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# Trees to be saved from oncoming train

## City Hall plans to move 39 trees that would have been impacted by Exposition Light Rail

**BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD**
Daily Press Staff Writer

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.

CITY HALL City officials have come up with a tree plan that even the Lorax might accept.

The City Council will likely approve an almost $300,000 contract to move 39 trees out of the way of the incoming Exposition Light Rail line, which will be built along Olympic Boulevard by 2015.

The right of way adjacent to Olympic Boulevard between Stewart Street and

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# Would you be my Valentine?

## SM shelter volunteers give new spin to animal photos

**BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD**
Daily Press Staff Writer

NINTH STREET The Santa Monica Animal Shelter has a number of feline and canine friends that want to be your Valentine, and they've got the pictures to prove it.

Thanks to dedicated volunteers Sharon Hardy and Carmen Molinari, the animals at the shelter got glammed up for a Valentine's Day photo shoot that shows them at their best to potential adopters.

The products, richly-colored shots featuring relaxed animals decked out in holiday finery surrounded by bouquets of roses and balloons, are a far cry from the quick snaps normally posted at Petfinder.com, the advertising service used by the shelter.

Prospective adopters come into the shelter expecting it to be a drab place with sad, morose animals, Molinari said.

"At this shelter, it's not about just getting them food, water and a bed," she said. "We spoil them."

They certainly look spoiled.

Take Flo, a pit bull and lab mix adorned with a flowery headband sitting tranquilly on a pale pink throw, or Francisco, an orange tabby sunk luxuriously into a big, white cushion.

"It starts a dialogue about how we run the shelters, and do we need more donations or volunteers," Molinari said. "The main thing is to get the community involved with us, to

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Photo courtesy Sharon Hardy

BE MINE: **Santa Monica Animal Shelter volunteer Sharon Hardy snapped these photos of animals up for adoption, hoping the festive backgrounds will bring in those looking for a new best friend.**

# Interview offers glimpse into a killer's mind

**BY GREG BLUESTEIN**
Associated Press

ATLANTA "I didn't have, like, the intention of killing a kid," Ryan Brunn told police after he pleaded guilty to molesting a girl, slashing her throat and dumping her body in a trash bin. In a candid, three-hour interview, Brunn went into detail about how and why he lured the girl to an empty apartment — and when he made the decision to kill her.

Convicted child killers don't often agree to such frank interviews with police, and in this case, Brunn gave them a glimpse into the mind of a murderer.

"I've never done something like this in my life," said Brunn, who recounted his thoughts after the murder. "'Am I going to get caught?' I didn't think I was. I was going so crazy I left the gloves, I left the ties on the floor."

The worker gloves and plastic ties were among several pieces of evidence that linked Brunn to the Dec. 2 killing.

That evening, the apartment complex maintenance worker was able to get Jorelys Rivera's attention as she left a playground to fetch drinks for her friends. Sometime earlier, Brunn noticed the 7-year-old girl had lost a roller skate outside her apartment. He snapped a photo of it and used that image to coax the girl into a vacant unit.

Once there, he molested her, beat her and slit her throat. For three days, police searched for Jorelys. Brunn even joined the

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## OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

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Senior Center
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Warm up your throat for the Senior Center Sing-a-Long. Show off your songbird skills at this interactive event, led weekly by Douglas and Marybeth. Must be a Senior Center member and 50 or older to participate. Senior Center membership is free. For more information, call (310) 458-8644.

**Voice your opinion**
City Council Chambers
1685 Main St., 5:30 p.m.
Attend the regularly-scheduled City Council meeting and voice your opinion on critical issues ranging from financing the construction of an early childhood education center to requiring groups of 75 or more to have a permit before protesting or hosting public feedings on the Third Street Promenade. For the meeting agenda and more information go to www.smgov.net/

**Beach=Culture**
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 Pacific Coast Highway, 6:30 p.m.
Enjoy a special Valentine's Day concert on the theme of love with selections from operas and musicals: Shana Blake Hill, soprano; Cedric Berry, baritone; and Victoria Kirsch, pianist. Concert is free but you must RSVP at http://annenbergbeachhouse.com/beachculture or call (310) 458-4904.

**Bug out**
Santa Monica Pier
1550 Pacific Coast Highway, 8 p.m.
Cirque du Soleil's "OVO" is under the big top by the sea. In this show, Cirque delves into the secret lives of bugs to tell their unlikely stories. The show runs through Feb. 26.
For more information,
call (800) 450-1480.

### Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2012

**The American dream**
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,
1 p.m. — 3 p.m.
Watch and discuss the feature film "For Me and My Gal," starring Judy Garland. Anna Stramese, who has a master's in critical studies from USC, will lead the discussion. This is part of a series focusing on films that captured the pursuit of the American dream. Cost: Free.
For more information
call (310) 458-8681.

**Finding an outlet**
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
6 p.m. — 8 p.m.
Learn about recent developments in the electric vehicle revolution sweeping across California, including cash incentives for purchasing a new electric car, during a presentation at the Main Library. The workshop will focus on plug-in electric vehicles (PEVs) and feature a panel of local owners discussing their experiences with PEVs in everyday life. The workshop is free, and refreshments will be provided.
To register, go to www.energycenter.org/cvrp-events

**Key to college dollars**
Fairview Branch
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,
7 p.m. — 9 p.m.
A workshop for students grades 11-12 that will review the forms required to apply for financial aid, go over the types of aid available (grants, loans, scholarships) and the pros and cons of each. Presented by Diana Hanson, student counselor at College Mentors. For more information call (310) 458-8681.

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## CORRECTION

In the article "City well represented in playoffs," which appeared in the Feb. 13 edition of the Daily Press, it should have stated that the CIF playoffs are scheduled to begin Friday.

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY

### Nearly 400 busted using cell phones

During the month of January, officers issued 397 tickets for driving while using a cell phone – 375 for talking and 22 for texting, police said Monday.

The SMPD has been cracking down on certain behaviors that contribute to traffic collisions. January officers focused on distracted drivers, said Santa Monica Police Sgt. Richard Lewis.

Meanwhile, four people were arrested for driving under the influence Friday and had their vehicles impounded after they passed through a sobriety checkpoint set up by the SMPD.

The checkpoint was held on the 300 block of Pico Boulevard with funding from a grant from the Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Lewis said.

A total of 1,443 vehicles passed through the checkpoint. Of those, 266 were screened by officers. Aside from the four DUI arrests, officers also arrested one person for felony drug possession and issued 17 citations – four for being an unlicensed driver and 13 for various vehicle code violations, Lewis said.

KEVIN HERRERA

# Judge sets November trial date for 'Whitey' Bulger

**BY DENISE LAVOIE**
AP Legal Affairs Writer

BOSTON A magistrate judge on Monday set a Nov. 5 trial date for James "Whitey" Bulger, rejecting a plea from the reputed gangster's lawyers for more time to prepare.

Bulger, the former leader of the Winter Hill Gang, is charged with participating in 19 murders. He was captured in Santa Monica, Calif., in June, after 16 years on the run.

During a hearing in federal court Monday, Bulger's attorney, J.W. Carney Jr., said it would take his law firm at least a year to go through more than 500,000 documents and nearly 1,000 tapes prosecutors have turned over to the defense.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Brian Kelly said it appears that the 82-year-old Bulger is trying to "run out the clock" to avoid trial altogether.

"To suggest that he needs a full year ... I don't think is appropriate," Kelly said.

Magistrate Judge Marianne Bowler said she understands what a "monumental task" reviewing the materials will be and said she would consider Carney's request to hire additional lawyers. Bowler scheduled a status hearing for March 19.

Bulger, who was also a top-echelon FBI informant, fled Boston in 1995 after being tipped by John Connolly Jr., his longtime FBI handler. Connolly recently completed a 10-year prison sentence on racketeering charges and is now serving a 40-year sentence for helping to set in motion a mob hit in 1982 against a business executive.

Tom Donahue, the son of a man allegedly killed by Bulger, said he and the families of other victims want to see Bulger go to trial.

"My biggest fear is delays," he said.

Donahue's father, Michael, a truck driver, was killed during a hit on a man who was cooperating with investigators against Bulger. Michael Donahue gave the man a ride home. Bulger and another man are accused of riddling their car with bullets.

# Authorities: Houston was underwater in tub

**BY ANTHONY MCCARTNEY**
AP Entertainment Writer

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. Whitney Houston was underwater and apparently unconscious when she was pulled from a Beverly Hills hotel bathtub, and she had prescription drugs in her room, authorities said Monday.

Two days after her death, Houston's body was taken to a small, Los Angeles-area airport to be flown to New Jersey, where her family was making arrangements for a funeral at the end of the week.

An autopsy was done Sunday, and authorities said there were no indications of foul play and no obvious

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Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

SAVED: **The City Council is being asked to spend almost $300,000 on a plan to relocate 39 trees on Olympic Boulevard that would possibly be chopped down to make room for the incoming Exposition Light Rail line.**

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Cloverfield Boulevard is home to 53 trees, 14 of which were deemed unsuitable for preservation based on a battery of criteria.

If approved, Valley Crest Tree Co. will receive a $295,200 contract to move six palm trees, two melaleucas and 31 ficus for planting elsewhere in the city.

The remainder were less certain to survive, or more expensive to relocate because of impacts on infrastructure like utilities, buildings or hardscape around the current tree site.

In all, the City Council is expected to OK $756,933 of expenditures Tuesday night.

**STAYING CONNECTED**

City staff will request an additional $100,000 in order to meet demand for the subsidized Internet service it provides to technology, entertainment and other businesses.

City Hall contracts with nLayer Communications, Inc. for support for the fiber optic network and free public WiFi services. The fiber optic network also uses an nLayer service to provide local businesses broadband at reduced rates.

