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THE ROAD WORK ISSUE

Ed board stuck on flavored milk ban idea

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS Incensed parents clashed with school district staff Wednesday night in a showdown over whether or not to serve non-fat chocolate milk to kids in local schools.

The fight centered on the relative nutritional value of getting kids to drink milk versus the dangers of too much extra sugar in their diets, which parents fear contributes to obesity and resulting health risks.

In the last year, cafeterias across the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District served 440,861 cartons of milk. Of those, 77 percent were non-fat chocolate milk, according to district statistics.

The non-fat chocolate milk has two additional teaspoons of sugar than plain milk.

Staff, led by Food Services Director Orlando Griego and Nutrition Specialist Dona Richwine, presented studies and opinions of medical professionals and organizations that suggested that the benefits of kids drinking milk far outweighed the negatives of those two teaspoons of extra sugar in each carton.

A two-year study looking at seven school

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Bill would pre-empt local circumcision bans

JASON DEAREN
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO Two California lawmakers have introduced a bill that would pre-empt local governments from passing laws banning male circumcision and limit the enacting of such legislation to the state.

Assemblyman Mike Gatto, D-Los Angeles, said Thursday the bill came in response to recent efforts at the local level, including a November ballot measure to ban circumcision in San Francisco. A similar ban failed to make the ballot in Santa Monica.

San Francisco's measure would prohibit cir-

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IT'S ON

A work crew does exploratory construction Thursday for the Expo Light Rail line on Colorado Avenue. Traffic was backed up for blocks in either direction. The transit project is expected to be completed in 2015.



Meet the applicants

Planning Commission could
see up to four new members

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The last five years in Santa Monica have been a time of great change for the direction of the city in terms of development and planning.

After years of work, the ground breaking Land Use and Circulation Element — called the LUCE — was formally adopted, paving the way for the next two decades of growth in Santa Monica's 8.3 square miles.

The next five years, leading up to the coming of the Expo Light Rail line and the implementation of the LUCE, look to be just as influential.

With that on the horizon and a number of developments already in the pipeline, it could either be a great boon or a terrible misfortune to see a changing of the guard on one of City Hall's most influential bodies — the Planning Commission.

While not on most residents' radars, the commission plays an important role as an advisory committee to the City Council on everything pertaining to physical development within the city, said City Manager Rod Gould.

"The Planning Commission is the primary advisory body in changes to the physical environment of Santa Monica," Gould said. "Other boards and commissions have some say in some aspects of development and redevelopment, but the Planning Commission is the last stop before the council decides, and further exercises its own authority to approve certain land use changes in town."

It is, he said, a "very powerful body."

The public needs commissioners that know the LUCE inside and out and can keep an eye on the big picture, said Gregg Heacock, president of neighborhood association Mid-City Neighbors.

"The Planning Commission should have that overview," Heacock said. "How is this going to be part of the fabric of a city that lives and breathes and has to function in a

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Author Adam Chester leads a discussion of his new book, "S'Mother." A book signing will follow. For more information, call (310) 260-9110.

'A Year with Frog and Toad'
Santa Monica College
1900 Pico Blvd., 7 p.m.

A perfect family show, the SMC Studio Stage, Theatre Arts Complex will play home to "A Year with Frog and Toad" on Friday. Based on the books by Arnold Lobel, this play details frog and toad's adventures through the four seasons, and tells the audience what lessons they've learned along the way. Admission: \$10 (\$5 for children ages 2-12). For more information, visit www.smc.edu.

Saturday, July 23, 2011

Caring for the elderly
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,
11 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.

Concerned about an elderly relative? Attend this class and learn about the different types of long-term care (at home, skilled nursing and hospice), the costs and how to determine what's best for your situation.

Shred it
City Yards
2500 Michigan Ave.,
9 a.m. — 2 p.m.

Have sensitive documents you need to dispose of? Come down to this popular shred event where professional shredders will be on hand to recycle your papers for free. Bring electronics, too, and really clean out your home office. For more information, call (310) 458-8528.

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Ruskin Group Theatre Co.
3000 Airport Ave.,
8 p.m. — 9:15 p.m.

Come check out the production of Arthur Miller's "A Memory of Two Mondays." The one-act play focuses on a group of desperate workers earning their livings in a Brooklyn automobile parts warehouse during the Great Depression. Price: \$25 for adults, \$20 for students and seniors. For more information, go to www.ruskingrouptheatre.com or call (310) 397-3244.

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STOP: A woman waits to board a Big Blue Bus Thursday on Broadway. Ridership was slightly off while the 405 Freeway was closed.

Big Blue Bus ridership steady during so-called 'Carmageddon'

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

CITYWIDE While people jumped aboard Metrolink at record levels, and even Metro Rail experienced a boost, the Big Blue Bus saw no significant increase in ridership over "Carmageddon" weekend, transit officials said.

Actually, ridership was down by more than 1,000 boardings compared to the weekend before Interstate 405 was shut down so that crews could demolish a portion of the Mulholland Drive bridge.

Fairbox figures from July 15 to July 17 show there were 92,541 boardings, compared to 93,709 from July 8 to July 10. From July 16 to July 18, 2010, ridership was 97,535, said Linda Gamberg with BBB.

"It's probably attributed to good media attention and everyone deciding to just stay home," Gamberg said. "More people decided to take bike rides or take walks and enjoy the weather. Most folks here on the weekends use the bus to do errands and make shorter trips while in Metro people are

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City Manager selects new BBB director

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

CITY HALL Ed King, the executive director of the San Luis Obispo Regional Transit Authority, has been named the new director of the Big Blue Bus, city officials announced Thursday.

King, who will receive a base salary of \$182,040, will oversee a department of 419 employees and an annual budget of \$58.9 million. The BBB system provides service to over 22 million riders a year and spans 52 square miles across some of the most densely populated areas of Los Angeles County.

King was selected by City Manager Rod Gould after

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

DOWNTOWN

Throw your troubles away, or shred them at the City Yards

Dispose of your personal documents and electronic waste materials at the third Community Shred and Electronics Recycling event this Saturday.

Hosted by City Hall's Resource, Recovery and Recycling Division, the shred and disposal event will take place at the Fire Training Tower at the City Yards from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Certified shredders will destroy up to 25 file boxes worth of paper per vehicle, with file boxes measuring 12-by-17-by 9 inches, for free.

Attendees may also bring electronic waste to the event, where specialists will be sure to properly dispose of the materials to prevent e-waste.

"Anything that can be plugged in or that has a switch is considered e-waste," said James Conway, senior environmental analyst for the Hazmat section.

This includes coffee makers and household items one wouldn't typically think of as hazardous, he added.

When disposed of improperly, electronic waste may break and leak mercury into its surroundings, potentially poisoning landfills and groundwater, said Conway.

