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County urges more water conservation

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

DOWNTOWN L.A. The Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a resolution this week seeking to increase water conservation efforts within the county, with the goal of achieving a significant reduction in overall water usage.

The resolution declares a countywide Water Supply and Conservation Alert, and urges residents, businesses, water suppliers, and cities to intensify water conservation efforts. In addition, all county departments now have the directive to immediately implement conservation measures to achieve a 15 to 20 percent reduction in water demand.

Santa Monica already has a water conservation plan in place that has reduced the number of gallons used by 400,000 per day. Santa Monicans are on track to use 12,974,000 gallons of water this year, down from the 13,400,000 gallons used last year.

On June 10, Supervisor Don Knabe responded to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's proclamation of a statewide drought by directing county leaders to immediately reduce water usage at hundreds of county-owned facilities. In response to Supervisor Knabe's motion, the Department of Public Works, in conjunction with the Departments of Internal Services, Parks and Recreation, and Regional Planning, submitted recommendations to immediately reduce water usage in the county. The first recommendation of the report was to declare a countywide Water Supply and Conservation Alert.

"This water problem is not going to go away, and if we ignore it is only going to get worse," Knabe said. "This countywide alert not only seeks to raise public awareness of this critical issue, but it also ensures that the county is doing its part in reducing water usage."

EASY TIPS TO REDUCE WATER CONSUMPTION:

- Shorten your watering cycles. Up to 70 percent of residential water use goes to maintaining yards. Taking one minute off a 10-minute cycle saves 10 percent.
- Check your sprinkler system. Do a

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SHOPPING SPREE
Shoppers flocked to Barker Hangar at the Santa Monica Airport on Thursday on the hunt for discounted clothing items during Barneys New York's semi-annual sale.

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Foreclosures beginning to creep into local market

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE In a community whose relative wealth seemed to serve as a barrier to foreclosures, the aftermath of the subprime mortgage crisis is starting to poke through the shield surrounding Santa Monica.

Cases of defaulted mortgages have increasingly crept into Westside communities in recent months, particularly in the seaside city where there have been 47 first-time foreclosures since the beginning of the year, a spike compared to 2007 when there were only 31, according to the latest figures by PropertyShark.com., a New York-based company that provides property information to real estate professionals and investors.

The company's July 2008 report found that while the problem once seemed isolated to the Palmdale and Lancaster areas of the county where home development had skyrocketed the past several decades, defaulted mortgages are also making their way west.

But, the numbers are still low compared to the rest of the county where there has already been more than 15,000 foreclosures this year.

"Places like Santa Monica, we're still talking single digits to low teens in terms of counts each month, so it's still nothing compared to the wider problem in other areas," Brian Scully, the vice president of marketing for PropertyShark.com, said.

The number of foreclosures was in the single digits until May when 11 cases were reported. Another 12 were counted in June, dropping to seven in July.

While there has been foreclosure activity in the city, housing prices for single-family homes have remained stable in the past year, according to Kate Bransfield, a realtor in Santa Monica.

What has dipped is the number of sales.

Homes, particularly in the north of Montana Avenue neighborhood, are staying on the market longer, primarily because buyers are taking their time, looking for

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Saturday, Aug. 9, 2008

'Awaay' to Wonderland
 1211 Fourth St., 12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.
 Individuals of all ages are invited by the Santa Monica Playhouse to help solve riddles, predict the future, travel through time, experience a mini-language lesson, and ultimately help save the fairytale world, during the musical, "And Awaay We Go To Wonderland." Lots of audience participation makes this captivating Rudie-Carlo Family Theater event the perfect summer outing for the entire family. Kids 12 and under \$10.50, adults \$12.50. For more information, call (310) 394-9779 or visit santamonicaplayhouse.com.

Stroll into the past
 1436 Second 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.

'Patanjali: Legends of Yoga and Dance'
 1310 11th St., 7:30 p.m. — 9 p.m.
 Rangoli Dance Company along with guest artists from India presents, "Patanjali: Legends of Yoga and Dance" — a thematic dance concert exploring the unique and powerful relationship between yoga and dance. The evening features popular legends related to Patanjali, the cosmic dance of Shiva, and the holy city of Chidambaram in India. Conceived and choreographed by award-winning artistic director Malathi Iyengar, and developed in collaboration with her dancers and music composer Rajkumar Bharathi, Patanjali will feature a unique physical environment. The evening also features Indian melodies played by musicians from India as a prelude to the dance concert. For more information, including ticket prices, visit www.rangoli.org, or contact the box office at (310) 434-3200.

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.





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VIKING MAKES GOOD: New Los Angeles Avengers head coach Pat O'Hara at the press conference announcing his introduction as the team's new leader, which took place during media day for ArenaBowl XXII at the New Orleans Arena on July 25. He is a Santa Monica High School graduate.

Samohi grad leads Avengers

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

SAMOH For the new head coach of the L.A. Avengers, it all started on Friday mornings here.

Before the first bell rang for class, long before the kids flooded the quad at Santa Monica High School, a young Pat O'Hara would rise early for his pre-game ritual — a ride with varsity football coach Tebb Kusserow to St. Monica for mass, and then breakfast when the two would talk about everything, from game plans to life itself.

"There were many lessons learned," O'Hara said. "Tebb Kusserow was someone influential in my life and career in Santa Monica."

Those are lessons that O'Hara said will guide him as the new coach of the area's Arena Football League team, the Samohi grad and former USC quarterback tapped

late last month to guide the Avengers.

O'Hara, who played 14 seasons of professional football, two of which were in the NFL, is the fourth coach in franchise history, taking the reigns from Ed Hodgkiss who was fired in June after seven seasons with the team.

