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THE SMOKING UNDER FIRE ISSUE

City considers new smoking laws

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The City Council took the first step toward holding restaurant owners responsible for their part in enforcing the citywide smoking ban, but it was cigarette usage in apartments that stole the show on Tuesday night.

The first look at an ordinance amendment that would hold restaurant owners and managers accountable if they knowingly permit customers to smoke outside — a violation of city code — received a favorable response from the council, which pushed the proposition forward to the next meeting for final adoption.

Smoking is illegal anywhere within 20 feet of public entrances, exits and windows in the seaside city. The ban, which went into effect on Thanksgiving Day in 2006, encompasses outdoor areas of assembly, such as the Third Street Promenade, Farmers' Markets, outdoor dining areas, bus stops and ATM lines.

The amendment would also reduce the infraction fine from $250 to $100, a recommendation by the City Attorney's Office which received complaints from violators. Coupled with the mandatory penalty assessment affixed by the court in criminal cases, the total penalties amounted to more than $900, according to Adam Radinsky, who heads the Consumer Protection Unit for the city. The adjusted fines are also in line with penalties in other cities that have adopted similar ordinances, including Beverly Hills, Calabasas and Burbank.

Restaurants will also be required to post signs notifying patrons of the smoking ban at their establishments.

But the issue that took center stage during the discussion concerned whether the council should look into regulating smoking in multi-resident complexes where second-hand smoke could make its way into multiple units through vents and cracks in the walls. Any legislating in this realm could have an impact on the tenancy rights of rent control tenants who are smokers.

Most of the cities that have adopted ordinances pertaining to smoking in apartments have banned the activity in common areas, Radinsky said.

"One thing we noticed that in most complaints we received ... have been from folks who are getting smoke through the walls or through the ceiling and the floors of the units," Radinsky said.

Apartment residents urged the council to take action and draft an ordinance that would ban smoking in all units, many telling stories of how second-hand smoke has impacted their health, some developing breathing problems, others speaking of adversarial relationships formed with their landlords.

The Northern California town of Belmont is the only city in the state and perhaps the country that has banned smoking in most multi-resident units and condominiums. The only exemption are for units that do not share a ceiling with another unit. The ban will not take effect for a few more months.

James Levesque, a single father of two teenage girls, has lived in a rent-control unit since December 2005 and just last week performed a test demonstrating how second-hand smoke travels from one unit to another.

Using specialized monitoring equipment that can detect small airborne particles generated by cigarettes, Levesque found the pollutant level was high outside of the apartments

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Wisnicki loses close Malibu council race

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer



WISNICKI

MALIBU The campaign for a seat on the Malibu City Council ended Wednesday afternoon for Board of Education member Kathy Wisnicki who barely lost out to political ally and Planning Commissioner John Sibert by just 27 votes.

Wisnicki, whose term on the school board is up this fall, finished fourth in Tuesday's city election where three seats on the council were up for grabs, garnering 1,392 votes to Sibert's 1,419.

Incumbent Pamela Conley Ulich finished first with 2,115 votes and Jefferson "Zuma Jay" Wagner second with 1,686. Susan Tellem finished fifth with 1,163.

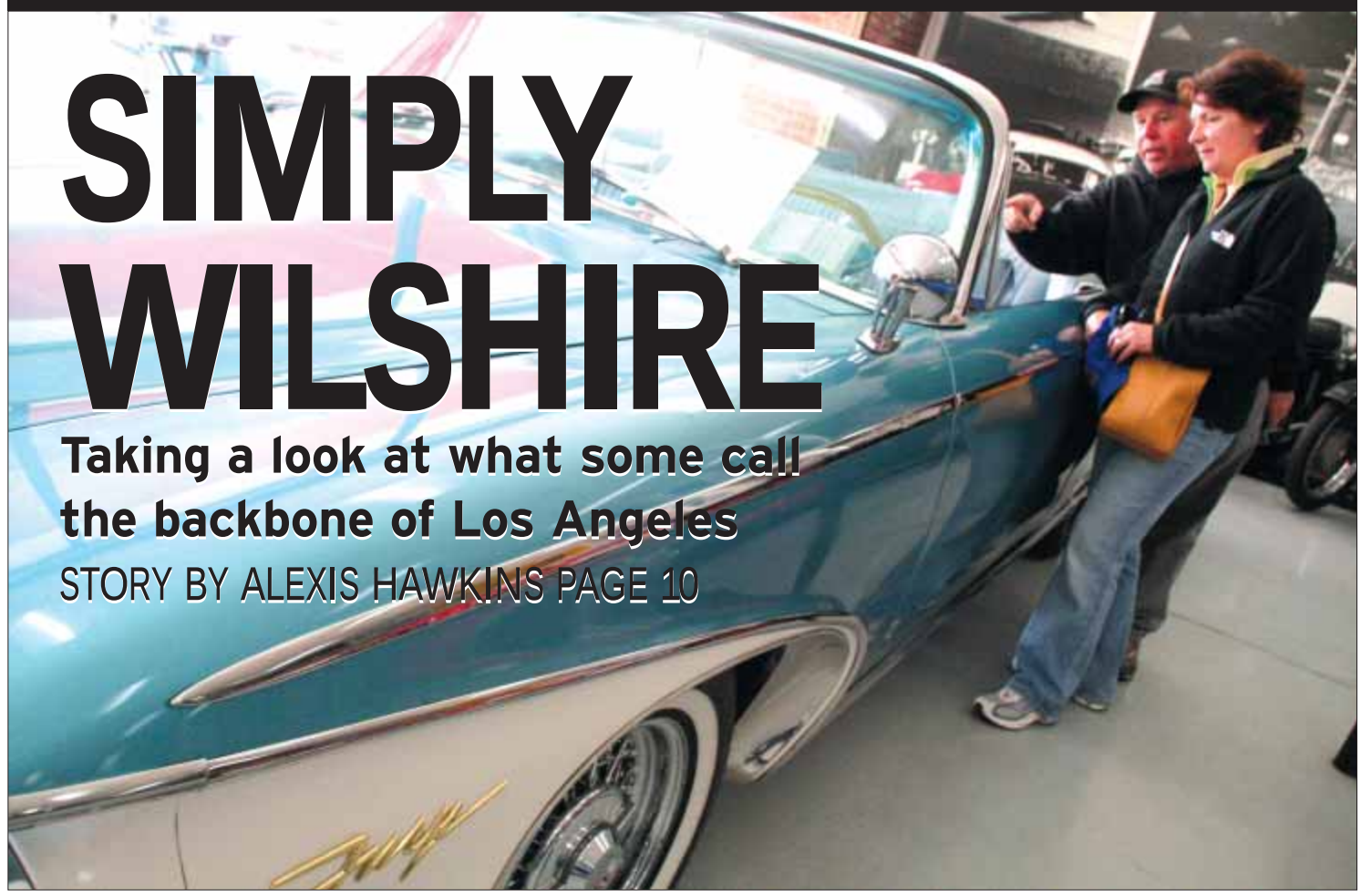
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What's new this week

2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 1 p.m. — 2:30 p.m.

A free-wheeling review and discussion of the week's key news stories at home and abroad.

What's really the story?

3116 Second St., 8 p.m.

The Powerhouse Theatre presents the "What's the Story Festival of New Solo Plays." The festival includes a workshop, founded and facilitated by Stacie Chaiken, for the development of personal stories for the stage, the screen, and the page. In their annual festival, 15 writer-performers perform an eclectic array of new work that is deeply moving, hilariously brave, bawdy, brazen and bold. For information, call (310) 396-3680.

Friday, April 11, 2008

Dancing with Isabelle and Reiko

1334 Lincoln Blvd., 7:15 p.m.

Learn how to dance hot salsa in a relaxed atmosphere with Isabelle and Reiko. There are two classes offered: One for beginners and another for more advanced dancers. Once both classes are over, hang out for a while and socialize with fellow students. For more information, call (310) 392-3493.

Get your Monty on

2627 Pico Blvd., Call for times

The Santa Monica Theatre Guild at the Morgan-Wixson Theatre presents "The Full Monty." The show runs March 14 through April 12 (Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m.). This musical adaptation of the comedic British film turns the "let's put on a show" genre on its ear, as a group of unemployed steelworkers prepares to present their own Chippendales-style show in working-class Buffalo, New York. For information, call (310) 828-7519.

Rolling with Ray

Westside, 1 p.m.

Novelist Raymond Chandler gravitated to sin and debauchery, so Santa Monica in the 1930s was a frequent stop for Philip Marlowe, one of his most popular characters. From shady doctors to second wives with pasts to crooked cops with a loathing for a mouthy PI, this tour has it all. Chandler's canonization of sin, wealth and sunshine on L.A.'s Westside fed the abiding myths of the American hard-boiled genre and play into the popular conception of the region. For information, call (323) 223-2767.

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.



CORRECTION

In the April 9, 2008 "Real Estate 101" column it should have stated that banks need to be paid back at the time of a sale and if not paid in full the lending institution can go after the collateral or the home itself.

Man found dead inside art studio

BY CHIARA CANZI
Special to the Daily Press

EASTSIDE A fire sparked by a possible electrical problem left a homeless man dead inside an art studio in Santa Monica late Tuesday night, authorities said.

Firefighters quickly doused the flames reported around 10:25 p.m. inside a one-room studio at 3028 Nebraksa Ave. and later discovered the body of a man who appeared to be in his 60s, said Santa Monica Fire Department Communications Deputy Scott Ziegert.

No Identification was found at the scene and investigators with the fire and police departments were awaiting the results of an autopsy to determine the man's identity and the cause of death.

The owner of the studio and of an adjacent antique repair shop declined to comment. Both appeared visibly distraught. Authorities said the owner of the studio allowed the man to sleep there.

The dollar loss and and cause of the fire are still under investigation.

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THE SCENE: **The exterior of a small art studio where the remains of a man believed to be in his 60s were found late Tuesday night after firefighters quickly extinguished a blaze that started in the studio located in the 3000 block of Nebraska Avenue. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.**

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Middle-class families downbeat on economy

BY HOPE YEN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON Growing numbers of middle-class Americans say they aren't better off than they were five years ago, reflecting economic pressures amid growing debt, a study released Wednesday shows.

