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THE BUSY DAY ISSUE

Murder charge filed in '08 case

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor-in-Chief

DOWNTOWN A financial adviser was charged Monday with murder, money laundering and grand theft in connection with an alleged financial scheme that led to the 2008 fatal stabbing of Alexander Merman, a Russian-born artist who was working as an LAUSD teacher when he was killed in his Santa Monica condo.

Daniel Gilbert Becerril II, 35, was charged with 31 felony counts in connection with the slaying, which occurred in the 500 block of Montana Avenue on March 19, 2008.

Merman,35, was found by his building manager who had been asked by Merman's mother to check in on him.

Police said Merman loaned $250,000 to Becerril, the owner of a company called AP

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The fight for Tower 28

Students, parents rally behind local surf instructor

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SM BEACH A Santa Monica-based surf camp that has taught local youth to master the waves since 2006 may lose the right to operate on Santa Monica Beach this year in favor of a San Diego-based company.

Parents and students are rallying in support of Surf Academy Collective, which was recently informed by city officials that Surf Diva, a company that operates in San Diego, was recommended for the spot as the City Hall-approved provider of group surf instruction for 2012.

The announcement came as a shock to Marion Clark, co-owner of Surf Academy Collective.

Clark and her team has run the Surf

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State causes school district cash crunch

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS The complicated process of unraveling Santa Monica's Redevelopment Agency has claimed an unexpected victim: The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District.

The state has cut off funding to the district as a result of a calculation by the Department of Finance which assumes the public schools will take in $17 million of former Redevelopment Agency money that local and county officials doubt will ever materialize.

That estimation means the district is facing a $10 million cash shortfall by July which will have to be made up with loans, said Jan Maez, the district's chief financial officer.

"I don't know where they got

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MUSIC MEN

Photo courtesy Santa Monica High School

Samohi theatre students perform a song from their production of Rodgers' and Hammerstein's 'South Pacific,' which deals with the issue of racial prejudice during World War II. Check out the production Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, starting at 7 p.m. For more info, go to www.SamohiTheatre.org

Students protest education cuts at Capitol

HANNAH DREIER
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. Chants, shouts and earnest proposals reverberated in the marble halls of the state Capitol on Monday as hundreds of protesters held a sit-in after a boisterous rally outside protesting state budget cuts to higher education.

The sit-in was staged after thousands of protesters swarmed the Capitol lawn, waving signs and chanting, "They say cut back, we say fight back."

"We were expecting to have a good future, but things are looking uncertain for a lot of families," said Alison Her, 19, a nursing

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, March 6, 2012

Preventing male violence
Santa Monica High School
601 Pico Blvd., 7 p.m.
Join a provocative discussion about the Male Violence Prevention Project, a community effort to create an environment where children can have the tools necessary to solve problems without using aggression or violence. This event takes place in the school's cafeteria.

Write right
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.
12 p.m. — 2:30 p.m.
Find guidance and direction from fellow writers, and give your own support and inspiration, at Write-Away, a community meeting for local authors held every Tuesday at the library. Cost: free. For more information, call (310) 458-8681.

Improve your improv
Senior Center
1450 Ocean Ave.,
12:30 p.m. — 2:30 p.m.
Veteran improv instructor Brian Hamill hosts this weekly comedy workshop for seniors. All seniors are welcome to take part in the workshop, whether you want to be on stage or in the audience. Cost: free for Senior Center members; membership is free for anyone over 50. For more information, call (310) 458-8644.

The big top
Santa Monica Pier
1550 Pacific Coast Hwy., 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 March 18. For more information, call (800) 450-1480.

Citywide reads
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m.
Author and editor Denise Hamilton leads a discussion on the noir genre of today with authors Christopher Rice, Naomi Hirahara, Gary Phillips and Jim Pascoe.

Wednesday, March 7, 2012

Help with taxes
Santa Monica Family YMCA
1332 Sixth St.,
11:30 a.m. — 12:30 a.m.
The AARP is sponsoring a tax workshop to help low- and moderate-income taxpayers prepare their taxes. The event gives special attention to those 60 and older. For more information, call (310) 393-2721 ext. 129.

American dreams on film
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,
1 p.m. — 3:30 p.m.
Catch a free screening of "Death of a Salesman," starring Dustin Hoffman. The screening is part of the American Dream Film Series, exploring themes of patriotism, family values and the individual quest for fulfillment. For more information, call (310) 458-8681.

Thursday, March 8, 2012

Love on the Pacific
Santa Monica High School's Barnum Hall
601 Pico Blvd., 7 p.m.
Santa Monica High School's spring musical is "South Pacific" by Rodgers and Hammerstein. The musical centers on an American nurse stationed at a U.S. Naval base during World War II who falls in love with an expatriate French plantation owner but struggles to accept his mixed-race children. A second romance concerns a U.S. lieutenant who falls in love with a young Asian woman. Suggested for ages 8 and up. Thursday through Saturday at 7 p.m., March 8-10. Tickets: suggested donation of $15, $10 for students.

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CORRECTION

In the article "Blind theater group inspires actors and their audience," which appeared in the March 5 edition of the Daily Press, it should have identified Greg Shane as the founder of CRE Outreach, which oversees the Theatre by the Blind.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

MID-CITY

Get your grub on

Youth from the Santa Monica Police Activities League will be partnering with restaurateur Fred Deni this Wednesday to cook a fabulous meal and provide entertainment in an effort to raise funds for the after-school program.

The dinner will take place at Deni's restaurant, Back on Broadway, located at 2024 Broadway. There will be two seatings, one at 5:30 p.m. and another at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are $40 per person, or $35 per person for groups of eight or more. For more information, call (310) 458-8988.

The local Police Activities League, which was established in 1989, pairs youth with the men and women of the Santa Monica Police Department. Through educational, cultural, recreational and outreach programs, PAL helps develop skills and self-esteem, encouraging youth to reach their full potential.

Deni dedicates his time to work with the kids on nutrition, food preparation and kitchen safety as part of the Fred Deni Culinary Arts Program.

KEVIN HERRERA

LOS ANGELES

IRS warns of new scam

The Internal Revenue Service on Monday warned senior citizens and other taxpayers to beware of an emerging federal tax refund scam tempting victims to file tax returns claiming fraudulent refunds.

Bogus refund claims have been identified from California and at least five other states, including Georgia, Michigan, Louisiana, Alabama and Indiana.

These schemes carry a common theme of promising refunds to people who have little or no income, and are normally not required to file a federal income tax return. Promoters falsely claim they can obtain a tax refund or nonexistent stimulus payment for their victims based on the American Opportunity Tax Credit, even if the victim was not enrolled in or paying for college, according to federal officials.

Typically, con artists falsely claim that refunds are available even if the victim never went to college, or attended decades ago. In many cases, scammers are targeting seniors, people with very low incomes and members of church congregations with false promises of free money.

"Most of these scams involve promoters who prey upon people in need, building false hopes," said IRS spokesperson Anabel Marquez. "When victims' claims are rejected, their money and the promoters are long gone. We want to warn the public to be on guard and stop this new scheme before more innocent people are victimized."

The IRS has already detected and stopped thousands of these bogus refund claims in recent weeks. The agency is actively investigating the sources of this scheme, and its promoters can be subject to criminal prosecution.

These schemes can be quite costly for victims as promoters may charge exorbitant upfront fees to file their claim. Some promoters of these scams have charged victims $500 for a bogus $1,000 credit.

