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Brandon Wise news@smdp.com

Park it here, then move

City may institute new policy that allows less time in spaces

BY KEVIN HERRERA | Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Most drivers have done it before: Park in a two-hour only zone and then move the car a few feet or across the street when their time is up.

It's the easiest way to avoid getting a ticket without having to drive around the block in search of a new parking spot, which, as any Santa Monican knows, could take anywhere from a few seconds to a several minutes if you're lucky.

The parking spot shuffle, long cherished by drivers looking to beat the system, could soon be rendered illegal under a new law being proposed by city staff and parking enforcement officers who are desperately trying to find solutions to Santa Monica's parking woes.

Under the proposed law, motorists parking in areas with time-limited parking would have to move their cars at least two blocks, and not re-park them in that same area until a minimum of six hours has passed.

The same goes for parking structures such as those attached to Santa Monica Place. There, drivers can park for three hours. Under the proposed law, drivers would have to drive out of the structure and not re-enter for at

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777 Chick Hearn Court, L.A., 8:15 p.m.

Catch John Fogerty at the Nokia Theatre as he tours for his new CD, "Revival." Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.com.

Candid Claus

1300 block of Third Street Promenade, 11 a.m. — 5 p.m.

Take a moment out of the Black Weekend massacre to visit with Santa Claus, who will sit still for some candid moments with the kiddies.

Winterlit 'Best Gift Ever' Challenge for Pal

Drop off an unwrapped gift for a kid, ages 6 — 17, who's enrolled with the Santa Monica Police Activities League (PAL). Donations will be accepted at the Winterlit Gift Wrap Station on the 1300 block of the Promenade, at Santa Monica Place Guest Services, or at a local Starbucks. For more information, visit www.downtownsm.com.

Griffith Park Light Festival

4730 Crystal Springs Dr., L.A., times vary

Walk or drive through this annual festival, which turns the north side of Griffith Park into a monument of light displays created by Department of Water and Power employees. Local attractions like the Hollywood sign, the L.A. Zoo and Staples Center are celebrated, along with traditional seasonal imagery. For more information, visit www.dwplightfestival.com.

Saturday, Nov. 24, 2007

Ice, ice, baby

1324 Fifth St., 10 a.m. — 10 p.m.

Bring back childhood memories — or create new ones — as you slice through the ice at the city's new public rink. Admission is \$10; including skate rental.

'42nd Street'

2627 Pico Blvd., 2 p.m. — 4 p.m.

"Come and meet those dancing feet," when the Youth Education/Entertainment Series at the Morgan-Wixson Theatre performs its 12th annual youth musical — "42nd Street." This full-length musical, inspired by Busby Berkeley's 1933 movie, is a show-within-a-show featuring 35 talented local youth, ages 9 to 19, singing and tap-dancing for your enjoyment. \$15 for reserved seats. Reservations are recommended. To purchase tickets or for information, call (310) 828-7519, or visit www.morgan-wixson.org.

Santa Monica Downtown walking tour

1436 Second St., 10 a.m. — 2 p.m.

In two hours and six blocks, this docent-guided tour explores more than 130 years of Santa Monica history. Tours depart every Saturday from Hostelling International. Tickets are \$10 for the general public; \$5 for Conservancy members. For more information or to make a reservation, call (310) 496-3146 or visit www.smconservancy.org.

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



The city of food

Santa Monica named the top eating spot by Zagat Guide

BY GABRIELLE HARRADINE

Special to the Daily Press

CITYWIDE For the second straight year, Santa Monica has been named the best city for dining in all of Southern California by the Zagat Guide for Los Angeles/Southern California.

The guide also singled out several top-rated eateries in the city including Mélisse, Josie, Capo, Chinois and Valentino.

This year's Zagat Guide covers 2,187 restaurants and bases its ratings on the experiences of 8,859 area residents who eat out or take out more than half of the time.

"[Santa Monica] is a hot neighborhood, it's been a hot neighborhood," said Michael Mahle, a spokesman for Zagat. "It's got so many great restaurants in such a small area that you can't go wrong, really."

Gustavo Velasco, a resident of Palos Verdes, comes to Santa Monica for the shopping and the food. He has enjoyed meals at Trastevere and Border Grill, but wishes there was a Morton's Steakhouse to add to the mix.

Mélisse won an additional honor from Zagat, earning the best American-French restaurant title in Los Angeles (it has

IT'S GOT SO MANY GREAT RESTAURANTS IN SUCH A SMALL AREA, YOU CAN'T GO WRONG."

Michael Mahle
A spokesman for Zagat

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STUMPING FOR THE TREES

Austin Draper holds up a 'Save the Trees' sign for passing motorists as he stands next to a ficus tree on Fourth Street in downtown Santa Monica on Wednesday. The tree is among those threatened by a planned city beautification project in the district.

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Killer to stay in jail

State appeals court upholds guilty verdict

By Daily Press staff

LOS ANGELES The Santa Monica resident convicted of fatally stabbing a taxi driver more than six years ago will be spending the rest of his life in prison after all.

The California 2nd District Court of Appeals on Wednesday upheld the conviction of Antonio Barba for the first-degree murder of Keum Kim in the early morning hours of July 8, 2001, in Venice, reject-

ing defense claims that there were errors in the criminal trial.

Barba, 27, was sentenced to life in prison without parole.

Barba, who was 21 years old at the time of the murder, called for a taxi through the AAA Cab Company, then called right back to ask if the driver carried enough cash to make change. Barba then pulled a knife from his mother's home and stabbed Kim, 59, more than 30 times before fleeing in an alley with the money.

An eyewitness recalled seeing Barba wearing a blue-hooded sweatshirt when he exited Kim's cab and headed down the

alley on foot. The sweatshirt was subsequently recovered and found to have between 12 and 14 hairs matching Barba's DNA.

During the trial, Barba's mother testified that she had a similar knife to the murder weapon and that it was missing.

The murder trial began in January 2004 and a mistrial was declared about a month later, when the second jury reached a guilty verdict but could not reach a decision on the count of robbery, which was subsequently dismissed.

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Deceit in the Historic District

Editor:

At (the Nov. 12) Landmarks Hearing, speaker after speaker pleaded with Landmarks Commissioners to deny a proposed project for 2617 Third St. on the grounds that it was not compliant with Historic District guidelines and that approval would lead to the eventual demise of the district (“Does Santa Monica’s past have a future?” Nov. 17-18). A petition with nearly 500 signatures in support of the district was presented to the commissioners. Not one person spoke in favor of the project, a large Modernist structure that would stick out like an attention-grabbing sore thumb amidst the historic and supposedly protected California bungalows. And yet, the commissioners would not even discuss the item themselves. This is the third time this project has come before the Landmarks Commission. Why are the commissioners not supporting the Historic District?

In a most manipulative manner, the applicant’s team had sought to derail the hearing by withdrawing the item at the 11th hour from the agenda on the grounds that their materials were not ready. This late notice, only minutes before the Landmarks Commission met, was a totally unnecessary hardball tactic designed to inconvenience those opposed to the project. Fortunately, it backfired and residents were allowed to speak.

