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THE GRADUATION ISSUE

Advocates urge sales tax hike

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Chris Ritter is a native New Yorker often stuck in left coast traffic, sitting in a bus watching the clock tick as he waits to get from point A to point B.

"I can get anywhere I need to go on the buses but sometimes it takes a long time," Ritter, currently a Santa Monica resident, said. "I haven't driven in 10 years.

"Subways are much more efficient but I guess they're harder to do out here."

But a subway could become much more feasible if voters approve a proposed half-cent sales tax increase in Los Angeles County this November. The measure, if passed, would bring in more than \$40 billion over the next 30 years, which transit advocates say could go a long way toward making projects like the Subway to the Sea a reality.

Ritter is among a number of local resi-

dents who say they would be willing to support the tax increase, as long as they pay for transportation-related projects.

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board of Directors is expected to discuss the half-cent sales tax proposal at its meeting next Thursday, possibly voting to recommend a ballot measure to the county Board of Supervisors next month. The supervisors would have to authorize the measure by Aug. 8 in order to qualify for the

Nov. 4 ballot.

A number of transit advocacy groups, including the Subway to the Sea Coalition, have rallied around the half cent sales increase, pointing out that the stream of revenue will help the long-awaited project finally receive federal grant money.

Denny Zane, the executive director of the coalition, said that given the state of capital

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MUSIC TO THEIR EARS: The Santa Monica High School Orchestra performs as the graduating class of 2008 walks on the stage of the Greek Amphitheater during Thursday's graduation ceremony.

Samohi graduation is bittersweet for seniors and their families

BY ALICE OLLSTEIN

Special to the Daily Press

SAMOH Last night, thousands of parents, grandparents, siblings and friends crowded into Santa Monica High School's Greek

Theater for the graduation of the class of 2008.

Enthusiastic audience members waved signs, screamed their graduates' names, shed tears and cheered as the blue-robed senior class descended the stone steps. Emotions

ran especially high as speakers paid tribute to one who could not walk the stage — would-be senior Eddie Lopez, who was murdered in 2006 by a suspected gang member still awaiting trial for the crime.

Throughout the ceremony, the graduates

lived up to Principal Hugo Pedroza's description as "the class that refuses to be mediocre" as they performed classical and folk music, gave stirring and humorous

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Brian Asher at the Sunset Grill

1701 Ocean Park Blvd., 7 a.m. — 5 p.m.

The Sunset Grill presents the work of artist and photographer Brian Asher. The diverse collection of photographs and artwork are inspired by Asher's travels through five continents including adventures in the Amazon, Vietnam, Zimbabwe, Mexico, the Galapagos Islands and China. More than two dozen pieces will hang in the restaurant and are for sale by the artist.

Saturday, June 21, 2008

Stroll into the past

1436 2nd St., 10 a.m. — 12 p.m.

A walking tour presented by the Santa Monica Conservancy reviews over 100 years of local history in just six blocks.

Docents view city landmarks and share the story of Santa Monica's development from a frontier town to bustling metropolis. Tours are given every Saturday, at a cost of \$10 for the general public and \$5 for conservancy members. Reservations can be made by calling (310) 496-3146.

Summertime for The Producers

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 p.m. — 5 p.m.

The Main Library will screen Mel Brooks' The Producers starring Gene Wilder and Zero Mostel. The film has since been remade several times, including in musical form and a show in Las Vegas with David Hasselhoff, but the library is staying classy with the hilarious original. The program is free with open captions for the hearing impaired.

Magic in mid-afternoon

1211 4th St., 12:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

The time tested classic Cinderella comes to the stage at the Santa Monica Playhouse until the end of June. They are presenting the Rudie-DeCarlo musical with its cast of lively characters to bring new life to the story. Birthday and tea parties are available with each performance. Tickets are \$10.50 for kids and \$12.50 for adults. Call (310) 394-9779 ext. 2 for more information.

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.



Juneteenth celebration combines history and fun

BY ALEXANDRA BISSENETTE

Special to the Daily Press

DOWNTOWN In a country with a complicated racial history, during an election year with race becoming a major issue, this year's Juneteenth celebration at Virginia Avenue Park will recognize one more milestone on the path to equal rights.

Juneteenth commemorates June 19, 1865, when the Union soldiers landed at Galveston, Texas spreading the news that the Civil War was over and those enslaved were now free.

"Juneteenth is our independence day," said LaVerne Ross, founder and CEO of the Juneteenth Celebration Committee.

Although Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation on Jan. 1, 1963, news of independence did not reach Galveston, Texas until two and a half years later.

Some speculate that the delay was the result of a murdered messenger, while others maintain that the news was deliberately withheld to keep up the plantation labor force.

"It could have been all the reasons, or maybe just one," Ross said.

In the years since, Juneteenth has become a celebration of the changes that have been realized since the end of slavery.

"It recognizes the progress that has been made in this country over the past century," Ross said. "From past struggles to present day politics, we have reached many milestones."

Juneteenth is a relatively new holiday for Santa Monica. Despite its 150 year history, the holiday only achieved a public celebration in Santa Monica 16 years ago.

"When I arrived in California 52 years ago and June rolled around, I was so excited to celebrate Juneteenth," Ross said.

She had become well-acquainted with the holiday having grown up in Texas where Juneteenth is widely celebrated and has been an official state holiday since 1980.

Unfortunately, Ross was in for a rude awakening when her school friend informed her, "They don't do nothing like that here," Ross said.

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Photo courtesy City of Santa Monica

KICKER: A stiltwalker in traditional African dress is just one of the handful of performers who will be putting on a show at the Juneteenth celebration at Virginia Avenue Park this Saturday. Other performers include the Marching Thunder Drumline, Chiquita Tolten (blues, gospel), Driving Words (LA's top ambient band), Deborah Rogokos (rhythm and blues vocalist) and Annie McKnight (comedian and TV personality).

How to avoid the summer brain drain

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Summer break from school doesn't necessarily mean that students should take a break from mental stimulation.

As the academic year wraps up for many schools in Santa Monica and students begin dreaming of lazy mornings in bed and afternoons in front of the television, educational experts are stressing the importance of keeping kids active during the summer.

California Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell earlier this week released a top 10 list of suggestions to help keep parents and their children busy during the summer, including playing puzzles, collecting stamps and starting a journal.

O'Connell points to research showing that the learning gap between middle and low-income students widens during the summer, many kids beginning the school year further behind.

"These summer learning tips are part of my continuing effort to narrow the achievement gap," the state superintendent said. "Every little thing we can do to reverse this trend is vital to ultimately preparing children for success in the high-tech global economy."

Experts say that mental and physical activities during the summer can help academic retention, enabling students to remain on top of their game once the school year commences.

The Evaluation and Training Institute published a study evaluating Los Angeles area public library summer reading programs, finding that students who participated were more likely to read at or above grade level than their non-participating peers.

"Moreover students reading above grade level in second grade were more likely to retain this level in third grade, in comparison to students who did not participate in the program," the 2001 study states.

Such a program has been successful in the Santa Monica Public Library the past several years where nearly 2,000 youths, ranging from toddlers through high school, participated last year.

The Summer Reading Program provides incentives for youths to pick up a book,

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Right to live trumps right to smoke Editor:

Re: Frank Lee's letter defending his and others right to smoke in their apartments, which he considers the last place in Santa Monica (lots of other cities have no smoking rules too, Frank) where he and his fellow nicotine addicts can smoke.

Don't worry, Frank – as far as I can see the no smoking laws are anything but a priority in Santa Monica. People smoke at bus stops, in parks, in the promenade, leaning against the buildings they should be 20 feet away from. But you can still walk in residential neighborhoods, knocking into people with lit cigarettes burning their jackets and dropping ash on toddlers (I've seen both).

If your definition of a "nutter" is a non-smoker, then here in mine: A nutter is one who steadily consumes the drug that is killing them. That's pretty nuts. I was that kind of nutter myself for over 35 years, I'm ashamed to say. I even had a lit one sitting in the soap dish of the shower.

So don't tell me about addiction. When I finally realized – DUH – that I was killing myself and further polluting the environment, I quit. After a year as a non-smoker, I ran stop smoking groups for the American Cancer Society in New York City and had the highest rate of people in my groups who quit and stayed quit for the years after follow-ups.