All taxpayers, including those who use paid tax preparers, are legally responsible for the accuracy of their returns, and must repay any refunds received in error, plus any interest and applicable penalties. Those who intentionally try to defraud the government may face criminal prosecution.

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Paul Alvarez Jr. *news@smdp.com*

PUTTING IN WORK: **Briana Harris (center) attempts a shot against Cantwell-Sacred Heart earlier this season.**

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ROUNDUP

St. Monica girls' hoops nab honors

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

DOWNTOWN St. Monica's strong season in girls' basketball didn't go unnoticed.

The Mariners placed five players on the All-Camino Real League team, it was announced on Monday.

Chief among the Mariners' honors was junior Briana Harris, who was named Most Valuable Player by the league's coaches.

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These kids win with technology

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

LINCOLN BLVD A local youth and member of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica, Maya McComsey, was named the national winner of the Club Tech Digital Arts Festivals for the Music Tech Category for the 13-15 age group, it was announced Monday.

As a member at the John Adams Middle School Boys & Girls Club branch, she won the national digital arts competition for her creativity and use of technology in music making.

The Digital Arts Festivals are presented by Boys & Girls Clubs of America through its partnership with founding sponsor Microsoft and Comcast. The festivals on local and national levels recognize club members who use artistic expression in six categories: photography, music, graphic design, game design, movie animation and film.

The competitions are part of Club Tech, a program that integrates technology into club activities to help youth develop skills critical to building a successful future.

For the Music Tech category, club members were asked to use computer generated music-making software to create a fresh new sound. Entries were judged by a panel of national experts and competed against submissions from clubs across the globe.

"We are so proud that one of our young people won a national competition. Maya McComsey is a very talented young lady," said Aaron Young, president and CEO of the Santa Monica Boys & Girls Club. "Thanks to our national partnership with Microsoft and Comcast, we are able to provide our club members with an opportunity to express themselves creatively through the Digital Arts Festivals. … It's amazing to see the incredible things kids and teens can

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Peer Counseling

Counseling services for those age 55 and older, who are dealing with stage-of-life issues such as loss, ill health, retirement and other changes can develop insight and coping skills. Weekly support groups provide emotional support and social interaction. Individual or group counseling is available. New groups are now forming.

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Knock off the drop off

Editor:

At 8 a.m. every school day at Samohi additional cars converge on the Michigan Avenue gate to drop off students because the Pico Boulevard gate is closed. Car doors fly open wherever, students walk up alleys next to moving cars with 2 feet of walk space, students walk in between turning cars as the traffic gridlocks on Michigan. Please consider using the power of the press to get the administration of Samohi to fix the current traffic drop-off nightmare before a student is injured.

Richard Horowitz
Santa Monica

Pet adoption

Editor:

In response to Jack Hightower ("No pets at dinner," Letters to the Editor, March 2); Somebody please get this poor guy a puppy!

Derek Loughran
Santa Monica

Don't bow down

Editor:

The [recommendation] by Santa Monica bureaucrats to end the six-decade tradition of holiday displays has nothing to do with the U.S. Constitution and everything to do with suppressing religious expression ("Staff recommends end to nativity scenes," Feb. 24, page 1).

The fear of protracted litigation is driving the bus of government over principle and the rights of those to celebrate a national holiday.

Elected officials have a responsibility to be the reflection of local sentiment and opinion. Santa Monica's elected officials should not be intimidated into a position that is counter productive to the views of nearly every resident and area citizen such as myself who enjoy this historic and faith-based meaning of Christmas.

Because these scenes appear on public property in no way suggest an endorsement of Christianity or violate the traditional interpretation of separation of church and state guidelines. All you have here is the successful suppression of the story of the nativity by individuals obsessed with eliminating religion and faith from the public debate!

The intentions of those opposed to these religious scenes of Christmas do not want equal time, they simply want to eliminate what has become a cheerful and uplifting presentation of the season of Christmas by an overwhelming majority of those who come to visit this annual presentation.

There is no permanency to this display. It is a "seasonal observance" that is plural and inviting to all.

There are times like this in which elected officials need to make a tough decision on a difficult issue.

This is not one of those times.

Elected officials need to stop abdicating their responsibilities to "staff" and amend or revise the standards for display presentation that does not shutout those who want to celebrate this national holiday in a traditional fashion.

For if Santa Monica cut and runs, what's next? Will those who dislike turkey demand we revise the meaning of Thanksgiving? Will those who oppose any semblance of religion in the public square call for the removal of the statue of Saint Monica at the bottom of Wilshire Boulevard? Will a name change of this municipality be next?

To bow down to the opinions of a distinct minority whose only objective is to limit free speech on public property is a dangerous precedent no matter what you may believe when it comes to God and faith.

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Venice, Calif.

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After the Bell

Merv Hecht — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Many different ways to get paid

MANY INVESTORS ARE SCARED OF STOCK options. But there is no need to be. Options are just contracts, and much less complicated than when you buy or sell a house! Or take out a life insurance policy.

The most interesting option strategy for me is to sell a "covered call." One reason I like it is because when you sell something, someone pays you money. I like to be paid money.

The call contract is an agreement, managed by the brokerage houses, under which the seller agrees to deliver stock at a certain price during a period of time. The buyer then has the right to buy that stock from the seller at that price during that time period. If they don't, I will just get to keep the premium I was paid.

As an example, some years ago I bought 1,000 shares of Walgreens stock at $45 a share. The stock has been as high as $47 a share not long ago, but has dropped for reasons I'm not sure of, but it seems like CVS pharmacy is tough competition for Walgreens — and CVS is winning! In mid-February the stock was trading at just over $33.

But I liked the information in the Walgreens annual report, even if it's not doing as well as CVS, and until recently the stock seemed under-valued to me. Plus it pays a dividend of 2.7 percent, which is pretty good in today's economic world.

So for about two years I have been selling calls against the stock. The last call I "wrote" is the April 35, for which I received $1.25 per share. Since I own 1,000 shares of the stock, I sold 10 calls (each call equals 100 shares) and received $1,250.

I've done that same trade about six times over the past two years, and collected in well over $8,000 in premium income. Of course my net worth is down almost $12,000 as a result of the decline in the stock price.

I can continue to own the stock, and continue to collect about $3,000 to $4,000 a year in option premiums, or I could sell it now and take my loss of about $4,000 net.

If I believed the annual report, and was convinced that the company earns money on each square foot of sales area it has, and that it is continuing to increase the square footage of sales area so the stock will go up, I would of course continue to hold the stock and continue to collect over 8 percent a year return on its value by writing options against it.

But the fact is that I've lost confidence in Walgreens stock, and probably will sell it soon if I don't see any progress in the stock price. The company does not seem to be able to compete well against its main competitor, CVS, and seems to be tied up in contract disputes.

Even in a "hot" year like we've seen so far in 2012, the stock has not done well. And so, as is often the case, when the current options expire on the third Friday of March, I plan to sell the stock and put it into something more attractive.

What might that be?

Lately I've been investing more in ETFs than I have in single company stocks. An ETF is an "Exchange-Traded Fund." That's about the same as a sector mutual fund, except there are no fees charged, and there are many more sectors available.

For example, if you think that gold is a good investment you can invest in a gold ETF, "GLD." There is also an ETF for gold mining companies. And there are ETF's that combine gold with other metals, such as copper, or just precious metals. There are also ETFs that track stocks in particular countries, such as Brazil, or Japan, or larger geographic areas such as Africa. There are ETFs for "emerging countries" and for currencies such as the euro.

