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McQUEEN-WARD

Turning tragedy into advocacy

BY ALEXANDRA BISSONNETTE
Special to the Daily Press

DOWNTOWN When Santa Monica resident Janice McQueen-Ward lost her mother, Margaret McQueen, to stage-four lung cancer 12 years ago, she did not know that her grief would manifest itself as passion for a cause.

"Lung cancer is a silent killer," McQueen-Ward said. "It is the number one cancer killer in the world."

McQueen-Ward has since become a vocal advocate for the National Lung Cancer Partnership (NLCP). She is also a full-time actress and aerobics instructor, and she helps those with grief similar to her own by acting as a counselor.

McQueen-Ward's mother was not the only one in her family to pass away from lung cancer. Her uncle, legendary actor Steve McQueen, died at the age of 50 after being diagnosed with mesothelioma.

The loss of her mother was particularly difficult for McQueen-Ward not only because she had lost a beloved member of her family, but also because she felt that it could have been prevented.

"My mother went to the doctor every six months for a full check up, and they always told her that her lungs were completely clear," McQueen-Ward said. "She was extra cautious, but we never saw the signs. Lung cancer is one of those things where you notice the signs too late."

That fact is reinforced by the World Health Organization's statistics which state that 1.2 million new cases of lung cancer are diagnosed annually, and 1.1 million people die from the disease each year.

Margaret McQueen's case is not uncommon. She quit smoking 10 years prior to her diagnosis and doctors told her that lungs heal and

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City takes aim at panhandling

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

THIRD STREET PROMENADE Panhandlers who conduct their businesses from the comfort of a bench here could soon be asked to terminate their financial gathering activities.

The City Council is considering banning solicitation from all benches located on the Third Street Promenade and stretches of Santa Monica Boulevard and Broadway, an attempt to free-up resting areas that can be monopolized by individuals seeking donations.

The first reading of a proposed ordinance — the phase in which the topic is open to public debate — was endorsed by the council last week, setting up final adoption at a future meeting.

The problem was first identified by the Santa Monica Police Department and Bayside District Corp., the private-public

management company that oversees Downtown, noticing panhandlers occupying the same benches for long periods of time.

One of the biggest draws in the city, the promenade attracts as many as 10,000 peo-

would ban all forms of solicitation, including charitable donations.

"The seat in the promenade ... is extremely limited relative to the size of the crowd which frequent the promenade," City

WHILE PANHANDLING IS MOST OFTEN ASSOCIATED WITH THE HOMELESS, THE ORDINANCE WOULD BAN ALL FORMS OF SOLICITATION, INCLUDING CHARITABLE DONATIONS.

ple on each of its three blocks during summer weekends. The benches located throughout the promenade provide seating for only 100 people.

While panhandling is most often associated with the homeless, the ordinance

Attorney Marsha Moutrie said during the recent council meeting. "For that reason just as we prohibit street performers using benches in conjunction with their street

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ALONG THE WAY: A young woman gives money to Jeffery Cox (right), who was panhandling from a public seat on Broadway in Downtown.



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Challenge your mind, meet new people, and ultimately have fun at the Fairview Branch Library as they host games of bridge and Scrabble every Monday through Oct. 5. Game days are open to the public. For more information, call (310) 450-0443.

A roaring Rotary

1250 Capri Dr., 12 p.m. — 1:30 p.m.

The Rotary Club of Santa Monica has long enjoyed a reputation as being the hub for Westside men and women who are dedicated to improving their local and worldwide communities. This club, which meets every Monday, is a melting pot for cultural ideas from the diverse ethnic makeup of its members. Those interested in attending their regular lunch should contact June M. Doy at (310) 917-3313.

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Tuesday, July 29, 2008

Sustainable Santa Monica

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 6 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.

The Bon Appétit Management Company presents an eye opening presentation on how food choices affect the global environment, local economies, and the quantity and quality of healthy foods. This presentation will be free, but RSVP's are appreciated. Discussion will be hosted by Helene York. Contact Tracy Reitz at traci@sustainablesmonica.org, to RSVP or for additional information.

'One way ticket'

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7p.m.- 8:30p.m.

Santa Monica author Rita Lowenthal visits the Main Library to present and sign "One Way Ticket," the harrowing tale of her son Josh's addiction to heroin and its impact on his parents and loved ones. This free discussion will take place in the library's multipurpose room. Seating is first come, first serve.

Write away

2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 12 p.m. — 2 p.m.

Inspiration, guidance, direction, and support are offered for all writers every Tuesday at the Fairview Branch Library. For more information, call (310) 450-0443.

'Summer Adventure' time

Multiple locations, 8:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.

Franklin Elementary School, Lincoln Middle School, and Point Dume Marine Science School are offering the Summer Adventure program from June 30 through July 25. This program is a fun and educational summertime experience which includes reading, writing, computers, science, math, drama, and sports. For more information, view the online brochure at www.smmpta.org.

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.



California becomes first state to ban trans fats

BY STEVE LAWRENCE
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO Artery-clogging trans fats are out in such food-loving cities as New York and Philadelphia. On Friday, California became the first to try to kick the trans fat habit on a statewide scale.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger signed legislation that will ban restaurants, bakeries and other retail food establishments from using oil, margarine and shortening containing trans fats.

"Today we are taking a strong step toward creating a healthier future for California," the governor said in a statement, noting that

consuming trans fat is linked to coronary heart disease.

The bill's author, Democratic Assemblyman Tony Mendoza of Artesia, said he hoped the legislation would lead to similar laws in other states.

"They've come to the realization that this is something that Americans want, that Californians want," he said. "People are just

more health conscious about what they eat."

New York City, Philadelphia, Seattle, Baltimore and Montgomery County, Md., have ordinances banning trans fats, with some exceptions for bakeries. California is the first state to adopt such a law covering

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HONORING COURAGE

Vivian Ramos (right) places a medal around the neck of a cancer survivor during the Relay for Life of Santa Monica on Saturday. The event was sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

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Mercedes-Benz' Bluetec embodies green technology

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

DOWNTOWN With diesel prices hovering around \$5.20 a gallon, the cost of fuel lingering on most minds of late, it seems odd for

Mercedes-Benz to come out with a new line of autos born from the work of the late Rudolf Diesel. Not only does Mercedes have to combat the diesel stereotype of being a slower, louder and dirtier technology meant for blue-collar hauling and digging, they

must also deal with the ever-increasing fears of an energy crisis with drivers lined up at the pumps, fueling up on only odd days of the month. No longer do SUVs dominate. Consumers are looking for fuel efficiency over power, savings instead of luxury.

It's a daunting task, at least at first glance. But once a driver steps inside an E320 sedan equipped with Bluetec, Mercedes answer to the hybrid, it all becomes clear. Mercedes-

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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A long run for a short slide

Editor:

Glow, the dusk 'til dawn oceanside where's-the-palooza – or how to lure tens of thousands of Angelenos to the beach for nothing – concluded at 7 a.m. Sunday morning, July 20. The broken promise called Glow revealed a core hunger in L.A. for community night life à la the park happenings of New York, San Francisco or Paris.

The whole of the art (a bit of it admittedly wily) added up to what one finds on a block of the Venice boardwalk, here spread out over a whole downtown. Okay, sure, there was a movie screen with “art” on it at the pier parking lot. I remember a painted mannequin with light bulbs in her ears or something; an electric ice cube floating on the water, and a giant sprinkler on the beach. A few other things. Oh yeah, and a parade – no kidding, perhaps eight people in it?

From 7 p.m. until 2 p.m., the streets of Santa Monica bulged one facade to another and to the water's edge with bewildered hordes zigzagging in search of anything. Everywhere, humans. No tents, tables, sugary elephant ears, really no art in most places, nothing to find. Glow was a bull run with no bulls ... a march on Washington with no marching ... just thousands and thousands and thousands of human being stacked ear to ear.

Meanwhile, the highways and surface streets devolved into parking lots, while Santa Monica cops helpfully pointed arrivals out of town. Thanks to Glow's impenetrability, a large number of hopefuls gave up a quarter mile out and returned home. Glow, dear Santa Monica, was a fiasco. Still, it was edifying to be there with so many fellow seekers of life. I think that's why we stuck around as long as we did. It was a glimpse of the free, public community excitement Los Angeles craves. Just having people together was the excitement of it.

I hope Glow happens next year, and I hope it HAPPENS next year. Like ... something. Tents, food, art, interactivity, free things to see and do. Los Angeles really, really wants this. Toward that end, here are three suggestions:

1. Do something.
2. Keep your promise. When you say dusk 'til dawn, don't shut it down at 2 a.m. At this hour the streets were still human sardine cans as the pitiful little art went dark and Garth Trinidad packed up his CD collection. So much for dancing.
3. Don't direct arriving traffic out of town. That's just poo-poo. Have parking ... Hollywood Bowl-style parking perhaps: Remote lots with shuttles.

I wager that the enormous numbers who slugged to this craved fantasy far exceeded expectation. The interest demonstrated should be incentive for businesses to join in and invest in substance next time (if there is a next time), and for every nearby restaurant and store to stay open all night. Hey, Santa Monica business people, most of y'all missed out on a whole lotta revenue! Shoulda stayed open. I've never seen the promenade packed so after midnight any night ever, let alone at almost 3 a.m.

