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# Millions in funding up for grabs

## Santa Monica officials vie to receive cash from MTA, CalTrans

BY KEVIN HERRERA  
Daily Press Staff Writer

**CITY HALL** Santa Monica is in the running for \$7.2 million in grants from the MTA and CalTrans that will help pay for school-based

bicycle training, alternative fuel buses and other transportation-related projects on the Westside.

City officials recently participated in an appeals meeting to provide additional information on five city projects and two others submitted by the Westside Cities Council of Governments, or COG, of which Santa Monica is a member, city and county officials said.

The Metro board is expected to make a final decision on the projects in July.

It is the first time in six years that the MTA has initiated a "Call for Projects," allowing all 88 cities in the county and transit operators to compete openly for funding.

Metro received 406 applications totaling \$1.7 billion. Staff is recommending funding just 174 projects for a total of \$450 million, according to Carol Inge, chief planning officer for Metro.

Of the seven projects submitted by Santa Monica, five have been recommended for funding, a good percentage considering the competition, said Don Patterson, assistant to the City Manager.

"We did fairly well," Patterson said. "It's quite unique ... We really tried to focus on projects we felt were competitive and that really had a regional significance."

The projects being recommended for funding are: a bike transit station in one of the city's downtown parking structures, where there would be both attended and self-parking for bicyclists; bicycle training for students, to teach them how to safely ride on city streets; the replacement of 20 dirty diesel buses with those running on liquefied natural gas (complete replacement of Big Blue Buses diesel fleet with alternative fuel buses is anticipated by 2014); the installation of real time beach parking signs that will let motorists

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### Patt Morrison supports activists

1440 Harvard St., 7 p.m.

Patt Morrison, Los Angeles Times columnist and radio host of "Patt Morrison," a public affairs-oriented talk show airing weekdays on KPCC-FM, will give the opening address at Wednesday's public gathering of the Activist Support Circle. This event is free. For further information, call (310) 399-1000 or visit [www.activistsupportcircle.org](http://www.activistsupportcircle.org).

### Enchanted Lunchtime Theatre

1211 Fourth St., 11:30 a.m. — 1 p.m.

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### Kiwanis Club weekly meeting

1332 Sixth St., noon — 1:30 p.m.

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### Sustainable Works Green Living Workshop

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

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## Thursday, May 31, 2007

### Spring Sing Concert

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 10:30 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.

The Santa Monica Public Library hosts The Lyric Chorus of Santa Monica College Emeritus College under the direction of Bill Elliott. For more information, call the Library at (310) 458-8600.

### 'Pure'

1700 Ocean Park Blvd., 11 a.m. — 6 p.m.

Daniel Francisco's current exhibit, "Pure," is on display at Kulturas Books. For more information call (310) 450-8707.

### The 12 Steps for Everybody

16730 Bollinger Dr., Pacific Palisades, 7 p.m. — 8 p.m.

The 12 Steps for Everybody's writing meeting is for all 12-Step programs or anyone with a habitual problem or illness. Call (310) 454-5138 or e-mail [info@12stepsforeverybody.org](mailto:info@12stepsforeverybody.org) for more information.

### Yappy Hour @ Tails of Santa Monica

2912 Main St., 6 p.m. — 8 p.m.

A social gathering for dogs and their people. There will be light refreshments, dog snacks and play time. For more information, call (310) 392-4300.

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Half-day Sportfishing boat excursions will depart from the Malibu Pier seven days a week through May 31. Ticket prices are \$37.50 for all ages. The excursions last approximately 5 1/2 hours. A galley onboard will provide food and beverages for purchase. Fishing equipment is available for rent. For more information, call (310) 456-8031.

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UPDATE

# Owner is cutting the strings

BY MELODY HANATANI  
Daily Press Staff Writer

**DOWNTOWN SM** In less than two months, the sounds of children's laughter and the many voices of a master puppeteer will be silenced within the walls of a small theater on Second Street.

After nearly 10 years in the same studio at the corner of Arizona Avenue and Second Street, the Santa Monica Puppetry Center will close its doors on Independence Day in the face of rising rent.

A few months ago, Santa Monica Puppetry Center founder Steve Meltzer received a notice from his landlord that his monthly rate would spike from about \$3,200 a month to close to \$4,900 a month due to a combination of increases in maintenance and rent.

Currently a month-to-month tenant, the puppet master was originally to pay the new rent effective May 1. But after meeting with the property owner, he was able to negotiate a deal that would allow him to stay through July 4 paying the current rate.

"Sometimes the reason you get less than market rate is to promote high quality businesses that bring traffic into the community, which helps everyone," Meltzer said.

Meltzer settled into the small 1,000 square foot space in September 1997 after a brief one-year stay in another studio on the Third Street Promenade.

The Santa Monica Puppetry Center houses a theater that can seat 50 people, a museum featuring Meltzer's collection of more than 400 marionettes and puppets, and a workshop where he repairs broken puppets and customizes puppets for television shows.

It was here on Second Street where a 45-minute show by the name of "Puppetolio" would go on to become the longest running family show in Los Angeles, garnering an audience of 50,000 people over the years, and where Meltzer would establish himself as the "puppet man," providing his puppet service to various television shows and movies.

Meltzer's puppets and marionettes have

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Fabian Lewkowicz [fabianl@smdp.com](mailto:fabianl@smdp.com)

**DON'T MIND IF I DO:** John Adams Middle School drama students act out a 1960s-era scene during Tuesday's dress rehearsal for the play "Driving Through the Decades." The stars drink beer and drop acid in this scene, one of several in the cautionary tale about drunk driving that premieres tonight.

# Drunk driving theater

BY MELODY HANATANI  
Daily Press Staff Writer

**JOHN ADAMS MS** A popular teenager by the name of Johnny is drinking heavily at a high school party when he grabs his car keys and decides it's time to bounce.

Against her instincts, Suzie agrees to go along with her boyfriend after initially resisting his offer. "Come with me or you can forget about being my girlfriend," Johnny warns Suzie.

Not surprisingly, the young couple lands in trouble as Johnny's car gets stuck on a train track. A train fast approaches, and while Johnny is able to get out of the car, Suzie is trapped inside — her dress stuck in the passenger door. Fade to black.

It may sound like the typical fictional tale taught to students on the dangers of drinking and driving, but the story of Suzie and Johnny is true and one that hits close to home.

Taking real-life stories from members of the John Adams Middle School community, the eighth grade drama class today will act out the vices of substance abuse and the emotional and physical damages it might cause, in a play entitled "Driving through the decades."

The approximately 40-minute play tells five different true stories of substance abuse that have been set in five different decades, sending the message that though fashion and music might change, teenagers will always have the same tough decisions to make in life — like avoiding a car with a drunken driver.

All the names of the characters have been changed to protect the identities of the people from whom the story was based.

In an age where teen idols like Lindsay Lohan and Paris Hilton are hardly acting as role models, running into the law for driving under the influence, "Driving Through the Decades" might just be what young impres-

sionable middle school students need.