In fact, there seems to be ETFs for just about anything you can think of.

The advantage of investing in an ETF instead of a single stock is that it gives you diversification. Most ETFs are funds of a number of different companies. So if one of the companies goes under the overall investment is only slightly impaired, and you don't lose all of your money.

Some of the ETFs that I currently own are the following:

EWJ — This is the Japan Fund. It holds stocks in large Japanese companies. Many are very familiar names of products I see all the time here in the U.S. and overseas.

EWZ — The Brazil Fund. I bought this when I read in the newspaper about the big oil strike off the coast of Brazil. I think Brazil is a rising star in the world market and their companies will do well.

GDX — Gold mining companies. I bought this as a hedge against a decline in the stock market. I thought that if the market went down, gold might go up.

ITB — This is my most recent acquisition. With the home market way down and construction just starting again, I figured that companies in the homebuilding business would start to show better profits later this year or next year.

IYW — This is the transportation company fund. Someone showed me some statistics that transportation company profits were going up, so I bought this.

PXQ — Computer related companies in the high tech area. Since I don't hold any stocks in this sector, such as Qualcomm and Cisco, I bought some shares in this fund to round out my portfolio.

I don't usually write option on ETFs because the premiums are not very great. That is probably because the risk is so much less with an ETF than with the stock of one company. So maybe there is a lesson to be learned there.

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Same-sex custody battle could change Florida law

JAMES L. ROSICA
Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. A custody battle in Florida between two lesbians could fuel the growing national debate over the definition of motherhood.

It also might force state lawmakers to reconsider a 19-year-old law regarding the rights of sperm and egg donors.

The women, now in their 30s and known in court papers only by their initials, were both law enforcement officers in Florida. One partner donated an egg that was fertilized and implanted in the other. That woman gave birth in 2004, nine years into their relationship.

But the Brevard County couple separated two years later, and the birth mother eventually left Florida with the child without telling her former lover. The woman who donated the egg and calls herself the biological mother finally tracked them down in Australia with the help of a private detective.

Their fight over the now 8-year-old girl is before the state Supreme Court, which has not announced whether it will consider the case. A trial judge ruled for the birth mother and said the biological mother has no parental rights under state law, adding he hoped his decision would be overturned.

The 5th District Court of Appeal in Daytona Beach obliged, siding with the biological mother and saying both women have parental rights.

At issue is the 1993 state law meant to regulate sperm and egg donation. Scholars debate whether the constitutional right to procreate includes outside-the-body technologies used to conceive.

Also at issue are constitutional questions about gay people's right to raise children and claim equal protection under law. Another appellate court ruled Florida's ban on gays being able to adopt unconstitutional in 2010.

The biological mother, however, isn't concerned about being a legal or social pioneer, her lawyer said. She just wants her child back in her life.

"She hasn't seen her daughter in years, and it's been terribly, terribly difficult for her," said Robert A. Segal, a family law attorney in Melbourne.

The birth mother's lawyer, Robert Wheelock of Orlando, did not respond to written questions sent by email.

The battle over what defines motherhood is being played out on prime-time television shows and in courtrooms across the country.

Lisa Miller, a Virginia woman who renounced her homosexuality, has been in hiding with her daughter since 2009 after a court ordered that her former partner, Janet Jenkins, be given custody.

The two entered into a civil union in Vermont in 2000. Miller's own egg was artificially inseminated and she gave birth. The Virginia Supreme Court ultimately agreed with a Vermont judge's custody decision; the case raised questions about one state's duty to recognize same-sex relationship rights created by laws in another.

More recently, former North Carolina state Sen. Julia Boseman, the first openly gay member of that Legislature, is suing for joint custody of a 2-year-old son born to a woman Boseman had called her spouse.

In the Florida case, the women agreed to use "reproductive medical assistance," have a child and raise that child as a couple, court records show.

It's unknown why they later decided to separate, but "their separation does not dissolve the parental rights of either woman, nor does it dissolve the love and affection either has for the child," the appellate decision said.

The birth mother cites the state's law on sperm and egg donation, which says that donors "relinquish all maternal or paternal rights," to argue that the biological mother wasn't the child's parent.

The trial judge ruled for the birth mother, but said he didn't agree with the law and told the biological mother, "If you appeal this, I hope I'm wrong."

The appellate judges reversed him 2-1 in a decision that found the biological mother wasn't a "donor" as contemplated by the law because she and her partner intended to be parents together.

"We can discern no legally valid reason to deprive either woman of parental rights to this child," said the majority opinion by Judge Thomas Sawaya. He ruled that the donor law was unconstitutional as applied in the case.

That law was passed 15 years after Louise Brown, the world's first "test tube" baby, was born. But Judge David Monaco, in a concurring opinion, said the statute "was not designed to resolve the problem of how to treat children born by in vitro fertilization to a same-sex couple."

The Q Line

Turn the other cheek

The City Council is struggling with what to do about the holiday displays in Palisades Park after atheists last year were able to secure 18 spots, leaving a coalition of churches only two spots to erect their nativity scenes.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks: Should the City Council continue with the lottery, abolish holiday displays or make the law more narrow in an attempt to exclude the atheists and risk getting sued?

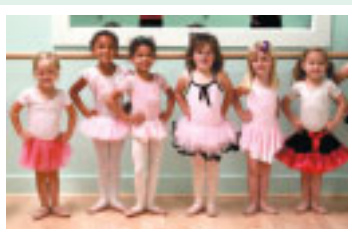
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Separated couple awaits immigration law change

CRISTINA SILVA
Associated Press

TIJUANA, Mexico Agustin Portillo checks the oil in his wife's car, stores her luggage in her trunk and then drives her from his tiny apartment in Tijuana to the United States border entry port. It's not a long trip, but Ana Portillo is afraid to maneuver the streets of this violent city by herself.

They wait patiently in the hours-long security line, holding hands and stealing chaste kisses. A romantic ballad comes on the car radio, and Agustin faintly serenades his longtime bride. Ana tries not to notice when he tears up.

When they are near the checkpoint, he kisses her again before stepping out of the car. This is as far as he can go. After 20 years of living with his Ana in Los Angeles, he is stuck on the Mexican side of the fence.

Many assume an illegal immigrant married to a U.S. citizen easily qualifies for a "green card" or legal U.S. residency. But Ana, an immigrant from El Salvador who is a U.S. citizen, and Agustin, a Mexican who lived illegally in the United States for decades, know the truth. They can live together in one of the poor, violent nations they fled, or they can live like this, divided.

The federal law that prohibits many illegal immigrants from living in the United States with their citizen spouses has been criticized by President Barack Obama, who recently ordered the State Department to allow some families to stay together. But it's unclear when that will happen or how many families it will help.

Agustin, 49, and Ana, 60, have been separated by the border for nearly two years. She misses his companionship and how he cared for her when she was sick. He longs to seek her counsel when something troubles him, to feel her warmth as they sleep

"Without her, I am practically nothing," he said.

He lives alone in Tijuana. She lives in a small Los Angeles apartment with her younger son, an illegal immigrant, and his family. Her other child, a legal resident, lives in Las Vegas. Her three grandchildren were all born in the United States.

Every two weeks, she makes the 300-mile roundtrip from Los Angeles to Agustin's one-bedroom apartment in central Tijuana. There is no fridge, no sofa, no oven. He sleeps on an air mattress and stores his food in coolers filled with ice.

