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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

William Penny was arrested in Greenwood, Ind., in August, putting a halt to his alleged identity-theft business. He was caught because, three times in a three-day period, he had aroused suspicion of several people in a neighborhood by approaching a certain ATM on foot, carrying a motorcycle helmet, donning the helmet as he neared the ATM's camera, making a withdrawal (with someone else's ID, allegedly), walking away, and then removing the helmet.



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"An author's first duty is to let down his country."

— Brendan Behan



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Big Blue Bus service slammed during strike

SM transit will operate, expand where it can

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON

Daily Press Staff Writer

Big Blue Bus workers were scrambling Tuesday to accommodate thousands of passengers put out by the MTA strike.

Not only are more people packing into Santa Monica's buses since MTA workers walked off the job early Tuesday, but they are looking to the transit agency for information on how to get around Los Angeles while thousands of workers fight for better health benefits.

"We are having a lot of call volume," said Big Blue Bus spokesman Dan Dawson. "We normally get 250 calls a day and by 10 a.m. (on Tuesday) we already had 600."

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Los Angeles transit mechanics strike, other workers honor lines

BY ALEX VEIGA

AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES — Mechanics for the nation's third-largest public transportation system went on strike Tuesday, forcing hundreds of thousands of commuters to scramble for alternate transportation for the second time in three years.

Metropolitan Transportation Authority mechanics walked off the job after midnight, and bus drivers, train operators and other workers were honoring picket lines. The move shut down buses and trains that an

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City Hall execs to be reviewed by politicians

City manager, attorney and clerk to go before council

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

How well the top three City Hall administrators are doing their jobs will be discussed privately by the Santa Monica City Council tonight.

Each of the three leaders — City Manager Susan McCarthy, City Attorney Marsha Moutrie and City Clerk Maria Stewart — report independently to the City Council, and each oversees a distinct branch of City Hall.

The reviews, which are done annual-

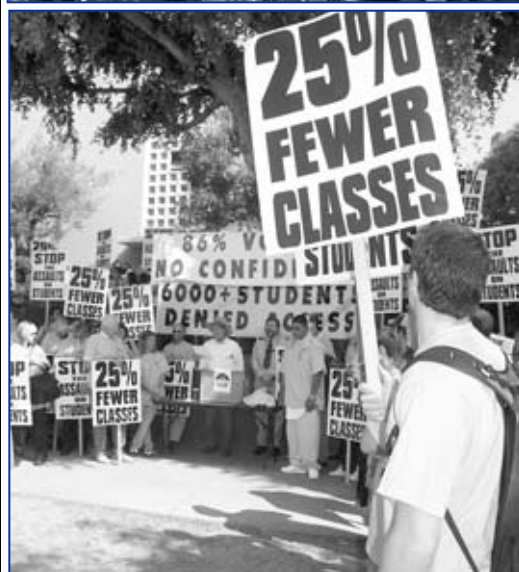
ly, allow council members to check in on the progress of the three women. While many of the council members have praised their work, they also have said there is room for improvement.

"One phrase that will be part of this year's discussions is 'customer service,'" Councilman Kevin McKeown said Tuesday. "We've made improvements in the past few years, but there is work still to be done."

Council members declined to comment on exactly what will be discussed in the closed meetings, saying it would be an inappropriate breach of the employee-employer relationship. But they did say

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A day of protest



John Wood/Daily Press

Top: Protesters look on while Japanese-American Taiko drummers kick off Tuesday's opening day ceremonies for the \$23.6 million Santa Monica College library. "Today is a day of pride at Santa Monica College," said SMC president Dr. Piedad F. Robertson, adding the opening comes 10 years after planning for the library began.

Bottom: About 100 students, teachers and campus workers protest the extensive cuts made at SMC to balance this year's \$208 million budget before the library opening. "The trustees' decision is purely ludicrous," said sophomore Nick Corbin. Protesters, clad in bright yellow shirts, put down their signs during the opening day ceremonies and resumed their rally after the event.

Santa Monica tenants have new law on their side

By Daily Press staff

Santa Monica renters who are unfairly treated by their landlords now have extra protection to fight back, thanks to a new law signed by Gov. Gray Davis on Sunday.

The bill, 345, authored by Sen. Sheila Kuehl (D-Santa Monica), strengthens the rights of tenants,

who account for most of Santa Monica's 80,000 residents. The law also ensures due process for tenants who are evicted.

The law seals court records on eviction proceedings when the tenant prevails. It also prevents retaliatory blacklisting of tenants and requires landlords who evict

a tenant to attach a copy of the rental agreement, the 30-day or 60-day eviction notice and proof of service to the complaint.

The law requires public housing authorities to collect data on evictions of domestic violence victims, which will help document the extent to which the vic-

tims are evicted because of their abusers' criminal actions.

"As rents rise and housing becomes scarce it is more important than ever that we protect tenants from unfair evictions and make sure that, when evictions are necessary, all parties concerned adhere strictly to due process," Sen. Kuehl said.

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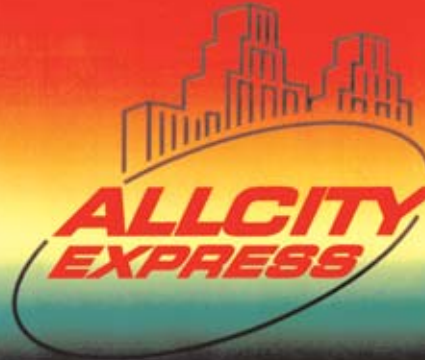
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, October 15, 2003:

If you don't take others too seriously or let their harsh words get to you, you will flow and gain greater understanding of those in your immediate circle. Learn to detach and not get too involved in complicated situations. Your ability to detach and see others more clearly allows doors to open and understanding to flow. If you are single, you will have many opportunities for relationships. Be careful that you get know a person as well as you might like to know him or her. There could be a clandestine element here. If you are attached, your relationship grows to new, unprecedented levels, especially if you plan that special trip or vacation. GEMINI understands you better than you understand yourself.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ Express your happiness about being here by doing something special for someone. Grab the moment, and respond to those around you. Conversations and inquiries prove to be unusually easy and flowing at the moment. Tonight: Out and about.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Your expenses go a bit overboard. Others seek you out. You know what might be working on a certain premise, yet someone else rips the rug right out from under you. Explain more of what you want and need. You just might get it. Tonight: Indulge yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ You are all personality plus. What you might not understand is what is happening within your immediate circle, as someone suddenly becomes controlling or difficult. The rug slips out from under your feet. Tonight: Be your happy-go-lucky self, and everything will work!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Take your time dealing with a loved one or friend. How you see a situation could differ from what others see. Learn to walk in another's shoes. A job situation could be changing right before your eyes. Tonight: Take your time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Visualize more of what you want from others. You have a way of making a difference in other people's lives. Focus on the long term and what you need and want. Others combine with you to make nearly anything possible. Tonight: Beam in more of what you want.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Take an important stand and think through a decision more carefully. Someone who might be feeding you information could be a bit ill-informed. Work within certain constraints, and you will be a lot better off. You'll get another's justification before you know it. Tonight: Burn the candle at both ends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Reach out to others, especially someone you haven't spoken to for a while. You might be stunned by what you hear, something that might be quite in conflict with what is happening around you. Give a situation time to work through. Tonight: Happy to be out and about.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Be more experimental than you have been for a while. Your ability to understand what someone wants, as severely as he or she might express it, allows you to move forward. Be discreet with knowledge that is shared on the QT. Tonight: Be with your favorite partner.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22- Dec. 21)