However, the discussion of the project will have to be continued to the Dec. 10 Landmarks Commission hearing since commissioners were unwilling to take a vote in the absence of the applicant and his team at (this month’s) hearing. The applicant’s team seems to hope that by dragging the project through hearing after hearing, the opposition will tire and fall away. In fact, the reverse is true. Their rudeness only strengthens our resolve.

Karen Blechman

Third Street Historic District

Thanks to a couple of real lifesavers

Editor:

On Saturday, Nov. 10, our 60-year-old friend, a veteran of the waves since childhood, Joel Fishman, was surfing just south of the Santa Monica Pier. He wiped out at one point and two brothers on the beach – Eric and Justin Crown – noticed he was not moving and appeared unconscious face down in the water. They quickly went to him and carefully brought him out of the ocean. A lifeguard from the nearby Central Station administered CPR and Joel was transferred to UCLA. He had fractured and dislocated two of the bones in his neck. He was in traction, but the loss of movement required surgery the following day.

Joel’s family and friends would like to express their deep gratitude to the Crown brothers and the lifeguards whose initial aid saved his life. The doctors and nurses at UCLA have been amazing and, despite the long recovery ahead for Joel, he feels lucky to be alive.

Life can change in a fleeting moment ... we feel blessed that strangers took such care to keep Joel with us. Thank you!

The Joel Fishman family & friends

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Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Kiss my asterisk: Burying a slugger

GIVEN THE CURRENT STATE OF THE world, I feel sorry for young people. Sure, they have all the latest gizmos: iPods, iPhones, Blackberrys, YouTube, MySpace and text messaging. And, somehow, they know how to use all of that, even to the point of text messaging while driving. (And you thought putting on makeup was dangerous.) But look at their role models. When I was a teenager, we had JFK. I don’t know too many kids today who want to be just like George Bush. (Just as well, because they wouldn’t pass high school English.)

JFK initiated the Peace Corps as a noble idea for American youth to help those less fortunate all around the world. Today, young girls look up to Paris, Lindsay and Britney, who don’t seem terribly noble, unless you consider drunk-driving and not wearing panties noble. And teenage boys emulate rappers. I wonder if 20 years from now they’ll listen to the “Oldies, but Goodies” station to such wistful tunes as “Back it up, Biatch?”

Instead of being “young and innocent,” today’s kids are “young and cynical.” Look at the world they see: Money, power, greed and war. (Other than that, it’s a Disney movie?) They see the planet imploding from pollution and our president lie to us, and even to his press secretary. (Revealed in Scott McClellan’s upcoming book “What Happened?”)

And they see heroic young people die or get permanently disabled in a senseless war 70 percent of our country is against. And many who come home injured are hassled by the VA just to get their benefits. Google “Ty Ziegel” and see for yourself. (He had his face blown off, so be prepared, the photos are as graphic as the story is infuriating.) They read that the FBI says Blackwater killed 14 innocent Iraqis in one day and that \$9 billion of U.S. taxpayer monies just vanished. And they also see the Pentagon demand Jordan Fox, who lost vision in one eye from an IED, return \$3,000 of his signing bonus because he was so injured he was sent home early. Is it any wonder our kids are cynical?

Even the sports world, which is supposed to be an escape from the harsh realities of life, too often is the harsh reality of life. Every day another sports hero becomes another sad commentary and none sadder than the case of Marion Jones. Even in junior high, it was obvious Marion was destined for stardom. She was a young, beautiful and gifted athlete who embodied the American dream. And sure enough, at the 2000 Olympics, Marion won five medals, but recently was forced to give them back. In a tearful confession, she admitted to the world she had used steroids. Marion pleaded guilty to lying to federal investigators in the Balco investigation and now faces time in prison.

On Monday, former professional football player Michael Vick voluntarily surrendered to federal marshals. He’s now in jail awaiting sentencing. This past August, Vick pleaded guilty to conspiracy dog-fighting charges and admitted he helped drown or electrocute six to eight pit bull dogs. Vick could receive five years in jail and also faces potential state charges for the dog-fighting enterprise. No one in football had more talent, future or wealth. (Vick signed a \$120 million contract.) And now, all of that is gone. One wonders how or why.

To Jones’ and Vick’s credit, they ultimately admitted to their crimes. I doubt very much Barry Bonds will. He was recently indicted by the federal government on four counts of perjury and one count of obstruction of justice, stemming from his testimony in 2003 about his alleged steroid use. I should note that Bonds is “presumed innocent,” though I confess I practically gag using that expression in his case.

I WONDER IF 20 YEARS FROM NOW THEY’LL LISTEN TO THE ‘OLDIES, BUT GOODIES’ STATION TO SUCH WISTFUL TUNES AS ‘BACK IT UP, BIATCH?’

This past year, Bonds broke perhaps the most coveted record in all of sports — the all-time home run mark. The question, of course, is did Bonds use steroids? The answer is it sure as hell looks that way. The biggest indictment (pun intended) suggesting he used steroids wasn’t just the size of his head, which seemed to get bigger each year, but rather his feet, which went from a size 10 to a 13. I’ve heard of a “late growth spurt,” but this is ridiculous.

Maybe the answer is athletes are swimming in the same water as the rest of us, polluted by money, fame and false values. And it isn’t just athletes. University of Alabama football coach Nick Saban compared his team’s sub-par year to the disasters at Pearl Harbor and on 9/11. Talk about getting your priorities straight. Whatever the reason, kids today may tell their grandchildren not that they saw Barry Bonds break the home run record, but that they saw him get indicted.

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Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk.



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The Mythology of a risk-free life

SKIERS SOMETIMES DIE, AS DO mountain climbers and motorcyclists and bicyclists, because what they do routinely is dangerous and risky. Indeed, there is little in human life that does not entail some measure of risk, even fatal risk.

When I moved into Silverado Canyon in Orange County, Calif., I did so with full knowledge that the place is exposed to certain serious hazards — earthquakes would hit harder because the houses are on steep slopes, fires would spread faster because vegetation is abundant, even mudslides are likely because after a fire, the ground is ready to move around quite freely.

But let's face it, I liked the area a lot. The Sierra Madre atmosphere, the funkiness of the neighborhood, the rustic abode in which I would be living meant enough to me to take on the risk of living there. The region also was near enough to more populated and developed areas so that I wouldn't be out in the boonies like a hermit.

So, I decided that the risk of my home burning down wasn't great enough to override the benefits I would gain from living there. And to this day, even after the fires that may still consume my home, I would insist on this.

But United States Sen. Diane Feinstein and her cohorts disagree with me; they think the risks of living in places such as Silverado Canyon are too great and that no one ought to be permitted to assume them.

You might ask, "The risks to whom?" Well, the Blue Ribbon Fire Commission, created by former Gov. Gray Davis (which also included Sen. Feinstein) following the 2003 California wildfires. The commission held that "Habitat preservation and environmental protection have often conflicted with sound fire safe planning" and that "[b]rush management is not allowed in coastal sage scrub during the California gnatcatcher nesting season, from March 1st through August 15th. This small bird only lives in coastal sage scrub and is listed as a threatened species by the federal government. Any harm to this bird could result in fines and penalties."