You also state that the "moral majority" are neither – which is correct. But in your letter I assume you mean non smokers are the moral majority. There is nothing about not wanting to die a horrible death that is either moral or immoral – it's simply a choice. However, if you consider yourself, as a happy-go-lucky smoker, with "rights" to be a member of the "moral minority," aren't either.

You and some other smokers (who all seem to feel you are really cool rebels) do have the right to kill yourself with your addiction. And it's an addiction that races your heart, raises your blood pressure, not to mention causes all kinds of cancer. But your right to kill yourself while smelling up the place does not extend to the right to involve me, my children, grandchildren and other non smokers in your addiction. Sorry.

Marilyn Brennan
Santa Monica

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Ron Gray
Santa Monica



Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth

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Tomorrow is golden for Joe and Kathy

MY MOTHER USED TO SAY EVERYTHING in life has its plusses and minuses. Writing this column each week has two plusses. I get to interview interesting people; and when, in my opinion, the world has gone totally mad (i.e. the day we invaded Iraq) I have a place to vent. I'm like a poor man's Howard Beale in "Network." A minus is that venting week after week can get tedious for my readers. Another minus is that in the end Beale got assassinated. That's actually a very big minus.

This is my 106th "Laughing Matters." During the past two years I've written about dozens of my "neighbors." The history of this city and its colorful citizens are the stuff of a Steinbeck novel.

Unfortunately, I'm no Steinbeck. I'm not even Andy Rooney. But, due to economics, we are losing bits of old Santa Monica every day.

We could wind up with a city of rich and poor, and everybody in the middle would be left out. I hope I'm wrong.

Among my columns was one about Robert, the homeless gardener, who magically turned a portion of a beach parking lot into a lush garden.

And Susan, an artist who has lived and worked on the boardwalk for over 30 years and teaches at Emeritus. Mary is a retired teacher whose students included Sean Penn and Charlie Sheen. Gee, I wonder if they ever caused any problems? Mary is such a sports maven she ought to be working for ESPN.

Malin is a remarkably fit Swedish-born instructor in Nordic walking, or power walking using ski poles. I always wonder, do they think it's going to snow?

My favorite, however, is Joe Geletko who was a mailman in Santa Monica for 30 years. When Joe retired he began playing bit parts in movies and commercials. I first met him on the beach on a very warm November Saturday. Joe was 70 then but as fit as a 40-year-old — he collecting recyclables and listening to the USC-Notre Dame football game. We bonded because we were both rooting for Notre Dame (Yes, SC fans, I realize the Trojans won). Joe told me he picked up the recyclables when he wasn't shooting a movie. I didn't believe him but he was so charming I didn't care.

Joe and I run into each other often as, even at 73, he surfs almost daily. We both hope UCLA will win another national basketball championship and that Bush will be impeached, or even better, tried, as in Vincent Bugliosi's latest book, "'The Prosecution of George W. Bush for Murder."

But Joe has more important things on his mind right now.

Tomorrow is his and wife Kathy's 50th wedding anniversary. To those of us not quite so successful in marital matters, that's not a typo, that's 50 years.

Joe and Kathy met in September 1957 at a St. Augustine's Church club in Culver City, the "Sinners or Saints." A very tolerant name for a church organization? Kathy remembers Joe's opening line, "So, are you a sinner or a saint?" Women remember everything, which

TOMORROW IS HIS AND WIFE KATHY'S 50TH WED- DING ANNIVERSARY. TO THOSE OF US NOT QUITE SO SUCCESSFUL IN MARI- TAL MATTERS, THAT'S NOT A TYPO, THAT'S 50 YEARS.

is part of why we men can never win an argument. And yet Joe's line was pretty good if it's still paying dividends 50 years later.

The Geletkos have lived in the same house for 44 years. Kathy was a stay-at-home-mom and Joe was a letter carrier but somehow they sent all five of their kids to UCLA. The kids are adults now, Joan, Joey, Judy, Janet, and Jane (I sense a "J" theme at work). Kathy notes when her children went to college they all had part-time jobs. Realistically, it'd be impossible for future Joe and Kathys to move here now, much less send five kids to college. And that's a loss for all of us.

For every one of their anniversaries the Geletkos have celebrated at a different restaurant. "No repeats," Kathy says proudly. This year they're going to Palm Springs. And when they get back, on the 29th, the kids have a surprise planned. Stay tuned.

This is a very special year because the last 18 months have not been easy. Both Joe and Kathy have had cancer surgeries and radiation and have a little more scheduled. As Bette Davis said, "Getting old is not for sissies." And yet when I talk to them there's never a whisper of complaint. "Courageous" doesn't begin to describe the Geletkos.

In their 70s, Joe and Kathy are an unbelievably cute couple. Holding hands, they're a Norman Rockwell painting. So, as they celebrate their 50th anniversary, I'm celebrating them. Tomorrow will be golden for them, as hopefully will be all their tomorrows. All due respect to my late mother, with the Geletkos I see only plusses.

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Stamp out stigma

THOSE OF US WHO SUFFER DAILY WITH mental illness face additional suffering: The pain we feel from being judged, excluded, and avoided by others. I'm talking about stigma, and take it from me, stigma hurts. Stigma destroys the spirit of not just the mentally ill, but everyone. It eats away at the common bond of our humanity.

The Random House Unabridged Dictionary defines stigma as "a mark of disgrace or infamy; a stain or reproach, as on one's reputation." The root of the word comes from Greek, meaning a mark or puncture, especially one made by a pointed instrument. That's certainly the way stigma feels to me and my mentally ill brothers and sisters.

The word crazy makes me crazy. I am not a crazy person or a diagnosis — I'm a human being. Calling us crazy is degrading. It's blaming us for a medical condition. It labels us as 'subhumans' who are out of touch with reality. We are not crazy, or bad, or worthless, or lazy, or dangerous. We have a brain disorder that places certain limits on our functioning and requires and responds to treatment.

Stella Marsh, the National Coordinator for NAMI (the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill) and a dear friend of mine, once told me there would always be chances to educate people and help change the world's false perceptions about mental illness. These words have become my mission.

My response to those who stigmatize is to educate them. I tell them that mental illness is a medical condition, a disorder of brain chemistry. I ask them if they would put down, blame, label, or shun someone with another medical condition, like diabetes. I tell them that we are constantly seeking and finding ways to manage mental health. I remind them that every mentally ill person is a human being with feelings and potential. This is my way of stamping out stigma.

I also educate others by reminding them of some of the mentally ill people who have made great contributions to society. Many have had the courage to speak out about their conditions to help erase stigma and encourage others to seek treatment. The great mathematician and Noble Prize winner John Nash, portrayed by Russell Crow in the film "A Beautiful Mind," suffered from schizophrenia. Actress Patty Duke, journalist Mike Wallace, athlete Terry Bradshaw, and writer William Styron all suffered from clinical depression. Abraham Lincoln is thought

to have suffered from chronic depression and Winston Churchill probably had bipolar disorder.

Mental illness is painful, but stigma can be just as bad. Stigma makes people feel isolated, ashamed, and scorned. It sometimes leads to discrimination or violent acts against the mentally ill and homeless. Worst of all, many people with mental illness hide their problems and avoid getting help because they're afraid of being labeled and stigmatized.

Not all the news is bad. Stigma is slowly eroding. The public is slowly but surely gaining a better understanding of mental illness. New and better treatments are constantly being discovered. Laws, such as the Americans with Disabilities Act are being enacted to protect our rights.

How can those of us experiencing symptoms of mental illness cope with stigma? The Mayo Clinic's Web site, mayoclinic.com, has several suggestions:

- Get treatment. Not only will it help control the symptoms, but for many people, having a confirmed diagnoses and knowing that others share the same condition provides relief.
- Surround yourself with supportive people.
- Do not equate yourself with your illness. Instead of saying, "I'm bipolar," say "I have bipolar disorder."
- Join an advocacy group.

In addition, I recommend seeking out support services. There are many wonderful community organizations, such as Step Up on Second and Daniel's Place that provide positive support, education, rehabilitation, and housing services.

There are many wonderful physicians, therapists, educators, researchers, social workers, and volunteers who have dedicated themselves to helping those who suffer from mental illness. We can all do our part by helping wipe out the prejudice and misunderstanding. Please join me in my mission — let's all work together to stamp out stigma!

