appear Monday. But Federline's attorney, Mark Vincent Kaplan, suggested

that it would be important for her to be there.

"You can't phone this one in," he said.

Kaplan said he knew it was only a temporary measure when he obtained emergency court orders two weeks ago granting sole physical and legal custody to Federline.

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BEHIND BARS

GARY COLLINS checked into jail Monday to serve a four-day sentence in his drunken driving case.

The 69-year-old former host of the Miss America pageant and TV's "Hour Magazine" chose to pay an \$85 daily fee to stay in the Glendale City Jail instead of the overcrowded Los Angeles County jail, according to the Glendale Police Department.

Collins pleaded no contest to one misdemeanor count each of driving under the influence and driving with a blood-alcohol content of .08 percent or more.

AP

Golden Globes not a hit with viewers

The Hollywood writers strike took the glitz, the glamour and roughly two-thirds of the audience from this year's **GOLDEN GLOBE AWARDS**.

NBC's no-frills, one-hour presentation of the winners Sunday night drew a 4.8 rating and 7 share, according to preliminary estimates from the nation's 55 largest metered markets by Nielsen Media Research.

That left NBC fourth in the hour, behind CBS' miniseries "Comanche Moon," ABC's "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" and the Fox comedies "Family Guy" and "American Dad."

Last year, the Golden

Globes ceremony on NBC had a 16.0 rating and 23 audience share, Nielsen said. A ratings point represents 1,128,000 households, or 1 percent of the nation's estimated 112.8 million TV homes. The share is the percentage of in-use televisions tuned to a given show.

Nielsen didn't immediately have an estimate of how many people actually watched the show on NBC or on other networks that carried the announcement of the winners.

Unlike the months-long writers strike itself, Hollywood's first big awards show was over in a flash, with no key winners, no stars in sight and no

real fun for show biz fans.

The two-month-old strike by the Writers Guild of America scuttled the big celebrity bash at the 65th annual Globes, which was replaced by a bizarre and speedy news conference to announce recipients, without any winners around to gush their thanks.

"I wish circumstance would allow me to be there," Cate Blanchett, who won the supporting-actress prize for the Bob Dylan tale "I'm Not There," said in a statement.

With the Globes left in shambles, everyone in Hollywood was left wondering if the same fate might befall the town's big

prizes come Oscar night on Feb. 24.

Normally one of Hollywood's brightest nights, with stars carousing into the wee hours, the Globes this year became a mild curiosity as TV entertainment show hosts announced the winners in half an hour.

The guild, on strike since Nov. 5, had planned pickets outside the show if organizers tried to move ahead with their usual televised ceremony. With nominees and other stars refusing to cross picket lines, Globe planners had to scrap their glossy show and hope for better times in 2009.

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This year you are a source of endless ideas that could serve to build your security. Your property or family businesses could succeed, while others might not be as fortunate. If you think a lot is going on with either you or others, slow down. This year is the beginning of a new luck or life cycle. Christen it well.



Born Today

Civil-rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. (1929)
Actor Lloyd Bridges (1913)
Shipping tycoon Aristotle Onassis (1906)

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You are likely to react to whatever pops in your head. Evaluate more carefully, especially if you hit a roadblock. You will experience many opportunities this year. Don't worry if every single one doesn't pan out. Tonight: Pay a bill or two.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Though you could be a touch more reticent than usual, you might want to make plans that assume you will be willing to take a stand. Your perceptions, leadership and presence will be in demand soon enough. Tonight: Nap and then decide.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Zoom in and take a stand. Your ability to integrate information could take you in many different directions. Realize that others demand that you take a strong stand. Tonight: Ask yourself what you really want.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ How you deal with someone could change dramatically in the next few days. Your vision and ideas about what is possible could change radically. Someone often challenges you. Listen to this person's perspective. Tonight: A must appearance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Take an overview, and you will be far more content. Your ability to look past the obvious defines your actions. Others often admire your perspective and mind-set. Tonight: Relax your mind, be it surfing the Net or listening to music.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Work individually with others. You might not need to have all the answers. Look at all the possible ramifications and end results, no matter how far-fetched. New doors open up out of the blue. Tonight: In the whirlwind of life.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You and a partner alternate between differing and acting like a duo. Though both approaches bring results, they reflect what you are picking up on from others. Tonight: Know where someone is coming from.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Listen to new ideas and let others participate in a project too. The more energy that swirls around, though initially appearing chaotic, the more it infuses energy into your ideas and plans. Tonight: Invitations and calls come in late.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Your ideas pop up from out of left field. Your ability to understand what is going on comes through. Your willingness to see the problem in a situation helps you face facts. Realize when you have had enough and walk away.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Anchor in on basics, no matter what might be going on. Sometimes it is difficult to resolve a problem or come up with answers when others challenge you or you are a bit overwhelmed. Tonight: Go for some R and R.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Ask all the necessary questions to get answers that have been long overdue. Your current perspective might no longer work for you. You might want to center yourself before answering. Tonight: Clear your desk and answer messages.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Tally up expenditures before saying yes to an idea or a new venture. You could be overwhelmed by all you hear later. Take some quiet time to sort through reality. If you are on top of your game, the results will demonstrate that.

