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THE HUGGING TREES ISSUE

Judge: Homeless lawsuit against VA moves forward

Ruling denies, in part, a DOJ motion to dismiss

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

WEST L.A. A federal judge denied most of a motion by Department of Justice attorneys seeking to dismiss a lawsuit filed against the Veterans Administration that would require that the VA provide disabled homeless veterans access to mental health and other services.

The decision, which came down Friday, moved forward claims filed by the American Civil Liberties Union and a veritable stable of big name attorneys and law professors that the Department of Veterans Affairs has an obligation to ensure that homeless individuals with severe mental disabilities can get access to mental health services.

The group has been pushing for access at the West Los Angeles VA campus, which they also claim has been wrongly leased to private tenants rather than set up to provide care to homeless vets.

"Judge (James) Otero's ruling denying the VA's motion to dismiss marks the first time in the nation's history that a federal court has held the VA responsible for assuring that severely mentally disabled veterans have access to housing and services … they require to heal the wounds of war," said Mark Rosenbaum, chief council for the ACLU of Southern California, in a press release.

The Department of Justice refused to comment for this article.

Otero did dismiss three of the plaintiff's six claims outright, particularly allegations that the VA violated a charitable trust by allowing private tenants access to the West L.A. campus in spite of the wishes of the

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NICE PICK: **Shoppers buy fresh apples at the Downtown Farmers' Market.**

Farmers' Market vendors now need biz licenses

New regulation the result of a 'misunderstanding'

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 Vendors that participate in one of Santa Monica's four weekly Farmers' Markets may find themselves with an extra fee in 2012 if the City Council at its meeting Tuesday approves a recommendation that vendors get business licenses.

A recent review of Farmers' Market operations showed that vendors have not been required to get business licenses in the past because of a misunderstanding of the municipal code.

If approved, vendors would be required to get business licenses by July 2012. Staff expects this would bring in an additional $18,000 in revenues.

Farmers were largely unaware of the proposal as of Monday morning.

"I'm totally against it," said Kanji Yasutomi, owner of Yasutomi Farms. "Should we have to buy business licenses for every market we attend? That would cost quite a bit."

Yasutomi sells his vegetables at eight markets in the area.

The business license proposal is the only item on the consent agenda that would bring in money to City Hall's coffers.

The remainder of the consent agenda is expected to cost $3,739,168.

REAL ESTATE PURCHASE

City staff will recommend that the council approve $2.25 million to buy up land next to the City Yards on the 2300 block of Michigan Avenue.

The new property would give City Hall

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Officials try to freeze assets of Bulger's girlfriend

ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON Federal prosecutors are trying to freeze the assets of mobster James "Whitey" Bulger's girlfriend to cover any fine she may be ordered to pay when she is sentenced for helping Bulger evade authorities for 16 years.

They have asked a judge to order a garnishment of any assets belonging to Catherine Greig held by Eastern Bank, according to court documents.

In the filing, Assistant U.S. Attorney Christopher Donato says prosecutors believe

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Noir masters
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m.
This Citywide Reads panel discussion centers on authors Raymond Chandler, Dashiell Hammett and Ross Macdonald. Dubbed "The Masters of Noir," the panel will be moderated by Denise Hamilton, editor of "Los Angeles Noir" and "Los Angeles Noir 2: The Classics." For more information, call (310) 458-8606.

Building happiness
Santa Monica College
1900 Pico Blvd., 11:15 a.m.
Dr. Rakesh Sarin, a member of the faculty at UCLA Anderson School of Management and holder of its Paine Chair in management, presents "Engineering Happiness: A New Approach for Building a Joyful Life." Sarin and co-author Manel Baucells have been conducting groundbreaking research on happiness for more than a decade.
For more information, call (310) 434-4303.

Improv time
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.

Get involved
City Hall, City Council Chambers
1685 Main St., 5:30 p.m.
The City Council expected to spend millions on purchasing property near the City Yards and management of the demolition of Parking Structure 6 in Downtown. Officials will also discuss a new hotel development for Seventh Street and Wilshire Boulevard and the fate of the "Chain Reaction" sculpture in the Civic Center. For a copy of the agenda go to www01.smgov.net/cityclerk/council/agendas

Wednesday, March 21, 2012

Healing power
Senior Center
1450 Ocean Ave.,
12:30 p.m. — 1:30 p.m.
Acupuncturist and Chinese herbalist Maria Locsin will teach Senior Center members how to heal themselves through food. Also learn how to ease pain and discomfort by pressing on certain points in the body. Membership is free and open to all 50-plus. For more information, call (310) 458--8644.

How beautiful
Fairview Branch
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,
1 p.m. — 3 p.m.
Watch and discuss films that create and critique the American dream. The next installment in the film series is "American Beauty," which won five Academy Awards, including Best Picture. For more information call (310) 458-8681.

Well-laid plans
City Hall, City Council Chambers
1685 Main St., 7 p.m.
The Planning Commission will discuss development agreements for three large apartment buildings in or around Downtown. The developer is asking for more commercial floor space and room to build additional apartments. Copies of agendas and staff reports can be found by going to City Hall's website, www.santa-monica.org.

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CORRECTION

The Monday installment of Know Before You Go should have included the following item:

Expo Light Rail Line Project: Construction Traffic Signal Work

From March 14 until April 30, between the hours of 8 a.m. – 6 p.m., work crews will begin the installation of temporary closed circuit television cameras (CCTV) throughout the Expo alignment in the city of Santa Monica. Activities will include placement of traffic control video cameras on traffic poles at the following intersections: Colorado Avenue at Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, 11th,14th, 17th, and 20th streets; Olympic Boulevard at Cloverfield, 26th Street, and Stewart Avenue. For more information about the Expo Line project, visit BuildExpo.org or call (213) 922-EXPO (3976).

Chief justice warns of dangerous delays

DON THOMPSON & JUDY LIN
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. California's chief justice warned Monday that hundreds of millions of dollars in budget cuts to the state court system at a time of rising need have led to potentially dangerous delays in the administration of justice.

In her first address to a joint session of the Legislature, Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye said the state's judicial branch, which includes 58 trial courts, six appellate courts and the state Supreme Court, has seen its budget cut by nearly a quarter since 2008.

More than $650 million in spending cuts have led to closed courtrooms and clerk's offices in 24 counties, staff layoffs and reduced hours.

"At the same time, sadly, as courts are needed more, our resources are going down," Cantil-Sakauye said.

The justice said Superior Court filings topped 10 million for the second consecutive year, an increase of 20 percent over the previous decade.

In what she termed a "cruel irony," Cantil-Sakauye said the same economic forces that have led to cuts at nearly all levels of state government are the same ones helping drive an increase in court activity. Those include cases for evictions, debt collections and child support modifications.

The cutbacks have compounded problems in the courts, which she said already needed to add judicial positions in some fast-growing areas of the state such as the Central Valley.

She gave the example of a woman in a rural county who could not receive a restraining order when she sought it because the county court had reduced its hours of operation. The woman spent the night with her child in a car rather than return home to a boyfriend she said physically and sexually abused her.

"The judicial branch has to be adequately and consistently funded," she said "The attorneys know too well the dangers of an unfunded judiciary, and so in order to keep the promise alive of justice in California, we ask that the judicial branch be fully funded."

Lawmakers were largely sympathetic but said they were constrained by a steep drop in tax revenue since the recession began in 2007. Assemblyman Donald Wagner, R-Irvine, said her speech lacked some details he would have liked to have seen, notably how she intends to keep open trial courts despite funding challenges.

"She outlined the problems quite clearly. There are no easy solutions," said Wagner, vice chairman of the Assembly Judiciary Committee.

Cantil-Sakauye delivered her first State of the Judiciary address to the Legislature at a time when her relationships with some trial judges and lawmakers have been strained by the budget cuts and a power struggle over the office that oversees court administration.

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HUG IT UP

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Community members gather during the fourth annual Tree Hugging Day event at the historic Moreton Bay fig tree at the Fairmont Miramar Hotel on Monday afternoon.

Dead worker at Malibu restaurant maybe not beaten

ASSOCIATED PRESS

MALIBU Authorities say a kitchen worker believed to have been beaten to death while taking out the trash at a Malibu restaurant may have died of natural causes.

A Los Angeles County sheriff's statement said Monday that the man left Guido's restaurant to take out the trash on Sunday night, then later staggered to the front of the restaurant, collapsed and died.

Sheriff's spokesman Steve Whitmore says detectives had previously thought the man was attacked while he was in back of the restaurant, but further investigation has raised the possibility that he died some other way.

Whitmore says detectives are still treating the death as a criminal investigation until the coroner's office performs an autopsy to determine the cause later this week.

The worker's name has not been released.

Supreme Court won't hear appeal over religious beliefs

ELLIOT SPAGAT
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday refused to consider a request by Christian groups on a college campus to allow them to limit membership based on religious beliefs.

Justice turned back a legal effort by a Christian fraternity and sorority at San Diego State University that challenged an anti-discrimination policy at California state universities.

The lawsuit filed in 2005 said the plaintiffs should be allowed to insist members follow their religious standards of conduct and avoid sex outside of marriage between a man and woman.

Susan Westover, head of the California State University system's litigation unit, welcomed the Supreme Court decision,

"We don't want our students to discriminate, just like we don't want our employees to discriminate," she said.

The Alliance Defense Fund, based on

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Editor:

Ach! We of the auld sod are feelin' quite dreary by readin' the misspelling of our dear saint's name in your March 14 issue. As dearly we love Heal the Bay (in fact, I served on its founding Board of Directors), it brought a tear to our Irish eyes to read that you don't know a lass from a laddie as shown in the ridiculous headline, "Tips to stay green after St. Patty's Day."

As everyone should know, "Patty" is the abbreviation for Patricia. For Patrick it's "Paddy." But I guess we'll forgive you as I don't see a "Mc" or an "O'" in your list of workers, a grievous error. Ireland is the land of poets, scholars and saints so your paper might be well served to get one or two Irish folk on board, maybe to add humor, if nothing else as copy editor!

Print your next issue in green to atone, or at least have an article on the bonniest isle ever known. And that's no blarney!

Patrick McGuire
Pacific Palisades

Double standard

Editor:

Re: "Have you no decency sir?" Laughing Matters, March 9.

Here we go again. The left has no problem with the likes of Bill Maher spewing his vile hatred toward conservatives under the protection of free speech. The same is true of an image of a crucifix dunked into a beaker of urine.

However, let a conservative speak his mind on any subject and he is labeled a racist, a Nazi or worse ... a Republican.

The double standard of political correctness promoted in America since it was manufactured by the Clintons in the 1990s, is ruining any chance of objective discussion in our society.

David Long
Santa Monica



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President Obama's energy plan is more of the same

AMERICA IS FACING A CRISIS OF leadership. We need and deserve a vision and strategy to meet the energy and economic challenges facing the United States.

The latest budget proposal for 2013 illustrates this over and over again. The president summarizes it best as "all of the above" and is a vote for a lot of business as usual and a little clean technology. The problem of course, is that this one size fits all approach to powering the nation is a recipe for disaster. By throwing money at "clean coal" technology, nuclear power and fracked natural gas, we waste time, money and risk losing a share in the global market for clean energy technologies.

