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New parking stations to expedite exits

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN Those frustrating days of queuing in the exit line at the garage, waiting for the drivers who dig through their car ashtray in an attempt to find enough change, could soon be a thing of the past.

A series of prepaid parking ticket stations at the city-owned garages in Downtown are expected to go live over the next several weeks as City Hall puts the finishing touches on a new program aimed at expediting departures.

The machines, which are already present in the garages on Second and Fourth streets, will allow patrons to pay for their parking fees before heading back to their cars, leaving the structure by simply feeding the prepaid ticket upon their exit.

The wait time to leave the garages has long fueled complaints by parking patrons, prompting City Hall last fall to install unattended machines in the second exit lane that would allow drivers to pay with their credit cards.

"They said it takes too long and that it's a downside to using the parking structures," said Miriam Mack, the economic development manager. "We're trying to change it and improve it and expedite it."

Mack said that several of the Downtown structures slated to undergo renovation will reopen with a design intended to expedite the exit lanes.

City officials said they have noticed an improvement since adding the credit card pay option, seeing a 20 percent increase in the number of drivers using the second lane.

"We see slowly more and more people use credit cards to pay for parking," said Frank Ching, the parking coordinator for City Hall. "We are expecting more after the new machines are put into action."

Some drivers who frequent the garage voice a different experience.

"The express takes longer than the actual cashier," said Mike Sanchez, an employee at

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Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT? **A personal jet flies over Bundy Drive on its way to the Santa Monica Airport on Monday afternoon. Attorneys for City Hall and the FAA on Monday called witnesses in a hearing in Long Beach over a City Council ban on jet aircraft.**

FAA, City Hall square off over jet ban

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

LONG BEACH A local ordinance banning the fastest and largest jets from Santa Monica Airport — a law that is being challenged by the Federal Aviation Administration — is reasonable in its intent to protect residents who live just a short distance from the runway, according to a former federal official.

"What the Santa Monica government has done is what the FAA should've done to ensure safety at the airport," said Jim Hall, former chair of the National Transportation Safety Board, who served from 1993 to 2001.

Hall was among a handful of witnesses called to testify Monday during the opening day of the FAA's hearing into the legality of a 2008 Santa Monica ordinance that banned categories C and D jets from the airport, addressing concerns that a plane would one day overshoot the runway and land on homes just 300 feet away.

The hearing, which is expected to conclude by the end of the week, is being held in response to a nearly six-year-long FAA internal investigation that ruled the ordinance would put City Hall in violation of its federal obligations to the agency. The administrative review started in 2002 when the Airport Commission recommended the City Council adopt a ban on the fastest jets, but was placed on hold when city and federal officials began negotiating several runway safety enhancement options. The investigation resumed when the ordinance passed in March of '08 after City Hall and the FAA failed to reach a compromise on safety enhancements.

A ruling is expected no later than May 14.

"We feel we have a very strong case and we're moving for safety and that can't be a bad thing," said Lance Gams, the deputy city attorney.

Just a few witnesses were called on the opening day, including Edward Bennett, a former employee of the FAA, and Hall, who was appointed to the NTSB in 1993 by former President Bill Clinton.

Today he is partner of Hall and Associates LLC and has consulted City Hall on FAA matters.

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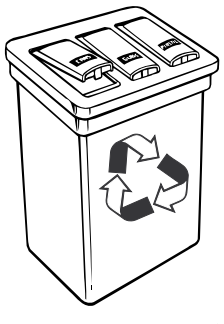
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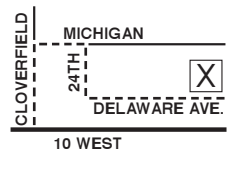


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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



"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.

Culture in the canyon
Temescal Gateway Park
15601 Sunset Blvd., 7:30 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Come for a special Chautauqua presentation on mountain lions. This is a rare opportunity to learn about mountain lions from an expert. Dr. Ray Sauvajot will provide an update on his research of these seldom seen and often misunderstood big cats. His research focuses on the effects of urban encroachment and habitat fragmentation on wildlife. The program is free. Call (310) 858-7272 ext. 115 or visit www.lamountains.com for more information.

Wednesday, March 18, 2009

Green living
Santa Monica Public Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Be part of the solution — educate and empower yourself with simple steps that save our environment and save you money. This six-week workshop covers water, energy, waste, chemicals, transportation, travel, shopping and food. Register for free at www.sustainableworks.eventbrite.com. Call (310) 458-8600 for more information.

Heal yourself
Kathmandu Boutique
1844 Lincoln Blvd., 6 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.
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Thursday, March 19, 2009

Battle of the bands
Rusty's Surf Ranch
256 Santa Monica Pier, 7:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Hot Sauce Records and multiple award-winning electro-pop-vocalist ellee ven performs at the Eighth Annual Battle of the Bands at Rusty's. Call (310) 393-PIER or visit www.rustyssurfranch.com for more information.

Santa Monica Laughter Club
Shakti's Elements
717 Broadway Blvd., 11 a.m. — noon
Come every Thursday and laugh your socks off in this form of body-mind exercise for all ages and fitness levels. The class is led by Kim Selbert, certified laughter yoga leader. Admission is $10 per person. Call (310) 849-4642 for more information or visit www.kimselbert.com.

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.

Icahn not seeking stake boost in bond offer

BY RYAN NAKASHIMA
Associated Press Writer

EASTSIDE Billionaire investor Carl Icahn said last week his offer to buy convertible bonds in Lions Gate Entertainment Corp. is not for the purpose of boosting his equity stake in the boutique movie studio based in Santa Monica.

His offer last week to buy up to $325 million in debt would give him the power to convert it into 24.7 million new shares, according to an explanation in Lions Gate's quarterly earnings report.

But the conversion rate on those bonds — $14.28 per share on one set of notes and $11.50 per share on another batch — would make it unprofitable to do so.

Lions Gate shares closed Friday at $5.07, putting the underlying shares on the bonds "under water" because shares on the open market can be bought for cheaper.

"I cannot fathom why anybody would convert bonds at $14 when the stock trades at $4 and a half," Icahn, 73, told The Associated Press.

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Cleaner water awaits

Pier storm drain upgrade underway

BY TEDDY LESHNICK
Special to the Daily Press

SM PIER Swimming next to the pier won't be so unhealthy once City Hall installs a new and adequate storm drain. Construction is underway on a a $1.02 million, high-density polyethylene storm drain system that will replace the antiquated metal pipe installed in the 1950s underneath the pier. Work began Feb. 18, said David Thomas, Tetra Tech senior construction manager, who is overseeing the project.

"[The pipe] will basically outlive us, for sure," Thomas said.

Metal pipe isn't suited for marine environments. The old pipe's roof suffered from pervasive corrosion. Its poor constitution leaked storm water through various holes and gashes, causing poor water quality.