The original agreement was made in January 2010, but a substantial number of new businesses joined the service in the interim and the contract has to be amended to provide service to the new clients.

The total contract modification is $300,000, but only $100,000 is available in the 2011-12 fiscal year.

**ELECTRIC VEHICLE LEASES**

City Hall intends to extend leases for 23 electric vehicles, leases which expired in October and November.

The extension for the 23 electric Toyota RAV4s would cost $90,459. Over the course of the next year, staff would work to find new generation electric vehicles to replace the older models.

Staff in the Airport Administration, Facilities, Office of Sustainability and the Environment, Engineering, Building and Safety, Resource Recovery & Recycling and Water Resources use the cars.

**PLAN CHECK SERVICES**

A number of special projects will require City Hall to extend a contract with a company that provides support for plan check, inspection and permit services.

The unexpected need to evaluate the "Chain Reaction" sculpture, along with analysis of plans for The Village housing project, mean that City Hall needs another $60,000 for its contract with JAS Pacific, Inc.

The contract will be extended until Feb. 29.

**EMERGENCY REPAIRS**

City staff will request an additional $51,998.58 to put behind a blanket purchase order with a California-based company to make sure that necessary repairs to traffic signals continue.

The construction costs for new left-turn signals at Colorado Avenue and Second Street and Colorado Avenue and Main Street along with emergency repairs to traffic signals at Olympic Boulevard at 20th

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### Right up there with the mob

**Editor:**

Further to Bill Bauer's column regarding City Hall's continued failure to properly handle parking citation reviews ("City Hall's ongoing cover up," My Write, Feb. 5), I wonder if the attorney for Mr. and Mrs. Epstein has considered upping the ante for City Hall by adding a Racketeer Influenced Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO) complaint to the pending class-action suit?

Not only would each improperly handled citation be considered a "predicate act" under RICO, but each and every instance of mailing in furtherance of the enterprise would be a separate "predicate act." A single verdict of using the mails in the furtherance of a fraud would make the entity (the city of Santa Monica) ineligible for a federal mailing permit. In other words, if they lost the case, they'd lose their mailing permit, too! If nothing else, adding a RICO complaint would increase City Hall's discovery costs to unacceptably high levels. This would increase the pressure to settle.

Trying such a case presents a multitude of potentially career-ending downsides for the city. It would be difficult, if not impossible, for city staff to claim that they were effectively discharging their assigned responsibilities if they are required to put a stamp on every piece of mail that they send out, let alone if they are declared in open court to be a racketeer-influenced corrupt organization. Of course, thugs never see themselves as such until some little guy, who won't take no for an answer comes along and whoops their sorry butts, right? Go Epsteins! Go Bauer!

**Bob Abernethy**
Santa Monica

### Get off and walk

**Editor:**

Jon Mann is untruthful when he says that cyclists are "forced" to ride on sidewalks ("Drivers must share the road," Letters to the Editor, page 4, Jan. 20). If street conditions are dangerous, a cyclist can always move onto a sidewalk, then dismount and walk his bicycle on the sidewalk. There is no excuse to ride a bicycle on a sidewalk.

Mr. Mann is also wrong to claim that motorists and pedestrians are equally guilty of disobeying traffic laws. Nearly 100 percent of cyclists ignore stop signs, and many flaunt red lights. Whereas most pedestrians use street corners (rather than jaywalk), and a majority of motorists obey stop signs and very rarely cross red lights.

**Thomas M. Sipos**
Santa Monica

### Don't tread on my liberties

**Editor:**

Judge Randy Smith, dissenting in the Prop. 8 case, wrote that limiting marriage to heterosexual couples ensures that children are raised by married, biological parents. ("Appeals court throws out same-sex marriage ban," page 1, Feb. 8).

So since my wife and I were unable to have biological children, the state should have annulled our marriage, right? That wouldn't have made our two wonderful adopted children very happy. It's always amusing to observe hypocritical conservative judges who purport to want to protect individuals against the power of the state trot out nonsensical arguments to justify tromping on personal liberties.

**Paul Bergman**
Santa Monica






## What's the Point?

David Pisarra — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

# What's an idea worth?

TWO WEEKS AGO I WAS WANDERING around the U.S. District Court looking for something interesting to watch. Occasionally there are some very good trials going on and I like to sit in and watch the excellent lawyering that happens in federal court.

As I sat in the courtroom with its 20 foot ceilings, feeling the authority of the federal court, I was impressed with the skill of the attorneys as they battled over the meaning of contractual terms. The case dealt with the Golden Globes and who had the rights to renew the license to produce them.

The trial is very important to a very few people. The ideas at stake are almost inconsequential, but the rights to them are highly profitable.

Being in court is one of the few places where I do not answer my phone, so when my friend John K. Bates called me, I let it go to voicemail. I hadn't heard from him in quite awhile, but getting yelled at by a federal marshal for answering my phone was not on my to-do list that day.

John was calling to invite me to an event that night. We had met a year or so ago at the Broad Stage for a KCRW event and we had instantly hit it off. So now, when he has events in Santa Monica he thinks of me.

As a technophile, John is involved in Internet companies and has his hands in many pies. One of those pies is TED. If you've never heard of TED it is the nonprofit devoted to "Technology, Entertainment and Design." Its tag line is "ideas worth sharing." They hold conferences where people who are leaders in their field are invited to give the talk of their lives in under 18 minutes.

TED talks are videotaped and then shared with the world freely. I've seen some of the most amazing speakers, on astonishing topics, thanks to TED. If you've ever wondered what it is like to have a stroke, there's an epic TED talk by a Jill Bolte Taylor, a neuroanatomist who had a massive stroke.

The problem with TED is that it is only held a few times a year, and the fans of TED wanted more live events. So TEDx was started, which is a local version of TED under license and adhering to certain quality standards.

TEDx Santa Monica holds events at the William Turner Gallery in Bergamot Station. The gallery is the new home for TEDx Santa Monica for this year. Each TEDx event has a theme and this one was food, a topic near and dear to my heart.

When John called I couldn't say no to a) seeing him, and b) going to an event that was all about food. He didn't even have to tell me that Evan Kleiman was going to be there for me to be excited. I love Evan. I've listened to her for years on KCRW. Her passion for food and restaurants is legendary, so seeing her in person is always a treat.

There were other remarkable speakers, such as Mark Anderson who was an investment banker but now runs Farmers' Markets and is a tomato farmer. He did a speech on how he fell in love with a tomato and made the transition from finance to agriculture.

For some local flavor, Casey Corn, who was born and raised in Santa Monica, did a presentation on the history of olive oil from an anthropological perspective. I learned things about the history of olive oil that I never would have guessed. As a lively and engaging speaker her dynamic personality brought to life ancient Greece and then she traveled through time to modern life. It was easy to see why she earned honors and distinction for her thesis, a study of olive oil.

If you've ever wondered about the community gardens, I suggest calling Cris Gutierrez. She is a peace educator, community gardener, environmentalist and writer. Her talk on the history of the gardens and what they provide the community was inspiring. As a member of the Community Gardens Advisory Group, she is dedicated to extending and enriching the city's gardening realms.

Chef Marcel Vigneron, who fashions himself as an "Entrepreneurial Gastronomist" — I'm not sure what that is, but I like the sound of it — dedicated his life to gastronomy and honing his skills as a chef. His was a free form speech on food and cooking and passion. It was easy to see why he was on "Top Chef."

The cost of the TEDx event was $25, and it was a great gathering of people from across the spectrum. There were artists and musicians, lawyers and accountants in attendance. The nice part was that this event was only one of many that are done around the world by people wanting to share great ideas because they are great ideas.

It was in interesting contrast to the morning, where it was people not wanting to share ideas because there was money at stake. I truly enjoyed myself and look forward to the next TEDx event, which is slated for May 3. If you want to know more about TEDx go to www.tedxsantamonica.com/ and get some great ideas, for not a lot of money.

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# It all began with a love note

FORTY-ONE YEARS AGO, I WAS A NAÏVE 19 year old just beginning life's journey. I do not like to brag but I was the poster child for naïveté. I had a few ideas about life but too few to make me a contributing member of society. What I knew about life could fit nicely in my trouser pocket with plenty of room for a country boy's pocketknife.

One of the things that I did not know is that a naïve country boy is a target for a young lady looking to settle down. It is a good thing I did not know these things because it is better in some areas of life to be caught off guard. If you always have your guard up you are never going to see some of the more interesting sights of life.

It was exactly 41 years ago this month that I was introduced to a very nice young lady. She smiled at me and I smiled back. Being a courteous naïve young man I did not know that smiling back had a different meaning to the one receiving the smile than the one giving the smile. Ah, that sweet innocence. How I miss it.

We attended the same bible college and therefore were in constant contact with each other.

Looking back on the whole affair our relationship changed one day when she slipped me a note as we passed each other in the hall going to separate classes. The only note I had ever received in my life came from my mother which contained a list of things she wanted me to do "or else." Now I was getting a note from this young lady.

I smiled when she handed it to me but inside I was more frightened than I have ever been in my entire life. A note; what in the world did she want me to do? What did I do that she has to communicate to me in such a covert manner?

My fears were allayed when I opened the note and discovered it was a "love letter."

For anybody who has received such communication in the past you will understand quite readily that this completely changed our relationship. This was before e-mail, texting, cell phones and Facebook. Back in "the day," we had to do all of our communication in person like, face-to-face. The only exception was the notorious love notes, of which I was being introduced.

Getting my first "love note" was rather enlightening to me. I had just seen this young lady in the hallway, and before that we had lunch together, and before that we had chapel where we saw each other. However, the note that she handed me, this infamous love note, said that she, and I quote, "missed me."

