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END OF THE ROAD: **Wade Stevenson labels the 'clunkers' at the Santa Monica Ford dealership's extended lot on Broadway on Tuesday afternoon. The federal rebate program has helped increase auto sales significantly, but not everyone is sold on its environmental benefits.**

From guzzling to sipping

'Cash for clunkers' program a boon for local car dealers

BY EMMA TROTTER
Special to the Daily Press

CITYWIDE In just a few short weeks, customers at Santa Monica car dealerships have traded in hundreds of clunkers for sleeker, more fuel-efficient cars — but the lifespan of the "cash for clunkers" program, also know as the Car Allowance Rebate System, and its actual energy savings are still up for debate.

"It's been absolutely crazy," said Billy Rinker, general sales manager for Toyota Santa Monica. "No one was expecting it to be as big as it is."

Rinker said the dealership made 133 clunker deals in the last week of July alone, mostly on Prius and Corolla models. The program began on July 1, but most dealerships waited for official registration on July 24 to begin sales.

Over at Honda of Santa Monica, sales are also up — by about 20 percent, general manager Don Marino said. Honda made six deals on Wednesday. Nationwide, Americans have traded in more than 250,000 clunkers.

Pacific Palisades resident Ben Piazza is one of them. He purchased a new CRV from Honda Santa Monica on Tuesday, trading in his 1987 Peugeot for a five mile-per-gallon improvement.

"I loved my old car, but I knew I'd have to replace it eventually," he said. "This particular incentive was very substantial."

Piazza did experience a slight hitch. He had wanted to trade in his older car — with almost twice as many miles on it — but because his daughter had taken over the insurance six months ago the car was ineligible.

Another fine print item worked out in his favor, though. Because Piazza traded a sedan for a truck, he qualified for the full $4,500 rebate.

Initial sales were quickly threatened by

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Other ACLU suits ended camping enforcement

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL If history means anything, then Santa Monica city officials might be forced to suspend enforcement of its anti camping ordinance.

That's what officials in Los Angeles and Laguna Beach did as part of their settlement with the American Civil Liberties Union after it sued the cities for allegedly arresting homeless individuals for sleeping in public places even though there was a lack of available shelter beds.

The ACLU last month filed a lawsuit against Santa Monica City Hall on behalf of six chronically homeless individuals who claimed they were arrested and jailed for sleeping in public. The complaint alleges that City Hall violated their constitutional rights by arresting them for breaking a local law when there is no other alternative.

City officials declined to state whether they have met with the ACLU about working out a settlement, but stressed that they would prefer to resolve the issue sooner than later.

"This lawsuit in particular represents what many people believe to be a misguided use of resources and energy that could be more wisely spent in solving problems regionally," Joe Lawrence, the assistant city attorney, said.

The ACLU's waging of a legal battle came as a surprise to officials in a city known for providing various services for the homeless, whether it's through funding nonprofit social service agencies or launching its initiative to take the 10 most vulnerable homeless individuals off the streets.

The suits were similarly surprising to officials in Santa Barbara and Laguna Beach when filed by the ACLU in

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Join the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy every Thursday this summer for a night of storytelling, songs, a nature program and marshmallows. Bring a blanket and chairs and the park will provide marshmallows and a fire for roasting. Call (310) 454-1395 for more information.

Movie time
Malibu Cinemas
3822 Cross Creek Rd., Malibu, 8 p.m.
The Malibu Film Festival is hosting an opening night event with a screening of "Jesse's Story" by director Mark Jacobs. The festival runs through Aug. 8 and films will be shown in Malibu and at the Ocean Avenue Screening Room in Santa Monica. Tickets can be purchased at each theater's box office or on www.ticketweb.com.

Dance the night away
Santa Monica Pier
200 Santa Monica Pier, 7 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Head to the pier every Thursday to dance the night away with the 25th Annual Santa Monica Twilight Dance Series. This week musicians Paul Thorn and Dave Alvin & the Guilty Women will play. Admission is free. Visit www.santamonicapier.org for more information.

Friday, Aug. 7, 2009

Summer Cinderella
Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 Fourth St., 6 p.m.
The Summer Twilight Series is performing the internationally acclaimed Rudie-DeCarlo musical, "Cinderella." Original cast members will be joined by alumni and guest performers. Admission is $12.50 for adults and $10.50 for kids. Call (310) 394-9779 for more information.

Human spaceflight
Santa Monica College's John Drescher Planetarium
1900 Pico Blvd., 7 p.m.
This presentation will screen "The Night Show" at 7 p.m. followed by a presentation at 8 p.m. analyzing the work of the Augustine Committee that could result in drastic changes to NASA's post-shuttle human spaceflight plans. For more information, call (310) 434-3000.

Art meets music
Santa Monica Art Studios
3026 Airport Ave., 8 p.m.
The Los Angeles New Music Ensemble is presenting a program including electronic and visual art works by Terry Riley Evan Ziporyn and Dr. Marvin Lamb. Admission is $5 for students and $10 for adults. Call (505) 270-4965 for more information.

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



Rocking the night away

BY NATALIE JARVEY
Special to the Daily Press

SM PIER After several weeks of internationally flavored sounds, the 25th Annual Twilight Dance Series is bringing the music back home tonight with two artists dedicated to delivering Americana rock.

The headliner for the show is local roots musician Dave Alvin and his band, the Guilty Women.

Born and raised in Downey, Calif., Alvin remembers being awestruck when his family would drive through Santa Monica.

"Going to Santa Monica was like going to Europe," he said. "I love Santa Monica but, to me, it's still Europe."

Alvin grew up listening to the music his older cousins listened to, rock 'n' roll, country and folk, and today describes his own musical style as a synthesis of these varied sounds.

Though he wrote his own songs from an early age, at first he didn't consider music as a profession.

"To me, making a living playing music and writing songs, it didn't seem like a realistic thing," he said.

Then in 1979 he and older brother Phil Alvin started a band called The Blasters, which he played in until 1985. After a short stint with the band X, Alvin went solo with backup band the Guilty Men.

In 2000 Alvin won a Grammy for Best Contemporary Folk Album, but he has dabbled in many genres of music.

"I'm a blues guitar player," he said. "I don't limit myself as a songwriter. I will write what the song tells me to write."

Alvin now plays with an all-female group, the Guilty Women, which has brought him a much-needed career change after the death of close friend and band member Chris Gaffney.

After Gaffney's death last year from cancer, Alvin was invited to play at the Hardly Strictly Bluegrass Festival in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park. When asked what performance he would give, he immediately decided to change directions and bring in a female band.

"I picked up the phone and called the various members and in two hours I had a band," he said. "It was all women that I'd worked with over the years."

The Guilty Women are some of the most

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GETTING CLOSER: **A year after construction began, marketing manager Ashley Walker estimates that Santa Monica Place is over 50 percent completed. With one year left before the mall's grand opening, the company announced a new batch of retailers.**

SM Place announces new tenants

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The day before the one-year mark from when Santa Monica Place is slated to open, Macerich announced on Wednesday the addition of five new tenants that will join the renovated mall.

Now included in the boosted lineup are Michael Kors, which will open one of its Lifestyle stores specializing in shoes and accessories; Ted Baker, a United Kingdom clothing company for men and women; Swarovski, the famed European retailer of crystals; Bernini, a Southern California based seller of menswear; and Angl, a trendy clothing boutique for young women.

"As a whole all five kind of speak to the overall mix that we're going for which is pretty balanced in terms of some better price points to moderate price point offerings," Anne Singleton, the vice president of leasing for Macerich, said.

It's the first major unveiling of new tenants in the past six months.

Singleton said she expects to sign more tenants in the coming months as retailers, which have adjusted to operate on a quarter-by-quarter basis rather than forecasting long term, are now starting to consider signing with the mall as the opening date — Aug. 6, 2010 — nears.

Macerich already has on board a slew of restaurants — Ozumo Sushi, XINO Restaurant + Lounge, Pizza Antica, La Sandia and Zengo — as well as more than a dozen retailers, including Joe's Jeans, Kitson, True Religion, Coach and Ed Hardy. Lacoste has backed out of its previously stated commitment, Singleton said.

