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THE SECOND LOOK ISSUE

City puts jet ban on hold

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

CITY HALL City officials have decided not to enforce a ban on faster, larger jet aircraft flying into the Santa Monica Airport after a request for a temporary restraining order was filed Thursday morning by federal prosecutors on behalf of the FAA.

The ban was supposed to go into effect Thursday at 12:01 a.m., however, city officials felt it was best to postpone enforcement until a hearing is held on the request. The hearing is scheduled for Monday, said Kate Vernez, assistant to the city manager.

This comes a day after the FAA filed a cease-and-desist order against City Hall, calling the ban on Category C and D aircraft illegal. The ban was passed in March by the City Council, which is concerned about the lack of runway safety areas and other public safety measures at the airport, leaving residents vulnerable to a potentially deadly accident.

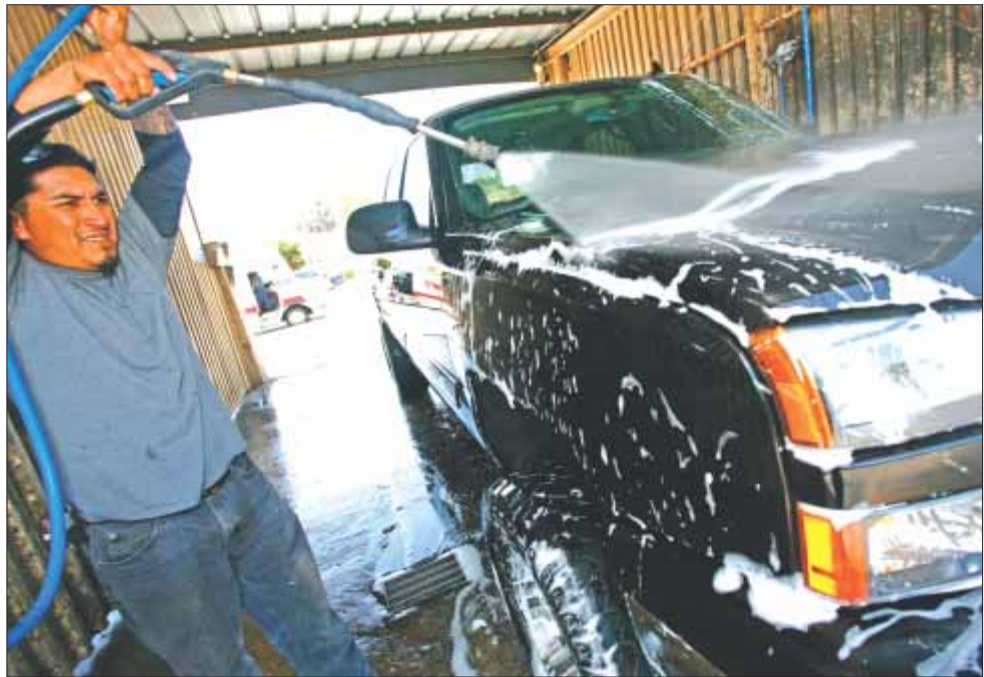
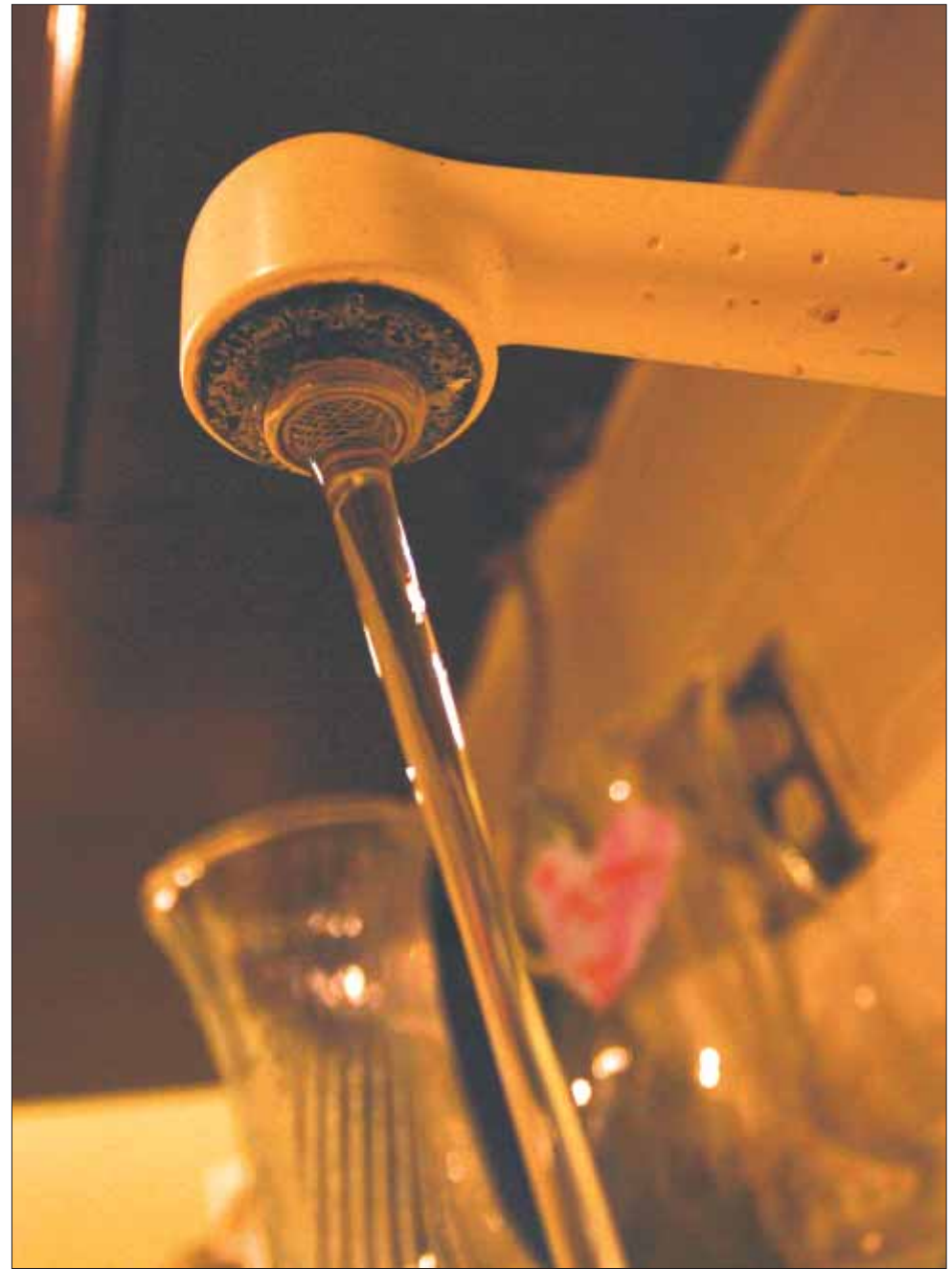
Those in violation of the ordinance could be subject to misdemeanor charges, fines and possibly jail sentences.

The so-called Category C and D jets include such models as the Gulfstream IV, Challenger and Citation X aircraft and account for nearly 9,000 landings and departures a year — about 7 percent of flight operations.

City Hall and the FAA have been at odds for decades over operations at the airport and have been negotiating for six years to come up with safety enhancements that both sides could agree upon.

City Hall has requested measures which the FAA believes are too extreme and would limit the types of aircraft that can fly in and out of the airport.

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CLEAN UP: Martin Santiago washes his car on Thursday at the Thrifty Car Wash on Maple Street.

Water rates on the rise

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE The price of flushing a toilet or allowing a garden hose to wastefully drip away could become costlier as city officials are considering raising water and wastewater rates this summer.

In order to stabilize rapidly depleting reserve funds, City Hall is proposing to institute a five-year rate structure plan that would increase water and wastewater assessments — outside of the Consumer Price Index — every year, starting in the upcoming fiscal year.

If the proposal is approved by the City Council, which is expected to happen in July, Santa Monicans would see their water rates increase by 11.5 percent and wastewater by 18 percent in the first year.

Part of the reason for the rate increases is to help replenish certain reserve funds that have been slowly draining under a current rate structure that has only allowed CPI increases since 1999, according to Gil Borboa, the water resources manager.

During a study session with the City Council on Tuesday, Borboa presented the

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Talking books
1741 Ocean Park Blvd., 3 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.
Trained volunteers lead a free public book discussion featuring the Santa Monica Citywide Reads selection "The Highest Tide," by Jim Lynch. No registration is required.

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.