"I couldn't image a better place and opportunity than to be here in Los Angeles with the Avengers," O'Hara said. "I never thought it would become a reality."

After high school, O'Hara spent several seasons playing backup to star quarterback Rodney Peete and was expected to start in the 1989 season at USC until he suffered two torn ligaments in his right knee and fractured right tibia in practice 10 days before the opener. The injuries essentially ended his career at the Pac-10 school.

He was drafted by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in the 10th round of the 1991 NFL Draft, the 250th overall pick, spending

one season with the team before being picked up by the Ohio Glory, which was part of the World League of American Football, later known as NFL Europe. O'Hara was signed by the San Diego Chargers in 1992 as a free agent and was the team's third string quarterback.

Three years later, he was with the AFL where he would win two ArenaBowl championships with the Orlando Predators.

After retiring following the 2006 season, O'Hara began his career in coaching, serving as the offensive coordinator for the Tampa Bay Storm.

"We felt that Pat possessed certain intangibles that would make him an outstanding head coach for our organization," Matt Wikstrom, the Avengers team president, said. "We took a long look at several worthy candidates, but the discipline and commit-

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Budget impasse heats up

BY SAMANTHA YOUNG
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO California lawmakers frustrated over the state budget impasse pointed fingers Thursday and accused each other of failing to get serious about closing the \$15.2 billion deficit.

A rancorous debate erupted on the Assembly floor after Republicans attempted to bring the Democrats' tax-raising budget plan to a vote that surely would have failed.

"My goodness, putting something forward but not having the courage to vote for it are two different things," said Assembly Minority Leader Mike Villines, R-Clovis. "I respect my colleague, the speaker of California. She's a very good speaker, but put that vote up."

Assembly Speaker Karen Bass, D-Los Angeles, said it was ironic that Republicans were calling for a vote on a budget plan they oppose rather than engaging in negotiations. She said it signified a step backward in the already difficult negotiations.

"I think it's unfortunate that we've now deteriorated to games on the floor," Bass told reporters after the Assembly session. "In the past, the Republicans have objected to us putting up a budget before we knew we had their support."

Passing a budget bill in the Assembly and Senate requires a two-thirds majority vote, meaning some Republican support is needed.

The Republicans' push for a vote on the Democratic spending plan came a day after Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger announced he will veto all bills sent to him until lawmakers pass a state budget.

California is the only state with a fiscal year beginning July 1 that remains without a spending plan.

Lawmakers failed to meet their constitutionally mandated June 15 deadline to pass a budget, as they do most years, and remain at odds over how to close the deficit. Republicans say any spending plan must include long-term budget reform, including

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Mack, put a leash on it
Editor:

[Kenny Mack’s] recent column attacking [LAPD] Chief [Bill] Bratton (“Putting a leash on the Paparazzi,” page 4, Aug. 6) is way out of line.

Carpetbagger? Is he profiting on the woes of the Southland celebrities?

Most everybody here is from some place else and using that to go after Chief Bratton, who has advanced degrees in law enforcement and is one of the great minds in his profession, is silly.

You want to spend police time and taxpayer money protecting immature celebrities from photographers? Paaalease [*sic*]!

As Bratton made perfectly clear in his appearance at the Dennis Zine celebrity love fest (that’s not a waste of tax payer money and municipal time?), there are over 40 laws on the books to protect citizens from aggressive photographers.

Call the police if it’s a problem. Don’t drive 90 miles an hour through a tunnel and careen into a wall. Use your brains don’t spew them all over the street.

John Blanchette
Santa Monica

This isn’t a game of craps
Editor:

RE: “Flying with a little less baggage,” page 3, July 30, by Melody Hanatani.

What a curious notion, “carbon offsetting” – continue to pollute, pay for it and use the funds to mitigate the negative impact on the global environment.

Are economic priorities so dear that we are willing to embrace polluting behaviors that, in this case, effectively hold local people’s heads to the exhaust pipe – a form of pollute locally, take action globally.

Even if possible, \$5.27 per-passenger spent to plant trees in (Santa Monica Airport’s) surrounding pollution-afflicted neighborhoods would yield no positive gain on their quality of life.

Carbon offsetting is the kind of action an addict takes to support his/her reality avoidance when circumstances call for cold turkey.

The challenges of climate change demand focused attention on the local reality, acting quickly to stop pollution where we find it, not make it the object of craps-table side betting.

Ken Marsh
Mar Vista

Local vacations
Editor:

I do not work in the travel industry, but I loved the points Doreen Orion made in her column, “Staycations have a few shortcomings,” page 4, Aug. 7. I regularly take long-distance vacations that require airplanes and such to find myself pool side 18 hours later with a book and a beer. In college my best friend and I did not have the money to get out of town so we would go hang out at the local hotels here in Los Angeles. One of my favorite vacations is to take a three-day trip to the Los Angeles area! The place I was born. Go places and do things you would not normally do. Mid-week rates at some posh Sunset Strip Hotels like the Mondrian or the Standard are fantastic. Relaxing pool side by the strip or on the roof downtown might as well be in a different country. A two-night stay at the Viceroy, Casa Del Mar or the Loews have proven to be very relaxing, free of the normal obligations that fill our weekend. I still miss the Park Hotel Vitznau, but the trip home is not a chore either.

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It’s not over yet

I WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO thank each of you for your commitment and contribution to the many LUCE workshops and the recent 18 Planning Commission and City Council hearings.

Your expectations for Santa Monica’s future have provided the basis for a proactive and fully integrated Land Use and Circulation Element “Strategy Framework.” I invite you to stay involved as we move forward with council’s direction in this next stage of testing and evaluation.

During the past few months there has been extensive ... community involvement in the review of the LUCE “Strategy Framework,” released in May 2008. The city’s boards and commissions have brought forward ideas and recommendations.