It is in the eighth grade when students are at risk of getting into cars with teenage drivers who are drunk, said drama teacher and director Marcia McCarthy, citing several studies.

The script for "Driving Through the Decades" was drafted two years ago by McCarthy and her former eighth grade drama students after the school's drama program received a \$500 grant from Safe Moves, a non-profit organization aimed at teaching traffic safety. Some of those eighth grade students are old enough to drive today.

"We knew we had to get a serious message across," McCarthy said.

In anticipation of the performances today, the approximately 31 eighth graders did a dress rehearsal on Tuesday afternoon, working out any kinks that need to be corrected before the unveiling.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Justifying rent control is a hard sell  
Editor:

In response to Joel Koury's letter to the editor" ("Rent control is help, not a handout," May 25), I find it amusing that his "facts" just don't add up. His first fact was "70 percent of the families that live in pre-1999 rent control units make less than \$60,000 per year." He then goes on to list other facts, the most amusing being "55 percent of them are working only part-time, are self-employed or retired." Well, I don't know about others, but the fact that 55 percent of those families occupying pre-1999 rent controlled units working only part-time or being self employed speaks for itself.

One should only be so lucky to have that opportunity and pay low rent! Joel Koury's need to justify the Rent Control Board's decisions in the paper also speaks for itself.

Bruce Taylor  
Santa Monica

Rent control begets a community  
Editor:

In response to Tom Hallen's comments in the SMPD from May 23 ("Rent control's time has come to an end," letters): The circumstances you describe with the rent control tenants sound like a management problem, not a "Rent Control" problem. If the owners/managers cared that little about who was living in their space, that is not a reflection of a city policy.

Once again, it would be nice if people cease these gross generalizations. My neighbor pays less than half the rent that I do. He has also been a loyal tenant for 15 years who has cared for his apartment; he prevented the landlord from having times when it was vacant; he pays his rent in a timely manner; and the rest of us feel no resentment. Instead, we feel respect for a person who has made a home.

For those of you considering getting rid of rent control, you would be taking away a lot from people like him. Bravo to Joel C. Koury ("Rent control is help, not a handout," May 25) for pointing out some facts.

Heidi Marshall Booth  
Santa Monica

There's plenty of land in Kansas  
Editor:

What is so infuriating about (Joel) Koury and other, perhaps well-intentioned, but misguided people of his ilk, is their steadfast refusal to acknowledge America's great capitalist, free market-oriented laissez-faire system of government which has made this country the world's only superpower.

Where is it written, I ask, that anyone of a certain socio-economic stratum should, by government dictum, live in a particular locale? An examination of our country's history will reveal that it isn't "written" at all!

In our form of politico economic structure, one gets to live almost exclusively as a determinant of where their means enable them to live. Thus, we don't see people of moderate means or low income living in Bel Air. As to the argument that there is no housing available for moderate income people, that is a complete canard. A plane trip to New York from L A will reveal thousands and thousands of miles of available space.

No, this present argument about moderate income housing is just the latest installment in an almost-30-year ideological battle in this town between the forces of common sense and tradition and those who will wield government power in unnatural ways to continue their stranglehold on power.

David A. McKellar  
Santa Monica



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Why Is America so violent these days?

VIOLENCE BEGETS VIOLENCE, AND IT IS contagious.

America is a nation plagued by violence — in our homes, in our schools, on our streets and in our affairs of state, both foreign and domestic. Violence permeates our entertainment culture with its glamorization of death and destruction in movies and video games. It is estimated that by the time a child reaches 18, he or she will have witnessed 200,000 acts of violence, including 40,000 murders on television. Our nation has one of the highest murder rates and levels of incarceration of all industrialized nations in the world. We even export violence, with one of this country's most profitable exports being weapons.

America is now seen as a violent empire with continual wars that stretch back to at least the beginning of the 20th century.

But why is America so violent? Starting with the genocide practiced against millions of Native Americans and continuing through the era of black slavery, the Civil War and onward to the present-day conflicts in the Middle East, our nation's collective history has been indelibly stained with blood. America's history, which few have knowledge of, is not about memorizing dates, but understanding what happened in the past and how to deal with it. America needs an exorcism of its past.

Some suggest that this failure to resolve our violent past has predisposed us to continuing along a path of violence. Others point the finger at a proliferation of weapons, increasingly impersonal technologies, a disparate distribution of wealth, materialism, the erosion of families, isolationism and so on.

A basic premise in the founding of America was that human beings were created by God. People as such were seen as special, and life was considered precious. However, this view of God and ourselves is increasingly being set aside. I often hear America referred to as a Christian nation. Yet while we might have a large number of churches and people who profess to believe in God, that's as far as it goes. At the end of the day, it is our actions that speak for us.

Community is a spiritual thing, and we've largely lost that as well. We've become isolationists, caught up in our own private worlds where no one communicates. We turn away from the homeless, the suffering and those in pain.

The American community that once bound us together has been shattered. The loving relationship between parent and child is now separated by mom and dad's 24/7 connection to work in the form of a BlackBerry, computer or their maniacal attachment to a cell phone. More and more children grow up living out of a suitcase, shuttled between households of divorced parents. And the watchful, caring eye of a parent or neighbor has been shelved for youth online communities where teens don't have to learn to deal with the difficulties of real-life, face-to-face relationships.

Materialism has eclipsed both spirituality and community, stripping us of the very things that once gave our lives meaning and worth.

We have lost our moral compass, and it's destroying us as a country. The majority of Americans today, especially the younger generation, have no sense of what is right and wrong. It can be seen throughout society, from the kids killing homeless people for a game to the 250-pound man who beat an elderly woman to the ground. Having traded our spiritual values for a bowl of materialistic porridge, we have failed to impart meaningful lessons to our children about right and wrong.

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It may be that Virginia Tech gunman Seung-Hui Cho was simply a deeply disturbed individual, but we cannot ignore the fact that he was also a product of American culture. Having lived here for 15 years, he had more than enough time to absorb American values and reflect the lack of them.

If we are to reverse the tide of violence in America, the principles of nonviolence must be taught in our homes, churches, schools and communities. However, we remain a society that is armed to the teeth. Our culture glorifies violence. Even security guards at shopping malls now carry weapons. Our government is especially guilty of using violence as a quick fix. How can we teach non-violence if our government leaders subscribe to violence?

Unless something drastically changes, America's future is violence. The answer does not lie in gun control; nor is it metal detectors in the schools. What must change is the way we think about and relate to one another. It's time to get our children away from headphones, get parents away from cell phones, stop hiding behind technology and be human again.

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# Earth Talk

By the editors of E Magazine

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**STRIKE THAT:** Nearly half of 279 federal climate scientists surveyed by the Union of Concerned Scientists reported being pressured to delete references to "global warming" or "climate change" from scientific papers. Many said they were prohibited from talking to the media.

## An inconvenient censorship

Dear EarthTalk

How is it that the Bush Administration is said to have "censored" climate scientists?

