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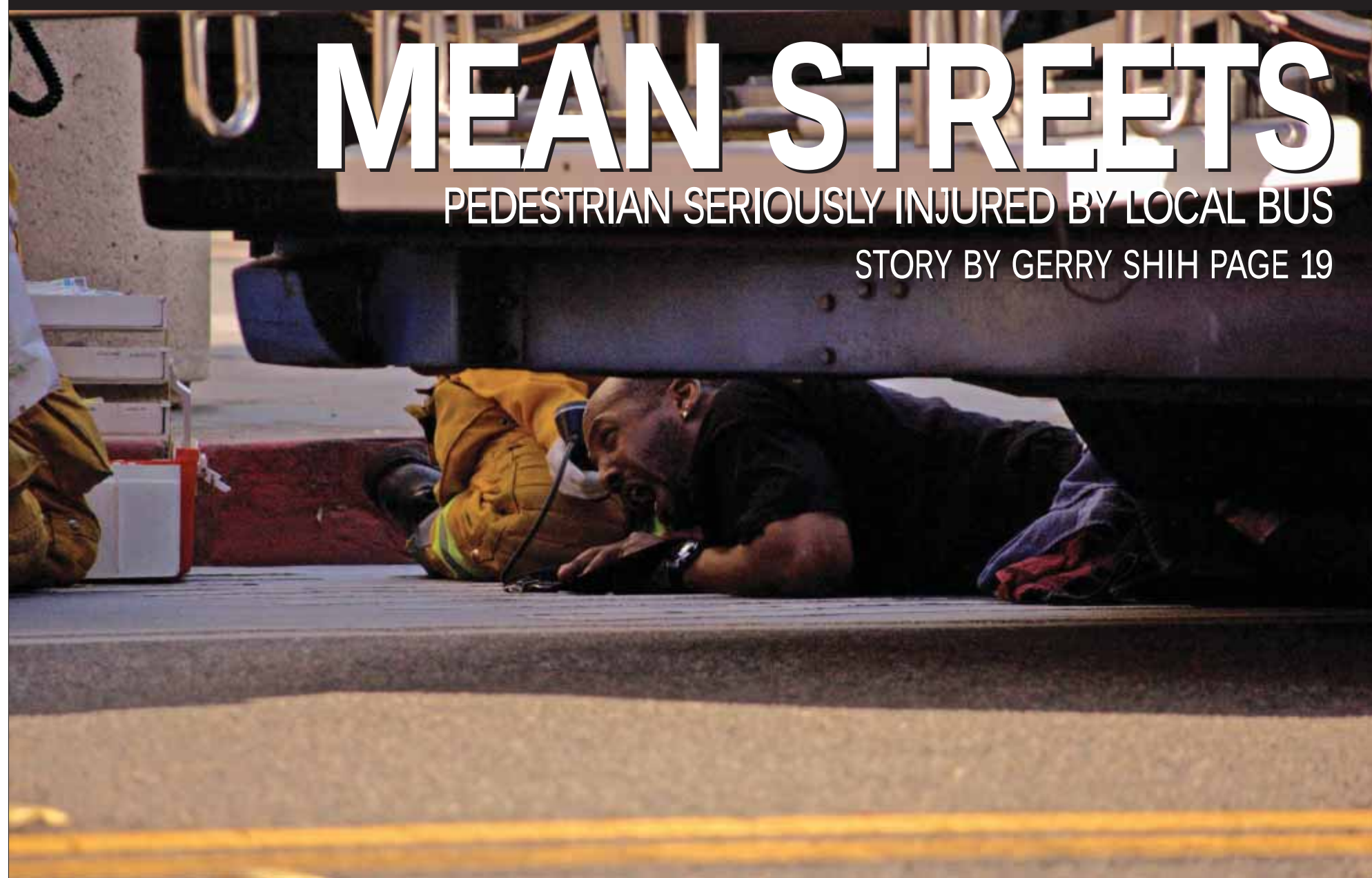


Photo courtesy Kristopher Wedman

**MAN DOWN:** A pedestrian crossing Santa Monica Boulevard was seriously injured when a Big Blue Bus struck him while he was crossing the street late Wednesday evening.

# Communicating to the masses

**BY KEVIN HERRERA**  
Daily Press Staff Writer

**SMMUSD HDQTRS** Communication is the key to any healthy relationship, which stands to reason why the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District has been under fire recently for failing to keep the community informed about the appointment of a new school board member and other issues.

The district has been without a public information officer for several years, a position that was cut because of budget constraints. This has made it difficult for parents and the media to get information they need in a timely manner.

That changed Tuesday when on the first day of school, parents joined with district officials, union representatives and school board members in announcing the launch of a new marketing and communications campaign that is

intended to keep the community informed, while simultaneously promoting the achievements made by students and faculty.

The district will still be without a public information officer for the time being, but volunteers will work closely with district staff to create information bulletins and fun facts that will be made available to not just parents with children in SMMUSD schools, but to the cities of Santa Monica and Malibu as a whole.

Volunteers will also work to set up a Web site where parents would be able to access the latest information on test scores or changes in leadership, as well as post bulletins about events taking place around the district.

"You could call it a marketing campaign, but the intent is to really foster more communication because that is where parents

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David Pitts, author of "Jack and Lem: The Untold Story of an Extraordinary Friendship," discusses his new book at A Different Light Bookstore. The book tells the story of JFK and his gay best friend, Lem Billings. For more information, visit [www.jackandlem.com](http://www.jackandlem.com) or call (310) 854-6601.

### The Santa Monica Laughter Club

717 Broadway, 11 a.m. — noon

Laughter Yoga combines yoga breathing with laughter exercises to increase health and vitality, decrease pain and everyday stress, and promote a more positive mental attitude. For more information, call Kim Selbert at (310) 471-5773.

### 'Bathroom Talk'

1404 Third Street Promenade, 7:30 p.m. — 9 p.m.

The Promenade Playhouse presents "Bathroom Talk," an improv sketch comedy about the unusual things that occur in the Ladies room at a night club. Tickets are \$12 at the door. For more information, call Laura at (310) 430-8828.

### Fall prevention for seniors

2317 Broadway, 8 a.m. — 7 p.m.

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### Yappy Hour @ Tails of Santa Monica

2912 Main St., 6 p.m. — 8 p.m.

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

## Friday, Sept. 7, 2007

### A solo Plimsoul

3101 Pico Blvd., 8 p.m.

Ron Franklin opens for Peter Case, former front man for the Plimsouls, tonight at McCabes. Tickets are \$16 and are available by calling (310) 828-4497 or by visiting [www.mccabes.com](http://www.mccabes.com).

### Tell it, Elijah

1026 Wilshire Blvd., 9 p.m.

Elijah Emanuel and the Revelations are playing Temple Bar's Latin/Reggae night. Tickets are \$10 in advance; \$12 at the door. For more information, visit [www.templebarlive.com](http://www.templebarlive.com).

### Opening reception for Bad Abbot Art

1426 Abbot Kinney Blvd., Venice, 7 p.m. — 10 p.m.

Bad Abbot' opening reception features David Adler's "Monochromatic Chords." For more information, call (424) 645-4566.

### L.A. Greek Fest

1324 S. Normandie Ave., Los Angeles, 5 p.m. — 11 p.m.

Wander over to the Byzantine Latino Quarter, at the corner of Normandie and Pico, for a family festival of Greek Food, music and dance, starting with Friday's "Zorba Night." Tonight's admission is free of charge.

### Santa Monica Critical Mass bike ride

Santa Monica Pier entrance, 6:30 p.m. — 9 p.m.

Ride through the neighborhoods of Santa Monica and Venice once a month. For more information, visit [www.SantaMonicaCriticalMass.org](http://www.SantaMonicaCriticalMass.org).

### Santa Monica Rotary

1250 Capri Drive, Pacific Palisades, noon — 1:30 p.m.

Guests are welcome for lunch. For more information, contact June M. Doy at (310) 922-6274 or (310) 917-3313.

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to [smdp.com](http://smdp.com) and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.



# Burke to head school

**BY MELODY HANATANI**  
Daily Press Staff Writer

**SMMUSD HDQTRS** The former principal of a school district in Wine Country is now at the helm of the smallest school in Santa Monica.

Brian Burke, who for three years headed the Harmony-Union School District's elementary and middle schools, is now the teaching principal at the Community Day School, a one classroom-sized high school for students well behind in graduation credits.

The 62-year-old Northern Californian headed his way south to fill a vacancy left by former Principal Bill Himelright who left after one year to assume the role of coordinator of special education for the Beverly Hills Unified School District.

Though Burke has been on the job since Aug. 27, he will be formally appointed by the Board of Education tonight.

"Community Day School is ... a small school where each student has an amazing story," said Mike Matthews, the assistant superintendent for human resources. "We think Brian will make those stories much better with personal attention to those students."

The Community Day School was established two years ago to give high school students a second chance at academic success as the majority of teenagers enroll for a variety of reasons from truancy to lack of motivation to learn. The school, with an enrollment of 28 students, is operated out of a room in the Santa Monica Police Activities League at the corner of Olympic Boulevard and 14th Street.

Prior to coming to the Harmony-Union School District, located in the west side of Sonoma County, Burke spent 30 years in the Round Valley Unified School District in Mendocino County, home of one of the largest Native American reservations in California. Approximately 80 percent of the students enrolled in the district are Native

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# Another delay

## Golay murder trial will take more time

**BY MELODY HANATANI**  
Daily Press Staff Writer

**DOWNTOWN, LA** — A former Santa Monica landlord charged with murder continues to await the beginning of her trial.

The clock began ticking on Tuesday for the start of Helen Golay's murder trial, which under state law should begin within a 60-day window.

But according to prosecutors and defense attorneys, the trial will most likely not see

any light until late November.

Golay, 76, and co-defendant Olga Rutterschmidt, 74, are both accused of murdering two former homeless men to cash in on their life insurance payouts.

The prosecution and defense met at the Clara Shortridge Foltz Criminal Justice Center on Wednesday morning for a brief status conference, deciding to reconvene another pre-trial hearing in a few weeks.

Golay is represented by Santa Monica attorney Roger Jon Diamond and Rutterschmidt by Public Defender Michael Sklar.

Neither Golay nor Rutterschmidt were present during the pre-trial hearing. The

former Ocean Park resident has a court-approved waiver from appearing for routine matters.

Deputy District Attorney Shellie Samuels told Superior Court Judge David Wesley she expected to deliver some thousands of pages of discovery to the defense attorneys next week.

In June, Wesley marked Sept. 4 as the tentative date for the start of the murder trial, setting a 60-day timer during which time the trial could begin. The so-called 0-60 clock would expire on Nov. 3, but Samuels told Wesley that a six-year-old double murder trial she is prosecuting is set to begin around

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## BACK TO THE GRIND

A huge group of Santa Monica High School students exit campus after the first day of school on Wednesday.

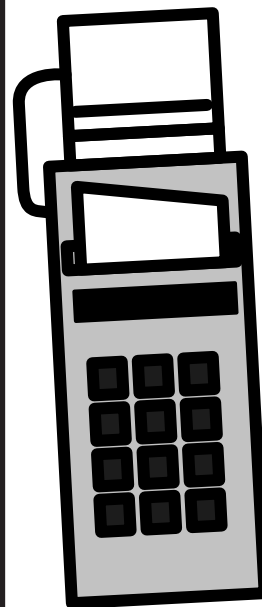
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Talk to homeless for real solutions

Editor:

(Re: "New portal for Westside's homeless," August 27)  
Obviously Mr. Maceri has not visited his precious OPCC in a long time, if ever.