I turned the note over to see if there was any explanation on the back, but it was blank. I was a little concerned about her when underneath her name she put a series of Xs and Os. Whether this was some secret code I was supposed to know about or whether she had just run out of words was beyond my experience at the time.

As I thought about that note, I wondered, when in the world did she have time to miss me? What was it she missed? It certainly was not my charm because I had not developed that attribute until recently.

Now I was in a quandary. What do I do? Do I go up to her after class and apologize for being missed? Do I sit her down and explain to her that between seeing each other we had been in different classes in different rooms? What do I do with this bit of information? I thought the better part of valor was to pretend I knew what she was talking about.

It was not long before I realized that she was expecting me to reciprocate and write her a love note. I really did not know what to say. If I wrote a note similar to the one she wrote me and said, "I miss you," I would be lying. I knew where she was. I knew that after the class was over I would see her again.

It took me a while to realize that the purpose of love notes had nothing to do with exchanging information. In fact, no love note carries with it any sensitive information at all. To this day, I am still not sure what a love note really is.

I began my writing career and although I had hoped to start writing nonfiction I was writing fictitious notes that had no meaning whatsoever. I began writing little love notes to her saying, "I miss you, too." I felt a little guilty and somewhat silly, but she looked forward to my "missing" her. I'm still a little embarrassed to say that it took some time for me to figure out the Xs and Os.

Now when I hear someone say that X marks the spot, a different picture comes to mind.

Upon thought, I discovered that God was the first one to write a love note. "Jehovah appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee" (Jeremiah 31:3 KJV).

Everything in my life began with God's marvelous love note to me.

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## The Q Line

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The redevelopment of the Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows has proven to be a polarizing project. There are those that say the added tax revenue is good for the city, while others say that it's too big for the area.

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# Florida offers look at problems with No Child Left Behind law

**BY CHRISTINE ARMARIO**
AP Education Writer

MIAMI By almost any measure, Norma Butler Bossard Elementary is a top performing school in Miami: It has consistently been rated an 'A' by the state, and students have achieved high scores on Florida's standardized math and reading exams.

Yet when it comes to the federal No Child Left Behind law, the school hasn't lived up to expectations. Last year, 79 percent of students had to be at grade level in reading and 80 percent in math. Overall, the students exceeded those goals. But two groups — English language learners and the economically disadvantaged — did not.

"This is a crystallization of the challenge," said Miami-Dade Schools Superintendent Alberto Carvalho.

Responding to an outcry from the states and congressional inaction on rewriting the law, President Barack Obama on Thursday told 10 states, including Florida, that they will be freed from the strictest elements of the law, including the requirement that all students be up to par in math and reading by 2014. In exchange for flexibility, states had to present individualized plans aimed at ensuring all students leave school ready for college and career. The plans must set new achievement targets, rewarding high performing schools and focusing on those that are struggling.

"We can combine greater freedom with greater accountability," Obama said at the White House.

Florida, home to several of the nation's largest school districts, offers a look into what went wrong with the law and why states are now clamoring for relief.

No Child Left Behind was signed into law by former President George W. Bush a decade ago with the intention of closing the vast achievement gaps between poor and affluent students, whites and minorities. A key part of the legislation requires states to set annual benchmarks for the percentage of students scoring proficient in math and reading on state standardized exams, leading up to 100 percent proficiency in 2014.

Each school is held accountable for the performance of every student group — minorities, English learners, and the poor — in meeting those benchmarks.

If any one of those groups does not meet the targets, the school falls out of compliance. Schools that don't meet the goals for two consecutive years are labeled "in need of improvement," and a series of corrective steps comes into play, including student transfers to a higher performing school, providing tutoring, replacing staff or even closing.

Florida had passed significant education reforms shortly before No Child Left Behind went into effect, including an A-to-F school grading system based on student performance on the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test. After 2002, there were two separate school evaluations — the state's and the one provided through No Child Left Behind.

Increasingly, those painted two contrasting pictures of a school's progress.

While the number of schools in Florida that earned an 'A' on the state's annual report card has steadily increased, the number meeting No Child Left Behind requirements has dramatically decreased. Last year, just 10 percent of Florida elementary, middle and high schools met the annual proficiency benchmarks required under the federal law.

"Are we saying over 90 percent of schools are 'failing?'" Florida Education Commissioner Gerard Robinson said. "The answer is no."

In many of the schools, just one group of students was behind. At Miami's Norma Butler Bossard Elementary, a majority Hispanic school, 78 percent of poor students scored at grade level in reading — one point behind the No Child Left Behind target. English language learners lagged behind by nine points in reading and two in math. The majority, however, were performing above the goals set by the law.

"It was confusing to parents and students and teachers when you get two sets of criteria and two sets of grades," said Wayne Blanton, executive director of the Florida School Boards Association. "You begin to wonder which one's real."

Then there are schools like Holmes Elementary, a school in a struggling neighborhood north of Miami's downtown. Just 18 percent of students were at grade level in math in the 2002-03 school year. By last year, that number had jumped to 65 percent — a 47 percentage point percent increase. Yet students had still not caught up to the rising numbers expected under No Child Left Behind and the school had been in danger of being closed next year.

"That is an iconic school in Miami," Carvalho said. "The previous performance was not acceptable and we changed everything about that school."

Closing it, he said, "would have been extinguishing the beacon of hope."

Robinson is reluctant to say No Child Left Behind didn't work — he praised it for shining a light on the performance of all student subgroups — but says that over time, it rubbed up against the state's accountability system.

"It just didn't make any sense," he said.

Many also say the 2014 goal to have all students proficient in math and reading is unrealistic.

"There's always going to be children that need additional help and there's always going to be children who are ahead of the curve," Blanton said. "It was treating every single class of students exactly the same."

District leaders are hoping that under the waiver a school's long-term progress will be taken into account and that they'll have more flexibility on interventions. Under the current law, districts that repeatedly fail to meet the benchmarks are required to set aside federal money to pay for outside tutoring. But many researchers say that's been ineffective.

"The results are not there," Carvalho said.

Carvalho said that another big burden of the law was providing transportation for students in failing schools to one that is higher performing. With larger percentages of schools falling out of compliance with the law, opportunities to transfer were vanishing.

"It becomes very tough to accommodate students," he said.

Florida Gov. Rick Scott said he was enthusiastic about the opportunity to have more local control.

"Anytime we can do that where we get to make our own decisions because we know how to take care of our own children that's a big positive," he said.

# L.A. abuse charges prompt awkward talks for parents

BY MICHAEL R. BLOOD
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Sinister allegations of abuse by at least two teachers in a Los Angeles school have forced awkward discussions as parents warn youngsters that people they trust — pastors, teachers, even relatives — might do things that could hurt them.

It was a grim reminder of risks faced by kids, even within the safety of school walls.

Sergio Vasquez, 30, said he talked with his daughter for 45 minutes after she watched a news report about the disturbing cases that prompted the Los Angeles Unified School District to replace every employee at Miramonte Elementary School, located in a poor neighborhood about 8 miles from downtown.

With his 8-year-old daughter Hayley at his side, he said he told her to speak up if she sees anything suspicious, or if any teacher tries to manipulate her by giving her candy, or touching her hair or shoulders.

"We told her her body is private and nobody has the right to touch her," said Vasquez, as he stood outside an elementary school near downtown. "No teacher should put his hands on you and tell you 'Oh how beautiful you are.'"

Kari Morales, who lives in the city's Echo Park neighborhood, teaches her 5- and 6-year-old children about keeping up a guard.

"It's necessary, especially now, with priests, with anybody. You can't trust anybody. I talk to my kids all the time," she said. "I just tell my kids, 'If you feel something is not right, you need to say something.'"

On Wednesday, investigators revealed they seized 200 additional inappropriate photographs of children allegedly taken by teacher Mark Berndt, who is accused of blindfolding and gagging students and having some eat cookies iced with his semen. A second teacher, Martin Springer, faces three lewdness charges for allegedly fondling a second-grader.

Both teachers have been fired.

The line between what is appropriate and what's not can sometimes be difficult for younger children to discern — Berndt is accused of feeding semen to children during bizarre "tasting games" in his classroom over a five-year period.

"A big challenge is parents will often emphasize 'stranger danger' when talking with children, but we know the biggest risk to kids is from people they trust," said Thomas Lyon, a professor of law and psychology at the University of Southern California, who has researched child witnesses and abuse and worked as an attorney on child-abuse cases.

Young children don't need a scientific anatomy lesson, he said. They need to know "if they feel weird, if they touch them in a certain place, how important it is for them to tell a parent."

He added: "You have to emphasize to your child that you will not get angry with them for anything they've done. Otherwise, the child will say, 'Why should I tell?'"

It's a persistent problem. According to the state Commission on Teacher Credentialing, 365 cases involving allegations of adult sexual offenses in schools were opened in the five years ending last June.

Initially, the Los Angeles school district fielded a steady stream of calls from alarmed parents at Miramonte, after details of the bizarre case trickled out. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Sgt. Dan Scott said the department has received dozens of tips following the arrests of Berndt and Springer.

"At this point, all I can tell you is there's a lot," Scott said.

But officials in several neighboring counties said the Los Angeles arrests have not caused a surge in fearful calls from parents or new reports of suspected abuse.

Berndt, 61, taught for 32 years at the South Los Angeles neighborhood school, where the 120-member staff, from janitors to principal, was replaced following outrage among parents. Springer, 49, pleaded not guilty Tuesday after he was charged with committing three lewd acts upon one girl in 2009.

Molly Gomez, 31, said she told her son to tell her if anyone touches him inappropriately. Her 10-year-old boy, who has autism, has struggled with bullying at school and doesn't understand why he can't walk to school by himself like other kids his age.

