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BOXED OUT: **Surrounded by boxes, Betty Yamamoto, a 27-year-resident of 301 Ocean Avenue apartments, gets rid of paperwork on Friday afternoon, just days before she has to vacate her apartment. The owner of the apartments evicted all tenants in hopes of turning the landmarked building into condos. The developer is appealing the landmarks designation.**

Forced to leave after a long fight

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL It was the scene of great triumph for a group of long-time renters fighting to save their apartment from demolition, a celebration over a decision by the Landmarks Commission to historically preserve the building.

More than two months after the hearing in which the 57-year-old complex was deemed a landmark because of its association with late mayor Clo Hoover, the building today is nearly empty as just a small group of tenants remain, packing up their boxes and getting ready to leave this weekend.

While the building has been landmarked — a status that is being challenged by the developer Trammell Crow Co. — the eviction notices issued last year requiring that tenants move out by March 17 remains in place

Betty Yamamoto, a retired researcher who spent her career at the West L.A. VA, called the past 26 years living at 301 Ocean Ave. "superb," speaking fondly of a community where neighbors got along well.

She plans to leave in the next few days to live temporarily with a sister in the San Fernando Valley, hoping to find a permanent home closer to Santa Monica where she has been visiting the same doctor and bank for years.

"I go with a very heavy heart," Yamamoto said. "It's been home for all of us."

The Dallas-based developer acquired the 47-unit apartment complex in 2007 with plans to construct a 26-unit condominium project in its place, but was met with resistance by residents who lobbied officials to landmark the building. The project at one point was proposed to have a mix of three-level townhouses, duplexes, penthouse and affordable housing units.

The appeal is scheduled to be heard by

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Shriver mulling run for attorney general

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

DOWNTOWN City Councilman Bobby Shriver, who was recently re-elected to another four-year term, is considering a run for state attorney general next year.

In an interview with the Daily Press, Shriver, who is the nephew of President John F. Kennedy and the brother of California First Lady Maria Shriver, said he has had informal discussions with supporters who are urging him to become California's top cop, but he is nowhere near making a final decision.

Shriver, who was first elected to the City Council in 2004 after taking on City Hall over the heated hedge issue, said there are many factors that would play into a decision to run, most importantly his family, his wife having just given birth to a girl. Shriver said he also has some unfinished business in Santa Monica, mainly solving the homeless issue, which has been his main focus while sitting on the dais.

"There are a lot of serious issues to consider, but the fact that people are thinking of me is interesting," Shriver said Friday.

The 54-year-old Democrat, who is the son of Sargent Shriver, the driving force behind the creation of the Peace Corps and the Democratic Party's 1972 vice presidential candidate, is a relative newcomer to politics, having never been interested in following in his family's footsteps until the hedge issue sparked a desire to run for public office. Shriver spent many years as a newspaper reporter, feeling he could make more of a difference using the written word.

"But when I was elected, I was able to have influence … and realized I could use political office in the same way I used the newspaper," Shriver said.

Shriver's sister recently said that she has no plans on running for public office in

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Bella Donna
C-1 Gallery at Bergamot Station
2525 Michigan Ave., 6 p.m. — 9 p.m.
The female nude is the recurring subject of John Asaro's most recent artistic production, Bella Donna. This exhibit of 60 oil paintings celebrates the painter's emergence from three decades of depression. A portion of the proceeds garnered from the paintings and catalog sales throughout the show will support scholarships for fine art students enrolled at the Art Center College of Design. The exhibit is free. Visit www.johnasaro.com for more information.

Sunday, March 15, 2009

"And Awaaay We Go To Wonderland"
Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 Fourth St., 12:30 p.m. — 1:30 p.m.
Kids 2 to 102 take a musical journey to help save the fairy tale world, solving riddles, predicting the future, traveling through time and experiencing a mini language lesson along the way. Lots of audience participation makes this the perfect family outing. Birthday and tea parties, hosted by fairy tale characters, are available for every performance. Admission ranges from $10.50 to $12.50. Call (310) 394-9779 ext. 2 for more information.

Salsa the night away
Casa Escobar Restaurant & Bar
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Beginners and experienced salsa dancers alike are invited for a 90 minute lesson and free open dancing. The cost is $15 per person per lesson, with classes for beginners, intermediates, and advanced dancers. Call (310) 392-3493 for more information.

Monday, March 16, 2009

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Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 1 p.m. — 3 p.m.
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Tuesday, March 17, 2009

"Arctic Tale"
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Filmed over the span of 15 years, this National Geographic movie follows a polar bear cub and a walrus pup as they learn to survive in the wild. Cost is free. Call (310) 450-0443 for more information.

Town hall meeting
Santa Monica High School, South Gymnasium
601 Pico Blvd., 6 p.m. — 8 p.m.
Mayor Gavin Newsom visits Los Angeles County for his latest in a series of town hall meetings throughout California. The event is free and open to the public to share thoughts, ideas and hopes for California's future. Call (415) 516-1252 for more information.

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

Provider named for homeless services building at VA

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

WILSHIRE BLVD. More than a year-and-a-half after a trio of dormant buildings on the West L.A. Veterans Affairs campus were designated to house homeless services, a nonprofit provider has been selected to operate one of the facilities.

New York-based nonprofit Common Ground and McCormack Baron Salazar, a national developer of mixed-income urban neighborhoods, were chosen recently to rehabilitate Building 209 on the VA campus and operate therapeutic and supportive homeless housing services, according to a statement released by the VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System.

"Both organizations are nationally recognized in the areas of housing development and community revitalization," the statement read. "This project will bring much needed housing to our homeless veterans in the Los Angeles area."

A 90-day contract negotiation and execution period for an enhanced sharing agreement — the lease — is expected to commence.

Common Ground, which has no affiliation with the Santa Monica nonprofit that goes by the same name, has provided homeless supportive services and housing in New York for the past 19 years and has worked with McCormack Baron Salazar on a similar project at the Hudson Valley VA campus in Montrose, N.Y.

"It's thrilling that this world-class organization has been selected and they're working with great developers" said Santa Monica City Councilmember Bobby Shriver, a local proponent who pushed the Building 209 Homeless Housing Project, which would convert three existing facilities on the VA grounds to support homeless services.

Shriver said the organization is known for taking over dilapidated buildings in New York and rebuilding them into a mixed-use complex that includes ground floor retail, housing both market rate residents and homeless individuals.

The announcement comes more than seven months after federal officials decided to extend the terms of the building leases from 40 to 55 years, making it more feasible for service providers to overcome their biggest obstacle — securing financing.

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BAG MAN: **Andrew Carman recycles his plastic bags on Friday morning at Vons on the corner of Lincoln Boulevard and Broadway. A bill introduced in December by State Assemblywoman Julia Brownley, D-Santa Monica, would institute a 25-cent fee for every plastic or paper bag used at grocery stores, pharmacies and convencience stores starting in 2010. The money would be used to raise awareness about the dangers of single-use bags.**

Bill would charge shoppers to use plastic shopping bags

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE A quarter by itself can be used to pay for a lot of things, from parking meter time to a gumball.

It might also come in handy at the grocery store when the bagger asks, "paper or plastic?"

That's if a bill by Congresswoman Julia Brownley, D-Santa Monica, is signed into law, which would institute a 25 cent fee for all single-use bags, including both paper and plastic.

The bill — AB68 — comes at a time when City Hall is considering its own law that would impose a ban on single-use plastic carry-out bags from retail establishments and institute a "Green Fee" on paper bag distributions from grocery and convenience stores and pharmacies.

The proposed legislation, which was introduced late last year but has yet to be assigned a committee, would apply to specified supermarkets, pharmacies and convenience stores beginning in 2010, redistributing revenues collected from the fees back to the cities where they will be used toward litter clean up, prevention and outreach programs concerning pollution caused by the bags.

"Plastic bags are killing our sea life and it's blighting our beaches and I think that it's time that we make a change and rid

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Olympic is better for light rail

Editor:

When Darrell Clarke writes that other cities, like Seattle and Phoenix, have placed new light rail lines "largely on boulevard medians," he doesn't mention that Olympic Boulevard is the Expo line alternative with a wide median, built for a train line. Colorado Avenue does not have a median.

I don't want to quibble with Clarke, who has worked hard for our community on planning and transportation issues. But recently Clarke spoke to the City Council on this issue, saying that the light rail would fit just fine on Colorado, moving along with timed traffic lights at "35 miles per hour." The speed limit on Colorado is 30. It's 45 mph on Olympic.

The Expo designers had it right in their original plans: Olympic Boulevard is much better suited for light rail.

Mark Shepherd
Santa Monica

Monorail please

Editor:

Don't let the lobbies for the steel and train companies pick your transit. The Seattle Center Monorail is the only rail system in the USA that turns a profit each year. The Seattle Monorail has had over 35 million passengers since 1962. It has not had to replace a single train, post or rail due to wear or damage. It never stops for traffic and you never have to wait for it to pass. It never gets in an accident with cars. Disney has proven this for years. The most successful mass transit system in the L.A. area has always been found at Disneyland and it is called the Monorail. That's right, it's fun, whisper quiet, above ground, a joy to ride and a lot cheaper to run and build than a train. Tourists alone would pay for its operation if it connects shopping centers together.

David Alsabery
Santa Monica

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Modern Times

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Keep the paper in newspapers

THE GOOD OLD-FASHIONED AMERICAN newspaper is dropping like the proverbial fly that we used to swat with it. Recently, the Rocky Mountain News printed its final edition.

In April, the print edition of the Christian Science Monitor will no longer be published daily, the Detroit News and the Detroit Free Press have announced they will end daily home delivery in favor of their Web sites, and other newspapers are sure to follow. It's a shame.

Maybe those of the digital generation will say I'm crazy and that they can get everything from their computer that people used to get out of having a real newspaper. Oh, really? Let's see them try to housebreak a puppy by spreading their laptops all over the kitchen floor.