★★★★ You often might inadvertently cause yourself a problem. Sometimes you come off a lot stronger than you realize. Consider options very carefully that surround a meeting or group cause. Not everything is as you think it is. Tonight: Say "yes" to a loved one.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ While others flounder, keep your nose to the grindstone. Others do pitch in, but on their schedule. Be grateful for what is offered, rather than being unhappy with what might be going on. Just focus on your own business. Tonight: Easy does it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Your more playful side emerges when you talk to a loved one or friend. Your ability to understand others and walk in their shoes permits greater opportunities to head your way. You're able to make quite a difference to others. Tonight: Still a wild thing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Dig into a personal matter that needs handling. Your sense of humor helps you see others more clearly, even when they cannot. A family member might be trying very hard to lay better foundations. Tonight: At home.

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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Food, fun and celebrities at the pier

By Daily Press staff

A party is planned at the pier this Sunday to benefit the Special Olympics Southern California.

Pier del Sol will host its annual event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Pacific Park and will include continuous entertainment — live music, square dancing, a petting zoo, a VIP brunch with some of Los Angeles' top restaurants, as well as a silent auction.

More than 35 top restaurants including Spago, Bastide, Josie, Patina, Max, Angelini Osteria, Melisse, Sona, Valentino and the Water Grill will serve their appetizing specialties at the VIP brunch. Everyone is invited to the pier for a fun-filled day of thrilling rides and challenging game booths hosted by celebrity guests.

Previous honorees and celebrity guests include producer Kathleen Kennedy, Stacey Snider of Universal Studios, Doc O'Connor of CAA, Olympic gold medalist Rafer Johnson, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Maria Shriver, Uma Thurman, Ethan Hawke and many others.

A special award ceremony will be held at noon to honor Timothy J. Leiweke, president and CEO of Anschutz Entertainment, the STAPLES Center and the Los Angeles Kings. Leiweke will be recognized for the extensive time and effort he has dedicated to SOSC and the local community, as well as numerous charitable causes.

Pier del Sol has raised more than \$2 million to benefit the athletes of the Special Olympics.

Since its inception in 1997, Pier del Sol has raised more than \$2 million to benefit the athletes of SOSC, an organization that strives to make a positive impact upon the lives of individuals with mental retardation. More than 11,000 children and adults with mental retardation participate in the organization's year-round program of sports, training and competition.

General admission tickets are \$35 and include unlimited rides, six game booth tickets and a meal coupon for Pacific Park's food plaza. VIP tickets, which include unlimited rides and games at Pacific Park and the special VIP brunch, are \$100 for an individual ticket and \$375 for a VIP package (five tickets). Tickets are available through Ticketmaster by calling (213) 480-3232 or on the Internet at www.ticketmaster.com. For more information, call (310) 215-8380, ext. 135.

\$10 million raised for St. Joseph's

By Daily Press staff

More than \$10 million was raised last week so a homeless shelter can expand in Venice.

About 100 Westside community leaders and dedicated supporters launched a "Planting Hope, Growing Lives" building campaign at the Skirball Center to raise \$10,225,000 for capital improvements on St. Joseph Center's facilities in Venice. Attendees were entertained by comedian Ben Stein and reminded by honorary committee co-chair Martin Sheen that being in need is something that can happen to anybody.

Funds raised will increase space and improve facilities for the main building on Hampton Drive, as well as make improvements at the Center's Bread & Roses Cafe, and establish an endowment and cash reserves to create economic stability for the center.

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Special Olympians enjoy riding Pacific Park's bumper cars at Pier del Sol, a family event to be held on Sunday on the Santa Monica Pier from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



surf report

A mix of S swell, building SW swell, and some fading leftovers from the WNW will grace beaches today. Most exposed spots will have knee- to chest-high waves.

OUTLOOK: Thursday the S swell will be winding down but the SW swell will hold onto its size. Head north!

Write us at wood@smdp.com and tell us what the surf is doing today at your local break.

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water is:

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Sunrise: 7:07 a.m.
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	LOW TIDE				HIGH TIDE			
	Morning	Height	Evening	Height	Morning	Height	Evening	Height
SATURDAY	3:59	1.2	4:42	0.5	10:10	5.6	10:49	4.4
SUNDAY	4:19	1.6	5:17	0.5	10:31	5.6	11:28	4.0
MONDAY	4:37	2.0	5:56	0.6	10:53	5.5	N/A	N/A
TUESDAY	4:52	2.4	6:43	0.8	12:14	3.6	(11:17)	5.3
WEDNESDAY	4:59	2.8	7:47	1.1	1:20	3.2	(11:45)	5.1
THURSDAY	N/A	N/A	9:17	1.1	N/A	N/A	12:22	4.8
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The Q-Line

Last month the City Council passed a law that limits storefronts to 50 feet wide on the Third Street Promenade in an effort to thwart more retail chain stores from entering the market.

Many believe there aren't enough locally owned businesses here. So by limiting new stores to 50 feet, some corporations will shy away from the busy outdoor mall, some say.

So this week Q-Line wants to know, "Do you think the Promenade is too homogenized? Will limiting storefronts fix the perceived problem?"

Call (310) 285-8106 with your response before Thursday at 5 p.m. We'll print them in Friday's paper. Please limit your comments to a minute or less. It might help to think first about the wording of your response.



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LETTERS

City water contamination?

Editor:

A recent article stated that City Hall is wisely spending \$1,370,000 for a facility to gauge the quality of our drinking water. In addition, significant effort and money has also been expended to get MTBE out of our water.

Why then is the City Council deliberating adding a chemical compound to our water, derived from hazardous industrial waste, which contains arsenic, lead and other contaminants? Many European countries have rejected water fluoridation for specifically this reason.

Even if we don't drink it, we'll absorb it when we bathe or shower. There are many reputable studies (see www.fluoridealert.org) linking fluoride with mottled teeth, brittle bones, thyroid disorders, Alzheimer's disease, arthritis, cancer and other serious health problems.

If you don't want these substances in your water, contact the City Council before it's too late. Fluoridation of our city's water supply is imminent.

