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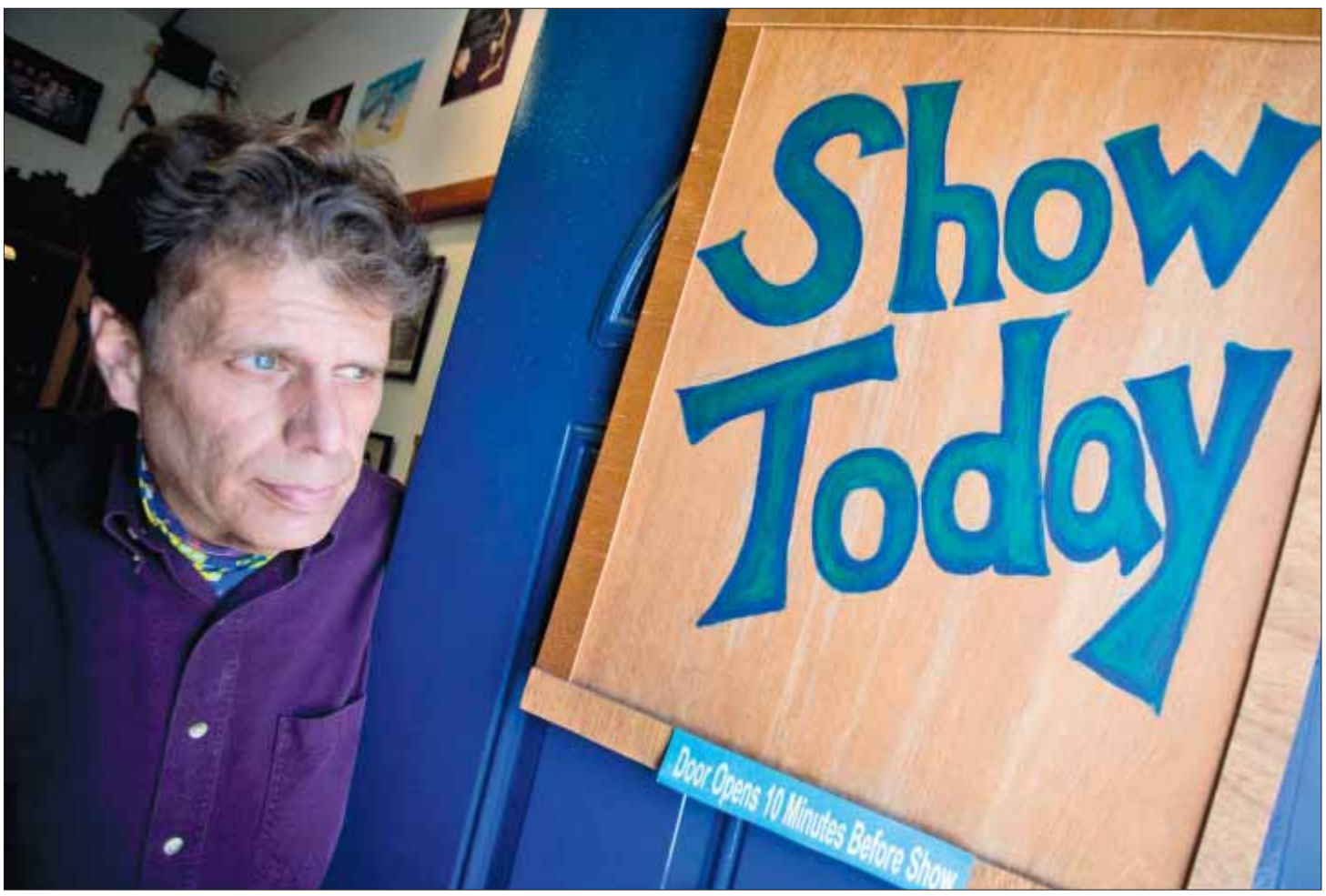


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THE BIG THINGS ISSUE



Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

CLOSING TIME: **Steve Meltzer looks out of the doorway from the Santa Monica Puppetry Center on Broadway, which he founded 12 years ago. Meltzer, an accomplished puppeteer, is closing the doors Aug. 16 because of financial troubles tied to dwindling attendance.**

Puppetry center falls victim to slumping economic times

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

BROADWAY Now even puppets are unemployed.

After more than a dozen years entertaining Santa Monica's children and their families, the Santa Monica Puppetry Center is closing its doors, the latest casualty of the slumping economy.

Steve Meltzer, the founder of the center and a skilled puppeteer who worked on the cult classic "Team America: World Police," said he owes his landlord $14,000 in rent and does not see how he and his dummy Fred Mingo can continue performing his musical review "Puppetolio!" and providing tours of his museum, which pays tribute to the great marionettes and ventriloquists of the Vaudeville era and beyond.

"We've lasted this long only because of the extreme patience of the property owner who, along with me, continued to believe that we would find ways to survive the loss of revenue from the drop off in school shows and private parties," Meltzer, a former teacher with the Los Angeles Unified School District, said.

Meltzer, who moved to Santa Monica in the 1970s to attend USC, where he earned a masters in fine arts, hopes he can reopen somewhere within the city, but after having moved three times and now deep in debt, he is doubtful.

"People ask me where I am going to move to and I tell them, 'I'm moving to the poor house,'" Meltzer said, the comedic-performer trying to find some humor during these trying times. "I love Santa Monica. It would be my choice to stay here.

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Light rail could hinder funding for subway

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

SM LIBRARY As officials with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority plan for a subway extension to Santa Monica, one of the questions it will face is whether the western part of L.A. County will have the demand to support two public transit infrastructures, the other being light rail.

Included in the proposal for the Westside Subway Extension, also known as the Subway to the Sea, are three stations in Santa Monica, including one at the corner of Fourth Street and Wilshire Boulevard, which is just half a mile away from the planned terminal for the Exposition Light Rail at Fourth Street and Colorado Avenue.

It was one of several aspects of the subway extension covered during a meeting at the main library on Thursday updating the community on the heavy rail project, which is currently in the draft environmental review phase.

The project is estimated to receive about $4.1 billion from Measure R, the half cent sales tax increase that was approved by county voters in November for public transportation-related projects. The measure is estimated to raise $40 billion over the next 30 years.

Construction for roughly 17 miles of sub-

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Skaggs officially signs with Angels

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

ANAHEIM It took months to get done, but former Santa Monica High pitcher Tyler Skaggs is officially a part of the Los Angeles Angels organization.

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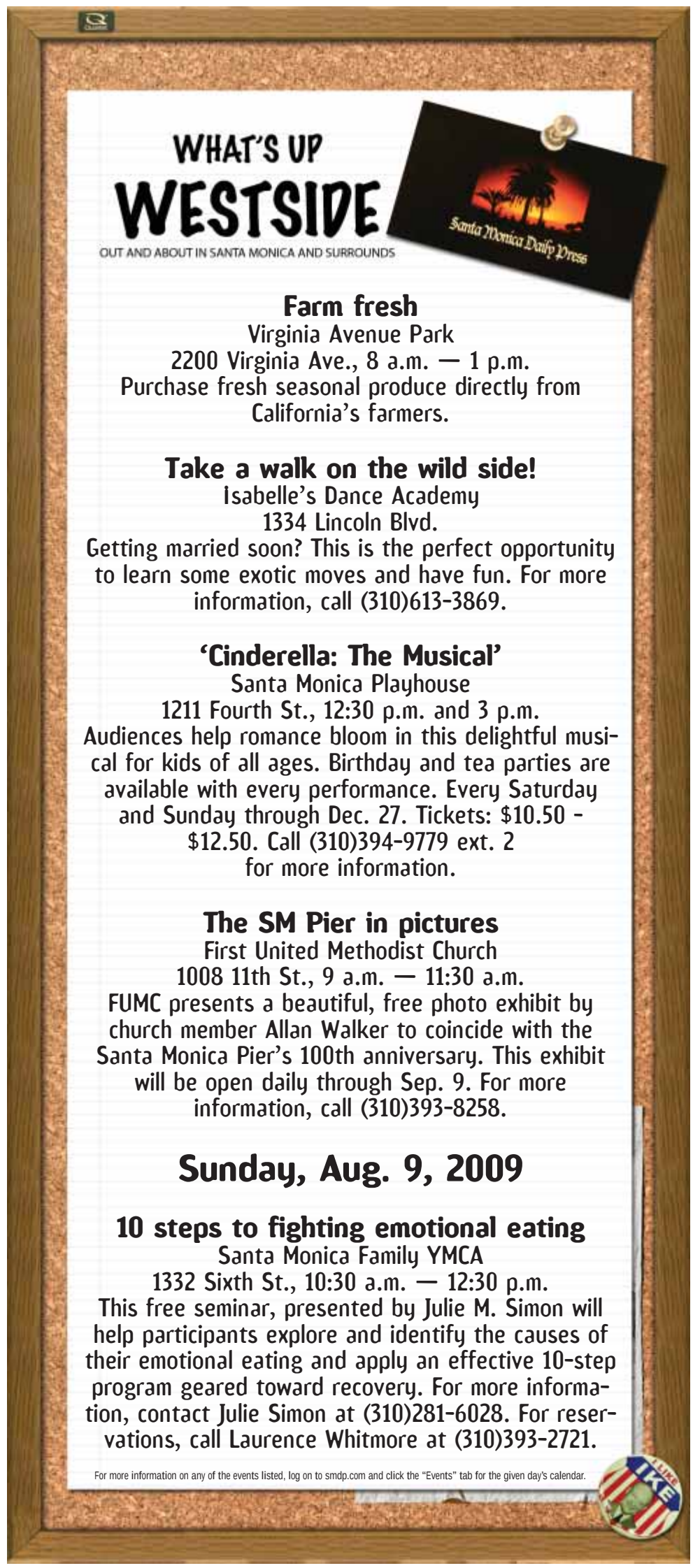
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FUMC presents a beautiful, free photo exhibit by church member Allan Walker to coincide with the Santa Monica Pier's 100th anniversary. This exhibit will be open daily through Sep. 9. For more information, call (310)393-8258.

