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TREE WISE

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Jo Alyea drops off his used Christmas tree at the tree recycling location at Clover Park on Ocean Park Boulevard on Monday morning.

Judge: City Hall can proceed with cabbie background checks

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN Despite a temporary restraining order against enacting City Hall's recently passed taxi cab franchise system, Santa Monica officials will be allowed to move ahead with administrative steps to set up the new system, a Los Angeles County judge ruled last week.

Under the judge's order, City Hall will be able to conduct background checks on cab drivers, compile its database of cab companies' fleets and make other preparations to enforce the new law while the temporary restraining order remains in effect.

The ruling, issued by Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Robert O'Brien, was in a case brought last month by five Armenian-American-owned cab companies that alleges City Hall exhibited racial bias as it picked five franchisees out of a field of 13 applicants. None of the Armenian-American-owned companies was selected.

Attorneys at City Hall have called the allegations baseless and plan to argue the case should be dismissed.

The new franchise system, which had been set to take effect this month, was passed by the City Council in December and would limit the total number of cabs allowed to operate in Santa Monica to 300.

Don Burris, an attorney representing Metro Cab, one of the five chosen companies, said all sides agreed to the arrangement allowing City Hall to proceed with administrative steps before O'Brien issued his order.

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New program aims to help vets at SMC

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

DOWNTOWN A Los Angeles-based nonprofit veterans group on Monday kicked off an effort to identify and treat combat veterans at local community colleges who are suffering from untreated post traumatic stress disorder.

U.S. VETS, which is dedicated to providing housing and services to homeless and at-risk veterans, said nearly 20 percent of all veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan suffer from PTSD, but only 40 percent seek treatment.

The condition can be a precursor to a host of problems, including depression, anxiety, isolation, anger management, substance abuse and homelessness, said Stephen Peck, the president and chief executive of the Los Angeles-based group.

"Our goal is to get them early before the trouble begins," Peck said.

"No one has ever done anything like this before."

There are more than 2,000 veterans staying in 11 U.S.VETS sites across the country. The organization provides housing and a wide array of coordinated programs to support the efforts of veterans working to reintegrate into the civilian community, Peck said.

The new PTSD outreach program, which will be staffed and further developed in the coming weeks, is funded by grants by the Weingart and UniHealth Foundations, Peck said.

The program will initially be run out of the U.S.VETS site in Long Beach and concentrate on outreach to veterans attending community colleges, including Long Beach City College, Santa Monica College and Los Angeles Community College, he said.

Peck, a Marine who was in combat in Vietnam, said the program could easily be expanded if it proves successful.

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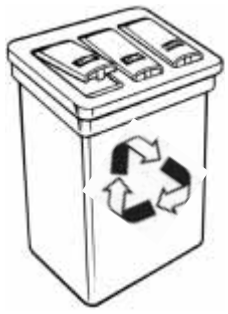
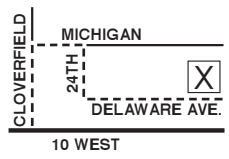

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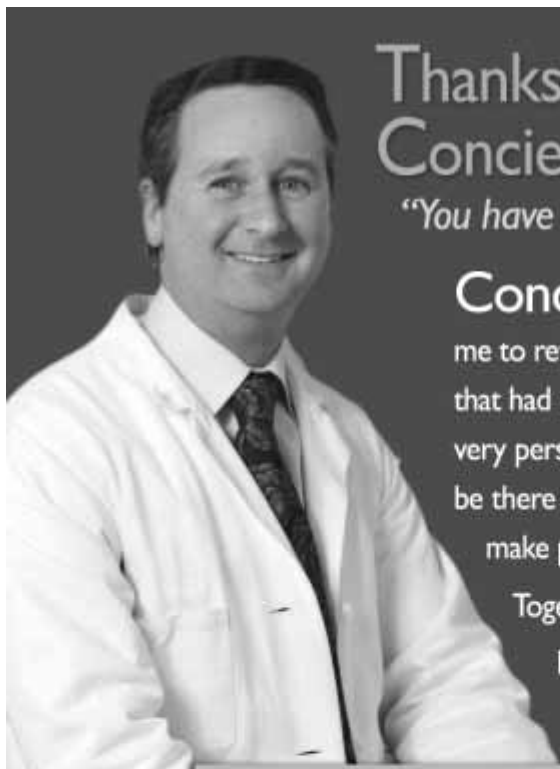
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Yucking it up
Senior Recreation Center
1450 Ocean Ave., 12:30 p.m.
Veteran improv instructor, Brian Hamill, will host a weekly comedy improv workshop for seniors. All seniors are welcome to take part in this free workshop. For more information about this free event call, (310) 458-8644.

Open dance studio
Santa Monica Bay Women's Club
1210 Fourth St., 1 p.m.
American Contemporary Ballet Open Studio is a place where anyone can come and see the exciting process of a ballet being made. Open Studio is open to everyone, and it's free. At ACB Open Studio, you can sit in the studio and see Lincoln Jones, ACB's Artistic Director and Choreographer, create new ballets. For more information, call (310) 929-5703.

Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2011

Bereavement group
Santa Monica YMCA
1332 Sixth St., 2 p.m.
Randy Brower facilitates this six-week bereavement group. Admission is free, but pre-registration is required. For more information, call Lidia Magarian, Senior Physical Director at the YMCA, at (310) 393-2721 ext. 129.

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DOWNTOWN

Farmers' Market free of pesticides

Officials in charge of the Wednesday Farmers' Market in Downtown reported Monday that representatives from the Department of Pesticide Regulation made a surprise visit last week and found "no illegal pesticide residue."