Their short-term assessment of personal progress, according to the study, is the worst it's been in nearly half a century.

The survey by the Pew Research Center, a Washington-based organization, paints a mixed picture for the 53 percent of adults in the country who define themselves as "middle class," with household incomes ranging from below $40,000 to more than $100,000.

It found that a majority of Americans said they haven't progressed in the last five years. One in four, or 25 percent, said their economic situation had not improved, while 31 percent said they had fallen backward. Those numbers together are the highest since the survey question was first asked in 1964. Among the middle class, 54 percent said they had made no progress (26 percent) or fallen back (28 percent).

Asked about their financial experiences in the past year, 53 percent of middle-class people said they had to cut spending because money was tight. About one in five said they had trouble getting or paying for medical care, while 10 percent reported they had been laid off or otherwise lost their jobs.

Looking ahead to the coming year, half of the middle class surveyed said they expected to have to cut more spending. Among those employed, one in four, or 25 percent, expressed worries that they would be laid off, that their job would be outsourced or that their employer would relocate in the coming year, while 26 percent were concerned that they would see cuts in salary or health benefits.

Middle-class prosperity overall also lagged compared with richer Americans. From 1983 to 2004, the median net worth of upper-income families — defined as households with annual incomes above 150 percent of the median — grew by 123 percent, while the median net worth of middle-income families rose by just 29 percent.

In contrast, 80 percent of richer people said they exceeded their parents' standard of living. Among the lower class, only 49 percent reported better conditions.

"It's been a lousy run for the American economy and people feel it," said Paul Taylor,

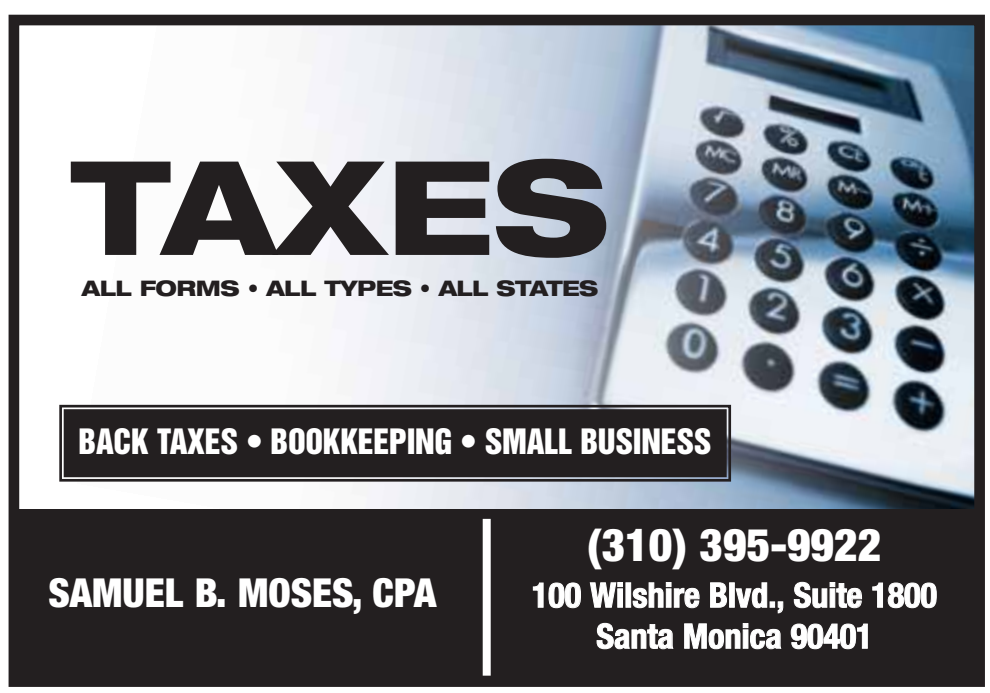
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> **Paul Taylor,** Director of Pew's Social & Demographic Trends project

At the same time, most middle-class people remained upbeat when asked to measure their progress over a longer timeframe, although their level of optimism lagged behind their richer counterparts. Two-thirds, or 67 percent, of middle-class Americans say their standard of living is better than the one their parents enjoyed at the age they are now.

director of Pew's Social & Demographic Trends project and lead author of the study. He noted that people's pessimism largely tracks annual median household income, which has seen little gain in recent years. Middle-class people also may be disproportionately feeling the pinch because they tend

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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The time is now

Editor:

It's time to have our local representatives, and the city of Santa Monica, stand up to the FAA before we have a jet plane crash along the school and the residences that are in their landing pattern. The growth in jet traffic has been without regulation, without environmental considerations, without adequate safety planning, without concern for the neighbors, the negative impact on property values, the health impacts, noise, quality of life, and without concern for Los Angeles. While the city of Santa Monica demands developers deliver environmentally responsive sustainable designs, with local citizen input, with full EIR's, with full public hearings, with full mitigation, how can the city of Santa Monica be so hypocritical with respect to the airport.

Art Border
Mar Vista

A little laughter at tax time

Editor:

Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes called taxes "the price we pay for civilization." But he never said we have to pay retail! As April 15 approaches, let's take a look at what some of our favorite bold-face names might deduct this year:

Lindsay Lohan's Drug Rehab. Competition for the celebrity drug rehab category is always fierce. Actress/trainwreck Lohan takes this year's top spot (beating out Britney Spears, Eddie Van Halen, and Amy Winehouse), with not one but two trips to rehab plus 84 minutes of "hard time" in the Lynwood jail. Bonus: Drug and alcohol rehab is the only deductible medical expense with a two-drink minimum!

Paris Hilton's Acting Lessons. Celebutante Paris Hilton revealed last year that she's hired a top acting coach to win better roles. Will that investment pay? Her first feature, "The Hottie and the Nottie," grossed just $25,000 in its opening weekend. We know Paris can deduct her lessons as a business expense. The real question is whether the rest of us can deduct our tickets as casualty/theft losses!

Kevin Federline's Divorce Lawyer. Why is divorce so expensive? Because it's worth it! Especially when your train-wreck ex sports a net worth estimated as high as $123 million. Most of K-Fed's legal fees will be a nondeductible personal expense. But he can still deduct legal fees for determining tax-deductible spousal support.

Al Gore's Nobel Peace Prize. Former Vice President Gore is a true renaissance man. He invented the Internet and global warning. He won an Oscar and a Nobel Peace Prize. He was even smart enough (and confident enough) to donate his cash to charity before he won, avoiding a pesky limit on deducting charitable gifts.

Harry Potter's Hogwarts Tuition. Harvard University runs $34,998 for 2008 tuition and fees. Plus $10,622 for room and board. That's probably more than Hogwarts costs, but without cool classes like Charms, Care of Magical Creatures, or Arithmancy, whatever that is. Secondary school and college tuition are a nondeductible personal expense, but Harry can use a Coverdell Education Savings Account to earn tax-free income to pay for it.

Kristen's Train Fare. "Kristen" and her fellow "Emperor's Club" fashion models, pageant winners, and students earned tens of thousands servicing former New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer. Kristen's an independent contractor (not an employee), so she deducts "business" expenses on Schedule C. These include the train fare she had to pay to visit Spitzer because, as everyone knows, there are no prostitutes in Washington D.C.

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The Rand Stand

Alex Epstein

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Too big to fail?

EVERY FEW DAYS WE HEAR THAT ANOTHER leading financial institution has written down billions more on subprime investments gone bad. Nearly every major financial institution, it turns out, had a hand in loans to low-credit borrowers, whose ability to pay often hinged on endlessly low interest rates or a strong housing market. How could this happen? How could nearly all the leading lights of the financial industry expose themselves to such massive losses? Or, as a Fortune cover crudely put it: "What were they smoking?"

A major part of the answer is government bailout crack.

For decades our government has had a semi-official policy that large financial institutions are too big to fail, and therefore must be bailed out when they risk insolvency — a policy that creates perverse incentives for them to take on far more risk than they otherwise would. "Too big to fail" is implemented through a network of government bodies that protect financial institutions from the long-term consequences of their decisions at taxpayer expense.

Consider Countrywide, a major subprime money-loser just acquired by Bank of America. Private lenders have not been willing to grant Countrywide the tens of billions it sought to keep afloat, given the company's huge and difficult-to-measure subprime exposure. In a free market, bankruptcy would loom, but in our system, Countrywide and others can turn to the government-backed Federal Home Loan Banks for cash; these banks have lent Countrywide over $70 billion so far. According to the Wall Street Journal, these banks specialize in "providing funding where other creditors won't go," which they can do because of "a widespread belief the government would bail them out [with taxpayer money] in a crisis."

Cash from Federal Home Loan Banks is just one of the many entrees the government provides on its bailout menu. Another option a failing bank has is to court bank depositors, who will not be scared away because their deposits are backed by the government's Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). Countrywide and others have a huge potential pool of capital accessible to them if they take on the additional cost of offering depositors higher interest rates than their competitors'. On its Web site, Countrywide is actively chasing your dollars, boasting, "Can your bank match our CD rates?" The policy is working; American depositors have invested or kept tens of billions of their savings in Countrywide's coffers — despite regular headlines about the company's perilous finances. Depositors know that no matter how reckless Countrywide is with their money, other taxpayers will be there to pay the company's FDIC-backed commitments, just as they were there to bail out depositors in savings and loans in the 1980s.

Still another item on the bailout menu is provided by the Federal Reserve. Today and throughout history, when major financial institutions are losing money, the Fed uses its power to manipulate interest rates and the money supply so that banks can borrow cheaply. Again, it is other taxpayers who pay, in this case, through inflation. Inflation depletes Americans' hard-earned savings; the trend of skyrocketing housing and commodity prices we have witnessed during the last five years is just the latest and most obvious harm done by our government's inflationary actions.

The combined effect of these and other bailout policies is to make risk-taking less risky for large financial institutions, because true failure is not an option.

If an institution can be bankrupted when its investments go bad, it is supremely clear to its managers and its creditors that they must be continuously diligent about risk. They have every incentive to thoroughly investigate long-term consequences because enough money badly invested could mean the firm's extinction.

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However, when the long term loses its meaning, when institutions are told they can never fail, managers are given an incentive to put more capital at risk. If the investments go well in the short term, as subprime investments did for several years, the profit potential is huge. If they eventually fail, the downside is only so bad; the government will "do something" to keep the firms afloat.