On a recent visit, she wore a revealing animal-print shirt for her husband. Her hair had been straightened and dyed black. His hair was gray, but his arms looked strong from frequent workouts to relieve his frustrations.

He sobbed as they embraced.

Agustin wants to be with his family, but not in Tijuana, where the U.S. State Department warns of narcotics-related violence.

It's a city where border crossers pray at the centuries-old Roman Catholic church for safe passage. In a bustling street, amid churro vendors and the painted donkey of this infamous metropolis, dour-looking men and women clutch dirty duffel bags. They are "Los Indocumentados," or the undocumented, people who haven't made it past the border.

"I am in the same position as them, waiting to cross to a better life and unable to do so," Agustin said as he and Ana approached the crowded church on a recent afternoon.

Inside, they knelt and prayed.

BACK STORY

They were both illegal immigrants living in the same Los Angeles apartment complex when they met at a birthday party in 1988.

He traveled with her to El Salvador to help bring her two sons from a previous relationship to California. They were chased by border agents and threatened by highway robbers and drug dealers. The brutality of the trip cemented the bonds of their new family once they made it to the United States.

She took care of the children of affluent doctors while he sold cars or sewed clothes at a factory.

Ana and her sons soon qualified for visas under a temporary amnesty program that helped foreigners whose homelands were deemed unsafe. They could work and live in the U.S., but not travel abroad. The amnesty did not apply to Agustin.

Ana's older son graduated from high school with high marks, but couldn't afford to go to college because his non-resident status disqualified him from federal aid. His younger brother asked Ana and Agustin to take him out of advanced classes. What was the point, he said, if he couldn't go to college? It was one of many times Ana cried for her sons.

She obtained a permanent visa in 2001 and later became a U.S. Citizen. Her older son in Las Vegas also sought a permanent visa, and his brother promised to do the same. Ana was hopeful everyone in her family would soon be free from "that fear that they will deport you at any time," she said.

But she was quickly reminded of how the law works.

Her nephew, a U.S. citizen, talked her younger son into going to Tijuana for his 21st birthday, reasoning that border officials, hearing him speak English, would think he was American. But when her son tried to return, the Border Patrol officer wanted more than to hear him speak. His temporary visa didn't allow him re-entry and he no longer qualified for a permanent visa because he was caught trying to enter the country illegally.

A coyote, or an immigrant smuggler, was paid to fetch Ana's son, returning him to California.

Before 1996, illegal immigrants living in the United States could easily obtain visas or a "green card" if their spouse or parents were U.S. citizens or legal residents. But critics complained, and that year President Bill Clinton signed a law that banned illegal immigrants seeking visas from returning to the United States for up to 10 years.

Under federal law, visa applicants must return to their native country for a State Department interview. Many learn that they are banned during that meeting, when they are already outside the U.S. Those who are caught crossing the border or living in the United States after being deported can be banned for life.

Families can seek an "extreme hardship" waiver to avoid the ban. But the law does not define extreme hardship and case law suggests the U.S. government does not consider factors such as children or the potential loss to family income.

Under Obama's proposed overhaul, some immigrants would be able to seek a hardship waiver before departing to their native country for a visa interview.

Obama's plan doesn't need to be

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approved by Congress. Some Republicans say he is fishing for Hispanic votes ahead of the November election.

As it is, some 3.4 million illegal immigrants would likely qualify for visas because of their spouses or parents, but don't apply because they would be subject to the multi-year ban, said Muzaffar Chishti, an immigration lawyer with the Migration Policy Institute in New York.

Critics say illegal immigrants should face tough penalties. Many support a permanent ban for anyone living in the country illegally.

"When I hear that the United States is tearing apart families, I really have a problem with that, because people have a choice," said David Seminara, a former State Department consular officer who opposes the hardship waivers.

ON THE OTHER SIDE

Agustin's troubles started after he developed a hernia. He worried he could die without again seeing his older sisters in southern Mexico. He begged Ana to move back with him.

But she told him she couldn't earn what she does as a Los Angeles nanny, $500 a week. Mexico's per capita income is roughly one-third that, according to government figures.

So Agustin returned to his sisters. He was confident he could cross the border again whenever he wanted, as he had done when younger. After three months, he was ready to return to Los Angeles. But the Border Patrol agents laughed at him when he tried to present a visa belonging to another man.

"Brother, you must think I'm an idiot," one agent said.

Agustin hired a coyote to take him into southern Arizona. They were almost there when a Border Patrol helicopter roared into the night sky. Agustin crawled into a ditch obscured by rocks. When the sound of the helicopter faded, he was alone and lost.

For hours, Agustin wandered through the desert as vultures circled. He thought he was dying of thirst when he came to a highway and a passing motorist offered him a ride to Tijuana. Since then, he's been too afraid to try again. Fear has also kept him from applying for legal entry.

"To see your family go and you can't go with them, it breaks your heart," he said.

And so he remains in Tijuana, where the border looms with thermal imaging surveillance cameras, patrolling aircraft and rows of strategically-placed walls, fences and watchtowers. Graffiti in English and Spanish covers the steel and concrete.

"This wall will not save your economy," reads one message.

"No wall can contain my heart," reads another.

The fence ends at the Pacific beach in western Tijuana. At sunset, with the orange bulb of the sun falling into the waves, the scene is almost romantic.

But not for Agustin and Ana, who read the angry messages as they walked arm-in-arm along the wall.

"This is where dreams die," Agustin said.

When he first began driving Ana to the border checkpoint at the end of their visits, Agustin would cry openly as she tried to console him in the hectic maze of taco stands, bass-thumping cars and makeshift tourist shops selling Virgin Mary statues.

"He used to tell me, 'If only you could put me in your luggage,'" Ana recalled.

These days, he tries to more closely guard his emotions. He knows his tears upset her.

On her most recent trip, after Agustin left the car to walk back to his life in Tijuana, Ana handed her U.S. passport to a burly Border Patrol officer. He cooed to her: You are so pretty. Do you have a boyfriend? He doesn't have papers, right?

"My husband," Ana replied.

The officer waved her forward.

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the estimates from," Maez said. "They weren't the complete picture of what was really going to happen."

Lawmakers touted the end of redevelopment agencies on Feb. 1 as a boon to local schools because the agencies received property taxes that would otherwise have gone to education.

However, as that money instead fills school coffers, the state has less obligation to put money into districts, which results in savings to Sacramento. It leaves most schools no better or worse off than they would otherwise have been.

A handful of districts actually get more money out of the deal because their property taxes would exceed the funding they would otherwise have gotten from the state. These districts are called "basic aid," meaning that they get as much or more than the amount of money guaranteed them by the state from their own property taxes.

According to officials from the state Department of Finance, SMMUSD should receive $16.9 million in new property taxes, which exceeds the $13 million contributed by the state for education and pushes the district into "basic aid" status.

Unfortunately, it is extremely unlikely that the district will actually get the money this fiscal year because of certain contractual obligations made by Santa Monica's RDA that need to be paid off first. And therein lies the problem.

After redevelopment agencies across the state expired, successor agencies were chosen to pay off some of the debts incurred using the former RDA's tax money.

In general, those debts include some signed contracts, bond payments and some employee costs, among other things.

City officials compiled a list of potential payments which will need to be vetted by an oversight committee and later the state Department of Finance.

That list, approved by the City Council on Feb. 28, includes $44,957,023 in expenditures through June 30, 2012 and another $40,278,235 between July 1 and Dec. 31.

