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ONE DOWN

Morgan Genser *news@smdp.com*

Samohi's Kelly Ricard tags out Beverly Hills' Tamar Rotsein on Thursday at Beverly Hills High School. The Vikings won the Ocean League game, 12-0. The game was ended after five innings due to the mercy rule. With the win, Samohi is now 2-0 in league play.

SMPD's Sanchez may be heading to Pasadena

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

DOWNTOWN Deputy Police Chief Phil Sanchez, a 29-year-veteran of the Santa Monica Police Department, is close to becoming Pasadena's next top cop, according to reports.

Sanchez currently overseas the day-to-day operations of the SMPD and was responsible for coordinating security and planning for the Los Angeles Marathon, which ended in Santa Monica for the first time in the race's history, bringing tens of thousands of runners and spectators to town.

City officials with Pasadena, a middle class suburb of Los Angeles with more than 148,000 residents and a bustling Downtown much like Santa Monica's, would not comment on the finalists for the job, citing a confidentiality clause. Santa Monica City Hall

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Council awards contract for Garden Walk

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The City Council on Tuesday voted to accept the recommendation made by a panel of design experts to hire landscape architecture firm James Corner Field Operations to design the Palisades Garden Walk & Town Square — a planned park City Hall officials say will be the centerpiece of a revitalized Civic Center.

By a 4-2 vote, the council authorized City Manager Rod Gould to negotiate a contract with the New York-based design firm that could cost City Hall as much as $3.2 million. Gould said he plans to finalize the contract within the next several weeks. The park is planned for a seven-acre area in the Civic Center between City Hall and Ocean Avenue.

Council members Bob Holbrook and Bobby Shriver opposed the contract decision, citing concerns that elected leaders and other members of the community hadn't been involved in winnowing down a field of 24 applicants.

"It's our process that troubled me," Holbrook said.

Before making a decision, he said the council should have been able to review examples of work by other finalists for the job. A subcommittee of council members should play a larger role in reviewing applicants for significant design contracts, he said.

"We're the client. The client ought to be involved in some way in the process so they have a comfortable feeling that the person being awarded a $3.2 million contract is absolutely the right person," Holbrook said.

City Hall staff defended the process used to select James Corner, saying it was fair and followed well-established guidelines for awarding contracts.

Applications to design the park were reviewed by City Hall staff members and by a panel comprising Qingyun Ma, dean of the USC School of Architecture; Ken Smith, the designer of the Orange County Great Park; and Marc Fisher, vice chancellor and

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Celebrating Mother Earth

BY LISA ANDERSON
Special to the Daily Press

DOWNTOWN The ice caps may be melting, but Earth Day in Santa Monica is intended to be a fun, interactive day.

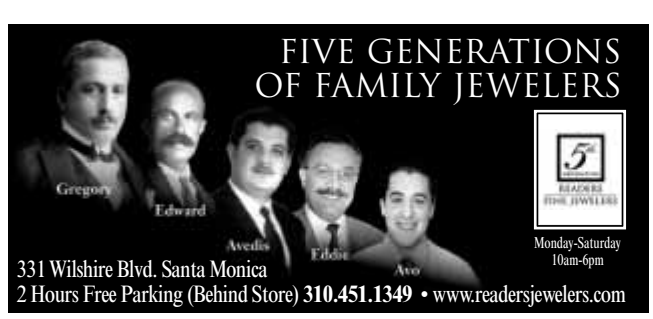
This year marks the 40th annual Earth Day, which will be celebrated in many ways throughout Santa Monica and is not limited to one actual day. Next week will be Earth Week, but there are even more events approaching all the way into next month.

"Sustainability is central to a lot of the city planning," said Andrew Basmajian, the communications coordinator of the Santa Monica Office of Sustainability and the Environment.

This weekend alone consists of a few events. On Saturday, April 17, there will be a celebration at the popular Third Street Promenade from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m, and the 25th annual "Nothin' But Sand" beach cleanup hosted by Heal the Bay at the 1550 lifeguard tower from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m.

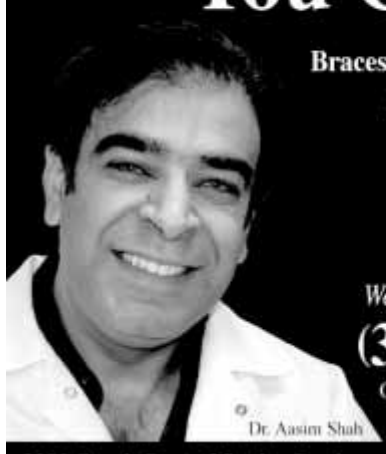
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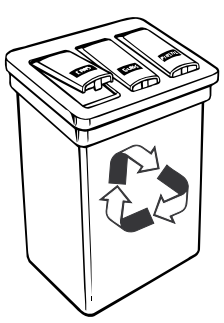
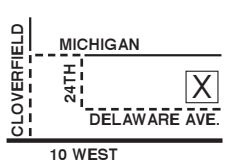

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



Friday, April 16, 2010

First annual Santa Monica Mountains science festival
Paramount Ranch, 7 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Join park rangers and regional scientists for an after-dark mountain experience. A campfire sing-a-long, bug collecting, owl banding and bat identification await all who venture into the wild after sundown. Educational booths and games will be available throughout the night. Admission is free. Call (805) 370-2301 for more information.

'Grease'
Lincoln Middle School auditorium
1501 California Ave., 7 p.m.
Friday marks opening night of Lincoln Middle School PTSA drama program's production of "Grease." Tickets are $5 for students and $10 for adults and can be purchased at the door. The show will run Friday, Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Call (310) 393-9227 for more information.

Chris Thile and the Punch Brothers
Santa Monica College Performing Arts Center
1310 11th St., 7:30 p.m.
Taking their name from a Mark Twain story, the Punch Brothers are made up of the most in-demand performers in the worlds of bluegrass, folk, and traditional music. For more information, call (310) 434-3412.

Paint, wine and cheese singles night
Paint:Lab
2912 Main St., 6 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Singles are invited to enjoy a night of fine art, fine cheese and fine company. For information, call (310) 450-9200.

Saturday, April 17, 2010

Earth Day on the Promenade
Third Street Promenade
10 a.m. — 7 p.m.
The City of Santa Monica and Earth Day L.A. sponsor this day of exhibitors, music and food. This event is free.

Man v. Bar: Santa Monica pub crawl
Third Street Promenade
12 p.m. — 7 p.m.
This third-annual pub crawl is presented by Westside Los Angeles Team in Training's Byong Bark, Marvin Tabangay, Sheila Estaniel, Rommel Calderon, and Warren Perdon. The pub crawl will hit five bars in seven hours. A $20 donation guarantees food and drink specials. Bars include Ye Olde King's Head, Hooters, Barney's Beanery, Yankee Doodle's and Monsoon Cafe. Proceeds benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Red tie affair 2010
Fairmont Miramar Hotel
101 Wilshire Blvd., 5 p.m.
The Red tie affair gala honors the humanitarian spirit of extraordinary individuals who have shown courage and unselfish character. This year, the gala will honor actress and executive producer Jada Pinkett Smith as the 2010 recipient of the National American Red Cross "Crystal Cross." The night also includes dinner, a reception, Casino games, live music and an auction. Call 310-394-3773 ext. 106 for more information. Tickets are required.