Jacob Ramsey is a member of Step Up on Second, a Santa Monica-based organization that involves individuals with severe and persistent mental illness in developing opportunities to reintegrate into the community. Ramsey is a regular contributor to Brainstorm, a newspaper featuring articles written by Step Up members. For more information about Step Up on Second and Brainstorm, go to www.stepuponsecond.org.



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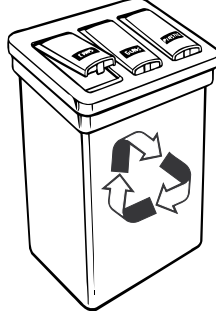
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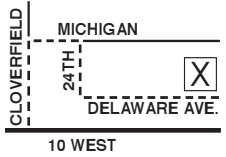


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Robbery with racial slurs

SUNDAY, JUNE 8, AT 9:45 P.M.,

Santa Monica police officers responded to a radio call of unknown trouble in the 1400 block of Court 3. When officers arrived they made contact with four alleged victims who are street performers on the Third Street Promenade. The men told officers that they were walking down an alley to their car, which was parked in an adjacent structure, when five suspects attacked and robbed them, all while yelling racial slurs at the African-American victims. The suspects, one of whom hit one of the victims with a concrete block, took a backpack belonging to one of the performers and fled in a vehicle. The performers jotted down the suspects' license plate. Officers were able to locate the vehicle a short time later on Interstate 10. The performers positively identified the suspects, who were placed under arrest for robbery and assault with a deadly weapon. Bail was set at \$50,000 for each suspect. They were identified as Johnny Salcido, 21, of Los Angeles; Victor Refugio Cortez, 20, of Los Angeles; Alfonso Torres, 38, from South Gate; Pablo Antonio Sanchez, 26, from Paramount; and Gina Lynn Powell, 26, from Los Angeles.

TUESDAY, JUNE 10, AT 12:50 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 1300 block of the Third Street Promenade – Sephora – regarding a theft that just occurred. When officers arrived they made contact with employees at the perfume store who said that the suspect walked into the shop and took several bottles of perfume and cologne and then walked out without paying for the items. Once outside the store a security guard tried to stop the suspect, but the suspect pushed the security guard away and fled on foot. A community service officer detained the suspect a short distance away from the store and held him until police arrived. The suspect was placed under arrest for robbery and theft with a prior. He was identified as Victor Hugo Martinez, 52, of Los Angeles. His bail was set at \$50,000. The items stolen were valued at \$278, police said. All the items were recovered.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, AT 1:17 A.M.,

Officers responded to the corner of Fifth Street and Broadway after receiving a report that a traffic service officer was assaulted. When officers arrived they made contact with the traffic service officer who said a driver spit on him as he attempted to issue a parking ticket. The driver drove off, but not before the traffic officer jotted down his license plate. The driver was apprehended a short time later and placed under arrest for assault. Officers also discovered that the suspect was in possession of marijuana. The suspect was identified as Yimeng Zheng, 21, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at \$20,000.

THURSDAY, JUNE 12, AT 7:15 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 200 block of Broadway – Buddha's Belly – regarding a customer who refused to pay for his meal. When officers arrived they made contact with the restaurant manager who said the suspect ate a meal and then left the restaurant without paying. When confronted, the suspect refused to pay. The manager called police and officers placed the suspect under arrest. Officers said the suspect appeared to be under the influence of alcohol. The suspect was booked for defrauding an innkeeper and for being drunk in public. He was identified as Carlos Francisco Anzora, 44, from Los Angeles. His bail was set at \$500.

FRIDAY, JUNE 13, AT 2:30 A.M.,

Officers on routine patrol in the 900 block of Olympic Boulevard conducted a random vehicle license plate check and discovered that there was a warrant issued for the owner of the vehicle. Officers conducted a traffic stop at which point they confirmed that the driver was the one named in the warrant. Officers detained the driver and searched the vehicle, at which point they found heroin and prescription drugs. The passenger in the vehicle was placed under arrest along with the driver for possession of narcotics and drug paraphernalia. The driver, who was identified as Malcom Jamal Walker, 23, of Culver City, was also booked for driving on a suspended license. His bail was set at \$20,000. The passenger was identified as Brittany Sharee Rouse, 22, of Santa Monica. Her bail was set at \$10,000.

SATURDAY, JUNE 14, AT 4:43 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 1200 block of Sixth Street after receiving a report of a battery that just occurred. When officers arrived they made contact with the alleged victim who said he was attacked and had his bag stolen. Armed with a description of the suspect officers were able to locate him a short distance away. He was placed under arrest for robbery and an outstanding warrant. The victim's belongings were recovered, which included an ID and some vegetables, police said. The suspect was identified as Ronald Steven Barlish, 67, a transient. His bail was set at \$50,396.

SATURDAY, JUNE 14, AT 7:35 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 2400 block of Pico Boulevard – Rite Aid – regarding a theft that just occurred. When officers arrived they made contact with store security who said a female customer walked into the drug store and placed several items in her bag before walking out of the store, failing to pay for the items. Security detained the suspect until police arrived. Officers placed the woman under arrest for petty theft. The suspect was identified as Diana Nurtasovn Jambekova, 19, of Santa Monica. Her bail was set at \$1,000. Officers said the woman took toiletries and some beverages valued at \$111.

SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 11:15 A.M.,

Officers responded to a local hospital regarding an assault with a deadly weapon that just occurred. When officers arrived at the hospital they made contact with the alleged victim who said she was struck in the head with a coffee mug and had her cell phone stolen by a female acquaintance when she attempted to call 911. The victim told officers that the assault occurred because there was an argument involving the purchasing of drugs. After the assault, the suspect drove the victim to the hospital. The suspect was arrested by police at the hospital for assault with a deadly weapon and for forbidding someone from calling 911. The suspect was identified as Susan Elaine Hauch, 53, a transient. Her bail was set at \$100,000.

SATURDAY, JUNE 14, AT 7:45 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 1300 block of the Third Street Promenade – Abercrombie & Fitch – regarding an assault that just occurred. When officers arrived they spoke with store employees who said the suspect punched the store manager in the eye. The manager tried to escort the suspect out of the store because she was making a disturbance. That's when the suspect allegedly punched the manager. The suspect was placed under arrest for assault and battery, and for being drunk in public. She was identified as Ncinsie Angel Garcia, 28, of Los Angeles. Bail was set at \$20,000.

Little noodle is sweet as strudel

BY CYNTHIA CITRON

Special to the Daily Press

A Chinese housekeeper leaves her 6-year old son (BaoQi Chen) with her Israeli employer, Miri (Mili Avital), for "just one hour" while she rushes off to attend to some urgent errand. By the next day she has still not returned.

Miri is a twice-widowed flight attendant for El Al. Sharing her apartment is her sister Gila (Anat Waxman), who is squatting there with her teenage daughter while she contemplates divorcing her husband. What they don't need is a little boy with an unpronounceable name who speaks not a word of Hebrew. In fact, he speaks no word at all in his anguish at having been abandoned by his mother.

The little boy is a Chinese Charlie Brown, with a big round head and woeful eyes, and the sisters cannot bring themselves to abandon him a second time. Thus begins their strange odyssey of trying to find the mother, trying to communicate with the boy, trying to get a translation of the message his mother has scrawled in Mandarin on a wall of their squalid home, and finally, trying to figure out how to get the boy to Beijing, once they learn that that's where his mother has been deported (She was picked up by Immigration officers shortly after she left Miri's apartment).

Because she entered Israel illegally, she is not registered in the country. Nor is her son, even though he was born there. So, in legal terms, neither of them exists. To prove that he was born, that he exists, and that he is his mother's son, involves

voluminous paperwork in both Israel and China, DNA tests, notarized affidavits, official documents and processes that will take, the sisters estimate, at least a year to complete.

Meanwhile, the boy, whom they call Noodle, after his favorite food, has begun to loosen up in their care.

Easily the most adorable and lovable child actor since Shirley Temple, he is playful and mischievous and imaginative and bright.

And while he grows to love the sisters and they him, they are aware that they will have to return him to his mother. How they do that involves a plan so elaborate that it might have been concocted by Inspector Clouseau.

"Noodle" is a delightful film: warm, funny, and emotionally satisfying on all counts. Written by Shemi Zarhin and Ayelet Menahem and directed by Ayelet Menahem, it won the Special Grand Prize of the Jury at the Montreal World Film Festival last year and the Best Supporting Actress Award of the Israel Film Academy for Anat Waxman, as well as nine other nominations.