Over the last several years, online outlets have very successfully competed for the "eyeballs" (as they call them in digitalk) of the American news reader. Look at the Los Angeles Times. They've tried new fonts, they've combined sections, and they've canceled sections. They put things on page one that they wouldn't have put on page 61 a few years ago. They are desperate and don't know what to do.

At first, these online "newspapers" imitated real newspapers. Those in charge also saw that sensationalism worked well online, so they imitated the sensationalized tabloid as well.

Unfortunately, instead of real newspapers responding by emphasizing things that they could do that online outlets couldn't do — like hiring more reporters and doing in-depth stories — the real newspapers started imitating online news. Now it's hard to tell their content apart from that of their former imitators.

Here's what I mean: Which of the following quoted items do you think were in a prominent American newspaper and which do you think were online or in the National Enquirer? 1)"Washington Porkers." 2)"Swiss gigolo jailed in BMW heiress blackmail." 3)"Mad Cow Drug Ineffective." 4)"Daylight savings time can affect your health." 5)"Is it time to take Ashton Kutcher seriously?"

Sadly, all five were either in the Wall Street Journal, the New York Times, or the Los Angeles Times.

Both online news outlets and real newspapers serve definite needs. I'd like to see them exist side by side, just as television news and newspapers have for so many years.

This will only happen if we demand it, and if we click a little less onto the Daily Online Newsburst or whatever the latest popular digital news outlet is called. For fast-breaking stories, sports scores, and all kinds of photos, online is great.

But if I want to try to understand which religious group is in a faraway war or why the latest economic theory is just as bogus as all the others, I want a newspaper that I can hold in my hands.

So maybe that's it. Holding "the news" in your hands is a different experience from seeing it on the screen. Perhaps I'm just of a generation for whom words printed on paper mean a great deal.

HOLDING 'THE NEWS' IN YOUR HANDS IS A DIFFERENT EXPERIENCE FROM SEEING IT ON THE SCREEN. PERHAPS I'M JUST OF A GENERATION FOR WHOM WORDS PRINTED ON PAPER MEAN A GREAT DEAL.

Don't get me wrong. I'm thrilled that people read my work online. But there's a little extra joy, knowing that some people are also reading it in real newspapers.

Even if you get the same information online, it's different from having the feel, the smell, and everything else that goes with a real newspaper. Even if my hands get dirty from it sometimes, I don't want to give that up.

I know people can still read a "newspaper" on their computers at the breakfast table, on a commuter train, or maybe even in that room of the house that many people have traditionally read their newspapers in. But it's not the same.

I worry about kids, the future generation. They may never read an actual newspaper. They might never cut out articles to bring to school or pictures to put up in their rooms. As adults, they may never have the joy of enveloping themselves in a Sunday paper, spread all over their bed. And there's something else. If newspapers disappear, how are kids going to make anything out of papier-mâché?

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The Q Line

Does the House System have a home?

This past week, Q-line asked:

There is talk in the school district that the House System at Santa Monica High School may be done away with to save money. Parents recently pleaded with the Board of Education to keep a system they called important to the development of their children. Should the district retain the House System or is it time for house cleaning?

Here are your responses:

"HAVING GRADUATED FROM SCHOOL more years ago than I wish to remember, the only house we had was a red barn schoolhouse. I am finally at a loss for words due to my not understanding your Q-Line question. Are you referring to a schoolhouse, jail house, whorehouse, nut house, safe house, House of Representatives, house in foreclosure, boathouse, full house (three aces, two jacks) – I could go on all day naming various types of houses and still not understand the question."

"THEY SHOULD PICK WHICHEVER WAY will result in having the fewest administrators. We need teachers but we don't need as many administrators as they have. And that goes for pretty much any school district."

"I DON'T KNOW ABOUT A HOUSE System being installed in the Sanmalicious High School, but if they behave the same way the City Council did, they'll just put whatever they want. But yes, I suppose it's a good idea to let the House System endure. Thank you very, very much. Tra la la. Bye-bye."

"THERE IS NO DISCUSSION ABOUT disbanding the House System. The question the district is asking is whether they should reduce the number of houses since the population has reduced. Originally the plan was 500 students or fewer per house, which is how the number six was arrived at. There were 3,500 students. So, the issue is trying to figure out what's worst and what's best. But there's no one talking about getting rid of the House System. It has been very successful. Everyone is pleased."

"WELL IF YOU KNEW ANYTHING ABOUT the school district, the school district is not going to get rid of the House System. What your question should be is 'What should the system look like?' because it will be changing. But they're not going to do away with it."

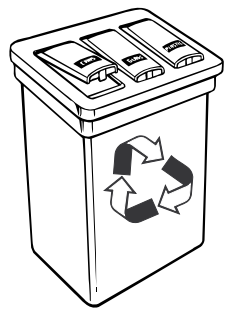
"WHY GIVE UP ALL THE HARD WORK and achievement? Former Principal Ms. Ilene Straus, who was a recipient of the best junior high school principal in the country, is responsible for implementing the House System at Samohi, in spite of the banshee wails of teachers, parents and citizens. Now they love the system but have forgotten her. There is so much financial hubris in the school district, especially the $150,000–plus salaries of administrators. Recipients of taxpayer largess never cut their salaries or of their other educator brethren. Get outside auditors to find ways to cut overpriced programs and people, not a proven educational system. Maybe Ms. Straus could help form a House System for the school district elites and fill the $4 million self-inflicted stupidity."

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Fixing some festive family treats

WHEN PEOPLE MEET ME, THEY OFTEN assume, because of my red hair, that I'm Irish. I usually let them know that I am not Irish, but Scottish. "What's the difference?" they always say. Well, to my Scottish grandfather, Archie MacMillan, there's a difference because he emigrated from Scotland, not Ireland, in 1921.

My grandfather was a "wee lad," as he would call himself, when he arrived in America. So by the time I came into his life, he no longer had that iconic Scottish brogue. But my great grandmother, whom I was fortunate enough to know as a child, did, so when I hear someone speak with a brogue today, it gives me a warm feeling.

I loved visiting my great grandmother when I was a wee lass myself. We would have tea with milk and sugar to sip with our scones. I was so inspired by this event that the first thing I learned to make was our traditional Scottish scones.

As a child, my grandfather also introduced me to the rich taste of lamb. Although I follow a mainly vegetarian diet today, I still appreciate the distinct aroma of lamb. The smell of lamb brings back fond memories, and smell is the closest link to memory.

The Irish also enjoy lamb in some of their traditional recipes. Irish stew is in fact made with mutton-lamb that is more than one year old. If the lamb were butchered within the first year, the meat simply is called lamb.

According to historians, Irish stew was created as a way to camouflage meat. When the taxman came to collect taxes, families that wanted a "tax break" would have this traditional stew on their stove made with onions, parsley, potatoes and mutton. Something to think about with tax season here!

Although the mutton might be hidden visually, I can't imagine that its aroma could be so easily masked. Anyone who has enjoyed lamb is familiar with its distinct fragrance.

Today, some Irish stew recipes also include carrots, leeks, parsnips and turnips. We had parsnips and turnips at our traditional family meals but my grandfather would mash them up and add rich creamy butter, salt and pepper and call them "bashed neeps."

That name always made me giggle, especially when my grandfather said it. He was such a lively man. I remember him always in the kitchen cooking up a storm and singing his made-up songs.

To make some memories of your own, please enjoy these traditional Celtic recipes. You can add clover to your stew for some extra "Luck O' the Irish" or at the very least use clover honey in your tea with almond milk. I've changed some ingredients, but the memories live on.

Scottish Scones

2 cups Scottish oats
2 cups whole wheat pastry flour or combination of brown rice and millet flour
3/4 cup dry sweetener (sucanat or maple sugar in place of white sugar)
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
1 tablespoon baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon sea salt
3/4 cup organic butter
3/4 cup almond milk or organic milk
1 cup raisins or any chopped dried fruit

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Mix dry ingredients except for one cup of oats. Cut in the butter until crumbly, then add remaining one cup of oats and dried fruit. Add milk. Mix gently with folding strokes until thoroughly combined. Let dough absorb liquid. Shape into a bar, four inches wide and two inches thick. Use a chef's knife to divide the bar in half, then half again, so you have four sections. Then slice across like you're cutting a sandwich. Brush with milk. Dust with cinnamon and sugar. Bake 15-20 minutes. Enjoy with tea.

Irish Stew

8 ounces mutton or tempeh as a vegan substitute
1 medium onion, rough chop
Buy organic vegetables. Wash, scrub and peel all of the vegetables but save the peelings for stock
2 potatoes, chopped into large pieces
2 turnips, chopped
2 parsnips, chopped
3 carrots, chopped
1 bunch leeks, white part cut in half and sliced into thin half moons
1 sprig fresh rosemary
2 bay leaves
2 sprigs fresh thyme
1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley for garnish
1/2 head green cabbage, steam sauté in your mineral rich vegetable broth

Wash vegetables in a clean sink filled using a solution of 1/4 white vinegar to 3/4 cool water. Peel and chop the vegetables. Throw all of the clean peels into a large pot. Fill with water. Cover with a lid. Bring to a boil and simmer for 30 minutes. Drain stock. Preserve liquid. Brown mutton or tempeh in stock. Add vegetables and brown. Add herbs and stir. Add broth and simmer 30 minutes. Serve on a bed of steamed cabbage. Garnish with parsley.

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Low, moist heat tenderizes cheap, tough meats

BY JIM ROMANOFF
Special to the Daily Press

A budget dinner doesn't have to come at the expense of rich flavors.

Chuck blade steaks, for example, need just a bit of extra love (and time) to be transformed into a tender, tasty and richly seasoned meal, all for about $1.50 per serving.