**Anna Edelman,**  
Seattle, WA

Word of the White House censoring federal climate scientists on global warming began leaking out to the press early in George W. Bush's first term in office, but only in the last few years have a few federal employees themselves been willing to go on record with such accusations.

A report released last January by two leading nonprofits — the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS) and the Government Accountability Project (GAP) — found that nearly half of 279 federal climate scientists who responded to a survey reported being pressured to delete references to "global warming" or "climate change" from scientific papers or reports, while many said they were prevented from talking to the media or had their work on the topic edited.

"The new evidence shows that political interference in climate science is no longer a series of isolated incidents but a system-wide epidemic," says UCS's Francesca Grifo. "Tailoring scientific fact for political purposes has become a problem across many federal science agencies."

The issue first bubbled to the surface when Rick Piltz, who worked for a decade coordinating federal research on global

warming as part of the U.S. Climate Change Science Program — first under President Clinton and then Bush — quit in mid-2005, alleging that his superiors were misusing and abusing the scientific information he was providing.

Piltz told reporters that Phil Cooney, an official with the President's Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) who worked for an oil industry trade group before coming to the White House, had been editing and altering documents published by the program.

Just when the brouhaha stirred up by Piltz appeared to be dying down, National Aeronautic and Space Administration (NASA) climate scientist James Hansen, who has been sounding alarms about global warming since the 1980s, rekindled the debate by telling reporters that NASA public affairs staff, under pressure from the Bush administration, were trying to censor his lectures, papers and Web site postings and keep him away from journalists.

But openness is only a first step. Says Piltz: "Even if we succeed in lifting this heavy hand of censorship, there is still the problem of getting the political leadership to embrace the findings put forward by the scientists."

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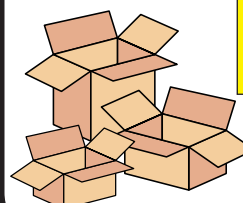
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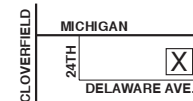
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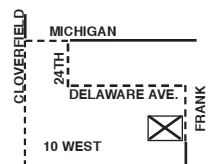


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The public hearing will be held on June 7, 2007 at 8:30 p.m., in the SMMUSD Board Room, 1651 16th St., Santa Monica, CA 90404-3891.

Subsequent to the public hearing on June 7, 2007 at the regularly scheduled meeting, it is the intention of the Board of Education to adopt a resolution to levy the tax at the rate of \$120.97 per parcel, which includes a 3.5% CPI adjustment. The CPI-U for Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, from April 2006 through April 2007, was used to calculate the adjustment.



## The HOA Advisor

Michael Chulak

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

# Words of wisdom for renters, owners

### DISCOURAGING RENTERS

**Q:** Is it possible to amend our CC&Rs so as to discourage renters?

**A:** Yes. While courts discourage unreasonable provisions to prevent owners from renting their properties, there are a number of ways to do so in a reasonable way. You should contact an attorney whose practice includes this area of law. Not all attorneys have the experience to amend governing documents for common interest developments.

### CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH LAW FIRM

**Q:** Our homeowner association needed a referral to a law firm that would represent us on a contingency basis. Our management company made a referral and our board of directors subsequently signed an agreement with the law firm that was referred to us. The retainer agreement called for the law firm to receive 40 percent and the management company to receive 10 percent. The management company was required to provide some minor administrative assistance to the law firm. The case settled for millions of dollars and consequently the management company was paid several hundred thousand dollars for less than \$2,000 worth of services! The members were never informed of the arrangement. As a member of the association, I am very concerned about this situation. What do you suggest?

**A:** You should be concerned about your board, the law firm representing your association and your management company. The situation you described calls for a confidential consultation.

### MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

**Q:** Our condominium HOA solicited and received a proposal for property management services. The proposal indicated that it was valid for 60 days. Our board did not get around to responding to the offer for more than 90 days and when we did so, the management company informed us that they were "no longer in a position to take on our property." We were not expecting this to happen and are greatly disappointed. Does this happen often?

**A:** It doesn't happen often, but it does happen. When a management company makes a proposal, it is implied that they have the capacity in terms of personnel to manage

the property at that time. If time passes and the management company accepts other business, it may not be able to provide quality services to other accounts.

### ASSOCIATION SUED BY MEMBER

**Q:** Our management company recently recorded an assessment lien against the property of a delinquent homeowner. Before recording the lien, they carefully read the CC&Rs and then followed the requirements, only to find out afterwards that the CC&Rs were outdated and did not reflect the current law. As a result, we were sued by the delinquent homeowner and forced to pay a large sum of money to settle the case. Can we recover from our management company?

**A:** I believe you have a good negligence case. Your management company fell below the standard of care by failing to comply with the current legal requirements. The recordation of liens can have serious consequences and should be supervised by an attorney.

The situation you have described clearly illustrates the importance of amending your association's CC&Rs in order to make certain they reflect current law.

### PITBULL PROBLEMS

**Q:** Someone just moved into our condominium association with a large pitbull dog. It hasn't attacked anyone, but it is very aggressive and nearly everyone is concerned about it. Our CC&Rs are silent on the subject expect for permitting members to own up to two domestic animals. What should we do?

**A:** It would have been easier to prevent this problem by amending your CC&Rs before the pitbull was brought onto the property. Attempting to deal with the problem after the fact is much more difficult, but not impossible. The dog may constitute a nuisance which is probably a violation of your CC&Rs. More facts are needed to adequately answer your question. The lesson is clear, however: It is far better to address these types of issues with a CC&R amendment before the anticipated problem becomes a real problem.

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### BUSINESS

## Stocks up slightly ahead of minutes

**BY MADLEN READ**  
AP Business Writer

**NEW YORK** Wall Street eked out a modest gain Tuesday as investors, wary about the upcoming release of the Federal Reserve minutes, bought cautiously amid a series of new takeover deals and upbeat consumer confidence figures.

Stocks drew support from news that a consortium of banks led by Royal Bank of Scotland PLC said it will bid 71.1 billion euros, or \$95.5 billion, for the Netherlands' ABN Amro, besting an offer from Barclays PLC. Other takeover news included an announcement that Tishman Speyer

Properties and Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. are buying Archstone-Smith Trust for at least \$13.5 billion.

But trading was erratic with the minutes from the Federal Reserve's last meeting scheduled to be released Wednesday. The minutes could provide some insight into future interest rate moves.

Wall Street also digested strong consumer confidence data, and a report on housing prices.

"It's a bit of a wishy-washy day ... People are starting to get their sea legs back after a long weekend," said Joe Ranieri, managing director in equity trading at Canaccord Adams.

BUSINESS

# Paid coverage

## Obama calls for health insurance to be a shared responsibility

BY MIKE GLOVER  
Associated Press Writer

IOWA CITY, Iowa Seeking to add heft to his presidential bid, Democrat Barack Obama is offering a sweeping plan that would require every American to have health coverage and calls on government, businesses and consumers to share the costs of the program.

Obama said putting in place universal health coverage has been debated for decades, but the time has finally come to act. He said his plan could save the average consumer \$2,500 a year and bring health care to all.

