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A Fool's History

■ In 1582, the Julian Calendar was replaced with a new calendar called the Gregorian Calendar. In the Julian Calendar, New Year's Day was celebrated on April 1, while in the Gregorian Calendar New Year's Day was celebrated on Jan. 1.

■ People who still celebrated New Year's Day on April 1 were often sent on "fool's errands." They were made fun of and were referred to as "April's Fools." Today is April Fool's Day, the only day of the year where pranks are accepted.

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

Ask a Native American who the real terrorists are.

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Tanker spills oil, sets bay ablaze

BY BOSS FURRY COW

Daily Planet Slave Driver

An Alaskan oil tanker headed for Long Beach slammed into the breakwater early Tuesday, spilling tens of thousands of gallons of crude oil into the Santa Monica Bay.

Shortly after the incident, a smoker on the beach flicked his cigarette in the water, which started the entire bay on fire. It burned throughout the night.

Sources reported that the captain of the tanker was under the influence of alcohol.

Hundreds of police, firefighters, oil spill clean-up experts, marine biologists and those who love the smell of gasoline rushed to the scene to try and lend a hand in averting what will surely be the worst environmental disaster the Santa Monica Bay has ever seen.

Coincidentally, city officials and oil magnates were scheduled to open their own offshore oil-drilling operation next month. (See related story.)

A flak from Chevco, the Texas-based owner and operator of Uno Mas Por Favor, the three-million gallon tanker that was shredded on the breakwater, claimed the spill would not harm the environment.

"We've seen spills like this before, and quite frankly, we have gotten pretty proficient at cleaning them up," said Von Diesel, Chevco's director of environmental disasters. "Oil



Pepper Pastrami/Daily Planet Slave

The Santa Monica Bay burned early Tuesday morning after a tanker spilled thousands of gallons of oil. Miraculously, the Santa Monica Pier was not damaged at all.

occurs naturally in this environment."

Muck-covered sea birds and oil-scorched

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Library must sell books to fund new, improved facility

BY LIESEN SLANDER

Daily Planet Slave

In order to raise some much-needed quick cash to complete construction on its new \$246 million building, the Main Library will hold a book sale next weekend.

But this isn't your average cast-offs and out-of-dates-type of book sale. This one's more akin to an everything's-gotta-go, 50-percent off-kind-of blow out.

"We're selling every book in the place," said Head Librarian Paige Turner, just after getting a parking ticket. "We're desperate. I don't know what else to do."

Turner said the library had been "abandoned" by the City Council, which refused last week to contribute any more money to the long-delayed, still under construction project.

"The council and the public asked for these things, then refused to pay for them," Turner said. "This has gotten completely out of control."

By "these things," Turner said she meant the endless list of additions and modifications,

added mostly by the council at the behest of city department heads, but also a few by voter initiative and special interest groups too.

These include a self-cleaning, 50-person homeless shelter and cafeteria located at the back of the facility, a massive, subterranean bomb shelter/shooting range, a plush, new suite of offices for the mayor and other top city officials and the so-called "west wing," which features 10 handball/squash courts and an aviary, among other amenities.

"It's crazy," Turner said. "I mean, how are you supposed to open an aviary without birds?"

Asked how a library can open without books, Turner replied, "We can always get more books. The people who live around here have lots of books. I'm sure they'll be glad to donate them at a later date, if and when the library ever opens."

City Councilman Gary Pander said he admired Turner's "gumption" in solving her own budget crisis in a new and creative way.

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Off-shore drilling delayed

By Daily Planet slaves

A massive oil spill in the Santa Monica Bay has delayed plans to allow a Texas-based oil company to drill two miles directly west of the pier.

The drilling platform, which has been secretly built over the past year in a so-called "black ops" operation, was expected to be fully operational by next month. But an unrelated tanker carrying oil accidentally ran a ground last night, spoiling the investments and profits of a few rich men.

Santa Monica City Council voted unanimously in a secret meeting a year ago to let the Texans proceed with the massive construction and drilling project.

"It might not look so pretty, but it's gonna bring us a helluva lot of money," said Mayor Rob Righteous. "And that's the most important thing ... we can't survive off of parking tickets alone."

Halle Burton, the Texas-based oil conglomerate, will erect a 1,400-foot structure every half mile only two miles offshore, similar to oil rigs that can be seen off the coast of Santa Barbara, though those structures are 10 miles off shore.

Councilmembers said they had no choice but to Ok the oil-drilling because of severe recent budget cuts.

"The only way for our city to survive was oil revenue," said Councilmember Spam O'Goner.

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★★★★-Take a Xanax ★★-No hope ★-You have no reason to live

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, April 1, 2003:

Everyone's talking about Nostradamus these days, but nobody ever remembers his first name. Except you. People may think it's pretentious of you to talk about "Bob Nostradamus", but who cares? They'll all die when the comet hits, anyway. You will be followed by people who look suspiciously like shoe salesmen. Try to remain calm -- they can sense fear. Remember: you can't tell your boss to get lost. You can, however, give him the wrong directions. Nobody will remember that it is your birthday so go out and get sloshed all by yourself. Strangers in a bar will make you feel better by not throwing up in your lap.

♈ ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★ Today you will find yourself wondering why a shampoo that "tingles" would be better at preventing dandruff than one which doesn't. It's that sort of intellectual undertaking which has earned you your well-deserved reputation. You will feel an odd compulsion to stack books, symmetrically, in the public library. Try to resist it.

