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Santa Monica Place not for nightlife

Downtown residents try to block late night liquor sales

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Neighbors of Santa Monica Place on Wednesday succeeded in shutting down, at least temporarily, an attempt by Macerich Co. to extend the number of hours people could purchase alcohol on the mall's patios.

Three residents in the Luxe Apartments on Fourth Street and more than 50 residents of the Promenade Gateway apartment complex on the Third Street Promenade signed a

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SIPPY SIPPY: **A couple enjoys some wine and beer at the Sonoma Wine Garden at Santa Monica Place. The owners of the mall want to extend the hours liquor can be sold.**

Planning Commission votes down parking plan

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Planning commissioners denied a request by city staff to move forward with the demolition and replacement of the public parking structure on Second Street at its meeting Wednesday.

The rejection came in spite of staff recommendation to avoid an overlap between the reconstruction of the building — called Parking Structure 6 — and the demolition of Parking Structure 3, which will be part of a potential AMC movie theater project.

In its current form, PS 6 fits 342 parking spaces on the 1400 block of Second Street.

Its central location near the Third Street Promenade, the Santa Monica Pier and Santa Monica Place made it a prime candidate for renewal, city staff said.

The new design, created by International Parking Design, Inc., would provide 750 parking spaces, 13 motorcycle spaces and 90 bicycle spaces across three-and-a-half subterranean levels and a maximum height of 84 feet.

It would also include storage space for city events and continue to host a Santa Monica Police Substation.

Staff moved forward with the design

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US study says sex down among young adults, teens

BY MIKE STOBBE
AP Medical Writer

ATLANTA Apparently, fewer teens and young adults are having sex, according to a federal study which offers numbers but doesn't examine the reasons.

Why is it decreasing? "That's the $100,000 question," said Bill Albert, chief program officer for the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy.

Some experts say an emphasis on abstinence may have played a role. Some say concern about sexually spread diseases may have been a factor — perhaps instilled by parents who watched the AIDS crisis unfold. Still others suggest this is a generation of kids who are less inclined to experiment with drugs and sex than their predecessors.

The study, released Thursday, is based on interviews of about 5,300 young people, ages 15 to 24 It shows the proportion in that age group who said they had had some kind of sexual contact dropped in the past decade from 78 percent to about 72 percent.

There are other surveys of sexual behavior, but this is considered the largest and most reliable. "It's the gold standard," Albert said.

Health scientist Anjani Chandra of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention described the decline in sex as small but significant. She declined to speculate on the reasons. It's difficult to look for a trend earlier than 2002 because previous surveys did not gather as much detail about various types of sex, she added.

However, data over the years on vaginal intercourse among never-married adoles-

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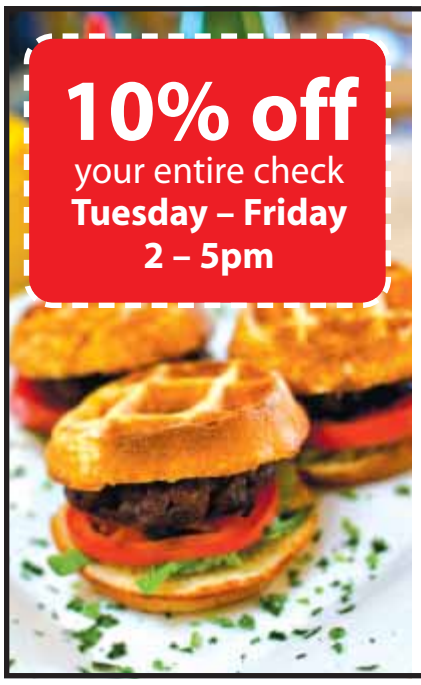
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Friday, March 4, 2011

Journey in sound
Edgemar Center for the Arts
2437 Main St., 8 p.m.
Listen to classic tunes in "Hoboken to Hollywood: A Journey Through The Great American Songbook," written by Luca Ellis, Paul Litteral and Jeremy Aldridge. Admission: $49.50. For reservations call (310) 392-7327. To purchase tickets online go to www.edgemarcenter.org. Performances also scheduled for the weekend.

Elemental Strings
John Adams Middle School
2425 16th St., 7 p.m. — 8 p.m.
Elemental Strings is a fun orchestra program for fourth and fifth grade string students in Santa Monica schools. Every week, students from across town gather for rehearsals and friendship. Join them for their March concert, including the world premiere of Robert Anderson's "Jah Mon!" Open to all. Price: Adults $5, students $2. For more information or to purchase tickets go to www.elementalstrings.org or call (310) 486-3857.

Saturday, March 5, 2011

Seuss-tacular
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 10:30 a.m.
Calling all Dr. Seuss fans. The Santa Monica Public Library invites you to Could You, Would You, Read a Book? A Seuss-tacular Day of Dr. Seuss, in honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday. The celebration begins with a wacky juggling and magic show by Abbit the Average, with fun for the whole family! Seating for the show is limited and on a first arrival basis.

Spelling bee
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 p.m.
Check out a screening of the documentary "Spellbound," which chronicles the true story of several competitors in the Scripps-Howard National Spelling Bee. Following the movie, at 4:30 p.m., cast members from the Morgan-Wixson Theatre's forthcoming musical "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" will perform a preview number from their production.

Certified fresh
Pico Farmers' Market
Virginia Avenue Park, 8 a.m. — 1 p.m.
Check out what these farmers have to offer at this weekly market. Parking is available in the lot along Pico Boulevard, at meters along Pico, or adjacent to the park in the lot on the northeast corner of Pico and Cloverfield. For more information, go to www01.smgov.net/farmers_market/pico.htm

Benefiting the arts
Barnum Hall at Santa Monica High School
Dors open at 5 p.m.
Folk-rock legend America will headline this year's For the Arts benefit concert, which raises money for the Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation. Richard Page of '80s pop-rockers Mr. Mister is also on the bill for the show, as is another long-standing folk-rock act: Venice. A special guest is set to appear as well. The event typically raises $50,000 to $150,000. For more information go to www.smmef.org. Tickets are nearly sold out. To purchase tickets, call (310) 396-4557. A portion of the ticket cost is tax deductible.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

DOWNTOWN

History has some new faces

Local jeweler Eddie Guerboian of Readers has been selected as the new chair of the board of directors for the Santa Monica History Museum.

He will serve alongside vice chair Mary Ann Powell, executive director of Pacific Park, it was announced this week by museum president/CEO and founder Louise Gabriel.

Other officers include John Bohn, president of the Bradmore Group, who was appointed treasurer; Becky Upchurch, vice president, Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club, who is secretary. Other board members include: Judi Barker of Barker Hangar, Santa Monica Air Center Inc.; Ricardo Bandini Johnson of the Bandini Foundation; Richard Lawrence of First Private Bank & Trust; and Andrew Thomas of the Bayside District Corp.

"We are delighted to begin the new year with such a dynamic, energetic and capable group of men and women who not only share my deep love for the wonderful city of Santa Monica, but who are equally committed to preserving its many historic, artistic and cultural treasures for future generations to experience and enjoy," Gabriel said.

The museum recently opened a new, 5,200-square-foot home at the Main Library campus that includes state-of-the-art technology and displays that help bring Santa Monica's colorful history to life.

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EASTSIDE

New Roads wins Green Cup Challenge

New Roads School slashed its electric consumption by over 18 percent, helping it to win first place in California, and secure a top 10 position nationwide in the 2011 Green Cup Challenge, an interschool energy conservation competition hosted by the Green Schools Alliance, officials with the private school said.

The Green Cup Challenge takes place each year in January/February to call attention to peak (winter) energy use and to provide students with hands-on opportunities to measure and reduce electric consumption on their respective campuses

During a four-week period that began January 14, New Roads High School students implemented a variety of electricity-saving measures campus-wide, and then took weekly readings of school electric meters, comparing the usage to a baseline derived from previous years' consumption.

Students posted signs next to the light switches in each classroom and office on the high school campus, reminding people to turn off the lights, and posted similar messages on computer monitors; the computer lab was modified to admit more natural light; and students raised overall awareness by speaking at weekly town hall meetings.

According to the Green Cup Challenge website (www.greencupchallenge.com), the schools participating in this year's competition reduced electric consumption by an average of 4.5 percent, effectively cutting 1,036,816 kWh from collective electric bills and 1,396,038 pounds of CO2 from power plants providing electricity. New Roads' plans for next year include extending the competition to the elementary and middle school facilities, and challenging school families to make similarly impressive energy conservation strides at home.

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Proposed NFL stadium site gets less 'Industrial'

BY JACOB ADELMAN
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES What's in a name? Not pro football, apparently, if the name includes Industry.

Planners of a 75,000-seat football stadium in the Southern California city of Industry have stopped using that name when referring to the location of the proposed venue, said John Semcken, vice president of developer Majestic Realty Co.

The change came at the request of NFL officials, who would have to support a team's move to the stadium.

The 600-acre site in Industry, where the company has permits to build its $800 million venue, is now being exclusively referred to as Grand Crossing, Semcken said.

"I was specifically asked if I could change the name of the city by the National Football League, and I said yes and I did it," he joked. "It's an impression that they have, which was a negative impression, and there's no reason to have it. You just get rid of it."

Of course, the actual name of the city of warehouses, food makers and other light industry about 15 miles east of Los Angeles isn't going to change. But Semcken said Grand Crossing would be used as the address of the venue after it's built.

Until then, it will be used to promote Majestic's proposal — now known as Los Angeles Stadium.

Grand Crossing is one of two competing proposals that aim to bring pro football back to Los Angeles 15 years after the Rams and Raiders left the nation's second-largest TV market. Sports and entertainment company AEG has been advancing a rival plan to build a 64,000-seat stadium on the downtown site of the Los Angeles convention center.

