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THE I THOUGHT WE WERE GREEN ISSUE

Big Blue Bus hit with hefty fine

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Santa Monica might be one of the most environmentally-conscious cities in the country, but the community's own public transit agency was recently hit with a $21,000 fine for some eco-unfriendly practices.

The California Air Resources Board on Monday announced that it fined the Big Blue Bus for failing to test, measure and maintain records of smoke emissions from its diesel fleet in 2006 and 2007.

Agencies are required to submit reports annually.

The Big Blue Bus was also found to have violated the state's fleet rule for transit agencies, which requires that entities keep diesel emissions no higher than 60 percent of 2005 levels.

The agency exceeded the threshold on Dec. 31, 2007.

A representative from the Big Blue Bus could not be reached for comment.

The fine will be divided into three parts — $15,768 for the California Air Pollution Control Fund, which finances research for improving air quality; $2,628 to the Peralta Community College to help support emission education classes; and $2,628 for the California Pollution Financing Authority, which provides loans to off-road vehicles that need to be retrofitted to comply with state standards.

Big Blue Bus staff members who are responsible for complying with state smoking test regulations will also be required to attend diesel education courses while bus drivers will be held to state regulations on engine idling.

The agency will also have to supply copies of smoke test inspection compliance records for 2008-11.

Karen Caesar, spokeswoman for the Air Resources Board, said that while the fine might seem surprising considering Santa Monica's status as one of the greenest cities in the country, in reality many agencies do make mistakes.

She pointed to a list of groups that have been fined in the past several weeks, including

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HOEDOWN: **Sean Hobin works on his plot at the Santa Monica Community Garden on Main and Strand streets Monday afternoon. City officials are considering setting up a registry in which private property owners would allow local gardeners to use their land to plant crops and share in the harvest.**

City Hall explores pairing property owners with local gardeners

BY MELODY HANATANI
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MAIN STREET For several hours every week, life for Helene Zuckerman is confined to a 400-square-foot retreat.

It is in the small nook of the Santa Monica Community Gardens on Main Street where Zuckerman cultivates her own produce section, covering nearly every inch with fruits and vegetables, from the blackberries sprawled along the fence to the Swiss chard on the ground.

"Every year I grow different things and learn more," Zuckerman said. "Everything is organic and tastes delicious."

She has maintained the garden for less than three years but had to wait nearly three times as long to call it her own.

The popularity of the community gardens program — which has a waiting list 175 residents long — has led to a dearth that can't match the growing demand, forcing city officials to get creative when looking at ways to expand opportunities for Santa Monicans with the green thumb itch.

One option City Hall has been exploring for several months is to create a registry that would match prospective growers with private property owners who have the land but not the time to garden.

"We would see our role as more of a registry to connect people but have them make their own arrangements," Kathy LePrevost,

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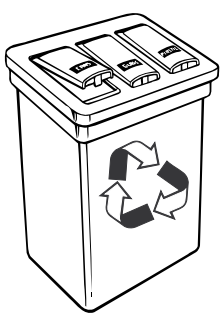
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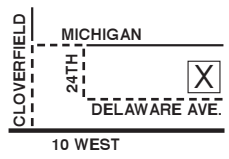


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Join Mr. Jesse for some music, rhymes, stories and puppets for children 24-36 months old accompanied by an adult. Registration is required. Call (310) 392-3804 for more information.

Free tasting
Zinc Lounge at Shade Hotel
Manhattan Beach, 6 p.m. — 7 p.m.
Join the folks of Zinc Lounge for complimentary wine tasting. Zinc Lounge presents an hour of wine sharing and socializing on their heated terrace. Each week will boast a different vineyard for a sensorial adventure each and every Tuesday. Cost is free. For more information, call (310) 546-4995.

Wednesday, April 1, 2009

Green Living Workshop
Santa Monica Public Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m. —8:30 p.m.
Be part of the solution. Educate and empower yourself with simple steps that save our environment and you money. This six-week workshop covers water, energy, waste, chemicals, transportation & travel, and shopping & food. Cost is free. For more information, visit www.sustainableworks.eventbrite.com.

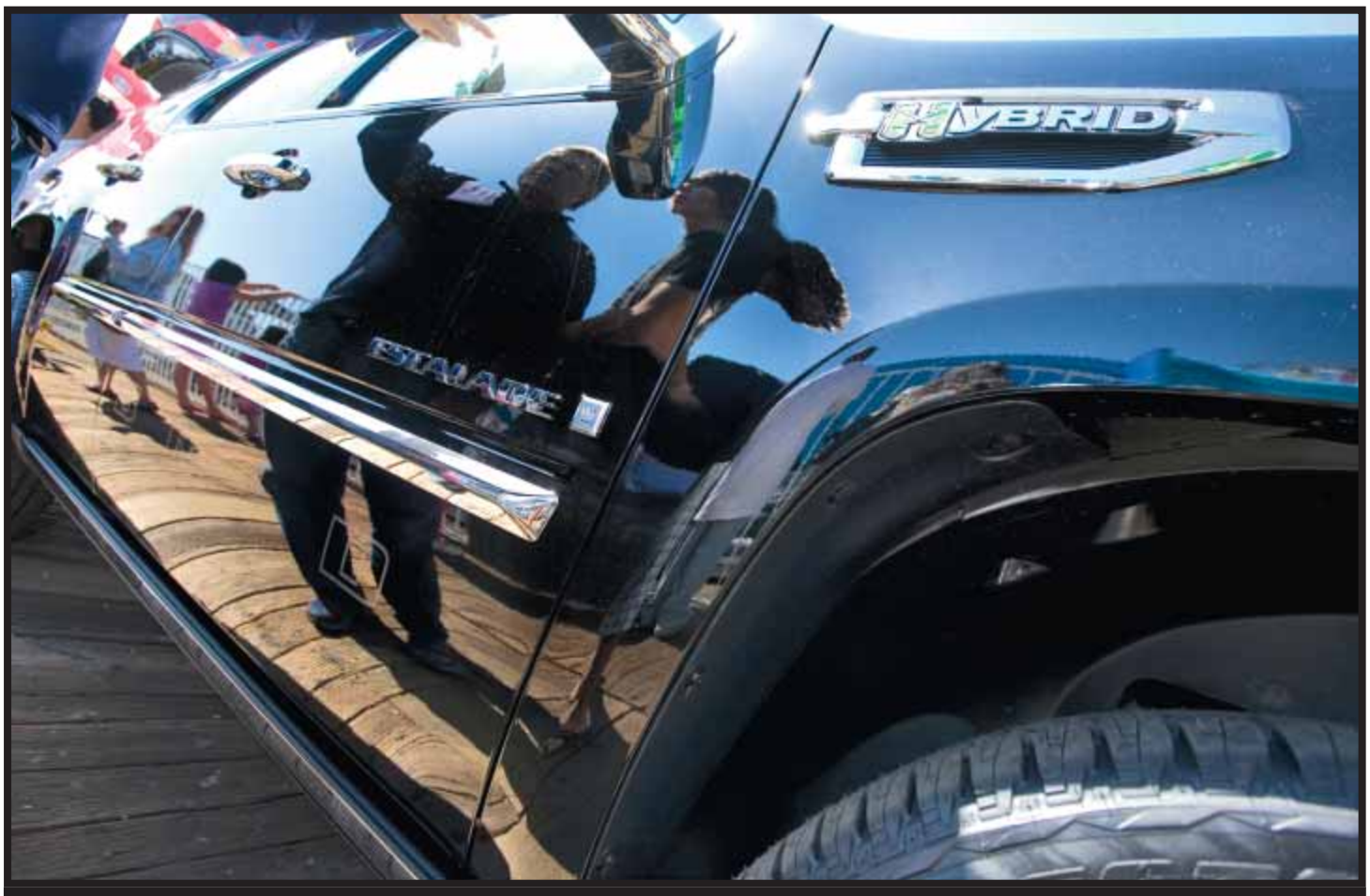
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Sound Semantics
O'Brien's
2941 Main St., 10 p.m. —1 a.m.
Sound Semantics, folk pop/rock band from Portland will be in Santa Monica during their Pacific Sounds Duo Tour along the west coast this spring. With special guests Rococo, a local Santa Monica indie-pop group, Sound Semantics will greet some old friends and hopefully make new ones. Come support a local business and not-so-local music!