And when these reckless investments do go well in the short term, they're sure to be repeated.

Any doctrine that encourages overly-risky investing, and punishes sound risk-taking is unfair and destructive. We need to phase out "too big to fail" and replace it with a free market in banking, which would reward sound long-term lending and borrowing practices and punish irresponsible ones. Otherwise, the next financial market fiasco is just a matter of time.

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Age is just the starting point

I'M NOT EVEN 35 YET (FOR 16 MORE DAYS, anyway, to be exact), but lately I've been feeling particularly old. Part of the reason could be my imminent birthday. But it could also be due to the fact that I've just been utterly exhausted.

This past Wednesday night was meant to be a big one. I had plans to go to a movie and then to some live music afterwards. But when the film ended after 10, I knew the only music I'd be hearing that night was my husband Rick snoring on the couch in front of the TV downstairs while I drifted off in bed upstairs.

The truth is, I'd known since four that morning I wouldn't make it out for the live music. I had woken up and started thinking about how the show probably wouldn't start until just before 11, which meant I would likely get home after one and in bed around two and then I'd be a basket case for the next few days. The stress of the probable future fatigue ensured I never went back to sleep, rendering me a Cindy McCain-like zombie (minus the pearls and perfectly-coiffed hair) for the rest of the day.

Another thing keeping me up nights is my death. While neither of us are sick, Rick and I have embarked on a we're-grown-ups-now-so-we-should-have-life-insurance-and-wills project. Nothing has ever made me feel quite so old as having to fill out a legal form designating a personal representative to collect all of my assets, pay all bills and make distributions to my beneficiaries in the event of my demise. Actually, I stand corrected. The one thing that made me feel older was filling out the final wishes questionnaire sent over by our lawyer forcing me to decide on a scale of one to five the extent to which I'd want treatments to keep me alive under various mortally ill scenarios.

Fortunately last Sunday my issues weren't quite so bleak. I simply had trouble deciding whether to watch the "John Adams" miniseries on HBO or Masterpiece Theatre's "Sense and Sensibility." As I chose the latter and set the former to be recorded, I noticed PBS dropped the Theatre from the show's name. The show also had a sexy new opening montage (sexy for PBS, that is) and its theme song had been given a makeover.

Clearly the show is trying to give its brand a makeover. But while former "X Files" actress Gillian Anderson may now host in place of Alistair Cooke (may he rest in peace), there's never going to be anything hip about petticoats and Jane Austen unless she mysteriously turns up wearing only a petticoat on the Internet in a long lost sex tape.

Besides, I don't think it's such a coup for PBS that I'm not a member of AARP and yet I tuned in anyway. After all, I doubt there's a female liberal arts English major graduate out there who doesn't jump at the chance for some 19th century British chick lit on the big or small screen every now and again. Either way, in an attempt to turn back my mental clock and remind myself that I'm not retiring to Boca just yet, I think I should see if TBS will be airing "Legally Blonde 2" anytime soon.

The truth is that being old has little to do with age — it's all about the mental clock. Like my mom. She had her second hip replacement in less than five years at the end of last month and she's already resumed her regular bridge game, made it to the beauty parlor for her weekly appointment, planned the activities for my trip to New York in two weeks and our trip to Disney World in four (at which time her newest hip will be all of 42 days old). I've called her every day since her surgery and she's mostly been too busy doing everything under the sun to spend too much time on the phone.

And me? I couldn't manage to shower for three days in a row last week (much to Rick's dismay) because I was too lazy or tired (in my own sanitary defense, though, we had no hot water for one of the three days).

Still, I don't think it's time to find me a suitable nursing home just yet. I had been thinking about forgoing the traditional all-chocolate (if it's not chocolate, it's not worth it) cake on my birthday, thinking about how the fat and calories just don't burn off as easily as they used to and maybe the caffeine from the chocolate would keep me up. But then I laughed. There's no age limit on chocolate.

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The Q Line

Fond memories

The good folks at Pacific Park have created an online message board to allow patrons of the famous Pacific Wheel to post their fondest memories of the ride that is slated to be replaced later this year.

So this week's Q-Line question asks:

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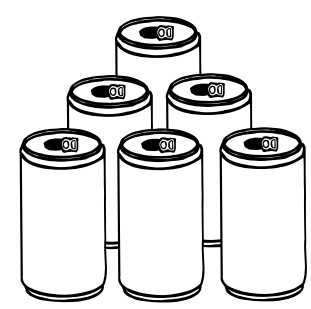


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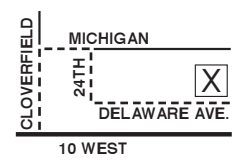
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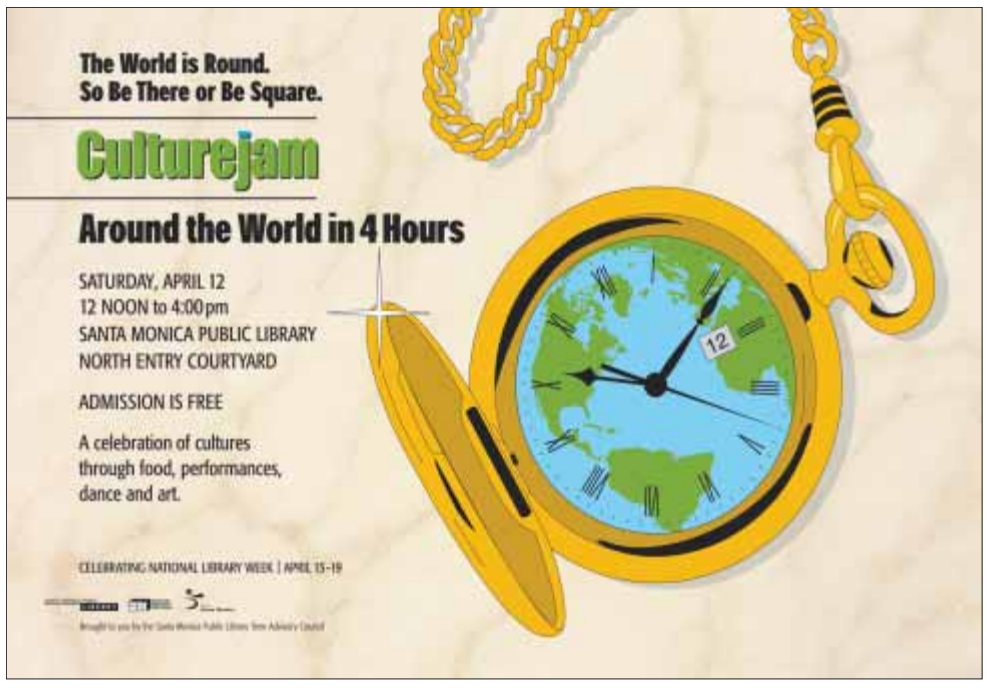
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Bottling companies facing opposition

BY SAMANTHA YOUNG
Associated Press Writer

McCLOUD The lumber mill closed five years ago, and so many families moved out that the town can no longer even field a high school football team.

But McCloud is hoping to turn things around by exploiting the other natural resource in abundance along the icy flanks of Mount Shasta — water.

The town of 1,300 people in far Northern California struck a deal with Nestle in 2003 under which the Swiss company would build the nation's largest water bottling plant to tap three of the many springs on the mountainside and bottle up to 521 million gallons of water a year.

The project is still awaiting an environmental review from the county and could be several years away from approval, having run into opposition from scientists, fishermen, conservationists and some members of the community 280 miles northeast of San Francisco.

But others in town are growing frustrated by the delays and want to see something, anything, to replace the lumber mill that was driven out of business by the logging restrictions that have hurt the timber industry across the Pacific Northwest.

"When they had the mill, this town was jumping," said homeowner Paula Kleinhans. "As soon as the mill closed down, people moved, they lost their jobs, and now there are no children here. It really needs industry here."

Similar disputes are playing out elsewhere around the country as water becomes an increasingly precious commodity — and a major source of legal and political controversy — because of drought, booming population and the popularity of bottled water.

From California to New Hampshire and Florida, corporate giants such as Nestle, Coca-Cola Crystal Geyser are looking for new sources of water and running into resistance.

Supporters of bottling plants see them as a vital source of jobs and revenue. Others fear that pumping large amounts of water from the ground will drain wells, creeks and streams.

"It's no longer this limitless resource," said Elaine Renich, a commissioner in Lake County, Fla., where California-based Niagara Bottling LLC wants to pump water from the region's shrinking aquifer. "It's beyond me how you can expect people to conserve water and you turn around and say a water bottling plant is OK."

In New Hampshire, residents are trying to block New Hampshire-based USA Springs from pumping more than 300,000 gallons a day from 100 acres it bought.

"They are people who want to bully their way in and take our water," said Barrington, N.H., resident Denise Hart.

Opposition in Wisconsin forced Nestle to abandon plans by its Perrier subsidiary to build a $100 million bottling plant near Wisconsin Dells. In Michigan, about 200 miles northwest of Detroit, residents are engaged in a similar legal dispute against Nestle.

Last September, Napa, in the heart of Northern California's wine country, rejected Crystal Geyser's application to tap into the city's aquifer to bottle mineral water.

Bottled water is a $10.8 billion-a-year industry in the U.S., with demand growing 8 percent a year. California is home to an estimated 40 percent of the nation's 300 water bottling operations.

McCloud sits in the shadow of 14,162-foot Mount Shasta in a forested region crisscrossed with trout streams. The dozens of springs breaking through the crust of Mount Shasta's lower reaches are so pure that residents drink directly from them, filling bottles to take back home. Coca-Cola and Crystal Geyser already run bottling operations nearby.

Under the agreement negotiated by McCloud's sole governing body, an elected board that oversees water, roads and sewers, Nestle is promising 240 jobs and payments of as much as $390,000 a year, depending on how much water is removed.

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>
> **David Palais,**
> Nestle's Northern California natural resource manager

The company and the board say the town will still have more than enough water for itself. And preliminary reviews have shown that the pumping plant would have minimal environmental effect.

"We're all working to the same goal: sustainability and protection of the environment," said Nestle's Northern California natural resource manager, David Palais. "We're not going to come in and invest money and deplete the resource."