Both camps have said they hope to recruit a team — and possibly two — from among franchises in the league that need a new stadium to maximize revenue but are unable to get one built in their current location.

League spokesman Brian McCarthy declined to comment on Majestic's name change request.

Industry City Manager Kevin Radecki did not return a call, but Semcken said city officials had no problem with jettisoning the Industry moniker for the stadium site.

G.U. Krueger, who advises property companies with the research and consulting firm HousingEcon.com Inc., said Majestic appeared to be taking a page from the residential developers playbook by seeking to improve the image of a location by giving it a more attractive name.

For example, many new housing developments in Southern California take on Spanish names that harken back to the region's romanticized Mission era past, he said.

In Los Angeles, meanwhile, developers in the gentrifying corner of downtown that includes Staples and LA Live began referring to the area as South Park to differentiate it from nearby neighborhoods such as Skid Row with less inviting reputations.

Semcken said he borrowed the Grand Crossing name from an industrial development that Majestic built nearby.

SEX
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cents shows a steady decline since 1988. That seems to be in sync with other CDC studies showing an overall drop in teen pregnancy.

That the trend began in the late 1980s seems to undermine the idea that abstinence-only sex education — heavily emphasized during the 2001-2009 presidency of George W. Bush — is the explanation, Albert said.

But it is possible those messages contributed, he added.

The leading influence on sexual activity among young adults is what parents teach and what peers are doing, experts said. And for whatever reason, smaller proportions are "doing it" than in the past.

Still, the CDC report may be surprising to some parents who see skin and lust in the media and worry that sex is rampant.

"Many parents and adults look at teens and sex and see nothing but a blur of bare midriffs. They think things are terrible and getting worse," Albert said.

The sex study looked at older adults, too. It was based on in-person interviews of about 13,500 men and women ages 15 to 44, conducted in the years 2006 through 2008. The results were compared with those of a similar survey done in 2002.

Participants were offered $40 for sitting for the interview, which usually lasted an hour and included answering very specific questions on a computer about oral sex, anal sex and other sexual activities.

Among other findings:

• More than half of young people who had oral sex said they did that before vaginal intercourse; that pattern was much more common in whites than blacks or Hispanics.

• Among young adults, the proportion who had had vaginal or oral sex declined. But the proportion who had anal sex held steady, at about 21 percent.

• For all ages in the study, women were more than twice as likely to have had sex with a same-gender partner than men were. That was true despite the fact that about the same proportion of male and female survey respondents described themselves as homosexual.

The explanation for that finding seems to be that women are much more willing to describe themselves as bisexual, or to at least acknowledge they find others of their gender attractive.

That may have a lot to do with television shows and other pop culture, which at times seems to celebrate woman-on-woman sexual contact, but not the same kind of behavior among men, said Michael Reece, director of Indiana University's Center for Sexual Health Promotion.

"My guess is women are just more likely to feel that's OK," he added.

There is an assumption that sex between females is more common among more educated women, perhaps experimenting with their sexuality during their college years. But the CDC study found that such behavior was more common among less educated women, Chandra said.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Missing the old place

Editor:

I miss the old Santa Monica Place so much that I want to cry. I could wander around at a leisurely pace. If it rained all day, I'd stay dry. On hot summer days, it was cool inside. On cold, windy days I'd be warm. On any such day I could shop store-wide safe and snug away from the storm. Macy's and Robinsons had to go. But now there's a Tiffany store. I'm sure all the locals are happy to know they now can buy diamonds galore. I miss the old Santa Monica Place – don't stop at the new one at all. The first thing I see is a big empty space. Oh how I miss that old mall.

Helen Fiske
Santa Monica

Confident in her vote

Editor:

I agree with Bobby Shriver's letter ("Heroes, not saboteurs," Letters to the Editor, March 1). He is right on target regarding Tim Cuneo being 100 percent wrong ("SMMUSD supe warns against 'sabotage'", Feb. 23, page 1). It is refreshing to know that a member of our City Council has the courage to express his opinion and support special education parents. I know why I voted twice for this man and wonder why he should not be the mayor. I oppose the present mayor selection process and hope that in the future this will change.

Jean Hulse
Santa Monica

Thanks for nothing

Editor:

I was so comforted to read that Santa Monica has been able to keep its homeless population intact. When I take my children to the park, we will continue to be panhandled by the same homeless people camping in the park. And my children and I will continue to be frightened by the same homeless man who lives in the alley behind our apartment building and screams at anything that moves. Thank you, City of Santa Monica.

Patricia Duggan
Santa Monica



Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Who's crazier, Sheen or Gadhafi?

THIS WEEK I HAD INTENDED TO WRITE about the recent "makeover" here at the Shores apartments. (That is, until I happened to see Charlie Sheen and Moammar Gadhafi in TV interviews.) My editor always encourages me to write about life in Santa Monica, the point being that the Daily Press is not the New York Times and I'm not Pulitzer Prize-winning Maureen Dowd. (Actually, she's only won one Pulitzer, so if I happened to get one we'd be even.)

The big news at the Shores is that the laundry rooms got all new machines and they're gorgeous. (In 30 years of writing columns I never imagined that I'd be discussing washers and dryers, much less using the word "gorgeous" to describe them.) But polarized as our culture is, there's even a split in the residents' reactions. The new washers are front loading and a number of tenants prefer top loading. (I never realized there was a difference.)

Apparently, I'm in the "front loading" camp because the clothes seem to come out so much cleaner. (If you're wondering how I'm going to get from "washers and dryers" to "Sheen and Gadhafi," you're not the only one.)

The Shores' pool area was also redone and now looks like a lavish resort. The new decking is elegant-looking, that is if concrete can be elegant. And the formerly back-breaking chaise lounges (a chiropractor's dream) have been outfitted with lush foam pads colored royal blue. Unfortunately the day the pool re-opened we had torrential rains. But as I write this it's sunny and the pool area looks like a swanky Club Med.

You could say our pool area looks as fancy as the pool at Charlie Sheen's Beverly Hills mansion. (Not my cleverest segue, but at least we've moved off washers and dryers.) I saw Charlie's pool in a poolside interview he gave. He did so to defend charges that he's insane, the result of which, to me at least, only made him look more disturbed. (As to who's crazier, Charlie or Moammar, I'd say it's a tossup, but I'll let you decide after I'm done.)

Today Charlie lost temporary custody of his twin boys for having allegedly told his ex-wife he "would cut her head off, put it in a box" and send it to her mom. (I'm hoping at least he didn't do it on Valentine's Day.)

Charlie's been getting help in raising the young tykes (whom I fear are doomed) from his "goddesses," two very attractive blondes, one a former porn star, Rachel Oberlin, aka Bree Olson, and Natalie Kenley, a former nanny and model. The trio lives together at the mansion Sheen has dubbed "Sober Valley Lodge" to indicate he's clean and sober. (If that's clean and sober, maybe he'd be better off drinking?)

Apparently Sheen is doing all these interviews to win public support in his battle with CBS over the cancellation of the last eight episodes of his hit TV show, "Two and a Half Men." (For which he gets $2 million per episode, not exactly bad wages for a half-hour gig.)

But unfortunately Sheen comes off manic, narcissistic and, forgive the medical term, "completely out to lunch." Here are a couple of his recent quotes. "I'm tired of pretending I'm not special. I'm tired of pretending I'm not a bitchin' total friggin' rock star from Mars." (My reaction is Charlie's definitely special, a special kind of idiot.)

Forgetting Charlie, (and I'd love to) Moammar Gadhafi has been Libya's dictator for the past 41 years. He has given himself the official title of "The Honorific Brotherly Leader and Guide of the First of September Great Revolution of the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya." (Imagine how hard that would be to fit on a business card.)

Currently Libya is in the middle of a widespread revolt. How crazy is Moammar? He says that the unrest is because al-Qaida has put LSD in his countrymen's water supply. He professes that he "loves his people" but today he unleashed a massive bombing campaign killing hundreds if not thousands of Libyans. (Giving new meaning to the term "tough love?")

In his TV interview Moammar repeated, "My people love me, they love me!" He sounded like Sally Field when she accepted her Oscar in 1984. (Speaking of the Oscars this past Sunday -- yawn -- I was pleased that "Inside Job" won for Best Documentary and admired director Charles Ferguson's comment, "Three years after our horrific financial crisis caused by financial fraud, not a single Wall Street executive has gone to jail, and that's wrong." Amen.)

But back to Moammar. Today The Hague announced they're opening an investigation of Gadhafi for possible "crimes against humanity." That probably gives Moammar the edge over Charlie in the "who's crazier" contest. That said, still unresolved is which is the better washer, top or front loading.

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CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Case of beer turns into deadly weapon

Crime Watch is a weekly series culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

TUESDAY, FEB. 22, AT 5:30 P.M.,

Santa Monica police officers responded to the 2200 block of Lincoln Boulevard — Bill's Liquor — regarding a report of an armed robbery. When officers arrived, they made contact with the victim who told them that he was in line to buy some stuff when he saw the suspect go to the refrigerator and remove a case of beer. The suspect then allegedly walked out of the store without paying. The victim said he chased the suspect and caught up to him in the 700 block of Pacific Avenue. He yelled at the suspect, telling him to stop. The suspect turned and threw the case of beer at the victim, striking him in the chest, police said. The suspect continued running. Armed with a description of the suspect, officers were able to find him quickly. Police said he was walking down the sidewalk drinking one of the beers. He had another beer from the case in his pocket. Police placed the suspect under arrest for assault with a deadly weapon and burglary. He was identified as Frank Sambrano, 21, a transient. His bail was set at $30,000.