"I don't know if he understood me," she said, adding that she planned to talk with him again.

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## KILLER
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search one evening. Investigators found her in a trash bin at the apartment complex.

Jorelys family has sued the apartment complex managers, accusing them of failing to properly check Brunn's background. The lawsuit claims Brunn was retained despite residents' complaints about him lingering at the playground watching children. A manager at the apartment complex didn't immediately return a telephone call from The Associated Press.

Brunn was in custody for more than a month before he decided to plead guilty and was sentenced to life in prison without parole. About an hour after a judge handed down his punishment, Brunn sat in a cramped office and spoke with two Georgia Bureau of Investigations officers.

Two days later, Brunn hanged himself in his prison cell with a gray sweatshirt. Video of the interview was released to the news media last week.

In the interview, the investigators delved into Brunn's history and practiced different techniques to gain his trust. Sometimes they encouraged him to complete sentences and thoughts by staying quiet themselves. Other times they asked leading questions, prompting Brunn to correct them or offer more insight.

During one exchange, Brunn said it was only after the girl asked to go to the bathroom that he realized he could go to jail if he released her. It was then he decided he had to kill her.

"I know this is hard to say, but I don't think what happened would have happened if she hadn't gone to the bathroom," Brunn said.

Detailed interviews of the kind investigators conducted with Brunn can reveal patterns of behavior before, during and after a crime, said Bob Ingram, a retired Georgia Bureau of Investigation agent who has conducted dozens of such interrogations.

"You can read books and you can study cases, but I think the true learning takes place when you interview the offenders after the fact," said Ingram, who teaches law enforcement interviewing techniques.

GBI Special Agent Dustin Hamby, who helped interview the 20-year-old Brunn, said he learned that young suspects should be confronted early with physical evidence to elicit a confession more quickly.

"He told us that he had resolved himself to not tell the truth, but had we put a picture or the gloves that we found at the scene that he left, that he potentially would have confessed at that point or admitted that he was involved," Hamby said.

The investigators offered their own theories when Brunn wouldn't divulge details. During one exchange, the agents pressed Brunn repeatedly on how Jorleys got deep cuts on her face and chest.

"It's either you hesitating to try to get the courage up to cut her throat or you're trying to get her to do what you want her to do or it's just plain out torture," Hamby said. "It's one of the three, and I don't know which one it is, and that's why I want to know."

Brunn insisted that he wasn't responsible for those injuries.

"What's done is done," he said. "I already went to court. But I don't know how that happened."

At times, he professed to be confused by his actions. He said he didn't know why he singled out Rivera, though he acknowledged watching her at the bus stop and being attracted to Hispanic girls. On the other hand, he sometimes had a clearer recollection, such as his insistence that he didn't have sex with the child, although he said he initially planned to do so.

Interviewing a suspect, or even a convicted killer, can be a mental game, and officers are not sure whether the person is bragging or lying.

"They don't want to tell you, but their ego sometimes overrides that. They want to say something that lets you know they're extremely clever," said Ingram, the retired GBI agent. "They don't want to get themselves in trouble but they want to get credit for what they've done."

## PHOTOS
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show them that the shelter is not a scary place, and there's a lot of warmth and love here for the animals."

Molinari will be the first to say that she approached Hardy about doing the photo shoots out of self interest.

She was looking for pictures for a shelter news letter that would catch the eye around Christmas time, and the generic shots of the animals poking at toys on the shelter yard weren't cutting it.

Hardy began volunteering at the shelter two years ago when she was laid off of her job as a researcher for late night talk show host Conan O'Brien in the tumultuous time after he left NBC before his new show was picked up by TBS.

Although she later rejoined the new TBS show, Hardy explored the idea of a career move that would marry her photography hobby with her love of animals.

Molinari and Hardy got together and, with the support of other volunteers and the shelter leadership, put together first a Christmas and then New Year-themed shoots for the animals.

By round three, Valentine's Day, the team had it down to a science. They baited the dogs and cats in, played with them, calmed them down and took the pictures.

The whole process took two days, and they managed to photograph over 20 animals.

The real trick was getting to know the dogs well enough to know what motivated their good behavior.

"For some it's treats, for others they need balls or toys," Hardy said.

The women wrapped up the shoot in style.

"After we knew we had all the shots we needed, we let the most energetic dog at the time, a pit bull named Ajax, come in and trample all of the balloons on set," Hardy wrote in an e-mail. "One by one, he popped every single one of them."

The dog, now happily adopted, had the time of his life, Hardy said.

The work whetted Hardy's appetite for her new artistic pursuit. Just last year, she decided to leave the entertainment world to focus full time on Sweet Potato Pet Photos.

"It was a hard decision, I'd spent all of my adult life at the show," Hardy said. Her former co-workers have been very supportive, some sending photography gigs her way, she said.

Both women credit Martin Hernandez and the shelter staff for giving them the latitude to take on the project.

Pictures do make a difference, Hernandez, the volunteer coordinator at the shelter, said.

"It's a nice way for people to see the dogs," Hernandez said.

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# HOUSTON
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signs of trauma on Houston's body. It could be weeks, however, before the coroner's office completes toxicology tests to establish her cause of death.

The 48-year-old singer had struggled for years with cocaine, marijuana and pills, and her behavior had become erratic.

Houston was found Saturday at the Beverly Hilton Hotel by a member of her staff about 3:30 p.m., just hours before she was supposed to appear at a pre-Grammy Awards gala, police Lt. Mark Rosen said.

She was pulled from the tub by members of her staff, and hotel security was promptly notified, Rosen said. She was pronounced dead about a half-hour later.

"As of right now, it's not a criminal investigation," Rosen said, refusing to release further details. "We have concluded our portion of the investigation at the hotel."

Los Angeles County coroner's assistant chief Ed Winter said there were bottles of prescription medicine in the room. He would not give details except to say: "There weren't a lot of prescription bottles. You probably have just as many prescription bottles in your medicine cabinet."

The coroner's office released the body to the family Monday morning. Later, a police convoy accompanied two vehicles into a Van Nuys Airport hangar, and a private, twin-engine jet rolled out of the hangar and took off shortly after 3 p.m. PST.

Two people who spoke with Houston's family said the singer would be taken to New Jersey.

The two, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to speak for the family, said Houston's relatives raised the possibility of a wake Thursday and a funeral Friday at Newark's Prudential Center, an arena that can seat about 18,000 people.

Houston was born in Newark and raised in nearby East Orange. She began singing as a child at Newark's New Hope Baptist Church, where her mother, Grammy-winning gospel singer Cissy Houston, led the music program for many years.

The White House said President Barack Obama's thoughts and prayers were with Houston's family, especially her daughter. Press secretary Jay Carney paid tribute to the singer's "immense talent" and called it a tragedy to lose somebody so gifted at such a young age.

Houston's death is a sad rewind of what befell Michael Jackson and Amy Winehouse. It took three months for a London coroner to rule that Winehouse drank herself to death last July. A powerful anesthetic was quickly linked to Jackson's June 2009 death. Three months ago, Jackson's doctor was convicted of involuntary manslaughter.

Houston's death tinged the Grammy ceremonies with sadness. It also probably boosted viewership, which was 50 percent higher than last year, with nearly 40 million viewers tuning in to the program on CBS.

A sensation from her first album, Houston was one of the world's best-selling artists from the mid-1980s to the late 1990s, turning out such hits as "I Wanna Dance With Somebody," "How Will I Know," "The Greatest Love of All" and "I Will Always Love You." But as she struggled with drugs, her majestic voice became raspy, and she couldn't hit the high notes.

Mourners left flowers, balloons and candles at the wrought-iron fence around the tall brick Newark church where she got her start. It sits near an abandoned housing project and the train line leading to New York City.

"She was an inspiration to everybody," said Gregory Hanks, an actor who grew up in the neighborhood and who dropped off a bouquet. He saw Houston perform in New Jersey years ago.

"I grew up listening to her as a little boy, and to hear her sing, you knew she was special," he said.

# COUNCIL
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Street depleted available funds.

Anything else, be it repair, maintenance or installation, will exceed the available purchase order, and any increase requires a City Council vote.

Approval would bring the two-year-total with Dynalectric, Inc. to $151,969.42.

### REPLASTERING

A splash pool at the Santa Monica Swim Center needs to be replastered to prevent people from hurting themselves on jagged edges, according to a staff report.

Staff noticed the damage after two recent inspections, and closed the splash pool. The replastering job is expected to cost $44,850 if approved, and will be performed by Sea-Clear Pools.

### SOFTWARE UPGRADES

Staff requests money for upgrades and support for software used to track repairs and the use of supplies in the city for the last 11 years.

City Hall purchased software licenses for a computerized maintenance management system from Hansen Information Technologies, Inc. in November 1999.

The software is used to track information about water resources and wastewater maintenance operations to provide more information about infrastructure needs.

To keep the software up to date, staff recommends allocating $232,250 over the next five years for support and regular software updates.

According to the staff report, $41,023 is available in the 2011-12 fiscal year, and the remainder will be contingent on council approval.

### MASTER PLAN

Staff requested additional money to pay for changes to a long-term plan developed for the City Yards in the wake of a decision to ax a proposal to put a recycling center on site.

The Corporation Yards, located on Michigan Avenue, will no longer have a recycling center on site because the soil can't support a traditional foundation for a building.

City Hall would like RNL Interplan, Inc., the company originally contracted for the Yard's master plan, to prepare a study analyzing the best and most practical approach to build on the former landfill.

The study will look at three possible approaches, including the use of structural slabs for building and vehicle areas, removing the landfill and importing a new surface or amend the soil to stabilize the existing soil.

The extra work will cost $37,591.