The storm drain improvement is the first project funded by Measure V, a parcel tax approved by voters in 2006 to raise money for improvements to the watershed management plan, protecting the Santa Monica Bay from harmful urban runoff.

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> David Thomas
> Tetra Tech senior construction manager

Measure V generated $2.34 in revenue in 2007-08, according to a city staff report.

Before the replacement project began, water would pool where the pipe leaked causing excessive bacteria growth, Jessica Arden, city project manager, said. Over time, sand covered the pipe's opening and created a large cesspool where the runoff should have drained into the ocean, Dean Kubani, City Hall's environmental programs manager, said.

The high bacteria count consistently recorded by Heal the Bay around the pier prompted the storm drain upgrade, Arden said.

"What [we] are installing is definitely going to make a difference," Thomas said. "A lot of people put their crap in the storm drain … they have no idea that it goes straight into the ocean."

The 300 feet long and 5 feet high polyethylene pipe has the same dimensions and trajectory as the old metal storm drain. It connects to the city's stormdrain system where the pier begins and empties right before the ocean.

However, the new drain has some significant improvements. It is equipped with screens and grates that will catch large debris. During the dry season, the new system will redirect water back into the normal sewage system for treatment, Thomas

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SACRAMENTO
A good fit

Assemblywoman Julia Brownley, D-Santa Monica, chairwoman of the Assembly Education Committee, announced Monday that she has been appointed to the state Allocation Board, which meets monthly to determine how much state money should be spent on public school construction and modernization.

Prior to being elected to the Assembly, Brownley served 12 years on the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School board, three times as board president. She also served as a member of the school board's facilities and financial oversight committees.

"I am honored a delighted to be appointed to the state Allocation Board, Brownley said. "There is still much work to be done to update our school facilities to ensure they are safe and offer enough classrooms to accommodate our students."

It is estimated that school enrollment will increase by 100,000 over the next five years, Brownley said. DAILY PRESS

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'Cloverful' display

Those looking to celebrate St. Patrick's Day will not have to travel far for entertainment. The world-famous Ferris wheel at Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier will show off its high-tech lighting capabilities with a custom, evening-long display of St. Patrick's Day colors and patterns in celebration of the holiday. The show will run from sunset to 12 a.m.

Admission to the park is free.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Porno has no place in the library

Editor:

As a grateful patron of the lovely Santa Monica Main Library, I was shocked to look up from my computer screen in Computer Commons and discover that I was inadvertently able to see very clearly what was on the screen of another person's computer as it was lined up perfectly within view. What I saw was pornography.

If, by definition pornography "depicts erotic behavior designed to cause sexual excitement," what relevant value does it have in a public library used by adults and children?

I have since witnessed pornography being viewed by quite a few patrons on an almost daily basis. Although there are "privacy screens" on the computers, they do not effectively do what they purport when one is directly lined up with the computer, even if at a distance.

I was glad to hear, after several conversations with the head librarian, that there will now be the possibility that adults supervising children may be able to use computers in the children's section while supervising their children.

However, this in itself does not solve the problem as other young people may use the "adult" area computers without supervision and are thus subjected to the viewing of pornography on the screens of others.

When I raised my concern to the library staff, I was told that "Santa Monica Public Library adheres to the American Library Association's policy, which 'supports the right of individuals to choose library materials for themselves,' including those in electronic formats.

"Each user must evaluate the validity and usefulness of information found on the Internet.

The Library does not monitor and has no control over information accessed through the Internet and cannot be held responsible for its content … ."

And as far as children's exposure to pornographic Internet materials goes:

"As with all other library materials, children's access to and use of the Internet is the sole responsibility of the child's parent or legal guardian. The Internet may provide access to information, content and services some of which parents may feel is inappropriate or objectionable for their own children. The Library and its staff cannot censor access to materials or prevent users from encountering materials on the Internet that they may find offensive."

Still, shouldn't the public expect restriction of adult access to pornographic sites to be weighed against the social good and of protecting children and young adults not mature enough to process this information? Doesn't it seem that pornography sites are more about commerce in dirty pictures than free speech?

I do not feel that it is the library's obligation or responsibility to provide adult, sexually explicit information for its patrons. Why should it? The library is not an adult store. In fact, in such stores, care is taken to identify the age of its prospective customers as is likewise done in movie theaters where there are age appropriate ratings. Unfortunately, this is not practiced in the library setting.

We are always confronted with challenges and thus we may evolve. Desensitization to lack of human dignity and value does not make for a healthy society. Accomplishing the online filtering out of pornography might be a bit of a challenge but that shouldn't be a rationale to consider it acceptable.

It is time long overdue to step up to our responsibility of contributing to the well being of our young people by providing information which contributes to the teaching of healthy relationships. It is time to move forward with heart presence so that we are appropriate and inspiring role models.

Jo Kranitz
Santa Monica



What's the Point?

David Pisarra — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

One nation under God

"I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Thirty one words. We all know it.

This "God" creates much controversy. Some avowed atheists feel that it is an affront to them that we have God on our money, in our pledge, that the idea of a superior being is ever mentioned by our government. Others of the religious persuasion would have God running everything. Put him/her/it in all proceedings, run the country as God would have it run.

This is where the difference between being religious and being spiritual has created enough room for God to squeak through. Religion is usually construed to mean regular church attendance, a dogmatic reading of the bible and acceptance on blind faith that "ours is the one true way" to love, eternal life and salvation.

Spirituality on the other hand, tends to be interpreted as a wider, more encompassing sense of security that there is some prime mover in the universe. A creative, great and gentle loving force that started it all in motion, and is letting life play out.

The question is, since we are supposed to be a democracy, run by the people, why is God involved at all in our government? Why is this word on our money, in our Pledge of Allegiance and in our courts? Partly because we were founded by believers. Some Lutherans, some Protestants, some Episcopalians. There were those who believed in the basic tenets of the Church of England and those who did not. These are the founders. Their perceptions, knowledge and education all led them to believe that a God existed.

The hardest part in discussing God, even between two extremely devout and sincere believers in the same religion, is that the individual conception of what the word God symbolizes and means to each of them is different.

John Adams, James Madison and Thomas Jefferson along with the other founders of our country, mostly all believers of some sort, wanted to establish religious freedom but did not want to establish an official religion. In their quest to allow individual freedom, we find the genesis of the First Amendment to our Constitution. Though it is mostly known for its free speech component, in actuality it starts out with religious freedom. "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof;…"

In wording the First Amendment as they did, the framers of the Constitution created two clauses that control the way the courts view suspect legislation, and resolve conflicts.