Free Tax Assistance
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd. 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Volunteers provide free income tax preparation assistance to low-income, elderly, disabled and limited English speaking people.

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.





VROOM, VROOM

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

People look at the 2008 Cadillac Escalade Hybrid Saturday afternoon at Pacific Park's Alternative Fuel Vehicle Day. Hybrid cars from General Motors and Toyota were featured, showing people how far the technology has come.

Calif. stations face deadline for new gas pumps

NOAKI SCHWARTZ
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO Service station owners throughout California face a Wednesday deadline to install gasoline pumps that reduce air pollution, a costly development that prompted a trade association to warn that thousands of stations might close.

Those fears now appear overblown. Thousands of gas stations have already complied, and those that have not are expected to be given additional time.

Lawmakers also are considering emergency legislation that would provide grant money to help ease the financial pain of a retrofit that can cost $11,000 per pump.

"I think there are some people who probably waited because it was always difficult to do the financing and never expected the economic calamity that we have now," said state Assemblyman Ira Ruskin, D-Redwood City. "We don't want these stations to close simply because they can't get credit in these tough times."

His emergency bill would make $8 million in grants available for the upgrades and would take effect immediately if it gets the two-thirds support in the Legislature.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has written to lawmakers urging them to pass a bill that would help financially strapped station owners defray the cost. State Sen. Dave Cox, R-Fair Oaks, is pushing legislation that would postpone implementation for a year, but it won't be heard until after the deadline passes.

Station owners have known since 2000 that they would be required to install new pumps, nozzles, hoses and other vapor-capturing devices. The requirement is expected to cut smog-causing emissions by 40 percent.

Some states have followed California by adopting part of the requirement, the nation's most stringent gas-pump regulation.

Nearly 40 percent of California's estimated 11,000 gas stations have been fitted with the new systems, leaving the majority to face potential fines for missing the April 1 deadline.

Tom Kise, spokesman for a coalition of gas stations, had warned that thousands of stations would close if owners were not given more time to secure funding.

"It's not the Chevrons of the world, or BP or ARCO," said Kise, representing the 150-member Responsible Clean Air Coalition. "These are mom-and-pop stations."

The California Air Resources Board, which is in charge of implementing the regulations, has deferred enforcement to local air districts throughout the state. Spokesman Leo Kay said those districts have pledged to act with discretion to avoid disruptions to station owners and motorists.

City Hall a parking pooper?

BY TEDDY LESHNICK
Special to the Daily Press

SM BEACH There's a misunderstanding between City Hall, the Surfrider Foundation and Heal the Bay as to what benefits the environment more — having lots of people drive to beach cleanups every month or having fewer cleanups in exchange for less driving.

Two weekends ago, the Surfrider Foundation had its first Santa Monica beach cleanup in over a year. In 2008, beach trash didn't disappear from the sand. Rather, a bureaucratic roadblock deterred Surfrider from parking at beach lots and conducting cleanups.

Until the end of 2007, City Hall gave free parking permits to beach cleaning volunteers and other nonprofits. This changed in January 2008 when the City Council voted in favor of no longer allowing free parking for nonprofits such as Surfrider.

Councilman Richard Bloom said at the time of the vote that the council was "sending the message that it's important for us to try and use alternative means of getting there; carpooling being one of them. … Sustainability is a priority."

City Hall's rationale was that beach cleanups are environmental events and participants shouldn't attend by driving personal vehicles, Liz Bar-El, assistant to the city manager for management services, said.

"The council didn't want to encourage people to drive," Bar-El said. "Free parking encourages people to drive."

Most environmentalists were surprised that Santa Monica, a green conscious city, changed this policy.

"Everyone sees this as a public service, usually the city is pretty thankful," Wesley Negus, Surfrider Foundation's West Los Angeles chapter chair, said.

The change in policy might be understandable if only Santa Monicans were attending, but people drive all the way from Pasadena to attend the cleanups, Negus said.

"They have to pay eight bucks to give up

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A pooch problem

Editor:

The recent column by Jack Neworth regarding the dogs at The Shores apartments is laughable ("Shores goes to the dogs," page 5, March 27). As a former resident, I have a very different take on the situation. When I moved in I saw one dog and it had a harness that said "Service Dog."

As time went by, I saw more and more dogs. At first they were small dogs and then people started getting larger dogs and some even had two dogs. One day I was in the elevator and a person got in with a dog. The dog proceeded to pee on the floor. When we got to the lobby she just walked away without a word. The situation is totally out of control.

All these folks go to the doctor and ask for a note so they can have a service dog. It's deceitful because most are just pets, nothing more.

They are taking advantage of a loophole in the Americans With Disabilities Act. This is what you call an unintended consequence? I truly feel for the management of The Shores. They have tried to control the situation to no avail. So Jack, take off your rose-colored glasses and see it for what it really is. Not everyone wants to get into an elevator and have a dog jump on them.

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It could be much worse

Editor:

Mr. Woody is typical of the average conservative who has been taught to hate President Obama by right wing bigots like Rush Limbaugh.

The GOP is doing everything it can to undermine Obama and cause him to fail. The goal is to deflect criticism from how Bush's policies escalated terrorism and are largely responsible for the worldwide economic collapse.

They continue to deny how Bush's tax reductions for the rich, deregulation, corporate downsizing and outsourcing, sent American jobs overseas.

Mr. Woody overlooks how past Republican administrations are responsible for the largest deficits in history. Even Bush Sr. knew that trickle down was a scam and called it "voodoo economics."

Mr. Woody also conveniently ignores how future generations will be paying for the war in Iraq. However, I do agree with Woody that small business should receive reduced taxes, and corporate bankers, brokers and financial managers should not be bailed out, and go to jail with Bernie Madoff.

Under Obama, future deficit spending is finally going to be spent primarily on things that will benefit us and our children, instead of insane wars.

Unfortunately, it will be even more expensive, and extremely difficult now to counter terrorism around the world. We lost our best chance to wipe out the Taliban, destroy al-Qaida, and capture bin Laden at Tora Bora, because Bush opened another front in Iraq.

I have little optimism that Hillary can stuff the genie back in the bottle. I worry that Obama is making too many concessions to be bi-partisan,

in order to get the stimulus passed, and for fear he will be called a socialist if he takes the radical steps that are necessary to save our economy. It will take a miracle for Obama to succeed, but we would be far worse off under McCain/Palin.

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What's the Point?

David Pisarra — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

In the age of irony

IRONY. I JUST LOVE IT AS A TOOL TO emphasize a point. It has many definitions, one of which is, "incongruity between what might be expected and what actually occurs." It can be used to elicit strong emotions, such as in O'Henry's "The gift of the Magi," where newlyweds sell their prized possessions to enhance the prized possessions of their spouse. The wife sells her hair to get a chain for the pocket watch that he sells to buy her a set of beautiful hair brushes.

Today's story of irony is about an enforcement action against a possible new business in the city of Santa Monica that has now been put in danger of never happening because our city government is so very proactive in enforcing the laws of the land.

I'm not talking about the annual visit I get each year from the ever handsome firemen to make sure that I have a fire extinguisher and no illegal hazardous activities in my small law office. Nor the annual reminder that I have to pay a business license fee in order to work.

What I am talking about are the overly zealous police officers, inspectors, and city attorneys who like to create a Potemkin Village of being tough on crime, and pro-business. This usually manifests itself in the crackdown of some nefarious crime. For me it was Sept. 1, 9 a.m., I was turning left from Pico onto 3rd street. Officer Lee pulled me over for an egregious violation of the vehicle code.

My tags had expired, literally nine hours previously. At midnight on August 31, I had yet to receive the tags from the DMV. I had proof that I paid the registration, but the officious officer would have none of it.

Today's lead character is Paul Pearson. You've seen him around town. He drives that bright green little electric car. It looks like the skeleton to a grasshopper. It's based on a sprint car design and if you attended the 4th of July parade in either of the last two years you would have seen him in the electric car section of the parade.