As an example, even after the recent Japanese nuclear tragedy the conventional wisdom in Washington is that we should invest $770 million researching "advanced small nuclear reactors."

Each of these reactors will require perfect attention to detail, perfect mechanical functionality, perfect maintenance, and optimal operating conditions, 100 percent of the time, for decades. At the same time budget pressures dictate less and less people to run these plants. What could go wrong with that plan? Why proliferate the dangers and the security risks if there are alternatives?

The prevailing sentiment in Washington is that, in addition to nuclear power, we need natural gas. Natural gas solution is a fossil fuel that requires injecting toxic chemicals and millions of gallons of water into rock formations near water supplies. Injection wells for waste water have been proven to contribute to earthquake dangers. This process called "fracking" has a host of negative side effects, and if Washington gets its way, communities throughout numerous states will host drilling rigs and spend their water budget on fracking natural gas.

Residents in Colorado, Texas, Wyoming, and Pennsylvania are reporting negative health effects from the fracking operations already underway in those states.

The situation is so bad in one Pennsylvania town that a special pipeline had to be built to bring in drinking water after fracking ruined the local water supply. The 2013 budget has $12 million assigned to try and research a way to do the fracking process without poisoning Americans in the process, inherently acknowledging the problems with the process.

Unfortunately, energy companies will have unprecedented new access, as the president proposed in his last State of the Union address: "Over the last three years, we've opened millions of new acres for oil and gas exploration. And tonight, I'm directing my administration to open more than 75 percent of our potential offshore oil and gas resources." Pennsylvania is in the midst of passing legislation to preempt the authority of towns and municipalities to control or deny drilling in their communities.

The health and safety of these communities is offered as potential sacrifice zones to the same industry that caused the BP oil disaster in the gulf and allowed the oil spill in Yellowstone national park, with over 1,500 barrels spilled and only 1 percent of the spill ever recovered. The same industry that projects 11 major spills along the proposed Keystone XL pipeline route has already had 14 spills during the first year of operation for the original pipeline.

To try to mitigate this risk the proposed federal budget includes spending $386 million to expand the Department of Interior to help oversee this hugely expanded offshore oil and natural gas development process. Remember, oversight did nothing to prevent the gulf oil disaster as BP just ignored existing regulations anyway.

Even worse, after the accident BP was put in charge of the clean up. They had the power to control media access to the area, to control the message on the damage caused, and to control our discourse on the safety for deep water drilling. So how effective is spending a third of a billion dollars to monitor an industry that we know will break the rules anyway and then won't be held to account after it catastrophically fails?

When it comes to safety and new ideas on our energy future both Congress and the administration are dead wrong. Instead they should be massively investing in efficiency and renewable sources. The current federal budget allocates only 8 percent of the entire Department of Energy submission to work on energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. By comparison, almost 28 percent of the Energy budget goes to weapons activities, even though the president's plan already gives $613 billion to the Department of Defense.

We have other options. For example a recent report by Synapse Energy Economics Inc. shows that moving to renewable and clean energy sources would not only power our society safely, but is a job creator for the United States and will result in net savings for consumers over the life of the study period.

They calculated that transitioning to renewable techs would create 42,700 construction jobs. The initial jobs are just the tip of the iceberg, as the construction efforts would stimulate building suppliers, manufacturers, and related areas to create even more jobs. The report estimated 352k jobs would be created in total.

Plus this is power without the threat of oil spills or toxic chemicals in our water supply. Power that doesn't require an additional third of a billion dollars just to monitor compliance with existing safety laws.

Washington's "all of the above" consensus is a failed strategy and a continuation of a status quo that just doesn't work anymore. Leadership at the state and local level outpaces Washington. Communities around the country will continue to call on the president and Congress to articulate a vision of the future that looks more like 2050 instead of 1950.

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What's the Point?

David Pisarra
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Lying parents are the worst

NO ONE LIKES A HYPOCRITE. THERE IS little that is more annoying than the old "do as I say, not as I do." It doesn't really matter whether the actor is our parent, a spouse or a government, claiming the moral high ground while acting contrary is always annoying. It is an injustice and I don't like injustice. It's one of the reasons why I'm a lawyer. I'm constantly drawn to the underdog in any fight. Oftentimes that is the father.

Intentionally hurtful behaviors get my hackles up and make me want to fight. There are few things that make me angrier than when one parent uses the child as leverage in a dispute. Oftentimes it is the mother who takes the child and scurries away from the relationship and secrets the child, all the while claiming she is the better parent.

That's a hypocritical lie. The better parent would not prevent or interfere with the relationship of the child and their father. It's a lie selfish mothers rely upon because society condones their behavior and accepts their lame excuse that they "did it for my baby." That is the phrase that mothers use to salve their innate moral sense that they have done something wrong. They know it is wrong because if the tables were turned they would be crying, just like the fathers, about the agony of not seeing their child for days on end. They would speak of the emotional distress they feel at not knowing where their child is, or how they are doing. They know it is a morally repugnant behavior, which is why they need the cosigning of their lies by other mothers so they can feel a part of a sisterhood that protects their children at all costs, even if it means harming their children.

For when children are kept away from their fathers for no good reason, it is child abuse. It harms the child. Intentionally interfering in a good relationship with a parent is child abuse, and there are many, many mothers out there who engage in it.

Society accepts this, and in fact endorses it. I was having dinner with a local civil rights activist and we got into a discussion about this topic. When I pointed out to her the prevalence of the bald-faced lies that mothers tell to prevent fathers from having visitation with their children, she looked me straight in the eye, and this highly accomplished, equality activist, told me with all sincerity, "of course she's going to lie, she's doing it to protect her children."

I was stunned.

Here was a woman who fights for equal rights for all, co-signing the perjury of a mother, to "protect the child" from their father. I tried to show her the irony of her stated position, as an activist who believes that all people should be treated equally and fairly, judged on their character and their ability, standing up for the position that children need to be protected from their fathers based on a lie.

She failed to see the point of the argument, that if you have to lie to keep a good father away from a child, your honest argument must be weak or non-existent.

Now the converse is certainly true. If a father is trying to destroy the relationship with the mother, he's got a poor case also. If he has to lie, he's not the better parent. But the fact is that society is so steeped in the idea that men are not good parents, that it is easier for a woman to lie about a man and be believed and/or supported in her lies.

I come from the illogical and chaotic life of an alcoholic home. My mom was physically abused by my father, and my father was verbally abused by her. But when they split up, she did not keep me from him. Even when he didn't pay his child support, she still sent me to him. Which is probably where I developed my sense of right and wrong.

Child abduction is wrong, lying to get court approved abduction is worse.

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The Q Line

Paying up

The Planning Commission voted last week to create a new fee on developments that would fund transit projects. The money raised would go to bike infrastructure improvements and other transportation-related projects. If the City Council approves the fee, it would be among the highest in the state.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Where do you stand on this fee? Is it fair to ask developers to pay it, or do you think it has the potential to deter future construction?

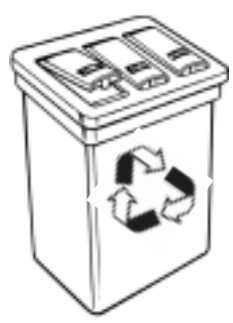
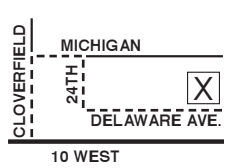
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Graduation rates show modest gains

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AP Education Writer

HAGERSTOWN, Md. The last straw for 17-year-old Alton Burke was a note left on his door. The high school dropout picked up the phone and re-enrolled at South Hagerstown High.

Burke missed roughly 200 days of class, but Heather Dixon, the student intervention specialist who left the note, never gave up on him.

Aggressive efforts to prevent students such as Burke from dropping out contributed to a modest 3.5 percentage point increase nationally in the high school graduation rate from 2001 to 2009, according to research presented Monday at the Grad Nation summit in Washington. The event was organized by the children's advocacy group America's Promise Alliance founded by former Secretary of State Colin Powell.

The graduation rate was 75 percent in 2009, meaning 1 in 4 students fails to get a diploma in four years, researchers found. That's well below the organization's goal of 90 percent by 2020.

Researchers found that the number of "dropout factories," schools that fail to graduate more than 60 percent of students on time, had dropped by more than 450 between 2002 and 2010, but that 1,550 remain. The largest declines in dropout factories were in the South and in suburban communities.

"Big gains are possible if you work hard at it, and if you don't focus on it, you're going to go backward," said Robert Balfanz, a report author and director of the Everyone Graduates Center at the School of Education at Johns Hopkins University.

The increase in graduation rates was primarily because of growth in 12 states, with New York and Tennessee showing double digit gains since 2002, according to the research. At the other end, 10 states had declines: Arizona, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, New Jersey, Nebraska, New Mexico, Nevada, Rhode Island and Utah.

So far, only Wisconsin has met the 90 percent benchmark, although Vermont is close.

"This year's report proves struggling schools are not destined to fail," said Education Secretary Arne Duncan. "The reality is that even one dropout factory is too many."

The authors said there are proven strategies to tackle the problem, such as getting all students to read at grade level, raising the compulsory school attendance age to 18 and developing "early warning" systems to help identify students that might be at risk of later dropping out.

In his State of the Union address, President Barack Obama encouraged states to pass laws to require students to stay in school until they graduate or they turn 18.

It's estimated that high school graduates will earn $130,000 more over their lifetimes than dropouts, and that high school graduates will generate more than $200,000 in higher tax revenues and savings in government expenditures over their lifetime, the report said. And, the report said that if the 90 percent goal had already been met, 580,000 more students would have graduated last year, generating $1.8 billion in additional revenue because of increased economic activity.

How to track high school graduation rates has been a contentious issue for years, with states using different methods to come up with a number. Balfanz cited this as a reason why the report does not include the names of the dropout factories. He said they will be included in a future report once all states are consistently reporting data.

States are now required to use the same method to compute graduation rates based on a Bush administration rule issued in 2008.

Nevada stood out for its low graduation rate of 56 percent, a decline of more than 15 percentage points from 2002 to 2009, the largest of any state, the report said. During Nevada's boom years, students dropped out to earn hefty paychecks parking cars, pouring concrete or serving drinks along the Las Vegas Strip.

"Today, many of Las Vegas' dropouts are out of work and unable to jumpstart the economy because they lack the required credentials," the report said.

But Balfanz said there are some signs that the state is "organizing itself against its big challenge."

The Clark County School District of Las Vegas, for example, has developed a partnership with Vegas PBS for an online program designed to help students earn missing credits needed to graduate. It also started the "Reclaim Your Future" program, which sent school employees and community volunteers door to door to persuade dropouts to return to school.

Many of the strategies encouraged by the authors have been adopted in Washington County, Md. The district has a 92 percent graduation rate, up 15 percentage points from 2000. It's made progress in recent years even as the county's unemployment rate lingered above the national average and more students needed homelessness services.

The district offers e-learning classes for credit recovery, evening classes, and a family center where pregnant teens and student parents can attend class. Student attendance and performance data are carefully tracked to identify early any students at risk. Intervention specialists develop relationships with these students, doing everything from visiting their homes to helping them connect with community mental health services.

