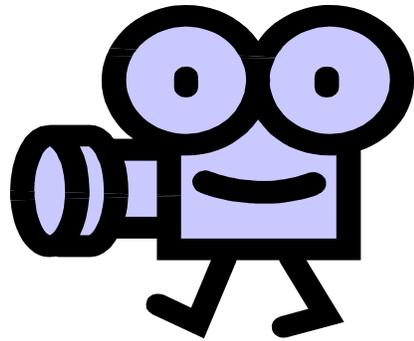


# Short Takes

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“Wal-Mart’s decision to sell generic drugs for \$4 per prescription will not cut appreciably into other chains’ prescription drug sales, according to some market analysts who follow the drugstore chain business. Others say the move could be the first salvo in a battle that will change the generic drug retailing landscape. A report by Lehman Bros. says that many customers of Wal-Mart’s competitors are already paying only \$10 or so for prescriptions and are therefore unlikely to switch from the convenient drugstore locations where they now obtain their prescriptions. ‘A chain drugstore customer will now have to choose if the average out-of-pocket cost savings of \$6 per drug is worth the time and energy required to switch a prescription to Wal-Mart and drive the extra distance to a Wal-Mart store,’ the Lehman Bros. report says. It also says, ‘We do not believe the drug retailers will see a meaningful impact’ from the \$4 prescription price.”



Kern County City Managers; Fire Services agreements.



City Council Regular and Special Meetings; Council Committees; Staff Meetings.



News media briefings; KZIQ radio commentaries; Daily Independent column; meetings with individual members of the press.



Host City of Roxas (Philippines) Councilman Dadvivas.



Tom Myers, Cal-Trans; review Cal-Trans projects and grants in Ridgecrest.



Carol Vaughn; residential development.



PAM Corporation; various developments.



Labor negotiations.