The first of these is the Establishment Clause, which says that Congress shall not establish a state, or official religion. Thus there is no "official" religion of the United States, as there is an official religion in other countries such as Argentina, Bolivia, and four others which are all Catholic. There are Protestant nations such as the United Kingdom and Islamic nations such as Saudi Arabia. There are even Buddhist nations such as Bhutan, Burma (currently also called Myanmar) and Thailand.

Any governmental action which leans toward establishing, or supporting religions, directly or indirectly, is generally struck down as an unconstitutional establishment violation.

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The second clause is the Free Expression Clause. This means that the Congress shall not interfere with an individual's right to believe, or a church's right to express their religious beliefs, subject to certain limitations. It is allowable for me to form a religion that is based on the belief that Chad Allen is the second coming of Christ. It can qualify for tax exempt status, own property, it could even throw "festivals."

The word God has been interpreted as a wider concept than that of any one religion. Think of it this way, Catholicism is to God, what Smirnoff is to Vodka. It is the bigger idea, bigger than the individual brands. Accordingly, it has been deemed to be a word of general understanding but no fixed meaning. It encompasses the god of all religions.

As a nation we tend to look to a greater good. Since most people, in some form or another, adhere to some belief, we acknowledge that fact without forcing any one belief to be the "official" religion.

The people who are offended that there is a mention of "God" in our pledge see that as an Establishment Clause violation.

For those people who want their religion to be the officially-sanctioned, one true religion of America, it is not enough.

This is why I thank the God of my misunderstanding and misunderestimating that there is a judicial branch that enforces the Constitutional requirements of a separation of church and state.

Because in the end no one can answer the central question, whose God is it?

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A walk through wild Los Angeles

ALTHOUGH LOS ANGELES HAS THE LEAST amount of parkland within its city limits of any major metropolis in North America, there are dozens of natural areas and scores of parks throughout the greater Los Angeles basin that make it a magical place to live.

There are about 15 million people spread over 467 square miles and 88 incorporated cities in Los Angeles County. Discovering nature's beauty amongst the urban sprawl, at first, seems ludicrous — yet with a little effort Los Angeles is draped in nature's jewels and some areas are within 10 minutes of the downtown area. All you have to do is know where to go. Amazingly, the city and county of Los Angeles have more diversity than any other city in the U.S. Los Angeles was once a broad coastal floodplain ringed with high and low mountains fed by a large meandering river that the Spanish explorers called "Our Lady of the Angels of Porciuncula."

Did you know that greater Los Angeles contains mountain wilderness, open canyon meadows, running water full of fish and wildlife sanctuaries?

Welcome to wild Los Angeles where within a 90-minute drive from Downtown there are arid deserts and high chaparral, grasslands with native oaks and introduced Australian eucalyptus groves, rocky offshore islands, wildflower meadows, marine wetlands, creeks and streams, lakes and ponds, ancient pine forests and beaches and thousands of miles of hiking and biking trails.

The climate of Southern California is characterized by a warm, wet winter and a long, dry summer; it's called a Mediterranean-type climate. The World Wildlife Fund classifies Southern California as containing "Mediterranean Shrub Woodlands." There are five such similar zones on the globe and they are home to 20 percent of the entire planet's plant species. The dominant vegetation throughout Los Angeles is chaparral, dense, dry, sometimes impenetrable ankle-to-tree high ground cover of small-leaved evergreen plant communities. Wildfire resets nature's biological clock; it's an indispensable natural agent for chaparral's regeneration. According to the LA Audubon Society there are over 500 species of birds in the region. The diversity of animals from red racer snakes to mountain lions is breathtaking. The Santa Monica Mountains are a 250-square-mile wedge of east-west or transverse mountains rising out of the Pacific from Sandstone Peak in the west to Mt. Hollywood in Griffith Park in the east.

Astoundingly, there are 26 distinct natural communities within these mountains including 53 species of mammals, 400 kinds of birds and 13 species of nesting raptors. Topanga State Park has over 11,000 acres, all falling within Los Angeles, making it the largest park in any major city in the U.S. It contains oak forests, mixed chaparral and coastal sage scrub. Deep within the wet canyons are tall western sycamores, California bay trees, coast live oaks and bigleaf maples. It's also home to bobcats, coyotes, raccoons, gray foxes, red-shouldered hawks, red-legged frogs and mountain king snakes and a kaleidoscope of seasonal wildflowers.

Cheeseboro/Palo Comado Canyon is nestled on the northern flanks of the Santa Monica Mountains and there you will find the largest stand of southerly valley oaks on the globe and the highest concentration of birds of prey nesting sites in continental U.S.

Santa Clarita Woodlands Park is located in the eastern Santa Susan Mountains with year round streams that feed a mix of tree species unique to the world: Scrub, live and deciduous oaks, California bay trees, California black walnut, bigleaf maples and big cone Douglas-firs.

Seventy-five million gallons of treated but unchlorinated water flows daily from the Donald C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plant into a lake at Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Reserve, which nourishes the Los Angeles River year-round, providing habitat for 200 species of birds. Visit the sanctuary and marvel as monarch butterflies dance amongst the sage. Ten minutes from Downtown, Griffith Park has over 4,100 acres that provide habitat for 100 kinds of plants, 100 bird species, mule deer, foxes, coyotes, skunks, raccoons, and gorgeous wildflowers. Close by to Griffith Park is the Ernst E. Debs Regional Park which supports one of the few remaining natural arroyos and one of the last southerly groves of California black walnuts. The San Gabriel Mountains are northeast of Los Angeles with over 650,000 acres of jagged terrain.

The Angeles National Forest is within these mountains and it hosts over 32 million people a year, more than any other national forest. Piru Creek is an hour from Los Angeles, within the Angles Forest, and it has some of the most exciting whitewater rafting in all of California.

About 90 minutes from the city, near the summit of Mt. Baden Powell at 9,389 feet above sea level, are tenacious 1,000-year-old limber pines, clinging to bare rock, looking towards Los Angeles. Their tree rings are being used to interpret climate change. Many people move to Los Angeles for its lovely easy-living climate and also to explore the rich array of nature.

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The Q Line

Backing Bobby

City Councilman Bobby Shriver has recently said he is mulling a run for state attorney general next year.

