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Morning greens: Malibu welcomes campers, McDonald's greens arches

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Malibu now open to campers. For the first time, public camping will be allowed in Malibu, thanks to a vote from the California Coastal Commission to [approve the Malibu Parks Public Access Enhancement Plan](#) (PDF). Up to 280 campers per night will get to enjoy outdoor overnight stays in the coastal city, according to Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority's press release.

About 75 residents protested against [Prop 23](#) at Tesoro's Wilmington refinery yesterday, according to a press release from [Communities United Against the Dirty Energy Proposition](#). LA Times reports that "Opponents of the ballot initiative to suspend California's global warming law had [contributed \\$19.6 million](#), more than twice the amount given by supporters."

In other protests, about [100 people protested against dolphin killing in Japan](#) in downtown Los Angeles yesterday, which was International Save the Dolphins Day, reports L.A. Now.

Give cyclists three feet, says Los Angeles Mayor Villaraigosa in a new PSA aimed to get drivers to share the road with cyclists. (via [Streetsblog LA](#))

In more bike news: [Westlake's getting new bike racks](#) at 40 locations around the neighborhood, reports LA Times. LAist has a [map of the locations](#).

Santa Monica's [Big Blue Bus transit directions are now on Google Transit](#). Metro got on Google Transit back in June 2009 — and this week, [Metro added transit directions to Bing](#), reports The Source.

According to LAist, a [McDonald's in Riverside's turned its arches green](#) — inviting all to check out low-flow plumbing and drought-tolerant landscaping while eating the usual processed, factory-farmed food. Meanwhile, the L.A. Planning Commission approved [rules to limit new fast food eateries in South L.A.](#), reports LA Times.. The rules still have to be passed by the full city council.

In national news: The [petroleum industry asked the White House to relax greenhouse reporting rules](#). According to NY Times, the first annual reports are due March 2011 — except for the oil and gas exploration and production sector which was given an extra year “so agency officials could process a flood of comments from stakeholders.” Now the sector wants one or more two additional years.

Lastly and ironically: Libertarian think tank [Cato Institute offers employees free parking](#), while the nearby NPR offices charge fair market parking prices. Donald Shoup, UCLA professor and author of “The High Cost of Free Parking,” calculates out how Cato's free parking subsidizes 2/3 of the cost of driving to work for employees. Meanwhile, the newish solar-powered [parking meters in L.A. are raking in more money](#) than city officials expected.

Photo of Malibu's Broad Beach by Siel Ju



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