Sunday, Aug. 9, 2009

10 steps to fighting emotional eating
Santa Monica Family YMCA
1332 Sixth St., 10:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.
This free seminar, presented by Julie M. Simon will help participants explore and identify the causes of their emotional eating and apply an effective 10-step program geared toward recovery. For more information, contact Julie Simon at (310)281-6028. For reservations, call Laurence Whitmore at (310)393-2721.

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SOLEMN MOMENT

Ray Solano *news@smdp.com*

Taina and Ja-Lamar Lyons place flowers on their mother's casket during funeral services Friday at St. Monica Catholic Church. Irma Lyons was a well-respected educator in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District who lost her battle to cancer last week. A trust fund has been established for her two children.

O'Day resigns from Planning Commission

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Terry O'Day, an environmental activist who helped lead a campaign to defeat an anti-development measure last fall, resigned from the Planning Commission on Thursday citing a need to focus more attention on his family and career.

The one-time City Council candidate and married father of two young children submitted his resignation letter to Eileen Fogarty, the director of planning and community development, who is out on vacation this week. The commission's previously scheduled meeting on Wednesday was also canceled.

"I just need to make some space for other areas of my life where I'm needed, both personal and professional," O'Day said during an interview on Friday. "I need to dedicate myself where I'm needed."

O'Day, who is the executive director of locally-based nonprofit Environment Now, was appointed to the Planning Commission in 2003 and was its chairman in the past year, serving during a time when the quasi-judicial body was often busy with matters related to the Land Use and Circulation Element, the 20-year-update to the city's general plan.

"I loved thinking about how our community works and how I can make it better," he said.

The commission has changed since the time when O'Day was appointed, including improving its relationship with the Planning and Community Development Department, one that he called "terrible" in the early years.

He said that the commission is in a strong position where he feels comfortable leaving.

"I know there are good folks in the wings that are ready to fill in for me," he said. "The commission is really strong and capable and working really well together."

In addition to the Planning Commission, O'Day last year co-chaired the Save Our City campaign, which came out against a ballot measure that would have limited commercial growth to 75,000-square-feet a year. O'Day said at the time that the measure would have serious consequences for sustainability initiatives by impacting adaptive reuse, mixed-use projects and the ability to create transit-oriented communities. Proponents of the measures said that limits needed to be set to better control commercial growth and the traf-

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Eunice Kennedy Shriver critically ill

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BARNSTABLE, Mass. Eunice Kennedy Shriver, the sister of President John F. Kennedy and a longtime champion for the disabled, was in critical condition Friday at a Massachusetts hospital.

Shriver, 88, was surrounded by her husband, children and grandchildren at Cape Cod Hospital in Barnstable, said family spokesman Stephen Rivers. She is the mother of Santa Monica City Councilman Bobby Shriver.

California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, the husband of Shriver's daughter, Maria, was also there, said Aaron McLear, a spokesman for the governor.

Shriver has been weakened in recent years by a series of strokes. She lives in Hyannis Port, near the family compound where her brother, U.S. Sen. Edward Kennedy, has been staying as he undergoes treatment for brain cancer.

Sen. Kennedy was seen leaving the compound Friday in a golf cart with his wife and dog, headed toward the area where the family sailboat is docked.

Shriver is the fifth of the nine Kennedy children. Edward Kennedy and Jean Kennedy Smith are her sole surviving siblings.

In an recent interview posted on eunicekennedyshriver.org, Sen. Kennedy said his sister has never backed down from the rest of competive clan.

"She always strived to be the best, and she in many respects has made such an extraordinary difference in the lives of so many people around the world," he said.

Shriver is perhaps best known for her work to establish the Special Olympics, inspired in part by the struggles of her mentally disabled sister, Rosemary.

She organized the first Special Olympics in 1968 in Chicago. The two-day event drew more than 1,000 participants from 26 states and Canada.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Safe place to sleep is needed

Editor:

I work in the Safe Haven garden ("Gardening for the soul," page 1, Aug. 3) where volunteers from the community, together with homeless men and women, raise organically grown corn, tomatoes, kale, egg plant and squash. I attend Side-by-Side/S.H.E.L.T.E.R., which brings the housed and homeless together to improve the lives of the homeless and advocate about homeless issues. I also volunteer preparing and serving in meal programs.

So what have I learned? A toxic mix of physical and mental health hazards face people living on the street every day. Conversations where I volunteer confirm this. Lack of sleep, poor diet, no escape from summer sun and winter cold, scarce drinking water, bathrooms few and far between, inadequate showers, rumors of less funding for services and long waits for transitional or permanent housing all contribute to a feeling of "it's never going to get better for me."

Life on the streets is dangerous and often isolating, placing homeless in greater jeopardy in emergencies. Add to this the stigma of having to haul your clothes and bedding (winter and summer) around with you in public 24/7 and you breed despair and hopelessness. Facilities used by the general public (i.e. restaurants, bathrooms, libraries, movies) are often denied to the homeless, sometimes by city codes supporting the practices.

Opportunities for the homeless to leave the margins of society and join the mainstream will be enhanced when getting safe, healthy, unbroken sleep becomes accepted as a human right. This is impossible with Santa Monica's current camping laws. Citations, arrests and convictions for sleeping in public create a "record" that can thwart later efforts to rent an apartment or get a job and being invisible to the public takes a lot of planning and human energy.

Just think, when a homeless person can shave, shower, wear clean clothes and have a place to keep belongings safely under lock and key during the day, each day can potentially be spent productively. Then it's possible to put one's focus and energy into seeking medical care if needed, to learning a skill, to getting some kind of work or attending the many free social and cultural benefits provided by our city. It's time to work together as a community with a goal of ending homelessness everywhere! Santa Monica can do better.

Ruth Sarnoff
Santa Monica

Slow your roll

Editor:

The Daily Press calls for a "parking czar" (editorial, Aug. 6) to make Santa Monica an even more amenable to the auto, building more and more parking lots for those mostly one-person driven, two-ton, four-doored, polluting monstrosities all around us.

What we truly need is a "Slow-Urbanism Czar," to help make Santa Monica a more livable place: enhance walking, bussing, and bicycling – which is in fact very hazardous here.

We need to slow Santa Monica, not speed it up with more loud and unsafe unruly Downtown traffic. For instance, expand the Third Street Promenade by closing down Arizona Avenue between Second and Fourth streets. Add bike lanes, and preserve and maintain the threatened middle-of-the-street crosswalks along Fifth Street, not close them off as proposed.