Although the film was released in Israel in 2007, it has only been seen in this country in the 2008 film festivals in Palm Springs and Santa Barbara, and now as part of the 23rd Israel Film Festival, currently screening at the Laemmle Theaters (the Royal in Los Angeles, the Sunset 5 in West Hollywood, and the Fallbrook 7 in West Hills), running from June 12 through the 26.

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'Harold' is unbeatable

BY CYNTHIA CITRON

Special to the Daily Press

In the same amount of time that it takes a television drama to introduce a murder, capture the killer, bring him to trial, and render a verdict, two talented actors at the Ruskin Group Theatre in Santa Monica can provide a delightful hour of sweet and poignant comedy. The play is "Unbeatable Harold" by Randy Noojin, and it is a love story of sorts.

Harold (Maury Sterling), an erstwhile loser, has changed his luck and risen to the exalted position of assistant manager at the local steakhouse. But his real dream is to become a sock puppeteer, which is not very likely, considering how bad he is at it. He uses his sock puppets, however, to express his feelings to his girlfriend Wanda (Austin Highsmith), who is sitting in a tight bunch on his sofa.

As he rhapsodizes about their relationship and his dreams of their future, he is totally oblivious to her squirming discomfort. To his ebullient optimism she responds with pragmatic negation: "I can't dream unless I'm asleep," she says, and "It's stupid to think about things that can't ever happen." Nevertheless, he plows on, offering a maximum of muddled and zany miscommunication and working

himself to a fever pitch so that he can finally find the words to propose to her.

Despite his digressions and her interruptions, the play is engrossing and appealing and the dialogue is realistic as well as funny. You feel for Harold and you empathize with Wanda – two mismatched bookends. Sterling and Highsmith, who are exceptionally good in these roles, play in rotation with Bradley Stryker and Sarah Maine.

"Unbeatable Harold" is directed by John Ruskin, who also produced it with Mikey Myers. And, though the time and location of Harold and Wanda's meeting is not specified, Ryan Wilson's eerily authentic set design seems to place it in the mid-1950s to the '60s.

Harold's living room includes nearly every fetish of that period: a lava lamp, a bullfighting scene on red velvet on the wall, horse figurines and a duck lamp, a big cinnamon velvet couch, a brown Naugahyde quilted bar, a brown box radio, and intermittently, the songs of Elvis Presley. And the place – most likely one of them red states.

"Unbeatable Harold" will continue at the Ruskin Group Theatre, 3000 Airport Road in Santa Monica, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 through Aug. 3.



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BY RANDY WILLIAMS



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'The Best of Buster Keaton'

One of the greatest performers in Hollywood history, the physical comedy genius is on full display in the three-disc package that includes numerous shorts such as "The Electric House" and "The Boat" as well as classic pictures, "Steamboat Bill Jr." and "The General." With bonus features there is over 11 hours of the silent film superstar. (St. Clair)

Da Vinci's Inquest: Season One

In the vein of CSI and Law & Order, Nicholas Campbell stars as crusading coroner Dominic Da Vinci who along with cops, forensic specialists and medical experts, probe the back alleys and bedroom communities of Vancouver to shine a light on the shadowy means and motives for murder. Well-written, the series also takes great advantage of the location, showing that British Columbian city's beauty and dark underbelly with dexterity. There are 13 episodes on four discs including behind-the-scenes clips. (Acorn Media)

Human Body: Pushing the Limits

Incorporating the latest CGI tools and camerawork, this groundbreaking series portrays the human body unseen before. The two-disc offering presents ourselves in vivid detail via people around the world who have pushed their bodies to the max. Under the topics of sight, strength, sensation and brain power, we get a rare and special look at our body's inner and outer workings. Here is an eye-opening look at the power, poetry, fragility, and resilience of the human anatomy. (Discovery)

ER: The Complete Ninth Season

Speaking of pressure on bodies, this multi-E Emmy winning drama created by best-selling author Michael Crichton explores the turmoil of Chicago's public hospital emergency room and the lives of those doctors, nurses and technicians behind the split-second decision that often determine life or death. Season nine opens with staff members of County General Hospital confined to the ER and under lockdown for two weeks and the drama builds from there. All 22 episodes come on six discs including a gag reel and deleted scenes. (Warner Bros.)

Rescue Me: Complete Fourth Season

The edgy FX network drama starring Denis Leary centers on the inner workings of a New York City firehouse and the personal and emotional battles of its members in a post-9/11 world. Thirteen episodes on four discs include storylines involving the fate of beloved but ill chief Jerry Reilly and the public humiliation the firehouse suffers after a botched rescue attempt. Guest stars include Gina Gershon and Susan Sarandon. Blooper reels, deleted scenes are part of a firehouse full of extras. (Sony)

Australia

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THE WALK: The graduating class walks down the steps in front of the History building on their way to the Greek Amphitheater. Students held a moment of silence for slain classmate Eddie Lopez.

Lopez remembered at Samohi ceremony

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speeches and hurled a contraband beach ball into the air. Students quoted everyone from Dr. Seuss to JFK, broke into chants of “Oh-eight! Oh-eight!” and thanked their parents, teachers and each other.

In his speech, Pedroza cited the class’ many accomplishments, including the unprecedented number of valedictorian candidates — 24 — the Science Bowl team winning nationals, the SAGE entrepreneurial team flying to represent Samohi in Nigeria, the boy’s soccer team winning the state CIF championship, the orchestra touring Eastern Europe and each AVID senior being accepted to several four-year universities.

Other speakers lauded the class for initiating both the Racial Harmony Retreat and Bike to School Day.

Class president Ilan Ben-Meir focused on the class’ “fierce determination not to be afraid” despite growing up with the World Trade Center attack and Lopez’ murder.

“In a better world, he would be standing on stage with us today,” he said.

Josh Miller, a friend of Lopez, added: “The spirit and smile of Eddie Lopez resonates within us.”

Later, Pedroza asked the audience to observe an 18-second moment of silence to honor what would have recently been Lopez’ 18th birthday.

The audience, dressed in everything from T-shirts to cocktail dresses, fanned themselves with their programs in the late afternoon heat.

“We’re the proudest grandparents,” said Barbara Jackson, who boasted a large pin with a baby photo of her grandson. When asked if she had arrived early to secure her front row seat, she laughed. “No, I just had to make a few people mad.”

Another proud grandmother, Claire Richker, had flown from Texas to see her grandson, Alec, graduate. When asked how the family felt, the mother burst into tears while the father explained that the day had been emotional because their son is leaving for far-away Middlebury College come fall.



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SUPPORT: Family members and friends of the graduating class pack the Greek Amphitheater Thursday afternoon.

The graduates, as class president Dana Sigman noted, had been waiting 13 years for this moment, and when the band finally played the march from “The Great Escape” to signal the ceremony’s end, it seemed to be just that.

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SUBJECT: Continued Public Hearings to Review, Comment and Provide Direction on Land Use & Circulation Element (LUCE)
LOCATION: Citywide
APPLICANT: City of Santa Monica

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to continue its review of the LUCE Strategic Framework (Land Use and Circulation Element). Over the last few years, the Community and the City have worked intently together to develop a cohesive and inclusive vision for the future of Santa Monica.

The LUCE will establish a set of city-wide policies, standards, and actions that will govern land use and circulation, congestion management, urban character and design, economic development and other related issues such as public facilities and services, parks and open space, sustainability, and the preservation of the quality of life in the community and its environment.

DATE/TIME: TUESDAY, June 24 , July 1 and July 8, 2008 AT 6:45 PM

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the City Council public hearing, or by writing a letter. Written information will be given to the City Council at the meeting.

Address your letters to: City Clerk
LUCE
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If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Bruce Leach, at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at bruce.leach@smgov.net.

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Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

ESPAÑOL

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Tax would move subway project along

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financing at the MTA, transit advocates had reached a conclusion that it was going to take an infusion of capital to make the subway happen, which would most likely take the shape of a voter-approved initiative.

"If it passes, it would give life to the subway where otherwise it wouldn't exist," Zane, a Santa Monica resident, said.