Clayton Wilcox, the district superintendent, said that even as they work to keep students, those who drop out are warmly welcomed back.

"It's not easy to drop out. We're going to hound you. Classroom teachers are going to talk to you. Principals are going to talk to you. The guidance counselor is going to talk to you. We don't make it easy." Wilcox said.

Dixon, the intervention specialist who works with Burke, and Amy Warrenfeltz, another intervention specialist at South Hagerstown High, said some of the kids they deal with have mental health issues or drug and alcohol problems. Others struggle because they switched schools because of financial issues in their family or had a bad experience in school with a teacher or peer, they said.

Burke said it was hard to get motivated to attend class once he "got into the routine of not getting up and it became a habit."

"I was nervous coming back because of what people would say or how people would look at me," Burke said. "It's awkward when you haven't been to school in a couple weeks or whatever and then you come back."

He had met with Dixon multiple times at his house and at school, and after he dropped out, he said he was sure she would return to his home. He said he was happy when she left the note because he wanted an excuse to return to school. He now goes to school full time and takes evening classes four nights a week. He anticipates graduating this spring and wants to attend technical school in heating, ventilation and cooling.

"Before that, I wanted to come back, but I just didn't know how to come about it," Burke said.

Apple's dividend heralds 'changing of the guard'

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SAN FRANCISCO What would Steve have done?

It's a question that Apple CEO Tim Cook can't escape. From the naming of the new iPad to his choice of clothing at public events, company-watchers parse Cook's every move, looking for differences between him and the company's revered founder Steve Jobs.

But Cook seems determined to stamp his own legacy on the world's most valuable company. In the biggest break from Jobs' philosophy since Cook succeeded him as CEO seven months ago, Apple is dipping into its nearly $100 billion cash stash to start paying a quarterly dividend of $2.65 per share to its stockholders.

The commitment announced Monday draws a clear line of demarcation between Cook and Jobs.

"This is indicative of the changing of the guard at Apple," says ISI Group analyst Brian Marshall. "I don't think this would have happened under Steve Jobs. This clearly shows Tim Cook is his own man."

Jobs hoarded cash like a man afraid of running out of it. Plagued by memories of Apple's flirtation with bankruptcy in the late 1990s, he steadfastly resisted calls for the company to pay a dividend. Jobs never wanted Apple to be so destitute that it would need financial help, as it did in 1997 when he negotiated a $150 million infusion from rival Microsoft Corp.

With Cook in charge, Apple is now ready to herald a new era and dole out about $10 billion in dividends each year. It's an amount that Apple can easily afford, given the size of its current bank account and the billions more pouring in amid feverish demand for its iPhones, iPads and iPods.

Obviously, no one knows what Jobs would have thought about Apple paying a dividend. He died Oct. 5 after a long battle with cancer. It's unclear whether he had softened his stance on the dividend by the time he resigned as CEO last August.

The dividend decision didn't fall entirely to Cook. It required the approval of Apple's eight-member board of directors, which hasn't changed in the past year except for the addition of Cook and the loss of Jobs. Cook joined the board when he became CEO.

Apple's board had been discussing a possible dividend since at least January, based on what Cook has publicly told analysts and Apple shareholders.

Analysts and investors viewed the dividend as a sign of Cook's willingness to listen to shareholders.

"The new management is very shareholder friendly, and it has been very nice to see," says Sterne Agee analyst Shaw Wu.

Longtime Apple shareholder Asif Khan believes the dividend suggests that Cook is serious about honoring one of Jobs' final bits of advice. Based on published accounts, Cook told Apple employees at an Oct. 19 memorial that Jobs wanted management to "just do what's right" instead of trying to figure out what the company's late leader would have done.

"It's an intriguing moment in Apple's history because this is a departure from Steve's philosophy," says Khan, whose family has accumulated 20,000 Apple shares since 1997 when Jobs returned to the company. Cook "is changing the culture of the company just a little bit, but in a good way. Everything I have seen him do so far seems to be making Apple into a kinder and gentler company."

Before Apple's dividend announcement, Cook's most significant change from the Jobs' regime had been to introduce a company program that matched employee donations to charities of up to $10,000.

Cook, who worked closely with Jobs since joining Apple in 1998, has made it clear he still intends to hew to the vision of his predecessor and mentor. Just last month, Cook told Apple shareholders that he still thinks of Jobs every day he goes to work.

Forgetting Jobs would be nearly impossible for Cook to do anyway, given the comparisons that are regularly made between the two. Some Apple fans even comment on how Cook's fashion tastes deem to differ from Jobs, who adopted a pair of jeans and a mock black turtleneck as his daily uniform. Cook seems to favor button-up shirts in his public appearances.

Cook hasn't come close to matching Jobs' panache. The missing pizazz stood out earlier this month at Apple's unveiling of its latest iPad. Cook spent relatively little amount of time on stage, leaving most of the presentation to several of his top lieutenants. "Steve was a vibrant and charismatic figurehead, so it's really not fair to compare Tim's persona to that," says Creative Strategies analyst Tim Bajarin, who has been following Apple for 32 years.

Apple didn't even bother anointing the third-generation iPad with a distinctive name, prompting some Apple pundits to wonder whether the company might have tried to come up with something more creative if Jobs were still running things.

Not that it mattered. The latest iPad set a new sales record during its first weekend in stores, Cook said during a Monday conference call to discuss the dividend.

That's just the latest example of Apple's growing prosperity under Cook's leadership.

The company's stock price has soared 60 percent since Cook became CEO to propel Apple's market value to $560 billion — the most in the world. The shares hit a new high Monday before closing at $601.10, up $15.53. In Apple's first quarter following Jobs' death, the company generated more revenue than any other three-month period in its 36-year history.

Apple is doing so well now that analyst Wu expects Apple to add another $70 billion to $85 billion to its cash hoard this year. That works out to an average of $1.3 billion to $1.6 billion in cash per week.

"You would have to give Tim an 'A plus' as CEO so far," Bajarin says. "This is probably the best transition in corporate leadership that we have ever seen. And you really have to give Steve credit for that. He really spent the last four years of his life making sure the company would be prepared to carry on without him."

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Cal State University system plans to cut enrollment

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Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO The California State University system plans to close spring admissions at most campuses next year, and deep enrollment cuts are planned if voters reject Gov. Jerry Brown's measure to raise taxes, a top school official said Monday.

Only eight of Cal State's 23 campuses will admit students for the spring 2013 term, with enrollment limited to several hundred community college transfer students, Vice Chancellor Robert Turnage said. CSU admitted about 16,000 students last spring.

In addition, if voters reject Brown's November tax measure, total enrollment could be reduced by as many as 25,000 students, or roughly 6 percent, during the 2013-2014 academic year, he said.

"We're facing an incredibly uncertain situation," Turnage told reporters on a conference call. "In the wake of all these cuts we've taken, we really have to bring our enrollments down."

The system, which currently has 417,000 undergraduate and graduate students, is curtailing spring enrollment next year after the state reduced funding by $750 million, or 27 percent, this year.

If voters approve Brown's tax measure, CSU funding would remain flat at $2 billion under the governor's budget plan in 2012-2013. If voters reject it, the system would lose $200 million in the middle of the academic year.

University administrators will present the plan to the CSU Board of Trustees when it meets in Long Beach on Tuesday, though campuses don't need the board's approval for enrollment decisions.

Campuses that will admit spring 2013 applicants are Channel Islands, Chico, East Bay, Fullerton, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, San Francisco and Sonoma. Admissions will be limited to community college students who have completed newly created associate degrees that allow them to transfer to CSU as juniors.

School officials are not recommending a tuition increase beyond the previously approved 9 percent hike scheduled to take effect this fall.

"Nobody seems to like fee increases," Turnage said.

Over the past three years, the state has slashed funding for the Cal State system along with the 10-campus University of California system and 112 community colleges, prompting steep tuition increases, reductions in courses and services, and unruly campus protests.

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Tribes cutting off members in bloodline clashes

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PALA, Calif. Disputes over bloodlines have led California tribes to cut off members in what some charge are moves to limit the number of people receiving lucrative payouts of casino profits and benefits.

Citing estimates from the American Indian Movement, the Los Angeles Times reported Sunday that some two dozen tribes have removed more than 3,000 members from their rolls over the past 15 years.

The Pala Band of Mission Indians in northern San Diego County is one of the latest to be embroiled in a tussle over ancestry that led to 162 descendants of a prominent tribal leader being cut off from their $7,500 monthly share of casino profits and other benefits.

"Somewhere, as tribes have tried to reconstruct their sense of nationhood, particularly in tribes with casino money, they hit upon disenrollment as a way to settle disputes over personality issues and money," David Wilkins, professor of American Indian studies at the University of Minnesota, told the Times.

The Pala dispute centers on whether a revered tribal elder, Margarita Owlinguish Britten, who died in 1925, had a white father. If she was half Indian, as the tribe has ruled, that means her descendants with less than 1/16th of Pala blood are not entitled to tribal membership.

Tribe chairman Robert Smith said evidence — a tribal document that was changed in the 1950s — shows Britten was not a full-blooded Indian. "This is not about money, this is about what's right," he said.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs has ruled repeatedly that Britten's father was an Indian and has urged the tribe to reinstate the members, but has no power to enforce that decision.

A bureau document listing Britten and her seven children as members of the Cupeno Indians who were relocated in 1903 to the San Luis Rey River area of San Diego County does not list any father for Britten, however.

One of her descendants, King Freeman, a former tribe chairman, said the dispute centered on declining profits from the tribe's casino. The tribe's monthly payouts were reduced by $500 in January, he said. "This is all about greed," Freeman told the Times.

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the flexibility it needs to make major improvements to the facility, including possibly rebuilding the yards completely.

Staff negotiated a sales price of $2.2 million, with an estimated $55,000 for closing costs. The majority of that will come from five existing city accounts, including the general fund, water fund, resource recovery and recycling fund, wastewater fund and vehicle management fund.

The remaining $700,000 will be financed by the sellers at 5 percent a year in interest over a 10-year term.

The City Yard is presently home to a waste transfer station and recycling center, as well as buildings used by the fire department to train first responders.

PARKING STRUCTURE 6 CONSTRUCTION

The City Council is likely to approve a roughly $1.1 million contract with a construction management firm to oversee the demolition and rebuilding of Parking Structure 6.

The structure is slated to be demolished and rebuilt to include approximately 369 additional parking spaces as part of the Downtown Parking Program approved in February 2006.

Staff recommended Kitchell, a California-based company, on the strength of their proposal, experience, references and the strength of their proposed management team.

Kitchell also underbid the other two applicants, Swinerton and Vanir.

Parking Structure 6 was closed on Feb. 13. Demolition is expected to begin this month, with a completion date set for 2013.

TRAFFIC GOT YOU DOWN?

Staff is requesting $175,000 to begin design work on the final phase of improvements to the city's traffic control system.

The last portion of the five-part project will upgrade the traffic signal system at 12 intersections along Montana Avenue and San Vicente Boulevard.