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.

An effort to tame the wild

BY LISA ANDERSON
Special to the Daily Press

PICO BLVD Over three years ago, a Pomeranian puppy named Kady was mauled to death by two out of control dogs who tried to attack Kady's sister, an Australian shepherd named Kelsey.

Kady's owner, Kimberly Price, has now taken that tragic event and turned it into something positive — Kady's Fund.

Kady's Fund is specifically intended to change the behavior of unruly dogs that are often discarded by their owners. These disobedient dogs are commonly sent back to an animal shelter or abandoned because their owners feel overwhelmed and unable to fix the behavior, which can lead to deadly situations like Kady's.

"I think all dogs have the potential to be great dogs," Price said. "Some of them just need a little extra attention."

Kady's Fund was created last year, and Price is holding its first fundraiser, "Melodies for Mutts," a musical revue to premiere Saturday, April 17 at the Morgan-Wixson Theatre in Santa Monica. Actor and singer Ed Ames agreed to contribute to the musical when he heard of the cause. Other entertainers have also lent a hand, Price said.

Price and her supporters aim to make this dog-centered event a strong medium for spreading the word about the fund. The effort will provide funding for classes and trainers, who will come out to the home of the dog and owner and work with them. Since many owners have similar issues, Price will also use the fund's Web site to educate people.

Many of the tools that can be utilized are "basic information to us but not really known by a lot of people. There are a lot of preventative things that can be done," Price said.

Already on the Web site, kadysfund.com, is a list of six simple but solid bits of advice. Julie Iles, so far the only official trainer for the fund, gives this advice amidst her impressive background in the area which includes ranking second in the National Association of Protection Dogs. One example of Iles' advice is to reward good behavior as much as punishing bad behavior. If your dog is calmly lying down instead of running around barking, it is easy to overlook this and do nothing, but you shouldn't, Iles said.

"Julie is just wonderful," said Tracy Elliot, who adopted a dog, Logan, from Price that had gone through Iles' training. If a dog goes

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BIG, BIG CHECK

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Former patient Cameron Cohen (center) hands over a check for $20,000 to the Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopedic Hospital on Wednesday afternoon. The check is a portion of the money earned by an iPhone application created by Cohen during his time at the hospital.

Water costs going up for SM residents

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL A water rate hike approved this week by the Metropolitan Water District — which supplies Santa Monicans with 80 percent of their water — won't lead to an additional price increase for residents, but higher water bills are still on the horizon for local rate payers.

Metropolitan's board on Tuesday voted to hike rates 7.5 percent on Jan. 1, followed by an additional 7.5 percent increase in 2012.

Those increases won't affect the Santa Monica Water Resources Division's plans, according to manager Gil Borboa, but local consumers can expect even bigger increases the City Council has already approved.

Borboa said Metropolitan's action this week was a predictable step that had already been factored into a schedule of rate increases the council approved in 2008, which will hike water prices for Santa Monica residents 10.5 percent on July 1, with annual 10 percent increases the next two years.

MWD is a water wholesaler that sells water to 26 cities and water districts, which serve nearly 19 million people in parts of Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

While WMD is a major water source for locals, Borboa said two local projects that are nearing completion will make Santa Monica more water independent by next year.

He said local wells will provide Santa Monica with 75 percent of the water it needs in 2011, thanks to increased capacity that is expected from two facilities, the Arcadia Well Field and the Charnock Well Field, both located in West Los Angeles.

The facilities are being restored using money from a settlement City Hall won from oil companies to filter out a gasoline additive known as MTBE that had contaminated ground water in the area.

Meanwhile, local water use is down 12 percent from three years ago, Borboa said, proof that residents have responded well to calls to conserve.

"The rate payers in Santa Monica are doing a really good job in terms of conservation and we'd like to see that continue," he said.

He said City Hall's "100 percent commodity based" rate structure, in place since 2008, also serves as a strong incentive to conserve because customers pay only for the water they use, without being charged a built in service fee.

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Save music programs in schools

Editor:

Thank you for the inspiring front page photo of renowned conductor and alumnus David Robertson, working with the Santa Monica High School Symphony Orchestra ("One, two, three," April 15).

The music program in Santa Monica continues to be one of the best in the world. Considering that most schools are cutting back on the arts, this is phenomenal. They have played in Carnegie Hall, and continue to win first place all over the world, including Vienna!

A proposed Santa Monica ballot measure will help continue our amazing music program. Cutbacks in the elementary schools' music instruction are being considered. The expertise starts in grammar school.

Hopefully, Santa Monicans will vote to continue what has taken many years to nurture.

Ruth Rosen
Santa Monica

New perspective is needed

Editor:

Although the goal of the potential change in the social hosting laws in California are good in intent they are fatally flawed in action ("Parents could be held liable for teenage drinking," April 8). First of all it will open the door to yet another endless flood of frivolous lawsuits, which is the last thing our state needs. Secondly, it perpetuates the lame practice in our culture where we constantly blame someone else for our problems instead of ourselves, pointing the finger at anyone we can. Lastly it will encourage parents to not be responsible hosts because the law instead will train them to not be hosts at all. In other words it would make more sense for parents to leave the party and let kids go unsupervised than to supervise the party and make sure it stays under control.

Growing up I attended parties and had parties at my home as a teen and a young adult where alcohol was served. When parents were there, it was always a positive atmosphere where younger kids were not drinking, but fully developed young adults were, in a safe way, usually with a bartender monitoring who gets what. Parents and hosts would make sure no drinkers drove home, and were put to bed properly if they'd drank too much. At unsupervised parties, binge drinking took place, throwing up from alcohol poisoning was common, and people often drove home drunk. This law will have a reverse affect of what it intends.

Sure, drinking at a young age is bad, but young people will always drink, no matter what the law says. America has a serious alcohol problem. We do not know how to responsibly consume because we are not taught by good example at a young age. It's about time we start looking at this whole thing from a new perspective.

Philip Johnson
Pacific Palisades



Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Talent vs. character

LAST SUNDAY WHEN PHIL MICKELSON won the Masters it was the highest rated golf show in nine years and up 36 percent from last year. Many people watched because it marked the return of sex-scandalized Tiger Woods (following his rehab and "atonement tour").

I agree with Mark Twain's comment, "Golf is a good way to ruin a nice walk." And, never one to mince words, George Carlin called golf an "arrogant, elitist pastime." (Evidently he was not a golf enthusiast.) Carlin suggested that golf courses be used to build low-cost housing for the homeless. That's a great idea for Santa Monica except we don't have a golf course, not even miniature golf.

I'm also not fond of the dictatorial, misogynistic and heretofore racist, home of the Masters, Augusta National Golf Club. The landscaping is beautiful, however.

Some of Phil Mickelson's detractors claim that he's a phony, what with his waving to the crowd and signing autographs. If that's phony, maybe Tiger should try it.