### BIKE FACILITIES

Now that Santa Monicans have a new Bike Center, City Hall hopes to make it easier to get to.

The annual resurfacing project for local roads will give the Planning Department the opportunity to broaden access to the facility, located at Colorado Avenue and Second Street.

Staff has chosen to extend an existing contract with the IBI Group by $35,812 to create broader access plans and facilities throughout the city that could be part of the resurfacing project.

IBI already designed roadway striping and signage improvements for the roadways nearby the Bike Center.

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The City of Santa Monica proposes to develop a park project that includes the rights of way areas known as Olympic Place South and a portion of 1st Court Alley. The project requires the vacation of Olympic Place South and a segment of the existing 1st Court Alley and incorporation into the project of a new public right of way extension of the remaining segment of 1st Court Alley running east and west at 1665 Ocean Avenue.

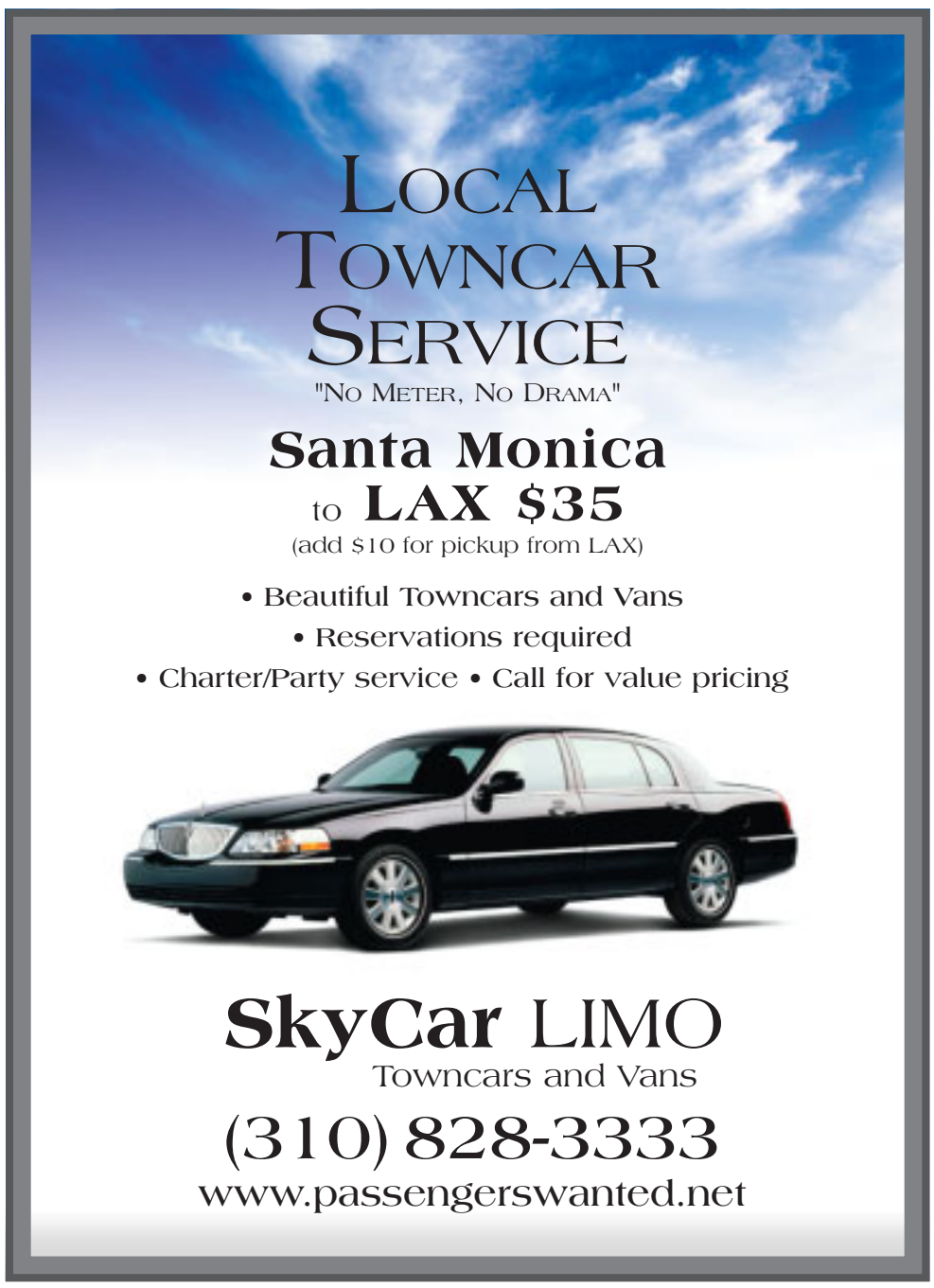
On January 10, 2012, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 10651 (CCS) declaring its intention to order vacation of Olympic Place South and a portion of public right of way on 1st Court Alley and dedication of a new public right of way at 1665 Ocean Avenue, to allow for this development and set a public hearing for February 14, 2012 at 5:45 PM. The Drawing No. 4745 of the alleys proposed to be vacated and dedicated is on file and is available for review in the office of Architecture Services/City of Santa Monica located at 1437 4th Street, Suite 300, Santa Monica, CA 90401. Pursuant to Part 3, Chapter 3, "General Vacation Procedure", of the California Streets and Highways Code, the City Council directed the City Clerk to set a public hearing on the proposed vacation and dedication proceedings as follows:

**DATE & TIME:**
**5:45 PM on February 14, 2012, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard**

**LOCATION:** **City Council Chambers**
**1685 Main Street, 2nd Floor**
**Santa Monica, CA 90401**

All persons interested in or objecting to the proposed right-of-way vacation and dedication may appear before the City Council at the public hearing to offer evidence in relation thereto.

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# Court hears challenge to state's affirmative action ban

**BY TERENCE CHEA**
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SAN FRANCISCO Backers of affirmative action asked a federal appeals court Monday to overturn California's 15-year-old ban on considering race in public college admissions, citing a steep drop in black, Latino and Native American students at the state's elite campuses.

A three-judge panel of the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeal heard arguments in the latest legal challenge to Proposition 209, the landmark voter initiative that barred racial, ethnic and gender preferences in public education, employment and contracting.

The affirmative action ban has withstood multiple challenges since voters approved it in 1996, but advocates say their campaign to overturn it has been bolstered by recent court decisions, as well as support from Gov. Jerry Brown.

Dozens of minority students backing the plaintiffs filled the courtroom for the hour-long hearing, when the justices questioned whether they should tamper with a 1997 ruling in which the same appellate court upheld Proposition 209.

Attorneys for the plaintiffs said affirmative action is needed to increase racial diversity at the University of California's most prestigious campuses and professional schools.

Ralph Kasarda, who is defending Proposition 209, told the justices that the San Francisco-based appellate court was correct when it upheld the affirmative action ban.

"Proposition 209 guarantees everyone's right to be treated fairly and not be discriminated against based on skin color or gender," said Kasarda, an attorney for the Pacific Legal Foundation, which represented the sponsors of the 1996 ballot measure.

The complaint was filed in January 2010 by several dozen minority students and advocacy groups who say the ban violates the civil rights of black, Latino and Native American students. Those groups make up about half of California's high school graduates, but much smaller percentages at UC's most competitive campuses.

For example, at UC Berkeley, the current freshmen class of California residents is roughly 1 percent Native American, 3.5 percent black, 15 percent Latino, 30 percent white and 48 percent Asian, according to UC data.

"As a state-serving institution, the university should reflect the demographics of California, and right now it doesn't," Magali Flores, 20, a third-year Latina student majoring in ethnic studies at UC Berkeley.

The court agreed to hear the case after U.S. District Judge Samuel Conti dismissed the lawsuit in December 2010. The California Supreme Court has twice ruled that Proposition 209 is constitutional.

Advocates say justices need to reconsider in light of recent court rulings on the issue.

In 2003, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled the University of Michigan Law School could consider race in admissions decisions.

# Rain suspends search in California serial killings

**BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

LINDEN, Calif. The search for more human remains in what appears to be a mass grave used by two men known as the "Speed Freak Killers" was suspended because of rain Monday, a day after authorities unearthed hundreds of bone fragments.

The grisly discoveries were made at an old well near the rural Northern California town of Linden. Death row inmate Wesley Shermantine had claimed the well could hold 10 or more victims from a killing spree during the 1980s and 90s.

Along with bones, searchers dug out clothes, a purse and jewelry, on Sunday. The items were found 45 feet deep in the well on an abandoned cattle ranch, San Joaquin County Sheriff's Department spokesman Les Garcia said in a statement.

Investigators, public works employees and volunteers have found more than 300 human bones and had planned to resume the search Monday, Garcia said.

Searchers will resume digging and sifting through the dirt and cataloguing their finds Tuesday, weather permitting, he said. The search is going at a "slow and tedious" pace and is expected to last several more days, Garcia said.

Meanwhile, the sheriff's department has set up a telephone hotline — (209) 468-5087 — for people who suspect their loved ones fell prey to the killers.

Investigators can also be e-mailed at coldcase@sjgov.org. The department on Monday asked that e-mail messages include names, phone numbers, the name of the missing person and case number.

Sunday marked the fourth straight day that remains were found with the help of a map prepared by Shermantine, who along with childhood friend Loren Herzog became known as the "Speed Freak Killers" after their arrests in 1999. The map led to burial locations in San Joaquin and Calaveras counties.

Shermantine was convicted of four murders and sentenced to death.

Herzog was convicted of three murders and sentenced to 77 years to life in prison, though that was later reduced to 14 years. An appeals court tossed his first-degree murder convictions after ruling his confession was illegally obtained.

