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THE TAXING ISSUES ISSUE

Chamber endorses tax measures

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE While the economy continues to flirt with recession and consumer spending remains low, two local tax increases and one expansion measure received endorsements from the Chamber of Commerce on Thursday.

The Board of Directors took positions on a total of five state, county and city ballot measures for the fall election, unanimously supporting proposals to raise the sales tax by half a cent, expand and modernize City Hall's Utility Users Tax, and a \$295 million construction bond measure for Santa



Monica College.

Though local businesses are concerned about paying more in light of the current economic climate, the board saw the tax-related measures as important and necessary to improve the quality of life in the city and region, according to chamber President Laurel Rosen.

Representing the entire business community, an endorsement from the chamber

could carry a lot of weight, as business owners may be more likely to give their vote and their money to a particular cause.

"What you have are people who are an influential part of the business community in this town," Rosen said. "I think the City Council really appreciates when we endorse them on things like the UUT because they recognize the influence we have on businesses and residents in Santa Monica."

The county sales tax proposal is estimated to raise approximately \$40 billion over the next 30 years, funding Metropolitan Transportation Authority projects that could go a long way toward alleviating congestion. If passed, the measure would increase the sales tax from 8.25 to 8.75 percent.

The proceeds could help fund the Subway to the Sea project, which could run along the Wilshire corridor from Downtown L.A. to Santa Monica.

"We need to look for alternative transportation for people," board Chairman Paul Hortobagyi said.

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SMC textbook rental program put on hold

BY MELODY HANATANI
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SMC One year after a highly-anticipated textbook rental program was set to launch here, the service is still yet to be seen.

The SMC Associated Students, which represents approximately 30,000 people enrolled at SMC, previously allocated \$250,000 toward the purchase of 4,000 books, most of which would've covered political science, philosophy and mathematics.

But the idea, which was supported by the college Board of Trustees and the Faculty Senate, never got off the ground.

With costly course materials putting the cash-strapped in a bind, a student-proposed rental program, which was set to start at Santa Monica College in the fall semester 2007, would've eased the burden by marking books down to 10 percent of their listed price.

The initiative has faced several challenges, including issues of academic freedom. In order for the program to be successful, it would require professors to commit to a single edition for about three years at a time, according to Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein, the president of the faculty senate and professor in philosophy and social science. More than 100 professors gave their word.



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ON THE HUNT: Lashara Giddens, a freshman at Santa Monica College, searches for textbooks for her English class at the campus bookstore Thursday morning. A plan to create a textbook rental program has been put on hold as the faculty and student government work on a solution.

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Beginners and experienced salseros alike can pick up new moves at Isabelle Pampillo's Friday Socials in Santa Monica. The night consists of a 90-minute class followed by a social hour of drinks and dancing where dancers can practice their dips and turns. There is a \$20 charge for the class, dancing and drinks. For information, call (310) 392-3493.

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Gas guzzling on the decline

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

DOWNTOWN Drivers here and across the state continue to consume less gasoline, around 65 million fewer gallons compared to this time last year, according to figures released for the month of May by the State Board of Equalization.

Californians used 4.8 percent less gas in May than they did a year ago, however, that number is up slightly (2.1 percent or 26.2 million gallons) compared to April, in part because of the Memorial Day holiday, said Judy Chu, chair of the board. The numbers show an overall downward trend, much of which can be attributed to high gas prices.

The average California gas price at the pump rose from \$3.85 per gallon in April to \$4.02 in May 2008, which was 15.2 percent above the average price of May 2007 when it was \$3.49. The board estimates that nearly twice as much sales tax is generated annually by higher gasoline prices than five years ago. Those higher prices generated approximately \$3.6 billion in sales tax during 2007 when the average price was \$3.12. In contrast, 2003's gasoline sales generated \$2.1 billion when the average pump price was \$1.88.

May 2008 diesel fuel sold for use on California roads totaled 225 million gallons, which was 11.0 percent below that of May 2007. A month to month comparison shows that in May 2008 Californians used 4.9 million (2.1 percent) gallons less diesel than April 2008.

The decreased consumption reflects both the impacts of higher diesel prices and the slowing economy, which is associated with less freight movement on California roads and highways, Chu said. California diesel prices were up 58 percent compared to May of 2007.

The board is able to monitor gallons through tax receipts paid by fuel distributors. Figures for June 2008 are scheduled to be available near the end of September. All monthly, quarterly, and annual figures can be viewed on the board's Web site at: www.boe.ca.gov/sptaxprog/spftrpts.htm

The five-member California State Board of Equalization is a publicly-elected tax board. It collects more than \$53 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes.

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PLAY BALL

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Jennifer Hager (left) of the Santa Monica College women's soccer team watches as Michelle Arevalo of Taft College flies into the air to intercept a pass at Airport Field on Wednesday. SMC scored a late goal in the second half of the non-conference game to tie the score at 2-2, which turned out to be the final. It was the team's first game of the season.

Keeping the party going

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA

Managing Editor

MALIBU For most people, the party inevitably has to come to an end. For Shwayze, not only has the party never ended, but he's somehow turned it into a lucrative recording career complete with a reality show. Must be nice.

The up-and-coming rapper whose hazy, lazy lifestyle has bloomed into a lively hood, has just released his self-titled debut album last week, which hit No. 10 on the Billboard 200 chart. He and partner in crime Cisco Adler, who first met while frequenting the social scene in Malibu, effortlessly blend their party-all-night and record-all-day ways into a sound that walks the line between alternative rock and hip hop. If the early results are any indication, they appear to be successful in their attempt to keep the party going.

"Malibu is a pretty small town," said Adler, who produced and appears on the album. "Everyone comes out to the parties. He came to a party at my house one night telling me about how he's a rapper and that we should make music together, but I told him I didn't get down like that."

"I told him to hit me up when he was sober and then we could talk."

When Adler rose from bed the next morning, he found Shwayze sleeping on his couch. When he finally awoke from his beer-induced slumber he continued to bend Adler's ear. Adler, who has made a name for himself by producing the likes of Mickey Avalon, let the youngster hangout at his house while he worked on tracks for other artists. But it wasn't long until the two finally made it into the studio and began work on what would become Shwayze's debut.

Along the way, the young rapper crashed on Adler's couch while they completed the demos that later comprised the album. He's since graduated to having his own bedroom in Adler's Malibu home.

"It was a cool experience [making the record]," said Shwayze, who graduated from Malibu High School in 2003. "We'd just chill and party and come back and make music about it."

The pair landed their MTV reality show, "Buzzin' while they produced the album. Adler, whose previous band, Whitestarr, had been featured on the VH1 series "The Rock

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Throwing stones

Editor:

In his tirades against Jose Escarce, Mr. Hamilton frequently uses the term “falls on deaf ears.” If he is so tuned to the needs and sensitivities of students and others who have disabilities in the district, why does he continue to use this pejorative term?

The disability community deserves better too, Mr. Hamilton. Maybe when you try to rally the community around your better-than-thou glass houses you should be more careful about throwing your own thoughtless stones.

Alan Toy
Santa Monica

Local notes from the DNC

Editor:

Well if you watched the emotional and heartwarming speech by Senator Edward Kennedy, you no doubt caught television shots of Santa Monica’s own Councilmember Bobby Shriver, standing next to his sister California First Lady Maria Shriver. His presence felt all over town with the “one” campaign bus and events and events he has hosted to raise awareness for his efforts to reduce the staggering third world debt of Africa’s poorest country’s.