Opponents say not enough study has been done. Among other things, they say, it is not clear what the pumping would do to the streams. Some could become slower or warmer, perhaps harming the trout, scientists say.

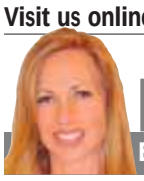
"These are small streams. Individually, they don't count for much, but it's always the cumulative effect you worry about," said Peter Moyle, a biologist with the University of California at Davis.

In town, some residents and community leaders believe the project could bring some energy back to McCloud, which had 2,000 people before the lumber mill closed.

Nowadays, the McCloud Soda Shoppe & Cafe, the bookstore and the general store close by 5:30 p.m., and the only place to get a meal on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights is the bar at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall.

Randy Prinz, 52, said he might support the bottling operation if the town renegotiated to get more money. His grandparents settled in McCloud at the height of the timber industry, and he watched it go from boom to bust.

"Now all you have is your memories and your house," he said. "And no job."



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Benefits of eating a few leafy greens

KERMIT THE FROG SANG ABOUT BEING green and how it's not so easy, yet, he pulled it off. He was green, and proud, and in love with a pig? I am not asking you to hit the tanning salon or roll around in a pig pen. I am simply asking you to try to eat green — more green vegetables that is. I know, I sound like your mother, right? But I am not your mother. I am simply a concerned dietitian.

I have always felt that leafy green vegetables were the best food on this planet because they have the ability to harness energy from the sun and turn it into energy for the growing plant. Imagine being able to harness the energy of the sun to help your own body grow and repair itself. Well, you can't, sorry, but you can eat leafy greens and get the next best thing.

Knowing that greens are so great and that eating more would be most beneficial to health, I have been trying to come up with clever ways to do so. So, I decided to buy a book all about juicing greens aptly named, "Green for Life." This book is off the hook. These people literally live on these green gook concoctions which incorporate greens from every walk of life and even from the cracks in the sidewalk. Weeds are actually really nutritious. That does not mean you should walk down Main Street and pick your salad ingredients along the way. But you might want to do as I do and think about more creative ways to eat more greens.

I also have another goal which is to get more Omega-3 rich foods in my diet. I recently learned that romaine lettuce is a good source of the essential Omega-3 fatty acid called Alpha-Linolenic-Acid or ALA. Romaine is a cold weather plant meaning that it does well in the cold and does not have to be protected from harsh climates. Those plants that adapt well under extreme conditions (weeds are another example) tend to be higher in Omega-3 Fatty Acids. The Omega-3's make the plant's cell walls more pliable or flexible so that they can bend and adjust to various climates. This "flexibility" also allows for quick delivery of nutrients in and out of the plant's cells. Omega-3's work the same way in your body cells, too. Omega-3's tend be found in higher concentrations in cells that require rapid response such as the cells in the brain, the eyes, the heart, and the muscles of trained athletes where "flexibility" and rapid responses are a must.

The current ratio of Omega-6 to Omega-3 fats in the typical American diet is 15:1 but the ideal goal is 2 or 3:1. This Omega-3 Rich recipe gives you a ratio of 1:4. Yes, it is a reverse increase. There are four times as many Omega-3's as there are Omega-6's. The problem with the current excess of Omega-6's is that these types of fats cause clotting and inflammation, both of which are necessary to protect the body, but detrimental in the long run because excessive clotting can cause a heart attack or stroke and chronic inflammation can lead to chronic problems such as heart disease. We need more Omega-3 fats to help the body achieve more of a balance. So drink or eat up and enjoy the balanced way you will feel from the inside out!

Knowing that romaine is a good source of some Omega-3's and having that goal of eating more greens, perhaps now you will be more motivated to try one of these recipes to help you get started. You can juice your greens for quick greens-on-the-go, or use the same ingredients to make a salad topped with balsamic vinaigrette. Either way you are now on your way to eating green.

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Omega-3 Rich Blue Green Drink

In a blender add:
1 cup baby romaine leaves
1 cup fresh or frozen organic blueberries
1 tablespoon ground flax seeds (most of the Omega-3's are from Flax)
⅛ tsp cinnamon
8 ounces filtered water
(If you prefer, a teaspoon of honey helps the "greens" go down)
Blend. Drink. Enjoy!

Per serving (~16 ounces)
Calories 95
Carbohydrates 14g
Fiber 6g
Protein 3g
Fat 3g
Omega-3 fats 2g
Omega-6 fats 0.5g

Balsamic Vinaigrette

1 cup balsamic vinegar
1 cup canola oil (higher in Omega-3's than any other oil)
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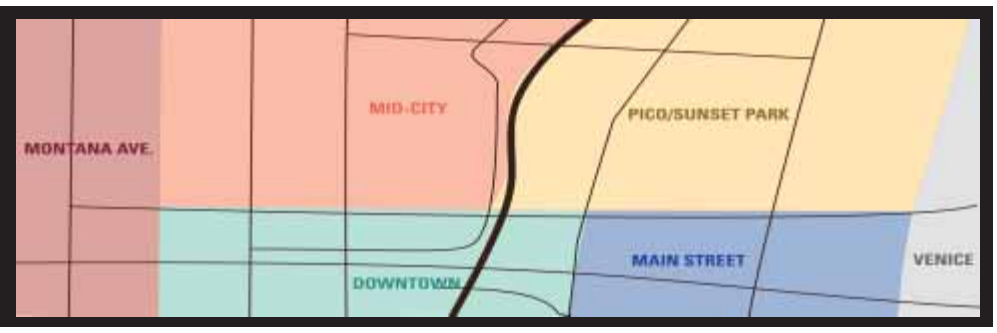
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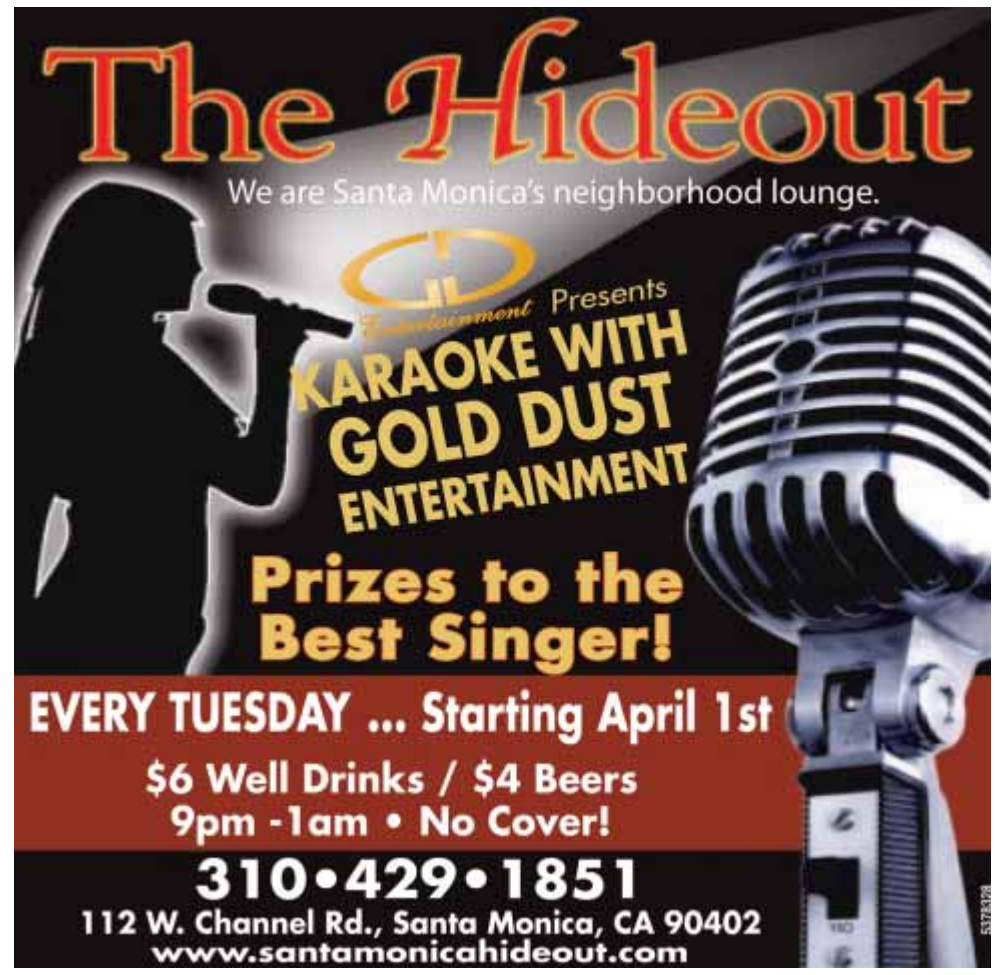
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MAJOR DRAG: **Running 16 miles from Grand Avenue in Downtown Los Angeles to the Pacific Ocean, it has been called 'the backbone of L.A.,' and 'the Champs-Elysees of the West,' but for Santa Monicans it's simply Wilshire Boulevard, home to banks and bakeries, car dealerships and classic diners and delis, grocery stores and first-class restaurants. Here's a look at the major thoroughfare through the lens of a Daily Press photographer. (Right) A tortoise watches the street scene from Pets of Wilshire near 20th Street. (Bottom left) Victor King, four-time world champion martial artist, helps Benjamin Dracup with his pushups at the American Taekwondo Association's Tiny Tigers class. (Bottom right) An impressive fountain sculpture stands outside of the Cellular Fantasy building. (From far left top, down) Gian Abriola enjoys an afternoon game of pool at The House of Billiards. Alex Shirokow-Lauden receives an afternoon piano lesson from his teacher, Tamar Shengelia, at the Santa Monica Academy of Music. Pastor Killian delivers the Sunday sermon at the Pilgrim Lutheran Church. Kevin Westnott gets ready to roll at Douglas Park where the Santa Monica Lawn Bowling Club meets four times a week. The LBC will host 'Saturday on the Green,' a lawn bowling festival on May 10 at Roxbury Park in Beverly Hills.**