Zelia Grund
Santa Monica

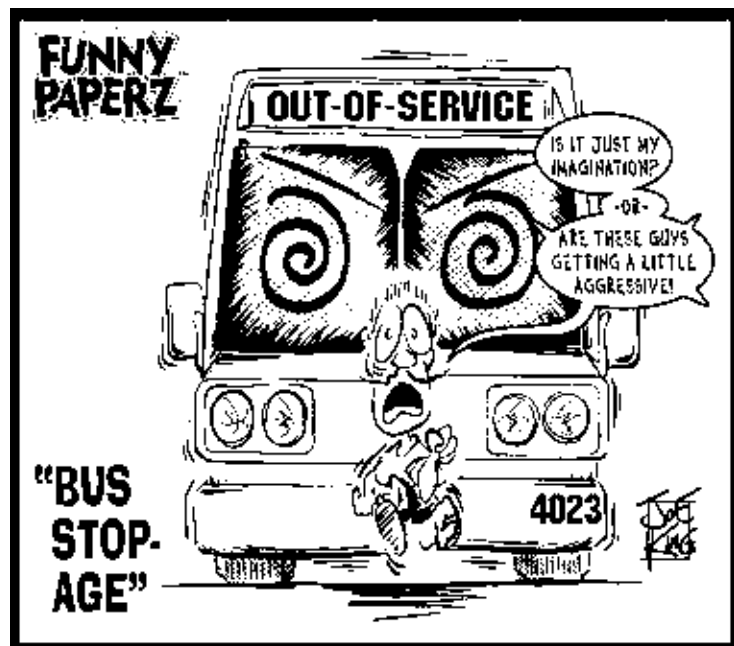
No fluoride, please

Editor:

I happen to live in Santa Monica and I do not want to bathe in fluoridated water especially without my permission to medicate our water supply. That is what really disturbs me since more and more doctors and scientists have presented evidence that prove the dangers and unacceptable risks of fluoridation of our water supply.

The Santa Monica City Council needs to take heed and see the hand writing on the wall.

Allen D. Frankel
Santa Monica



Schwarzenegger and why women should lose the vote



INCITES

By Ed Silverstein

Arnold Schwarzenegger is our new governor. And I just bet all you family value Republicans can't wait for your children to start emulating him.

That's right kids, start smoking just like Governor Terminator. Sure, it may cause cancer, emphysema and heart disease, but that means you'll die sooner which will mean less health care costs for California. Plus you'll be helping close the budget deficit because California makes tons of revenue on tobacco taxes.

And stop feeling guilty for driving that gas guzzling Humvee. Those nasty people who say that our dependence on Mideast oil is what sparked 9/11 and will fund future terrorism are lying. The oil industry is our friend. That's why we pay more for gas than most of the country despite it being refined here. And you budding body builders, it's OK to take illegal steroids. It will make you big and strong and more intimidating when you fondle women without their permission. And cheating on your wife is OK as long as it's all in the name of fun.

But I want to clarify something. Aren't you Republicans who supported Arnold the same Republicans that were so outraged

that Bill Clinton had sex with Monica Lewinski (which was consensual, unlike Arnold's advances) that you impeached him? Oh, now I see. It's OK to disrespect women — just don't disrespect the office.

Let me tell you something. I'm in the film business. I've even been on rowdy sets. And I never once realized it was OK to touch a woman's breasts without her permission. But now that Arnold has explained it all, I'd like all you women who voted for Arnold to e-mail me.

No, I'm not going to grope you. I'm going to put you in a time machine and send you back to 1950 when it was considered business as usual to grope your female employees. And what would happen if they complained? Well, just about the time Arnold and the other executives were sipping drinks and puffing on their stogies at the white men only club, comparing notes on the women who were too intimidated to stand up to this sexual extortion, you'd be out looking for another job. And in the case of an industry as small as the film business, with a star as powerful as Arnold, you'd be looking for a whole new career. You know what? I have a better idea. I'm going to send you back to 1910, the year before women were allowed to vote in California because you women who voted for Arnold don't deserve the vote. And Jackie, I mean Hillary, I mean Maria, stop being a doormat. Just say "Hasta la vista, baby."

And don't give me this crap about the L.A. Times intentionally releasing this information to hurt Arnold's campaign.

That's something Republicans do. In fact, the reason the Times did not release the story earlier, which by the way would have been far more detrimental to the Arnold, is they were doing something that none of the conservative pundits feel is necessary. They were checking the facts. It's called responsible journalism. Just ask Rupert Murdoch. (As if.) And just for the record, many of the accusations from these 16 women — and counting — were reported by publications such as the "Nation" weeks before the Times.

Needless to say the conservative press went on the attack charging "dirty politics," (has Carl Rove changed parties?) Many conservative readers canceled their subscriptions, preferring the blissful ignorance of conservative talk radio to the truth. And all you conservatives who believe that the Times is a liberal paper should have read Steve Lopez's column last week. The piece, which "cleared Arnold" by presenting three women who worked with the actor and thought he was a perfect gentleman, was true yellow journalism. Yellow as in chicken. Hey Steve, Son of Sam's neighbor's thought he was just the nicest boy. You think the families of the women he murdered would agree?

But at least Arnold is not beholden to special interests. Oh, wait. He is. In fact, he's taken \$\$\$\$millions. And don't blame yourself for not knowing who's behind Arnold. Those nice Republicans, who would never resort to dirty politics, used a loophole in the campaign finance laws to funnel donations into organizations that

are not required to report donor names until after the election. But I'm willing to bet it's not a coincidence that Shell Oil is running pro offshore drilling commercials.

And speaking of special interests, there is a story reported by investigative journalist Greg Palast that Arnold met secretly with Enron's Ken Lay. Supposedly Kenny boy was offering to help Arnold's campaign if Arnold quashed the Bustamante lawsuit against Lay, Enron and the rest of the energy crooks from Texas (Bush's buds) to get back the \$9 billion stolen from California during the fake energy crisis. Is it true? Arnold must be lacking Total Recall because he's not talking.

But, hey, I'm not mourning the loss of Gray Davis. And I'm willing to give Arnold a chance. I'm even hoping that "the candidate of the people" is just that. And it's encouraging that he chose a non-partisan transition team.

I'll give him six months. That should be about the right amount of time for him to provide specifics and start implementing policies that are going to eliminate the deficit without raising taxes, cutting services or touching funds for education. If he pulls it off I'll be the first in line to vote for him in the real election. If he doesn't I'll still be first in line... the one to sign the petition to recall him.

(Ed Silverstein is a freelance writer who will never work in the film business again. Comments can be e-mailed to edsincities@aol.com.)

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LOCAL



Big Blue Bus honors MTA passes and tokens

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The Big Blue Bus, which is separate from MTA, will continue with its regular service throughout the strike. Buses will operate on regular schedules on all 16 lines, but may be delayed because of increased traffic and higher passenger loads, officials said.

While they can't add a lot of new buses because of limited resources, Big Blue Bus officials are shifting those resources to respond to lines that have the heaviest increases in passengers.

Santa Monica's transit operation has added extra buses to the areas most heavily impacted, particularly the downtown Los Angeles freeway express line. Known as Line 10, it moves people between downtown Los Angeles, West LA and Santa Monica.

"The biggest problem is that the MTA is in the middle and people are stranded downtown," Dawson said. "Line 10 was standing-room only by the third stop (on Tuesday)."

One new trip leaving Patsaouras Plaza in downtown LA at 5:30 a.m. was added. Dawson said the transit agency will monitor that line, as well as others, this week to determine where buses should be added.

A new bus also was added at 5:15 a.m. to the Rimpau Transit Center near the intersections of Pico, San Vicente and Venice boulevards.

"That line has been hit hard," Dawson said. "We will put supervisors out there to monitor it and determine if more buses are needed."