Perhaps his people notify OPCC when he is going to visit and OPCC has time to clean-up and install their favorite homeless around the lobby so everything looks clean, safe and - sterile. OK.

John, I know you have a good heart and perhaps it's because you're tied into the City too much that maybe this fact shields your eyes, but, if you really want to help the homeless meet with them. Just so you'll be warned, it could take more than five minutes. More like five days because there are large numbers of homeless that will never set foot in OPCC because of past problems. Do you understand the term 'outreach' because your people do not and use the outreach people for pick-up and delivery purposes. Try to understand that the enormous amount of money you collect should help all the people - not just the chosen few your people at OPCC find as favorites.

The fact that you are trying to defend OPCC regarding Bill Bauer's article shows me that you do not know what goes on at OPCC. My suggestion: Don't pay attention to the homeless hating Mr. Bill and pay more attention to Santa Monica's HOBOS.

Also be warned that you are moving into a very crowded facility that is actually built for your employees and not the homeless. Who designed this ineffectual monstrosity that barely leaves sitting room outdoors for your clients? Not forgetting about the present meal programs, once moved over there will officially be outdoor programs. Isn't that against the law?

As for OPCC busing people to Santa Monica, don't listen to your people. Talk to the new homeless and you will find out that other programs outside Santa Monica are the ones doing the busing by giving away free tickets and tokens to those that have caused trouble in their particular area. AGAIN ASK THEM.

**Milton Billingsley**

Santa Monica

### Daily Press in sheep's clothing?

Editor:

Your newspaper seems to take a paticular delight in bashing homeless people on a regular basis, with many of your readers saying things like "get rid of the bums" ect.. and I found myself wondering what exactly do they mean by making those types of comments...

Well, after reading an article about one of your "residents" Helen Golay, who "owns apartment buildings"...

I have a much better idea.

Keep up the "progressive" work.

**James Bell**

Santa Monica



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# Who is the great decider of 2008?

**IT'S HERE! IT'S HERE! THE MOMENT HAS** arrived that only comes once every four years when media organizations begin rolling out their predictions for what "It" is that will be the single biggest influence on the outcome of the next presidential election.

Earlier this year, YouTube.com was prematurely declared the "It" darling by the media for the 2008 election. Cable news outlets and newspapers across the country chanted in unison their beliefs that the video-sharing Web site turned Google-worthy phenomenon would be a result-changing force at the polls Nov. 4, 2008.

That all changed last month when the Reuters news agency broke away from the pack and ran a story announcing that the X factor next November will actually be Facebook.com. While the majority of the social-networking site's users can't drink legally (although that presumably doesn't stop the mostly college-aged registrants from suffering the occasional bout of alcohol poisoning), pundits are theorizing that in order to ensure victory, candidates must post a profile on the site — and be popular — if they have any hope of winning the support of the supposedly crucial younger voters (who are allegedly harder to attract using traditional campaign methods, you know, because their eyesight is too poor from playing video games to read bumper stickers).

If that's true, then Barack Obama is sitting pretty right now (as of press time, anyway) with his 139,676 Facebook "friends." U.S. Sen. Hillary Clinton has had a decent online turnout but is lagging behind the junior senator from Illinois by about 99,740 buddies. Even John McCain and Dennis Kucinich are in on the game, although with only a meager 9,798 and 9,590 pals respectively, they'd probably be better off if they removed their profiles altogether.

The embarrassment of a poor showing just might be what's kept Republican front-runner Rudy Giuliani from allowing anyone to cozy up to him on the site. To date he has declined to post a Facebook profile (although someone named Fooliani for Resident is on there with 30 supporters). To be fair, that could also be because he's still feeling a little stung by his daughter Caroline, who not long ago declared on the site her intention to back Obama. (Be honest — who wouldn't have killed to be a fly on the wall at the first Giuliani family dinner after that story hit the news wires?)

Fortunately for the former mayor of New York, not every media outlet is convinced just yet that Facebook will be the decider in '08. The New York Times had a recent article postulating that the children of candidates could be the difference this campaign season. The paper of record cited examples of candidates attempting to attract voters by showcasing their kids on campaign stops from state fairs to ice cream parlors. (The Bush twins are thanking their lucky stars that wasn't the case in 2000 and 2004.)

In the 2004 race for the White House it wasn't progeny or a website that generated media buzz. It was college kids with cell phones who had the polls atwitter. Those kids, rumored to be unreachable on land-lines by those trying to gauge public opinion, were said to be brimming with political opinions and meant to make a huge impact on Election Day. And, as it turns out, they did. Just not quite as expected. Their less-than-stellar turnout at the voting booths aided the incumbent rather than the challenger, defying the predictions of the (left-wing) news outlets.

## THE REUTERS NEWS AGENCY BROKE AWAY FROM THE PACK AND RAN A STORY ANNOUNCING THAT THE X FACTOR NEXT NOVEMBER WILL ACTUALLY BE FACEBOOK.COM.

And in the 2000 election, it was the soccer moms who were going to make the difference. Unlike their husbands, who were expected to "vote with their wallets," the upper-middle-class suburban women would vote en masse with their hearts. And while they just might have, it just didn't go quite by the way of media (or Al Gore's) forecasts.

Still, while their group hasn't been mentioned yet as being one who could make a difference next November, it's quite possible the hearts of the soccer moms might come into play again in 2008. Especially since it was reported in March, just before he declared his candidacy, that Senator Obama finally paid \$375 for the 15 outstanding parking tickets he racked up while attending Harvard Law School nearly 20 years ago.

Soccer moms everywhere breathed a sigh of relief through their slightly upturned noses upon hearing the news. After all, how could the band of ex-urban women have otherwise supported a man who represents the very culprits who frequently, and inconsiderately, double park and block their luxury SUVs from speedy exits after picking up their post-yoga morning lattes?

Sorry, YouTube and Facebook. All apologies to Jack, Emma Claire, Malia and Natasha. Indications are strong that it just might be all about the soccer mom — 2.0 — next Election Day.

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## That Rutherford Guy

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# What does it mean to be human beings?

IN OUR STRANGE AND POTENTIALLY very dangerous world where science fiction and Charles Darwin often collide, a handful of scientists are racing to be the first to create life. According to a flood of recent reports, this artificial life could be as close as six months away. In fact, Pat Mooney, executive director for the science watchdog organization the ETC Group, states: "For the first time, God has competition."

Indeed, far different than cloning or cultivating stem cells, today's scientists are going beyond replicating life. They're creating life in a lab. The process of creating so-called "wet artificial life" or "synthetic life" involves building a living organism from nothing but life's very own basic building blocks — genes.

Such scientific tinkering will obviously have revolutionary implications — especially in how we humans view ourselves. "When we can synthesize life," professor Arthur L. Caplan recognizes, "it makes the notion of a living being less special."

This was the overriding message of director Ridley Scott's groundbreaking, prophetic 1982 film *Blade Runner*. When it opened 25 years ago, it was both an omen and a solemn warning against scientific meddling. Although the film did not do well at the box office, *Blade Runner*'s discovery on cable TV, videocassette and in revival houses revealed a cult film par excellence. And according to a poll conducted several years ago by a British newspaper, *Blade Runner* was chosen as the best science fiction film ever by 60 of the world's top scientists.

Set in Los Angeles in the year 2019, *Blade Runner* presents a world where the sun no longer shines and there is a constant rainy drizzle. An energy shortage has crippled life in the future. The earth is decayed, and people have been forced to colonize other planets.

Genetic engineering has become one of the earth's major industries, with humans now assuming the role of "creator." Since most of the world's animals have become extinct, genetic engineers now produce artificial animals. And artificial humans called "replicants" are manufactured by the megagiant Tyrell Corporation. The replicants only have a four-year lifespan, however, and were created to do the difficult, hazardous and often tedious work necessary in the colonies on other planets — military, industrial, mining. And when the replicants some-

how make their way back to earth, they are systematically "retired" (or "killed") by special detectives or "Blade Runners."

The film shifts dramatically when the replicants, who are on a mission to extend their short life span, display a stronger sense of community than the human beings on earth. After his three partners are destroyed by explosive bullets, the fourth replicant, Roy Batty, succeeds in finding his way to Tyrell himself, the master of the Tyrell Corporation and the genetic engineering genius who designed him. Batty wants to have his genetic code altered to extend his assigned four-year life span. He simply wants to live. But when he discovers he cannot, Batty kills Tyrell in a despairing rage, calling him (as Zeus to Cronos) "Father." At one point, Batty remarks: "It's a hard thing to meet your maker."

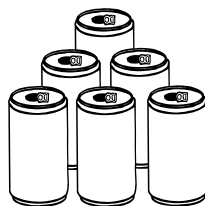
The eternal problems presented in the film are, thus, essentially moral ones. That is, should human beings really be in the business of creating artificial life? Should replicants kill to gain life? *Blade Runner* is based on a novel by Philip K. Dick, *Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?* "In my mind," Dick said, "android is a metaphor for people who are psychologically human but behaving in a nonhuman way." During research for an earlier work, Dick had discovered diaries by Nazi SS men stationed in Poland — men who had defined the Jews as sub-humans. One sentence in particular had a profound effect on Dick. It read, "We are kept awake at night by the cries of starving children."

"Worse," Dick noted, "I felt that this was not necessarily a sole German trait. This deficiency had been exported into the world after World War II and could be picked up by people anywhere, at any time."

The dilemma is even more acute now than when Dick was penning *Sheep* for we have moved deeper into the methodological terrain of a post-9/11 world — one now, more than ever, dominated by technology and an amoral science. And with the daily bombardment of terrorist threats, perpetual wars, global warming alarms, entertainment distractions and a propagandizing media, it is no wonder that only a few realize what is happening to them.

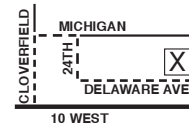
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# Centcom commander echoes Bush

BY SCOTT LINDLAW  
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO The head of U.S. troops in the Middle East said Tuesday he saw signs of broad progress in Iraq, closely echoing the upbeat assessments of President Bush and other top commanders as a pivotal debate on the war heats up.

Adm. William Fallon, the head of U.S. Central Command, which oversees American forces in the Middle East and Central Asia, said his trips to Iraq just in the few months since he took the job have convinced him momentum has shifted.

"In the less than six months I've been in this job, I have seen a substantial change and it gives me some significant optimism that this place may just work out the way we had envisioned, or some had envisioned, when the tasks were undertaken," Fallon said in remarks to the Commonwealth Club of California, a public affairs forum.

"What's going on now in the security business in Iraq is that things are substantially improved," he said. "By almost any measure, any statistical analysis of what's happened in the last few months, there's been an improvement."

Fallon was in Anbar province on Monday when Bush visited there, and was in Iraq just a week before that. He reported hearing no gunfire in restive Diyala province on another recent trip, where once it had been constant.

He also said local Sunni tribal leaders had decided to join with the Americans because they were tired of violence wiping out their families. Bush said much the same on Monday.