The first community shred occurred in October, and it generated so much buzz that that administrators have decided to make it a quarterly occurrence.

In March, the shredding event attracted approximately 400 individuals, according to Kim Braun, acting solid waste manager for the city of Santa Monica. The city is expecting roughly the same amount of people this Saturday.

SERLI POLATOGLU

Schwarzenegger balks at paying Shriver support

ANTHONY MCCARTNEY
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES Arnold Schwarzenegger indicated in a court filing that he does not want to pay wife Maria Shriver spousal support or attorney fees as the couple ends their 25-year marriage.

The dispute may have little impact on the divorce, since the former Hollywood couple is expected to reach a confidential, out-of-court settlement.

Schwarzenegger's filing Wednesday differs little from Shriver's initial petition for divorce, which was filed on July 1. Both seek joint custody of their sons, ages 17 and 13.

Neither indicated exactly when they separated, although they announced in May they were estranged and Schwarzenegger later admitted he fathered a child with a member of his household staff.

The former couple does not have a prenuptial agreement, according to their filings. That means Shriver would be entitled to half of Schwarzenegger's assets

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Criticizing cyclists

Editor:

It has taken a day to recover from the humorous effects of the extreme naivety of John Blanchette’s letter bemoaning the acrimony against bicyclists (“Bicycles acrimony,” Letters to the Editor, July 17).

His Pollyanna description of the benefits of bicycling are commendable, however, as a group most bikers ignore the laws of the road. They blow through stop lights and boulevard stop signs, ride on the sidewalks (endangering pedestrians), go from sidewalk (down the handicap ramps) to the street, ride on the wrong side of the street, and in designated bicycle lanes they ride two and three abreast, putting them in the car traffic lanes. In other words, according to bikers, the streets and sidewalks belong to them and others should always address their needs first.

A 200-pound bike and rider riding thoughtlessly is no match for a 2-ton car. His whining about animosity to bikers has no merit until they obey all traffic laws, which were designed for motor vehicles. Let the bikers take responsibility.

Betty A. Darling
Santa Monica

Cut defense spending

Editor:

Thanks to the Daily Press for publishing a timely piece on nuclear disarmament (“Time for a comprehensive nuclear testing ban treaty,” Your Column Here, July 20), for the anniversary of the disastrous U.S. bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki is next month, Aug. 6 and 8.

At a time when the government is about to cut Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid to “save money” in the debt crisis, couldn’t we do without out-moded nuclear means of fighting wars?

For, who are the nukes meant to fight against, the Taliban and al-Qaida, hiding around the world from mountains to cities?

The best figures we could find, from the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, estimated that the cost of U.S. nuclear weapons and weapons-related programs exceeded \$52 billion for 2008 alone. Over \$5 trillion since 1945. That money needs to be spent on American care, not for destruction and death. Cut back “defense” – don’t cut from the “welfare” of our people.

Katherine McTaggart and Andy K. Liberman
Santa Monica



Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth

Send comments to editor@smdp.com



Photo courtesy Matthew Hynes

BIG HITTER: Mardy Fish is the highest ranked player at this year’s Farmer’s Classic.

Legendary tennis tourney at UCLA

AS A BOY I LOVED ALMOST ALL SPORTS – but not tennis. The game seemed too “country clubish” for me. Plus it was slow and the scoring was strange. For example, zero was called “love.” And if the first point was 15 and the second 30, how did the third become 40?

Even tennis clothes seemed overly proper. Players wore white shorts, white shirts, and don’t forget the sweaters with the sleeves tied casually around the neck. I always thought if there was a windstorm, some guy could choke.

In 1986, Santa Monica built the Ocean View Courts adjacent to my apartment building. But even next door, tennis didn’t look like a game for me.

But my attitude changed forever when I attended the 1987 L.A. Open and saw 17-year-old Andre Agassi. (This year marks the 85th run of what was once called the L.A. Open. The Farmers Classic presented by Mercedes-Benz, takes place July 25-31 at UCLA.)

When long-haired Andre, wearing denim shorts and jacket, stepped onto the court, teenage girls screamed so loudly I thought I was at Shea Stadium and the Beatles were performing. (Not quite, but almost.) And Agassi’s go-for-broke, rocket-like forehand had me mesmerized.

That weekend my wife persuaded me to try tennis at our courts. She later would admit that she created a monster as from that day I became a tennis junkie. A few years later, in our divorce papers, I believe she claimed my favorite tennis racket as a co-respondent. (Not quite, but almost.)

Over the years I’ve gone to the L.A. Open at UCLA many times. It’s a great venue from which to watch a tennis match and an impressive field. I’ve seen Sampras, Chang, Becker, Roddick, Courier, Edberg and Agassi, who won the tournament a record-tying four times. (Connors also won four titles, while Bob and Mike Bryan have won the doubles title a record six times.)

Actually, I never realized what a legendary tournament this is. In 1927, the first champion was the famed Big Bill Tilden. Everybody who was anybody in the tennis world played here, including: Fred Perry, Don Budge, Bobby Riggs, Jack Kramer, Rod

Laver, Ken Rosewall and Roy Emerson. Pancho Gonzales won in 1949 and then again at age 43, beating 19-year-old Jimmy Connors for the 1971 title. How’s that for amazing?

Two other past winners worth noting are Jon Douglas and Allen Fox. Douglas was a Santa Monica High School graduate, a star for Stanford at quarterback and in tennis. The founder of Jon Douglas Real Estate, he was also my landlord until his death last year.

Dr. Fox, a psychologist since 1968, won the NCAA singles championship for UCLA in 1961, reached the quarterfinals of Wimbledon in 1965 and was a three-time member of the U.S. Davis Cup team. He went on to coach Pepperdine’s team for 19 years, and has authored numerous books on sports psychology.

In winning the L.A. Open in 1966, Fox beat all four Grand Slam champions for that season. Fox will be speaking to the crowd at this year’s tournament about what’s happening mentally on the court in conjunction with his new book, “Tennis: Winning the Mental Match.”

The 2011 field includes two Grand Slam champions, Lleyton Hewitt and Juan Martin del Potro. In 2001 Hewitt won the U.S. Open and became the youngest male number one at age 20. (In 2002 he also won Wimbledon.)

In 2009, del Potro won the U.S. Open (and became the only winner in the past 25 Slams not named Nadal, Federer or Djokovic.)

At number nine in the world, American Mardy Fish is the tournament’s top ranked player. Among other stars, he’s joined by fellow American James Blake, hard-hitting Chilean Fernando Gonzales, Russian Dmitry Tursunov, and the charismatic Cypriot Marcos Baghdatis, an Australian Open finalist in 2006.

Given the previous 84 years, it would seem to me that going to the 2011 Farmer’s Classic might qualify you as part of tennis history. (Well, not quite, but almost.)