The Planning Commission guided the LUCE through nine pubic hearings, endorsing the Strategy Framework and preparing a broad range of recommendations for council’s consideration.

The council held nine well-attended public hearings, incorporating public comments and providing policy direction to ensure that the LUCE is a “balanced and living” document that responds to the needs and expectations of Santa Monica’s varied citizenry. Council direction on key principles is the following:

- Preservation of Residential Neighborhoods: The highest priority in the LUCE is protecting existing neighborhood character and scale. Council directed that the protection and preservation of Santa Monica’s neighborhoods, comprising over 94 percent of the city, be aggressively and quickly implemented. Council requested staff to identify and test the tools necessary to retain character defining buildings, older smaller scale multi-family buildings and existing open space and greenery, including large tree canopy.
- Lowering Maximum Heights to be Analyzed: The maximum heights identified in the Strategy Framework for evaluation purposes were significantly below those in the current General Plan. Council directed that heights be further lowered so that 98.8 percent of the heights that will be evaluated for traffic and other environmental impacts are within the city’s current allowable zoning.
- Committing to Public Process and Community Participation for Future Projects: City Council as well as the Planning Commission were very clear that the community will play an active role in evaluating projects that request to build above the 32 feet “by right” base height. Throughout the many LUCE workshops and public hearings, all participants have stressed the importance of a transparent process. Council committed to a public process for development review that will ensure that future projects are evaluated on their ability to meet the city’s and community’s identified objectives and expectations.

Establishing a High Bar for Public Benefits: Council was very clear that future development should contribute to the livability of the city and its residents.

In order for future projects to be considered as contributing they must exhibit extraordinary public benefits as well as compatibility in scale, setting and transitions to residential neighborhoods. Council will establish a high standard of performance for future public benefits. Examples include; historic preservation and adaptive reuse; significant amounts of open space/community plazas; child care, community facilities and the arts; and affordable and workforce housing ...

• Making a Proactive Traffic/Transportation Management Approach Happen: The most notable and innovative aspects of the Strategy Framework is the ability of the council, through the Circulation Element, to manage and reduce traffic. The council has whole heartedly endorsed the cutting edge approach where effective solutions are put into action to address the city’s traffic issues. Specifically, the council recommended a “No Net New Trips” policy as a basis for traffic management and promoting sustainability. This policy will be used to monitor and evaluate the success of LUCE over the next five years.

Any project above the base height of 32 feet would be required to meet all of the transportation requirements, including; location near transit, impact fees, strategies to significantly reduce auto trips ... , participation in transportation management districts, where resources can be pooled and coordinated with surrounding commuters, to provide for measures such as shuttles and vanpools, and bicycle and pedestrian connections and facility improvements.

• Phasing Future Development: Council was very clear that development should be phased over the life of this 20-year plan, with ongoing monitoring and evaluation at least every five years ...

The planning for the transit centers will require a full public participation process. This will include, laying out Specific Plans as well as identifying locations for development, transit, pedestrian, auto and bicycle connections, and essential neighborhood retail and open space to create complete neighborhoods ...

Council will use the results of this analysis along with further input from the community, through a series of public hearings and workshops, to shape their recommendations for the final draft LUCE plan. This will be followed by public hearings for consideration and adoption of a final plan.

As you can see, there’s a tremendous amount of evaluation and community involvement still needed.

The final plan must reflect ... community sentiment in order to achieve a successful roadmap that will guide and shape the community’s future for years to come.

We look forward to your continued participation.

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Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth

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My meshugenah Manny

IN RESPONSE TO MY RECENT COLUMN about tennis, I received a slew of e-mails (OK, three). One reader suggested I resume playing, "Use it or lose it." A second, who's seen me play advised, "Quitting was the right move." And the third said she misses my McBush bashing. To reader No.1: I've already lost it. No. 2: Mind your own business. And No. 3: Stick around.

The reaction at the tennis courts was basically, "Why didn't you write about us, we're as eccentric as Lionel?" It's true. The colorful characters at Ocean View, as my buddy, Michael, once mused is reminiscent of Saroyan's Pulitzer winning play "The Time of Your Life."

I would write about the Beijing Olympics, which open today, but I have mixed feelings. China is a brutal, totalitarian regime. But Kobe's playing! I could write about the Brett Favre fiasco or Manny Ramirez's meteoric start with the Dodgers. Is Manny meshugenah or the messiah?

I could also write about John McCain's frivolous TV ad featuring Obama with Britney Spears and Paris Hilton. Paris now calls McCain "the wrinkly, white-haired dude." Poor John. The McCain of 2000 would never vote for the McCain of 2008. Realistically, after eight years of an oilman president, can we possibly afford four more?

I've decided to write about the Ocean View tennis courts, which are directly below my window (convenient when I took up tennis, a nightmare during construction). In 1987, when the courts finally opened, my wife thought learning to play tennis would be ideal. Our best friends played and they had a great marriage.

Unfortunately, our friends got divorced and so did we. Ironically, our divorce was partially due to tennis. When my ex filed she could have named tennis as the co-responder. I was at Ocean View so much the city offered me a job. Years later they fired me for playing instead of working. Was that in the manual?

Among the celebrities who have played at Ocean View are: Jimmy Connors, Wilt Chamberlain, (I won every set we played) Billie Jean King and Pete Sampras, who was dating Kimberly Williams who lived nearby. Jennifer Capriatti worked out there for a week, and fell in love with Oscar, my golden retriever buddy. And Pam Shriver played there frequently.

Once Pam phoned to invite me to hit with her. "I'm not quite as good as your regular partners," I said with false modesty.

"Oh, I know that," she said matter-of-factly.