The Meathands have it
4455 Overland Ave. Culver City, 8 p.m.
The "Magic Meathands" perform an hour of fully improvised hilarity based on audience suggestions and participation. The show is presented by director Bill Johnson, in a great cafe that offers delicious coffee, food, drinks and comfortable couches. What sets this improv group apart is their personal connection with the audience and community, so their best material comes directly from the people around them. For information, call (310) 559-8868.

Saturday, April 26, 2008

A day in the garden
1027 Princeton St., 10 a.m. — 4 p.m.
The Fourth Annual Green Gardens Tour takes plant lovers on a jaunt that features six beautiful and sustainable gardens in West Los Angeles and Santa Monica. For information, call (310) 264-4224.

For your health
Third Street Promenade, 10 a.m. — 3 p.m.
Visitors to the Community Health Festival will benefit from free health screenings, exams, consultations, and product samples. For information, call (310) 393-9825 ext. 30.

Come try it on
2627 Pico Blvd., 11 a.m.
"The Hundred Dresses" is a stage adaptation of the 1944 book, a timeless story about the "in" crowd, the painful consequences of teasing, and what is known today as "fashion bullying." Bring the kids to this special theatrical experience.

Santa Monica on two feet
1436 Second St., 10 a.m.
The Santa Monica Conservancy leads a two-hour tour that explores more than 130 years of Santa Monica history from its wild west frontier beginnings to the metropolis of today. Starting from the 1875 Rapp Saloon, the route includes many landmarks and concludes at the 2003 NRDC building. For information, call (310) 496-3146.

Does the slipper fit?
1211 Fourth St., 12:30 and 3 p.m.
"Cinderella" is an original Rudie-DeCarlo musical for kids 2 to 102, featuring a charming prince, zany fairy godmother, silly stepsisters and a zealously well-meaning stepmother. For more information, call (310) 394-9779 ext. 651.

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.





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WRITING ON THE WALL: A number of residents are concerned that a commercial development at 2919 Wilshire Blvd. may lead to more traffic and a number of other issues. Jerry's Liquor and Pet Depot would both be removed if the project receives approval from city officials.

Development draws criticism

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

WILSHIRE BOULEVARD A busy corner known for the iconic Jerry's Liquor could one day become a dry spot as a local development firm has aspirations to build a mixed-use complex on the site.

The Blackstone Capital Group, whose office is located on Nebraska Avenue, is proposing to develop a three-story development that includes a mixture of rental housing units and retail space at 2919 Wilshire Blvd, which is currently the home of the popular liquor store, Elaine's Pet Depot and a large parking lot.

The project would include 26 market-rate rental units and retail located on the ground floor. The Blackstone Capital Group purchased the roughly 22,000 square foot lot last year from the Buteyn family, which had owned the property for 75 years, according to company CEO Halston Michael.

While the project is still in its infancy, yet to even undergo an environmental review, it has already created some buzz among neigh-

bors, some of whom have expressed disappointment that a development of this size could take place in their corner of the city.

Michael presented the project during a community input meeting at the Santa Monica Public Library on Monday, a gathering during which several residents raised concerns regarding a possible increase in traffic, some asking why the development doesn't occur elsewhere, such as Montana Avenue.

Their concerns touched on several possible future projects in the vicinity, including a proposed Lionsgate development just a few blocks away on Colorado Avenue and a rumored redevelopment of the Albertsons site on 3105 Wilshire Blvd, which Macerich Co. just purchased earlier this year. Macerich also owns Santa Monica Place, which is currently undergoing renovation.

Neither Lionsgate or the Macerich property are even close to realization — city officials are about to enter negotiations for a development agreement with Lionsgate while Macerich is expected to wait until the completion of Santa Monica Place before

they begin plotting the future of the Wilshire site.

Bob Aptaker, the vice president of development for Macerich, said the first step in planning a redevelopment of the Albertsons site is to go through a community process, which is what the company did in designing Santa Monica Place. The site on Wilshire, which includes Big 5 Sporting Goods and Albertsons, is roughly two acres.

"A big part of the process is really understanding what the community wants so that will be a big part of it," Aptaker said on Thursday.

Catherine Eldridge, who lives a few blocks away from Wilshire, said she feared gentrification of her neighborhood and that rental property owners would redevelop their own buildings after seeing the development of the proposed mixed-use complex, the Macerich site and Lionsgate. This could lead to higher rent, Eldridge said.

"Do you think that the apartment owners are going to leave the apartment buildings

Building blocks for a greener life

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

DOWNTOWN Sometimes sustainability starts on the rugby field.

That's where Daniel Beattie met Darrin Coquer and Simon Jones, partners in Enviro Plumbing, a Santa Monica-based plumbing company that helps homeowners drastically reduce their water and energy usage by installing dual-flush toilets and solar water heaters.

The three were playing together with the Santa Monica Rugby Club when they decided it would be best to join the green building movement, and they've never been happier.

"We we're lucky enough to get to work with cool green architects who are a lot mellower and nicer, plus we feel good about doing something that is important for the environment," Beattie said. "And it's fun coming to work in the morning with my buddies."

While Enviro Plumbing has been making a name for itself, Beattie is hoping that word will spread even faster about their business following the fifth annual Alternative Building Materials & Design Expo (altbuild-expo.com), a City Hall-sponsored showcase featuring the latest in alternative building practices and standards.

AltBuild, which attracted over 8,000 people last year, begins today at 10 a.m. and runs through Saturday at the Civic Auditorium. The expo is free and open to the public.

"This is going to give us a lot more exposure with all the green architects who have an interest in zero-emissions housing," Beattie said. "Not many solar guys can do that."

The expo will be offering a number of firsts and unprecedented presentations, including the first official presentation by the Green Cities California collaborative, a coalition of cities throughout the state, including Santa Monica, who are committed to policies that reduce their carbon footprint and impact on the environment. There will also be top speakers and noted exhibitors within the green community.

"The great thing with the AltBuild with all its exhibitors is that we try and focus on what's new and different ... what's relevant

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The mayhem mailman

Editor:
I am shocked and amazed that the SMDP newspaper would let a propagandist, misinformer (Steve “the mayhem” Breen) spew untruths, manipulated statistics and nonsense. He is obviously brain washed by the gun lobby and working to perpetuate these myths using tactics like Hitler, Mussolini, Stalin and Mao did.

It is finally time for this to stop and newspapers like yours to take responsibility and help account for the thousands of children being killed with guns in our country. The first step would be to remove Breen from your ranks, even if he is so entertaining. I am sure Hitler would have written entertaining misinformation too, but hopefully you would not have printed them.

David Richards
Santa Monica

Questioning the carob plan

Editor:
Who elected Mr. (Walt) Warriner the person to decide if a tree in Santa Monica lives or dies? I can’t believe the arrogance of this city employee, (the urban forester) who has declared, “A high risk tree is not acceptable to this city.” What’s his definition of high risk trees? The argument he uses – that the city lost a million dollars from a falling eucalyptus – is specious. Why not tear down all the eucalyptus trees in Santa Monica for fear of lawsuits? One carob tree falls, and 300 have to go. The same argument he’s made over the ficus trees (alternating between saying “every other ficus tree” is diseased, to “the canopy is bad for merchants,” to claiming that he can decide which tress are dangerous) is in full bloom when he declares the cities of “Glendale and Bellflower” don’t bother to consult their citizens when determining what to do about trees. Maybe I’m missing something. But it sounds much like the current Bush administration, telling the electorate to sit back while the “decider” tells us what’s best for us. Perhaps Mr. Warriner should get some tree sensitivity training. On the other hand, Mr. Warriner’s positions – it’s my way or the tree chipper – will certainly galvanize a sleeping electorate come election day.

Richard Martini
Santa Monica

It might be time to look elsewhere

Editor:
I am writing in regards to your April 19, front page article (“School officials apologize”) about Santa Monica school district’s superintendent, Dianne Talarico, apologizing for her district’s policy of discriminating against children with disabilities. I am tired of public officials giving us false apologize [sic] and crocodile tears. It is time for Ms. Talarico to pull her head out of the sand, and start acting like a superintendent. If school district officials were targeting black or Hispanic children for discrimination, the only acceptable response would be to immediately fire those officials. Children with disabilities should be entitled to the same protection. The gross misconduct ... has gone on way too long. Ms. Talarico should immediately replace... her senior staff with administrators who are dedicated to provide [sic] children with disabilities ... the same high quality public education enjoyed by all the other children in Santa Monica. If Ms. Talarico lacks the courage to act, than the school board should use the summer to find a new superintendent.