Advanced cities all over the world are making the city centers less a place for the car, and more a people friendly place.

Let's join in our future, not in the rat-racing past.

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Santa Monica





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Will clunkers save the economy?

EVEN THOSE WHO THOUGHT IT UP WERE surprised by how successful the "Cash for clunkers" program was. Not me. I knew it would be huge. This wasn't because I thought it would be so easy for people to take advantage of it. In fact, it wasn't. There are rules. For example, the "clunker" has to have at least 80,000 miles on it. Some people probably drove their cars around the block over and over again to try to get the mileage up (I'm still 39,206 miles short). But I'm sure they were in the minority. The reason I was so certain that it would be a success is because it's just so American.

Americans like new things. We're not like people in other countries who boast that they live in a building that's hundreds of years old. Americans brag that they live in the newest house on the block. We look down upon older things. Notice that the program was not named, "Cash for classics." In music, an "oldie" might have been recorded in the 1990s. Ballplayers are traded when they become "old" — like when they're 30. So I knew that Americans would jump at the chance if a program helped them get something new.

Because of the positive response of the program, it wasn't surprising that the House of Representatives quickly passed a bill to extend it. And politics being politics, it wasn't surprising that the Senate balked at the extension despite the country's enthusiasm for it.

Of course, not everyone in the House was for it. Texas' Jeb Hensarling, mocked it, saying, "Maybe we should have a 'Cash for cluckers' program and pay people to eat chicken." Since I like chicken, I wouldn't necessarily be against that idea. On the other hand, I'd oppose "Cash for Brussels sprouts."

I understand what the witty Congressman was saying. In this program, we taxpayers are basically giving money to people to buy cars. For some reason, that doesn't bother me. I'm a lot happier with this deal than with our giving money to the people who helped our economy collapse. I wonder why Congressman Hensarling wasn't so vocally opposed to that first Wall Street bailout plan at the end of the Bush Administration. Maybe back then, he couldn't think of an equally "clever" slogan like, "Bucks for brokers."

I like "Cash for clunkers." It has put new, fuel-efficient cars on the streets, and infused the economy with much-needed money. It hasn't only helped the car industry and related businesses. People who work at car dealerships shop just like everybody else. So that woman who bought a new Chevy last week in New York might be responsible for the guy here in Santa Monica selling more fancy dog food. When future students study this phenomenon in college, it might be known as the Camaro-Kibble Effect.

Equally importantly, "Cash for clunkers" has been a positive symbol. It says to America, "Hey, some programs actually work. Maybe we really can get out of this recession." And there's got to be the feeling that if the ailing auto industry can be helped, there's bound to be hope for Joe's Hardware store.

AMERICANS LIKE NEW THINGS. WE'RE NOT LIKE PEOPLE IN OTHER COUNTRIES WHO BOAST THAT THEY LIVE IN A BUILDING THAT'S HUNDREDS OF YEARS OLD.

It's a big opportunity for the American auto industry. More than half of the cars purchased under this plan have been American makes. If these shiny new fuel-efficient cars turn out to be great, more people will buy them even without the "Cash for clunkers" program. Of course, if they turn out to be junk in a year or so, the industry will be hurt even more, and those who bought these cars will feel that all they got was a newer clunker.

But if the economic experts do all their analyses of "Cash for clunkers" and come up with positive results, watch for copycat programs. The big one will be "Cash for firetraps." If people want to get rid of their old, falling-apart houses and buy new ones, the government would help them out. The housing industry won't say "no" to that idea.

Yes, "Cash for clunkers" tapped into the very American love of getting rid of the old and acquiring the new. I just hope that its success won't make people go overboard. If so, I'm really in danger of my wife trading in her clunker of a husband for a new model. And believe me, I've got more than 80,000 miles on me.

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The Q Line

Running on empty?

This past week, Q-Line asked:

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. Do you think the marathon is a good idea?

Here are your responses:

"I DO NOT THINK THE MARATHON IS A good idea anywhere in L.A., but very definitely not in or near Santa Monica. If Frank McCourt is so anxious about it, let these jerks run laps around Dodger Stadium – lot of photo ops there. Our L.A. roads, especially in Santa Monica, are way too overcrowded to accommodate this special interest group. That goes for the bicyclists, too. And to upset this city for an entire Sunday is unconscionable. Once again, the City Council has cash registers for brains."

"RUNNERS AND MARATHONS ARE NOT new to Santa Monica. Every day of the week, one will find runners in every nook and cranny of Santa Monica, especially in Palisades Park and along the median strip that runs parallel to San Vicente Boulevard. A large marathon through the streets of Santa Monica will render down to clean, wholesome fun, and is often over before folks get out of bed on the weekends. I agree with Frank McCourt: I believe a good time will be had by one and all."

"IT SHOULD THEN BE CALLED THE Los Angeles-Santa Monica Marathon, and the owner should reimburse our city for traffic costs. Olympic marathons usually begin and end in the same place, so the crowds are there for the start and finish. This new plan also creates a logistical problem, since the runners have to be bussed back to where the race began, which is kind of dumb."

"THEY SHOULD DO IT WHEREVER THEY can have it so the course goes uphill, like start out in the valley and go to the top of the Griffith Park Observatory area."

"THE MARATHON IS NOT A GOOD IDEA for Santa Monica or even L.A., unless it's run from Malibu or such places north, down to Redondo Beach or somewhere south, on the bicycle path."

"I DON'T THINK THE MARATHON IS A GOOD idea, because it will tie up our traffic all over the whole area. It's all tied up, you can't get out, and it's all blocked off. So I think thumbs down on it."

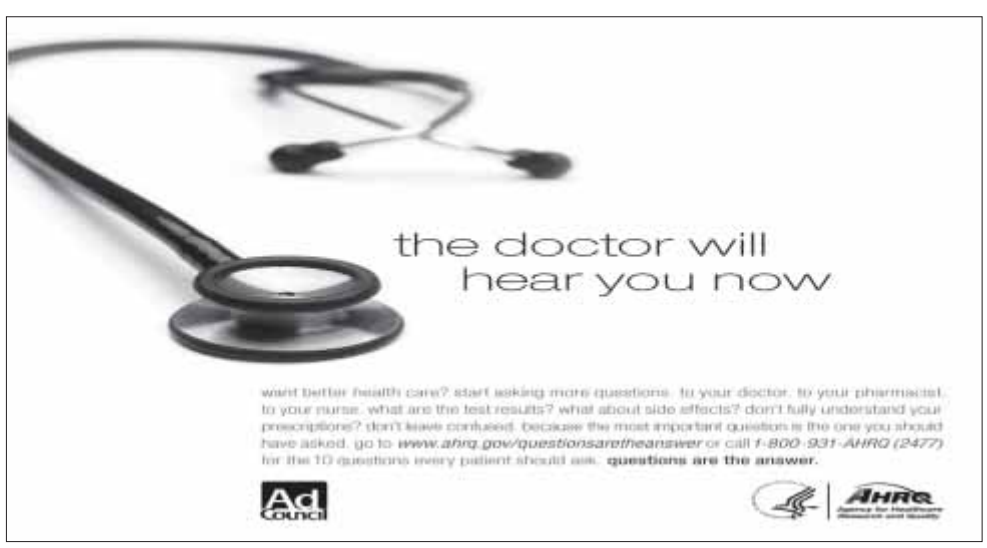
"WHAT A GREAT IDEA. HAVING THE RUN end in Santa Monica would make the L.A. Marathon much more attractive to runners, give the marathon here a whole new cachet, and benefit Santa Monica businesses. The event would generate traffic, but on the whole, the pluses would far outweigh the minuses."

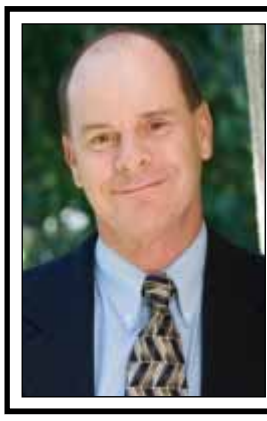
"HAVE YOU EVER FELT THAT WE IN this town live in a Disney movie? Mickey Mouse as the mayor, the seven dwarves as the council, Sleeping Beauty as one of the countless female bureaucrats at City Hall, Goofy as the moron who thought of this idea, and Maximillian, the evil robot and black hole, as Frank McCourt, the Dodger Doggie's tycoon. What do we get out of this marathon? The streets are closed, maybe the Pacific Coast Highway – for what? Millions of dollars in overtime for police, city workers, Santa Monica Pier staff, parking enforcement, Red Cross, Big Blue Bus, school district, SMC, who else? There are plenty of leeches in this town. Most everything in Santa Monica is for someone else: Bums, tourists, L.A. light rail, bike riders, Annenberg Beach House, education, the pier. What are the negatives that we, the tax paying citizens, gain with the marathon? Traffic jams and more Mickey Mouse leadership. Walt would roll over."