The inspectors randomly selected 13 farmers and collected samples that were later tested for illegal pesticides. The samples were analyzed in a lab in Anaheim for three restricted substances: organophosphates, chlorinated hydrocarbons and carbamates, said Laura Avery, Farmers' Market supervisor.

The tests can detect microscopic amounts of residue and would report if a pesticide were present in any amount, Avery said.



File photo

FARMERS' MARKET

More consumers are demanding inspections to weed out those farmers who use pesticides but claim to be pesticide free.

DAILY PRESS

SMO

Group launches new SMO website

The organization Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution (CRAAP) has launched a new website it says will be an open forum for discussion about the future of Santa Monica Airport.

Called "SMO 2015" and accessible at www.smo2015.com, the site will be "objective and invites input from pilots, residents, developers, environmentalists, planners and government officials, as well as other stakeholders," according to a press release from CRAAP Director, Martin Rubin.

The website name refers to the year when a 1984 agreement between City Hall and the FAA expires, possibly allowing Santa Monica to push for changes at the airport.

City Hall recently announced RAND Corp. will conduct a study of the airport's impacts intended to inform a series of public meetings being planned to discuss community goals for SMO.

Rubin said the new website "will be complementary to the city's process and further help draw community interest and involvement."

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MAIN LIBRARY

Info on the go

City librarians are making it easier for book worms to navigate through the stacks by improving a personalized text messaging service that allows readers to submit questions using their cell phones.

Text the term "AskSmpl" to 66746 to get the ball rolling. All responses will be provided by reference librarians working at the Main Library. This represents a change from the previous text messaging pilot project in which Santa Monicans' questions were answered by librarians participating in libraries nationwide.

"Staff noticed that many of the questions received concerned local library policies and resources," said Wright Rix, head of reference services at the Main Library. "We concluded that the quality of customer service could be enhanced by making this service more local."

AskSmpl is available during library hours: Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Text messages submitted after hours will be answered the following business day. While the library is offering this service free of charge, customers should remember that their own personal messaging and data rates will apply.

For further information, please visit the library web site at www.smpl.org, contact the telephone reference service at 310-434-2608

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Brown sworn in as governor, predicts tough road ahead

JULIET WILLIAMS
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO Democrat Jerry Brown was sworn in Monday as California's 39th governor, returning to the office he left 28 years ago but inheriting a much different and more troubled state than the one he led then.

The man who once was California's most famous bachelor took the oath of office after being introduced by his wife of five years, former Gap Inc. executive Anne Gust Brown, inside Sacramento Memorial Auditorium.

She held a Bible that was her grandfather's and was used during her wedding with Brown.

Brown has predicted a grim future for the financially beleaguered state. Where his predecessor, Republican Arnold Schwarzenegger, expressed optimism at every turn, Brown has been realistic since winning the Nov. 2 election. California has faced several years of deep budget deficits and is confronting another estimated at $28 billion through June 2012.

Its general fund is $15 billion less than it was just three years ago, reflecting a sharp drop in tax revenue from a recession that has battered the economy of the nation's most populous state. Brown, 72, said the choices facing California's 38.8 million people are painful.

"The year ahead will demand courage and sacrifice," he said after taking the oath from California Supreme Court Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye.

Brown noted the recession has taken a toll on California and polls show most voters believe the state is on the wrong track. He urged lawmakers with both political parties to get out of what he called their "comfort zones" and to "rise above ideology" for the good of the state.

The inauguration was a scaled-down affair, reflecting the austerity of the former Jesuit seminarian and Buddhism student. Brown's speech lasted about 15 minutes, and the only other speaker listed on the one-page program was his wife.

Brown's style contrasts past governors, some of whom held inaugural balls after their swearing-in ceremony. Schwarzenegger even threw himself what he called a "Wrap Party" last month to celebrate his seven years in office, complete with some of his Hollywood buddies.

Even during Brown's first term as governor, he preached an era of limits, saying government cannot deliver everything people expect from it. He lived that philosophy himself, ditching the governor's mansion for a sparsely furnished apartment and driving a Plymouth instead of riding in a limousine.

Schwarzenegger and former first lady Maria Shriver, former Gov. Gray Davis, Sen. Dianne Feinstein and outgoing House Speaker Nancy Pelosi were among the roughly 3,000 people attending.

After winning office last fall, Brown promised to travel California and hold what he called a civic dialogue about what Californians want from their government and what they are willing to pay for it. After voters rejected an $18-a-year license fee to stabilize state park funding, Brown declared that Californians were "in no mood to add to their burdens."

Yet his press aides have not quashed speculation that Brown will try to call a special election this spring to extend a set of temporary tax hikes approved in 2009. Brown said he would not raise taxes without voter approval, but will need some Republican help to reach the two-thirds legislative vote necessary to place any tax or fee measure on the ballot.

Brown responded to reporters' questions about a possible special election as he left the auditorium.

"I'll confer with the legislative leaders, and we'll work something out that makes sense, but we don't have a lot of time and we've gotta cover a lot of ground," Brown said before heading into his nearby rented loft.

The new governor will release his budget proposal for the coming fiscal year next Monday, when he is expected to deliver voters a series of stark choices. He said his budgets would not contain "smoke and mirrors," an apparent reference to spending plans signed by Schwarzenegger over the past few years that often contained accounting gimmicks and unrealistic revenue assumptions as a way to balance the budgets on paper.

He promised his version would be painful.

"It's a tough budget for tough times," he said.