Jeff Segal
Santa Monica



Your column here

By members of Step Up on Second Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Panhandling: Views from those who know

EVERY WEEK, I FACILITATE A WRITING group at Step Up on Second, a provider of recovery services and housing to those stricken with severe mental illness. Every quarter, we publish Brainstorm, a newspaper comprised of articles about issues affecting the mentally ill.

In light of City Hall’s recently announced anti-panhandling campaign, the group has had several intense and often heated discussions surrounding the subject of panhandling.

What I’ve discovered is that panhandling evokes the same array of emotions, arguments, and prejudices in the community of the street as it does in the general population. Here are some of the views from the street.

Phil Glosserman is a member of Step Up on Second’s Board of Directors and is Brainstorm’s advisor and editor. For information on Step Up, go to www.stepuponsecond.org.

WHY I HATE PANHANDLERS

By Mike Gutowski
I hate panhandlers. Well, that’s not entirely honest. The truth is I hate the way I feel when confronted by panhandlers.

I hate going to the store every day, and seeing the same people sticking their hands out and giving me that “oh pity me” look. At the same time I wonder if I am wrong in thinking it.

Maybe I’m jealous because the panhandler, through the help of the “bleeding hearts,” is probably making more money than I do. This thought fills me with shame because someone else has compassion and I feel like a cold, unloving miser.

As a devout Christian, I know that Jesus asks that we consider the poor as God’s specially beloved people and that the more fortunate among us should help them.

The age old question is: Do we give to the hand that is open to us, or do we realize that by giving to a panhandler we may be enabling them?

I came to Santa Monica five years ago; I lived on the streets for a year, but I never had to panhandle. There are plenty of places where the poor, disabled, and homeless can get help.

Overall it’s disgraceful that America is doing nothing substantial about the growing problems of poverty and homelessness.

I will continue trying to give 10 percent of my income to my local church in hopes that they will support the various organizations

that provide services for the poor and needy. I hope the panhandlers will avail themselves of these services. Meanwhile, I will try to keep my emotions in-check and not rush to judge the panhandlers.

CONFESSIONS OF AN EX-PANHANDLER

By Allan Evans
This is to all the well-wishing people who unwittingly gave in to my exaggerations and downright fabrications when I asked for spare change.

You became my enablers. When I was too dropped-down drunk to get my own money to drink, I was handed it by people who actually believed I was hungry, or had a flat tire, or a sick dog.

It doesn’t help a sinking ship when you toss another bucket aboard to bail out with. It may slow down the inevitable, but little more. When you gave me money, it was just a little slow down of my painfully quirky slow suicide.

I never felt good about it. All my smiles of gratitude were forced.

Don’t get the idea that I didn’t appreciate the thought. I want to make it clear-that in my case anyway, giving me spare change only prolonged the anxiety I was trying to escape.

Had nobody given in to me, I would have been forced to realign my life much earlier. It took the better part of two decades for me to see the light clearly enough that I finally put in the necessary effort to get off the streets once and for all.

Having someone ready to give up their change is like showing an alcoholic where to get free beer. Please do something else with your change. Too many of us need the nudge to find what we really want.

THANK YOU, SANTA MONICA

By Mike Bandit
On behalf of all of us who have ever been down on our luck, I’d like to thank the generous and compassionate people of Santa Monica: For taking me in and keeping me going when I was ready to give up.

For assisting me with food, clothing, and spare change, which helped me through a long period of mental illness and desperation. And finally, for helping me find a place to live and providing an incentive program to help me pay for the things I need to survive.

Thank you Santa Monica for helping me when no one else would. Keep up the good work.

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Smoking at the pool is close, but no cigar

YEARS AGO IN MY APARTMENT BUILDING there were fancy ashtrays on the wall by the elevators. With a touch of a fingertip, the cigarette butts fell into a lower chamber and the two halves of metal joined back together. Fancy or not, the ashtrays still stunk. Seeing smokers waiting for our painfully slow elevators often made taking the stairs the preferred option. And I lived on the 15th floor.

In case you hadn't guessed, I'm not fond of cigarettes. In fact, I hate them. They smell and cause cancer. Otherwise, I have no opinion. Some people aren't convinced about the danger of second hand smoke. Then again, some aren't convinced about global warming (While glaciers are melting and polar bears are putting on sunscreen). When somebody smokes near me it gets on my clothes, in my hair and up my nose. I can have my clothes dry-cleaned but dirty lungs are slightly more serious.

My late mother was a smoker all her adult life so I know how powerful the addiction is. In 1994 tobacco CEO's lied before Congress stating that nicotine wasn't addictive when they were actually researching ways to make it even more so. Those CEOs should have been frog-marched out of the halls of Congress and escorted to jail. But the Republicans were in power and felt that the poor CEO's had suffered enough embarrassment. Lung cancer versus embarrassment, I suppose it's kind of a toss up.

In recent years Santa Monica has banned smoking from public parks, the beach, and within 20 feet of doors and windows on commercial streets. But if you take a walk on Main Street on a Saturday night you'll see, in front of bars and restaurants, groups of smokers blocking the sidewalk as they send up white plumes, like modern day smoke signals. As I scurry past I usually hold my breath.

If I sound a tad annoyed, it's because the tenants below me either have house guests, or have taken up smoking. I pray it's the former. During this warm weather they sit on their patio and smoke and moments later my apartment smells like a pool hall. I shut all the windows but with the heat, that's almost worse. Even if I do, somehow cigarette smoke gets through the cracks while cigar smoke apparently penetrates drywall. It's mind boggling. Plan B is moving to the bedroom, assuming my neighbors don't

smoke in their bedroom. Plan C is going on e-Bay and buying a HAZMAT suit.

To escape the smoke, sometimes I go down to the Jacuzzi. But often I've been joined by cigar smokers. They love to relax in the bubbly water and fill the air with the fragrant scent of a dead skunk. I've asked politely if they could hold off for a few minutes but to no avail. Once I was told, "It's a free country. If you don't like cigar smoke you should move to Russia." To this day I still don't get the logic. I suppose I could sit in the Jacuzzi in my HAZMAT, although I can't imagine it would be terribly relaxing.

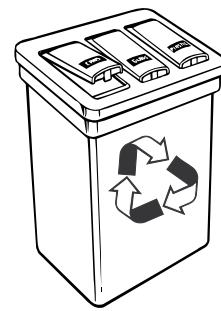
Help is on the way. Maybe. At a recent meeting the City Council asked staff to draft an ordinance banning outdoor smoking in apartment building common areas, including pools. But get ready this battle could get nasty. Many smokers equate the right to puff in public with the Second Amendment. Instead of "You can have my gun when you pry it from my cold, dead hand," it would be, "You can have my cigar when you pry it from my cold, dead lips."

A fellow tenant, Michael, a non-smoking libertarian, (and friend for 30 years) calls me an "anti-smoking fascist." I'm not anti-smoking, I'm anti breathing it. He's furious that I support the council's action. Hitting below the belt, he says the only people who find my writing amusing are over 60 (I don't know which remark stings more but I probably could live with being a funny fascist).

Surprisingly Michael's not that upset that the government taps our phones and spies on our e-mails. What steams him most these days are "the busy bodies" (the anti-smoking activists) who are interfering with people's rights. And he doesn't even smoke. Nonetheless, he vows to get the ACLU involved. I bet they can hardly wait. Not.

The truth is, despite appearances, I do have compassion for smokers. It's a little difficult to summon when the smoke from my neighbor's apartment makes mine smell like poker night. Or when my Jacuzzi time is cut short by a stinky stogie. Or if, worse come to worst, I wind up in that HAZMAT suit. I'm counting on you, City Council. The whole world is watching. Well, at least Michael and I.

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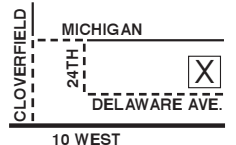


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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



Here's a tip: Don't steal

Crime Watch is a weekly series culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 16, AT 10:15 A.M.,
Santa Monica police officers responded to the 1300 block of the Third Street Promenade – Coffee Bean – regarding an assault with a deadly weapon that just occurred. When officers arrived they spoke with store employees who said the suspect walked into the coffee shop and tried to take the tip jar. Employees struggled with the suspect and she dropped the tip jar, causing it to break into pieces. The suspect then allegedly picked up one piece with a serrated edge and threatened to stab one of the employees. Armed with a description of the suspect, officers located her near the corner of Fifth Street and Arizona Avenue. The suspect was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon, attempted robbery and burglary. She was identified as Monique Felicia Williams, 36, of New York. Her bail was set at \$50,000.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, AT 9:30 A.M.,
Officers responded to the 1700 block of Ocean Avenue regarding a report of vandalism. When officers arrived, they spoke with witnesses who said a woman was walking along Ocean Avenue when she started screaming and pounding on the hoods of two parked cars. The woman eventually broke the sideview mirror of one of the cars before walking off, witnesses told police. Armed with a description of the suspect, officers located her and arrested her in the 1600 block of Appian Way. The damage to the cars was estimated at over \$400. The suspect, who was arrested for felony vandalism, was identified as Janine Jefferson, 31, a transient. Her bail was set at \$20,000.