So the risks are not only those faced by people but those that some bird or other must endure. And these risks cannot be allowed. Others in government insist that they are trying to shield mostly people from the risk of fires. All in all, what all these people appear to prefer for everyone —

although only their own behavior would show whether this preference includes them as well — is a risk-free life.

Does that mean that Sen. Feinstein & Co. would rather not have us drive to work and home? Does this mean that visiting our parents or grandparents should be prohibited if it involves driving or riding in a car? Do they also wish to ban hang gliding, skiing, mountain climbing, and all those jobs, sports and games that teem with risks?

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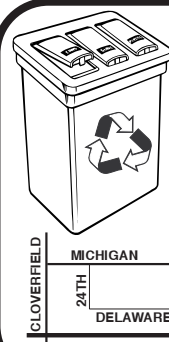
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can be erased with the stroke of a pen — provided enough politicians want that — these people are engaging in gross deception.

Of course, they couldn't do it without the cooperation of their constituents who, sadly, have come to expect the impossible dream that's being promised to them. Indeed, a great many citizens appear to believe they are entitled to such a life at the expense of other citizens. This political round robin of economic cannibalism is now routine, so it is no great surprise that millions have bought into it even when the prospects of satisfaction are completely mythical.

In life there are risks. Sometimes the better you want to live, the more interesting you want life to be, the greater the risks. The task of the law of a free society should only be to make sure that those taking the risks bear the cost of any loss they encounter in the process. Let no one be able to dump the loss he or she incurs on others who decide to live less risky lives. But trying to ban risk-taking is futile.

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So this week's Q-Line question asks:

Are the angry homeowners overreacting or does something need to be done to preserve the neighborhood's classic style?

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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



Would-be customer's dreams fall flat

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

TUESDAY, NOV. 13, AT 10:30 P.M.

Officers responded to the 2000 block of Lincoln Boulevard – Kragen Auto Parts – regarding a report of malicious mischief. When officers arrived, they spoke with an employee at the auto parts store, who said they were waiting for a ride inside the store, which was closed for the day, when a man approached and asked to buy a bottle of fix-a-flat. The employee said they could not sell the product to the man because the store was officially closed. The man allegedly became irritated and started pulling on the door. He pulled so hard that he eventually was able to open the door and gain access to the store, police said. The man again asked the employee to sell him fix-a-flat, but the employee refused, instead calling the police. Officers arrived and detained the suspect about a block away from the store. The suspect was arrested for felony vandalism because the extent of the damage to the store was more than \$500, police said. The suspect was identified as James Samuel Pollack, 39, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at \$21,200.

SUNDAY, NOV. 18, AT 9:15 P.M.

Police responded to the 2300 block of 34th Street regarding a report of someone who was passed out at a private residence. When officers arrived, they spoke with those who live at the home, who said that a family member had passed out and was not responsive. Officers made contact with the family member and determined they were under the influence of some controlled substance. The officers searched the suspect and found a small amount of rock cocaine and a glass pipe. The suspect was arrested and booked for possession. The suspect was identified as Sheri Valdez, 46, of Santa Monica. Her bail was set at \$10,000.

FRIDAY, NOV. 16, AT 3 A.M.

Officers on routine patrol near the corner of Lincoln Boulevard and Navy Street stopped a man whom they believed was involved in prostitution. During the course of an investigation, officers found a small amount of what appeared to be methamphetamine. The suspect, who was on parole, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and solicitation of prostitution. No bail was set because he was on parole. The suspect was identified as Bobby Lewis Momon, 26, of Venice.

THURSDAY, NOV. 15 AT 4:40 P.M.

Officers responded to the 2000 block of Ocean Avenue – Crescent Bay Park – regarding a report of an assault on a community service officer. When officers arrived, they made contact with the victim, who said he was patrolling the park when he noticed a man drinking beer. The community service officer approached the suspect and asked him to dispose of the beer. The suspect allegedly refused, became agitated and then picked up a scooter parked nearby and tried to flee. In the process, the suspect knocked down the officer, who called for back up. The suspect was arrested about a block away for assault and battery. He was identified as Arvin Chiong, 32, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at \$20,000.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 14, AT 5 P.M.

Officers responded to the corner of 26th Street and Olympic Boulevard regarding a strong-arm robbery that had just occurred. When officers arrived, they made contact with the victim, who said he was sitting down on a curb when a homeless man approached him and allegedly said, "This is what you get for disrespecting me," and then punched the victim several times. As he was punching the victim, the suspect took two necklaces from the victim. The suspect was apprehended by police a few blocks away and was arrested for robbery. The necklaces were recovered. The suspect was identified as Fatu Fatu, 34, a transient. His bail was set at \$50,000.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 14, AT 3:45 A.M.

Officers on routine patrol in the 1550 Parking Lot near the Santa Monica Pier noticed a man who appeared to be under the influence of a controlled substance. Officers made contact with the man and conducted a search. The officers said they found a small baggy containing what looked like methamphetamine. The officers also found a hypodermic needle. The suspect was charged with being under the influence and for possession. He was identified as Nathaniel Lee Shaffer, 22, a transient. His bail was set at \$10,000.

MONDAY, NOV. 12, AT 10:25 A.M.

Police responded to the 1400 block of Third Street – Hear Music – regarding a report of sexual battery. When officers arrived, they made contact with the victim who said she had just purchased a cup of coffee when the suspect walked into the coffee house/music store and grabbed her breasts. The victim screamed and pushed the suspect away. Store employees called police, who arrested the suspect outside the store. The suspect was arrested for sexual battery. He was identified as John Peter Sleg, 60, a transient. His Bail was set at \$25,500.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 14, AT 9:30 P.M.

Officers responded to the 1900 block of Main Street – O'Brien's Irish Pub – regarding a report of someone disturbing the peace. When officers arrived, they found the suspect standing out front of the bar screaming racial epithets at people passing by. The suspect was detained. Officers questioned employees at the bar who said the suspect had walked into the bar and ordered a drink and some French fries. When he was told he could not eat the French fries at the bar, employees said the suspect began to yell and cause a scene. He was escorted outside the bar by the bouncer, where he continued to scream. The suspect was arrested for disturbing the peace and using offensive words likely to incite people. He was identified as Michael James Ryan. His bail was set at \$500.

Staff Writer Kevin Herrera compiled these reports.

City earns title of top food spot

FROM ZAGAT PAGE 3

earned that honor the last five years running) and the number one wine list (for the second straight year). Josiah Citrin, owner and operator of Méliše, was born and raised in Santa Monica, but was heavily influenced by his French father.

Elements that may set Méliše apart from the rest in its field is a cheese cart with more than 25 different varieties and a 20-page wine menu. The cheese menu is crafted by a captain, who like a sommelier with a wine list, will assist customers in selecting the right cheese choice. Surely, this is what all Francophile's dream of.