He built that car himself, from the ground up, right here in Santa Monica. He had it registered with the DMV properly, and had it inspected by the California Highway Patrol. The car is totally legit.

But, our city is choosing to prosecute him for the crime of "manufacturing a car without a license." The city, in conjunction with the DMV, setup a "sting operation" to find out if Paul would help two men, "convert a Thunderbird" to electric. The "take down" involved over 14 personnel, from the police, fire, housing and DMV. I'm guessing, but most of those 14 people had to have an hourly cost close to $50, so that's $700 an hour to get this 52-year-old-guy who was working out of a garage, with no signs, no sales force, and a "factory" the size of Michael D's Café dining area.

Paul is a lifelong mechanic and prop maker for the movies. When it comes to making things, his first answer is always yes, and he'll figure out "the how" later. He's active with the Sustainable Transport Club.

TODAY'S STORY OF IRONY IS ABOUT AN ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST A POSSIBLE NEW BUSINESS IN THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA THAT HAS NOW BEEN PUT IN DANGER OF NEVER HAPPENING BECAUSE OUR CITY GOVERNMENT IS SO VERY PROACTIVE IN ENFORCING THE LAWS OF THE LAND.

I intervened in this matter with City Attorney Gary Rhoades in an attempt to reach a settlement. I tried to point out that Paul hadn't actually manufactured any cars beyond his own, and that it was registered and signed off by the DMV. I suggested that perhaps a better use of the city's limited resources in this tight economic era would be to go after real criminals like the taggers. I was told that I was not taking this very seriously.

The irony for me is that we have an entire city department devoted to sustainability, both ecologically, and economically. Their job is to make sure that we have clean water and good business opportunities. We have City Council members who get re-elected touting their green credentials. We spend hundreds of thousands of dollars to incorporate electric cars into our public fleet of vehicles.

Yet when one man tries to do his part, City Hall uses the full weight of its authority to crush innovation and his entrepreneurial spirit. It's this type of incongruity which makes irony such a delicious tool, except when it puts men like Paul Pearson out of business. The worst part for us as a society is the chilling effect on others who would want to start a company in their garage in our little burg. It's a good thing that Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak weren't creating Apple Computers here, or we might not have the iPod today.

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Back to Nature

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More plastic than plankton in the Pacific

A MASS OF PLASTIC IN THE PACIFIC Ocean, increasing tenfold each decade since 1945, is now the size of Texas and killing everything in its wake.

Each hour North Americans consume and discard about 2.75 million plastic water and soda bottles; that's 24 billion a year. Some of those bottles are now in the oceans.

Globally, 100 million tons of plastic are generated each year and at least 10 per cent of that is finding its way into the sea. The United Nations Environmental Program now estimates that there are 46,000 floating pieces of plastic for every square mile of ocean. Some of that trash circulating the globe is 95 feet deep.

Worldwide, each year 250 billion pounds of small plastic pellets called nurdles — the feedstock for all disposable plastics are shipped and billions are spilled during transfer in and out of railroad cars. Those spilled nurdles are ending up in gutters and drains and eventually carried into the ocean. And some are even washing up on the shores of Antarctica.

In just three days in 2006 a quarter of billion nurdles washed down the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers into the Pacific.

The U.S. produces about 15 billion pounds of plastic each year and only 1 per cent of it is recycled. As a matter of fact, the average American uses 223 pounds of plastic each year and by 2011 it's projected to be as high as 326 pounds per annum. Plastic is a petroleum by-product and the most commonly produced resin in North America includes: polyethylene, polypropylene and polystyrene.

Long chain molecules that make up plastic are durable and long lasting. In the ocean they may take 500 years to break down. Sunlight photo-degrades plastic breaking it into smaller and smaller pieces. Yet, even a single molecule of plastic is indigestible by any known organism

At least 80 per cent of the plastic in the ocean originated from the land. Thousands of cargo containers fall overboard in stormy seas each year. In 2002, 33,000 blue-and-white Nike basketball shoes were spilled off the coast of Washington.

Plastic in the ocean acts like sponges attracting neuron-toxins like mercury and pyrethroids insecticides, carcinogens such as PCBs, DDT and PBDE (the backbone of flame retardants), and man-made hormones like progesterone and estrogen that at high levels induce both male and female reproductive parts on a single animal.

Each year a million sea birds and 100,000 sharks, turtles, dolphins and whales die from eating plastic.

Nurdles resemble fish eggs or roe and tuna and salmon feed on them indiscriminately. Around 2.5 billion humans eat fish regularly. Plastic and other man-made toxins are polluting the global food chain and it's escalating at an unprecedented rate.

The Great Pacific Garbage Patch is actually comprised of two enormous masses of ever-growing garbage. The Eastern Garbage Patch floats between Hawaii and California. The Western Garbage Patch extends east of Japan to the western archipelago of the Hawaiian Islands. A narrow 6,000-mile long current called the Subtropical Convergence Zone connects the patches.

The massive clockwise North Pacific Gyre is carrying plastic that is over 50 years old. Last year, plastic found in the stomach of an albatross had a serial number traced to a World War II seaplane shot down just south of Japan in 1944 and identified over 60 years later off the West Coast of the U.S.

Currently, there is six times more plastic than plankton floating in the middle of the Pacific.

The North Pacific Gyre, its ocean currents and winds have essentially become a giant toilet bowl that regularly disgorges metres of plastic onto Hawaii's Big Island. Kamilo Beach is often covered in plastic lighters, toothbrushes, water bottles, pens, nurdles, baby bottles, cell phones and plastic bags. About a half trillion plastic bags are manufactured each year around the globe.

Oceanographers and conservation biologists believe the only way to contend with the Great Pacific Garbage Patch is to slow the amount of plastic flowing from the land to the sea. Buy six organic cotton shopping bags. Use them instead of supermarket plastic bags. Make it a habit to return those bags to the trunk of your car after unpacking groceries. Re-use your plastic water bottles. If you can refill one bottle for a day then why not attempt it for a week.

Thermal conversion landfills will soon render all landfill trash neutral and prevent landfills from contaminating ground water and haphazardly leaking the potent greenhouse gas methane into the atmosphere.

In the meantime, each of us must deliberately reduce the amount of trash we generate, and in particular the quantity of disposable plastic that are carelessly being discarded — because the ocean and all of its life forms are suffocating.

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The Q Line

More student bodies?

Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District officials are considering increasing class sizes to cover budget shortfalls.

So this week's Q-Line question asks:

Do you feel that increased class sizes would negatively impact students or do you believe that it is necessary in light of the current economic situation?

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Nano car comes with heavy baggage

SOME SUPER-EXPENSIVE CARS, INCLUDING Ferrari, Rolls-Royce and Bentley are available with custom fitted luggage, done-up in the same color and material which graces the car's interior.

The Tata Nano — the world's most inexpensive production car, publicly launched last week in New Delhi, India, at a price of 100,000 rupees — also comes with its own baggage, but not the kind which many car-buyers would want.

Depending on the Indian rupee's exchange value, 100,000 rupees equals about $2,000 as Nano hits showrooms throughout the Subcontinent.

But what about that baggage?

Tata, Nano and New Delhi have all become poster children for a nameless, uncaring Indian government bureaucracy, corporate arrogance and a seeming willingness by government and industry there to consider their own benefit first, and those of citizens last.

In studying maps of India, it was hard to miss the name "Bhopal." In 1984, an accident at a Union Carbide subsidiary pesticide plant released tons of toxic gas, exposing over 500,000 people to the poison.

The first official immediate death toll was 2,259. A more probable figure is that 8,000 died within two weeks, and it is estimated that an additional 8,000 have since died from gas-related diseases. The Bhopal disaster is frequently cited as the world's worst industrial disaster, so the Indian people have a recent, tragic history with large corporations.

The Tata plant where Nano was originally scheduled to be built (in West Bengal state) was shut down by protests after local residents protested what they said were illegal land-seizures to increase the factory's size and capability.