SUNDAY, APRIL 13, AT 3:10 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 1600 block of Cloverfield Boulevard – Ralphs – regarding a report of an assault with a deadly weapon that just occurred. When officers arrived, they spoke with the alleged victim who said he was trying to leave the grocery store in his car when the suspect pulled up and parked in the middle of the exit lane, blocking the victim. After a few moments, the victim got out of his car to ask the suspect to move, at which time the suspect drove towards him, forcing the victim to jump out of the way, police said. The suspect hit the victim's car door and then drove off. A warrant was issued and he was arrested two days later in Los Angeles by the LAPD after allegedly being involved in a traffic accident. The suspect was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon. He was identified as Christopher Villablan Raja, 23, from L.A. No bail was set.

THURSDAY, APRIL 17, AT 3:30 P.M.,
Officers one routine patrol near the corner of Fifth Street and Olympic Boulevard noticed a man riding a bicycle on the sidewalk in violation of the municipal code. Officers approached the suspect and learned that he had warrants for his arrest. Officer searched the suspect and discovered a glass pipe commonly used to smoke rock cocaine. The suspect was arrested for the warrants, possession of drug paraphernalia and for violation of the municipal code. He was identified as Henry Alexander Omelczuk, 62, a transient. His bail was set at \$1,250.

SUNDAY, APRIL 20, AT 3:45 A.M.,
Officers on routine patrol near the corner of California Avenue and 20th Street observed a man riding a bicycle on the sidewalk in violation of the municipal code. Officers approached the suspect to issue him a citation and discovered he was on parole for narcotics related offenses. Officers searched the suspect and discovered he had a glass pipe commonly used to smoke rock cocaine. Officers placed the suspect under arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia. Once at the Santa Monica Jail officers searched the suspect further and found a small baggy containing what was later determined to be cocaine. The suspect was booked for possession of a controlled substance and for an outstanding warrant. He was identified as Gregory Albert Williams, 30, from the city of Bell. No bail was set.

SUNDAY, APRIL 20, AT 12:05 A.M.,
Officers on routine patrol saw a vehicle run a red light at Main and Marine streets. Officers conducted a traffic stop. During their interview with the driver and his passenger, officers could smell the distinct stench of marijuana. The officers searched the vehicle and found a plastic baggy that contained what was later determined to be cocaine. Marijuana was also recovered, police said. The driver was arrested for drug possession. He was identified as Christopher G. Bryant Bruce, 18, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at \$15,000. The passenger was also arrested, but police could not release further information. Police said the juvenile was released to his parents.

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Restraining order to be heard on Monday

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The FAA has said repeatedly that it will not endorse measures that prevent Santa Monica Airport from being used by aircraft that currently are allowed to land there. The airport is considered by the FAA to be an important reliever for LAX.

Santa Monica poses a unique situation in that residents are located within 300 feet of both ends of the runway. There is also commercial development directly adjacent to the airport's boundaries.

FAA officials said they would much rather settle the matter with an agreement and not through other means, most likely litigation.

The FAA has made numerous proposals that would increase safety while maintaining user access to the airport, however, both the community and the City Council have

rejected such moves because they believe the measures did not go far enough to protect the public.

Proposals included: a 40-knot Emergency Materials Arresting System at each end of the runway; a 70-knot EMAS bed at the west end of Runway 21, which is used about 95 percent of the time; an offer to fund a residential acquisition program to create a Runway Protection Zone, which would mean purchasing homes.

Officials with the FAA said despite the council's actions, they are willing and able to move forward with safety measures proposed. They also said the jets City Hall are trying to ban are some of the safest in the skies with pilots who have more cockpit experience than those flying piston-drive planes.

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Local water rates could go up starting in late summer

FROM WATER PAGE 1

proposed five-year plan for both water and wastewater rates. Each proposal came with a suboption that included lower rate increases every year — with the exception of the final year in the plan — thanks to the inclusion of \$2.5 million from the MTBE settlement.

City Hall received a \$131 million settlement from three major oil companies in late 2006 to pay for costs related to the design, construction and operation of a treatment facility to clean up MTBE from the drinking water at the Charnock Well Field.

It was in 1996 when five groundwater production wells were shut down in the Charnock Well Field after a leak of MTBE, a motor gasoline additive, was discovered from underground storage tanks and pipes owned by the three oil companies. The current rate structure was adopted in 1996.

There have been only CPI increases for water since 1999 and wastewater since 2001, with the exception of fiscal year 2005-06 when the council adopted a 6 percent increase.

"The expenses continue to rise — materials get more expensive, fuel gets more expensive, power gets more expensive and water gets more expensive," Borboa said during the council meeting.

A comparison between the average rate payer's water bill under the rate structure that includes and excludes the MTBE settlement shows a negligible difference of only a few dollars during a typical bimonthly payment cycle. The same goes for wastewater.

Under the proposed structure that excludes the MTBE settlement, the average single family home would pay approximately \$74 every two months for water, as opposed to \$73 under the structure that includes the settlement.

The proposal also includes eliminating a bimonthly fixed service charge, resulting in a water bill that is directly related to the amount of water used. Borboa said the change would provide more incentive for rate payers to conserve water.

During the meeting, Councilmember Kevin McKeown initially expressed support for the option that would include the MTBE settlement, a suggestion that was not as popular with other councilmembers who felt that the money should be placed in reserves.

"We should not be subsidizing this with money from the MTBE at all," Councilmember Ken Genser said. "I believe that philosophically, period."

Genser suggested placing the money in reserves so that it could be possibly spent on other uses, such as open space.

McKeown said he felt the money should be used for water-related uses, but decided to support the structure plan without the MTBE settlement after Genser informed him that the money could be used for unforeseen circumstances related to water and wastewater costs.

"I say we leave it in the legacy fund and hope we will never need it for unforeseen capital," Genser said.

McKeown's concerns were related to a possible scenario in which City Hall would need to continue purchasing a bulk of its water from the Metropolitan Water District, from which Santa Monicans receive about 85 percent of its water from as a result of the MTBE contamination. The proposal that City Hall presented assumes that the MWD would not be relied upon as heavily past 2010.

Under the rate structure that excludes the MTBE, rate payers would see an 11.5 percent increase in water starting in August, a 10.5 percent increase every year of the plan with the exception of the final year when the hike is only 9 percent. The MWD approved a 14 percent water increase in March.

The increases are a bit steeper for wastewater — rate payers would pay 18 percent this year, 18 percent next year, 15 percent in 2010, 8 percent in 2011 and 5 percent in 2012.

Borboa is expected to report back to the council on May 13 with the final recommendations.

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AltBuild focuses on the 'cutting edge'

FROM EXPO PAGE 3

to locals and what's on the cutting edge," said Brenden McEneaney, green building programs advisor for City Hall.

Due to the fact that the expo is free and costs are kept low for exhibitors, McEneaney said the event brings out more people than other trade shows.

"This allows for smaller, first time vendors with unique technologies to come out and show what they've got," McEneaney said. "There is an invested interest for the city to get this information out there. This is not just for architects or for trade reps paying \$100, \$200, or \$300. This is for homeowners who want to bring their kids to see how they can incorporate these technologies into their lives."

The first day is a trade-focused day, geared to the design/architecture and construction communities, and Saturday will be directed primarily to the general public, though trade is also welcome.

Saturday will feature workshops and panel discussions on landscaping, climate, interiors/remodeling, and affordable solar applications.

There will also be a special panel on water use, the Green Schools panel, and a Dwell Magazine-sponsored panel.

On Sunday, City Hall is hosting the free, self-guided "Green Building Tours" in conjunction with AltBuild.

These will feature homes, gardens and offices in the area, as well as tours of the new Civic Center Parking Structure, the Public Safety Facility and the new Rand Corp. headquarters, which were built using sustainable practices.