Of course, the danger is, real money will be spent next year in thirsty anticipation, while everyone will stay away because they remember how lame it was.

Anyway, do Glow again, Santa Monica, and do it right. Good luck!

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Santa Monica



Bill Bauer

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Creating art or disaster?

GLOW, SANTA MONICA'S FIRST FORAY into the world of contemporary, large scale art festivals occurred last weekend on the world famous Santa Monica Pier and adjacent beachfront from 7 p.m. Saturday, July 19 through Sunday morning, July 20 at 7 a.m. The event was a rousing success — maybe too successful.

Billed as a “free interactive art and music experience,” Glow featured the sights and sounds of over 100 art pieces. Promising a unique visual and tactile surprise to local residents, art lovers and tourists of all ages, Glow ran continuously from dusk to dawn.

According to Jessica Cusick, the city's cultural affairs manager, Glow was a tremendous success attended by four times its anticipated audience. Organizers estimated Glow would draw about 50,000 festival-goers. However, Santa Monica Police estimate over 200,000 showed up with as many as 75,000 on the pier and beach at any given time.

While most of you probably thought the hot ticket that weekend was “The Dark Knight,” news about the “ultimate beach rave” flooded the Internet. Web sites and blogs touted Glow to ravers and young party people as a “groovy” extravaganza in light and sound on the sand.

According to a city press release, by Saturday afternoon, Internet traffic had significantly slowed the city's Web servers. Additionally, 10,000 invitations were sent out from the popular on-line networking site, Facebook, alone.

Glow was our “Burning Man at the beach” a local artist told me. The reference was to the iconic “Burning Man” — an annual eight-day “art and self-expression” festival in the desert northeast of Reno named after a large, wooden, male effigy that's burned during the event.

There was no burning man here, but there were a lot of “burned up” people because traffic and parking was a nightmare. Although city shuttles ferried folks from various parking lots to the pier, it wasn't nearly adequate. On most summer weekends, pier, beach and Third Street Promenade traffic and parking are bad enough — even without a free, all night art festival on the sand.

The Santa Monica Red Cross, which provided a first aid station at Glow, was almost overwhelmed with numerous people requesting treatment for cuts, blisters and puncture wounds. Executive director, John Pacheco, who helped staff the station, told me the disaster relief organization came close to running out of first aid supplies because traffic gridlock made resupply very difficult.

Last week, the Internet again was buzzing. Yelp.com, LAist and other Web sites carried complaints ranging from traffic

and crushing crowds to uninspiring and amateurish exhibits. Others praised the art and the event as a whole — after all it was free. In any case, it beats Burning Man, whose eight-day passes cost \$225 and up this year.

The good news was that there were “no major incidents” and many people had a great time. This prompted Cusick to say, “In light of the event's phenomenal success and lessons learned, by 2010 (the next Glow event), improvements will be made.”

These days, any large, free public event runs the risk of attracting gangbangers and troublemakers as the city found out when it suspended the Fourth of July beach fireworks nearly 20 years ago. Instead of entertaining all of Southern California, maybe the Community and Cultural Affairs folks should look to revamping and expanding the Santa Monica Arts Festival currently held in May at Clover Park.

This laid-back, daytime, community event has evolved into a showcase for crafts, city departments, various nonprofits and neighborhood organizations that really don't have much to do with the arts. Perhaps, moving it to June or July, extending its hours and playing up its arts and creative aspects would fulfill the same purpose as Glow, but without the potential down side inherent in an unrestricted beach festival attracting a regional audience.

COUNCIL VOTES FOR HIGHER BUILDINGS

Last Tuesday, City Council approved initial changes to the proposed updated general plan that would allow up to a 75-foot height limit on stretches of the city's boulevards. The additional height (over what is currently permitted) would be achieved by giving developers 10-foot height “bonuses” in exchange for “public benefits.”

Voting for higher buildings were Mayor Herb Katz; Mayor Pro Tem Richard Bloom and Pam O'Connor and Bob Holbrook. Opposing the new height limits were Bobby Shriver, Ken Genser and Kevin McKeown who argued that the bonuses would result in buildings that were too tall.

Just what are “public benefits?” Affordable rental housing, more parks, traffic improvements (not likely with this council) or homeless services? And, by whose standard is a public benefit determined? Planning by competitions to please city bureaucrats and injecting arbitrary social values into the zoning codes will only make for more bad development and wealthier land use attorneys.

For the record, Katz, Bloom and Genser are running for re-election. Shriver is still undecided.

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A free speech graveyard at the Democratic National Convention

IF THERE'S ONE THING THE UNITED STATES stands for, it's unfettered free speech. It is vital to a functioning democracy. Unfortunately, the increasing use by government and law enforcement officials of "free speech zones" and other stifling tactics to purge dissent has largely undermined the First Amendment's safeguards for political free speech.

For example, President Bush's Presidential Advance Manual outlines the specific strategies his administration has used to "minimize the demonstrator's effect." It includes such Orwellian tactics as selling tickets exclusively to presidential supporters and creating "rally squads" of supporters who will surround and drown out protesters with pro-Bush chants. The manual also discusses the strategy of asking local law enforcement to create a designated protest zone, "preferably not in view of the event site or motorcade route."

Free speech zones have been employed by both Democrats and Republicans at past political conventions. This year, however, Democrats face the embarrassing possibility that they will be the only party actually caging dissenters. Protesters at the upcoming Democratic National Convention (DNC) in Denver in late August will be corralled into caged "free speech zones" made of chicken wire and chain link fences which are located more than two football fields from the delegates' entrance. Those who attempt to exercise their First Amendment rights outside this makeshift cage, which is partially obscured by trees and sculptures, will be arrested.

Even the news media, once considered a vital stronghold for ensuring accountability in government, is also conspiring to keep protesters out of sight and earshot. Members of the media are urging Denver officials to move the designated protest zone away from where media tents will be situated, reportedly due to concerns that loud demonstrations could disrupt broadcasts.

With the news media having seemingly sold out the First Amendment rights of protesters for the sake of their own financial interests, it has been left to a handful of civil liberties organizations and protesters to challenge these restrictions in court. The courts have previously ruled that protests can be restricted in keeping with a reasonable time, place and manner.

It is only a slight exaggeration to refer to free speech zones as temporary concentration camps. Although the Holocaust has

largely transformed our modern understanding of concentration camps, they were historically intended to "concentrate" populations of "dangerous" individuals into a small area so the government could monitor them more easily.

The 2004 DNC in Boston utilized such a camp, with surveillance cameras to record the individuals inside the cage. Conditions were so appalling that U.S. District Court Judge Douglas P. Woodlock referred to the designated protest zone as a "grim, mean, and oppressive space," which had the overall feel of an "internment camp."

Concentrating, monitoring and minimizing the effects of protests are the real reasons for using designated protest zones. Protesters are only perceived as dangerous because their message challenges the status quo. It's the message that is feared. Thus, efforts to confine and control the dissenters are really efforts to confine and control their political messages, whatever those might be. This is true whether they're challenging environmental policies, free trade agreements or, as in Denver with the upcoming DNC, the political campaigns of candidates running for public office. And if Barack Obama is serious about being an active defender of civil liberties, he needs to openly condemn the fencing off of protesters.

By severely restricting protesters' access to the media and to convention delegates, free speech zones destroy the power of dissenting viewpoints to foment debate and bring about change. Just imagine if the hundreds of thousands of participants in the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, which culminated with Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech at the Lincoln Memorial, had been forced into free speech zones. There likely would not have been a 1964 Civil Rights Act.

The right of political free speech is the basis of all liberty. That's what "we the people" is all about.

Caging people who want to exercise free speech goes against the entire concept of our Constitution, the Bill of Rights and what the revolutionary generation stood for. When political protest is caged, it's not just the rights of a few protesters that are at stake. The very definition of freedom is in danger. Freedom cannot be exercised from within a cage.

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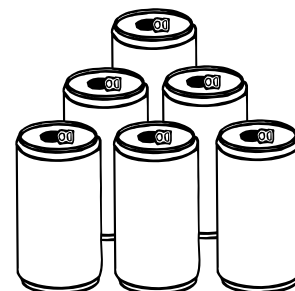


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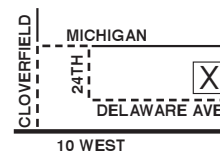
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So this week's Q-Line question asks:

Which direction do you feel the document should go? Should it limit development or continue to allow the city to grow?

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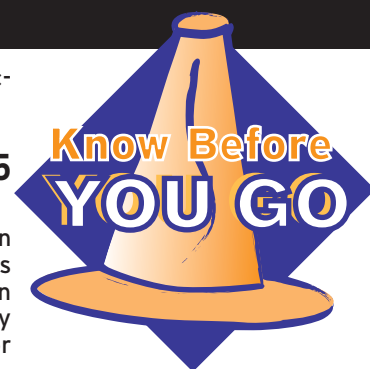
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Beach Parking Lot 10 will be closed for rehabilitation until project completion in early 2009. Beach users are advised to use the beach bike path or park in Beach Lot 9, just south of Lot 10. The self-pay machine in Lot 9 allows payment for either all-day or two-hour parking.