Nordstrom and Bloomingdale's, which will launch a SoHo theme concept, will serve as anchors, flanking the northwest and southeast sides of the mall, respectively.

While the mall has signed a number of retailers catering to a higher-income clientele, Macerich officials said the goal is to sign tenants that will cover the broad audience in Santa Monica, which has everything from the mansions north of Montana Avenue to the apartments and smaller single-family homes in the Pico Neighborhood and Sunset Park.

"I think our merchandise will have something for everyone," she said. "Clearly the names you recognize as either having luxury lines or having a higher price point will cater to a certain customer, but we are very careful in selecting moderate price point tenants that will complement the Third Street Promenade as well in all their offerings," Singleton said.

The Frank Gehry-designed mall opened in the 1980s and at its prime served as a thriving partner to the promenade. One of the largest developers of shopping centers in the country, Macerich originally proposed developing three, 21-story office towers that included retail spaces and residential units, scrapping them after residents came out in opposition, calling it out of character with the neighborhood. What replaced that plan was the redesigned mall, a project that involves tearing off its roof and moving the food court to the top floor, which has ocean views.

The mall was originally scheduled to open in fall 2009 but was postponed for about a year to better time it with the completion of Bloomingdale's and Nordstrom, the latter of which will go live on Aug. 27, 2010.

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EDITORIAL

Running with it

The Santa Monica Daily Press is glad that the City Council did not listen to the NIMBYs and naysayers when it endorsed the Los Angeles Marathon route passing through Santa Monica.

While there is no denying that the marathon will inconvenience some because of street closures, and most likely force officers to work overtime to provide security, the amount of money, excitement and goodwill is well worth the cost of production. That is assuming the marathon's owner, the Dodgers' Frank McCourt, isn't kicking in some funds. Marathon donors in the past have helped cover the LAPD's costs.

While the exact route has not been finalized, it will most likely head down San Vicente Boulevard to Ocean Avenue and finish in Venice, just outside the city limits. There are rumors of a party planned at one of the city's beach lots. This means runners and their families, friends and supporters will most likely book hotel rooms in this city by the sea, raising tax revenues for City Hall. People will need to eat and drink, meaning more money for local businesses, and again more tax revenue.

And let's not forget that the marathon is a bonding experience. Thousands line the route to cheer on loved ones and strangers. The marathon is inspiring, helping people get back in shape and kick unhealthy habits like smoking or munching on chili cheeseburgers with bacon. It fits with Santa Monica's reputation for being a physically fit city that encourages healthy lifestyles.

To those who are opposed, we suggest you sleep in that Sunday.

PARKING PROBLEMS NEED A SOLUTION

It is no secret that parking in Santa Monica can be a pain, whether it be along busy boulevards, in neighborhoods with permit parking or in crowded Downtown structures. Population and the region's dependence on automobiles are to blame, as are some policies adopted by City Hall over the years, such as granting variances with the belief that people will eventually throw their car keys down and pick up their walking shoes, or eliminating parking spaces as part of "street calming" measures.

But City Hall is making moves to provide relief, building a new Civic Center parking garage and buying up chunks of Downtown real estate in case more parking is needed. Bike-friendly policies and enhanced public transit with the Mini-Blue service are also helping people get out of their cars, freeing up spaces for other visitors.

City Hall needs to continue these efforts with the addition of a parking czar to manage circulation not only in Downtown, but throughout the city.

The position should be temporary, in place long enough to oversee the completion of the Downtown parking program and renovation of three existing structures. The czar could also create a program in which local businesses, schools and churches could collaborate by sharing spaces, something which residents in the Wilmont Neighborhood are working on. It will take someone with strong leadership and planning experience to create such a program, but it has the strong possibility of becoming successful and stress relieving for residents. City Hall hired a homeless czar and last time we checked, parking was listed right alongside homelessness as a major concern.

As far as raising the fees for parking, the Daily Press agrees the monthly rate should be increased, but not to the level suggested by the Bayside District Corp. Give employers a break during this economic downturn and keep the fees somewhat reasonable, say $100 a month, not $121. As for the daily rate being set at $9, that's a bad move, especially when we are having to compete with flashier, cleaner entertainment centers with state-of-the-art theaters such as The Grove and The Bridge. When Downtown alleys don't smell like urine or garbage, then let's talk about raising fees.



Life Matters

JoAnne Barge & Katrina Davy Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Dealing with depression

Q: I AM HOPING YOU CAN HELP ME. Over the past few months I have been feeling very tired, pretty much all the time. I have a difficult time getting out of bed in the morning and during the day do not have much energy. Recently I canceled plans with friends only to spend the entire weekend in my bed with no motivation to do anything. No matter how much I sleep I am still very tired. I recently told a friend and he said I might be "depressed." I hear this word all the time but I really do not know what it means. How does one know if they are "depressed" and how do they get their energy back?

Signed, Tired Out

Dear Tired Out,

Fatigue is definitely a symptom of depression and ironically, it can be the only (conscious) symptom. But it is also a symptom of many other things as well. Problems with underactive thyroid, anemia, infections and viruses and other medical problems can be underlying the extreme fatigue that you describe.

The first thing you should do is to get a physical examination along with a routine blood panel. It's important that you rule out a medical problem before assuming that you have depression.

Having said that, do you know what your friend is seeing in you that you may not be able to see in yourself? What is it about you that makes your friend think that you are depressed? As human beings, we have a range of consciousness when it comes to self awareness. Some of us are very introspective while others are more externally focused and have not developed skills at introspection. Sometimes, we have deliberately worked out a defense mechanism so that we don't notice our own feelings. This is particularly true if we were raised in an environment where it wasn't really safe to pay attention to feelings. One feeling that often goes unnoticed is anger and this can be a problem because anger turned inward, against ourselves, is one of the single greatest causes of depression.

So, let's start with some questions. Are you feeling sad or blue? Do you think your mood is depressed, even if just slightly? Do you feel like yourself? Or do you feel kind of vacant and uncertain of yourself? Are you still interested in the things that have always excited you or been important to you? Or have you kind of lost interest in things that used to matter? How is your appetite? Are you eating more or eating less? Have you gained or lost weight? Are you moody or irritable and impatient with others? What about sexual appetite? Has it changed; have you lost it or maybe, even though you are tired, you feel more of a need for sexual stimulation? How is your concentration? Depression often makes concentration very difficult. Work will often suffer because we cannot concentrate or as you mentioned, the motivation to do things just seems to be missing. Sometimes, it is simply really difficult to make decisions.

Have you found yourself crying unexpectedly or without understanding why? Do you feel that your life has meaning; that it is worth living? Or do you sometimes think you would be better off if you were not alive? Do you have suicidal thoughts or sometimes find yourself wishing that you would not wake up in the morning?

These are all the classic signs of depression. All of us have some days that are better than others and we all have times when we feel depressed about something or another. But feeling depressed from time to time is much different than being depressed. If you answered yes to even a few of these questions, you may well be depressed.

If you want to try to overcome this on your own, start by talking with someone you trust. Look at any recent losses or big disappointments you may have had. Ask yourself who or what you might be angry at. Process your grief or anger. Write about it, talk about it. Diet and exercise can play a big role as well. It's very hard to be active and depressed at the same time.

If you do not feel better soon, you should seek professional help. Untreated, depression can go from bad to worse. Fortunately, there are a number of very good treatment options. Today there are excellent medications if you need one but they are not always necessary. Mental health professionals have developed a number of proven techniques to cure depression and are well trained to help you. The talking cure does work.

Quality of life matters. Depression hurts the one who has it and the people who love them as well.

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Hopping on the Hollywood bandwagon

A RECENT STUDY FROM THE PEW Research Center confirmed that memoirs have officially replaced oversized sunglasses and children adopted from Third World countries as the new "It" accessories in Hollywood.