Brown was engaging the budget problem even before his official swearing-in, visiting lawmakers and finance experts frequently and holding town hall sessions in

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Wilshire needs more light

Editor:

Dear City Council members:

I write today to urge your swift and decisive action in eliminating the extreme danger posed to pedestrians crossing Wilshire Boulevard at night. This danger likely contributed to the tragic, fatal auto-pedestrian collision recently at 10th Street and Wilshire.

I'm an experienced motorist in my mid-50s, with normal night vision and no hesitancy or difficulty with night driving. Over the years I have driven at night in many cities and rural areas in the U.S. and abroad. I moved to Santa Monica about 18 months ago, and one of the first things I noticed was the poor illumination along Wilshire. While other major thoroughfares would benefit from improved night visibility, in my experience Wilshire is clearly the worst of them. From the standpoint of pedestrian safety, it is a dark and dangerous street, not to mention one of the busiest in the city.

Here is what I have observed on Wilshire at night:

• There are a number of crosswalks at intersections not controlled by traffic lights.

• Sidewalks do not have any kind of warning lights (either the old-fashioned overhead dual-blinkers, or the more modern — and better — at-grade flashers).

• The general level of illumination along Wilshire is extremely poor.

• As a consequence, in many cases pedestrians in the intersection are not clearly visible until braking distance is inadequate. Despite my deliberately increased level of attention and close scanning of each and every intersection, I've had to brake hard on more than one occasion.

The car-pedestrian collision at 10th and Wilshire happened just a week ago, and the police investigation is probably still in progress. I have not heard whether distractedness, alcohol or any other external circumstance contributed to that accident. What I can say is that Wilshire at night is dangerous even for an experienced, sober driver with excellent eyesight and who is paying close attention. Even a momentary distraction of the sort commonly experienced on the road today could easily result in another tragedy. I'm guessing each of you has a fair amount of experience driving Wilshire at night (if not, I suggest that you do so — very carefully), and have had the "there but for the grace of God" feeling that I have.

From the motorist's point of view, the actions that would make the biggest improvement on Wilshire include:

• Boosting the general level of illumination from Centinela to Ocean Avenue. If not immediately feasible along the entire length, priority order would be uncontrolled intersections, controlled intersections, then balance;

• Installing at-grade "flashers" indicating pedestrians in the crosswalk;

• Until illumination improvements are implemented, imposing a reduced night speed limit.

Santa Monica is an affluent community with a relatively high per capita level of governmental services. City Hall has a number of street improvement projects scheduled for 2011. As far as I can tell, lighting improvements for Wilshire are not among them. The ones that have been funded are worthy, but are not as critical to public safety as is remedying the situation along Wilshire. I believe we have the civic resources to fund the needed improvements, and I urge you to do so quickly — before we all have to read about another tragedy.

Wishing you a prosperous, and safer, 2011.

Bill Broz
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Back to Nature

Reese Halter — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Ancient forests cling to the Niagara Escarpment

ALONG THE CLIFFS FROM NIAGARA FALLS to the islands north of Tobermory, Ontario there exists some of the world's oldest cliff-dwelling trees. Some of those trees live within 60 miles of 7 million people in southern Ontario and the megalopolis of Toronto.

Hyperion, a coastal redwood (Sequoia sempervirens), is the tallest tree on Earth at 379.3 feet and growing. General Sherman, a mountain Sequoia (Sequoia gigantum), is 274.9 feet tall with an astounding base of 102.6 feet. Not all ancient trees, however, are tall or big. This year (2011) Methuselah, a bristlecone pine (Pinus longaeva), is the world's oldest known living single-stemmed tree; he's 4,847 years old. He's not tall or big; he's weather beaten; he's gnarly and near immortal.

The Niagara Escarpment is 435 miles long and made up of 400-million-year-old sedimentary rocks. For 130 million years the escarpment was under a Silurian Sea. Those rocks contain a rich mixture of tiny sea-dwelling animals without backbones known as invertebrates.

About 13,000 years ago the dolomitic caprock of the escarpment emerged from under the immense Wisconsinan Ice Sheet. For another 6,000 years it remained submerged under glacial Lake Algonquin. Lake levels fluctuated for thousands of years, but about 3,500 years ago the Niagara Escarpment resembled the landform seen today.

The rock faces of the Niagara Escarpment are awesome. The maple and beech forests provide exquisite habitat for many critters; for instance, there are over 300 species of birds, 54 types of mammals, including the eastern Pipistrelle bat, and 32 kinds of reptiles like the endangered northern Dusky salamander and the threatened eastern Massasauga rattlesnake. The escarpment is also a favorite destination for hikers and rock-climbers.

Until the late 1980s, little was known about the eastern white cedars (Thuja occidentalis) growing along the cliff faces.

University of Guelph botanist Professor Douglas Larson began to explore the trees growing out of shear rock faces and on ledges. What he quickly discovered was that these trees were old.

Eastern white cedars are amazing trees with a wide flexibility enabling them to live in swamps, on acidic thin soils and along cliffs. An average tree can produce in excess of 260,000 seeds in a lifetime. And each tree has the ability to clone itself by rooting a branch that touches the ground. This trait protects swamp eastern white cedars when they tip-over. They don't die easily.

As a matter of fact, Native North Americans steeped bark and needles from eastern white cedar, which provided vitamin C, and saved the French explorer Jacque Cartier and his men from survey in 1535-36. Cartier aptly named this tree arbor vitae or the tree of life.

Native North Americans used eastern white cedars to build canoes and longhouses. The wood is highly rot resistant. They also derived many medicines from these trees.

In 1989, Dr. Larson and his newly formed Cliff Ecology Research group began to actively explore the cliff-dwelling eastern white cedars along escarpment. Led by ecologist and rock-climber Peter Kelly the group used ropes to repel cliff faces. They began to find thousand-year-old living, weather-beaten and in many cases upside down living eastern white cedars.