Cut from the muscular and often tough chuck or shoulder, these affordable steaks do best with a moist-heat cooking method, such as braising, which helps tenderize them. This chuck steak goulash — a simplified version of the Hungarian classic — provides that.

Chuck Steak Goulash

Start to finish: 1 hour 10 minutes (25 minutes active)
Servings: 4
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
1 pound boneless chuck blade steaks, trimmed of fat
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 tablespoon butter
2 medium yellow onions, thinly sliced (2 cups)
2 tablespoons sweet paprika
1 teaspoon caraway seeds
14-ounce can beef broth
Salt, to taste
2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley (optional)

In a small bowl, combine the flour and pepper. Dredge the steaks through the flour mixture until well coated. In a large skillet over medium, heat the olive oil. Add the steaks and cook until well browned on both sides, about 4 minutes per side.

Transfer the steaks to a plate and set aside. Melt the butter in the skillet. Add the onions and saute until are well browned, about 10 minutes. Stir in the paprika and caraway seeds and cook for 1 minute longer. Stir in the beef broth. Return the steaks to the skillet and cover the pan tightly. Reduce the heat to maintain a gentle simmer and cook until the steaks are quite tender and the sauce is thickened, 45 to 55 minutes. Season with salt and stir in parsley, if using. Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 316 calories; 171 calories from fat; 19 g fat (7 g saturated; 1 g trans fats); 82 mg cholesterol; 10 g carbohydrate; 25 g protein; 1 g fiber; 428 mg sodium.

The key to success is to simmer the steaks gently. Cook the steaks at too high a temperature and the meat gets even tougher.

Like a great stew, this savory, onion-rich goulash improves after a day or two in the refrigerator, making for great leftovers. To stretch the dish a bit further, serve over a heap of buttered egg noodles.



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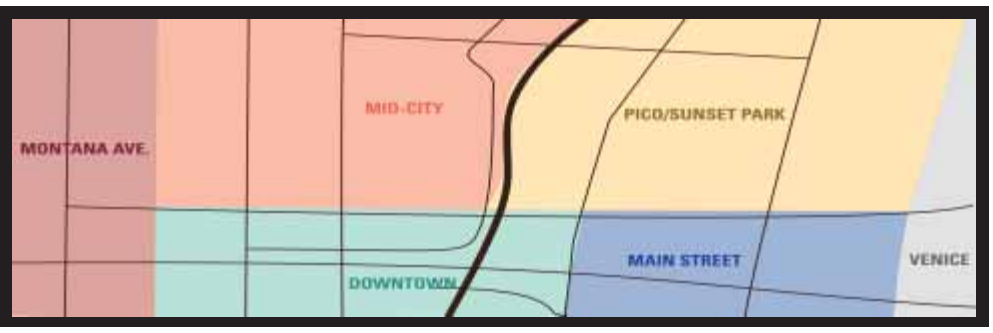
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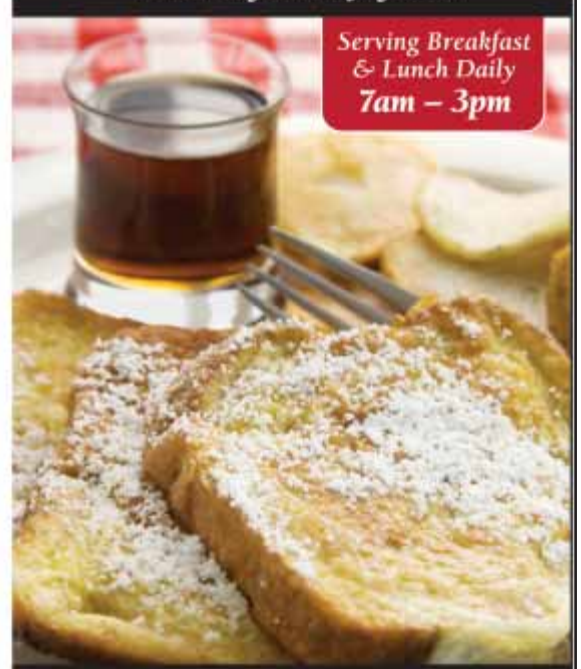
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2010. The Democrat said she is too much of a free spirit to be tied to a desk job.

"I'm not really comfortable in the office. I'm too much of a free spirit," she said in an interview with The Associated Press. "I'm trying to use my entire life experience from being in a public family, my experience as a reporter, and everything else in the work I'm doing right now."

Harvey Englander, a Democratic political strategist who managed both of Shriver's successful runs for council, said the Yale Law School graduate has the qualifications to serve as attorney general.

"He is creative when it comes to solving problems," Englander said. "He's a strategic thinker and completely independent. He's very practical, concerned about the environment, but also about jobs and business, so I think he would be a very formidable candidate and a very formidable attorney general."

Current Attorney General Jerry Brown, a Democrat and former governor who ran for president against Shriver's uncle Ted Kennedy in 1980, is widely expected to run for governor in 2010. If Brown does not, that could make a big difference in whether or not Shriver runs given that it is much more difficult to unseat an incumbent, said Bob Stern, president of the Center for Governmental Studies.

"It's really all speculation at this point," Stern said. "But (Shriver) is well known."

In addition to being a member of the Kennedy dynasty, Shriver has made a name for himself as the co-creator of the (RED) campaign with U2 frontman Bono, which helps raise money to fight disease in Africa.

One potential opponent is Los Angeles City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo, who was defeated by Brown three years ago. Delgadillo has already filed papers with the secretary of state that allow him to begin fundraising. Delgadillo faced some controversy two years ago when he admitted his wife was driving his city car with a suspended license when she got into an accident in 2004. The SUV was repaired at city expense. He repaid the city $1,222 in 2007 when the incident became public.

In August, The Los Angeles Times reported that federal authorities were investigating Delgadillo and his wife, seeking information about her consulting business and whether she paid all taxes on its income.



SHRIVER

He has also recently faced criticism for a 2006 settlement he negotiated with billboard companies that allowed 840 billboards to be "modernized" and upgraded to digital displays.

But Delgadillo also has won some victories lately. Earlier this month, a Superior Court judge ruled that he could seek to recover $5 million from a street gang that has long held a monopoly on the downtown heroin trade.

Others rumored to be interested in the job are San Francisco District Attorney Kamala Harris and Republican Assemblyman Chuck DeVore, who is also considering taking on U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer.

Some of Shriver's colleagues on the council said they were not surprised that he is considering a run for higher office.

"He did mention to me before that he might one day consider running for a statewide office," said Councilman Bob Holbrook.

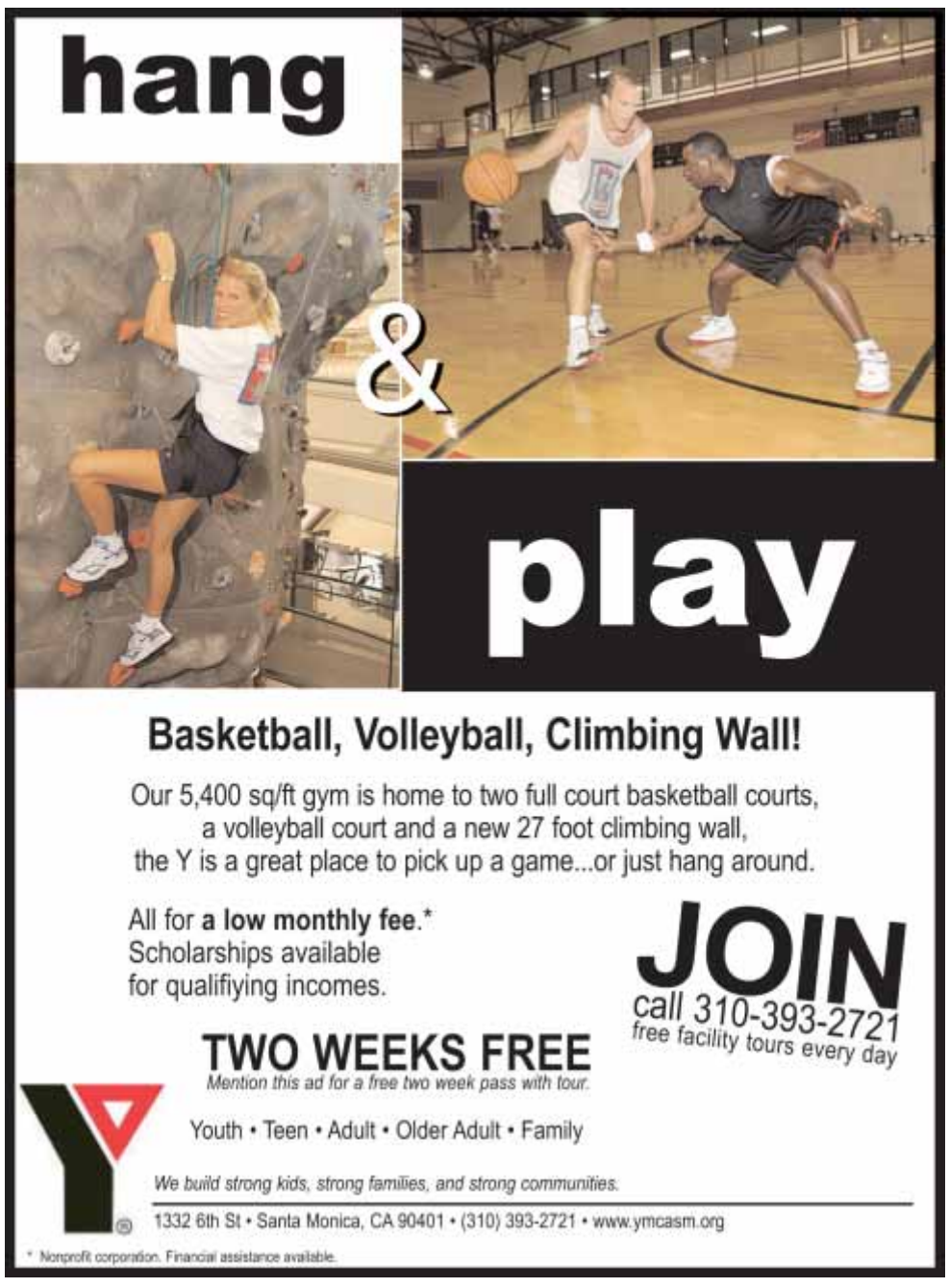
Councilman Richard Bloom said it is only natural for those who enjoy serving the public to consider taking on more responsibility and have a greater chance of making change.