Last month, Good Charlotte frontman Joel Madden told People magazine he'll be throwing his fedora into the memoir ring. The boyfriend of Lionel Richie's daughter, Nicole Richie, with whom he is expecting a second out-of-wedlock child this summer, has said his book would be about "kids, relationships … the big changes."

Although the field of kids, relationships and big changes books is already crowded with the likes of Deborah Tannen, John Gray, Rosalind Wiseman, Dr. Seuss and the Book of Genesis, Madden says his will be different.

"I want every page to mean something," he explained. "Like, there'll be a question and answer on each one, maybe with a deep, hidden meaning that you need special glasses to find. Or Sudoku puzzles."

Although some might expect a rocker of his stature to have some juicy skeletons in his closet, Madden's actually doesn't contain a whole lot of meat since he's a vegetarian and abstains from alcohol. Regardless, all four of his fans are said to be eagerly anticipating the book's release.

The 9-year-old girl from the Oscar-winning "Slumdog Millionaire" just released an autobiography of her first nine years. She writes about how many times she had her diaper changed when she was a baby. She also attempts to recall the circumstances surrounding each burp since she's been born and counts how many days it's been since she learned to write (and read). When the paperback version eventually hits bookstores, it will include a preface detailing what she's eaten every day between the release of the first and second editions. Her editor reportedly has a mathematician on retainer to ensure all calculations are accurate.

One of Hugh Hefner's former live-in girlfriends, Kendra Wilkinson, announced plans to pen a book about her 24 rotations around the sun (although she has yet to verify which thing in the sky the sun actually is). Philosophers are anxiously awaiting any words of wisdom from Wilkinson, such as some of her past gems like, "Losing stinks."

And historians are hopeful that she'll share some insight into the Playboy empire that hasn't already been revealed on five seasons of the reality show, "The Girls Next Door," co-starring its founder.

"Hugh Hefner doesn't have his nose up in the air like every other rich guy … we go to McDonald's all the time," Wilkinson once profoundly disclosed.

The book is due out next summer, with the coloring book version expected by Christmas 2010.

Former "Beverly Hills, 90210" starlet Tori Spelling published two books in the past year, with one earning the distinction of Best Celebrity Autobiography at the Bravo A-List Awards earlier this year (although it's unclear if she received it because she was the only nominee who actually showed up at the ceremony).

Her estranged mother Candy (who made a name for herself by bizarrely dedicating an entire room in her 56,500-square-foot mansion to gift wrapping as well as writing a series of bizarre open letters to her daughter about their estrangement) also came out with a book this spring, "Stories from Candyland," with a whole chapter devoted to her gift-wrapping room and another to her estrangement from her daughter.

Feeling a little left out, Tori's husband and co-star in the Oxygen reality show, "Tori & Dean: Home Sweet Hollywood," Dean McDermott, is planning his own book so that he can attempt to at least pay one household bill annually.

On their show, McDermott inexplicably whines a lot in Canadian about his passion for his family (minus the son by the wife he left after having an affair with Tori) and family friendly hobbies (scuba diving, motorcycle racing and tattoos). He's said to be compiling a picture book filled with tattoos of families riding underwater motorcycles.

But the most anticipated celebrity tome is from Hollywood A-lister Kate Hudson. One publisher said the divorced mom is shopping around a manuscript titled, "How to Date in the Public Eye When You've Got a Kid." The book's subtitle is, "It's never too early or inappropriate to introduce your little one to yet another fly-by-night suitor."

Included in the book will be the scores of pictures that have been featured in the entertainment weeklies of the scores of dates Hudson's been on with her 5-year-old son and her revolving door of high-profile beaus, including actor Owen Wilson, cycling champ Lance Armstrong, actor Owen Wilson, actor Dax Shephard, actor Owen Wilson and now Yankees slugger Alex Rodriguez. Look for the masterpiece in bookstores just as soon as Hudson gets back together with actor Owen Wilson when baseball season ends and she and her son can no longer be photographed cheering on A-Rod.

E-mail questions or comments to meredithccarroll@hotmail.com.

The Q Line

Running on empty?

L.A. Dodgers owner Frank McCourt, who also owns the L.A. Marathon, has dreams of ending the route of the race somewhere near Santa Monica. Supporters say it will be an economic benefit to have the marathon pass through town while others believe it will only create more traffic and drain scarce resources.

So this week's Q-Line question asks:

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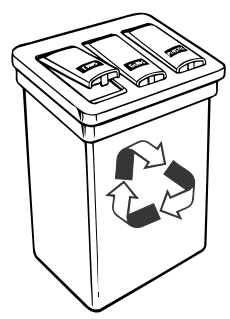
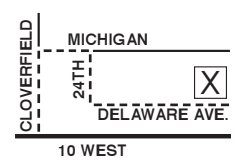
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Grocery shopping is close to dating

BY DEANNA MINICH
Special to the Daily Press

Grocery shopping is like going on a date: you don't know what you are walking into, but you open yourself to one of the most intimate relationships possible. Foods, much like people, feed our inner and outer selves, by tickling our emotions, making our heart swell, and causing our brains to be engulfed by the high tide of love. However, before we get to the point of bliss, we venture in to a territory full of unknowns. We swallow the fact that we don't really know where the foods (or person) are coming from, understand what they contain, or even comprehend the magnitude of how they impact our health.

Trying to make sense of the food supply as well as dating is no small feat: it's more than most of us care to digest. And in the flurry of busy days, who has time to study the different brands, ingredients, and nutrition of the thousands of food and choices we can be confronted with on a daily basis? It's nearly impossible. Here are some quick tips to give you a checklist of what to look for when you set your next date to venture into a relationship with foods or a person:

1) Go naked: Check the extent to which a food reveals its true self: gauge your selection by how much of the food you see compared with its dressings. If you see more plastic, Styrofoam, cardboard, and metal than food, there are probably too many layers to have to unravel to truly know what you are getting into, which is not unlike meeting a woman caked with too much make-up or a man whose identity rests on the laurels of his status and accumulation of possessions. Stick to "naked foods," or foods without casings, as that is a sign that it probably hasn't gone through extensive processing. For example, think fresh fruits, vegetables, and bulk foods like whole grains, legumes, nuts, and seeds.

2) Speak the language of love: If you happen to be lured by one of those foods who disguise themselves in a box, can, or bag, help yourself translate what you're getting into by scanning the nutrition facts label. After all, if you meet a person who makes you cringe when they speak, you probably won't want to date them. Make sure that you can recognize most ingredients and ensure that they "speak to you." For example, "Water, beans, and salt" makes a lot more sense than "potassium metabisulfite, monosodium glutamate, and sodium nitrate;" however, this is only a crude, quick way to filter the food contents.

3) Look for true colors: A person who lacks personality won't be someone you'd want to be around. For foods as well as people, lots of colors are a good indicator of a spectrum of "dating" potential, as long as those colors are not of the pretentious, artificial variety such as FD&C Yellow No. 5 or FD&C Blue No. 2. Let your eyes be allured by the sensuous array of natural colors: steamy reds like tomatoes and red bell peppers, playful oranges such as carrots and squash, sultry yellows like corn cobs and lemons, luscious greens found in broccoli and spinach, and mysterious blue-purples from the depths of blueberries and eggplant.

4) Be wary of adulteration: Most foods have been in bed with large industries. They are loaded up with all types of ingredients that keep them preserved and attractive on store aisles, just in case no one swipes them up right away. Beware of the "fake factor" when it comes to foods and people — or those who have been around the block too many times. They can be laden with extra baggage like partially hydrogenated oils, fat substitutes, and dyes — a far cry from their true selves.

5) The food next door: We may think that we have to travel to faraway lands to get the best of anything. We find ourselves on a continual search for the "perfect partner" when our soulmate may be as close as our backyard in our garden or at local farms. With the average food traveling 1,500 miles to the plate, it's difficult to know what has made its way into the food.

In the grocery stores of today, there are an overwhelming number of foods that you can take home just like the multitude of potential dating options! How do you know you are choosing the best one(s) for you? Be the smart, savvy shopper — know what you are getting into before you make your way up the (checkout) aisle.