Orit Yanai of Orit Yanai Studios in San

THE GREAT THING WITH THE ALTBUILD WITH ALL ITS EXHIBITORS IS THAT WE TRY AND FOCUS ON WHAT'S NEW AND DIFFERENT ... WHAT'S RELEVANT TO LOCALS AND WHAT'S ON THE CUTTING EDGE."

Brenden McEneaney,
green building programs advisor for City Hall

Francisco is one of the guest speakers. Her company focuses on green wall finishes and how simple remodels can greatly impact the air quality and style of a home.

Since the AltBuild is free, Yanai, who gives presentations at green events across the state, said it will be a perfect time to tackle the stereotype that green is only for the wealthy.

"As demand has grown for green materials, the price has gone down and is nearly comparable to traditional materials," Yanai said. "People still think green is only for the rich, but the truth is everyone can do something."

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Entries that meet the minimum criteria will be considered for screening at the festival on June 21 and June 22. Entry forms and submission guidelines are available online at www.santamonicateenfilmfest.com, or at the following locations: Virginia Avenue Park Teen Center and the Main Library.

The "Santa Monica Budding Filmmaker Award" will be presented to a local teen who demonstrates originality, potential, and a commitment to the art of filmmaking. The purpose of the festival is to showcase and provide an outlet for the creative talents of teen filmmakers, as well as encourage youth to use the art of filmmaking as a form of creative expression and commentary on the world in which they live.

The festival is an interdepartmental initiative between the Santa Monica Cultural Affairs Division, the Santa Monica Public Library, the teen center and City TV.

For more information, contact Justin Yoffe, cultural affairs supervisor, at (310) 458-8634 or e-mail him at justin.yoffe@smgov.net.

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Developer proposes mixed-use project

FROM DEVELOPMENT PAGE 3

that way?" Eldridge said following the community workshop on Monday.

Dan Kay, who lives a few blocks north of the Blackstone project on Yale Street, said he has concerns about increased traffic from commercial developments in Santa Monica. Kay has lived in the neighborhood for 15 years.

"I'm not opposed to development of condos or apartments, it's the retail that will impact traffic," Kay said.

Concerns like Kay's is what sparked the Resident's Initiative to Fight Traffic, which seeks to limit the amount of commercial development in the city by placing caps every year. Launched by the Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City (SMCLC), a petition containing more than 10,000 signatures, or roughly 30 percent of registered voters expected to participate in the November election, was submitted to the City Clerk on Wednesday.

"Our city is on the verge of another explosion of commercial growth that will add a whole lot more traffic," Diana Gordon, the co-founder of SMCLC said on Thursday. "RIFT came because of that."

Critics of the RIFT say that it does nothing but place artificial caps on commercial development and hijacks the community process that has taken place in the formulation of the Land Use and Circulation Element, the update of the general plan.

City officials have been conducting numerous community workshops for the LUCE in the past few years and a draft plan is expected to go before the Planning



Rendering courtesy Blackstone Capital Group

NEW LOOK: The project planned for 2919 Wilshire Blvd. would include residences and shops.

Commission in the next few months.

What the LUCE actually does is better manage development by ensuring that it fits in with the surrounding neighborhood, communicates well with other projects, and has clearly stated public benefits, according to Eileen Fogarty, the director of planning and community development for City Hall.

"There would be more discretion, more public input and a higher threshold of what any project would have to meet," Fogarty said.

Fogarty added that the Planning Department has added a new process where projects, when first submitted, are presented to the community early on for input. The purpose is to allow the community to weigh

in before the projects go to the Planning Commission.

Each project would also require a traffic management program where trips would have to be reduced significantly.

"What we're doing with the Land Use and Circulation Element is going to the heart of the issue with traffic," Fogarty said.

The RIFT would place an annual limit of 75,000 square feet on new commercial development for the next 15 years, excluding schools, hospitals and other community-serving development.

Michael contends that his project would minimally increase traffic, adding that there is already retail on the property and that res-

idential doesn't generate much traffic.

The corner of Yale Street and Wilshire is considered to be prime real estate in the city, Michael said, calling it the "gateway to the city," serving as one of the first few corners that drivers see, coming from the city of Los Angeles.

The boutique development would create an active street life with a proposed cafe on the ground floor and possibly a grocery store, Michael said, adding that several grocers have contacted him.

The project would also include some public benefits in the form of a courtyard with benches, accessible from Wilshire Boulevard.

Grace Cho, the associate planner for City Hall, said she had several concerns with the project when it was first submitted late last year, including its office-like appearance and lack of activity on the ground floor. The applicant came back with favorable changes, which were presented to the public this week, she said.

Some of the changes include adding bike parking off Wilshire and incorporating an outdoor cafe seating area. The applicant was able to create a more residential like appearance by adding balconies and roof terracing, Cho said.

Cho anticipated the project going before the Planning Commission later this year.

Michael said his project will beautify the site, adding a high-quality building and serving a demand for rental in the city.

"We're dedicated to a high standard for design," Michael said. "It will be a high value project added to the city of Santa Monica."

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Beauty is dermis deep

Last Sunday morning, on my way to Main Street Bagels, I took a detour through ELLE magazine's mobile eco-salon.

The eco-salon is a big green bus, fueled by biodiesel and decked out with a banquette, salon chairs, mirrors, lights, and makeup artists. This May marks ELLE's third annual green issue, and in promotion, the magazine is sending the eco-salon to shopping areas around Southern California.

On Sunday, the bus was parked in front of Clever boutique, and a woman costumed in a leaf-covered unitard passed out coupons for organic makeup and offered passers-by mini-facials.

The leaf-woman reminded me of the job I had when I was 14. I worked at Mrs. Field's Cookies, baking, cleaning, cashiering. But my favorite part of the job was getting to put on the giant chocolate chip cookie costume and walk up and down the mall. I could hide in that cookie. I would smile and ask people "Would you like to try a sample?" They couldn't help but smile back. It was one of those best-worst jobs. No memos. No meetings.

Part of me really envied that leaf-woman.

Inside the eco-salon, a makeup artist rubbed her hands with sanitizing gel as she asked, "So, what do you usually use

on your skin?"

I knew I was going to have to answer this question. I could have fibbed. I could have said that I cleansed and toned and slathered myself with moisturizer, SPF 45, and anti-aging serum.

I could have lied and said that I took my vitamins. I used to. I used to take a chewable Spongebob Squarepants vitamin everyday. And I don't drink eight glasses of water. Lots of days, I drink nothing but coffee and diet soda.

"You know those Stridex pads?" I asked.

The makeup artist's eyes widened. "That's it?"

"I use generic ones," I said.

"No moisturizer?"

"Nope."

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Your skin is your largest organ, and if you were to peel it off, all Hannibal Lecter-like, it would weigh 4 to 6 pounds.

The epidermis is the outer layer of your skin; it's actually made up of layers of dead and dying skin cells. As new skin cells grow in your epidermis's lowest level, they push older skin cells to the surface (a skin cell has a life cycle between 21 and 28 days).

Below the epidermis, is the dermis. In addition to containing capillaries and lymph vessels, which provide nutrients and remove waste from new skin cells, the dermis also contains sebaceous glands (which produce sebum) and sweat glands. Sebum and sweat pass through your pores, forming a thin film on your skin.

This film acts as your skin's first line of defense against bacteria. That film also helps moisturize your skin.

However, some people have low sebum production, and everyone's sebaceous glands slow sebum production in the winter. When this happens, the dead surface skin cells dry and curl up, exposing the cells beneath, causing them to lose moisture, too.

The eco-salon's makeup artist washed my face with Juice Beauty's Cleansing Gel (a 6 oz. bottle retails for \$22), and spritzed me with \$22 Hydrating Mist. Some of it got in my mouth.

Juice Beauty's products are pesticide-free and made with ingredients such as oatmeal, grapes, carrots, cucumbers, avocados, rosehip extract, green tea, evening primrose, apples, pomegranates, beeswax, sunflowers, dandelions, sage and mandarin.

"So," I asked, pointing to my face, "I can eat this, right?"

"I guess so," the makeup artist said, shrugging.

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■ Sunday, May 4 - Main Street in Santa Monica (in front of Monkies) from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

I ran my index finger down my cheek and stuck it in my mouth. Not bad. Not as good as a cookie.

She applied Smoothing Eye Concentrate (\$29 for half an ounce), and moisturizer with an SPF 30. Another makeup artist made me up with Physicians Formula's "Organic wear" cosmetics. I was pampered for 20 whole minutes. It was nice.

But who has time for this? I have memos to skim, and meetings in which I pretend pay attention.