THURSDAY, FEB. 24, AT 5 A.M.,

Officers were driving by a business located on the 1300 block of Olympic Boulevard, conducting a periodic check for trespassers, when an employee of the business called out to officers. He told them that someone was sleeping in a doorway and he wanted them removed. Officers made contact with the alleged trespasser, who told them he had permission to sleep there from the business owner. Officers knew this not to be true and placed him under arrest for trespassing. He was identified as Eddie Reeves, 60, a transient. His bail was set at $1,000.

THURSDAY, FEB. 24, AT 9:27 P.M.,

Officers were on routine patrol in the 1800 block of Seventh Court when they saw a man urinating near the rear of the Shell gas station. Officers yelled for the suspect to stop and he took off running. Officers lost sight of the suspect for a minute or two. As officers were checking a nearby alley, they saw the suspect behind the wheel of a car that turned onto Lincoln Boulevard. When the suspect saw the officer, he made a U-turn onto Pico Boulevard. Officers followed and pulled the suspect over. While talking with the driver, officers felt he was under the influence of alcohol. Officers had the driver perform a series of balance and coordination tests. At that time officers determined he was intoxicated and placed him under arrest for driving while impaired. The driver was identified as Phillip Fraser, 29, of Las Vegas. His bail was set at $25,000.

FRIDAY, FEB. 25, AT 7:46 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 900 block of Olympic Boulevard regarding an assault with a deadly weapon. When officers arrived, a witness told them that the victim recently returned with food to a garage where a group of people were staying to get out of the rain. The suspect allegedly put the witness in some kind of choke hold or sleeper hold and the victim rushed to his defense. The suspect swung his fist and struck the victim in the face, police said. He continued to beat the victim, the witness telling police he had something like a lock in his hand. The witness flagged down a passing motorist, who called 911. The suspect fled, but was apprehended later in the day at the same location. The victim was transported to a local hospital with lacerations to his face and neck. The suspect, who was booked for assault with a deadly weapon, was identified as Terrence Semien, 37, a transient. His bail was set at $30,000.

SATURDAY, FEB. 26, AT 12:22 A.M.,

Officers responded to the 600 block of Wilshire Boulevard — 7-11— regarding people loitering and harassing customers. When officers arrived, they saw two men and one woman hanging around the entrance of the convenience store. Officers asked them to leave, and the two men obliged. The woman did not. Officers said she sat down underneath the "No Loitering" sign and said she wanted to go to jail. As officers were talking with her, a customer walked by smoking a cigarette. The woman allegedly jumped up and asked the customer for a cigarette. Police said she grabbed the customer's arm and was aggressively panhandling. Officers tried to detain the woman, but she pushed one of them away with force. Officers placed her under arrest for battery of a police officer, obstruction of justice and a violation of the municipal code. She was identified as Shalla Wheatley, 35, a transient. Her bail was set at $20,000.

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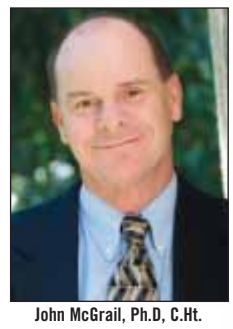
Restoring public trust

City Manager Rod Gould recently told the City Council that the Santa Monica Police Department mishandled the investigation of school board member Oscar de la Torre. Police leadership promise changes to its practices in the wake of an independent investigation of the de la Torre probe.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Do you think these actions will improve the public trust in the department, or are they window dressing?

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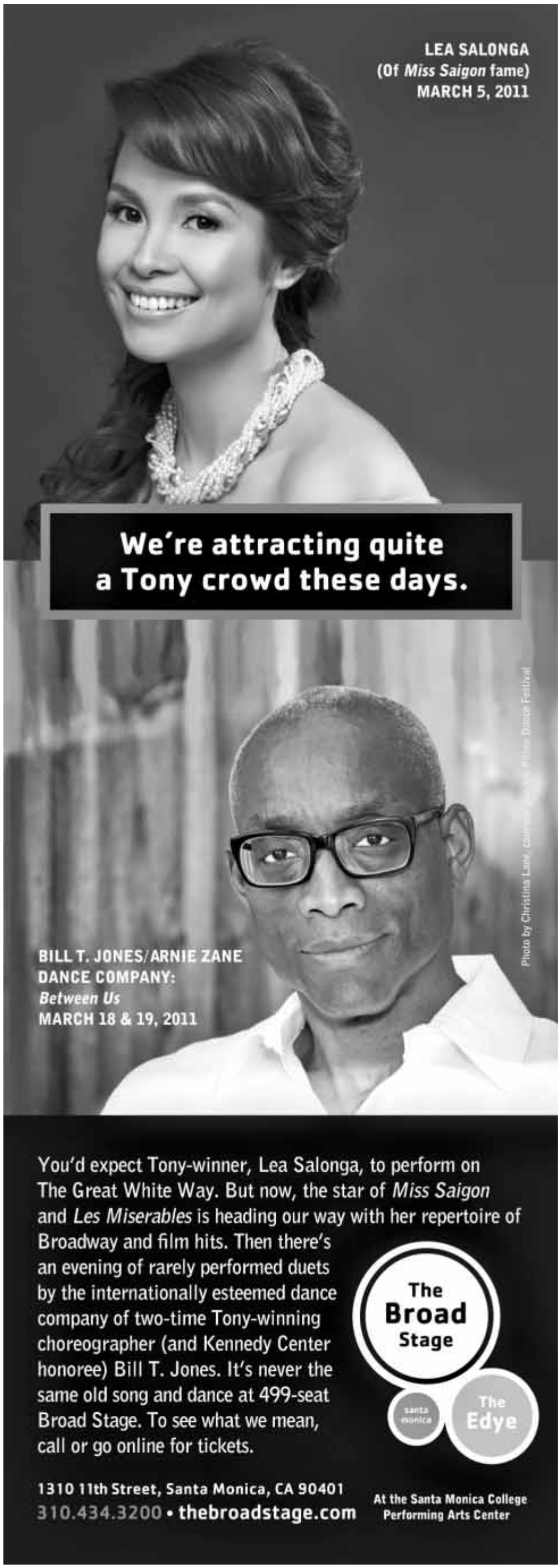
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Obama, Calderon pledge cooperation on drug wars

BY JULIE PACE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON Seeking to repair damaged relations, President Barack Obama and Mexican President Felipe Calderon agreed Thursday to deepen their cooperation in combating drug violence and declared a breakthrough in efforts to end a long-standing dispute over cross-border trucking.

During a joint news conference at the White House, Obama praised Calderon for his "extraordinary courage" in fighting the violent drug cartels that have been responsible for deaths on both sides of the border. Obama pledged to speed up U.S. aid to train and equip Mexican forces to help in those efforts, but he also acknowledged that the U.S. must stem the flow of cash and guns to Mexico that have aided the cartels.

"We are very mindful that the battle President Calderon is fighting inside of Mexico is not just his battle, it's also ours," Obama said. "We have to take responsibility just as he's taken responsibility."

Calderon's visit comes three weeks after U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agent Jaime Zapata was shot to death in northern Mexico with a gun smuggled in from the U.S. The incident raised questions in the U.S. about Mexico's ability to control violence and has Obama administration officials considering arming U.S. agents working across the border to ensure their safety.

Mexican law bans foreign law enforcement agents working in the country from bearing arms, and Calderon vehemently expressed his opposition to making an exception for U.S. personnel. But he said Zapata's death showed a need to consider alternative methods for protecting agents.

"His death must urge us to work together to ensure a prosperous and peaceful future for our region," Calderon said.

Obama said the U.S. is seeking extradition of several suspects arrested in Mexico in connection with Zapata's death.

Tensions between the North American allies were already heightened ahead of Zapata's death. Secret State Department cables released last year revealed a grim assessment by U.S. officials of Mexico's ability to fight drug cartels, saying the country has limited intelligence-gathering capacity and quoting Calderon as saying politicians could be tempted to return to a tacit policy of tolerating the gangs.

In a show of confidence in Calderon's efforts, the Obama administration said it would continue to send aid to support Mexico in the drug war. A senior administration official said the U.S. plans to speed up implementation of the $1.4 billion Merida Initiative, with $900 million to be doled out by the end of the year. The official spoke on the condition of anonymity in order to preview the announcement.

Calderon last visited the White House in May, at the height of tension over Arizona's controversial immigration law that makes it a crime to be in the U.S. illegally and requires police to question people about their immigration status if there's reason to suspect they are in the country illegally. Mexican officials strongly oppose the law, as does Obama, who told Calderon on Thursday that he's still committed to comprehensive immigration reform, saying it was vital to the U.S. economy.

Eager to show signs of productive partnership, Obama and Calderon agreed to a phased-in plan that would authorize both Mexican and U.S. long-haul carriers to engage in cross-border operations provided the Mexican trucks meet U.S. safety standards. Both countries were given this authority under the 1994 North American Free Trade Agreement, but the U.S. has refused to allow Mexican trucks access amid concerns over their ability to meet stringent U.S. safety and environmental standards.

Mexico has placed higher tariffs on dozens of U.S. products in response to the unresolved dispute. Under the proposed agreement, Mexico will agree to lift those tariffs in phases, with all tariffs lifted once the first Mexican carrier receives authorization to travel on U.S. roads.

Negotiating teams, which are still working out details of the plan, are expected to send an agreement to Congress this spring.

Bodies of 2 kids found in luggage in Fla. canal

BY MATT SEDENSKY
Associated Press

DELRAY BEACH, Fla. Police in South Florida are trying to unravel the mystery of two young children found dead in a canal, their bodies stuffed into luggage.