♉ TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Ah ha! You will finally have an opportunity to use the word "plumbaginous" in casual conversation today! You will be discussing either bicycles or aircraft, at the time. Today you will see a free floating full torso vaporous apparition! It'll turn out that your glasses are smudged.

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★ You are about to start a band, with friends, which will be called "Rainy Daze". You will choose that name primarily because one of your group simply doesn't care for "Clenched Buttocks" as a band name. You will win 12,000 cases of peanut brittle today, on a call-in game show. That's a LOT of peanut brittle, as it turns out.

♋ CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Good day to do a self-portrait. Or, if you're in a hurry, you can do what I do, and cover yourself in paint and run into a large canvas. Art is easier than you think!

♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Remember: good people are good because they gain wisdom through failure. Happily, there's every reason to believe you'll become much better soon!

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Good day to mumble. Excellent day to do something new with bean curd. Your neighbors will have a wild party, which you'll catch glimpses of through the open window. You'll know you shouldn't watch, but it's just hard to imagine how people can do that, especially on a trampoline.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★ Today you will get one of those pimples that just suddenly appears, and you will only notice it when you glance in the mirror after a very important meeting. People are starting to take you a bit too seriously. Try wearing your bunny slippers to work. Good day to bring your entrenching tool with you. You never know...

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★ Don't go out today, without a spatula. I can't say more. Today you will discover a way to have your cake and eat it too! Unfortunately, everyone else will think that's really disgusting.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Benjamin Franklin said: "If you would like to know the value of money, go and try to borrow some." You're not sure this is an accurate indicator of the value of things, however. At least not after having tried to borrow a toothbrush... Good day to count your blessings. Both of them.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ As a joke, you will hold up a certain air freshener in a bank, today, and announce "this is a Stick Up!". Later, you'll have time to reflect upon the regrettable fact that law enforcement officials are sadly lacking in a sense of humor.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★ Good day to hold hands. If you don't currently have a spouse or girlfriend/boyfriend, you can probably find a fake "severed hand" at a magic supplies store. That might be a good thing to pick up in any case? You never know when it might come in handy.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★ You will spend the day attempting to rest, but whenever you fall asleep you'll return to the same nightmare of being transformed into a chihuahua, and will awake screaming (in a very high-pitched, whiny, and annoying sort of way). You will soon accidentally discover why it is that so many things "taste like chicken". It's because they ARE chickens, in clever disguises.

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LOCAL

Rumble set among classes

By Daily Planet Slaves

Santa Monica's ruling party wants to kick some ass.

The group, in conjunction with the Angry Rich, announced on Monday that it will start a new tradition in the city: a classic, "West Side Story"-style street brawl between the two groups that both hope will go a long way toward deepening this society's already-entrenched divisions.

The "First Annual Class Bash" will feature weapons of any size and shape — including German luxury cars, which was a sticking point with the Angry Rich — and is scheduled to take place next weekend at high noon.

At a press conference Monday, officials from Santa Monicans Everywhere Are Always Right gathered with representatives of the Angry Rich, who attended via conference phone from Zurich, to flip a coin to decide the battle's location. SMEAAR won, so the fight will take place at Virginia Avenue Park instead of along



File photo

A street fight like this one will take place on Saturday.

the treacherous curves of Adelaide Drive.

"We couldn't be happier with this arrangement," said Kenny Iminsane, SMEAAR ruler, just after getting a parking ticket. "We get to bust-up some richies and all the profits are going to charity."

"I'm gonna pop a cap in somebody's ass."

The Angry Rich had no comment.

Honking soon to be against law

By Daily Planet Slaves

City officials have announced that honking will be illegal beginning next month.

The Santa Monica Protective Department plans to slap annoying motorists with a \$100 ticket each time they lay on the horn. If the horn is sounded for more than 5 seconds, the fine quadruples.

"These people are a complete nuisance," said Protective Chief Harry Cheeks. "Like it isn't loud enough as it is with all of the city's buses driving around, now we have to contend with high strung, angry horn lovers."

A study recently released showed that most road rage incidents occur shortly after they lay on the horn. The stress level for everyone else on the street also rises, which makes the long-term effects on the entire city unknown.

Some experts claim, however, that L.A. has become a city of angry, self-centered individuals who feel they must use their horns to exert power.

"Research has shown that the act of slamming on the horn gives these people a sense of importance," said UCLA Professor Ed Smart, just before he received a parking ticket.

But critics say the new law isn't really addressing the problem of horn honking. It is a much deeper issue and needs a more progressive approach, they say.

Mental health officials suggest the city

make treatment mandatory for anyone who violates the law. Some City Council members applauded the suggestion, but only because no one else has done it.

"We want to be first in implementing a common sense approach to horn honking," said Councilman Mikey Imdoingfine. "Santa Monica remains an example to follow."

"These people are a complete nuisance."

— HARRY CHEEKS
Santa Monica protective chief

City officials note that horn usage has climbed more than 49 percent in the past decade. And only a few thousand have received treatment for the addiction, which can lead to more serious anger management problems.

"Horn abuse is an evil, baffling disease, man," said a former horn honker, who asked to remain anonymous. "I didn't start doing it until I started driving on these pressure cookers called L.A. freeways. Then I started relying on the horn. It was the only way I could get through the day without killing someone."

City officials will work with county officials to come up with an official plan on how to turn off the horn epidemic.



