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Community politics

LA Daily News

Re "MTA agrees to the name 'Expo Line'" (Aug. 25):

Councilman Bernard Parks is worried about involving the community, yet has not asked the community newspapers like the Wave and Sentinel or the neighborhood councils in on the discussion and have them weigh in on it.

It is amazing that Parks is so stubborn about the color of this line and worries about "the poorer communities it runs through could gain economic benefits by having a rail line that brands their area." Wouldn't having a Trader Joe's, tree-lined streets and safer streets help the community and gain economic benefits? Methinks this is a diversion to ensure his re-election next year.

- Deric Harris

Los Angeles

Under the ruse

Re "L.A. sues to force Kern County to take waste" (Aug. 25):

Kern County is upset with L.A. for dumping our sewage sludge on them. I agree. The concept of trucking thousands of tons of human waste 100 miles over a 4,100-foot mountain pass is ludicrous, especially when done under the ruse of environmentalism. I've driven behind those poop trucks, and they stink badly.

The vile odor lingers in the Sepulveda Pass long after the caravans travel up the 405 in the evening. Furthermore, is the waste of fuel and the exhaust pollution "environmentally friendly"? I bet that the cost of diesel fuel to move the sludge to date is more than it would have cost to extend the El Segundo ocean-treated sewage discharge pipe all the way to Guam. Bureaucracy at its finest.

- Charles L. Murray

Santa Clarita

Cell-phone fines

Re "Hang up phone or be fined" (Aug. 26):

Our legislators in Sacramento are a bunch of idiots. This bill about cell phones and talking while driving, if passed, is not to start till '08. What about all the other bills that, when passed, started right away?

Those idiots are not out to protect the public. We should get people in Sacramento who are for us and not special interests.

- Bernard E. Beiner

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Not in vain

Re "Necropsy on Los Angeles Zoo elephant Gita is inconclusive" (Aug. 25):

The necropsy report on the L.A. Zoo elephant Gita documents the zoo's failure to provide timely medical care and the extent of