One thing we can all do for our skin is stress less. Stress can cause sebaceous glands to work overtime, making skin oily. Have a chocolate chip cookie and smile. It takes fewer muscles than frowning.

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NEW DVD RELEASES

BY RANDY WILLIAMS



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The Bette Davis Collection

A six-disc set with five films honoring the 100th birthday of Hollywood's first lady of film. "All About Eve," "Phone Call From a Stranger," "The Virgin Queen," "The Nanny," and "Hush, Hush, Sweet Charlotte" are the titles. "All About Eve," winner of six Academy Awards, features Davis as the reigning grand dame of theater struggling to keep her crown. Her co-stars include Joan Collins, Olivia de Havilland, Keenan Wynn, Shelly Winters and Marilyn Monroe. Some of the extras include: Cast and crew commentaries, film score tracks, original theatrical trailers, assorted photo galleries, and newsreels. (Fox)

'Charlie Wilson's War'

Based on the true story of how a playboy congressman (Tom Hanks), a renegade CIA agent (Philip Seymour Hoffman), and a beautiful Houston socialite (Julia Roberts) joined forces to lead the largest and most successful covert operation in history. Together, the three of them would travel the world to form unlikely alliances among the Pakistanis, Israelis, Egyptians, arms dealers, law makers, and a belly dancer, and their efforts would contribute to the fall of the Soviet Union and the end of the Cold War. (Universal)

'The Diving Bell and the Butterfly'

A compelling story about the awesome power of imagination and life without boundaries. After a stroke, magazine editor Jean-Dominique Bauby (Mathieu Amalric) can only move his left eye – and through that eye he learns to communicate, one letter at a time. With the help of his speech therapist (Marie-Josée Croze), and a stenographer (Anne Consigny), Bauby writes the stunning memoir "The Diving Bell and the Butterfly." (Miramax)

'Cloverfield'

From the producer of "Lost" comes this tale of five young New Yorkers who throw their friend a going-away party the night that a monster the size of a skyscraper descends upon the city. Told from the point of view of their video camera, the film is a document of their attempt to survive the most surreal horrifying event of their lives. (Paramount)

'The Game Plan'

Joe Kingman (Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson), a football great with a pronounced ego bigger than his bank account, is getting ready for a run at the big championship game when the 8-year-old daughter (Madison Pettis) he never knew existed shows up at his not-so-family-friendly bachelor pad. As the big game gets closer he begins to realize the most meaningful win he can achieve is the heart of the one little fan who counts the most. (Disney)

'Resurrecting the Champ'

Even though he's played downtrodden characters before ("Black Snake Moan," "Changing Lanes") Samuel L. Jackson displays his diverse talents again this time transforming into a homeless man, completely changing his voice and carriage to reflect someone who has lived on the street for years. A sports journalist Erik Kernan (Josh Hartnett) happens upon a scene and rescues Champ from a brutal beating. Erik sees a Pulitzer-worthy story of a life gone wrong. But it's Erik's internal conflict that is at the core of this movie. He is a man forever caught in the shadow of his father, a famed sports broadcaster he never really knew, as he tries to raise his own son. (Fox)

RANDY WILLIAMS can be reached at writtenbyrw@yahoo.com

Request for Qualifications Comprehensive Signage Program

The City of Santa Monica invites responses from consultants interested in developing a comprehensive and coordinated **wayfinding** and **regulatory signage** program for Santa Monica's parks system and the beach.

For project information and requirements please visit smgov.net/ccs/projects, or contact Community & Cultural Services at 310-458-8310 to request a copy of the RFQ.

Proposals must be received by 5 pm on **May 29, 2008**



Community Meeting for 1447 Lincoln Boulevard and 829 Broadway Projects

May 6, 2008
7:00 PM

Main Library – Multi
Purpose Room
601 Santa Monica
Boulevard,
Santa Monica, CA
90401



You are invited to attend a community meeting to review the designs for a new five-story mixed-use building proposed at 1447 Lincoln Boulevard and a new five-story mixed-use building proposed at 829 Broadway. The project at 1447 Lincoln Boulevard consists of ground floor commercial uses and 72 residential rental units, while the project at 829 Broadway consists of ground floor commercial uses and 73 residential rental units.

This meeting is a new City Planning initiative to solicit comments from the public prior to the project being heard by the Planning Commission. You will have an opportunity to provide direct feedback to the staff and the developer with regards to the project design. For further information, please contact Tony Kim, Associate Planner, at (310) 458-8341.

RSVP appreciated to (310) 458-8341.

ESPAÑOL

Esto es una noticia de una reunión de la comunidad para revisar el diseño de la aplicación proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

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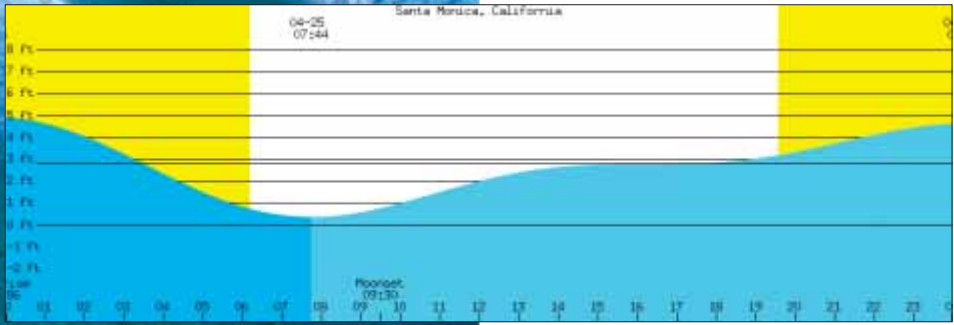
SWELL FORECAST (3-5 FT)

NW wind swell should increase a tad, bringing waist high waves to most west facing breaks, perhaps chest high at times at standouts. The angle will be steep from 305+, so south facing breaks aren't looking at much wrap, perhaps knee to waist with no southern hemi to speak of. Periods will also be short, only 9 seconds or so. Winds on Friday should relax quite a bit, being lightly offshore in the morning.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS

SIZABLE SW DUE MAY 2ND ... BUT WITH NW CAVEAT.

TIDE FORECAST FOR TODAY IN SANTA MONICA



04-25 07:44 Santa Monica, California
Moonset: 09:13

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 16, 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 -- 35 / ns
Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 11 / ns

The Beach Report Card is made possible by a grant from 

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	LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	C	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Aliso creeks	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	A	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua)	A	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	ns	Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	F	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	B	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	F	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	B	ns	Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach	F	ns	Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	ns
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth	F	ns	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	ns	Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	ns	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (beach location)- daily	F	ns	Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A+	ns	Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	A	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	A	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	A	ns	North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A	ns
Tuna Canyon	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	F	ns	Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	C	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	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			

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

Heal the Bay's Beach Report CardSM is based on weekly water quality monitoring data provided by the City of Los Angeles' Environmental Monitoring Division and the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. Data is analyzed as soon as it is made available to us by the public agencies. Beaches are graded on an A–F scale based on the risk of ocean users becoming ill. Samples are analyzed for bacteria—enterococcus, total and fecal coliforms—that indicate biological pollution. A fact sheet detailing the exact methodology used in determining grades for each location is available from the office or on our web site. The report is not designed to measure the amount of trash or toxins found at local beaches. The Beach Report Card is an indication of past water quality and is not a warranty of the current safety of those areas surveyed. Our lawyers are happy.



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BOOKREVIEW

BY DANE ROBERT SWANSON

‘The How of Happiness’

By Sonja Lyubomirsky • The Penguin Press

What would it take to make you happy? More money? A house? A better job? Peace in the world? We all want to be happy. I doubt there is any one who sets out not to be happy.

Is it possible to be happy a good amount of the time despite what is going on around you?

It has been said that happiness resides in activity. Sonja Lyubomirsky, a professor of psychology at the University of California, Riverside, would agree with that.

She says it is not only possible but you are in control of it. She, in the forward states, “Happiness, in my humble opinion, is the Holy Grail.”

She uses a system she calls positive psychology to present her thesis. Basically, do positive things and happiness should be the result.

There are two fill-in quizzes that open the book and from there you are directed to one of 12 activities to pursue to help bring about happiness.

For example, on the depression scale you have 20 statements that you rate from 0 to 3 as to how you have felt or behaved in the past week.

She provides a formula to calculate your score which you can trace over three different periods of time. In another area you rate your activity level from 1 to 7 on 12 happiness activities. Professor Lyubomirsky has the reader link activities in a group of four. These are the ones you work on first.