Lines 7 and the Super 7 move people from the Rimpau Transit Center along Pico Boulevard and serve Westside Pavilion Mall, which is the transfer point for other Big Blue Buses that go to

Westwood, UCLA, West LA and Santa Monica. Dawson said people should try to carpool and rearrange their bus routes if it's appropriate.

Lines 5, 7, 12 and 13 all serve the Rimpau Transit Center. Many MTA passengers can find alternate routes using the Big Blue Bus and the other municipal bus lines around Los Angeles County. Passengers traveling to Century City and the Westside should consider taking Line 5 from the Rimpau Transit Center, Dawson said. Big Blue Bus Line 3 will continue to connect LAX, Santa Monica and Westwood.

"We want to encourage our passengers to be patient and perhaps leave a little earlier than normal while the strike is on as some buses may be full or running a little late due to increased road traffic," said Big Blue Bus Assistant Director Janeene De Martinez.

The Big Blue Bus will honor all MTA passes during the strike, and as always will accept MTA tokens.

Passengers needing more information can call Big Blue Bus customer service at (310) 451-5444. But officials said callers should expect long waits, and encourage people to check schedule and route information at www.BigBlueBus.com.

Big Blue Bus officials have some experience in dealing with MTA strikes. In 2000, thousands of MTA workers walked off the job, leaving Santa Monica's transit service to fill the void.

"What we learned was there was a lot of confusion the first two weeks," Dawson said. "Then once people figured it out, it slowed down."

The MTA has offered to pay temporary drivers and supervisors to help the Big Blue Bus in its increased operation.

Santa Monica government provides checks and balances

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ongoing concerns, such as reducing department sizes, will be addressed.

"There's seven of us who are the boss, so to speak, so it's a bit complicated," said Mayor Richard Bloom, who added that some preliminary review meetings have already taken place. "We spent some time discussing the evaluation and what we want to accomplish before we begin as a group, and then each of us have individual things that we want to discuss."

Bloom said the three women, who are at the top of their pay scales, are eligible for bonuses. How much they could receive is unknown.

Moutrie, who oversees 42 people in the City Attorney's Office, earns \$177,948 a year. Moutrie, 56, has run the department for 10 years and is responsible for its three divisions — civil, criminal and municipal — as well as a special unit that deals with consumer and housing issues.

As the executive officer of the municipal government, McCarthy, 58, is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the city, including new ordinances and policies. She earns \$193,260 a year and oversees all of City Hall's 14 departments, as well as the budget.

After 18 years of working other jobs in City Hall, including assistant city manager,

director of community and cultural services and personnel director, McCarthy was promoted to city manager in November of 1999.

Stewart, who has worked at City Hall for more than eight years, earns \$124,860 a year. She is in charge of the seven-person city clerk department and another five workers at City Hall's mail room and print shop on Colorado Boulevard.

Stewart keeps records of City Hall's laws and proposed laws, administers elections, prepares agendas and minutes for City Hall meetings, and oversees City Hall's mail room and print shop.

Though the annual reviews, which have no time limits, are designed to check on the performance of the three workers, Bloom said they serve another purpose.

"It's also an opportunity for the three of them to provide us some feedback about things that they're interested in hearing from us," he said.

Having three distinct branches of City Hall is a style of government that officials say provides for appropriate checks and balances in City Hall without requiring that each decision be micro-managed by the City Council.

"Santa Monica's system provides both protective separation and appropriate accountability," McKeown said.

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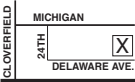
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Davis goes on bill-signing frenzy before leaving office

BY JENNIFER COLEMAN

Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — Gov. Gray Davis has signed a bill that will create a card for medical marijuana users to help protect them from arrest, but he vetoed another that would have let pharmacists sell up to 30 hypodermic needles without a prescription. Davis' deadline to sign or veto legislation was Sunday, by which time he had signed a total of 909 bills this year and vetoed 58. Last year, the Legislature sent Davis 1,433 bills, of which he vetoed 263.

The rush of bill signings and vetoes capped a year that saw Davis, a Democrat, approve new laws that let undocumented immigrants get driver's licenses, expand rights for domestic partners and mandate many businesses to provide health insurance for their workers.

Opponents of those three hotly debated new laws have filed papers to put referendums on the ballot to let voters determine whether the state should implement the laws.

Gov.-elect Arnold Schwarzenegger "will take a close look at new laws that Gov. Davis signed in recent weeks" said Karen Hanretty, spokeswoman for Schwarzenegger.

Last week, Schwarzenegger asked Davis to refrain from making any more appointments and from signing the hundreds of bills left on the governor's desk, though bills not signed or vetoed by the governor by the deadline automatically become law.

Schwarzenegger didn't specify which bills he didn't want to see become law.

If Schwarzenegger objects to any of the newly enacted laws, he'll ask the Legislature to change them, Hanretty said, or he'll take it to the people by way of a referendum.

Since he was recalled in last Tuesday's special election, Davis' final wave of bill signings and vetoes was the source of much speculation whether he would approve a final wave of liberal legislation before Republican Schwarzenegger takes office in November.

Among the bills signed just before the Sunday deadline was one by Sen. John Vasconcellos, D-Santa Clara, that directs the Department of Health Services to provide medical marijuana users with a card that protects them from arrest.

The identification cards are designed to protect medical marijuana users from arrest by state and local law enforcement officers.

Proposition 215, approved by California voters in 1996, allows Californians with cancer, HIV and certain other chronic medical conditions to grow and use marijuana to ease nausea and other health problems, if a physician recommends it.

Cultivation, possession and use of marijuana remains a crime under federal law.

Davis vetoed another Vasconcellos bill, which aimed to reduce the number of AIDS cases by letting adults buy up to 30 hypodermic needles at a time without a doctor's prescription.

Supporters of the bill say it would have reduced the sharing of needles by drug addicts, which would slow the spread of AIDS and other blood borne diseases.

In his veto message, Davis said the bill would have undermined one-for-one needle exchange programs already in place, and would weaken county oversight of such programs.

Davis also vetoed a bill that would have allowed undocumented immigrants to apply for tuition waivers at California

community colleges.

That bill, by Sen. Martha Escutia, D-Norwalk, would have required that the student attended high school in California for at least three years, obtained a diploma or an equivalent degree and, if the student isn't in the state legally, had applied to become a legal resident.

Opponents said the bill followed in the footsteps of the bill Davis signed in September that allows illegal immigrants to get driver's licenses. Supporters said the bill would help those students become educated members of the state's work force, helping the economy.

Davis said a bill he signed in 2001, which eliminated the higher out-of-state tuition rate for some immigrant students, provided those students with the opportunity to attend college in California. Escutia's bill, he said, would "result in significant additional costs to the state" because of the lost tuition.

Bills approved by Gov. Gray Davis in the last week:

Affordable Housing — SB619, by Sen. Denise Ducheny, D-San Diego. Simplifies the approval process for affordable housing.

Attorney-client privilege — AB1101, by Assemblyman Darrell Steinberg, D-Sacramento. Gives attorneys the option of revealing confidential attorney-client information if they believe it necessary to prevent a criminal act likely to result in death.