Tata was finally forced to delay the Nano's debut as the company moved production of the car from West Bengal state.

The car is being built in Sanand in the Ahmedabad district of Gujarat state (check the Web for maps showing these locations).

Tata is one of the biggest companies in India, if not the biggest, and its size allows the company to sell Nano, at least initially, for a very small profit or even at a loss. Toyota lost money on every Prius they sold for quite some time; often, it's better to get a new car or truck into the real world where people can see it, rather than to expect people to rush to showrooms to buy a brand-new, unproven product.

Tata is in good shape financially (they bought both Jaguar and Land Rover from Ford last year). One reason is that the company sells almost all their cars, trucks, earth-moving, farm equipment and other products within India; a home market of over one billion people keeps exports to a minimum.

WOULD AMERICANS BUY SUCH A SMALL CAR, WITH ONLY 33-HORSEPOWER AND A TOP SPEED OF BARELY 65 MILES PER HOUR?

Reuter's India reports that, "While the media and public launch (of Nano) was taking place in New Delhi, activists near Kolkata, in West Bengal, where Nano was originally slated to be built, were burning the car in effigy. The Trinamool Congress, a West Bengal opposition group, torched a mockup of the Nano in protest over land rights at the factory location."

In New Delhi, the Times of India reported "A small group of protesters made a less dramatic showing, but their T-shirt slogans were bold, reading: 'The ($2,500) car has people's blood on it.'"

Future plans for Nano?

A European version is planned for sale sometime in the next two to three years, and a U.S. version has been hinted at by the company.

Would Americans buy such a small car, with only 33-horsepower and a top speed of barely 65 miles per hour?

Nano would need big improvements to meet US safety standards. And in this current marketplace, U.S. dealers are having trouble selling even the tiny Smart car, and sales of BMW's Mini have slowed, too.

Are we ready for the Nano?

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The right way to retire that old clunker

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Debating the benefits of sharing our kids

I HAVE BEEN WONDERING RECENTLY IF it is it OK for me to write about my son here. I tell funny stories about him, my challenges with motherhood and, what got me thinking about this, our struggles with his developmental delay.

He is only 2 years old. Obviously, he cannot read. But it will be there when he can. How will he feel about people knowing about him? Am I invading his privacy?

I also teach writing to other mothers to help them document their experiences and to capture stories about their children. Am I helping them invade their own children too?

I feel I can answer my own question, not only as a writer, but as a subject, because I was also written about by my mother in a very public forum.

When I was 4, my father died, and when I was a little older, my mother wrote a children's book about our loss, "Rachel and the Upside Down Heart." She cast me, whether she meant to or not, as the poster child for grief. Perhaps no one actually saw me that way. But I did.

At times it was a role I cherished, especially when I realized around second grade that not everyone had a book written about them. It made me special and different.

I was proud of my mother, proud of us for surviving so well. Whenever anyone was sad or grieving, I'd give them the book and think, "There, you're better." I thought if I do nothing else in my life, this is enough to have been a part of this book.

Other times though, I wanted very little to do with it. Who was I to give advice to families in mourning, to tell a mother that her son would not be forever damaged after her husband died? That she should to look to me, who was actually insecure and at times lonely, as a shining example? I felt like a fraud.

The book often brought me back to what was missing in my life. It was hard to admit as I looked through the illustrations, that I did not always recognize the pictures of me looking so happy in the opening pages of the story before my father died.

To me, I was never that girl running around without a worry. I am a full-blown worrier. And I worried about how I came across. Sometimes being Rachel from "Rachel and The Upside Down Heart," being the girl that is OK by the end of the story, that is dealing beautifully, was too much to handle. Sometimes I just wanted to fall apart. And I admit I did as I entered my 20s.

But I found strength in writing. And I found strength in having this document, this book that my mother created. I had beautiful illustrations depicting my childhood. I had words that captured a specific, though difficult time in my life. This was a time I may otherwise have shut away never to have remembered.

So now as I look for ways to remember these early years with my child, in addition to taking numerous photos and videos, I write.

My son entered the world with quite a struggle. As my mother did, I turned to the page to find a way to express myself about this challenge in my life.

WHEN YOU WRITE ABOUT YOURSELF AND THOSE YOU LOVE, THERE IS THE HOPE THAT YOUR STORY WILL TOUCH SOMEONE ELSE. BUT IT IS NOT ONLY ABOUT THAT. FOR ME, PERHAPS FOR MY MOTHER WHEN SHE WROTE HER BOOK, IT IS ALSO AN OPPORTUNITY TO CAPTURE A TIME, A FEELING, A FLEETING REALITY.

I am extra aware of the burden I may be placing on him as the subject of my stories. Speaking from experience, I think he'll be just fine. He may even revel in it.

When you write about yourself and those you love, there is the hope that your story will touch someone else. But it is not only about that. For me, perhaps for my mother when she wrote her book, it is also an opportunity to capture a time, a feeling, a fleeting reality.

I know now it was not just my story that my mother told. And it is not just about my son in this column. It was also her story then — a young widow told through her daughter's experience. It is also my story now — a new mother finding her way down a path of motherhood with a son whose challenges were unexpected.

I think my son will get that.

As parents, we are the keepers of our children's memories and stories from their early years, whether that is as simple as when they took their first steps or as complicated as recording when things get complicated.

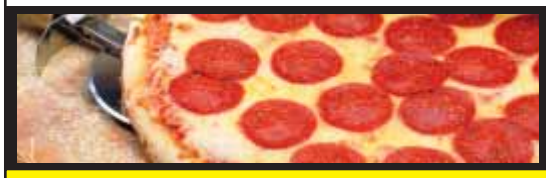
We are not rewriting the story. That we can never do. But to put into words what other people may avoid ever talking about, was a way for my mother, is a way for me, to take ownership.

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Community gardens grow in popularity

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the community programs manager for City Hall, said. "We're just trying to be the facilitator."

Councilman Kevin McKeown, who sent a similar proposal to city staff last week, called the concept "21st century urban sharecropping."

"Lots of Santa Monicans would love to have fresh produce for their families," he said. "Many have yards or lawns that would make perfect gardens, but can't commit the time to grow food crops.

"At the same time, we know we have willing gardeners who've been waiting for city community garden plots to open up."

McKeown said he is trying to get a hold of 100 families who are currently on the waiting list.

"I want to make sure there is real interest in this from gardeners," he said.

City Hall currently operates three community gardens spread throughout Santa Monica, which have about 117 plots amongst the trio — Main Street, Park Drive and the newest addition, Euclid Park.

Applicants must be a Santa Monica resident and pay $60 annually for their plot of land. Residents remain on the waiting list for about five years on average, LePrevost said.

Residents in the Pico Neighborhood have lobbied city officials to open a community garden in their area, pointing out a vacant lot at the corner of 20th Street and Delaware Avenue as an option. Others have suggested building rooftop gardens.

"I think there is a larger movement that people are plugging into for the need for urban farming and accessibility to local produce and having the connection between where your food comes from and the meal on your table," said Linda Piera-Avila, a 2008 City Council candidate and Pico Neighborhood Association board member. "There is more appreciation now than in the past concerning pesticide and resource usage and living more sustainably."

Piera-Avila also suggested that City Hall should consider building a public garden over the I-10 Freeway between 14th and 17th streets if it decides to deck it.

"It's amazing how abundant a community garden can be in a small amount of space," she said. "You have excess tomatoes and zucchinis to show all your neighbors and that builds community too, to share excess harvest."

Those who already have a plot seemed intrigued by the idea of pairing property owners with gardeners, but saw some potential problems in the arrangements.

Tom Davidson, a Downtown resident who has managed a 100-square-foot parcel at Park Drive since June of last year, pointed out that some vegetables, such as asparagus, could take two to three years to grow.

For the arrangement to be successful, the gardener would need at least a two-to-three-year commitment from the property owner, he said.

There is also the issue of privacy and whether the gardener would be allowed to show up whenever they please, Davidson added.

"But from a community point-of-view, it might be helpful," he said.

Davidson spends several hours a week working on his small garden where he brings his two sons — ages 3 and 5 — to learn about horticulture.