Phil's wife, Amy, was at the Masters despite battling breast cancer. Her beauty and courage, and his obvious love for her, was better than a Lifetime movie. Their tearful embrace after Phil's victory was genuinely moving. (And a much-needed balance to Tiger's sleazy saga.)

Truthfully, Tiger's fourth place Masters finish was nothing less than astonishing. Off for four months and he finishes 11 under par? Remarkable. But a slight glitch in the newly improved, fan-friendly Tiger was his cursing (in that weird, Bob Dole, third-person style). "Tiger Woods, you suck, goddamnit," he shouted at himself. And yet the fans in the gallery were surprisingly supportive. Tiger needed it. It was a stressful week.

As he was about to tee off during a practice round, a prank occurred that mocked his commitment to Buddhism. A small plane flew overhead pulling a banner that read, "TIGER: DID YOU MEAN BOOTYISM?" Ouch.

And also that week, another mistress came forward, number 17 (estimated). College student Raychel Coudriet was Tiger's neighbor in Orlando. She was 21 when they had an affair that included having sex on his office couch next to his children's crib. Yikes! Actually this could give new meaning to "Wanna get funky at my crib?" But enough of this salaciousness or you'll think you're reading the National Enquirer.

In an era where the sports page often resembles a crime sheet, maybe we'd be better off to appreciate our athletes' remarkable talents and forget the hero worship. Exhibit A: Ben Roethlisberger, quarterback for the Pittsburgh Steelers and a two-time Super Bowl winner. Big Ben allegedly had sex with a 20-year-old female in a nightclub bathroom while his off-duty cop/bodyguard stood watch (loose interpretation of "protect and serve"). On Monday, Ben was notified that he wouldn't face sexual assault charges. Ah, just another day in the glamorous world of sports.

As grateful as I am for Kobe Bryant's extraordinary talent, he, like Tiger, seems joyless. The two are so ultra-competitive that they don't appear to have fun. Both were pampered prodigies, which probably fostered arrogance and entitlement. (Suddenly I sound like Freud.)

It's likely the same for Michael Jordan. Go to YouTube and watch his Hall of Fame speech. Given the joyous occasion, normally inductees are gracious and humble, but Jordan was as competitive as ever. In the speech he was still getting even with people who doubted or wronged him decades ago. It was pathetic.

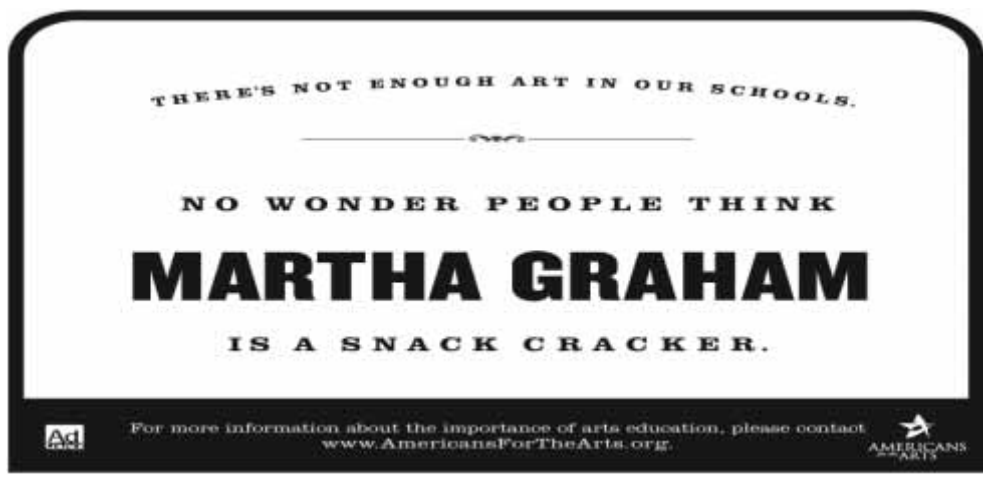
The late Michael Jackson was another prodigy, albeit more tragic. I recently rented the DVD documentary "This Is It," the filmed footage of rehearsals for a series of 50 concerts which were to begin in July 2009. With all concerts sold out, Jackson died less than three weeks before the first concert date.

I stopped being a Michael Jackson fan with the creepy news of the little boy sleepovers at Neverland Ranch. But on stage he was a genius, the greatest entertainer in my lifetime. It's a pity that "This Is It" never opened because it would have been a show for the ages. I highly recommend the DVD. (First I'm Freud, now Roger Ebert?)

I'm not suggesting that we give athletes, entertainers, artists or politicians a free pass regarding their private lives. (Unless, of course, they're a Democrat.) What I'm saying is that, because we elevate our heroes to such heights, we feed the notion they can get away with anything. And, using celebrity and cash, they usually do. At Barry Bonds' 1994 child support hearing the judge asked Bonds for his autograph. I rest my case. (The judge eventually had to recuse himself.)

The NBA playoffs start Sunday at noon on ABC. I realize that the following contradicts everything I've just written, but, if Kobe leads the Lakers to another championship (a very big "if"), who cares if he cheats on his wife? Yikes.

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Write Rachel

Rachel Iverson

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Ex stays in the family

DEAR RACHEL,

My entire family, especially my mother, loves my ex-boyfriend to pieces. They think I made a huge mistake by breaking up with him and they reiterate this point to me on a daily basis. In fact, I don't know who was more traumatized by my breakup — my ex, or my mother. I've tried to explain to my mother that my ex and I had some serious problems, but she won't hear it. The pressure is getting so bad that I've considered getting back with him just to quiet my mother's nagging. How can I break the news to my mother, once and for all, that my ex wasn't right for me?

Signed, Under Pressure

DEAR UNDER PRESSURE,

Your mother didn't date your ex — you did. Therefore, you have final say when it comes to continuing that relationship or not, and you chose not. Don't confuse her feelings for your own. Who you choose as a romantic partner is one of the most important decisions you'll make in your entire life. Do your ex and yourself a favor and don't get back together with him unless it's what you want.

As for your mother, she's obviously taking the breakup hard. Long-term relationships can be rough on family members, as well, if they've grown attached to your significant other. Give your mother some time to adjust to the idea of your breakup, since she obviously feels like she's going through it with you. Your mother may have to experience several stages of loss — shock, denial, anger, grief — before she's able to fully come to terms with your choice. However, if she keeps nagging you, reiterate the fact that you weren't happy and ask her to support your decision. If she still keeps nagging, you may need to take a break from her calls until she comes to terms with the situation. I know it's not easy, but try not to take your mother's behavior personally. She should calm down soon.

Breakups are rough. For now, make your own well-being your priority. You're the one who has to deal with the day-to-day consequences of your decisions, so make sure they're good ones. Please yourself first, and hopefully your mother will come around when she's ready and able to support you.