The courts are so beautiful passerby's assume they belong to the Sea Colony. I find there are two categories of players, during the week (tennis is their life) and weekenders (tennis may only be a small part). The former are more colorful. Among this group are brothers Mike and Neal who often bring their elderly mother, Paula, to watch. Their form is unconventional but both are remarkable players and teachers.

Rob, a patent agent with the body of a fitness model, plays so much I joke it's too bad he's not in shape. He often hits with Todd, whose occupation is a mystery to all, and who never misses a shot unless a helicopter's hovering.

He's at war with noise from low-flying aircraft. Todd often hits with Scott, another top player, who is rumored not to have worked since Carter's presidency. And there's Andy, a married surgeon with two pre-school daughters and a puppy, and who performs a bypass almost daily.

The staff includes pretty Patricia, Ocean View's answer to J.Lo. Russ, nearing 60, is an amazing athlete but his mantra is, "There's nothing I can do about it now." If he's given your court away by mistake, this can be slightly exasperating. And Lou, 82, who gives tennis tips to players whether they want them or not. Worse, his tips are usually correct.

With the ocean and palm trees as a backdrop, the Ocean View curtain rises early in the morning. Players arrive, racquets in hand, many from different social and economic backgrounds, but all passionate about tennis. Many hours later, as the sun dips into the pacific, the theater, uh, tennis courts, close and the players exit stage right. You sure this is how Shakespeare got started? I kinda doubt it.

Closing thoughts: So far Manny's been more messiah than meshugenah (Fingers crossed). To discourage 8 a.m. noise at Ocean View, my neighbor Beverly insists I mention that parking is impossible. And lastly, the war in Iraq will ultimately cost U.S. taxpayers \$3 trillion (plus untold lives and injuries) but a KFC opened in Fallujah! In Pulitzer Prize winning author Ron Suskind's latest book, "The Way of the World," there's strong evidence that Bush knew there were no WMD's in Iraq. Well, at least now there's a KFC.

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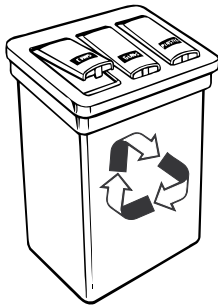
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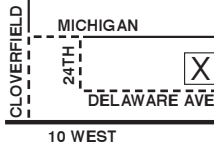


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ST. MONICA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC FORUM

SUBJECT: Landmarks exemption/hardship determination for the St. Monica campus
Location: St. Monica Parish in the City of Santa Monica
(North side of 700 block of California Avenue)
(West side of 1000 block of Lincoln Boulevard)
(South side of 700 block of Washington Avenue)
(East side of 1000 block of Seventh Street)
Addresses include: 725 California Avenue (Pastoral Center)
1030 Lincoln Boulevard (High School East)
1039 Seventh Street (Elementary School)
701-705 California (St. Monica Church)
715 California Avenue (Rectory)
730 Washington Avenue (Spirituality Center)
as well as the following additional buildings:
Duval Center, Trepp Center, Gymnasium, Auditorium, High School West
Property Owner: Roman Catholic Archbishop of Los Angeles

Pursuant to Government Code Section 37361, a public forum will be held by the Administrative Council of the St. Monica Catholic Community to consider the following:

The St. Monica Catholic Community ("St. Monica"), a religious corporation, has made application to the City of Santa Monica for the purpose of modernizing its campus, including demolishing and replacing the Pastoral Center, upgrading both the Elementary and High School facilities (including a minor addition to the High School East building), converting portions of the Trepp Center into specialty lab classrooms, renovating the campus courtyard/playground, renovations to the gymnasium, renovations to the auditorium, and the construction of a new Community Center and subterranean parking garage. The City of Santa Monica has previously surveyed the property and has identified the entire campus as a potential historic district and various individual buildings as eligible for the National Register both individually and as district contributors (2D2). (See DPR Evaluation forms dated 1993 and City of Santa Monica Historic Resources Inventory available online at <http://www01.smgov.net/planning/planningcomm/City%20of%20Santa%20Monica%20Historic%20>.) Through the scheduled public forum, St. Monica will evaluate whether it would suffer substantial hardship, which is likely to deprive St. Monica of the reasonable use of its property or the appropriate use of its property in the furtherance of its religious mission, if its property or portions thereof were designated either as a historic district or officially designated landmarks.

DATE/TIME: August 20, 2008 at 11:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Pastoral Center Chapel at 725 California Avenue, Santa Monica

HOW TO COMMENT
If you attend the meeting, you can address the Administrative Council in person to state your comments. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may mail your written comments to V. Michael Mottola at St. Monica Catholic Community, 725 California Avenue, Santa Monica, California 90403, provided such written comments arrive by August 19, 2008.

CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



Cops nab suspected kidnappers

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

SATURDAY, AUG. 2, AT 11:26 P.M.,
Santa Monica police officers responded to the 1500 block of the beach regarding a report of an attempted kidnapping that just occurred. When officers arrived, they made contact with the father of the alleged victim who said his family was hanging out at the beach when two suspects approached his 13-year-old daughter and tried to pull her away. The father said he confronted the suspects and pushed one away from his daughter. One of the suspects then punched the dad and threatened him before fleeing when the father called police. Officers located the suspects as they were attempting to drive out of the beach parking lot. The suspects were positively identified by the family and arrested for kidnapping and for making terrorist threats. The suspects were identified as Felipe Gomez Perez, 22, of Los Angeles, who was booked for battery and two narcotics warrants; and Adrian Karalam, 22, of Los Angeles. No bail was set for Perez. Bail for Karalam was set at \$100,000, police said.