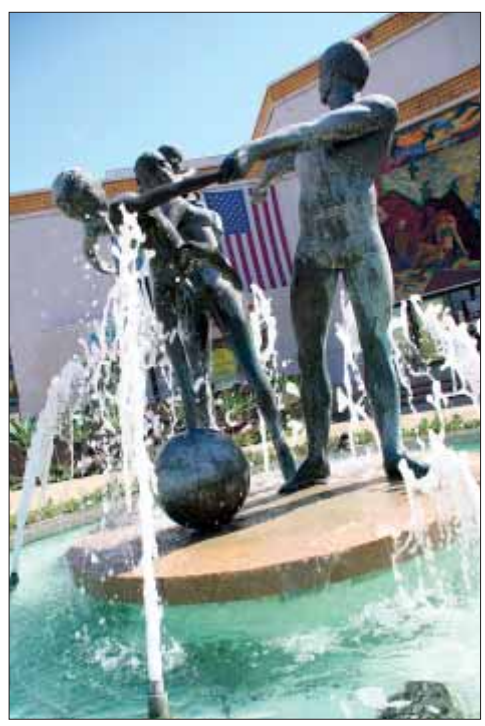
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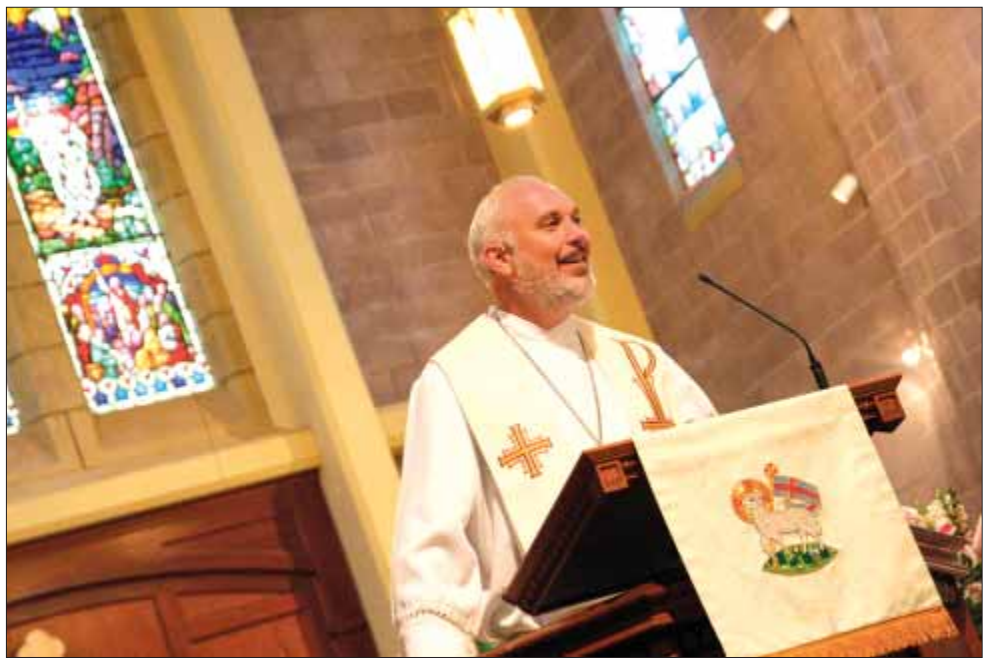


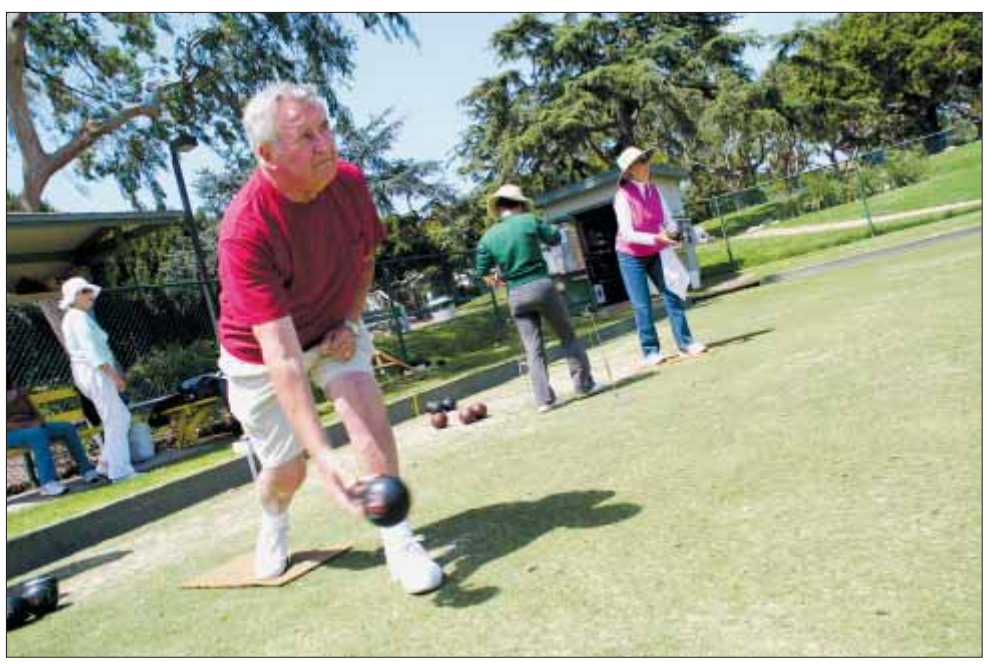


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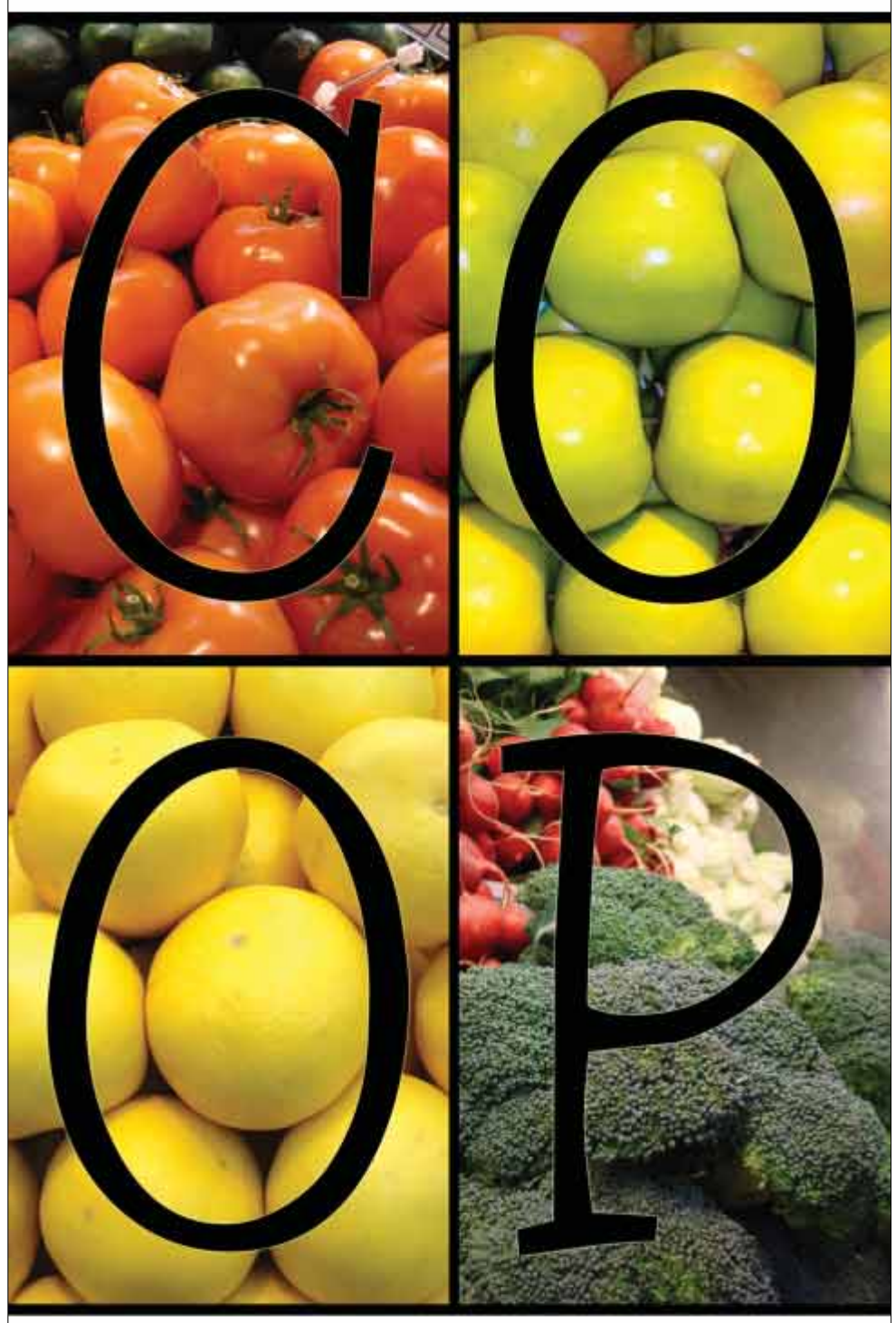








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Restaurant operators to be held responsible

FROM **SMOKING** PAGE 1

of two smokers in the building, both of whom had their doors closed. Levesque also detected particles in the bedroom of a non-smoker who resides above a smoker.

Levesque said that he has attempted to work with management and the smokers in his buildings but with no progress on the matter. He complained that he is unable to open all 11 windows in his apartment and has to leave the front door open to ventilate the unit, leaving the family with little privacy.

His daughter, Gaby Levesque, a student at Santa Monica High School, said that her friends complain about the smoke when they come to visit.

"This year my varsity soccer coach noticed my breathing struggles and suggested I get tested for asthma," she said.

One apartment resident said that her manager came up with a model that forces every new tenant to sign an agreement agreeing not to smoke on the premises. The building has gone from nine smokers to three.

"My personal health has improved so dramatically," Santa Monica resident Willow Evans said in reference to the results from the no-smoking agreements. "I can actually take a whole breath without coughing."

"It's really stunning just what a difference it has done for all of us," she added.

A major area of concern for apartment owners appears to be determining who would be responsible for enforcement.

"I encourage you to proceed with caution and thoughtfulness," Bill Dawson, the vice president of the Apartment Association of Greater Los Angeles, said.