"I THINK THE MARATHON GOING THROUGH or near Santa Monica is a great idea. Why not? Who cares? It should go through Santa Monica and the people who complain about streets being blocked off are just whiners anyway."

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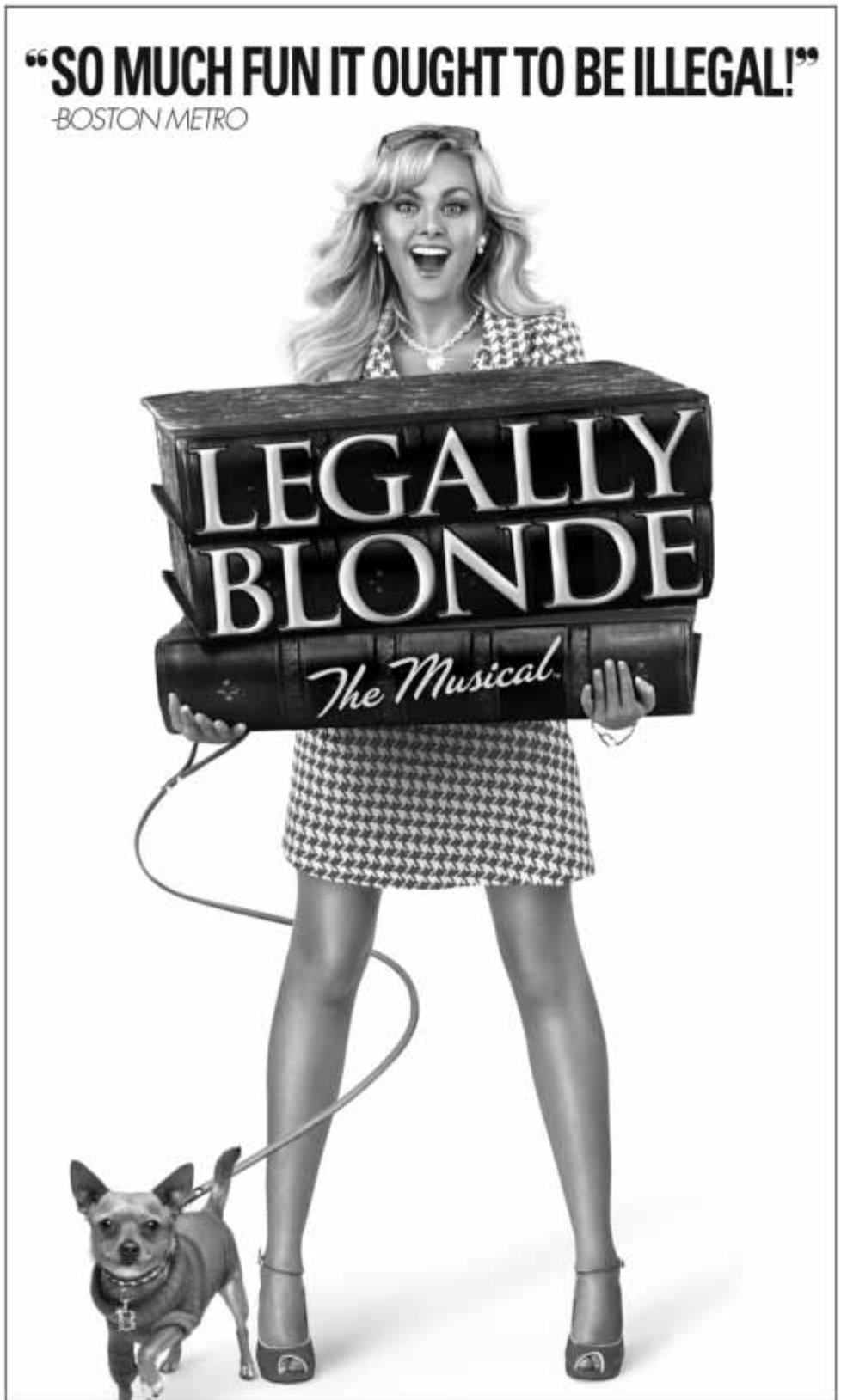




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Recipes for the gluten sensitive

JE ME SENS TRÈS EXCITE! BECAUSE "Julie & Julia" is premiering this week!

In 2005, while strolling through a gardening store in the San Francisco Ferry building, I stumbled upon this enchanting story. The book caught my eye with its beautiful seafoam green cover displaying a bowl containing something white and whipped. Alongside the bowl there was a wire whisk sitting on its side as if the creator of the whipped substance just abandoned her task.

Under the title it reads, "365 days, 524 recipes, 1 tiny apartment." "OK," I thought, "I have to see how this turns out." I have never counted the number of recipes I've made in a year but I doubt it could even compare to her 524. I've always lived in tiny apartments so I know the culinary challenges presented by small spaces.

As I paid for my new reading material, I felt invigorated. I was looking for something to do, to stimulate my senses. I'd just finished culinary school and was working on my graduate thesis, but I also needed something to help me relax yet still feel as if I was making progress toward my cooking show dream. Reading about someone else's cooking catastrophes might help me see that success is not always achieved through perfection.

I devoured that book in three days. If I wasn't working, I was reading. I took it to the gym and read as I tackled the big stair machine also known as "The Gauntlet." It's one of the few cardio pieces that gives me a great workout at a low intensity making it easier to read and workout at the same time.

I felt a little sad when the book ended. "Oh, how can it be over?" I woefully sighed.

When I saw the movie trailer for "Julie & Julia," I squealed with delight. I even reread the book. And you know what? It was just as good as the first time.

In case you don't know the premise, Julie Powell is a disgruntled government employee looking for some excitement in her life. Like any adventurous soul, she learns that following your bliss can be nearly as challenging as working a hum-drum job but hopefully a little more fun and a lot more appetizing.

Julie is making all 524 recipes contained in Julia Child's book "Mastering the Art of French Cooking (MtAoFC) Volume 1." What happens throughout is a blend of mishaps, surprises, enlightenment and a dream come true for the author.

Although I don't own a copy of MtAoFC, I have been mastering my own version of French cuisine ever since I began studying French in grade school. As a health-conscious, gluten-sensitive dietitian, my recipes are somewhat adapted from the traditional, but they are still just as tasty.

Bon Appetite! And, à votre santé! (To your health)

ELIZABETH BROWN is a registered dietitian and certified holistic chef who loves any chance to use French phrases and share recipes. To learn more, please visit her Web site: www.TheKitchenVixen.com.

Ratatouille (rat-uh-TOO-ee)

A French vegetable stew usually made of eggplant, zucchini, onions, green peppers, tomatoes and garlic, served hot or cold.

2 onions, peeled and chopped
6 cloves garlic, peeled and minced
1 eggplant (aubergine), peeled if desired, cubed
4 summer squash, yellow or green, chopped
2 peppers, 1 green, 1 red, chopped
6 Roma tomatoes, chopped or 1 (28 ounce) can diced tomatoes
2 tbs. olive oil
1 tbs. dried basil or 10 chopped basil leaves added just before serving
1 tbs. dried oregano or thyme
1/2 tsp. sea salt
1/2 tsp. black pepper

Chop vegetables into large pieces. You can either roast all of the vegetables tossed with oil and herbs at 400 degrees for 30 minutes. Or sauté first five vegetables in a large skillet. Toss with herbs. Add tomatoes, herbs, salt and pepper. Simmer for 20 minutes and serve on its own, over whole grains or wrapped in a crepe topped with eggs and cheese of your choice.