Using the illustration of a pie chart cut up into three sections, she gives 50 percent as a set point. This is a given. You can't change this. It depends on your personal style.

She dedicates 10 percent of the chart to circumstances. She indicates that 40 percent is under your control.

These are your intentional activities. This is the area she works on in presenting 12 different areas.

Some areas are expressing gratitude, cultivating optimism, practicing acts of kindness and nurturing social relationships.

It is an easy book to read. It could have been presented as a scholarly

Photo courtesy The Penguin Press

text but then the general public, which seems to be the group she aims to reach, would not read it. It is in the self help genre.

Her end notes at the back show that she has backing in her conclusions and that research continues to be done on her work.

“Happiness activities boost emotions, but researchers have also shown that positive feelings can foil the effects of negative feelings,” In the forward she tells what she is aiming for with this publication. “In this book,

I have assembled and interpreted the discoveries about how to become happier, using them as jumping-off points to teach skills that people can use to shift to a higher and sustainable level of well-being.”

The best kind of happiness is a behavior that becomes a habit. This book could help you establish new healthy habits. It is within our power to achieve this real and lasting change.

DANE ROBERT SWANSON wants you to be happy and productive. Contact him at smdp_review@yahoo.com.

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Mind the details, Leo

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ If kicking back is your plan, you can forget it. It appears you will be forced to take a stand or handle a responsibility. Tonight: No frolicking until work is done.	Tonight: Let the wild child in you out.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Reach beyond your daily circle, whether making weekend plans or looking at an issue. Your ability to be creative and get past a problem manifests. Tonight: Stop and meet a friend where there is music.	LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Tension builds left and right. You are not able to accomplish all you want. If you can work from home, you could get a lot done much more quickly. You note a warming feeling in a relationship. Work with this trend. Tonight: Order in.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Work with someone directly and refuse to get caught up in another's drama. New beginnings are possible with joint finances and key partnerships. A relationship or friendship could be more caring than you anticipated. Tonight: Where the gang is.	SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Talk and share more of your ideas. You might want to try a different approach or handle a situation differently. An associate who genuinely cares lets you know how much he or she appreciates you. Tonight: Hang out with friends.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You might want to rethink an offer. Surprisingly, you suddenly see other options and are not locked in a situation. A boss or higher-up might be watching and thinking "promotion." Tonight: Try to combine invitations or people.	SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Rethink your directions and choices, especially involving finances. Loosen up when dealing with a child or loved one. Make it OK to indulge this person once in a while. Tonight: Your treat.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Let your imagination add that flour-ish and excitement to your life. Be aware that others are eyeing your leadership qualities. Tonight: Dot your i's and cross your t's before leaving work.	CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Your involvement in a project could set you back. News from a distance could add a serious tone to an idea. Tonight: All smiles.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Your mind might already be in week-end mode, forcing heavy self-discipline in order to complete a necessary job and/or to clear your desk. The feeling of completion will be well worth it. Drop the overly serious facade.	AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Slow down and approach each matter carefully. You might have many inner thoughts or a different sense of direction. Process, analyze and check out options. Tonight: You don't need to explain your plans.
	PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Zero in on what you want. Think about new possibilities rather than bounce right into them. Your instincts might be right-on with a gift or token of affection. Tonight: Where the action is.

Happy birthday

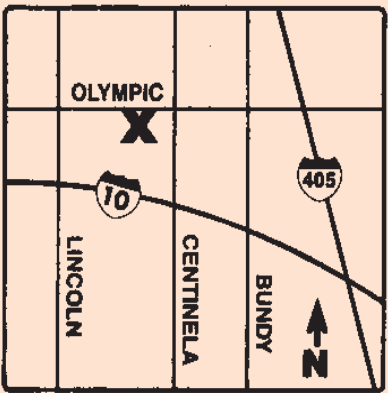
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GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