To find out more about this year’s tournament, go to www.farmersclassic.com. **JACK** can be reached at Jnsmdp@aol.com.

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Minimum-wage earners falling even further behind

TWO YEARS AGO THIS WEEK, 4.5 MILLION of America's workers enjoyed a modest pay increase, as the federal minimum wage rose from \$6.55 to \$7.25 an hour. The increase was the final of a three-step boost enacted in 2007. Of those getting a bump in pay, more than three-quarters were adults, nearly two-thirds were women, and nearly half a million were single parents with children under 18.

Yet, during the past two years, these working families have seen the real value of their wages fall. Minimum-wage earners working full-time make roughly \$15,000 a year. Had the minimum wage rate kept up with inflation, their paychecks would have increased by \$800 this year. Instead, our nation's lowest-paid workers have had an even harder time providing basic needs for their families. This is one more reason that Main Street is having a tough time recovering from the economic calamity brought on by financial collapse.

CEO compensation grew 23 percent in 2010, while pay for the average American worker grew only half a percent. Minimum wage workers have fared even worse: Since the 2009 increase, the real value of the minimum wage has fallen 5 percent.

The decline in value of the minimum wage during the past four decades has been even more dramatic, as prices for goods and services have risen much faster than the wage floor. If the minimum wage had kept up with inflation since the late 1960s, it would be \$10.38 today. Yet, roughly a quarter of the nation's work force is now earning less than that.

Instead of keeping the minimum wage current, Congress has acted just three times in the last three decades to increase it. The deterioration of the wage floor has helped fuel a level of economic inequality not seen in this nation since the early 1900s — the era of sweatshops and robber barons. With more and more income and wealth being transferred from working families to the super-rich, our economy, our democracy and the American way of life are under threat.

Some will say this is not the moment to be concerned with the minimum wage. But restoring the value of the minimum is in fact a key building block of sustainable econom-

ic recovery.

Businesses and economists agree that lack of demand is the primary driver of the stalled recovery and high unemployment. Without customers lining up for goods and services, employers will not expand their production or their payrolls. Raising the minimum wage would put more money in pockets of the lowest earners who have little choice but to spend their wages immediately. The Economic Policy Institute estimates that raising the minimum wage to \$9.50, as President Obama proposed during the 2008 presidential campaign, would generate more than \$60 billion in new consumer spending.

Wielding outdated economic theories, opponents claim that raising the minimum wage will cost jobs and slow rehiring. The tired canard that the minimum wage causes unemployment recently received national attention when reporters revisited 2005 testimony in which Congresswoman Michele Bachmann argued that eliminating the minimum wage would wipe out unemployment entirely. This extremist view was roundly criticized, yet many corporate interests still promote the dogma that raising the minimum wage reduces employment.

While simplistic supply and demand theory suggests that employment will fall as wages rise, this 18th century model fails to capture the complexities of how the labor market works. Two decades of rigorous empirical research has revealed that increases in the minimum wage have not cost jobs or slowed rehiring, even during times of high unemployment.

Since the end of the recession, corporate profits have recovered and CEO compensation has skyrocketed. Corporations are sitting pretty on nearly \$2 trillion in assets that they refuse to use to expand production or rehire because the rest of America has little cash of their own to spend on goods and services. Raising the minimum wage will help Main Street share in — and power — a robust economic recovery. It's the least we can do for those with the least means to stay afloat and get ahead in a brutal economy.

OWENS is executive director of the National Employment Law Project.

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CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Cyclists busted for allegedly peddling drugs

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

SATURDAY, JULY 16, AT 2:36 A.M.,

Santa Monica police officers on routine patrol in the 2500 block of Ocean Front Walk made contact with two bicyclists and determined that one of them had a warrant. During a search of the suspect, officers said they found three baggies containing methamphetamine. A search of the second cyclist uncovered meth and approximately 200 grams of marijuana, police said. Both were placed under arrest and were booked for possession of controlled substances. They were identified as Kemberly Dee Jordan, 52, a transient; and Chris Henry Bouldin, 25, a transient. Bail was set at \$10,000 for each.

SUNDAY, JULY 17, AT 2:10 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 400 block of Santa Monica Boulevard – Sake House – regarding a theft. When officers arrived, they made contact with the manager of the restaurant who told them that a woman walked into the place, ordered some food, ate and then said she didn't have any way to pay her bill. The woman made excuses and then left the restaurant. She was detained outside by police, who recognized her from several other similar thefts at restaurants. The manager wanted her arrested, so the officers detained her and she was booked for defrauding an innkeeper, public intoxication and a probation violation. She was identified as Marne Chaix, 68, a resident of North Beach, Calif. Her bail was set at \$10,000.

SATURDAY, JULY 16, AT 10:16 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 1200 block of 11th Street regarding a fight in progress. When officers arrived, they detained two men believed to be involved. After interviewing the men, officers learned that they were former roommates. The two began arguing when one of them showed up at the residence to pick up some items left there. During the fight, the victim was allegedly kicked in the chest and struck in the face with a wooden stick, suffering a broken nose. Based on statements made and evidence at the scene, officers placed the suspect under arrest for assault with a deadly weapon. He was identified as David Hepburn Starling, 55, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at \$30,000.

FRIDAY, JULY 15, AT 7:24 A.M.,

Officers responded to the 1400 block of Ocean Avenue – Senior Recreation Center – regarding a report of vandalism. When officers arrived, they made contact with a custodian at the center who said that he was inside cleaning when he heard some commotion coming from outside. When he went to investigate, he saw a man who appeared to be arguing with himself. He then watched as the man picked up a city trash can lid, which weighs 40 pounds, and threw it through the glass door and then walked away. Armed with a description of the suspect, officers were able to locate him in the 1300 block of Second Street and placed him under arrest for vandalism. Officers said the man immediately confessed to the crime. He was identified as Justin Garrett, 38, a transient. His bail was set at \$20,000.

THURSDAY, JULY 14, AT 11:41 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 800 block of Pier Street regarding a prowler in the rear yard of a residence. When officers arrived, the man was still in the yard. He was detained without incident. The owner of the home did not want the man arrested and just asked that he be escorted off the property. While speaking with the suspect, officers determined he was under the influence of a narcotic. The suspect, who was on probation for a robbery conviction, was placed under arrest and booked for being under the influence and a probation violation. He was identified as Frank Sambrano, 21, a transient. His bail was set at \$2,500.

THURSDAY, JULY 14, AT 1:50 P.M.,

Officers responded to the area of Lincoln Boulevard and Rose Avenue to conduct surveillance on a suspect wanted for an outstanding warrant. The suspect was spotted and arrested. During a search, officers said they found methamphetamine in one of the suspect's pockets. He was booked for drug possession. He was identified as Terry Wayne Weaver, 45, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at \$10,000.