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1:15, 4:05, 7:00, 9:55
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Enchanted (PG)
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1:45, 4:35, 7:25, 10:15
National Treasure: Book of Secrets (PG)
1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:55
Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street (R)
1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 10:05
There Will Be Blood (R)
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No Country for Old Men (R)
1:15, 4:05, 7:00, 9:55
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First Sunday (PG-13)
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I Am Legend (PG-13)
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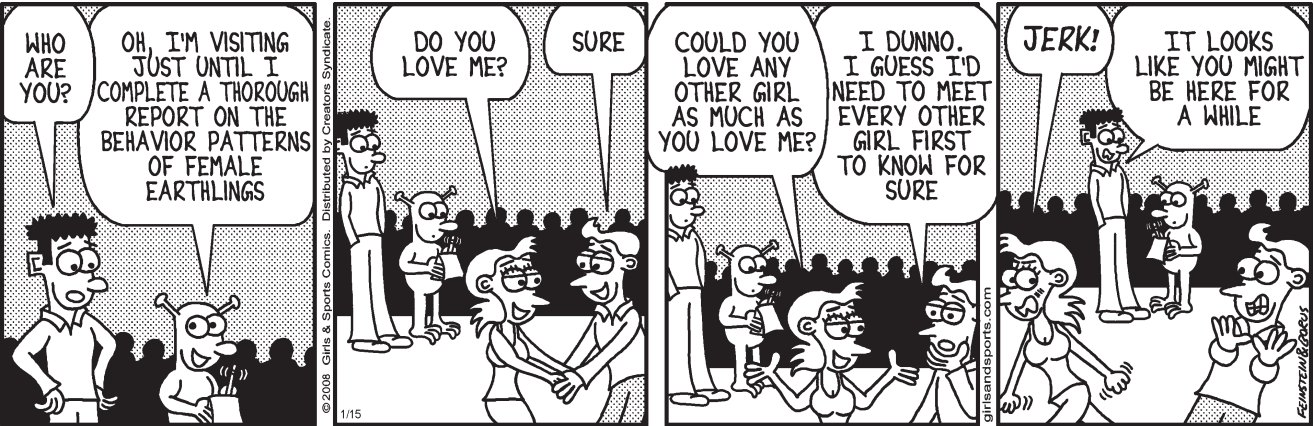
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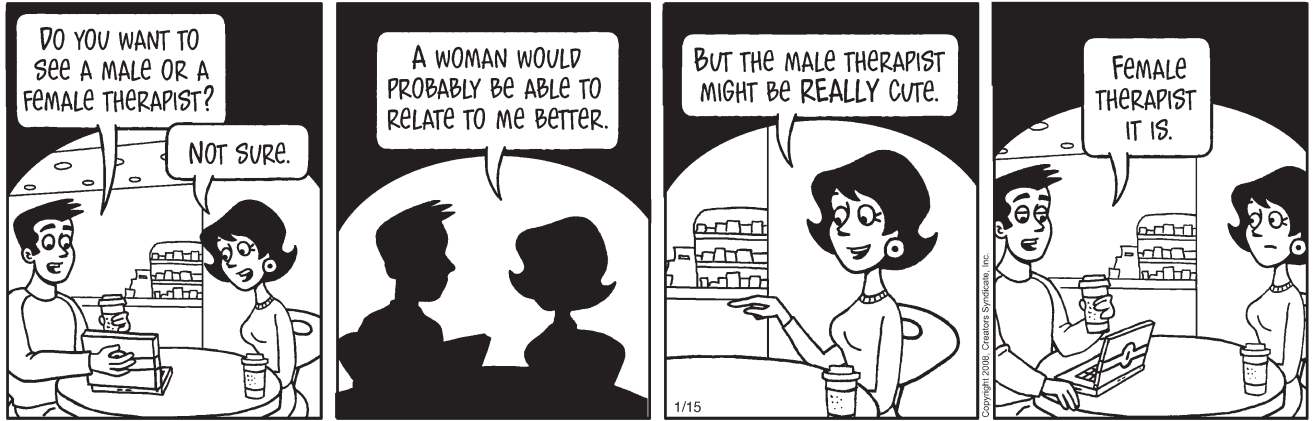
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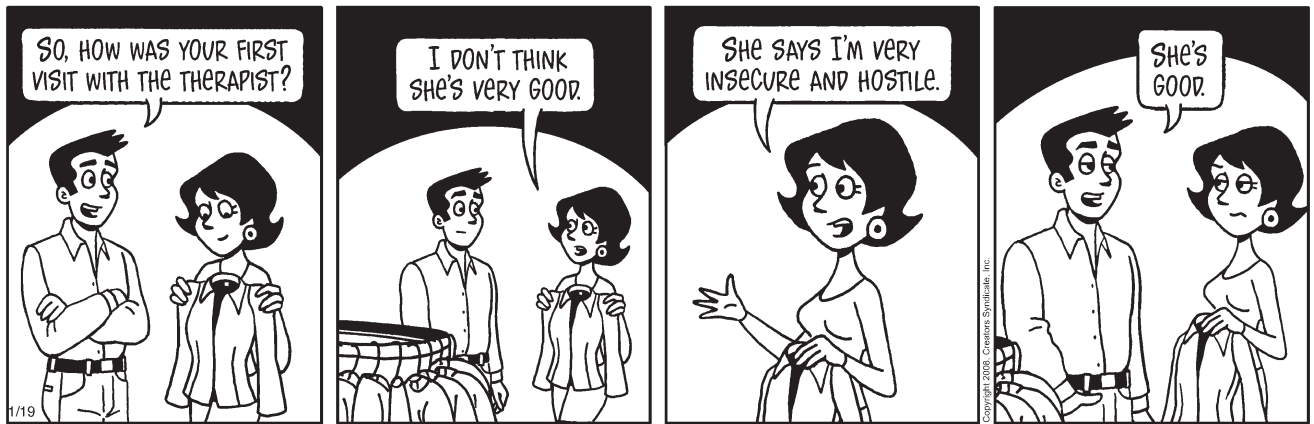
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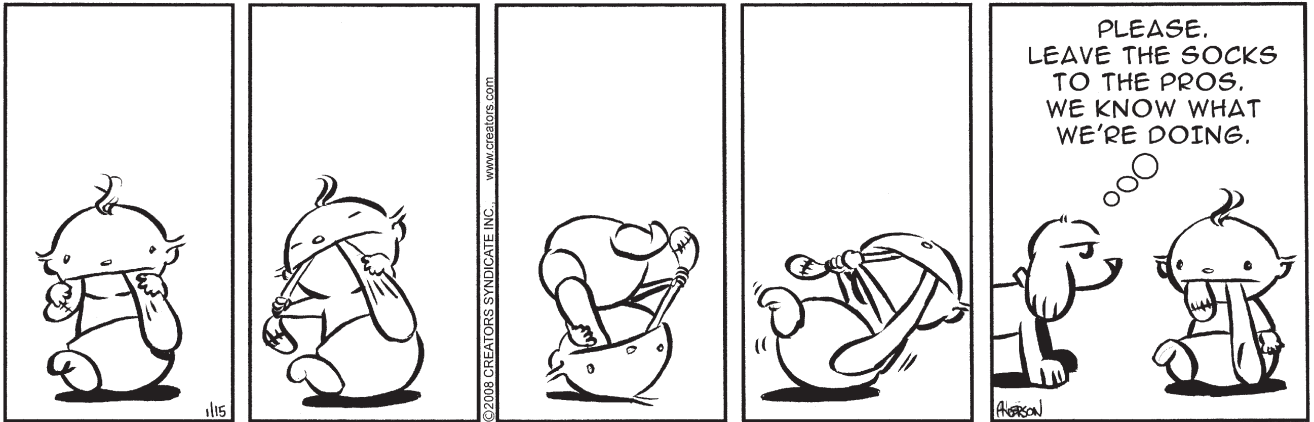
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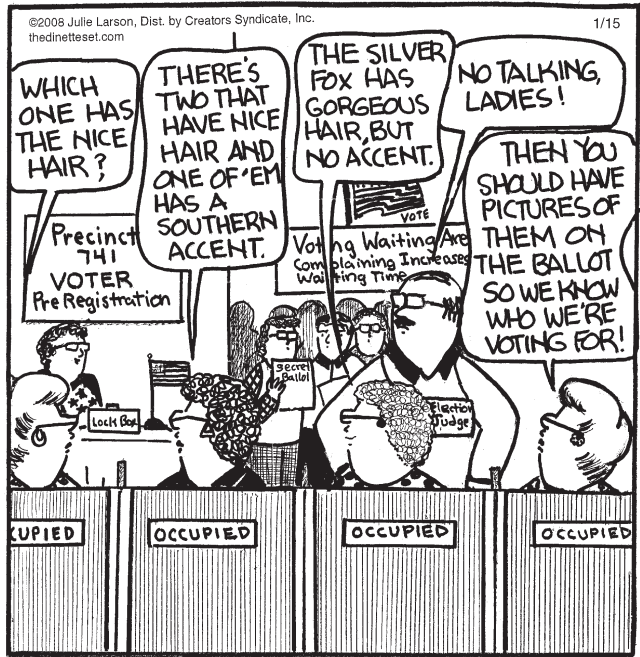