MONDAY, JULY 28, AT 6:55 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 1400 block of the Third Street Promenade regarding a report of vandalism. When officers arrived they made contact with a maintenance worker who said they saw a man rip decorative lighting from a tree on the promenade, causing damage to the lights and wiring. Armed with a description of the suspect, officers located him a couple of blocks away. The suspect was positively identified and arrested for vandalism and violation of probation. The suspect was identified as Michael Anthony Baker, 45, a transient. His bail was set at \$10,000.

TUESDAY, JULY 29, AT 5:30 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 1200 block of the Third Street Promenade – the Apple Store – regarding a theft suspect in custody. When officers arrived, they made contact with store security guards who said the suspect used a knife to cut a cord attached to a 16 gigabyte iPhone and then tried to run out of the store with the item, which was valued at \$500. Security detained the suspect and officers placed him under arrest for commercial burglary. The suspect was identified as Shawn Anthony Ghan, 18, a transient. His bail was set at \$20,000. Ghan was also booked for robbery in connection with a separate incident in which a woman was robbed at knifepoint, police said. The alleged crime occurred on Feb. 27 in the 100 block of Washington Avenue. Officers said the victim was walking when Ghan approached with a knife and demanded her purse and iPhone. Officers found the purse a few blocks away and were able to lift prints and identify Ghan.

TUESDAY, JULY 29, AT 4 P.M.,
Officers responded to a report of an assault with a deadly weapon that occurred in the 2600 block of Main Street. When officers arrived they spoke with the alleged victim who said they were walking along the street when the suspect, who was sitting on the ground, tried to slash them with a pocket knife. The suspect missed the victim's right leg. The victim called police and the suspect was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon. The pocket knife was recovered, police said. The suspect was identified as Lee Travis Belcher, 45, a transient. His bail was set at \$30,000.

SATURDAY, AUG. 2, AT 3:07 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 800 block of Michigan Avenue regarding a report of a man laying on the sidewalk who appeared to be intoxicated. When officers arrived, they discovered the person was in possession of methamphetamine and stolen debit cards. He was arrested for public intoxication, possession of a controlled substance and possession of stolen property, as well as being in violation of probation. The suspect was identified as Jose Umberto de la Rosa, 42, of North Hollywood. His bail was set at \$20,000.

THURSDAY, JULY 31, AT 10:52 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 1500 block of Lincoln Boulevard – Denny's – regarding a report of a suspect who failed to pay his bill. When officers arrived, they made contact with a waiter who said the suspect ordered and ate \$20.31 worth of food and then tried to pay with a credit card that was declined. The suspect said he did not have any cash to pay for his meal. The waiter said the suspect did this once before but the incident was not reported to police. The suspect was arrested for defrauding an innkeeper and for violation of probation. He was identified as George Patrick Carroll, 33, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at \$10,000.

THURSDAY, JULY 31, AT 8:40 P.M.,
Police responded to the 500 block of Seventh Street regarding a report of someone on the roof of a building yelling threats at those walking along the sidewalk. When officers arrived they noticed a man standing near the second-story window waving his arms and talking loudly. When the man saw the officers he came outside of his home. Officers went inside the home to make sure no one was injured inside. During a search of the apartment they found cocaine in plain sight on a desk. The drugs were confiscated and the suspect was placed under arrest for possession and being under the influence of a controlled substance. The suspect was identified as Lawson Michael Desrochers, 40, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at \$10,000.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, AT 7:50 A.M.,
Police responded to the 2400 block of Delaware Avenue regarding a fight between two men who were working off community service hours. When officers arrived, they made contact with the alleged victim who said he and another man got into an argument and the man grabbed a rake and tried to strike him. The suspect was gone when police arrived. Officers tracked him down and arrested him for assault with a deadly weapon and for violation of his parole. The suspect was identified as Daniel Jankowski, 20, of Los Angeles. No bail was set.

L.A.'s O'Hara calls former coach an inspirational leader

FROM AVENGERS PAGE 3

ment Pat exhibited as Tampa Bay's offensive coordinator, coupled with his success as quarterback in our league, made him our first choice."

O'Hara recently moved back to the Los Angeles area from Tampa Bay, spending the past few days hitting up the various NFL camps in the area. He visited his alma mater at USC during football practice to meet head coach Pete Carroll.

The introduction could prove fruitful. "There's a lot of good football players around here at UCLA and USC and it doesn't necessarily reflect on our roster," O'Hara said. "I'd like to clean up the backyard here and keep some of these guys around."

REFLECTING BACK ON SAMOHI

While O'Hara spent more than a decade playing professional football, his best memories could very well come from his time at Samohi where as a senior he was 127 of 224, throwing for 1,711 yards and 21 touchdowns, earning the Bay League Player of Year award.

As a junior in 1984, O'Hara led the Vikings to the CIF semi-finals.

He still remains close with his old coach, Kusserow even being in O'Hara's wedding.

Kusserow, who coached at Samohi from

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Tebb Kusserow
Former Samohi football coach

1972 to 1990, said the greatest players on and off the field are the unconditional givers, those who do everything for the team, regardless of the result.

O'Hara was one of those players, Kusserow said.

"It wasn't just what he did on the field, it's the way he conducted himself as a person," Kusserow said. "Everyone respected him because he worked harder than everyone else."

More than 20 years since his time as a Viking, O'Hara said Kusserow still remains his greatest inspiration.

"He was a huge influence on me," he said.

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City's water usage on the decline

FROM WATER PAGE 1

weekly check for broken or clogged sprinkler heads and replace them right away. Make sure you are watering your yard and not the driveway or sidewalk.

- Fix those leaks. Just a drip can waste more than 10,000 gallons per month. A leaking flapper on a toilet also increases flows at the water treatment plant.