So this week's Q-Line question asks:

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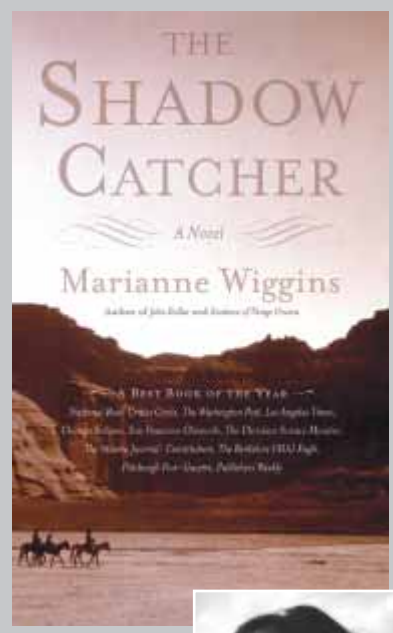
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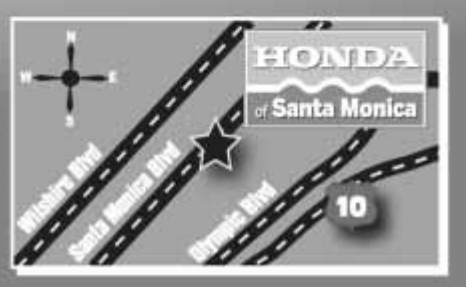
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Craving some quality time

I REALLY WANT TO GO TO PARIS.

I have been to Paris, several times actually. I've seen The Louvre and eaten the food. But for some reason Paris gnaws at me as something I am missing. So to clarify, I want to go to Paris with my husband. And to clarify my clarification, without our son.

I want a little adult time.

I have not seen "Revolutionary Road," but I know enough about it to know that this is not that. I may joke that I want to move to Paris.

Occasionally, I may seem jealous of friends who live there. But I am not miserable living in the suburbs. (Does Santa Monica even count as the suburbs?) I really like our little beach town lifestyle.

Really, I just want to wander the streets carrying a baguette, arm in arm with my husband, feeling the crisp air and the history around us, knowing we have nowhere we need to be and so, if we chose to wander those streets all night, we could.

I love our son. This is not about our son. This is not about not wanting to be with our son. This is about us. And sometimes we need to be just us. Our quality time together is limited.

We have taken a vacation since our son Benjamin was born. But there is no more lounging by the pool and reading six books in a week. That vacation has been retired. As one friend of mine called it, vacation with children is really just a change of scenery.

At first, I never thought I could leave Benjamin for longer than a few hours. The first time we went to dinner, Benjamin was only a few weeks old. We were pushed out the door by our baby nurse who insisted we go. I thought it was presumptuous of her to tell us what to do. And then the elevator in the parking structure by the restaurant got stuck briefly. I started to hyperventilate, thinking I would be away from him for too long.

But once I settled into the evening with my husband, that night was a deep breath for me. I was so fragile from lack of sleep and all the other new mom stresses. That deep breath pumped me back up so that I could take care of this other little person.

Then we went to a wedding and my mother came out from New York to stay with him as we headed to Santa Barbara. I cried and fussed and then, ahh, slept in. By the middle of the weekend I was asking, "Benjamin who?"

There were more weddings and more trips by my mother. Then she made the ultimate offer. She came out to stay with him, not so we could go to a wedding, but just so we could go away.

We took off for Desert Hot Springs and stayed at a fabulous little place called The El Morocco Inn where Casablanca played in the lobby at all hours. We read books, soaked in hot springs, ordered pizza to our room and giggled and watched movies. We slept when we felt like it. It was delightful.

There is nothing wrong with needing some time away from your children. In fact, it is necessary. A little refueling. So we try to spend time together as a couple. These little breaks from the day to day of parenting allow me to be a better mom.

But a night out or a weekend away is a far cry from a European vacation.

Paris is a little too far. It would take a little too long. It's a little too pricey. The logistics panic me.

I know Paris is a cliché. I know there are other places to explore. I know my husband would like to see The Netherlands or Argentina. Heck, I've never been to New Orleans. We could eat beignets and soak in some jazz and have a fabulous time. But it is Paris I cling to, though I know it is not about Paris.

It is about romance.

When I first met my husband. I used to get cold and shake a little right before he kissed me. When he dropped me off after only our second date, I missed him as soon as I walked up my stairs. The comfort we have with each other now could never compete with those early butterflies. That comfort, laughter and the intrinsic way we know each other wins every time.

But sometimes I miss those butterflies. And I feel they are flapping their wings on the streets of Paris.

I know this is not true. I do not need to go to Paris to know they are also buzzing around elsewhere. It's just hard to notice them when chasing a toddler.

Paris may have to wait for us, but we'll always have The El Morocco Inn.

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Moves raise concern

FROM **LIONSGATE** PAGE 3

After going on a recent buying spree, Icahn now controls 16.8 million Lions Gate shares, or 14.5 percent of the 115.8 million outstanding. If Icahn had chosen to convert the bonds into shares, his stake would grow to about 30 percent.

Mark Rachesky, Icahn's former chief investment adviser, controls 22.8 million or 19.7 percent of Lions Gate shares, and has also been increasing his holdings recently.

Rachesky and Lions Gate did not return messages seeking comment.

Icahn argued that the bonds, which carry interest rates of 3.625 percent and 2.9375 percent, were simply a good investment.

Terms of Icahn's offer have not been set.

Bond investors will likely welcome a cash offer from Icahn, versus uncertainty about being paid back, said Fitch Ratings analyst Jamie Rizzo.

The company produced such recent hit movies as "Madea Goes to Jail" and "My Bloody Valentine" but lost $93.4 million in the quarter to Dec. 31.

"People would probably be very willing to sell the debt," Rizzo said.

Icahn did not explain his recent interest in the company. But his recent flurry of moves has raised warning bells of a takeover or other actions, such as forcing the company to change its management, sell off assets or merge with another company.

Talks between Icahn and the company's board broke down last week after Icahn pushed to pick his own members of the board but refused to agree to a "standstill agreement" that would keep him from adding to his stake.

His investment in the company based in Santa Monica and Vancouver, British Columbia marks his strongest foray into Hollywood yet.

He holds the largest stake in video rental chain Blockbuster Inc., at nearly 10 percent, and in recent years used his shareholdings to extract small concessions from Warner Bros. movie studio parent Time Warner Inc.

On Friday, he reiterated his criticism of Lions Gate's recent $255 million purchase of the TV Guide Network and TVGuide.com from Macrovision Solutions Corp.

The company used money from a revolving credit line that could be declared in default if any shareholder increases his stake above 20 percent, he said.

"It's basically reckless to go and pay $250 million for a company funded by a short-term revolver that could go into default if anyone buys over 20 percent," he said.

Lionsgate, the company's consumer-facing brand, has built up one of the biggest film and TV show libraries in Hollywood, with 12,000 titles including "Dirty Dancing," "Reservoir Dogs" and "Terminator 2," which give it a steady income stream.

The company has fallen on hard times, however, and Chief Executive Jon Feltheimer announced last month the company would slash its annual movie output by four, to a dozen films, beginning in April, after co-financing partner Pride Pictures withdrew support. Several holiday releases like "The Spirit" and "Transporter 3" also fared below expectations at the box office.