The bodies found Wednesday don't match the description of any children known to be missing, and police implored the public for help identifying them.

"Someone is missing these kids," said Delray Beach Police spokeswoman Nicole Guerriero. "There's a teacher. There's a grandmother. There's an aunt and uncle, a friend, someone has not seen these kids."

Divers from three agencies used sonar and a remote-controlled submarine to scour the canal for clues Thursday.

"They are trying to see if there is anything that is going to help us move further on this," Guerriero said.

The body of a little girl believed to be between 6 and 10 was found in a duffel bag Wednesday morning. Hours later, and a half-mile away, a boy who appeared to be 10 to 12 was found inside a suitcase. Delray Beach detectives presume they are linked, but have no definitive evidence.

The wide canal flows east to west through this oceanside town southeast of West Palm Beach, stretching between U.S. 441 and the Intracoastal Waterway and passing beneath Florida's Turnpike and Interstate 95.

"Where they were found, these kids could have been from anywhere," Guerriero said.

An autopsy will help determine how long the children were in the water.

The canal is bordered by modest homes, tiny wooden docks and small motor boats, and dotted on either side with the lush green of palms and other trees.

Debbie Duarte, who lives along the canal, said the neighborhood is usually very quiet. Before now, she said, the most surprising thing to turn up in the waterway was a bag of marijuana.

"For parents not to say their children are missing," she said, "either the parents are dead or the parents did it."

Northwestern to investigate sex toy demonstration

BY DON BABWIN
Associated Press

CHICAGO Northwestern University's president said Thursday that he is "troubled and disappointed" that a psychology professor allowed a couple to engage in a sex act involving a motorized sex toy in front of dozens of students, and is calling for an investigation.

Hours after accounts of the Feb. 21 class appeared in local newspapers — including the university's defense of Professor John Michael Bailey's decision to allow students to witness the act — Northwestern President Morton Schapiro strongly criticized the lecturer.

"I feel it represented extremely poor judgment on the part of our faculty member," Schapiro said a statement issued by the Evanston university.

A guest lecturer had been discussing bondage and sexual fetishes during Bailey's human sexuality class. According to published reports, a couple at the lecture decided that a video the students were watching on the female orgasm was not realistic and gave a live presentation involving the sex toy.

Schapiro said it did not matter that the incident occurred after the class was over, that attendance was voluntarily and that the students were warned of the explicit nature of what they were about to see.

"I have recently learned of the after-class activity associated with Prof. Michael Bailey's Human Sexuality class, and I am troubled and disappointed by what occurred," he said.

"I simply do not believe this was appropriate, necessary or in keeping with Northwestern University's academic mission," he said.

Evanston police say it will be up to the school to determine if the demonstration violated any local ordinances.

The guest lecturer asked the students if they were "ready for a live sex show," student Justin Smith told the Chicago Tribune.

At that point, Faith Kroll took off her clothes and she and Jim Marcus climbed on the stage and, as about 100 students looked on, the pair demonstrated the use of a motorized device with a phallic object attached to it. The lecturer, Ken Melvoin-Berg, told the newspaper that the students were told about issues such as safety and consent.

"It is probably something I will remember the rest of my life," Smith, a 21-year-old senior, told the Tribune. "I can't say that about my Econ 202 class and the material that I learned there."

The university will pay several hundred dollars to Melvoin-Berg, the co-owner of Weird Chicago Tours, for the lecture. He said neither Kroll nor Marcus — exhibitionists who are more than happy to have people watch them have sex — would be paid.

Kroll said she enjoyed the demonstration and Marcus said it was all designed to teach, not titillate.

"I certainly have no regrets concerning Northwestern students, who have demonstrated that they are open-minded grown-ups rather than fragile children," Bailey told the Tribune.

Bailey did not answer calls to his office Thursday.

Airlines raising domestic fares again

BY DAVID KOENIG
AP Airlines Writer

DALLAS Major U.S. airlines are raising fares again, and the only question might be the size of the increase.

This is the sixth broad fare increase the airlines have tried this year. They want higher fares to cover rising jet fuel prices. US Airways, for one, says passenger demand so far has been strong enough to cover its fuel costs.

In the latest fare hike, American Airlines raised fares on flights within the 48 contiguous states by $10 per round trip, spokesman Tim Smith confirmed on Thursday. Delta Air Lines boosted fares even higher — up $10, $14 or even $20 per round trip depending on flight length, according to spokesman Trebor Banstetter. The Delta increase was originally aimed at business travelers who buy last-minute tickets but was expanded to all fares after American's price hike.

United, Continental and US Airways matched American's increase but not the larger Delta hike, said Rick Seaney, CEO of FareCompare.com. He said none of the low-cost airlines — Southwest, JetBlue and AirTran — had raised prices.

All the jockeying has left the fate of this price increase up in the air. Airlines sometimes raise fares but then back off if key competitors don't raise their prices. Last week, fares went up $20 per round trip, but the increase was scaled back to $10 after some carriers balked at the bigger hike.

Some analysts think if prices go any higher, leisure travelers will just stay home, although Seaney doesn't share that view yet. "It is pretty clear that demand hasn't softened enough to prevent airlines from testing new highs for base domestic ticket prices," he said.

US Airways president Scott Kirby said Thursday that travel demand in February remained "exceptionally strong," allowing the company to generate enough revenue to offset higher fuel prices.

Traffic on Kirby's airline rose 4.1 percent and a key measure of revenue per mile rose 10 percent in February, compared with a year ago.





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petition presented to planning commissioners in protest of the extension.

Owners of the future Shore Hotel and Downtown Santa Monica, Inc., formerly the Bayside District Corp., on the other hand, gave letters of support for the extension.

If approved, patrons of Santa Monica Place could drink on eight of nine open-air patio spaces of restaurants until 2 a.m. or when the food kitchens closed. As drafted, restaurants could continue to serve alcohol at those hours seven days a week.

Currently, guests must move to the indoor portion of the restaurants at midnight to continue imbibing.

In an effort to be good neighbors, Macerich Co. agreed to remove the ninth patio space, associated with the Xino Chinese restaurant, from the conditional use permit application because of its proximity to apartments.

Doug Roscoe, of Macerich Co., represented the change as a convenience to diners and assured planning commissioners that the mall could keep the noise under control and would work with the community to be a good neighbor.

"We have 24-hour security and a dispatch line that links to a live person," Roscoe said at the meeting. "We will do everything we can to mitigate the noise."

City staff signed off on the measure, noting a relative lack of complaints about the businesses and a noise study conducted by the Santa Monica Police Department that showed sound levels well below the allowed decibels.

Not so fast, said Karen Pappas, senior property manager for the Promenade Gateway.

The noise study took place on Thursday, Feb. 17, a relatively cold and damp evening for the city by the sea.

"Take it on Memorial Day weekend or on a night in June," Pappas said.

Promenade Gateway has 32 residences, occupied by single professionals and small families, Pappas said. Some have asked if they can get out of their leases should the commission approve the extension of hours.

The commissioners had their own concerns with the project.

Only two other restaurants in the district are open as late as 2 a.m., said Vice Chair Gerda Newbold, and none of them may keep those hours all week long.

"I can't see the need for seven days a week until 2 a.m.," Newbold said. "Especially on the outside perimeter patios."

Newbold said she would consider approval that evening if the permit was amended to apply only to Friday and Saturday, and exclude patios open to the Zengo restaurant and The Market, which face out onto streets with residences nearby.

Commissioner Ted Winterer said he was torn between supporting local businesses and his concern for the quality of life of the residents at the Luxe and the Promenade Gateway.

"Give us anything to feel comfortable about simultaneously increasing your business opportunities and revenues and at the same time not create an undo burden on the residents," Winterer said.

Commissioner Jason Parry wasn't so positive.

"I don't think that anything that happens between now and the next time we discuss this, whether it's a fresh application or not, has a bearing," Parry said, who said he'd vote "no" on the permit.

Rather than put a stop to the project completely, commissioners voted unanimously to continue the matter for up to 90 days.

A three-month continuance would take the matter into the warm, tourist-friendly month of July. The matter will be resolved before than, Roscoe said on Thursday.

"We plan on working with the residents to show how we operate a controlled environment, and how we can mitigate problems very quickly if they arise," Roscoe said. "We want to be extremely accommodating, and the best neighbor we can be."

Although the company hasn't worked out a firm strategy for community outreach yet, it hopes to prove to residents that it can work with its tenants to control the noise.

"I don't think all of them understand how contained we are with our own security, and how we really manage the property at that level," Roscoe said. "We have 1100 hours of paid security a week on three shifts, not to mention an extensive camera system here, and great relationship with Santa Monica city police."

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based on a City Council vote in 2006 approving a Downtown Parking Program meant to provide a plan to manage and develop Downtown public parking.

Two parking structures have already been retrofitted in accordance with the first phase of that plan, and the revamp of PS 6 would constitute the beginning of the second, which involves the replacement of City Hall-owned structures to address the future needs of Downtown.

But commissioners stumbled over a series of potential problems, including an over-concentration of cars in the area, a lack of routes in and out of the structure and the overall aesthetics of the building, which will be taller than any other parking structure in the area.

Putting that much parking on the Broadway end of the Promenade, in addition to the structure at Santa Monica Place, would starve the northern sections of foot traffic, and force hundreds more cars into the downtown, they argued.

The design struggles with only one exit lane that spits directly into a right-hand turn onto Second Street. As a result, cars trying to get to the 10 Freeway would almost necessarily use Fourth Street, and cause congestion in the Downtown that planners have been trying to avoid, said Commissioner Gwynne Pugh.

Economic Development Manager Miriam Mack told commissioners that a "quick" traffic study would be conducted to see what other options could be worked into the design.