Herzog was paroled in 2010 to a trailer outside the High Desert State Prison in Susanville. He committed suicide outside that trailer last month after Sacramento bounty hunter Leonard Padilla told him Shermantine was disclosing the location of the well along with two other locations.

A piece of a human skull and bones found Saturday at the San Joaquin County well will be sent to the U.S. Department of Justice in the hopes of identifying them through DNA testing, Garcia said.

Dental records identified remains found Thursday in Calaveras County, near property once owned by Shermantine's family, as those of 25-year-old Cyndi Vanderheiden, who disappeared in 1998.

Another set of remains was found Friday in the same area, and the parents of 16-year-old Chevelle "Chevy" Wheeler, who disappeared in 1985, said authorities told them that's where their daughter was believed to be buried. Paula Wheeler also said investigators told her the remains were clad in the same clothes she remembers seeing her daughter wearing the day she disappeared.

# Obama promotes job training plan at community college

BY JIM KUHNHENN & KIMBERLY HEFLING
Associated Press

ANNANDALE, Va. President Barack Obama called on Congress Monday to create an $8 billion fund to train community college students for high-growth industries, giving a financial incentive to schools whose graduates are getting jobs.

The fund was part of Obama's proposed budget for 2013. The overall package aims to achieve $4 trillion in deficit reduction over the next decade by restraining government spending and raising taxes on the wealthy, while boosting spending in some areas, including education.

Obama warned Congress that blocking investments in education and other proposals in his budget would be standing in the way of "America's comeback."

"By reducing our deficit in the long term, what that allows us to do is to invest in the things that will help grow our economy right now," Obama said during remarks at Northern Virginia Community College.

The White House says the "Community College to Career Fund" would train 2 million workers for jobs in potential growth areas such as electronic medical records and cyber security within sectors such as health care, transportation and advanced manufacturing.

A key component of the community college plan would institute "pay for performance" in job training, meaning there would be financial incentives to ensure that trainees find permanent jobs — particularly for programs that place individuals facing the greatest hurdles getting work. It also would promote training of entrepreneurs, provide grants for state and local government to recruit companies, and support paid internships for low-income community college students.

Obama said community colleges needs resources to become community career centers where students can learn skills that local businesses need immediately.

"This should be an engine of job growth all across the country, these community colleges, and that's why we've got to support them," Obama said.

Obama pointed to programs in Louisville, Ky., Charlotte, N.C., and Orlando, Fla., as good examples.

UPS overnight workers in Louisville get a tuition-and-book benefit at the University of Louisville or Jefferson Community and Technical College as part of a program designed to help the company recruit and retain workers. Central Piedmont Technical College in Charlotte created a two-year degree in mechatronics, which combines skills in mechanical, electrical and computer fields. In Orlando, Northrop Grumman has aggressively hired laser technicians who completed a program developed by Valencia College because of demand.

Education Secretary Arne Duncan told reporters on a conference call that the specifics of the pay-for-performance aspect of the plan are still being hammered out, but it's possible that about $500 million would go toward rewarding programs that successfully place workers.

Rep. John Kline, R-Minn., the chairman of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, said in a statement that he's "skeptical" of the president's plan, but that Republicans support the goal of modernizing federal job training programs.

"The committee will give the president's proposal the consideration it deserves," Kline said.

But Rep. Virginia Foxx, R-N.C., who chairs a subcommittee with jurisdiction over higher education matters, said the president's proposal "does not solve problems," and a better solution is to "evaluate the current federal jobs programs, make them more efficient and eliminate the totally inefficient ones."

Even as the United States struggles to emerge from the economic downturn, there are high-tech industries with a shortage of workers. And it is anticipated there will be 2 million job openings in manufacturing nationally through 2018, mostly due to baby boomer retirement, according to the Center on Education and the Workforce at Georgetown University. The catch is that these types of jobs frequently require the ability to operate complicated machinery and follow detailed instructions, as well as some expertise in subjects like math and statistics.

As costs at four-year colleges have soared, enrollments at community colleges have increased by 25 percent during the last decade and now top more than 6 million students, according to the American Institutes for Research. People with a one-year certificate or two-year degree in certain career fields can earn higher salaries than those with a traditional college degree, said Anthony Carnevale, director of the center at Georgetown University.

Mark Schneider, the former U.S. commissioner of education statistics who now serves as vice president at the American Institutes for Research, said there's no doubt that high-tech companies need skilled workers. But he said there are challenges with leaning heavily on community colleges. Many students enter community colleges lacking math skills. The sophisticated equipment needed for training is expensive, and there's little known about the effectiveness of individual community colleges programs across the country, he said.

"We need measures of how well they are training their students, how well their students are being placed in the job market, and ... are they making money?" Schneider said. "We need to track that really, really carefully. And, we need to make all that information available to students before they sign on ... and before taxpayers subsidize all of this."

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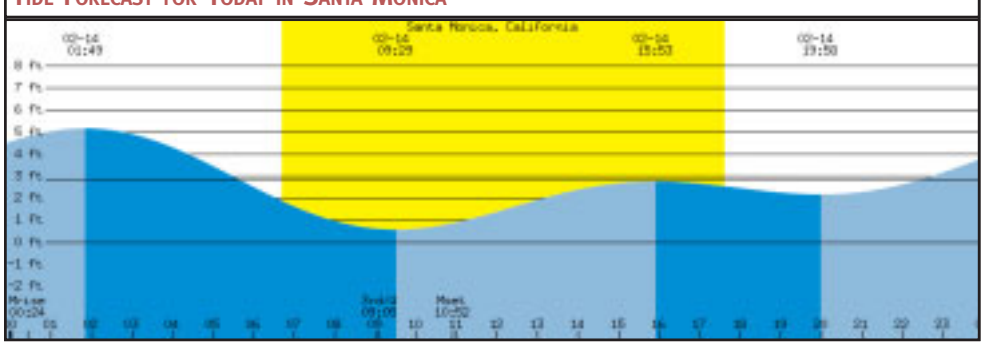
**Swell Forecast**

**NW wind and ground swell are due. West facing breaks should see at least head high surf, possibly 2' overhead at standouts. Conditions though are highly questionable.**

**Long Range Synopsis**

Should see west facing breaks drop to chest to head high.

**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 **February 8, 2012**

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**QUICK STATS** (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 3
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 3
- Number of wet days -- 6
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 24 / 19
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 0

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Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for 3 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

| LOCATION | DRY | WET |
|---|---|---|
| Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth. | A | A+ |
| Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth. | A+ | A+ |
| El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisos creeks. | ns | ns |
| Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach. | A+ | A+ |
| Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth. | A+ | A+ |
| Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth. | A+ | A+ |
| Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private). | A+ | A+ |
| Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth. | A | A+ |
| Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach. | F | B |
| Latigo Canyon Creek mouth. | A | C |
| Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach. | F | A+ |
| Puerco State Beach at creek mouth. | A+ | B |
| Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd. | A+ | A+ |
| Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence. | C | A+ |
| Surfrider Beach (breach location) - daily. | F | F |
| Malibu Pier - 50 yards east. | C | ns |
| Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon. | A+ | A+ |
| Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero). | A+ | A+ |
| Big Rock Beach at 19648 PCH stairs. | A+ | B |
| Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach. | A+ | A+ |
| Tuna Canyon. | A+ | ns |
| Topanga State Beach at creek mouth. | F | F |
| Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach. | B | A+ |
| Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach. | D | F |
| Will Rogers State Beach at 17208 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain). | A+ | D |
| Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence. | A+ | F |
| Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain. | A+ | A+ |
| Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain. | A | F |
| 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 | F |
| Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain. | B | F |
| Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms). | A+ | F |
| Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain. | A | F |
| Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain. | A+ | F |
| Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain. | A+ | F |
| Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain. | A+ | D |
| Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south. | A+ | A+ |
| Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St. | A+ | A+ |
| Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach - lifeguard tower. | A | A |
| Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth. | B | F |
| Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain. | A | B |
| North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach. | A+ | B |
| Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of CBW jetty). | A+ | B |
| Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain. | C | A+ |
| Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant. | A | A+ |
| Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain. | A | D |

**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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# Parents say hazed students not allowed to play sports

**BY HOLBROOK MOHR**
Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss. The parents of two boys who say the teens were punched during high school baseball hazing rituals say they're being victimized again — this time because they aren't being allowed to play sports after switching schools.

State rules prevent high school students from switching districts just to play sports, ostensibly to prevent star athletes from essentially being recruited by rival districts. But the parents of these two boys say school officials made no effort to help them escape the hazing that sent them both to hospitals for treatment.

Both boys, who were 15 years old at the time of the alleged abuse last year at Picayune Memorial High School, transferred to other schools because they said the verbal tormenting persisted after the physical abuse. But the Mississippi High School Athletic Association ruled them ineligible to play sports, a move that caused one boy's new school to forfeit more than a dozen basketball game wins because he had been on the team.

The boys had applied for a hardship from the association, which would have allowed them to play sports. But the guidelines allow such exceptions only for medical reasons, and the boys' request was denied.

"I want to bring it to the public what they are condoning. They are not worried about the kids," said Brent Travis, who said his son Christian was punched so hard by a teammate in January 2011 that he may have fractured a rib. The doctor couldn't tell on the X-ray because the boy's bruise was so severe, Travis said.

Travis said the boy who punched his son is the Picayune School District superintendent's nephew. The boy was given a two-game suspension, but that was reduced to a one-game suspension, Travis said.

The superintendent, Dean Shaw, didn't respond to a message left by The Associated Press on Friday. Brent Harrell, assistant superintendent, said officials couldn't comment because of pending litigation in a separate case.

Travis' son is the second player to come forward with allegations of hazing at Picayune Memorial. Amy Dixon said she removed both her sons from Picayune after the older one, Jeffrey Dixon Jr., suffered a seizure and was hospitalized after being punched in the chest before a game in April 2011.