Annual Tree Trimming Project

City trees will be trimmed at the following locations this summer: Olympic Boulevard Median from 10th Street to Centinela Avenue, San Vicente Boulevard Median from Ocean Avenue to 26th Street, 11th Street from Wilshire Boulevard to Colorado Avenue, 11th Street from Montana Avenue to Wilshire, 11th Street from San Vicente Boulevard to Montana, 26th Street from Cloverfield Boulevard to Olympic Boulevard, Cloverfield from Colorado to Michigan Avenue, Cloverfield from Pico to Ocean Park Boulevard, Pearl Street from Lincoln to 14th Street, Palisades Park, 21st Street from Virginia Avenue to Pico, 21st Street from Pico to Ocean Park, Virginia from 20th Street to Cloverfield, 21st Street from Montana to Wilshire, 21st Street from San Vicente to Montana, 22nd Street from Pico to Ocean Park, Chelsea Place to Chelsea Avenue (dead end), Chelsea from Washington Avenue to Santa Monica Boulevard, Second Street from Montana to California, Second from California to Colorado, Fourth Street from Wilshire to Colorado, Fifth Street from Wilshire to Colorado, Colorado (Second to Fourth), Broadway from Ocean to Seventh Street, Santa Monica from Ocean to Sixth Street, Main Street from Pico to South City Limit, Neilson Way from 2600 Block to Municipal Parking lot, Neilson Way from 2400 Block to 2500 Block and Montana from Seventh to 17th. There will be minimal lane closures from 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. The annual tree trimming schedule is subject to change without notice due to inclement weather, emergencies, community events, budget conditions, street repairs or other public improvements. Residences and businesses will be notified in advance of tree trimming operations, blocks will also be posted with no parking signs.

Back On the Beach Café (445 Pacific Coast Hwy.)

Flag persons will be in the area to ensure safe conditions and limit disruption to traffic flow on PCH on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Beach Parking Lot 10 will be closed for rehabilitation until project completion in early 2009. Beach users are advised to use the beach bike path or park in Beach Lot 9, just south of Lot 10. The self-pay machine in Lot 9 allows payment for either all-day or two-hour parking.

Big Blue Bus Campus Expansion (1620 Sixth St.)

No public parking at the eastside of Sixth Street (South of Colorado Avenue). Mar. 3, 2008 to Aug. 25, 2009: No parking along, and no pedestrian access to west sidewalk of Seventh Street, between Colorado and Olympic boulevards. Jan. 21, 2009 to Apr. 21, 2009: No parking along, and no pedestrian access to south sidewalk of Colorado between Sixth and Seventh streets.

Colorado Ocean Relief Sewer Project

Traffic from the I-10 Freeway will be directed to avoid Colorado by either using Pico Boulevard or East-West streets North of Colorado. This work will start in January 2008 and is scheduled for completion in May 2009.

■ Two-way traffic on Colorado Avenue will be maintained.

■ Eastbound Colorado Avenue will be reduced to one through lane and one left turn lane between Ocean Avenue and Second Street. There will be a lane reduction for Northbound Ocean Avenue at Moomat Ahiko (just south of Colorado). All travel directions will be maintained.

Second/Fourth Streets Streetscape Improvement Project

Construction crews will be working on both sides of Second and Fourth Streets from Wilshire to Colorado. This work may temporarily block sidewalk travel and parking locations between Wilshire and Colorado. Please follow posted detour signs.

Traffic Signal Upgrade

Traffic signal repairs and upgrades will take place at various times of the day during the week of July 28 at the following locations: Contractors will be working at Sixth Street and Pico Boulevard. Eastbound traffic on Pico at Sixth may be reduced to one lane intermittently. Work hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Traffic lane closures and sidewalk closures should be anticipated at these locations.

East Colorado Improvement Project

Pedestrian and neighborhood traffic improvements on Colorado Avenue between 20th Street and Centinela Avenue. Streets will be reduced to one lane both east and west bound from 20th Street to 26th Street. Some parking lanes will be removed during various construction phases. Pedestrian walkways will also be reduced during the construction period.

Citywide Sidewalk Repair Project

Repairs to various sidewalk locations Citywide. Traffic lane closures and sidewalk closures should be expected throughout the construction zones. Detours may be announced as necessary, please follow posted detour signs.

Citywide Street Repair Project

Construction will take place on the following streets: Euclid Street (from Pico to Ocean Park boulevards), Bay Street, Grant Street, Pacific Street and Maple Street all between 16th and 14th streets. Please obey the "No Parking" signs that will be posted. Please use the Temporary Parking Permit that is being handed out by construction staff. This permit will allow you to park within a two-block radius of your address.



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VROOM! Mercedes-Benz' Bluetec engine is powered by diesel, but adheres to hybrid standards.

New technology powers Bluetec

FROM CAR PAGE 3

Benz has risen to the challenge with Bluetec, creating the cleanest, highest-performing diesel engine available, environmentally friendly enough to comply with California's strict emissions standards. A V-6 deisel engine with a catalytic converter that drastically reduces harmful emissions, Bluetec is what many luxury car buyers are looking for.

THE SPECS

Bluetec starts off with clean fuel, meaning low-sulfur diesel, pumped into a common rail setup, then injected into an all-aluminum, turbocharged and intercooled 3.2 liter V6. At every stage of compression and combustion, the engine works at full efficiency.

When the spent gases hit the catalytic converter, that's where the real work begins. A catalytic converter is what collects the harmful pollutants created by combustion and creates chemical reactions that neutralize these gases. Bluetec's converter has multiple steps that convert most of the exhaust into harmless nitrogen and water, around 80 percent, making all cars equipped with Bluetec eligible for the same federal income tax credits as hybrids, at least until 2010.

THE RIDE

Make no mistake, this isn't your grandpa's 1979 300 D, a tank of a four-door sedan

that acted lethargic when hitting the accelerator. The Bluetec engine has pick-up, and plenty of it. It runs nearly as smooth as a regular V6, with only hints of the rattling or knocking of other diesels. The torque is incredible, pulling drivers back into their seats, which come in peanut-butter leather with lush wood grain accents that make the car both sexy and sophisticated. It's a comfortable ride, especially if equipped with the satellite radio, superior sound system, DVD/CD player and state-of-the-art navigation.

PUTTING IT IN NEUTRAL

Bottom line: A Mercedes means quality. Bluetec is made for those who are feeling eco-conscious and are looking to make that change but still crave that luxury and style that hybrids just don't have yet. A Toyota Prius is a lot different than a Mercedes coup. You are going to pay a little more for a Bluetec than you would a regular ride, but those who can afford a Mercedes will not worry about the price tag, which is good considering the price of diesel doesn't look like it will fall dramatically anytime soon. It's solid technology that shows what can happen when states enact stricter standards. Mercedes has a great car, consumers have another option and the environment will be better for it.

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Court dismisses bid for power

BY JEFF BARNARD
AP ENVIRONMENTAL WRITER

GRANTS PASS, Ore. A federal appeals court has dismissed a bid by farmers in the upper Klamath Basin to continue bargain rates for electricity they use to pump irrigation water.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit ruled Friday that the states of Oregon and California have jurisdiction over electric rates.

The three-judge panel dismissed the lawsuit brought by the Klamath Water Users Association against the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for lack of standing.

PacifiCorp had refused to renew a 1956 contract that gave about 1,000 farmers on the Klamath Reclamation Project very low rates for electricity to pump irrigation water, arguing they would lose millions of dollars.

The Portland-based utility did agree to phase in market rates over several years.

FERC refused to incorporate the cheap electric rates into conditions for a new operating license being sought by PacifiCorp to operate hydroelectric dams on the Klamath River.

Scott Seus, who farms on the irrigation project, said they were disappointed in the ruling, but were still hoping to get low-cost power from negotiations over a proposal to remove the dams to restore salmon in the Klamath River.

PacifiCorp spokesman Art Sasse said they had not seen the ruling yet and could not comment on it.

The utility has been in talks with state and federal agencies over the dam removal proposal.

Tom Schlosser, attorney for the Hoopa Tribe, said the ruling was a victory for tribes working to restore struggling salmon runs.

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Ugly side of beautiful music

Dear EarthTalk

What's going on in the music industry with all the CDs and plastic CD holders undoubtedly generating a lot of plastic waste?

John S.,
Via e-mail

ACCORDING TO THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL Protection Agency (EPA), CDs and DVDs are typically manufactured by combining various mined metals (aluminum, gold, silver and nickel) with petroleum-derived plastics, lacquers and dyes. Given what complicated beasts CDs and DVDs are—products with thin layers of different materials mixed together are nearly impossible to recycle—most municipal recycling program won't accept them, leaving consumers to fend for themselves in figuring out how to dispose of them. As a result, most discarded discs end up in the trash.

These difficult-to-recycle materials can pollute groundwater and, in turn, contribute to a whole host of human health problems. But the low cost of producing such top-selling consumer items means that replacing them with something greener is not likely anytime soon.