Gluten-free Crepes

1 1/2 cups millet or brown rice flour
3/4 cup corn starch
3/4 cup tapioca flour
(If you are not gluten-sensitive, use 3 cups all-purpose flour of your choice)
1/8 tsp. salt (a pinch)
3 eggs
3 cups milk

Combine dry ingredients in one bowl and wet ingredients in a second bowl. Make a well in the center of the dry ingredients. Gradually beat in eggs and milk to make a smooth, very runny batter. Heat a lightly oiled 10-inch skillet over medium high heat. Pour 1/4 cup batter onto skillet. Roll the skillet to evenly distribute batter. Once the bottom is lightly browned, about 1 minute, flip the crepe. Cook about 30 seconds. Flip onto plate and repeat.

Sweet crepes: Add diced, warm fruit, chopped nuts and either maple syrup, honey or Nutella.

Roll crepe and eat with a fork.

Savory crepes: top with warm Ratatouille and scrambled eggs. Roll it up and eat it up! Trés bon!

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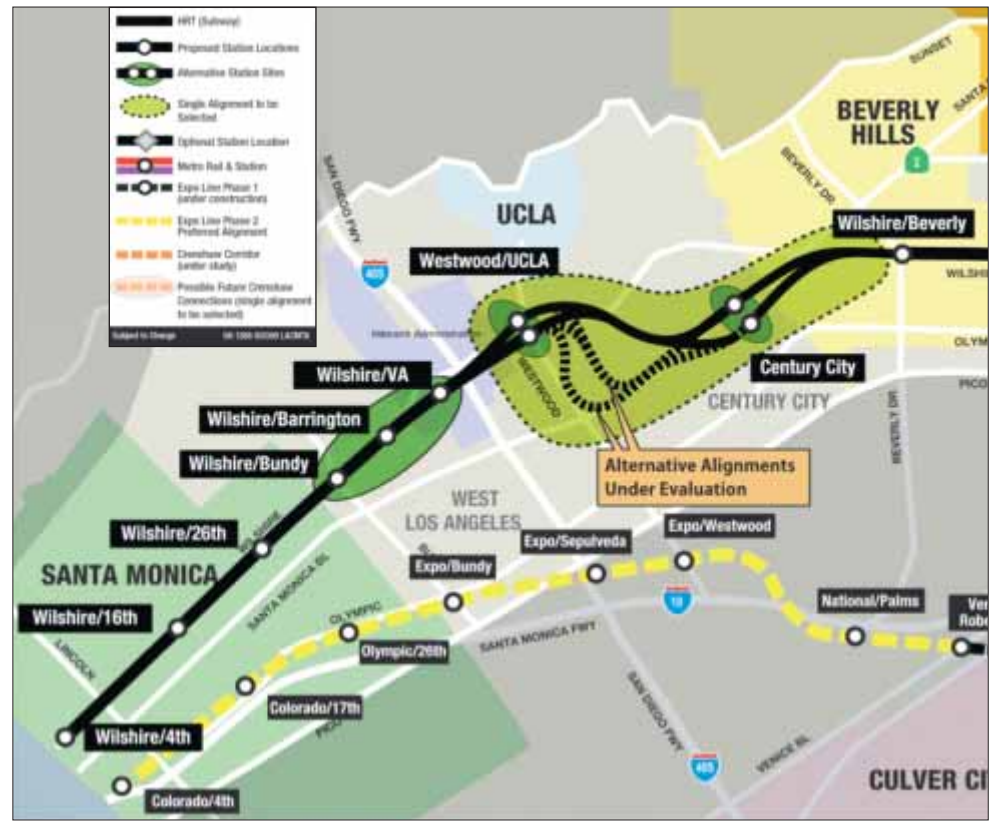
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ON THE TABLE: **Both the subway and light rail lines, as proposed, would end in Santa Monica.**

Metro officials studying alignment options for line

FROM **TRANSIT** PAGE 1

way however is estimated at $9 billion.

In order to qualify for federal matching funds, the project will have to meet certain cost effectiveness standards, a formula based on construction cost and ridership.

"Because [a] heavy rail subway is so expensive to build, to meet cost effectiveness numbers, you really have to have high ridership to compete for federal funds," Jody Litvak, regional communications manager for the MTA, said. "By the time you get to Wilshire and Fourth, you have another rail line that is not even a mile away.

> **"BECAUSE HEAVY RAIL SUBWAY IS SO EXPENSIVE TO BUILD, TO MEET COST EFFECTIVENESS NUMBERS, YOU REALLY HAVE TO HAVE HIGH RIDERSHIP TO COMPETE FOR FEDERAL FUNDS."**
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"As you get further west, those lines get very close to each other."

The second leg of Expo, which will go from Culver City to Santa Monica, is anticipated to begin service by 2015, while the subway extension won't reach the I-405 Freeway for at least another 20 years. Construction will be done in four segments with the area west of the 405 being the final stage.

The MTA is studying two possible alignment options for the subway, including one that would start at the Purple Line connection in Koreatown, heading down Wilshire Boulevard and ending at the Fourth Street intersection in Santa Monica. The second option would include an extension from the Red Line Hollywood/Highland station and travel through West Hollywood, connecting back at the Wilshire/La Cienega Boulevard stop before heading back down Wilshire to Santa Monica.

The preliminary plans show three stops in Santa Monica, including one at Wilshire and 16th Street and another at 26th Street. There is also a stop planned at Bundy Drive and officials are also studying possible stops at Barrington Avenue and at the VA.

The final alignment option is expected to go to the Metro board for approval by the end of next year, after which it will be submitted for federal review.

Construction for each station will take approximately 48 to 54 months to complete, with the most disruptive activities taking place during the first two to five months — for drilling piles along the roadway and installing the decking — and the final two to four months — to remove the deck and restore the street.

"The most disruptive part of constructing a subway is when we have to open the ground," Litvak said.

A tunnel boring machine will be responsible for doing much of the excavation underground. The new generation of the machines maintain pressure in the surrounding earth, which reduces the risk of collapse.

The machines have been used for the 1.8 mile Gold Line Extension and there have been no substantiated property damage claims, MTA officials said.

For Santa Monica resident Juan Matute and his girlfriend Sirinya Tritipeskul, who lives in the San Fernando Valley, the subway can't come soon enough.

It takes Matute about 40-50 minutes to get from Santa Monica to his work at UCLA and Tritipeskul about 70 to 90 minutes to the same destination from the valley.

Neither commute by car and are basing their future residential decisions on the subway.

"It would dramatically decrease travel time," Matute said.

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Skaggs heading to Arizona

FROM SKAGGS PAGE 1

The star hurler who was taken with the 40th pick in June's Major League Baseball Draft came to terms with the Angels on Friday setting the stage for him to make his professional debut within the next week or so, Angels officials said. He was expected to be introduced before the Angels game against the Texas Rangers on Friday night.

"I'm just glad that I finally got it over with," Skaggs said as he and his family were driving to Angels Stadium to ink the deal. "Now I can just go play baseball."

The time between his selection in the draft and signing a contract may seem like a long duration to observers, but Angels Director of Scouting Eddie Bain said that his organization is ahead of most clubs in terms of signing draft picks. He said that only the Houston Astros have signed more of its prospects.

Bain said that the Angels have signed all but two of its prospects. Most notably the team has yet to come to terms with University of Washington starting quarterback Jake Locker, who was taken in the 10th round.

Bain said the signing of Skaggs ends months of scouting that ultimately led to his selection. Snagging Skaggs with the 40th pick came as a pleasant surprise to the Angels, who expected that the tall lefty would be snatched up before their second pick in the supplemental first round.

"We talked to other teams that were very interested in Tyler," Bain said. "Other clubs were giving him a serious look.

"We were scared we wouldn't get him."

That thinking helped land Skaggs a contract that is said to be more lucrative than expected to be extended to a 40th pick, Skaggs' advisor Nez Balelo said. Balelo will be Skaggs' agent once he formally signs a contract. Terms of the contract were not disclosed as of presstime.

Balelo works for CAA Sports, one of the most powerful talent agencies in the sports industry. Notable clients include Derek Jeter, LeBron James and Carmelo Anthony.