DEAR RACHEL,

About six months ago, I was in a two-month relationship that was the best two months of my life. We meshed as a couple, instantly, and I thought we were destined for a lifelong partnership. Then the relationship ended just as quickly as it started. I was in shock. I thought we'd get back together, for sure, but we haven't spoken since. I feel betrayed by my own emotions. What a waste of time! It was all a big lie, and I regret ever meeting the guy. I wish I could rewind my life and erase him from my mental database. I know we didn't date long, but our connection was intense. I'm still in pain. How can something so wrong have felt so right?

Signed, Waste of Time

DEAR WASTE OF TIME,

It's clear that you're sad and disappointed that this relationship didn't work out. I'm sorry. Sometimes people come into our lives for a brief period of time, yet leave a lasting impression. I'm not aware of the invention of a time machine that obliterates the memory of relationships gone bad, but I understand your inclination to want to erase your "mistake" and the pain that comes with it.

However, I don't believe any relationship is a waste of time. It's often the most painful relationship that will put you on track to finding your ideal mate. Each experience offers an opportunity for you to learn more about yourself as well as the type of partner you'd like to date. Once in a while, a relationship comes along that's so painfully intense that it forever shifts your perspective on love. Believe it or not, this kind of relationship can have a positive affect on your life. You've come to a crossroads. You can surround your heart with barbed wire and vow to never love again, or you use your experience as a catalyst to get clear about what qualities you do and don't want in a lifelong partner.

DEAR RACHEL,

What's a man to do when his so-called "girlfriend" refuses to talk to him, e-mail him, dine with him, hold his hand or kiss him? It's been two years since we started seeing one another. I love her and want to marry her. I'm tired of the loneliness. What can I do to make her mine?

Signed, Down & Out

DEAR DOWN & OUT,

Loneliness can be rough, but I'd take loneliness over an absentee partner any day. The fact that this woman is unresponsive to your displays of affection tells me that she's not the right woman for you. Your time would be best spent looking for a partner who reciprocates your love and shares your heartfelt devotion.

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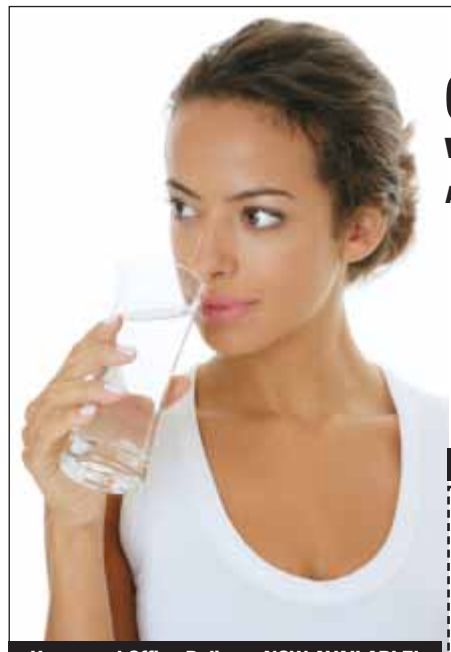
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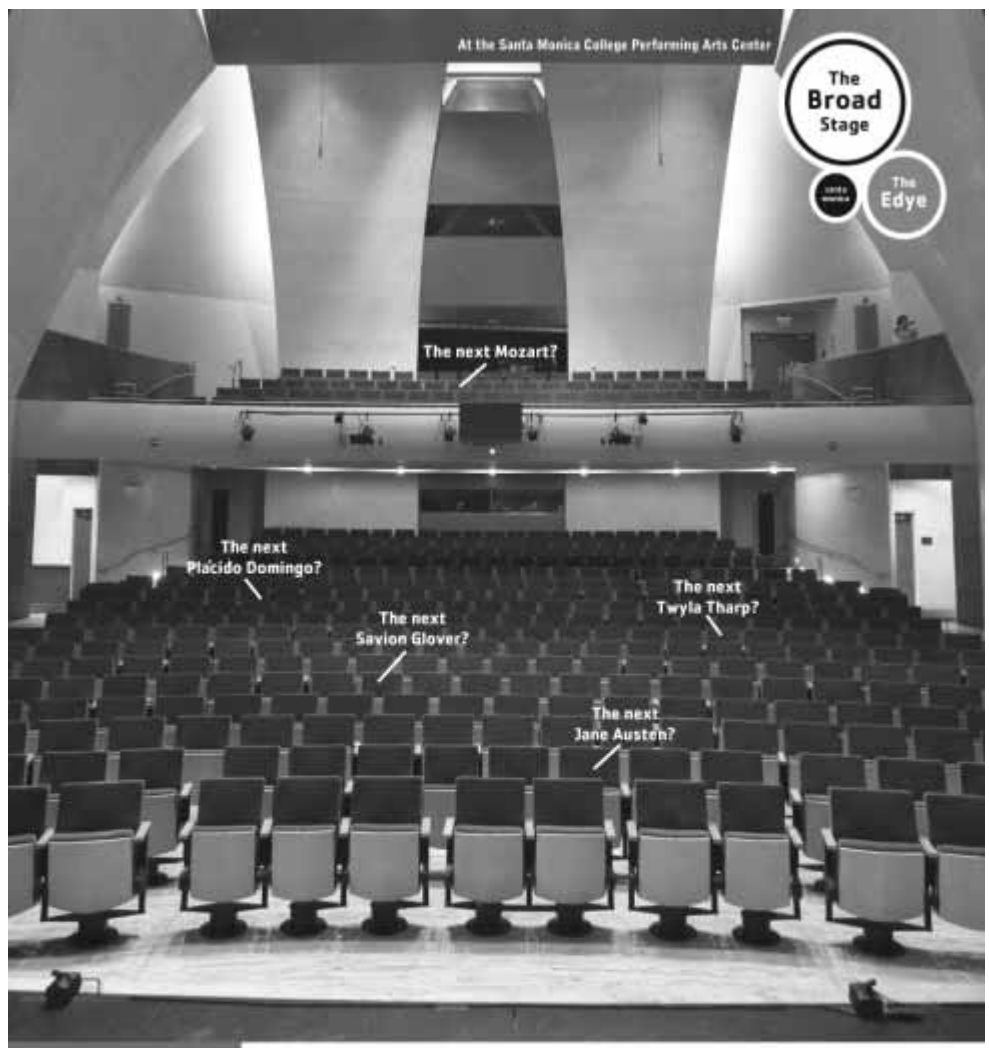
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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: **1800 Stewart Street (Agensys, Inc.) Development Agreement Float-Up**
1800 Stewart Street
APPLICANT: Agensys, Inc. PROPERTY OWNER: City of Santa Monica

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider the following request:

Discuss the applicant's Development Agreement proposal for a 153,000 square foot, two and three story building for Agensys, Inc. to consolidate their research and development, office, and manufacturing operations. The proposal consists of:

- 153,000 square foot, single tenant building built to the property line along Stewart Street
- Increased sidewalk width for pedestrians along Stewart Street
- Pedestrian path through the site to Bergamot Station
- Ground-floor public open space adjacent to Stewart Street, for use as a community gathering venue
- Approximately 200-220 surface parking spaces
- Café and plaza open to the public

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2010, AT 6:45 p.m.**
LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor,
Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street,
Santa Monica, California

City of Santa Monica

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the City Council public hearing, or by writing a letter. Written information will be given to the City Council at the meeting.