The Santa Monica Bay was reportedly on fire Monday afternoon and evening from an oil spill, making conditions slightly treacherous out there.

Surf is expected to remain about the same today with a new eastern swell expected to force waves into the chest-and-shoulder range. However, they will probably be on fire or laden with globs of tar so be careful.

Rumor of the day: Jesse Haley was found by police Saturday night — depraved, half-naked and speaking in tongues while wandering the streets of South Central Los Angeles.



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High- 6:26 a.m. 4.97'
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High- 7:51 p.m. 4.22'

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Surf	6-7'/Fair	8-9'/Fair	A
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LOCAL



Let your fingers do the walking: New phone book for homeless

BY SLACKARIASON
Daily Planet Slave

Frustrated that they can't locate thousands of residents, city officials this week announced they plan to create a phone book for the homeless.

In one of its most progressive moves ever, the City Council has thrown \$1 million to develop a directory for Santa Monica's transients.

Officials have realized that Santa Monica's homeless are becoming just as astute and well equipped as most professionals in town. Over the years, the trend for transients to stay in touch with the fast paced world has led to them to getting their own cell phones, lawyers, palm pilots and e-mail accounts.

"We wanted to do this not because we believe the homeless should have the same rights as us, but because we didn't want to be out done," said City Councilman Darei Sayitoutloud, just before getting a parking ticket. "We heard other cities were thinking about doing this and we wanted to make sure we were first because we have pride in knowing all cities in the country look to us to set the example."

The thousands of street citizens applauded the move, saying it's about time the city acknowledges their presence.

"Just because I sleep under a bridge doesn't mean I can afford to not be in contact with the world," said Iam Notlost. "And even though I might not want to be found, the city has a right to track me down. I need tabs put on me. It's the American way."

The phone book will list regular sleeping spots, party spots, voice mail centers and any personal information people want included.

The address listings will be a complicated system that officials will put together over the next few months. Although the plan is only in the initial stages of a 20-phase project, officials already have

begun numbering park benches, doorways and sidewalk squares.

Transients will be able to select a location as their permanent residence. If they move as vacancies become available, they will simply fill out a change of address form in the handy "Helpful Hints to Moving" guide from the U.S. Postal Service, which will be incorporated into the local system.

By the sheer nature of being transient, transients can't always find each other. The phone book will benefit them, too.

"The tape lady and the bird man just up and leave and I can never find them," said Wanda Around. "I spend my whole day walking up and down the streets of Santa Monica looking for them. Now, I won't have to."

The phone book, which could include the entire western region of L.A. one day, will also have a reverse directory in the event people can't be tracked by their name. Since many transients use several aliases, they can be matched up with their address using the reverse directory.

Critics of the plan say the book is really only an attempt to keep transients stationary.

"They are going against the natural elements of the universe," said expert transient professor Joe Mama, just before getting a parking ticket. "Transients are transient for a reason. Assigning them a spot like a street performer is not only unoriginal, it's outrageous."

Whorizon, the phone book manufacturer, is happy that it landed the million dollar contract with the city.

"Our company's mission is to keep our customers in touch with the ones they love," said Ashley Flak, Whorizon's PR puppet. "This is totally in line with serving our customers to the best of our limited abilities."

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Traffic calming appears to be working

By Daily Planet slaves

City officials said Monday that Santa Monica's traffic calming efforts have been an "unparalleled success."

With 10- and 15-minute waits at local stoplights not uncommon — and the situation clearly worsening — drivers appear to have grown so calm that they sometimes fall asleep at intersections downtown.

"We probably ought to make those tweetters louder," said one frustrated traffic cop Sunday afternoon, referring to the beeps that signal pedestrians at crosswalks.

Local newspaper tells lame jokes

By Daily Planet slaves

Like "that guy" at a party who has just told a flat joke, Santa Monica's only daily newspaper was waiting nervously for a response today after making a few jokes at the expense of some city's organizations and community leaders.

The paper — which simply decided not to publish any "real news" today — is widely regarded as "on its last legs" by business interests and renters' groups alike, who each say the "rag" is "in the pockets" of the other group.

Neither the paper's editor nor its publisher were available for comment yesterday, but the answering machine at the paper said, "Sorry. We're really, really sorry. Send us some money and we'll write about whatever you want. Really."

Former mayor appointed to solve state's budget crisis

By Daily Planet slaves

California Governor May Clavis appointed former Santa Monica Mayor to solve the state's puzzling budget crisis.

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LOCAL

Planes drug from above



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It was discovered on Monday that the local government has been working secretly with national officials to drug Santa Monicans into complacency. An elaborate plan was unleashed on Jan. 1 that involves commercial airlines traveling over the city, releasing healthy doses of lithium into the local air. This photo shows what appears to be Chemtrails, a common sight from jet airliners' exhaust. But the Daily Planet has learned it's really a lithium-based by-product that is evenly distributed throughout the city. Heavier doses will be spread where city rulers feel the population needs to 'chill out.' The project, the first of its kind, was created because Santa Monicans were getting a bit high strung and neurotic. Lithium, a known anti-psychotic, should help in keeping people a bit more relaxed. Officials, who all recieved parking tickets Monday, first got the idea after they began putting flouride in the city water last year in an effort for all Santa Monicans to have bright, clean and healthy smiles.

Parking tickets increase

BY SLACKARIASON

Daily Planet Slave

All parking tickets in Santa Monica will now cost \$300, an increase of 399.9 percent.