TUESDAY, JULY 12, AT 10:30 A.M.,

Officers responded to the Co-opportunity market located on the 1500 block of Broadway regarding a man who was sitting at a table in the front of the store allegedly snorting a unknown white substance. When officers arrived, they made contact with witnesses who said that the suspect walked west into the parking lot where he collapsed and was unconscious. Officers went to help the man and said they found in his hand a baggy containing meth. The suspect appeared to be heavily intoxicated. Paramedics transported him to a local hospital where he was later released and booked for possession of meth and marijuana, as well as several warrants. He was identified as Deke Richard McGovern, 36, a transient. His bail was set at \$138,622.

MONDAY, JULY 11,

Investigators conducted an interview with a suspect they believed was responsible for stealing a bicycle on June 3, 2011. Investigators had surveillance camera footage they said showed the suspect stealing the bicycle, which was left in a secure portion of a business. Investigators said the suspect was a courier who routinely picked up and delivered packages to the business. The suspect denied stealing the bicycle. After being confronted with the footage, he decided not to cooperate with officers. He was placed under arrest and booked for burglary. He was identified as Lamont Howard, 38, of Los Angeles. His bail was set at \$20,000.

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Editor-in-Chief **KEVIN HERRERA** compiled these reports.

DIRECTOR
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a nationwide recruitment effort that attracted more than 50 candidates. Gould conducted interviews with seven finalists over the past month.

“Ed King is an exceptional manager with a proven track record in operations management and transportation planning for several large organizations,” Gould said in a prepared statement released to the media. “He brings in-depth experience ranging from transit system improvements focus on service quality and reliability, to strategic transit service planning. He is known for strong management, staff development and budgeting skills.”

During his tenure as executive director in San Luis Obispo, King oversaw all regional and fixed route transit services as well as the capital program for the purchase of buses, paratransit vehicles, trolleys, and bus stop amenities. He focused on operational and funding management improvements, including increasing system-wide ridership and on-time performance, according to City Hall.

Before becoming director in San Luis

Obispo, King was deputy director of Valley Metro Regional Public Transit Authority in Phoenix, Ariz. where he oversaw transit operations, fleet and facility maintenance, customer service and capital programs.

He also served as vice president and operations and security for Long Beach Transit; deputy executive director for operations for Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority in Clearwater, Fla.; general manager of operations for Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority in Tampa, Fla.; and deputy director of the North Suburban Mass Transit District of Des Plaines, Ill.

“I am honored to have been selected as the next director of the Big Blue Bus ...,” King said in a press release. “I look forward to establishing collaborative relationships with our stakeholders as well as working with the city and Big Blue Bus employees to provide transportation services that improve and enhance the quality of life for the residents and visitors of the city.”

King received a master’s degree in urban planning from Roosevelt University in Chicago. He and his wife have three grown children, city officials said.

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traveling much longer distances.”

Gamberg was pleased the ridership numbers held pretty steady and that BBB did not spend scarce resources on providing extra service that wasn’t needed.

Over at Metrolink, the system saw about a 50 percent jump in ridership over the weekend compared with the same weekend last year, Sherita Coffelt of Metrolink said.

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Red and Green line trains and the Orange Line busway, which were offering free service, saw about a 15 percent to 20 percent jump in passengers, Mark Littman of Metro said.

A Metrolink line from downtown Los Angeles to Oceanside saw 50 percent more riders on Saturday and 25 percent more on Sunday, compared with one week earlier.

Coffelt attributed the increase to the “secondary message” of the massive media campaign leading up to the closure of the San Diego Freeway through the Sepulveda Pass.

“The primary message was stay home and buy local,” Coffelt said. “The secondary message was, if you have to go somewhere during the 405 closure, you should take pub-

lic transportation.”

A route to and from Ventura County, one Metrolink does not usually offer on weekends, had about 250 riders on Saturday and 185 on Sunday.

Coffelt noted one surprise in the ridership numbers on the Ventura and Orange counties routes.

“We saw more people coming into L.A. than going out,” Coffelt said.

“We expected people to try and get out of town.”

The rest of the county’s transit service, including free buses operating along major arteries heading into the Westside and West San Fernando Valley neighborhoods, were either normal or slightly below normal ridership.

“We attribute that to people staying home,” Littman said.

Metrolink trains operating between downtown Los Angeles and the Antelope Valley, which stop in Glendale and Burbank, saw a 15 percent jump on Saturday and a 32 percent boost on Sunday, compared with the previous weekend.

Coffelt said some of the record weekend ridership might be attributable to a new \$10 weekend pass Metrolink began offering the first weekend in July.

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SHRIVER
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under California law, although the exact terms were expected to be set through private mediation.

Schwarzenegger would also be expected to provide financial support for his children. In other celebrity divorces, those sums have totaled tens of thousands of dollars a month.

Any agreement reached by Schwarzenegger and Shriver would become public only if there is a later dispute over its terms, or they opt to handle their divorce through a Superior Court judge.

Schwarzenegger’s disclosure of his out-of-wedlock child forced a temporary halt to

his acting comeback plans, although it was recently announced that he will appear in the upcoming film “Last Stand” as a border-town sheriff who unwittingly finds himself battling a notorious drug kingpin on the run.

Shriver, a Kennedy family heiress and former network television journalist, has not announced her plans.

Even before the breakup with Schwarzenegger was revealed, she appeared in videos posted on YouTube and talked about stress in her life, the weight of expectations, and the search for faith in a troubled world.

Schwarzenegger’s legal filing was first reported Thursday by celebrity website TMZ.

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healthy manner.”

The commission could see as many as four new members, with one vacancy to fill and three members — Jason Parry, Ted Winterer and Chair Jim Ries — up for reappointment. Traditionally, sitting members have been reappointed by the City Council, but nothing is certain.

As of this writing, nine candidates have thrown their names into the ring, each representing a wide range of skill sets from the practical — land use law — to the applicable, like the candidate who is also a former mayor.

Below is a summary of candidates and their positions, listed in order of earliest application date to latest. Full applications can be found at smgov.net under “Boards and Commissions.”

Alan Lipsky is a financial consultant, who has served on Los Angeles’ Metro Transit Authority and the Pier Restoration Corp. His work on public commissions has involved Lipsky in a number of real estate and civic development issues, which he feels would be similar to those he would face on the planning commission.

“I’m pragmatic in my approach,” Lipsky said. “I believe in some balance of development and lifestyle. I think that as a Planning Commission member, they expect me to be fair, a hard worker, responsive to the public and responsive to applicants.”

Tom Cleys, currently a member of the Urban Forest Task Force, approaches planning and land use through a preservationist’s eyes.