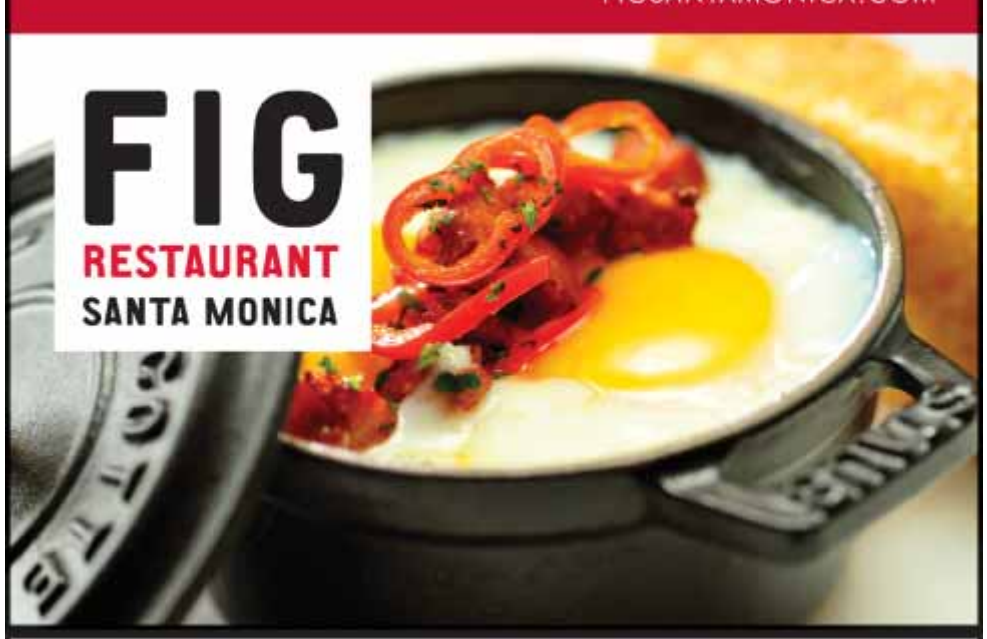
The next step for Skaggs will be an assignment to the Angels' rookie ball team in Tempe, Ariz. Tim Mead, the Angels' director of media relations, said that Skaggs will arrive in Arizona sometime this weekend where he is expected to throw a couple of bullpen sessions before taking the mound for the first time as a professional.

"Once in Tempe, we get guys in the mix within a couple of days," Mead said. "They are ballplayers, that's part of what they do.

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Hard times for puppetry center

FROM **PUPPETS** PAGE 1

I call it the Santa Monica Puppetry Center. We branded it here. We are loyal to this."

> **PEOPLE ASK ME WHERE I AM GOING TO MOVE TO AND I TELL THEM, 'I'M MOVING TO THE POOR HOUSE."**
>
> **Steve Meltzer**
> founder, Santa Monica Puppetry Center

While the economy hasn't helped, Meltzer said his financial troubles began soon after he moved to his location on Broadway. The center used to be located on Second Street in Downtown, but the landlord raised the rent by 60 percent, forcing the move, he said. Expenses associated with getting his center up and running buried Meltzer.

"Whenever you are moving a business, you take a loss," he said.

Meltzer, who was introduced to the magic of puppetry when he was a boy growing up in New York City watching variety shows like the "Paul Winchell-Jerry Mahoney Show," still believes there is an audience for puppetry, which is often overlooked in the age of elaborate and expensive special effects, hand-held video games and ever shrinking attention spans.

"Some people think puppetry is either scary, stupid or for kids," Meltzer said. "I don't see it that way and I never have."

Meltzer's last performance is scheduled for Aug. 16. He will be adding extra shows until then with hopes that he can pay down his debt and say good-bye to old friends, and make new ones.

The center currently contains close to 500 puppets, the majority of which Meltzer said he will have to put into storage.

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Grammy award-winning singer/songwriter Dave Alvin & the Guilty Women perform at the Santa Monica Pier on Thursday during the Twilight Dance Series.

O'Day resigns to focus on family

FROM O'DAY PAGE 3

fic that comes as a result.

O'Day ran for the City Council in 2006 and made a strong showing despite finishing fourth, coming just behind incumbent Bob Holbrook with 16 percent of the vote. He was among more than 20 candidates who submitted their names for consideration to replace the late Councilman Herb Katz after he died in January. Gleam Davis, his colleague on the Planning Commission, was eventually appointed.

Fellow commissioners praised O'Day for bringing a unique environmental perspective to the table, along with strong management skills from his background overseeing a nonprofit organization, which came in handy when he took over as chair.

"I think the combination of those really allowed us to focus more clearly on what it is that we were trying to do," said Gwynne Pugh, who joined the commission about six months after O'Day.

Hank Koning, the vice chair of the commission, said that O'Day brought a balanced outlook on land-use issues and made sure to come in without an opinion already formulated.

"I LOVED THINKING ABOUT HOW OUR COMMUNITY WORKS AND HOW I CAN MAKE IT BETTER."

Terry O'Day
former Planning Commissioner

"He was a fabulous chair and fabulous commissioner and it's a bummer that he's leaving but he's got to do what he's got to do," Koning said.

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The following is a summary, prepared by the City Attorney's Office, of Ordinance Number 2292 (CCS), which was adopted by the Council on July 28, 2009.

Ordinance Number 2292 (CCS) amends Santa Monica Municipal Code Chapter 6.48 regulating the City's vehicles for hire, including taxicabs; adds Chapter 6.49 to the Code establishing a taxicab franchise system; and amends business license provisions in the Code relating to vehicles for hire. The amendments in Chapter 6.48: 1) remove the provisions specific to taxicabs only; 2) clarify the definition of a vehicle for hire; and 3) clarify other general provisions applicable to all vehicles for hire. Chapter 6.49: 1) authorizes the City to grant franchises for the operation of taxicab services in the City; 2) specifies the process by which and the criteria under which franchises will be evaluated and awarded; 3) provides general operating and permit application requirements for franchises, taxicabs, and drivers; and 4) establishes the processes and bases for suspending or revoking franchises and permits, as well as specific penalties for violations.


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Jackson insurance policy excluded 'illicit' drug use

RYAN NAKASHIMA
AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES The insurance taken out on Michael Jackson for his London concert series does not cover cancellations if the pop star was found to have illegally possessed drugs or was involved in the "illicit taking of drugs," according to a copy of the policy provided Friday to The Associated Press.

It was not immediately clear whether any medications Jackson was taking would negate a payout up to $17.5 million, which would ultimately benefit his estate.

Jackson's doctor administered multiple sedatives along with the powerful anesthetic propofol, a potentially lethal combination, hours before the singer died June 25, a law enforcement official who requested anonymity because the death investigation is ongoing told the AP.

The insurance policy, covering the first 13 shows of the 50-show run, was taken out by Jackson and concert promoter AEG Live in April. Such a policy and its provisions are considered standard for events on the scale of the one for which Jackson was preparing.

The policy covers cancellations resulting from death, but its provisions will hinge on the results of an autopsy that has been delayed twice. A claim could take months to resolve through a settlement or in court, and either route could be delayed as police investigate a manslaughter charge.

A New York doctor with no connection to AEG Live conducted a medical exam of Jackson in Los Angeles in February. AEG Live Chief Executive Randy Phillips said he was told by the insurance underwriter that Jackson passed "with flying colors." The exam results were shown to the insurers, but not to AEG Live.

A copy of the insurance policy shows that it had several clauses that would prevent a payout, including if the singer concealed information or acted carelessly to increase the risk of a no-show.

AEG Live and the special administrators of Jackson's estate have been moving quickly to cut business deals that will help the concert promoter recoup the more than $30 million it is currently owed by his estate. An insurance payout would go a long way to reducing the estate's obligation to AEG Live.

The promoter is also in line to quickly cover its costs if a $60 million payment from Sony Corp.'s movie division to distribute a film based on rehearsal footage is approved by a court Monday.

Also in the works for court approval is a merchandising deal with Bravado, a unit of Vivendi SA's Universal Music Group, which had signed a deal with AEG Live in July and has been selling Jackson goods online since then.

The estate is in line to receive 90 percent of the proceeds from the business deals after AEG Live's initial costs have been covered, according to documents filed in court this week.

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Nevada wants California's businesses

MICHELLE RINDELS
Associated Press Writer

LAS VEGAS Talk about kicking a neighbor while he's down: Nevada is spending $250,000 for an ad campaign that compares California legislators to talking chimps and tells business owners they can "kiss their assets goodbye" if they stay put.