Breast Cancer — SB1075, by the Senate Health and Human Services Committee. Requires the Department of Health Services to include in its educational materials about breast cancer information about risk factors in younger women, and alternatives to mammography.

CalPERS — AB719, by Assemblywoman Gloria Negrete-McLeod, D-Chino, lets members of CalPERS purchase up to five years of service credit to improve their retirement benefits.

Death benefits — AB933, by Assemblywoman Sarah Reyes, D-Fresno, makes stepchildren of law enforcement officers or firefighters who die in the line of duty eligible for death benefits.

Dietary Supplements — SB582, by Sen. Jackie Speier, D-Daly City. Bans the sale of dietary supplements that contain ephedra.

Domestic Partnerships — AB17, by Assemblywoman Christine Kehoe, D-San Diego, requires companies that want to do business with the state to offer the same benefits to domestic partners as they do to married couples.

Drug offenders — SB599, by Sen. Don Perata, D-Oakland. Allows drug offenders who have successfully finished a drug rehabilitation treatment program to have their arrest record cleared of drug offenses.

Gambling — SB814, by Sen. Edward Vincent, D-Inglewood. Extends the current moratorium on building new non-Indian gambling establishments from 2007 to 2010.

Gun Control — AB161, by Steinberg. Allows the Dealers Record of Sales fee traditionally used to conduct background checks on gun purchasers to be used to enforce other firearms regulations.

Homeowners associations — AB 1525, by Assemblyman John Longville, D-Rialto, will give residents of California's 36,000 homeowners associations new rights to fly flags and put up signs.

Indian Gambling — SB621, by Sen. John Burton, D-San Francisco. Provides local governments with \$25 million from the Indian Gambling Special Distribution Fund to ease the impact of tribal casinos.

Indian Gambling — SB411 and SB930, by Ducheny. Ratified compacts with the Torres Martinez, Santa Ysabel, and La Posta tribes allowing them to share slot machine revenues with the state's general fund. The money will address effects of the casinos.

Land conservation — AB859, by Assemblyman George Nakano, D-Torrance, directs \$25 million to the Coastal Conservancy for the purchase and restoration of the Ballona Wetlands in Los Angeles County.

Logging — SB810, by Burton. Requires that logging on private land be approved by state water boards as well as by the state Department of Forestry.

Medical Marijuana — SB420, by Sen. John Vasconcellos, D-Santa Clara. Establishes a program under the state Department of Health Services that provides medical marijuana users with a card that protects them from arrest.

Ocean farming — SB245, by Sen. Byron Sher, D-Stanford. Bans ocean farming of salmon, exotic and genetically modified fish off the coast of California.

Prenatal Health — SB875, by Sen. Martha Escutia, D-Norwalk. Requires the Department of Health Services to produce an educational brochure aimed at young parents and pregnant women discussing the importance of staying active and eating fruits and vegetables.

Privacy — AB68, by Assemblyman Joe Simitian, D-Palo Alto, requires operators of commercial Web sites that collect personally identifiable information to conspicuously post a privacy policy.

STATE



LA residents struggle with lack of transit and groceries

STRIKE, from page 1

estimated 500,000 daily riders count on to get around Los Angeles County.

"I'm just stranded," commuter David Stratling, 59, said early Tuesday. "I won't be able to go to work today."

He had traveled from his home in Lancaster to downtown Los Angeles on a non-MTA bus, but found he couldn't transfer to the subway. Since no one from his office could come pick him up, he planned to go back home.

As other commuters took to their cars, the California Highway Patrol reported traffic was packed on the region's freeways.

"The strike will continue indefinitely, until we get a contract," Neil Silver, president of the Amalgamated Transit Union, said early Tuesday by telephone. He was speaking from a picket line where he had joined about 50 members of the union, which represents some 2,200 MTA employees.

More than a dozen maintenance workers waived picket signs after midnight at an MTA center in West Hollywood where buses are cleaned and refueled.

"We just dropped everything," said David Wilson, 26, of Los Angeles. A walkout by bus drivers in 2000 shut down the system for 32 days. Fernando Reyes, who depends on the bus to go from his Glendale home to his restaurant job in Santa Monica, said he had to take taxis to keep his job during the 2000 strike. The 32-year-old barely broke even, forking over his \$35 in tips to taxis each night.

"I don't know what I'll do," Reyes said. "I guess I'll have to bike to work. I'll have to leave early in the morning."

The MTA carries about 500,000 riders a day, MTA spokesman Marc Littman said. The number accounts for between 75 percent and 80 percent of those in the county who use public transportation.

Up to 9,000 union workers could potentially honor the strike, Littman said. Sixteen other municipal bus lines in the region were expected to operate as usual, he said. Metrolink commuter trains also were to operate normally.

The decision to proceed with a walkout was made Sunday, after negotiations between the union and the MTA broke off with "absolutely no progress" despite intervention from a state mediator, Silver said.

The parties are at odds over the mechanics union's health fund, which is in dire financial shape. The union wants greater contributions from the MTA to

cope with soaring medical costs. The MTA pays nearly \$17 million every year into the fund, which is administered by the union and pays for the medical coverage of 2,000 employees and retirees.

"Union leaders basically ran the trust fund into the ground and now they want the taxpayers to bail them out."

— ROGER SNOBLE
MTA CEO

The MTA hasn't increased its contribution to the fund in more than a decade and rising medical costs have forced the union to spend fund reserves to keep up, Silver said. "They were waiting for us to run bone dry," he said.

The transit agency accuses the union of mismanaging the health trust fund and cites an independent audit that found the union wasted millions of dollars.

The MTA said it would give the union money to keep the health trust fund from going bankrupt but asked for temporary control to restore it to financial health.

"Union leaders basically ran the trust fund into the ground and now they want the taxpayers to bail them out," MTA CEO Roger Snoble said in a statement.

Veteran bus driver Arlene Mills, 41, said she was supporting the transit strike because of concerns about health care costs. The El Monte resident joined a picket line with mechanics early Tuesday in West Hollywood after working her day shift and spending two hours on the picket lines with grocery store clerks in their separate strike.

"Health care coverage is critical," Mills said, explaining complaints by workers underlying both job actions affecting Southern California.

"It's not about wages anymore, it's about health care." About 70,000 unionized workers at three supermarket chains in Southern California went on strike late Saturday, vowing not to return to work until they receive a contract with health benefits they can approve.

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Private land — AB396, by Assemblyman Tom Harman, R-Huntington Beach, requires the Department of Fish and Game to work with non-governmental agencies to increase wildlife-related recreational activities on private lands.

Recycling — AB28, by Assemblywomen Fran Pavley, D-Agoura Hills, and Hannah-Beth Jackson, D-Santa Barbara, increases the deposit amount for beverage containers.

Tax breaks — SB114, by Sen. Tom Torlakson, D-Martinez, bans California's cities from offering cash subsidies, tax breaks and other financial incentives to lure large stores and car dealers from neighboring cities.

Voters' Rights — AB190, by Assemblyman Lloyd Levine, D-Sherman Oaks, requires that even if a person uses the wrong type of provisional ballot, votes for candidates and measures for which he or she is eligible to vote will be counted.