While the produce is tastier than what is purchased at a market, Davidson said there is a misperception that growing is a cheaper alternative, pointing out that he has invested about $1,000 into his garden while only consuming about $200 worth. Much of the money was spent on a new fence, pots, soil and seeds.

"I do it because I love gardening and for the educational experience," he said.

Zuckerman decided to apply for a community garden after learning about it through a friend. She remained on the waiting list for about eight years and had forgotten until she received a phone call from City Hall about an opening.

Several months after she began gardening, Zuckerman received a letter from the IRS notifying that she would be audited. Stressed out, Zuckerman drove to the garden where she spent several hours working.

When she returned home, Zuckerman picked up the letter again and was surprised that she had gone two hours without thinking about the audit.

"When I'm here, this is all I think about," Zuckerman said. "Nothing else exists really."

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Big Blue Bus fined for 'slip up'

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Temecula Valley Unified School District, which was slapped with a $18,500 penalty for failing to inspect its diesel trucks; the Ventura County Transportation Commission, which will have to pay $5,000 for excess diesel emissions; and Tulare County Area Transit, which was hit with a $5,250 fine for air quality violations.

"If you're someone who looks at Santa Monica as extremely progressive and a city that has gone above and beyond its duty to comply with environmental programs and developed its own environmental programs … then this would be surprising," Caesar said. "In the real world, public entities slip up and this was just a slip up and hopefully it won't happen again."

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'TIS THE SEASON

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Pride of Madeira (Echium candicans) blooms along the Santa Monica Beach Boardwalk on Friday, March 27. Pride of Madeira is a large evergreen shrub-like woody perennial with small white or purple blossoms in dense 20-inch-long cone shaped clusters. This plant flowers through spring and ends by the start of summer. Pride of Madeira is from the borage family (boraginaceae) that grows up to eight feet in full sun.

Lack of free parking hinders beach cleanup efforts

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their whole Saturday," Negus said. "They're going to have to pay as if they were going to surf."

Some City Hall employees think beach cleanup volunteers should receive free parking.

"It makes it difficult for people to do cleanups in the city," Dean Kubani, director of the Office of Sustainability and the Environment, said. "I don't necessarily agree with it."

Under the new policy, only people attending events organized by City Hall can receive the parking waivers.

On April 19, Heal the Bay is partnering with City Hall to put on a large beach cleanup. The only two times Heal the Bay can organize beach cleanups are on Earth Day and Coastal Cleanup Day because of the parking arrangements.

"It used to be that if you were a volunteer organization everyone knew you could get parking passes," Eveline Bravo, Heal the Bay beach programs manager, said.

Now, Heal the Bay has to apply six months in advance and pay $50 to get events approved by City Hall. This put an end to monthly beach cleanups that attracted hundreds of volunteers, Bravo said.

When the council was drafting the policy, it was important to make a concrete connection between City Hall and nonprofit groups that organize events, City Attorney Marsha Jones Moutrie said at the Jan. 22, 2008 council meeting.

"It isn't just a favor that city staffers give out [to certain non-profits]," she said. "It's not the lending our name to something."

In an interview last week, McKeown said the council had to consider access, making sure that everyone has an equal opportunity to park near the beach. It was not about environmental groups having to use alternative means of transportation.

"Parking at the beach is a public resource, and the council can't dispense free waivers to groups simply because we like them and feel they're doing good work," McKeown said. "We've had to turn down such requests from non-environmental nonprofits such as Veterans for Peace, who every Sunday donate hours setting up and tearing down Arlington West, as well."

Heal the Bay and Surfrider educate Santa Monica residents about environmental issues, which could be considered a benefit to the community. Educating the maximum number of volunteers is harder when paid parking deters people from attending cleanups.

"In these tight economic times, charging the full rate for beach parking may draw down attendance at the beach cleanups," Bob Bowman, a Surfrider Foundation volunteer said.

Surfrider might try to make their beach cleanups a city-sponsored event, but this adds a large burden to a small nonprofit organization, said Negus.

"It's another hoop we have to go through that we didn't have to before," he said. "It creates a disincentive for us."

Surfrider still conducts beach cleanups in other parts of Los Angeles, which offers it parking waivers. In Venice, the city lets Surfrider volunteers park for $1.

For the most recent Santa Monica beach cleanup, the Surfrider Foundation was under the impression it would get the parking waivers back. However, the permits weren't granted because Surfrider contacted City Hall the day before the event, Bar-El said.

City Hall is looking at beach cleanups from a very strange perspective, Negus said.

"They've got this thing backwards," he said. "The city desperately needs this. It's like we're asking a favor for us to do this for them."

Many Surfrider and Heal the Bay volunteers are upset because Santa Monica is a self-proclaimed green city, but have stopped a lot of beach cleanups under the new instructions, Bowman said.

"If a parole-violating transient can get a city-subsidized free sack lunch at OPCC," he said, "I see no reason why a law-abiding Heal the Bay or Surfrider volunteer can't get a discount when they park in a city lot for a beach cleanup."

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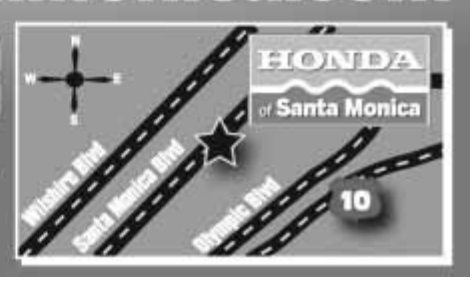
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Pres. Obama puts GM, Chrysler on short leash

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WASHINGTON President Barack Obama asserted unprecedented government control over the auto industry Monday, bluntly rejecting turnaround plans by General Motors Corp. and Chrysler LLC, demanding fresh concessions for long-term federal aid and raising the possibility of quick bankruptcy for either ailing auto giant.

Obama took the extraordinary step of announcing the government will back new car warranties issued by both GM and Chrysler, an attempt to reassure consumers their U.S.-made purchases will be protected even if the companies don't survive.

"I am absolutely committed to working with Congress and the auto companies to meet one goal: The United States of America will lead the world in building the next generation of clean cars," Obama said in his first extended remarks on the industry since taking office nearly 10 weeks ago. And yet, he added, "our auto industry is not moving in the right direction fast enough to succeed."

Obama, flanked by several administration officials at the White House, announced a short-term infusion of cash for the firms, and said it could be the last for one or both.

Chrysler, judged by the administration as too small to survive, got 30 days' worth of funds to complete a partnership with Fiat SpA, the Italian manufacturer, or some other automaker.

GM got assurances of 60 days' worth of federal financing to try and revise its turnaround plan under new management with heavy government participation. That would involve concessions from its union workers and bondholders. The administration engineered the ouster of longtime CEO Rick Wagoner over the weekend, an indication of its deep involvement in an industry that once stood as a symbol of American capitalism.

Obama's announcement underscored the extent to which automakers have been added to the list of large corporations now operating under a level of government control that seemed unthinkable less than a year ago. Since last fall, the Bush and Obama administrations, often acting in concert with the Federal Reserve, have engineered the takeover of housing titans Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, seized a large stake in several banks and installed a new CEO at bailed-out insurance giant American International Group.

The latest addition to the list, the once-proud auto industry, has struggled with foreign competition for more than a generation, then was further battered by the recession and credit crisis gripping the economy. Obama said 400,000 industry jobs have been lost in the past year alone, many in Michigan.

Under Fritz Henderson, newly named as CEO, General Motors issued a statement saying it hopes to avoid bankruptcy, but will "take whatever steps are necessary to successfully restructure the company, which could include a court-supervised process."

Chrysler Chairman Bob Nardelli sought to assure customers, dealers, suppliers and employees that the automaker "will operate 'business as usual' over the next 30 days" while working closely with the government and Fiat to secure the support of stakeholders.

Sergio Marchionne, CEO of Fiat, issued a statement calling the Obama administration's involvement "tough but fair, and we believe we will arrive at a result that will establish a credible future for this crucial industrial sector and that assigns the right priority to the repayment of U.S. taxpayers' funds."