Dawson works for a company that manages a number of properties in Santa Monica, two of which are non-smoking properties.

"The problem we come across is how do we get from a building that has no prohibition on smoking to a building that is non-smoking," Dawson said.



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CAN'T LIGHT UP ANY MORE? **The City Council on Tuesday moved forward with an amendment to the smoking ban ordinance that would hold restaurant owners liable if they knowingly allow patrons to smoke outside, a violation of city code. The amendment will come up for adoption at the next council meeting. The council is also considering banning smoking in common areas in all apartments.**

In the end the council directed staff to prepare an ordinance that would ban smoking in common areas in multi-family developments while allowing designated smoking areas. Staff was also asked to conduct several public workshops to facilitate a discussion among competing interests about a possible regulation on smoking in units.

The proposed ordinance would also establish a tobacco licensing requirement in Santa Monica, penalizing retailers who are repeatedly caught selling tobacco to minors by revoking their license to sell such products.

The council also asked staff to pass a non-binding resolution encouraging pharmacies to stop selling cigarettes. The United States is the only country in the world where pharmacies still sell tobacco.

Mayor Herb Katz said he felt the council would need to be careful about regulations when it comes to people and their private living quarters.

Katz, who quit smoking 28 years ago, added that the problem with second-hand smoke in apartment buildings stems from the fact they were not built properly.

"I think we've got to be very careful before we start stepping on people's private rights," Katz said. "If I want to go into my house and smoke, I think that's my business."

BUSINESSES GET MORE TIME

Some alterations have been made to staff recommendations that hold restaurant owners accountable since it was originally proposed to the business community last year.

One of the biggest areas of concern for business owners was the short 30-day turnaround time after the changes are enacted during which time restaurant owners would have to educate their staff and post signage.

Radinsky said that the effective date will be pushed to a total of 90 days from adoption, giving restaurant owners until mid-July to comply. The expanded timeline would also allow a city marketing campaign on the smoking ban more time to circulate.

Another concern of the business community — the vagueness in the term "knowingly" or "intentionally" — was also taken into consideration. In a letter addressed to the City Council last week, Tom Larmore, the chairman of the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, suggested that the city ordinance mirror the state's definition of "knowingly" and "intentionally" as outlined in its regulation on smoking.

Larmore wrote a proposed revision to the amendment which stated that no business owner should be deemed to be acting knowingly if they have complied with the provisions of the ordinance, which includes posting signage and requesting a customer to refrain from smoking.

Radinsky said the amendment will incorporate state language that does not force employees to eject smokers or to ask them to stop smoking if there is a risk of physical harm. He did not suggest incorporating the state language about not holding business owners liable if they had already posted signage or requested a customer to refrain from smoking.

Misti Kerns, the CEO and president of the Santa Monica Convention and Visitors Bureau, said she appreciated the expansion of the effective date by a total of 60 days but reminded city officials that the height and peak of the tourist season is in July.

"It's very difficult to roll out some sort of a comprehensive multi-language training program and tools of production when we are at our busiest time in the community," Kerns said.

Garry South, a Santa Monica resident since 2003, urged city officials to actively enforce the amendment, noting that he has complained to restaurant owners a number of times about patrons openly smoking in outdoor areas.

"Too many times their attitude has been that it's not their problem, and more frequently than not, they've gotten snippy with me rather than with the offender," South said. "The excuse ran from the ridiculous to the ludicrous."

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Back to business for board member

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The results do not include 17 outstanding ballots awaiting confirmation from the Los Angeles County Clerk, though it would not affect the outcome.

"I think John is going to do a great job and if it turned out the other way, I wouldn't feel any better," Wisnicki said on Tuesday afternoon. "I will go back to serving the students at the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District and I love that job, too, so I'm not overly disappointed."

Wisnicki expressed regret that she would not be able to serve alongside Sibert and said that a victory in her favor would've been bittersweet.

"I thought we would've been a good team," she said.

Sibert expressed a similar sentiment.

"Governing a city is not about sound bites and spin," he said on Tuesday. "It's about experience and vision and Kathy has all those things."

Conley Ulich and Wagner captured the top two seats on Tuesday night as the results started pouring in, but the race for third place was close all night heading into Wednesday morning with Sibert only up by 32 votes. While all of the precincts had reported by Wednesday morning, there were 197 uncounted absentee and provisional ballots that were turned in at the polls, according to Lisa Pope, the Malibu City Clerk.

Both Wisnicki and Sibert attended a campaign party at the Malibu Performing Arts Center on Tuesday night where attendees honored outgoing councilmembers Jeff Jennings and Ken Kearsley, both of whom are termed out.

"I'm surprised by how at peace I was with whatever outcome," Wisnicki said. "I have to think John will do an excellent job and I think I (would have) done an excellent job."

Wisnicki, a mother of two children who received her doctorate degree from UCLA, announced her candidacy last fall.

"I was convinced by many people who had approached me to run," she said. "I ran a good, clean campaign and some of my opponents have not."

"That may or may not have hurt me," she added.

> **"I WILL GO BACK TO SERVING THE STUDENTS AT THE SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND I LOVE THAT JOB TOO, SO I'M NOT OVERLY DISAPPOINTED."**
>
> **Kathy Wisnicki,**
> City Council candidate

Wisnicki was elected to the school board in 2004 and is the only Malibu resident on the seven-member body. She served as the board president last year.

She said that she hasn't thought about whether or not to run again for the council in two years and has not decided as to whether she will run for re-election on the school board this fall. One thing is for certain, Wisnicki said she is looking forward to continuing her duties on the board.

"I'm going back to business as usual," she said.

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Middle-class feeling the pinch

FROM **ECONOMY** PAGE 3

to borrow more heavily against their homes to support their lifestyles, Taylor said.

"Still, over a span of a generation, it's been a pretty good run, even as there are some recent pressures that I think people are feeling," he said.

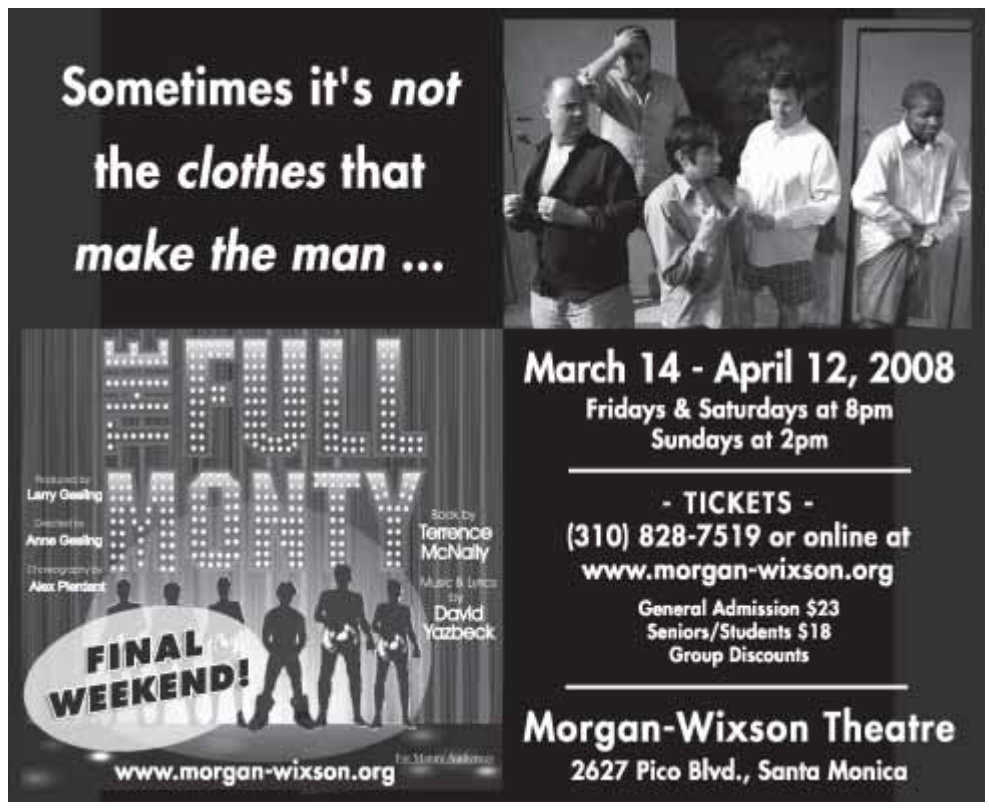
The Pew poll involved telephone interviews with 2,413 adults, conducted from Jan. 24 to Feb. 19. The margin of sampling error was 2.5 percentage points.

Among the other findings:

■ Nearly eight in 10 of all people, or 79 percent, said they believe it has become more difficult compared with five years ago for the middle class to maintain their standard of living, up from 65 percent in 1986.

■ Among the middle class, no consensus existed on who was to blame for their economic problems. Twenty-six percent blamed the government, 15 percent faulted the price of oil and 11 percent said the people themselves were responsible. Others faulted foreign competition and private corporations for economic woes.

■ Some demographic groups have improved their income status between 1970 and 2006, while others saw declines. Among the winners were seniors ages 65 and older, blacks, native-born Hispanics and married adults.



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites sealed bids for the:

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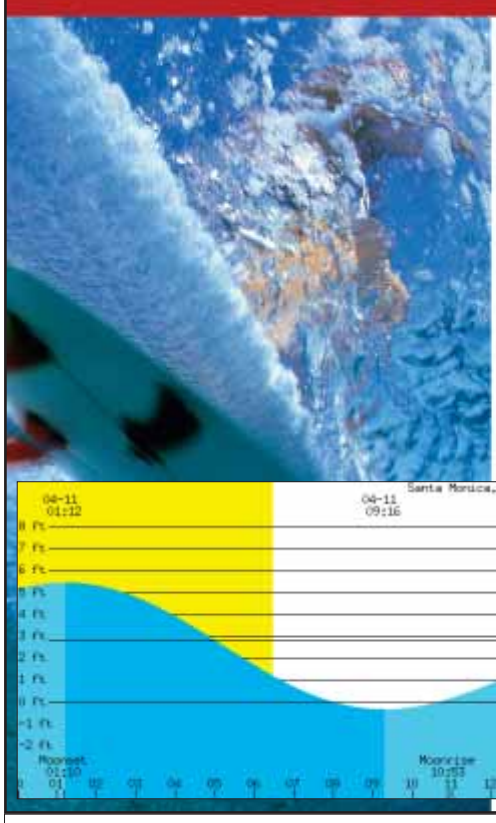


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SURF REPORT



SURF CONDITIONS **WATER TEMP: 52-60°**

SWELL FORECAST (4-6 FT)

Today the wind swell should start backing down as conditions improve. Waist to chest at west facing breaks and waist high at south facing breaks seems like a reasonable expectation. Winds should be calm to lightly offshore in the morning with the usual 15 mph onshores in the afternoon. After contending with a wind-fest from previous days though, the surface may still be a little lumped up.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS

LIGHT SOUTH SWELL DUE THIS WEEKEND...