With the assistance of Banff- and Los Angeles-based conservation institute Global Forest Science and others, Larson's group began the formidable task of mapping the entire 435-mile length of cliff dwelling forests. What they discovered was extraordinary.

Along the Bruce Peninsula they found two exceptionally ancient dead trees. One tree had in tact 1,653 rings or years of growth. Some growth rings were worn away from the other tree. Kelly estimated its age to be 1,890 years (over 690,000 sunrises).

That iniquitous eastern white cedar would easily have outpaced Canada's oldest known living tree — a 1,697 old yellow cedar (Chamaecyparis nootkatensis) from coastal British Columbia.

Over the next decade Peter Kelly went on to discover the oldest living eastern white cedar on the Niagara Escarpment — he called it the Ancient One with 1,320 rings or years of growth. It was born at the time the first Buddhist temple was built.

He found other ancient upside down, twisted, deformed yet defiant survivors; he gave them names like: Octopus Tree, Water-Fall Tree and Flying Elephant Tree.

These ancient trees, just like the American bristlecone pines, exhibit no signs of aging. Gerontologists are awed that there is no evidence of any chromosomal changes, including shortening of their tips as trees age.

They, like the near immortal bristlecones pines of the eastern central White Mountains of California, out-grow the ground beneath them — the sedimentary rocks break down before the trees die.

Erosion of sedimentary cliff faces and rock-falls along the Niagara Escarpment are what eventually kills the eastern white cedars. Similar to the britlecones, eastern white cedars are able to survive with as little as 10 percent living bark and thrive for centuries while hanging on literally by threads of life.

The key to long tree life is slow, at times almost imperceptible, growth. Our species has much to learn from this long-lived, persistent strategy of making haste slowly.

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Back to the future with Jerry Brown

YESTERDAY, GOV. JERRY BROWN WAS sworn in to office as governor, the third time in his 40-year political career. I was 8 when he was a first-term governor. I had no idea that he was a fiscal conservative and an environmentalist. His positive actions taken on behalf of gays and lesbians was unknown to me. The governor's opposition to the death penalty meant nothing to this 8 year old.

Today, all of those things mean a great deal to me.

After seven failed years with the imperial governor, I'm glad to see someone in office who not only takes politics seriously, but has a pedigree in it. I expect great things from Brown. Not because he is from a political family and certainly not because he has promised great things. I expect the best because his track record has shown him to be an effective man of vision.

He may have been afraid in the late 1970s to be the first to appoint a gay man to a judgeship, but he did it anyway. He may have been considered a bit loony to think the state should have a satellite in orbit dedicated to communications, but, eventually, that's what happened.

This governor demonstrates what he means. He actually walks the walk. When he talks about fiscal conservancy, he doesn't then go out and raise as much money from lobbyist as he can (unlike a certain outgoing governor). His inaugural events are expected to cost in the range of $100,000, hardly the millions that his predecessor spent.

Granted, the money for those inaugural events came not from the public checkbook, but from lobbyists and people seeking to curry favor in a system that allows for anonymous donations of an unlimited nature. Now, I'm not saying the governator was selling influence, but I think that the donors thought they could buy it.

I'm sure that over the next four years, questionable events will happen in Gov. Brown's administration. It's bound to happen in any organization with as much power at stake, and as many people involved as the running of the state of California. However, I am hopeful that it will be minimized by a governor who sends a clear message to his staff about what fiscal conservancy really means.

The governor's job is not going to be easy. With falling revenues, and a budget that is burdened by mandates that offer little room for cutting, he has his work cut out for him. It will take a great deal of creativity, arm twisting and vision to get this state back on track. We have hard choices to make and they will not be popular. But I am hopeful that with an experienced statesman in office, and yes, at 70 and with 40 years in public service it's fair to call Gov. Brown a statesmen, we can make the changes we need to, in order to have our state back on an even keel.

Of course there are the inevitable questions about what else from the '70s will come back. Is disco on a rebound? Will bell-bottom pantsuits return for women? Are men going to be wearing shimmery rayon print camisoles? Well, I hate to tell you, but some fashion trends are coming back.

A quick trip through the mall and you'll find 20 somethings in shirts that look surprisingly like they were ripped from a 1976 Sears Roebuck catalog. I've spotted many a boy in shoes that I swear I owned.

While I cannot return to the innocence of being 8, I'm hopeful that I get to see a visionary in action at 44. The governor is taking office at a critical time in our history. We have huge, and growing, problems with our infrastructure, our revenue streams and an increasingly competitive world. It will take a man of extraordinary ability to fashion both practical, but also palatable, solutions to the problems we face.

I like Gov. Brown, I am hoping for the best with him, and I have every intention of holding him to the high standard of statesmen, because it's what we need today, and he's in a position to satisfy that need.

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TAXI
FROM PAGE 1

He said the agreement showed that "there was a great deal of cooperation between counsel" for both parties.

A hearing to determine whether an injunction against the new taxi cab regulations will be in place while the discrimination lawsuit proceeds has been postponed until Jan. 19. It had been scheduled for Jan. 7.

Burris and other attorneys for the companies that were granted franchises last month requested the delay. The other four companies that received franchises are: Taxi Taxi, Bell Cab Co., Independent Taxi Owners Association and Yellow Cab Co.

The complaint from the plaintiffs, who are represented by the firm Geragos & Geragos, originally named only City Hall, but was later amended to include the five taxi companies that were awarded franchises.

Burris said his client and the other franchisees were included in the lawsuit because they have an interest in its outcome. There is no allegation any of the companies participated in discrimination, he said.