Address your letters to: City Clerk
Re: 1800 Stewart Street Development Agreement Float-Up
1685 Main Street, Room 102
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MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Brad Misner at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at brad.misner@smgov.net. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours and on the City's web site at www.smgov.net.

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ESPAÑOL
Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Para más información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez (310) 458-8341.

CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Gumming up the works

Crime Watch is a weekly series culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

MONDAY, APRIL 5, AT 2:05 P.M.,

Santa Monica police officers responded to the 900 block of Wilshire Boulevard regarding a report of an assault that just occurred. When officers arrived, they were advised by a witness that the suspect, identified as Charles Hoover, 21, of Santa Monica, had just assaulted his ex-girlfriend by spitting his gum in her face. Officers located Hoover a short distance away. While talking with the suspect, officers said he was under the influence of alcohol. Officers held the suspect while they spoke with the alleged victim, who said she had indeed been spit on. Officers arrested Hoover for battery and public intoxication. His bail was set at $20,000.

MONDAY, APRIL 5, AT 5:50 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 1400 block of Ocean Avenue regarding a person who refused to leave a private building. When officers arrived, a security guard told them he heard someone yelling in the lobby. When he went to confront the person, the man allegedly replied, "F...k you, I know my rights." The security guard called police and told the suspect to leave or he would be arrested for trespassing. The suspect was still there when officers arrived and he was arrested for trespassing. He was identified as John Doe. No other information was provided by police. His bail was set at $500.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, AT 8:48 P.M.,

Officers responded to the intersection of Neilson Way and Pacific Street regarding a traffic collision. When officers arrived, they made contact with the driver of the vehicle that rear-ended a 1957 Chevy. During the conversation, officers believed the driver was possibly under the influence of alcohol. Officers had the driver perform a series of balance and coordination tests. Upon completion, officers believed the driver was under the influence and placed her under arrest for DUI. She was identified as Tammi Baliszweski, 46, of Marina del Rey. Her bail was set at $5,000.

TUESDAY, APRIL 6, AT 10:30 A.M.,

Officers were on routine patrol in the 800 block of Ninth Street when they observed a man rummaging through recycling bins in violation of the municipal code. When officers contacted the suspect, they discovered he had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. The suspect was placed under arrest for a warrant, which was for petty theft. He was identified as Lennie Jenkins, 40, a transient. His bail was set at $2,500.

THURSDAY, APRIL 8, AT 12:30 A.M.,

Officers received a radio call to respond to the 400 block of Wilshire Boulevard – Chevron – regarding a disturbing the peace call. When officers arrived, they talked to a witness who said that two people were involved in a verbal altercation and threatened to beat each other up. One of the guys was holding a glass bottle by the neck in a threatening manner. The one without the bottle went to his car and pulled out a tire iron. When officers arrived, they saw the man with the tire iron and placed him under arrest for threatening to fight in public. He was identified as Gregory Kent, 58, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at $2,500.

TUESDAY, MARCH 16, AT 8:30 P.M.,

Officers responded to the front desk of the police department's headquarters regarding a burglary report. The victim told officers that she had her vehicle parked in a structure in the 1400 block of Fourth Street. When they returned to the vehicle, the owner saw that the driver's side door had been pried open and one seat was missing. Further evidence revealed a possible suspect. Detectives contacted the potential suspect and he was arrested for burglary. Further investigation revealed that the potential suspect was a valet from a location that the victim had parked the previous day. The valet was released and no charges were filed.

FRIDAY, APRIL 9, AT 4:30 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 2600 block of Broadway regarding a vehicle burglary. A witness advised officers that he saw a suspect enter a vehicle through the passenger side window that was broken. The suspect allegedly removed a stereo and fled. Upon arrival, officers observed a man who matched the description of the suspect. A field show-up was conducted with the witness. The suspect was positively identified as the individual that was inside the vehicle. The suspect was in possession of a car stereo and broken spark plug pieces, which are often used to break car windows. The suspect, identified as Juan Bautista, 27, a transient, was booked for possession of stolen property and burglary tools. His bail was set at $20,000.

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Architect picked despite dissent

FROM PARK PAGE 1

campus architect at UC Santa Barbara.

The panel interviewed a field of six finalists that also included the firms Gehry Partners, Gustafson Guthrie Nichol, Peter Walker Partners, Studioworks/Turenscape and Shigeru Ban before selecting James Corner.

City Attorney Marsha Moutrie said the process is in part designed to shelter elected leaders from the perception that contracts are being handed out for political reasons.

Councilman Kevin McKeown, who supported awarding the contract to James Corner, said members of the public will have numerous opportunities to shape the park's design by participating in meetings the firm will hold as it develops a concept for the space. The council, the Architectural Review Board and the Planning Commission also will weigh in on the design before construction can begin.

"These are not meant to be political decisions, they are meant to be professional decisions," McKeown said of the process used to select James Corner. "The community benefits from having a peer-reviewed choice based on excellence, not politics."

Holbrook, though, said having a panel of designers and City Hall staff members make the choice doesn't take politics out of the selection process, but simply means non-elected, less accountable people are making the decision.

"How do I know the process is protected? I don't know if the people who applied for this politicked the people on the jury," he said.

Gould said City Hall's selection process was praised by landscape architects, including some of the firms that applied for the job but were not selected. The perception in the architecture world was that the selection method was fair and open, Gould said, and that helped attract a strong field of designers.

> **"WE'RE THE CLIENT. THE CLIENT OUGHT TO BE INVOLVED IN SOME WAY IN THE PROCESS SO THEY HAVE A COMFORTABLE FEELING THAT THE PERSON BEING AWARDED A $3.2 MILLION CONTRACT IS ABSOLUTELY THE RIGHT PERSON."**
>
> **Bob Holbrook**
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"If we had come up with a process that said, 'This was going to be a community-based selection,' I don't think we would have gotten participation from as wide a range of landscape architecture firms," he said.

James Corner was the recommended firm in part because of its strong track record of incorporating community input into designs, he said.

The Garden Walk is part of a multiphase plan for the Civic Center that includes capping a portion of the I-10 Freeway, constructing a light rail station at Fourth Street and Colorado Avenue and renovating Santa Monica High School.

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Taking it into your own hands

FROM EARTH PAGE 1

Attendees of this cleanup are also given free access to the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium, which will be hosting special activities for Earth Day on both Saturday and Sunday.

"It's really a day of education and empowerment," Community Director of Heal the Bay Matthew King said.

The 11th annual Topanga Earth Day festival is also taking place on April 17 and 18, where the Topanga Creek clean up will take place. It is the only L.A. area Earth Day festival that features local, national, and international bands.

There will additionally be an ecological fine art gallery, sustainable living solutions, social action, healing arts, workshops, a children's area, and presentations such as a speech by organic and sustainable farmers market leader Jennifer McColm.

For the events at the promenade, there is a little bit of each type of activity spread out on every block, adding up to 60 eco-exhibits all together just in case you can't walk through the whole promenade. The activities are also aimed at every age group, as the goal is to have as many people as possible attending.

