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THE COOL DATE ISSUE

O'Connor gets new term on Metro board

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN Santa Monica City Councilwoman Pam O'Connor has been re-elected to serve on the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority board, a post she's held since 2001.

O'Connor was unanimously chosen to serve a third four-year term on Thursday by representatives from the 20 Westside and Southbay cities she represents.

"I feel very honored and very happy that that the cities have the confidence in me and the job I've done," she said.

The Thursday vote came at a meeting of the City Selection Committee in Monterey Park, O'Connor said. Her election will have to be ratified at a full meeting of representatives from L.A. County cities in February.

O'Connor said the focus for Metro over the next four years will be to use revenue from Measure R, the half percent county-wide sales tax increase approved by voters in 2008 to fund highway and rail projects in the region.

Metro is trying to win Congressional support for a plan to expedite the projects, but could run into new difficulties now that the U.S. House is controlled by a Republican party that includes many new representatives who have promised to keep a close eye on federal spending.

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WHAT AN INSPIRATION Morgan Genser *news@smdp.com*

Samohi's Cody Williams receives the 'Most Inspirational' award from assistant football coach Jason Battung on Saturday during the team's annual banquet. Williams suffered a major spinal injury during the 2009 season. He served as an honorary captain this season.

Council to formally deny land use appeal

Editor's note: This story is part of an ongoing series that tracks the city's expenditures appearing on upcoming Santa Monica City Council consent agendas. Consent agenda items are routinely passed by the City Council with little or no discussion from elected officials or the public. However, many of the items have been part of public discussion in the past.

BY NICK TABOREK
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CITY HALL The City Council tonight is set to formally deny an appeal from a group of residents opposed to a condo project planned for 301 Ocean Ave., making official an earlier decision that will allow developer Trammell Crow to proceed with plans to replace an affordable apartment building with 20 high-end condos.

The move, which is included in the council's consent agenda, brings to a close a nearly two-year struggle over the developer's property rights at the site, which it purchased in 2007.

A group of residents opposed to the project had argued a full environmental impact report should have been produced, citing the loss of affordable units in Santa Monica. Opponents had also attempted to landmark the property but were unsuccessful.

Also tonight, the council is expected to accept a $374,000 grant from Southern

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Trio of local residents elected Dem delegates

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DOWNTOWN As the state and county Democratic parties make endorsements and shape their platforms over the next two years, three additional Santa Monicans will have the chance to weigh in.

At a meeting on Sunday, Genise Schnitman, Ben Allen and Chris Braun were elected to two-year terms as delegates to the California Democratic Party from the 41st Assembly District.

Under its rules, representatives from the district were charged with selecting six men and six women to become delegates. The election took place at a meeting in Topanga attended by about 145 Democrats from the district, Braun said.

Schnitman, a Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights steering committee member, vice president of programs for the Santa Monica Democratic Club and wife of Santa Monica City Councilman Kevin McKeown, was the top vote-getter among the 15 female candidates.

Braun, a member of Santa Monica's Rent Control Board, received the most votes among the men, and also was chosen to be the district's representative on the state Democratic Party Executive Board.

Allen will serve as a delegate in addition to his role as vice president of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District board.

Schnitman said she was "gratified and honored" to have been selected.

"I look forward to taking part in the project of restoring the state's former status as a place where Californians can realize their individual dreams because we have mobilized the collective will to reconstruct the resources and infrastructure that make that possible," she said.

Two other Santa Monicans, Jon Katz and Katherine Hennigan, were elected alternates.

State elected leaders from the Democratic party also have the authority to appoint delegates.

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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ROUNDUP

Crossroads, St. Monica retain top-10 rankings

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

CITYWIDE The boys' basketball teams from Santa Monica-based St. Monica and Crossroads held on to their top-10 rankings, according to the latest California

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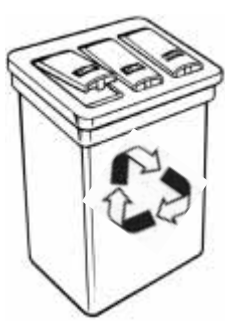
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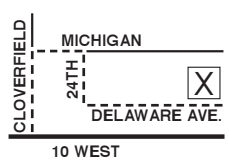
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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2011

Face time with author Aimee Bender
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m.
Los Angeles-based fiction writer Aimee Bender will read from her collection of short works during this special evening. There will be a book sale and signing following this event. For more information, call (310) 458-8606

Space to paint
Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club
1210 Fourth St., 11:30 a.m. — 2 p.m.
The Woman's Club provides space for aspiring artists to work on their craft. This is a self-directed workshop focusing on watercolor, gouache and collage. There is a $3 recommended donation. For more information, call (310) 310-2273.

Mexican cinema, anyone?
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 7 p.m.
The Santa Monica Public Library presents screenings of four recent films from Mexico during the month of January. The films selected represent a variety of genres and styles: a big budget historical romance, a rowdy comedy, a small budget independent film, and a documentary. For more information, call (310) 458-8600.

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.

Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2011

Just mad about ballroom
Santa Monica High School's Barnum Hall
601 Pico Blvd., 10 a.m. — 11 a.m.
Talented fifth graders from across the Santa Monica Malibu-Unified School District will come together for Ballroom Madness, the culmination of a 10-week program designed to teach them to cut a rug. Former L.A. mayor Richard Riordan will be one of the judges. This event is free. For more information, visit ballroommadness.org.

Help for Haiti
Central
1348 14th St., 8 p.m.
AngelCare and Norwood Fisher of Fishbone present a night of entertainment benefiting victims of 2010's massive earthquake in Haiti. Flea from the Red Hot Chili Peppers headlines the bill. For more information, call (310) 451-5040 or visit centralsapc.com.

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And don't wait. The funds will not last. Registration began Monday, Jan. 10.

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LINCOLN BLVD

Boys & Girls Club gets grant

More Santa Monica students will be able to participate in after-school programs at the local Boys & Girls Club thanks to a $7,500 grant from retail giant JCPenney. The grant is part of a larger $5 million grant distribution benefiting the YMCA of the USA, Boys & Girls Clubs of America, National 4-H and FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology).

Through these organizations, JCPenney is assisting families with children who are currently not enrolled in after-school services or are on the verge of withdrawing due to financial hardship.

"The support of our customers, associates and suppliers makes it possible for JCPenney Afterschool to provide our local youth with these opportunities," said Matt Taylor, manager of JCPenney at Fox Hills Mall in Culver City. "Participating in an after-school program does far more than keep kids safe. It engages them in a positive learning environment that helps them reach their full potential in life."

According to the "America After 3PM" report released by the Afterschool Alliance in conjunction with JCPenney Afterschool, one out of every four children in America is on his/her own between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. each school day. The report shows that a vast majority of parents seek the resources to engage their kids with adult role models who help foster their social, physical and academic development.

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TRAVELERS: **SMC biology professor Dr. Garen Baghdasarian and his wife Sara Bayles will set sail in March to document plastic pollution in the Pacific.**

Local couple to study plastic pollution in the Pacific

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

SMC A married couple with a love of the ocean are embarking on a journey across the South Pacific, all in an effort to document the damage done by plastic.

Santa Monica College biology professor Dr. Garen Baghdasarian and his wife Sara Bayles, a writer/blogger and environmental activist, will set sail in March on the 5,000-mile journey to hunt down plastic pollution and produce a blog on their findings.

"I really truly believe that this is important work to do now," said Baghdasarian, who is also chair of SMC's Life Science Department. "I'm excited but at the same time I'm preparing myself to be devastated, to go out into the green pristine oceans and see these plastics."

SMC is helping fund Baghdasarian's trip — to the tune of about $9,000 ($5,000 from the SMC Foundation's Chair of Excellence program, $3,500 from the SMC Global Citizenship Council and $500 in professional development funds. He also received a $5,000 Foundation "Margin of Excellence" grant for equipment). But he and his wife are working to raise several thousand dollars more to cover costs.

The pair is joining a leg of an expedition by The 5 Gyres Institute, a Santa Monica-based nonprofit that is exploring the world's oceans in the most exhaustive survey of marine plastic pollution ever done. The 5 Gyres refers to the five areas in the world's major oceans where plastic pollution — carried by currents — appear to accumulate, although these gyres are huge areas, sometimes larger than the United States.

Baghdasarian said that on the 10-week trip from Valdivia, Chile to Tahiti, with a one-week layover on Easter Island, he will focus on the effects of plastic particulates on plankton, and how that is affecting the food chain. He noted that since 1950 — the year plastics started being manufactured — there has been a 40 percent drop in phytoplankton in oceans all over the world.

Making matters worse, he said, plastic does not biodegrade for hundreds and maybe thousands of years. Instead it breaks into smaller and smaller particulates so that plankton is able to ingest the plastic just like many other species of marine animals that are eating larger pieces — and dying.

It's not surprising that the two —who were married on the beach in Malibu — would be preparing for such an expedition, which will be on the Sea Dragon, a 72-foot research vessel.

Baghdasarian holds a Ph.D. from UCLA on the effects of global warming on coral bleaching, and the recovery of corals from these bleaching events.

Bayles started doing 20-minute beach cleanups locally in Santa Monica in 2009. Her efforts were featured in the Daily Press in September of 2009 ("Cleaning the beach one day at a time," Sept. 26, 2009). Right away she found a disturbing amount of trash and decided to start weighing her collections, while setting a goal of 356 non-consecutive days that she documents on her blog, "The Daily Ocean" (http://thedaily-ocean.blogspot.com).

Bayles has found almost 700 pounds of mostly plastic litter while only halfway through her experiment. For her work, she was named a finalist for the 2010 Ocean

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Doing what's right

Editor:

I agree with both Bobby Shriver and the Daily Press that the system of selecting Santa Monica's mayor must be changed. Once there was collegiality on the dais. We live in different times now, when special interests have divided that council into one camp that works for the people and the other one which recent revelations show are questionable. Even if it is a ceremonial position it should never be left to the elected to in turn elect their own first among equals. That decision belongs to the people only.