“The time has come for universal, affordable health care in America,” Obama said in remarks prepared for delivery at the unveiling of his plan Tuesday in Iowa City.

A copy of his remarks and documents describing the program were obtained by The Associated Press.

Under Obama’s proposal, every American would be required to carry health insurance, and the Illinois senator would create a National Health Insurance Exchange to monitor insurance companies in offering the coverage. In essence, Obama’s plan retains the private insurance system but injects additional money into the system to pay for the expanded coverage.

Those who can’t afford coverage would get a subsidy on a sliding scale depending on

their income, and virtually all businesses would have to share in the cost of coverage for their workers. The plan that would be offered would be similar to the one covering members of Congress.

His package would prohibit insurance companies from refusing coverage because of pre-existing conditions.

“My plan begins by covering every American. If you already have health insurance, the only thing that will change for you under this plan is that the amount of money you will spend on premiums will be less,” Obama said. “If you are one of 45 million Americans who don’t have health insurance, you will after this plan becomes law.”

In addition to broadening coverage, Obama called for a series of steps to overhaul the current health care system. He would spend more money boosting technology in the health industry such as electronic record-keeping, put in place better management for chronic diseases and create a reinsurance pool for catastrophic illnesses to take the burden of their costs off of other premium payers.

His plan also envisions savings from ending the expensive care for the uninsured when they get sick. That care now is often provided at emergency rooms. The plan also would put a heavy focus on preventing disease through lifestyle changes.

In all, Obama said, the typical consumer would save \$2,500 a year.

“To help pay for this, we will ask all but the smallest businesses who don’t make a meaningful contribution to the health coverage of their workers to do so to support this plan,” said Obama. “And we also will repeal the temporary Bush tax cut.”

BUSINESS

# Three hundred million bottles later, Two Buck Chuck ages

BY MICHELLE LOCKE  
Associated Press Writer

NAPA Round and round they go, hundreds of bottles of Two Buck Chuck rattling and clinking their way toward a big machine that deftly fills, corks and seals each one in a rhythmic dance of metal and glass.

It’s been five years since the first of these amazingly cheap chardonnays and cut-price cabernets started rolling off the line, released by maverick vintner Fred Franzia under the formal label of Charles Shaw wines.

Three hundred million bottles later, Two Buck Chuck is still selling, and Franzia is still preaching his message of wine for the masses.

“We’re not out to gouge people,” says Franzia. “What I would like to see is every consumer be able to afford to have wine on the table every day and not feel insecure about it.”

Last year, Two Buck Chuck — available only in the Trader Joe’s grocery chain and priced at \$1.99 in California, hence its nickname — accounted for at least 8 percent of California wine sold in-state, said Jon Fredrikson, who tracks wine shipments through his Woodland-based company, Fredrikson, Gomberg & Associates. National market share figures are not available. A bottle can range as high as \$3.49 elsewhere.

The result — along with the cute “critter”

labels and more user-friendly packaging like boxes and screw caps — has helped knock a little of the starch out of the industry, said the wine industry consultant.

“I think it shook up the business in several ways, but certainly it created this interest among consumers to seek out wine values,” said Fredrikson. “It certainly plants a seed in everyone’s mind about what you get for the money.”

Michael Mondavi, founder of Folio Fine Wine Partners, a Napa Valley-based importer and producer of high-end wines, takes the wine-glass-half-full approach to the Franzia effect.

“I think Two Buck Chuck has helped to make people aware that wine is not just for special occasions,” says Mondavi, son of California wine country pioneer Robert Mondavi and a longtime friend of Franzia’s. “I also believe that the vast majority of the people who originally start buying Two Buck Chuck, within a period of a year, trade up to better wines.”

Franzia’s roots in the winery business go deep. His grandfather, Giuseppe Franzia, immigrated from Italy to America in 1893, buying land in California in 1912 and beginning wine production three years later.

In 1933, the family started Franzia Brothers Winery, producing 100,000 gallons of table wine that year.

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# Self service

## Riders are doing it for themselves at Bikerowave store

BY KEVIN HERRERA  
Daily Press Staff Writer

**EASTSIDE** Inside a small building hidden behind Santa Monica Studios, Jaime Silber and roughly a dozen or so cycling enthusiasts twist metal spokes and tighten bolts on bicycles ranging from an old-school 10-speed to a new-school beach cruiser fitted with a battery powered motor.

Silber is looking for ways to transform his top-of-the-line racer into a more modest community bicycle, one more fitting for running errands than running down the competition.

"I'm trying to become more of a paperboy, be more functional, kind of like an Amish bicycle," Silber said while eyeing his \$250 handlebars, planning the best way to remove them so he can sell them on e-Bay. "With the money I make selling these I can pay for pretty much all the modifications on the bike."

A little more than a month ago, Silber wouldn't have dreamed of stripping down his racer on his own — too many parts to play with. But thanks to the help of fellow cyclists at Bikerowave, a communal bike shop, Silber is now able to make modifications without worry.

The brainchild of Alex Thompson, Yolanda Hodde and Zack Beatty, Bikerowave allows riders to make repairs and alterations for just \$5 an hour or \$100 a year. The shop, which is located in a small building tucked away behind the Santa Monica Studios, has all the tools one would need, as well as expert mechanics to help every step of the way. There are also supplies on sale as well as spare parts and old frames donated by other riders.

"Bike shops are typically really expensive,

even for minor repairs, and if you don't know how to do basic maintenance, your bike breaks down over time and that can cost a lot of money," said Thompson, as hip-hop boomed in the background. "Unlike cars where you need a diverse skill set, bikes are relatively simple and it is feasible for everyone to learn how to fix them."

Thompson, who began riding with earnest a few years ago after he realized his politics didn't mesh with his actions, estimates that it takes the average rider about 8 to 10 hours to completely learn their own bike and how it works. Beach cruisers are naturally easier to master than a 10-speed or other high-end bikes, but more or less a few hours is all it takes before someone can adjust their own brakes or fix a flat.

"I guess I do it just for the love of the bikes," said Michael Wilkerson, a volunteer and expert mechanic at Bikerowave who now builds watches for a living. "I volunteer about three times a week. The great thing about it is that nothing is typical. When you work at a bike shop, you get dozens of flat tires every day and that can get pretty monotonous. But here, people are coming in with all sorts of repairs or modifications they want to make and that keeps it interesting."

For Silber, it is people like Wilkerson that makes Bikerowave so enjoyable.

"The best thing about this is the spirit of the people," he said. "They really help you learn how to respect your bike, which makes you want to ride it more."

That is the ultimate goal, Thompson said. He and his partners would like for Bikerowave, which is just about breaking even financially, to gain in popularity and eventually become a center for biking on the Westside where people could congregate, plan events and keep the movement pedaling. Thompson said many bikers head to Silverlake and Echo Park to ride and hang out because that is where the established community is. Critical Mass and other events have helped create a movement on the Westside,



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**BIKE COMMUNE:** (Top) The modest warehouse on the Eastside of town, behind Santa Monica Studios, is the site of Bikerowave, an innovative new bicycle co-op. (Above) Alex Thompson, co-founder of Bikerowave, and Ryan Mallery, a volunteer, work on a bicycle.

but it could be stronger, he said.