- Plant native species or drought-tolerant plants. Many of the lawns and plants we use are not intended for the unique climate in Southern California.

- Use a broom instead of a hose. Sweeping up rather than hosing off leaves or grass clippings not only saves water, it reduces runoff.

- Get an adjustable hose nozzle for outdoor use. With one of these you can adjust

the spray to meet your needs. A hose running for five minutes uses the same amount of water as a 20-minute shower.

- Eliminate runoff. Runoff could mean your lawn needs aeration. When you aerate your lawn, you give the water somewhere to go besides down the storm drain.

- Take shorter showers. Cutting two minutes off your shower time can save 600 gallons a month for a family of four. If you change the showerhead to a water efficient model, you could save even more.

- Turn off the water while you brush your teeth or shave.

- Wash only full loads of laundry or dishes. Waiting until you have a full load can save you up to 20 gallons for the same amount of clean clothes.

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Lawmakers point fingers over budget

FROM BUDGET PAGE 3

a state spending cap that Democrats oppose.

Democrats have proposed raising taxes on the wealthy and corporations to generate \$8.2 billion, while the governor has floated a temporary 1 percent sales tax increase.

Bass said Democrats would bring their budget proposal to a floor vote soon but need a few days to examine a proposed constitutional amendment put forward Wednesday by Republicans, who are seeking an amendment to cap state spending. The Assembly is scheduled to reconvene on

Monday. The delay prompted Villines to suggest that Democrats were stalling to get beyond the Aug. 16 deadline for the Legislature to place measures on the November ballot.

Several policies that are tangled up in the budget negotiations require voter approval. They include any proposal for budget reform and a plan by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to raise money by selling bonds based on the future value of the state lottery.

The deadline, set by the secretary of state's office, is fluid. In years past, the Legislature has been able to add ballot measures after the deadline.



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Between Wilshire & Montana	= \$ 3,672,875	\$ 1,026,066
South of Wilshire	= \$ 973,564	\$ 673,163
Sunset Park	= \$ 1,387,339	\$ 751,300
Ocean Park	= \$ 1,815,133	\$ 1,477,545

Statistics Updated Every Monday

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READY TO SELL: This home on Euclid Street has recently been listed as a foreclosure.

Prices stay stable despite rise in foreclosure sales

FROM REAL ESTATE PAGE 1

quality, such as upgraded kitchens.

Condo prices have taken a hit, the price per square footage falling 14.5 percent from July 2007.

"In any kind of uncertain market, condos get hurt more than single-family homes," Bransfield said.

One of the areas that would get hurt if the current foreclosure trend worsens is City Hall's general fund, which received \$34.9 million, or roughly 14 percent of the total budget, from property tax revenue for the current fiscal year.

The foreclosures would specifically hit the secured tax portion — tax on real property — which makes up about \$26 million.

"In forecasting the property tax revenues for 2008-09, we did project a lower rate of growth in values than we've been experiencing the last few years and part of that was to account for any impact the foreclosures might have," David Carr, the principal budget analyst for City Hall, said.

The impact would most likely be seen when the property changes hands, foreclosed homes typically sold for less than market value.

The properties are typically discounted at about 20 percent, the reason being the associated risks with purchasing such a home.

"It's not like an open house where you get to see the property," Scully said. "When a house is being foreclosed on through a trustee sale, the owner is not going to let (buyers) in and be cordial.

"They're trying to hold on to the home."

Lloyd Segal, a principal of the California Foreclosure Institute, said the longer homes

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Brian Scully
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stay in their current state, the more likely the purchase price will go down.

The institute holds free workshops on purchasing foreclosed homes throughout Southern California, covering why lenders don't want to keep these properties. A workshop is scheduled at the institute's Santa Monica headquarters on Aug. 20.

"People say lenders want to foreclose and sell the property to make money," Segal said. "The reality is the lender doesn't want the property.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: A Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Commission on the following:

Conditional Use Permit 07-008, Variance 07-014, Performance Standard Permit 07-001, 1301 Ocean Avenue. Application for Conditional Use Permit 07-008 to allow two full service restaurants with bars and additional outdoor seating to be open to the general public, to allow alcohol service within the restaurants (Type 47), to allow alcohol service in the guest rooms via mini bars and room service, (Type 66) and throughout the hotel, including the lobby, pool and courtyard area via a portable bar (Type 68). Pursuant to SMMC 9.04.10.18.020, a Conditional Use Permit is required for the on-site sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages. Application for Variance 07-014 to provide 50 required parking spaces for the restaurants open to the general public at an off-site location. Pursuant to SMMC 9.04.20.10.030(b), the applicant may request a modification to the required number of off-street parking spaces. Application for Performance Standards Permit 07-001 to allow a sidewalk café in excess of 200 square feet. Pursuant to SMMC 9.04.08.12.030(b) a Performance Standards Permit is required for sidewalk cafés that exceed 200 square feet in area. [Planner: Laura Beck] **APPLICANT: Tehmina Adaya, Shangri-La Hotel. PROPERTY OWNER: Indus Investments, Inc.**

Tract Map 08-002, 1518 Eleventh Street. The applicant requests approval of Tentative Tract Map 08TM-002 (No. 70399) to subdivide one lot into six airspace parcels in conjunction with a proposed six-unit residential condominium development pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.20.04.030. [Planner: Lily Yegazu] **APPLICANT/PROPERTY OWNER: Mohsen Loghmani.**

WHEN: Wednesday, August 20, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

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

HOW TO COMMENT

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Planning Commission public hearing, or by writing a letter or e-mail. Information received prior to the hearing will be given to the Planning Commission at the meeting.