Not far from the crowds Councilmember Kevin McKeown was also working hard to see that the Democratic agenda included a strong balanced agenda on healthcare. Sighted on a street corner leaving a popular Democratic Leadership event, Councilmember McKeown was ecstatic about the strong presence of young people in the Obama nation that is Denver this week.

And then there are those local political figures that dot the breakfasts and lobby’s of the Sheraton Downtown, where the California Delegation is housed. Local Congressman Brad Sherman has been everywhere and was singled out on Monday by House Speaker and California cheerleader Nancy Pelosi.

And even local environmental activists have been working to make sure the Obama agenda fits into the California and (Santa Monica) spirit. Coalition for Clean Air President and Santa Monica local Tim Carmichael has been working the delegates and leaders from California to push for a strong clean air platform.

Seth Jacobson
Santa Monica

What experience?

Editor:

Experience – even the experience that comes with age, does not necessarily make for good judgment. Take Sen. John McCain for instance. On April 1, 2007, he and three Republican Congressmen made a special tour of the Shorja marketplace in Baghdad. Wearing bulletproof vests, they were accompanied by over 100 soldiers in armored Humvees while attack helicopters circled overhead. The area was sealed off from traffic, and sharpshooters protected the roofs.

After walking down the street, talking amiably with specially selected Iraqi merchants, McCain and colleagues announced at a news conference that Shorja was a safe, bustling place, just like a normal outdoor market in Indiana. McCain said he was deeply moved to be able to mix and mingle unfettered.

If Sen. McCain could be fooled so easily, on April Fools Day no less, then his experience isn’t all that impressive. We don’t need more of the same in the White House.

Later that day, 21 Iraqi workers in the market were abducted.

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Piedmont, Calif.



The Soap Box

Bennet Kelley

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Don’t turn to the dark side

TUESDAY NIGHT, ON THE 89TH anniversary of women becoming full citizens of this country; 36 years after Shirley Chisholm’s single primary victory; 32 years after Barbara Jordan’s keynote address provided “evidence that the American Dream need not forever be deferred”; 24 years after Geraldine Ferraro’s nomination signaled to America there are “no limits on achievement”; Hillary Clinton ended her historic campaign and began the fall campaign with six simple words, “No way, no how, no McCain.”

I was in Chicago 12 years ago when Democrats gave Hillary a thunderous welcome and rallied around her after a Republican Convention filled with cheap shots against her.

This year, she returned the thunder as Democrats celebrated the finale of her historic campaign, which began nearly two years ago with a promise to start a dialogue about “fighting for women’s basic rights ... our children’s basic healthcare. Protecting our Social Security, protecting our soldiers.”

Sadly, some of her supporters are willing to join forces with those who have mocked her for many years and to embrace or enable a candidate who will do none of these things — even though Sens. Clinton and Obama have identical ratings from over 20 different interest groups on choice, civil rights, health care, veterans and other issues and are nearly identical on countless others. Her response to the so-called PUMA’s (Party Unity My Ass) was the name on top of the ticket may be different but the fight is the same.

When I hear the attacks still being made by some of Sen. Clinton’s more virulent supporters, I am reminded of two past conventions. The first is 1980. I was a strong Kennedy supporter from the day he announced and supported his fight at the convention given President Carter’s record disapproval rating. After the convention, I briefly supported independent John Anderson before ultimately backing President Carter. Months after the Reagan landslide, I went to college in Washington where I had a front row seat to the next 11 years of Reagan-Bush policies to make me question the wisdom of and the price we paid for our disunity.

I am also reminded of 1992. I remember hearing claims that Gov. Clinton was unelectable, attacks such as Pat Buchanan’s mocking statement that “Bill Clinton’s foreign policy experience is pretty much confined to having had breakfast once at the International House of Pancakes,” and questions about his patriotism in light of his draft records.

Ironically, many of those same claims are

echoing among Clinton supporters about Sen. Obama. Unlike President Clinton, who entered the convention in third place in the polls, Sen. Obama has held a small lead since wrapping up the nomination. In addition,

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with four years on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Sen. Obama would enter the Oval Office with more foreign policy experience than four of our last five presidents.

I am also reminded of 1992 because President Clinton’s and Sen. Obama’s message are very similar. Both called for new leadership that was “not mired in the politics of the past” and which would “make it exciting and energizing and heroic to be American again.”

To Sen. Clinton’s supporters, I urge you to declare victory. You have not only made history, but you are only 10 weeks away from making her vision a reality. I am not asking that you like Sen. Obama, but I am asking that you renounce your embrace of what would be a third Bush term. Your disputes about the nomination process ultimately will seem trivial to those whose lives will be lost or their dreams deferred should McCain win.

I am asking that you heed the lessons of 1980 and remain loyal to the party both candidates represent and to the legacy of the Clinton administration they seek to continue. I am asking that you work with us to build a country that “once again lifts its people and inspires the world.” Above all, as President Clinton said in his own address, I am asking that you once again believe in a place called hope.

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Sleaze comes after Labor Day

IN THE 1977 DOCUMENTARY “WILD Man Blues,” Woody Allen’s Dixieland band tours Europe. Near the end, Woody’s wife, Soon-Yi, asks him if he’s excited about returning to New York. He sheepishly responds, “When I’m in Europe, I miss New York, but when I’m in New York, I miss Europe.” Last week I said I was glad the Olympics were over. Now, I miss them.

Lately, I’ve been watching U.S. Open tennis, and the Democratic National Convention (avoiding the Dodgers who, like a sunset, are sinking in the west). I love the Open, especially at night with boisterous crowds and dramatic matches. Sure enough, on Monday night James Blake barely outlasted 19-year-old Donald Young in five sets. Blake, a Harvard graduate, is incredibly handsome and a multi-millionaire (apparently, has nothing to live for).

The DNC in Denver had its own drama, albeit still unresolved. Will the Hillary supporters rally behind Obama? Or will the Dems shoot themselves in the foot? Will Rogers stated it best, “I’m not a member of an organized political party, I’m a Democrat.”

After eight years of Bush, during which almost everyone suffered except for millionaires and oil companies, you’d think the Democrats would be a shoe-in. Think again. If mud slinging were an Olympic sport, Republicans would win the gold every time. George Harrison said, “Here comes the sun.” Well, right after Labor Day, here comes the sleaze.

This Republican tradition goes back to McCarthy, then Nixon and, for the past eight years, Karl Rove. Rove choreographed the outing of Valerie Plame, a covert CIA agent, and the front company Brewster-Jennings, all in a time of war. The question is, how is he not in jail?

The epitome of sleaze came during Max Cleland’s bid for re-election to the U.S. Senate in 2002. On billboards and in TV ads, Republicans took a photo of this Vietnam vet triple amputee and put it next to Osama Bin Laden’s. Whenever anyone tells me the ethics of both parties are the same, I ask them, “When did a Democrat ever question the patriotism of a triple amputee?” By the way, surprise, surprise, Cleland’s opponent, Saxby Chambliss, didn’t go to Vietnam. He failed his physical.

Poll after poll reveals that on the issues, Democrats win every time. But people don’t vote on issues. If they vote at all. The elections should really be on the weekends so that working people can vote more easily, but

they don’t want that. It’s way too democratic. (Check out: www.whytuesday.org.)