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- 6 Number unit
- 11 "Lou Grant" star
- 12 Massey of TV
- 13 1948 Ray Milland movie
- 15 That woman
- 16 Neckline shape
- 17 Scottish river
- 18 Patriotic tunes
- 20 B & B
- 21 "— a deal!"
- 22 Cuban coin
- 23 Coarse files
- 26 Out of bed
- 27 Aphro-dite's love
- 28 Hair goo
- 29 Receipt line
- 30 Most honorable
- 34 Drama division
- 35 United
- 36 Cattle call?
- 37 1983 Kevin Kline movie

DOWN

- 40 Pays to play
- 41 Give birth, in a barn
- 42 Peevish
- 43 So far
- 1 Nickname for Earl Hines
- 2 Pallid
- 3 Sluggish
- 4 S. Dak. neighbor
- 5 Hot dishes support
- 6 Chops up
- 7 Under the weather
- 8 Treats
- 9 Fragrant smoke

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Yesterday's answer

- 10 Hired
- 14 Sparklers
- 19 Where some jeans hug
- 22 Pharmacy unit
- 23 Jack-hammer sound
- 24 Weaver of myth
- 25 Singing groups
- 26 Oscar-winning Hitchcock film
- 28 Big ringer
- 30 Loud
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3rd: 02 Lucky Star
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In December, inmate Michael Polk (serving time for robbery and aggravated assault) filed a federal lawsuit against the Utah Department of Corrections for denying him the right to properly practice his religion, Asatru. According to its teachings, adherents must communicate with ancient Nordic gods (such as Odin, Thor and Heimdal) and for that, it is crucial that they have a Thor's Hammer, a Mead Horn (for drinking Wassail), a drum of wood and boar skin, a "rune staff," and a sword (though Polk graciously said he would accept a cardboard sword). ■ A warehouse on Chicago's West Side is "the world capital of fake (latex) vomit, where it's still made the old-fashioned way, ladle by ladle, formed and coagulated," reported the Chicago Tribune in December. Though it is not as popular as 50 years ago (7,000 units sold yearly, compared to 60,000 then), Fun Inc. President Graham Putnam said, still, "It's the best vomit on the market." According to the awe-struck Tribune reporter: "The texture is soft and sturdy, pliable and complex, with ridges of multihued solid chunks looking like a jagged lunar landscape ... perfect for the bathroom, refrigerator, auto seat or sidewalk."

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1844 the University of Notre Dame received its charter from the state of Indiana.
1942 Jawaharlal Nehru was named to succeed Mohandas K. Gandhi as head of India's Congress Party.
1943 work was completed on the Pentagon, headquarters of the U.S. Department of Defense.
1947 the mutilated remains of Elizabeth Short, the 22-year-old aspiring actress now known as the "Black Dahlia," were found in a vacant Los Angeles lot.
1967 the Green Bay Packers of the National Football League defeated the Kansas City Chiefs of the American Football League 35-10 in the first AFL-NFL World Championship Game, retroactively known as Super Bowl I.

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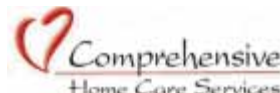
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