No one has been criminally charged.

Dixon and her husband filed a lawsuit in November against the Picayune School District, baseball coach Cayne Stockstill and several players. The lawsuit was filed in Pearl River County Circuit Court, but the school district has asked to have it moved to federal court. The case is pending.

Amy Dixon and Brent Travis said they applied for hardship eligibility for their children to play sports at new schools, but the Mississippi High School Athletic Association turned them down. Christian Travis' new school, Pearl River Central, had to forfeit 15 basketball games because he was ruled ineligible to play after he was on the team.

Dixon said her son isn't using the hazing as an excuse to get to a better team. He had not made the varsity team yet, and she said the hazing forced him to leave a school that had been the defending district champs.

MHSAA rules say students who transfer to another district must sit out for a year before they can play sports again. And they must also live in the district where they play sports.

Christian Travis is likely to be allowed to play sports next year because he is living in the district in which he goes to school. Amy Dixon said it's not that simple for her family. MHSAA told her she'd have to move to the district in which her kids now go to school for them to play sports next year.

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> **Brent Travis,**
> father of kid allegedly punched in hazing incident

"It's not like I can just uproot. I have a house, a mortgage," she said.

Don Hinton, MHSAA's executive director, said the organization couldn't determine that a hardship existed under the association's guidelines, which deal only with medical issues.

Hinton said the students' new schools could approach MHSAA with new developments in the case when the lawsuits are resolved.

"Schools are always open to make requests concerning eligibility issues," he said. "We're always going to try to help our schools and our young people."

Andy Kivlan, athletic director for the Pearl River County School District said school officials felt there should have been a hardship allowance for Travis, "but we stand by the ruling of the association."

Guidelines published in 2009 about the federal No Child Left Behind law say students who are victims of violent crimes at school must be allowed to transfer and participate in activities at their new school. Furthermore, guidelines from 2004 say that victims can transfer even if criminal charges are not filed.

Dixon said the law is on her side because Mississippi adopted the school choice provisions from the federal law in 2002 giving student victims those transfer rights.

Picayune is a city of about 10,800 in Pearl River County, about 50 miles northeast of New Orleans. The Picayune High football team won the Class 5A state championship this past year. The baseball team has a history of high-caliber play, and won the state championship in 2002. That year the Maroon Tide was ranked No. 4 in USA Today's national poll.

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# Get some quiet time, Virgo

### ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Let others initiate. If you are not comfortable with the conversation, do not close it off or say "no." Give yourself time to detach and understand this person's logic. Pressure builds in a meeting. Tonight: A new idea works.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Whether you are working or just enjoying yourself, you are surrounded by people -- admirers and supporters. Clearly you are needed, desired or wanted. You can pick and choose only so much as to where, when and what. Tonight: Accept a dinner invitation.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Plunge into a project, knowing full well that you have other matters you would prefer to attend to. Clear this matter out, along with anything else that might prevent you from being carefree and a bit impulsive in the near future. Think positively. Tonight: Be where you want to be.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ You might have delivered some Valentine's Day cookies to a loved one or some friends this morning. Use this day to let others know you care. A child or new friend demands a lot of attention. Be aware of his or her needs. Tonight: You will be tired.

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ You might want to stay at home or sleep in. Some of you actually might follow through on this desire. Those of you who don't, wish you had. By midafternoon, no matter where you have been, your energy and creativity merge, making you close to unstoppable. Now, that is more like it. Tonight: Add some love into the mix.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You breeze into work full of information, questions and ideas. Hopefully, you are well received. Some of your compatriots and friends did not respond as well to their dreamtime. Tonight: Get some quiet time.

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Curb a need to be controlling or to have things go your way. You simply do not have that much control over others. Evalaute a sense of possessiveness that you might have toward a person. Build yourself up, and you will be much happier. Tonight: Munchies with a favorite person.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ This morning, you are at your best, and others respond accordingly. By afternoon, confusion, others' egos and misunderstandings could prevail. Tonight: Treat yourself on the way home.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ You could be out of sorts, or so it seems, until late afternoon. Some might think your personality change is quite dramatic. Confusion and bad communication could play into the afternoon. Tonight: Go for a heartfelt desire.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Zero in on possibilities, and do not get caught up with details right now. All that is happening is subject to rapid change. You might wonder if this is for real. You will see that it quite possibly is so, but with some variations. Tonight: Play it low-key.

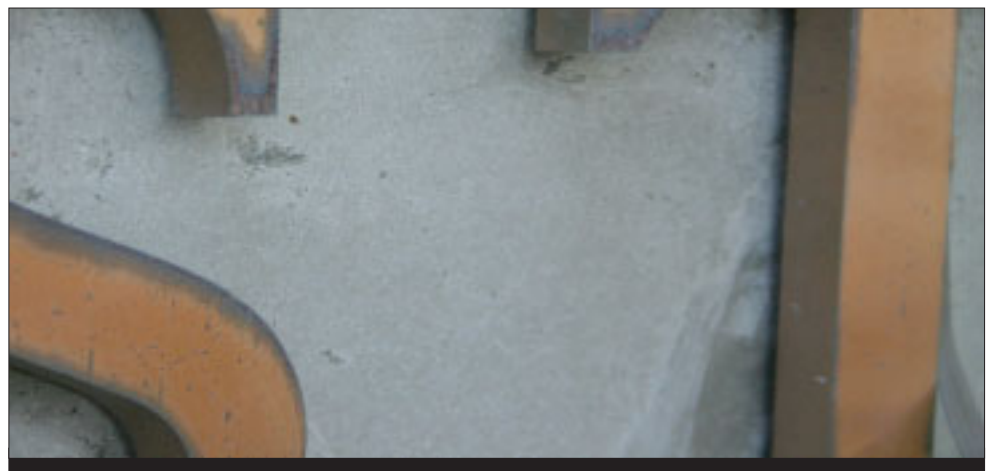
### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Honor your feelings involving a boss or higher-up. This person could reverse his or her course equally as quickly. A meeting in the afternoon might be even more significant than you'd anticipated. If people are out of sorts, do not take their behavior personally. Tonight: Where your friends are.

### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ You could be pushing too hard to convince others of the rightness of your thinking. If you detach and let others discover what works on their own, you will like the change in your relationships more. Tonight: Could go to the wee hours.

## Happy birthday

This year you become more aware of your public image. Attempt to groom it to be more in line with your goals. Think about what you have to offer, and reflect your authentic self. You will experience a newfound popularity and success. If you are single, you will draw someone much more akin to your needs, probably after spring 2012. If attached, you and your significant other could grow much closer if focusing on a common goal. SAGITTARIUS is your friend.

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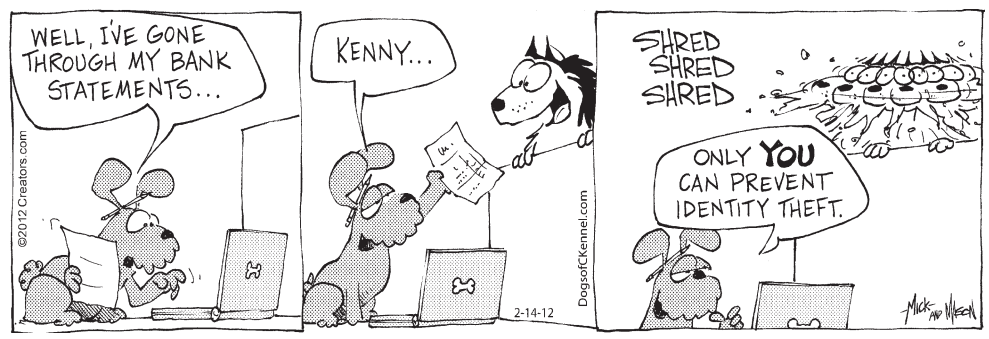
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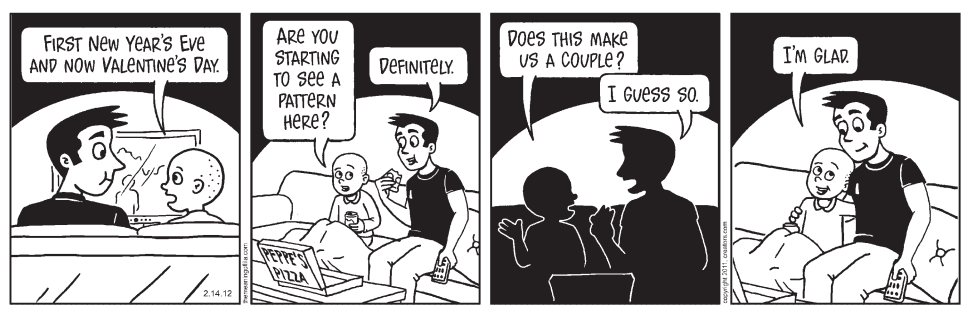

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Difficulty Level ★★

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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

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| 1 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 2 |
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

**ACROSS**

1 Company head
5 Prison units
10 Prank
12 Red as —
13 2003 Disney movie
15 German article
16 Lumberjack's tool
17 Gene messenger
18 Like vistas
20 Prez's underling
21 Make blank
22 Throws in
23 Neighbor of Tibet
25 Checkout act
28 Surprise in a story
31 Thatcher, for one
32 Felt topper
34 Pro vote
35 Japanese carp
36 Convent resident
37 Rhyme writer
40 Patriot Allen
41 Hinds' mates
42 "Keen!"
43 Speedy