Research has shown that polylactic acid (PLA), a biodegradable plastic-substitute

derived from corn and other agricultural wastes, could replace plastic polycarbonate as a disc's main substrate, but the present high cost of using such a material makes it unlikely to catch on any time soon with those paying to produce mass volumes of CDs and DVDs.

As for jewel cases, most are made out of Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC), an inexpensive petrochemical-based plastic that is notoriously difficult to recycle and has been linked to elevated cancer rates among workers and neighbors where it's manufactured. Furthermore, when PVC is thrown in with regular recyclables it can contaminate entire batches, ruin equipment and cause human health problems. While cardboard and paper jewel cases may be all the rage among a few record labels—Warner Music Group's U.S. division, for example, has been using 30 percent post-recycled paper for the packaging in all of its CDs and DVDs since 2005—the high cost and low durability of such alternatives have kept them largely out of the mainstream.

So what's a conscientious consumer to do? Those willing to pay a small processing fee can send old CDs and DVDs to one of a handful of private companies (such as Washington-based GreenDisk) set up to



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SOUND POLLUTION: CDs and DVDs are made with a combination of various metals, petroleum-derived plastics, lacquers and dyes and as a result are almost impossible to recycle. When discarded, they can pollute groundwater and contribute to a whole host of human health problems.

recycle them into high-quality plastics used in auto parts, office equipment, alarm panels, street lights, electrical cable insulation, jewel cases and other specialized items.

A shift in consumer preferences already underway may be just the thing that will make everyone's personal collections of music and movies greener. Consumers are already able to download some six million individual digital songs via the 500 or so legal online music services now up and

running on the Internet. According to the International Federation of the Phonographic Industry, digital sales now account for some 30 percent of all U.S. music sales and 15 percent globally. And most consumer analysts expect these percentages to grow steadily in the coming years, which is good news for the environment.



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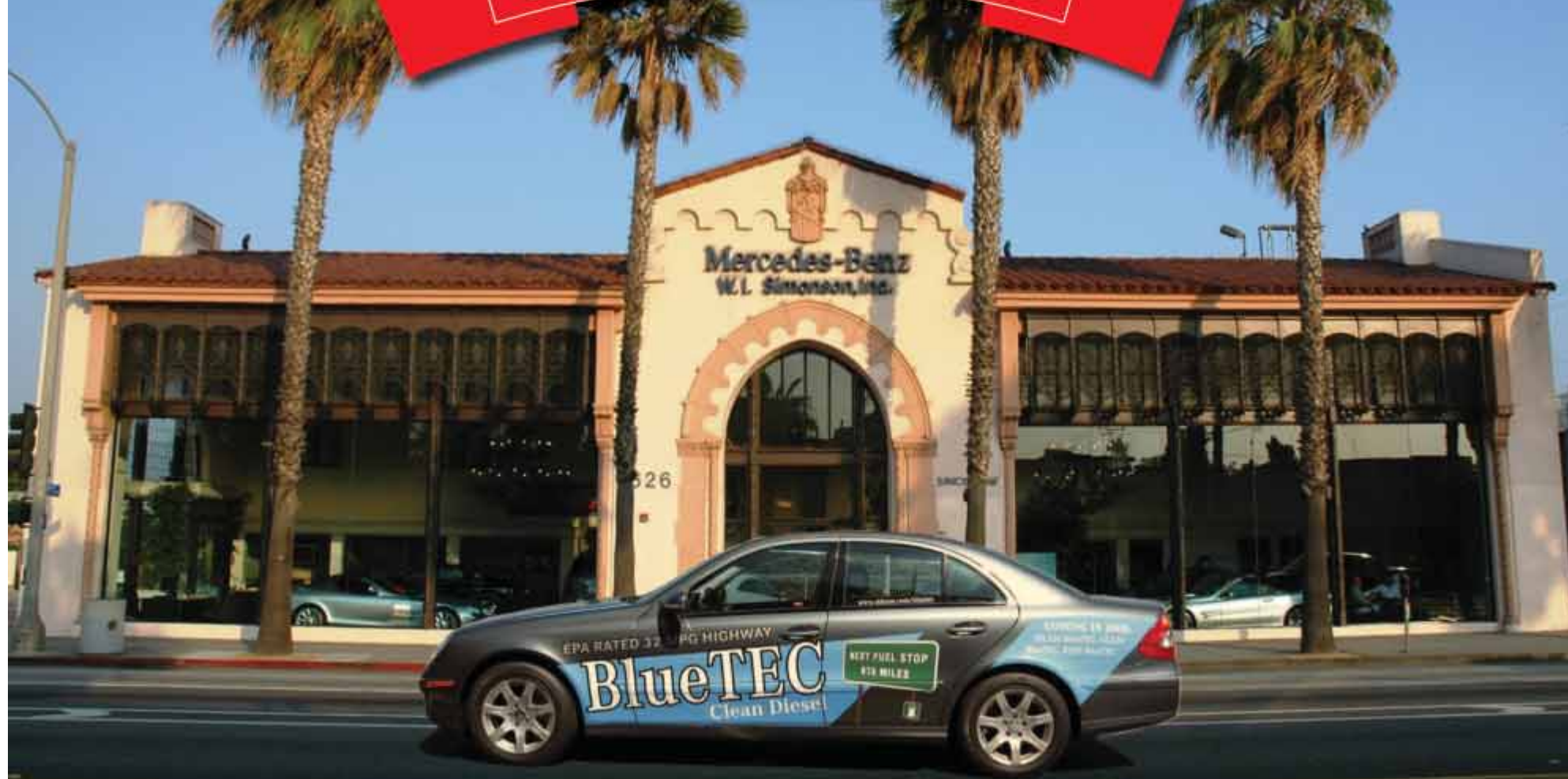
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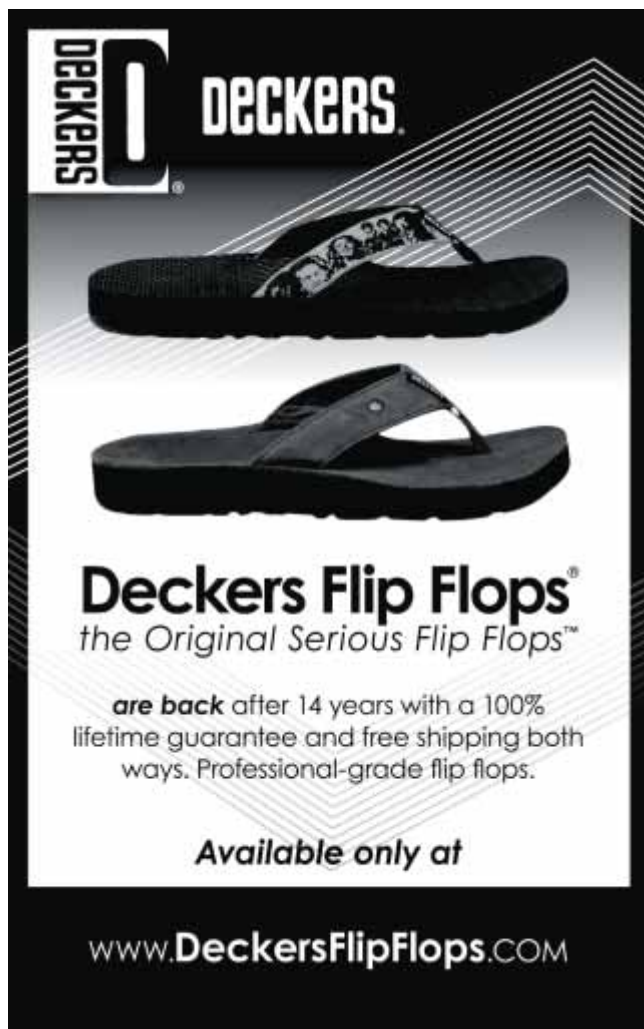
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Spreading awareness, fighting deadly cancer

FROM CP PAGE 1

clear themselves in just five years. But McQueen-Ward points out that "if you have already developed cancer cells, they will continue to grow."

After a series of misdiagnoses ranging from sinus infections to stress, the cancer had spread to McQueen-Ward's mother's brain. When the doctors finally diagnosed her with stage four lung cancer, it was too late. They gave her six months to live and put her on radiation.

She passed six-and-a-half weeks later.

"She shriveled up and died right in front of me," McQueen-Ward said. "It's a horrible disease and I wouldn't wish it on my worst enemy."

As a result of her mother's experience, McQueen-Ward learned a lot about the complexities surrounding lung cancer diagnoses. Even though her mother had her lungs checked every six months as a preventative measure, the doctors did not find it in time.

"It is very frustrating for me now that I know the signs," she said.

McQueen-Ward also discovered that there is a stigma attached to the deadly disease. People naturally assume that someone diagnosed with lung cancer has been a heavy smoker.

"It is really frustrating for fighters for lung cancer awareness," she said. "You can get lung cancer any time after being exposed to carcinogens. It is not just a smoker's disease."

At a walk-a-thon last year, McQueen-Ward met a woman whose 18-year-old daughter had been diagnosed with stage four lung cancer.

"You can't point a finger and say that is because of years of smoking," she said. "We try not to combine the two conversations because it is irrelevant. Whether or not you smoke doesn't mean you deserve [lung cancer]."