By rights Democrats should also win because they represent labor and there are far more workers than employers. But, with outsourcing and NAFTA, labor has been trashed for the past 30 years. The first thing Reagan did as president, after removing solar panels from the White House, (what a visionary) was to break up the air traffic controllers union. And now the average CEO makes more money in one day than the average worker does in an entire year. Instead of Labor Day, maybe we should call the holiday CEO Day? After all, they’re the one’s celebrating.

Labor was the backbone of the middle class. Labor lost its backbone and the middle class is disappearing. The American dream was based on good wages so families could own their own homes and send their kids to college. Today the divide between rich and poor is greater than at any time since the Depression. Other than that, and Iraq, the deficit, Katrina, “Mission Accomplished,” global warming, 47 million uninsured, everything’s hunky-dory.

Woody Allen made a funny but true comment about labor in his 1975 comedy “Love and Death” which was set in czarist Russia. Woody’s character said to Diane Keaton’s, “The serfs should rule the country.”

“The serfs?” she asked incredulously, “Why them?”

“Because they do all the work,” he replied.

This November’s election will be working class against ruling class. Obama was raised by a single mom while McCain came from military aristocracy as both his father and grandfather were admirals. McCain is so rich he doesn’t even know how many houses he owns. People who live in glass houses should at least know how many they own

Of course McCain also doesn’t know the difference between Shia and Sunni and that Iraq and Pakistan don’t share a border. It’s dicey unless Joe Liberman’s there to whisper in his ear. Frighteningly, McCain showed a lust for war saying, “I’m sorry, my friends but there’s going to be lots more wars.” He didn’t seem sorry. He seemed eager.

A McCain victory will essentially be a third term for Bush, who has proved he didn’t deserve the first one. Today McCain’s going to announce his vice-presidential nominee. My guess is it’ll be somebody with lots of houses.

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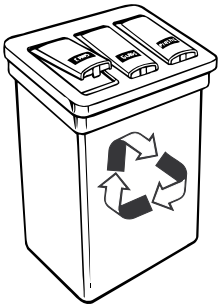
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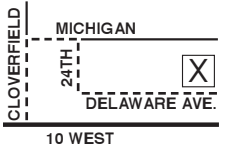


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The Q-Line

Keeping it local

While Santa Monica features a number of attractions that consistently draw visitors from outside the city, there are some that believe they attract trouble. A gang-related shooting last Thursday appears to have occurred just as the Twilight Dance Series concert was letting out at the pier confirming some of those fears.

So this week’s Q-Line question asks:

Would you rather have the city become an isolated, sleepy beach town that would lack many of the superb services we covet, or continue with high-profile events and attractions that bring prosperity to the area?

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: 08APP-005 (Appeal of Landmark Designation 07LM-011)
3030-3060 Nebraska Avenue

APPLICANT: City of Santa Monica Landmarks Commission
APPELLANT: NMS Properties & Nebraska Studios, LLC
PROPERTY OWNER: NMS Properties & Nebraska Studios, LLC

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider the following request:

Appeal of the Landmarks Commission designation of the former industrial building at 3030-3060 Nebraska Avenue as a City Landmark. The property was constructed in 1951 and was the initial home of the Southern California Institute of Architecture (SCI-Arc) upon the school's founding in 1972 through its departure in 1992. The Landmarks Commission filed the designation application on November 12, 2007 and unanimously voted to designate the property on February 11, 2008.

DATE/TIME: TUESDAY, September 9, 2008, AT 6:45 p.m.

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

HOW TO COMMENT

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

Address your letters to: City Clerk
Re: 08APP-005
1685 Main Street, Room 102
Santa Monica, CA 90401



MORE INFORMATION

If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Roxanne Tanemori at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at roxanne.tanemori@smgov.net. The Landmark Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours and on the City's web site at www.santa-monica.org.

The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, and the Tide Ride 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.

ESPAÑOL

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CRIME WATCH

Party pooper

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.

SUNDAY, AUG. 17 AT 6:40 A.M.,

Santa Monica police officers responded to the 1300 block of the Third Street Promenade – Starbucks – regarding a report of a man throwing feces on the wall. When officers arrived, they spoke with coffee shop employees who said the suspect became agitated when they told him he could not use the rest room. He subsequently dropped his pants and defecated in the middle of the store. When employees tried to stop him, he allegedly chased them and attempted to throw feces at them. The suspect then threw feces throughout the store. Officers located him nearby and detained him. He was later transported to an area hospital for a mental evaluation. No booking information was available for the suspect, who was described as a transient.

SATURDAY, AUG. 23, AT 7:53 A.M.,

Police responded to the 300 block of Pico Boulevard – AMPM – regarding a report of two suspicious men attempting to sell bicycles. When officers arrived, they made contact with the suspects and discovered that they stole the bicycles in Venice and were under the influence of narcotics. Police placed the suspects under arrest and transported them to the Santa Monica Jail where they were booked for possession of stolen property, petty theft, and for being under the influence of a controlled substance, which turned out to be methamphetamine. The suspects were identified as Justin Craig Marshall, 24, a transient; and Micah James Lewis, 27, a transient. Their bail was set at \$20,000. Marshall was also booked for possession of a hypodermic needle. Lewis was also booked for petty theft with a prior conviction and for violating his probation, police said.

SATURDAY, AUG. 23, AT 1:36 P.M.,

Police responded to the 900 block of 15th Street regarding a report of suspicious circumstances. When officers arrived, they made contact with a man who was outside an apartment building screaming for his girlfriend to come out. A neighbor said the suspect threatened to burn the apartment building down. The suspect was arrested for making criminal threats and outstanding warrants. He was identified as Jack Nathan Lee, 56, of Los Angeles. His bail was set at \$70,000.

THURSDAY, AUG. 21, AT 10:50 A.M.,

Police responded to a report of vandalism in progress. When officers arrived, they made contact with the victim who said his brother had keyed his car. While talking with the victim, the suspect approached officers in an aggressive manner and refused to follow orders, police said. He then challenged the officers, forcing them to use a stun gun to subdue him. Officers took the suspect into custody for felony vandalism. He was identified as Michael John Glode, 45, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at \$20,000.

THURSDAY, AUG. 21, AT 5:18 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 300 block of Colorado Avenue – Macy's – regarding a shoplifting suspect in custody. When officers arrived, they made contact with store security who said the suspect walked into Macy's and took several shirts off the display rack without looking at the price or size of the items and tried to exit the store without paying for the clothes. Security stopped the suspect and detained him until police arrived. Officers placed the suspect under arrest for burglary. He was identified as Tyler Everett Jones, 37, a transient. His bail was set at \$20,000. The items he is accused of stealing – shirts – were valued at \$445.

TUESDAY, AUG. 19, AT 9:45 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 1500 block of Second Street – McDonald's – regarding a fight that just occurred. When officers arrived, they made contact with the alleged victim who told officers that he was stabbed in the finger by the suspect after the two were involved in a verbal confrontation that turned violent. The victim told officers that the suspect was armed with a knife and fled the scene. Officers located the suspect about a block from the McDonald's and placed him under arrest for assault with a deadly weapon. The knife was not recovered. The suspect was identified as Angel Rodriguez Rosa, 34, a transient. His bail was set at \$30,000.