"I think Bobby would bring a lot to the table, but I don't know what candidate mix is out there," Bloom said, pointing out that it would be much more difficult to run against an incumbent.

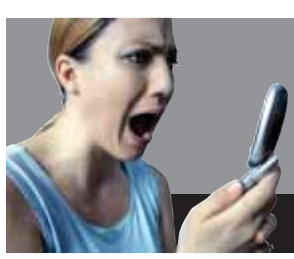
Shriver is seen as an independent on the council, having personally funded the majority of his campaigns for office. He and Holbrook are the only two members of the council not endorsed by Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights, Santa Monica's leading political party.

Whether or not Shriver does decide to run, he has friends in high places, including his brother-in-law, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

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City Hall to conduct environmental assessment on plastic bags ban

FROM BILL PAGE 3

ourselves of plastic bags," Brownley said.

Brownley said she set the fee at a quarter to make the law more effective in deterring customers from continuing to use plastic bags. A similar law in Ireland where the bag fee is the equivalent of 33 U.S. cents has led to a more than 90 percent drop in plastic bag litter.

AB68, which is sponsored by Heal the Bay, is just one of several active state bills related to plastic bag usage, including a proposed legislation that would prohibit local governments from adopting a ban.

Brownley estimates that the bill will save taxpayers more than $25 million a year that is spent annually to clean up plastic bags that end up in landfills and in the ocean.

The bill would allow retailers to keep a portion of the fee to offset assessment costs. Low-income customers who participate in government assistance programs like WIC or food stamps will be exempt from the fee.

The bill is not expected to prevent local governments such as Santa Monica from adopting a ban, though it would not allow any municipalities to raise the fee higher than 25 cents.

Local officials are keeping a close eye on the various plastic bags bill circulating in the state capital.

City Hall is getting ready to find a firm that would conduct an environmental impact assessment on its plastic bags ordinance, hoping to avoid a lawsuit that has been threatened by a group called SaveThePlasticBag.com.

The group, which is made up of different businesses, sent a letter to City Hall in January just days before the City Council was scheduled to consider the ordinance, warning that it would file a lawsuit that would force an Environmental Impact Report on the proposed prohibition. Similar suits have been filed against Manhattan Beach and Los Angeles County for its voluntary program to encourage grocers to curb the use of plastic bags, setting benchmarks that have to be met in order to prevent a ban from being instituted.

The coalition claims that plastic bags have a less environmental impact than paper bags, which would still be permitted in the city. It also argues that banning the bags would lead to the loss of more than 4,000 American jobs at manufacturing plants, adding that many of the cloth reusable sacks used at stores like Trader Joe's is produced in China, which leads to another set of environmental impacts involving fuel and energy used to ship the products to the United States.

Dean Kubani, who heads the Office of Sustainability and the Environment at City Hall, said he is considering asking other cities that are mulling similar laws to help fund the EIR, which is estimated to cost around $100,000.

"Because there are a number of cities that are wanting to adopt similar ordinances to the one we drafted, it doesn't make sense to have everyone do the same EIR," he said.

The ordinance is not expected to return to the council for at least another six months.

Kubani said he believes that Brownley's bill could be effective because it is being addressed on a state level rather than by individual cities.

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"Overall statewide we have a significant reduction in single-use plastic bags and paper bags and this would help get people everywhere, including Santa Monica, to bring their own bags to the store," Kubani said.

Stephen Josephs, an attorney representing SaveThePlasticBag.com, said the organization is concerned about the legislation from an "environmental truth point of view."

"As a matter of principal, what we are concerned about is people simply making assumptions and believing what they read on the Internet and not asking questions and that is not right," he said. "This needs to be looked at seriously and not in a superficial way as it has been made by many officials in the past, including those in various California cities and counties."

Environmental activists against the use of plastic bags said the bill was a step in the right direction, but didn't go far enough to address the problem.

Megan Kilroy, a junior at Santa Monica High School and member of the Heal the Bay Surfrider Club and Team Marine, called the bill a "Band-Aid."

Students like Kilroy have been outspoken in the plastic bags issue and have lobbied the council to move forward with the ban.

"What we really need is the permanent solution to ban these bags because the environment is hurting," she said.

Local shoppers seemed generally supportive of regulations concerning plastic bags.

"If it was better environmentally, I would support a ban," Nancy Novo said during a recent shopping outing in Santa Monica. "I think it's important that they advertise and communicate with people about this.

"It's been a standard item for so long."

Peter Tang, another shopper, said he would prefer to have a choice to use plastic bags, adding that he reuses them at home.

"There should be some kind of incentive program to use reusable bags, something to ease the transition," he said.

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VA facility to provide therapeutic and supportive homeless services

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Concerns with financing arose in early 2008 when new legislation banning future commercial development on the VA, as well as enhanced-use leases, was enacted, shortening the terms to 40 years.

The facility is expected to accommodate anywhere from 60 to 70 people at any given time.

Common Ground has worked with Los Angeles County officials on their Project 50 program, which aims to house the 50 most vulnerable homeless individuals on the streets of Skid Row. Santa Monica City Hall also partnered with Common Ground to create a detailed registry of the most vulnerable.

"We were not part of the selection of the nonprofit but our experience with Common Ground has been excellent." Flora Gil Krisiloff, the Westside senior field deputy for Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky's office, said. Yaroslavsky's district includes Santa Monica.

Shriver said he expects Building 205 will be the next to come online with a provider, followed by Building 208.

"We have to find out if (Building 209) is financable," he said. "If that's OK, then Building 205 will come right away."

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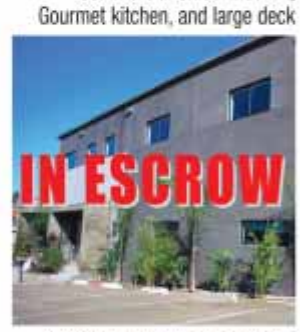
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Developer appeals landmark designation

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the City Council on April 28.

The Landmarks Commission in a close 4-3 vote decided to designate the building based on just one of six criteria for structures to be named as landmarks, meeting the bare minimum requirement. The building became the first in the city to be deemed a landmark solely because of its association with a historic person.

"There was one commissioner in the majority who was clearly torn so even with the commission it was a close call so we're hopeful that the City Council will reconsider the commission vote and render a decision," said Chris Harding, an attorney representing the developer.

Both city staff and consultant PCR Services Corp., which conducted its own assessment, advised the commission against designating the building, believing it did not qualify for landmark status.

"Although the subject property is directly connected to Clo Hoover as her primary residence, the property is not historically associated with her productive life as a civil servant," the city staff report said.

The building was constructed in three phases from 1952 to 1958 following Clo and Chester Hoovers' move from Kentucky to the West Coast, serving as both their primary residence and source of income for the couple. Hoover, who died in 1997, was the first female mayor and helped lead the fight against demolition of the Santa Monica and Newcomb Piers in opposition to the construction of an island in the Santa Monica Bay.

"This is the first time the city has ever landmarked a property solely based upon criterion 3 ... and we do not believe that the best way or appropriate way to recognize Clo Hoover's service to the community is landmarking an apartment building where she lived," Harding said.

He added there are alternative ways of recognizing Hoover's impact on the community, pointing out other memorials, including the Ken Edwards Center and Christine Emerson Reed Park, both of which were named after late councilmembers.

Among the remaining tenants are couple Ty Wapato and Dish Taylor who have lived in a second-floor unit that looks out onto the Pacific Ocean for about 18 years.

They plan to move just a few blocks up on San Vicente Boulevard.

"We actually didn't start looking until two weeks ago," Wapato said. "We were hoping that something was going to change."

There was some belief among residents that the developer might not proceed with the eviction once the building was landmarked, Wapato said, adding he received a letter earlier this month reaffirming the move-out date.

"This isn't just an apartment," he said. "This is home."

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Playing it safe

BY CINDY BAILEY
Special to the Daily Press

CITYWIDE Springtime brings kids outside to parks, backyards and the beach. Fun activities like skateboarding, biking, running, jumping and the usual accidental falls can unfortunately lead to injuries such as bruises, scrapes, sprains and fractures.

Proper safety equipment and environment are key factors in preventing injuries. Children should always start out slowly and gradually increase their activity as they start a new sport and parents should pre-plan activities and duration to slowly build up the child's endurance.

Too much exercise too soon can often lead to strains and tendonitis problems. If parents and children are anticipating a sport beginning in a month or two, they should start light training as soon as possible.

When a small injury or pain does occur, it should be treated with lots of rest and ice packs should be applied for approximately 5-10 minutes.

If swelling is present, light compression and elevation should also be added to the treatment as well as an over-the-counter anti-inflammatory approved by the child's pediatrician.

However, if the symptoms persist for more than several days, see a physician immediately. The child may also wear a "knee strap" or a neoprene sleeve to help reduce the pain during activity.

A common type of injury is tenderness at the front of the knee at the top of the shinbone known as "Osgood-Schlatter's," also referred to as jumper's knee.

Young teenagers, particularly boys, are often most affected. It is common in teenagers who play a lot of sports involving kicking, running or jumping. These kinds of sports cause repeated and vigorous use of the quadricep muscles.