An attorney for the Armenian-American-owned companies could not be reached on Monday.

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BROWN
FROM PAGE 3

Sacramento and Los Angeles to discuss the health of California's finances and public school system.

Brown is the son of former two-term governor Edmund G. Brown and has spent a lifetime in politics, including terms as the secretary of state, attorney general and mayor of Oakland. He also will be calling upon a set of skills learned outside the political arena as he tries to negotiate with a Legislature that has grown increasingly partisan and, in many cases, hostile.

His years practicing Buddhism in Japan and working with Mother Teresa in India may come in handy as he tries to broker deals with dug-in lawmakers. Term limits in the Legislature mean many of them have little experience and are eyeing their next office with every vote they take.

He preached a spirit of bipartisanship to solve California's many problems but also said he would not have patience for those who drew lines in the sand.

"At this stage of my life, I've not come here to embrace delay and denial," he said during his speech.

Brown becomes only the second person to serve three terms as California governor when he takes over from Schwarzenegger, a Republican who won office during the 2003 recall election. His tenure as the 34th governor, from 1975 to 1983, was before voter-imposed term limits, allowing Brown to seek the office again this year.

He also is the second oldest person to hold the office — behind Gov. Frank Merriam, who tackled budget deficits during the Great Depression and turned 74 during his final weeks in office in 1939.

During his previous two terms, Brown was criticized for being distracted by his continual pursuit of higher office. He sought the Democratic presidential nominations in 1976 and 1980, then lost a bid for U.S. Senate in 1982.

This time around, he said he's too old to run for higher office. But after introducing his 98-year-old aunt, Connie Carlson, Brown offered a caution for those already eyeing his office.

"By the way, those of you who are hankering after my job, it may be a while. So relax. God willing, the genes are good," he said.

Brown adviser Steve Glazer said he was unsure of Brown's plans for his first day on the job. He could drop by any number of celebrations around town, visit the governor's office or even his rented condo across the street from the auditorium.

A late-afternoon reception was planned for the California Railroad Museum in the Old Sacramento tourist section, but all inaugural festivities were expected to cost less than $100,000.



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Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 12
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 42 / 19
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 6 / 22

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.	A+	C
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A	A
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	B
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	F
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	F	A
Pearce State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Pearce Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A+	B
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	C
Surfrider Beach (branch location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	B
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	C
Pena Creek at Los Tunos County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	F	D
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	D	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	B
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A+	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	C
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	B
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	C
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	F
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	F
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	F
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	C
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	F
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	F	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	A+
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	D
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	C	A+
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	B
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	F

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
ns -- no sample taken

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D.U.I. Do's & Don'ts For The Holiday Season

The holiday season is officially upon us, and thank goodness for that! With a slumping economy, ensuing global conflicts, and our own personal dilemmas this holiday season brings with it a wanted escape for many. But before you go adding extra drops of rum to that eggnog make sure you are aware of some new laws and issues that may drastically affect your driving privileges. California has some of the toughest DUI laws in the country, and while no one plans to get arrested for DUI this holiday season, here 5 helpful tips to remember if you find yourself at the wrong end of a checkpoint:

1) Submit To FSTS: When arrested for DUI many people look for a quick and easy way out of it such as refusing to submit the officer's tests. Well, truth be told, this doesn't really work. Refusing to submit to field sobriety tests (FSTS) will almost always earn a year suspension from the DMV regardless what happens with your court case. Refusing to submit to FSTS might weaken the State's evidence against you, but is it worth risking an automatic one year suspension? This includes submitting a breathalyzer test at the scene of the arrest (called a PAS test). A PAS test might not even be admissible in the criminal case, but if you are below a .08 it will save you a ton of hassle…and probably earn a get out of jail free card. Submit to testing and let a skilled lawyer take it from there. Even if the test results appear "bad," by hiring the right attorney there are many legal arguments and challenges that can be made to the manner in which the tests weand administered, your statements, and the results of the tests.

2) Request A Hearing: if arrested for DUI you will receive a temporary driver's license that is good for 30 days before your license is suspended. However, you have the right to request an administrative hearing with the DMV in order to challenge the suspension. This hearing might also yield valuable testimony from the arresting officers that could help you later on when fighting your case in court. Administrative hearings are conducted either in person or telephonically, are far less formal than a court proceeding, and have a lower evidentiary standard of proof required to sustain a suspension. Administrative hearings must be requested within 10 days of arrest, so make sure to act fast if you are arrested. A trained experienced lawyer is also advantageous in order to help navigate through the complexities of the DMV.

3) Know The Penalties: In most Los Angeles County courtrooms a "standard" first time DUI conviction carries with it a $390 fine, 3 month alcohol program, 3 year probation, and mandatory installation of an ignition interlock device (a new 2010 law that L.A. County D.A.'s and C.A.'s are widely enforcing). Typically, prosecutors will not seek jail confinement on a 1st time conviction. In addition to the fines, the court will add on various penalty assessments and fees that could raise your final bill to upwards of $1,750. Depending on the circumstances of your case (under 21, high blood alcohol, refusal) the court could also order you to complete community service, caltrans work, attend AA meetings, and complete a MADD or hospital/morgue program. A first time DUI conviction is priorable, meaning it will be used to enhance punishment on any subsequent DUI in a 10 year period. A second time DUI begets similar punishment with heightened fines and a mandatory minimum of 96 hours (4 days) in jail. Of course, all of these penalties and punishments are subject to change based on varying circumstances, and it should be noted that there are additional restrictions that the DMV can enforce on top of all the court required punishments.