"We want to help push the biking culture forward," said Thompson, while he was building his own wheels, bending spokes to fit his rims.

Bikerowave is open Mondays and

Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.. Directions and other information can be found at [www.bikerowave.org](http://www.bikerowave.org).

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# Triple amputee will graduate from UCLA

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES A woman who lost both legs and an arm as a child is now poised to become a doctor for children.

Kellie Lim, who became a triple amputee at age 8 because of bacterial meningitis, is graduating from UCLA's medical school on Friday, and plans to specialize in pediatrics.

The 26-year-old Michigan native does not use a prosthetic arm and manages to perform most medical procedures — including giving injections and taking blood — with one arm.

"Just having that experience of being someone so sick and how devastating that can be — not just for me but for my family too — gives me a perspective that other people don't necessarily have," Lim said.

Raised in suburban Detroit by a blind mother, Lim went through years of wheelchairs and painful therapy after toxic shock from the meningitis

claimed her limbs and three fingertips on her remaining hand. She recently returned to Michigan and looked at her childhood medical file and learned that doctors had given her an 85 percent chance of dying of the meningitis.

are aggravated by the legs.

Lim's teachers and fellow students said she exudes a calm that makes them and her patients forget her physical circumstances.

"She has an aura of competence

**I HATE FAILING. IT'S ONE OF THOSE THINGS THAT'S SO INGRAINED IN ME."**

Kellie Lim, triple amputee

Just five months after the amputations Lim returned to a normal school. Born right-handed, she learned to write and work with her left.

"I hate failing," she said. "It's one of those things that's so ingrained in me."

Now she walks — some say she bounces — around campus and through hospital hallways on a pair of prosthetic legs, sitting during bedside rounds only when painful skin ulcers

about her that you don't worry," said Dr. Elijah Wasson, one of Lim's supervisors. "At first you notice her hand is not there. But after about five minutes, she is so comfortable and so competent that you take her at face value and don't ask questions so much."

She will begin a residency program at the UCLA Medical Center and plans to focus on childhood allergies and infectious diseases.

# Middle School students perform play on substance abuse issues

FROM PLAY PAGE 3

Sporting everything from the 1950s dresses to the big curly hair styles of the 1980s, the students calmly performed the play in its entirety, some perfecting their role while others seemed to struggle with their lines.

An early 1980s model red Honda Accord sat on the side of the stage — the one prop that remains constant throughout all the scenes. It's the car that Suzie was killed in the first scene, set in the 1950s; where a mother and daughter were involved in a drunken driving accident in the 1960s scene; and where two teenagers were pulled over after drinking vodka in detention in the 1980s scene.

As the curtain draws to a close between episodes, popular songs epitomizing the musical style of the decade blast from the speakers, allowing the audience to guess the upcoming epoch. Behind the curtain, the students run around, changing the props and situating the new characters on stage — characters donning a hippie costume for the 1970s scene and mini-skirts in the 1960s.

The students who have spent months preparing for the play say they have learned the lessons of substance abuse through their characters.

"I learned that drugs are just bad and to listen to others when it comes to not doing something, that's bad," said Cary Doveck, who plays the role of Johnny in the first scene.

Whenever Maiya Livas, who plays the role of Caroline, the daughter in the 1960s scene, watched a news story about a teenager who was involved in a drunken driving accident, she usually brushed the issue off without giving it much thought. It wasn't until she started doing research for her current role that she saw how serious teenage drinking was.

In the 1960s scene, Livas' character is confronted with the issue of her mother's constant drinking and driving. Her mother, played by Sarah Pena, spends the day drinking and decides she needs to head to the market. Worried, Caroline tags along, asking her mother drive carefully. The two even-



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**FLASHBACK:** The 1960s is just one of the decades depicted.

tually get into a car accident.

Livas wonders about her character and how it must feel to deal with such a situation.

"It makes me feel sad for the part I am playing," Livas said.

"Driving Through the Decades" will be performed tonight at 7 p.m. at the John Adams Middle School Auditorium on the corner of 17th and Pearl streets. Admission is \$5. For more information, call (310) 452-2326 ext. 186.

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# Transit funds are available

FROM FUNDS PAGE 1

know when beach lots are full; and traffic signal upgrades for Main Street, Ocean Park Boulevard and Neilson Way.

A Metro committee rejected proposals to replace BBB fare boxes and encourage Santa Monica College students to carpool, ride bikes or use public transit.

If the City Council does receive the funding, it has yet to prioritize which projects would be put into action first, Patterson said.

"All the projects are important to different communities and interest groups," Patterson said. "There is a balanced range of projects."

**ALL THE PROJECTS ARE IMPORTANT TO DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES AND INTEREST GROUPS."**

**Don Patterson**  
assistant to the City Manager

pedestrian friendly; and the installation of new bicycle technologies, such as sensors and cameras at intersections that can trigger a traffic light to change, bike parking in commercial areas and bike boxes to show riders where to position themselves at intersections. The process is critical for Santa Monica, which relies heavily on grants to fund capital improvement projects. In the past, Metro funds have helped build the Santa Monica Urban Runoff Recycling Facility (SMURRF), bus stop improvements and crosswalk enhancements. Funds are currently being used for the Exposition bike path and Second and Fourth Street improvements.

Patterson said potential sources of funding outside of the city's general fund have been identified.

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☒ **WHAT DO YOU THINK?**

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## FLEX APPEAL

Figure model competitors primp before taking the stage Sunday for the 2007 Muscle Beach International Classic Bodybuilding and Figure Championship at Venice Beach.

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# Puppetry Center to close its doors

FROM PUPPETS PAGE 3

become Hollywood stars over the years, appearing in television shows such as "Married with Children," "Blind Date," and the 2004 hit movie "Team America: World Police."

The USC graduate started his puppet career 14 years ago after he began collecting and restoring old puppets. He was first introduced to puppetry as a boy growing up in New York City and watching variety shows on television, including the "Paul Winchell-Jerry Mahoney Show" on NBC. It was at the Santa Monica Puppetry Center where Winchell gave his last performance before his death in 2005.

At this time, Meltzer said he isn't sure whether he will scout other locations from where he would base his puppet business, adding that it's always costly to relocate a business because of the combination of moving expenses and the drop off in customers.

For now, Meltzer is weighing his options, which includes continuing his "Puppetolio" performances at schools and periodically traveling to various larger venues, including the Geffen Playhouse in Westwood.

One of the things Meltzer is considering is a possible television career.

About six months ago, a parent approached Meltzer at the end of his show with a proposal to produce a DVD. The parent was a director and owned a production company.

The DVD is expected to be released on June 20.



file photo

**OFF THE WALL:** Meltzer's museum is lined with various marionettes, puppets and dummies from the earliest days of the art.

"I hold onto this secret fantasy that maybe everyone will order the DVD and maybe we'll have enough money to stay in business (here)," Meltzer joked.