A Zagat survey also found that many food lovers in Santa Monica are willing to pay more for organic food, including

61 percent of those surveyed who said they prefer food that is locally grown or raised.



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Michael Mahle, A spokesman for Zagat

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DINNER AND A SHOW

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A quintet of singers from Voices of Christmas walk through the food court inside Santa Monica Place singing Christmas carols on Tuesday. This year's event marked the 13th year that Voices of Christmas performed locally for the holidays.



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Employees could be hurt

FROM PARKING PAGE 1

least six hours.

The law is an attempt to clarify an existing ordinance limiting parking to a set number of hours in certain areas, said Lucy Dyke, lead transportation planner for City Hall.

"Residents are concerned that time-limited parking is not being enforced effectively, and therefore, they want more preferential parking zones," Dyke said.

Preferential parking zones have become commonplace in most neighborhoods throughout the city. The zones prevent anyone from parking in a certain neighborhood for most of the business day unless they can show proof that they live in that area and purchase a \$15 permit from City Hall.

Some have complained that preferential parking zones push motorists into adjacent neighborhoods without the restrictions, which, in turn, forces residents in those areas to petition for their own preferential parking, creating a situation where all neighborhoods could one day become off limits to visitors.

City planners were going to bring the proposed law before the City Council last week, however, they pulled the item just days before the meeting because of concerns about how best to enforce the law.

No date has been set for the ordinance to go before the council, Dyke said.

"We're still trying to nail that down," she said.

The proposed law is expected to make existing time limits more effective by allowing traffic officers to issue tickets for vehicles not removed at least two blocks from a time-limited parking space. The law was prepared at the request of parking enforcement as a means of strengthening the effectiveness of parking enforcement in areas with time limits, Dyke said.



MOVING ONE'S CAR JUST SIX INCHES REALLY ISN'T ENOUGH."

Lucy Dyke, Transportation planning manager for City Hall

"Moving one's car just six inches really isn't enough," Dyke said. "But when we attempt to define just how far you have to move your car, then it starts to sound silly and that's the challenge with making a rule like this."

By better enforcing the law, it is the hope of city planners that residents living near commercial districts will have greater access to parking as turnover of parking spaces will be higher.

News of the proposed change was met with some anger by those motorists who park regularly in the mall structures or on side streets near their work. Others felt the change wasn't necessary and seemed to be a waste of time.

"It's already hard enough parking in the structures because you have to move every three hours," said Katie Segal, who works at a clothing store on the Third Street Promenade that does not provide parking for employees.

"If this passes, then we won't be able to park in the same structure for the whole day," Segal added. "That means I'm going to have to take more time from my breaks to drive around downtown looking for another structure, and I'll probably have to pay more too ... I don't like it."

Mall structures are free for the first three hours while other structures in downtown charge after the first two.

Some had questions about how the new law would be enforced.

Parking enforcement has the technology available to enforce the regulations, city staff said. Officers are able to stamp vehicles by block number. Notice of the regulations will be posted on each block in which they are effective. The estimated cost is \$20 per sign.

If approved, the law would be effective within 30 days of its passage.

"It's not enough to provide the parking," Dyke said. "We have to do a better job of managing it so that there is more parking for everyone."

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Noah Gottlieb dribbles around Dante Maddox, of the Los Angeles Southwest College, en route to a layup at the Pavilion during Santa Monica College's 80-67 victory on Monday night.



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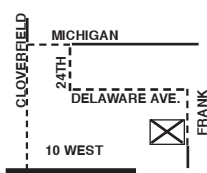
(Above) Santa Monica's new public ice rink opened to the public Wednesday, welcoming skaters of all ages and abilities to the lot at the southwest corner of Fifth Street and Arizona Avenue. Brandon Wise news@smdp.com

(Top right) Rink attendant Pierre Upshaw posts a sign outside of the new rink on Wednesday morning. (Bottom right) Lloyd Cameron was the first skater to take to the ice Wednesday at the new city rink. Photos by Morgan Genser news@smdp.com



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What's in those drawers?

I wonder if the word “panchira” will ever catch on in English. We took tchotchke from Yiddish, and derriere from French, so why not take panchira from Japanese? Panchira: Panty-glimpse.

The Japanese have one word for what it takes English-speakers to say in 10 – “I see London, I see France, I see your underpants.”

It used to be that Japanese perverts were content to stick their camera-phones up a schoolgirl's skirt for a panchira, but not anymore. Tech-savvy degenerates have figured out a way to modify the night-vision mode on video cameras to see through fabric.

So, how does a Japanese schoolgirl dress for anime fetishists, but avoid having footage of her seishokuki end up on the Internet? She buys \$17 panties.

Cramer Japan is a textile company that has invented infrared-ray-blocking undies called ShotGuard Inner Shorts. The futuristic fabric is a weave of nylon and polyurethane. Inner Shorts come only in beige. How practical. How retro.

Splashing suggestive words or phrases across one's derriere is a relatively new idea. In the 18th century, the spinning jenny and the cotton gin made it possible to mass-produce underwear. (Wouldn't history have been so much more interesting had they taught it as “A Panty Glimpse Through the Ages?”) By the early 1900s, so many companies were making underwear that they needed to start advertising. Underwear didn't need to be fun-to-wear, it only needed to be durable and prevent chaffing. Eventually, strength and comfort just weren't enough.

Only since the 1950s have manufacturers printed panties with patterns. In the '80s, I had pairs printed



File photo

DIRTY LAUNDRY: Picking the right underpants can be one of the most important choices a woman can make.

with subservient little flowers, while my younger brother got “crime fighters” covered with the “Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles” and “Batman.” Now, it's possible to personalize your knickers (and I don't mean writing your name on the tag). Stuck on what Christmas gift to get the person who has everything? Get online and order them a Pantogram.

But what's up with t'ween girls walking down the Third Street Promenade, swinging hot pink Victoria's Secret bags over their arms? What happened to floral briefs? Who is getting a panchira at these girls' undies?

A couple of years ago, my mother got me a little metal sculpture of a woman holding a shopping bag. The shopping bag read, “Put on your big girl panties and deal with it.” What on the earth, I thought, am I supposed to do with this? I put the funky tchotchke in my apartment's dining nook (that never gets used for dining), on top of the heater (that, in three years, has never been turned on). Every now and again, I catch the metal woman looking at me, judging me. Shut up, I want to tell her. I'm wearing my big girl panties.

Two years ago, on vacation in Paris, I ran out of underwear. (I have a tendency of packing less clothing than I

THE SINGLE BEST UNDERWEAR TIP:
When wearing a jersey knit dress, DON'T wear a thong.

need for a trip because it gives me an excuse to shop once I reach my destination.) A lingerie store was selling bins of Euro thongs. Among others, I bought a hot pink one embroidered with a gold scorpion, and a royal blue one with an owl. The owl had googly-eyes, and the first time I pulled my jeans on over them, the owl's right eye popped off. After a couple washings, his left eye popped off, too.