Workers Compensation — AB149, by Assemblywoman Rebecca Cohn, D-Saratoga, extends the statute of limitations to apply for workers compensation death benefits in the case of firefighters who die from asbestosis.

Bills that were vetoed:

Living Wage — AB1093, by Assemblywoman Sally Lieber, D-Mountain View, would have required the state

to pay its workers a living wage.

College fees — SB 328, by Escutia. Would have allowed undocumented immigrants to apply for financial aid at California community colleges.

Class size — SB556, by Sher. Would have allowed schools to have up to 22 students per class and still receive extra state funding intended to keep class sizes below 20.

AIDS prevention — SB774, by Vasconcellos. In an attempt to reduce AIDS and other diseases, this bill would have let pharmacies sell up to 30 hypodermic needles to an adult without a prescription.

Immigration — SB933, by Sen. Joe Dunn, D-Santa Ana. Would have given Californians of Mexican descent who were forcibly deported to Mexico during the Great Depression until 2007 to seek damages for losses to their families.

Prisoner education — AB1219, by Assemblywoman Cindy Montanez, D-San Fernando, would have created statewide standards for inmate education.

Property tax — AB94, by Assemblywoman Judy Chu, D-Monterey Park, would have allowed some local governments to raise property taxes above Proposition 13's 1 percent cap to fund pension obligations for programs that were approved before July 1, 1978.

Voting systems — AB828, by Assemblyman Mark Leno, D-San Francisco, would have required counties using an electronic voting system to establish backup voting procedures for use if the system fails.

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DAYS ON THE MARKET

By Jodi Summers

It's autumn. Leaves and twigs clog the gutters and the rainy season will soon be here. Have you thought about preparing your home for the winter months?

For the better part of the year, the blistering Southern California sun has been beating down on our roofs, causing most roofing materials to degrade. A poorly vented attic can easily reach 150 degrees.

Not only is it uncomfortable, it takes its toll on exterior surfaces drying out caulking and cracking paint. Do some rainy season preventative maintenance and you may lessen the risk of leaks, dry rot, mold and roof issues. Minimizing repair bills, extending the life expectancy of many components and perhaps reducing energy consumption are other up sides to preventative home maintenance.

"While many leaks are easy to repair,

they can be difficult to locate," said Garet Denise of Cornerstone Inspection. "Water can leak through the surface in one place and finally come into the attic several feet away, then run farther down the rafters before finally causing a stain on the ceiling. The most common causes of leaks are deteriorated, missing or broken shingles and improper flashing around penetrations such as plumbing stacks, skylights or chimneys."

A visit to the attic or crawl space below the roof can show early signs of a leaking roof. Indicators include staining or discoloration on framing and the underside of the roof sheathing and insulation, not to mention crumbling mortar around chimneys. Pay close attention to any penetration areas like plumbing stacks, skylights and chimneys. Also look where the roof surface meets an adjacent wall.

Chimneys should be inspected for loose or deteriorated bricks or mortar. If covered with stucco, look for cracks or loose sections. Chimney caps should be inspected for loose or broken sections, as should the protruding clay chimney liners. Chimney flashings should be inspected for leakage. Efflorescence (a white salt

build-up on the chimney) indicates moisture within the chimney and further investigation is required.

Roofing should be inspected for damaged, loose or missing shingles. Special attention should be paid to high wear areas like where there is significant foot traffic or where downspouts from upper roofs discharge onto lower roofs. Flashings at dormers, plumbing stacks and valleys, should be carefully inspected. Supports for TV antennas or satellite dishes should be checked. Electric cables (eave protection) should be well secured and properly powered. Tree branches should be kept cut back to avoid damaging the roof surface.

Insects, especially carpenter ants, use limbs as bridges to enter your home. Leaves and debris should be cleared off the roof to minimize trapped moisture.

Clean your gutters. Overflow due to build-up of leaves and debris is the leading cause of rotting trim boards at the edge of the roof. Clogged gutters are mosquito breeding sites, clearing them of leaves will reduce this risk. Excess water against the foundation wall can weaken the footing and lead to cracks. Avoid these

ugly issues. Gutters and downspouts should be checked for blockage, leakage and areas requiring re-securing or re-sloping. Paint deterioration should also be noted. Make sure that downspouts discharge onto splash blocks or pipes that are directed well away from the building to avoid foundation problems. Keep your foundation dry. Bugs love moisture. Keeping the soil dry around the foundation perimeter can force bugs to go elsewhere to snack on a dampened two-by-four beams.

"What's required to maintain a home will vary from one property to the next. But, generally, roofs need to be kept free of debris," said Dian Hymer, author of "Starting Out, The Complete Home Buyer's Guide."

"Broken tiles, shakes or shingles need to be replaced. Vent pipes and chimneys need to be properly sealed. Drainage systems require periodic upkeep. This starts with the gutters and downspouts, which should be cleaned and flushed," he added.

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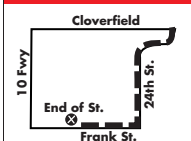
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U.S. wants council to be prepared to vote starting today on Iraq resolution

BY EDITH M. LEDERER
Associated Press Writer

UNITED NATIONS — U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan and countries seeking a quick handover of power to the Iraqis expressed disappointment Tuesday that a new U.S. resolution didn't give a timetable for the Americans to relinquish sovereignty.

Germany, France and Russia said they planned to propose amendments to the latest draft, which would set a Dec. 15 deadline for Iraq's Governing Council to submit a timetable for drafting a constitution and holding elections.

The United States made clear it wants a quick vote, and a U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said it was highly doubtful Washington would agree to any major changes.

"We have asked members of the Security Council to be ready to vote from 3 p.m. EDT Wednesday on," said Richard Grenell, spokesman for U.S. Ambassador John Negroponte.

Even if there are no further changes, the resolution is likely to get the minimum nine "yes" votes needed for adoption. France has ruled out using its veto.

Annan said he hopes the United States will work with other council members "to get as broad support as possible, because I have always maintained that the council is at its best and has the greatest impact when it is united."

Two weeks ago, Annan surprised the United States when he told council members that the United Nations would not send its staff back to Iraq to play the secondary political role in Iraq's transition to democracy outlined in the previous U.S. draft. Annan drastically reduced the U.N. staff after two bombings at U.N. headquarters in Baghdad.

Along with France, Germany, Russia and China, the U.N. chief has urged the establishment of an Iraqi provisional government within months and a quick transfer of sovereignty, sim-

ilar to what happened after the Taliban was toppled in Afghanistan. The United States and Britain have said Iraq must first have a constitution and hold elections before they relinquish sovereignty.

"Obviously, the current resolution does not represent a major shift in the thinking of the (U.S.-led) coalition," Annan said on his arrival at U.N. headquarters.

"I am on the record as stating that as long as there's an occupation, the resistance will grow," he said.

He said he was grateful the Americans took "some of my preoccupations" into account, conditioning U.N. participation.

"I will implement any resolution that the council might adopt, bearing in mind the constraints we are all aware of," he said, citing security concerns.

The Germans, Russians and Chinese indicated the third revision of the resolution, which was circulated Monday, was better than the two previous drafts, but still fell short.