No matter if it is a red zone, expired meter or street cleaning violation, every single ticket is \$300. If you don't pay within 24 hours, the fine doubles.

The decision was made last week behind closed doors. The City Council knows how Santa Monicans loathe parking tickets in this city, so they thought it would be better if such an important issue was dealt with privately.

"We really didn't want to hear it. We warned the good citizens of Santa Monica months ago that we desperately needed money," said City Manager Foofan McSmarty. "This really should be no surprise. I mean, where else are we going to get the money if we don't gouge our citizens?"

The new ticket system has been contracted with a company in Siberia, where all hearings contesting tickets will have to

heard by a panel.

"There should be nothing convenient about trying to getting out of a violation," said parking officer Wheel Getyou. "I say, quit crying and pay the fine. You drive a car, you deserve it."

Parking officers will receive a 5 percent commission on every ticket given.

The city currently issues 100,000 tickets a month in this town of 84,000, garnering a dismal \$100 million a year. City officials hope to bring in billions of dollars with this latest scheme.

"We think this will solve a lot of our financial problems," said Ben Dover, the city's financial misdirector, just before getting a parking ticket. "Now I can keep spending someone else's money on whatever I see fit. This should be a huge wind-fall for us."

A celebration party was planned at City Hall after the announcement was made, where officials were said to be patting each other on the back and sipping champagne with parking enforcement officers.

City spends millions on new Mercedes police cars

BY T.K. FACTLESS

Daily Planet Slave

(Editor's Note: This is an on-going series tracking spending by the Santa Monica City Council during its biweekly consent agenda — which wastes huge sums of taxpayer money with little scrutiny. However, some items have been previously discussed behind closed doors well after midnight when the majority of residents are most interested in watching local TV.)

Tonight the city council is expected to spend \$6 million on Mercedes police cars and Bentley fire engines, and allocate another \$4 million to help fix the Hubbell Space Telescope.

Santa Monica officials say despite being plagued by massive budget deficits, the luxury emergency response vehicles are needed to enhance the city's public image nationwide and attract more overseas tourism.

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LOCAL



SMEAR-ed



Photo courtesy Santa Monica Protective Unit
Things got a little out of hand Saturday night as members of the city's ruling party, Santa Monicans Everywhere Are Always Right, celebrated their annual convention at Palisades Park. This was the scene Sunday morning when police arrived to clean up the mess.

Santa Monica rulers to regulate price of haircuts

BY SLACKARIASON
Daily Planet Slave

Feeling as if it has lost control, Santa Monica's ruling party has put an end to capitalism in the city.

SMEAR, also known as "Santa Monicans Everywhere Are Always Right," has announced it will issue mandatory pricing for various services in the city — beginning with haircuts.

"It started when I was on Montana Avenue and I went into one of those froo-froo salons," said Councilman Darei Sayitoutloud. "It cost me 75 bucks to get a haircut. That's just not right. Working people can't afford that on their pitiful living wage."

SMEAR's regulatory pricing board will start capping haircuts at \$15, with unionized employees receiving a 20 percent discount. From there, all other pricing guidelines will be arbitrary and capricious.

"We are sticking with our philosophy of randomly picking on businesses and individuals," said SMEAR ruler Kenny Imsane. "These people think they can make a buck by charging citizens whatever they want. Those days are over. Trust us, we know what's best."

SMEAR officials say it's not only about giving people affordability — it's that no one should profit just because they own a business.

"This is just another way to make sure things don't get out of hand," said SMEAR member Mikey Imdoingfine. "People are suffering."

Business leaders, including the entire faction of the Angry Rich, don't plan on taking the new regulations lying down. They have pooled their attorneys together for a lawsuit they promise will be tied up in court for decades.

They claim if SMEAR starts regulating their pricing, profit margins could drop hundreds of percentile points.

"We're angry," said Robert Greedhead,

just before he got a parking ticket. "You would think with all of our money, we could somehow get the reins back and get control. What's wrong with capitalizing on your neighbor?"

"This is just another way to make sure things don't get out of hand."

— MIKEY IMDOINGFINE
SMEAR member

Every item or service that is subject to price controls will be regulated by a separate department and board in City Hall.

"Multiple levels of bureaucracy will only help our cause," said city slacker Lazy Daisy. "People will be so fed up, they'll just give up and succumb to the process."

Officials are eyeing other items that they consider out of control. They estimate that they should have everything in Santa Monica under control within the year.

Other services and products targeted for regulation by SMEAR:

- Shoe shines
- Drinking water, carbonated and tap, at restaurants
- Mandated 50 percent tips for hotel service workers
- Garden hoses
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There has even been talk about making it mandatory that all Santa Monicans become vegans.

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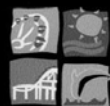
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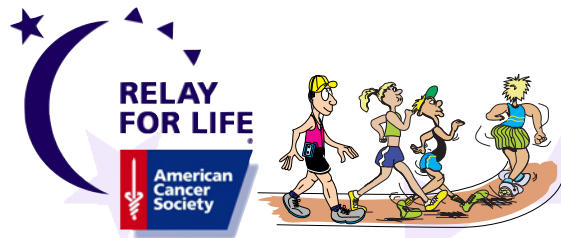
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LOCAL

St. Boobin



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In a controversial move, city leaders re-dedicated the St. Monica statue on Monday to Santa Monica's true spiritual leader, Barry Boobin. Boobin didn't attend the ceremony because he feels the term "spiritual leader" is a slap in the face. Boobin prefers "peace activist" and has said he will sue to remove the designation.