RBF Consultants was chosen to complete the design work for the project.

The new system will provide centralized control over traffic signals and other traffic management technology in the city, like devices that detect motorists and bicyclists, cameras and controllers that give transit buses and emergency vehicles priority at lights.

The first three phases of the job are already complete. Work is under way on stage four, which involves construction along Arizona Avenue, the office district and Mid-City area. Stage four-c is in the design phase and includes improvements to 26 intersections along Ocean Park Boulevard, Neilson Way and Main Street.

EYE ON THE PIER

For lovers of community process, City Hall is about to launch another opportunity for participation.

The City Council will consider a contract with Moore Iacofano Goltsman, Inc. to gather community input for the new master plan for the iconic Santa Monica Pier.

The work will cost $106,020 and focus on priorities and ideas for the pier, as well as its operations, uses, needs, character and future. The information will aid the new interim Pier Board in crafting a vision for the pier.

MIG also provided services for work on the Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE) and is now working on the airport visioning process, which is in its second phase.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Staff recommends a $75,000 extension to an existing contract with PCR Services Corp., a Santa Monica-based firm that assesses the historic nature of potential landmarks and other structures and districts.

Preserving and protecting neighborhoods was identified as one of City Hall's highest priorities, a task which has fallen to the Landmarks Commission and the Historic Preservation Program.

The commission has asked for assessment on several properties of late, including the Village Trailer Park on Colorado Avenue and the Midas building at Fifth Street and Colorado Avenue.

Evaluation for historic resources is needed in development review process as well.

Each time an area is up for landmark designation, it costs between $6,000 and $8,000.

Rather than find a new firm when the current contract amount with PCR gets low, staff recommends extending the contract by $75,000. This is the fifth such contract extension.

CALLING ALL APPLICANTS

The City Council is likely to approve a contract with a firm to seek out qualified candidates to fill the shoes of the current city clerk, Maria Stewart, who will retire in May.

The council appoints the position, which is relied upon to run elections, report out of public meetings and maintain the city's legislative history.

Alliance Resource Consulting has been selected for the $28,500 contract. The firm will weed through a pool of candidates who will then go before a selection panel.

The City Council will then interview top candidates during a special meeting.

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BULGER
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Greig "holds significant assets and/or funds."

Greig pleaded guilty last week to helping Bulger avoid capture since 1995. Bulger has pleaded not guilty to participating in 19 murders. The couple was captured last summer in Santa Monica, Calif.

Donato said he believes there's a strong likelihood Greig will be ordered to pay a fine when she's sentenced in June. He has asked a judge to order any Greig asset held by Eastern Bank to be paid to the government if a fine is ordered.

During a hearing in U.S. District Court on Monday, Greig's attorney, Kevin Reddington, said Greig does not plan to transfer any property or funds.

"The money will maintain a status quo ... and the same thing with the real estate," Reddington said. "It's not going anywhere, I assure the court of that."

U.S. District Court Judge Douglas Woodlock did not immediately rule on the request.

During a separate hearing Monday in Bulger's case, a judge told prosecutors and Bulger's lawyers to cooperate as the two sides continued to spar over the voluminous amount of evidence expected to be used at Bulger's trial.

Bulger's lawyers have repeatedly complained that prosecutors have turned over a "mountain" of disorganized documents. Magistrate Judge Marianne Bowler on Monday accepted a proposal from the defense to number the documents so both sides can refer to the materials in a systematic way.

In a status report filed in court, Bulger's lawyer, J.W. Carney Jr., said prosecutors had provided more than 500,000 pages. Assistant U.S. Attorney Brian Kelly said there were about 320,000 pages of discovery, much of which is related to civil litigation that is marginal to the criminal case against Bulger.

The trial has been scheduled to begin Nov. 5. Carney called that "an impossible trial date."

Bowler told both sides to come back into court on April 18 for another status hearing and ordered them to cooperate.

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She was appointed a little more than a year ago by former Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, but put off what would have been her first address to the Legislature last year amid tense budget negotiations between Gov. Jerry Brown and lawmakers.

Last month, Cantil-Sakauye told a group of presiding judges that she wants the Legislature to restore some $100 million in state funding and generate $50 million by increasing court user fees to subsidize operations. California's court system has a $3.1 billion budget, about 2.4 percent of the state general fund.

Cantil-Sakauye is pressing her case at the same time she is embroiled in a political spat with lawmakers regarding the oversight of the entire court system.

It stems from a massive cost overrun of a technology project that was conceived to link trial court cases in all 58 counties. The project was supposed to be finished three years ago but is still in development even as costs have ballooned from $260 million to $1.9 billion.

A bill passed by the Assembly in January would shift spending authority from the Judicial Council and give individual trial courts more power in setting spending priorities. Cantil-Sakauye has campaigned against the legislation, AB1208, saying it calls into question the separation of powers between the legislative and judicial branches.

Since then, the chief justice has appeared to have found allies in the Senate, which has no plans to refer the bill to a policy committee for a hearing. Sen. Noreen Evans, D-Santa Rosa, chairwoman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said the bill would undo decades of work to make the judicial system uniform statewide.

During her address, Cantil-Sakauye touted the achievements of the Judicial Council during her little more than a year leading the state court system.

As examples, she noted the establishment of courts designed specifically to handle complex civil litigation and mortgage fraud, as well as the needs of military veterans and senior citizens. She also said the court had created a registry of protective orders and established a system of self-help kiosks.

At the same time, the justice issued a warning about the number of suspensions and expulsions in California's schools, some 700,000 in all. She said that dynamic eventually would affect the courts because children who are not in school will be at greater risk of entering the juvenile justice system.



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Scottsdale, Ariz., argued the case for the groups, David Cortman, senior counsel for the fund, said San Diego State will "remain a stronghold of censorship" as a result of the court decision.

The Alpha Gamma Omega-Epsilon Chapter fraternity and the Alpha Delta Chi-Delta Chapter sorority continue to exist but have struggled.

Refusing to go along with the school's nondiscrimination policy made the groups ineligible for a host of privileges such as getting student funding, posting signs on campus, reserving office and meeting space, using the school name or mascot and promoting themselves on the university website.

With Monday's decision, the justices let stand a federal appeals court ruling that found San Diego State University's nondiscrimination policy doesn't violate the Constitution.

The decision to stay out of the case avoids revisiting questions that resulted in a 2010 decision that said a law school can deny recognition to a Christian student group that wouldn't let gays join. An ideologically split Supreme Court ruled then that University of California's Hastings College of the Law could refuse to recognize campus groups that excluded people due to religious belief or sexual orientation.

In that case, the court on a 5-4 judgment upheld the lower court rulings saying a Christian group's First Amendment rights of association, free speech and free exercise were not violated by the college's nondiscrimination policy.

Several religious groups recognized by San Diego State also welcomed the Supreme Court's decision on Monday to stay out of the 2010 case.

"I think it's a great policy. I don't think there should be any discrimination at all, in any way," said Curtis Lester, 22, a fifth-year student and president of the Aztec Christian Association.

Lester said school recognition has been critical for his group. Along with being able to use the school mascot in its name, the Aztec Christian Association posted signs on campus for a meeting that drew about 80 people on campus.

Jayson Nicholson, assistant for the Agape House Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry at San Diego State, said recognition allowed that group to recruit students at a table during Welcome Week for new students and hold religious services on campus. He enthusiastically backs the school policy.

"I personally feel it is positive not to discriminate in any way, shape or form," he said.

The case is Alpha Delta Chi-Delta Chapter v. Reed, 11-744.

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family that donated the land to the federal government.

The decision came down after attempts at mediation between the government and ACLU fell apart early last week.

Mediation was seen as a way to wrap the lawsuit up quickly, but the government seemed fixated on voucher-based housing programs that don't come with mental health support, said David Sapp, an attorney with the ACLU.

"Those are good programs, and we're happy that the government is expanding them, but they're totally unresponsive to the needs of the subset of disabled vets that we're talking about here," Sapp said last week.

The government also recently released $20 million to rehab building 209, a building on the West L.A. campus that is said to be for permanent supportive housing of the type the lawsuit is seeking.

That's great, Sapp said, but there needs to be more.

"We're looking for a response that is commensurate with the need," he said. "No one is going to criticize 50 units of permanent supportive housing, but it's not going to resolve the issue."

The issue, in the eyes of the plaintiffs, is that there are thousands of homeless veterans on the streets of Los Angeles, many of whom have severe mental disabilities that prevent them from seeking help on their own.

Permanent supportive housing could solve that by giving disabled veterans a place to live that comes backed up with intensive mental health services.

However, the ACLU alleges that the VA has instead chosen to rent out space to movie theaters, the Brentwood School, hotel laundry facilities, the South Coast Air Quality Management District and the UCLA baseball program.

Now that mediation has failed, the attorneys are hoping to speed up the process and get the matter to trial as early as June with an accelerated process of exchanging information and going through discovery.

It's about urgency, Sapp said.

"Everyone knows this, but this just makes it concrete that people's lives are hanging in the balance. An approach that strings this out and delays resolution is unacceptable," Sapp said.

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Rolling with French toast and turkey

HEY FOLKS! HOPE YOUR WEEK HAS BEEN just as amazing as mine. Remember last installment I shared with you the knowledge of being able to eat virtually anything you wanted while still losing weight? I wanted to follow up with a recipe that will show you how you can do just that. My under-300-calorie French toast and turkey treats completely satisfies. If there's one thing I've learned, it's that you have to be able to enjoy your life while you're on a diet. Dieting doesn't have to suck. On that note, here's how I rock breakfast.

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Taylor's French toast and turkey treats

Ingredients:

1 slice Oliver's organic grain whole wheat bread —100 calories

Cup egg whites — 30 calories

2 slices of low-sodium, all-natural turkey — 60 calories

1 tablespoon all natural maple syrup — 52.5 calories

Cooking spray oil

Tips & notes:
Oliver's Organic Grain Whole Wheat Bread: I happen to like this grainy textured bread. It's available at Whole Foods and one slice is only 100 calories. It has no fat but it does have 21 grams of carbs. So it's better to eat this meal early in the day.
Egg whites: I use pre-boxed egg whites. This way I don't have to crack eggs and waste yolks. Opt for an all-natural brand. Three tablespoons equals 25 calories.
Low-sodium all-natural turkey: I use Columbus brand because it is made with whole turkey breasts, slow-roasted to maintain flavor, has no MSG or trans fat and it doesn't taste processed. I buy this at Trader Joe's. A 2-ounce serving, roughly two slices is equal to 60 calories. Plus, it's great to have cooked turkey to munch on in the fridge.
All natural maple syrup: This is where you have to use restraint. Maple syrup is really high in sugar and calories. A cup equals 210 calories! OMG! Personally, I'd rather have a little, tiny bit of something I love than a lot of some watered down version of maple syrup. Set the syrup in a small ceramic bowl and heat for 30 seconds in the microwave. Then dip your toast in it for flavor only, don't pour it on your plate. You may find that you have syrup leftover.
About the calories:
If we know that a cup equals 4 tablespoons we just divide that number by four and we get 52.50 for the maple syrup. So add this figure with 100 + 30 + 60, and that brings our total caloric range for this breakfast in at … 242.50 calories. Yeah, baby! If you're dieting you want to keep your meals around the 300 calorie mark. You can even add another slice of turkey if you're really hungry.