The imagery to the public of council members serving equal time rewarding each other with being mayor several times and others never are mayor pro tem even once; to conclude that this process does not pass the smell test. The word collegiality implies fairness and that is clearly not what we see here. Frankly, if elected leaders are anything but democratic among themselves the people can only conclude that they must make that choice. No doubt these poor examples we have witnessed lately begs one to question the integrity of the higher level of branches of the organization which they claim to run.

Council candidates should present themselves on their own merits. One premise advanced in the recent lamentable election was the silly idea of "five for five." Well unfortunately that is what came to pass and because of this here we are fairly reaching the conclusion that this system of selecting a mayor is strikingly unfair!

The council is charged with doing the business of the people of Santa Monica first. Their limited accessibility to the wishes of the people makes one wonder if the people are still their first priority. So yes to Bobby and yes to the Daily Press for advancing what is fair, sensible, honest and right.

Eddie Greenberg
Santa Monica





Back to Nature

Reese Halter — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Wild weather arrives as Artic thaws

LAST WEEK I RECEIVED YET ANOTHER vitriolic e-mail chiding me for speaking and writing about global warming when the northeastern United States was under feet of snow in addition to unseasonably cold temperatures. So how can a warming world, especially in the mid latitudes, be experiencing such intense periods of deep-freezes?

Perhaps it may best be summed up by a quote from Dr. Jane Lubchenco, the undersecretary of commerce for oceans and atmosphere and NOAA administrator: "Whatever is going to happen in the rest of the world happens first, and to the greatest extent, in the Arctic."

On MSNBCs Countdown in late December of 2010, I used the analogy of the Arctic being likened to the freezer on a kitchen refrigerator. If the door of the freezer is left open, cold air spills out, and at the same time the refrigerator motor warms up as cold air pours into the house.

In many ways that's exactly what's happening, now bringing governors of Louisiana, Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee to declare emergencies and cancel schools and college classes as sleet, ice and at least several inches of snow, in some places as much as 9 inches of snow, blanket the southeast of the U.S. In fact, the weather service has posted winter storm warnings from east Texas to the Carolinas.

The real story here is what's going wrong in the Arctic. But before I address that, consider the following: The first decade of the 21st century was the warmest since standard records began in 1910. The World Meteorological Organization based on data collected from 189 countries and territories, shows that the year 2010 to the end of October was the warmest since instrumental, continuous climate records began in 1850. NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies says that the temperatures across the planet between Dec. 1, 2009 and Nov. 30, 2010 rank 2010 as the hottest on record.

In fact five cities in northeastern United States broke their own record of all-time hottest year in 2010 according to statistics released by the Northeastern Regional Climate Center at Cornell University. Boston had the highest average temperature since the inception of record keeping began in 1872 and the year of The Great Fire. The other four cities were: Providence, R.I., Hartford, Conn., Concord, N.H., and Caribou, Maine.

Now let's go back and take a much closer look at what's going on in the Arctic because it's thawing at an alarming rate.

In September the Arctic ice cover was the third smallest ever recorded since 1979, about 1.78 million square miles. It was missing an area over 815,000 square miles of ice (the equivalent of Alaska plus most of California) compared to the 30-year average.

Thirty years ago there was over 386,000 square miles of Arctic ice that was older than five years. This September there was only 22,000 square miles of 5 year old, thicker ice remaining. In a matter of just three decades we are missing 97 percent of older, thicker ice.

Ice in the Arctic and around the globe is important for a number of reasons. Primarily it helps reflect incoming solar radiation keeping our planet within a habitable range for humankind.

Last Monday, a colleague of mine called and informed me that it was raining in Iqaluit, the capital city of Nunavut, the Inuit territory of far northeastern Canada (latitude 63 degrees). On Jan. 4, 2011 the temperatures around South Baffin Island reached record highs, as much as 40 degrees Fahrenheit above normal. I was utterly speechless.

The heat that is being stored-up in the ice-free Arctic Ocean, which is about 2 degrees Fahrenheit above normal, is getting pumped into the atmosphere. A vast area of the eastern Arctic waterways is ice-free; Frobisher Bay has not yet frozen over entirely, nor has Davis Strait. By the end of November at least half of Hudson's Bay is normally frozen-over, in early January (2011) only 17 percent is frozen.

The latent heat being pumped into the air is continuing to fuel the Arctic heat wave and clearly impeding the freeze-up of Hudson's Bay and Davis Strait. The amount of ice missing in December of 2010 equals the area of California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Nevada, combined.

Without that Arctic ice the Polar Jet Stream, which moves, normally, from west to east has begun like our open refrigerator, freezer door to spill polar air as far south as Texas and Florida. It's also swamping Southern California with more than twice the normal precipitation, apparently overriding the otherwise, very dry, and this year particularly strong Pacific La Nina weather pattern.

The human and monetary costs of the epic December blizzard in New York City or the sleet and snow storm that canceled more than 2,000 flights Monday at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, the world's busiest airport, continues to escalate.

One of the real concerns of a warming world is the effect of wild weather on our food crops. Three deep-freezes in Florida in 2010 (one in January and two in December) are biting hard into the $9 billion citrus and $2 billion sugar farms across the state. Gov. Charlie Crist has declared an emergency disaster in 35 counties. Almost 50 percent of this year's sugar crop has yet to be harvested or over 850,000 tons of sugar has not come off the fields.

For every problem there are at least three solutions. The indecisive actions of the lawmakers in Washington, D.C. must come to an end. It is unacceptable that some lawmakers refuse to acknowledge climate change; and that the human-induced, increased levels of temperature-trapping greenhouse gases are forcing our climate to more extremes.

The Arctic is melting, rapidly. The time for a greenhouse gas cap is now.

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My love-hate relationship with corporate America

SANTA MONICA HAS MANY GREAT, unique businesses and we need to support them so they don't fall by the wayside and become taken over or lost to the sands of time. I love the Caesar salad at Bruno's, the steaks at Chez Jay and the eggs Benedict at Michael D's.

For the past 10 years or so I've been having Saturday breakfast about twice a month at Michael D's café. I've been served there by Christine, who went on to become a Santa Monica police officer, then it was Mikey, who went on to pursue his dreams of being a rock star and a restaurateur. Currently the Saturday morning waitress is Gina. She's this really outgoing, boisterous, no BS lady who slings hash browns with a side of good-natured joking to the regulars as she guards against the homeless who wander in to panhandle a breakfast.

Michael D's has been part of an independent mini-chain of coffee shops located in bowling alleys. Located in the bowling alley on Pico between Third and Main streets, it has been a local favorite of the police, lawyers, judges and courtroom employees due to its proximity to the courthouse.

For me it has been an interesting window into the community. There are the regulars like me, some more and some less regular than I am, who make it like a Pacific Coast "Cheers." There's the weekend rush of tourists from the local hotels. You can generally get an idea of what is going on at the Civic Center Auditorium by the early morning crowd packing down eggs Benedict and pancakes. Depending on the types of sweaters the ladies are wearing, I can tell whether it's a cat show, jewelry show or crafty event.

During the week, you can find out if there is a major court case going on by who is grabbing a quick burger and coffee. If there's a rush on burgers in take out boxes, you can bet that there's something interesting going on at the courthouse.

The bowling alley as a whole fell into disrepair over the past couple of decades. I found out from their website that AMF, owners of the bowling alley, was founded in New York in 1900 as American Machine and Foundry, a manufacturer of industrial equipment for the tobacco industry. AMF moved into bowling dramatically after World War II, when AMF automated bowling equipment and bowling centers became profitable business ventures.

The corporate owners of AMF claim they have more than 10,000 employees engaged in the operation of customer-focused bowling centers. Their website says that AMF is the world's largest owner and operator of bowling centers.

All of which means some good things and some bad things. For example, I love that AMF is investing in the center and has upgraded the bathrooms — they needed it badly. And the remodel and renovations continue throughout the facility to make it a more inviting experience.

The bad side is that historically the takeover by a corporation of a small business usually results in the loss of the charm and characters that made it special. I hope that the neighborhood feel of Michael D's won't be lost. I like the fact that the menu is large and has quirky sandwiches and meals.

I feel about corporate ownership of companies usually the same way I feel about my annual Meat Lover's pizza from Pizza Hut — looks great, love it for a moment, and really regret it after half an hour. When a corporation tries to take over a smaller organization they institute procedures, manuals and rules. Oftentimes in doing so they lose the essence of what made the company special.

Small companies like Michael D's, or Chez Jay, or Flying Saucers Coffee House are special because of some ineffable quality. It's rather like the scent from a rose. It's always there until you try to take the rose apart and break it down to figure out what makes that scent by trying to find it, you lose what makes it special.

Michael D's is like the anti-Denny's to me. Denny's is barely food, but it is always the same no matter which one you go to. I'm hoping that AMF will be more hands off, and keep the unique character of Michael D's.

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Picking a leader

Councilman Bobby Shriver is expected to ask the City Council if it is time to allow voters to select Santa Monica's mayor, a departure from the current model that allows the council to decide who will hold the post.

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Guide to Starting a New Business

Forming a new business is a challenging and exciting process. Putting the time and effort into the formation process will help set the tone for a sustainable and prosperous business. Below is a brief list of some of the first steps you will need to take, from a legal perspective, in order to start off right.

CREATE YOUR BUSINESS PLAN
The first step in creating your new business is often to compile all of your ideas and goals into one comprehensive business plan. Your plan is a unique roadmap that will help guide you in forming and running your company during those first critical years. Sections that you may want to include are: the business purpose, marketing plan, an analysis of the competition, operating procedures, employment needs, insurance needs, financial data including a balance sheet, pro-forma income projection, and a three-year operating budget, and copies of all documents that you create during the start-up phase such as your licenses, articles of incorporation, and bylaws.