CEOs estactic over new living wage and bonuses

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according to a press release.

Exact details about the board's agreement were sketchy.

However, a source with intimate knowledge of the agreement who spoke on condition of anonymity said the CEO living wage includes life-long use of the company's fleet of jets, \$2 million in cash per month and, in Loot's case, an island in the South Pacific.

"We did it as a show of support for our upper management staff, who have done a phenomenal job of late," said Rich N. Clueless, a Blinders board member, who had just received a parking ticket. "Also it's because they kicked the unions' ass."

Clueless' comments appeared to imply that Loot and his underlings were being rewarded for helping to defeat Proposition JJ in last November's election. That ballot measure, which was narrowly defeated by voters, would have forced a group of hotels located on and near the Pacific Ocean in Santa Monica that make more than \$5 million a year to pay non-salaried, non-tipped employees \$10.50 an hour with benefits or \$12.25 an hour without.

For his part, Loot didn't seem to care why the bonus was given.

"I'm just happy that the board recognized that my quality of life is more important than some maid," he said. "This is good for Santa Monica."

A union spokesman condemned the "CEO living wage."

"This hotel hates poor people, it's as simple as that," said Charlie Boy Scout, a lawyer for the Hotel and Food Employees Union No. 814. "This will cost the company as much for 10 people as it would have cost to implement the first living wage for 100 for a decade."

"We'd have settled for half the amount."

Veronica Sanchez, a maid at Blinders for the past 27 years, said through an interpreter that she thought the CEO living wage was "shabby."

"Those people want me to live like an animal, like a pig, while they live like kings," she said. "I think I can only work here for only another 10 years."

Similar agreements are under consideration by boards of other hotels in the Coastal Zone.

Santa Monica Mayor Rob Righteous said he was proud that Santa Monica was the first city in the country to institute a CEO living wage.

"We continue to set the example," he said.

LOCAL



Homeless take part in bubble bath program



Pepper Pastrami/Daily Planet Slave

This fountain on the Third Street Promenot is filled every morning with the sweet scent of strawberries for the city's homeless population to bathe.

BY JOSIE GROSSI
Daily Planet Slave

In an effort for the city to clean up its act, the City Council has started a public bathing program on the Promenot.

Between 5 and 6 a.m., Santa Monica officials fill the dinosaur fountains on the Promenot with bubble bath for the homeless to bathe.

City Councilmember Tom Olbrook said the policy helps promote cleanliness.

"We want the homeless to have that clean, fresh feeling," he said as a police officer placed a parking ticket on his car.

On a typical weekday morning, approximately 10-15 homeless people can be seen waiting in line at each fountain to bathe together.

Penny Less, a 26-year-old homeless woman who usually sleeps in parking structure number 5 on 4th Street, said she decided to move to Santa Monica because of all the amenities offered to the homeless.

"I can pick up a meal a day for free," she said, "And the city also helps me to keep clean, providing sweet, smelling bubble bath and soft, pink drying towels."

Less said that sometimes she has to wait in line for up to 20 minutes before he can take her bath since the tubs have a capacity of 15 people. Less said the fountain closest to the Santa Monica is the Place Mall is the most comfortable, offering the best place to sit and the most leg room.

Officials estimate that the baths are

costing the city millions of dollars.

Water, line monitors, shampoo and laundry costs for the towels are some of the expenses, said Santa Monica Protective Chief Harry Cheeks. High costs also are associated with an extensive filtering system that cleans the tubs 24 hours a day.

According to Butts, donations from stores at the Promenot and Santa Monica is the Place Mall helped lower bath expenses.

"This is truly a progressive concept," he said. "No where else in the country has this been done. Cities all over the nation will look to us when they do similar projects."

Clear and Clean Works donated the bubble bath and Cleanliness Is Next to Godliness Department Store donated the pink towels, he said.

Sweet Smelling Santa Monica, a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the smell of the city called the baths a step in the right direction.

"Strawberry bubble bath smells a lot better than trash," said Truthie Flak, a spokesperson for the organization.

Ann E. Homeowner said she was not aware of the city's policy, but she fully supports it.

"I own a store on Main Street and I routinely let the homeless spend the night in the store's front door," she said as a police officer wrote her a parking ticket. "It's good for business. Customers are now attracted to the sweet smelling straw-

pay scale, but for those at the top.

The board of directors for Blindens Hotel, located on the beach near the Santa Monica Pier, voted unanimously on Monday to support CEO Lance Loot and his corporate officers "in a style that befits middle-aged white men of their stature,"

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'CEO living wage' set for middle-aged white men

BY LIESEN SLANDER
Daily Planet Slave

In a move that caught both supporters and critics off guard, at least one hotel in the so-called "Coastal Zone" instituted a "living wage" on Monday.

However, this living wage was passed not for workers on the bottom-end of the



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LOCAL

Oil company blames Santa Monica for spill

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fish bobbed on the black surface of the bay on Tuesday morning. The oil lined the shore from Pacific Palisades to Venice. Dolphins were spotted flipping around on shore, spouting oil out of their blowholes.

"The ramifications of this spill will be felt for generations to come ... your great grandchildren will be swimming in oil when they go to the beach," said executive director of Heal that Bay. "The entire food chain will be affected."

Rich estimated that the clean up will cost the city at least \$11 million in legal fees, not to mention loss of revenue from tourism, sport fishing and yachting.