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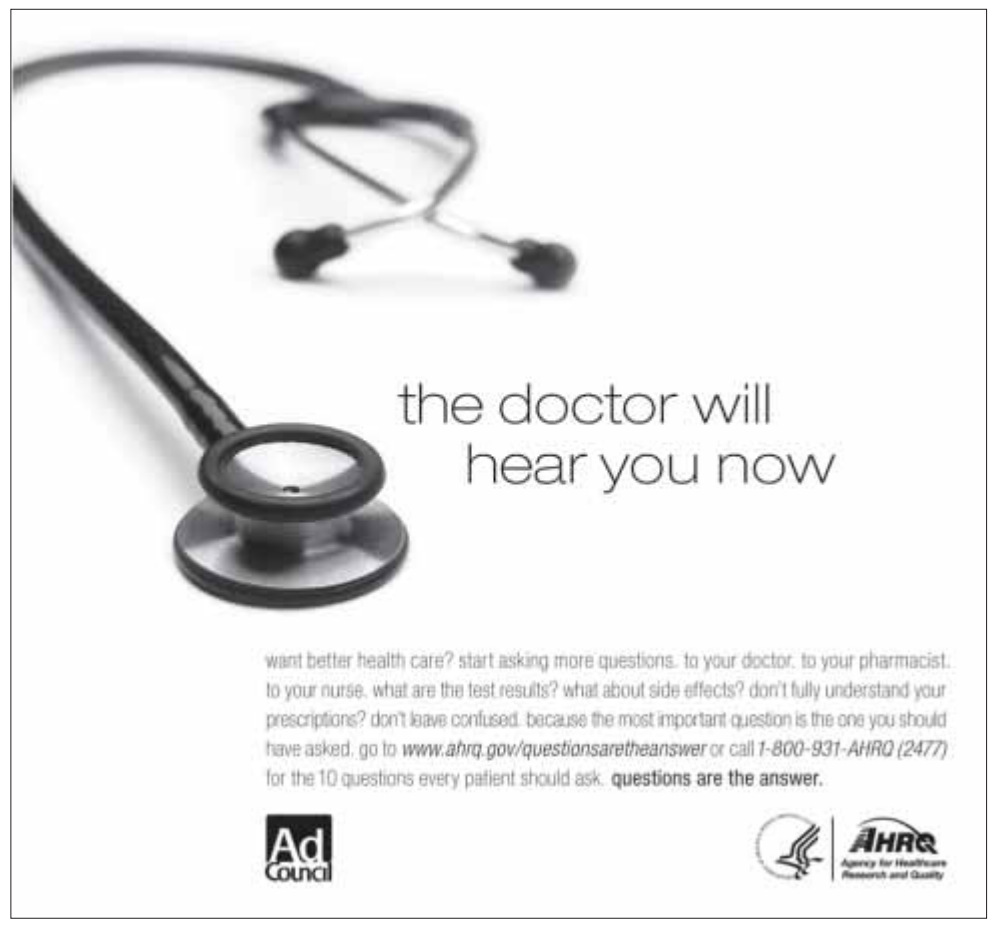
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Restaurant Snapshot

Merv Hecht

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Pizza done right at Beach Street

LOCATION: BEACH STREET

GENERAL COMMENT: This very popular indoor-outdoor restaurant on a side street in Pacific Palisades caters to people from all walks of life, but offers top quality Italian-American food at very reasonable prices in a garden-like setting. There is always a seat available at lunch, but dinner can get quite busy.

WHERE: 863 Swarthmore Ave., Pacific Palisades, 90272, (310) 573-1940, www.beechstreetcafe.com.

WHEN: Monday — Saturday, 11:30 a.m. — 9:30 p.m.

Sunday, 12 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.

BEST DISHES: At lunch I see a lot of chopped salads. Pizza is always a favorite. My personal favorites are the eggplant sandwich and the portobello sandwich. It's hard to find a really good eggplant sandwich in Los Angeles that doesn't have breaded eggplant slices, and does have grilled onions and goat cheese on the right textured bun. This one has it all, and it's all good. Plus, a small delicious salad is served with the sandwich.

The pizza happens to be the style I like. The crust is very thin. There's a nice mix of tomato sauce and cheese, without so much cheese that it dribbles on my shirt. I find it just to my taste. I also order roasted garlic cloves on the side, and a touch of red pepper to add to each slice as I eat it, which gives me a feeling of contributing to the preparation.

The range of food is also a positive feature here, with pizza, pasta, sandwiches, salads, and a lot of choices.

BEST FEATURE: The location and the setting are a special treat. You can shop in low key Palisades, and eat in what feels like a friend's garden.

WORST FEATURE: This is no luxury gourmet restaurant, and sometimes the service can be questionable. Then again, sometimes it's really good!

WHAT TO DRINK: There's a nice selection of beer and soft drinks, but the wine is very ordinary and not really a draw. They would benefit from having a few bottles of good Italian inexpensive wine by the glass, if they could keep them from becoming stale.

PRICES: Prices are moderate, $13 for a pizza is a pretty good price for the Palisades.

BOTTOM LINE: Surprisingly good food in an out-of-the-way place with an attractive setting.

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Household cleaners made from scratch

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kermit the Frog had it wrong, it is apparently easy being green, at least when it comes to keeping your home or apartment clean without harming the environment with chemical cleaners.

Here are a few recipes for homemade cleaners adapted from "Smart Mama's Green Guide" (Center Street, 2009):

• All-purpose cleaner: Combine 2 cups distilled white vinegar with 2 cups water in a spray bottle. Add a few drops of essential oil if desired. (Do not use on limestone or marble.)

• Another all-purpose cleaner: Dissolve 3 tablespoons of baking soda in 1 quart of warm water. Transfer to a spray bottle to use.

• All-purpose disinfectant and deodorizer: Mix 1/2 cup Borax with 1 gallon hot water.

• Carpet deodorizer: Sprinkle with baking soda (or cornstarch), let sit 30 minutes and vacuum.

• Kitchen cleaner: Use baking soda on non-scratch surfaces and a vinegar-water mixture on other surfaces. Apply to rag or directly to countertop for cleaning. (Do not use vinegar to clean limestone or marble surfaces.)

• Microwave cleaner: Place lemon slices in a microwave-safe dish and at least 8 ounces of water. Heat on high for 3 minutes. Let sit for 3 minutes without opening microwave door, then open the door and wipe down the insides.

• Oven cleaner: Make a paste of baking soda, salt and hot water.

• Garbage disposal cleaner: Add citrus peel to eliminate odors. Or freeze vinegar in ice cube trays (1 cup of vinegar per tray, then filled with water) and drop a few down the disposal. The ice will sharpen the blades, too.

• Wood floor cleaner: Apply a thin coat of 1:1 olive oil and vinegar and rub well.

• Tile and tub cleaner: Mix 1-2/3 cups baking soda, 1/2 cup liquid soap and 1/2 cup water, then add 2 tablespoons vinegar (add last or it will react to the baking soda).

• Toilet bowl cleaner: Sprinkle in some baking soda, let sit, then clean with toilet brush.

• Window cleaner: 3 tablespoons vinegar per 1 quart water in a spray bottle.

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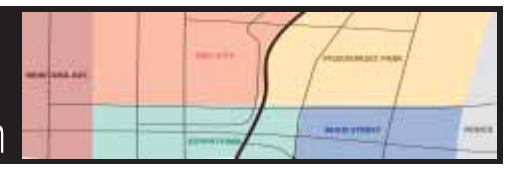
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Laguna Beach and L.A. stopped enforcing law after complaint

FROM SUIT PAGE 1

December 2008 and March of this year, respectively.

"We were really kind of negatively surprised by it because we as a city have done a tremendous amount to assist the homeless and we are in the middle of a big city effort to come up with new programs to assist the homeless," Stephen Wiley, the Santa Barbara city attorney, said.

The case has not yet been resolved in Santa Barbara where a court hearing is scheduled in September. City officials are in the process of instituting a dozen recommendations that came out of a subcommittee last year to address homelessness, including building hundreds of housing units over the next few years and developing outreach programs.