"Staff has done a solid job trying to convince us it's only about one or two lanes," said Chair Jim Ries. "They haven't looked at what 750 cars is going to do to the Downtown."

Ries argued that letting loose nearly twice as many cars as currently fit in the structure had to have an environmental impact, and that doing a study after the planning commission issued the conditional use permit for the building of the project didn't make any sense.

The environmental impact report on the project does state that the parking structure will not cause a significant impact on the traffic patterns in the Downtown area.

Pugh also commented that the visual appeal of the building was only one-sided.

While the western front facing Second Street has much to recommend it — including a red diagonal staircase that acts as a focal point amid an exterior of aluminum fins that reflect light into the interior of the building — the rest of the building seems to be forgotten.

The height of the building, coming in at 84 feet, means that its other sides will be visible from the Promenade itself.

"Aesthetics are not our purview, but how a building sits in its environment is," Pugh said.

Ries had a more fundamental issue with the project.

"If I liked the project, I wouldn't harp on CEQA so much," Ries said.

Commissioner Jason Parry, however, spoke for the project, specifically that with PS 3 planned to go offline in the near future, parking could be near-impossible for patrons looking to shop at local businesses.

"We are dealing with a key to the success of Downtown, and that's parking," Parry said.

The commission voted 4 to 2 to deny the permit, with Newbold and Parry on the losing side.

A series of text amendments, which would allow a future structure to skip on certain requirements such as stepbacks and a less-than 84-foot building did pass on a 4 to 2 vote, with Ries and Commissioner Jennifer Kennedy against.

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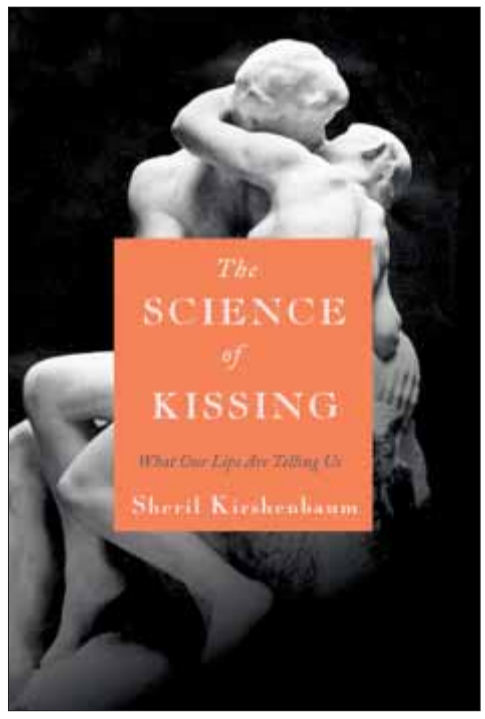
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BOOKREVIEW

Book explores origins of simple gesture: The kiss

BY LEANNE ITALIE
Associated Press



NEW YORK Birds do it. Bees do it. No, not that! We're talking about kissing, the simple gesture with a wallop that spans time and place but remains largely unexplained.

Anthropologists have their theories. So do neurologists, biologists, psychologists and endocrinologists. Einstein was interested. Darwin, too. So why doesn't anybody know how it all began and why we do it in the first place?

Sheril Kirshenbaum, a researcher at the University of Texas at Austin, has compiled a motherlode of fragmented studies and observations from historians and sociologists, brain experts and animal-watchers in a surprisingly slim and definitely curious new book, "The Science of Kissing: What Our Lips Are Telling Us."

Her conclusion? Inconclusive. The act of "osculation" — in technical parlance — is ingrained in more than 90 percent of cultures around the world. If they don't place lips on lips — or lips elsewhere — they lick or nibble with the same goals in mind.

If we could unravel its origins, Kirshenbaum surmises, we could unlock a trove of evolutionary and physiological mysteries that might carry the kiss from merely interesting to incredibly valuable.

Scientists can't decide whether kissing is instinctual (newborns pucker for their first taste of mother's milk), cultural (learned, that is, for joy or survival) or deeper still (ingrained in our very DNA) — or all of the above.

They suspect, Kirshenbaum said, that the practice has come and gone through the ages and might have surfaced as an outgrowth of sniffing as a way to suss out the familiar. The first kiss as greeting, according to some anthropologists, might have been a nose-to-nose exchange to recognize, reconnect or check on a person's health through smells.

The color red may also play a prominent role in the rise of the kiss. The hue takes us back millions of years to "red as reward" for ancestors in search of ripe fruits amid leaves and bush. It's possible that over all those years of man learning to walk upright, he also became hardwired to appreciate the flashy color, primed to seek it out wherever it occurred — including the everted, red lips on a woman's face and other parts of her anatomy.

Gender when it comes to the kiss was something of a surprise to Kirshenbaum.

"The gender differences stood out," she said. "I don't like gender stereotypes at all but I saw so much research along that divide. Men tend to describe kissing as more of a means to an end, hoping it leads to more, whereas women tend to place a lot more emphasis on the act of kissing itself."

Kissing was first documented in human societies around 1500 B.C., in India's Vedic Sanskrit texts that serve as the basis of the Hindu religion. One describes the practice of smelling with the mouth. Another recounts how a "young lord of the house repeatedly licks the young woman," which could symbolize a kiss or related caress, said the kissing detective Kirshenbaum.

By the end of the Vedic period, she said, Satapatha Brahmana talks of lovers "setting mouth to mouth," and early Hindu law reprimands a man for "drinking the moisture of the lips" of a slave woman. From there, kissing — in India, at least — marched on to the Kama Sutra, a sex guide of the third century that covers a whole lot of ground and includes an entire chapter on kissing alone.

India wasn't only the only hotbed of kissing. In the world of Herodotus, according to his fifth-century B.C. text the "Histories," Persian kisses ranged from lip on lip for equals to the ground or feet by an exorbitantly lower status person to a higher one.

A Babylonian creation story recorded on stone tablets in the seventh-century B.C. — based on much older oral legends — includes references to a kiss of greeting and a kiss of the ground or feet in supplication, Kirshenbaum said.

The Roman emperor Caligula had subjects kiss his feet, which was also a custom throughout the Middle Ages. Charles Dickens was no fan in 1861, when he found foot-kissing of popes in the Catholic Church a "slavish self-abasement."

Mythology, literature, the visual arts are all full of kisses, let alone both testaments of the Bible. Derided by some through the ages as dirty — or worse — lips on lips went where Europeans ventured, and Western-style kissing spread to much of the world. Kissing turned into handshaking during the Great Plague years in 1660s London.

Kirshenbaum estimates that today more than 6 billion of us — East and West — lock lips socially or romantically on a regular basis. The German language alone has 30 words for kissing, including one, "nachkussen," which is a kiss to compensate for those that have not occurred, according to Kirshenbaum.

Human lips, she learned, are packed with nerve endings that are extremely sensitive to pressure, temperature and other means of stimulation. They're the perfect little engines — and erogenous zones — since the slightest touch stimulates a very large part of the brain.

More than half of men and women — 59 percent of men and 66 percent of women — have ended a relationship because of a bad kiss, according to one study cited by Kirshenbaum.

"It really serves as a litmus test for our future together," she said. "Very often we feel like we're with the perfect person and our lips meet and often it doesn't feel right. There's something not magical there."



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Chamber of Commerce says it could support tax vote

BY JULIET WILLIAMS
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. The president of one of California's most influential business groups sent a signal to reluctant lawmakers Thursday — including Republicans — that the group will support them if they take a difficult vote to solve the state's budget deficit, even if it involves asking voters to continue tax increases.

Allan Zaremberg, president and chief executive officer of the California Chamber of Commerce, told reporters that any lawmaker who votes for "a solution that is comprehensive and helps solve the budget crisis" will get the group's support.

"There will be criticism, wherever it comes from, and I think if people address some of these issues about solving the problem once and for all ... they have the support they need in their community," Zaremberg said.

His comments came as lawmakers face a March 10 deadline imposed by Gov. Jerry Brown to reach a budget deal and place a tax measure before voters in a June special election.

Republican lawmakers continue to publicly oppose the Democratic governor's budget proposal, which calls for a balance between spending cuts and an extension of tax increases enacted in 2009.

Brown wants voters to decide whether to continue the temporary increases in the sales, personal income and vehicle taxes for another five years. Those increases are set to expire this year.

His proposal also includes about $12 billion in spending cuts to help close the state's $26.6 billion deficit.

Zaremberg said it's too soon for his group to take a position on the budget because the plans are still being revised in legislative committees. But he noted that the chamber supported those tax increases when Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger proposed them in 2009. They were the least harmful to the economy of several options considered at the time, Zaremberg said.

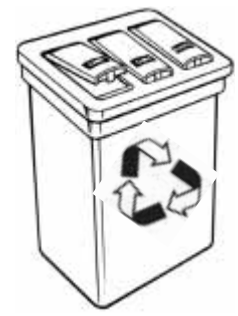
It doesn't matter whether a ballot measure is the chamber's preferred route to solving the state's fiscal crisis, because Brown promised to ask for voter approval for any tax increases during his campaign last year, Zaremberg said. He noted that a so-called "all cuts" budget would not win support in the Democratically controlled state Legislature.

"The governor, I believe, is following through on a commitment that helped him get elected, that resonated with voters, and I appreciate that very much. I think the public appreciates that, too," he said.

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Report reveals personal wealth of Calif governor

BY JUDY LIN
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. Financial disclosure forms released Thursday show Gov. Jerry Brown and his wife, former Gap Inc. executive Anne Gust Brown, have real estate and stock holdings potentially worth millions of dollars.