The blind owl is in my underwear drawer, unable to catch a panchira of my big girl panties: Comfortable, cotton, and boringly beige.

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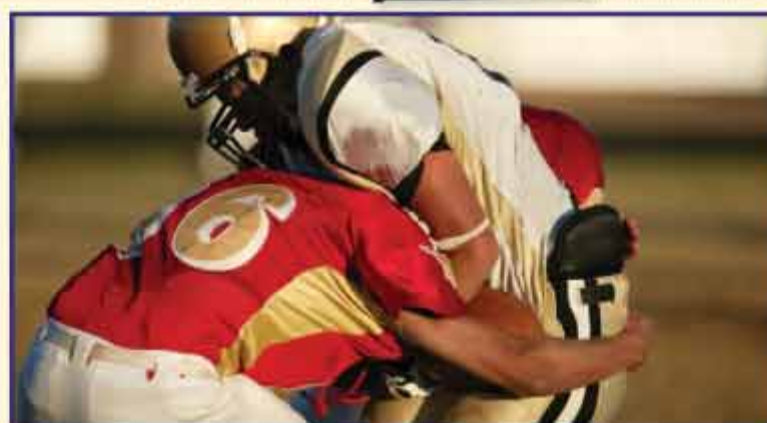
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Scoping for some 'elicit' bachelors

BY TAYLOR VAN ARSDALE

Special to the Daily Press

When you're single what could be more exciting than a party hosted by 10 Cane Rum and Belvedere Vodka, thrown by one of Santa Monica's post-production facilities featuring the music of DJ Jason Bentley?

The party kicks off the launch of "Elicit Effects" – the visual effects division of West Post Digital. Todd Brown, who opened WPD almost 10 years ago, recently had an opportunity to purchase a "flame machine" but needed a creative operator. Enter Les Umberger, senior flame artist and creative director, just wrapping up a "Smashing Pumpkins" music video and whose client roster includes: "No Doubt," "Ludacris" and "Justin Timberlake." With his shoulder length blonde hair and his green velvet Roberto Cavalli jacket, he looks like a modern day version of Brian Jones. I ask him about his company's name. Les likes it because, "it means to draw something out of something else, which is in effect, what I do, but people hear it and it connotes something dangerous and I kind of like that", he says, laughing naughtily. When he does, I catch a quick glimpse of a pierced tongue. I still have no idea as to the nature and job of a "flame artist," but I know one thing, Les is sexy – there's no doubt about that.

He gets busy and I mingle, meeting up with Pepper Carlson, a producer from Motiv Films – she has never heard of Elicit; she's been invited through WPD – her com-

pany has rented out the stage for a commercial shoot. I make note to catch up with her later, but now, the dance floor beckons.

With its 6,000 square feet, and Bentley spinning, the party has "wild rave" potential, although the crowd is fairly sedate and no one's dropped X save for the lone freak dancing adjacent. X-Boy pulls me into him, indicating a "dry humping" motion. I pull away. It's not that I have a problem dry humping someone, just not on the first dance. He turns to the crowd, then back to me, "They're waiting for you!" he screams. "Who is," I ask, wrongly expecting a coherent answer. "Everyone!" he counters. Okay, X-Boy, I'm outta here. Then, he grabs my arm – this could be a long night. He staggers a bit, as if he's going to articulate something ... anything ... then finally he blurts, "Justin Timberlake is here!" I laugh. Timberlake may be in many places but I highly doubt he's here (this fact is confirmed days later). X-Boy demands to know where I'm going. I tell him the bar; assuring him I'll be back. He's certain I'm lying; that I'm ditching him. He's right of course. Why of all moments to be lucid does he pick my exit strategy?

During my getaway, I run into a short guy with a face like a pig – a pig that's been mauled by a semi. Pig Face is drunk. He paws me, as I try to squeeze by, lamenting he wants to dance but fearing people will stare. Guys, here's a little piece of advice. If you're ugly as dirt, dance away ... no one's looking at you now, they're sure as heck not going to be looking at you once you hit the dance floor.

After several hours, I'm exhausted, too tired to wait for Bentley, plus the quest for available men has been an utter failure, so I decide to leave; with no better clue as to what a flame artist does.

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Several days later I'm at WPD interviewing Les in his office, which features artwork from Gary Taxali and Shag, watching a compositing spot he created for Honda. In the original, the Honda drives by, nothing extraordinary in the background. In the final, the Honda drives along in ... Beijing. The quality's impressive; I'm amazed at how real the spot looks. There's even a curvature to account for the wide-angle lens distortion seam-

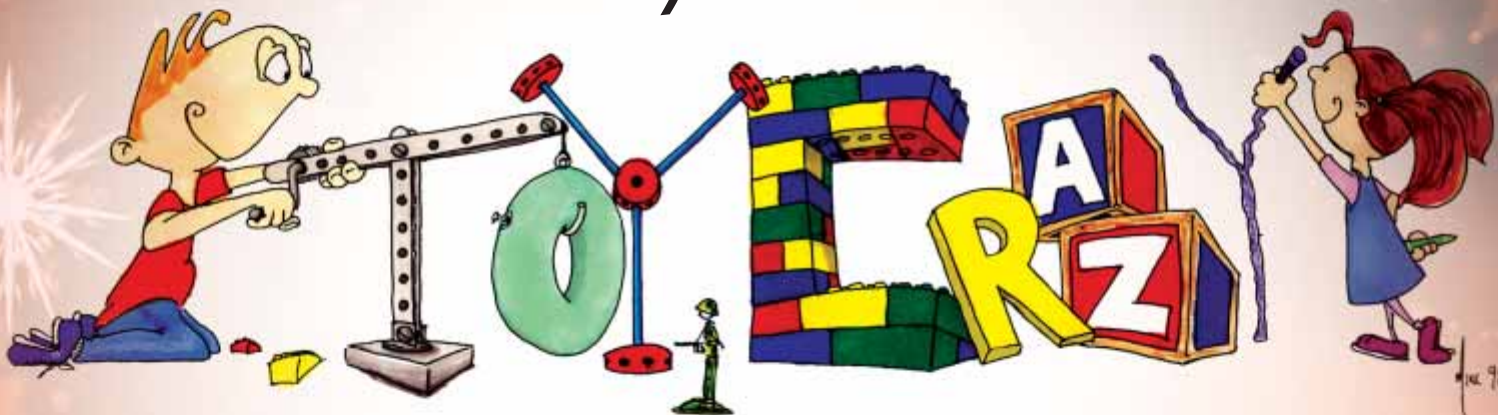
lessly integrating the background into the finished composite.

The "flame" it turns out, is visual effects software – an image integrator. What makes this studio unique? Les doesn't retain an in house staff, but rather expands and contracts the company on a per job basis, custom designing it to his client's needs. This saves the client money, but most importantly without "a bunch of generalists" on staff, the project's completed with the highest caliber talent.