DEVELOP POLICIES
The beginning stage of any organization is a critical time to develop policies that the organization will utilize in its decision making process. Policies should include: conflict of interest, employment, director and officer compensation, ideological or social entrepreneurial values, organizational ownership and management.

INCORPORATE
The first step in this process is deciding upon a name for the business and performing a name availability search to ensure that the name is not already in use in the location where you will be operating. Secondly, the business will need to determine what type of entity to form – whether it's a corporation, LLC, PC, LLP, L3C, Benefit Corporation, sole proprietorship or partnership. Choosing the type of entity will depend upon the purpose of the organization and the tax and legal status of its owners and stakeholders. Once the entity type is chosen, the next step is to draft, ratify and file the appropriate documents with state and local agencies and draft either Bylaws or an Operating Agreement.

PROTECT YOUR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
In a competitive world, it is important to assess whether it is necessary to protect your brand and products with trademarks, copyrights or patents. It is also important to ensure that your new business does not infringe upon other companies protected rights.

ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL, STATE AND NATIONAL LAWS
Finally, your new business will need to ensure that it is in compliance with all applicable laws including: employment, wage and hour laws, licensing requirements, zoning regulations, tax reporting and withholding laws.

At the law Office of Becki Kammerling, we can assist your business with every step of this process. Contact us through the Legal Grind to schedule a consultation.

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Witness: Jackson's doctor bought mass quantity of anesthetic vials

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AP Special Correspondent

LOS ANGELES Prosecutors began connecting a doctor Monday to a trail of pharmaceuticals blamed for the death of Michael Jackson.

Testimony by a pharmacist showed Dr. Conrad Murray purchased 255 vials of the powerful anesthetic propofol during the three months before the singer died from a lethal combination of the drug and other sedatives.

Murray bought 130 vials of propofol in 100-milliliter doses and another 125 vials in the smaller dose of 20 milliliters, said Tim Lopez, owner of Applied Pharmacy Services in Las Vegas, where Murray has a clinic.

Lopez took the witness stand during the fifth day of a preliminary hearing to determine if there is enough evidence for Murray, who was Jackson's personal physician, to stand trial after pleading not guilty to involuntary manslaughter.

The four shipments of propofol were purchased between April 6 and June 10, 2009, with most of the drugs shipped to the Santa Monica home of Murray's girlfriend, testimony showed. Jackson died on June 25.

Murray also purchased sedatives known as benzodiazpines, Lopez testified.

Lopez said he was first contacted by Murray in November 2008 for information about buying Benoquin, a depigmentation cream used to treat the skin disease vitiligo. Jackson was known to suffer from the ailment, but Lopez said Murray told him he had many African-American patients suffering from the disorder.

Lopez said he and Murray lost touch until late March, 2009, when Murray called back and ordered a large amount of the cream. Lopez said he checked Murray's credentials and had his courier deliver the order to Murray's Las Vegas clinic.

On April 3, Lopez said, Murray called back to say he was happy with the cream and wanted to place another order.

"He specifically asked about propofol and saline bags," Lopez said, recalling that he told Murray he could handle his request.

Murray never disclosed who would receive the drugs, Lopez said.

Murray has told police he was concerned Jackson was addicted to propofol, and that he was trying to wean the singer from it.

Jackson died in his Holmby Hills mansion with Murray present. The coroner's office ruled the cause of death was acute propofol intoxication complicated by benzodiazopene sedatives. A dozen vials of propofol were found in Jackson's bedroom after his death.

Dr. Zeev Kain, anesthesiology department chair at the University of California, Irvine Medical Center, has said three 100-milliliter vials of propofol normally used in surgery would be enough to keep a patient unconscious for several hours.

"A doctor should not use propofol at home to start with," Kain said.

In other testimony, a retired federal investigator said he had retrieved -mail from Murray's cell phone containing an exchange between the doctor and a London insurance broker handling a policy for Jackson's planned series of comeback concerts.

The broker asked Murray on the morning of Jackson's death to address press reports that Jackson was in poor health.

"As far as the statements of his health published by the press, let me say they're all felitious (sic) to the best of my knowledge," Murray replied in an e-mail.

Prosecutors have used Murray's phone records to help create a detailed timeline of the doctor's actions on the day Jackson died. Among the witnesses was a bodyguard who said he was told by Murray to place vials of medicine in bags before calling 911.

Paramedics and an emergency-room doctor said they believed the singer died before he was rushed by a paparazzi-hounded ambulance to a nearby hospital, where efforts failed to revive the pop superstar.

Using phone records and testimony from police and Murray's current and former girlfriends, prosecutors tried to show Murray was on the phone throughout the morning of Jackson's death, even after administering propofol to the singer.

They hope to convince a judge of several key points: that Murray was distracted when he should have been monitoring Jackson, that he delayed calling 911, that he botched CPR efforts and that the singer was dead before help was summoned.

Defense attorneys rarely present witnesses or their own theories during preliminary hearings. In Murray's case, they did not make an opening statement and have only hinted at potential arguments as they questioned witnesses.

Murray could face up to four years in prison if tried and convicted.

L.A. culture center work continues despite concerns over native remains

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Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Officials with a Mexican-American cultural center being built in downtown Los Angeles plan to meet with representatives of the Roman Catholic archdiocese and Indian leaders over concerns that human remains unearthed during construction are being disturbed.

But LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes spokeswoman Katie Dunham said Monday that the center's planners don't intend to halt work ahead of those meetings.

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles owns the construction site that was once the location of a 19th century church and cemetery. Church officials say they were never told that extensive remains were found at the site.

The state Native American Heritage Commission, meanwhile, has asked for a halt to work because of fears that Indian remains were being mishandled at the site.

Dunham says the center is appropriately handling all remains.

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Gov. Jerry Brown wants tax increase extension

JULIET WILLIAMS
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SACRAMENTO Gov. Jerry Brown proposed a budget for the coming fiscal year Monday that deals with the state's ongoing deficit with tough medicine for nearly every Californian, making deep cuts to most areas of government while calling for a five-year extension of tax increases enacted in 2009.

In releasing his first budget plan, the newly elected Democratic governor said he wanted to end the types of acccounting gimmicks, borrowing tricks and overly optimistic revenue assumptions that characterized the recent budgets signed by former Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

His budget projects the deficit at $25.4 billion over the next 18 months.

To close it, Brown called for $12.5 billion in spending cuts, including reductions in welfare, social services, health care for the poor, community colleges and a combined $1 billion cut to the University of California and California State University systems.

Brown also wants the Legislature to call a special election in June to give voters an opportunity to continue increases in the income, sales and vehicle taxes for five years. The taxes were approved two years ago next month and are due to expire this year.

The taxes, along with proposed shifts in funding, would generate $12 billion in revenue if voters agree to an extension.

Brown said his spending plan for the fiscal year that begins July 1 is intended to end the state's continual deficits and balance the budget for the next several years without borrowing money to do so.

"It's better to take our medicine now and get the state on a balanced footing," Brown told reporters in releasing his plan.

Among the hardest hit areas would be recipients of Medi-Cal, the state's health insurance program for the poor. Doctors' visits would be capped at 10 per year, a $5 office copayment and a $50 emergency room copayment would be added, and there would be caps on the annual benefits for items such as hearing aids and medical equipment. Brown also is seeking to eliminate the adult day health care program that serves about 27,000 Californians.

Community college fees, among the lowest in the nation, would increase to $36 per unit from $26.

He said the only area of state spending he would protect is K-12 education, but that assumes voters approve the tax extensions. If they do not, or if the Legislature fails to muster the two-thirds vote needed to place the question on the ballot, cuts will be even deeper, Brown said, hinting that schools could be hard hit.

Republican lawmakers reacted negatively to the prospect of extending the tax increases. Most of them have signed a pledge pushed by anti-tax advocate Grover Norquist, who runs a Washington, D.C., nonprofit called Americans for Tax Reform.

The pledge says they will not support any tax increases.

"Well, this is going to be a nonstarter with the Republicans, and I think the people of California, as well," said Assemblyman Jim Nielsen, vice chairman of the Assembly Budget Committee. "If that were to be taken to the ballot, I think it would be resoundingly defeated.

"It's OK to put it up as a strategic proposal, but for that to be part of the final agreement, I do not see that as a reality."

Voters rejected an extension of those taxes in May 2009 as part of a complicated series of measures placed on the ballot by the Legislature and Schwarzenegger, whose popularity was plummeting at the time.

Democrats signaled some approval for the plan, which Senate President Pro Tem Darrel Steinberg, D-Sacramento, called "complete and balanced."

"As unappealing and painful as the governor's proposal is, the only thing worse is to allow this fiscal crisis to linger," Steinberg said.

Lawmakers will have to act quickly to place a special election before voters. Some Republican support in the Assembly and Senate will be needed because of the two-thirds rule.

Brown acknowledged that Republican lawmakers will be hesitant to support the ballot measure but said he was confident he could get enough support to push ahead with the special election.

He also said he expected help from a number of interest groups representing business, labor, education and community associations.

"I think there are a significant number of people who have an open mind," Brown said. "I think people will want to defend and protect California as they have come to understand it."

The tax extensions will be coupled with deep cuts to a state government that already has sustained years of recession-induced reductions.

Hundreds of people from various unions, community organizations and activist groups held rallies outside the state Capitol in Sacramento and the governor's office in Los Angeles, protesting the proposed cuts.

Leo Perez, 34, of Los Angeles, who suffers from multiple sclerosis and is in a wheelchair, held up a sign reading, "I am human."

He said he fears losing funding from the state's in-home supportive services program that helps pay for things like grab bars so he can move around the bathroom.

"The state's been bankrupt but (IHSS funding) is going to save the state money," he said.

Brown also has said he will seek to fundamentally restructure state government, shifting a host of responsibilities from the state to counties and cities, a process he has acknowledged will be complicated and controversial.

That includes eliminating redevelopment agencies and ending tax breaks available to businesses that operate in depressed areas designated as enterprise zones. Counties would also monitor parolees, keep low-level offenders in county facilities rather than state prisons, and take over child welfare services like adoptions and foster care.