4) Be Polite & Courteous: No matter what crime you are arrested for, be it for DUI or some other offense, dealing with police officers in a calm, respectful, and appropriate manner is always the best approach and will reward you in the end. Officers will note your behavior in their reports, and any belligerent outburst or tirade will likely be used against you as a sign of intoxication and could also earn you additional charges. Of course the opposite is also true meaning if you are calm and collected it could be used as a sign of non-impairment. Even if you didn't do anything wrong always remember that you attract more bees with honey!

5) Don't Drivel: The easiest tip of all...drink to your heart's content and enjoy the holidays, and when you're done take a cab, ride a bus, or call a friend...just don't drive!

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Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader in Digital 3D (PG) 1hr 52min
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Yogi Bear 3D (PG) 1hr 22min
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Tron: Legacy in Disney Digital 3D (NR) 2hrs 07min
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How Do You Know (R) 1hr 56min
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Have fun tonight, Pisces

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Follow your intuition. Nothing too bad can happen, as you are wearing a cosmic lucky rabbit's foot wherever you go. You also will be gaining a lot of insight through your acute observations. Not everything is happening as you would like it to. Tonight: Be ready to say that you need to cancel plans.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Slow down and take another look, even if you're revving to go. One friend who is close to you acts quite shocked and stunned. Others are more supportive. You know what to do and where you are going. Tonight: Be willing to change your plans.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Deal with others directly. You might think that another person is pushing the line. There is more to the story that's forthcoming. Your flexibility will be tested. Tonight: Togetherness is the theme.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Defer to others, especially as no matter what you do, it could go wrong. Don't be responsible for what starts today. Detach and understand what is happening on a deeper level. You might need those insights. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Stay focused on and honor your priorities. You will be a lot happier that way. Examine alternatives presented by key people. Some of the issues you deal with could involve finances and personal matters. Keep your cool. Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Allow problems to be the key to new perspectives. Gain an understanding of what really might be going on behind the scenes. Your caring evolves to a new level, though you feel this bond could be risky. Use care, please. Tonight: You might be more upbeat than many.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Stay sensitive to a developing domestic or personal situation. Just because you might have hit an impasse doesn't mean you will be stuck for long. People revise their thinking when they see they are not achieving the desired results. Tonight: Head home. Smile.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ What might feel like a stalemate or uncontrollable is not. You simply are understanding the limits of your own power. By accepting the fact that you can only control yourself, you open an unforeseen door. Stay open. Tonight: Chatting up a storm.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Use wisdom with your finances. If you don't, what might be only a bump in the road could evolve into a major hill. You don't want that, do you? Build security rather than destroy it. A family member acts most unpredictably. Tonight: Fun doesn't necessarily have to cost.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ The spotlight is on you. A Solar Eclipse in your sign signals strong changes ahead. Don't consider change to be anything but beneficial. Sometimes we need to release certain issues in order to move forward. If you are drained, stop and do what is appropriate. Tonight: Be unavailable to a boss ... just for now!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Sometimes you need to pull away from everyone. Everyone, especially you, needs private time. You have such a gang of friends and loved ones that sometimes you get exhausted. Think about ways to better conserve your energy. Tonight: Continue the vanishing act.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You might be disappointed with what is going on, and frustrated as well. The immediate set of events is not the final story. You can expect a lot more to happen in the next few moments. Don't remain vested in the outcome. Tonight: Having fun.

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The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★ Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

This year, when you have hit smooth sailing, other events force you to restructure another segment of your life. In some ways, your perspective is myopic, and you cannot see the big picture or the ramifications. Perhaps one of the reasons this "blindness" exists is to help you get into the process. If you are single, your charisma sings to many. You decide who will put words to your tune. If you are attached, the two of you might go through some changes. You could be unusually me-oriented. CAPRICORN could be difficult at best.



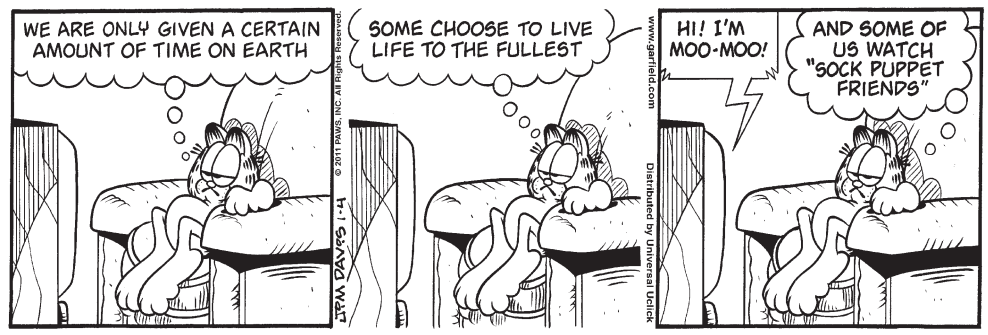
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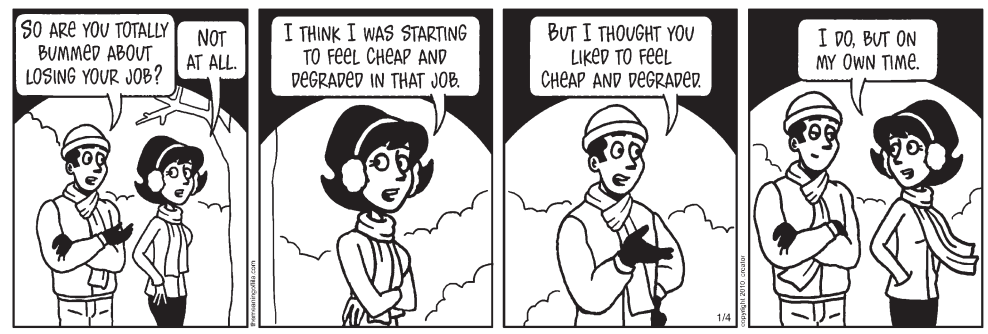
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★