And, like Bush on Monday, Fallon said that violence in Anbar had fallen steadily in recent months.

Fallon's comment came amid indications that Bush appears set on maintaining the central elements of the policy he announced in January. Bush's senior advisers on Iraq

have recommended he stand by his current war strategy, and he is unlikely to order more than a symbolic cut in troops before the end of the year, administration officials

stop the protests, but he did not intervene. An aide to Fallon hovered nervously nearby until the Iran banner came down.

Asked whether the United States will



**"WHAT'S GOING ON NOW IN THE SECURITY BUSINESS IN IRAQ IS THAT THINGS ARE SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVED."**

William Fallon, Head of U.S. Central Command

told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

The president is to officially receive a report on Iraq next week.

During Fallon's remarks here, a protester twice unfurled a small placard that said "out of Iraq." The silent protest did not appear to affect Fallon's speech, nor did a larger banner that read "No war on Iran."

A police officer watched as Commonwealth Club officials gently tried to

likely attack Iran, Fallon said, "no plan to attack Iran."

In a brief interview with The Associated Press, Fallon said he had not seen an ACLU compilation of military investigative documents that showed a pattern of troops failing to understand and follow the rules that govern interrogations and deadly actions.

But he said he was confident the vast majority of U.S. troops follow the rules.

# Gay studies programs thriving on U.S. college campuses

BY LISA LEFF  
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO Before he transferred to San Francisco State University from its sister school in rural central California, Emo Loredo knew only a few other openly gay students.

So it came as a pleasant surprise when he discovered his new college offered not only classes such as Homophobia and Coming Out, Gay Love in Literature and Queer Art History, but a full-fledged undergraduate minor in lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender studies.

"One of the things I've learned is that homosexuality was around way back in

ancient times," said Loredo, 24, who enrolled last week in a sociology class called Queer Cultures and Society. "Before, I thought homosexuality was started in the early 1970s."

San Francisco State was one of the first U.S. universities to plumb the scholarly potential of gay lives, starting with a single English course in 1972. But with issues such

as same-sex marriage, gays in the military and the peccadilloes of politicians continuing to divide public opinion, other schools also are choosing to put them in an academic context.

After years of offering a smattering of gay-related classes, at least 30 public and private colleges now offer multidiscipline minors in LGBT studies.

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BY JACK NEWORTH & ALEAH HURWITZ

## 'WordWorld' spells delight

"WordWorld" is a 3-D, animated TV series created to help preschoolers become "reading ready." Partially funded by the U.S. Department of Education, it debuted on PBS Sept. 3. Its "target audience" is children between the ages of 3 and 5 and, of course, to some degree, their parents.

When I first got the assignment to review "WordWorld," I knew it would be a challenge. I've never been a parent, and, while I have two nieces, neither has been between the ages of 3 and 5 in decades. So I reached out to the only target audience I knew, Aleah Hurwitz, the four-year-old daughter of Andy and Arlene, who live down the street. You'll notice that Aleah shares my byline, plus I gave her a piggyback ride. Actually, I got off easy. Imagine what would happen if I had to give Gene Shalit a piggyback ride?

"WordWorld" features a loveable crew of WordFriends who always seem to save the day when they put letters together to make words which morph into real, live things. As creator Don Moody commented when asked how he came up with the show's concept, "Wouldn't it be cool if the word 'shark' swam off the screen, or if the word 'ice' actually froze in front of you?"

The first segment of "WordWorld" was entitled "The Runaway O." It opens at the home of Cat, a friendly feline who is getting ready for her daily catnap. So as not to be disturbed, Cat writes out a sign notifying friends and hangs it on the front door. Minutes later a delivery kangaroo hops to the door. (Imagine the FedEx guy only he's a kangaroo with an Australian accent.) He's carrying a box shaped by the letters B-O-X. Noticing Cat's catnap sign, he leaves the package and happily hops off to his next delivery.

When Bear and Sheep come to visit Cat they notice the sign. They also notice the box and soon their curiosity gets the better of them. They reason no harm could come just from a peek inside. But when they try to open the box, the letters fall apart and the "O" rolls down the hill. They give chase so they can put the box back together before Cat wakes up. The "O" seems to roll everywhere and as a result we meet Frog, Duck, Ant, Pig (who's a French chef) and Dog. (A word friend's best friend.) I am especially fond of Duck who



Photo courtesy PBS

**BIG WORDS:** PBS' 'WordWorld' gives youngsters a head start on learning to read.

speaks with a slight lisp. Duck is all set to dive off his dock into an inner tube but, instead, lands in the middle of the wayward O. Bear and Sheep have to help extricate Duck's butt from the O, when the wayward letter squirts away further down the hill.

Created by Moody and directed by Emmy winning Olexa Hewryk, "WordWorld" is inspired work. The animation is excellent, the characters' voices are inventive, and the stories sustain interest. (At least they did for Aleah and her two-year-old sister, Adiana.) "WordWorld" is based on the theory of "instant word recognition," a visual, non-didactic way to introduce children to the power of words.

PBS is no stranger to innovative children's programming. In 1969 "Sesame Street" premiered on National Educational Television and later that year moved to NET's replacement, PBS. Sesame Street has aired 4,134 episodes, has been shown in 120 countries and has received a staggering 109 Emmys. (Is that all?)

It's unfair to compare "WordWorld" to "Sesame Street" for a variety of reasons, including the fact that it's totally animated and primarily focused on literacy. Its goal is to improve word recognition and reading skills. So, if you have a pre-

schooler, I highly recommend watching. However, perhaps it's time to get the all-important expert's opinion from Aleah.

Aleah gave "WordWorld" two thumbs up. (It's two thumbs counting sister Adiana's.) Enthusiastically, Aleah proclaimed "WordWorld" as her new favorite show, surpassing "Hannah Montana." (A blow to Disney, I'm sure.) The two shows strike me as very different but Aleah was insistent on explaining the advantages of each and "WordWorld" won hands down. By the time she was done, I was convinced. I was also exhausted.

Aleah's mom, Arlene, was impressed with the educational value of "WordWorld." Not to mention that, with her two young daughters so absorbed, it provided her a much-needed break. (With two preschoolers, a four-month-old puppy, a husband and a career, I'm not surprised.) As for me, lately when I type a word, I've occasionally found myself imagining how the letters could morph into the real life object. I am hopeful it'll pass before my next column.

"WordWorld" airs Monday through Friday on KCET (Channel 28) at 10:30 a.m.

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# TV's family hour just ain't what it used to be

BY PETER KAPLAN  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON Americans are being subjected to more sex, violence and profane language during the traditional, early-evening "family

A study conducted by the non-profit Parents Television Council found that instances of violence during family-hour broadcast TV had increased by 52.4 percent since it conducted a similar study in 2001, while the amount of sexual content grew by 22.1 percent.

"In the past six years, the family hour has become even more hostile to children and families," the Parents Television Council said.

The family hour covers programs between 8 and 9 p.m. EDT Monday through Saturday and between 7 and 9

p.m. EDT on Sundays, the group said.

The Parents Television Council examined broadcast programs originally airing during three separate two-week periods of the 2006-2007 television season on the six major broadcast networks: Walt Disney Co's ABC, CBS Corp, News Corp's Fox; NBC, majority owned by General Electric; CW, a joint venture of CBS and Warner Bros.; and Fox's My Network TV.

Representatives of the networks were not immediately available for comment, but the study was immediately criticized by an industry-funded group called the TV Watch.

TV Watch said the study had used "faulty analysis, biased methodology and suspect omissions as part of an ongoing effort to influence regulators and lawmakers to take family viewing decisions out of the hands of parents and give them to the

government."

The executive director of TV Watch, Jim Dyke, said parents had the means to control what their children watched, including the "V-chip" feature built into TV sets that allows them to set controls based upon program ratings.

"Parents need to make the decisions about what's appropriate for their child," Dyke said.

The Parents Television Council said it tallied 2,246 instances of violent, sexual and profane content in 180 hours of original programming on the networks, a number that amounted to one every 4.8 minutes.

It cited "adult-themed" shows that aired during the family hour, such as a Fox program called Bones, and Desire, which airs on My Network TV.

The Parents Television Council said broadcasters also were taking "graphic

and explicit" programs originally run in later time slots and re-airing them during the family hour.

Only 10.6 percent of the 208 episodes in the study were free of any violent and sexual content and foul language, the Parents Television Council said.

The group tagged the Fox network as the "worst offender," saying it counted 20.78 instances of violent, sexual or profane content per hour. And it singled out Fox's American Dad as the most objectionable, with 52 instances per hour.

Parents Television Council said CW was the "cleanest" network overall, with 9.44 instances of objectionable content per hour. It said the only shows with no objectionable content were game shows and reality shows, such as NBC's Deal or No Deal.

# Party like a rock star: Pop musicians live fast and die faster

BY TARIQ PANJA | Associated Press Writer

LONDON Living fast and dying young has long been part of rock 'n' roll lore.

And now there are statistics that affirm the image, according to a study released Tuesday.

Researchers at Liverpool John Moores University, whose report appeared in the Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health, studied a sample of North American and British rock and pop stars and concluded they are more than twice as likely to die a premature death as ordinary citizens of the same age.

The team studied 1,064 stars from the rock, punk, rap, R&B, electronic and new age genres in the "All Time Top 1,000" albums published in 2000. They compared each artist's age at death with that of European and U.S. citizens of similar backgrounds, sex and ethnicity.

Mark Bellis, leader of the study, said his research showed the stereotype of rock stars was true – recreational drugs and alcohol-fueled parties take a toll.

The report found that, between two and 25 years after the onset of fame, the risk of death was two to three times higher for music stars than for members of the general population matched for age, sex, nationality

and ethnic background.

In all, 100 of the stars studied had died – 7.3 percent of women and 9.6 percent of men. They included Elvis Presley, Jim Morrison, Kurt Cobain, Janis Joplin and Jimi Hendrix.

The average age of death was 42 for North American stars and 35 for European stars.

Long-term drug or alcohol problems accounted for more than one in four of the deaths, the study found. The first years of success are the most dangerous, with both British and American musicians three times more likely to die than the average person during that time.



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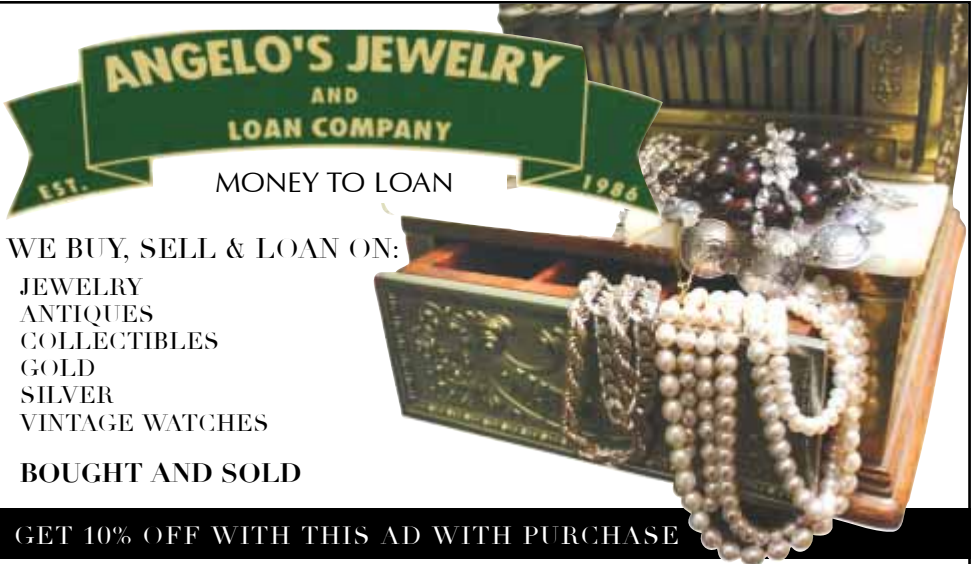
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# ON THE SHELVES

CD REVIEW BY DANIEL ARCHULETA



## Aesop Rock 'None Shall Pass'

There's a time in every artist's life when some decisions need to be made. Aesop Rock has happily been an underground hip hop hero complete with the battle raps to prove it. But, considering his considerable skill at crafting catchy — dare I say pop — hooks, you would think that a move to the mainstream was inevitable.