Russia's Deputy U.N. Ambassador Yuri Fedotov said Moscow plans to suggest "a series of additional but very important amendments" to the draft, the Interfax news agency reported.

He said Russia's position on the resolution will depend on "the readiness of the authors of the draft resolution to take into account these ideas of ours," Interfax reported.

"I think the Americans have made an effort to improve the resolution," Germany's U.N. Ambassador Gunter Pleuger said. "But we would like to see here and there some more improvements, and I think that we will make some very good and constructive proposals."

China's U.N. Ambassador Wang Guangya also praised the latest draft as "an improvement" but said it needs further work.

"In the view of China, the enhanced role of the United Nations in the political process and also to have an early return of sovereignty to the Iraqi people — we want to see an improvement in these two areas," Wang said.

French Foreign Ministry spokesman Herve Ladsous said his country was trying to determine whether the latest draft will allow for "a real improvement of the situation and a strong international engagement."

President Bush's main aim in seeking a new resolution is to get more countries to contribute troops and money to stabilize and rebuild Iraq. The resolution would authorize a multinational force led by the United States.

Washington wants a vote ahead of a major donors' conference for Iraq in Spain on Oct. 23-24.

The revised resolution would give the United Nations a larger role in Iraq's political transition to a democracy, but the world body would not be able to act independently of the U.S.-led coalition now running the country, as Annan has sought.

A member of Iraq's U.S.-picked Governing Council said Tuesday the Dec. 15 deadline could be met.

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WORLD BRIEFLY

Israeli troops raid refugee camp

By The Associated Press

RAFAH REFUGEE CAMP, Gaza Strip — Israeli troops backed by attack helicopters and tanks searched for smuggling tunnels in this refugee camp on the Egyptian border Tuesday, the second large-scale raid here in less than a week.

Also Tuesday, the Israeli military ordered 15 Palestinian detainees expelled from the West Bank to the Gaza Strip. Human rights lawyers say such expulsions are a violation of international law; but Israel argues that along with house demolitions, they create an important deterrent against attacks on Israeli civilians.

Also Tuesday, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and Israeli opposition leader Shimon Peres lent their qualified support to a symbolic peace agreement concluded over the weekend by former negotiators, after two years of talks.

"Our policy is not to undercut any attempt to reach the peace of the brave," Arafat said, but noted that the 50-page document has no official standing. He did not comment on the specifics of the deal.

Peres said the detailed document could serve as a basis for future talks.

China cancels space mission broadcast

By The Associated Press

BEIJING — With China's first manned space mission fast approaching, the Communist Party's official

newspaper reported Tuesday that the government had scrapped plans to broadcast the launch on live television.

A newspaper in Hong Kong said the decision had been made because of the "political risks" of something going wrong with the liftoff, which could take place as early as Wednesday morning local time — or Tuesday evening EDT.

Meanwhile, three finalists vying to be China's first "taikonaut" stood by at a remote northwestern desert base ahead of the blastoff.

"The whole Chinese nation is anticipating this great success," Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Zhang Qiyue said.

People's Daily said the craft, Shenzhou 5, had completed its final launch test Monday morning and was "sitting on the launch pad with more fuel being injected" Tuesday.

Bush on the defense

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush is seeking to set the record on Iraq straight as he sees it, arguing that his decision to go to war was correct, the aftermath has been successful and feuding about it among his foreign policy team is nonexistent.

The defense of the administration's Iraq strategy came in a series of interviews Monday with regional television outlets that allowed Bush to take his message directly to people outside Washington. The effort is part of a White House public relations offensive that began last week with a series of speeches by Bush and other

top administration officials, aimed at countering dropping poll numbers.

In a sign that the public relations offensive may be paying off, Bush saw an uptick in his poll numbers Monday. A CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll had his approval rating at 56 percent, up from 50 percent in a similar poll in mid-September.

Silicone or salt water breasts?

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As many as 46 percent of women who get silicone-gel breast implants need additional surgery within three years, says research that is key to the government's reconsideration of an 11-year near-ban on the devices.

Inamed Corp., which manufactures the implants, wants the ban lifted, arguing that its research shows implants filled with silicone gel are comparable to today's only option, those filled with salt water — which just as frequently require more surgery too.

That argument promises to be central to the debate as the Food and Drug Administration reopens the emotionally charged issue this week.

The FDA's independent scientific advisers begin a two-day meeting Tuesday to decide whether Inamed has proven its case. Dozens of women are lined up for a chance to try to sway the decision — some to plead for access to an implant they say feels more natural, others to tell how implants left them permanently scarred.

The FDA ended routine sales of silicone-gel implants in 1992 amid fears they could break apart and cause serious disease as the silicone leaked into women's tissues. While some women seeking breast reconstruction because of cancer or other problems still could get silicone implants in strictly controlled research studies, women wanting larger breasts have had to use saline-filled implants.

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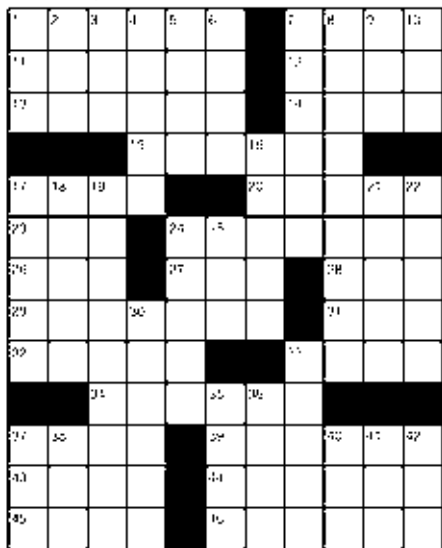


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Family Holiday Bazaar

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Bio energy healing

World renowned bio energy healer, Ze'ev Kolman, who is acknowledged by leaders of the International Institute of Human Sciences as "one of the greatest living healers on the planet today." An evening of inspiration and healing from 7 - 9 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 20. Tickets cost \$25. RSVP (323) 571-1725. Le Meridian Hotel 465 South La Cienega Blvd., Beverly Hills

Pumpkin patch and bake sale

Ghosts, Goblins and the Great Pumkin will be

haunting Canyon Charter School's ninth annual Pumpkin Patch and Bake Sale on Thursday, Oct. 16. More than 500 pumpkins of all shapes and sizes will be offered for sale, and there will be a contest for students and shoppers to guess the size of an enormous pumpkin - the winner will get to take it home. Purchases, including the "spooky delicious" array of home baked goods are tax deductible and proceeds benefit Canyon's Beautification Committee. The event will be held from 2 - 5 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 16, and from 3 - 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 17. For more information, contact the school at (310) 454-7510, Debbie Alexander at (310) 454-2566 or Marla Gardner at (310) 393-8334. Canyon Elementary Charter School, 421 Entrada Dr.

CULTURE

Puppetolio!