If voters approve, revenue generated from the sales tax and vehicle license fees would go to local governments to help pay for the changes, but it is unclear where the money would come from when the taxes would end in five years.

The shift in responsibilities to local governments could also lead to massive job losses at the state level: as many as 4,000 jobs in corrections and hundreds in health and human services, Brown's budget proposal said.

The governor also is seeking an 8 to 10 percent cut in pay for state workers who aren't covered by union-negotiated contracts, which he said would save the state about $308 million.





CONSENT
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California Edison to fund energy efficiency strategic planning activities.

The grant is Santa Monica's share of $32 million the California Public Utilities Commission in April authorized SCE to distribute to local governments participating in its Energy Efficiency Partnership Program, according to a City Hall report.

The grant funds will be used for training and to launch other programs aimed at improving City Hall's energy efficiency.

The council is also set to approve an additional $135,000 for U.S. Security Associates to provide security services for the Big Blue Bus. The contract amendment brings the firm's total contract to $471,707. The contract is to provide service until a formal bid process is completed at the end of March.

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ROUNDUP
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Interscholastic Federation Southern Section Division 5AA poll released Monday.

Crossroads retained its No. 3 rank, with St. Monica slipping from No. 4 to No. 7.

Next for St. Monica is a Camino Real League game at Mary Star of the Sea on Wednesday. Crossroads hosts Delphic League rival Marshall tonight on campus.

SAMOHI BOYS' SOCCER RANKED NO. 3 IN D-4

Santa Monica High School's boys' soccer team is ranked No. 3 in the latest CIF-SS Division 4 poll.

The Vikings are 5-1-1 this season.

The Vikings travel to Ocean League rival Inglewood on Wednesday. The game is scheduled for 6 p.m.

ST. MONICA GIRLS MOVE UP RANKINGS

St. Monica's girls' basketball team has moved from No. 15 to No. 11 in the new CIF-SS Division 5AA poll.

St. Monica is coming off a win over No. 9 Brentwood last week.

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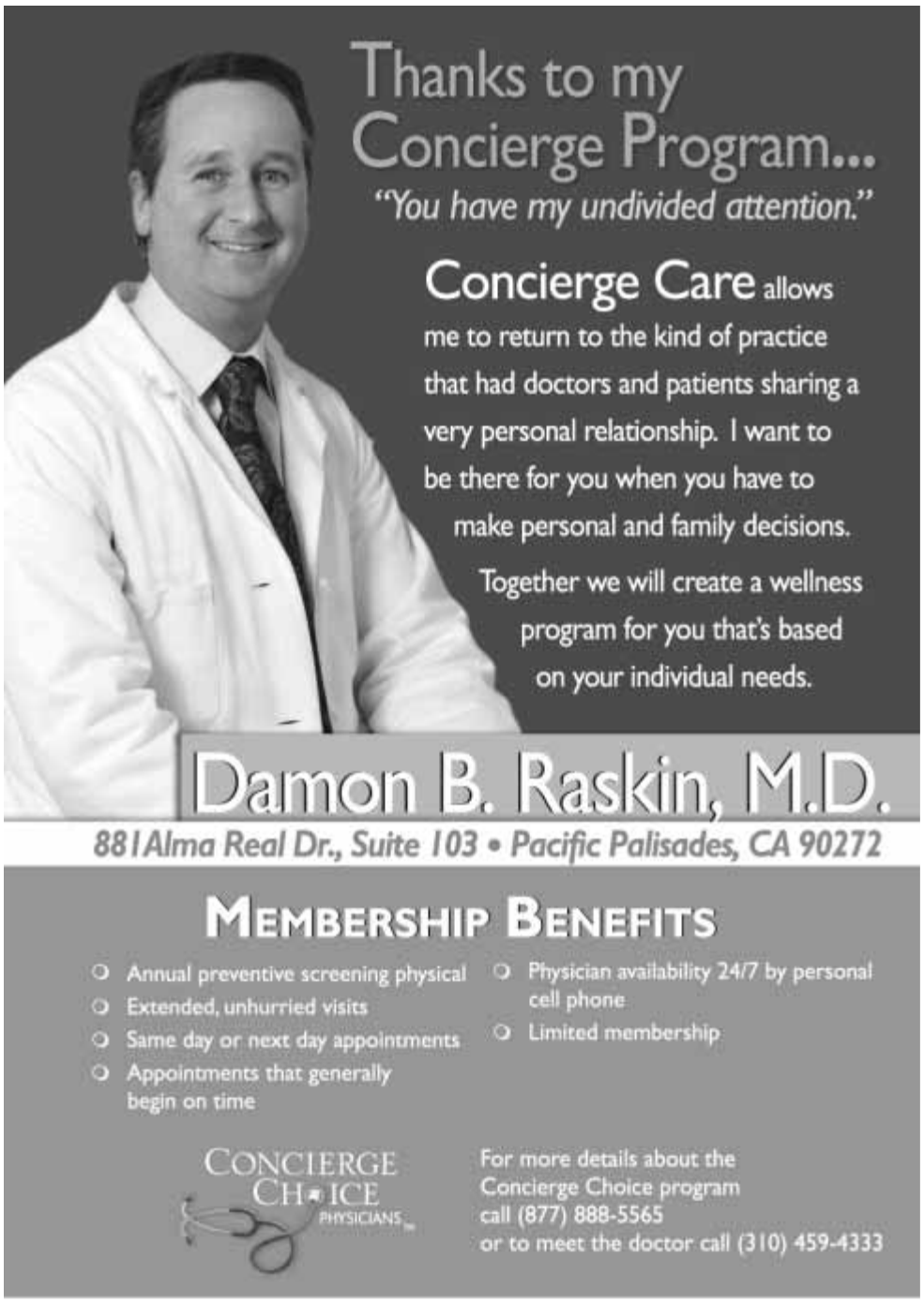
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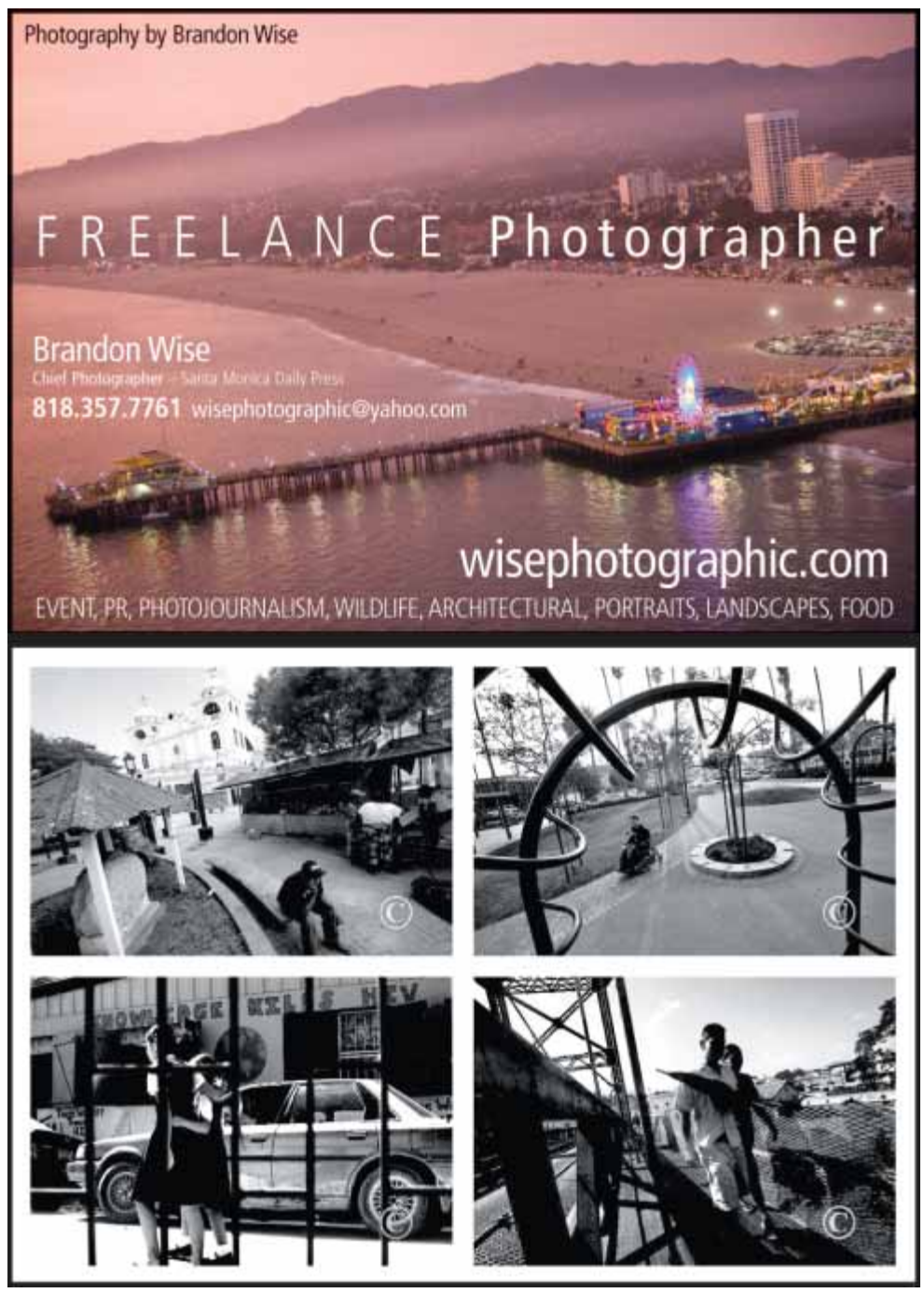
Hero Award from Oceana, and her blog has been featured in the Los Angeles Times and is currently listed as one of the Top Ten Most Inspiring Acts of 2010 by Yahoo.