The subway, which would extend all the way to Santa Monica, is estimated to cost around \$6 billion. Major capital projects have historically been at least 50 percent federally funded, which Zane believes is not feasible for the subway project. But a public-private partnership could be a possibility for the subway, he said.

Transit advocates have differing opinions on how the sales tax will affect the other highly anticipated project in the city, the Exposition Light Rail, which will connect Westside residents to Downtown Los Angeles.

The first phase of the project is currently being constructed while the second stage, which will take Expo from Culver City to Downtown Santa Monica, is still in the environmental stages.

Darrell Clarke, the co-chair of Friends 4 Expo Transit, said he doesn't believe the sales tax will have much of an effect on Expo since it's one of the few projects in the funded portion of the MTA Long Range Transportation Plan.

But proponents of the Gold Line are seeking an extension in the San Gabriel Valley, asking MTA to move the project up the priority list, a move that Expo advocates like Clarke are opposing.

"I'm personally a supporter of the Foothill project, but not for it to displace Expo's priority," Clarke said.

While the added revenue is expected to help projects like Subway to the Sea, transit supporters say that it will only be a piece of the solution.

"Over the next couple of decades, in order to solve our mobility issues and take



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IN THE WAITING LINE: People enter onto the MTA Rapid bus on Wilshire Boulevard on Thursday. Santa Monicans seem supportive of a sales tax increase to pay for transit projects.

into account the continued growth of the region, we would have to build something like \$60 billion worth of projects," Kymberleigh Richards, spokeswoman for the Southern California Transit Advocates, said. "There is no way the sales tax is going to generate \$60 billion in 20 years.

Richards said the sales tax will help the subway project have a "fighting chance" to secure federal dollars.

"The feds like to give money to projects that have as much local revenue tied up as possible," she said. "If we can get a significant percentage of the subway funded with sales tax revenue, it increases our chances when we fight for federal funds for the project."

The MTA Executive Management Committee met on Thursday and received a briefing on a poll that was conducted to gauge the public's response to a half sales tax increase, a survey that found there could be enough support for the measure to receive the necessary two-thirds vote to pass, according to Pam O'Connor, the MTA board chairwoman.

"In light of gas prices and congestion, people are clamoring for more transit like light rail," said O'Connor, a member of the Santa Monica City Council.

In addition to the subway and Expo, the sales tax will also pay for highway and roads projects, funneling funds to individual cities,

O'Connor said.

Among the groups that could oppose the measure is the Bus Riders Union, which has yet to take a position.

Manuel Criollo, spokesman for the BRU, said the organization might oppose the measure if it's similar to Propositions A and C, two other sales tax measure previously passed by voters.

"We're really leaning towards no sales tax if it's (similar) to Proposition A and C where bus riders were taxed to be given second-hand service," Criollo said. "Based on the history of service MTA has given to bus riders, it makes us have reservations on additional sales tax."

Criollo said the union would take a position once the specifics of the proposal are released.

Some locals expressed support for the project.

Margaret Chock, a Santa Monica resident for 38 years, said she believes the sales tax will benefit the people who need it most.

"(Taking bus) is really great on the parking end, but the buses only run every 15 minutes and they pass before I get there," Chock said. "I would ride more often if there were more buses."

Olivia Feldman, a Mar Vista resident, said while she doesn't ride public transportation, she would support a sales tax increase.

"The traffic is usually very congested ... we always have the rush-hour traffic," Feldman said. "It's not always a great experience but that's kind of what you have to deal with living in the Los Angeles area."

Caressa Avalos, an Inglewood resident who rides the bus three times a week, said she wouldn't be as inclined to support the measure.

"I guess in theory it's good but I would say no," Avalos said while in Santa Monica on Thursday. "They always say they're going to use the money but they never do."

Nora Casey contributed to this report

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City offers variety of summer learning programs

FROM SUMMER PAGE 3

awarding prizes to those who complete a certain number of hours reading.

"Some parents tell us the teachers recommended that they keep their children reading over the summer, but especially the ones struggling because they don't want to lose ground," Ann Wagner, the youth services librarian said.

The library provides a list of acceptable books, awarding everything from a foam bug stamp to an invitation to a year-end party as prizes.

"We're always encouraging children to read and what we tried to do here is make it fun and develop life-long readers," Wagner said. "That is what's important."

The Santa Monica-Malibu Parent Teacher Association every year partners with the Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation to provide the Summer Adventure enrichment program, available for students in elementary and middle schools.

The more than two-decade-old program offers activities including recreational and academic classes for four weeks every summer. The academic classes are less intensive

in nature, focusing on topics such as the history of rock 'n' roll.

"It's really important for kids to stay engaged and connected with other kids in the summer," Rebecca Kennerly, the president of the SMMPTA said. "It's the only time children can really follow their own paths."

Activities are especially important to children in their formative years, particularly when in elementary school, according to Candace Poindexter, the director of literacy programs at Loyola Marymount University.

"There is so much information that if they don't keep up and practice, somehow they are going to forget by the next year or three months later," Poindexter, a former second grade teacher, said. "New teachers spend sometimes two to three weeks reminding them what they should've remembered."

Poindexter said the key is to make sure kids at this age practice, sounding out vowels and studying root words, all of which can be made fun by parents reading with their children.

There are things that parents can do to encourage reading without making it seem like a chore, organizing library trip days and enrolling children in youth book clubs.

"If nothing else read to your child,"

Poindexter said. "Keep them interested in books, whether it's R.L. Stine or Sponge Bob Square Pants books."

For some kids, there's always summer school.

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District is expecting around 1,000 high school students to take summer intensive programs which include credit recovery. Another 100 is expected to participate in the district's dual enrollment program with Santa Monica College.

Approximately 200 students are expected to take summer school at the middle schools while the elementary schools will host more than 400, according to Sally Chou, the chief academic officer.

Some parents say they plan to use summer to allow their kids to recuperate from the pressures of the academic year, sleeping in a little bit later, but still keeping busy through lighter activities.

Lisa Balfus, who has a daughter at Edison Language Academy and a son entering Santa Monica High School, said she usually tries to strike a balance between activity and downtime, the latter of which is seldom experienced by her children during the school year.

Her son will enroll in the junior lifeguard program at Santa Monica Beach and her daughter will participate in the reading program at the Fairview Branch Library.

"If they do a lot of physical activity during the summer, it is stress reducing and head clearing," Balfus said. "Having them able to be out in fresh air, running and playing tag and tennis is restorative, physically, mentally and emotionally."

It's a philosophy shared by other parents. Judith Meister, whose daughter is planning to attend ballet camp, said summer is the perfect time for student to have a break and explore other activities.

But while students should take a break from the classroom, it doesn't mean they should take a vacation from learning, Meister said.

"It's important for kids to keep their minds active and keep their bodies active and find ways to actually enrich their experience," she said. "They should experience things they don't have time to do during the school year, whether it's seeing a play or hiking or taking a walk."

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Demand soars for 'fast acting' diet pill



WORKS FAST: Apatrim™ is causing a buzz among dieters since they don't have to change their lifestyle and it starts working on their appetite just minutes after taking it.*¹

By M.J. MOORE

Universal Media Syndicate

UMS - Thousands of callers clogged an Ohio company's phone lines trying to get this breakthrough diet pill.

The remarkable weight loss supplement that has dieters from all over the country calling is called Apatrim™, and there are some very good reasons why people want it.

You see, Apatrim starts working on your appetite within minutes after taking it, dieters don't have to starve or suffer through intense exercise and its been clinically shown to get great results.*

Participants lost an average of 5 times more weight than those taking a placebo during the 4-week clinical.¹ They got these results taking Apatrim's active ingredient as directed and without adding exercise or diets to their daily routine.*

And people that have used this weight loss supplement are singing its praises.

"All I did was take it about 30 minutes before I was going to eat and I didn't feel hungry. It really works great for me," said Erica Leventhal.²

Researchers believe that Apatrim can suppress appetite which can mean fewer calories are being consumed; this can lead to weight

loss.* Consumers should keep in mind that there's no substitute for proper diet and exercise when it comes to losing weight. Meaningful weight loss requires consuming fewer calories than the body burns.

WHY SO MUCH EXCITEMENT?

Apatrim contains an amazing compound that has a known ability to help control hunger pangs.*

This allows people to eat the foods they want, they just eat less.*

Losing weight is hard and anyone that has struggled with weight loss will tell you that they would love to be able to lose weight without changing their daily routine.