MORE INFORMATION

If you want additional information about this project or wish to review the project, please contact the Project Planner (310) 458-8341. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours or available on the City's web site at www.smgov.net. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation request, please contact (310) 458-8341, or TTY Number: (310) 458-8696 at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, and #8 serve City Hall. 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.



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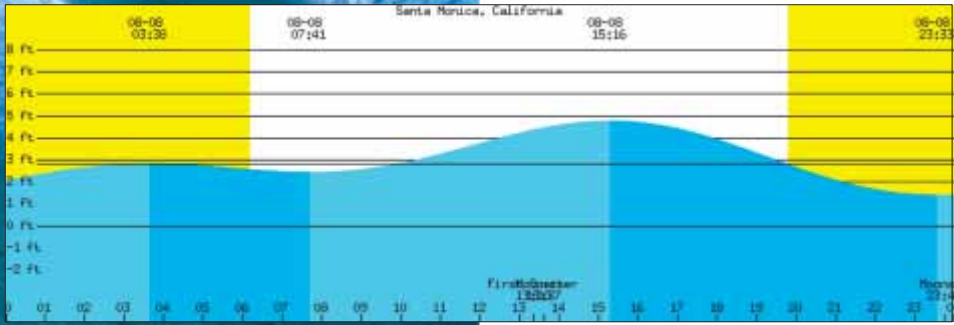
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LOCATION	DRY	WET	LOCATION	DRY	WET
Las Cienegas Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Palms Canyon storm drain	A+	ns
El Pescadero State Beach, between Luchessa and Las Alces creeks	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Tennessean Canyon drain	A+	ns
Escalante Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauque)	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Tomales 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	B	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	ns	Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	D	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kanter storm drain	A	ns
Escalante Creek, just east of Escalante State Beach	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurants)	A	ns
Lariga Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns	Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A+	ns
Selkirk Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach	C	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
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	D	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	A	ns	Venice Beach- projection of Topail St.	B	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A+	ns	Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- flagrant tower	A+	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	B	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 18048 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 D&W jetty)	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns	Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A+	ns
Casterock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	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

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Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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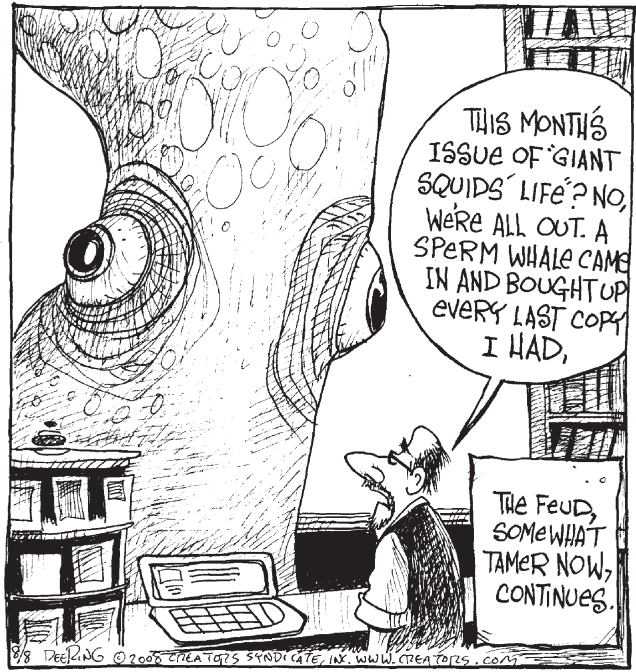
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6 foot-b

11 prepares

12 for a trip

13 Not struck

14 One of the

15 Kennedys

16 Map area

17 Texas town

18 Animated fish

19 Pot starter

20 Super-market haul

21 Viper feature

22 Afternoon hour

23 Jets, e.g.

24 Tennis star

25 Agassi

26 Mexican mom

27 Annuls

28 Soup bit

29 Overdue

30 Toneless

31 Carpet type

32 Charity affair

33 Sulky puller

34 Needle droppers

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36 Jobs at Apple

37 Snappish

DOWN

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2 Hill builder

3 Switched positions

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5 Goblet feature

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8 Made a connection

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19 mate

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33 Moves

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Artist Martin Creed won Britain's 2001 Turner Prize for his highly acclaimed installation of a lightbulb going off and on indefinitely in an otherwise-empty room. His latest exhibition ("Work No. 850"), at the Tate Britain in July, consists of a runner sprinting through one of the galleries every 30 seconds. The museum's director described Work No. 850 as a "compelling," "lyrical" piece that "upsets any preconceived ideas" of moving through an art space. News of the Weird's most recent encounter with Creed came in 1996 when he released his "Sick Film," consisting only of shots of people vomiting on camera, and at the time, he said he was considering a similar s-word film, to consist only of people performing an even less tasteful bodily function on camera.

■ The U.S. Supreme Court reaffirmed in June that defendants have a constitutional right to cross-examine witnesses against them and must get a new trial if denied that right. The challenger was Dwayne Giles, who had tried during his trial to keep incriminating statements by his girlfriend out of court, in that she was not available for him to cross-examine. The reason for her unavailability was that she is dead, and Giles was being tried for her murder. Hence, her statements suggesting Giles' motive cannot be used in court.

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1908 American statesman and Supreme Court Justice Arthur Goldberg was born in Chicago.

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1945 President Truman signed the United Nations Charter.

1945 the Soviet Union declared war against Japan during World War II.

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Obituary

Nicholas Adams Harrell (32)



March 4, 1976 to July 27, 2008 Of Santa Monica, California Our beloved son, brother, relative, and friend, Nick, died suddenly of unknown causes in Santa Monica, CA on July 27, 2008. Nick was a man of presence, truth, and compassion – listening and interacting at a very personal level. He dedicated himself to fa-cilitating peoples' growth and awareness. He will also be remembered for his in-ner strength, clarity of comprehension, and great sense of humor.