TUESDAY, AUG. 19, AT 2:30 A.M.,

Officers responded to the 2000 block of Pico Boulevard regarding a fight between roommates. When officers arrived, they made contact with the roommates. The alleged victim said they were struck with a wooden pole. The roommate was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon. The victim did not sustain serious injuries. The suspect was identified as David Louis Meshell, 46, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at \$30,000.

SUNDAY, AUG. 17, AT 11 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 1500 block of Ocean Avenue regarding a report of domestic violence. When officers arrived, they spoke with the alleged victim who said she and her boyfriend were involved in an argument when he pushed her to the ground. He then pulled her daughter's hair so that he could run away with the woman's purse, which the daughter was holding, police said. The suspect was located and arrested for domestic violence, battery and willful cruelty to a minor. The suspect was identified as Joseph Solis, 28, from Whittier. His bail was set at \$50,000.

SATURDAY, AUG. 16, AT 1:53 A.M.,

Police responded to the 1300 block of the beach regarding an assault with a deadly weapon that just occurred. When officers arrived, they made contact with the alleged victim who said he was walking when he was approached by the suspect. The suspect tried to start a fight. When the victim refused, the suspect then pulled out a knife and threatened to stab him. He lunged at the victim and then fled. The victim notified police, who arrested the suspect a short time later. The suspect was positively identified and booked for assault with a deadly weapon, making criminal threats and violating his probation. The suspect was identified as Manuel Jaramillo, 21, of Los Angeles. His bail was set at \$50,000.

Editor in Chief KEVIN HERRERA compiled these reports. news@smdp.com

Even critics give Apple a pass on iPhone 3G woes

BY JESSICA MINTZ
AP Technology Writer

First an iPhone price cut left early buyers feeling foolish, and then came reports that some iPods were spitting sparks.

Now the new iPhone 3G has been marred by bugs, spotty service, disappearing programs for the device and a veil of secrecy over software developers trying to broaden its appeal.

Such a string of mishaps and missteps might throw another electronics company into crisis. But of course, Apple Inc. isn't just another electronics company. Even as iPhone griping rages online, it looks like Apple's sterling reputation will emerge untarnished.

"The objective reality is that Apple does plenty of wrong," said Peter Fader, a marketing professor at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

However, Fader said, the company's loyal fans, and even casual users, have come to identify so strongly with Apple's high-end, individualistic vibe that they're willing to look the other way.

"Very few companies have this kind of iconic status where anything they do, even if it is mediocre, will automatically have a halo around it," he said.

Kern Bruce, a 25-year-old Web designer in Boston, waited in line for 13 hours to buy an original iPhone. He sold it to upgrade to a 3G.

"There was no going back at that point, but after I sold it, I quickly started to regret it," he said. Bruce's complaints echo countless Web forum posts: The device gets uncomfortably warm. Programs crash. And it so seldom connects to AT&T's speedier third-generation, or 3G, data network that Bruce carries the iPhone around with 3G turned off.

Apple, which declined to comment for this story, said little as complaints rolled in, then released a software fix it said would improve the device's ability to connect to 3G networks. Since then, users on various sites have reported no improvement.

Bruce, an Apple aficionado since the very first iPod, also recently returned a MacBook Air because it got too hot, and said his Apple cinema-display monitor sports burned-in images.

"They're skimping on materials, on testing things to gain market share, but they're kind of pushing away people who have been with the brand even when (it was) struggling," he said.

Yet when asked whether he'd abandon Apple, the answer was no.

Macs are "a lot better than the alternative, in terms of stability, viruses, being able to do high-end graphics work," he said. "I wouldn't tell people to stop getting Apple products. They make very good products."

The new iPhone marked an important shift in the company's relationship with software programmers.

The first iPhone didn't let outsiders write legitimate software for the device, though hackers did so anyway. Apple reversed course with the 3G and gave outside programmers

tools to build iPhone applications and sell them on iTunes.

But developers, too, are irked by Apple's secrecy and limits on the kind of programs they can design. An unusually restrictive agreement they must sign keeps them from comparing notes even with fellow programmers.

They also complain that Apple has limited their access to the iPhone's inner workings. For example, non-Apple programmers can't reach into a user's iTunes library and play a song or display cover art.

Apple has kept developers in the dark as to why some applications are rejected or, in rare cases, removed from the iTunes store without warning or explanation.

One such program let people use the iPhone's cell service to connect a computer to the Internet. Its developer, a company called Nullriver, did not respond to a message seeking comment, but wrote of its consternation on its blog.

DoApp, a small mobile-software company in Minneapolis, said it took two months for Apple to review and ultimately reject its 99-cent whoopie cushion application. Wade Beavers, DoApp's vice president of strategy, said Apple had never hinted that a program that mimics bodily functions would be considered inappropriate.

"Sometimes you feel like you're in line with the 'Soup Nazi,'" Beavers said, referring to a "Seinfeld" episode in which a soup vendor capriciously banished patrons. "It's a really good deal to be part of the Apple thing, and you don't want to say anything to rock the boat. No soup for you! Your apps are gone!"

Beavers also grumbled about crashing Mac hard drives and terrible iPhone 3G service. Even so, he said he'd still buy Apple products on the strength of their design — and because Apple gave small companies like DoApp the same access to the iTunes store as industry big shots.

Baba Shiv, a professor of marketing at the Stanford Graduate School of Business, compares Apple's fan base to Harley-Davidson motorcycle riders who pass over arguably higher-quality Japanese bikes.

The critical move that changed Apple's relationship with users was the launch of the iPod, Shiv said. Apple went from being a private luxury — a maker of niche products — to a mainstream one, and wormed its way deeper into customers' psyche.

"In the public domain, the coolness factor matters," he said. Indeed, an iPod "halo effect" is thought to be one big reason why Macs have boosted their share of the U.S. personal-computer market to nearly 8 percent.

Shiv said Apple's fans play down negative information to explain their relationship to the brand — and justify spending more for products that may not be better than the competition's.

Once that loyalty is formed, "the transgression has to be so egregious for someone to completely change the narrative," Shiv said. "If something like this had happened to Microsoft, the long-term impact would be much more for Microsoft than for Apple."



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA LANDMARKS COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Public hearings will be held by the Landmarks Commission on the following applications:

2612 Third Street, LC-08CA-013, Zoning: OP2 (Ocean Park Low Multiple Family Residential) District. The City Landmarks Commission will be conduct a public hearing to consider Certificate of Appropriateness Application 08CA-013, to request a modification to plans previously-approved by the Landmarks Commission on November 12, 2005 (04CA-006) for the demolition of a Contributing rear garage structure and construction of a new, two-car garage in the same location. The applicant has demolished the Contributing garage and seeks to modify the previously-approved project by proposing a garden in lieu of constructing the new garage. The property is designated as a contributor to the Third Street Neighborhood Historic District. The Landmarks Commission will determine whether the revised project is appropriate for this property and the District. **(Continued from the August 11, 2008 Meeting)** Applicant: Beatrice H. Nemlaha. Owner: Beatrice H. Nemlaha Trust.

2544 Third Street, LC-08CA-014, Zoning: OP2 (Ocean Park Low Multiple Family Residential) District. The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider Certificate of Appropriateness Application 08CA-014 for design approval of a new three-car garage structure on the subject parcel located within the Third Street Neighborhood Historic District. The proposed project includes a maximum 650 square feet garage structure located in the rear of the subject property. The Landmarks Commission will determine whether the proposed project is appropriate and architecturally compatible for the subject property and the Third Street Neighborhood Historic District. Applicant: Scott Campbell. Owner: Scott Campbell.