She will assist her husband in his research and will write, blog and take photos of the entire expedition.

"It is a bit scary to think that we will be sailing in some of the most isolated waters in the world, with the potential to end up in big storms, at times more than 1,300 miles from any major port or help," Baghdasarian said. "On the other hand, I'm excited about the adventurous nature of being an explorer on a sailing expedition to discover the unknown and to play my part to help the environment."

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New 'digital divide' emerges for minority groups in U.S.

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AP National Writer

When the personal computer revolution began decades ago, Latinos and blacks were much less likely to use one of the marvelous new machines. Then, when the Internet began to change life as we know it, these groups had less access to the Web and slower online connections placing them on the wrong side of the "digital divide."

Today, as mobile technology puts computers in our pockets, Latinos and blacks are more likely than the general population to access the Web by cellular phones, and they use their phones more often to do more things.

But now some see a new "digital divide" emerging with Latinos and blacks being challenged by more, not less, access to technology. It's tough to fill out a job application on a cell phone, for example. Researchers have noticed signs of segregation online that perpetuate divisions in the physical world. And blacks and Latinos may be using their increased Web access more for entertainment than empowerment.

Fifty-one percent of Hispanics and 46 percent of blacks use their phones to access the Internet, compared with 33 percent of whites, according to a July 2010 Pew poll. Forty-seven percent of Latinos and 41 percent of blacks use their phones for e-mail, compared with 30 percent of whites. The figures for using social media like Facebook via phone were 36 percent for Latinos, 33 percent for blacks and 19 percent for whites.

A greater percentage of whites than blacks and Latinos still have broadband access at home, but laptop ownership is now about even for all these groups, after black laptop ownership jumped from 34 percent in 2009 to 51 percent in 2010, according to Pew.

Increased access and usage should be good things, right?

"I don't know if it's the right time to celebrate. There are challenges still there," says Craig Watkins, an associate professor at the University of Texas at Austin and author of "The Young and the Digital." He adds: "We are much more engaged, but now the questions turn to the quality of that engagement, what are people doing with that access."

For Tyrell Coley, engagement mostly means entertainment. In December, the 21-year-old New York City supermarket clerk launched a Twitter conversation about "(hash)femalesneedto." The number sign was a "hashtag" that allowed others to label their tweets and join the discussion.

Within a few hours, (hash)femalesneedto was the top trending topic on Twitter meaning more of the site's 17 million users were talking about it than anything else. Most comments came from black users and focused on relationships, advising women to do things like "learn sex is not love" and "learn how to love themselves."

"There's always something happening on Twitter, some drama, people talking about something," says Coley. "Twitter is a great social network to kill time. When you're bored, get on Twitter. Next thing you know you'll be out of work or whatever. Twitter makes my day go by. That's why I'm on almost every day."

Coley is black, and so are most of his 3,756 Twitter followers. So are about 25 percent of all Twitter users, roughly double the percentage of blacks in the U.S. population, according to a February 2010 survey by Edison Research and Arbitron.

Many of Twitter's trending topics have been fueled by black tweets. Coley has been responsible for several (hash)youcantbeuglyand and (hash)dumbthingspeoplesay also sprang from his iPhone. He has a desktop computer at home, which he used to apply for his supermarket job. But he uses his phone for 80 percent of his online activity, which is usually watching hip-hop and comedy videos or looking for sneakers on eBay.

This trend is alarming to Anjuan Simmons, a black engineer and technology consultant who blogs, tweets and uses Facebook "more than my wife would like." He hopes that blacks and Latinos will use their increased Web access to create content, not just consume it.

"What are we doing with this access? Are we simply sending e-mail, downloading adult content, sending texts for late-night hookups?" Simmons says. "Or are we discussing ideas, talking to people who we would not normally be able to talk to?"

Simmons has made professional connections and found job opportunities through social media. But when he first started using Twitter, the first thing he looked for was other black faces to connect with.

"The African-American community has a built-in social layer," Simmons says. "We tend to see other African-Americans as family. Even if we haven't met someone, we often refer to other black people as 'brothers' or 'sisters.'

"The root of that probably goes back to slavery, how we had to have tight connections because the slave masters could easily break up families," he says. "We needed that sense of family really to protect ourselves during slavery and Jim Crow. That still is woven into, oddly, the fabric of black America to this day. And I think we see this social construct online."

Facebook and Internet access are what most of Miguel Amador's customers want when they enter his two stores in Latino neighborhoods in Camden, N.J. Five years ago, the majority of his revenue came from music CDs. Now his mobile device sales are up 50 percent from a year ago.

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Wounded Congresswoman gives thumbs-up sign

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TUCSON, Ariz. Doctors treating Arizona Rep. Gabrielle Giffords said Monday the congresswoman was responding to verbal commands by raising two fingers of her left hand and even managed to give a thumbs-up.

Giffords, 40, is in critical condition in the intensive care unit of Tucson's University Medical Center after she was shot through the head Saturday during a meet-and-greet with voters outside a supermarket. Two patients were discharged Sunday night. Eight others, including Giffords, remained hospitalized.

Recent CAT scans showed no further swelling in the brain, but doctors were guarded.

"We're not out of the woods yet," said her neurosurgeon Dr. Michael Lemole. "That swelling can sometimes take three days or five days to maximize. But every day that goes by and we don't see an increase, we're slightly more optimistic."

After Saturday's operation to temporarily remove half of her skull, doctors over the past two days had Giffords removed from her sedation and then asked basic commands such as: "Show me two fingers."

"When she did that, we were having a party in there," said Dr. Peter Rhee. "That's a purposeful movement. That's a great thing. She's always grabbing for the tube."

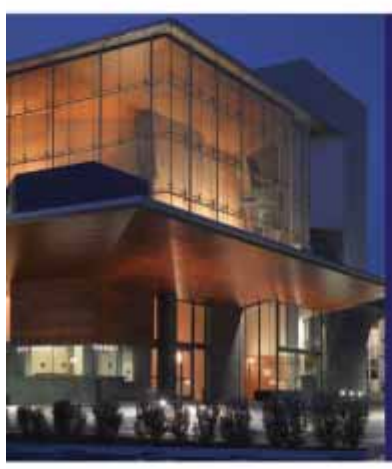
Giffords family is by her side and is receiving constant updates from doctors. On Monday, two well-known doctors with extensive experience in traumatic brain injury were en route to Tucson to help consult on Giffords' case.

Doctors had said the bullet traveled the length of the left side of the congresswoman's brain, entering the back of the skull and exiting the front. Her doctors have declined to speculate on what specific disabilities Giffords may face as her recovery progresses.

As for the other shooting victims who suffered injuries to the face, neck, stomach and other parts of the body, doctors said most will have a normal recovery. To ensure that they don't suffer post-traumatic stress, depression or other problems, teams of experts will guide them through the next phase.

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Telecom stocks lead market down

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NEW YORK Stocks indexes were mostly lower on Monday, with telecommunication companies leading the way down.

AT&T Inc. fell the most out of the 30 stocks that make up the Dow Jones industrial average. Its competitor, Verizon Wireless, is expected to announce Tuesday that it will start selling Apple Inc.'s iPhone, breaking AT&T's long hold on iPhone customers.

AT&T's stock dropped 1.8 percent to $28.34. Apple gained 1.8 percent to $342.45.

Stocks spent most of the day lower ahead of the latest round of corporate earnings reports. After the market closed, Alcoa Inc. reported that rising sales of aluminum products helped it turn a profit of 24 cents a share in its fourth quarter. The results topped analysts' estimates of 18 cents a share.

The week started with news of two big corporate deals. DuPont, a major chemical company, said it would buy a Danish food maker for $5.8 billion. Duke Energy Corp. said it will buy Progress Energy Inc. in a $13 billion deal that would create one of the country's largest utilities. Duke fell 1.2 percent to $17.58.

The Dow ended the day down 37.31 points, or 0.3 percent, to close at 11,637.45

The Standard & Poor's 500 lost 1.75, or 0.1 percent, to 1,269.75. The Nasdaq composite gained 4.63, or 0.2 percent, to 2,707.80.

Losses were spread across the market. Five of the 10 industry groups that make up the S&P 500 index fell. Telecommunications companies fell the most, 1 percent, followed by utilities and energy. 3M Co. led the 30 stocks that make up the Dow with a 1 percent gain.

The Nasdaq index posted small gains thanks in part to the shares of Apple as well as Netflix Inc., which jumped 4.8 percent. Playboy Enterprises Inc. soared 17 percent after agreeing to be taken private by a group of investors led by the company's founder, Hugh Hefner.

European stocks fell after a German magazine reported that France and Germany are pressing Portugal to accept outside aid to keep Europe's financial crisis from spreading. Portugal has denied that it needs to do so. If the country asks for help it will join Greece and Ireland as the third member of the European Union to tap its neighbors for a bailout.

Italy, Spain and Portugal are each scheduled to sell bonds this week. If the sales go poorly it could further weaken confidence in Europe's financial system.

"Italy and Spain are the big wildcards," said Paul Zemsky, the head of asset allocation at ING Investment Management. "If they got into trouble there's not enough money to bail them out."

NOTICE OF A SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE

Santa Monica Pier Restoration Corporation
Board of Directors and Twilight Dance Series
Ad Hoc Committee

Friday, January 14, 2011– 5:00 PM
Carousel Conference Room, 200 Santa Monica Pier
Santa Monica, CA 90401

Notice is hereby given that a Special Joint Meeting of the Santa Monica Pier Restoration Corporation the Board of Directors and the Twilight Dance Series Ad Hoc Committee will be held at Friday, January 14, 2011 at 5:00 PM

Adding iPhone may not help Verizon as expected

PETER SVENSSON
AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK Verizon Wireless would seem to be a big winner after its expected announcement Tuesday that it will start selling the iPhone and break Apple Inc.'s monogamous relationship with AT&T Inc. in the U.S.

But for several reasons, the iPhone's arrival to Verizon would be poorly timed, and Verizon's gains won't be as clear-cut as one might believe.