The city of Los Angeles was sued in 2003 over similar allegations, later agreeing to a settlement in which it suspended enforcement of an anti-camping law from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. until an additional 1,250 units of permanent supportive housing were constructed, at least 50 percent of which would be located on Skid Row and/or greater Downtown Los Angeles.

The settlement allowed enforcement of the ordinance at all times within 10 feet of any operational entrance, exit, driveway or loading dock.

The suit was similarly resolved in Laguna Beach earlier this year when city officials agreed to withhold enforcement while the issue of the lack of shelter beds and homelessness is studied. City officials also agreed to provide the ACLU advanced notification if they decide to reactivate enforcement or amend those regulations, Phil Kohn, the city attorney, said.

Kohn said that the lawsuit was a surprise since officials had voluntarily decided to cease enforcement about 10 months before the ACLU came into the picture. They even formed a task force in February 2008 to study what steps can be taken to address the issue. The results will be presented to the City Council in September.

There are approximately 40 to 50 homeless individuals in Laguna Beach, but Kohn believes the population might have doubled because of the publicity associated with the litigation.

Kohn said that the problem can't be resolved in one fell swoop because the origin and dynamics of homelessness is complex and individualistic.

"It's not just camping, that is simply one of the manifestations of the problem," he said. "More often than not, there are familial issues, there are social issues, there are medical and mental issues and other type of things that almost screams out for a carefully tailored approach based on assessment of their particular needs.

"It's not a cop out for not doing enough, but it underscores that it's not a very easy problem to solve."

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Environmental impact of car rebates under scrutiny

FROM CLUNKERS PAGE 1

an evaporation of funding — the original $1 billion allotment from Congress was expected to last through November but barely made it through the end of the month.

When it was announced that the program might end this Thursday at midnight, Rinker and other employees stayed at the dealership until 5 a.m. Part of what took so long was paperwork — between 10 and 15 documents have to be uploaded to the government's Web site for each deal.

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> **Billy Rinker**
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"There has been some uncertainty about when and if we'll all get paid," he said. Eligible customers — requirements including owning and insuring the vehicle under your name for at least a year — can receive between $3,500 and $4,500, depending on the difference in miles per gallon between their old and new vehicles.

Worries about money should be put to rest — at least for now. A $2 billion extension in funding — enough to keep the program active through September — has passed in the House and as of Wednesday afternoon is expected to pass in the Senate by the end of this week.

The program may not be as good for the environment as it appears, however.

"Environmentally, what you would hope for is that people are turning in real gas guzzlers like SUVs and purchasing true gas sippers," said Santa Monica resident Zan Dubin Scott, a spokesperson for Plug-In America. "We have to weigh the amount of pollution created in the production of these big cars and the result of trashing them after a short period of time against the amount of pollution driving smaller, more fuel-efficient cars cuts back on."

Kirsten Peters, a geology faculty member at Washington State University, chose to keep her clunker, a 1987 pick-up which she uses to haul wood or help friends move their belongings. She doesn't spend much time comparing herself to Prius drivers.

"It's a different kind of use," she said. "I don't think there's any need for us to look down on each other."

Peters is not so tolerant of specious energy savings.

"One lesson that we really don't want to understand in this country is that in order to save energy we need to consume less," she said. "Buying a new car is not a decision without environmental consequences.

"There is relatively modest energy savings, because the turned-in car has to be crushed or recycled as scrap metal," she continued. "A lot of energy will go into that process. Customers get a new car out of the deal, but a lot of energy went into processing the steel and forging the car itself. You have to drive the car for many years before you break even on energy savings."

Peters puts less than 3,000 miles on her truck each year. She's roughly done the calculations — if she trades in her clunker, it will take her 40 years to break even.

"That's a long time," she said. "I hope to be dead in 40 years."

Rinker echoed the critique of Peters and Dubin Scott — customers need only upgrade by a few mpg to receive the base rebate of $3,500. The majority of the cars being traded in at the dealership are SUVs getting less than 18 mpg, however, so even with the energy wasted by scrapping these cars, he's confident that the program is environmentally friendly as a whole.

Marino agreed.

"We disable the engines and drain all the oil out of the cars," he said. "I'm sure they have a good plan to recycle these clunkers."

The program's economic benefits are more of a sure thing.

"It's the best stimulus I've ever seen," Rinker said. "For a stimulus package that was supposed to last three months to be done in a week — it certainly stimulated something."

"Of all the billions spent so far, this is the most tangible results we've seen," Marino added, citing boosts to manufacturing and sales tax income in addition to profit for car dealerships.

"Customers recognize this as a great deal," he said. "It gives them a reason to go out and spend money."

Peters argued that there may also be higher than anticipated consumer costs, such as financing and insuring a brand-new vehicle.

Dubin Scott pointed to a subtler, though still important, effect of the program.

"The message alone is beneficial," she said. "Get rid of gas guzzlers and buy more fuel-efficient cars."

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County approves renovation

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

OCEAN PARK There are better meals ahead for the tenants of a Santa Monica affordable housing development.

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday approved an approximately $499,000 contract with AZ Home to renovate the kitchens in all 22 units of a 62-year-old building at 175 Ocean Park Blvd. The county Housing Authority owns and manages the building where low-income seniors and families live.

The money to rehabilitate the apartment complex comes from the authority's capital fund using grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.0

"It's time," Esther Keosababian, the acting director of the housing management division, said. "It's time to provide these improvements to the development."

The building will see both interior and exterior improvements, replacing cabinetry, countertops, sinks, plumbing fixtures, and flooring and lighting. The bathrooms will also undergo a partial remodel, including reglazing existing cast iron tubs and replacing vanities.

The contractor will be asked to complete each unit within three days, allowing the resident to stay in a hospitality suite located on site during that duration.

Keosababian said that even though the authority has a long list of needed capital improvement projects in its public housing developments, it's restricted financially since HUD has reduced the amount of capital funds available. The authority also has properties in Long Beach and West Hollywood.

"When we have money, we take most often the neediest capital improvements and apply that," she said. "We try to make it equitable across the sites."

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Thorn was once a boxer

FROM **CONCERT** PAGE 3

well-respected musicians in Americana music — Cindy Cashdollar, Nina Gerber, Laurie Lewis, Christy McWilson, Sarah Brown, Amy Farris and Lisa Pankratz — and Alvin said they rock as hard as any of the men he's played with.

"When you listen to the record, it could be guys, but on the other hand, it's the first time in my 30-year career I'm the best looking guy in the band," he joked.

Alvin and the Guilty Women released a self-titled CD this May on the same day that Alvin released a special tribute CD in honor of Gaffney. The CD, called "Chris Gaffney Tribute: Man of Somebody's Dreams," showcases well-known artists, such as Los Lobos and Calexico, singing their favorite Gaffney song.

"What's neat about it is most tribute records are to artists that people have heard of, but this is a tribute record to an artist that most people don't know," Alvin said. "I'm very proud to give him something he never got when he was alive."

Opening for Alvin is Paul Thorn, an artist who can best be described as a roots rock 'n' roller.

"For those people who are fans of Bruce Springsteen, Bruce Springsteen can't hold Paul Thorn's jockstrap," said Rene Engel, booking agent for the pier. "He's incredible. He's inspirational. His connection with the audience is just fantastic."

Thorn grew up in Tupelo, Miss., the birthplace of Elvis Presley, and he credits Elvis as one of his musical influences along with the gospel music sung in his father's church.

"My dad was a pentecostal preacher. I grew up singing in church," Thorn said.

The songwriter has been touring since 1997, but he admits that it can be a struggle to find an audience.

"In today's music world with record companies going out of business and top 40 radio is a wasteland, it seems like real artists who really have something they want to say, they have to do it on their own," he said.

But Thorn hasn't been at it for long. Before he began performing, he was a professional boxer and was ranked ninth nationally in the middleweight division.

The fight Thorn is most famous for is a fight that he lost against Roberto Duran in 1988. After eight years boxing, Thorn retired from the sport and focused on music full time.