When: Monday, September 8, 2008 at 7:00 pm

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



Questions/Comments

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment on this and other projects. You or your representative, or any other persons may comment on the application at the Public Hearing, or by writing a letter addressed to Roxanne Tanemori, AICP, Senior Planner, City Planning Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, California, 90401-3295. Or, you may contact Ms. Tanemori by phone at (310) 458-8341 or by email at roxanne.tanemori@smgov.net.

More Information

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Espanol

Este es un aviso de una audiencia publica para considerar la designación de una propiedad en la ciudad como un monumento histórico. Para mas información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

Board endorses state redistricting proposal

FROM CHAMBER PAGE 1

One measure that has received some buzz lately is the update to the Utility Users Tax on telecommunication services, which has not been modernized in decades. A 10 percent UUT is currently applied to all electricity, natural gas, cable, water/wastewater and telecommunication bills. The revenue is used to pay for city services such as public safety.

The proposed UUT bill would be updated to include telecommunication sectors that aren't currently taxed, such as businesses that use T-1 Internet lines. City Hall has said that the tax has to be modernized in order to ensure equity among all technology users and to avoid losing approximately \$12 million in existing revenue. The measure would not increase the current 10 percent tax.

Many cities, including Santa Monica, modeled the language of its UUT after the federal excise tax, which has since been repealed, causing complications as to whether a tax on telecommunications would be legal. The measure would correct the confusion.

"We feel it's an appropriate thing to do given the changes in technology and the fact that the revenue would otherwise be lost," Tom Larmore, who serves on the board, said.

Another measure that could receive resistance, particularly from residents in the Sunset Park neighborhood who have complained about construction, is the college bond, which would pay for capital projects

designed to improve the teaching of science, nursing, math, technology and media.

The cost to renters would be approximately \$1.12 a month and \$7.24 for the average home or condominium owner in Santa Monica and Malibu, according to college officials.

"We have one of the largest transfers to UCLA," Hortobagyi said. "Why not support that? It's a wonderful cause."

The board also unanimously supported Proposition 11, which would take redistricting powers from the legislature and places them on a commission comprised of Democrats, Republicans and members from a non-major party.

The lone measure that was opposed by the chamber board was Proposition 7, which would require all utilities, including those that are government-owned, to generate 20 percent of their power from renewable energy by 2010. It would raise the requirement for all utilities to 40 percent by 2020 and 50 percent by 2025, imposing penalties for non-compliance.

"While everyone is in favor of alternative energy, from what we could tell, this is not a good solution to the problem," Larmore said. "While it's probably well-intentioned, it isn't going to work."

The board previously voted to oppose Proposition T, the Residents' Initiative to Fight Traffic, which would place a 75,000-square-foot cap on commercial development every year.

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Photo courtesy Interscope Records

CHILLIN': Shwayze (right) has teamed up with Cisco Adler to produce his debut album.

Malibu rapper hits the big time

FROM SHWAYZE PAGE 3

Life," figured it would give fans an opportunity to learn more about Shwayze's music.

"It was like a commercial for the album," Adler said. "If more people know about the music, that can't be a bad thing. We needed control and we had to make sure this thing is funny and shows the business side."

He and Shwayze both worried that the show could come off as just a couple of guys trying to become famous, but Adler was steadfast in his belief that if the music was quality, people wouldn't judge them based solely on their personas on the reality show.

"No matter what, the music is solid," Adler said. "Everything was designed for people to come to the record. I think people are digging it."

The album itself is an eclectic mix of easy acoustic guitar rifts, Adler's laid-back vocals on most of the hooks and Shwayze's stoner-esque rhymes. The irony is that Adler, who happens to be white, first became interested in music through his experience with hip

hop. Shwayze, who jokingly claims to be the only black kid in Malibu, tends to gravitate more toward rock 'n' roll.

"I grew up with oldies," Shwayze said. "Growing up in Malibu, my friends listened to all kinds of different things. As far as rapping goes, I never liked rapping to hard beats. I was really into guitar."

Adler was the polar opposite. He said he wouldn't even listen to an album if it had guitar on it.

"Every 14-year-old white kid rapped at that time," said Adler, who will soon turn 30. "I wanted to go further. I wanted to hone every skill. It's not like I'm a fraud jumping on [the hip hop side of the music business]."

The two are currently preparing for their first headline tour and have plans to play with Metro Station. As for the future, both are excited to see where this music thing takes them.

"I'm just a kid from Malibu," Shwayze said, "who is lucky enough to be making music for a living."

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LAX service workers walk off the job

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Roughly 2,500 members of a union representing skycaps, janitors and other service workers at Los Angeles International Airport walked off the job Thursday before the start of the Labor Day weekend.

Striking members of Service Employees International Union Local 1871 began picketing after negotiators called off contract talks with companies that contract with major airlines for baggage handling, cleaning in aircraft cabins and terminals, security, wheelchair assistance and other services.

"We have been giving proposals to improve service and security for the airport and airlines, but there's been no serious response from them," union spokesman Mike Chavez said. He noted the companies refused to make a contract offer despite two months of negotiations and the presence of a federal mediator.

An airport spokeswoman said the strike

did not cause any immediate flight disruptions.

Chavez said non-union workers were filling in for the companies. It wasn't immediately clear how long the walkout might last. The union members voted last Thursday to give leaders the authority to call for a strike.

Union officials had been trying to negotiate individual contracts with nine subcontractors to get higher wages and better training and health care benefits. They said the workers earn an average salary of \$19,000 a year.

Chris Colmenares said Aviation Safeguards paid him \$9.79 an hour seven years ago when he worked as a wheelchair attendant. He said he left the job for a few years, and when he was rehired by the company in November, he was paid \$9.71 an hour to perform the same task.

"That's an 8 cent decrease over seven years, it doesn't make sense," Colmenares, 25, said.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD BY THE SANTA MONICA ZONING ADMINISTRATOR ON APPLICATIONS FOR VARIANCES

TIME: 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, September 9, 2008

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

A Public Hearing will be held by the Zoning Administrator of the City of Santa Monica at the above noted time and place in regard to the following requests:

SUBJECT OF HEARING:

Variance 08-013, 2651 Fourth Street. The applicant requests a variance to modify setbacks and parcel coverage requirements to legalize a 97 square foot rear addition and a trellis and balcony addition to an existing single family residence located on a substandard, 30 foot wide lot. The following requests are proposed:

Provide a 10 foot 6 inch rear yard setback where 15 feet is required;

Provide a 6 inch north side yard setback for a first floor trellis and balcony where 4 feet is required;

Increase the lot coverage of the site from 47% to 51% where 50% is allowed.

Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.04.20.10.030(d)(1) the applicant may request a variance to allow the modification of the yard setbacks and parcel coverage on parcels that are less than 39-feet wide. The subject parcel is 30-feet wide x 100-feet in depth. [Planner: Gina Szilak] **APPLICANT:** Matthew Jewett/ Schmitz & Associates, Inc. **PROPERTY OWNER:** Bradley Jabour.