That's where Apatrim comes in since this is exactly what happened in the clinical trial.

"I took Apatrim and I felt fabulous. After eating dinner I felt full and not deprived, I just went about my day and didn't think about food or eating," said Lori Morrow.³

All of this positive feedback makes it easy to understand why there is so much excitement and optimism surrounding this weight loss supplement.

CLINICAL RESULTS

The U.S. clinical study was conducted in Los Angeles under the direction of Dr. Ronald M. Lawrence,³

M.D., Ph.D. a former clinical professor at the University of California's Los Angeles School of Medicine.

The study included healthy, overweight individuals between the ages of 31 and 73. Their caloric intake and level of exercise was not disclosed.

The participants were instructed not to change the food they were eating and not to add any exercise; in other words, no changes to their daily routine. They were told to take Apatrim 30 minutes before lunch and dinner.

An amazing 100% of the participants who took the active ingredient as instructed either lost weight or inches off their waistline during the 4 week study.* In contrast, only one person taking the placebo lost weight, just half-a-pound, and not one reduced their waistline.¹

Some participants experienced incredible results, losing as much as 8 pounds and up to 3 inches off their waistline.*¹

HOW IT WORKS

The active ingredient in Apatrim comes from a plant that grows in India.

This 'miracle' plant is *Caralluma Fimbriata* and it has been used by native tribes in India for centuries to reduce hunger and quench thirst during times of famine and

drought.*

Until recently, the only way to get these benefits was to eat the plant.

But scientists have developed a proprietary method of extraction that is protected by U.S. Patent #7,060,308. This process enables Apatrim's manufacturer to put the plant's benefits into a pill.

Scientists believe Apatrim's active ingredient works by blocking the hunger signals that are sent from the stomach to the brain. The brain then thinks that the stomach is full, causing a reduction in appetite.*

HOW TO GET APATRIM

Initial shipments of Apatrim have been rushed out to a few select retail chains across the country. CVS/pharmacy was among the first stores to snap up the entire initial production.

The company has also set up a National Order Hotline just for Apatrim. This enables people that don't want to fight the crowds or run the risk of not finding it at the store, to get Apatrim delivered directly to their homes.

Starting at 7:00 am today, the order line will only be open for 48-hours. All consumers have to do is call **1-800-782-8750** and ask for Dept. AP1488; orders will be filled on a first-come, first-served

Public now facing 48-hour cut off; clinical trial shows participants lost weight without adding exercise or diets

(continued from previous page)

basis.

"We're bracing for the next surge of calls, we've hired more people and the order lines will be fully staffed," said Ken Geis the Manager of Call Center Operations.

"Even though we weren't able to take all of the initial calls from people trying to get Apatrim we're ready now," said Geis.

Current supplies are limited so consumers that don't get through to the order line in the next 48-hours or can't find Apatrim at the store will have to wait until more inventory is produced or more shipments reach the national chains. ■

Here's how you can get Apatrim:

To make sure that everyone can get Apatrim while the initial shipments are being rushed out to drug stores across the country, a National Order Hotline has been set-up. Simply follow the instructions listed below to have Apatrim shipped directly to your home or you can go to your local drug store to see if Apatrim has arrived.

National Order Hotline; 48-hour cut off

Consumers can begin calling at **7:00 am today**. The order line will only be open for 48-hours. Call **1-800-782-8750** and ask for **Dept. AP1488**. All orders will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Retail Stores:

National chains across the country are working around the clock to get the initial shipments of Apatrim onto their shelves. It has been confirmed that **CVS/pharmacy** and **The Vitamin Shoppe** all have placed orders and should have supplies of Apatrim available to consumers.

On the web: www.apatrim.com

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1. Primary study based on 26 participants over a 4-week period. Participants were directed not to add any exercise or change eating habits. Participants level of caloric intake and exercise were not measured or disclosed. 2. Individual results may vary. 3. Dr. Ronald Lawrence, M.D., Ph.D., conducted the clinical trial and is not affiliated with PatentHEALTH nor endorsing Apatrim.

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Drug stores load up with powerful joint pill

Sales skyrocketing; news of its amazing results spread across the U.S.

By G.W. Napier
Universal Media Syndicate

UMS - Consumers can't seem to get enough of it and drug stores are selling it as fast as they can get it.

"Unbelievable, that's all I can say," said Matthew Woods, Director of Business Development for PatentHEALTH the company that developed the breakthrough joint supplement.

Woods was referring to the fact that in just one day a drug store chain sold 2,000 bottles of the powerful joint health supplement called Trigosamine*.

"We've already shipped over 500,000 bottles of Trigosamine and sales just keep growing, it's been crazy," said Woods.

Scientists have developed this amazing oral tablet that doesn't require a prescription and is taken only once a day.

It's so impressive that one key ingredient has the ability to retain fluid up to 1000 times its own weight; this helps increase lubrication for the joints allowing them to move with ease.*

Trigosamine's key ingredient is Hyaluronate also called HA-13

which is the building block of "natural joint fluid," medically known as synovial fluid.

This joint fluid reduces friction in the joints allowing for effortless motion. It not only lubricates the joints, but it also acts as a comfortable shock absorber.

"As we age, the body's natural production of this fluid declines and this can force the bones in our joints to grind together which can result in nagging discomfort," said Dr. Joseph Dietz¹.

"Using Trigosamine is like taking a can of oil and applying it directly to your joints," said Dr. Dietz*.

Trigosamine combines HA-13 with the essential blend of glucosamine and chondroitin which have been clinically shown to help build healthy cartilage in the joints allowing for increased flexibility and range of motion.*

A clinical study conducted by the United States government found that glucosamine and chondroitin, similar to those found in Trigosamine, had a 79.2% effective rate for those with moderate to severe joint discomfort.^{2*}

But it's the results that make this joint supplement so

impressive.

"We get messages from consumers all the time telling us how great Trigosamine works for them," said Woods.

"Everybody wants it," added Woods.

"CVS/pharmacy was one of the first ones to order Trigosamine and they've loaded up their shelves. We've received reports that show they have some inventory left," said Woods.

"And to make it easier for people who can't find Trigosamine or don't want to go to the store, we've set up a National Order Hotline so they can have it delivered directly to their home," said Woods.

"We'll be offering a direct delivery discount for the next 72 hours, and consumers should know they can't get this discount at drug stores," he added.

Otherwise those living in the local area that miss the deadline won't be able to get the discount. They'll have to go to their local drug store to try and get Trigosamine and may be hard pressed to find it. ■

Or, visit us online at:
www.trigosamine.com



■ **HEALTHY JOINTS:** X-rays reveal joints that have the proper amounts of synovial fluid to lubricate the joints. HA-13, one of Trigosamine's key ingredients is a component of synovial fluid.



■ **ALMOST GONE:** Sales of the joint pill Trigosamine are soaring which could lead to out of stocks as shown in this photo illustration. Consumers unable to find it can call **1-800-924-2109** and have it shipped directly to their homes.

Local Readers Discount Deadline

You may be able to find Trigosamine at **CVS/pharmacy** since they have received shipments. If you want Trigosamine shipped directly to your home and would like the local readers discount, call the National Order Hotline listed below before the **72 hour deadline** expires. Otherwise you'll have to get Trigosamine at the drug store and may run the risk of not being able to find it.

Begin Calling at 8:00AM TODAY
1-800-924-2109
Approval Code: TG4527
Discount Ends in 72 hours

1. Dr. Joseph Dietz, PhD currently conducts full time research for PatentHEALTH, LLC. as Director of Health Science, Research Development.
2. Statements herein are based upon published public information and do not imply affiliation, sponsorship or endorsement of Trigosamine by the United States Government.