“I am particularly concerned about having high quality, well-designed development where it is to occur, controlling and reducing traffic congestion in impacted areas of the city, reserving diversity in our city and integrating historic preservation into the planning process,” Cleys wrote in his application.

Cleys has experience on the board of Friends of Sunset Park and in his professional life in real estate development,

with a master’s degree in the subject from USC and membership in the Urban Land Institute.

Robert Gardner, a 34-year resident of Santa Monica, also has a background in real estate. As the managing director of the real estate consulting firm RCLCO, he looks at the feasibility of projects from an economic standpoint, and also works with redevelopment agencies to move public projects along.

“I work with developers every day, and I’m familiar with the issues that they have,” Gardner said. “I think that the combination of that background is something that would be a complement to the skill sets that are on the Planning Commission right now.”

Gardner has also served on the board of directors of the Community Corporation of Santa Monica, a nonprofit that helps secure low-income housing in the city.

Albin Gielicz is currently a member of the Social Services Commission and heavily involved in the Wilmont and North of Montana neighborhood groups.

In those roles, he has dealt with public process and seen developments come up for consideration and move through the pipeline.

He believes that change is good, as long as it’s the right change that pays deference to the LUCE and plays by the rules of development agreements, which haven’t been enforced to the utmost.

“We can go from great to greater,” Gielicz said.

Jodi Summers, a real estate broker, sees the Planning Commission role as an opportunity to foster better transit and implement green construction practices.

She feels that Santa Monica needs to take a good, long look at the level of development happening in the city, and that it needs to be balanced with mitigation measures to make sure traffic doesn’t overwhelm the city.

“The amount of construction that’s going on is a little premature,” Summers said.

Leo A. Savoie, a general contractor, puts environmental-friendly policy at the top of his agenda.

“We moved to Santa Monica in 2007, and I am interested in the eclectic planning and diversity that Santa Monica has

developed over the years, and especially the green initiatives being adopted by the current administration, and the state of California,” Savoie wrote in his application.

He served as a planning commissioner in Walkerton, Ind. for eight years.

Former Santa Monica mayor Paul Rosenstein applied to provide what he hopes is a “slow, careful, thoughtful approach to development.”

Recent approaches seem more like over-development to get a financial quick-fix, Rosenstein said.

“My concern is that if we just develop too much, we’ll cook the golden goose,” Rosenstein said.

Corin Kahn, a land use attorney by trade, hopes to use his expertise to help reach “balanced, intelligent decisions consistent with the LUCE.”

He described development as both a scourge and an opportunity, depending on how the projects work with the character of Santa Monica.

“I think having the land use background as an attorney will help the city focus laser-sharp in terms of benefits and project impacts on the community,” Kahn said.

Elan Glasser, a wine consultant and independent filmmaker, wants to get involved with the commission to push forward policies that will improve traffic conditions and public transportation, and keep a check on the pace and scale of development.

“I’m not 100 percent against development, or 100 percent for it,” he said. “I think a balanced approach is what’s needed. We need to look at the little picture in terms of each project, and at the bigger picture to see how they all fit together.”

Glasser also favors additional enforcement mechanisms to get developers to abide by the development agreements already in place, as well as those to come.

Appointments to the Planning Commission are scheduled to be made by the City Council Aug. 23.

Commissioners receive \$40.47 a meeting with a cap of \$100 a month, according to the City Clerk’s Office.

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MILK
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districts with 58 schools showed that when flavored milk was removed, kids drank up to 35 percent less milk in the first year than when they had the option to choose chocolate or strawberry milk, Richwine said.

Students didn’t get used to the loss of the flavored milk, either.

“After two years, there was no change,” she said. “They did not take the white milk.”

Rather than demonize the chocolate milk, Richwine suggested that the district continue with its current policy of making nutrient rich foods, like milk, more palatable to kids by offering versions with added sugar.

Harriet Fraser, a mother of two children in the district and the woman behind the original movement to ban flavored milk in the district, protested that the added sugar could add up to five pounds to a child’s weight in a year.

The responsible choice, she argued, was to ban flavored milk.

“There are 46 school districts that are doing this,” she said. “We need to join these pioneers.”

Fraser and other parents have collected over 700 signatures from parents and students opposing flavored milk in the district.

Morris Salem, a pediatric cardiologist, told board members that the sweetened milk was a stepping stone to bad habits that can lead to real health risks, particularly obesity.

“Obesity is what’s killing our children,” Salem said.

Presented with two opposing opinions, board members

seemed flummoxed on how to proceed.

Although some, including Board President Jose Escarcé and Maria Leon Vasquez, agreed that getting kids to drink milk outweighed the negative consequences of the extra sugar, others, including Vice Chair Ben Allen and Oscar de la Torre, favored an outright ban.

Board member Laurie Lieberman acknowledged the concerns, but pointed out that chocolate milk was not the only source of sugar in children’s diets.

“This group is concerned about sugar in schools and obesity, but flavored milk is not where the only empty calories are,” she said.

Rather than attack milk, Lieberman favored finding the lowest-sugar milk available and substituting that for the Driftwood Dairy brand that the district currently purchases.

The call across the seven board members seemed to be for more information to clarify what milk options were available for the schools, and whether the district would better serve its youth by getting them to drink more flavored milk, or less plain milk.

Board member Nimish Patel noted that the 46 districts that had so far abandoned flavored milk must have had a good reason for doing so, one that he did not feel staff had presented to the board members Wednesday.

“There is other data out there that they saw, that we’ve not been exposed to here today,” he said.

The item was up for discussion, and no formal action could be taken. The board did vote to schedule it for a decisive vote at the end of August.

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WHEN: Wednesday, August 3, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: Council Chambers, City Hall
1685 Main Street
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CIRCUMCISION FROM PAGE 1

cumcision of males under the age of 18, making it a misdemeanor punishable by fine or jail.

If the measure is still on the ballot at election time, San Francisco would be the first city in the U.S. to hold a public vote on banning male circumcision.

"I imagine that if one of these (ordinances) passes in one of those cities, then other cities might not be far behind," Gatto said. "It's a divisive use of the municipal ballot box, and in this case I think it's appropriate for government to step in and act to protect individual rights."

Proponents of the San Francisco ordinance have said the practice is a form of genital mutilation that is not necessary and potentially dangerous. They also have argued that parents should not be allowed to force a decision on a young child.

"All human beings are equally protected under the Constitution from forced genital mutilation," said Lloyd Schofield, a San Francisco resident and the measure's lead proponent.

Currently, female genital cutting is illegal in the U.S., and Schofield argues that the same protections should be afforded to male children regardless of the parents' religion.

Gatto says the bill, co-sponsored by Assemblywoman Fiona Ma, D-San

Francisco, was filed as an urgency statute, which means it could become law immediately if it is passed by the Legislature and signed by the governor.