With the recent release of "None

Shall Pass" on the Definitive Jux imprint, it's obvious which path this rhyme maven has chosen to tread. From the first track on the album to the last cut, this collection of quirky compositions does little to disappoint. Title track "None Shall Pass," has an electronic background punctuated by the rapid release flow of this seasoned emcee.

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## Odd Man Out

By Mark Marchillo

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# All the lonely people

ALL THE LONELY PEOPLE ... WHERE DO they all come from? Whoever wrote that song should take a look at all of us.

Gander away.

Who isn't lonely?

I've come to that time in my life where I wonder what will happen to me when I'm too old to hit that bar scene. When it becomes pathetic. Don't get me wrong. We all have the right to be there. But personally, I don't wanna be out there when I'm 40. Who does? Well, I think a lot of guys have made it their thing, to be single and just get as many guys as possible. Sure they say they want a relationship, but are they honestly seeking one? Then again, maybe they are. Seek away! But there is a heavy consensus of men who want only that casual affair, the nightly attraction, the one-nighter.

Nice work if you can get it. I see us out here on the Westside. Where do we go? Always West Hollywood. Rooster Fish once in a blue moon. Slim pickins over here, my friends. There's nowhere to go. It's not like there aren't enough of us boys out here in Santa Monica and Venice. Boy, are we ever! Someone could make a killing opening up a club out here. The Friendship, long since dead (and longer since anyone went there), doesn't count. Heck, Rooster barely counts! I often wonder why we all trek out to West Hollywood every weekend. I guess

I go to replace lonesomeness with fun. That's the way, right? Find your joy and more joy will follow. Or after staggering home, will the remorse of those solitary moments in bed feel more welcome than strange? There is a strangeness about living a life alone, the way so many of us do. You know how the straighties figure it — Oh! He must be gay, he always comes alone! And they're right, for the most part. We always come alone. You can take that anyway. Even when we're there, next to someone. Without the connection, there is only the individual.

But I figure that connection, that somebody, will come to me. And you. To all of us who want it, really. We just have to be patient, and not wear ourselves and our souls out before we get there. Save a little bit for the underdog who's on his way to us. We hold out too long for that special guy, and we look relentlessly. That's part of our problem. Maybe if we stop looking so thoroughly (take it easy guys), he'll be able to find us apart of the wreckage that is so often me in that mirror. Maybe if I stop looking there'll be something to look forward to.

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# Dinner & a movie

BY KEVIN HERRERA  
Daily Press Staff Writer

**SM PIER** This year's film series at the Santa Monica Pier – which kicks off tonight with a free screening of "Who Killed the Electric Car?" – will feature a little twist; a lemon twist that is.

Celebrity Chef Claud Mann of TBS's long-running series "Dinner and a Movie" will be on hand for the screening of "Moonstruck" on Sept. 27, that last night of the series, when he will be teaching moviegoers how to make a pizza on their barbecues.

"With this heat recently it seems like summer is never ending and everyone still has their barbecues out so I thought it would be fun way to show people that they don't need to heat up their kitchen to create a masterpiece. Just heat up that grill in the back and put the dough right on it," said Mann, whose inspiration for the dish was simple.

"The moon hits your eye like a big pizza pie," Mann said.

For those unfamiliar with the Santa Monica Drive-In at the Pier, the series is

in its fifth year. It features documentaries, musicals and well-loved classics. All movies take place on Thursday evenings this year in the pier's west parking deck.

Admission is free but tickets are required and are available at the Santa Monica Visitors Center at 1920 Main St., the kiosk at 1400 Ocean Ave. and the cart on the Third Street Promenade. Tickets are also available at Vidiots at the corner of Pico Boulevard and Fourth Street.

Doors open at 7 p.m. Special wine tastings by presenting sponsor Castello di Gabbiano winery will start at 6:30 p.m. in the wine pavilion on Sept. 20 and 27.

Aside from Mann, another highlight of this year's event will be a live theatrical performance by Vox Lumiere, which reinvents silent films with new music and dance, creating a completely new entertainment experience. The classic film "Metropolis" and its political and modernist themes will "explode off the screen and into the rock arena" on Sept. 13, organizers of the event said.

On Sept. 20, fans of Audrey Hepburn and Gregory Peck will get a chance to see



Photo courtesy Santa Monica Pier

**THE DRIVE-IN CROWD:** Legions of moviegoers attended last year's pier film series.

them both in a screening of "Roman Holiday," a film about an Italian princess who escapes her royal confinements and falls in love with an American newsman. The free wine tasting will take place before the screening. Mann recommends making "Gregory Pecorino Pansotti" with this film.

"Moonstruck" rounds out the lineup. Mann's demonstration will take place at 7 p.m.

For recipes, go to [www.gabbiano.com](http://www.gabbiano.com). Proceeds from lawn chair rentals, raffle tickets, food, sponsorship and donations will go to support the Cancer Relief Fund of Arts Fighting Cancer.

"It's a fun and easy way to fight cancer," Mann said. "Just come out to the

event or go online and check out some recipes and make a donation. This money helps people buy plane tickets to help a family member in need or helps someone purchase air conditioning to escape the summer heat."

Arts Fighting Cancer is a non-profit organization striving to support film-making and the arts while raising funds to improve the quality of life for individuals fighting cancer. Last year's Drive-In assisted 25 families affected by cancer.

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## NEW RELEASES

BY TAYLOR VAN ARSDALE



# 'Delirious' nearly perfect

In this offbeat comedic-drama a young street urchin (Michael Pitt) befriends a wanna-be celebrity photographer (Steve Buscemi) and falls head over heels for the paparazzo's most recent subject – a beautiful pop music star (Alison Lohman).

It may be that I'm biased, because as a music fan, I'm inclined to respond favorably to any flick that opens with a song by the Dandy Warhols ... or perhaps it's that I fell hard for the lead character, Toby Grace, who reminds me of every man I ever dated: Dirty, broke, and in need of rescue (which may be why I'm still single – but that my friends is a story for another column) ... or it could just be that Tom DiCillo's "Delirious" is a brilliant film that simply works on almost every emotional, verbal and artistic level. I'm going with option number three.

From the minute Pitt wakes in a New York City dumpster and begins his frenetic pattern of survival, we have left the driver's seat and are in director DiCillo's capable hands for a hilariously funny and magnificently moving adventure.

There's nothing remotely romantic about being destitute yet DiCillo, with his graceful cinematic dexterity, permits us to suspend reality, and thus fall in love with Pitt's portrayal of a homeless youth and his unexpected rise to reality-show fame.

Buscemi plays Les Galantine, a down-

on-his-luck photographer whose "big" industry events include the "Soap Opera Stars Against STD" (please, go see the film, if only for this scene), which he attends with the hopes of pilfering as many gift bags as possible. Buscemi's desperation is evident and his acting always believable but it is Pitt who steals the show with his subtle glances, brilliant grasp of character and his understated performance.

That Galantine cannot envision himself as part of the celebrity subculture is a function of his myopia and self-loathing – all a result of his parentage (let's blame it all on our folks – though in this case – it really is the cause). And if you liked the mom and dad in "Buffalo 66," you'll love the Galantines who epitomize bitter dysfunctionality (see it for this scene as well).

Lohman is terrific as the melancholic young starlet/pop star suffering over a bad breakup and creative ennui; Elvis Costello gives a great cameo; and Paul Zucker also deserves a nod for his seamless editing. It's not often one is able to "get lost" within a film.

Go see it and you will be deliriously happy you did.

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PICTURE PERFECT: Alison Lohman stars as a pop music star in 'Delirious.'

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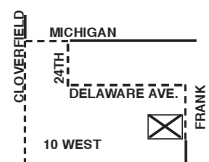
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His wife Leonore, desperate to find him and willing to die if she must, adopts the disguise of a young man – Fidelio – and becomes the jailer's assis-

tant, hoping to free her beloved husband.

"Fidelio" plays at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion weekends and Wednesdays starting this Saturday, Sept. 8 at 6 p.m. through Oct. 6.

For more information, call (213) 972-8001, or visit [www.laopera.com](http://www.laopera.com).

EMILY SKEHAN



Kings of rock

This Friday, Nashville-based quartet Kings of Leon will croon and rock live at the Greek Theatre. Playing songs from their new album, "Because of the Times," the Southern band will share the stage with special guests Black Rebel Motorcycle Club and the Machester Orchestra. Tickets range from \$35-\$45, and the concert begins

at 7:30 p.m. For more information, visit [www.greektheatreLA.com](http://www.greektheatreLA.com)

Hilarity ensues

A capricious night of comedy takes place this Saturday at the Westside Eclectic on the Third Street Promenade, when two improv acts and one sketch show take to the stage. First up at 8 p.m., The

Spolin Players comedy group will perform improv for \$10. The Players group has been around for decades, and has members including Jim Belushi and Geroge Wendt. Up next is the Off the Wall longform improv show at 9:30 p.m., followed by the sketch comedy group Alagore Memorial High School at 10:30 p.m. The shows are \$10 and \$5, respectively. For more information, call (310) 451-0850, or visit [www.westsideeclectic.com](http://www.westsideeclectic.com).

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Art with a purpose

The work of artist Lauren S. Henry will be featured at the James Gray Gallery ([www.jamesgraygallery.com](http://www.jamesgraygallery.com)) during the anniversary of Bergamot Station beginning Sept. 8 and continuing through Oct. 7. Bergamot Station ([www.bergamotstation.com](http://www.bergamotstation.com)) is Southern California's largest art gallery complex and cultural center, located on eight acres in the heart of Santa Monica.

James Gray Gallery will be hosting an opening night reception on Sept. 8, when new artists are introduced in many of Bergamot Station's galleries.

Lauren S. Henry is the founder of With a Brush of Love ([www.brushoflove.com](http://www.brushoflove.com)), a company that specializes in environmental design for special needs children, primari-

ly those with autism spectrum disorder. Her art focuses on the utilization of color and pattern to elicit a specific emotional response. Henry plans to donate a portion of the proceeds from the gallery event to Cure Autism Now/Autism Speaks.

Henry hopes that this event will help raise awareness of the benefits of creating the appropriate environment for special needs children, which primarily includes color and design but can also incorporate tactile and aural components. With a Brush of Love uses all these elements to improve the emotional well being of special needs children, which in turn assists in their learning, communication and emotional expression.