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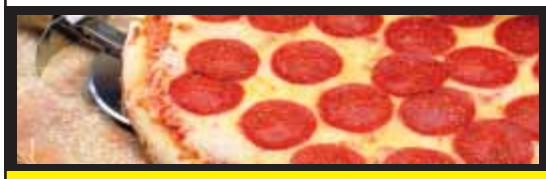
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TIME TO PAY: **Nancy Mendez collects a ticket from a driver at Parking Structure No. Five on Fourth Street Monday afternoon. In an effort to help drivers get out of the structures quicker, City Hall is in the process of installing machines at Downtown structures that will allow people to pay before they get back into their cars.**

Parking violations jump across the state

FROM **PARKING** PAGE 1

Washington Mutual. "People pay with credit cards so it takes forever."

Devlyn Steele, who parked in the garage on Fourth Street off Broadway on Monday, said she would be in favor of the prepaid machines, expressing her frustration in occasionally waiting in line for 20 to 30 minutes to exit the garage.

"I just noticed (the parking machines) recently," she said. "I think it's pretty cool."

PARKING VIOLATIONS GO UP

Drivers who park at meters or other time-restricted areas of Santa Monica should be mindful of a new law that raised the violation fine from $47 to $50.

The change came as a result of SB1407, a legislation by former Sen. President Pro Tem Don Perata that will raise an estimated $300 million annually toward a court construction fund, which will be used to pay for building, renovating and maintaining facilities across the state.

The bill mainly increased fees and fines for a range of court uses, including for lawsuits, traffic school and tickets.

The parking ticket is estimated to bring in about $24.86 million a year, said Philip Carrizosa, spokesman of the Judicial Council of California, which supported the bill.

While the changes were supposed to go into effect on Jan. 1, local governments weren't notified of the increase on time, allowing them to postpone the enforcement to Feb. 1, said Pamela McGarvey, the acting revenue manager for City Hall.

The local violation of $50 includes a variety of state-mandated fees, including one by the Department of Motor Vehicles. The base violation was set by the City Council as part of a fee study that is conducted every five years, McGarvey said.

Santa Monica actually has one of the lowest violations in a four-city area that includes Beverly Hills, West Hollywood and Los Angeles.

"We're lower," McGarvey said. "If you look at L.A., they just had big increases."

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Portion of bikepath off limits

FROM **DRAIN** PAGE 3

said. At the end of the pipe, a tank will collect runoff and a pump will pull water to Santa Monica's Urban Runoff Recycling Facility, Kubani said.

Nuisance — dirty water that people release into the watershed — can be treated because of its relatively low volume.

The city's infrastructure can't treat the amount of water generated during a rain storm, Arden said. However, the dirtiest water that is created during the first part of a storm can be treated, Kubani said.

The new storm drain won't entirely eliminate waste near the pier. Nesting pigeons, leaking pipes from pier restaurants and homeless campers all contribute to the bacteria problem, Kubani said.

There will be an inconvenience for some during construction. On March 23 the section of the bike path underneath the pier will be off limits. It is possible to leave the path open by using an underground boring technique, but that would be much more expensive, Thomas said.

The bike path is expected to reopen after a few days.

Construction should finish on May 19, Arden said.

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Former NTSB chair testifies that jet ban is reasonable

FROM **HEARING** PAGE 1

Shortly after the ordinance passed, Hall signed a declaration stating that without federal standards for runway safety areas, which SMO lacks, categories C and D jets should not be permitted to operate because of the risk of serious injuries.

"FAA should apply its own runway safety rules," he said. "In absence of that, the Santa Monica (ordinance) is reasonable in (protecting) the safety of its own citizens."

But as attorneys for the FAA pointed out during the round of questioning, Hall does not hold an engineering degree, nor does he have a pilot's license. He was instead appointed to the NTSB as one of its two members who are not required to come with a technical background.

Hall acknowledged that categories C and D aircraft have top safety records and that overrun prevention issues are already addressed through federal regulations of plane design and pilot training.

"They are all aspects of aviation safety, yes sir," Hall said.

While the current legal battle between City Hall and the FAA arose from the passage of the jet ban last year, underlying tensions between both parties date back several years, during which time federal officials presented several safety options, including an Engineered Material Arresting System — a series of concrete blocks that give way under the weight of an aircraft, slowing it down. The proposals were dismissed by city officials as being inadequate.

For decades residents have expressed concerns about the possibility of a plane overshooting the runway and landing on homes, which are located just a few hundred feet away. Federal officials have pointed out that such incidents in the past at SMO have involved the smaller category A and B aircraft and not the jets covered in the ban. City Hall has countered that fatal accidents involving the larger jets have taken place at airports across the country.

Last fall an overrun accident that took place at Columbia Metropolitan Airport in South Carolina killed four passengers and injured two others, including former Blink-182 drummer Travis Barker and DJ AM. The runway at the airport is reportedly longer than the one in Santa Monica.

A separate U.S. Court of Appeals ruling on whether to rescind a cease-and-desist order that has prevented City Hall from enforcing the ban since it was supposed to go into effect last year has yet to be announced.

SM Airport Director Bob Trimborn is expected to testify today.

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Bill would expand summer offerings at ski resorts

BY JOAN LOWY
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WASHINGTON Congress is stepping into a dispute between environmentalists and the ski industry over whether ski areas should be able to expand their summertime recreation, a move critics say could allow them to build amusement parks.

Sen. Mark Udall, D-Colorado, introduced a bill Monday that would allow ski areas to offer year-round recreation on land they lease from the U.S. Forest Service. Mountain biking, alpine slides and zip-lines that whiz people above forests and valleys are among the more common summertime activities pursued by ski resorts.

Some 125 ski areas nationwide operate in part on federal land under a 1986 law that expressly permits skiing and ski-related recreation.

Environmentalists complain Udall's bill could lead ski areas to build water parks and roller coasters, which they say would clash with the typical uses allowed on Forest Service land.

"We would like recreation on national forest lands to be dependent on a natural setting and dependent upon an outdoor recreation experience," said Ryan Demmy Bidwell, executive director of Colorado Wild, an environmental group in Durango, Colo. "Urban-type recreation that could be provided in any context is not appropriate on public lands."

The issue arose last year after environmentalists objected to Vail Resorts' proposal to build an "alpine coaster" — carts that use gravity to race down a mountain on a track built on scaffolding, similar to a roller coaster — on federal land the ski area leases, Bidwell said.

Environmentalists pointed out that current law only permits skiing and skiing-related recreation.

"By that logic, even snowboarding wouldn't be allowed," said Geraldine Link, a spokeswoman for the National Ski Areas Association. "That one challenge really was a wake up call for the Forest Service — that they need to update the act."