There's no doubt a Verizon iPhone would attract millions of buyers, and it would give the country's largest wireless carrier a chance to catch up with AT&T in attracting high-paying smart phone customers.

Since the iPhone's debut in 2007, AT&T has been its exclusive distributor in the United States. That means, for the most part, that the iPhone doesn't work with other carriers, and anyone who wants an iPhone needs to get service through AT&T. Many people held back because they already had service with Verizon or another carrier they liked or were apprehensive about congestion on AT&T's network, particularly in New York and San Francisco.

Rumors about a version of an iPhone for Verizon have swirled for years, but they have been rising in recent months. The Wall Street Journal has reported that an event Verizon is holding Tuesday is indeed for a Verizon iPhone, to go on sale at the end of the month.

Verizon, Apple and AT&T wouldn't confirm that.

Analysts' estimates for Verizon's iPhone sales this year vary widely, from 5 million to 13 million — and some of that would come from what AT&T would have sold. The iPhone is big business for AT&T: The carrier activated 11.1 million iPhones in the first nine months of 2010, the latest figures available.

Many analysts estimate that Verizon would be the largest seller of the iPhone in the U.S. this year, outdoing AT&T as it satisfies pent-up demand. Verizon has been doing its best to keep up with AT&T by selling smart phones other than the iPhone, but it has still been lagging.

Yet several factors may give prospective Verizon iPhone buyers pause.

Verizon is making a big deal out of its brand new, blazing-fast "4G" network. The carrier revealed the first phones and tablets for the network at the International Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas last week.

But indications are that the first Verizon iPhone would only work on the older, "3G" network. That network has wide coverage, excellent reliability and less congestion than AT&T's, but data speeds are much lower. You also can't talk and surf at the same time with Verizon 3G phones. These factors give AT&T openings for their marketing.

Also, Apple has been launching a new iPhone model every summer, and presumably an iPhone 5 is coming. But it's not clear when Verizon would get it. Verizon may be on the same one-year upgrade cycle, so it may have to wait until January and leave AT&T with the advantage of a fresher model in the fall.

Most importantly, cell phone companies do their best to tie subscribers up with contracts and limit their mobility. AT&T executives last year stressed to investors that most of their iPhone users are on family and employer plans — more difficult for an individual to switch from.

"The consensus is that AT&T is reasonably well-prepared for Verizon's iPhone onslaught ... for now," said Sanford Bernstein analyst Craig Moffett.

For this reason, analysts expect most Verizon iPhone buyers to be people who already have Verizon service. John Hodulik at UBS expects that 77 percent of his estimated 13 million Verizon iPhones this year would go to current Verizon subscribers.

That means Verizon would be paying heavily to upgrade its own subscribers to the iPhone. Apple charges AT&T about $600 for each iPhone 4. The carrier subsidizes that down to the $199 retail price, figuring it will make money back on service fees over the run of a two-year contract. An influx of iPhone buyers would have Verizon putting up a similar $400 for each one, more than it would be subsidizing, say, a BlackBerry Curve.

Hodulik figures that even with the iPhone's boost to service revenue, iPhone subsidies would reduce Verizon earnings this year by a net 15 cents per share, or about $425 million.

Still, analysts don't expect the Verizon iPhone to affect stock prices much, reasoning that investors have already factored in the news.

Verizon Wireless is a joint venture of Verizon Communications Inc. of New York and Vodafone Group PLC of Britain. Since mid-July, Verizon Communications' stock has gained 40 percent, while AT&T's has gained 20 percent. On Monday, Verizon stock lost 1 cent to close at $35.92; Dallas-based AT&T lost 51 cents, or 1.8 percent, to $28.34.

For AT&T, long-term contracts and other factors would help it retain some iPhone customers. But estimates vary on how many would flee to Verizon. Christopher King of Stifel Nicolaus estimates as many as 6 million over two years, while James Ratcliffe at Barclay's expects just 1 million this year. The true number will be a measure of how many people have soured on AT&T's network and its widely publicized problems.

Hodulik says AT&T would actually benefit in the short term from paying fewer subsidies, saving about 10 cents per share, or about $590 billion, this year.

The No. 3 and No. 4 carriers in the U.S., Sprint Nextel Corp. and T-Mobile USA, may have as much to lose from a Verizon iPhone than AT&T. They won't have iPhones of their own and would face the added competition from Verizon's model. Sprint recently started reversing a multi-year subscriber loss, but its recovery is still tentative, and T-Mobile's subscriber figures are stagnating.

Other potential losers are Google Inc. and Motorola Mobility Inc. To counter the attraction of the AT&T iPhone, Verizon has worked closely with Google to promote its Android phone operating system. Motorola was one of the main beneficiaries, having bet on Android phones to turn around a multi-year slide in its sales. Verizon now accounts for about 45 percent of Motorola's smart phone sales, according to analyst Tim Long at BMO Capital Markets.

The Verizon iPhone "will be the first true test for Android," Kaufman analyst Shaw Wu said. It would demonstrate whether gains in its market share are real or just temporary, stemming from weak competition from other iPhone rivals such as the BlackBerry, he said.

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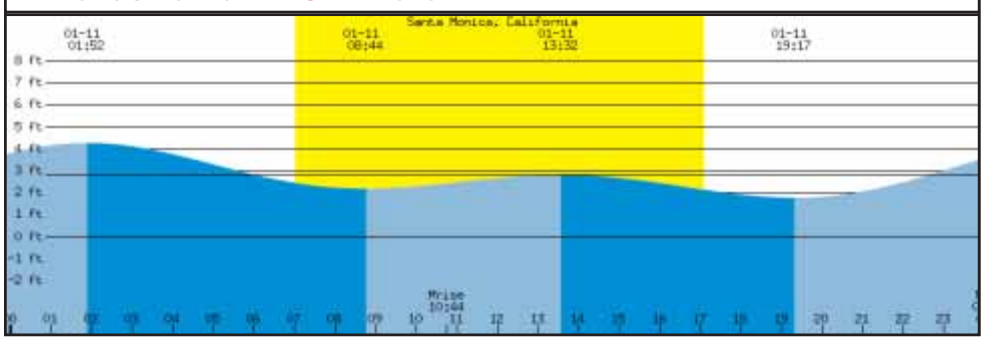
Swell Forecast

Looks like a knee to waist high day most everywhere.

Long Range Synopsis

Looks similar, or smaller.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **January 5, 2011**

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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 -- 22
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 42 / 14
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 3 / 28

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	F
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	D
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechasa and Las Alina creeks.	A+	A
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	F
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	D
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	F
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A+	A
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	C
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	C
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	B
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	A
Pena Creek at Los Tunos County Beach.	A+	A
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	B	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	F
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	A
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	B

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	F	C
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	D
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A+	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A+	B
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	F
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	D
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+	B
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	F
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+	A
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A+	A
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	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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NFL

Chargers' Rivera draws interest from Carolina

MIKE CRANSTON
AP Sports Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. Ron Rivera emerged as the leading candidate to be Carolina's next coach on Monday when the San Diego defensive coordinator arrived for a second interview with the Panthers.

Team spokesman Charlie Dayton said Rivera was scheduled to meet with team officials in Charlotte. But Dayton said Rivera had not yet been hired to replace the fired John Fox.

The 49-year-old Rivera becomes the first candidate to be interviewed twice, and the first to speak directly with Panthers owner Jerry Richardson.

General manager Marty Hurney and team president Danny Morrison interviewed three other defensive coordinators last week: Perry Fewell of the New York Giants, San Francisco's Greg Manusky and Rob Ryan of Cleveland.

None of those men have received second interviews. That makes Rivera, a former linebacker with the Bears and a member of Chicago's Super Bowl winning team in 1985, the front-runner as he seeks his first NFL head coaching job.

A call and e-mail to Rivera's agent, Frank Bauer, weren't immediately returned.

Rivera has been with the Chargers since midway through the 2008 season. Rivera also was the Bears' defensive coordinator from 2004-06.

He has plenty of experiencing interviewing for head coaching jobs, with Carolina marking the ninth team to talk to him over the years.

The Panthers are looking for the fourth coach in their 16-year history after Richardson decided not to bring back Fox after his ninth season ended with an NFL-worst 2-14 record.

Richardson said last week that while he was most concerned with his team's league-worst offense, it wouldn't stop them from hiring a defensive-minded coach as long as he had a strong offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach.

"We're putting a very high priority on the offense and that can be accomplished without having an offensive head coach," Richardson said.

The son of a U.S. Army officer, Rivera lived in Germany, Panama, Washington, Maryland and California growing up and has a diverse coaching background, working with both the 3-4 and 4-3 defensive schemes.

The Panthers have used the 4-3 scheme since Fox's arrival in 2002.

SOCCER

Marta wins fifth straight FIFA women's award

GRAHAM DUNBAR
AP Sports Writer

ZURICH Marta has won five straight FIFA's women's player of the year awards. What she doesn't have is a club.

The 24-year-old Brazilian forward dominated voting announced Monday after a stellar season with the Women's Professional Soccer League champion FC Gold Pride. But club, based in Santa Clara, Calif., folded in November.

"I don't know exactly where I'm going to go," Marta told The Associated Press through a translator after tearfully accepting her award. "I have a contract and I have to stay. I'm going to see with the agents what happens from now on. By February or March I should have a better idea."

Uncertainty is not new for Marta, who has fulfilled expectations to become the league's signature player.

Exactly two years ago, she used a news conference in Zurich for the FIFA award candidates to announce she was going to America. Marta moved from Sweden to sign a three-year deal with the Los Angeles Sol that helped launch the WPS.

She was league MVP and top scorer for a team that lost the championship game, then its backers.

Marta transferred to the Gold Pride and swept the individual honors again for a title-winning team that went out of business.

"It's a little stressful to change from city to city every time," Marta acknowledged. "It was a very good season with the team and unfortunately it couldn't keep going. If we could, we would certainly have won more titles. I love the USA. If I can go back, it's a good thing."