While grieving for her mother, McQueen-Ward felt alone and desperate for support.

"There was nowhere for me to go, no support groups," she said. "I felt completely helpless and hopeless. When I found the National Lung Cancer Partnership, I felt like I found someone who knew what I was going through."

The NLCP is a non-profit organization

formed in 2001 with the aim of reducing deaths due to lung cancer through research, awareness and advocacy.

"It was a saving grace for me," McQueen-Ward said.

Since becoming involved in the organization, McQueen-Ward has become a vocal advocate for lung cancer awareness. She not only volunteers with the NLCP, but she is also working alongside U.S. Sen. Chuck Hagel (R-NE) and Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) on the Lung Cancer Mortality Reduction Act of 2008, which makes lung cancer a national public health priority and calls for a mortality reduction program coordinated by the Secretary of Health and Human Service.

"We have seen great advancements in prostate and breast cancer survival rates and we must commit ourselves to making the same progress with lung cancer," Hagel said. "We must bring people together and have the resources to fight this insidious disease."

McQueen-Ward will also be running this year's Free to Breathe 5K walk/run on Sunday, Aug. 3 in Playa del Rey to raise awareness and funds for lung cancer research and education. This is the second event of its kind in Los Angeles — last year's effort brought in close to \$40,000 and had 1,000 participants. The walk/run will kick off at Dockweiler State Park.

"We really need local support from people of Santa Monica, the Westside, and local businesses," McQueen-Ward said. "We have a long way to go, and any help is fantastic."

McQueen-Ward's passion for making lung cancer a national health priority has become a part of her everyday life. Her goal is to help find a "mammogram for lung cancer" — in other words, a yearly test that people can rely on to detect lung cancer in its earliest stages.

McQueen-Ward, who now lives in Santa Monica with her 15-year-old son and her husband, has always had a busy and philanthropy-focused schedule. As Mrs. United States in 1999, she traveled the nation as an advocate for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, the American Cancer Society and the American Heart Association.

"You just have to keep on going with life," she said. "I never stop going."

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Solicitors known to monopolize Third Street Promenade benches

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performances ... we recommend adopting the ordinance preventing panhandling from the promenade."

Panhandling, much like other forms of solicitation, are protected under the First Amendment. But City Hall does have the ability to regulate time, place and manner, Moutrie said.

The ban would also cover the transit mall, which is the bus stop area on Santa Monica Boulevard and Broadway between Second and Fourth streets. Several of those benches have been known as popular spots for panhandlers, some even just leaving an unattended sign asking for money.

"Those chairs and benches are in great demand as well and there are a number of individuals who do use those benches for long periods of time, soliciting funds the same way they do on the promenade," Kathleen Rawson, Bayside's executive director, said in reference to the transit mall.

Lt. Anne Fullove said that if the transit mall was excluded from the ban, it would push the problem on the promenade outwards.

"They like to use the areas that are very popular for pedestrian traffic — obviously in front of the theaters, in front of the food court," Fullove said. "Those tend to be the places they like to sit and just post their sign and post their cup."

Several bus riders have expressed frustration with panhandlers taking over the benches, even if they're not necessarily waiting for a bus to arrive.

"It does affect me because it's hard on me to not be able to sit," Patricia Contis, a Santa Monica resident, said at the bus stop on the corner of Fourth Street and Broadway on Friday.

Darthy Hayden, another local bus rider, agreed, saying it's particularly taxing on days when she has to walk far.

"Today I had to walk and walk and I couldn't find a place to sit because all of these bums are taking the seats," Hayden said.

Mayor Pro Tem Richard Bloom said there are strong policy reasons as to why solicitation from benches should be banned, enabling the homeless to ask for money rather than seek professional services available citywide.

City Hall is currently producing an anti-panhandling campaign that would encourage visitors and residents to donate money to a social service provider rather than directly to a homeless individual.

"These don't always feel like a good step forward," Bloom said of the proposed ban. "But in reality this is a really good step forward."

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Trans fats off menus

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restaurants, said Amy Winterfeld, a health policy analyst for the National Conference of State Legislatures.

California and Oregon already have laws banning trans fats in school food, she added.

The legislation signed by Schwarzenegger will take effect Jan. 1, 2010, for oil, shortening and margarine used in spreads or for frying. Restaurants could continue using trans fats to deep fry yeast dough and in cake batter until Jan. 1, 2011.

Richard Garcia, a spokesman for Mendoza, said the delay would give restaurants more time to find trans fat-free margarine and shortening used in baked goods.

Trans fats occur naturally in small amounts in meat and dairy products. Most trans fats are created when vegetable oil is treated with hydrogen to create baked and fried goods with a longer shelf life.

Stephen Joseph, a Tiburon attorney who was a consultant to New York City in developing its ban, said trans fat is a larger health risk than saturated fat because it reduces so-called good cholesterol.

A 2006 review of trans fat studies by the New England Journal of Medicine concluded there was a strong connection between consumption of trans fats and heart disease. Studies also have linked trans fats to diabetes, obesity, infertility in women and some types of cancer.

Trans fats are like cigarettes, with no safe level of consumption, said Jeffrey Luther, a Long Beach doctor who is president of the

California Academy of Family Physicians.

He said the California law, "when it finally takes effect, will be a tremendous benefit."

The California Restaurant Association opposed the California bill but has no plans to challenge the law, spokesman Daniel Conway said.

He said the federal Food and Drug Administration rather than individual states should be developing regulations on use of trans fats.

"They are the entity that is supposed to analyze ingredients," he said. "It's kind of troubling having these decisions made by (state) policy makers when we have these experts in government."

Conway said the association has no plans to challenge the law, in part because restaurants already are phasing out trans fats to satisfy customers.

"We're confident that California restaurants can meet the mandates of the bill," he said.

Violations can result in fines of \$25 to \$1,000. Food items sold in their manufacturers' sealed packaging would be exempt.

The bill was introduced by Mendoza in December 2006 and passed the Assembly last year. It stalled initially in the state Senate but was approved there earlier this month.

Mendoza said he was able to line up additional Senate support in part by bringing in restaurant and bakery owners that already were avoiding use of trans fats.

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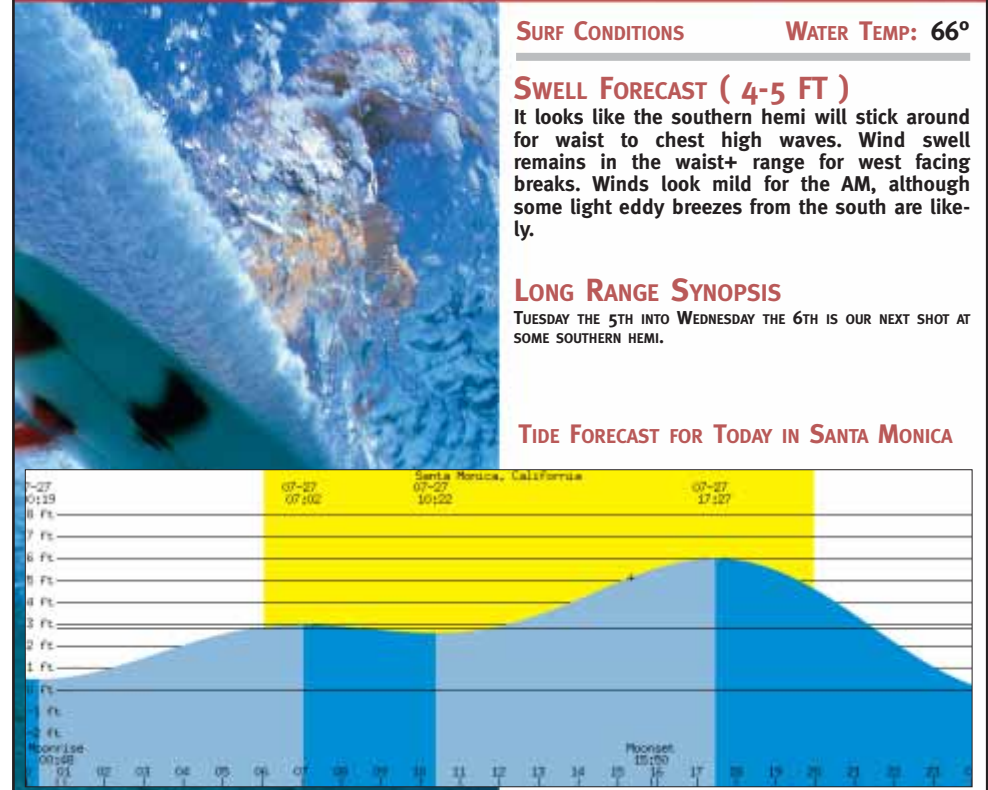
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QUICK STATS
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Number of sewage spills -- 0

Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0

Number of wet days -- 0

Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 41 / 45

Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 6 / 10

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Las Cañitas Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
El Pescadero State Beach, between Luchessa and Las Aliso creeks	A+	ns
Escalante Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	D	ns
Escandido Creek, just east of Escandido State Beach	A+	ns
Lariga Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
Selkirk Canyon at San Bonifacio County Beach	D	ns
Panero State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Panero Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	D	ns
Surfside Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A	ns
Surfside Beach (beach location)- daily	C	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A	ns
Carlson Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 18948 PCH stairs	A+	ns
Pine Creek at Las Tumbas County Beach	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns
Castroville Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17280 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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NBA

L.A. Lakers agree to terms with Vujacic

BY JOHN NADEL
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES Lakers restricted free agent guard Sasha Vujacic has agreed to a three-year, \$15 million contract after emerging last season as a key member of the Western Conference champions.