Directions:
Place the bread in a shallow bowl. Pour the egg whites over the bread and allow them to soak in. Heat a non-stick pan. Spray the bottom with a cooking spray. I use an all-natural grapeseed spray because it heats at a higher temperature than olive oil. Transfer the bread soaked in egg white to the pan and here's the trick; cover that puppy with a lid. I generally use a lid from a stockpot that is roughly the same size, which creates a good seal. Then turn the heat down and let it steam itself done. Flip to the other side to create a nice browning, then remove from the pan and transfer to a plate. In the meantime, take your two turkey slices and place them in the pan. Give them a quick spritz of spray oil and simmer gently until they brown then transfer to plate with French toast. Enjoy and lose weight! Next column … super sweet treats that won't raise your glycemic levels.

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Occupy Wall Street activists urges strike over arrests

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Associated Press

NEW YORK Occupy Wall Street activists on Monday called for supporters to skip work on May 1 to protest what they're calling police brutality during 73 arrests in New York during the weekend.

Several dozen activists joined members of New York's City Council for a news conference in Zuccotti Park to complain about police tactics. On Saturday, police started detaining people after hundreds of Occupy supporters gathered in the park to mark six months since the start of the movement.

Occupy organizers across the country have been mobilizing for months toward a one-day general strike in May.

They're encouraging people to stay out of work and school, and to refrain from spending money. In New York, a coalition of unions and worker justice groups are planning a solidarity march through the city.

Council members at Monday's news conference included Ydanis Rodriguez, a Manhattan Democrat who denounced police actions, while proposing that the council create a "Protester's Bill of Rights" to establish basic rights.

"I am here today because Saturday night I saw the New York Police Department using brutal, excessive force arresting people who were protesting peacefully," Rodriguez told the news conference. "We are calling on Mayor Bloomberg and Commissioner Kelly to fight for our constitutional rights as hard as they fight terrorism."

Bloomberg countered that members of the NYPD were respectful of protesters' rights.

"This police department knows how to control crowds without excessive force," the mayor said.

He said police have put up barricades around the park again because protesters were breaking park rules against setting up tents in the privately owned public space.

But Liesbeth Rapp, a 27-year-old activist who was there Saturday, said police "charged" protesters and forced them in groups onto nearby sidewalks.

In tears, Rapp said she ended up next to a young woman who suffered a head injury in the scuffle.

"We were all on the ground, and they were on top of us," she said. "She was holding her head and screaming."

Rapp said officers ignored the woman's call for medical help, and it took more than a quarter of an hour for medics to respond.

While Occupy organizers have been clamoring for the May general strike as a springtime renewal of their movement, it's impossible to gauge the expected response.

Last November in Oakland, when the Occupy movement was at its height, a day-long general strike resulted in a five-hour protest at the city's port, the nation's fifth-busiest. In solidarity, hundreds of Oakland teachers skipped school, leaving too few substitutes to keep some classes running.

Study of 'meth babies' finds behavior problems

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CHICAGO The first study to look at methamphetamine's potential lasting effects on children whose mothers used it in pregnancy finds these kids at higher risk for behavior problems than other children.

The behavior differences — anxiety, depression, moodiness — weren't huge, but lead researcher Linda LaGasse called them "very worrisome."

Methamphetamine is a stimulant like crack cocaine, and earlier research showed meth babies have similarities to so-called "crack babies" — smaller in size and prone to drowsiness and stress. Results in long-term studies conflict on whether children of cocaine-using mothers have lasting behavior problems.

Whether problems persist in young children of meth users is unknown. But LaGasse, who does research at Brown University's Center of the Study of Children at Risk, said methamphetamine has stronger effects on the brain so it may be more likely to cause lasting effects in children.

The study was published online Monday in Pediatrics. The National Institutes of Health paid for the research, including a grant from the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

Government data suggest more than 10 million Americans have used meth; fewer than 1 percent of pregnant women are users.

Joseph Frascella, who heads a behavioral division at the National Institute on Drug Abuse, said the research is among "groundbreaking" studies examining effects of substance abuse during pregnancy.

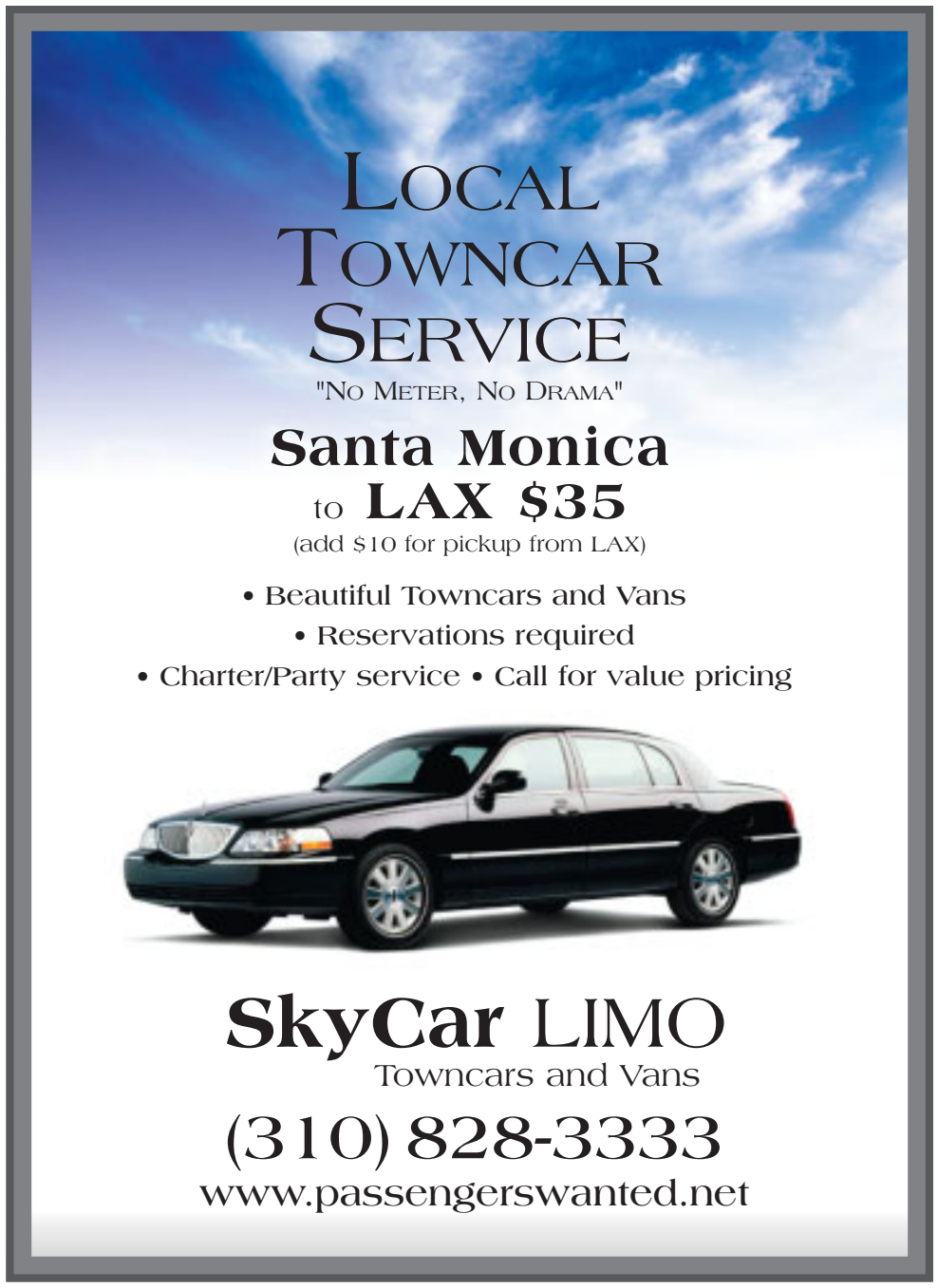
But because the study is a first, the results should be viewed cautiously and need to be repeated, he said.

The study of children tracked from age 3 through 5 builds on earlier research by LaGasse on the same group — 330 youngsters tracked in the Midwest and West, areas where meth use is most common. Mothers were recruited shortly after giving birth in Des Moines, Iowa; Honolulu, Los Angeles, and Tulsa, Okla. They were asked about prenatal meth use and newborns' stools were tested for evidence of the drug. Effects in children exposed to the drug were compared with those whose mothers didn't use meth. Both groups were high-risk children, with many living in disadvantaged homes.

Mothers or other caregivers completed a widely used checklist asking how often kids showed many kinds of troublesome behavior.

At age 3, scores for anxiety, depression and moodiness were slightly higher in meth-users' children. These differences persisted at age 5. The older children who'd been exposed to meth also had more aggression and attention problems similar to ADHD, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. Mothers were asked about symptoms, but not if their kids had ever been diagnosed with behavior disorders.

More than half of the mothers who'd used meth during pregnancy also used it afterwards. These women also were more likely to use other drugs during and after pregnancy and to be single mothers. But the researchers said accounting for those differences and others in the two groups' family lives didn't change the results.







‘Sneakerheads’ a tough group to please

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AP National Writer

CHICAGO They are lined up in the freezing rain, waiting patiently, stubbornly. All night. All for a few pairs of shoes.

Sean Rivera is among the 60 or so die-hards on this sidewalk along Chicago’s Magnificent Mile shopping district. He looks a little crazy, smiling and squinting through fogged glasses.

But the 28-year-old college counselor doesn’t care. He’s used to being judged like that, used to “being criticized by peers and family members and neighbors,” he says, laughing.

It’s all part of the life of “sneakerheads,” people who spend hundreds, even thousands of dollars on shoes, many of which carry the name of professional basketball stars, past and present.

Chicagoans proudly point out that it started here with Michael Jordan and his Nike Air Jordan brand.

Rivera figures he has about 50 pairs of sneakers at home in his closet. His parents bought him his first pair of Air Jordans when he was a toddler. He carries a picture on his cell phone of his pint-sized self, wearing those very shoes. “You can see the striking resemblance,” he jokes, holding the phone with the photo next to his cheek.

In the 1990s, he and many fledgling sneakerheads used to scrape together whatever money they had and then cut class to go buy the latest pair of Jordans. Back then, news reports occasionally surfaced, telling of people who were mugged for their shoes.

Today, that fervor is growing again, fueled by online social networking, and by shoemakers such as Nike that now often limit the number of pairs they release to generate more interest.

Jesus Estrella, a blogger who has become a self-made sneaker guru on YouTube, filmed one recent melee outside a mall in Orlando, Fla.

“This shoe game officially has gone bananas,” Estrella, who is known as “JStar” in the sneakerhead community, said as he watched police arrive and then begin sending people home.

That riot and similar ones in other cities were so raucous that some stores postponed their release of new shoes. The most sought after that night was the Nike “Galaxy Foamposite,” a $225 pair of shoes made popular by former NBA player Penny Hardaway.

You don’t always know which shoe is going to be “the shoe” of the ones that are released, Estrella says.