The main symptom is pain just below the kneecap and is usually worse during and after activity, but tends to ease with rest. Pain typically lasts a few months and sometimes persists until the child has finished growing. A child with these symptoms should be examined to assure the growth plate in this area is not involved.

Kids usually don't need to stop the sport entirely, but may want to ease off strenuous or vigorous activities until the pain eases to a tolerable level. Let the pain be the guide and play sports only to a bearable level of pain and avoid heavy sport activities if the pain is intense.

Some children may not alert their parents or coach about an injury or pain.

If adults are familiar with supervising children they can usually spot an injury by observing that the child is not moving in their usual way.

Watching a child at play, during sports games or at home, is the best way to detect an injury they may try to hide. Often kids don't want to admit to an injury, as they don't want to give up any play time!

CINDY BAILEY is a physical therapist, director of physical therapy at Los Angeles Orthopaedic Hospital (LAOH) and is the administrator of the LAOH Sports Care Outreach & Education program. LAOH will soon be opening an outpatient clinic in Santa Monica for the treatment of all forms of pediatric orthopaedic injuries and illnesses .The clinic will be located at 1530 Arizona St. Visit www.orthohospital.org for more information.

New bicycle helmets promise better fit

BY MICHELLE LOCKE
Associated Press Writer

BERKELEY, Calif. Just about every parent who's buckled a bicycle helmet onto a squirming kid's head has wondered: Is this on right? A new self-adjusting helmet aims to solve that dilemma.

"If you drive by any school you can find false fits all over the place," said Candi Whitsel, vice president of Santa Cruz-based Bell Sports, which launched its new True Fit helmets, Monday. "It's a really serious problem that we said we need to come up with a solution for and that's how True Fit came to be."

The new design was inspired by research, funded partly by Bell, conducted in 2003 by the nonprofit group Safe Kids Worldwide, which among other things promotes bike safety. Researchers found that more than half of children surveyed at sites such as playgrounds and bike paths in 46 states and the District of Columbia weren't wearing a helmet at all. Of those who were, more than a third had some sort of a fit problem, including helmets worn too loose or sitting too far forward or back.

The new helmets come with a band in the back that fits over the occipital lobe (the bumpy part in the back of the head) and is elasticized so it adjusts. According to the manufacturer, that makes for a snugger, more correct fit.

Meanwhile, the triangle-shaped webbing at the sides that connects to the chin strap is fixed, not adjustable as in the past, which is intended to cut down on the amount of consumer effort involved. The only adjustment that needs to be made is the length of the chin strap.

The helmets come in four sizes, toddler, child, youth and adult, cost between $17 and $26 and are available at stores including Wal-Mart, Target and Toys R Us.

Since the helmets are new, there aren't data available on their real-world performance.

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But Alan Korn, director of public policy for Safe Kids, said he's pleased to see the move toward an easier-to-wear model.

About 135 children die in bicycle crashes annually and another 267,000 are injured, Korn said. Scrapes and even broken bones generally heal, but if someone falls off without a helmet or a poorly fitted one that leaves the forehead or back of the head exposed, there's the potential for serious head injury that may not heal, he said.

"Anything that makes it easier for a parent or a child to put on or use a safety device all the time is a worthwhile effort," he said. "These are preventable injuries."

Fit is "the next frontier in helmet safety," agreed Randy Swart, director of the Bicycle Helmet Safety Institute based in Arlington, Va. Swart has not seen the True Fit helmets so could not comment on whether they're an improvement.

"We've been asking manufacturers for years to give us a self-fitting system," he said. "If this turns out to be that, then it will be a welcome development."

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Can yoga make you taller?

I RECENTLY HAD A PHYSICAL AND HAD all the usual things checked — cholesterol, weight, blood pressure and height. My weight has been pretty consistent, give or take a few pounds. I think I stopped growing by my senior year of high school and plateau at 5 feet 2 inches. I was shocked when I was told I was 5 feet, 2 inches and a half. I asked him if he was sure and he said yes. I was thrilled to learn that I grew half an inch! I have definitely been feeling like my posture is better due to all the yoga I have been regularly doing, but I am still in shock that it has actually made me taller!

Technically yoga did not really make me grow. It just helped me with my posture and therefore had a similar effect.

I did not start doing yoga regularly until about two years ago. I fractured my back when I had my bicycle accident three-and-a-half years ago and it has helped tremendously. I have been a strong advocate of yoga for all ages ever since.

Yoga has become more popular in schools and is now being offered as a physical education option. Locally, Santa Monica High School teacher Jenna Gasparino teaches yoga and this past year there were several more classes added due to its popularity.

Pat Welsh, a golf instructor who teaches for Total Golf Adventures has been practicing yoga since 1973 before many people even knew what it was. He was living in London at the time and out of boredom he and some friends bought a book and started learning yoga. Now in his early 60s, he still starts his day with yoga.

"It definitely has helped me stay healthy, injury free and improved my golf game," Welsh said.

He tries to encourage the kids to do some stretching and basic yoga each time they play.

I decided to interview a number of teens to see how yoga has impacted their lives. Here is what they came back with:

"Yoga makes me feel more alive and it clears me up. Yoga calms my mind down from stressors. I go at least once a week, whenever I can and started when I joined my school's yoga class after volleyball season."

Scott Tamaki — Junior, Samohi

"Yoga heals pain and I love the feeling that is so sensational and pure. Yoga has definitely helped me. I feel stronger and more comfortable in general. I also have something to motivate me to get out of the house. Recently I have had yoga once a week, the problem is finding a time to focus and really connect. College life is hectic but as soon as finals are over I plan on it being a daily thing. I started yoga my junior year of high school."

Sarah Michael Nagata — Santa Monica College

"Yoga helps calm me. I feel very relaxed after I do yoga. I feel that yoga has helped me a lot. I do Yoga two or three times a week, but I try to do it as much as possible. I doing yoga started last year."

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Trianna Garcia — Sophomore, Samohi.

Yoga has many benefits of which include:

- If you are young and still growing, regular yoga practice and a good diet will help you reach your full height
- Strength
- Flexibility
- Relaxation — more focus in class
- Stress management
- Healthy body image
- Curiosity — provides confidence to take risks

High School athletes can also benefit from yoga as it helps stretch and prevent injury from overused muscles as is common in athletes. We encourage everyone to practice some sort of yoga or stretching routine. Especially as finals roll around it is a great way to keep the stress at bay!

KAREN JASHINSKY is the founder of O2 MAX, a fitness network for teens that teaches them how to integrate fitness and nutrition into their day-to-day lives while preventing injuries and empowering teens to lead healthy and fit lifestyles. The O2 MAX training studio is based in Santa Monica. To receive her newsletter or contact her she can be reached at info@o2maxfitnes.com, or through her Web site and blog at www.o2maxfitness.com.

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NEW DVD RELEASES

BY RANDY WILLIAMS



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'Miracle at St. Anna'

Spike Lee directs this WWII drama revolving around an African-American platoon being used by their white commanding officers as bait for Nazis in Italy. Adapted by James McBride from his own novel, the picture's focus is racism, showing the courage and brotherhood of the deeds of the all-black 92nd infantry division, the Buffalo Soldiers. (Touchstone/Disney)

'Friday the 13th' Uncut Deluxe Edition

Jason Voorhees, that unstoppable bad guy that spawned 11 sequels, is presented here in high definition gore. Ignoring warnings from the locals, a new owner and several young counselors gather to re-open Camp Crystal Lake. One by one they learn how unlucky Friday the 13th can be. There's enough special features to fill a cemetery. Fresh Cuts: New Tales from Friday the 13th, a Friday the 13th Reunion, Lost Tales from Camp Blood-Part 1 and assorted commentary. (Paramount)

'Surfer, Dude'

Mathew McConaughey stars as soulful longboard surfer Steve Addington who returns to Malibu for the summer to find his cool hometown vibe corrupted. His manager (Woody Harrelson) informs him that sponsorship pressures demand Addington expand into virtual reality video games and reality television. Unwilling to participate in digital reality, he chooses to spend his summer surfing his home break. However, in a twist-of-fate, the waves go flat. Out of money, his expense accounts canceled, and no surf action, Steve is tested like never before. Waves of extras include the complete 12-webisode series. (Anchor Bay)

Abbott & Costello: The Complete Universal Movie Collection

Produced at the height of their popularity (early '40s), one of Hollywood's most popular comedy duos have their best movies from Universal on display in a clever "steamer trunk" package. The 15-disc, 28 title set includes: "Buck Privates," "One Night in the Tropics," "Pardon My Sarong," "A&C in the Navy," "A&C Meet The Mummy," and "Naughty Nineties"(featuring their famous "Who's On First?" routine). Extra materials include: Abbott and Costello Meet Jerry Seinfeld, Bud Abbott and Lou Costello Meet the Monsters and The World of Abbott and Costello – A compilation of clips from 19 Abbott and Costello features. (Universal)

'MI-5 Volume 6'

The acclaimed television series (winner of the UK Emmy-equivalent, BAFTA) features the latest missions of Great Britain's elite counter-terrorism unit. The British version of the FBI, the stories revolve around terrorists, global cover-ups, and dangerous double-agents. This political espionage series, a cross between "24" and "The West Wing," with its current storylines, is one of the better spy shows in a long time. Bonus material features a video diary, cast interviews, audio commentary and a look behind-the-scenes. The five-disc set includes all 10 episodes. (BBC)

'Cracker: The Complete Collection'

Robbie Coltrane ("Harry Potter," "Golden Eye") stars in one of Britain's most acclaimed crime dramas as the brash, brilliant and compulsive forensic psychologist Dr. Edward "Fitz" Fitzgerald. A genius at quickly unraveling the twisted minds of psychopaths, at the same time his arrogance and sarcasm test the limits of his colleagues and his boozing and gambling ways don't make for an optimum family life. Nearly two dozen hours of programming, include 11 mysteries on 10 discs covering all three seasons (1993-95), two stand-alone movies (1996/2006) and a retrospective documentary. (Acorn Media)