“We felt Sasha made great progress in this past year, and our coach showed great confidence in playing him the second half of the season,” Lakers general manager Mitch Kupchak said Friday in confirming the agreement, first reported by the Riverside Press-Enterprise. “Assuming he continues to work as hard during the offseason as he has in the past, I don’t see any reason that trend wouldn’t continue.”

The 24-year-old Vujacic averaged a career-high 8.8 points, 2.1 rebounds and 1.0 assists in 72 games this season, and 8.1 points 2.2 rebounds and 0.8 assists while playing in all 21 playoff games.

Vujacic drew national attention June 10, scoring a career playoff high 20 points including a crucial 3-pointer with a little under two minutes remaining in the Lakers’ 87-81 victory over the Celtics in Game 3 of the NBA finals.

The Lakers had made Vujacic a \$2.6 million qualifying offer, and he reportedly was considering playing in Europe. Kupchak said he didn’t know if that sped up negotiations.

“I think in this type of environment with restricted free agency, it could drag on and on,” he said. “If anything, they needed to know where we stood. There is a real competitive environment outside of the NBA now, and it could be short-lived. We don’t know. But we would not have done anything that we didn’t think was a prudent business/basketball decision.”

Josh Childress announced earlier this week he was leaving the Atlanta Hawks for Greek club Olympiakos, reversing the course of the many international stars who have signed with the NBA. Agent Jim Tanner said Childress was guaranteed about \$20 million after taxes, and that Childress could opt out of the contract after each year.

The Lakers will hold a press conference Monday at team headquarters in suburban El Segundo to officially announce the signing.

The Lakers made Vujacic, a 6-foot-7, 205-pounder from Slovenia, the 27th overall pick in the 2004 NBA draft. Vujacic averaged 2.9 points in 35 games as a rookie, 3.9 points in 82 games in his second professional season, and 4.3 points in 73 games in 2006-07.

NFL

Crowded Raiders backfield leads to Jordan’s release

BY JOSH DUBOW
AP Sports Writer

NAPA The Oakland Raiders finally released running back LaMont Jordan on Friday after being unable to trade him to another team.

The Raiders have had little use for Jordan since midway through last season, when he carried the ball only 19 times in the final nine games. He fell further down the depth chart after Oakland used the fourth overall pick to draft Darren McFadden and Oakland had been looking to trade him for months.

Jordan was told not to take the field during the Raiders’ mandatory minicamp last month and was then told not to report to training camp this week. Coach Lane Kiffin said owner Al Davis was trying to resolve the situation with Jordan’s agent, Alvin Keels.

With no trade to be found, Oakland granted Jordan his release instead of allowing him to report to training camp. He was scheduled to make \$4.7 million this year and \$5 million next season.

Jordan, 29, has played 97 games in seven seasons with the Raiders and Jets, rushing for 3,285 yards and 24 touchdowns. He was

a capable backup to Curtis Martin in New York but did not develop into the elite back the Raiders hoped for after signing with the team before the 2005 season.

Jordan rushed for 1,025 yards, caught 70 passes and scored 11 touchdowns his first season in Oakland, but has had much less impact since.

He got off to a fast start last year, rushing for 424 yards in his first four games for the second highest total in the league. But he injured his back in the first half of the fourth game and did little the remainder of the season. He fell behind Justin Fargas on the depth chart, but the Raiders decided to hang onto him for the remainder of the season instead of activating rookie Michael Bush.

With McFadden, Fargas and Bush all healthy, there was no role for Jordan on the Raiders this season.

Also Friday, the Raiders re-signed quarterback Jeff Otis to take Jordan’s spot on the roster. Otis was with Oakland during training camp last year and is will be used to give quarterbacks JaMarcus Russell, Marques Tuiasosopo and Andrew Walter relief during camp.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ What starts as an uproar ends as a smile. Passion is something you understand more than most signs. Remain stable and direct in your dealings. Others become reactive to your many ups and downs. "Even" is easier. Give it a shot! Tonight: Hang out with a pal.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Use care with spending. It might be too easy to take a risk or try something new. Be sure that you can deal with the ramifications. Your way of dealing with changes might be more appropriate. Be the conservative Bull. Tonight: Be budget-minded.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ If you understand what someone expects, then you'll understand, perhaps, why he or she is upset. Listen to what is happening within your immediate circle of friends. Feedback allows you to take a step forward. Tonight: Listen and enjoy.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Know when to pull back and not get triggered by someone's words. A caring gesture brings only positive responses. Do not allow someone to get your goat. Show what you are made of! Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You have energy and direction to help you focus and achieve a goal. If you relax, you are likely to make better choices. Be a cynic just for a day about any money venture. Interesting events are likely to happen. Tonight: Find your friends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Your energy could be somewhat abrasive to those in charge. Though you mean well, a smoother or softer approach will bring stronger results. Realize possibilities by working with a boss. Tonight: Burn the midnight oil.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ If you're irritated, go past the obvious and pretend you are looking at the whole situation as opposed to just a part of the situation. You might be amazed by the solutions that appear. Tonight: Let your imagination choose.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ A partner lets you know what he or she feels, whereas friends might throw a tantrum. Use this backfire to strengthen an idea, and you will be on cruise control. If you are willing and remain open, you see a situation much differently. Tonight: Follow another's lead.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Others present their case. The question is whether or not to listen. You get multifaceted feedback and could get confused. Ask as many questions as need be in order to clarify. Tonight: Reach out for someone at a distance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might want to get the job done, but others seem to play interference. You might need to enlist the support of a friend or partner if you really want to accomplish anything. Touch base with someone at a distance. Tonight: Spend quality time with a loved one.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You frolic while others pull out their hair. You wonder why you are not popular this very moment? A bit of subtlety goes much further than you realize. Tonight: Use your imagination.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Others are on the warpath. You might want to duck or stay close to home. A loving, strong approach draws results that could make you a lot happier. An easy pace works right now. Refuse to personalize someone's comments. Tonight: A must appearance.

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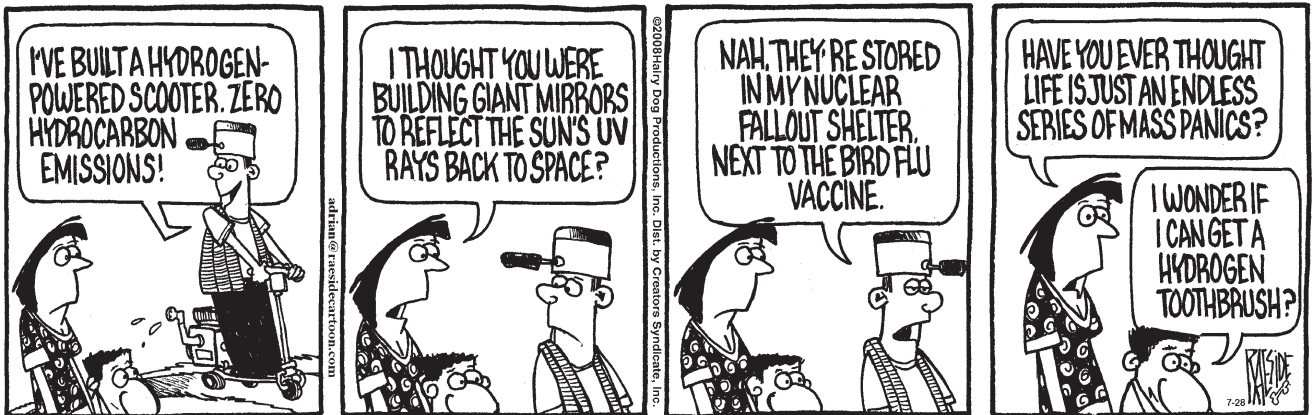
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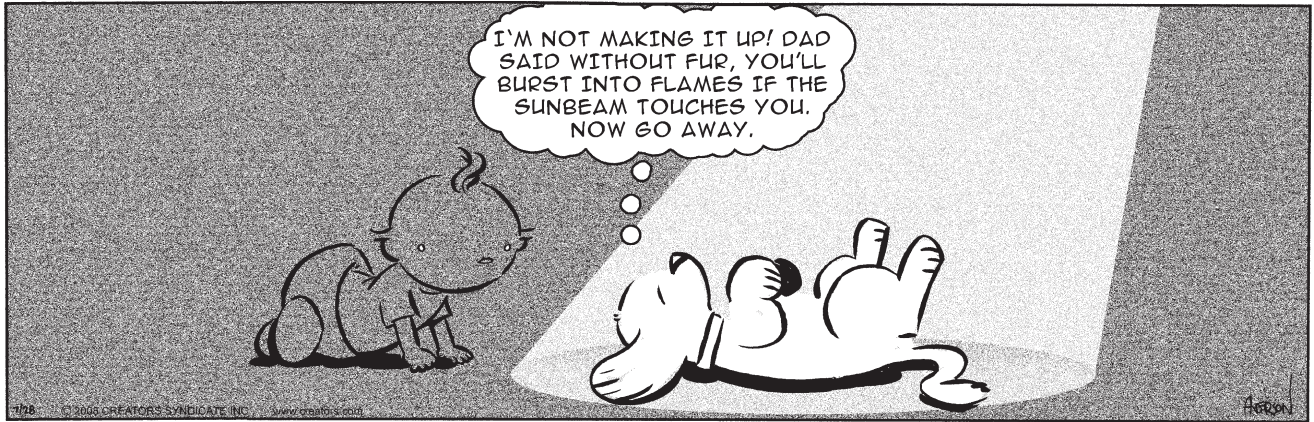
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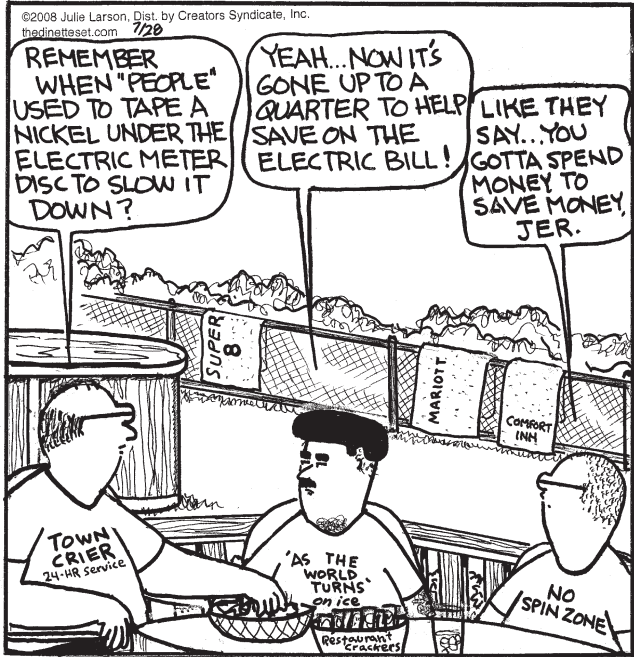