Nick Harrell was born on March 4, 1976 in Lansing, Michigan. While attending Okemos High School, Nick participated in many sports and lettered in football, hockey, and ski team. He was selected to participate in a High School leadership forum in Washington DC. Nick attended Michigan State University from 1994-1998 where he received a BA degree in Marketing from the Eli Broad Col-lege of Business. While attending MSU, Nick was a member of Sigma Nu frater-nity, a member of the Izzone, and on the MSU Ski Team. Upon graduation, Nick spent a year in Vail, Colorado where he worked demonstrating and fitting skis. After moving to Chicago in 1999, Nick explored many interests including a po-sition as Director of Marketing for TheSoup.com and began a career as an Actor

In 2002, Nick moved to the Los Angeles area. He acted in several TV commercials, and participated in film and theatre. During this period Nick became a certified Tier III personal trainer at Burn and Equinox gyms, became a certified spin in-structor and Kundalini Yoga teacher, and was moving forward practicing and teaching personal growth through movement. His enthusiasm and dedication to his unique approach inspired many to reach their personal goals. Nick was pas-sionate about fitness and participated in marathons, triathlons, and Ironmans. He also biked, hiked, skied, roller-bladed, and practiced yoga, always challenging himself and recently climbing Mt. Whitney on two occasions.

Nick's honest, loving, and graceful presence has touched all of us.

Nick is survived by his parents, Gilbert and Susanna Harrell; his sisters Kath-erine Harrell and Rachael Harrell; Lisa Weithorn; his aunts and uncles: Betty De-ver, Mary Adams, Gayle & Carol Harrell, and Nina & Garry Sheldon; and numer-ous friends, colleagues, and teachers.

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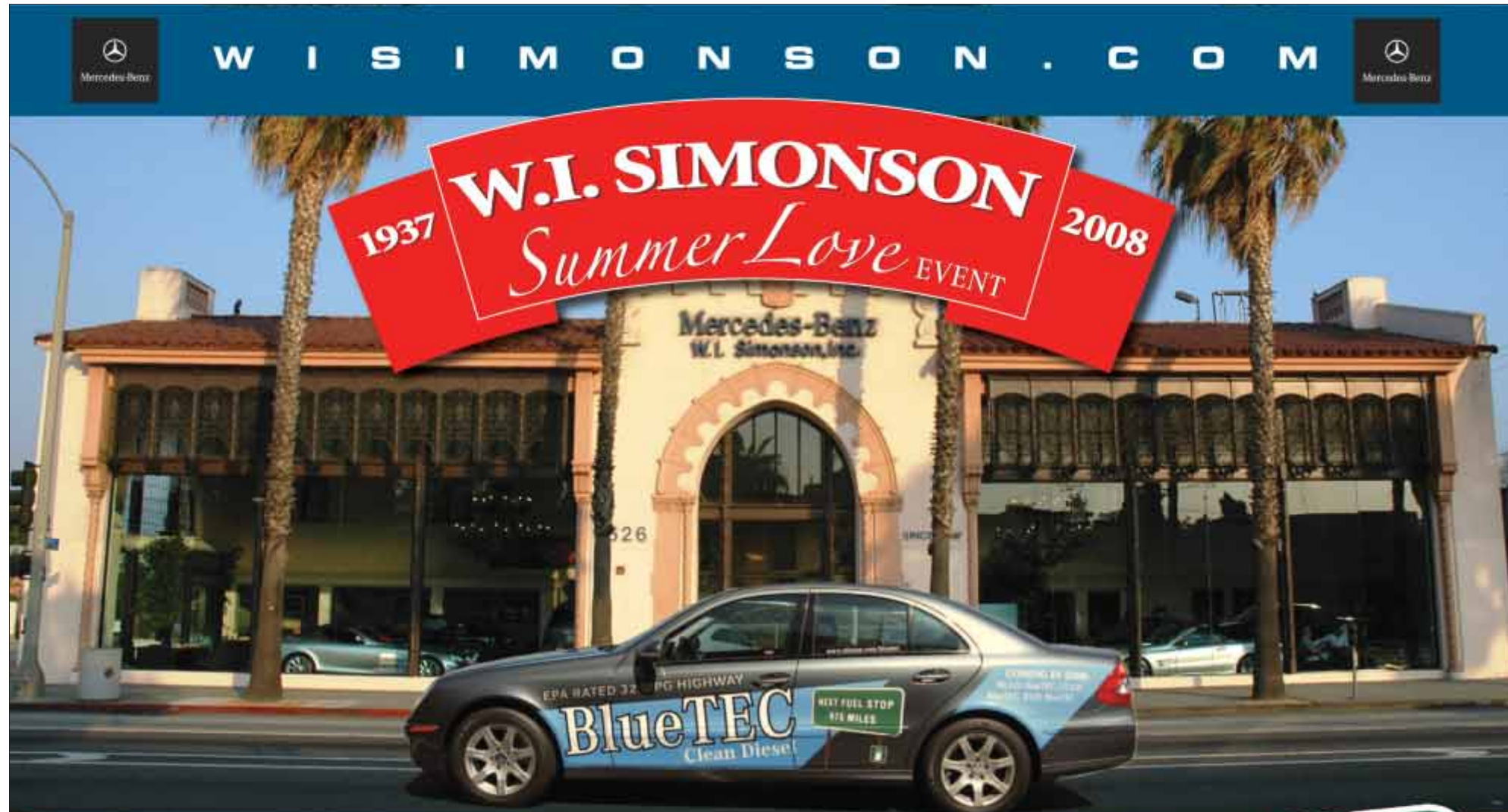
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