Stability can't come soon enough in a World Cup year.

Marta also helped Brazil win the 2010 South American Championship and secure its place at the 16-nation tournament kicking off in Germany on June 26. The 2007 runner-up is seeded in a group with Australia, Norway and Equatorial Guinea.

"This is a special year and we're ready. It looks good," Marta said at a news conference Monday, flanked by two star players from the host nation and defending champion.

Marta easily won the year's first Brazil vs Germany encounter.

She got 38.2 percent of the votes, beating three-time winner Birgit Prinz (15.18) and newcomer Lira Bajramaj (9.96) Votes were cast by national team coaches and captains, plus reporters.

Marta couldn't quite keep her promise to keep emotions under control during her acceptance speech.

"It's almost too good to be true," she said.



MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
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Golden Globe Foreign Language Nominee
The Edge (Russia) (NR) 2hr 4min
7:30pm
Introduction by director Aleksei Uchitel.

Call theater for more information.

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
(310) 458-6232

Little Fockers (PG-13)
1:30pm, 4:00pm, 6:45pm, 9:25pm

How Do You Know (R) 1hr 56min
1:35pm, 4:20pm, 7:05pm, 9:50pm

True Grit (PG-13)
1:00pm, 3:30pm, 6:15pm, 9:00pm

Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader in Digital 3D (PG) 1hr 52min
1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

AMC Santa Monica 7
1310 Third St.
(310) 451-9440

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 1 (PG-13) 2hrs 30min
10:10pm

Tangled in Disney Digital 3D (PG) 1hr 40min
11:30am, 2:00pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

Little Fockers (PG-13)
12:00pm, 2:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:20pm

Yogi Bear 3D (PG) 1hr 22min
11:00am, 1:10pm, 3:35pm, 5:50pm, 8:00pm

Tron: Legacy in Disney Digital 3D (NR) 2hrs 07min
1:05pm, 4:05pm, 7:05pm, 10:05pm

True Grit (PG-13)
11:00am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

Country Strong (PG-13) 1hr 52min
1:25pm, 4:20pm, 7:20pm, 10:15pm

Black Swan (R) 1hr 50min
11:20am, 2:05pm, 4:50pm, 7:30pm, 10:10pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 478-3836

King's Speech (R) 1 hour 58 min
1:10pm, 2:10pm, 4:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 8:00pm, 9:50pm

Casino Jack (R) 1hr 48min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:10pm, 9:50pm

Rare Exports: A Christmas Tale (R) 1hr 40min
4:40pm, 9:30pm

Frankie and Alice (NR)
1:40pm, 7:00pm

AMC Criterion 6
1313 Third Street Promenade
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Blue Valentine (NC-17) 2hrs 00min
12:15pm, 1:15pm, 3:15pm, 4:05pm, 6:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 9:45pm

Season of the Witch (PG-13) 1hr 38min
2:00pm, 4:25pm, 7:05pm, 9:40pm

Gulliver's Travels 3D (PG)
12:10pm, 2:30pm, 4:50pm, 7:10pm, 9:30pm

Tourist (PG-13) 1hr 43min
1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 9:50pm

Fighter (R) 1hr 54min
1:00pm, 3:45pm, 6:30pm, 9:20pm

For more information, e-mail news@smdp.com

Early night, Taurus

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Though normally you would be on cruise control, right now events and people trip you up. You can try to avoid a collision, but you won't be able to. Roll with the moment. Let go of a difficult associate. Tonight: Do what you want.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★ Others might be more contrary than you are willing to acknowledge. Sometimes by stating your perception properly, the other party can look at his or her behavior. Take your time figuring out what works. Stay level. Tonight: Call it an early night.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Zero in on your priorities. In some fashion, you could be overwhelmed. Know that you can handle nearly anything, if you so choose. A child or a new friend could be negative or difficult, influencing how you feel. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ A take-charge attitude generally works, but right now it could fall flat. Others keep coming in with new ideas or facts, making the just-reached idea or solution moot. Frustration could build. Let go of your expectations, and all will flow well. Tonight: A must appearance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Keep reaching out for answers or solutions beyond your normal constraints. Everyone subconsciously has mental filters. Be willing to brainstorm with someone who looks at the world completely differently from you. Tonight: Don't push.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Relate directly to an individual. Even if you are a manager, don't go through anyone. You will find that success heads in with this personal touch. You could be overwhelmed by everything that you hear. Use care with what you offer. Someone could take advantage of you. Tonight: Dinner for two.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Others come toward you. At first you might be overwhelmed, wishing you could clone yourself! Finally, you establish limits in your mind as to what you can do. You are only human. Tonight: Choose the invitation you prefer most.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Pace yourself, as you have much to get done, and your resources are limited. Pick and choose what seems to be urgent or enticing. Be careful about taking on too much. Take a walk during a break to recharge your batteries. Tonight: Make it early.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ No one can deny that you have an enterprising spirit, though sometimes you do get scattered. Several different types of issues will demand your focused creativity. Someone seems intent on being the voice of negativity. Let it go. Tonight: Stay in the light.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You understand a lot more than you realize, but acknowledging that fact could be difficult. Communication could bury you as you attempt to clear an open period for a personal matter. Go with the flow and a little less structure. That will work. Tonight: As late as need be.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You seem to clear out many hassles of the day. You will communicate, and you will let others know what you have in mind. Follow your instincts with money, and don't be lavish. News from a distance could be difficult to hear. Tonight: Take in new vistas.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ You might want to do something very differently but have yet to get going. Avoid being locked into the material side of your life. Open up to more dynamic thinking. You have the wherewithal to create more of what you desire. Tonight: Treat yourself on the way home.

Happy birthday

This year spotlights your home and personal life. You will want to spend more time enjoying the good parts of living life rather than be mucked up in the doldrums of making a living. This change in stance reflects a new you. Don't allow a feeling of being worn thin to impact your career or work. If you are single, you could meet someone while just being you. When the time is right, it will happen. Summer 2011 looks unusually exciting for both unattached and married Goats. Recognize that if you are married, you're making waves in your sweetie's life. Don't be surprised if you get a reaction. ARIES can trigger your ire!

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



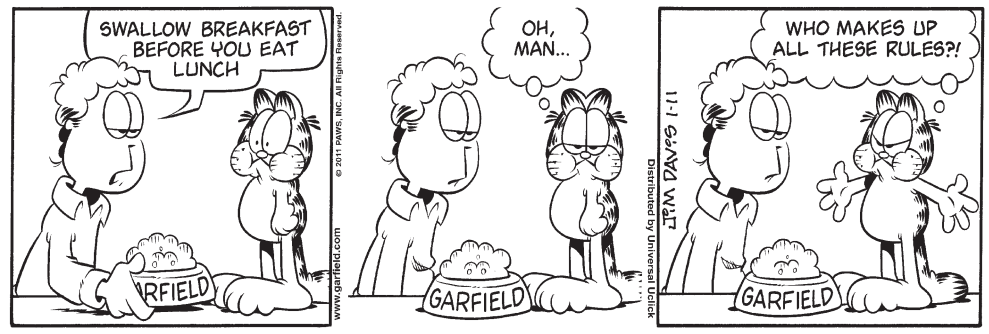
MYSTERY REVEALED!

Rachel Dardashti *news@smdp.com*

Architect Dave Themes correctly identified this photo of the "liquor" sign near the corner of Main Street and Ocean Park Boulevard. He will receive a prize from the Daily Press. . Send your mystery photos to *editor@smdp.com* to be used in future issues.

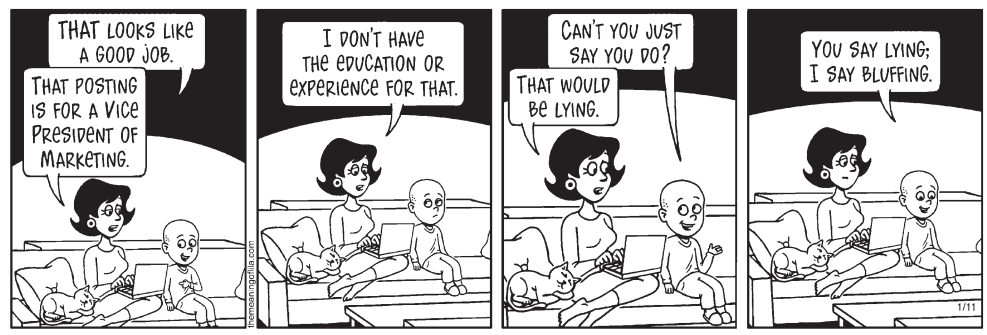
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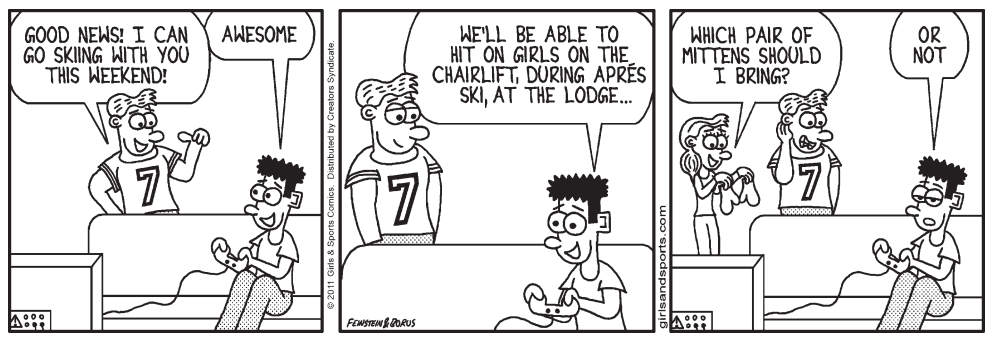
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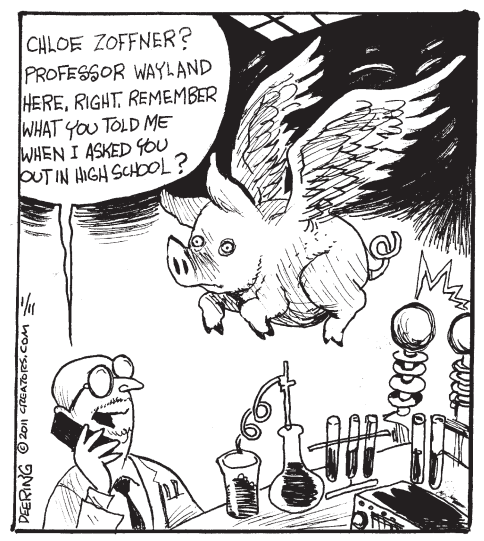
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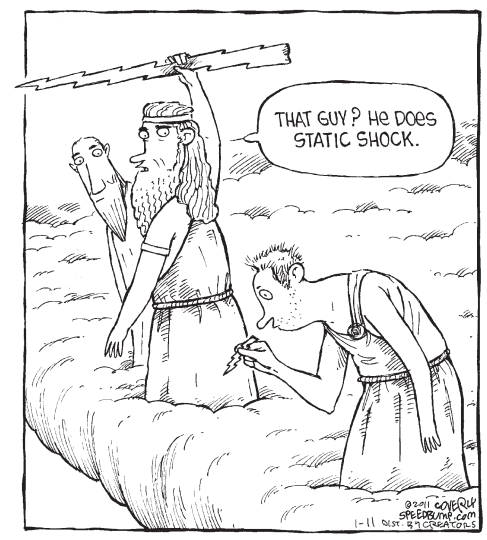
Strange Brew