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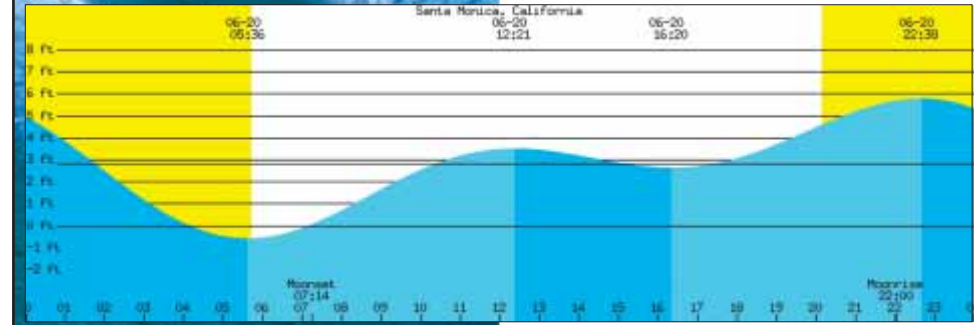


SURF CONDITIONS **WATER TEMP: 59°-66°**

SWELL FORECAST (1-2 FT)
The 20th is looking similar to today: chest to at times head high southern hemi from 210 with 14-16-second periods, and very little wind swell to speak of. Winds should be light in the AM, but onshore to 15-20 in the afternoon. Tide goes negative for the early AM sessions.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS
WIND SWELL EXPECTED BY SUNDAY...

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 **June 10, 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 -- 4
Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 29 / 2
Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 8 / 6

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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
Las Cienegas Beach, at Arroyo Sepulch Creek mouth	A+	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 Palms Canyon storm drain	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Locks and Las Aliso creeks	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Tenebrum Canyon drain	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Morano State Beach	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chatsworth)	A+	B
Bread 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	D	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wilshire Rd. (private)	A+	ns	Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	C
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	D	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Venice storm drain	A	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	D	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurants)	A+	ns
Lafayette Canyon Creek mouth	F	ns	Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A+	F
Selkirk Canyon at San Blocker County Beach	D	ns	Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	ns
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A+	ns
Marine Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	ns	Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	ns
Surfside Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	ns	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	ns
Surfside Beach (beach location)- daily	C	A+	Venice Beach- projection of Topail St.	A+	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A+	ns	Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	A	A+
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	A	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (joint zero)	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 15048 PCH stairs	A	ns	North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	ns
Pine Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of DOW jetty)	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	A	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	F	Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hygienic Treatment Plant	A+	ns
Castroville Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	B	F	Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	ns			
Will Rogers State Beach at 17260 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



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African Americans celebrate their history on Juneteenth

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Ross spent many years asking herself, “Why don’t they celebrate Juneteenth in California,” lamenting the nearly forgotten holiday. Finally, in 1992, she asked herself a different question: “Why can’t that ‘they’ be me?”

With that, Ross took to the city to “bring an almost forgotten holiday to Santa Monica.”

Ross received an eager go-ahead from city officials, who had at the time been looking for ways to enhance the diversity of the city.

The theme of Santa Monica’s first Juneteenth was “40 acres and a Mule,” which is what the slaves were promised when they received news of their freedom, Ross said.

“We naturally had to hinge on how it originated.”

This year, the theme will be “Chains to Changes.” The keynote speaker will be Robin Petgrave, executive director of Tomorrow’s Aeronautical Museum and there will be special appearances by members of the Tuskegee Airmen from World War II, and a historical exhibit room, including the African-American Odyssey display with Buffalo Soldiers.

“Every year the entertainment gets better. And it is designed for all ages,” said Betty

JUNETEENTH IS OUR INDEPENDENCE DAY.”

LaVerne Ross
Founder and CEO of the Juneteenth Celebration Committee.

Macias, who oversees programming at Virginia Avenue Park.

There will also be vendors serving BBQ, hush puppies, watermelon, ethnic clothing, jewelry and arts. The event will be held on Saturday, June 21 from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m.

“I think it will be a great educational experience for the entire community,” Macias said.

Juneteenth has become an annual event in Santa Monica, put on every year by Ross’ Juneteenth Celebration Committee.

The next step is to have Juneteenth be a holiday recognized by California law, as over half of the states have done already.

“You wouldn’t dare ask an African American to work on that day,” Ross said. “We can’t forget our legacy.”

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Better Off Dead (NR) 1 hr 37 min & One Crazy Summer (NR) 1 hr 29 min
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1441 Third Street Promenade

Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull 2 hrs (PG-13)
11:20 am, 2:10 pm, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30

Iron Man (PG-13) 2hr 6min
11:00 am, 1:45 pm, 4:40, 7:30, 10:20

Get Smart (PG-13) 1 hr 50 min
11:10 am, 1:50 pm, 4:35, 7:20, 10:10

Kung Fu Panda (PG) 1hr 31min
11:30 am, 2:00 pm, 4:25, 7:00, 9:20

AMC 7 SANTA MONICA

1310 Third St.
(310) 289-4262

Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (PG-13) 2 hrs.
1:30 pm, 4:15, 7:05, 10:00

The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (PG) 2 hrs 20 min
12:40, 3:45, 6:50, 10:10

Get Smart (PG-13) 1 hr 50 min
10:40 am, 11:40, 1:20 pm, 2:20, 4:00, 5:05, 6:45, 8:00, 9:40, 10:40

The Happening (R) 1hr 31min
11:50 am, 2:10 pm, 3:20, 4:45, 5:50, 7:15, 8:15, 9:45, 10:45

Kung Fu Panda (PG) 1hr 31min
10:30 am, 12:00, 1:00 pm, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:05

LAEMMLE'S MONICA FOURPLEX
1332 Second St.
(310) 394-9741

The Edge Of Heaven (NR) 2hr
1:20 pm, 4:10, 7:00, 9:45

The Visitor (ZPG-13) 1hr 48min
1:30 pm, 4:20, 7:20, 10

Mongol (R) 2hr 6 min
1:00 pm, 4:00, 7:00, 9:55

War, Inc. (R) 1hr 46min
4:30 pm, 10:00

Roman De Gare (R) 1hr 43 min
1:40 pm, 7:10

MANN'S CRITERION THEATRE
1313 Third St.
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You Don't Mess With The Zohan (PG-13) 1hr 53min
11:00 am, 1:50 pm, 7:20, 10:00

The Love Guru (PG-13) 1hr 28 min
11:40 am, 12:40 pm, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30, 11:40

Sex and the City (R) 2hrs 15min
1:00 pm, 4:05, 7:10, 10:20

The Incredible Hulk (PG-13) 1hr 54min
10:30 am, 11:30, 1:10 pm, 2:10, 3:50, 4:50, 6:30, 7:30, 9:10, 10:10, 11:50

For more information, e-mail news@smdp.com

Say yes tonight, Leo

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Try to get as much done as you can by the midday mark. You have a lot to do and much to accomplish. Yet if you think about it, the weekend is heading your way. Start preparing. Tonight: A must appearance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Allow your spirit to soar, and new beginnings become possible. Consider taking off this weekend. New vistas will become possible before you know it. Tonight: Open up and try something totally different.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ You see life through renewed eyes and a different perspective. Relate to individuals rather than groups. You have many more people on your team than you realize. Tonight: Say yes to living.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ As you defer to the other side and open up to a positive change, you might like what is happening a lot more. Your ability to move a situation forward could be quite dynamic and exciting. Tonight: Say yes.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Knowing that the time has come for some frolic and fun allows you greater self-knowledge. Open up. You are able to relax once you clear out a project or make a commitment to better health and exercise habits. Visualize and grow. Tonight: Join friends immediately.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Taping into your imagination and resourcefulness will start drawing very dynamic results. Think in terms of greater action and understanding. How you deal with someone and the choices you make could change. Tonight: Zero in on what happens.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Take charge knowing that you need variety and the weekend to enter. You must clear the decks first if possible. Learn to work with others, understanding that you all have the same goals and long-term desires. Tonight: Homeward bound.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ You think that allowing change and growth is easy for others, but when it impacts you, it might not be. Understanding the bottom line could be difficult. Communication will flow with more ease if you allow someone to be who he or she is. Tonight: In the thick of it all.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Your concern with finances might force you to revise a situation or approach it differently. Your ability to sleuth through a problem might not be as high as you might like. Tonight: Paint the town red.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Your sense of humor and ability to move forward could be changing. You are undergoing a profound change. Try not to react to situations, especially as you might be the issue. Tonight: Finally, the weekend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Let sleeping dogs lie, if possible. Your level of fatigue is profound. Know when it is time to yawn and call it the end of the workweek. At a certain point, you might not be able to accomplish anything more. Tonight: Easy does it.

PISCES (Feb 19-March 20)

★★★★★ As you are in the process of zeroing in on what you want, you might find it difficult to move in this direction. So many changes, especially within your interpersonal circle, will force you to at least take a deep breath. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

Happy birthday

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Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from Bronze (easiest) to Silver to Gold (hardest).