'The Story of India'

Exploring one of the world's most compelling and diverse nations, this geographical-biographical look at the subcontinent is an amazing adventure. Spread out over two discs, host Michael Wood covers a huge area in terms of physical and historical range presenting some brilliant sights, the long and dramatic history and fine achievements of the world's oldest and one of the most influential civilizations. (PBS/BBC)

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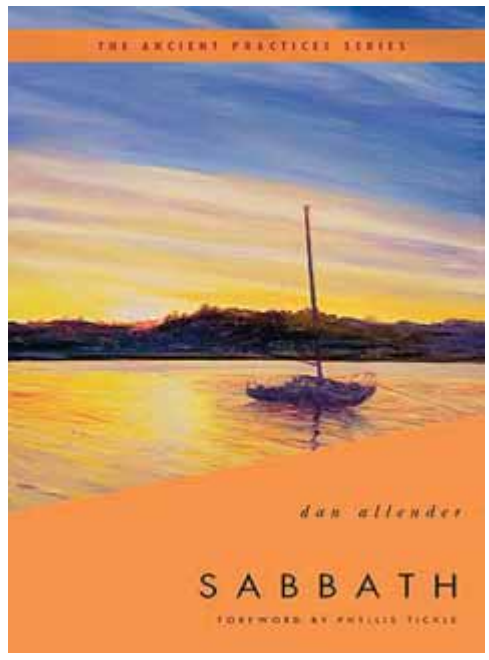
BOOKREVIEW

BY DANE ROBERT SWANSON



‘Sabbath’

Dan B. Allender • Thomas Nelson



There are seven days in a week. One of these days, according to the holy Bible account, is meant for rest. Most of us don’t really know what rest is. We may have some idea of ceasing from work we do the other five to six days, but we don’t really know rest.

Dan. B. Allender presents to the reader a paradigm to consider.

The book is part of the Ancient Practice Series put out by Thomas Nelson. The series follows seven basic practices of the early church. When completed this series will cover: Tithing, Prayer, Fasting, Seeking God, The Lord’s Table, The Liturgical Year, The Pilgrimage. This book on the Sabbath is the fourth in the series.

There is a good discussion of time. “Time is sure and solid and we have no control over it,” notes Allender. It was Augustine who stated “The present doesn’t exist. There is only the past and the future. The past is entered by memory and is spent, gone, and mostly regretted. The future cannot be known or remembered. Therefore, its uncertainty causes us worry.”

We all need rest. Life is work to most of us. “We live in a time-troubled era. We often indulged in overwork and end up overwhelmed and exhausted.”

Studies have been done. “Studies tell us that 37 percent of Americans take fewer than seven days off per year. Only 14 percent take vacations of two weeks or longer,” Marilyn Gardner in the “Christian Science Monitor” has observed.

David Whyte in his book, “Crossing the Unknown Sea: Work as a Pilgrimage of Identity,” has stated, “We speak continually of saving time, but time in its richness is most often lost to us when we are busy without relief.”

“The Sabbath remembers creation and anticipates re-creation,” Allender says.

Allender presents a paradigm where the Sabbath is a day of joy and play. He sets before us a blueprint that we can adopt. “The Sabbath is the day to experiment with beauty that teases your hunger to know more glory,” he suggests.

“Joy is lighter than sorrow and escapes our grasp with a fairylike, ephemeral adieu,” he says. “One calls us to action and the other to grace.”

The problem is that we don’t know what to do with joy when we find it. This book suggests we can regain it. “We can only receive it and allow it to simmer, settle, and then in due season, depart; leaving us alive and happy but desiring to hold on to what can’t be grasped or controlled.”

There is a forward by Phyllis Tickle, the general editor of the series. Dan B. Allender is a therapist in private practice and also the founder of Mars Hill Graduate School. He is married and has three children.

This book is a must have for our shelves if we desire to understand rest. It should be available at your local bookstore or by ordering from www.thomasnelson.com.

What better way to rest than to read a book. It doesn’t matter what genre you read. Reading expands the mind and motivates the inner person to action. If you need any help in this area the best looking book reviewer in Santa Monica will be glad to help you. Contact him at smdp_review@yahoo.com and allow him to suggest some guidelines.

McShane rules in the title role of NBC’s ‘Kings’

BY MICHAEL CIDONI
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES Ian McShane rules.

Perhaps best known as the shady but magisterial town boss Al Swearengen on HBO’s bygone “Deadwood,” this Golden Globe-winning actor is now expanding his domain with “Kings.”

On this NBC drama, which premieres Sunday, he plays top dog in the mythical, modern land of Gilboa.

The show is inspired by the biblical Book of David and its story of David and Goliath. But while the story serves as an allegory for today’s political realities, McShane declines to reveal any politicians or countries on which “Kings” might be commenting.

“What do we say? ‘No names, no pack drill.’ We won’t talk about anyone in particular,” he says. “But it comes at an interesting time, I think — when we have a whole new-world order being put in place. This is what ‘Kings’ is about. ... I think the show has come along at a good time, when people want to see some of those big themes back on television.”

McShane, of course, plays the king, whose rule, after 20 years, is under siege.

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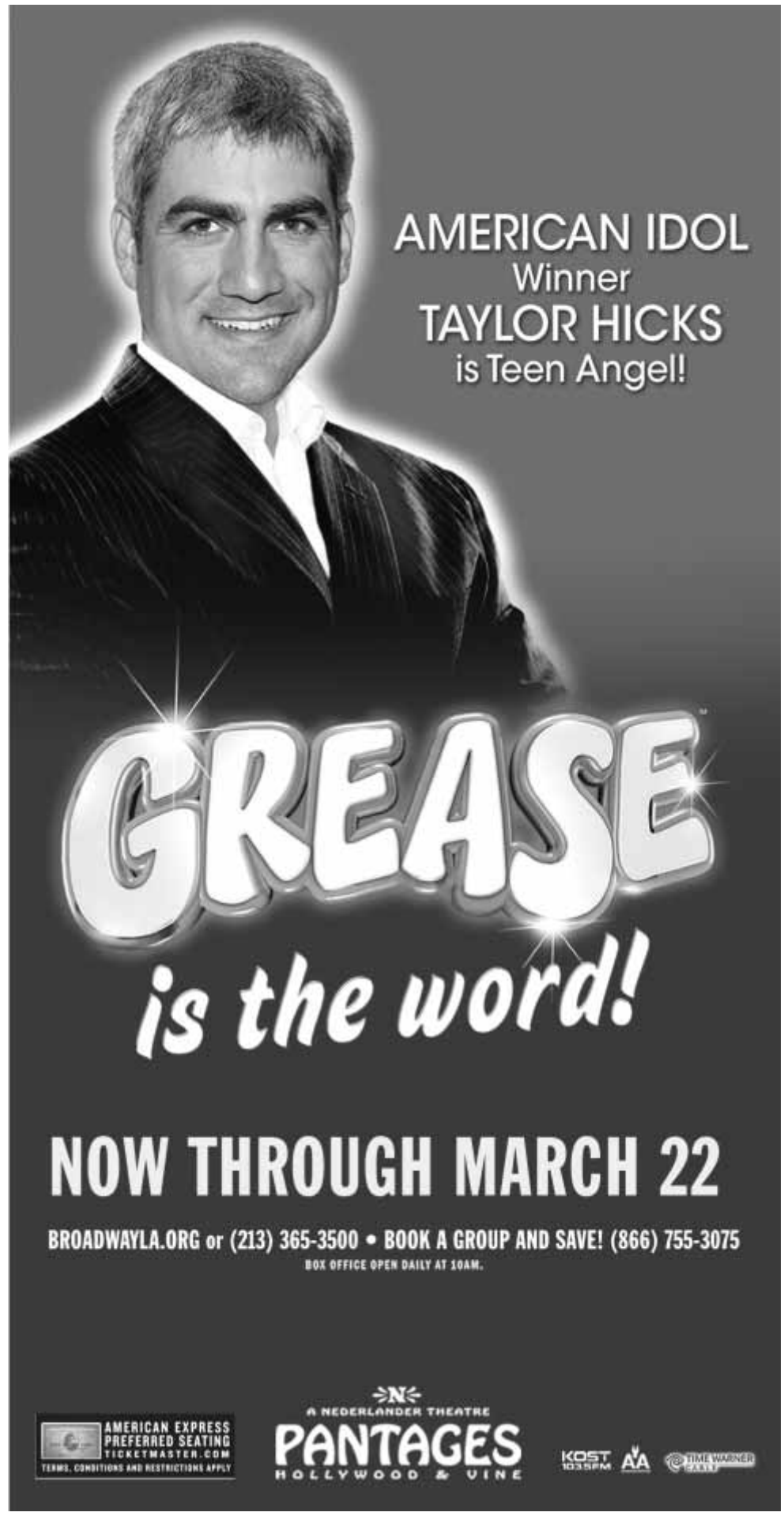

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UPDATE OF THE ACTION PLAN TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS IN SANTA MONICA AND ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE CITY'S PLAN FOR HOMELESS SERVICES

The City Council of the City of Santa Monica will hold a public hearing pursuant to Municipal Code Section 2.69.030 to receive public comment on the Annual Review of the City's Plan for Homeless Services for FY 2007-08, receive a progress update on implementation of year one of the City's Action Plan to Address Homelessness and consider updates to the Action Plan. The City's Plan for Homeless Services for FY2007-08 reports on the performance of the homeless service system. Updates to the Action Plan build on current Plan elements and year one accomplishments. Copies of the Annual Review of the City's Plan for Homeless Services for FY 2007-08 and updates to the Action Plan for Addressing Homelessness in Santa Monica are now available to the public on the web at smgov.net, or you may contact the Human Services Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401, telephone (310) 458-8701; TDD (310) 458-8696.