After we're done, I check out the space where the party was held only several days prior. Pepper and Motiv's Creative Director and owner Eric Bute are shooting launch materials for Spike TV's "Pros vs. Joes." Bute opened Motiv in 1999, running it out of a little "shack" in Venice – primarily for commercial production, they are now located across the street from WPD, and branching into scripted television and films. Both Bute and Pepper are articulate and thoughtful and I get the feeling their clients are in the most capable of hands. Yet, neither knows anything about Elicit. But then, two days ago I had no idea what a flame artist was so I'm certainly not about to hold it against them. This little Santa Monica enclave is filled with post-production facilities and hip spots, but not enough single men. And FYI, Les has a girlfriend, so the quest continue ...

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BY RANDY WILLIAMS



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SURF REPORT

SURF CONDITIONS

SWELL FORECAST (1-2FT)
Today is when our next NW swell is due from a system that formed near the Aleutians. This should bring in 290-degree swell with 14-second periods with size chest to head high at most west facing breaks, slightly overhead on the better sets at standouts. South facing breaks can expect chest high wrap from this, bigger at SW exposed spots.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS
NW BEING TRACKED FOR SUNDAY

WATER TEMP: 60°

TIDE FORECAST FOR TODAY IN SANTA MONICA

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 **November 13, 2007**

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QUICK STATS
(for the last 28 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 4
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 5
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 38 / 31
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 15 / 12

The Beach Report Card is made possible by a grant from

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, indicate bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually for ocean health criteria in the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

LOCATION	DRY	WET	LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Cerrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth (Jencanille)	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Del Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	B	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	B	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachasa and Las Aliso creeks	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Teneccal Canyon drain	D	A+
Escorial Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqui)	C	D
Bread Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	D	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	F	B
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildfire Rd. (private)	A+	A+	Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	F
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	B	F	Santa Monica Beach at Pica/Kanter storm drain	C	F
Escandido Creek, just east of Escandido State Beach	A+	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Street St. (in front of the restaurant)	A+	A
Lariga Canyon Creek mouth	D	A+	Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A	B
Selkirk Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach	A	A+	Venice City Beach, at the Raze Ave. storm drain	A+	A+
Puente State Beach at creek mouth	A+	A+	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	F	F
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puente Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	D	A+	Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A	F
Serfider Beach at Malibu Canyon fence	A+	A+	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	C	F
Serfider Beach (beach location) - daily	D	A+	Venice Beach- projection of Topsoil St.	A+	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A	B	Morales del Rey, Mothers' Beach - Hesperia tower	F	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A	A+	Dockweiler State Beach at Ballena Creek mouth	A	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	A+	Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	F	F	North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Los Tunes County Beach	A+	A+	Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	F
Tuna Canyon	A	as	Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	A+
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	A+	Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A+	A+
Casterock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A	as	Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	C	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	A+			
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	A+			

LEGEND

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

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

as -- no sample taken

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Difficulty
SILVER

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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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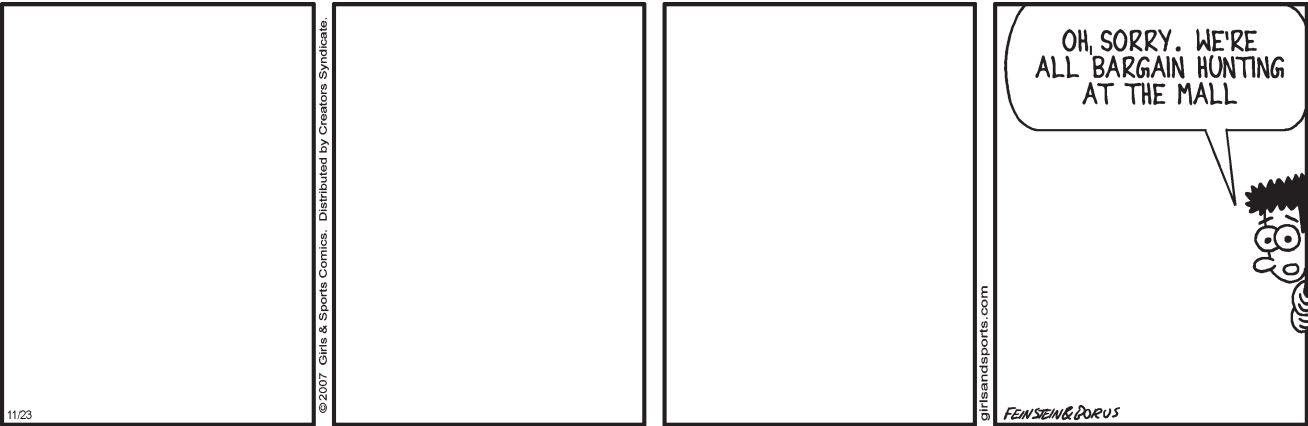
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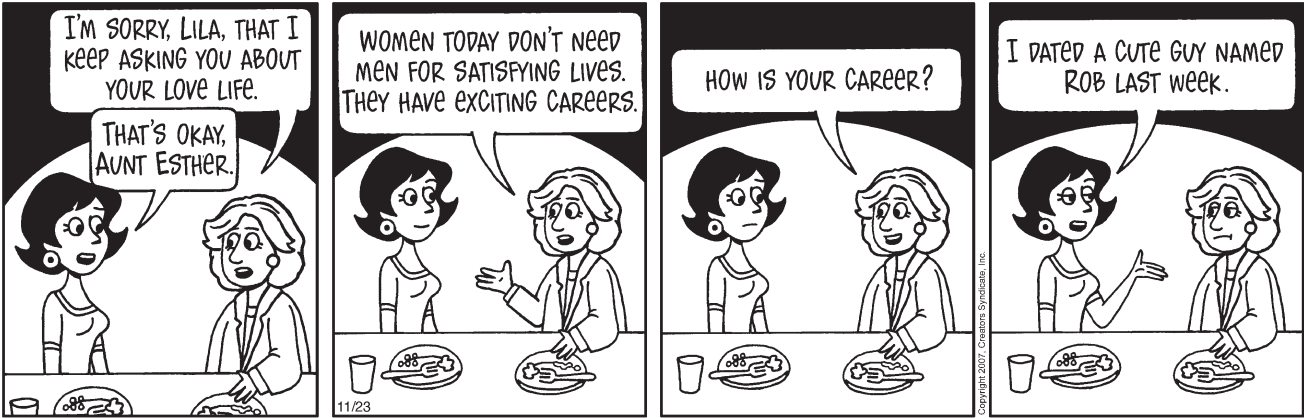
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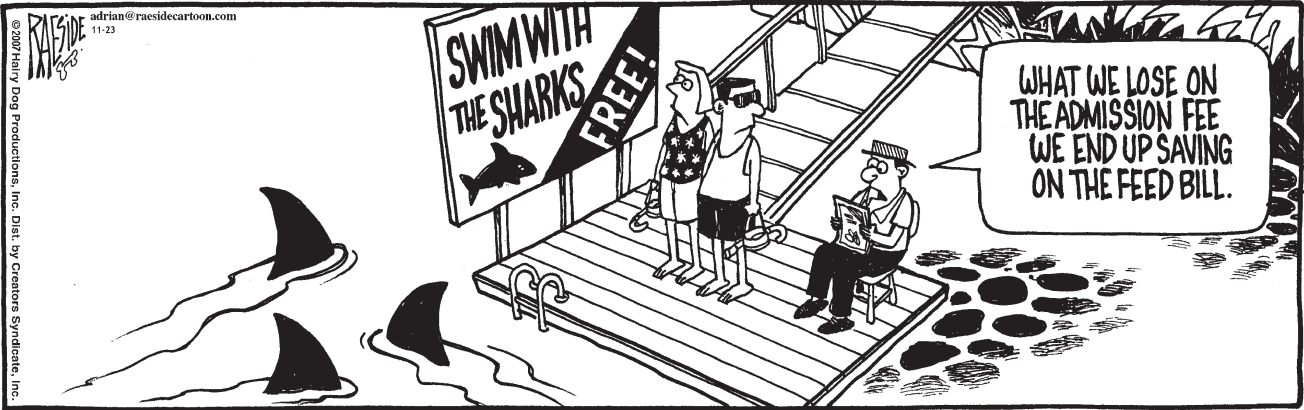
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Play groups
 - 6 Grating sounds
 - 11 Hawke of film
 - 12 Kind of committee
 - 13 Téa of "Deep Impact"
 - 14 Elk's cousin
 - 15 Track circuit
 - 16 Next-to-last letter
 - 18 Sewing aid
 - 19 Nile reptile
 - 20 Score apts.
 - 21 Sulky state
 - 22 "Mad About You" co-star
 - 24 Smack
 - 25 Web participant
 - 27 Portent
 - 29 Roger Miller song
 - 32 Photo blowup: Abbr.
 - 33 Chest muscle, for short
 - 34 Yr. parts
 - 35 Bordeaux buddy
 - 36 Bat material
- DOWN**
- 37 Dadaist Jean
 - 38 Beam producer
 - 40 Loser to Dwight
 - 42 Say
 - 43 Esther of films
 - 44 Annoying
 - 45 Toady's words