The exact amount of money available to Santa Monica is "speculative," and school districts only get a portion of what remains after the list of obligations is met, said John Naimo, assistant auditor controller with Los Angeles County.

Santa Monica's RDA brought in roughly $73.7 million a year when it was active, and half of that has already been paid out, Naimo said.

The remaining half is all that's left to meet the first round of obligations through June 30. If those expenditures are approved in their entirety, there will be no money to distribute to the schools between now and the end of the fiscal year.

"The issue everyone is faced with will be timing," Naimo said.

But the state has already cut off school funding to Santa Monica-Malibu.

If no more money comes in from redevelopment, the state will owe SMMUSD money at the end of the fiscal year, according to state finance officials.

That's only scant comfort to a district facing a severe cash shortage.

The district can borrow money, but it comes at a price, Maez said.

First, there's simply the cost of borrowing in terms of interest. Second, the district is losing the chance it had to accrue interest using money it already had in the bank.

"It always costs money to borrow money," Maez said. "What that's going to be I couldn't tell you right now."

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do when given access to technology."

In 2010, more than 20,000 young people participated in local contests. As a national winner in the teen division, McComsey will receive an all-expenses-paid summer trip that includes sightseeing and job-shadowing experiences. In years past, winners have visited colleges and the offices of large corporations to get a behind-the-scenes look at potential careers.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica also had two other winners in this year's Digital Arts Festival. Faith G.,12, and member of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica's Main Branch, and Cate S.,10, and member of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica's JAMS branch, were named Pacific region winners. Faith, a seventh grade student at JAMS, is involved in the Journalism Club and GLEE Club and won for her song, "Words Can't Hurt Me (Anti-Bully)." Cate S., a fifth-grader at McKinley Elementary, is involved in various clubs and programs at the Main Branch and won for her song, "Cate's Song."

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student at California State University, Fresno. "I'm the oldest in my family and I want my siblings to be able to go to college, too."

Organizers had hoped that 10,000 protesters would demonstrate against rising tuition rates and demand that state lawmakers restore funding for higher education. But the actual turnout fell short.

After the rally, hundreds of students lined up to enter the Capitol and filled conference rooms and hallways inside. Some met with lawmakers to lobby for increased funding for higher education, while others headed for the rotunda.

California Highway Patrol officers allowed several hundred students to settle on the black and white marble floor of the rotunda before all four hallway entrances to the area were blocked. Another hundred students sat down in a hallway, communicating with fellow protesters by call and response.

CHP spokesman Sean Kennedy did not say why officers had closed off access to the rotunda but noted that the noisy protesters were interrupting the normal operations of the building, and might pose a fire hazard.

Outside the building, about 130 officers donned riot gear and stood in rows flanking one side of the Capitol as a CHP helicopter circled overhead.

Four people were arrested during the day's rallies, CHP spokeswoman Fran Clader said, although she could not immediately say what all the charges were. They included a 34-year-old man who was arrested earlier in the day for possession of a switchblade knife.

Gov. Jerry Brown said in a statement that the protest highlights the need for California voters to approve a tax increase he has proposed for the November ballot.

"The students today are reflecting the frustrations of millions of Californians who have seen their public schools and universities eroded year after year," Brown, a Democrat, said in a written statement. "That's why it's imperative that we get more tax revenue this November."

Brown's initiative would fund education and public safety programs by temporarily raising income taxes on people who make more than $250,000 a year and temporarily increasing the sales tax by half a cent.

The University of California Student Association has endorsed a rival initiative that would tax millionaires and earmark the revenue for education. The California Federation of Teachers and state PTA support that initiative.

Buses brought hundreds of students in from as far away as the University of California, Riverside, 450 miles south of Sacramento, for Monday's march.

The crowd was a sea of red and white, as many wore T-shirts that said "Refund our Education" and "March March."

There was a heavy police presence inside and around the Capitol building and on nearby streets, and a CHP helicopter flew overhead throughout the day.

Sam Resnick, 20, a history student at Pasadena City College, brought a tent with him to the rally.

"We want to show the state government that we care about our education, and we're not going to leave until they make it a priority," Resnick said.

Despite participation from outside groups, including Occupy movement protesters and supporters of the millionaire's tax, student organizers tried to keep the focus on education cuts that have led to steep tuition increases, restricted enrollment and fewer classes and student services at California's public colleges and universities.

Tuition has nearly doubled in the past five years, to $13,000 for resident undergraduates at University of California schools and to $6,400 at California State University schools. Community college fees are set to rise to $46 per unit by this summer, up from $20 per unit in 2007.

Assembly Speaker John Perez, D-Los Angeles, urged the students in a speech to use social media to spread the word about how much debt they are forced to take on to attend public colleges and universities. Perez and other Democrats support Brown's tax proposal.

"For thousands of students across California, the debt is too much to take on and the bill is too high," he said.

But at one point, the crowd drowned Perez out, chanting "Show us."

Stefano Saltalamacchia, 22, a student at Citrus College in Glendora, near Los Angeles, drew a loud response as he recited a list of programs endangered by budget cuts, including sports, student newspapers and student groups.

"We shouldn't choose any programs to cut — we should save them all," Saltalamacchia said. He said in an interview that he lost his apartment in August and is working two jobs to scrape by while attending school.

Many students and other protesters wrote phone numbers for legal assistance on their arms in bright green marker in preparation for a possible arrest. CHP officers could arrest any protesters who refuse to leave the building when it closes at 6 p.m.

The rotunda occupiers broke into small groups to establish a core list of demands to present to lawmakers. Among the proposals were taxing the rich, educating prisoners and funding free textbooks.

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The junior, who was playing her first year at the school after transferring from Santa Monica High School, averaged 22.5 points, 10 rebounds, 4 assists and 3.5 steals in leading St. Monica to the league title.

The first team includes: junior Melissa Maragnes and sophomore Katrina Balatico. The second team features freshman Liyah Lewis and senior Valerie Ortiz.

Harris' strong season has attracted the attention of a number of Pac-12 and Big West schools. Head Coach John Skinner said that he expects the recruiting process to heat up during spring and summer.

SAMOHI PLACES THREE ON ALL-LEAGUE TEAM

Samohi's second place finish in the Ocean League has helped earn the Vikings girls' basketball team a number of spots on the all-league team.

The first team includes seniors Aniese Palmore and Imani Holloway. Senior Christina Rimicci was named to the second team.

SAMOHI V-BALL LOSES OPENER

Samohi's No. 1 ranked boys' volleyball team lost its season opener on Friday to Cathedral as part of the Redondo Union Pre-Season Invitational.

The Vikings entered the game ranked No. 1 in the first CIF-Southern Section Division 4 poll. Samohi is scheduled to play Eagle Rock this Friday, also part of the Redondo tourney.

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Financial Group. Following the murder, investigators learned that an additional $300,000 had also been stolen from Merman's investment accounts and deposited into accounts belonging to Becerril and AP Financial.

"Merman thought he was making an investment," said Santa Monica police chief Tim Jackman at a press conference Friday. "He began to become suspicious and began making inquiries and after a number of months of being unsuccessful in finding out what happened to his money is when we believe the murder took place."

Detectives also found evidence of a conspiracy involving employees of AP Financial Group in which the home of an unrelated victim was acquired by fraudulent means and was sold to a third party, resulting in the victim being evicted, police said.

Proceeds from the sale allegedly were received by Becerril and his associates.