TIDE FORECAST FOR TODAY IN SANTA MONICA

BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous four weeks up to the ending date of **April 1, 2008**

HEAL THE BAY - 1444 9th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 - www.healthebay.org - brc@healthebay.org - 800 HEAL BAY

QUICK STATS (for the last 28 days)

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

The Beach Report Card is made possible by a grant from 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
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	B	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Aliso 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	D	ns
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach	B	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily	F	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A+	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	B	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	C	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	A	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	A	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	C	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	ns
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	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)	A+	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	A+	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	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	A	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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WNBA

Sparks take Parker with the first pick

BY DOUG FEINBERG
Associated Press Writer

PALM HARBOR, Fla. Candace Parker had a whirlwind 24 hours.

Parker was selected No. 1 by the Los Angeles Sparks in the WNBA draft on Wednesday, a day after capping her college career by leading Tennessee to a second straight NCAA title.

"These last 15 hours or so have been just amazing," Parker said. "To win a national championship and then switch gears and come to the WNBA draft and be surrounded by my peers that I've played with ever since I was in junior high school has been amazing."

The Associated Press player of the year joins Lisa Leslie, turning Los Angeles into one of the top teams in the league. The Sparks were a franchise-worst 10-24 last season with Leslie sitting out after giving birth to a daughter in June.

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>
> **Candace Parker,**
> No. 1 pick

"Lisa Leslie has been one of my idols ever since I was younger," Parker said. "I've never had an opportunity to play with her ... but I'm really looking forward to it. Obviously, she's a great role model and I'm looking to take in whatever she tells me."

LSU senior Sylvia Fowles was taken second by the Chicago Sky. The 6-foot-6 center led the Lady Tigers to four straight Final Fours and scored 24 points and had 20 rebounds in their heartbreaking 47-46 semifinal loss to Tennessee.

Stanford star Candice Wiggins, whose team finished runner-up, went third to the Minnesota Lynx. Alexis Hornbuckle of Tennessee was chosen by Detroit and Matee Ajavon of Rutgers was selected by Houston, rounding out the top five.

Parker left Tennessee with a year of eligibility remaining. She chose to skip her fifth year, which she gained because of a knee injury as a freshman.

"It's been really hard," she said. "Obviously I've wavered. I think everybody wavers on decisions all the time. Especially when you're in the moment and there's orange surrounding you and people begging you and telling you one more year. But I gave my word, and I just felt it was time to go and we left on top."

Parker, Fowles and Wiggins headlined a talented class that has been hyped since their freshmen year.

"I feel like now it's our class' responsibility to raise the bar and I think this class is capable of doing that," Parker said. "I feel like in the WNBA it's going to be the rivalries.

"It's going to be the Candice Wiggins vs. Candace Parker. It's going to be the Sylvia Fowles vs. Erlana Larkins. I feel like it's going to be great for the game."

Crystal Langhorne of Maryland was taken sixth by Washington and Essence Carson of Rutgers went seventh to New York. Carson will be close to home, having played college ball in New Jersey.

The expansion Atlanta Dream chose Tamera Young of James Madison at No. 8. Amber Holt of Middle Tennessee State went ninth to Connecticut and Laura Harper was selected 10th by Sacramento.

Tasha Humphrey of Georgia went next to Detroit, and the Sun took UConn guard Ketia Swanier with their second pick of the round at No. 12.

North Carolina's LaToya Pringle was chosen by the defending champion Phoenix Mercury and New York picked her Tar Heels teammate Erlana Larkins to close out the first round.

All five Tennessee starters got drafted. Shannon Bobbitt and Nicky Anosike were the first two picks of the second round, with Bobbitt joining Parker in Los Angeles and Anosike heading to Minnesota. Alberta Auguste was drafted in the third round by New York.

"It's amazing that we all went," Parker said. "It's really cool."

NCAA BASKETBALL

Love, Collison unsure about draft

By the Associated Press

WESTWOOD UCLA coach Ben Howland says All-American Kevin Love and teammate Darren Collison have not yet decided whether they will make themselves available for the NBA draft.

Howland dismissed a report on the Los Angeles Times' Web site that said the players had decided to leave and were expected to hire agents, which would prevent them from returning to the Bruins next season.

"It's an erroneous report," Howland said, adding that both players were upset about the report because they have yet to discuss their future with their families.

College players have until April 27 to declare for the June draft.

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Enjoy the arts, Scorpio

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Investigation reveals a myriad of possibilities. The real issue is which path to head down. Only you can answer that. You actually have an excess of possibilities. Understanding grows. Tonight: In the middle of the happening.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Continue as if you are on yellow alert financially. Being wary is excellent and will prevent mistakes you would prefer not to make. Listen to feedback, which could be very important, especially if it comes later in the day. Tonight: Find a pal to hang out with.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You might want to integrate some better ideas into a project. You might need to win the favor of an associate or a loved one first. Together you'll become a very powerful team. Follow-through counts. Tonight: Say yes to a little frivolity.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ You might have a difficult time containing yourself in order to get the results you desire. It might be important to know when to cut your losses. Tonight: Nap and then come out of your shell!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Use the daylight hours for key projects. You have an abundance of energy and can meet any situation with ease. Tonight: A vanishing act could be most alluring to someone else.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Others pressure you to the point that you might want to yell like there is no tomorrow. Realize we all have limitations. Tonight: Hook up with friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Your ability to detach comes through one more time, as you easily find a new path to a goal. Your vision is changing dramatically. Tonight: A must show.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You assume that someone will come through for you. You have seen and understand the power of positive thought. Just the same, being less vested and more direct might be a great idea. Let go and allow others to just be. Tonight: Take in a movie or listen to a great piece of music.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might be unsure of yourself when dealing with a child or loved one. As information comes forward, you breathe a sigh of relief. Tonight: Opt for dinner with a very special person.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You defer to many, as you are focused on one item at a time. Once you accomplish what you feel is necessary, you can breathe a sigh of relief. Tonight: Welcome the moment to socialize.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Your imagination might be filling in the gaps way too easily as you find solutions with ease. However, they might not work when tested. Tonight: Winding down — it has been some week.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You need to focus your thoughts on basics, or you might not appreciate the end results. Let a situation work itself out. Be open to feedback. Tonight: Consider taking tomorrow off.

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★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