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Local grooves

Alternative soul is the theme of the night at Temple Bar, the hip hangout on Wilshire Boulevard and 11th Street. R&B singer Eric Williams headlines tonight's show. Williams has written for such artists as Dwele, Musiq, and Will Downing, but his own music is equally slick. Soul/funk/eclectic underground singer Jesse Boykins III will also play. The show begins at 8 p.m., and costs \$15. For more information, visit [www.templebarlive.com](http://www.templebarlive.com).

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## ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS



BEN KWELLER

## The new Texas

Indie singer/songwriter fave Ben Kweller will perform his new album "On My Way" tonight at the Echoplex on Sunset Boulevard. Texas native Kweller, whose early music contributions were hailed as a step towards the next Nirvana, now dances the line between folk rock and grunge.

The show is all ages, and costs \$20 at the door. Kweller plays from 6:30 to 11:55 p.m. For more information, visit [attheecho.com](http://attheecho.com)

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## Electric show

The Electric Lodge will launch its inaugural Green Screen Film Festival as part of an environmentally conscious series of programs exploring global issues through art, this Friday and Saturday. The program includes screenings of documentary features and short films – including "Transforming Energy" and "Who killed the Electric Car?" – along

with panel and Q&A sessions with film creators and Heal the Bay program directors. A "Sustainable Drive-In" will also occur Saturday night, with free admission open only to those who walk, bike take mass transit or carpool to the event.

The festival will take place at 8 p.m. Friday, with sessions at 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday. Passes for each session are \$10 and can be purchased by calling (800) 838-3006 or at [brownpapertickets.com/event/19539](http://brownpapertickets.com/event/19539). The Electric Lodge is located at 1416 Electric Ave. For more information, visit [www.electriclodge.org](http://www.electriclodge.org)

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## Poetry for poetry

One of America's most beloved poets and recipient of the United States Poet Laureate from the Library of Congress in 2001 and 2002, Billy Collins will make a rare Los Angeles appearance Sept. 8 at 8 p.m. in the REDCAT Theater at Walt Disney Concert Hall.

Collins is a true American phenomenon. No other poet since Robert Frost has managed to combine high critical acclaim with such broad popular appeal. His work has appeared in a variety of periodicals including The New Yorker and The Paris Review.

The evening of readings from a few of Collins greatest works will benefit the Patricia Bibby Scholarship Fund which sends beginning poets of promise to The Idyllwild Arts Summer Poetry Workshop.

Tickets for the event are \$75 and seating is limited. Doors will open at 7 p.m. and the reading will begin at 8 p.m.

After the event, Collins will be available for book signing's and attendees will be treated to a lavish champagne and dessert buffet provided by a few of Los Angeles' finest bakeries.

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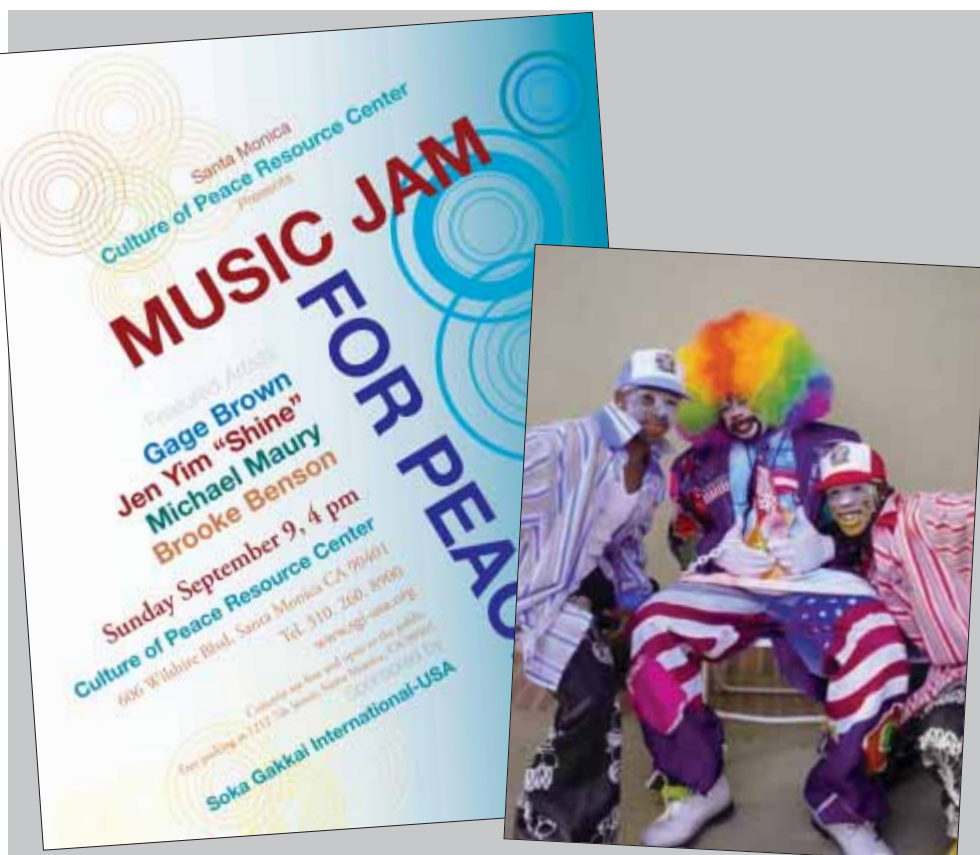
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Pop vocalist Shine, along with various jazz, a capella, dance and spoken word performers will dedicate their art for non-violence at the Fall 2007 Music Jam for Peace concert, held by Soka Gakkai. This Sunday at 4 p.m., the Buddhist organization will open the doors of its Culture of Peace Resource center at 606 Wilshire Blvd. and begin the concert with a high energy dance performance by South Los Angeles Krumpers led by Gage Brown, who was seen most recently in the documentary "Rize." The show is free and open to the public. More information about the concert series can be found at [www.sgi-usa.org](http://www.sgi-usa.org).

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# NEW DVD RELEASES

BY RANDY WILLIAMS



## 'Taxi Driver' Two-Disc Collector's Edition

This classic urban tale chronicling the mental breakdown of a man driven to violence by loneliness and desperation (Robert DeNiro) comes with a trunk full of special features. They include: Oscar-winning director Martin Scorsese ("The Departed") discussing the making of the film; screenwriter Paul Schrader talking about the picture's themes and how the story came about; DeNiro, Oliver Stone and others paying tribute to Scorsese; a making-of documentary; a look at the film's locations and how New York has changed from 1975 to today as well as a storyboard to film comparison and an animated photo gallery. "You talkin' to me?" (Sony)

## 'Robocop' 20th Anniversary Collector's Edition

Peter Weller stars as Officer Alex Murphy a terminally wounded cop who returns to the police force as part man, part powerful cyborg whose dormant human memories resurface as he cleans up the mean streets (and corporate criminals) of Detroit. Director Paul Verhoeven also helmed "Total Recall" and "Basic Instinct." The double-disc offers many features including storyboards with animator commentary, a photo gallery, special effects techniques, deleted scenes, a making-of documentary, writer, producer, director commentary, and the original theatrical trailer. (Fox)

## 'A Night at the Roxbury' Special Collector's Edition

Will Ferrell and Chris Kattan portray the Butabi brothers, a pair of self-deluded wannabe A-list club hoppers dreaming of opening their own nightspot. Led to believe they are rolling in money, a gold-digging supermodel and her friend (Elisa Donovan and Gigi Rice) try to work the guys for their dough only to learn they are broke. The concept originated as a skit on Saturday Night Live which also featured Jim Carrey. Extras include features: "Making the List," "Do That Dance!," and "Roxbury Rags: Costume and Fashion Guide." (Paramount)

## '30 Rock' Season One

Written, produced, and starring Saturday Night Live anchor Tina Fey, the show features Emmy-winning Fey as the head writer for a live variety program in New York City. Her challenging job is made more difficult by a meddling network executive (Alec Baldwin), a quirky writing staff, and an unpredictable cast (led by Tracy Morgan). The complete first season of 21 episodes are included in this three-disc set. Extra material include various shorts, deleted scenes, a wrap party video blooper reel, and audio commentary by Fey, Baldwin, Morgan and Jack McBrayer. (Universal)

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# BOOKREVIEW

BY DANE ROBERT SWANSON



## ‘The Vampire of Venice Beach’ Jennifer Colt, Broadway Books

The twin private investigators are back in another humorous romp. Can our two PIs solve the case while managing to stay out of trouble?

This is the third saga in a series featuring female twin PI's, Kerry and Terry McAfee. The earlier adventures centered in Beverly Hills and Malibu. Now these dynamos are handling a case in Venice.

Asked to be bodyguards at the Coming out of the Coffin parade, a celebration of the vampire in modern society, as a publicity stunt for the opening of a new Dark Arts Gallery on Fourth and Rose, they find themselves marching down Main Street in Venice guarding hearses. Their team consists of three Bruce's, out of work actors, helping to clear the way for the parade. They reach the shop and open the rear doors of the head hearse to remove the coffin inside and are confronted with a dead body of what is reported to be Ephemera, the Queen of the Undead. There are two gaping puncture wounds on her neck. Which one of the vampire pretenders did her in? Was it really Ephemera in the coffin? If not, than who?

Lucian and Morgoth along with everyone in the Goth group is a suspect. We also have the rival vampire group headed by someone called Shatan.

Other minor characters play a part in the suspect list. There are the parents of the corpse who seem to be more concerned about recreational vehicles. There is the dentist who provides caps for the vampires' teeth.

Once again we meet our recurring characters. There is Aunt Reba, the rich Beverly Hills widow who is always involv-

ing herself in the community. This time she is working out at a food kitchen for the homeless in Venice, There is Eli Weintraub, a lawyer, who is the former love interest of Reba. Also appearing is Detective John Boatwright, the sexy Beverly Hills officer who somehow always gets involved with the twins in their adventures. He also acts as a love interest for Kerry.

The background, Main Street in Venice, The Red Firehouse on Main, Santa Monica Pier, play a part in the story yet are kept in the background so as not to intrude upon the story line.

The mystery genre is a challenge. It concerns a puzzle that needs to be solved before the last period is put on the paper. Each murder mystery must have at least three basic character types: The victim, without whom you wouldn't have a case, the sleuth, who is our protagonist, and the murderer, who plays the part of our antagonist. If it were a game we would look for the opening gambit, the middle game, and the end game. The plot twists are handled well. You will find yourself enjoying this book. I recommend this book for people who enjoy their mysteries with a bit of whimsy.

The use of vampires as characters works, as the solution to the case hinges on blood. I promise not to give the ending away.

Jennifer Colt is a screenwriter based in Santa Monica.

How's it going with you? Would you like to see more fiction? Or is non-fiction more yours style? Drop a line to [smdp\\_review@yahoo.com](mailto:smdp_review@yahoo.com) and let me know.