Difficulty
SILVER

			3		5			
2		5	7		8	6	9	3
		8		1				
	6				4		7	
8		9		3		1		5
	5		8				3	
				8		7		
1	7	6	5		2	3		4
			6		3			

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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.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

1	8	3	6	2	9	5	7	4
4	5	2	1	8	7	6	3	9
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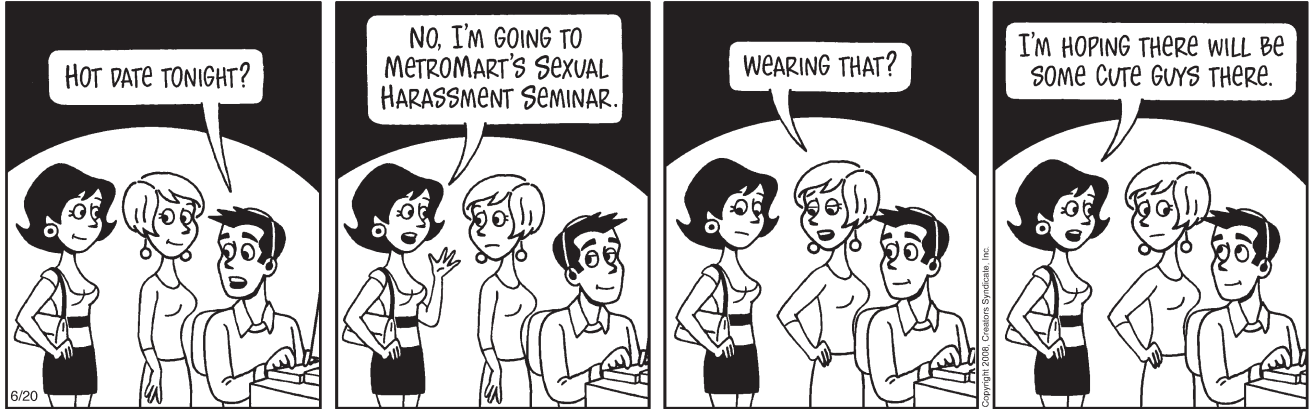
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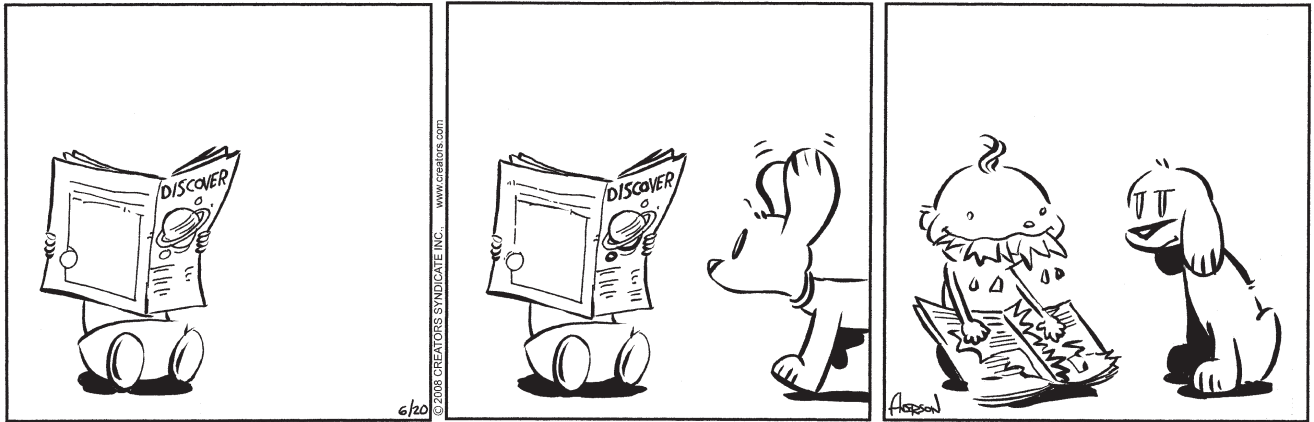
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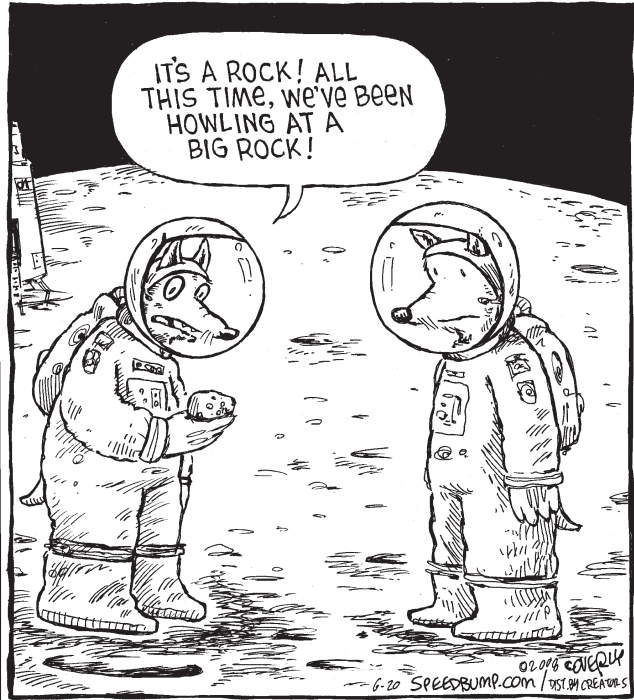
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The Government Accountability Office revealed in April that more than 60,000 of the federal government's contractors owe a total of about \$7.7 billion in unpaid federal taxes, and that health care providers who take Medicare payments owe an additional \$1 billion in late taxes. One unnamed company owes \$10 million in back taxes, yet the Pentagon did \$1 million worth of business with it. (One activist on tax issues pointed out that firms might find it easy to win low-bid contracts if they don't have the tax expense that their competitors have.)

■ The British government compensates soldiers the equivalent of about \$115,000 if they lose a leg in battle. In March, though, the Defense Ministry paid out the equivalent of about \$400,000 in disability to a civil servant who had injured his back while lifting a printer, and in May the ministry paid out the equivalent of about \$500,000 to an army paratrooper to settle a claim of "humiliating and demeaning" treatment. The soldier had undergone sex-change surgery, converting from "Ian" into "Jan," yet was ordered by the army to report for a physical exam dressed as Ian.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1756 In India, a group of British soldiers was imprisoned in a cell that gained notoriety as the "Black Hole of Calcutta." However, the exact circumstances – such as the number of prisoners, originally put at 146, and how many of them died – are disputed.

1782 Congress approved the Great Seal of the United States.

1837 Queen Victoria acceded to the British throne following the death of her uncle, King William IV.

1943 race rioting erupted in Detroit; federal troops were sent in two days later to quell the violence that resulted in more than 30 deaths.

1947 Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel was shot dead at the Beverly Hills, Calif., mansion of his girlfriend, Virginia Hill, apparently at the order of mob associates.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF SANTA MONICA

SUBJECT:Public Hearing to Consider
Water and Wastewater Rate Increases

WHEN:Tuesday, July 8, 2008, at 5:45 pm

WHERE:City Council Chambers, City
Hall, Room 213 1685 Main Street, Santa
Monica

INFORMATION:
In accordance with Article XIII D Section 6 of the California Constitution the City Council will hold a public hearing on proposed water and wastewater rate increases on July 8, 2008, at 5:45pm in the City Council Chambers, 1685 Main Street, Room 213, Santa Monica, CA 90401. Written protests on the proposed rate increases may be submitted at the public hearing or mailed to or dropped off at the City Clerk, 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica, CA 90401, in sufficient time to be received before the hearing. Please include the parcel address and number and write "Water and Wastewater Rate Increase" on your written protest.

Oral comments at the public hearing will not qualify as formal protests unless accompanied by a written protest. If by the close of the public hearing written protests against the rate increases are not represented by a majority of property owners, the City Council may adopt a resolution to increase the water and wastewater rates. If adopted, the rates will become effective August 1, 2008, and on July 1 in subsequent years. PLEASE NOTE THAT ONLY WRITTEN PROTESTS SUBMITTED BY PROPERTY OWNERS WILL BE CONSIDERED IN DETERMINING A MAJORITY PROTEST.

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