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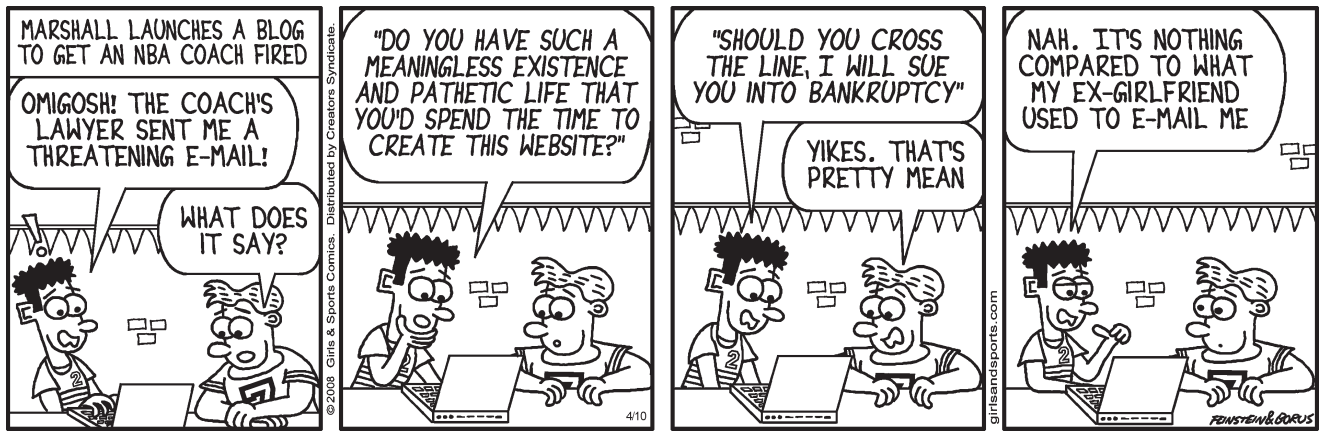
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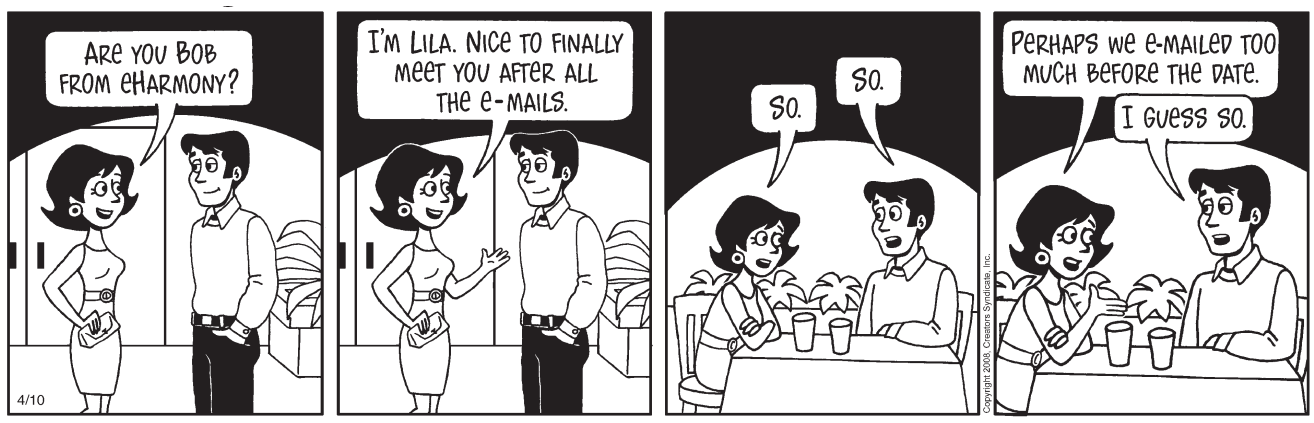
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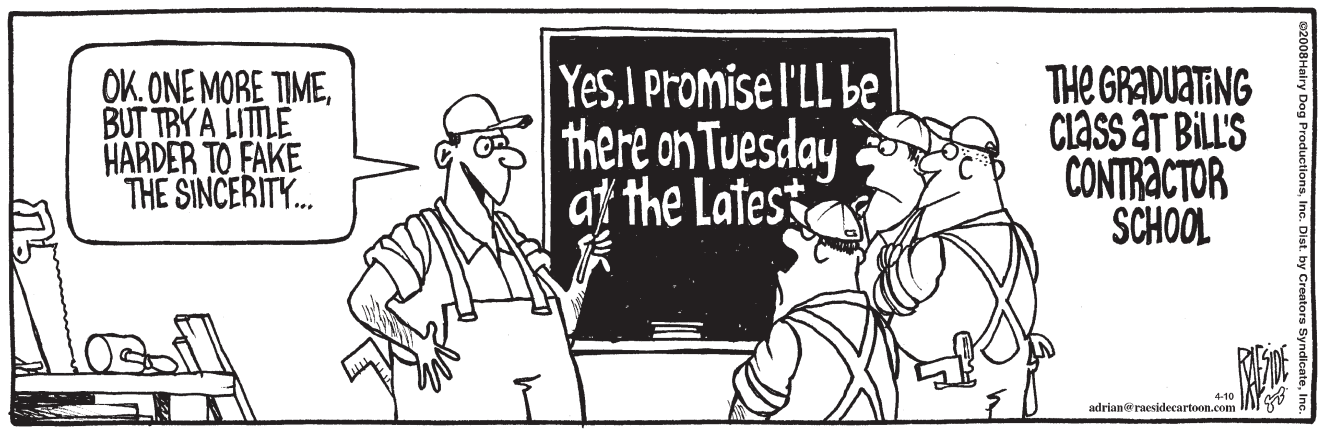
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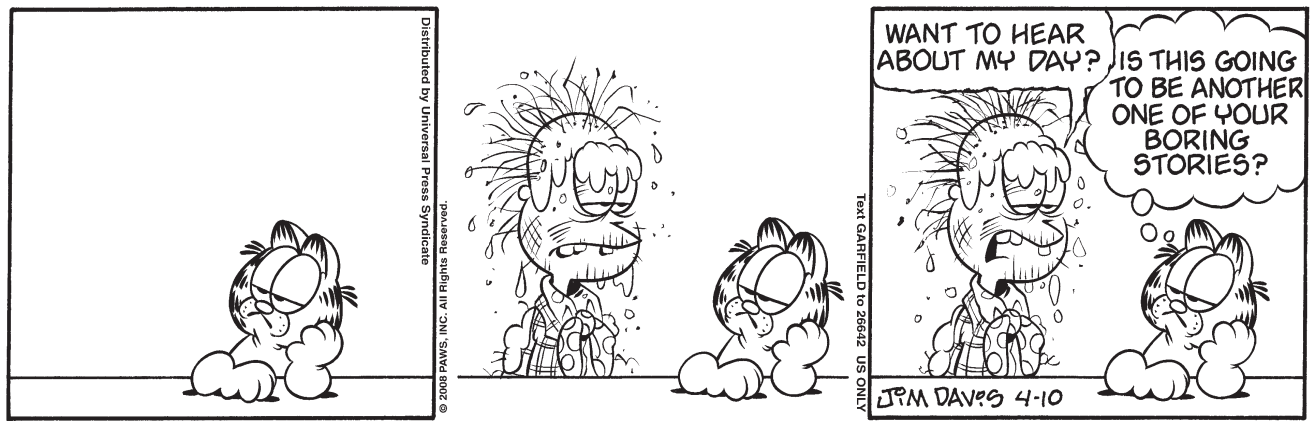
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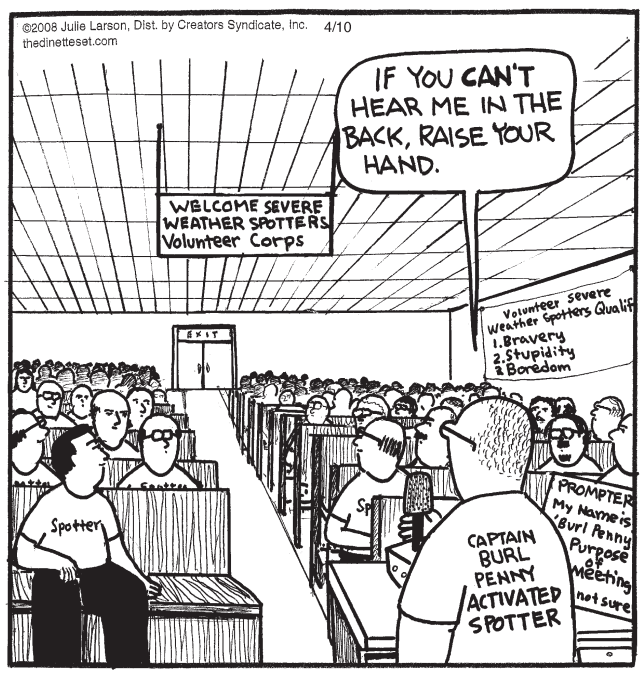


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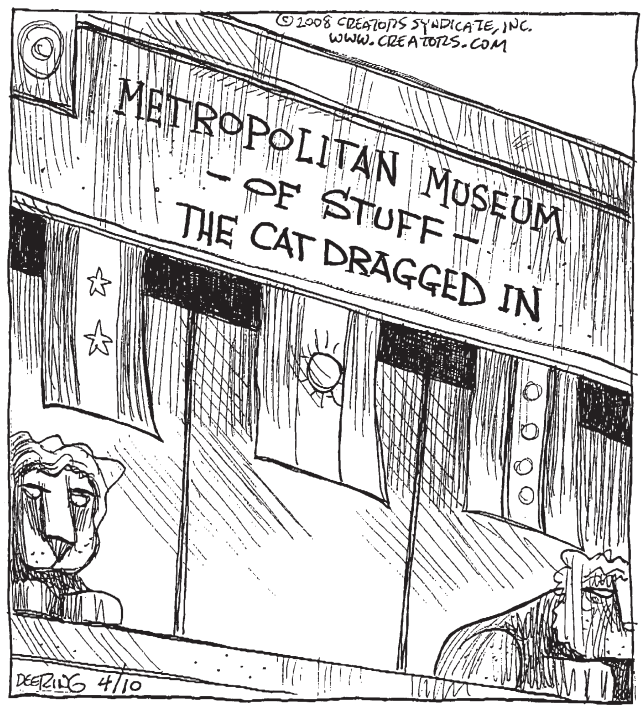


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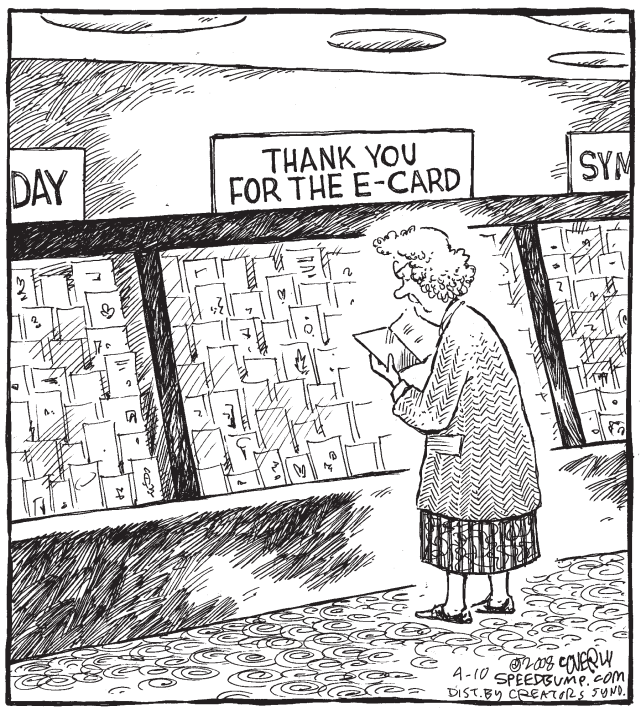
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ **Least Competent Criminals:** Should've Left Well Enough Alone: (1) Eric Livers, 20, a wanted man in Cheyenne, Wyo., fled apparently scot-free to Portsmouth, N.H., but could not resist calling his former Wyoming employer to ask that his final paycheck be mailed to his New Hampshire address. The employer called authorities, and Portsmouth police picked up Livers in February. (2) Jeremy Hart, 24, was arrested in Topsham, Maine, in December after allegedly burglarizing a home while the residents were asleep. As Hart was leaving, according to police, he hit a snowbank in the driveway, causing the car to stall, and Hart to become so cold that he sheepishly walked back, rang the victims' doorbell, and asked if he could come in and get warm. (The residents, aware that Hart had just been in their house, had already called police.)

■ **Recurring Themes:** Many inmates file lawsuits over the allegedly poor quality of prison food, but noteworthy was the one recently filed by Missouri inmate Norman Lee Toler (serving 10 years for statutory rape), demanding kosher food as required by his devout Judaism, even though, in a previous prison stint, he was a notorious Adolf Hitler sympathizer with Nazi tattoos who amassed white supremacist photos and literature. Said a spokesman for the state attorney general, "We have serious factual doubts about ... his sincerity."

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North of Montana	=	$ 3,667,360	$ 2,101,550
Between Wilshire & Montana	=	$ 1,860,444	$ 996,459
South of Wilshire	=	$ 862,300	$ 751,083
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