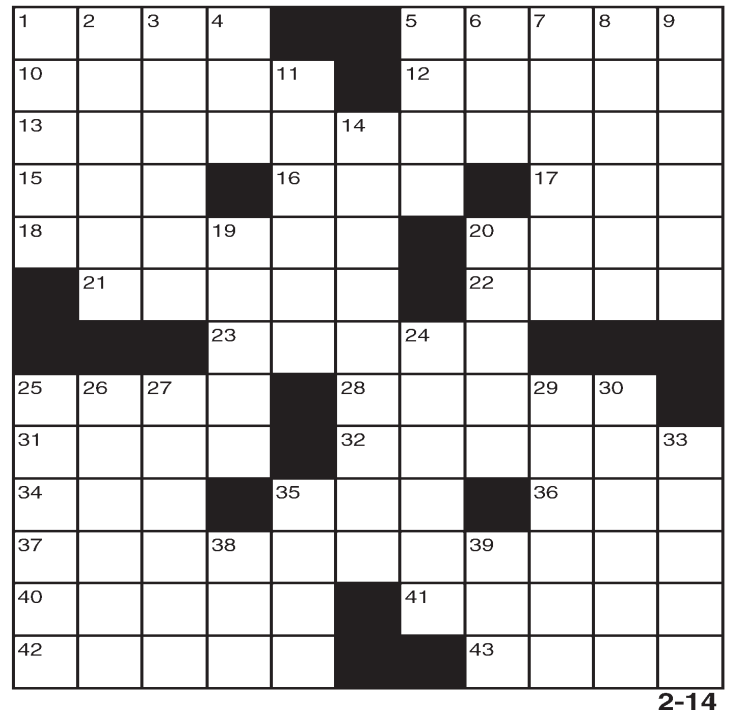
**DOWN**

1 Naive ones
2 How to serve chicken à la king
3 Rock thrower
4 Canine command
5 Give a hoot
6 Flow out
7 Looked lewdly
8 Inclined
9 Bra parts
11 Reclining seat
14 But
19 Tot tender
20 Legitimate
24 "Anchors —"
25 Flower part
26 Western howler
27 Singer Franklin
29 Mexican state
30 Has faith in
33 "— of robins in her hair"
35 Casino game
38 Topper
39 Clumsy fellow

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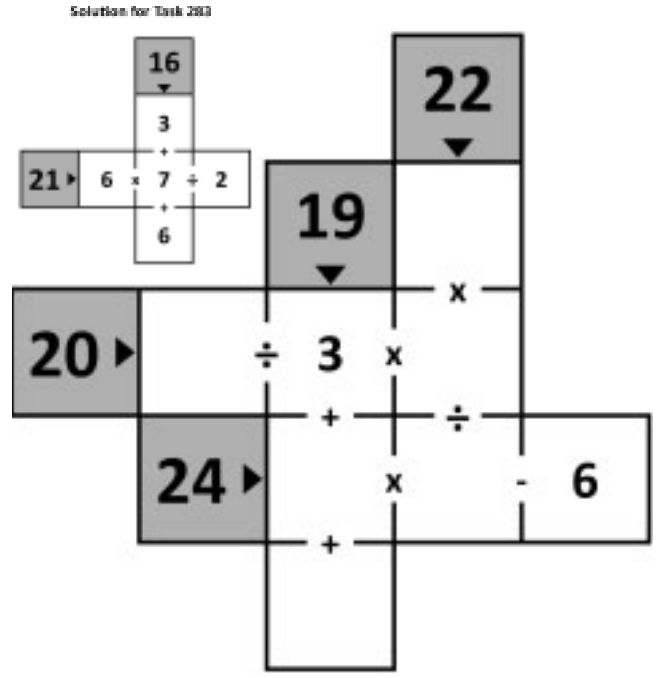
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## NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The U.S. Treasury Department's inspector general for tax matters revealed in January that the IRS certified 331 prison inmates as registered "tax preparers" during a recent 12-month period, including 43 who were serving life sentences. None of the 43, and fewer than one-fourth of the total, disclosed that they were in prison. (The agency blamed a 2009 federal law intended to encourage online filing of tax returns, noting that "tax preparer" registration can now be accomplished online by passing a 120-question test.) (USA Today reported in February 2011 that prisoners filing false or fraudulent tax returns scammed the IRS for nearly $39.1 million in 2009.)

■ The Olympic Committee Will Not Be Calling: (1) Mr. Badr Al-Alyani told a Saudi Arabian newspaper in November that he was nearing the world record for squirting milk from his eye. The current champion, Mehmet Yilmaz of Turkey, reached 2.7 meters (almost 9 feet), and Al-Alyani reports one squeeze of 2.3 meters. He said he "will continue training." (2) In San Francisco, there is an annual refereed "Masturbate-a-thon," and the supposed world record, set in 2009, is held by Masanobu Sato, who remained aroused for nine hours, 58 minutes. In a series of videos released recently, Sato calmly explained how he "practices" for about two hours every morning while his live-in girlfriend goes about her business (in one video, ironing). Sato said he trains by swimming twice a week and has "gained about (11 pounds) in muscle," which helped him with "stamina."

## TODAY IN HISTORY

**2000** – The spacecraft NEAR Shoemaker enters orbit around asteroid 433 Eros, the first spacecraft to orbit an asteroid.

**2002** – The Budapest Open Access Initiative, was released to the public.

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1.To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of (specify all names by which the decedent was known):
Lucille Stumbaugh, aka Lucille Brink, aka Lucille Witherow, aka Lucille Wolf
2.A Petition for Probate has been filed by (name of petitioner): in the Superior Court of California, County of (specify): Jack D. Wolf
3.The Petition for Probate requests that (name): Jack D. Wolf
be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
4.The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
5.The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
6.A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
a. Date: Feb. 23, 2013 Time: 8:30am Dept.:11
b.Address of court: 111 North Hill Stt., Los Angeles, CA 90012
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections
with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
8.If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.
9.You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
10.Petitioner Attorney for petitioner (name): Jack D. Wolf
(Address):
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Wiggins, CO 80654
(Telephone):
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## Name Changes

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. ES015483
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of JORGE HERNANDEZ for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner or Attorney: JORGE HERNANDEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: JORGE HERNANDEZ to GEORGE HERNANDEZ. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: March 23, 2012 Time: 8:30am, Dept. B
The address of the court is 300 East Olive Ave., Burbank, CA 91502
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press.
Date: 2/6/2012
MARY THORNTON HOUSE, JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. PS014227
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of GERALD OWEN FARMER, JR. for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner or Attorney: GERALD OWEN FARMER, JR. filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: GERALD OWEN FARMER, JR. to JANIZ JAKAR. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: April 2, 2012 Time: 8:30am, Dept. F49
The address of the court is 9425 Penfield Ave, Chatsworth, CA 91311
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Date: 2/8/2012
C.O., JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

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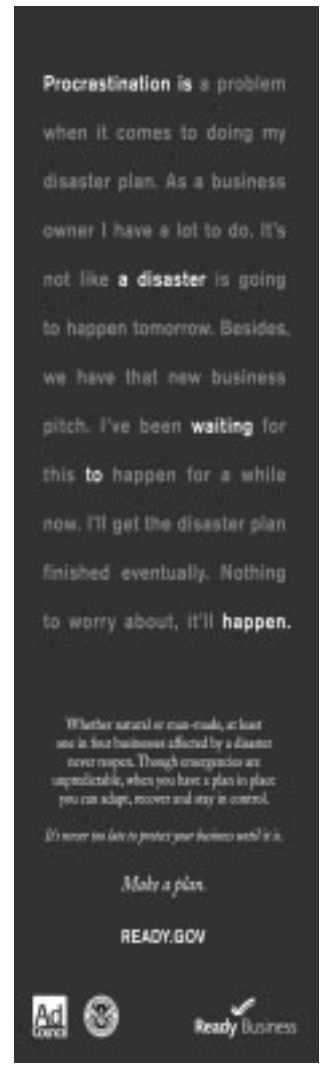
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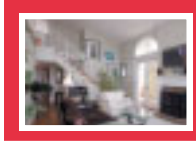
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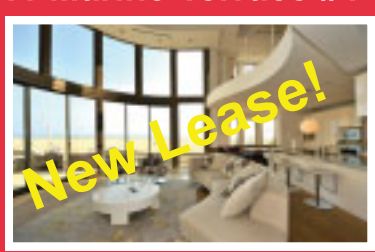
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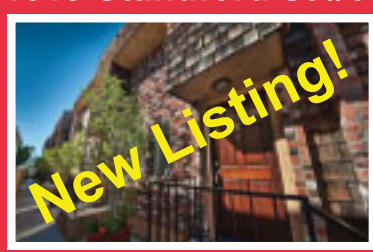
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## 1519 Standford St #6




**Spacious Townhome**
**3 Bed + 2.5 Bath**
**$699,000**

**Open Tuesday**
**February 14th**
**11:00 am - 2:00 pm**

Average Price of **ALL** Santa Monica
Single Family Homes
From **ALL** agents in **ALL** companies
Listed for Sale As of Mid - February 2012

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|---|---|---|
| **Santa Monica Canyon** | = | $1,900,000 |
| **North of Montana** | = | $3,195,000 |
| **Between Wilshire & Montana** | = | $1,985,000 |
| **South of Wilshire** | = | $799,000 |
| **Sunset Park** | = | $1,150,000 |
| **Ocean Park** | = | $1,399,000 |

**Statistics updated every Monday**

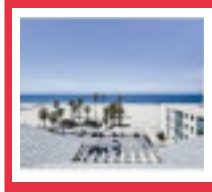
## 1053 17th Street



**Renovate or Rebuild**
**2 Bed + 1 Bath**
**$989,000**

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## 1751 Appian Way



**Only ONE unit left!**
Gorgeous Ocean Views

**#101**
**1 Bedroom + 1 Bath**
**$4,999 / Month**

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