Chevron representatives blamed the City of Santa Monica.

"If that damned breakwater wasn't half submerged, our captain would have been able to stay clear of the obstruction," Diesel said, after getting a parking ticket. When asked if the .27 blood alcohol count of the captain had anything to do with it, Diesel shrugged off any responsibility, mumbling that drinking rum is "perfectly normal when you're out at sea."

Diesel said he didn't know what the cleanup would cost, but added that, "As long as people continue to drive their SUVs, we'll have the money to clean up this mess."

Santa Monica has been considering a \$9 million repair of the breakwater, but has foregone any repair to ramp up the city parking officer effort with new computers and high speed, infrared ticket printers.

Drilling station to be 'Craftsman' architecture

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"Besides, the lease is only for 20 years. Then we can simply tear them down."

Public opposition to the project was scant, with most residents preferring to concentrate on "buffing their Hummers" rather than the ugly business of city government and environmental ruin.

According to planning statutes, the rigs must resemble either 20th century Craftsman or Spanish Modern architecture.

"We feel that the architects can incorporate all of our visual elements that make historical Santa Monica special," said Joe

Schmoekalotap, a five-year member of the Planning Commission. "These rigs are gonna be bitchin', man."

A representative from the local Greenpeas chapter expressed concern over the approval and sheer size of this project.

"We at Greenpeas are opposed to any exploitation of our world's oceans, the home of our greatest creatures," said Bea Green, just before getting a parking ticket. "We must be compensated for this exploitation of our natural resources with cold, hard cash."

Main Library may be bookless before opening

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"I wish this city had more like her," Pander said, adding that the move once again makes Santa Monica an example setter. He doesn't see a problem with no books in the library since it really won't be used for reading much.

"Nobody reads books that much anymore, do they?"

Pander also said he wasn't concerned about the city ending up with a bookless library, partially for the reasons given by Turner but for others too. These include a \$13 million study recently commissioned by the city, which found that most of the library's books wouldn't sell to the general public anyway because they were rated

as "too boring." In addition, the consulting firm of Dewey, Cheatham and Howe found that most of the books that would sell were "easily replaceable."

"That study really sealed it in a way," Pander said. "You barely even need books to open a new library these days. But you do need a lap pool."

As supporters like to point out, it is also the only library ever to have its own hockey/indoor football rink, dirt bike track and conservatory.

The sale will take place from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Members of the Library Board, their families and rare book dealers with the right connections will get first crack at the collection in a closed "viewing" on Friday.

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A weekly look at events and programs for Santa Monica mothers and mothers to be

Students forced to work to pay for schools

BY LIESEN SLANDER
 Daily Planet Staff

In a ground-breaking move, the local school board put its students to work last night.

From now on, students from kindergarten through 12th grade will be assigned a weekly product output quota, which will depend on the pupil's school, that will count for one-third to one-half of the student's final grade.

"This is ground-breaking and it's good for business," said Harvey Developerwitz, a school board member. "It's good for America."

Parents and school officials weren't so sure, but faced with crippling state and local budget cuts recently, they didn't have much choice.

Lillian Imadope, whose daughter Grozny, 5, is about to enter the public school system, said her main question was the type of product will be made at the little girl's new school.

"I mean, is it going to be hamburgers or diesel engines?" Imadope asked. "I don't want her doing any manual labor."

Vaughn Skeasie, superintendent of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, left last night's meeting before it was over. When asked outside on the way to his car about the radical new education system here, he said, "Yeah, it might work."

He then climbed into his new Mercedes Mybach and sped away. Earlier that day, he got a parking ticket.

The product a school makes will depend largely on its main corporate patron, most of whom have not been identified. John Moore Elementary is the one school to have already chalked up a partner. It was renamed McDonald's John Moore Elementary in an elaborate ceremony last month.

Rumored to be in talks with other area schools are Burger Sling, Pizza Nut/Taco Hell, Daimler-Crysler, Wal-Fart and the U.S. Army.

Last night's meeting was more about procedure than it was about what school will make what product.

Based on guidelines approved by the board, school-age children will

spend each afternoon just like they do now — with teachers and lessons and homework. Mornings will be reserved for classes and specific manufacturing work, which will be designed by school officials in conjunction with their various corporate partners.

As pupils move up in grades, they will be kicked up the corporate chain until in the middle of junior high where they are sifted into "accelerated" and "normal" curricula.

"That's just a sham cover for white collar and blue collar, for rich and poor," said Hope Leslie, the parent of a 10-year-old and 14-year-old. "I'm terrified what these corporations will do to my kids. Look what they've done to the Promenot."

Corporate officials say such concerns are unfounded. In an important concession to district officials during the lengthy negotiation process that provided the new education framework, business leaders agreed to

allow a full-day of classes to be taught to those students who could either pay the equivalent of a day's work or earn scholarships.

"The option of the past is still there for those who want it bad enough," said Gray Flak, a spokesman for the consortium of businesses that negotiated the contract.

Flak vowed that businesses would adhere to strict child labor laws to be determined later. He dismissed current child labor laws as "a little too wordy."

Critics both local and national have condemned the school district, but Superintendent Skeasie said the city and state were to blame.

"If they're not going to give us enough money to educate our children, then we'll find someone who will," he said. "And our kids will be treated a lot better than those poor children in China or India who make most of the junk on our shelves today."

This sucks!