Any person may comment at the Public Hearing, or by writing a letter to the City Planning Division, Room 212, P.O. Box 2220, Santa Monica, CA 90407-2220. Plans are available for public review at the City Planning Division. For more information, please contact the City Planning Division at (310) 458-8341. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 64009(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. The meeting facility is accessible. If you have any disabilities related request, contact at (310) 458-8341 or TTY (310) 458-8696 at least three (3) days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #7, #8, #9 and the Tide Ride service the City Hall.

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Brandon Wise brandonw@smdp.com
STACKED HIGH: Textbooks line the shelves of the Santa Monica College campus bookstore.

Students finding less expensive textbooks are hard to come by

FROM BOOKS PAGE 1

There was also concern by the college administration over a proposed requirement for all participating students to provide their credit card number in case the books came back with damages. If the credit card information was illegally obtained by a third party, the college could be liable, Tahvildaran-Jesswein said.

The new AS board does plan to pursue the rental service this year, though little has been discussed about the specifics, such as how many books should be purchased, according to President David Chun.

Chun could not comment on why the program has been stagnant, pointing out the responsibility fell on last year's board.

"Hopefully we'll have something running by the end of this year," he said.

Tahvildaran-Jesswein said he hopes the students will get moving on the program.

"This is a good place for some student activism and we want to be supportive of their efforts," he said. "But they have to define what they need."

Students have long griped about the expensive costs of textbooks, spending on average more than \$700 a year on course materials, according to a survey by the National Association of College Stores.

"Even now I'm struggling trying to find some books for my class," Chun said. "What do you do? Do you buy that meal or save money to purchase books?"

The high price tag came as a surprise to freshmen Deepti Singh and Yin Pao who are both still in the process of buying books for the semester.

"I'm the oldest child so it came as a shock for my parents to have to cough up the money," Singh said.

Singh estimates she will spend \$300 on new textbooks this fall for five classes. Pao's estimation is a bit more steep — about \$400 for four classes.

Pao, who worked at an SAT preparatory

school this summer, said she has spent most of her paycheck on textbooks.

"To buy one book, I have to work 11 hours," she said, holding a used Spanish 2 textbook she just purchased for \$95.

To alleviate the burden, several professors are considering collaborating with each other to use commonly adopted textbooks in which all faculty who teach a specific course will agree to use the same book. The books are purchased through a single publisher who can offer the books at a lower cost, typically less than half the price sold through conventional means.

The practice has been adopted for the Political Science 1 courses.

Rental programs have been catching on at colleges and universities across the country, with the service currently being offered at more than 2 percent of college stores registered with the national association.

The idea has also caught on with some independent sellers, including online textbook store, Chegg.com.

The company began offering its rental service — calling it the "Netflix for textbooks" — about two years ago, currently offering more than two million titles for rent to approximately 4,000 campuses across the country.

Osman Rashid, the CEO and cofounder of Chegg, said that students save on average about 70 percent by renting.

"We know that an edition is good for an average of three years and that we would be able to send the book around enough times to make it profitable for us and at the same time ... college students could have books cheaper," Rashid said.

Despite the amount of money she has so far spent on new textbooks, Singh didn't seem bought on the idea of a rental program.

"It depends on how much cheaper it is because when you buy a book, it's yours," she said.

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SUBJECT: Appeal 08APP-012
858 Third Street
APPELLANT: William Pirtle, et al.
APPLICANT: Federal Avenue Partners, LLC
PROPERTY OWNER: Federal Avenue Partners, LLC

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider the following request:

An appeal (08APP-012) of the Planning Commission's approval of Vesting Tentative Tract Map 06TM-040 to subdivide one lot into 12 airspace parcels in conjunction with a proposed 12-unit residential condominium development pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.20.06.040.

DATE/TIME: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, AT 6:45 p.m.

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NEW DVD RELEASES

BY RANDY WILLIAMS



CBS

'Jericho' The Second Season

This compelling drama, back for a sophomore season, is about what happens when a nuclear mushroom cloud suddenly appears on the horizon plunging the residents of a small peaceful Kansas town into chaos leaving them completely isolated and wondering if they're the only Americans left alive. But in this time of crisis as sensible people become paranoid, personal agendas take over and well-kept secrets threaten to be revealed. Some people will find an inner strength they never knew they had and the most unlikely heroes will emerge. Special features include the series finale episode with an alternate unaired ending. (CBS)

'The Walker'

A stylish tale of murder and deception in the nation's capital directed by Paul Schrader ("American Gigolo"). This peek into Washington DC high society and their dirty little secrets stars Woody Harrelson as Carter Page a socialite who serves as a confidant, companion, and card partner to the wives of the most powerful men in America. When a friend (Kristin Scott Thomas) finds herself on the brink of a scandal, Carter covers for her. Suddenly however, Carter finds himself the chief suspect in a murder investigation and struggles to clear his name against powerful enemies he has made. (Thinkfilm)

'Twelfth Night'

Alec Guinness, Ralph Richardson, and Joan Plowright star in the British stage adaptation of this Shakespeare comedy. The story of love-crossed mistaken identity is a fanciful farce features a wealth of slapstick, puns, and multiple entendres that have entertained for four centuries. (Koch Lorber)

'Popeye the Sailor' 1938-1940 Volume 2

The two-disc set of one of the more distinctive characters in animation history with the trademark rippling "muskles" and pipe, Popeye appears with Olive Oyl and Bluto in 31 original re-mastered shorts created by Max Fleischer. More than three hours of theatrical black and white shorts and one two-reeler 20-minute color cartoon are also joined by more than three hours of bonus materials. These include commentaries by historians, animators, and filmmakers, a chronicle of the creators, and assorted audio recordings and art galleries. (Warner Bros)

'Corey in the House' Newt & Improved Edition

A quartet of episodes from the popular Disney channel series stars Kyle Massey as teen Cory Baxter, a budding entrepreneur with a talent for getting himself – and his friends – in hot water by launching a multitude of hare brained get-rich-quick schemes. He does this while living in the staff quarters of the White House with his dad (Rondell Sheridan) and trying to finish middle school. (Disney)

'Monsterquest' The Complete Season One

Part history, part science with a whole lot of mythology thrown in, here is a 13-episode four-disc look at some of the earth's most legendary creatures. Each episode is a mini-expedition to a remote corner of the globe where scientists use modern technology like DNA testing and digital photo analysis in combination with an actual physical hunt for such scary entities as Bigfoot and the Loch Ness Monster. (A&E)

'American Gangster' The Complete Second Season

Narrated by Ving Rhames ("Don King: Only in America") this in-depth look at true crimes and real consequences of some of our country's most notorious African-American criminals is back for a sophomore season. The three-disc set includes Harlem's Frank Lucas, the inspiration behind the movie. The hard-hitting program leaves no doubt that crime doesn't pay. (BET)

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BOOKREVIEW

BY DANE ROBERT SWANSON

‘Cooking in the South’

Johnnie Gabriel • Thomas Nelson

This book has a forward by Paula Deen who is the first-cousin of Johnnie Gabriel, the owner of Gabriel’s Desserts. Foodies know Deen as the top chef in southern cooking. When Deen speaks, people listen.

This cook book is the collection of recipes served in the restaurant in Marietta, Ga. by the same name.

Gabriel has been baking since she was a little girl and has been making cakes professionally for nearly 20 years. It was in 1996 that she opened the restaurant and catering company, Gabriel’s Desserts, and soon after that she started serving lunch and dinner.