- DOWN**
- 1 Wine spot
 - 2 Relaxed
 - 3 Super-market aids
 - 4 Shoe hue
 - 5 Brief extract
 - 6 "Ground-hog Day" director

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- Yesterday's answer**
- 7 Commotion
 - 8 Sale settings
 - 9 Bouquets
 - 10 Bouquets
 - 17 Long steps
 - 23 Capitol Bldg. worker
 - 24 Boxer Norton
 - 26 Millard's predecessor
 - 27 Close tightly
 - 28 Cell resident
 - 30 Esprit
 - 31 Spots
 - 33 Ward off
 - 39 "It's a mouse!"
 - 41 Fawn's mom

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2nd: 12 Lucky Charms
3rd: 09 Winning Spirit
RACE TIME: 1:45:29

NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

Community activist Steven Myrick, 41, was convicted in October of a rape in Torrance, Calif., that had gone unsolved for seven years. Myrick had called attention to himself during a public housing demonstration in which he mooned police officers and was arrested (and a subsequent DNA test tied him to the rape).

The Lancashire (England) Police recently concluded its investigation of Constable Jayson Lobo, finding that he merely committed errors, and not fraud, in his expense account (with discrepancies totaling the equivalent of less than \$200). The Times of London reported that the investigation cost the equivalent of about \$1 million.

Coast Guard officials said they rescued Louis Pasquale, 35, near Freeport, N.Y., in September as he was towing his disabled 35-foot fishing boat back to port 20 miles away by dragging it behind an inflatable boat he was paddling against the current. (He had covered about 100 yards in three hours.)

In August in Middlesex Township, Pa., two men from Virginia, who were on the job for a moving company, were detained by police for public intoxication in a motel parking lot, fighting over the question of whether Virginia is north or south of Pennsylvania.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1927 Columbine Mine Massacre: Striking coal miners were allegedly attacked with machine guns by a detachment of state police dressed in civilian clothes.

1941 The radio program King Biscuit Time is broadcast for the first time (it would later become the longest running daily radio broadcast in history and the most famous live blues radio program).

1942 The completion of the Alaska Highway (also known as the Alcan Highway) is celebrated (however, the highway was not usable by general vehicles until 1943).

1953 Authorities at the British Natural History Museum announce that the "Piltdown Man" skull, held to be one of the most famous fossil skulls in the world, was a hoax.

1962 The Chinese People's Liberation Army declares a unilateral cease-fire in the Sino-Indian War.

1967 Vietnam War: American General William Westmoreland tells news reporters: "I am absolutely certain that whereas in 1965 the enemy was winning, today he is certainly losing."

WORD UP!

chagrin \shuh-GRIN/, *noun*: 1. Acute vexation, annoyance, or embarrassment, arising from disappointment or failure. *transitive verb*: 1. To unsettle or vex by disappointment or humiliation; to mortify.

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Mr. Hulot's Holiday (NR)
 7:30

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Across the Universe (PG-13)
 4:50, 7:45, 10:50

Dan in Real Life (PG-13)
 11:45am, 2:15, 4:40, 7:25, 10:00

Lars and the Real Girl (PG-13)
 11:05am, 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40

Michael Clayton (R)
 11:15am, 2:05

The Mist (R)
 11:00am, 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 11:00

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American Gangster (R)
 12:00, 3:15, 6:45, 10:10

Beowulf (PG-13)
 10:45am, 1:30, 4:20, 7:05, 9:50

Beowulf: Digital 3D (PG-13)
 11:45am, 2:30, 5:20, 8:05, 10:50

Enchanted (PG)
 10:30am, 11:15am, 1:05, 2:00, 3:45, 4:45, 6:30, 7:30, 9:15, 10:15

Fred Claus (PG)
 11:00am, 2:15, 5:00, 7:50, 10:40

Hitman (R)
 10:35am, 12:55, 3:25, 5:50, 8:25, 10:55

LAEMMLE'S MONICA
FOURPLEX
1332 2nd Street
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Before the Devil Knows You're Dead (R)
 1:20, 4:10, 7:10, 10:00

I'm Not There (R)
 12:20, 3:30, 7:00, 10:10

No Country for Old Men (R)
 1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:55