Minn. governor urges Calif. to keep '70s radical

BY ELIZABETH DUNBAR
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ST. PAUL, Minn. Gov. Tim Pawlenty sent a letter Monday to California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger asking him to prevent former 1970s radical and longtime fugitive Sara Jane Olson from returning to Minnesota to serve her parole.

Pawlenty urged Schwarzenegger, a fellow Republican, to consider the requests of the St. Paul Police Federation, the Los Angeles Police Protective League and the Los Angeles City Council to keep Olson in California after her release from prison, which is scheduled for Tuesday.

Olson, once known as Kathleen Soliah, has been serving time in California for her role in the attempted pipe-bombings of Los Angeles police officers and a fatal bank robbery near Sacramento in the 1970s. She was arrested in 1999 after eluding law enforcement for more than two decades, during which she had married and raised a family in St. Paul, acted in community theater productions and did charity work.

She later pleaded guilty to her roles in the attempted bombings and the 1975 shooting death of a bank customer.

The police organizations, both of which have also made written requests to Schwarzenegger, had opposed Olson spending her parole in Minnesota as she wishes. The groups say she should serve her sentence in the state where she committed the crimes.

If Olson's release goes as planned, her attorneys say, she will be paroled to her mother's house in Palmdale and will have 24 hours to report to her California parole agent. The attorneys say that unless there is a change, she then will be allowed to return to St. Paul, Minn., where she changed her name and married Dr. Gerald "Fred" Peterson.



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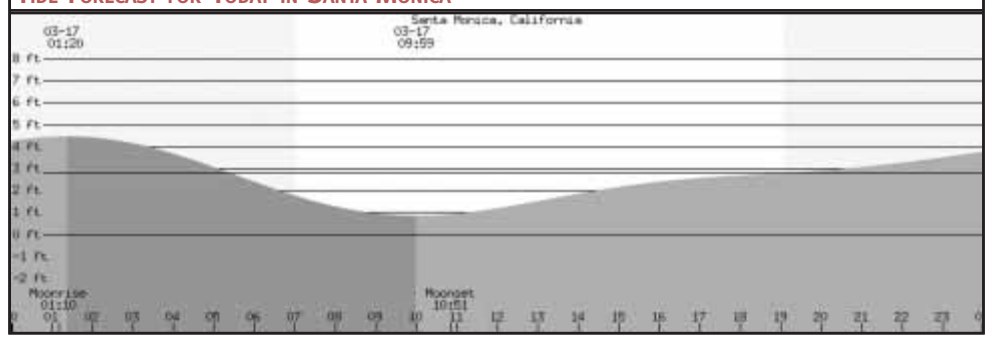
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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A	C
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Arlos creeks	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	A+
Broad Beach 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
Pearco State Beach at creek mouth	C	F
Marie Canyon storm drain at Pearco 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
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Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	F
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Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	F

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Heal the Bay's Beach Report Card® is based on weekly water quality monitoring data provided by the City of Los Angeles' Environmental Monitoring Division and the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. Data is analyzed as soon as it is made available to us by the public agencies. Beaches are graded on an A–F scale based on the risk of ocean users becoming ill. Samples are analyzed for bacteria—enterococcus, total and fecal coliforms—that indicate biological pollution. A fact sheet detailing the exact methodology used in determining grades for each location is available from the office or on our web site. The report is not designed to measure the amount of trash or toxins found at local beaches.

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MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
(323) 466-FILM

Call theater for details.

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

Milk (R) 2hrs 08min
1:00, 4:05, 7:05, 10:00

Fuel (NR) 1hr 55min
1:35, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45

The Reader (R) 2hrs 02min
1:15, 4:00, 6:45, 9:30

Fired Up (PG-13) 1hr 30min
2:15, 5:00, 7:30, 9:55

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

Coraline 3d (PG) 1hr 40min
1:50, 4:15, 7:00, 9:30

Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) 1hr 52min
2:20, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50

Gran Torino (R) 1hr 56min
1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:50

The Last House on the Left (R) 1hr 49min
1:55, 4:30, 7:05, 9:45

Miss March (R) 1hr 30min
2:15, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40

Race to Witch Mountain
1:30, 2:30, 4:00, 5:00, 6:30, 7:30, 9:00, 10:00

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 394-9741

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
11 a.m.

Mann's Criterion Theatre
1313 Third St.
(310) 395-1599

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

For more information, e-mail news@smdp.com

Be Irish today, Taurus

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Have an out when making plans. You could feel tired or burdened. Nevertheless, friends or a meeting inspires you to do otherwise. Give yourself space. Be willing to look at a problem differently. Drop the rose-colored glasses. Tonight: Welcome a different invitation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You cannot call all the shots, as you discover. Rather than have an uproar, willingly defer to a key associate or co-worker. Express your feelings more often rather than pent-up emotions. Tonight: Be Irish with a friend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Others dominate wherever you are — at home, work, eating dinner, celebrating, etc. In that spirit, allow others to run the show. Give yourself more freedom to move around and do what you want. Tonight: Where people are.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ While others celebrate and become Irish, you easily could be left holding the bag. Your ability to get past a problem marks your attitude. At the same time, that same competency works against you in situations like today. Tonight: Head home when you want to.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ You cannot help it — you love a good time. Keeping you in the office or at work could be close to impossible, especially when a loved one or friends eggs you on. Once you get started, it could be close to impossible to stop you. A relationship flourishes. Tonight: Paint the town green.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Head home and maybe throw a spontaneous get-together there. A neighbor could come by when you least expect it. A brisk walk or some exercise renews your energy. Tonight: Close to your pad.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Conversations perk you up; however, if you have any work or errands to do, perhaps you need to close your door and screen your calls. Fatigue could hit early, unless you take a power nap. Tonight: Only what you want.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Be careful with how much money you spend. You could be overwhelmed by an offer that might seem generous, but you wonder if there is another side you have yet to see. Tonight: Don't spend what you don't have.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Your smile is a sure-bet winner. Others naturally respond, no matter what setting you find yourself in. Keep communication flowing, and know that you can handle a lot of information. Remain upbeat. Tonight: You know what to do, though you have to handle a responsibility first.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★ For whatever reason, you might want/need to duck out or call in sick. Needing time to yourself might be unusual for you, but not for others. Be willing to do for yourself. Deal with your finances directly. Tonight: Retreat mode.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Meetings, friends and a get-together all prove positive. Rethink a decision that revolves around a partner who might rain on your parade. Also take a hard look at your finances. What might not be acceptable for you is for someone else. Tonight: Where the action is.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Take a stand and get ready to handle pressure. Your way of seeing a situation could be tested by a partner. You might feel that you need to do something a certain way. A boss or a community project takes a lot of your attention. Tonight: Could be late.