These are delectable, enticing southern dishes covering appetizers, beverages, breads, sandwiches, salads, soups, and so on. It is a full service cook book.

For those with a sweet tooth the dessert section contains cheese cake recipes and pound cake recipes along with toppings and ice cream and so on.

Deen has long been known as a southern cook of note. Now we have her cousin who joins her in the upper echelon of southern cuisine. It is nice when a successful restaurant shares the recipes that are served.

What is good about this collection is that there are also personal essays among the recipes concerning highlights into the daily running of the organization. There is even an essay on grilling tips, Ed’s Grilling Tips, inserted before the collection of grilled entrees. Another great essay is on learning the ropes with friends by your side.

Reviews of cooking books would not be complete without a few recipes. So I will give you some.

Grits are big in southern cooking. There is a raspberry grits recipes which

calls for a pint fresh or frozen raspberries and 1 cup sugar with 3 1/3 cups cooked grits. A tip is given at the end of the recipe that suggests you stir the raspberries into the grits before eating, adding more sugar to taste. It can be served with meats and seafood.

Another recipe, this one found in the soup and chili section, is the tomato basil soup. This is made with 2 Italian tomatoes, 1 cup chicken broth, 1 teaspoon dried basil, salt and pepper, to taste, and 2/3 cup heavy cream.

“Pour the tomatoes into a four-quart saucepan. Crush the tomatoes into small pieces using your hands. Add the chicken broth, basil and salt and pepper. Bring the mixture to a boil and simmer over low heat for 20 to 30 minutes. Lower the heat and whisk in the heavy cream, heating thoroughly but not boiling.”

Round about Thanksgiving we all have turkey. There is a recipe here for smoked turkey. You would take your 10 to 15 pound bird, thaw it and clean it, keeping the skin on. You would put this over a fire comprised of 10 pounds of charcoal and three or four fistfuls of hardwood chunks which you have soaked for at least one hour in water. You then dry off your turkey and use a 9 ounce jar of yellow mustard that you smear all over the bird. Once covered, put the turkey on the grill rack and smoke it for eight hours with the lid down.

This book is a must have to add to your cookbook shelf.

Good eating and good reading go together. Please, don’t eat and read a book at the same time. The food and drink may spill on the book and ruin it. For more interesting discussion contact me at smdp_review@yahoo.com.

Hollywood production days slack during contract talks

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Preparations for a possible actors strike may have caused on-location feature film shoots in Los Angeles to decline in the last two months, according to a local permitting agency.

Major Hollywood studios hurried production of some movies and delayed filming others in case actors went on strike after their contract expired June 30.

Although negotiators for the Screen Actors Guild and the studios’ trade group haven’t agreed on a new contract, actors didn’t walk out and the union has yet to call for a strike authorization vote.

Many studios say fears of a walkout have dimmed and they will resume business as usual.

“We front-loaded most of our production for the first half of the year,” said Patti Rockenwagner, a spokeswoman for Viacom Inc.’s Paramount Pictures. “2009 is set. Now we’re doing preproduction work, in anticipation of 2010.”

There were 898 on-location film shoot-days in the Los Angeles area between

July 1 and Aug. 26, compared to 1,104 in the period a year ago, a 19 percent drop, according to permitting agency FilmL.A.

“We hope these initial hints of decline in production days for the feature category don’t blossom into the trend witnessed in 2001, when labor contract uncertainties resulted in a strong first half of the year for on-location feature production followed by a drastic decline in the latter half,” said FilmL.A. spokesman Todd Lindgren.

The number of films in production on location fell 8 percent to 97 from 108 in the July-to-August period.

That includes only one major studio film, the DreamWorks SKG Inc. sequel “Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen,” while seven were in production last year in the same period. And only one major studio film is in production in a studio. “Angels & Demons,” the Sony Pictures “The Da Vinci Code” prequel, is shooting on the Sony lot.

Both studio shoots and all shooting outside the Los Angeles area are excluded from FilmL.A. statistics.

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SUBJECT: **Appeal 08APP-011**
860 Third Street
APPELLANT: William Pirtle, et al.
APPLICANT: Federal Avenue Partners, LLC
PROPERTY OWNER: Federal Avenue Partners, LLC

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider the following request:

An appeal (08APP-011) of the Planning Commission’s approval of Vesting Tentative Tract Map 06TM-041 to subdivide one lot into 12 airspace parcels in conjunction with a proposed 12-unit residential condominium development pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.20.06.040.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, AT 6:45 p.m.**

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall
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HOW TO COMMENT

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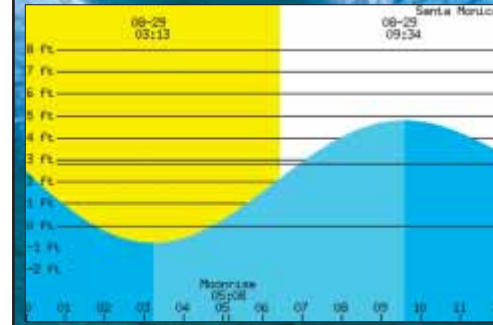
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LOCATION	DRY	WET	LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Siquit Creek mouth	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Del Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	ns
El Pescadero State Beach, between Lachasa and Las Aliso creeks	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Morado State Beach	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chantrelle)	A	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	F	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	F	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	ns	Santa Monica Municipal Pier	C	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kanter storm drain	A+	ns
Escamido Creek, just east of Escamido 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.	F	ns	Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	ns
Surfside Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	ns	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	B	ns
Surfside Beach (beach location)- daily	C	ns	Venice Beach- projection of Topwell St.	D	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A	ns	Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	A+	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	D	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Calver Blvd. drain	B	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 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
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LEGEND

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: 08APP-006 and 08APP-007 (Development Review Permit 05-007, Conditional Use Permit 05-009, Variance 06-018, General Plan Amendment 06-001)
1515-1525 Ocean Avenue and 1530 Second Street
APPLICANT: Michael Farzam, Travelodge Hotel
PROPERTY OWNER: Ocean Avenue Management, LLC

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider the following request:

Appeal of the Planning Commission's Certification of Environmental Impact Report and adoption of a Statement of Overriding Considerations (SOC) and approval of Development Review Permit, Conditional Use Permit, Variance and General Plan Amendment to allow the construction of a new 89,900 square foot, four-story Travelodge Hotel with 164 guestrooms, approximately 4,700 square feet of ground floor commercial/retail uses and subterranean parking. The new hotel will consist of two buildings (one on Ocean Avenue and one on Second Street) connected by a pedestrian bridge across the 1st Court alley, and will replace the existing Travelodge Hotel at 1525 Ocean Avenue and the Pacific Sands Hotel at 1515 Ocean Avenue and the associated Annex at 1530 Second Street. A General Plan Amendment to modify reference to the Santa Monica Place viewing decks on the Scenic and Visual Resources Map in the Land Use Plan of the City's Local Coastal Program has also been requested.

Approval of the proposed project will require the City Council to adopt a Statement of Overriding Considerations since the FEIR found that the project will have significant and unavoidable impacts to transportation/traffic, aesthetics (views), construction effects, and neighborhood effects. All other potential impacts can be mitigated to a less than significant level. The Final EIR, which consists of the Draft EIR and the responses to comments received during the comment period on the DEIR, is available at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 1685 Main Street and at the City Planning Division Public Counter, Room 111 in City Hall. The Final Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) is also available on the City's website: <http://santa-monica.org/planning/planningcomm/environmentalreports.html>

DATE/TIME: TUESDAY, September 9, AT 6:45 p.m.