The Browns' investments include stock in Gap, Jack in the Box, and the medical office software business Health Fusion Inc., according to a statement of economic interest filed with the state Fair Political Practices Commission. Gust Brown is listed as a former board member of Jack in the Box.

They hold investments in at least two real estate businesses. Gust Brown is listed as a member of 4395 Piedmont, and the governor is a member of Madison Park Holdings Inc. Both investments are valued between $100,000 and $1 million.

The Browns also collect interest income between $10,001 and $100,000 from Round Two Investment Partners in Beverly Hills. California's first family also owns a home in the Oakland Hills. They currently live in Sacramento during the week and rent a midtown loft.

The state's second-in-command, Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom, also is worth millions from his wine business and the family trust of his wife, Jennifer Siebel Newsom. All state elected officials are required to file disclosure forms in part to disclose any potential conflicts of interest.

Newsom is president of Airelle Wines Inc. and a partner in Villa Encinal Partners LP, the companies behind PlumpJack and Cade wineries in Napa Valley. According to his financial statement, he collected over $200,000 in income from the wineries last year.

His wife's trust is worth over $1 million and she collected over $100,000 in income from that trust last year, according to the report. Besides stock holdings in power producer Calpine Corp., Microsoft and Verizon Communications, the trust invests between $100,000 and $1 million in the Brazilian oil firm Petroleo Brasileiro.

Siebel Newsom, an actress and filmmaker, also reported income from NBC Universal and her film production company Girls' Club Entertainment LLC. The couple received a number of gifts last year including two Bulgari ties, a Louis Vitton pen and various tickets.

Meanwhile, Attorney General Kamala Harris reported a home in Oakland valued at between $100,001 and $1 million that she inherited from her late mother. She also reported gifts including a $299 watch from the consul general of Japan, a $78 book from the consul general of India, and flowers from a federal judge, a state appellate justice and the dean of the University of California Hastings College of the Law, where she obtained her law degree.

Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones reported $1,640 in gifts, most while he was a state assemblyman running for the statewide office. They include $634 in passes to the state fair and carnival rides and $675 from attorneys and an attorneys' association.

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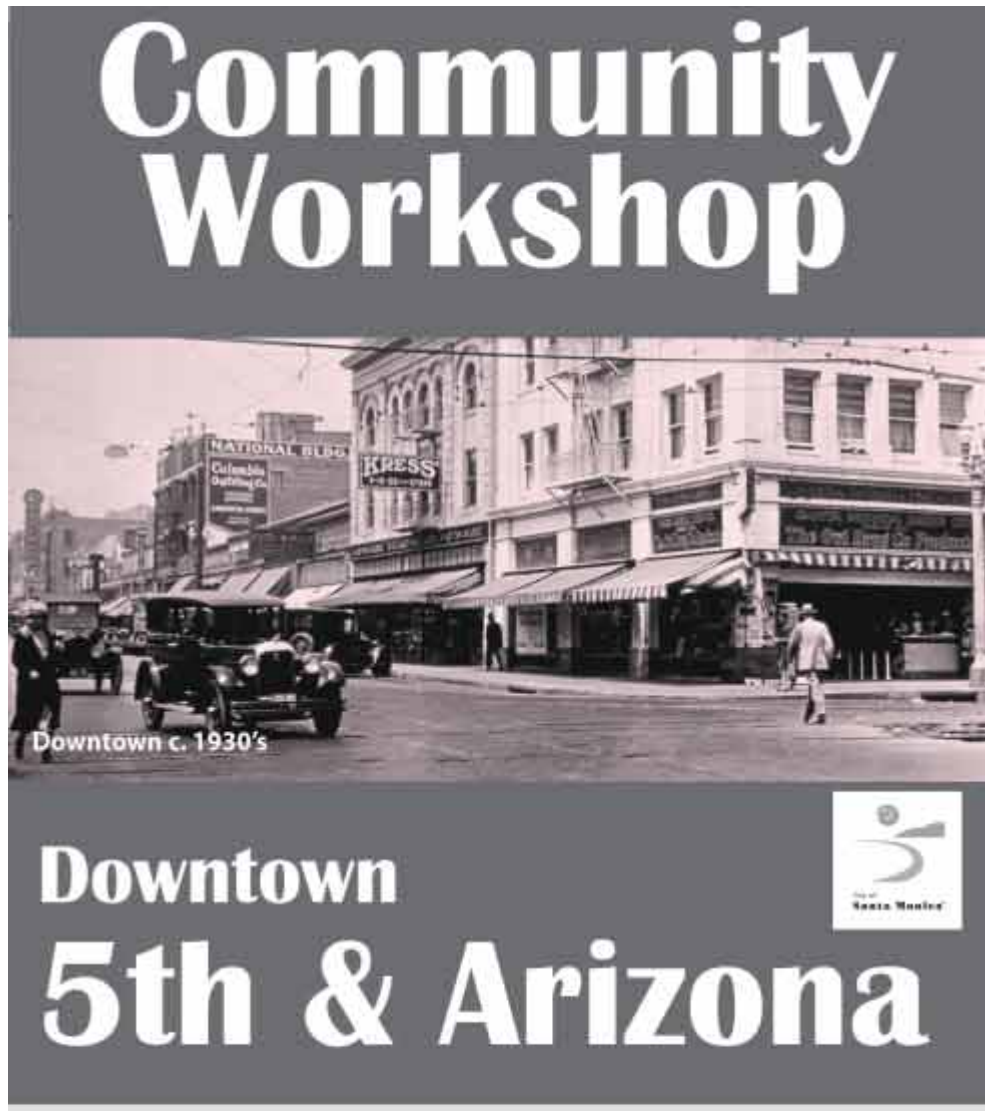
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Suspect in airport shooting recently radicalized

BY DAVID MCHUGH & DAVID RISING
Associated Press

FRANKFURT, Germany — Arid Uka grew up in a well-kept immigrant neighborhood in Frankfurt as the son of a relatively prosperous, not all that religious family of ethnic Albanians from Kosovo — a group notable more for their pro-American outlook than for mosque attendance.

But somewhere along the way, Uka turned very drastically from his upbringing.

German officials said Thursday the 21-year-old temporary letter sorter with the postal service has admitted targeting Americans when he opened fire with a handgun on a busload of 15 U.S. airmen at Frankfurt's airport on their way to deployment in Afghanistan, killing two and wounding two more.

A federal judge in Karlsruhe on Thursday ordered the suspect held in prison on two counts of murder and three counts of attempted murder pending further investigation.

German investigators said so far the indications are that Uka turned only recently to extremism — a member of the generation with immigrant background but raised in Europe, who become radicalized to the shock and dismay of their elders.

German officials said that he had contact with other radicals through social networking sites and elsewhere, but it appears he was not part of a terrorist organization.

"From our investigation so far we conclude that he acted alone," Hesse's top security official, interior minister Boris Rhein told reporters. "So far we cannot see a network."

A trim white van from the family's roofing company stood parked Thursday outside the 11-story high-rise where Uka lives with his parents in the Sossenheim district in Frankfurt. It's a neighborhood of mostly graffiti-free high- and low-rise apartments and tree-planted green spaces within a block or so of the older part of Sossenheim, with its narrow, typically German church steeple. Slavic and Turkish surnames appear on the letterboxes in roughly equal proportion with German ones.

Uka's Facebook page — with "There is no God but God and Mohammad is his prophet" in Arabic over a map of Kosovo as his profile picture — was in stark contrast to the unassuming, somewhat standoffish young man the neighbors met in the stairwell.

"He was nice and very quiet — I would say, shy," said Jessica Friedrich, who went to the nearby elementary school with him and recognized the scowling, eyes-downcast photo of "Abu Reyyan" — a recently acquired nom de guerre according to Rhein — as him.

"He was a completely normal guy," said Katharina Freier, who lives across the hallway from the Ukas.

Uka's father, Murat, would not speak to journalists who gathered outside. But he told Kosovo's daily Gazeta Express that family members are shocked.

"Americans are our friends and they have helped us very much. I can never agree with what has happened," he is quoted as telling the newspaper.

Kosovo Albanians are notably pro-American thanks to the U.S.-led NATO air war that halted a Serbian government crackdown on the rebellious province in 1999, when dictator Slobodan Milosevic still ruled in Belgrade.

The air war and subsequent deployment of peacekeepers, followed by UN administration, paved the way for Kosovo's declaration of independence from Serbia in 2008. There is a Bill Clinton Boulevard and statue of the former president in the capital, Pristina.

The family of Murat Uka's brother, Rexhep, lives in the town of Mitrovica in a large, three-story house with spacious garden, leather sofas, halogen lighting and a flat-screen TV — signs of considerable prosperity in Kosovo, which remains one of the poorest parts of Europe. The only sign of religion in the house was a small wall clock with a picture of a mosque on it.

Rexhep Uka said the suspect's grandfather was a religious leader at a mosque in a village near the Kosovo town of Mitrovica, and that Arid Uka was a devout Muslim himself. But he also said the family was pro-American and was also having a hard time understanding what their nephew was involved with.

"I love the Americans because they helped us a lot in times of trouble," he told the AP.

"We could not imagine something like this would happen because Americans are our brothers," said Behxhet Uka, Arid Uka's cousin. "They are our friends. Arid has been there (Germany) for the past twenty years. He was born there and went to school."

The imam at Frankfurt's Albanian mosque, Ahmed Kajoshi, called the shootings "a great shame and terrible" and stressed the moderation of the Albanian-speaking community, which attracts people from Albania, Macedonia and Montenegro, but only a few Kosovars, who aren't big on mosque attendance. "They come when they have a problem," said Kajoshi, but not regularly. The Ukas did not worship there, he said.