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What this woman is doing will be illegal beginning today. City officials, who had all just received parking tickets, feel that the act is "too natural" and "obtrusive" to be done in public in Santa Monica. Many mothers have reacted by holding mass feedings in local parks.



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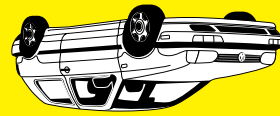
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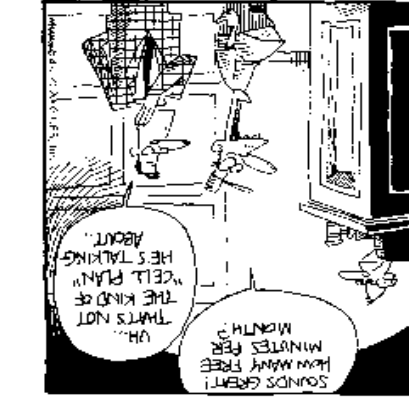
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Councilman backs 'Happy Finish Row'

BY METH SOSO
Daily Planet Guest Slave

Today the City Council begins debate on a controversial new strip of massage parlors. The proposed Massage Promenade also known as "Happy Finish Row" is expected to cum under fierce opposition.

Happy Finish Row would be a block-long walk street of "upscale, Asian-style massage parlors" lined with twinkling lights and novelty stores, supporters claim. Detractors point out that the lights are nothing more than neon signs and the novelty stores are just liquor and porn outlets.

Councilman A. John, the sponsor of the new project, claims to be a patron of many of the local massage parlors sprinkled around the city.

"We need to centralize our local massage industry. I think it would be boon to our fine city to allow visitors to have a sort of one-stop shopping for this service."

John added that Santa Monica could compete with Amsterdam and Bangkok for tourist dollars.

"Our city wants to take all comers," John said, with a satisfied smile.

The initiative is a political hot potato with both sides prodding and stroking each other.

"It's like a big missile loaded with explosives just ready to blow," noted Councilman Rock Hartpence, just before getting a parking ticket.

Prudence Frost, a former assistant to Atty. Gen. John Ashole, is leading the fight against John and the massage parlor proprietors. At a news conference she made these remarks: "These so called massage places are nothing more than brothels, with nubile young supple women offering warm, oil-sweaty men a happy ending."

When a reporter pressed Ms. Frost harder she seemed to respond with a low moan, and then a flushed a bit and announced she had to leave. However, she did schedule some one on one interviews with some of the reporters for later that evening.

HJ On Mee owner of H.J.-R-Us, one of the businesses set to break ground on the new strip, said of the naysayers, "They

just need to relax. They should stop by my place for a relaxing massage and body scrub provided by one of my lovely young staff of highly trained practitioners."

Mr. Mee who also chairs the local chapter of the California Union of Massage (CUM), claims massage brings as well as tourism and tax dollars to Slanta Monica, providing many people the "hand release" they can not get at Turke Trilliams.

City council contributes to Hubble Telescope project

COP CARS, from page 6

"People say we're Beverly Hills on the beach," said Mayor Rob Righteous, after getting a parking ticket. "Well, it's time to start acting like it."

Helping NASA fix its telescope was a "whim," officials said.

City analysts believe the city's \$12 million deficit, could swell to more than \$25 million in three years if spending isn't slashed now.

Critics contend the council continues to spend frivolously. In the last month council members have spent more than \$100 million on pet projects and political causes. So far the council has voted to clean up the Pacific Ocean, purify the air, enact a true living wage and build universal affordable housing.

Next month, the council plans to tackle health coverage for all and find a way to end homelessness in America by proving free food, jobs and homes for everybody.

Police Chief Harry Cheeks, said armed with the new squad cars, he feels confident officers will finally be able to

end the violence, prostitution and drug trade in Santa Monica's most notoriously dangerous neighborhoods North of Montana Avenue.

"Putting officers in a fine automobile will make us fit in with the neighborhood's surroundings," Cheeks Sr. said. "Everybody noticed our cheap Crown Vics cruising the blocks, but with the Mercedes, we think we'll fit right in and be able to use the element of surprise."

The \$70,000 cars will feature tinted windows, an 8-disc CD changer, satellite navigation systems, cruise control, keyless entry, and the Lo-Jack theft deterrent system.

City fire department officials said they had no idea why their engines are being replaced with \$700,000 Bentley versions, which feature premium leather and garment lockers to carry spare uniforms.

"City employees must always look their best," said Righteous. "How can we change our image as some back water 'burg if our fire fighters look tattered and sooty after tackling a structure fire?"

MOVIE °GUIDE

LOEWS CINIPLEX BROADWAY CINEMA

1441 Third St. at Broadway

View From the Top (PG-13) 12:15, 2:35, 4:55, 7:15, 9:45. **The Hours (PG-13)** 10:30, 1:15, 4:00, 6:45, 9:30. **The Core (PG-13)** 11:05, 12:40, 2:15, 3:50, 5:25, 7:00, 8:35, 10:10.

MANN CRITERION

1313 Third St.

Bringing down the House (PG-13) 11:30, 2:05, 4:50, 7:25, 10:15. **Basic (R)** 11:15, 11:45, 1:45, 2:15, 4:20, 5:00, 7:10, 7:45, 9:45, 10:30. **Dreamcatcher (R)** 12:30, 1:00, 4:15, 7:00, 7:30, 10:45. **Old School (R)** 12:15, 2:30, 5:05, 7:40, 10:00. **Tears of the Sun (R)** 3:45, 10:10.