Becerril's wife, 33-year-old Sandra Raya Becerril; sister Rebekah Becerril, 25; and a third defendant, Abram Guajardo, 38, were charged Monday with grand theft, money laundering and forgery for allegedly taking part in the scheme to defraud the homeowner, forcing her out of her Covina home. According to the District Attorney's Office, victims were swindled out of about $1.4 million.

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Academy Collective since 2006, effectively taking over the reins from Clark's mother, Mary Setterholm, who started a separate business called Surf Academy in 2000.

"You have this legacy going on within the city that's thrived since I've been here," Clark said. "It's just sad and worth being pitied that in a crunch time in a business, the city of Santa Monica that we've chosen to be so faithful to (goes to someone else) instead of telling us certain things to work on."

The "city provider" contract is one of three kinds of surf instruction allowed on Santa Monica Beach since 2008 when City Hall cracked down on a proliferation of surf camps that were crowding the beach and the waves. The other two are accredited schools and permits for people who teach one-on-one.

Overall, the city provider is allowed 200 students on the sand and 60 in the water per hour. There has to be one instructor for every 10 students on the sand, and one for every five students in the water.

Classes can occur daily from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Each provider selected has to re-apply each year.

Applications for the city provider spot were due Dec. 9. Four groups turned in proposals, and city officials reached out to an additional 114 camps and individuals that run surf lessons, said Karen Ginsberg, director of Community and Cultural Services.

Staff looked for experience, programs that demonstrate unique and high quality beach and surfing instruction, practice water safety, are financially sustainable and have good references and participant satisfaction.

"As with any RFP, there's no guarantee that the incumbent group is guaranteed to secure the contract again," Ginsberg said. "It's a competitive process."

Applicants went through two levels of review. First, panelists reviewed the applications and provided feedback on the various criteria on a high, medium and low scale.

Then, the panel conducted a round of interviews.

Surf Diva scored higher in both rounds, Ginsberg said.

Staff's recommendation will go before the City Council in coming weeks, at which point the seven members can choose Surf Diva, Surf Academy Collective or any other provider that strikes their fancy.

Parents and students of Surf Academy Collective hope to tip the scales in the school's favor through an online petition which had garnered 260 signatures from supporters as of Monday.

Debbie Bernstein heads up the surf club at Lincoln Middle School, a successful program taught by Surf Academy Collective.

In the past, the program was more casual and relatively unorganized. Clark changed that, and for the better, Bernstein said.

"I think that Marion and her staff do such a good job of teaching a love and respect for the ocean, teaching safety in the water," Bernstein said.

The school also provides scholarships to low-income students and free surf lessons to local groups including the Police Activities League and Santa Monica Sports Experience.

Bernstein worries that many of the approximately 60 teenagers involved in the program won't go to a new instructor because many of them are too old for summer camp and mostly attend out of loyalty to the Surf Academy Collective team.

"If Surf Academy (Collective) is not at the beach, they'll do something else," she said.

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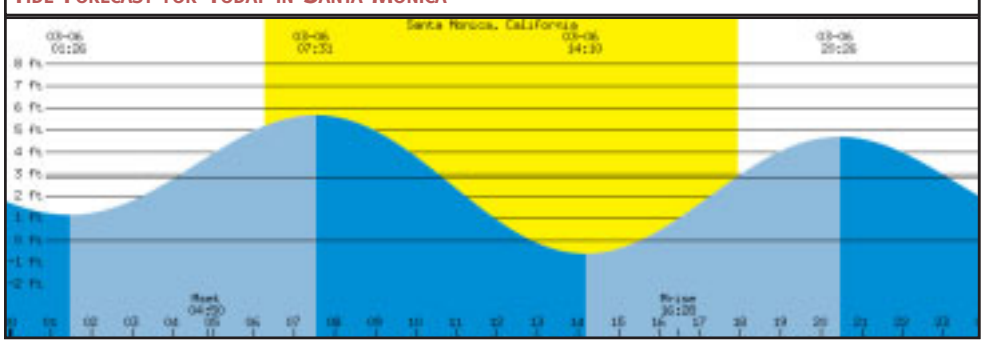
Swell Forecast

Looks similar in the AM, but with wind swell building later in the afternoon, reaching at least chest high at west facing breaks by sundown.

Long Range Synopsis

Heavy wind swell in the early AM, around chest to head high at west facing breaks, smaller though in the afternoon.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	B	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	B	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisos creeks.	ns	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A	ns
Escondido Creek, just west of Escondido State Beach.	A	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A	ns
Solstice Canyon at Ben Blocker County Beach.	A	ns
Pearce State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Pearce Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	A	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	B	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location) - daily.	F	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19648 PCH stairs.	B	ns
Pena Creek at Los Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	B	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	B	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17208 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	B	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	C	ns
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Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
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Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of CBW jetty).	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A	ns

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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LEGAL NEWS

Dykstra gets three years in prison

GREG RISLING
Associated Press

SAN FERNANDO, Calif. Disgraced ex-New York Mets outfielder Lenny Dykstra on Monday was sentenced to three years in a California state prison after pleading no contest to grand theft auto and providing a false financial statement.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Cynthia Ulfig sentenced Dykstra after refusing to allow him to withdraw his plea and said the scam to lease high-end automobiles from dealerships by providing fraudulent information and claiming credit through a phony business showed sophistication and extensive planning.

"He obviously didn't have the money to get the vehicles," Ulfig said. "His conduct was indeed criminal."

Dykstra, 49, has had a series of recent legal troubles and the prison sentence is part of a post-career downward spiral for the stocky slugger known as "Nails" that has included a stint at a sober living facility.

In a rambling and an impassioned plea for probation, Dykstra said he has tried to make amends for his past transgressions and said had his motion to withdraw his plea been granted, he would be cleared of any wrongdoing.

"I'm doing everything in my power to be a better person," he said.

Dykstra, wearing a gray suit with a blue shirt, was immediately remanded to custody as he walked into the court's back room, hands in his pockets. Dykstra has earned nearly a year's worth of credit toward his sentence for time already served.

Following the hearing, defense attorney Andrew Flier said Dykstra was singled out because he's a celebrity.

"No way this wasn't a probationary case," Flier said. "To give him state prison is outrageous. I find it disgusting."

Dykstra initially pleaded not guilty to 25 counts after police arrested him and found cocaine, Ecstasy and synthetic human growth hormone at his Los Angeles home last April. He changed his plea in October to contest and in exchange prosecutors dropped 21 counts.

Prosecutors said Dykstra and his accountant, Robert Hymers, 27, provided information at two dealerships from a man they claimed was a co-signer but who had not authorized his name to be used. The leases were not approved.

However, at another auto dealer, Dykstra, Hymers and Christopher Gavanis, 30, a friend of Dykstra's, were able to drive off with three cars by providing fraudulent information to the dealer. Hymers and Gavanis have entered no contest pleas as well and are awaiting sentencing.

Ulfig noted Dykstra wasn't dissuaded the first two times with the scam and "hit a home run" the third time. Those cars, Flier argued, were later returned and only depreciated in value.

In arguing for the maximum four-year sentence, Deputy District Attorney Alexander Karkanen said Dykstra has used his charm and celebrity status to get what he wants and have never been accountable for his actions.

"I'm glad Lenny Dykstra has been held responsible for his behavior," Karkanen said outside of court. "This is a first for him."

Dykstra still faces federal bankruptcy charges and is scheduled to stand trial this summer. He filed for bankruptcy a few years ago, claiming he owed more than $31 million and had only $50,000 in assets. Federal prosecutors said that after filing, Dykstra hid, sold or destroyed more than $400,000 worth of items from the $18.5 million mansion without permission of a bankruptcy trustee.