In addition to contacts with radicals on Facebook, an official also confirmed that Rami M., who was picked up in Pakistan last year and extradited to Germany where he faces charges of membership of a terrorist organization, also lived in Uka's building. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk with news media.

It was not clear how much contact Uka had with Rami M., who left Germany in 2009 for Pakistan, but neighbors said they had known one another. His last name has not been made public.

In Washington, a U.S. law enforcement official said Uka was not on any American watch list.

The investigation was still trying to determine whether Uka might have had any help.

Although the U.S. Embassy in Kosovo's capital of Pristina referred to "the act of a single individual," Pentagon spokesman Marine Col. Dave Lapan said was still not clear whether others could have been involved in planning the attack.

"One of the key focuses of the investigation will be to determine whether others were involved in the incident besides the shooter," Lapan said.

Rhein said the suspect's apartment and his computer have been searched. He said investigators believe the suspect had contact with other radical Muslims on a social network site "but there is no network in the sense of a terror cell."

Several of his 128 Facebook friends also said that they knew little about him

One of his Facebook friends said he knew little about him.

"He was very unremarkable and low-key," Kerem Kenan wrote to The Associated Press. "We had no personal contacts. I'm appalled by the incident."

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
SANTA MONICA ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

DATE/TIME: March 7, 2011, 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Council Chambers, (wheelchair accessible)
Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street

PROPERTIES:
ARB 09-618, 2222 Sixteenth Street: Residential
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA
LANDMARKS COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Public hearings will be held by the Landmarks Commission on the following:

2523 Third Street, 96LM-001, Zoning: OP2 (Ocean Park Low Multiple Family Residential) District. In accordance with Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.36.120(f), the Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider correcting the inadvertent omission of the Landmark Parcel at 2523 3rd Street from the Statement of Official Action that was adopted by the Landmarks Commission in 1996 when it designated the Mediterranean Revival style residence on the parcel as a Landmark. Applicant: City of Santa Monica Landmarks Commission. Owner: Alexander Cassini.

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When: **Monday, March 14, 2011 at 7:00 pm**
Where: City Council Chambers, City Hall, Room 213
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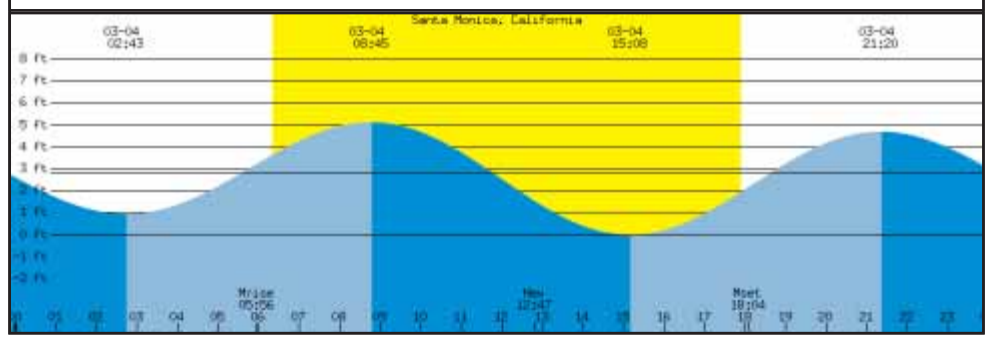


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El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	B	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	C	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+
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Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A	B
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	F
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Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	ns	A+
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	D	B
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	B
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Los Tunos County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	F	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	B	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	A+

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	F	B
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	F	D
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	F
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	F	A+
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	A
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	A+
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A	F
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	C	B
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	F	B
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	A+
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A+	D
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	A+
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A	D

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

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MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
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Composer John Barry tribute
Out of Africa (PG) 2hrs 41min
7:30pm

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AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
(310) 458-6232

Just Go With It (PG-13) 1hr 50min
1:30pm, 7:00pm

True Grit (PG-13) 1hr 50min
11:10am, 1:50pm, 4:35pm, 7:20pm, 10:05pm

Adjustment Bureau (PG-13) 1hr 39min
11:00am, 1:35pm, 4:10pm, 6:45pm, 9:20pm

I Am Number Four (PG-13) 1hr 44min
11:30am, 2:10pm, 4:55pm, 7:40pm, 10:15pm

Unknown (PG-13) 1hr 49min
10:50am, 4:15pm, 9:55pm

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1310 Third St.
(310) 451-9440

Adjustment Bureau (PG-13) 1hr 39min
12:00pm, 2:35pm, 5:10pm, 7:45pm, 10:20pm

Rango (PG) 1hr 47min
10:15am, 1:00pm, 3:45pm, 6:30pm, 9:15pm

Gnomeo & Juliet 3D (PG) 1hr 24min
12:05pm, 2:25pm, 4:45pm, 7:10pm, 9:30pm

Just Go With It (PG-13) 1hr 50min
11:20am, 2:15pm, 5:05pm, 8:00pm, 10:45pm

Hall Pass (R) 1hr 38min
11:10am, 1:55pm, 4:40pm, 7:20pm, 10:05pm

Black Swan (R) 1hr 50min
11:35am, 2:10pm, 5:00pm, 7:50pm, 10:35pm

Justin Bieber Never Say Never 3D (G) 1hr 45min
10:30am, 4:10pm, 9:50pm

Justin Bieber Never Say Never: The Director's Fan Cut 3D (G) 1hr 55min
1:20pm, 7:00pm

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

King's Speech (R) 1 hour 58 min
1:40pm, 4:00pm, 7:20pm, 10:10pm

Cedar Rapids (R) 1hr 26min
1:00pm, 3:10pm, 5:20pm, 7:50pm, 10:10pm

Phil Ochs: There But for Fortune (NR) 1hr 36min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:10pm, 9:40pm

Last Lions (PG-13) 1hr 28min
1:15pm, 3:30pm, 5:45pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

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Take Me Home Tonight (R) 1hr 54min
10:15am, 12:45pm, 3:15pm, 5:45pm, 8:20pm, 10:50pm

Rango (PG) 1hr 47min
11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:15pm

Beastly (PG-13) 1hr 35min
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Drive Angry 3D (R) 1hr 44min
11:00am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

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Fighter (R) 1hr 54min
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Let off steam tonight, Scorpio

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ The New Moon emphasizes the importance of taking good care of yourself mentally, physically and spiritually. You need to be more diligent about taking care of yourself. Make an appointment for a checkup. Tonight: Get some much-needed R and R.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ A new commitment or beginning finally becomes possible. You understand what is happening behind the scenes. Realize your goals by asking for support and ideas. The first step is verbalizing your desires. Tonight: Where the action is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Your ability to bypass problems emerges. Others would like you to take the lead more often. Though it is nice to have the approval of others, do you want additional responsibility? Is it worth that position in the limelight? Tonight: Celebrate the end of the week.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Reach out for new information and confirm what you believe to be fact. If you are blocked, attempt to clear your thinking and approach this same situation from a different mind-set. Break through mental rigidity. Tonight: Accept the suggestion that breaks the mold and encourages a first-time experience.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Deal with a key associate directly. Clear out as much as you can in this manner. Decide on a new beginning. With the help of this person, you could have that beginning. Instrument positive changes in your daily life. Tonight: Togetherness works.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Let others who are trying to dominate call the shots. Give feedback on a more creative level. Your sense of direction helps others figure out what will need to happen. Others could be a bit defiant. Work with the issues. Tonight: Follow another's lead.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Dive into the matter at hand. You might need to make an adjustment on a personal level or in your domestic life. Let go and willingly hop on the roller-coaster ride. The end results will be much more than you visualize. Tonight: Out and about with co-workers and/or friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Allow greater give-and-take within an important relationship. This tie could be with a wild loved one. You might wonder if you can clear out a problem. A commitment to a new beginning could work in the long run. Make it now. Tonight: Let off steam.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Emphasize security, investments and a new beginning. At the same time, there could be a new start with a personal relationship if you are live-ins. If you can, clear out work early or work from home You will accomplish more. Tonight: At home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ You might be thinking about a new computer, car or some other toy that helps you reach out to others. You are likely to purchase one in the near future. Don't antagonize a neighbor or sibling who always seems to occupy a lot of your time. Tonight: You don't have to go far.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You have made the decision to handle your finances better. Use today to initiate some changes. Yes, sometimes you have to spend money to get money. On the other hand, be careful with justifying expenditures that could be eliminated. Tonight: Show good sense. Fun doesn't have to cost.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ You cannot always count on the magic of your charisma -- perhaps today, but possibly not tomorrow. If you want to start anew in some area of your life, the time is now. Resolutions made presently are likely to stick. Tonight: Others cannot stay away.

Happy birthday

Your birthday signals a new beginning. Consider which areas you might like to revitalize. You can do just that. Your creativity surges. You seem to be an endless fountain of information. If you are single, you attract many people. The issue will be choosing the right one! Date until you are sure. If you are attached, curb a tendency to be me-oriented. It takes two to make a relationship work. Be sensitive to your sweetie. Another Pisces reflects the same or similar issues as you.