"We have a wide variety," said Kacy Palmieri, director of the event. She hopes that people, "become aware of something they weren't aware of before," and looks at the event as a way of, "bringing the community together in a place they might already be going."

For adults, there will be information on how to make homes more energy efficient, including an estimate of how much it would cost to start retro-fitting your home. There is also going to be pledge wall where individuals can pledge how they plan to contribute to making the earth greener and more balanced.

> **"IT'S REALLY A DAY OF EDUCATION AND EMPOWERMENT,"**
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> **Matthew King**
> Community Director of Heal the Bay

For the younger crowd, there will be a kids section by Wilshire which will even include a llama that they can pet. The llama's owner, Stuart Wilde, is known for his llama trekking eco-adventures which provide a way for people to get in touch with nature. He will be doing a trek in L.A. proving that walking is still a viable way of transportation.

There will also be entertainment for every age including a performance by Mamapalooza, a professional group of award-winning artists, who Palmieri said, "will be gracing our stage all day long on a solar powered stage."

Jim Stewart has been organizing the Earth Day L.A. events since 1993, which Santa Monica is a part of. He said that he co-founded the event essentially because he feels that global warming is a crisis that must be addressed, and practical solutions are available now, and on display at the promenade celebration.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SANTA MONICA ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

DATE/TIME: April 19, 2010, 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Council Chambers, (wheelchair accessible)
Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street

PROPERTIES:
- ARB10-051, 395 Santa Monica Place, Space #124: Retail
- ARB10-125, 1515 Ocean Avenue: Hotel
- ARB10-130, 2600 Wilshire Boulevard: Retail
- ARB10-150, 3212 Wilshire Boulevard: Retail
- ARB10-153, 3202 Wilshire Boulevard: Retail

More information is available on-line at http://santa-monica.org/planning/planningcomm/arbagendas.htm or at 310/458-8341 en espanol tambien). Plans may be reviewed at City Hall during business hours. Comments are invited at the hearing or in writing (FAX 310-458-3380, e-mail planning@santa-monica.org, or mail Santa Monica Planning Division, 1685 Main St., Rm. 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401). The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact 310-458-8701 or TTY 310-450-8696 a minimum of 72 hours in advance. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Big Blue Bus lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 & 9 and the Tide Ride serve City Hall.

Selection to be made in May

FROM **PASADENA** PAGE 1

followed the same procedure when selecting replacements for top positions, including city manager and fire chief.

However, several media outlets based in Pasadena reported last week that Sanchez is a finalist, along with the city's interim chief, Chris Vicino. Austin, Texas Chief Art Acevedo was also said to be in the running but he announced last week that he was no longer an applicant. Acevedo is a former CHP officer and a onetime resident of Pasadena. He is rumored to be one of six finalists for the top cop job in Dallas, according to the San Gabriel Valley Tribune.

Sanchez could not be reached for comment.

A spokesperson for Pasadena said City Manager Michael Beck is creating a citizen's committee to conduct interviews with the finalists and a decision should be made in May.

If selected, Sanchez would oversee a police force comprised of 246 sworn officers with a budget of roughly $60 million. The top salary for a chief in Pasadena is just over $212,000.

Pasadena reportedly had 66 applicants for the job, then cut that down to nine with the help of Bob Murray & Associates, a private search firm. A 16-person panel picked the three finalists from that group.

Pasadena's City Manager Beck came under fire from some community members for keeping the names of panel participants secret until the finalists were picked. The panel had only six community members compared to 10 members that were either police department employees, police chiefs from other cities or city department heads, according to the San Gabriel Valley Tribune.

Ann Erdman, public information officer for Pasadena, said a similar selection process was used to pick the former police chief.

"There will be an opportunity for everyone" to weigh in, Erdman said.

Sanchez is the first deputy chief in the SMPD's history and has held a variety of command duties throughout his career, including stints in Internal Affairs, Criminal Investigations Division and Operations.

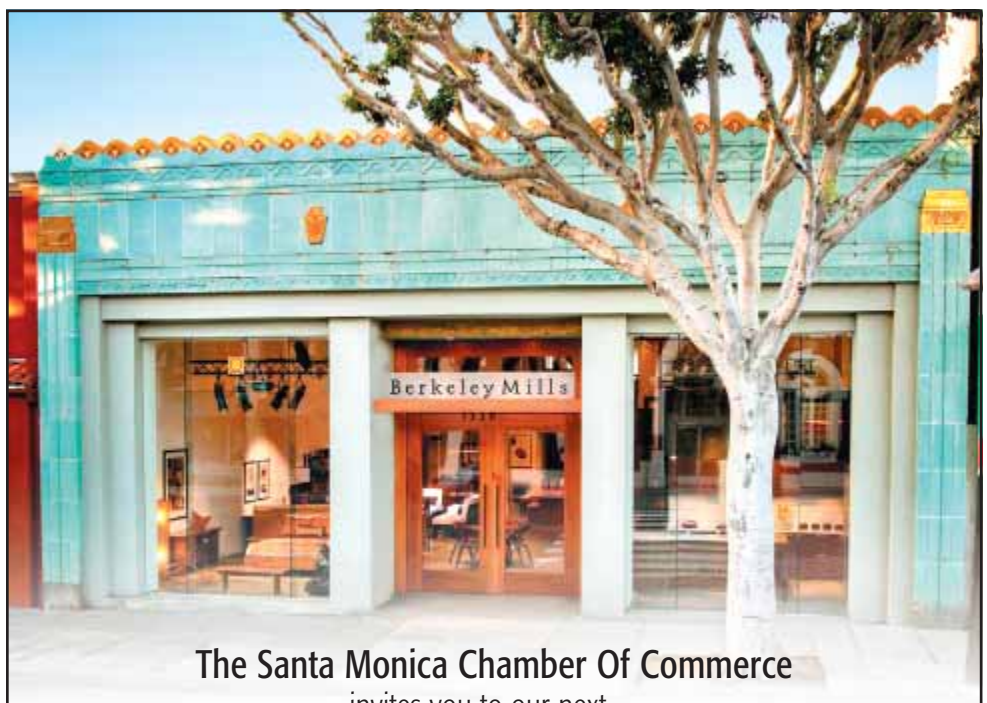
Sanchez has an extensive background in police tactics and special operations. In 1991, he developed the SMPD's Special Entry Team (SWAT) and he is recognized as an expert in the use of deadly force and tactics.

In March 2009, Sanchez graduated from the Naval postgraduate School, Center for Homeland Defense and Security with his master's in security studies.

He earned his bachelor's degree in business management from the University of Redlands and is a graduate of the Senior Management Institute for Police, Federal Bureau of Investigations — National Academy, the Peace Officer Standards and Training — Executive Development, and Command College for Executive Leadership, where he received top honors as the most inspirational leader of his cohort.