It's the latest salvo in a generally friendly rivalry that's taken on a harder edge with both states among the recession's hardest-hit areas and desperately fighting to stay afloat — California recently had to issue more than $1 billion in IOUs to survive a prolonged budget crisis while trying to slash a $26.3 billion debt.

Nevada leaders paint their clever but biting campaign — aimed at California business owners considering a move — as simply a matter of helping the Silver State fight high unemployment and diversify an economy heavily dependent on struggling casinos and tourism. Nevada business advocates are pitting their state's low taxes against rising workers' compensation rates and fears of bankruptcy in California.

But there is clearly a certain amount of grim glee at getting under the skin of their Golden State counterparts. Las Vegas Mayor Oscar Goodman said he can't wait for the new ads and a chance to needle California leaders about picking off companies and jobs.

"It's going to drive them bonkers," Goodman said. "We're going to crush them."

He and others say they want to erect one billboard outside California's state Capitol building in Sacramento.

The Nevada Development Authority, a nonprofit that recruits businesses, is funding the radio, TV and print ads.

Somer Hollingsworth, president of the development authority, says Nevada is hoping to stand out among the 49 states trying to get Californians to flee.

"Everyone's trying to pull companies out because ... they really smell blood," he said.

The ads have the attention of business promoters at the California Chamber of Commerce, who say Nevada needs the campaign because it is hurting, too.

"I would match California's higher education system and quality of life against theirs any day," said Allan Zaremberg, the chamber's president and CEO.

Nevada had 12 percent unemployment in June, compared with 9.5 percent unemployment nationwide. Meanwhile, California's unemployment was 11.6 percent in June, with more than 766,000 jobs lost in the past year.

Nevada's campaign is the latest pull in an ongoing tug-of-war between the two states.

In 2004, California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger drove a moving van down the Las Vegas Strip to bring a small business back to California.

Last year, Nevada launched a print cartoon series featuring California's grizzly bear mascot as a "tax bear" preying on business owners.

This time, the not-so-friendly pitches include comparing California legislators to talking chimps, saying the Golden State will be more business-friendly when pigs fly, and telling business owners that they can "kiss their assets good-bye" if they don't move.


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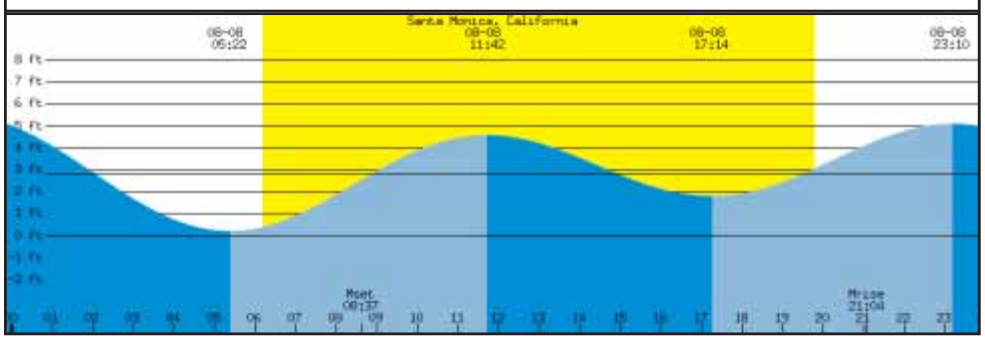
Swell Forecast

Today we should see some southern hemi from 220 and 180 degrees with waist to chest high waves around south facing breaks. We should also see some 14-second swell from Felicia coming in from 210-220.

Long Range Synopsis

By the weekend end, Felecia's swell should decline, but the southern hemi ground swell should continue. NW wind swell is looking weak.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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QUICK STATS (for the last 28 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
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- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 44 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 3 / ns

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Cerrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa 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 Rominer 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
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 Ballona 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

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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Attack on blogger slowed Twitter

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AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK The outage that knocked Twitter offline for hours was traced to an attack on a lone blogger in the former Soviet republic of Georgia — but the collateral damage that left millions around the world tweetless showed just how much havoc an isolated cyberdispute can cause.

"It told us how quickly many people really took Twitter into their hearts," Robert Thompson, director of the Center for the Study of Popular Television at Syracuse University, said Friday.

Tens of millions of people have come to rely on social media to express their innermost thoughts and to keep up with world news and celebrity gossip.

Twitter "is one of those little amusements that infiltrated the mass behavior in some significant ways, so that when it went away, a lot of people really noticed it and missed it."

The attacks Thursday also slowed down Facebook and caused problems for the online diary site LiveJournal. But Twitter, the 140-character-or-less messaging site used by celebrities, businesses and even Iranian protesters, suffered a total outage that lasted several hours.

Those attacks continued Friday from thousands of computers pummeling its servers, said Kazuhiro Gomi, chief technology officer for NTT America Enterprise Hosting Services, which hosts Twitter's service.

Twitter crashed because of a denial-of-service attack, in which hackers command scores of computers toward a single site at the same time to prevent legitimate traffic from getting through. The attack was targeted at a blogger who goes by "Cyxymu" — the name of a town in Georgia — on several Web sites, including Twitter, Facebook and LiveJournal.

But they could have just as well targeted Twitter itself. That's because the effects were the same whether the excess traffic went to the "twitter.com" home page or to the page for Cyxymu at "twitter.com/cyxymu." Same with Facebook and LiveJournal.

"A denial of service attack like this one is a very blunt instrument," said Ray Dickenson, chief technology officer at Authentium, a computer security firm. It's as if a viewer who didn't like one show on a television channel decided to "knock out the whole station."

Or like fishing with dynamite: You'll catch something, but the blast will kill dolphins, sharks and other organisms, too.

Just who was behind these attacks is not yet clear, but the dispute was probably related to the ongoing political conflict between Russia and Georgia.

Gomi said the attacking computers were located around the world and the source of the attacks was not known.

The attacks seemed to come in two waves.

The first was a spam campaign consisting of e-mails with links back to posts by Cyxymu. This drove some traffic to the blogger's postings on various social-networking sites, possibly to disparage him as the source of the spam.

The second and more destructive phase consisted of the denial-of-service attack, which attacked the sites' servers by sending it lots of junk requests — presumably to prevent people from reading his viewpoints.

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Double Feature
... And God Created Woman (NR) 1hr 35min
The Truth (NR) 2hr 10min
7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 9
Double Feature
Breathless (NR) 1hr 30min
Alphaville (NR) 1hr 39min
7:30 p.m.

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

Aliens in the Attic (PG) 1hr 26min
12:15, 2:30, 5:10, 7:20, 9:40

A Perfect Getaway (R) 1hr 38min
11:30 a.m., 2:15, 5:00, 7:40, 10:15

Public Enemies (R) 2hr 23min
12:50, 4:00, 7:00, 10:10

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) 2hrs 33min
11:20 a.m., 2:45, 6:15, 9:45

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Julie and Julia (PG-13) 2hrs 3min
11:30 a.m., 1:00, 2:15, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 7:45, 9:50, 10:40

Funny People (R) 2hrs 16min
12:30, 3:50, 7:15, 10:35

Funny People (with closed captions and descriptive video) (R) 2hrs 16min
11:45 a.m., 3:00, 6:30, 9:45

G-Force: In Disney Digital 3-D (PG) 1hr 28min
11:15 a.m., 1:40, 4:10, 6:40, 9:05

The Hangover (R) 1hr 36min
11:20 a.m., 2:00, 4:50, 7:30, 10:20

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) 2hrs 33min
11:35 a.m., 3:10, 7:10, 10:30

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(500) Days of Summer (PG-13) 1hr 50min
1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:15

The Hurt Locker (R) 2hr 26min
1:00, 4:00, 7:10, 10:15

Whatever Works (PG-13) 1hr 47min
1:40, 4:10, 7:00, 9:30

Adam (PG-13) 1hr 55min
1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 10:00

Local Color (R) 1hr 44min
11 a.m.

Food Inc. (PG) 1hr 34min
11 a.m.

Herb & Dorothy (NR) 1hr 27min
11 a.m.