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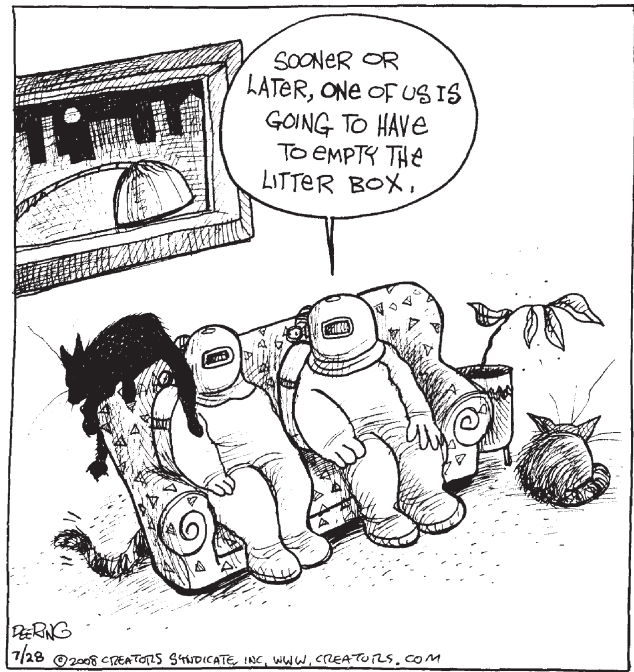
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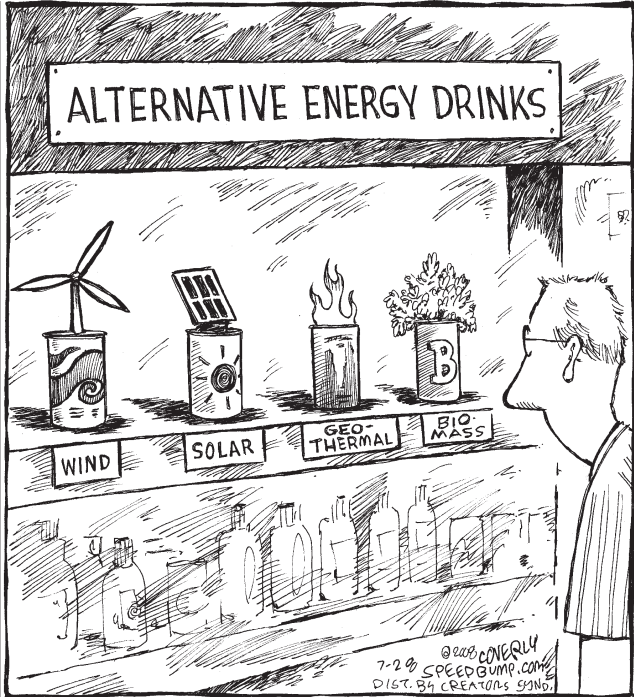
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 - 6 Hat part
 - 10 Circus performer
 - 11 Extra hand of cards
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 - 14 Stroll
 - 15 Actor McKellen
 - 16 Columnist Landers
 - 18 Feel poorly
 - 19 Like most people
 - 22 The whole amount
 - 23 Shrek, for one
 - 24 Gleeful
 - 27 Jacket material
 - 28 Some poems
 - 29 "Entourage" agent
 - 30 Facile
 - 35 Greek vowel
 - 36 Sprinted
 - 37 Log chopper
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 - 42 Tribe symbol
- DOWN**
- 43 Not hidden
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Saturday's answer

- 17 Maple Leafs' org.
- 20 Severe
- 21 Like some situations
- 24 Bother
- 25 Newspaper issue
- 26 Sailing event
- 27 Door topper
- 29 Discoverer's cry
- 31 Streetcars
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- 33 Put forth
- 34 Body-shop challenges
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BY CHUCK SHEPARD

Not Ready for Prime Time: (1) James Milsom, 21, was arrested in Avon and Somerset, England, in June after a hidden camera in a police bait car caught him breaking in and swiping the GPS device. It was his third arrest in four months for breaking into a police bait car to steal a GPS (caught by the hidden camera each time). (2) In June, Reno, Nev., homicide detective David Jenkins was sitting in his unmarked car (but one with emergency lights on the dash and a police radio blaring away) when Mercedes Green, 19, hopped in and, yelling to be heard over the radio, propositioned him for sex. "You're not the police, are you?" she asked. "What do you think," he said. "I didn't think so," the streetwise woman replied. After her arrest, Green explained: "You wear glasses, and I didn't think police could wear them."

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1540 King Henry VIII's chief minister, Thomas Cromwell, was executed, the same day Henry married his fifth wife, Catherine Howard.
1821 Peru declared its independence from Spain.
1868 The 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing due process of law, was certified in effect by Secretary of State William H. Seward.
1914 World War I began as Austria-Hungary declared war on Serbia.
1928 The Olympic games opened in Amsterdam.
1932 Federal troops forcibly dispersed the so-called "Bonus Army" of World War I veterans who had gathered in Washington to demand money they weren't scheduled to receive until 1945.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20081180029 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as EEM JEWELRY, 1151 WALNUT AVE. APT 31 LONG BEACH, CA 90813. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ERIK E. MORELLI 1151 WALNUT AVE. APT 31 LONG BEACH, CA 90813 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: ERIK E. MORELLI

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20081180240 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MAD JEWELRY, 1151 WALNUT AVE. APT 31 LONG BEACH, CA 90813. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : MOSES A. DELOSIO 1151 WALNUT AVE. APT 31 LONG BEACH, CA 90813 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: MOSES A. DELOSIO

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20081180048 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as RKM JEWELRY, 1151 WALNUT AVE. APT 31 LONG BEACH, CA 90813. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ROBIN K. MORELLI 1151 WALNUT AVE. APT 31 LONG BEACH, CA 90813 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: ROBIN K. MORELLI

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20081172051 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LA ESPERANZA BAKERY, 252 W. FLORENCE AVE. LOS ANGELES, CA 90003. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : JOSE ASTORGA 3302 TENAYA AVE. LYNNWOOD, CA 90262 IRELI ASTORGA 349 E. 59TH ST. LOS ANGELES, CA 90003 This Business is being conducted by, a general partnership. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: JOSE ASTORGA

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20081180221 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PACIFICO ADVERTISING, 1151 WALNUT AVE APT 31 LONG BEACH, CA 90813. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : GEORGE JURDI 1151 WALNUT AVE APT 31 LONG BEACH, CA 90813 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: GEORGE JURDI

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20081181968 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ONE STOP MOTORS, 8700 LONG BEACH BLVD. SOUTH GATE, CA 90280. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : XOCHITL SANCHEZ 760 WHITBROOK DR. LA HABRA, CA 90631 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: XOCHITL SANCHEZ

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20081161540 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as RAW TOOLS DESIGN, 8743 CEDAR ST. BELLFLOWER, CA 90706. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : RITA WINFIELD 8743 CEDAR ST. BELLFLOWER, CA 90706 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: RITA WINFIELD