But often, the shoes that go the quickest are those that are “reissued” — new versions of old standards, including Air Jordans and the Nike “Mag” sneakers worn by the character Marty McFly in the movie “Back to the Future.”

Consignment shops and online auctions have seen some of those shoes resell for thousands of dollars, while others sit on shelves longer and sell for less. A pair of original Air Jordans in good condition — bought by the most serious collectors — can sell today for $4,000 to $5,000. “Back to the Future” Mags, originally released to raise money for the Michael J. Fox Foundation and Parkinson’s research, go for that much, or more.

Meanwhile, Rivera recently sold a pair of LeBron James “South Beach” Nikes, which he bought for $170 in late 2010, for $900.

“People try to finance their (shoe) habit,” says LaVelle “V-DOT” Sykes, who owns a Chicago shop called Overtime, where he and his staff sell sneakers on consignment.

“They’ll say, ‘I’m going to ‘rock’ one pair and sell two,” he says, referring to people who wear one pair and try to find buyers for the others.

“You see moms, pops, aunties, all kinds of people, across all color lines.”

Often, though, sneakerheads are young men in their teens, 20s and 30s, many of whom now use the Internet to show off their “kicks,” as they call their shoes.

And companies like Nike are using that instant, word-of-mouth communication to their benefit, marketing experts say.

“When I started in this business back in the ‘60s, there was no such thing as a blogger,” says Michael Carberry, a former advertising executive who is now a marketing professor at American University in Washington.

Now, he says, bloggers are a key advertising component: “They talk it up: ‘Did you hear about the new Nike that’s coming out? . You gotta be there.’”

Limiting the supply — a tactic sometimes called “artificial scarcity” — also fuels the demand in an age when young people are bombarded with products and looking for ways to stand out.

“It’s harder and harder to make yourself different and distinct. Everybody has access to the same stuff,” says Gary Rudman, president of California-based GTR Consulting, which tracks the habits of young people.

“They’re constantly trying to update the brand called ‘Me.’”

They do it with anything from clothes to electronic devices or even video game skills. For sneakerheads, it’s all about showing off your shoes to gain credibility with your peers, he says.

Dina Mayzlin, an associate professor of marketing at Yale University, refers to this dynamic as “social signaling” — associating yourself with a hard-to-get brand to build status.

So companies are, in turn, limiting access to a product or service to create a buzz and reputation of coolness.

She and her colleagues have, for instance, studied Google and Spotify, an online music service — both of which have initially made some services available to consumers by invitation only.

She found that the goal for Google, with Google+, or Spotify was to eventually try to draw in even more members who wanted what the initial members had.

When you factor in what it costs to design and promote the limited edition shoes, Nike may not make as much money on them as it would if they were mass produced, Carberry says.

But the publicity they generate is priceless for the brand. “The buzz is what works for them and it just enhances the aura of Nike,” he says — and, in turn, generates more overall shoe sales to those who might not be able to afford a limited edition pair, but still want to attach themselves to the brand.

Because of the chaos it has created, some have questioned whether Nike has gone too far with its limited edition shoes and hyped releases. A Nike spokesman did not respond to questions about whether the company is looking for ways to avoid the mayhem created by recent shoe releases. But in February, the company did issue a statement stressing the importance of “consumer safety and security.”

To cut back on crowds, some stores already hand out a limited number of tickets to consumers before a shoe release. Without a ticket, you can’t enter the store.

Estrella, the blogger and YouTube sneakerhead, says there is little doubt that the recession is contributing to the havoc because more people are looking for ways to make a fast buck. But he thinks most sneakerheads are in it for more than that.

It’s about fashion and sports, he says. It’s about friendship and having a common interest.

Stocks drift higher but can't match last week

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NEW YORK U.S. stocks drifted higher Monday but lost the momentum from their biggest week of the year. A dividend from Apple, a deal for UPS and the promise of greater demand for U.S. Steel drove those stocks to gains.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up as much as 37 points but sank most of the afternoon and finished up 6.51 at 13,239.13. It was a ho-hum performance compared with the Dow's 310-point gain last week.

The Standard & Poor's 500 rose 5.58 points to 1,409.75, its highest close since May 20, 2008. The Nasdaq composite index rose 23.06 points to 3,078.32.

An index of homebuilder confidence came in unchanged. Without major economic news or headlines out of Europe, the markets were steered by announcements from a handful of well-known companies.

Apple rose 2.7 percent to $601.10, its first close above $600, after announcing that it would pay a shareholder dividend and buy back $10 billion of its stock over three years.

The dividend is expected to expand the company's shareholder reach because value-oriented mutual funds that focus on dividends will buy it. Apple's stock has already skyrocketed from $405 this year, partly in anticipation of the dividend.

UPS rose 3.4 percent after announcing it would buy TNT Express, the second-largest express mail company in Europe behind DHL. The purchase further solidifies UPS' status as the world's largest delivery company.

U.S. Steel climbed 6.4 percent, the best performer in the S&P 500, after some manufacturers announced price hikes last week, fueling expectations of improving demand. Steel Dynamics and AK Steel Holding Corp. also rose.

The markets couldn't match the electricity of last week. The Dow and the S&P 500 both rose 2.4 percent last week, their best showings of the year so far. For the first time, the Dow closed above 13,000 and the Nasdaq above 3,000 on the same day.

On Monday, while ever-present concerns about European debt, a slowdown in China and the pace of U.S. economic growth were bubbling below the surface, investors seemed to take a day off from worrying about them.

"The absence of any negative news over the weekend was pretty positive," said Peter Tuz, president of Chase Investment Counsel in Charlottesville, Va., who described the market as complacent. "It sounds backward, but that's quite often the case."

There was little in the way of major economic indicators. The National Association of Home Builders' index of builder confidence came in unchanged from the previous month but is at its highest since June 2007, a year before the financial meltdown.

Prices for U.S. Treasury debt slid for the ninth day in a row, and the yield on the 10-year Treasury note hit 2.40 percent. It has not settled that high since Oct. 27. The 10-year was at 2.36 late Monday, up from 2.30 percent Friday.

The falling prices are a sign that investors are feeling more confident in the economy and moving money out of bonds and into riskier assets like stocks.

The price of oil climbed above $108, up more than a dollar for the day and almost $3 for the last two trading days. The average price for a gallon of regular gasoline rose a penny over the weekend to $3.84 and is up 30 cents from a month ago, pushed higher by tension in Europe over Iran's nuclear program.

European markets were mixed. The main stock indexes fell less than 1 percent in France, Britain and Germany. Stocks rose 1.6 percent in Greece and 1.2 percent in Spain.

Though Greece's debt crisis has faded from the spotlight for the moment, Greece remains in deep recession, and uncertainty lingers. Unions throughout Europe are protesting cuts in benefits, making it difficult for governments to rein in their spending.

Leadership questions are also surfacing, with the Greek finance minister stepping down to run the majority Socialist party and France gearing up for presidential elections.

Among other U.S. stocks making moves:

• Sprint Nextel plummeted 4.5 percent after an analyst downgraded the stock to underperform, predicted that future incarnations of the iPhone could have trouble with the Sprint network and expressed concern about the company's debt.

• Bank of America rose above $10 in midday trading for the first time since August, though it's still well off its pre-crisis high of more than $50. The stock ended the day down 2.8 percent, at $9.53.

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A Roundabout Way Of Thinking

Drivers in Santa Monica might have noticed some recent changes to many intersections around town that have people wondering if they are headed down the Champs Elysees towards the Arch de Triumph or perhaps lost on an English country road.The roundabout intersection has made a roundabout trip across the world to Santa Monica with the hopes of easing traffic congestion and making the roads safer for drivers and pedestrians alike. Drivers here in Santa Monica must be aware of the traffic rules and regulations that govern roundabout driving so that motorists are not stranded like foreigners in a foreign land. Here are some basic rules and explanations about roundabouts that will hopefully help you on your way around town.

The basic definition of a roundabout is a circular junction in which road traffic must travel in one direction around a central island.
Roundabouts increase safety in the community by requiring drivers to both decrease their speeds and in turn increase their awareness upon entering the intersection. Roundabouts also increase a neighborhood's aesthetic appeal by creating charming and unique architectural designs. Neatly landscaped circles or placement of a statue, monument, or flagpole give roundabouts a homely and suburban feel despite their very urban purpose. Pedestrians are often prohibited or discouraged from entering the center circle of a roundabout, but pedestrians and drivers can nonetheless enjoy the visual charisma that the intersection adds to a community. Roundabouts facilitate motorists, bicyclists, runners, and dog-walkers in an efficient and competent manner.

Roundabouts have some negative drawbacks as well. Larger vehicles and trucks may find it difficult to navigate through narrow roundabouts that are not built to handle such vehicles.The recent implementation of roundabouts in Santa Monica has also caused some backup and unwanted traffic delays at roundabouts where drivers are not familiar with the traffic laws and traffic flow. On the same note, there is a greater risk of traffic collisions and accidents from drivers who are simply not paying attention to their surroundings.
Roundabouts require far greater concentration and awareness than do conventional squared intersections.

Upon entering a roundabout, drivers should first notice a sign or traffic indicator alerting the driver to slow down and prepare to yield. A painted dashed line will also alert drivers that they are entering a roundabout intersection. Unless otherwise indicated, drivers do not have to come to a complete stop; however, the situation may require a complete stop depending on traffic conditions at the time. Remember, pedestrians always have the right of way! So, if you see a bicyclist, jogger, or walker you must stop in order to allow that person safe passage. If there are no other cars in the roundabout and no pedestrians, the driver can then safely enter the roundabout. Most Santa Monica roundabouts are one-way, meaning a driver can only make a right turn to enter the roundabout and a right turn to exit the roundabout.

A driver that is already in the roundabout has the right of way over a driver that is entering the roundabout.Thus, if you are the car that is approaching the roundabout and slowing down getting ready to turn into the roundabout, do not expect another car that is already in the roundabout to stop or slow to let you in! This area tends to be one of the most confusing aspects of roundabouts, but if you remember that the car already in the roundabout has the right of way…you should be alright. Regardless of who has the right of way, drivers should nonetheless always remain vigilant and aware of their surroundings to prevent any kind of accident. Keep a slow to moderate speed while circling depending on the traffic at the time.Also, it is very important that drivers remember to use their turn signals. Turn signals alert circling drivers inside the roundabout and allow other drivers to adjust speeds based on turns. Moreover, a turn signal also notifies drivers waiting to enter the roundabout that the path is clear for them to safely make the maneuver.

Avoid unnecessary traffic citations, accidents, and congestion by following these simple roundabout rules. Remember to be aware, vigilant, and attentive to your surroundings at all time. Adjust to a roundabout way of thinking and enjoy the ride around town!