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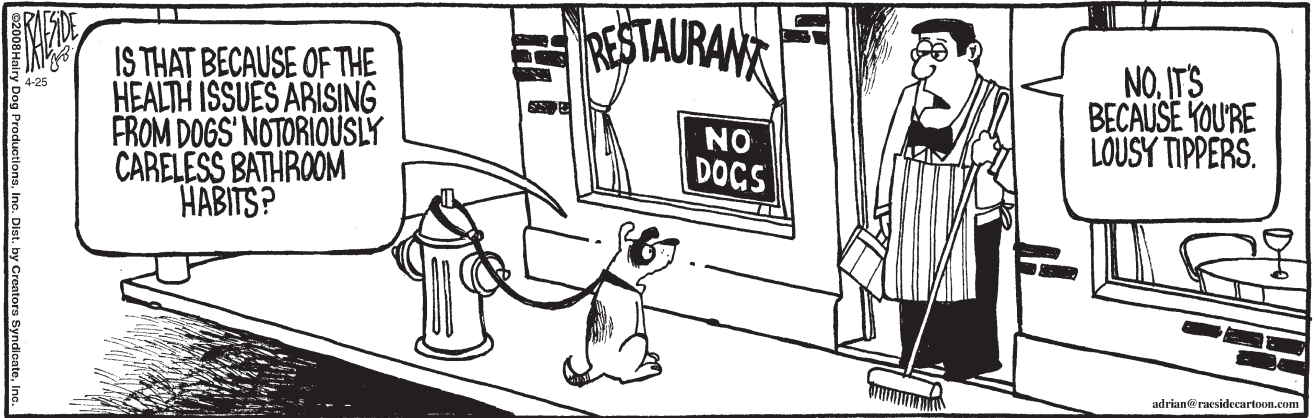
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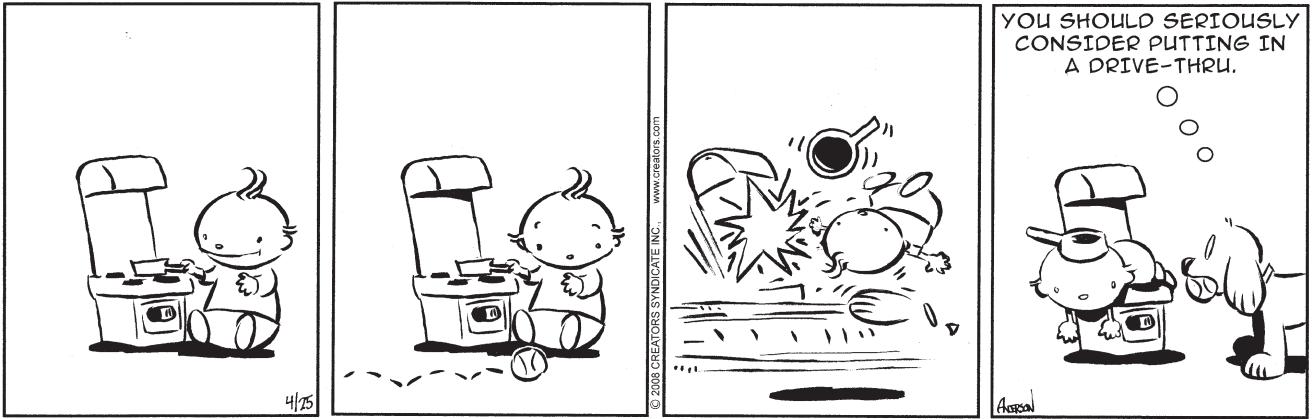
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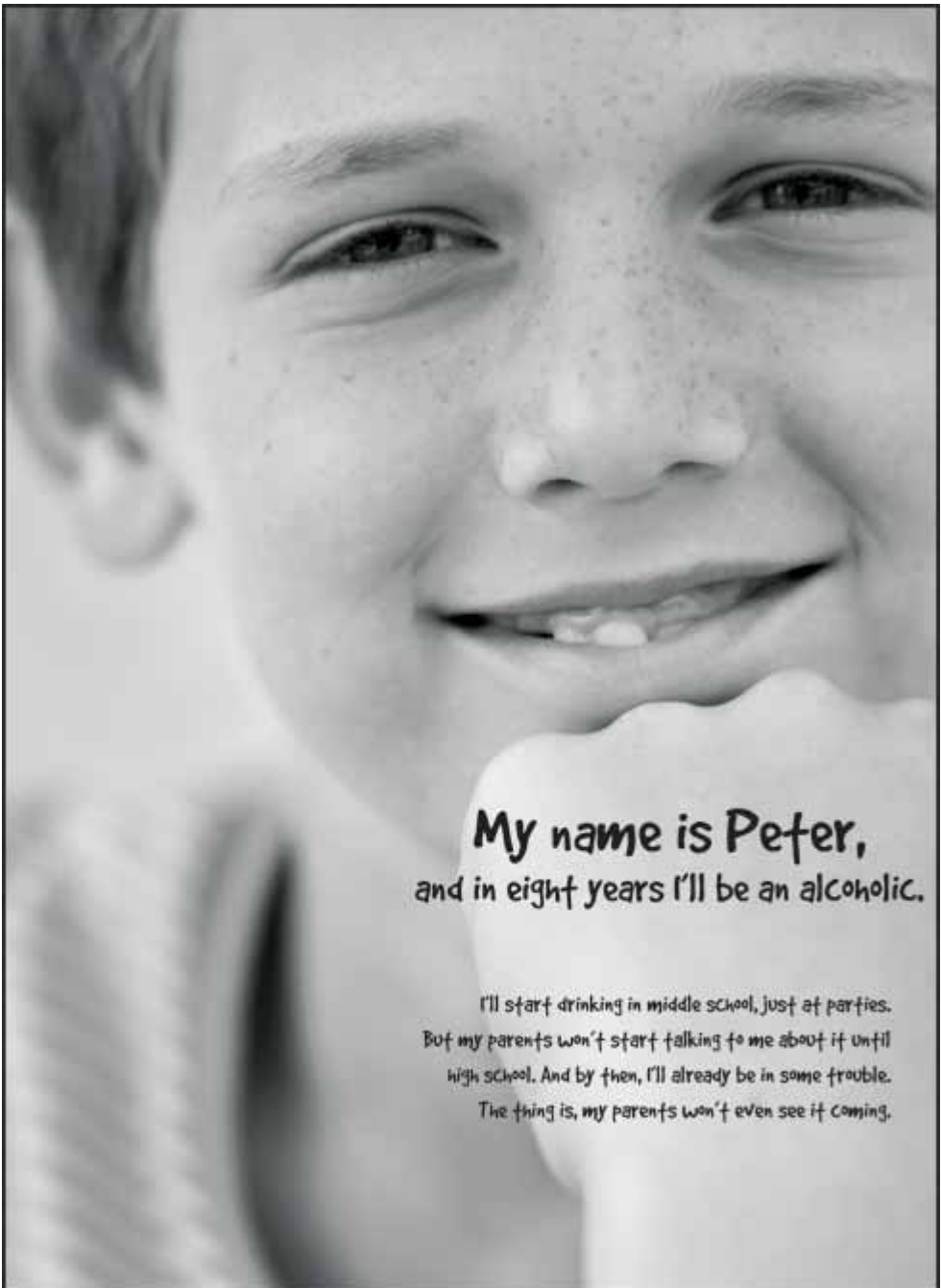
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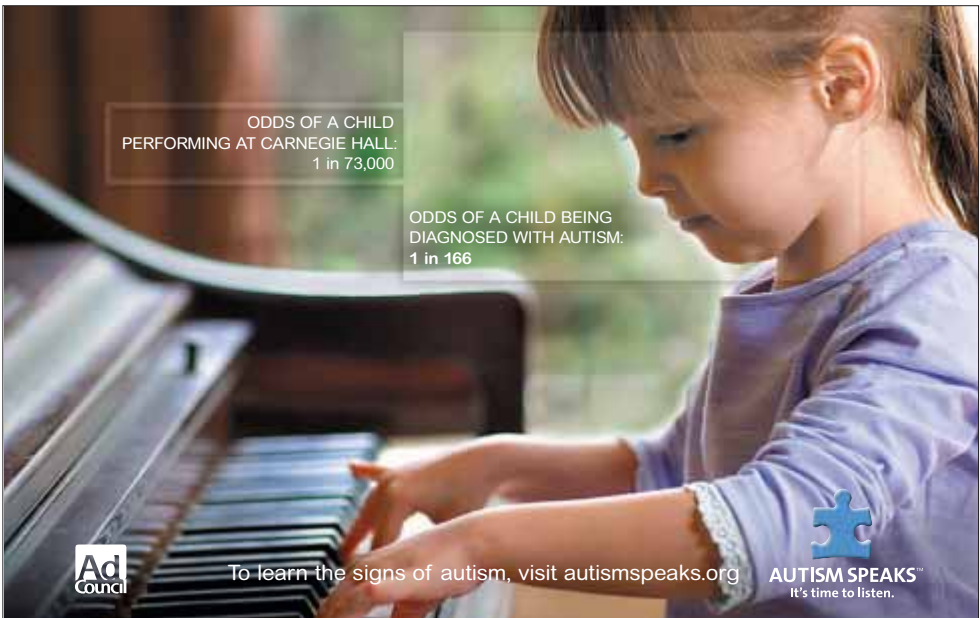
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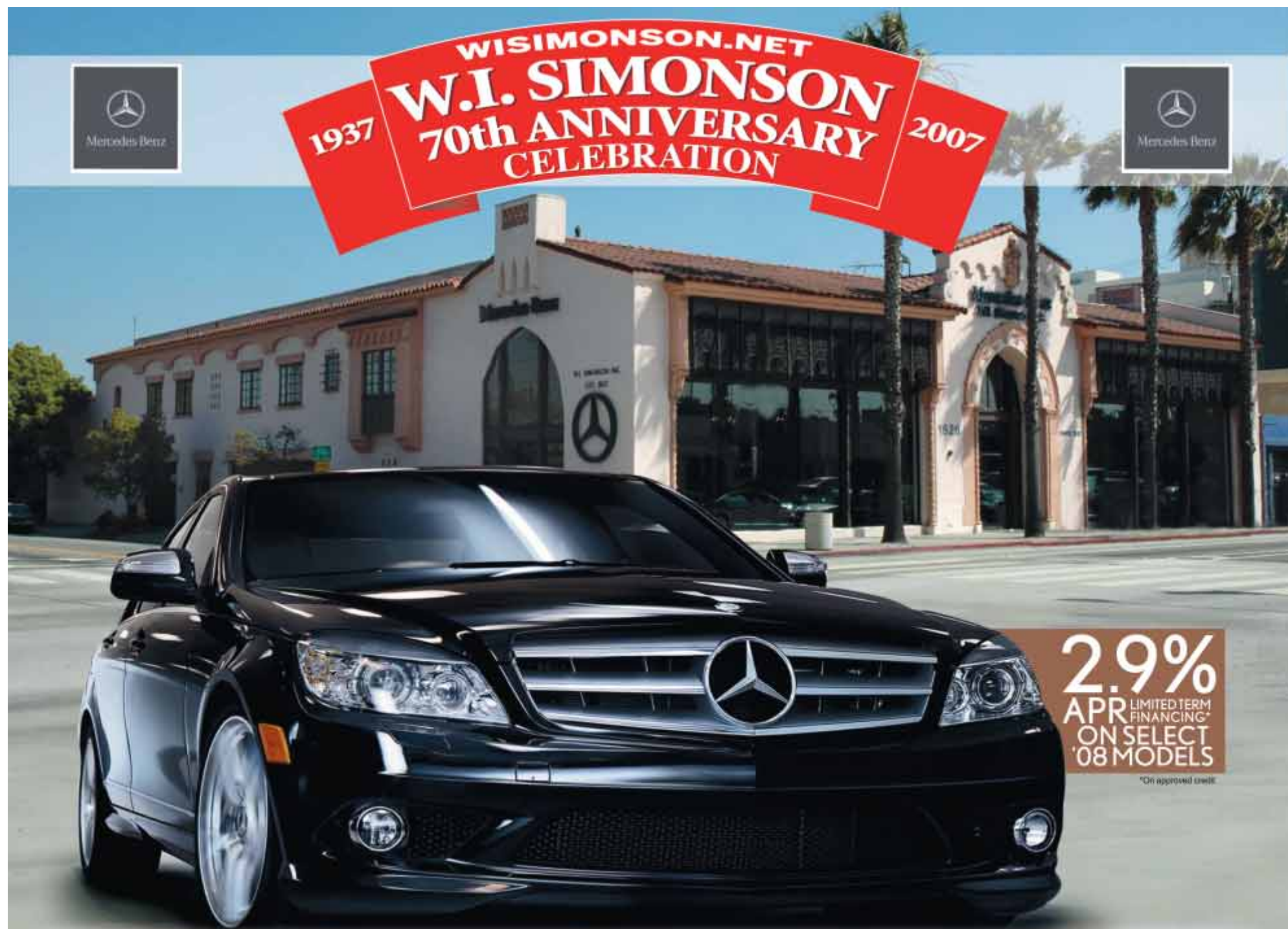
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