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August Rush (PG)
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Bee Movie (PG)
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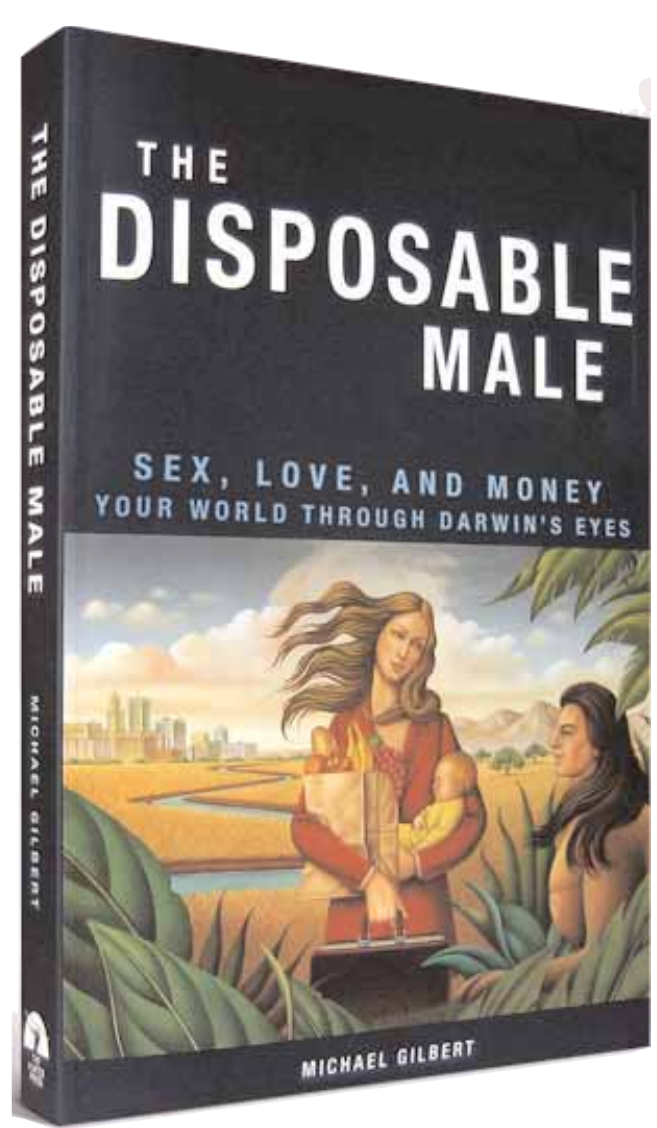
Lions for Lambs (R)
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Love in the Time of Cholera (R)
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Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium (G)
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This Christmas (PG-13)
 11:40am, 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:20

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“The Disposable Male” By Michael Gilbert Hunter Press

BOOKREVIEW

BY DANE ROBERT SWANSON

It's time someone addressed this subject. Men are being made disposable and women are being forced to become something they were not meant to be. Under the sub-title “Sex, Love, and Money – Your World Through Darwin's Eyes,” the author divides the sexes into hunters and gatherers. This important division runs through the book.

This study is divided into four sections following a chronological organization. It starts with the Big Bang and moves on into the future. In 287 pages the study attempts to prove – “The individual and collective detachment from our natural heritage is the primary culprit behind the marginalization of men, the overburdening of women, and the failing of modern relationships.”

This handbook looks at the current situation in which the man is pretty much an appendage. It sees men as the hunters of old. They would go out. Get the food. Bring it home. The women were gatherers. They would prepare the food. Cook it. Carry the child in the womb. Take care of the child.

What we see today is the woman can go out and be the hunter. She can get a job. Provide for the family. Yet she must also be the gatherer. Get pregnant. Carry the child. In fact, today, all she needs is the sperm, not the father. Technology has made it that easy. The woman has the pill. If she should decide she doesn't want the child she has the right to an abortion and she doesn't have to tell her husband or sperm donor about it. He has no rights, yet he has the responsibility to pay for the child even if it is not his; it is her word against his.

We may hear the cry of feminism. The author is clear that the American feminist movement dates back to 1848 when the feminist activists at that time argued for: “Equality

under the law, the right to vote, full access to education, the woman's right not to work, to stay home and weave the social fabric.” So much was lost, according to the author, in the second wave of feminism emerging in the 1960s which put a new spin on it. The woman was empowered. She became a separate class of victimized citizens.

Gilbert points out, “If there is nothing special about femininity, there's no need to make masculinity special either. Women can now go to war and fight and die along side the men.”

Also, they can go to work now at unisex offices. “The unisex office serves only to further confound the confused male, who is born a bit bewildered and reared around neutered schoolrooms and playing fields.

“Unable to detect or unwilling to admit to distinct inclinations between men and women, sexual dynamics in the workplace open up another playpen for social and legal agitation,” the author points out. “Under current interpretations, harassment can be reduced to just about anything that creates feelings of displeasure or embarrassment.”

This is the point of the book. We, as a society, are evolving and sometimes the evolution is not beneficial. “In its' purest interpretation, evolution dictates no particular outcome,” the author points out. There is a price to pay.

This handbook is a good start to understanding what should be done.

Michael Gilbert is a Santa Monica Resident.

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

Cut out early, Gemini

Happy Birthday!

This year, don't get too caught up in having situations go your way. Sometimes you push very hard to get your way and then wonder why others vanish. If you are single, you will meet people in your daily travels. The quality of relationship that evolves has much to do with your temperament. If you are attached, the bond that exists between you two might need more neutrality. TAURUS knows what they want.

Born Today

Outlaw Billy the Kid (1859)
 Comedian Harpo Marx (1888)

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ Over your morning breakfast, you might think that this Black Friday will pass with ease. It won't happen as easily as you believe, when the afternoon displays confusion, misunderstandings and a general aura of disruption. Tonight: Consider doing your own thing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ What appears as a foolproof idea turns out to be just the opposite by the afternoon. You are more in control than you realize. Relax and just flow. Let plans change. Allow a family member to have a greater say. Tonight: What would make you happy?

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★ Perhaps all that has occurred has taken a much greater toll than you realize. If you are feeling exhausted, use this day just for yourself. Don't push at all, if you can avoid it. Think positively about a loved one at a distance. Tonight: Cut out early.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You smile, as much that is occurring pleases the Moon Child. You like seeing family and friends together. Frustration could set in when you least expect it. Understanding and flexibility can save the day, if not the moment. Tonight: There is a party wherever you are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Be willing to step up to the plate, where you will be needed. Don't take anything for granted. Just when you thought you were about to hit a home run, you find out that someone took away the home plate! Stay flexible. Tonight: A must appearance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You might try to approach a situation differently – not a bad idea at all. The more innovative you are, the better the end results will be. You could find that a misunderstanding impacts your plans. Tonight: Be willing to risk.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Work with others directly, and you might like more of what occurs. Remember, you don't need to see eye to eye. However, you do need to communicate. Confusion surrounds a relationship or a child. Tonight: Happy times are here.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Others want to steer the ship. Make it your pleasure. Sometimes, more often than not, others need to know what would happen if they follow through on their ideas. Confusion surrounds relationships. Tonight: As you like.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Though the rest of the world might be running around in fifth gear, there is no rule that says you need to keep that pace. In fact, it would be wise to slow down and relax. Take this day just for yourself! Tonight: Don't push yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Your imagination could save the day as you perceive a problem opening up out of the blue. Getting both parties to understand that their differences are OK might be somewhat of a task. Tonight: Where you are, others are smiling.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ If you can stay close to home, you will be a lot happier. You cannot always have everything fall as you would like it to. Sometimes, as a result, you refuse to look at life with a hard dose of reality. Misunderstandings can ensue. Tonight: Visit with family.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Your word choice can determine the final result of a difficult situation. You might want to back off and see a matter from another perspective. Allow someone to express his or her confusion, and then you both can find peace. Tonight: Catch up on family news.

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