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MLB

# Hoffman ready to ring in 500th save

BY BERNIE WILSON  
AP Sports Writer

SAN DIEGO One night soon, Trevor Hoffman will pepper home plate with his remarkable changeup and unremarkable fastball, get the final out for the San Diego Padres and become the first big leaguer to reach 500 saves.

While it caused a ruckus locally when Hoffman became baseball's all-time saves leader late last season, reaching this plateau will inspire a sense of amazement among his teammates and peers.

"It's going to be awesome to see that five-zero-zero up on that board," Padres starter David Wells said. "I'm just going to stare at him and see how he takes it in."

Greg Maddux, the Padres' other elder statesman, thinks it'll be pretty cool, too.

"He's raising the bar, isn't he?" Maddux said. "He's just going somewhere that no one's ever been. I think he's going to change it for closers behind him, give them something to shoot for."

Hoffman, of course, doesn't think it's a big deal. A laid-back surfer dude at heart, he'll probably just go about his routine and treat it as another day at the ballyard, as he has since he got his first save as a rookie in 1993 with the expansion Florida Marlins.

With 15 saves in 17 chances this season, Hoffman is at 497 as the Padres open a three-game series at Pittsburgh on Tuesday night, then play three at Washington.

"In reality, is it much different than 479?" Hoffman said during the weekend. "I mean, it's a number that's still exceeding the second person, but because it has a different number at the beginning and zeros, it becomes maybe more ominous."

"I understand the difference. But I don't think there really should be a whole lot of hoopla surrounding it. I'm not trying to downplay it. I'm not trying to minimize the accomplishment by any means, but 479's kind of the transition number, I thought."

Hoffman reached 479 on Sept. 24, breaking Lee Smith's big league record and setting off a rocking celebration at Petco Park.

"I'm not looking to stop at 500, to be honest with you," the 39-year-old Hoffman said. "I'm trying to do my due diligence and remain productive. It's a progression. I also

understand the place in history that it stands for. I'm breaking a new barrier and I'm respectful of that. I'm respectful of the guys I've passed along the way."

Hoffman has a fan in the guy he vaulted to get to the top of the list.

"I hope Trevor gets a little more respect than he's getting," Smith said in a phone interview. "500 saves, it's unbelievable. I'm glad to see someone bring a little more light onto the reliever's role."

“HE’S RAISING THE BAR, ISN’T HE? HE’S JUST GOING SOMEWHERE THAT NO ONE’S EVER BEEN.”

Greg Maddux  
the Padres' other elder statesman

Even when Hoffman broke Smith's record there was grumbling from some quarters that the save is a cheap stat.

"I don't remember any easy saves," Smith said.

With Hoffman approaching such a nice round number, it begs the question: Does 500 saves compare with, say, 500 homers?

"Well, nobody's gotten 500 saves," said Maddux, who has 337 career wins. "A lot of people have 500 homers. He's setting the bar."

Wells agrees. "You've got to be around a long time to get that many home runs, and you've got to be around a long time, obviously, to get that many save opportunities," the lefty said. "They're there to save us, to get us wins. They're just as valuable as anybody else's home runs, as anybody else's wins. By far."

Said Brewers left fielder Geoff Jenkins: "It's way more than 500 homers."

Jenkins noted that Hoffman has continued to thrive because of his wicked changeup. Hoffman's fastball tops out at about 88 mph.

"He's got the Nintendo change," said Jenkins, a friend and admirer of the closer. "It's a video game changeup."

NFL

# LenDale White fails to show up at Tennessee mini-camp

By the Associated Press

Tennessee Titans running back LenDale White did not make it back in time for Tuesday's organized team workouts, leaving coach Jeff Fisher unclear about White's whereabouts.

"Everybody else managed to make it back," Fisher said. "He didn't, so I don't know, I guess he had things that are more important to him than what we're doing. I would assume he would be back at some point today."

White, a second-round pick from Southern California last season, has had other issues this offseason, reporting for the Titans'

offseason program at approximately 260 pounds, then suffering a hamstring injury.

Fisher said he had not spoken directly to White but did receive a telephone message from the running back about his absence saying he had flight problems.

White is expected to compete with second-round pick Chris Henry for the starting running back job.

"He'll get on the field eventually. I just hope it's not going to be too late," Fisher said.

"I've been on record with being disappointed with him right now. I hope to have him back on the practice field Thursday. But again, everybody else was here, he wasn't. I'm anxious to hear what kind of excuse he has."



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**SURF CONDITIONS**



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Today looks a tad smaller than today as the shorter, lagging periods from the SW swell arrive (12-14 seconds). Chest high with pluses at times seems like a reasonable call. We're expecting a bit of an increased onshore flow on Wednesday with the afternoon winds being somewhat stronger than previous days. The tide though looks quite moderate.

**LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS**

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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 -- 3
- Number of wet days -- 1
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 40 / 19
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 4 / 2

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Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for 2 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+  | A+  |
| Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth                    | A+  | A+  |
| El Pescador State Beach, between Lockhouse and Los Aliso creeks      | A+  | ns  |
| Encinal Canyons at El Morador State Beach                            | A+  | ns  |
| Grand Beach at Torrance Creek mouth                                  | A+  | ns  |
| Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth                                       | A+  | A+  |
| Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)                   | A+  | ns  |
| Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth                     | A+  | F   |
| Escamido Creek, just east of Escamido State Beach                    | A   | ns  |
| Loriga Canyon Creek mouth                                            | C   | A+  |
| Selkirk Canyon at San Blas County Beach                              | B   | ns  |
| Puente State Beach at creek mouth                                    | C   | A+  |
| Marine Canyon storm drain at Puente Beach, at 24672 Malibu Rd.       | F   | ns  |
| Surfside Beach at Malibu Calvary fence                               | A+  | A+  |
| Surfside Beach (beach located) - daily                               | B   | ns  |
| Malibu Pier - 50 yards east                                          | A+  | A+  |
| Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon                                    | A+  | ns  |
| Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (joint zone)              | A+  | ns  |
| Big Rock Beach at 19048 PCH stairs                                   | B   | A+  |
| Pine Creek at Los Tunes County Beach                                 | A+  | ns  |
| Tuna Canyon                                                          | A+  | ns  |
| Topanga State Beach at creek mouth                                   | A   | ns  |
| Castroville Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach                         | A+  | ns  |
| Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach                          | A+  | ns  |
| Will Rogers State Beach at 17280 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain) | A+  | A+  |

**LEGEND**

**DRY** -- each location is graded on an A -- F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone

**WET** -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days

ns -- no sample taken

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

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# Work late, Aquarius

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS  
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:

|       |         |       |           |
|-------|---------|-------|-----------|
| ★★★★★ | Dynamic | ★★★★★ | Positive  |
| ★★★★  | Average | ★★★★  | So-So     |
| ★★★   |         | ★★★   | Difficult |