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Teachers seeing red over mass pink slips

BY LISA LEFF
Associated Press Writer

SAN JOSE In a spring rite that has become as predictable as cherry blossoms in the nation's capital, public school employees throughout California warned of wrenching classroom cuts Friday as local officials faced a deadline for issuing layoff notices to educators.

The state Department of Education estimates that preliminary pink slips will have been handed to 26,500 teachers by the Sunday cutoff — two-and-a-half times as many as were issued last year. Another 15,000 bus drivers, janitors, secretaries and administrators also were expected to receive the written warnings, said Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell.

Because of the state's less-than-rosy economic outlook, California's 1,000 K-12 school districts have been instructed to absorb more than $8 billion in funding cuts over the next year. To draw attention to the situation, teachers and parents wore pink clothes and waved pink protest signs for a day California's largest teachers' union dubbed "Pink Friday."

"It's kind of depressing for your overall morale to know you are disposable enough to be let go," said Michelle Gianola, 33, a second-grade teacher who was one of seven staff members at Allen At Steinbeck K-8 School in San Jose to be pink-slipped this week.

But in another annual ritual, many, if not most, of the early layoff notices could end up being withdrawn by June, especially if the state can devote some of its federal stimulus money to education, officials said.

Six years ago, for example, all but 3,000 of the 20,000 teacher pink slips that went out statewide were rescinded.

O'Connell, who donned a pink tie for an appearance at Gianola's school, allowed that tens of thousands of teachers were unlikely to be let go, but said that with so huge a budget gap to fill, schools would probably increase class sizes, reduce library hours and lose counselors.

Another unknown is whether the state's financial picture will worsen in the months ahead. If voters do not approve the spending package that will be the subject of a special election in May, schools would have to cut even more deeply and be unable to avert mass layoffs, he said.

"The cuts we are experiencing in public education are debilitating. These cuts have real consequences for real students," he said.

O'Connell, a Democrat who is considering a run for governor next year, said the dispiriting cycle would continue until state officials find a long-term and reliable way to pay for schools.

W. Norton Grubb, the director of a principal training program at the University of California, Berkeley and the author of "The Money Myth: School Resources, Outcomes, and Equity," agrees that years of uncertainty take their toll on schools even when layoffs do not come to pass.

"What is happening in these schools when the pink slips go out is everything stops, everyone is discouraged, everyone is busy worrying whether the money will come through, and all the efforts to get schools going basically grinds to a halt and remains ground to a halt for the rest of the spring," Grubb said. "A state that has these kind of crises year after year is really doing a poor job of planning."

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Teachers, students and parents at Alhambra High School, located in the eastern Los Angeles suburb of Alhambra, were familiar with the Pink Friday routine from previous years. Some parents dropping off their children at school had pink paper taped to their car windows or honked to show their support for the 40 teachers who stood outside in pink wigs, bows and T-shirts.

Justin Li, a 17-year-old senior, photographed the protest for the school paper. The effects of the budget cuts have been noticeable, he said.

"We are seeing teachers being laid off year after year and we want to do something, because all the good teachers are leaving and more and more classes are being cut," Li said. "Teachers work too hard to lose their jobs."

The Alhambra district has seen a $6-million budget cut this school year and 38 teachers have received layoff notices, said Rosalyn Collier, vice president of the Alhambra Teachers Association.

"The cuts have left no wiggle room in the master schedule for the fall. Every class will be at 36 students and no less," said Kathleen Tar, an English teacher for 33 years. "So, if we have honors classes that do not meet 36, those classes will go away."

This week was the third time Steve Chambers, 47, a 5th-grade teacher at Allen At Steinbeck, has gotten a pink slip, but this is the first time that he has been truly worried. The economy is so bad everywhere, he has little confidence he would be able to get a teaching job elsewhere.

"It's irritating, the fact that I am an eight-year veteran and I could be out of a job for a year," said Chambers, who brought his class to listen to O'Connell's remarks.

Besides Chambers and Gianola, Principal Nico Flores gave pink slips to three other teachers, one of his vice principals and a counselor. Flores said San Jose is better off than many school districts because it had a spending freeze and large reserve fund in place, but the topsy-turvy budget situation for schools makes him nervous.

"It's like crying wolf, crying wolf, and then suddenly the wolf is really coming and no one is listening," he said.

Associated Press Writer LORINDA TOLEDO contributed to this story from Alhambra.

MLB

Brewers won't have DH when Dodgers visit

BY COLIN FLY
Associated Press Writer

PHOENIX If Manny Ramirez travels with the Los Angeles Dodgers to play Milwaukee on Saturday, he'll only get to pinch hit unless he plays defense.

Manager Ken Macha said Friday that Milwaukee would not allow the designated hitter.

"We're not going to DH. We've got candidates who are candidates for this team that are going to earn their way with the ability to pinch hit," Macha said. "We'd certainly like to accommodate everybody, but the first accommodation is the Milwaukee Brewers."

Ramirez was scratched from Thursday's exhibition game against South Korea because of tightness in his left hamstring. Dodgers manager Joe Torre expected to use Ramirez as a designated hitter against Texas on Friday.

Ramirez wants to get 40-50 at-bats before opening day, and the Dodgers have 18 spring training games left. Macha joked that he knows how Ramirez can accomplish that.

"He can stand out in left field," said Macha, who was a TV analyst covering the Boston Red Sox the past two seasons before taking the Brewers job this offseason. "There's no wall to go in in the scoreboard area like in Boston."

Ramirez agreed to a $45 million, two-year contract last week after missing the first two weeks of spring training.

MLB

Big Unit has strong first spring with Giants

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. Randy Johnson is making quite the first impression in his first spring with the San Francisco Giants.

Johnson has allowed one earned run in 8 1-3 innings in his three exhibition starts with San Francisco after signing a one-year, $8 million contract as a free agent this winter. The five-time Cy Young winner has 12 strikeouts and has given up six hits and three walks.

"I've always felt like when I come to a new team, I need to impress them and do well, to a certain extent," Johnson said. "If I were to go out there and not pitch well, everybody would be going My god, he's 45. He's done. He can't do it. Look, how bad he is pitching.

"Unfortunately, it's kind of unfair, as you know early in spring training with the Diamondbacks from 1999 to 2004, I'd get shelled."

Johnson pitched against Giants minor leaguers on Friday rather than make the trip to Tucson, where the Giants played the Colorado Rockies.



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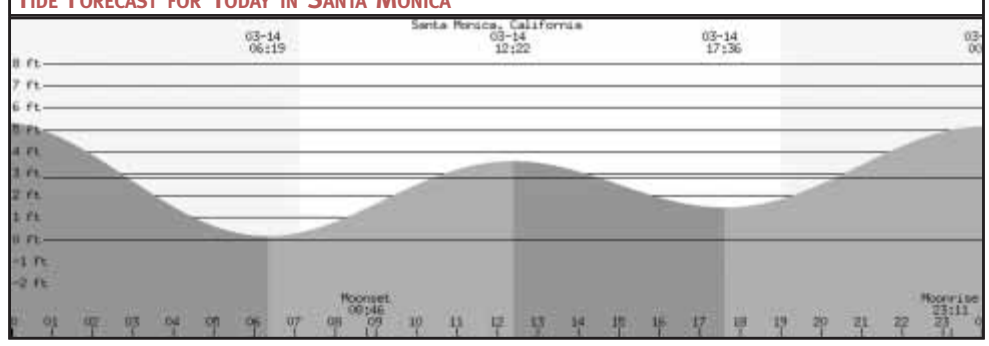
Swell Forecast (1-4 FT)

Saturday the 14th is when the first swath of southerly swell is due from the Antarctic-Pitcairn systems mentioned above in the synopsis. Sunday the 15th the second swath of southern hemi swell should come to its peak.

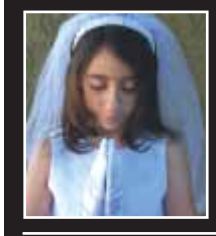
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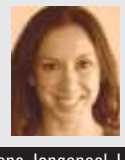


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QUICK STATS (for the last 28 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 13
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 35 / 5
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 11 / 40

The Beach Report Card is made possible by simplehuman, The Goldhirsh Foundation, the James Irvine Foundation, Ford

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

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

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

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
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AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

Milk (R) 2hrs 08min
1:15, 4:20, 7:20, 10:15

Fuel (NR) 1hr 55min
11a.m.,1:35, 4:15, 7:00, 10:00

The Reader (R) 2hrs 02min
11:05 a.m., 1:55, 4:45, 7:40, 10:30

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

Coraline 3d (PG) 1hr 40min
11:10 a.m., 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30

Coraline (PG) 1hr 40min
1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:25

The Last House on the Left (R) 1hr 49min
11:20 a.m., 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:10

Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) 1hr 52min
11:40, 2:20, 5:00, 7:30, 10:20

Miss March (R) 1hr 30min
10:50 a.m., 1:10, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:30

Race to Witch Mountain
11:00 a.m., 12:15, 1:30, 2:45, 4:00, 5:15, 6:30, 7:45, 9:00, 10:15

Gran Torino (R) 1hr 56min
11:05 a.m., 10:40, 4:30, 7:10, 10:00

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
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Slumdog Millionare (R) 2hr 1min
1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 10:00

The Class (Entre les murs) (PG-13) 2hrs 08min
1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00

Gomorrah (Gomorra) (NR) 2hrs 17min
1:40, 4:50, 8:00

Shermans Way (NR) 1hr 37min
1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 9:45

Cherry Blossoms (NR) 2hr 4 min
11a.m.

Man on Wire (PG-13) 1hr 34min
11a.m.