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SURF REPORT



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Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 53.6°

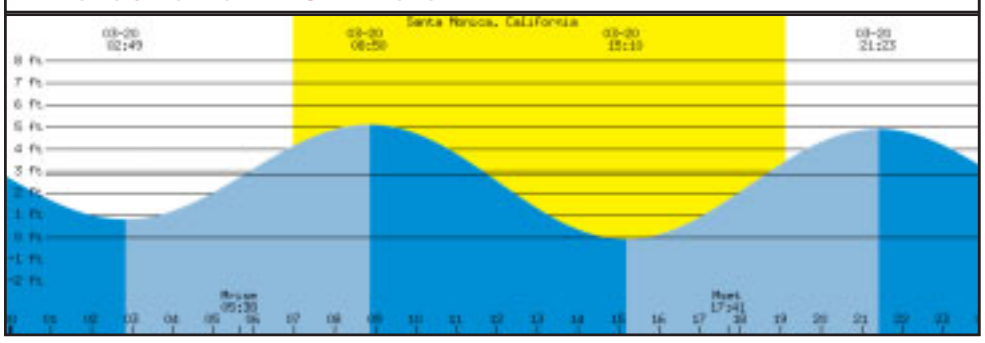
Swell Forecast

Looking at chest high surf most everywhere in SoCal.

Long Range Synopsis

Looking at waist to chest high surf most everywhere.

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 **March 14, 2012**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 28 / 16
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 10

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: The Diller – von Furstenberg Family Foundation, Goodbrook Family Foundation, simplehuman, LazerGUY, SBBA

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	as
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A	as
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.	as	as
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	as
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	as
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A	as
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	as
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	as
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	as
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	F	as
Solstice Canyon at Ben Blocker County Beach.	A+	as
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	as
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd.	A	as
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A	as
Surfrider Beach (breach location) - daily.	F	as
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A	as
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	as
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	as
Big Rock Beach at 19648 PCH stairs.	B	as
Pena Creek at Los Tunas County Beach.	A+	as
Trina Canyon.	A+	as
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	D	as
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A	as
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A	as
Will Rogers State Beach at 17208 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	as

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

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

as -- no sample taken

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NCAA

Stanford may have three No. 1 picks

JANIE MCCAULEY
AP Sports Writer

STANFORD, Calif. Andrew Luck is set to become the NFL's No. 1 draft pick next month. Stanford pitcher Mark Appel is the likely first choice in June's amateur baseball draft. That's already figuring to be quite a feat for the school.

Add women's basketball star Nnemkadi Ogwumike into the mix as the probable top selection in the WNBA draft, and it very well could be an impressive Cardinal three-fer.

Oddly enough, all three athletes happen to be from the Houston area, though Appel attended high school in the Bay Area.

"If it happens, and that's a big if, that's a real tribute to Stanford and the athletic program, and a real tribute to the coaches that they can go to a place like Houston for Andrew and Nneka and get great kids to come from 1,500 miles away," Luck's father, Oliver, the athletic director at West Virginia, said Monday before his school's women's basketball team faced top-seeded Stanford in the second round of the NCAA tournament at Norfolk.

A pair of Bay Area pros can relate to just how special it is. Quarterback Alex Smith and newly acquired Golden State Warriors big man Andrew Bogut are connected forever based on both being picked No. 1 from the same school the same year: in 2005 out of Utah.

"That's amazing," Stanford women's basketball coach Tara VanDerveer said of the possibility the Cardinal could do it with three athletes in the coming months.

As former Colts star and four-time NFL MVP Peyton Manning moved toward a deal with the Denver Broncos on Monday, his expected replacement in Indianapolis — two-time Heisman Trophy runner-up Luck — prepared to show off his skills at Stanford's pro day on Thursday.

Stanford athletic director Bob Bowlsby doesn't want to get his hopes up when it comes to the unpredictability of professional sports drafts.

"If it works out, it would certainly be quite remarkable," Bowlsby said. "We are very proud to have such high performers within our programs and we are pleased that they project high achievement at the next level as well."

Appel, Stanford's hard-throwing 6-foot-5 Friday night starter, is 2-1 with a 3.19 ERA with 40 strikeouts to 10 walks through his first four starts for the Cardinal, who are off until Saturday for finals week.

Earlier this month before a game against Rice, Luck threw out the first pitch as Appel stood in as catcher.

"It says a lot about those two athletes. Luck is very special and Mark Appel is special also," Cardinal baseball coach Mark Marquess said. "They're both very humble, very strong academically and impressive young men. We're very proud of that. A lot has to happen with the baseball. Luck, his job is done. I think the thing with Mark Appel that doesn't change in pro baseball, whether he wins 12 games or four games, is 97-98 mph. Whether he'll be the first one or not, he'll be in the top three or four because he has a tremendous fastball. He has other things, too. He's a great competitor. It's exciting. It's a great time for Stanford."

Ogwumike has plenty to accomplish before she turns her attention to the WNBA draft. She's trying to lead the second-ranked Cardinal to a fifth consecutive Final Four and elusive national title. Stanford hasn't won an NCAA championship since 1992.

She is a big fan of Luck, and has followed Appel's success, too.

"I think it would just represent the greatness of our school," Ogwumike said. "Our school doesn't just bring in great athletes, but great people. I haven't had the pleasure of meeting Mark Appel but I'm good friends with Andrew and he's the sweetest guy one could ever meet, not to mention one of them most talented football players in the country.

"I think that would be really, really great if that even happened. Not a lot of schools can say that ever happened to them."

And Ogwumike has a huge supporter in sophomore sister and teammate, Chiney.

"Stanford has just really put their athletes in an environment where they can shine," Chiney said. "They do it by not talking about it, but through their actions in school and out of school. We have a talented trio of No. 1 draft picks. I'm the biggest advocate: I think my sister should be No. 1. I'm not afraid to say that, I've been waiting to say it for a long time. We know Andrew's the No. 1 draft pick."

Appel still must earn that distinction.

Despite the hype, the pitcher is taking a focused approach to the process. He knows he must consistently perform for the second-ranked Cardinal to earn the No. 1 pick.

Getting to Omaha, Neb., for the College World Series would be a great start.

"I can't control who picks me or where I go," said the right-hander, who regularly hits 97-98 mph on the radar gun.

Bogut would be fine if he and Smith had this accomplishment all to themselves.

"Well, it's history. I hope it doesn't happen again so I can be the only person to have that acclaim," Bogut said when formally introduced by the Warriors on Friday night.

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7:45pm, 10:15pm

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1:40pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 10:10pm

Being Flynn (R) 1hr 42min
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21 Jump Street (R) 1hr 49min
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Safe House (R) 1hr 57min
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Project X (R) 1hr 28min
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Dr. Seuss' The Lorax 3D (PG) 1hr 35min
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Boy (NR) 1hr 27min
1:00pm, 3:10pm, 5:30pm

Salt of Life (Gianni e le donne) (NR) 1hr 30min
3:35pm, 5:45pm, 8:00pm

Artist (PG-13) 1hr 40min
1:00pm, 10:10pm

Separation (Jodaeiye Nader az Simin) (PG-13) 2hrs 03min
1:20pm, 4:10pm, 10:00pm

Bolshoi Ballet: Le Corsaire Encore (NR)
7:30pm

Decoy Bride (NR) 1hr 29min
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Dr. Seuss' The Lorax (PG) 1hr 35min
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John Carter (PG-13) 2hrs 19min
11:30am, 2:30pm, 6:00pm, 9:15pm

Jeff, Who Lives at Home (R) 1hr 23min
11:55am, 2:30pm, 4:50pm, 7:15pm, 9:45pm

Friends With Kids (R) 1hr 40min
11:30am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:20pm

Salmon Fishing in the Yemen (PG-13) 1hr 52min
11:30am, 1:55pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 10:10pm

Casa de mi Padre (R) 1hr 24min
11:45am, 2:10pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

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Get some rest, Aries

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ The wise person would say very little, yet your temper still might trigger. How you deal with that moment could be a problem. Remember, words that are said cannot be taken back. Tonight: Get some much-needed rest.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Zero in on what is important. Honor what is happening with your immediate circle. If something is not working, it could involve friends and/or family. Resistance could cause a problem, but not an unsolvable one. Tonight: Where the fun is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ The spotlight is on you, and you will not be able to defer to others -- the option is not there. Step up to the plate, and accept your role. Someone might trigger or aggravate you. Reach out for a distant buddy or adviser. Tonight: Vanish into the night.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You might want to rethink a recent decision you have made. Find some experts, ask some questions. Be willing to admit whether you have enough information. Tonight: Use your imagination.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Remain sure of yourself, yet listen to others with that same confidence. The problem is not about being right, but about resolving the issue. Look for a mutually satisfying answer, especially if an argument breaks out. Tonight: Easy works.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Defer to others more often today. Note when anger rears its ugly head. Rather than follow your knee-jerk reaction, just wait. Detach and evaluate that anger, and learn how to express this feeling more appropriately. Tonight: Go with a suggestion.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Your even pace allows greater give-and-take. You might not feel comfortable with everything that comes up. Note your feelings, but focus on the task at hand. You can clear up what you have been holding back, but only at the appropriate moment with the correct audience. Tonight: Put your feet up.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ No one can deny your ability to see past the obvious. Your vision of possibilities initially might confuse others and sometimes yourself. Tonight: Unleash your spontaneity.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You actively alternate between pursuing the conservative course and opting to be adventuresome. Try to merge the need for security with a little flair for living in the moment. Someone you look up to could be on the warpath. Tonight: Your home is your castle.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might be more in tune with someone's energy than you are aware. The problem could lie with this person's reaction. Sometimes others get nervous if they feel they are transparent. Find a way to reassure this person that you will honor his or her vulnerability. Tonight: Catch up with a friend.

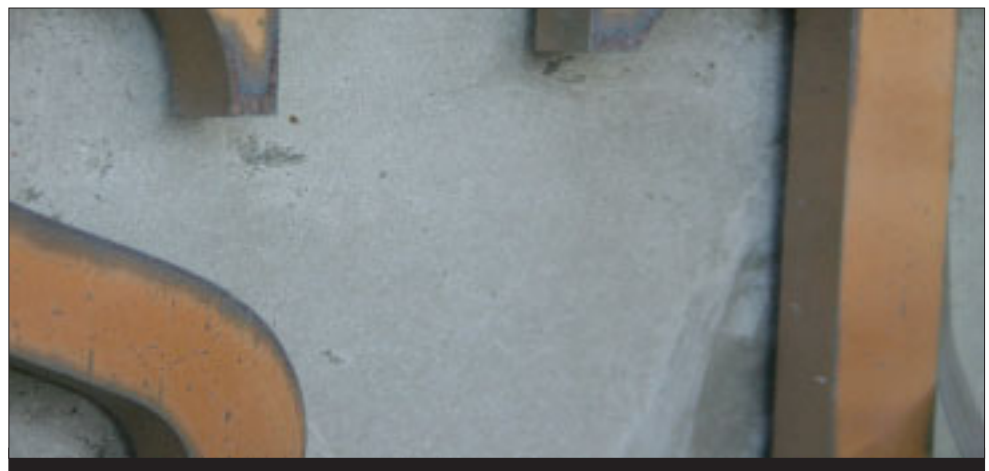
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You could create uproar, and probably a lot better than many people. Look at the long-run implications of this behavior. Some people cannot deal with this and might distance themselves. Tonight: Your treat. Make peace, not war.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Claim your power and use it well. If someone is being difficult and quarrelsome, it does not mean you need to get into a tiff with this person. Come up with effective ways of handling this irascible personality. Tonight: All smiles.