Irene In Time (PG13) 1hr 49min
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G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG-13) 1hr 58min
11:30 a.m., 1:00, 2:30, 3:50, 5:30, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30

Orphan (R) 2hrs 3min
1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:20

The Ugly Truth (R) 1hr 36min
12:00, 2:20, 4:50, 7:10, 9:40

Bruno (R) 1hr 21min
3:00, 7:40

Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs 3D (PG) 1hr 27min
11:40 a.m., 2:00, 4:20, 6:50, 9:10

The Collector (R) 1hr 25min
12:50, 5:20, 7:20, 9:50

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Where the action is, Taurus

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Getting up on the wrong side of the bed doesn't help! Consider going back to bed and restarting your day. Tonight: Play it low-key.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★★ A friend could be contentious and difficult, no matter which way you go. Investigate options with an open eye and knowing what you want. Surround yourself with friends, and the day will work naturally. Tonight: Look to where the action is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Others look to you for ideas and/or a different set of plans. You might not appreciate being put in the position of having to determine or create a happening. Do check in with an older relative who might want to spend time with you. Your attention means more than you realize. Tonight: A must appearance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Defer to others, as your ideas are not appreciated. Some of you might choose to take off or a very different pastime. Perhaps just hopping in a car and going to a favorite summer spot could work. Distance helps you recharge. Tonight: Try something different.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ A partner or several key friends and/or family members have a strong idea of what they would like you to do. As long as it doesn't take you too far off your path, or you like what you hear, the only question is "Why not?" Tonight: Make sure there is music wherever you are.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ You cannot blame a lack of popularity for you not having plans. Decide on your own plans. Many people come up with suggestions, whether you like them or not. If fatigue kicks in, then call it an early day and head home for a nap. Tonight: Say "yes" to an enticing offer.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Stay even and direct with others. Someone might be very quarrelsome, tossing any plans into limbo. You know what you want, and make a decision accordingly. A steady pace could be important. Tonight: Make it easy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You might want to try something very different. Somehow, your imagination challenges a close partner or friend. Perhaps this person feels left out and somewhat threatened. Help him or her get past the issue at hand. Tonight: Relax and enjoy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You discover the pros and cons of a situation by being there and living it. Someone could become combative or difficult, no matter what you do or the choices you make. Consider different ideas and possibilities. Tonight: Honor a need to do less.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ See beyond the obvious and get past an important restriction or frustration. Your perspective is viable. Encourage others to think freely and to brainstorm. Make plans as a group. Tonight: Out and about, strutting your stuff.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Not everyone makes the choices you do, and others let you know clearly where they are coming from. If you want to rethink a monetary decision, do. Others might be too uptight to have a lengthy discussion. Tonight: Your treat. (You might not have a choice!)

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Pressure builds on the home front, and you might want to rethink a situation more carefully. Not everyone thinks as you do or has the same situations. A partner could feel left out or might be tired, changing plans. Make that OK. Tonight: Choose for you.

Happy birthday

This year, you often hit conflict with partners and those who are involved with you financially. You might want to have your own accounts and not be so vested in others and their opinions and decisions. Focus on your goals and desires, and you could achieve them. If you are single, you easily could meet someone through a friend, or the person might be a friend first. If you are attached, work as a team and focus on your goals and long-term desires. Together as a couple you can realize them. PISCES understands you better than you might like.

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The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
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★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

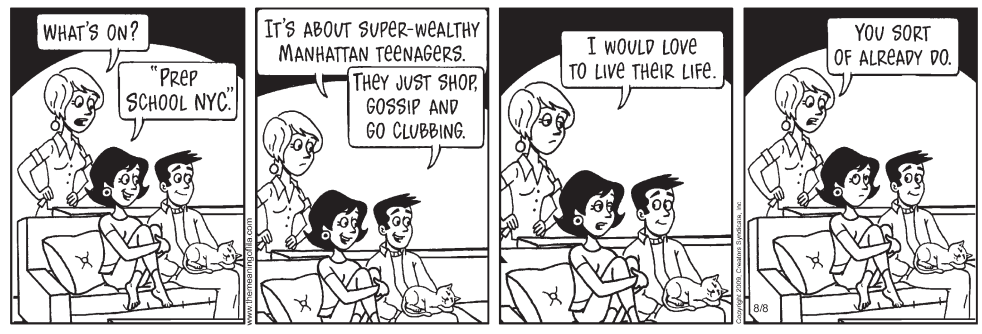
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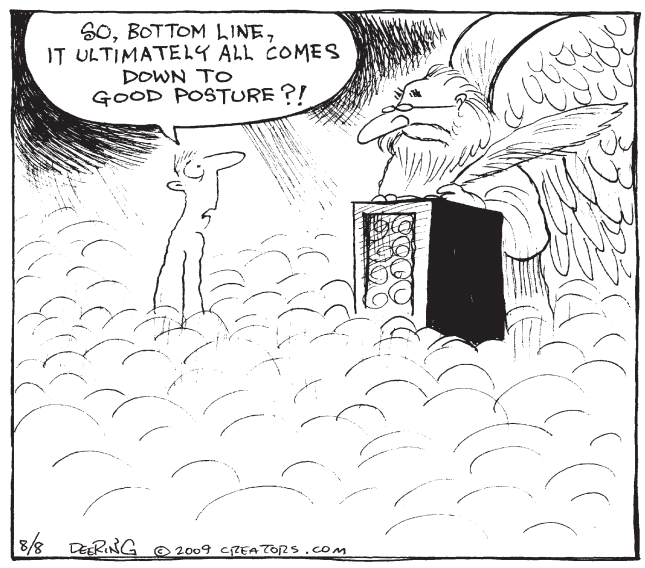
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Difficulty Level ★★★★

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	9	8	1					

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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

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Map lines
6 Less
11 Quartet doubled
12 Gladiator setting
13 Complete
14 Bank subtraction
15 Asian capital
17 Exploit
18 Ref. wd.
19 Benefited
22 Sailing site
23 Baseball's Sandy
24 Shore fliers
25 Archie's daughter
27 Determined
30 Metal hut
31 Shade
32 Ethan's "Gattaca" co-star
33 Building workers
35 "Lou Grant" star
38 Man of steel
39 Because of
40 Wed in haste
41 Small bouquet
42 Ran

DOWN

1 Highways
2 Gas pump number
3 New York prison town
4 Profound
5 Runners in the raw
6 Fuming
7 Fury
8 Telescope sight
9 Like some salons
10 Unable to eat another bite
16 White keys
20 In the buff
21 Stipulations
24 Great amount
25 Obstructs
26 Car from a repair shop
27 Cyndi Lauper hit
28 Atlas section
29 Checked out
30 Thigh muscles
34 Casual shirt
36 Greek vowel
37 Singer Orbison

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DAILY 3: MIDDAY: 3 9 4
EVENING: 5 0 5

DAILY DERBY:
1st: 07 EUREKA
2nd: 02 LUCKY STAR
3rd: 04 BIG BEN
RACE TIME: 1:44.72

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ (1) A Polynesian man in his 20s was being sought as the robber of the Black Diamond Equipment store in Salt Lake City in June. He made off with some gear from the ski and climbing accessory store, but had originally demanded jewelry, as he apparently thought he was knocking off a "diamond" store. (2) Motorist Zackary Johnson was arrested in Athens, Ga., in June after pulling over a passing police car to inquire whether he had any warrants outstanding against him. No, answered the officer after a computer check, but he noted that Johnson's driver's license is under suspension, and he was arrested.

■ Rarely has a city experienced a "better" year of weird news than Akron, Ohio, in 2000. A father was indicted for constantly roughing up his gifted teenage daughters to encourage even higher achievement (including threatening to kill one for misspelling "cappelletti" in the National Spelling Bee). A man was found living with his father's corpse for 11 years, discovered only when his mother died, and he failed to bury her, also. A 69-year-old man sued a woman for tricking him into marrying her when he had intended to marry her mother. A woman defended a charge of sexually molesting her 7-year-old son, by claiming that the family dog had raped him. A 10-year-old boy, trying to avoid leaf-raking chores by hiding underneath them, was hospitalized when his mother accidentally drove over the leaves. A high school coach got caught cheating when he sneaked in to run the second leg of his school's 4x100 relay at a track meet.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1815 Napoleon Bonaparte set sail for St. Helena to spend the remainder of his days in exile.

1876 Thomas A. Edison received a patent for his mimeograph.

1942 Six convicted Nazi saboteurs who'd landed in the U.S. were executed in Washington, D.C.; two others were spared.

1945 President Harry S. Truman signed the United Nations Charter. The Soviet Union declared war against Japan during World War II.

WORD UP!

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