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> Musician

"I stopped because in a sport like that you can get hurt unless you're the absolute best," he said. "Rather than stay in and get hurt, I took it as far as I could then I let it go and got back to my music."

Thorn said he looks forward to leaving his Southern home for a few days and play in Santa Monica, adding that many West Coast listeners haven't been introduced to his blend of Americana rock and roots blues.

"We're building a following kind of the old fashioned way," he said. "We haven't actually played in this area that often so we're kind of excited to come out and play for [everyone]."

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Psychologists distance selves from 'gay' therapy

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AP National Writer

NEW YORK The American Psychological Association declared Wednesday that mental health professionals should not tell gay clients they can become straight through therapy or other treatments.

In a resolution adopted by the APA's governing council, and in an accompanying report, the association issued its most comprehensive repudiation of "reparative therapy" — a concept espoused by a small but persistent group of therapists, often allied with religious conservatives, who maintain gays can change.

No solid evidence exists that such change is likely, says the resolution, adopted by a 125-4 vote. The APA said some research suggests that efforts to produce change could be harmful, inducing depression and suicidal tendencies.

Instead of seeking such change, the APA urged therapists to consider multiple options — that could range from celibacy to switching churches — for helping clients live spiritually rewarding lives in instances where their sexual orientation and religious faith conflict.

The APA had criticized reparative therapy in the past, but a six-member task force added weight to this position by examining 83 studies on sexual orientation change conducted since 1960. Its report was endorsed by the APA's governing council in Toronto, where the 150,000-member association's annual meeting is being held this weekend.

The report breaks new ground in its detailed and nuanced assessment of how therapists should deal with gay clients struggling to remain loyal to a religious faith that disapproves of homosexuality.

Judith Glassgold, a Highland Park, N.J., psychologist who chaired the task force, said she hoped the document could help calm the polarized debate between religious conservatives who believe in the possibility of changing sexual orientation and the many mental health professionals who reject that option.

"Both sides have to educate themselves better," Glassgold said in an interview. "The religious psychotherapists have to open up their eyes to the potential positive aspects of being gay or lesbian. Secular therapists have to recognize that some people will choose their faith over their sexuality."

In dealing with gay clients from conservative faiths, says the report, therapists should be "very cautious" about suggesting treatments aimed at altering their same-sex attractions.

"Practitioners can assist clients through therapies that do not attempt to change sexual orientation, but rather involve acceptance, support and identity exploration and development without imposing a specific identity outcome," the report says.

"We have to challenge people to be creative," said Glassgold.

She suggested that devout clients could focus on overarching aspects of religion such as hope and forgiveness to transcend negative beliefs about homosexuality, and either remain part of their original faith within its limits — for example, by embracing celibacy — or find a faith that welcomes gays.

"There's no evidence to say that change therapies work, but these vulnerable people are tempted to try them, and when they don't work, they feel doubly terrified," Glassgold said. "You should be honest with people and say, 'This is not likely to change your sexual orientation, but we can help explore what options you have.'"

One of the largest organizations promoting the possibility of changing sexual orientation is Exodus International, a network of ministries whose core message is "Freedom from homosexuality through the power of Jesus Christ."

Its president, Alan Chambers, describes himself as someone who "overcame unwanted same-sex attraction." He and other evangelicals met with APA representatives after the task force formed in 2007, and he expressed satisfaction with parts of the report that emerged.

"It's a positive step — simply respecting someone's faith is a huge leap in the right direction," Chambers said. "But I'd go further. Don't deny the possibility that someone's feelings might change."

An evangelical psychologist, Mark Yarhouse of Regent University, praised the APA report for urging a creative approach to gay clients' religious beliefs but — like Chambers — disagreed with its skepticism about changing sexual orientation.

Yarhouse and a colleague, Professor Stanton Jones of Wheaton College, will be releasing findings at the APA meeting Friday from their six-year study of people who went through Exodus programs. More than half of 61 subjects either converted to heterosexuality or "disidentified" with homosexuality while embracing chastity, their study said.

To Jones and Yarhouse, their findings prove change is possible for some people, and on average the attempt to change will not be harmful.

The APA task force took as a starting point the belief that homosexuality is a normal variant of human sexuality, not a disorder, and that it nonetheless remains stigmatized in ways that can have negative consequences.

The report said the subgroup of gays interested in changing their sexual orientation has evolved over the decades and now is comprised mostly of well-educated white men whose religion is an important part of their lives and who participate in conservative faiths that frown on homosexuality.

"Religious faith and psychology do not have to be seen as being opposed to each other," the report says, endorsing approaches "that integrate concepts from the psychology of religion and the modern psychology of sexual orientation."

Perry Halkitis, a New York University psychologist who chairs the APA committee dealing with gay and lesbian issues, praised the report for its balance.

"Anyone who makes decisions based on good science will be satisfied," he said. "As a clinician, you have to deal with the whole person, and for some people, faith is a very important aspect of who they are."

The report also addressed the issue of whether adolescents should be subjected to therapy aimed at altering their sexual orientation. Any such approach should "maximize self-determination" and be undertaken only with the youth's consent, the report said.

Wayne Besen, a gay-rights activist who has sought to discredit the so-called "ex-gay" movement, welcomed the APA findings.

"Ex-gay therapy is a profound travesty that has led to pointless tragedies, and we are pleased that the APA has addressed this psychological scourge," Besen said.



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See 'Fiddler' again

MY MATERNAL GRANDMOTHER, WHEN she was just 12 years old, was placed in a hay wagon among a group of strangers and was sent from her small village of Mikhaelevka, in the Ukraine, across northern Europe to Hamburg, where she boarded a boat for America. She was all alone, with her name on a tag pinned to her coat, and without a word of English. In America she joined her older sisters, sent one by one before her, but she never saw her mother or her older brother again. According to family apocrypha, her father, by then a widower, eventually joined his seven daughters in America, married again, and fathered a second family.

I am reminded of this poignant history whenever I see "Fiddler on the Roof," and while I am always charmed by its vivid depiction of shared community life in the Russian shtetl, Anatevka, I am most struck by its inevitable ending. The village broken up, its inhabitants dispersed, presumably never to meet again. And the resultant break with Jewish traditions that was only to be accelerated in the next century: arranged marriages superseded by the demands of love, daughters and sons marrying out of the faith, and new wives following their husbands to far-flung outposts, away from things familial and familiar.

All of this is part of "Fiddler." But so are the joyous and plaintive songs, the boisterous dances, the rueful philosophy of Tevye, the milkman who yearns to be a rich man, and the befuddlement of his practical wife, Golde, who never considers whether she loves him or not until he demands that she think about it. If these weren't our grandparents, who were? At any rate, it's the way we like to imagine them.

And so to Topol, the Israeli-born actor who has given us Tevye the milkman's story some 2,500 times. The musical, based on the stories of Sholem Aleichem, was written by Joseph Stein, with music by Jerry Bock and lyrics by Sheldon Harnick. The original Broadway stage production in 1964 was directed and choreographed by the legendary Jerome Robbins, and won him two Tonys for his work. The current production at the Pantages Theatre in Hollywood, directed and choreographed by Sammy Dallas Bayes, duplicates Robbins' original version.

Ironically, it wasn't Chaim Topol who opened "Fiddler" on Broadway, it was Zero Mostel. But Topol quickly made the role his own when he opened the show in London's West End in 1967. He subsequently starred in the 1971 film, for which he won a Golden Globe, and he has played the role consistently all over the world and in revivals in London in 1983 and on Broadway in 1990. (Other notable actors who have played Tevye include Herschel Bernardi, Theo Bikel, and Leonard Nimoy.)

This Pantages appearance is billed as Topol's Farewell Tour. Now 73, but trim and lithe as a 30-year-old, his voice as strong as ever, Topol will play in Los Angeles through Aug. 9 and then move on to venues around America until May 2010. After that, presumably, he will return to his books (he has written two and illustrated 25) and his Jordan River Village, a campground in the lower Galilee region of Israel for children with incurable and life-threatening diseases.