By John Deering



Speed Bump

By Dave Coverly



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 ★★

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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

7	9	5	2	3	1	8	6	4
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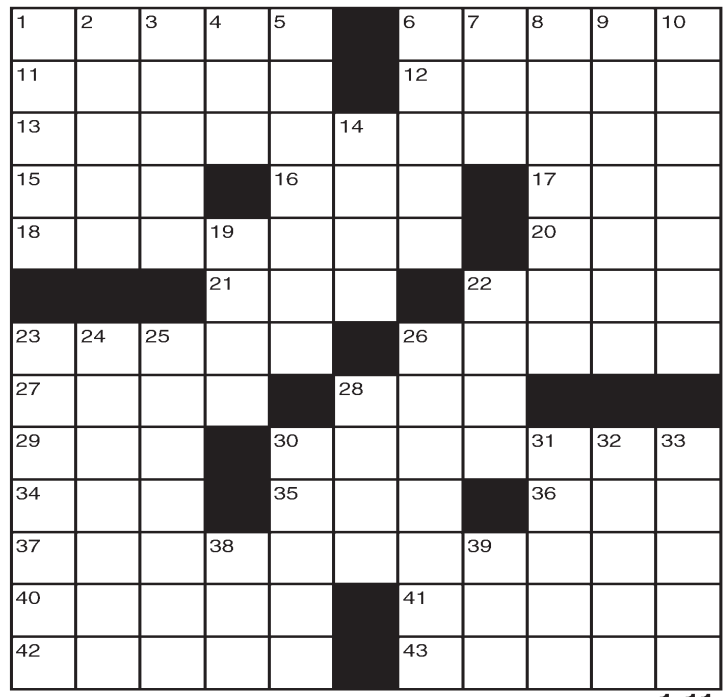
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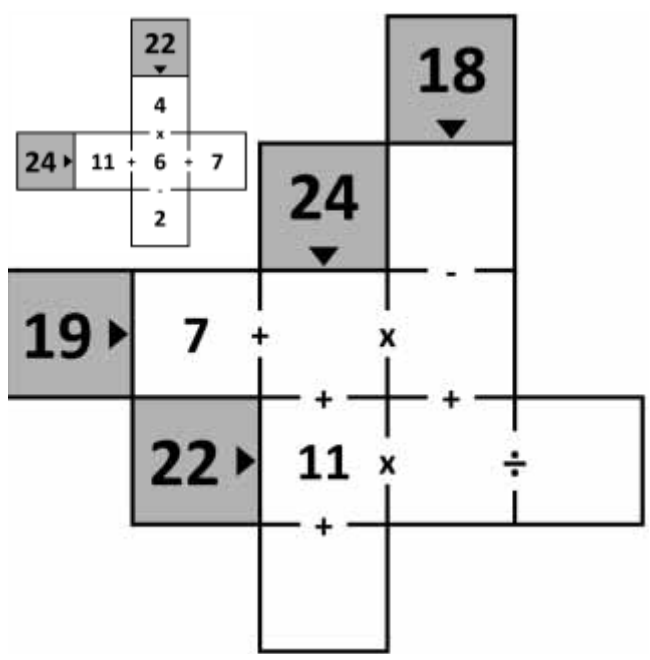
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ **Best Not to Ask Why:** Fredrik Hjelmqvist, 45, owner of an audio shop in Stockholm, demonstrated in November his system of broadcasting music from his stomach. He swallowed a plastic capsule containing a battery-operated audio set-up, then connected an amplifier to a stethoscope and held it against his belly, and began playing recorded music, including the Village People's "YMCA," until the battery died three hours later. Hjelmqvist admitted that the audio quality was poor but still hopes to sell the system for the equivalent of about $17,000.

■ **Do They Know?** (1) An October Houston Chronicle review of "authorities" on animal "consciousness" suggested that perhaps dogs are embarrassed when their owners dress them in tacky Halloween costumes. "Pet Psychic" maven Sonya Fitzpatrick said she was certain that some feel shame at their owners' poor fashion sense, but another practitioner said dogs' reactions were probably only to their physical discomfort with the clothing itself. (2) A conservation organization in China's Sichuan province routinely dresses caregivers in panda suits to socialize baby pandas that have lost their mothers so that the babies do not become accustomed to humans. However, as London's Daily Telegraph reported in a December dispatch, experts acknowledge that they have no idea whether the babies are fooled.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1912 The Lawrence textile strike begins in Lawrence, Massachusetts.

1917 The Kingsland munitions factory explosion occurs as a result of sabotage.

1919 Romania annexes Transylvania.

1922 First use of insulin to treat diabetes in a human patient.

1923 Occupation of the Ruhr: Troops from France and Belgium occupy the Ruhr area to force Germany to make its World War I reparation payments.

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Obituaries

MARGARET ANN Pickering died unexpectedly, but peacefully, of natural causes December 8, 2010. She was 70. Born Margaret Ann McBride in Los Angeles on April 1, 1940, she remained a life-long resident of Southern California. She graduated from Santa Monica High School and attended UC Santa Barbara and UCLA, where she received her teaching credential. She was active in the Chi Omega sorority. She happily worked in the University Research Library at UCLA for over thirty years and retired from Personnel Services a few years ago.

Maggie had two sons, Brooks and Trevor. She was a life-long fan of UCLA basketball, the Santa Monica beaches, and enjoyed her "Nifty Fifties" group of special friend with whom she'd grown up. She remained active on several volunteer committees at UCLA after her retirement, assisted with the Samohi Alumni News, and also volunteered at the Santa Monica Public Library, providing books to shut-ins. Never busy enough, she also returned to work briefly at Mount St. Mary's.

Maggie was a friend to everyone and loved working with others, especially students. She would often strike up conversations with strangers while waiting in line, or with other customers at her favorite restaurant, Casa Escobar. She had lively conversations with those around her at UCLA basketball games. In recent years, she enjoyed spending time with Chester Hull, the "love of her life," who preceded her in death 18 months ago.

Maggie is survived by her sons, her granddaughters, Quinn, Reed, and Nora, and her brothers, Robert and Thomas McBride.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00pm on January 15 at the First United Methodist Church in Santa Monica (310-393-8258). A reception will follow at the Casa Escobar restaurant in Santa Monica (310-828-1315). Donations can be made to: The UCLA Foundation, Univ. Library Discretionary Fund, 10920 Wilshire Blve, Suite 300, Los Angeles, CA 90024, in memory of Margaret Pickering.

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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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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 10-1862520
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ARC AND ASSOCIATES, 5949 E. SOUTH ST. #32, LAKEWOOD, CA 90713. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ROBERT LEE, 5949 E. SOUTH ST. #32, LAKEWOOD, CA 90713. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ROBERT LEE. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/16/10. 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. 10-1802681
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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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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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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File No. 10-1801935
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LA AUTO-TECH; BF AUTO-TECH, 9101 ALONDRA BLVD., BELLFLOWER, CA 90706. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JUAN GOMEZ, 14624 ROBERT ST., BELLFLOWER, CA 90706. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JUAN GOMEZ. 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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File No. 10-1837552
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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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 viola-tion of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Busi-ness 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: SOUND AND LIGHT ANIMATRONICS; CUDDLE BARN; MILLS TRADING, 2655 S. SANTA FE AVE., VERNON, CA 90058. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SNLUSA CORPORATION, 2655 S. SANTA FE AVE., VERNON, CA 90058. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: EMILY TING. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/15/10. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 9/1/2010. 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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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 state-ment 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. 10-1766838
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 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. 10-1792145
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. 10-1815380
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: JOSUE 1;9 TRANSPORT, 6004? WASHINGTON BLVD., COMMERCE, CA 90040. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MARTINA BASOCO GAXIOLA, 6004? WASHINGTON BLVD., COMMERCE, CA 90040. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MARTINA BASOCO GAXIOLA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/08/10. 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. 10-1847608
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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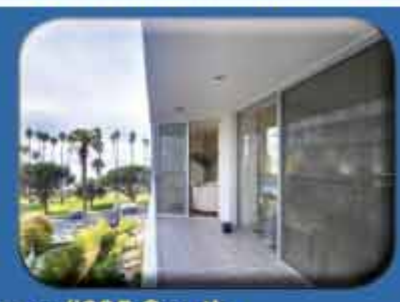
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