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20081160169 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MGV DESIGN, 4329 SALTILLO STREET, WOODLAND HILLS, CA 91364, COUNTY OF LA. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : MANUEL G. VESA, 4329 SALTILLO STREET, WOODLAND HILLS, CA 91364 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: MANUEL G. VESA

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20081191172 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CURTIS COMPANY; KEN'S CAMP, 2901 4TH STREET, #322, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : KEN CURTIS, 2901 4TH STREET, #322, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405 This Business is being conducted by, a general partnership. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)7/1/2008. /s/: KEN JON CURTIS

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20081170950 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CDS CONSULTING GROUP, INC., 7847 FLORENCE AVE. STE 128 DOWNEY, CA 90240. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : CDS CONSULTING GROUP, INC 7847 FLORENCE AVE. STE 128 DOWNEY, CA 90240 This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/:

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20081180028 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as JBD JEWELRY, 1151 WALNUT AVE. APT 31 LONG BEACH, CA 90813. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : DANIEL B. JURDI 1151 WALNUT AVE. APT 31 LONG BEACH, CA 90813 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: DANIEL B. JURDI

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20081191171 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CYBER HAIR, 1203 WILSHIRE BLVD., SANTA MONICA, CA 90403, COUNTY OF LA. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : VIRGINIA JAURIGUE, 2701 SO MANFIELD AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90016; FABIOLA CUEVA, 3543 OVERLAND AVE, APT 2, LOS ANGELES, CA 90034 This Business is being conducted by, a general partnership. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)6/24/2008. /s/: VIRGINIA JAURIGUE

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20081200283 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as BOGA, INC., 22850 COLLINS ST. WOODLAND HILLS, CA 91367. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : BOGA, INC. 22850 COLLINS ST. WOODLAND HILLS, CA 91367 This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)6/20/2008. /s/:

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20081191781 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as GENMARK IMAGES, 908 N. BROADMOOR AVE. LA PUENTE, CA 91744. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : JAN-MARK VILLANUEVA 908 N. BROADMOOR AVE. LA PUENTE, CA 91744 GENEVIEVE VILLANUEVA 908 N. BROADMOOR AVE. LA PUENTE, CA 91744 This Business is being conducted by, husband and wife. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: JANMARK VILLANUEVA

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20081200093 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as HOT SALSA, 14327 GARFIELD AVE. PARAMOUNT CA. 90723. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : MI HOT SALSA, INC. 14327 GARFIELD AVE. PARAMOUNT CA. 90723 This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)7/1/2008. /s/: This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 7/7/2008. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 7/14/2008, 7/21/2008, 7/28/2008, 8/4/2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20081200936 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as J.K. BALANCING AND DUCT TESTING, 9040 TELSTAR AVE. #31 EL MONTE, CA 91731. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : JOHN KWAN 4127 INSTAR PL. EL MONTE, CA 91732 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)7/1/2008. /s/: JOHN KWAN

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20081200213 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as D'COLOR BEAUTY SALON, 3029 TWEEDY BLVD. SOUTH GATE, CA 90780. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : DIANA E. TRAPERO 4243 SHIRLEY, AVE. LYNNWOOD, CA 90262 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: DIANA E. TRAPERO

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20081201049 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as DM ENTERTAINMENT, INC., 3572 MARTIN LUTHER KING BLVD. LYNNWOOD, CA 90262. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : DM ENTERTAINMENT, INC. 3572 MARTIN LUTHER KING BLVD. LYNNWOOD, CA 90262 This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/:

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20081229648 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MANAGED COMPLIANCE SOLUTIONS, MANAGES SYSTEMS ENTERPRISES, 5146 COLDWATER CANYON AVE # 14 SHERMAN OAKS, CA 90423. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : DIANA E. GESSHEL 2647 BARRINGTON AVE. #6 LOS ANGELES, CA 90064 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20081326344 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MIRELLA'S FASHION, EL HORAS COMPUTER REPAIR, 756 EL-LIOTT CT. #A POMONA, CA 91766. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : HORACIO VILLEGAS 756 ELLIOTT CT. #A POMONA, CA 91766 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: HORACIO VILLEGAS
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20081326944 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as W AND G CONSULTING, 2508 STRANAHAN DR. ALHAMBRA, CA 91803. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : WENDY WU 2508 STRANAHAN DR. ALHAMBRA, CA 91803 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)7/23/2008. /s/: This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 7/24/2008. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 7/28/2008, 8/4/2008, 8/11/2008, 8/18/2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20081325027 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as IN N OUT REGISTRATION SERVICES, 14102 E. FIRESTONE BLVD. SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA 90670. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : DANIEL RAMIREZ 14102 E. FIRESTONE BLVD. SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA 90670 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: DANIEL RAMIREZ
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20081325945 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as K&F CLOTHING, 3629 E. SLAUSON AVE. MAYWOOD, CA 90270. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : STANDING ALIVE, INC. 3629 E. SLAUSON AVE. MAYWOOD, CA 90270 This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 7/24/08. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 7/28/2008, 8/4/2008, 8/11/2008, 8/18/2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20081295860 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as OLIVIA'S HERITAGE, LLC, 310 N. LELEAND AVE. WEST COVINA, CA 91790. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : OLIVIA'S HERITAGE, LLC 310 N. LELEAND AVE. WEST COVINA, CA 91790 This Business is being conducted by, a limited liability. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: This statement was filed with the County Clerk of

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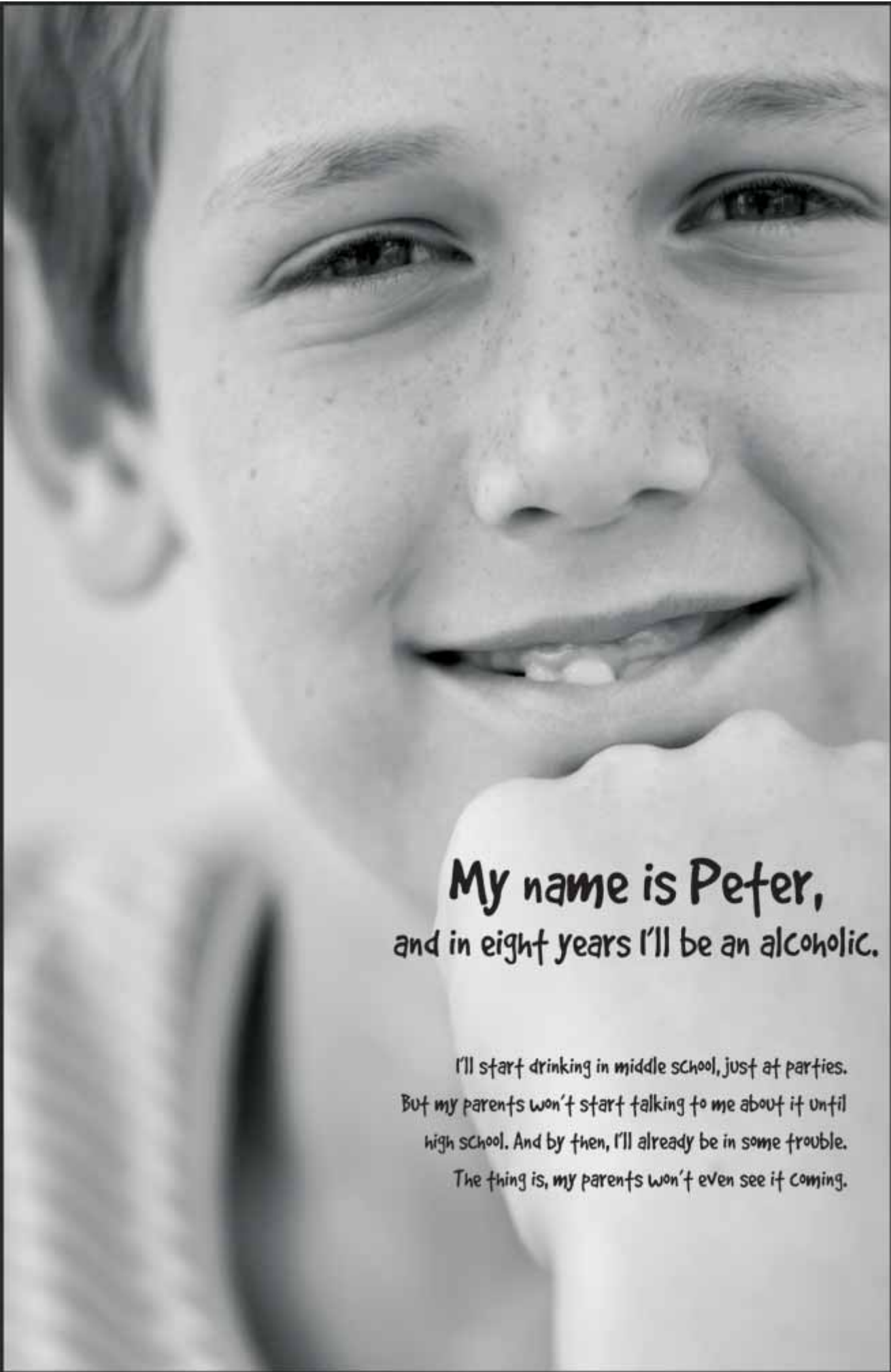
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