The first state Senate committee hearing on the bill is expected on Aug. 15, when California's Legislature reconvenes, Gatto said.

If the legislation fails to nullify the ban before it reaches the ballot, there are other hurdles that might derail the ordinance before voters have a chance to weigh in.

A coalition of Jews and Muslims filed a lawsuit last month to block the measure from the ballot, saying male circumcision is a procedure widely practiced by members of both faiths and that a ban would violate First Amendment rights. The suit also argues that state law bars local governments from restricting medical procedures, meaning the city cannot ban doctors from performing circumcisions.

In a response to the suit, San Francisco city attorney Dennis Herrera argued that the proposed law would indeed be unconstitutional if a judge accepted the plaintiffs' reasoning and excluded only doctors from the ban.

International health groups have promoted male circumcision to help reduce the spread of the AIDS virus, but there hasn't been the same kind of push in the U.S., in part because nearly 80 percent of American men are already circumcised, compared with the worldwide average of 30 percent.



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MOVIE REVIEW

To live and die in South Africa

BY CYNTHIA CITRON

Special to the Daily Press

In the 1980s, the South African government considered HIV/AIDS a "gay disease," and so they ignored it.

In the 1990s, they saw it as a gigantic conspiracy, with political and racial motivations, and so they ignored it.

Then, in the rush of new government initiatives designed for a productive future, they relegated the task of dealing with the disease to the various provincial governments, whose administrators were incapable of, or unwilling to, accept the responsibility. And so they ignored it.

By 2009, South Africa had the highest rate of HIV/AIDS in the world, with one in three women aged 25-29 and one in four men aged 30-34 carrying the disease. In that year alone, some 12 percent of the population of 48 million was infected, and more than 310,000 died of it.

This, then, is the background for a new film from South Africa called "Life, Above All." Set in the African township of Elandsdoorn, in the province of Mpumalanga, some 120 miles northeast of Johannesburg, where the HIV rate among 2-year-olds is 15.4 percent, the film explores the impact of the disease on a single family. The family consists of a harried mother, her 12-year-old daughter, Chanda, by her first husband, three younger children by her alcoholic, womanizing, ne'er-do-well second husband, and a brand new infant who dies, supposedly of "influenza," as the film opens.

The township is a huge surprise. A million years ago, when I lived in South Africa, the townships were squalid affairs, full of sagging shacks made of cardboard or mud with corrugated tin roofs and contaminated streams of sludge and sewage running freely

through the alleyways. Elandsdoorn, however, is a new, middle-class settlement of stucco houses with porches and more than one room.

But, like small towns everywhere, it has its quota of nosy neighbors. And keeping your reputation intact among the gossiping hordes becomes of vital importance.

So when Chanda's mother becomes ill she does not acknowledge her illness or the fact that it was transmitted by her philandering second husband. Instead, she abandons her family to the care of her 12-year-old daughter and goes away to die alone.

Grim as all this sounds, there is much beauty, and even redemption, in this lovely, reality-based film. And, above all, there is the luminous Khomotso Manyaka who, never having acted before, lights up the screen as Chanda and carries the film to its dramatic and anticipated ending. This spirited girl has a face and a presence that will haunt you forever.

"Life, Above All," produced by Sony Pictures Classics, was an official selection of the 2010 Cannes Film Festival, where it won the Prix Un Certain Regard, an award presented to young talent and innovative and audacious works. It was also the official South African entry for the Best Foreign Language Film for the Academy Awards, and was entered in the Toronto International Film Festival, the San Francisco International Film Festival, and the 2011 Ebertfest, Roger Ebert's Film Festival, among others.

"Life, Above All" opened at the Lincoln Plaza Cinemas in New York and at the Royal Theatre in Los Angeles on July 15 and will open in Encino, Irvine, and Pasadena on July 22.

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'Star Wars' Xbox 360 unleashed

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AP Entertainment Writer

SAN DIEGO The Force will be with the Xbox 360.

Microsoft Corp. unveiled a limited edition Xbox 360 console at a Comic-Con panel on Thursday that will be modeled after the character R2-D2, with a wireless gold-colored controller resembling his droid pal C-3PO.

The console will make the character's signature beeping sounds when the white-and-blue console is turned on and the disc tray is opened. It will also feature a 320-gigabyte hard drive, the largest available for

Microsoft's gaming system.

The "Star Wars"-themed console, available later this year, will cost \$449.99 and come with a white Kinect sensor, headset and "Kinect Star Wars," an action-adventure game utilizing the camera-based controller system.

"Kinect Star Wars" developers also confirmed that a pod-racing mode based on "Star Wars: Episode I — The Phantom Menace," would be featured in the game.

The game allows players to use gestures to drive pods across intergalactic landscapes, as well as wield light sabers and other powers of The Force.

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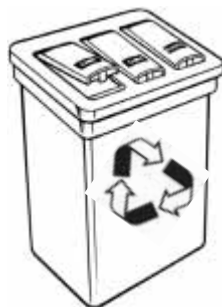
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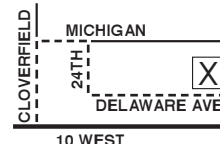
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SURF CONDITIONS

WATER TEMP: 61°

SWELL FORECAST
Should see a slight increase at south facing breaks, more towards chest high at well exposed south facing breaks. NW wind swell should continue to bring waist to at times chest high waves to west facing breaks.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS
LOOKS SMALLER AS BOTH SW AND NW SWELLS BACK OFF, ABOUT WAIST HIGH EVERYWHERE (ASSUMING DORA STAYS ON ITS CURRENT TREK).

TIDE FORECAST FOR TODAY IN SANTA MONICA



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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QUICK STATS
(for the last 30 days)

Number of sewage spills — 1

Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill — 0

Number of wet days — 0

Number of A grades for dry/wet weather — 31 / ns

Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather — 0 / ns

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

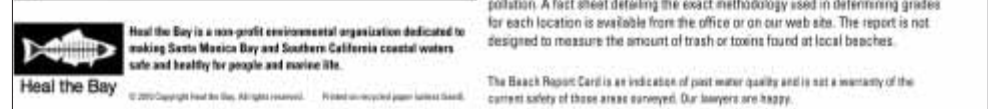
LOCATION	DRY	WET	LOCATION	DRY	WET
Las Cañitas Beach, at Arroyo Seco/Creek mouth.	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Bal Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Palga Canyon storm drain.	B	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachasa and Las Aliso creeks.	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Tennesson Canyon drain.	A+	ns
Enchil Canyon at El Morado State Beach.	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chontaque).	A	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Montrose Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns	Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Romeros Canyon Creek mouth.	F	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A+	ns
Escanido Creek, just east of Escanido State Beach.	A	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurants).	A+	ns
Laguna Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns	Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	ns
Saltine Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	C	ns	Venice City Beach, at the Reno Ave. storm drain.	A+	ns
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Ponce Beach, at 24572 Mulliken Rd.	F	ns	Venice Beach at Winthorn Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Sheridan Beach at Mulliken Canyon fence.	A+	ns	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	ns
Sheridan Beach (beach location) - daily.	B	ns	Venice Beach - projection of Topsoil St.	A	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	C	ns	Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach - lifeguard tower.	A	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A	ns	Deckweiler State Beach at Bolinas Creek mouth.	C	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point here).	A+	ns	Deckweiler State Beach at Calver Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 18948 PCH stairs.	A	ns	North Westchester Storm Drain at Deckweiler State Beach.	A+	ns
Ponte Creek at Las Flores County Beach.	A+	ns	Deckweiler State Beach at World Way (south of DAW jetty).	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns	Deckweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	F	ns	Deckweiler Beach - opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	ns
Castroville Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns	Deckweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns			
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns			