Mann's Criterion Theatre
1313 Third St.
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Taken (PG-13) 1hr 33min
12:20, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 9:50

He's Just Not That Into You (PG-13) 2hrs 09min
12:50, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10

The International (R) 1hr 58min
1:10, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20

Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail (PG-13) 1hr 43min
11:50 a.m., 2:20, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00

Watchmen (R) 2hrs 43min
1:30, 5:00, 8:30

Watchmen, Digital projection (R) 2hrs 43min
12:00, 3:30, 7:00, 10:30

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The world is yours, Scorpio

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Though you are generally extroverted, right now you will spend time alone or with a key loved one. Talks become important as you clear the air. What is obvious is how easily you are accepting a change. Tonight: Let someone else choose.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Defer to others rather than take a strong stand. You'll discover how adamant a friend is about a certain issue. Be willing to step out of his or her way. You don't want to be run over — do you? Communication will flourish if you stay open. Tonight: Where the action is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Share a hobby or sport with a friend or loved one. A discussion that ensues when you are both relaxed will draw different results. Remain upbeat when someone key or an authority figure goes on the warpath. Tonight: Relax.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Your mind might want to revisit a fun activity when you were young and fancy-free. A new friend or even a long-term partner responds to your childlike nature. Let go of your worries and enjoy what is happening. Tonight: Could be a hot night on the town.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Listen to a hotheaded friend or relative. He or she needs to be heard and to let off some steam. Try not to play devil's advocate, or else you might be in this same conversation too long for your taste. Communication flourishes. Tonight: Happy at home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Keep discussions open and get to the bottom of a problem. Be willing to get down to the roots of an emotional relationship through a discussion. You could be uncomfortable having an important talk. Tonight: Defer.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Be careful if you have a devil-may-care attitude with your finances. Risking and extravagance can only cause you a problem. Adapt to a family member's needs. A pet simply might need extra time. A talk is long overdue. Tonight: Fun can be free.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Your smile is that of a winner. You accomplish a lot, and quite quickly at that. No matter what is going on, you have a lot of ground to cover. Someone responds to you with high energy. You could be quite provocative. Tonight: Empowered, the world is your oyster.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★ Listen to someone's opinion. Be aware of what is happening with others, and avoid taking a comment personally. Though vulnerability is important, don't point fingers. Talk about your feelings and nothing else. Tonight: Vanish early.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Zero in on what you want. You could be angrier than you originally thought possible. A discussion might be absolutely necessary in order to clear the air. You could be uncomfortable with a family member. Tonight: Where the action is.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Work calls. You feel overwhelmed by all the opportunities that head your way, but at the same time, you have very little time. Realize what needs to happen. Seek new ways to add to your budget. Tonight: A must show.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Mars in your sign signals a period in which you will be more rambunctious or direct. Be careful — others might see you as aggressive. Start an exercise program to discharge your frustration. Learn to detach. Schedule a vacation too! Tonight: Let your mind wander.

Happy birthday

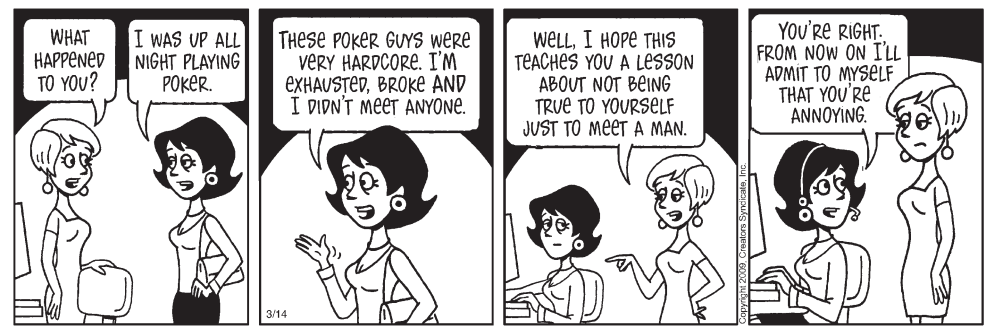
JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

This year, your mind roams and experiments with new types of thinking and different philosophical views. As a side effect, you gain greater empathy or understanding for others. This caring emanates through your life. You might want to start a more vigorous exercise or diet plan to discharge some unusually high energy. Sometimes, if you're frustrated or annoyed, you could become bellicose. If you are single, your high magnetism speaks. Choosing the right person is another question. Take your time. If you are attached, the two of you could take up a new sport or hobby together. SCORPIO helps you extend your vision.

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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.

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7 Stadium group
11 Young hen
12 Infamous czar
13 Working
14 Oz visitor
15 Wails
16 Parish leader
17 Goofs
18 Last number
19 Bring home
21 Performed
22 Boxer Walcott
25 Upper limit
26 Soccer legend
27 Wows
29 Flag creator
33 Early physician
34 Leonardo's birthplace
35 Some mines
36 Parish leader
37 Rapper-turned-actor
38 Odorless gas
39 George of "CSI"
40 Tuckered out

DOWN

1 Wheel part
2 DVR part
3 Town leader
4 Four-time Indy winner
5 1969 World Series champs
6 Messy room
7 Conform
8 Green hue
9 Wood of Hollywood
10 Was a bad bunkmate
16 Record material
18 Lets loose
20 Colorado resort
22 Reggae's birthplace
23 Noble
24 City near the Dead Sea
25 Raucous bird
28 Lemon rind strips
30 Available
31 Crumpet's cousin
32 Begat
34 Nix
36 Workout unit

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Pastor Bob Book of the Church of the Common Ground in Atlanta and his wife scrub the feet of three dozen homeless men every Monday, based on the concept of Jesus washing his disciples' feet, with such pedicures including a soak, pumice-rubbing, nail-trimming and massage, topped off by a clean pair of socks. Book says his crusade makes the down-and-out feel more confident, and the "worst ongoing" threat, according to him, is not Satan in men's minds but fungus in their toes. "It eats away and destroys the toenails and just makes it very hard for people to walk."

■ The Vatican said in January that Pope Benedict XVI would soon issue guidelines to help Catholics understand which "sightings" of the Virgin Mary and Jesus are legitimate and which are phony (such as "apparitions" that seem to have been created for quick sale on eBay). When a claim occurs, the local bishop will be expected to convene a panel of theologians, mental-health people and priests who will investigate (and, if the sighting is demonic, summon an exorcist). (A 2003 Vatican paper noted that only 11 of the 295 reported apparitions during the 20th century were "genuine.")

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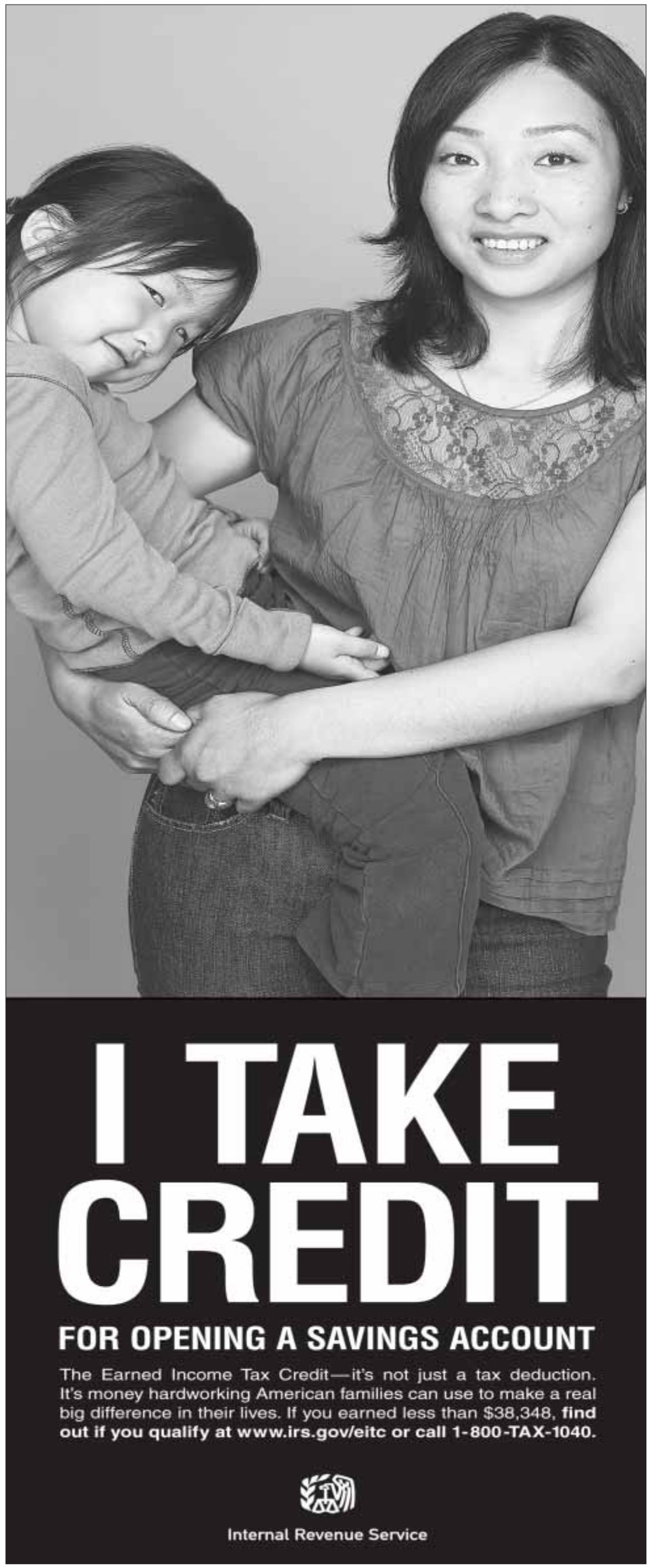
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