Happy birthday

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

You cannot be too precise or direct this year. Keep talking and asking questions if you're uncomfortable with a specific situation. If you cannot resolve it, then you might want to move on. This year, clear out what is ineffective or dysfunctional. You are preparing for a new life and luck cycle. If you are single, check out a new member on the scene with care, especially if you want to become involved. If you are attached, plan several retreats together. These weekends prove to be instrumental for the relationship. SAGITTARIUS encourages you to lead.

Girls and Sports

By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



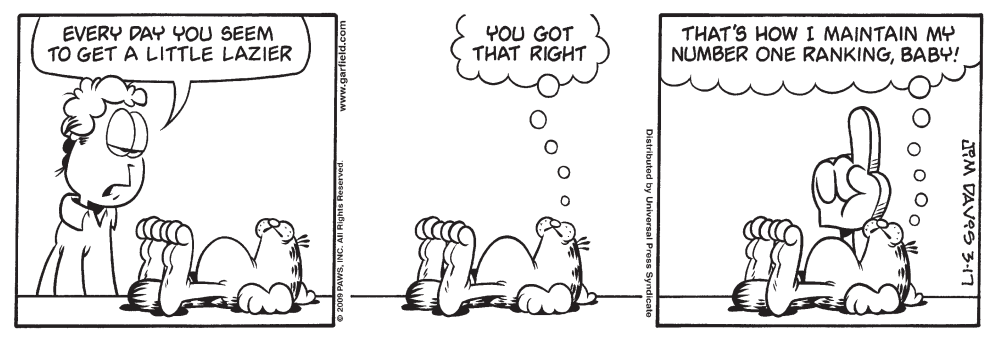
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By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



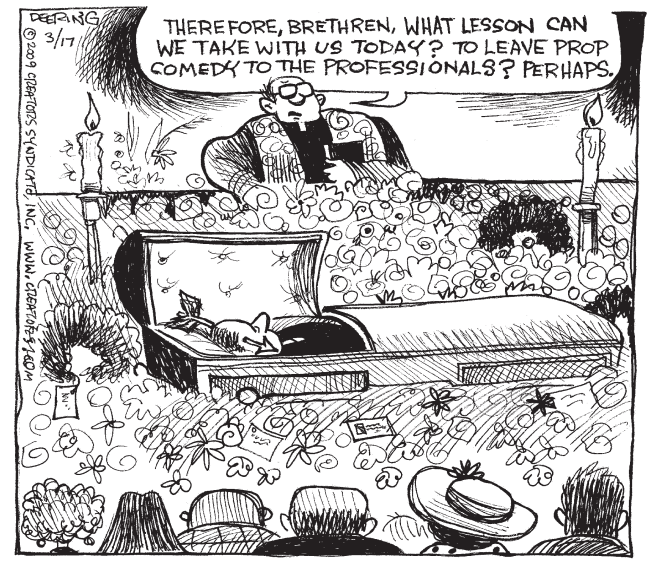
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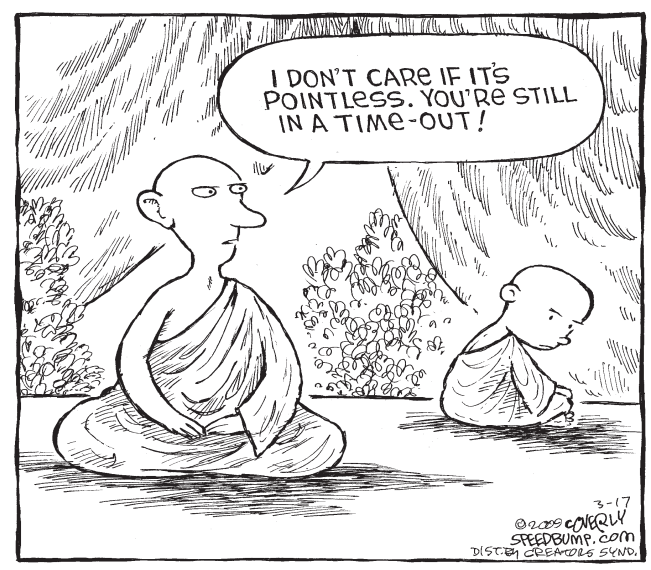
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Speed Bump

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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 ★★

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

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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

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

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MYSTERY REVEALED

Rachel Dardashti *news@smdp.com*

OK, we knew this one was difficult and since no one has figured it out, we might as well move on. The answer: the 'liquor' sign at the market on Main Street near Ocean Park.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Humorist Mort
5 Bread ring
10 Wall climbers
12 Cherish
13 Violin part
15 Skin art, for short
16 Spanish king
17 Fall behind
18 Radio trouble
20 Location
21 Old anesthetic
22 Still-life fruit
23 Ordinary
25 Big ringer
28 Mirror sight
31 Metal sources
32 Tribe symbols
34 Frank McCourt book
35 Director Ang
36 Floral ring
37 Computer part
40 Patriot Ethan
41 Band-leader Shaw
42 Considers
43 Audacious

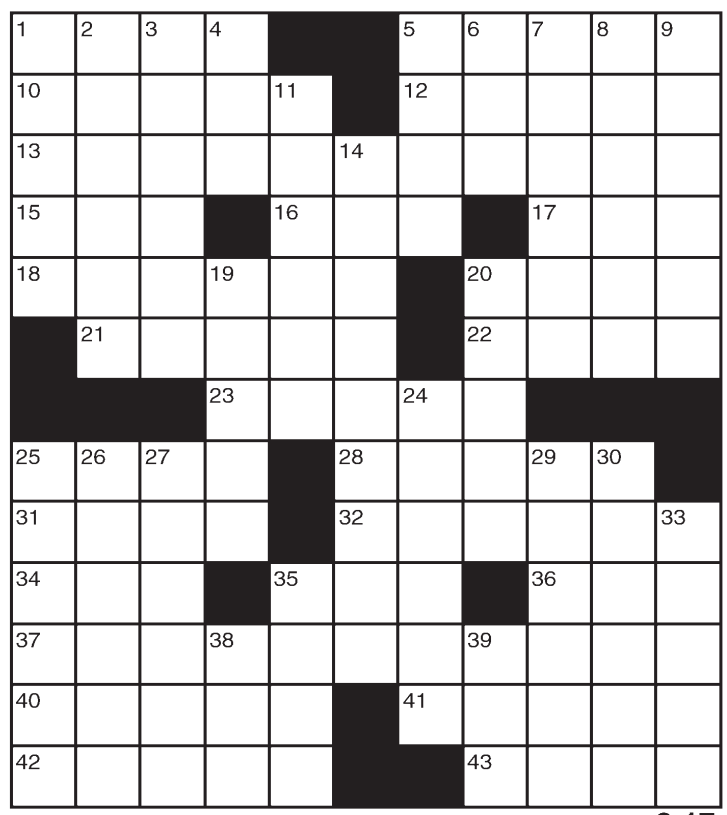
DOWN

1 Makes finer
2 Fly
3 Suggest
4 Table part
5 Nursery resident
6 Hubbub
7 Player in a mask
8 Book goofs
9 Account book
11 Network show
14 Army worker
19 Gorillas
20 Paint-spilling sound
24 One-celled organism
25 Blew one's top
26 Red-and-black bird
27 Get snug
29 Rich ice cream
30 Chef Lagasse
33 Was partial
35 Camera part
38 Skirt edge
39 Ball