Fiat executives have talked to administration officials about a proposal to acquire a 35 percent stake in Chrysler in exchange for small car technology, transmissions and other items that Chrysler has valued at $8-$10 billion.

There was no immediate response from the United AutoWorkers Union. One worker, Don Thompson, 56, of Chesterfield Township in Michigan, said automakers were being punished because of public anger over the banking bailout. "They're using us for the mistakes they've made in Washington," he said.

Other workers alleged a double standard in how Washington dealt with Wagoner, as opposed to CEOs of bailed-out banks. "They're using him as a fall guy," said Frank Rowser, financial secretary for UAW Local 909.

When Wagoner leaves the automaker, he will take a financial package worth an estimated $23 million.

Ford Motor Co., the third member of the Big Three, has not requested federal bailout funds.

Obama said bankruptcy would be a way for either GM or Chrysler to "quickly clear away old debts that are weighing them down so they can get back on their feet," and stressed that either firm would remain open.

"What I am not talking about is a process where a company is broken up, sold off and no longer exists. And what I am not talking about is having a company stuck in court for years, unable to get out," he said.

Still, fears about the industry's future sent stocks plummeting, with the Dow Jones industrial average losing about 254 points. GM plunged 92 cents, or 25.4 percent, to $2.70. Chrysler is not publicly traded.

Obama's remarks were prompted by the expiration of a temporary bailout approved by the Bush administration last winter, with $17 billion in federal funds to help GM and Chrysler survive. Under its terms, the two automakers had until March 31 to submit restructuring plans as it searched for additional federal funds.

At the time, it appeared Bush had avoided an industry collapse on his watch yet had deferred the most difficult decisions for his predecessor.

By his comments, Obama bought himself a little more time, but made it clear it was fast running out. "Now is the time to confront our problems head-on and do what's necessary to solve them," he said.

The administration issued papers detailing the prospects for survival of both GM and Chrysler, credited them with making difficult choices, yet also stressing the difficulties that remain.

It said that while GM's new car of the future, the Volt, "holds promise, it will likely be too expensive to be commercially successful in the short run."

As for Chrysler, administration experts said they would consider investing another $6 billion in the firm if it can conclude an agreement with Fiat over the next 30 days that is satisfactory. "If an agreement is not reached, the government will not invest any additional taxpayer funds in Chrysler," it said.



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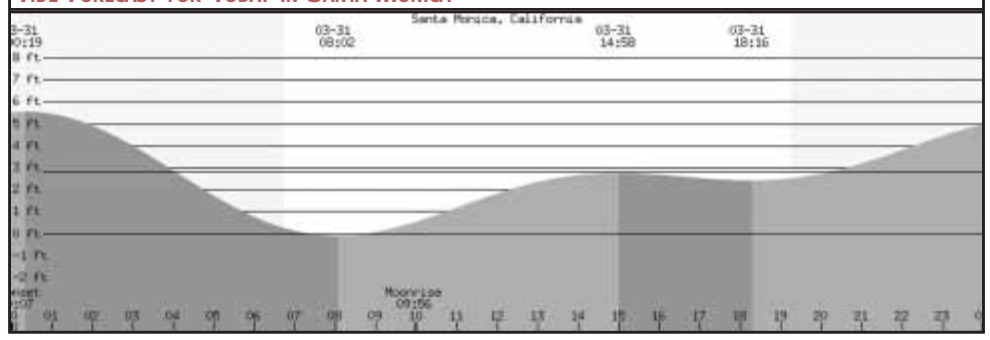
Swell Forecast (2-4 FT)

Wind swell is expected to back off. Most all breaks are looking at knee to waist high surf. Standout west facing breaks may see some occasional chest high sets in the early AM.

Long Range Synopsis

Wednesday the 1st is not looking impressive, with swell backing off further. Size is expected to be knee to perhaps waist high most everywhere.

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QUICK STATS (for the last 28 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 0
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 34 / 2
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 11 / 0

The Beach Report Card is made possible by simplehuman, Goldhirsh Foundation, the James Irvine Foundation, Ford

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisos creeks	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	F	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	F	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach	A+	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth	C	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily	F	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	C	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	A+	A+
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	F	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	ns

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua)	F	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	A	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	B	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)	F	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	D	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	B	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	B	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A	ns

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
ns -- no sample taken

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MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
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Call theater for information.

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

Fuel (NR) 1hr 55min
2:25, 7:00

Super Capers (PG) 1hr 30min
5:00, 9:35

Coraline (PG) 1hr 40min
2:00, 4:20, 6:45, 9:10

Last House on the Left, The (R) 1hr 49min
1:45, 4:15, 6:50, 9:20

Taken (PG-13) 1hr 33min
2:40, 4:55, 7:15, 9:30

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
(310) 289-4262

Duplicity (PG-13)
1:15, 4:15, 7:20, 10:10

Sunshine Cleaning (R) 1hr 42min
12:30, 1:40, 3:00, 4:10, 5:30, 6:45, 8:00, 9:20, 10:20

Gran Torino (R) 1hr 56min
10:15

Monsters vs. Aliens (PG) 1hr 34min
12:20, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:30

Monsters vs. Aliens 3D (PG) 1hr 34min
2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

Race to Witch Mountain (PG) 1hr 39min
12:15, 1:20, 2:40, 4:00, 5:20, 6:30, 7:50, 9:00

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
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Gomorrah (Gomorra) (NR) 2hrs 17min
1:40, 4:50, 8:00

Sin Nombre (R) 1hr 36min
1:45, 4:10, 7:00, 9:30

The Education of Charlie Banks (R) 1hr 40min
1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 10:00

Tokyo Sonata (PG-13) 1hr 59min
1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:55

Mann's Criterion Theatre
1313 Third St.
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I Love You, Man (R) 1hr 50min
11:50am, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50, 12:00am

Knowing (PG-13)
1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10

Watchmen (R) 2hrs 43min
1:20, 5:00, 8:30

12 Rounds (PG-13) 1hr 48min
11:00am, 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40, 12:20am

Haunting in Connecticut, The (PG-13) 1hr 32min
12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10, 12:30am

Monsters vs. Aliens 3D (PG) 1hr 34min
11:10am, 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00, 11:30

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Pump up the volume, Libra

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ If you feel your temper surge, pull back. A snafu will be worked out if communication continues. Ask yourself what really has made you so angry. Try to deal with this type of issue earlier and curb your anger. Tonight: Out and about.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Someone might be pushing you very hard to have his or her way. You could find that you react suddenly. Don't overspend in an attempt to remedy this situation. Focus on your assets and strengths, such as your work. Tonight: Fun doesn't have to cost.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ If you want to do something differently or approach a situation with more clarity, you can. Put your energy into getting a project going rather than nitpick with an associate. Detach, and you'll gain a lot of information. Tonight: As you like it.

CANCER (June 21-July 2)
★★ If someone keeps pushing the same idea over and over, explore the options it presents — if only to take it off the table and eliminate the conversation. A boss likes your intuitive response. Tonight: Opt for a personal night.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Meetings provide an audience for a fabulous idea. Don't hesitate to go for what you want. A partner might not be able to quell his or her temper. It might be best for this person to clear the air. Don't take anything personally when he or she is like this. Tonight: Where it is happening.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Take a stand and get ahead of the game. Consider your options more carefully, as you might note undercurrents. Negativity and pessimism need to be blotted out. Tonight: A force to behold.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Intellectual experimentation with ideas, mixed with the ability to let go of prejudice, marks you as a dynamic thinker. The unexpected could erupt. Stop and reorganize. Use your mind more than your emotions in order to land well. Tonight: Relax to a favorite piece of music.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Deal with someone directly. In fact, the more you do on an individual level, the better the end results will be. Each person feels cared about and as if he or she does count in your book. A child or a loved one could act up. Tonight: Intense conversations continue.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Defer to others. A lot might head down your path. Communicate to those around you what you can and cannot do. You have a lot on your plate. Prioritize in order to increase effectiveness. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Dealing with all the communication and getting your work done at the same time might be more challenging than you anticipated. Your more possessive side emerges, though, if someone tries to usurp your good idea. Tonight: Find your favorite chair.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You could be overly playful and disturb a serious-minded associate. Still, a sense of humor can help when nothing else does. Remain sensitive to those around you. A risk of any kind could hurt. Tonight: Let mischief out.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You could be having a tantrum. What is your objective? Those Fish who are more self-disciplined will achieve much more through focus and hard work. Take frequent breaks to prevent frustration from building. Tonight: Soak in a hot tub.