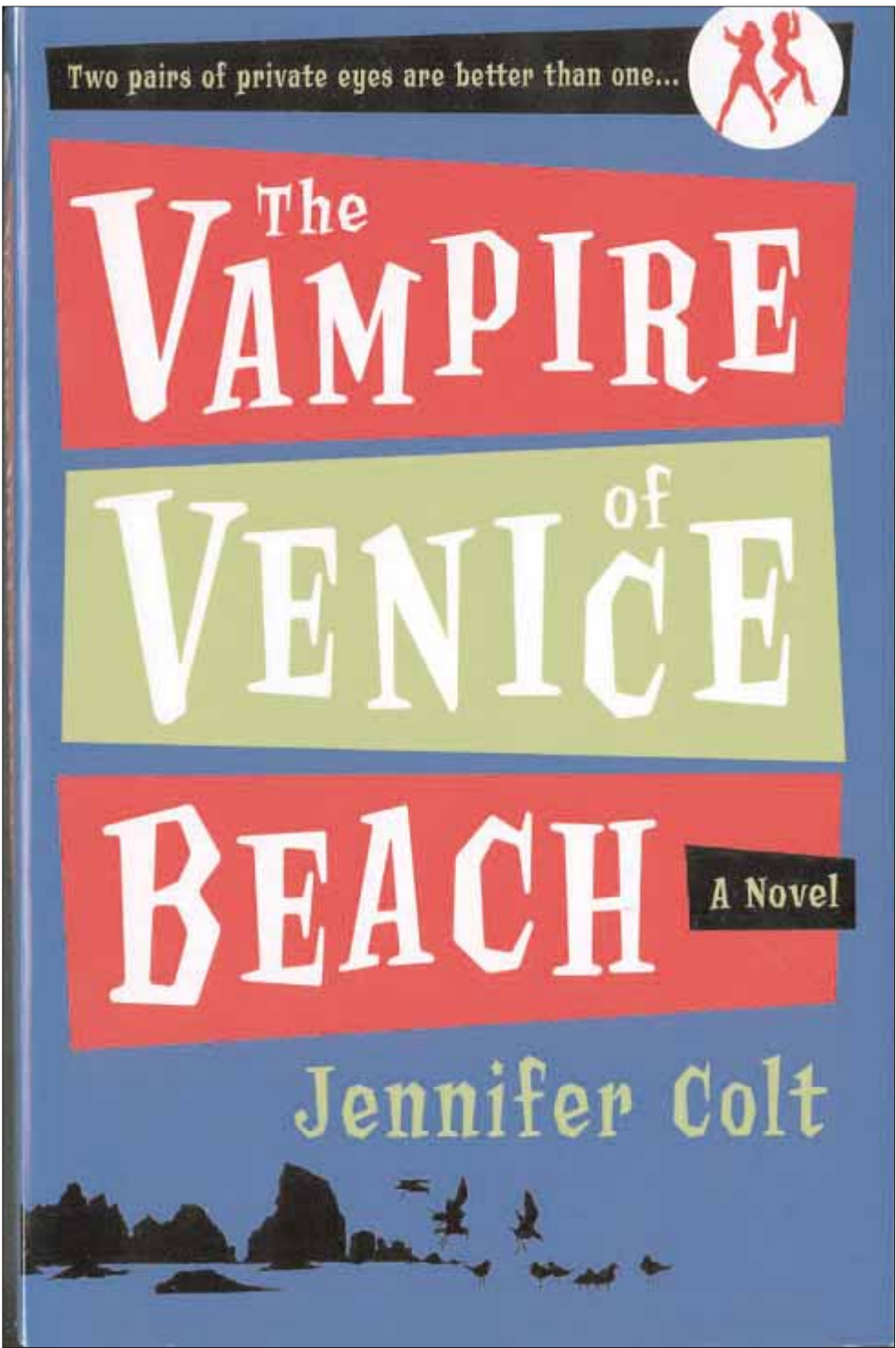


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**LOCAL THRILLER:** Many parts of ‘The Vampire of Venice Beach’ take place in Santa Monica.

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# Lawyers for both sides to meet soon

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that time. She estimated the trial to continue for about three weeks.

The elderly women are charged in the murders of Paul Vados and Kenneth McDavid, who were both killed in separate yet similar hit-and-run crashes in 1999 and 2005, respectively.

Investigators allege the duo befriended Vados and McDavid when they were still homeless, setting them up in rent-free apartments and gaining their trust. Golay and Rutterschmidt then allegedly convinced the men to sign them onto their life insurance

policies before they were killed.

Vados and McDavid were both killed in alleys — McDavid in Westwood and Vados in Hollywood.

Rutterschmidt, a Hungarian immigrant who lived in Hollywood, and Golay, who owned three apartment complexes in Ocean Park, were arrested on May 18, 2006 on federal mail fraud charges, which were dropped before the authorities filed murder charges against the two women.

The next status conference is set for Sept. 21 at 8:30 a.m.

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# Burke ran day school in Northern California town

FROM BURKE PAGE 3

American.

Burke also ran a community day school in Round Valley, implementing a theater program that was widely popular among the school's 15 students.

It's a program that Burke hopes to start at the day school where the city boasts a rich arts and theater community.

He originally applied for the position of special education coordinator to be closer to his son and two grandchildren who all reside in Santa Monica. Instead, Burke was called back to be interviewed for the principal position.

Administrators found Burke attractive for the position because of his experience running schools and his background in special education.

"What I am most appreciative of is the fact that in talking to him and talking to his previous employers, he is a champion for students who had a hard time," Matthews said.

Burke, who received his bachelor's degree in English from UCLA and his master's degrees in English and administration from

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San Francisco State University and Sonoma State University, said he intends to explore expanding programs for the students at CDS and try to find a permanent home for the school, something officials have been working on for quite some time.

"I am delighted to have the opportunity to work in this district and a program that has come such a long way (under Himelright)," Burke said.

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## FLEX EFFECT

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

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**DIRE NEED:** A pedestrian is pinned under the tires of a local bus Wednesday.

# Pedestrian injured while crossing street

BY GERRY SHIH

Special to the Daily Press

**DOWNTOWN** A Big Blue Bus hit a pedestrian while he was crossing Santa Monica Boulevard yesterday evening around 5 p.m., further exacerbating the rush hour congestion as Santa Monica Police officers rerouted traffic around the accident scene.

The route 1 bus, which connects Venice to UCLA, was apparently making a right turn off of Ocean Avenue onto Santa Monica Boulevard when it struck a middle-aged man. Witnesses said the victim did not scream as he laid on the pavement, face-down and seemingly in shock, as his legs remained stuck under the front right wheel of the bus for nearly 15 minutes before emergency medical personnel eventually raised the bus with a jack.

The man suffered heavy bleeding, and a considerable pool of blood remained visible on the pavement after he was removed by officials.

Police officers at the scene declined to comment. The watch commander at the

department said no information was available as the case was still under investigation, and the extent of the victim's injuries were unknown.

Locals on the scene said that the city bus drivers' aggressive style was well known to some.

"The bus drivers a lot of times just don't respect the lights," said an eyewitness waiter who declined to give his name because he was concerned with repercussions from his employers, BOA's Steakhouse, a restaurant located on the corner of the accident. "The man was crossing the street when he had the walk signal on, and then, boom."

The driver, a middle-aged male, was seen chatting with police officers before being driven away, presumably for more questioning.

Ocean Avenue between Broadway and Arizona Avenue was cordoned off, and the heavy traffic from the seaside artery was redirected through inland detours by police officers deployed in intersections along Second Street.

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### SURF REPORT



#### SURF CONDITIONS

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Today the SW ground swell should begin to decline as NW remains similar to Wednesday. In all, most south facing breaks are looking at chest+ surf while west facing breaks see waist to chest+ sets. Winds could be a bit texture-ous in some spots from an anticipated coastal eddy.

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### BEACH REPORT CARD



## NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous four weeks up to the ending date of

August 28, 2007

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#### QUICK STATS

(for the last 28 days)

Number of sewage spills -- 1

Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0

Number of wet days -- 0

Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 39 / 40

Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5 / 10

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

| LOCATION                                                            | DRY | WET | LOCATION                                                          | DRY | WET |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| Leo Canillo Beach, at Arroyo Sepul Creek mouth (Jaccarilla)         | A+  | ns  | WVA Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence       | A+  | ns  |
| Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth                   | A+  | ns  | WVA Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain                | A+  | ns  |
| El Pescador State Beach, between Lachua and Los Aliso creeks        | A+  | ns  | WVA Rogers State Beach at Tenesca Canyon drain                    | D   | ns  |
| Encinal Canyon at El Morado State Beach                             | A+  | ns  | WVA Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chertauquel) | A+  | ns  |
| Broad Beach at Tomares Creek mouth                                  | A+  | ns  | Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain                          | A   | ns  |
| Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth                                      | A+  | ns  | Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain                        | A+  | ns  |
| Walnut Creek, projection of Wildfire Rd. (private)                  | A+  | ns  | Santa Monica Municipal Pier                                       | C   | ns  |
| Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth                    | B   | ns  | Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kanter storm drain                     | A   | ns  |
| Escandido Creek, just east of Escandido State Beach                 | A+  | ns  | Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurants)    | A+  | ns  |
| Loriga Canyon Creek mouth                                           | A+  | ns  | Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain                            | A   | ns  |
| Selation Canyon at Don Blacker County Beach                         | B   | ns  | Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain                   | A   | ns  |
| Puerto State Beach at creek mouth                                   | A+  | ns  | Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain                                 | A   | ns  |
| Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.       | F   | ns  | Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain                               | A   | ns  |
| Serfider Beach at Malibu Colony fence                               | B   | ns  | Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south                              | A   | ns  |
| Serfider Beach (beach location)- daily                              | A   | ns  | Venice Beach- projection of Topsoil St.                           | B   | ns  |
| Malibu Pier - 50 yards east                                         | A+  | ns  | Marina del Rey, Methens' Beach- Haggard tower                     | A   | ns  |
| Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon                                   | A+  | ns  | Deckweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth                     | F   | ns  |
| Los Flares State Beach at Los Flares Creek (joint zone)             | A+  | ns  | Deckweiler State Beach at Calver Blvd. drain                      | A+  | ns  |
| Big Rock Beach at 15948 PCH stairs                                  | A+  | ns  | North Westchester State Beach at Deckweiler State Beach           | A+  | ns  |
| Pine Creek at Los Tunes County Beach                                | A+  | ns  | Deckweiler State Beach at World Way (south of DAW jetty)          | A+  | ns  |
| Tuna Canyon                                                         | ns  | ns  | Deckweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain                      | A+  | ns  |
| Topanga State Beach at creek mouth                                  | A   | ns  | Deckweiler Beach- opposite Hypertension Treatment Plant           | A+  | ns  |
| Castroville Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach                        | A   | ns  | Deckweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain                        | A+  | ns  |
| Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach                         | A+  | ns  |                                                                   |     |     |
| WVA Rogers State Beach at 17280 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain) | D   | ns  |                                                                   |     |     |



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**ALL TOGETHER NOW:** (Right to left) Superintendent Dianne Talarico, SMM California Teachers Association President Harry Keiley, SMM PTA Council President Rebecca Kennerly, and SEIU Local 99 Chief Steward Keryl Cartee-McNeely join a group of Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District students in preparation for the new school year.

# School district hopes to reach the people

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feel the district as a whole is lacking and we want our parents to feel more of a connection to the district and have pride in their schools,” said Kathy Wisnicki, school board president. “It’s really just filling a void that we’ve had for a number of years.”