Dykstra, who spent his 12-year career with the Mets and Philadelphia Phillies also has pleaded not guilty to indecent exposure charges for allegedly exposing himself to women he met on Craigslist.

Dykstra said he didn't deserve to be put in jail on trumped-up charges and said he wasn't able to go to the funeral of his mother who died while he was incarcerated awaiting trial. He noted that he chose to go into a drug rehab center, volunteers his time with a college baseball team and has paid nearly $20 million in taxes.

"I do have remorse for some of the things I've done," he said. "But because I wasn't a perfect person am I a criminal? Everyone wants to make me out to be a monster."

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5:00pm

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Gather with friends, Leo

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Tap into your sources of inspiration, whether it is eyeing a problem, looking for a solution or just daydreaming. What comes up might not be logical, yet it could be more doable than you think. Tonight: Out and about.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You have a unique way of looking at emotional situations. You could be taken aback by another's lack of practicality. Move past that criticism, and look at the concept behind the idea. Tonight: Let the good times roll.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ How you handle a heated situation involving someone you look up to could determine your role in this dealing. You see conflict, but you also see possibility. Help make the goal real, and keep negativity to yourself. Tonight: Doing only what you love.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ What you verbalize and what your vision is could be very different. As soon as you feel OK with an idea, toss it on others' plates. You need to make a personal decision regarding this matter. Tonight: Head home. Buy the makings for a favorite meal.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You have the ability to play devil's advocate. Do you really want to deal with a partner or dear friend who is espousing a somewhat far-out idea? You might want to give up the role of the cynic and try the role of the supportive aide. Tonight: Gather with friends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Remain sensitive to others' ideas. You might want to discuss your feelings toward a partner or dear friend. For many years, you have gone along with this person's wishes. Now it is time to find a more authentic way of working with him or her. Tonight: Your treat.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Today, you will witness a radical change in your mood, energy and sense of empowerment. You could drag your heels for a good portion of the day, then suddenly feel as if you just woke up from a wonderful night's sleep. Tonight: All smiles.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Zero in on a meeting. Have vibrant discussions, and share some incredibly dynamic ideas. You initially might get a negative reaction. Remember that many people do not like change. Tonight: Play it low-key.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Stay on top of your commitments and errands. Weigh the pros and cons of a dreamy idea. Can you make it real? Discuss possibilities with a trusted friend, only when you have extra time. The afternoon holds promise. Tonight: With those you love.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Detach from an immediate situation. Be careful with a promotion. You might not want to make it a reality just yet. Your sense of direction tells you what will work. Indulge a child or loved one. It does not need to take a lot of time. Tonight: Could go to the wee hours.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Be willing to be the person others bounce ideas off of. Before saying your immediate reaction, put yourself in another space -- one where you are less judgmental. Tonight: Treat your mind.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Honor another person's feedback. You do not need to change directions because of what you hear. Remain independent, and make decisions accordingly. You will see a difference in this person's level of respect. Tonight: Be with that special person.

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The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
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★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
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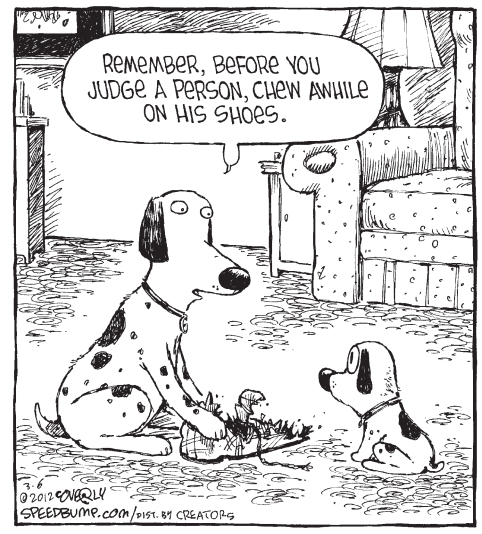


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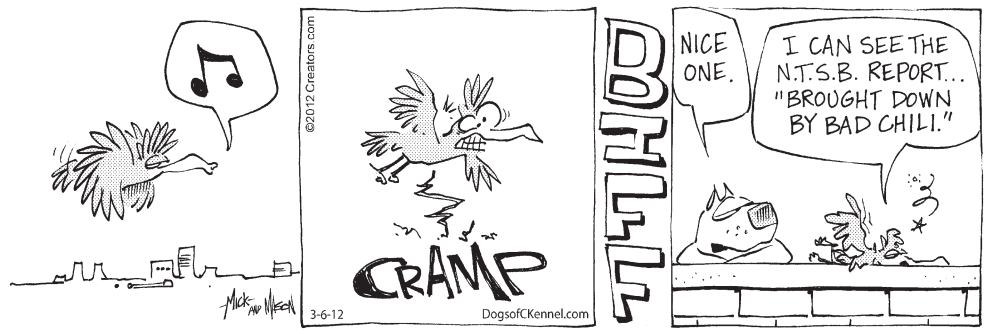
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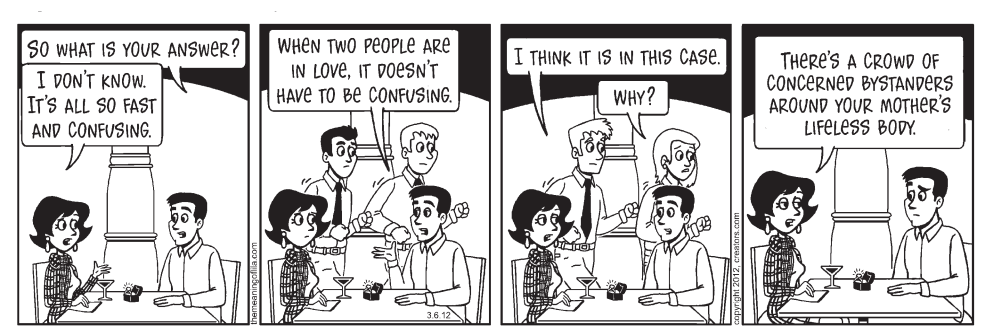
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★

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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.

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



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Private's boss
6 Office helpers
11 Dunderhead
12 On the ball
13 Queen Latifah film
15 Bringer of wisdom
16 Mamie's man
17 Building wing
18 New York tribe
20 Clock numeral
21 Place down
22 Prohibits
23 Miniature
26 Diamond side
27 Bowling site
28 Shark feature
29 "Son — gun!"
30 Bean container
34 Actor Wheaton
35 Rooster's mate
36 Small bill
37 Queen Latifah film
40 Useful skill
41 Moved slowly
42 Tiny arachnids
43 Undoes a dele

DOWN

1 Miser Marner
2 Wise saying
3 Out of bed
4 Obtained
5 Highly moral
6 Yarns
7 Peyton's bother
8 High-tech form of rescue
9 New Orleans treat
10 Salon worker
14 Sanction
19 "Legally Blonde" heroine
22 Rock group
23 R&B love song
24 Criminal types
25 Shrink
26 Voldemort's portrayer
28 Sense
30 Closes
31 Model's need
32 Start
33 Title documents
38 Phone-bill addition
39 Granola bit