Joining Topol as his wife, the bossy Golde, is Susan Cella, a luminous member of the cast of 35 that sparkle onstage as the quirky citizens of Anatevka. All with magnificent voices and the energy to dance through this three-hour musical marathon. Mary Stout is outstanding as Yente the Matchmaker, and Rena Strober as Tzeitel, Jamie Davis as Hodel, and Deborah Grausman as Chava, the older three of Tevye and Golde's five daughters, are all beautiful and multi-talented. And so are the men they choose to marry: Erik Liberman as Motel the Tailor, Colby Foytik as Perchik the Revolutionary, and Eric Van Tielen as Fyedka, the Russian soldier.

It's really hard to sit still or keep from singing along with all the familiar songs as conductor David Andrew Rogers directs the orchestra through "Tradition," "Matchmaker, Matchmaker," "If I Were A Rich Man," "To Life," "Sunrise, Sunset," and all the rest. The wildly enthusiastic audience, however, manages to divert that impulse to sing and dance by clapping in time to the music at every opportunity. And the marvelous Arthur Atkinson, as The Fiddler, is a show all on his own.

Steve Gilliam's scenic design is also a show all on its own. With wooden houses that swing open, revolve, and sometimes swivel across the stage, the scenery is nearly as active as the players. The lighting design by Ken Billington and Jason Kantrowitz adds nice time frames to the days and Tony Ray Hicks' costumes are authentically poor and drab. No Tsar and Tsarina outfits here!

It really doesn't matter how many times you've already seen "Fiddler on the Roof," this production is worth a 16th visit. And it's your last chance to see Topol as Tevye. So, who could resist?

"Fiddler on the Roof" runs Tuesday through Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m., and Sunday at 2 and 7:30 p.m. through Aug. 9 at the Pantages Theatre, 6233 Hollywood Blvd. at Vine St. Call (800) 982-2787 for tickets.

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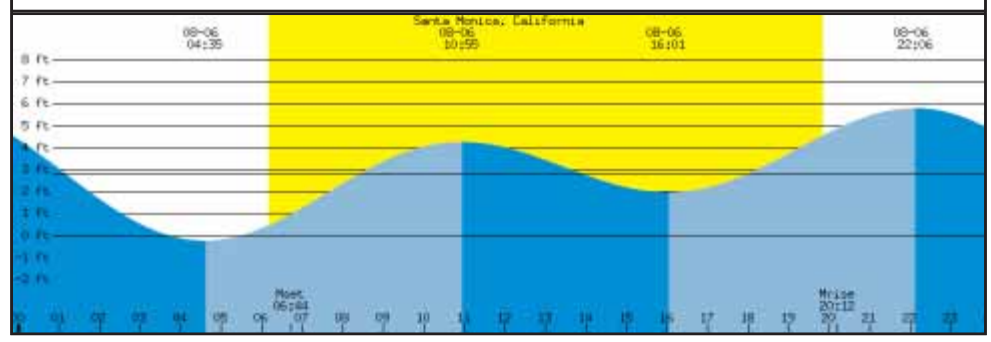
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The southern hemi should back off to waist high. Wind swell is likely to pick up, perhaps waist+ at west facing breaks. Winds are expected to pick up rather early (10 mph or so for dawn patrols) and become 25 mph in the afternoon.

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachasa and Las Alisos creeks	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blacker County Beach	A+	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily	A+	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	A	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	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

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

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Public Enemies (R) 2hr 23min
12:50, 4:10, 7:20, 10:30

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) 2hrs 33min
11:15 a.m., 2:45, 6:15, 9:45

Up (PG) 1hr 36min
11:00 a.m., 1:40, 4:15

Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG-13) 2hrs 30min
6:45, 10:00

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11:20 a.m., 1:50, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30

Funny People (R) 2hrs 16min
11:45 a.m., 12:30, 3:00, 4:00, 6:45, 7:30, 10:15

G-Force (PG) 1hr 28min
11:15 a.m., 1:40, 4:10, 6:30, 9:05

G-Force: In Disney Digital 3-D (PG) 1hr 28min
12:15, 2:40, 5:05, 7:20, 9:45

The Hangover (R) 1hr 36min
12:20, 2:45, 5:20, 7:40, 10:10

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) 2hrs 33min
11:30 a.m., 3:10, 6:40, 10:00

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Cheri (R) 1hr 47min
1:40, 4:10, 9:30

Moon (R) 1hr 52min
1:50, 4:20, 7:20, 9:50

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Orphan (R) 2hrs 3min
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11:10 a.m., 1:40, 4:10, 6:40, 9:10

The Ugly Truth (R) (Digital Projection) 1hr 36min
12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10

Bruno (R) 1hr 21min
12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:20

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★★★★ Your creativity cannot be suppressed. Even if you decide it is nose-to-the-grindstone time, somehow a friend taps you on the shoulder. The interaction could put you on a whole different plane. Tonight: Easy does it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You might want to move forward and come to terms with a change. The questions just might be how, where and when. If you think through a problem, the end results will be great. Steer away from impulsiveness. Tonight: In the thick of things.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You have a way or style that is unique; others respond with ease, especially as you seem to be opening one door after another. Who would turn away? No one in his or her right mind! Tonight: Listen more.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ How you deal with another person could make a big difference. Your value of a situation could change radically. Your creativity opens up to a new level of understanding. The world is your oyster. Tonight: Dinner for two.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ If you think about a situation long enough, you could realize the pros and cons. Make that process OK, as it will point you in the right direction. Knowing the liabilities as well as the pluses could make a big difference. Tonight: Say "yes."

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ You might want a different take on a situation. The more you explore alternatives and the more open you are, the better the end results will be. Manage a situation with directness and understanding. Your creativity flourishes in an unprecedented manner. Tonight: Squeeze in a stress-buster.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Allow your creativity to bubble up. Your strong sense of humor and imagination find solutions, if not escapes, for current situations. In order to get to the bottom of a problem, you absolutely need to know what you want. Tonight: Allow your imagination to color your life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Stay settled and direct in your dealings. Others might be confusing at best. Listen to what is going on with a family member or roommate. Confusion surrounds the best of ideas. Tonight: At home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Emphasize your direction and long-term decisions. You can and will make a difference. Listen to feedback from a child or loved one. You might have a sense of what is going to be said before the event takes place. Tonight: Talking up a storm.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You will want to be more aware of how much you have to offer. Money easily could run out of your hands if you are not careful. Opportunity strikes for an investment, but how solid is it? You can see a lot of potential, but what are the liabilities? Tonight: Your treat.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You draw others toward you out of the blue. Your way or style of handling personal matters could be quite different. Let your imagination wander if you feel lucky. Tonight: Let in more fun.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Your sixth sense works overtime. Your answers don't always work as you would like. Your instincts kick in and lead you in a new direction. Investigate another option. You hear a lot of opinions. Use your best judgment. Tonight: A must appearance.

Happy birthday

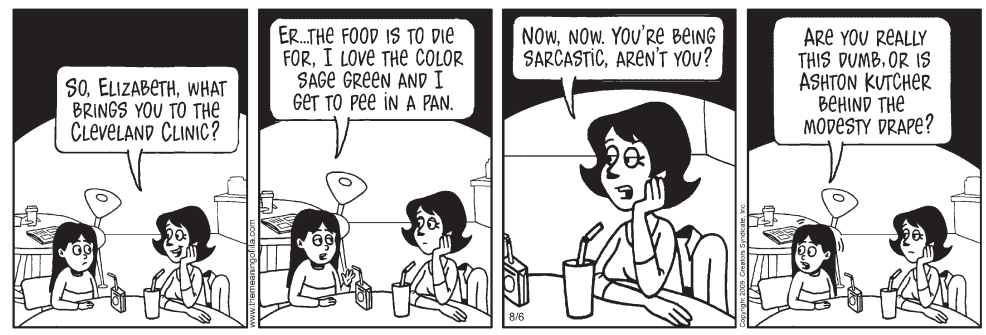
This year, stay focused on the big picture, which includes partners, interactions and dealings in general. First isolate your desires, and then work within existing constraints. You'll discover the rewards of being more connected and in tune with others. Opportunities strike through many different people. Be open. If you are single, guard against putting someone on a pedestal. No one belongs there, as he or she can only crash down, disappointing you. If you are attached, clarify and ask questions if you feel overwhelmed. Your partner probably doesn't mean to be nebulous. AQUARIUS has similar issues but a whole different style.