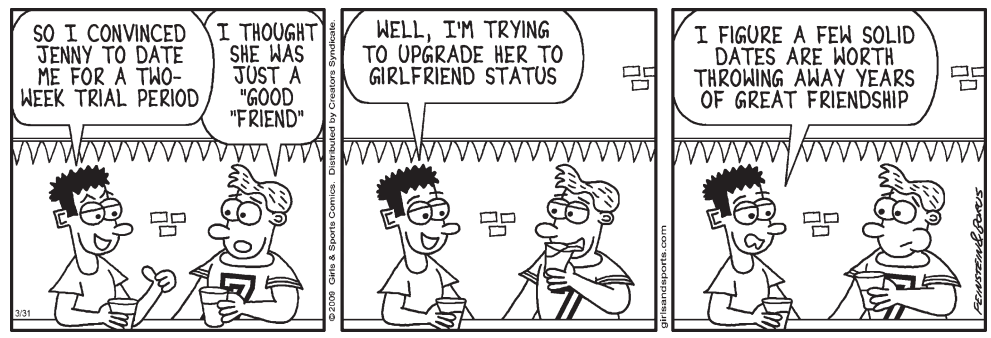
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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

This year, achievements will head in your direction if you are focused. No one doubts your drive and persistence. At your busy pace, make time for and take good care of yourself. See doctors and dentists for checkups. Don't sit on your feelings, especially anger. Learn to express them at the early stages of hurt. If you are single, someone quite special could enter your life. This person expresses energy and a positive attitude. He or she could be younger than you, too! If you are attached, focus on what the two of you love to do together most, rather than the negatives. GEMINI loves your energy, and seeks you out often.

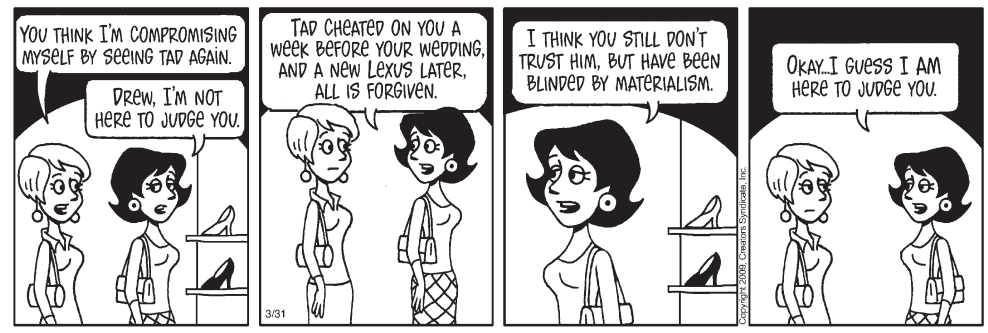
Girls and Sports

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The Meaning of Lila

By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



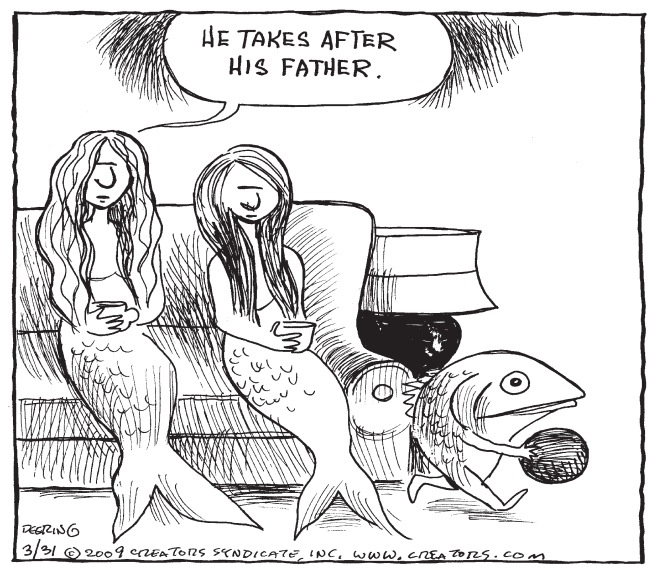
Garfield

By Jim Davis



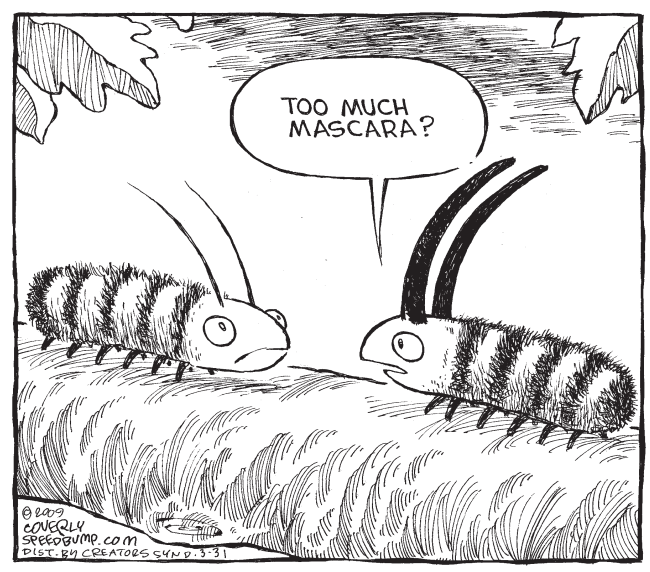
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Difficulty Level ★★

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GETTING STARTED

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.

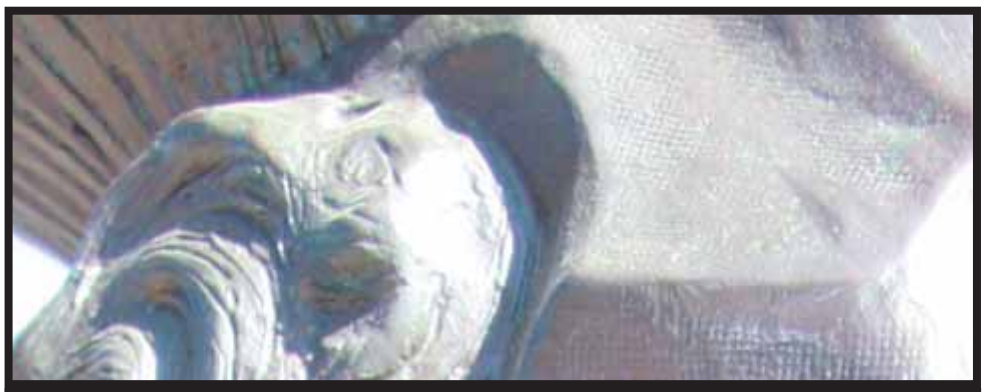
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Church sight
6 "Foyer of the Dance" painter
11 One of the strings
12 Un-escorted
13 Dental concern
15 Hunk of gum
16 Dusting cloth
17 Melan-choly
18 Creates
20 Singer McLachlan
23 Barber's need
27 Pinnacle
28 Late-night star
29 Lukewarm
31 "John Brown's Body" poet
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41 Recorded interviews
44 Hit from the past
45 Hint of color
46 Puzzle
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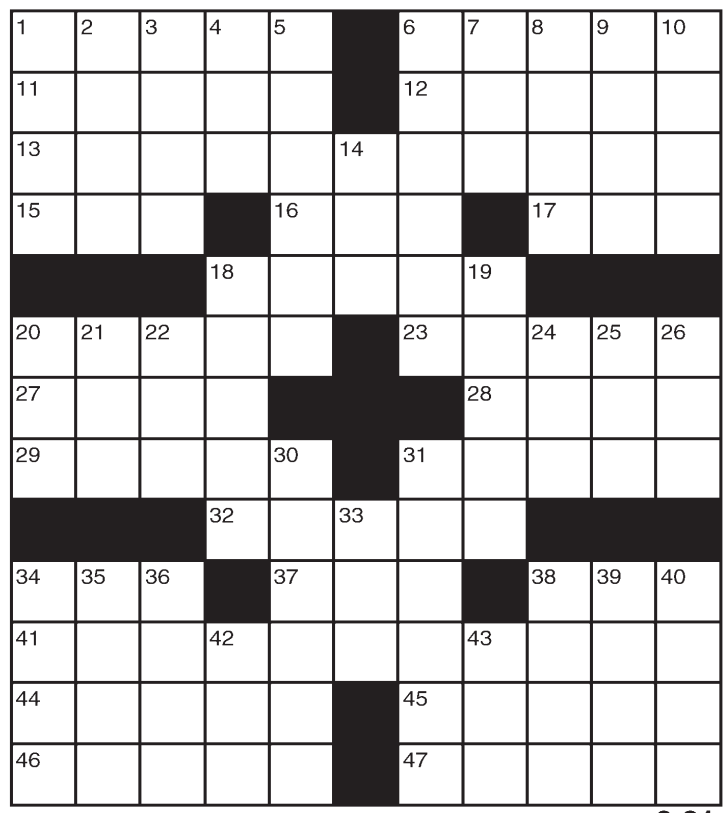
DOWN