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Piglet's Big Movie (G) 1:25, 3:15, 5:05, 7:00. **Agent Cody Banks (PG)** 1:40, 4:10, 6:45, 9:25. **Chicago (PG-13)** 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45. **The Hunted (2003) (R)** 2:00, 4:45, 7:25, 9:50. **The Life of David Gale (R)** 1:20, 7:15. **Boat Trip (R)** 2:20, 4:40, 7:05, 9:35. **Gangs of New York (R)** 4:00, 10:00. **Head of State (PG-13)** 2:10, 4:55, 7:40, 9:15, 10:00.

LANDMARK NU-WILSHIRE

1314 Wilshire Blvd.

The Pianist (R) 3:45, 7:00, 10:15.

LAEMMLE MONICA

1332 2nd St.

Irreversible (NR) 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:50. **Bend it Like Beckham (PG-13)** 12:00, 2:35, 5:10, 7:45, 10:20. **Talk to Her (R)** 2:00, 4:40, 7:15, 9:55. **Assassination Tango (R)** 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45.



BACK PAGE

Santa Monica ranked No. 1 for the down and out

BY SLACKARIASON
Daily Planet Slave

Home and Garden Magazine this month has ranked Santa Monica the "best place to be homeless."

"With its political tolerance, beautiful beaches, temperate climate and spacious parks, what's not to love?" the magazine's editor, Dartha Mewert wrote. "The city is so accommodating with its lax laws and free food programs, no wonder it's a haven."

The survey was conducted last month and those polled were the same ones asked by the major television networks if they supported the war. It is was a two prong

question, "What's your opinion on the war and secondly, where's the best place to live on the street in America?"

Santa Monica beat out San Francisco and Santa Cruz, who ranked second and third, respectively.

As a promotion, Southwest Airline, which is a major advertiser in the magazine and is currently contracted with the city, will offer free one-way tickets to Santa Monica for anyone who can prove they don't have a home.

For years, it's been secretly known that other cities around the country have sent their residentially challenged citizens to Santa Monica in hopes they'll find a better life here.

"It's out in the open now, we are the best once again," said Santa Monica Mayor Rob Righteous, just before he got a parking ticket. "This puts us on a whole new level of cities ... we can once again be looked as the ones who set the example."

Aim Less, who lives in a van down by the ocean, said times have changed since he first got here.

"I came from Chicago on a bus 20 years ago," he said. "It was a long, strange trip. These new recruits have it so much easier now. They've got free flights, free food, free camping supplies, free clothes and fundamental freedom here. Back in the old days, I had to walk miles from Skid Row to get my

needs met in Santa Monica."

The three-page article is the magazine's cover story and features several photo spreads of homeless people lounged out on makeshift beds in Palisades Park overlooking the Pacific Ocean.

City officials said the ranking again puts Santa Monica in the national spotlight and they intend to capitalize on it.

"Tourists love it," said convention and visitor's bureau director B. Frank. "They will see that spread in the magazine and immediately book a trip here to experience one of the most progressive cities in the world."

Daily Planet announces new price list for censorship

By Daily Planet slaves

Because of rising business costs, we're having to change our fee schedule for keeping one's name out of the paper if one becomes enmeshed in trouble. We have also found it necessary to alter the charges for placing someone else's name in the paper in a bad light.

The charge for a straight name-censorship will rise to \$100 effective April 15. If you are a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the price will be \$150; Bayside District, \$165; and north of Montana, \$175.

However, Moms on Montana can take advantage of our two-for-one special, and keep their name out of the paper not once, but twice. To qualify, you must prove you live, used to live or aspire to live near

Montana or bring three (3) receipts from any coffee shop along that strip.

If you are homeless, the price is only \$25 to keep your name out of the paper, but we won't accept spare change.

If you are a member of SMEAAR, Santa Monicans Everywhere Are Always Right, the price is \$75. But you must prove you actually do rent. We can manage a mere misspelling for a discount, so that it will look like we just can't get our facts straight, which is what we're supposed to do when reporting on SMEAAR anyway.

SMEAAR members should reserve this privilege in advance, since there are few earthly reasons why anyone who is a member of SMEAAR would want to keep his or her name out of the paper.

If you are a member of the Green Party, you may excise your name for \$75 as well.

If you are a member of both SMEAAR and the Green Party, the rate is \$65.

If you have already been in the paper during the past year, there is a 20 percent surcharge as we will have to spend extra time explaining your disappearance.

Members of any hotel union will also receive the \$75 rate. However, if you are an entire hotel wanting to keep out of the paper, the rate is your regular room rate times the number of rooms in the hotel (e.g., one night's "rack rate.").

Other businesses may negotiate a hardship discount. To do this, you will need a plausible sob story for how the recession/war/economy/weather is treating you. If you make a case that city parking tickets and other city fees are eating into your livelihood, you qualify for a further discount.

People who want to get their enemy's names in the paper and placed in a bad light will also find their fees increasing by modest amounts. To obtain this privilege, you may negotiate a "brown bag" rate, which is available by telephoning Angela, who picks up the brown bags.

Other rates are also changing. These include our rates for publishing the mug of your choice, or insurance against the most terrible shot being published, since this is always what we seem to do.

If you would like to submit a horrible mug on behalf of someone else you don't particularly like, please see "brown bag" rates above.

We regret that the rising costs of business have made these fee changes necessary. (Actually, we don't regret it at all, just deal with it!).

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-Vanity Fair, April 2002



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