Sanchez has twice been awarded the

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Sanchez formed SMPD's SWAT team

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department's Medal of Courage for heroic actions during tactical operations. He was also awarded the department's Medal of Merit for creating the SWAT team. Sanchez has numerous departmental commendations and has been honored as the officer of the year by several Santa Monica service organizations. He is involved in many local partnerships with nonprofit organizations to address homelessness and frequently speaks to elementary, middle, and high school students on a variety of topics, including personal safety, substance abuse, civil rights and government.

SMPD Sgt. Jay Trisler, president of the union representing Santa Monica's rank and file, said if Sanchez is selected it "would be a great loss for our department."

"He would make a great candidate to take over the reigns of the police department if [Chief Tim] Jackman were to retire," Trisler said. "He's an outstanding individual and it will be our loss and their gain if he were to get the position."

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Training pays off

FROM KADY PAGE 3

through this training and isn't doing everything it is supposed to, "it's the person's fault for not going through the motions," Elliot said.

"When I take [Logan] running he's off his leash now [which] makes it a lot easier. People just love him," Elliot said. "Training has paid off — it gives him his freedom. A trained dog is a happy dog."

In an effort to expand the program, Price is interviewing other trainers.

Logan is one of the two dogs that Price has paid for personally to go through this training. Price said that she witnessed them go from huge and wild to sweet and affectionate.

Following their transformations, she said she realized "there's something to this."

The fund will not only help poorly behaved dogs and their owners, but will also teach children how to interact with dogs. The Web site will tell children how they should pet a dog and other helpful tips.

> **A TRAINED DOG IS A HAPPY DOG."**
>
> Tracy Elliot,
> Dog owner

Additionally, the fund will help connect animal rescue groups, further uniting people for the cause. Price hopes that the musical revue will catalyze the process, helping connect people quickly so that Kady's situation, or worse, won't be repeated.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: 20th Street & Cloverfield Boulevard Improvement Project updated concept design.

The City Council will consider approval of the proposed design concepts for the 20th Street and Cloverfield Boulevard streetscape improvement project between Pico Boulevard and the I-10 freeway, which have been updated following a Council-directed peer review. The updated concepts include additional landscaping and bicycle and pedestrian enhancements.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2010 AT 6:45 P.M.**

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the City Council public hearing, or by writing a letter. Written information will be given to the City Council at the meeting.

Address your letters to: Peter James, Senior Planner
Re: 20th Street and Cloverfield Blvd.
Streetscape Improvement Project
City Planning Division
1685 Main Street, Room 212
Santa Monica, CA 90401

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MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Peter James at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at peter.james@smgov.net.

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ESPAÑOL
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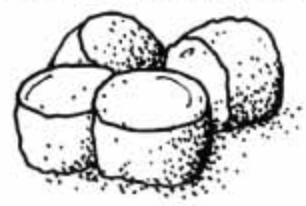
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Durant preps for Lakers

JEFF LATZKE
AP Sports Writer

OKLAHOMA CITY Kevin Durant believes Kobe Bryant has helped make him the rising star he is today — even if he might not realize it.

From the days when Durant could only watch Bryant on television to the pair's time together training for the U.S. national team, Durant has been learning from the Los Angeles Lakers superstar for some time now.

Now, just days after becoming the youngest scoring champion in league history, Durant will make his playoff debut against Bryant when the Oklahoma City Thunder head west to face the defending NBA champions on Sunday.

"He's such a fierce competitor, can do anything on the floor. It's just amazing the things he does," Durant said Thursday. "He's all about his team."

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Ocean Park Boulevard "Complete Green Street" project design approval, professional services agreement, and Proposition 1B Resolution.

The City Council will consider approval of the proposed design concept for the Ocean Park Boulevard "Complete Green Street" project between Lincoln Boulevard and Neilson Way, which provides bicycle and pedestrian enhancements, storm water mitigation, traffic calming and landscaping. The Council will also consider authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates for the next phase of work, and will consider a resolution to allocate Proposition 1B funds to the project.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, APRIL 27 2010 AT 6:45 P.M.**

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the City Council public hearing, or by writing a letter. Written information will be given to the City Council at the meeting.

Address your letters to: Peter James, Senior Planner
Re: Ocean Park Blvd. "Complete Green Street"
City Planning Division
1685 Main Street, Room 212
Santa Monica, CA 90401

City of Santa Monica

MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Peter James at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at greenopb@smgov.net. The project's webpages are located within the City's website at http://www01.smgov.net/planning/greenoceanparkblvdwest.html.

The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, and the Tide Ride serve City Hall.

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

ESPAÑOL
Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para informar la comunidad sobre el proyecto Ocean Park Boulevard Streetscape. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Peter James en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.



SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 58°

Swell Forecast
Steep angled NW swell should back down to around chest high max for west facing breaks. Winds should be lightly offshore for a good part of the day.

Long Range Synopsis
End of week looks very small as well.

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 **April 6, 2010**

HEAL THE BAY - 1444 9th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 - www.healthebay.org - brc@healthebay.org - 800 HEAL BAY

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)
- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 2
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather - 36 / 26
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5 / 19

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: The Diller – von Furstenberg Family Foundation; simplehuman; SIMA

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

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

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

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Heal the Bay

Heal the Bay's Beach Report Card® is based on weekly water quality monitoring data provided by the City of Los Angeles' Environmental Monitoring Division and the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. Data is analyzed as soon as it is made available to us by the public agencies. Beaches are graded on an A–F scale based on the risk of ocean users becoming ill. Samples are analyzed for bacteria—enterococcus, total and fecal coliforms—that indicate biological pollution. A fact sheet detailing the exact methodology used in determining grades for each location is available from the office or on our web site. The report is not designed to measure the amount of trash or toxins found at local beaches.

The Beach Report Card is an indication of past water quality and is not a warranty of the current safety of those areas surveyed. Our lawyers are happy.

MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
(323) 466-FILM

Double Feature
Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid (NR) 1hr 50min
Tell Them Willie Boy is Here (NR) 1hr 38min
7:30pm

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

The Joneses (R) 1hr 33min
12:10pm, 2:45pm, 5:15pm, 7:45pm, 10:15pm

Greenberg (R) 1hr 47min
11:30am, 2:05pm, 4:40pm, 7:20pm, 10:00pm

Clash of the Titans 3D (PG-13) 1hr 50min
12:45pm, 3:30pm, 6:15pm, 9:00pm

The Last Song (PG) 1hr 47min
11:15am, 1:45pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
(310) 289-4262

Alice in Wonderland (in Disney Digital 3D) (PG) 1hr 49min
11:30am, 2:05pm, 4:55pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

Clash of the Titans 3D (PG-13) 1hr 50min
11:05am, 1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

Date Night (PG-13) 1hr 28min
11:15am, 12:15pm, 1:45pm, 3:00pm, 4:15pm, 5:30pm, 7:00pm, 8:15pm, 9:40pm, 11:00pm

Kick-Ass (R) 1hr 57min
12:30pm, 3:30pm, 6:30pm, 9:30pm

Kick-Ass (Digital Presentation) (R) 1hr 57min
11:00am, 2:00pm, 5:00pm, 8:00pm, 11:00pm