A	C	I	D	■	T	R	A	S	H	■
R	E	N	O	■	W	E	N	T	A	T
O	L	E	G	■	I	N	T	O	T	O
A	I	R	F	A	R	E	■	O	R	R
R	E	T	I	T	L	E	■	D	A	S
■	■	■	G	I	S	■	C	O	C	O
T	I	G	H	T	■	H	A	N	K	S
E	D	I	T	■	O	U	T	■	■	■
N	I	N	■	S	U	N	F	I	S	H
N	O	G	■	A	N	T	I	G	U	A
I	T	A	L	I	C	■	G	L	A	D
S	I	M	O	N	E	■	H	O	V	E
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Yesterday's answer

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FANTASY 5: 3 11 29 34 39

DAILY 3: MIDDAY: 4 7 0 EVENING: 3 4 5

DAILY DERBY:
1st: 03 Hot Shot
2nd: 05 California Classic
3rd: 06 Winning Spirit
RACE TIME: 1.42.16

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The Giza Zoo (the largest in Cairo, Egypt) is a broken-down version of its former greatness due to poor management, failed international inspections, animal sickness and attrition, and a deteriorating neighborhood, and among the problems now, according to a February Global Post dispatch, is that employees supplement their tiny wages with $2 bribes from visitors who want to fraternize with the animals. "(P)osing with elephants" and "feeding seals" are big attractions, but so are visitors' roaming the cages, "holding lion cubs" and "hugging bears."

■ Not Ready for Prime Time: (1) Matthew Peverada was arrested in Portland, Maine, in December and charged with attempting to rob Dipietro's Market. His first attempt, at about 4 p.m., was rebuffed, but he announced that he'd be back at 11 p.m., and that they'd better have some money for him. He returned, and police were waiting. (2) In Phoenix in January, Shawn Holden, 20, ran from his car rather than be detained at a traffic stop for running a red light, and officers pursued him on foot. As police were wandering around looking for Holden, a truck driver walked by, got into his truck, and drove off, running over the prostrate body of Holden, who had been hiding underneath. He was treated at a hospital and arrested.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1906 President Theodore Roosevelt first likened crusading journalists to a man with "the muckrake in his hand" in a speech to the Gridiron Club in Washington.

1950 scientists at the University of California at Berkeley announced they had created a new radioactive element, "californium."

WORD UP!

cormorant \KOR-mur-unt; -muh-rant\, *noun*:

1. Any species of Phalacrocorax, a genus of sea birds having a sac under the beak; the shag. Cormorants devour fish voraciously, and have become the emblem of gluttony. They are generally black, and hence are called sea ravens, and coalgeese.
2. A gluttonous, greedy, or rapacious person.

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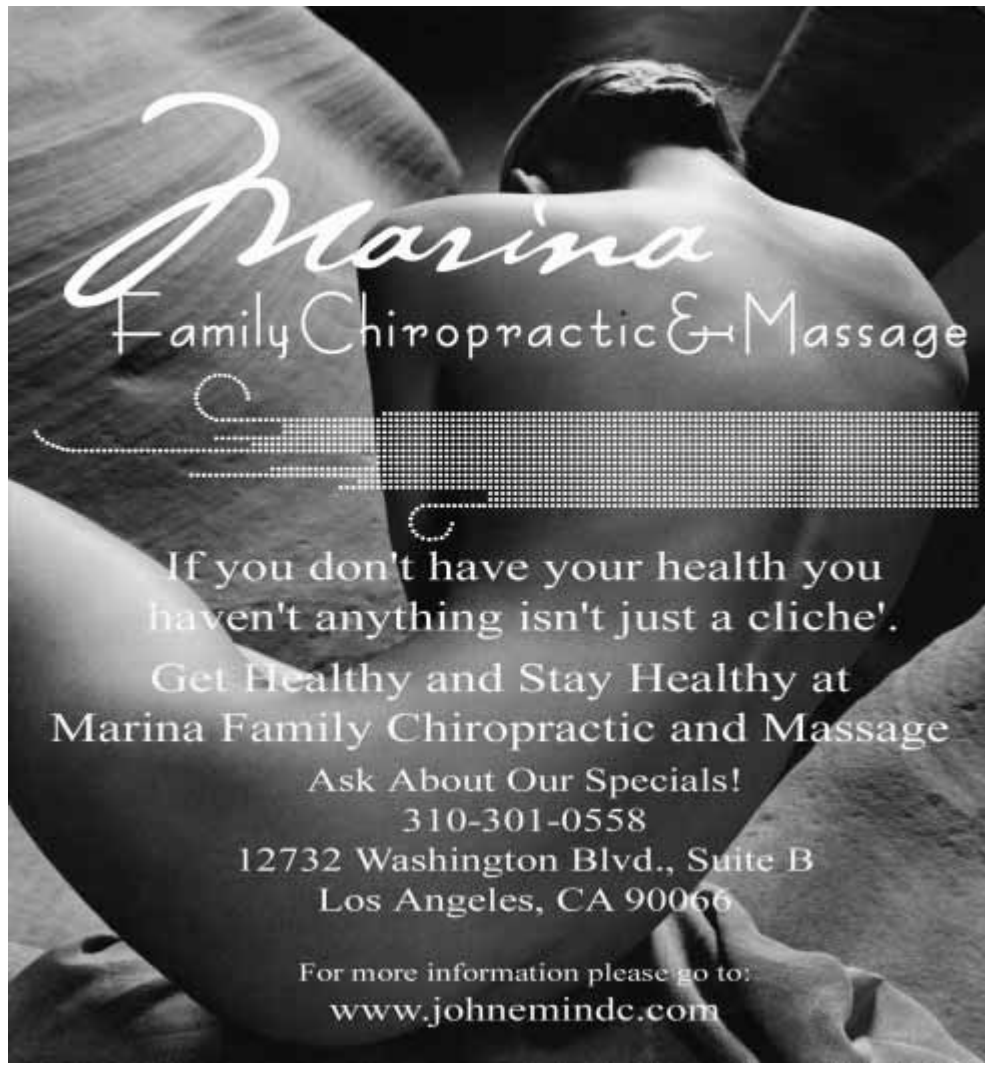
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