LEGEND

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

WET — grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days

ns — no sample taken



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NBA

Turkish team in talks with Kobe Bryant

SELCAN HACA OGLU

Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey Turkish club Besiktas is in talks with Kobe Bryant's representatives about the possibility of the Los Angeles Lakers' star playing in Turkey during the NBA lockout.

"It is a fact that Kobe Bryant's managers have contacted us," coach Ergin Ataman said Thursday, a week after Besiktas signed New Jersey Nets point guard Deron Williams.

Ataman said Bryant was waiting for an offer from Besiktas. The club, however, said it would need a sponsor to be able to pay for Bryant's contract.

"Our board will evaluate that," Ataman said.

Bryant, who has won five NBA titles with the Lakers and is a 13-time NBA All Star, has been on a tour of China, including a stop in Shanghai on Wednesday. He said he would consider playing overseas during the lockout and mentioned China and Turkey as possibilities.

Representatives other NBA players also have contacted Besiktas, Ataman said, with-

out identifying any of them.

The Turkish League season starts in October.

Besiktas signed Allen Iverson, the NBA's MVP in 2001, last year but his time in Turkey was cut short due to injury.

Another NBA player, New Jersey guard Sasha Vujacic, signed last week with Turkish club Anadolu Efes. The 27-year old Slovenian guard agreed to a one-year deal with an optional second year.

Nets draft pick Bojan Bogdanovic also signed with Fenerbahce of the Turkish League in June.

Orlando Magic star Dwight Howard, a five-time All-Star, has said he would consider playing in China or Europe if the NBA lockout doesn't end.

Talks between the NBA and the union broke down June 30, and the owners decided to impose the league's first lockout since the 1998-99 season was shortened to 50 games. Both sides say there are significant differences between their proposals, raising the possibility that all or part of next season could be canceled.

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<p>Aero Theatre 1328 Montana Ave. (310) 260-1528</p> <p>Short films compilation.</p> <p>A Dog's Life (NR) 40min Cops (NR) 18min Liberty (NR) 20min Never Weaken (NR) 19min 7:30pm</p> <hr/> <p>AMC Loews Broadway 4 1441 Third Street Promenade (888) 262-4386</p> <p>Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 2 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 10min 1:05pm, 4:15pm, 7:20pm, 10:25pm</p> <p>Super 8 (PG-13) 1hr 52min 12:00pm, 5:00pm, 10:20pm</p> <p>Little Help (R) 1hr 48min 11:00am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:10pm, 10:00pm</p> <p>Bad Teacher (R) 1hr 29min 2:40pm, 7:55pm</p> <p>Friends With Benefits (R) 2hrs 00min 11:30am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm</p> <hr/> <p>AMC 7 Santa Monica 1310 Third St. (310) 451-9440</p> <p>Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 2 (PG-13) 2hrs 10min 12:35pm, 3:40pm, 6:45pm, 9:05pm,</p>	<p>9:50pm, 11:05pm</p> <p>Zookeeper (PG) 1hr 44min 11:05am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm</p> <p>Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 2 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 10min 10:30am, 1:50pm, 4:55pm, 8:00pm</p> <p>Winnie the Pooh (G) 1hr 03min 11:00am, 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm</p> <p>Friends With Benefits (R) 2hrs 00min 10:45am, 1:30pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm</p> <p>Bridesmaids (R) 2hrs 05min 10:50am, 2:00pm, 5:00pm, 8:00pm, 11:00pm</p> <p>Captain America: The First Avenger 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 05min 10:40am, 1:35pm, 4:40pm, 7:45pm, 10:50pm</p> <hr/> <p>Laemmle's Monica Fourplex 1332 Second St. (310) 478-3836</p> <p>Trip (NR) 1hr 47min 3:00pm, 7:45pm</p> <p>Terri (R) 1hr 41min 1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm</p> <p>Buck (PG) 1hr 29min 5:30pm</p> <p>Project Nim (PG-13) 1hr 39min 1:00pm, 10:15pm</p>	<p>Midnight in Paris (PG-13) 1hr 28min 1:00pm, 3:20pm, 5:40pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm</p> <p>Snow Flower and the Secret Fan (PG-13) 2hrs 00min 1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:10pm, 9:50pm</p> <hr/> <p>AMC Criterion 6 1313 Third St. (310) 395-1599</p> <p>Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 2 (PG-13) 2hrs 10min 11:50am, 2:55pm, 6:00pm, 9:05pm</p> <p>Captain America: The First Avenger (PG-13) 2hrs 05min 9:30am, 12:30pm, 3:30pm, 6:30pm, 9:30pm</p> <p>Transformers: Dark of the Moon (PG-13) 2hrs 34min 3:40pm, 10:50pm</p> <p>Horrible Bosses (R) 1hr 40min 9:40am, 12:15pm, 2:45pm, 5:25pm, 8:00pm, 10:35pm</p> <p>Cars 2 (G) 1hr 53min 11:05am, 1:50pm, 4:35pm, 7:20pm, 10:05pm</p> <p>Transformers: Dark of the Moon 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 34min 12:00pm, 7:15pm</p> <p>Beats, Rhymes & Life: The Travels of a Tribe Called Quest (R) 1hr 38min 9:30am, 12:00pm, 2:35pm, 5:10pm, 7:45pm, 10:20pm</p>
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Be spontaneous tonight, Sag