1 Swear
2 Old Italian coin
3 Frog's cousin
4 Totality
5 Enthu-siastic
6 Macbeth prop
7 Yale student
8 Leaves
9 "The King and I" heroine
10 Canary snack
14 Hairy beast
18 Wise saying
19 Company division
20 Used a couch
21 Gorilla or gibbon
22 Agent, for short
24 Buddhism branch
25 Count start
26 Deterio-rate
30 Flustered state
31 Creatures
33 Kauai souvenir
34 Aerobatics feat
35 Singer Guthrie
36 Knee protectors
38 Radius or tibia
39 Longing
40 Colored
42 Tell tales
43 Pointer

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In December, Idaho State University sent certified-mail letters to its adjunct faculty to disclose (as required by law) that some of them would soon be laid off. However, only the first-class mail fee was billed to the university, leaving each professor to pay on receipt the certified-mail surcharge in order to find out what the university would send them that was so important. (The Idaho State Journal reported that it was the Postal Service's error.)

■ Jailers Not Paying Attention: (1) Christian Colon, 21, had a plea deal worked out to testify against alleged murderer Joel Rivera in exchange for a lighter sentence, but suddenly decided in February that he would not take the stand. The change of heart came right after Colon was accidentally housed in the same Milwaukee County Jail holding cell with Rivera. (With no plea deal, Colon got 46 years.) (2) At least Colon is still alive. A 23-year-old inmate at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary was found beaten to death in March after being mistakenly assigned to the same cell as his ex-partner-in-crime, against whom he had testified in a 2002 murder trial.

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2005 Terri Schiavo, 41, died at a hospice in Pinellas Park, Fla., 13 days after her feeding tube was removed in a wrenching right-to-die dispute.

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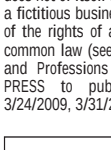
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A MANDATORY Proposers' Conference will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 7, 2009 at the Boathouse Meeting Room, 13640 Mindanao Way, Marina del Rey. The deadline for submitting proposals is 2:00 p.m., April 13, 2009.

Contractors submitting proposals must possess an active Vessel Common Carrier license issued by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) adequate to perform the services described in the RFP and must have a minimum of five years experience providing a water bus or similar transportation service. The County may require additional minimum qualifications.

To receive a copy of the RFP, either telephone (310) 306-0495, send an e-mail with MARINA DEL REY WATER BUS RFP in the subject line to ntay-lor@bh.lacounty.gov, or visit: http://lacounty.info/doing_business/main_db.htm.

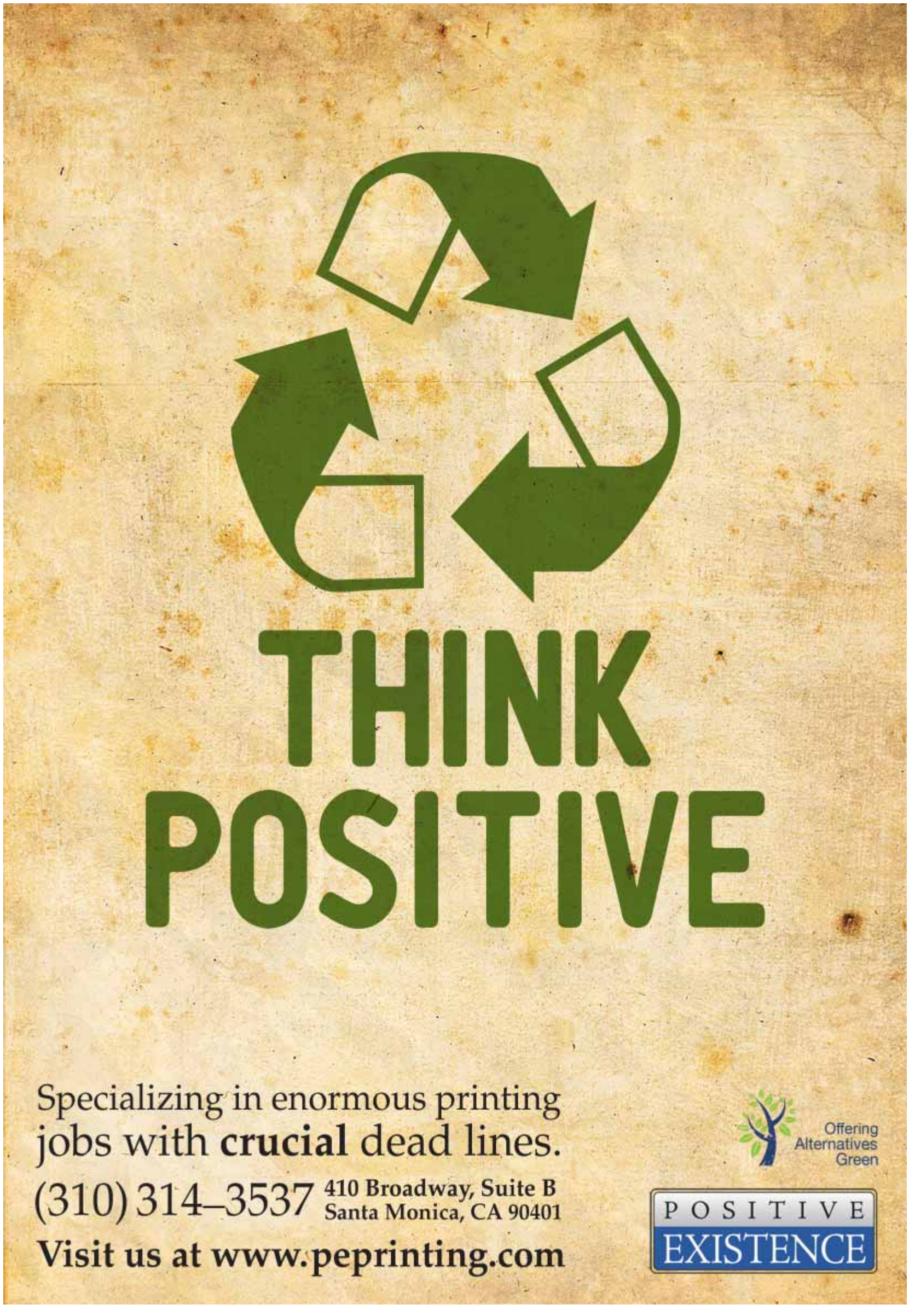
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090311807 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as DOQ'S PROVISIONARY SERVICES, 578 WASHINGTON BLVD, SUITE 118, MARINA DEL REY, CA 90292, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : DONALD DARRYL BIGGLES, 224 1/2 WEST 118TH PLACE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90061 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: DONALD DARRYL BIGGLES
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 3/5/2009. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 3/10/2009, 3/17/2009, 3/24/2009, 3/31/2009

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