The campaign is already in effect, with volunteers hanging large red banners at all of the schools with the slogan, “Santa Monica-Malibu: World Class Public Schools.”

Those involved in the campaign want to highlight the many achievements of students as well as other accomplishments, such as having highly-qualified teachers in every classroom or providing students with multiple extracurricular activities.

“As long as we take to heart what we teach our kids in Kindergarten regarding teamwork and cooperation, there’s no telling what we can accomplish,” Superintendent Dianne Talarico said in a statement released by the district.

Volunteers said the campaign is in small part a response to the negative publicity the district received earlier this year regarding confidentiality agreements that some parents of special education students were forced to sign in exchange for extra services.

The district was also criticized this summer for failing to post information about a school board meeting in which candidates to fill a vacancy on the board were interviewed. Since there was nothing posted on the district’s Web site about the interviews, it came as a surprise to many when Ralph Mechur was selected as the new school board member.

“I know that the PTA talked about (that), but it wasn’t the focus” for the campaign, Wisnicki said. “Last year we had a lot of good news coming out like the completion of our Facilities Master Plan or the (California High School Exit Exam) results. But any good news we had to tell seemed to be overshadowed by the negative ...So many positive aspects get overlooked because I guess it’s more exciting for the media to print stories that were negative.”

Volunteers said the campaign will not just focus on what is right with the district, but will also point out what is wrong and offer suggestions for change.

“This is not a white-wash campaign by any stretch of the imagination, however, when we

get a coalition of folks in a room, the overriding sentiment is about how amazing our schools are,” said Rebecca Kennerly, president of the Santa Monica-Malibu Council of PTAs. , who was one of the driving forces behind the campaign this summer.

“We don’t have a great information system in place to let parents or the community know what’s going on,” Kennerly said. “I really feel that it is the responsibility of every public organization to let the community know what they’re doing. The district hasn’t been able to do that as effectively as we would like.

“My hope is that we will be able to build a foundation and a system that will be available to the district should they be in the position to hire someone they can take over the system and build on it.”

Wisnicki said that Assistant Superintendent Mike Matthews, who is in charge of human resources, is the district’s point person for the campaign and will be made available to answer questions that parents or the media may have about the district. The school board is also looking at ways to update the district’s Web site more frequently so that parents can access information easily.

The school board will also continue to look at the possibility of hiring a public information officer if funds become available, Wisnicki said.

Patrick Adams with Secret Weapon Marketing, a Santa Monica-based firm that has created memorable ad campaigns for Jack in the Box and Honda, said schools could definitely benefit from a well-run marketing scheme, but they would have to venture out into the community and try to capture the attention of those who are not already sold on how great SMMUSD is.

That includes parents who send their kids to private schools, which drives down enrollment in the district, which in turn hurts the district’s finances.

“It’s all about what medium you are using and who you are trying to reach,” Adams said. “If you are placing banners on the play yard of an elementary school, you are reaching people too late. You have to get to people who haven’t made a decision yet on where they want to send their kids to school.”

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# Big money

## Judge awards Lopez \$545,000 in lawsuit against first husband

A judge has approved a \$545,000 arbitration award to **JENNIFER LOPEZ** in a lawsuit against first husband Ojani Noa. Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Michael C.

Solner also issued a permanent injunction barring Noa from publishing negative, denigrating or disparaging details about Lopez. Noa had planned to

publish a tell-all book claiming the 39-year-old singer-actress had several affairs. Solner approved the award, which was recommended in April by a

court-ordered arbitrator. Lopez's lawsuit accused Noa of violating a previous lawsuit settlement that prevented him from revealing private information about their

relationship. Noa and Lopez married in February 1997 and divorced 11 months later. She is married now to singer Marc Anthony.

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### PAVAROTTI'S HEALTH FAILS

**LUCIANO PAVAROTTI'S** health has deteriorated and he's in serious condition, the Italian news agencies ANSA and AGI reported Wednesday.

Citing medical sources, ANSA said the 71-year-old tenor, who has pancreatic cancer, was believed to have lost consciousness for brief moments in recent days. The singer has been at home in Modena, under doctors' care.

AGI said Pavarotti was in "very serious condition." It didn't name its sources.

Modena hospital spokesman Alberto Greco confirmed Pavarotti was at home, but said he had no further information.

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# Burton gets noticed

**TIM BURTON** is getting a career Golden Lion award at the Venice Film Festival.

To mark the occasion, the festival was screening a 3-D version of "The Nightmare Before Christmas," the animated movie and gothic tale based on a story by Burton that has acquired a cult following.

The award was being presented Wednesday by Johnny Depp, who has starred in several Burton movies, including "Edward Scissorhands" and "Ed Wood," a black-and-white biopic on B-movie director Edward D. Wood Jr.

"Hopefully it just inspires me to keep going," Burton told reporters in Venice, speaking of the award.



BODY OF WORK: Tim Burton's films have been considerably dark.

The 49-year-old Burton is best known for his quirky stories and the gothic atmosphere of his pictures, which also include "Batman," "Beetle Juice," "Big Fish," "Mars



Attacks!" and a remake of "Planet of the Apes." "I feel strangely close to all of them," Burton aid.

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**Balls of Fury (PG-13)**  
2:05, 4:25, 7:10, 9:45  
**Bourne Ultimatum, The (PG-13)**  
1:25, 4:10, 6:55  
**Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (PG-13)**  
1:40, 9:55  
**Illegal Tender (R)**  
9:30  
**Ratatouille (G)**  
1:50, 4:30, 7:05  
**Resurrecting the Champ (PG-13)**  
4:45, 7:35, 10:05

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**The Bourne Ultimatum (PG)**  
1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:20  
**Death Sentence (R)**  
2:20, 5:00, 7:55, 10:30  
**Hairspray (PG)**  
1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 10:00  
**Mr. Bean's Holiday (G)**  
1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:05, 10:25  
**The Simpsons Movie (PG-13)**  
2:00, 4:35, 7:00, 9:30  
**Stardust (PG-13)**  
1:35, 4:25, 7:25, 10:15  
**War (R)**  
1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:45

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**Death at a Funeral (R)**  
12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00  
**Kliment (NR)**  
1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45

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**The 11th Hour (PG)**  
12:15, 2:45, 5:10, 7:40, 10:00  
**2 Days in Paris (Deux jours a Paris) (R)**  
12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:55  
**Becoming Jane (PG)**  
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**Delirious (NR)**  
9:45  
**Self-Medicated (R)**  
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**Halloween (R)**  
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**The Invasion (PG-13)**  
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**Ladron que Roba a Ladron (PG-13)**  
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**Nanny Diaries, The (PG-13)**  
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**Rush Hour 3 (PG-13)**  
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**Superbad (R)**  
1:10, 2:50, 4:10, 5:30, 7:10, 8:10, 9:50

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

## Happy Birthday!

You drive a hard bargain this year. You demand and command respect from others. Nevertheless, partners and associates could be a touch flakey. To conservative you, their reactions are somewhat off-the-wall at times. Meetings, groups, associations and networking prove to be your strengths. Don't hesitate to go for the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. If you are single, you are likely to meet someone through your friends anywhere from the new year on. If you are attached, you'll find a new warmth between you and your significant other from January on.



**Born Today**  
**Musician Roger Waters (1943)**  
Comedian Jo Anne Worley (1937)  
Actress Rosie Perez (1964)

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# Unwind slowly, Aries

your decision. Tonight: Where your friends are.

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Take your time managing a situation. Understand what needs to happen with an unpredictable health or work-related situation. Tonight: Work late if need be.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ You might want to see a situation in a different light. Understand that a friend's unpredictability is a byproduct of his or her high creativity. If you choose to toss yourself into this project, you will like the end results. Tonight: Follow your feelings.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ A partner might be the deciding factor. At the moment, the smart move, though perhaps a difficult one, is to pull back and do as little as possible. You cannot expect someone to understand what will occur if he or she does something his or her way unless you allow this person the experience. Tonight: Fun and games.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Approach a situation far differently from someone else. The unexpected occurs when you least expect it. Work with unpredictable elements, and a lot will happen. You will not be bored. Tonight: Say yes.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Emphasize completion and getting the job done. You will be much happier once you clear out errands and your must-do list. Stay light and easy about a money matter. Tonight: Easy does it.

### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ You could go off on a tangent way too easily. Be realistic about possibilities that surround a child, creative project or budding romance. Tonight: Try calm on for size.

### ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Plug into security, investments and other factors that flavor your personal life. Creativity emerges when and where you least anticipate it. Follow through on a friend's great idea or suggestion. Tonight: Unwind slowly.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ You want to reach out for others, and honestly, there is no reason not to. Someone might have a spectacular idea in your book, though harnessing it into a practical application could be quite a trick. Tonight: Hang out.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You might not be hearing the whole story, or some facts might be withheld from you. Try to break past limits with thought and accept a mind-bender, and you'll gain. Tonight: Buy a plant, CD or some other treat on the way home.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Though there might be an element of uncertainty on a profound level, you need not worry or wonder. All will work itself out because of your strong stance and understanding. Listen to a family member or roommate. Tonight: Whatever makes you happy.

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Listen to feedback that heads your way. Consider alternatives. If your inner voice tells you something different other than what you are hearing, do pull back. Your ability to encourage a partner or a money investor comes through. Tonight: Go for the unexpected.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ You might want to understand a lot more about a friend than in the past. Others reveal a blatant unpredictability that might toss you in the air. How you react to this situation is