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Act on ideas rather than put them on the back burner. You might want to review recent decisions. If you do, postpone all actions until tomorrow, when the planets present a different tableau. Tonight: Head home early.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ If you're unsure or uncomfortable in any way, given a day, the situation could look different. You might want to initiate a conversation with a neighbor or close friend. When you feel on top of your game, you could be surprised how differently this chat might go. Tonight: Nap, then decide.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Zero in on what you feel is important. In meetings, share ideas and brainstorm away. You might not want to take action just yet. You could discover a different perspective suddenly. Plan on deep thinking. Tonight: Buy a coveted item.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You might want to approach a situation differently than in the past. Realize what is happening within your immediate circle. Someone might be taking a strong stand without realizing what is going on. Tonight: Out with friends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Push beyond the obvious to see what is going on. You finally have a solution and understanding. Take your time acting, as tomorrow is a much better day for it, when the Sun beams in your sign. Express your willingness to hold up your end. Tonight: Burning the candle at both ends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Others respond to your inquiries. Listen to your inner voice with a partner. Make plans to get together for a talk. Holding back won't be supportive. A talk opens doors. Tonight: Chat over dinner.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Others come forward with questions. You might feel quite indulged and cared about. Realize what is happening at work. A late meeting today could be very important. Stop and consider your goals. Tonight: Someone wants to move in closer -- enjoy!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Realize what is going on with a child or loved one. Know what needs to be done in order to free up your weekend. Clear out errands; schedule a checkup if need be. You want to be free of details. Tonight: Out with friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Your playfulness helps end the week well. Just know when it is appropriate to express your whimsicalness. A conversation comes off as a caring gesture. Use this occasion to clear the air. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Be aware of limitations within your personal life. You might need a break or a change of pace. Complete as much as you can. Relate directly to a key person later today. In fact, postpone an important chat until later. Tonight: Go home first, then decide.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You are likely to be busy, clearing your desk, returning calls and having a long-overdue conversation. If possible, avoid taking on any more work at this moment. Listen to news, but be willing to not react. Tonight: Meet a friend for happy hour.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You might be more vested in a situation than you realize. Understand what is going on around you before you make a decision. If you can wait a bit longer, you could be surprised by a conversation that changes your decision or plan. Tonight: TGIF.

Happy birthday

This year, you often swing back and forth with your concerns. Sometimes you are nurturing; other times you are dramatic. Your communication can be as clear as a bell, yet you could close down with ease. If you are single, you are enticing to others. Know that. However, to hang in there with you takes commitment. If you are attached, the two of you are always in the midst of an exciting change or happening. You like vitality. ARIES likes to have conversations with you.

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



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By Mick and Mason Mastroianni

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The Meaning of Lila

By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU CALLED ALAN TO GET ANNIE.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH ALAN?

HE'S SO EMOTIONAL. AT LEAST DREW WOULD'VE BEEN LEVEL-HEADED.

WELL...

WHAT IS ANNIE DOING IN A BAR?!

I'M SO NOT GETTING MOTHER OF THE YEAR.

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By Jim Davis

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE THE MEDAL I WON AS THE WORLD'S FASTEST SNAIL?

SURE

DARN! I LEFT IT AT HOME

I'LL BE BACK IN A WEEK

I'LL BE HERE

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Strange Brew

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SWAT YOUR OWN SALMON

COULD YOU PLEASE NOT DO THAT WHILE YOU'RE EATING?

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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from ★ (easiest) to ★★★★★ (hardest).

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 40 Spot 41 Sailing

1 Doll's cry
5 Feet, in slang
9 Seize by force
11 Modern message

13 Stair part
14 Unbilled role

15 Paris pal
16 Fans
18 Guide map
20 Mine matter
21 Man's servant

22 Distantly
23 Chapeau

24 Stomach
25 Concord

27 Spa attractions

29 Tough wood

30 Felt toppers

32 Sculptor's work

34 Flamenco call

35 Linen fabric

36 Bert's pal
38 Blunder

39 Wee

DOWN

1 Wall art
2 "Foundation" author

3 Party activity

4 Live and breathe

5 Home design

6 Poet Khayyám

7 HBO series

8 Western range

10 Chattered

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Yesterday's answer

12 Sad sack

17 URL part

19 Stepped down

22 Roadster

24 Gizmo

25 Fake gems

26 On the beach

27 Dramatist Jonson

28 Like tears

30 Blazing

31 "Bye!"

33 Settle heavily

37 Stephen of "The Crying Game"

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23 ▶	8	+	5
16 ▶	11	÷	1

	16	13	20
14 ▶	-	+	+
23 ▶	+	+	x
10 ▶	-	+	÷

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ It was a 2004 gang-related murder that had frustrated Los Angeles police for four years until a homicide investigator, paging through gangbangers' photographs for another case, spotted an elaborate tattoo on the chest of Anthony Garcia. Evidently, that 2004 killing was such a milestone in Garcia's life that he had commemorated the liquor store crime scene on his chest. The investigation was reopened, eventually leading to a surreptitious confession by Garcia and, in April 2011, to his conviction for first-degree murder. (Photos from Garcia's several bookings between 2004 and 2008 show his mural actually evolving as he added details -- until the crime scene was complete enough that the investigator recognized it.)

■ In May, in Rensselaer, N.Y., and in June, in Bluefield, W.Va., two men, noticing that police were investigating nearby, became alarmed and fled out of fear of being arrested since both were certain that there were active warrants out on them. Nicholas Volmer, 21, eventually "escaped" into the Hudson River and needed to be rescued, but the police were after someone else, and no warrant was on file against him. Arlis Dempsey Jr., 32, left his three kids on the street in Bluefield to make a run for it before police caught him, but he was not wanted for anything, either. (Both men, however, face new charges -- trespassing for Volmer, and child endangerment for Dempsey.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1812 Napoleonic Wars: Peninsular War - Battle of Salamanca - British forces led by Arthur Wellesley (later the Duke of Wellington) defeat French troops near Salamanca, Spain.

1894 The first ever motorized racing event is held in France between the cities of Paris and Rouen. The race is won by Comte Jules-Albert de Dion.

1916 In San Francisco, California, a bomb explodes on Market Street during a Preparedness Day parade killing 10 and injuring 40.

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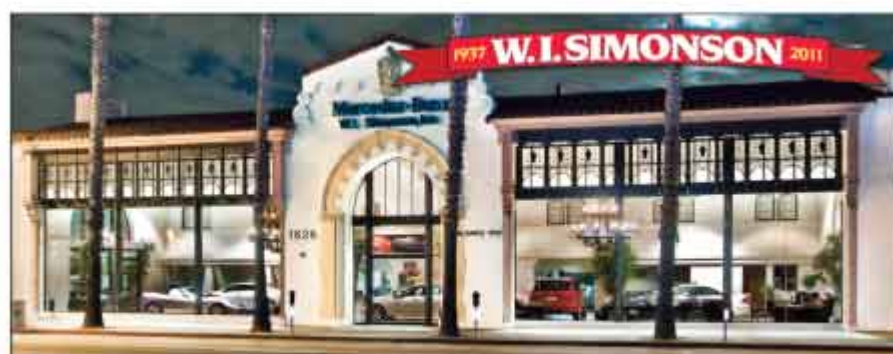
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