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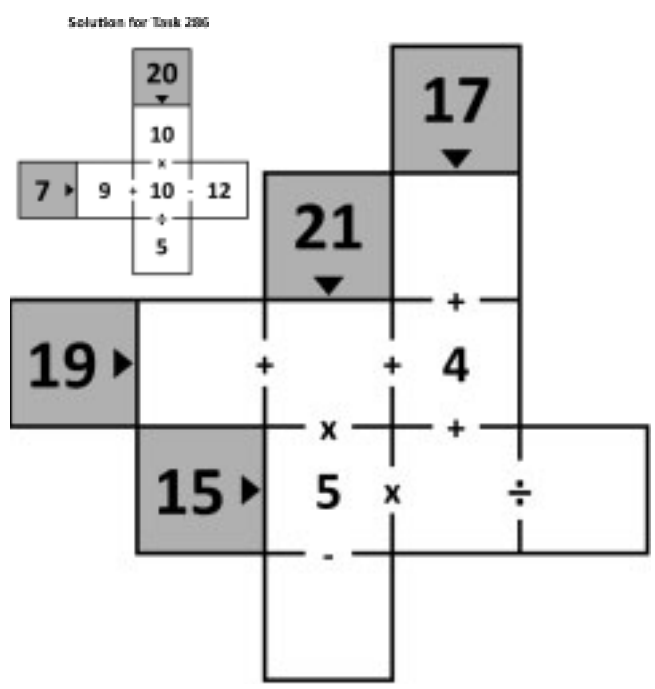
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Newspapers in Sweden reported in January that two of the country's most heinous murderers apparently fell in love with each other behind the locked doors of their psychiatric institution and, following a 26-day Internet-chat "courtship," have decided to marry. Mr. Isakin Jonsson ("the Skara Cannibal") was convicted of killing, decapitating and eating his girlfriend, and Michelle Gustafsson ("the Vampire Woman") was convicted of killing a father of four and drinking his blood. Said the love-struck Jonsson (certainly truthfully), to the newspaper Expressen, "I have never met anyone like (Michelle)." The pair will almost certainly remain locked up forever, but Gustafsson, on the Internet, wrote that she hopes they will be released, to live together and "have dogs and pursue our hobbies, piercing and tattoos."

■ In December, music teacher Kevin Gausepohl, 37, was charged in Tacoma, Wash., Municipal Court with communicating with a minor for immoral purposes, allegedly convincing a 17-year-old female student that she could sing better if she tried it naked. Gausepohl later told an investigator of his excitement about experimenting at the "human participant level" to determine how sexual arousal affects vocal range. The girl complied with "some of" Gausepohl's requests, but finally balked and turned him in.

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Petitioner or Attorney: GAREN BOYADZHYAN filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: GAREN BOYADZHYAN to GARY BOYADZHYAN. 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 13, 2012 Time: 8:30am, Dept. B
The address of the court is 300 E. 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: 2/22/2012
MARY THORNTON HOUSE, JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. SS021902
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of BRANDON ROBERT BENNET for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner or Attorney: KELLY BENNETT filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: BRANDON ROBERT BENNETT to ROBERT BRANDON BENNETT. 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 15, 2012 Time: 8:30am, Dept. A, Room 104
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Date: 1/27/2012
JOSEPH S. BIDERMAN, JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

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.
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Date: March 23, 2012 Time: 8:30am, Dept. B
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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
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: 2/8/2012
C.O., JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. ES015474
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of JARREL ALLEN MARBURGER for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner or Attorney: JARREL ALLEN MARBURGER filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: JARREL ALLEN MARBURGER to JORDAN LANE EDDLEMAN. 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. A
The address of the court is 300 E. 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: 1/31/2012
MARY THORNTON HOUSE, JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. LS022030
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of BABAK OMRANI for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner or Attorney: BABAK OMRANI filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: BABAK OMRANI to ROBERT BABAK OMRANI ARMANI. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below

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to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: April 5, 2012 Time: 8:30am, Dept. M, Rm 600
The address of the court is 6230 Sylmar Ave, Van Nuys, CA 91401
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: 2/23/2012
RICHARD H. KIRSCHNER, JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. SS021962
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of MARIA MARCIAL for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner or Attorney: MARIA MARCIAL filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: MARIA MONSERRAT MARCIAL LUIS to AMY MONSERRAT MARCIAL. 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 26, 2012 Time: 8:30am, Dept. A, Rm 104
The address of the court is 1725 S. Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401
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: 2/17/2012
JOSEPH S. BIDERMAN, JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012023803 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 02/09/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CHEVELLE CATERER, CHEVELLE CATERING. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: Evolution Nine 14037 Garfield Ave. Suite B Paramount, CA 90723. This Business is being conducted by: a Corporation. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 02/09/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS 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 statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 02/14/2012, 02/21/2012, 02/28/2012, 03/06/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012022462 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 02/08/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LOCKSMITHING SECURITY SOLUTIONS. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: Dante G. Gatchalian Jr. 133 N. Hoover St., Apt 2 Los Angeles, CA 90004. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:Dante G. Gatchalian Jr.. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 02/08/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS 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 statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 02/14/2012, 02/21/2012, 02/28/2012, 03/06/2012.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012016554 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 01/30/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as HUMAN TOUCH MASSAGE, HUMAN TOUCH BODYWORK. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: Marilyn Alexander 1321 Harvard St. #5 Santa Monica, CA 90404. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:Marilyn Alexander. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 01/30/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS 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 statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 02/14/2012, 02/21/2012, 02/28/2012, 03/06/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012022001 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 02/07/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as NYATIWEAR, NYANO. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: Babak Enayati 4385 E. Olympic Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90023. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:Babak Enayati. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 02/07/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS 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 statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 02/14/2012, 02/21/2012, 02/28/2012, 03/06/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012022178 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 02/08/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as GOALS REACHED CONSULTING, GOALS REACHED COACHING, GOALS REACHED. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: Lenore Larson 5261 1/2 Village Green Los Angeles, CA 90016. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:Lenore Larson. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 02/08/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS 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 statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 02/14/2012, 02/21/2012, 02/28/2012, 03/06/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2011156430 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 12/28/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as US ONLINE SHOPPING, UNITED ONLINE SHOPPING, HIFICITIDOTCOM. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: YAWA CORPORATION 1706 E. FRANCIS ST. ONTARIO, CA 91761. This Business is being conducted by: a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)04/04/2000. /s/: XINWEN YAN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 12/28/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2011150043 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 12/19/2011 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as KAYNE CAPITAL. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: KAYNE ANDERSON INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT, INC. 1800 AVENUE OF THE STARS 3RD FLOOR LOS ANGELES, CA 90067. This Business is being conducted by: a Corporation. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:DAVID SHLADOVSKY. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 12/19/2011. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS 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 statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 01/02/2012, 01/09/2012, 01/16/2012, 01/23/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2011156433 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 12/28/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LEWIS WISE REAL ESTATE. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: LEWIS WISE 415 S. PROSPECT AVE. UNIT 306 REDONDO BEACH, CA 90277. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)12/10/2011. /s/: LEWIS WISE. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 12/28/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS 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 statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 01/23/2012, 01/30/2012, 2/6/2012, 02/13/2012.

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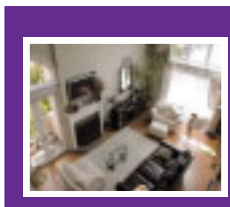
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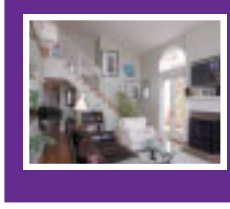
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