Happy birthday

You could be unusually quiet this year as you become introspective. You are evaluating much in your life. An issue that will emerge will be your self-expression involving anger. Do you internalize your feelings? Or do you throw a tantrum? These abovementioned behaviors could be problematic. Follow your instincts with money. If you are single, someone you meet could be very exciting. Wait at least a year before deciding whether this bond is for life. If you are attached, share more private time together. Vulnerability will add more of a spark. PISCES makes a great doctor, teacher or healer for you.

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



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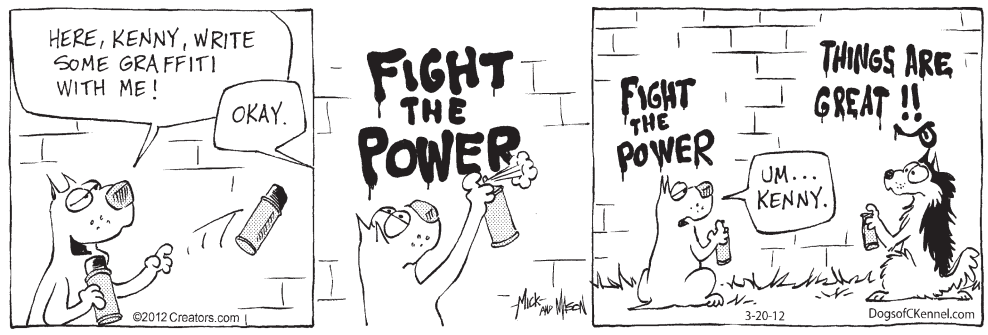
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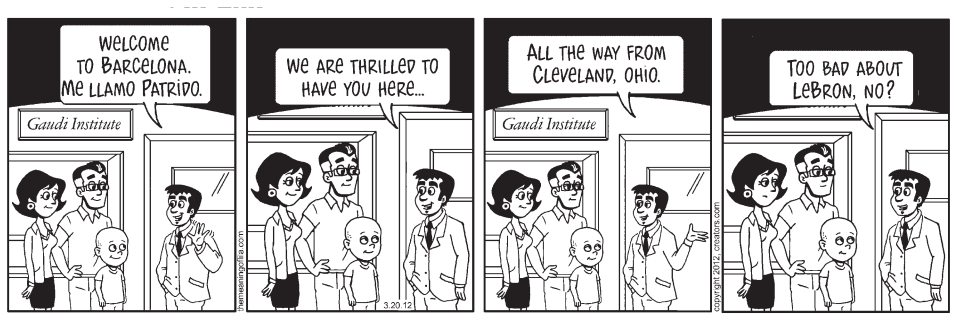
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Sudoku

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.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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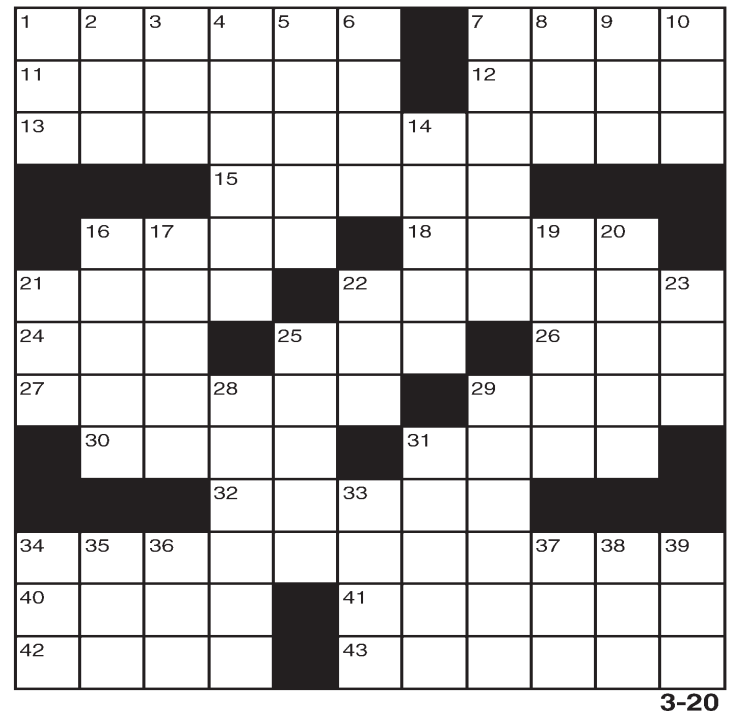
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22 Naughty
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• Insert the given numbers in the empty squares so when they are calculated in threes from left to right and top to bottom they satisfy the demands in the shaded boxes both horizontally and vertically.

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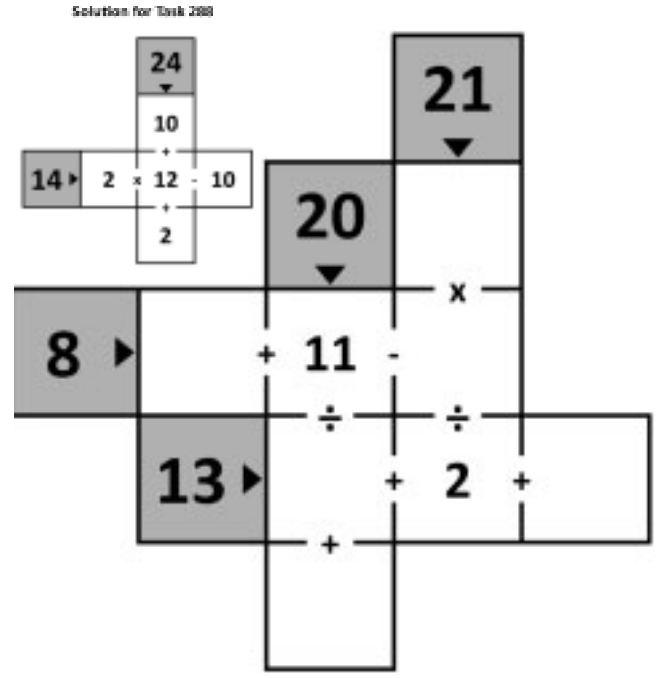
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Solution for Task 2888



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3rd: 04 Big Ben
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In the remote state of Meghalaya, India, a matrilineal system endows the women with wealth and property rights and relegates the men to slow-moving campaigns for equality. A men's rights advocate, interviewed by BBC News in January, lamented even the language's favoring of women, noting that "useful" nouns seem all to be female. The system, he said, breeds generations of men "who feel useless," falling into alcoholism and drug abuse. In maternity wards, he said, the sound of cheering greets baby girls, and if it's a boy, the prevailing sentiment is "Whatever God gives us is quite all right." The husband of one woman interviewed said, meekly, that he "likes" the current system -- or at least that's what his wife's translation said he said. [BBC News, 1-19-2012]

■ Each year, the town of Chumbivilcas, Peru, celebrates the new year with what to Americans might seem "Festivus"-inspired (from the Seinfeld TV show), but is actually drawn from Incan tradition. For "Takanakuy," with a background of singing and dancing, all townspeople with grudges from the previous 12 months (men, women, children) settle them with sometimes-bloody fistfights so that they start the new year clean. Said one villager to a Reuters reporter, "Everything is solved here, and after(ward) we are all friends." [Reuters via CBS News, 12-14-2011]

TODAY IN HISTORY

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Name Changes

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. ES015499
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of GAREN BOYADZHYAN for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
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
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Date: 2/22/2012
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 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
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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
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Date: 2/17/2012
JOSEPH S. BIDERMAN, JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

Name Changes

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:
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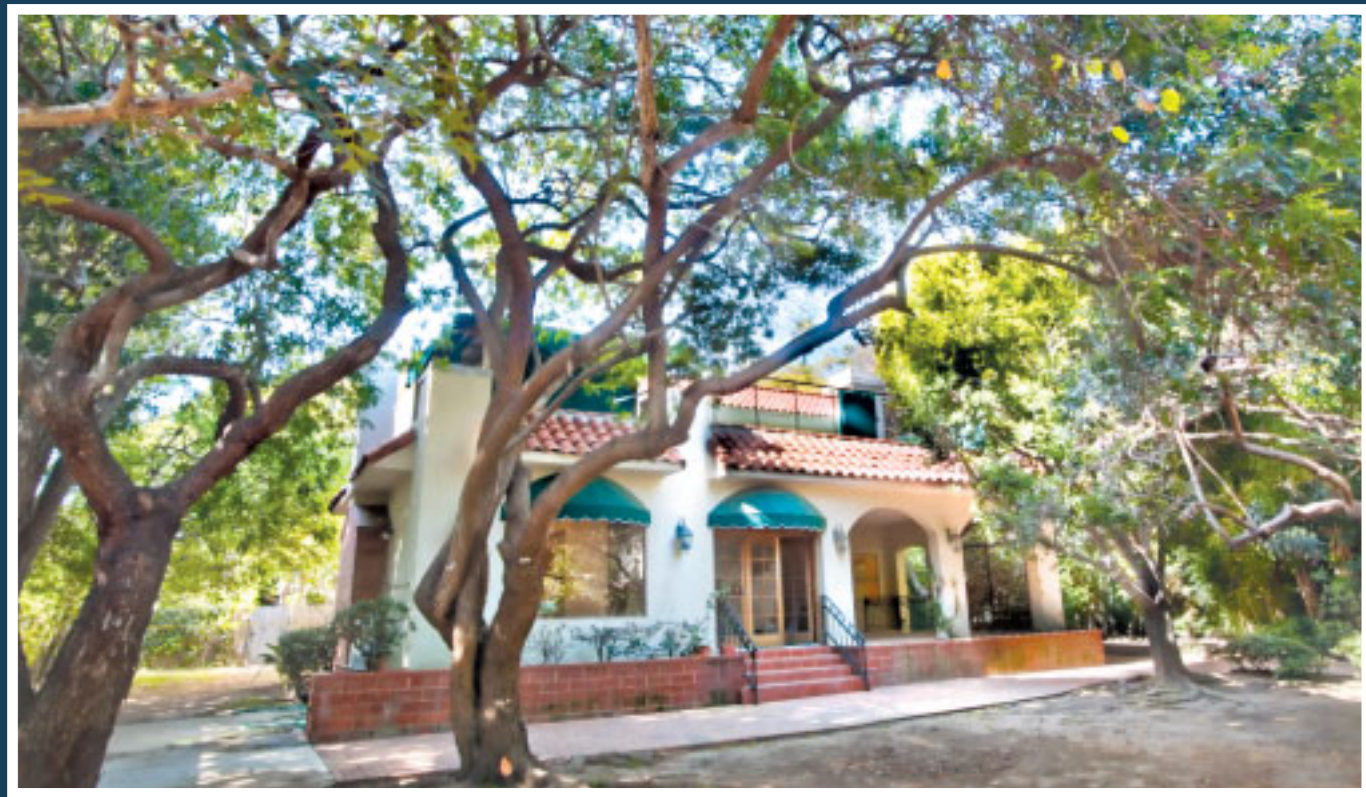
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