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**  
★★★★ Confusion surrounds friends and intentions. Rather than hit your head against a brick wall, choose another direction, or bypass the wall completely. Resourcefulness adds to the quality of your day. Tonight: Someone gives you an earful.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
★★★★★ Others need to dominate. Letting go might not be easy, but it's instrumental in gaining success. Allow yourself to explore different interests. If you think a boss is confusing, others cannot even believe what this person says! Tonight: At a local hangout.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
★★★★ Possessiveness could mar a good situation. Your ability to work with others will change substantially if you say less and just respond. Being as prolific as you are with words often overwhelms others. Tonight: Just make it easy.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
★★★★★ Your solutions work even if you feel restricted in some manner. Use a liability and turn it into a strength. If you are open to feedback, you might be delighted by what emerges. Creativity soars. Tonight: Add more spice to your life.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
★★★★ Sometimes you are your own worst enemy – more so recently than in the past. Kiss anger and negativity good-bye, and much of a positive nature will wander in. A tendency to overthink things is a problem. Know when to quiet your mind. Tonight: Happy at home.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
★★★★★ Speak your mind, but choose your words with an eye to not only expressing yourself but also impacting others. Wisdom and foresight easily put you in a position you like. Don't be critical – of yourself or of others. Tonight: At a favorite haunt.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
★★★★ Be careful with money matters, despite how good an offer seems. There could be a hidden cost or problem. Your creativity surges. What you think is a good risk might be the path to disaster. Add rosy thinking to a love relationship, not to your financial outlook! Tonight: Put in some extra hours.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
★★★★★ Count on your perspective being far different from many others'. Follow up on an inquiry. Give thought and credence to different points of view. A solid thought pattern empowers, whereas spontaneity causes problems. Tonight: Say "yes" to interesting plans.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
★★★ Step back, especially if you cannot confirm information or get more facts. Knowing when not to act could be critical. A partner has many opinions. Listen, as this person might be on target. Tonight: Plans easily switch.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
★★★★★ Meetings and people point to the most direct path. You might not have thought of it, as someone could be coming down on you hard. Loosen up and relax. Let others run the show or be a bigger part of the end results. Tonight: You have reason to celebrate.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
★★★ Accept your role. Decide how you should project yourself. Information heads in your direction that could be a touch confusing, to say the very least. Give yourself time, and the message might make sense. Do not risk. Tonight: Work late.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
★★★★ Take a leap of faith, especially if you can satisfy your imagination. Quit being down on yourself. Take a break or a power nap if you're feeling overwhelmed. Then you'll accomplish a lot. News coming in opens doors. Tonight: Let your mind wander. Call an old friend.

## Born Today

**Actor Michael J. Pollard (1939)**  
**Voice actor Mel Blanc (1908)**  
**Actor Keir Dullea (1936)**

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## Happy Birthday!

This year, allow yourself to break from convention and be willing to say less. Listen to others more often and be less assertive that you have the right answer. You could be a bit prolific verbally, pushing people away. Decide to give up this behavior. Your work and daily life could become more dynamic if you relax and don't push so hard. Be willing to invest in your well-being. If you are single, a relationship of major proportions could begin at any given moment. Be open to a different style. If you are attached, you come off far sterner than you realize, crushing your sweetie's free spirit.

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# Closing out 'The View' goes on without Rosie after last week's spat

**ELISABETH HASSELBECK** is trying to patch things up with Rosie O'Donnell, her former co-host on ABC's "The View," after last week's on-air spat.

On Tuesday's show, Hasselbeck said she and O'Donnell were "in communication a lot," though Hasselbeck didn't say whether they had talked on the phone or exchanged e-mails. Their confrontation last Wednesday led to

O'Donnell's early departure from the daytime chatfest.

"This weekend gave us the opportunity to tackle our most important Hot Topic yet, and that was the power of forgiveness, and I believe that we've begun that process," Hasselbeck said. "And so now that enables us to move on in a very positive way. ... I'm really happy about that."

Show creator and co-host Barbara Walters said

Tuesday she had been sending e-mails to O'Donnell and they remain "close friends." Walters also said O'Donnell is welcome back to "The View" as a panelist at anytime.

The argument between Hasselbeck and O'Donnell began over O'Donnell's earlier statement about the war: "655,000 Iraqi civilians had died. Who are the terrorists?"

Talk-show critics

accused O'Donnell of calling U.S. troops terrorists. She called Hasselbeck "cowardly" for not saying anything in response to the critics, which set off their lengthy argument.

On Friday, ABC said O'Donnell asked for, and received, an early exit from her contract. O'Donnell said last month she would be leaving because she couldn't agree to a new contract.

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ABC  
Elisabeth Hasselbeck during the heated debate.

## YOUNG JEEZY BUSTED

An argument at a suburban Atlanta strip club netted a disorderly conduct charge for **YOUNG JEEZY** and some friends, authorities said.

The rapper, whose real name is Jay Jenkins, was arrested after the incident at the strip club in Clarkston, said DeKalb County police spokesman Michael Payne.

It happened Thursday around 3 a.m., Payne said.

"Evidently there was some type of altercation in the club, someone didn't want to leave," Payne said. "It turns out one of the people in the group was Jay Jenkins or Young Jeezy. Evidently he was there with his sister and some friends."

Payne said off-duty police officers from the nearby community of Pine Lake were handling security at the club, and called for backup from the county police.

He said Jenkins and two male friends were booked on disorderly conduct charges at the DeKalb jail and released. He said Jenkins' sister was given a citation for disorderly conduct but wasn't booked at the jail.

"There was no physical confrontation. It was all verbal and basically being belligerent," Payne said.

DeKalb County authorities couldn't immediately provide the status of the charges.

A spokesman for Young Jeezy's distribution company, Corporate Thugz Entertainment, didn't immediately return a call Tuesday asking for comment. The rapper got his start in Macon and Atlanta.

AP

## Britney Spears weighs in on rehabilitation, tabloids in personal note to fans



**BRITNEY SPEARS** says she "hit rock bottom," in a message posted on her Web site about the end of her marriage and her time in rehab.

Spears calls rehab "a very humbling place" and denies that it was alcohol or depression that sent her there.

"I truly hit rock bottom," the 25-year-old pop star writes. "I was like a bad kid running around with ADD."

Spears completed a monthlong stay at a luxury Malibu rehabilitation treatment facility in March after a series of run-ins with the paparazzi that included a stop at a San Fernando Valley hair salon, where she was caught on video shear-

ing her own locks. Other photos splashed across the Internet appeared to reveal Spears out partying wearing nothing underneath her short skirts.

She was seen going out with Paris Hilton and Lindsay Lohan after filing for divorce from aspiring rapper Kevin Federline last November, just two months after giving birth to their second child, Jayden James. The pair also have an older son, Sean Preston, now 20 months.

The couple reached a divorce settlement in March.

"I had a manager from a long time ago come in and try to direct me and my life after I got my divorce,"

writes Spears. "I was so overwhelmed I think that I was in a little shock too. I didn't know who to go to."

"I realized how much energy and love I had put into my past relationship when it was gone because I genuinely did not know what to do with myself, and it made me so sad. I confess, I was so lost," she writes.