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

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GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Cloth-dyeing art
6 Daniel of "Casino Royale"
11 Ralph Kramden's wife
12 Appliance
13 First Best Actress winner
15 Termite's cousin
16 Plaything
17 Tattoo setting
18 Deluge
20 Madame Curie
23 Neighbor of Tibet
27 Baseball's Rodriguez
28 Track event
29 Drive off
31 Imitated a kitten
32 "Wheel of Fortune" host
34 Bible boat
37 Unhappy
38 Lingerie item
41 Tony winner for "A Doll's House"
44 Came up
45 Anticipate
46 Marry again
47 Homes for minnows

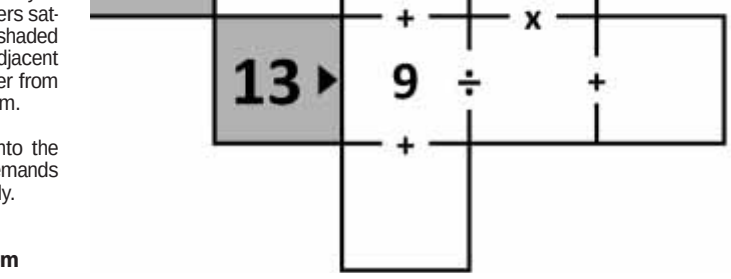
DOWN

1 — California
2 Ladd of "Shane"
3 Shading
4 Rink material
5 Kitchen whistler
6 Coloring need
7 Singer Charles
8 "The King and I" heroine
9 Frankenstein's aide
10 Start of an idea
14 Sticky stuff
18 Repairs
19 Baseball's Jeter
20 Damage
21 Pub supply
22 Agent, for short
24 Fido's foot
25 Top card
26 Was in front
30 Survived
31 Zany
33 Toast spread
34 Not quite closed
35 Uncommon
36 Realize
38 Noggin
39 Tara of "American Pie"
40 Newspaper section
42 Jargon suffix
43 Binary base

■	S	H	A	M	■	A	V	I	D	■
O	H	A	R	A	■	S	I	R	E	D
P	O	R	E	S	■	K	N	I	F	E
T	W	E	N	T	Y	■	■	S	I	N
E	M	M	A	■	A	R	D	E	N	T
D	E	S	■	C	R	E	A	S	E	■
■	■	■	M	O	D	E	M	■	■	■
■	S	P	I	R	A	L	■	C	E	L
S	P	R	A	N	G	■	B	A	J	A
A	H	A	■	■	E	L	E	V	E	N
L	E	G	A	L	■	A	L	I	C	E
T	R	U	L	Y	■	S	L	A	T	S
■	E	E	L	S	■	T	A	R	S	■

Yesterday's answer

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1, 2, 3, 9, 9, 12

Solution for Task 225

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Among the few commercially successful enterprises in North Korea is its General Federation of Science and Technology's video game unit, which has produced such popular programs as a bowling game based on the American cult classic movie "The Big Lebowski," and another based on the "Men in Black" film series. Bloomberg News revealed in September that a major international partner of the federation's marketing arm Nosotek is the News Corporation -- the umbrella company of Rupert Murdoch's vast enterprises that include the conservative Fox News (which is generally provocative toward the North Korean government).

■ Joy of Democracy! (1) The women's group Femen is growing in popularity in Ukraine (according to a November Reuters dispatch), helped in large part by its members' willingness, during the group's ubiquitous street protests, to remove their tops. (2) The Socialist Party in Spain's Catalonia region offered an election video in November on the joy of voting, in which an attractive, increasingly excited woman simulates an orgasm as she fills out her ballot, climaxing at the moment she drops it into the slot. (3) The nativist Danish People's Party called in November for an anti-immigration film that featured bare-breasted women sunbathing, as one way to convince religious fundamentalists abroad not to immigrate to Denmark.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1878 Sofia is emancipated from Ottoman rule.
1884 The Fabian Society is founded in London.
1885 The first successful appendectomy is performed by William W. Grant on Mary Gartside.
1896 Utah is admitted as the 45th U.S. state.
1903 Topsy, an elephant, is electrocuted by Thomas Edison during the War of Currents campaign.
1912 The Scout Association is incorporated throughout the British Commonwealth by Royal Charter.

WORD UP!

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\ dih-SKRY \ , transitive verb;
1. To catch sight of, especially something distant or obscure; to discern.

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Layton

Layton Construction (Construction Manager/General Contractor) and the Owner will be holding an informational meeting for interested subcontractors and vendors regarding this project.