Watch a puppet show at the Santa Monica Puppet and Magic Center. This is a great place to take the kids and to unwind after a long day. 1255 2nd Street Santa Monica, CA 90401, (310) 656-0483

A Hansel and Gretel Halloween

The Santa Monica Playhouse presents a light, sing-along musical that takes the audiences through the mysterious Black Forest. Suitable for all ages, this play is written and directed by Chris DeCarlo and Evelyn Rudie. Birthday parties are available. Tickets for kids 12 & under cost \$9;

adults \$10; they are available at (310) 394-9779 ext. 2. Showings Saturday and Sunday at 12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. Santa Monica Playhouse Main Stage 1211 Fourth Street

ENTERTAINMENT

Temple Bar

Here visitors can enjoy concoctions like White Chocolate Martinis, a Gingertini or a Razzmatazz. Those who are really hungry can enjoy a Chicken Tamale Plate with Fried Plantains. Temple Bar even offers vegetarian options like veggie eggrolls and burgers. But no good bar would be complete without live music. Tonight, the Temple Bar features the following: The Procussions Record Release Party at 8 p.m. with DJ sets by: Gabe Real, mark Luv, and Rhettmatic (Beat Junkies). There will be live performances by the Procussions Scarub (Living Legends), LA Symphony, Pigeon John and Deux Process. 1026 Wilshire Blvd. Santa Monica, (310) 393-6611

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MOVIE °GUIDE

LAEMMLE'S MONICA 4-PLEX

1332 2nd Street
American Splendor R - 1:45, 4:25, 7:05, 9:45
The Event R - 1:35, 4:25, 7:15, 9:55
Wonderland R - 12:45 p.m., 1:45, 3:25, 4:25, 6:05, 7:05, 8:45, 9:45

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1314 Wilshire Blvd
Casa de los Babys R - 4:30, 7:30, 10:00
My Life Without Me R - 4:15, 7:00, 9:45

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1441 Third Street Promenade
Kill Bill Vol. 1 R - 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:00, 2:15, 3:30, 5:00, 6:05, 7:40, 9:00, 10:30
Lost in Translation R - 10:45 a.m., 11:20 a.m., 1:10, 1:50, 3:45, 4:30, 6:10, 7:15, 8:40, 9:45

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1310 Third Street Promenade
House of the Dead R - 1:05, 3:20, 5:35, 7:50, 10:05
Out of Time PG-13 - 2:00, 4:45, 7:20, 9:50
School of Rock PG-13 - 1:15, 2:15, 4:00, 5:00, 6:45, 7:30, 9:10, 10:10
Intolerable Cruelty PG-13 - 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:55, 10:15
Under the Tuscan Sun PG-13 - 1:40, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45
Once Upon a Time in Mexico R - 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:40

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1313 Third Street Promenade
Good Boy! PG - 11:45 a.m., 2:15, 4:45, 7:10, 9:45
Secondhand Lions PG - 11:20 a.m., 1:50, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00
Duplex PG-13 - 12:15 p.m., 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 9:55
Matchstick Men PG-13 - 11:30a.m., 2:10, 5:00, 7:30, 10:30
The Rundown PG-13 - 11:15a.m., 2:00, 4:55, 7:30, 10:20
Underworld R - 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Apologies necessary: Kidman stifles British paper

By The Associated Press

■ **LONDON** — Nicole Kidman accepted an apology and undisclosed damages Tuesday from a British newspaper group to settle a libel lawsuit over an article alleging that she'd had an affair with her co-star, Jude Law.

The settlement with News Group Newspapers, publishers of The Sun tabloid, is the second for Kidman over the same allegations.

Kidman's lawyer told the High Court libel hearing that a story The Sun published in March implied that the 36-year-old actress had initiated an affair with Law, leading to the breakdown of his marriage to actress Sadie Frost.

"The publication of the article caused damage to the claimant's personal and professional reputation and she has suffered considerable embarrassment and distress," lawyer Keith Schilling said.

News Group Newspapers, editor Rebekah Wade and journalist Victoria Newton accepted that the allegations in the report were untrue and apologized to Kidman.

Tuesday's settlement followed an almost identical deal in Kidman's favor in July when Associated Newspapers, publisher of the Daily Mail, granted her undisclosed damages and an apology for a similar article.

Kidman, who filmed the upcoming movie "Cold Mountain" with Law in Romania, said Tuesday in a statement: "I

am glad that this has finally been resolved."

The Oscar winner said she would donate the damages from both cases to Fara, a charity that helps Romania's abandoned children.

■ **PARIS** — Clint Eastwood says his friend and fellow actor Arnold Schwarzenegger is going to need a good measure of luck in his new role as California's governor.

"Politicians have to make unpopular decisions. Schwarzenegger is going to understand the nature of his job. I wish him good luck, he's going to need it. It's going to be difficult for him," Eastwood said in an interview published Tuesday by respected French daily Le Monde.

Eastwood, the tough-guy actor-director known for his "Dirty Harry" character and Oscar-winning movie "Unforgiven," was elected mayor of the Carmel, Calif., in 1986 and served for two years.

Schwarzenegger, a former champion bodybuilder-turned-action-star, was easily elected last week to replace Gray Davis as governor of the most populous U.S. state.

Eastwood, 73, told Le Monde that his love of movies curtailed his own political career. His latest film, "Mystic River," premiered in the United States last week.

"I knew I was in place for two years and I had absolutely no desire to present myself" for re-election, he said. "I was

able to direct two movies during my mandate without failing in my duties as mayor. Everyone imagined me on course for the White House, especially with a former actor, Ronald Reagan, in power. But I love cinema too much for that."

■ **LOS ANGELES** — Gary Coleman didn't win California's recall election, but he'll still get a political platform on the new Hollywood-based All Comedy Radio network.

The 35-year-old former child star will be the network's political analyst and said his experience as a candidate will come in handy in this new assignment.

Coleman finished eighth out of 135 candidates vying to replace Gov. Gray Davis in last week's election, losing to fellow actor Arnold Schwarzenegger. Among the topics he'll tackle will be the 2004 presidential election.

"We're delighted to have a commentator with such keen insight and experience as Mr. Coleman," said All Comedy Radio co-founder and chief executive officer Michael O'Shea.

"The way we look at it Gary was 'Arnold' before Arnold was cool," he said in a statement, referring to Coleman's character on the sitcom "Diff'rent Strokes."

The All Comedy Radio network has been on the air for about a month and has more than a dozen affiliates nationwide. Coleman begins his on-air political commentaries Friday.

■ **CLEVELAND** — In Stephen Hawking's cosmos, stars collapse into black holes that shine with dark radiation, and the universe may be one of many, each popping into existence like a bubble in a simmering teakettle.

"Let's hope there's no one with a cosmic pin to deflate the bubble," Hawking joked.

The renowned astrophysicist received an award Monday night from Case Western Reserve University that recognizes scientific achievement and contributions to the advancement of knowledge.

Hawking, who delivered a lecture before receiving the Michelson-Morley Award, is best known for "Hawking's radiation" — the theory that black holes emit radiation.

The 61-year-old author of "A Brief History of Time" was diagnosed at 22 with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

Despite his illness, he travels the world, communicating with a hand-held device to select words on his wheelchair's computer screen, then sending them to a speech synthesizer.

The Michelson-Morley Award was created in 1963 to honor two scientists, Albert A. Michelson and Edward W. Morley, past professors at the private school.

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