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall
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HOW TO COMMENT
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Re: Travelodge Hotel Project
1685 Main Street, Room 102
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Hamlet 2 (R) 1hr 32min 10:50am, 1:00, 3:20, 5:45, 8:10, 10:30	The House Bunny (PG-13) 1hr 38min 11:50am, 2:20, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40	The Pineapple Express (R) 1hr 45min 11:30am, 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:20
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TGIF, Libra

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Wake up tense, and concern might start your day badly, but not if you let go of those feelings. Relax, and let others express their ideas. You learn more by watching. Others see that sparkle in your eyes. Tonight: Fun and games.	LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Think positively, and you discover the pros and cons of key friends. You might feel pushed by a child or loved one. Also, you might not be taking his or her suggestions or inquiries as intended. Tonight: TGIF.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Focus on what needs to happen rather than get into a disagreement with a pivotal associate. First, you can be nearly sure that others see events and communication differently. Give up black-and-white thinking. Tonight: Well-anchored.	SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Taking a stand might be more important to you than it is to others. No matter how you cut it, you feel pressured by your finances and by others' expectations. Do what you must to meet responsibilities, but ease up on yourself – just a little. Tonight: Check in on an older friend or relative.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Though you could get a jolt from a loved one or supposed friend, you jump right over this early boomerang. Notice that others might be honestly working under a premise that's different from yours. Later, when talks occur, a merger of ideas will occur as well. Tonight: Out and about.	SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You could be more out of sync than you realize. Reach out for others, with a determination to clear the air. Take off as soon as you can for an early weekend. Confusion surrounds communication. Check out a "vibe." Tonight: Opt for different.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Curb a need to have things your way. You will only frustrate yourself and perhaps distance a key loved one. Laughter opens you up to news that otherwise you would be too distracted to really hear. Tonight: Easy does it.	CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Work with one other person to achieve results. Do not allow your fears to interfere. You might be surprised by what the two of you can conjure up together. As a result, your thinking and expectations transform. Tonight: Get feedback from a key friend.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Someone will try to encourage you to be a wayward Lion if you are not careful. Think "Friday," and recognize how you want to kick off the next few days. Your creativity flows, but friends and loved ones want you – NOW. Tonight: Whatever knocks your socks off.	AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Others think positively. Why not join in? Sharing some of your long-term desires could confuse the mix. A fun get-together helps you to relax and accomplish what you need, and it sets the tone for the next few days. Tonight: Where the crowds are.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Another's demand or insistence could toss you into a frenzy if you aren't anchored. Don't be overwhelmed by all you need to do. Rather, look at the prospect of taking an extra day or two off. Tonight: Vanish. Don't tell!	PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ All work and no play could be make the Fish a dull playmate and partner. Profit from the next few days, and let your hair down. If you can split early, do so. Take a walk around water or buy a water fountain. Tonight: Relax.

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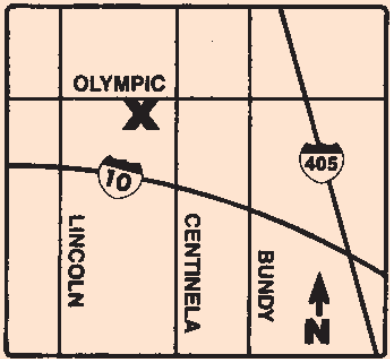
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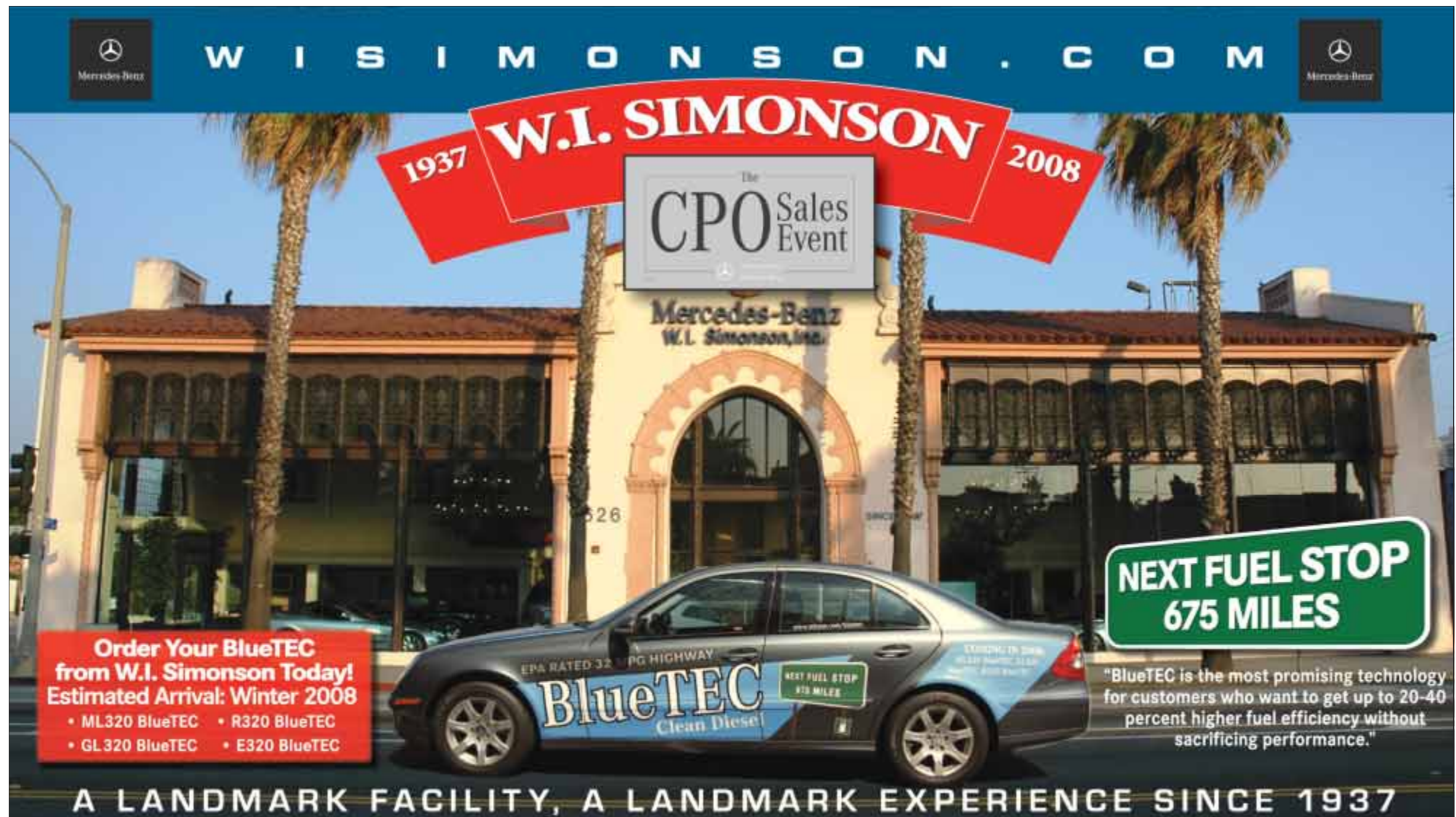
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