Janric Classic Sudoku

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

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BRONZE

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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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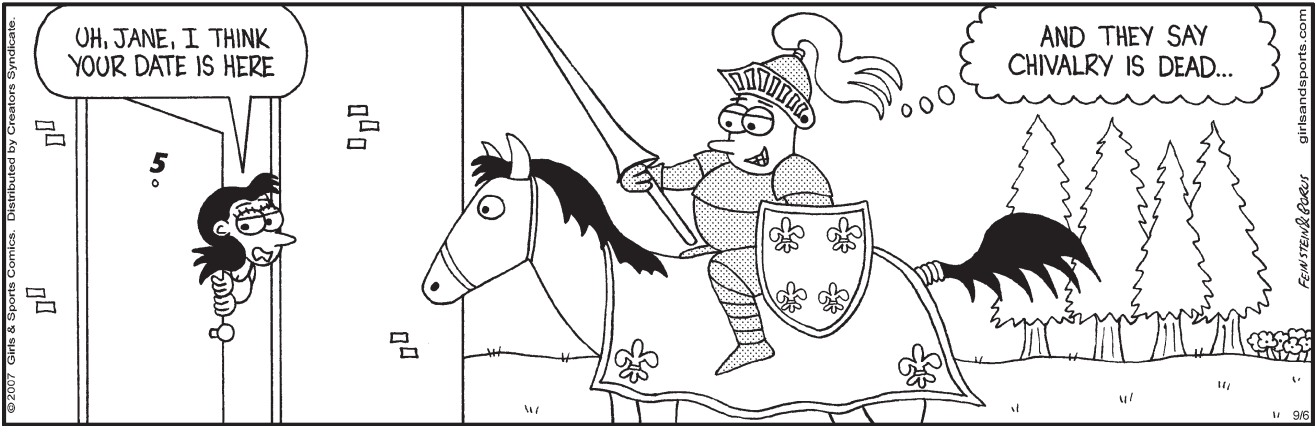
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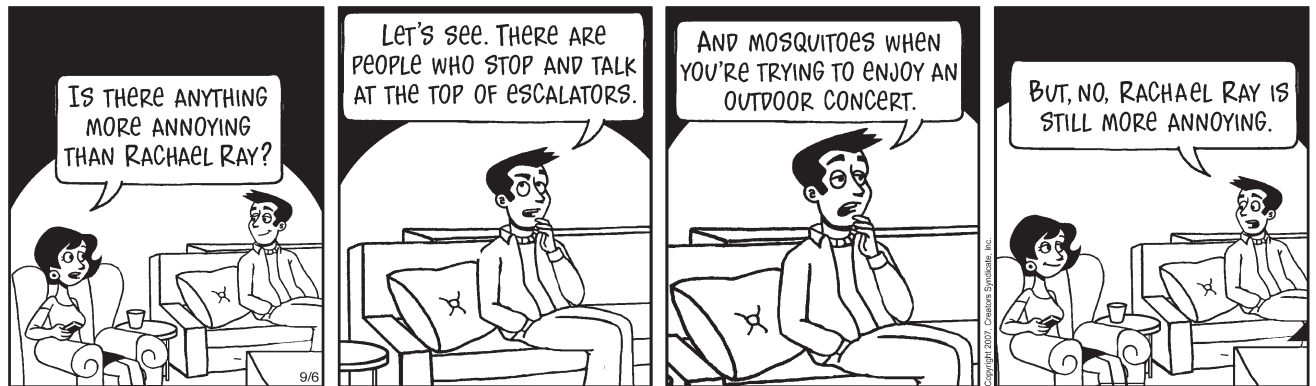
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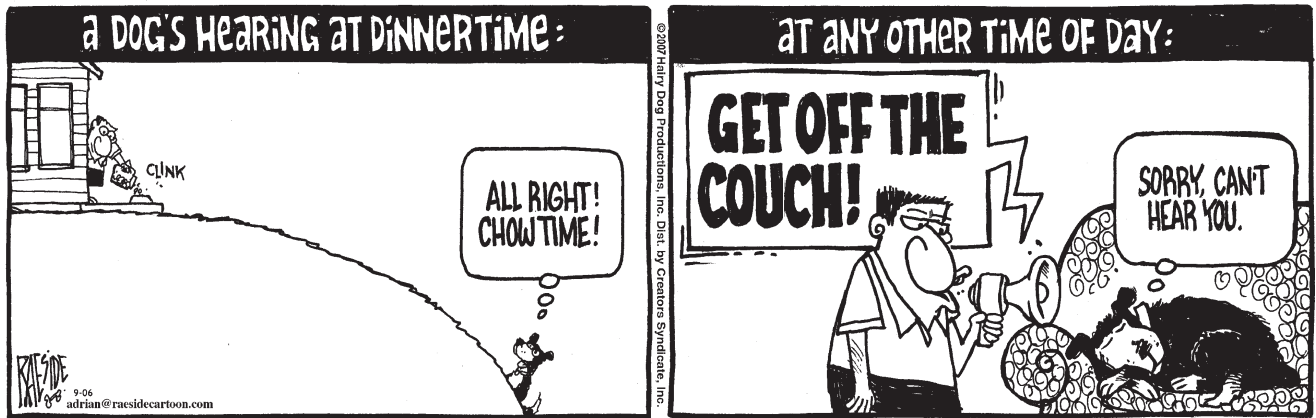
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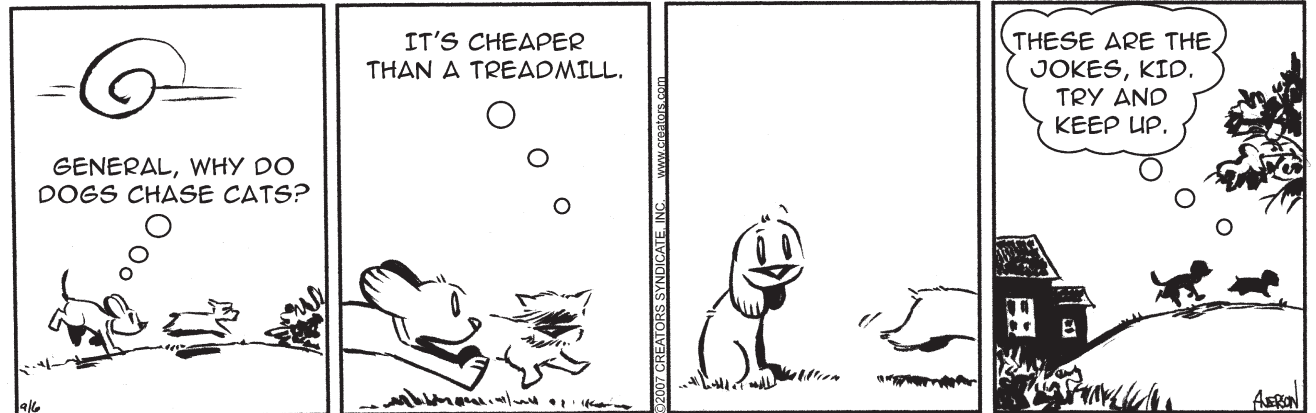
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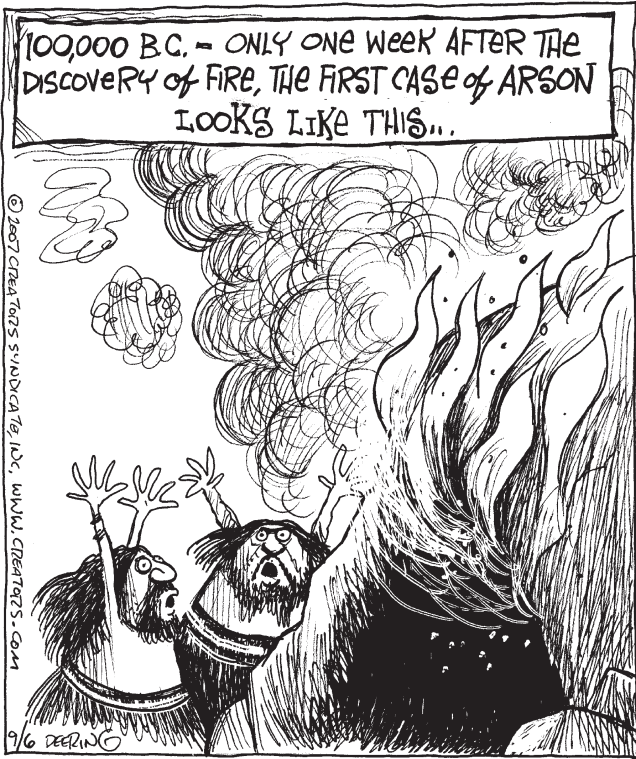


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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 To-do item
- 5 Stone of films
- 11 Skin woe
- 12 King of music
- 13 Stratum
- 14 "Ugly Betty" receptionist
- 15 1949 Hepburn/Tracy comedy
- 17 Box of tools
- 18 Inclines
- 22 Out of practice
- 24 Blazer part
- 25 "The Name of the Rose" author
- 26 Historic stretch
- 27 Disney dog
- 30 Inclined
- 32 Squelched
- 33 Press need
- 34 Stone pillars
- 38 Laurel tree
- 41 Blame recipient
- 42 Relaxed
- 43 Remote button
- 44 Checked for concealed weapons

45 Molecule piece

DOWN

- 1 Brit's "bye"
- 2 Battery fill
- 3 Breaks curfew
- 4 Friend of Fozzie
- 5 Wound remnant
- 6 Mark of "Star Wars"
- 7 Mideast area
- 8 Director Howard
- 9 Hoary
- 10 Arts-fund-ing org.
- 16 Pig's digs
- 19 Sounds off

- 20 Ocean bird
- 21 Blinds piece
- 22 Workout count
- 23 Home of the Bruins
- 28 "What a shame!"
- 29 Waiting to come home

- 30 Like Abner
- 31 Puzzle
- 35 Looked over
- 36 Green Hornet's aide
- 37 Goblet feature
- 38 Vulgar
- 39 Greek vowel
- 40 Lion's home

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**Super LOTTO**  
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**DAILY 3** MIDDAY: 9 3 4  
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3rd: 09 Winning Spirit  
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD  
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■ Pamir Safi will soon be retried in Lincoln, Neb., accused of raping a woman in 2004 (after a hung jury in the first trial), but this time, Judge Jeffre Cheuvront has prohibited prosecutors from using the terms "rape" or "sexual assault" in front of the jury because they might prejudice Safi, who claims the sex was consensual. The alleged victim said she feels humiliated to refer to the incident as mere "sex."

■ Another prominent company of very large dancers is flourishing (this one in Cuba), performing with remarkable grace the forms of classical ballet, and even popular steps, despite sometimes thundering across the stage, "convey(ing) an excitement akin to a stampede," according to a July New York Times dispatch from Havana. Like others (such as Henri Oguike's Big Ballet in the U.K.), Danza Voluminosa is home to talented ballerinas who happen to be much too hefty (several around 300 pounds) for traditional troupes. Danza capitalizes on its bulk by offering storylines on gluttony, fat prejudice and the psychological problems of obesity.

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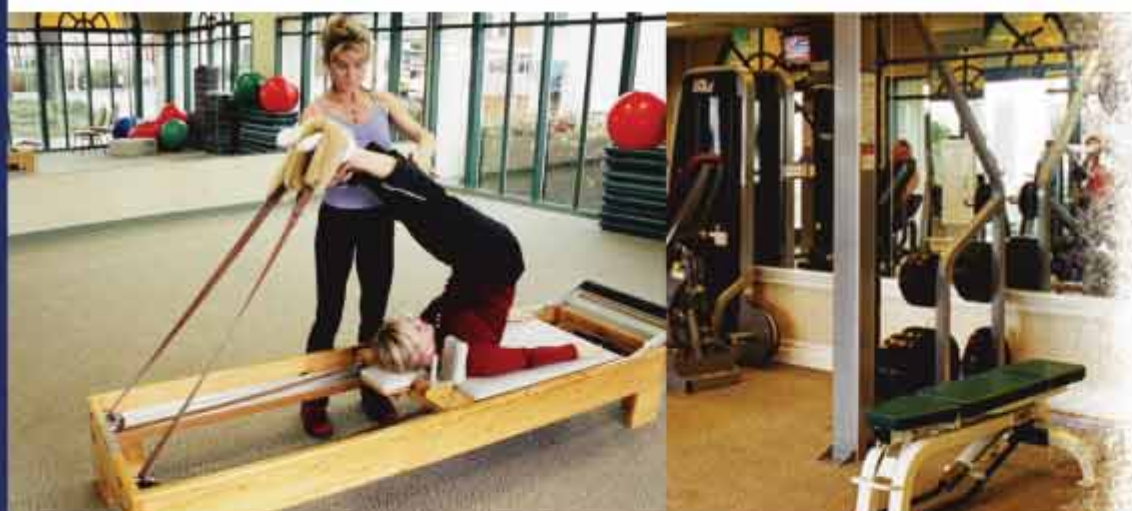
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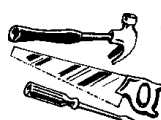
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