Explaining her recent behavior, she says: "I think it is actually normal for a young girl to go out after a huge divorce."

Spears also says she is "having to face a lot of things" as she raises her two young sons.

AP

## Lohan seen slumped in passenger seat

**LINDSAY LOHAN**, who was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence Saturday in Beverly Hills, Calif., was photographed less than 48 hours later slumped in the passenger seat of a car.

Web site X17online.com posted the photos Monday, which it said were taken

early that morning at a gas station after the 20-year-old actress left the Roosevelt Hotel in Hollywood, Calif., with a girlfriend.

The photos show Lohan, wearing a gray hooded sweat shirt, with her mouth open and her eyes shut, apparently asleep. Another

photo shows her kneeling on the ground, her back to the camera, apparently before getting into the vehicle.

Leslie Sloane Zelnik, Lohan's publicist, didn't return repeated phone calls and e-mail messages from The Associated Press seeking comment.

Lohan was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence Saturday after her convertible struck a curb in Beverly Hills, and investigators found what they believe is cocaine at the scene, police said. The actress and two other people were riding in the car.

AP

## The Police begin reunion with sold-out show

**THE POLICE** kicked off its reunion tour before a sold-out crowd of 20,000 — not bad for a group playing its first stadium in more than 20 years.

Fans took to their feet and sang along as Monday's night's show opened with "Message in a Bottle," the band's 1979 smash hit.

The trio of singer-bassist Sting, guitarist Andy Summers and drummer Stewart Copeland followed that up with a six-

minute rendition of 1982's "Synchronicity."

From hit to hit, the fans at General Motors Place swayed to the music, offering up thunderous applause.

The Police broke up in 1984 at the height of its success. Sting, 55, Summers, 64, and Copeland, 54, have since pursued individual careers.

Sting's son started off the evening. Joe Sumner, the lead vocalist and bassist for Fiction Plane,



raced onto the stage sounding a lot like his father, otherwise known as Gordon Sumner.

Some fans were in for a nostalgic night while others

weren't even born during the band's heyday.

"I think it's good that all these bands are getting back together."

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Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End (PG-13)

11:30am, 3:00, 6:35, 10:15

The Wendell Baker Story (PG-13)

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2:25, 5:00, 7:40, 10:30

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1:45, 4:40, 7:25, 10:00

Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End (PG-13)

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7:15, 9:45, 10:50

Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End DLP-Digital

Projection (PG-13)

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Next (PG-13)

3:40, 8:00

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12:00, 2:20, 4:55, 7:20,

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Paris, I Love You

(Paris, je t'aime) (R)

1:00, 4:00, 7:10, 9:55

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12:00, 2:30, 5:05, 7:40, 10:15

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Blades of Glory (PG-13)

1:50, 10:00

Fracture

11:10am, 4:30, 7:20

Shrek the Third DLP-Digital

Projection (PG)

12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00,

10:30

Shrek the Third (PG)

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2:10, 4:05, 4:40, 6:30, 7:10,

9:00, 9:40

Janric Classic 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 Bronze (easiest) to Silver to Gold (hardest).

Difficulty  
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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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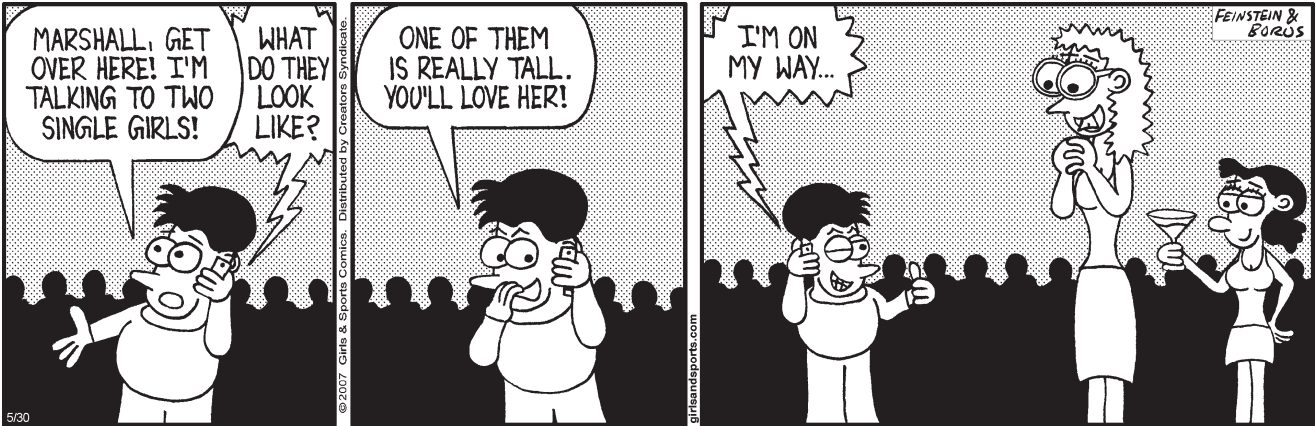
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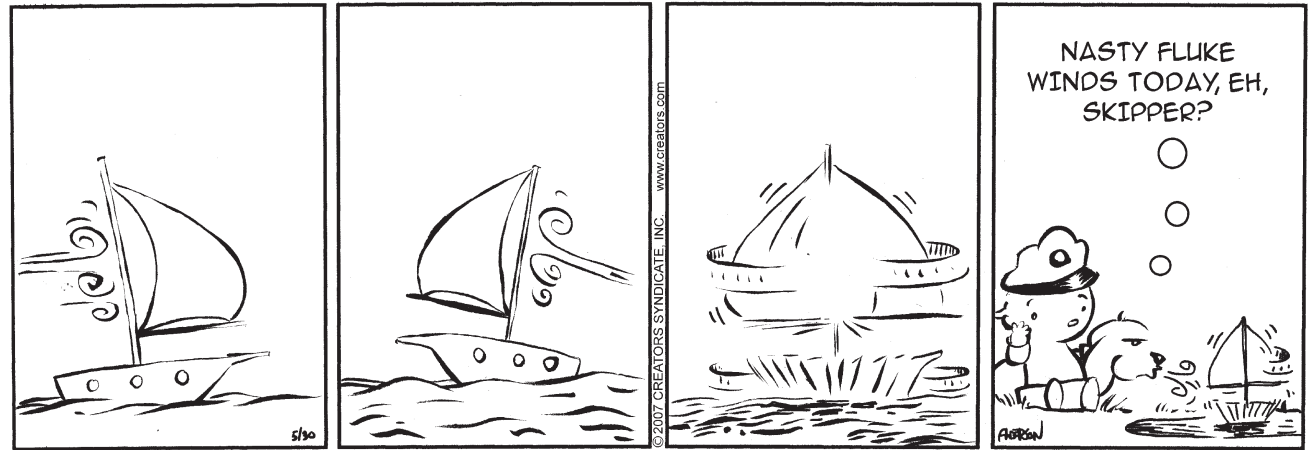
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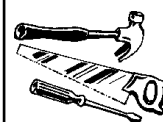
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