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

Girls and Sports
By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



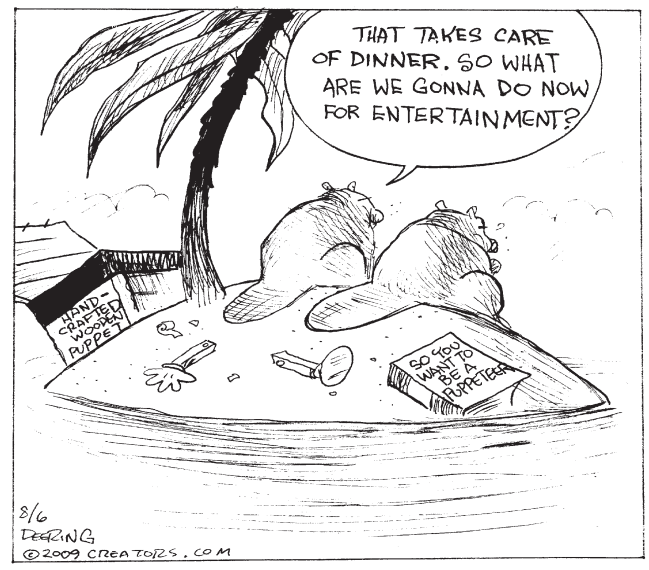
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Difficulty Level ★★★

			5		9		8	
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			7		1			
8		6						5
	4				8			
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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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7	8	3	4	5	9	2	6	1
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Basics
5 Sheep sounds
11 Mystery writer Woods
12 Concert worker
13 "Walk Like —"
14 Chant
15 Couriers' deliveries
17 Family
18 Store fixtures
22 Hollywood mover
24 Vegas area
25 Young fellow
26 Imitating
27 Steer clear of
30 Suit piece
32 Crime outing
33 Squid's defense
34 Deep-fried items
38 Rome's — Way
41 Fan's favorite
42 Pal
43 Die, for one
44 Comfortably warm
45 Raced
21 Relaxing resorts
22 Tina's TV co-star
23 Charity affair
28 Stands up to
29 Fallible
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38 Toward the stern
39 Course employee
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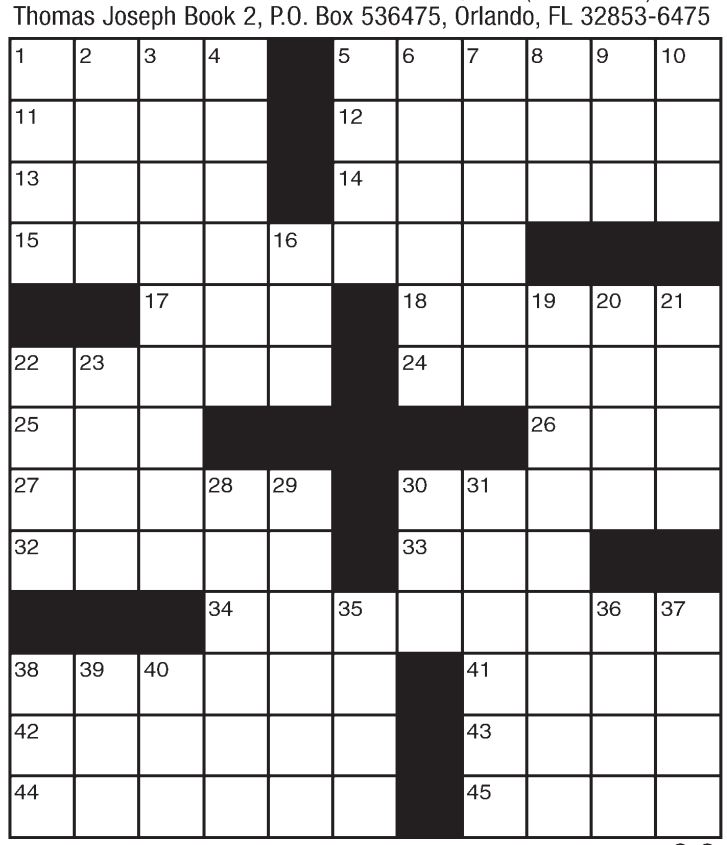
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3 Laughed out loud
4 Registered
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6 Solitary sorts
7 Bothers
8 Fuss
9 Light metal
10 Glimpse
16 Crumb bearer
19 Intensified
20 Tartan garment

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ World's Toughest Job: Farah Ahmed Omar was appointed recently as chief of Somalia's navy, which ordinarily would be on the front lines against the throng of pirates operating off the country's coast. Omar's job is difficult, though, because the Somalian navy has not a single boat nor a single sailor, and Omar himself has not been to sea in 23 years. However, he told a reporter he was optimistic that the piracy could be stopped.

■ An 18-year-old, severely mentally challenged, Paris, Texas, man was sentenced in February to 100 years in prison for a single act of what might amount to the childhood sex game of "doctor" with a 6-year-old neighbor. The man has an IQ of 47, and no coercion or violence was involved, but the jury was not given the option to send the man to a care facility in lieu of prison. In fact, his original lawyer failed even to argue his client's incompetency as a defense because, he said, he thought the man obviously would get probation. In a final touch, Lamar County judge Eric Clifford, able to punish the man on just one count with four other counts running concurrently, instead chose to stack the five counts to total 100 years, and in April, after listening to a parade of witnesses beg him to reconsider the sentence, he refused.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1806 The Holy Roman Empire went out of existence as Emperor Francis II abdicated.

1809 One of the leading literary figures of the Victorian era, poet Alfred, Lord Tennyson, was born in Somersby, Lincolnshire, England.

1825 Upper Peru became the autonomous republic of Bolivia.

1859 The Australian passenger ship SS Admella, en route from Port Adelaide to Melbourne, struck a reef off South Australia and broke apart; of the 113 people on board, only 24 survived.

1890 Convicted murderer William Kemmler became the first person to be executed in the electric chair.

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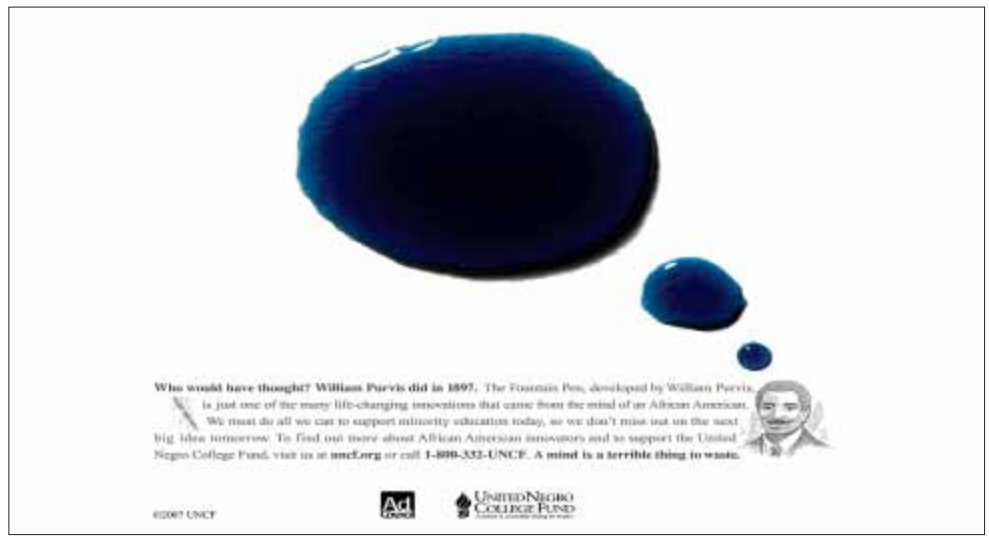
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