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



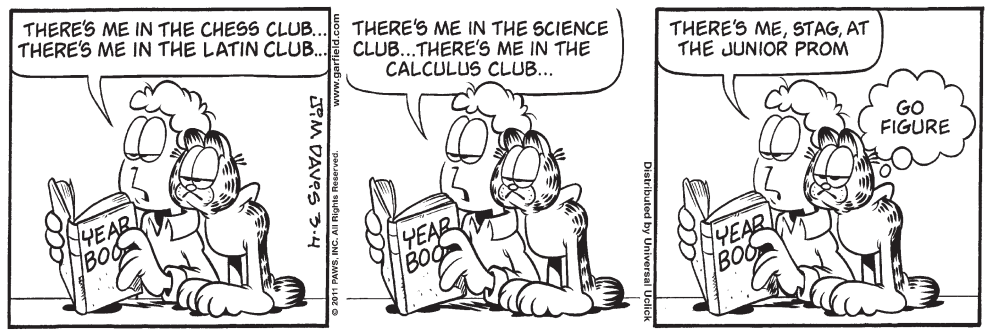
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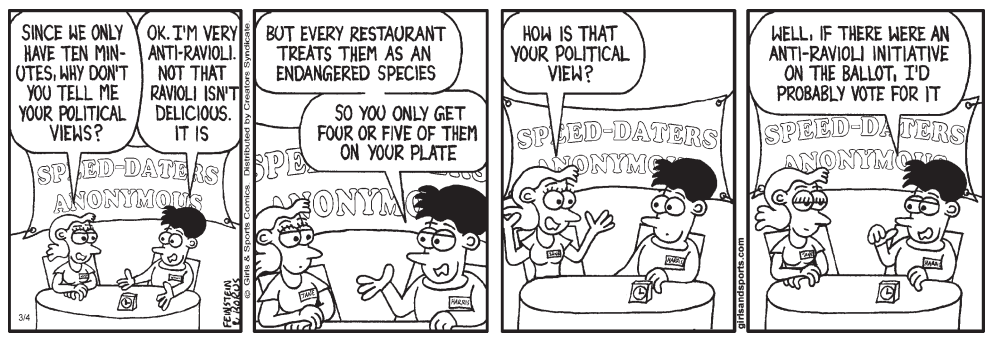
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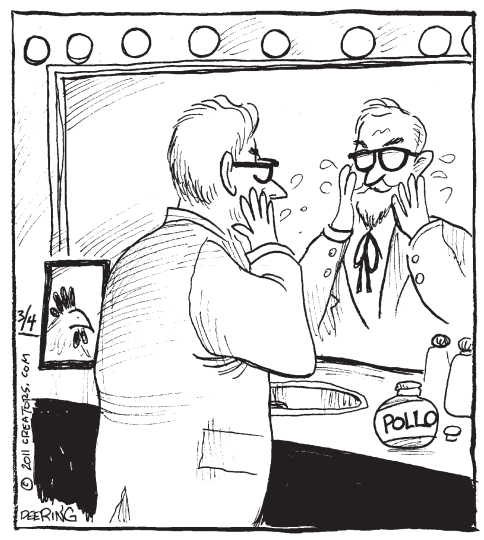
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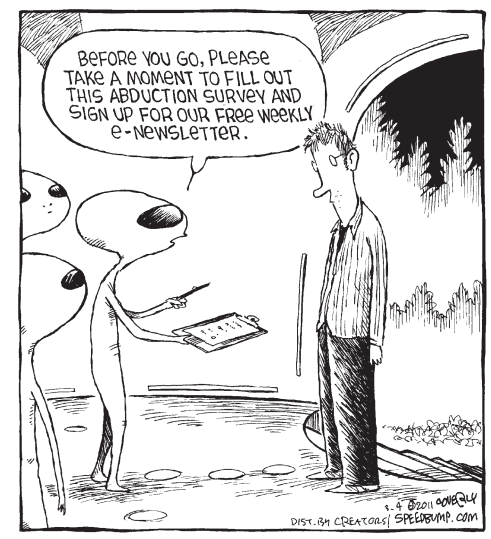
Strange Brew

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Speed Bump

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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

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

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Field sounds
5 "M*A*S*H" actor
9 Cornhusker city
11 "Star Wars" address
13 Odometer units
14 Argentina-set musical
15 Squid's squirt
16 Idle talk
18 Chef's specialty
20 Superlative ending
21 Derisive sound
22 Producer's hopes
23 Pool need
24 Jailbird
25 Effrontery
27 Hotel units
29 "The Name of the Rose" author
30 Commuting choice
32 Sampling
34 Compete
35 Notions
36 Blazing
38 Cover words
39 Streamlined
40 Invites
41 Calls on

DOWN

1 Standup guy?
2 Fairly good grade
3 Apartment assets
4 That lady
5 Designer Simpson
6 Kilauea output
7 Outdoor entertainments
8 Swear
10 Have high hopes
12 Stags
17 Kitchen pest
19 Music store section
22 Old skirt part
24 Winding dances
25 "Understand?"
26 Maine park
27 Galloped
28 Evening bash
30 Shop clamps
31 Onions' kin
33 Chat
37 Winter ailment

M	A	R	C	■	■	S	W	I	S	S
A	M	O	O	N	■	T	A	N	T	E
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Yesterday's answer

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1	2	3	4	■	■	5	6	7	8	■
9				10	■	11				12
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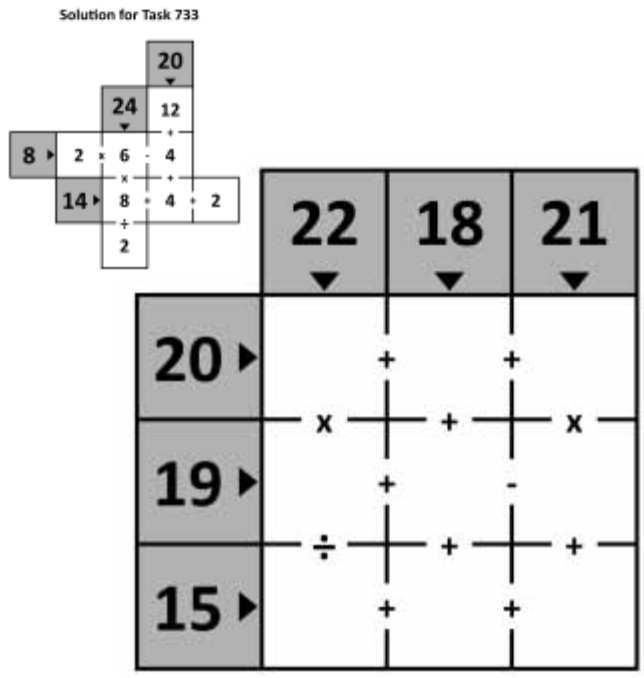
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Solution for Task 733



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Fantasy 5: 3 16 23 33 38

DAILY 3 MIDDAY: 9 6 2 EVENING: 3 7 4

DAILY DERBY: 1st: 10 Solid Gold 2nd: 04 Big Ben 3rd: 07 Eureka RACE TIME: 1:48.94

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ "That Was Easy!": (1) Several students at Texas' Carrizo Springs High School were suspended in December, and a teacher placed on leave, after a parent complained that her son had been grabbed by the shirt and stapled to a classroom wall. She said it was at least the second time that it had happened. (2) Jodi Gilbert was arrested in Jamestown, N.Y., in January and charged with domestic violence -- stapling her boyfriend in the head several times with a Stanley Hammer Tacker.

■ In November, a Taiwanese factory owner accidentally dropped 200 $1,000 bills (worth about $6,600 in U.S. dollars) into an industrial shredder, turning them into confetti. Luckily, Taiwan's Justice Ministry employs a forensic handwriting analyst who excels at jigsaw puzzles on the side. Ms. Liu Hui-fen worked almost around the clock for seven days to piece together the 75 percent of each bill sufficient to make them legally exchangeable.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1611 George Abbot is appointed Archbishop of Canterbury.

1621 Jakarta, Java is renamed Batavia.

1629 The Massachusetts Bay Colony is granted a Royal charter.

1665 English King Charles II declares war on the Netherlands marking the start of the Second Anglo-Dutch War.

1675 John Flamsteed is appointed the first Astronomer Royal of England.

1681 Charles II grants a land charter to William Penn for the area that will later become Pennsylvania.

1776 The American War of Independence: The Americans capture Dorchester Heights dominating the port of Boston, Massachusetts.

1778 The Continental Congress votes to ratify both the Treaty of Amity and Commerce and the Treaty of Alliance with France. The two treaties are the first entered into by the United States government.

WORD UP!

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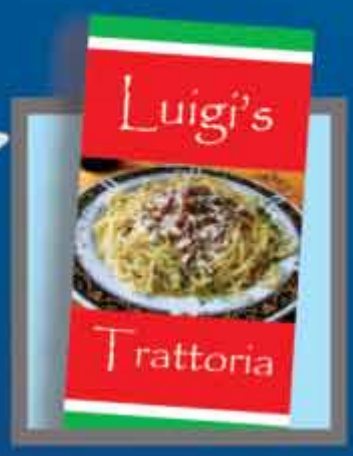
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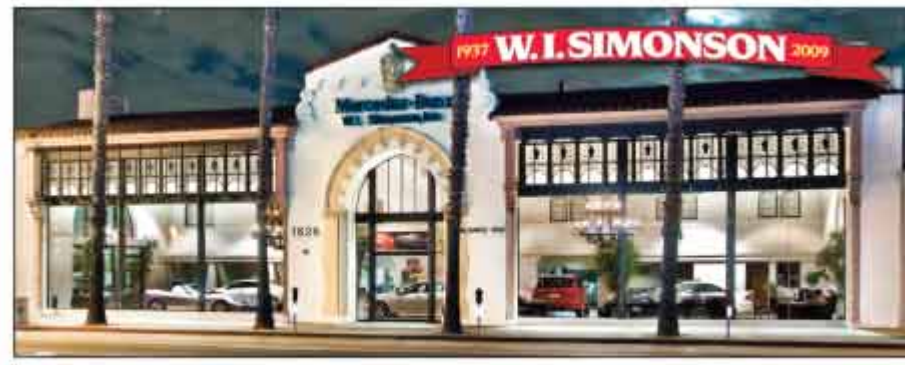
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