Meeting Location, Date and Time:
Los Robles Medical Center January 11, 2011 Classroom 1 Open House: 4:00 p.m. 215 West Janss Road Presentation: 4:30 p.m. Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

Prequalification packets will be distributed at the meeting. Subcontractors must be prequalified in order to bid on the project. Prequalification information must be returned to Layton Construction by 5:00 pm PST on January 13, 2011. Questions regarding the project should be directed to:

Eric Carlson
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The applicants listed above are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages at: 225 26TH ST, SUITE 25, LOS ANGELES, CA 90049-2541
Type of License(s) Applied for: 20 – OFF – SALE BEER AND WINE, 41 – ON-SALE BEER AND WINE – EATING PLACE
Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control LOS ANGELES.
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File No. 10-1801935
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PREMIER REALTY AND INVESTMENTS II, 200 N. MINNESOTA AVE. #2, GLENDORA, CA 91741. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) WILLARD THOMAS BICKERSIII, 200 N. MINNESOTA AVE. #2, GLENDORA, CA 91741, STANLEY VETOCK, 4049 N. EL DORADO #1, STOCKTON, CA 95204. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: WILLARD THOMAS BICKERS III. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/13/10. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Pub. Dec. 20, 27, 2010 Jan. 3, 10, 2011
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: NATIONS CAPITAL FUNDING, 2600 W. OLIVE AVE. 5th FL., BURBANK, CA 91505. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CARLOS MONTANI, 3836 GONDAR AVE., LONG BEACH, CA 90808. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CARLOS MONTANI. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/14/10. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Pub. Dec. 20, 27, 2010 Jan. 3, 10, 2011
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 10-1844552
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PASADENA DRIVING SCHOOL-THE BEST, 862 E. VILLA ST., PASADENA, CA 91101. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) KAPARIS CORPORATION, 862 E. VILLA ST., PASADENA, CA 91101. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: AIDA ROLDAN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/14/10. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Pub. Dec. 20, 27, 2010 Jan. 3, 10, 2011
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File No. 10-1780308
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SKULLWORKS DVD AUTHORING EDITORIAL, 10822 OTSEGO ST. #207, N. HOLLYWOOD, CA 91601-3959. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) VINCENT K. DERAMUS, 10822 OTSEGO ST. #207, N. HOLLYWOOD, CA 91601-3959. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: VINCENT K. DERAMUS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/03/10. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 8/17/05. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Pub. Dec. 20, 27, 2010 Jan. 3, 10, 2011
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File No. 10-1815380
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File No. 10-1765944
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: H G WINDOW DOOR REPAIR, 1349 S. CONSTANCE ST., L.A., CA 90015. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) HUGO GARCIA, 1349 S. CONSTANCE ST., L.A., CA 90015. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: HUGO GARCIA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/02/10. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Pub. Dec. 20, 27, 2010 Jan. 3, 10, 2011
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 10-1680168
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: HENOSIS; HENOSIS PRODUCTIONS; HENOSIS GROUP; HENOSIS STUDIOS; HENOSIS MUSIC; HENOSIS FILMS; HENOSIS EVENTS, 3221 CARTER AVE. UNIT 217, MARINA DEL REY, CA 90292. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MICHAEL BABAK HOUSHMAST, 3221 CARTER AVE. UNIT 217, MARINA DEL REY, CA 90292. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MICHAEL HOUSHMAST. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/19/10. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Pub. Dec. 13, 20, 27, 2010 Jan. 3, 2011
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File No. 10-1779066
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: C & C TEES, 115 W. 93rd ST., L.A., CA 90003. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) FELIX TAYLOR, 115 W. 93rd ST., L.A., CA 90003. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: FELIX TAYLOR. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/03/10. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 08/01/2010. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Pub. Dec. 20, 27, 2010 Jan. 3, 10, 2011
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 10-1823868
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: AP & MA DIS., 13260 LAURELDALE AVE., DOWNEY, CA 90242. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ANDRES PEREZ, 13260 LAURELDALE AVE., DOWNEY, CA 90242, MANUEL ALFARO, 11017 ADOREE ST., NORWALK, CA 90650. This Business is conducted by: CO-PARTNERS. Signed: ANDRES PEREZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/09/10. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Pub. Dec. 20, 27, 2010 Jan. 3, 10, 2011
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ABSOLUTE ROLLING, 527 N. HOOVER, L.A., CA 90004. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ABSOLUTE ROLLER, INC., 527 N. HOOVER, L.A., CA 90004. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: ILYA SHUSHELOVSKY. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/02/10. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 10-1792145
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: A. FLORES DESIGN, 1727 W. 46th ST., L.A., CA 90062. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ADAM FLORES, 7261 BRYNHURST AVE., L.A., CA 90043. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ADAM FLORES. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/06/10. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/08/05. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Pub. Dec. 20, 27, 2010 Jan. 3, 10, 2011
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 10-1804957
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: JAC ENTERPRISES, 12923 DANBROOK AVE., WHITTIER, CA 90602. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JOSE A. CORRAL, 12923 DANBROOK DR., WHITTIER, CA 90602. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JOSE A. CORRAL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/07/10. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Pub. Dec. 20, 27, 2010 Jan. 3, 10, 2011
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 10-1835897
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: INNOVATION BY NATURE, 850 E. OCEAN BLVD. #702, LONG BEACH, CA 90802. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MARTIN DAFFNER, 850 E. OCEAN BLVD. UNIT 702, LONG BEACH, CA 90802. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MARTIN DAFFNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/13/10. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Pub. Dec. 20, 27, 2010 Jan. 3, 10, 2011
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 10-1802681
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: COSTA DEL SOL, 2201 S. SAN PEDRO UNIDA A, L.A., CA 90011. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ANTONIA DEL CARMEN SAMTAMARIA, 2201 S. SAN PEDRO UNIDA A, L.A., CA 90011. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ANTONIA DEL CARMEN SAMTAMARIA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/07/10. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/1/10. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Pub. Dec. 20, 27, 2010 Jan. 3, 10, 2011
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 10-1804941
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ARBOR RIDGE APARTMENTS, 13708 VIA DEL PALMA AVE., WHITTIER, CA 90602. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ARBOR VENTURE, LLC., 13708 VIA DEL PALMA AVE., WHITTIER, CA 90602. This Business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Signed: MARK PRINGLE. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/07/10. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Pub. Dec. 20, 27, 2010 Jan. 3, 10, 2011
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