Hot Tub Time Machine (R) 1hr 40min
11:45am, 2:15pm, 4:50pm, 7:30pm, 10:15pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 394-9741

Mid-august Lunch (R) 1hr 30min
1:50pm, 7:00pm

The Ghost Writer (PG13) 2hr 23min
1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:10pm, 10:10pm

La Mission (R) 2hr 12min
4:00pm, 9:10pm

The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (NR) 2hr 49min
1:00pm, 4:30pm, 8:00pm

Who Do You Love (NR) 1hr 47min
1:00pm, 3:15pm, 5:30pm, 7:50pm, 10:10pm

Mann's Criterion Theatre
1313 Third St.
(310) 395-1599

Death at a Funeral (R) 1hr 30min
12:00pm, 1:00pm, 2:20pm, 3:20pm, 4:40pm, 5:40pm, 7:00pm, 8:00pm, 9:20pm, 10:20pm, 11:30pm

Diary of a Wimpy Kid (PG) 1hr 33min
11:40am, 2:00pm, 4:20pm

How to Train Your Dragon (PG) 1hr 38min
12:30pm, 2:50pm, 5:10pm, 7:40pm, 10:00pm

How to Train Your Dragon 3D (PG) 1hr 38min
11:30am, 1:50pm, 4:10pm, 6:40pm, 9:00pm

The Perfect Game (PG) 1hr 58min
1:30pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm

Tyler Perry's Why Did I Get Married Too (PG-13) 2hr 1min
6:50pm, 9:50pm

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

Happy alone, Gemini

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Be sensitive to expenses and new choices. Though you might feel lucky today, tomorrow could be another story. A project needs your time and focus. Nothing can replace that. You might be surprised by your transforming view of another person. Tonight: TGIF with pals.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You are seeing a situation from a renewed perspective. Someone really does feel inspired by you, and vice versa. Being practical could be a bigger issue. A meeting or a key friend paves your way to unusual success. The only answer to an offer is "yes." Tonight: Where the action is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★ You could be exasperated with people. Listen to your inner voice and only connect with those you must. A family member or a domestic issue weighs on your mind. Handle that later. New solutions come up. Tonight: Happiest alone.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Zero in on what you want, making new possibilities happen. Meetings and friends seem to pave your way. Communication opens doors that you might not have been able to pass through. Start considering an offer or opportunity that will allow your mind to open up. Tonight: Where your friends are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Others have a take-charge attitude, and many wish you, too, would step up to the plate. Discussions with a partner set a precedent. Getting down to basics could be important. Take a step forward toward a partner who often offers you a lot. Tonight: A must appearance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Keep reaching out for new information. You could decide a change in plans would serve you well. Observe a tendency to overthink. You might not be as precise as usual. Double-check your work. Tonight: Follow the music.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ You could be a bit down, as a partner might be tough. Ask yourself if you are contributing to this difficult attitude. Try to lessen the obstacles. Relate on an individual level with key people. Tonight: Togetherness works.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ You could feel overwhelmed by everything that is going down at this point. Listen to an older friend. Though sometimes you find this person cynical, he or she is helpful as well. Let others display their true colors before making a decision. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ You have a lot of ground to cover, and you have every intention of doing just that. Clear out calls, errands and any projects you can. You will want to be free this weekend. The unexpected happens, and you might need to escape, at least mentally, to think about a personal matter. Tonight: Visit with those you encounter while running errands or at the gym.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Your creativity comes forward and solves issues where others cannot step over the problem. You also understand what others want. You could be a little taken aback by what someone shares. Be willing to flex in a new direction. Tonight: Start the weekend as a celebration.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ You might not be sharing everything you are thinking. Finances play a big role, especially with a domestic or personal matter. You have many inspired ideas, but you might need to become more practical in carrying them out. Tonight: Mosey on home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Communication flourishes. You make a difference. You help someone loosen up. Surprises mark a conversation, encouraging a change in thought, if not direction. A partner tries to relax a little more. Tonight: Hanging out with friends is perfect.

Happy birthday

This year, you will see many sudden opportunities. You could be very excited by several of them. Something you want could drop into your lap. Always be aware of your finances and its implications. You often have inspired ideas, fed by supporters. You might not know which way to go. If you are single, someone could be quite enchanting but not all you think. It will pay to be a little bit of a cynic when dating. If you are attached, the two of you will make more special time just each for other. TAURUS can be an anchor but sometimes a stick-in-the-mud.

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

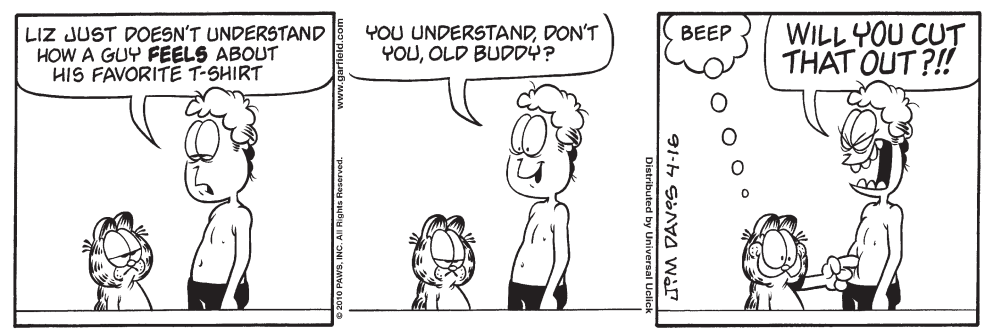
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Difficulty Level ★★★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

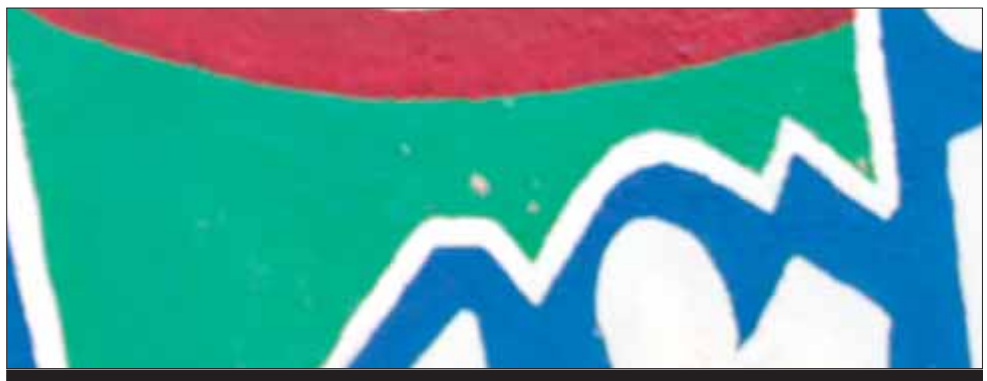
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 It ends with a show of hands
6 Sock site
11 Boredom
12 Trite
13 Pumpkin's kin
14 Held fast
15 Run to
17 Best pair
18 Invites
20 Hoof it
22 Career campaigner
23 Cockpit colleague
26 Fight site
28 Tick off
29 Picture puzzles
31 Comfy place
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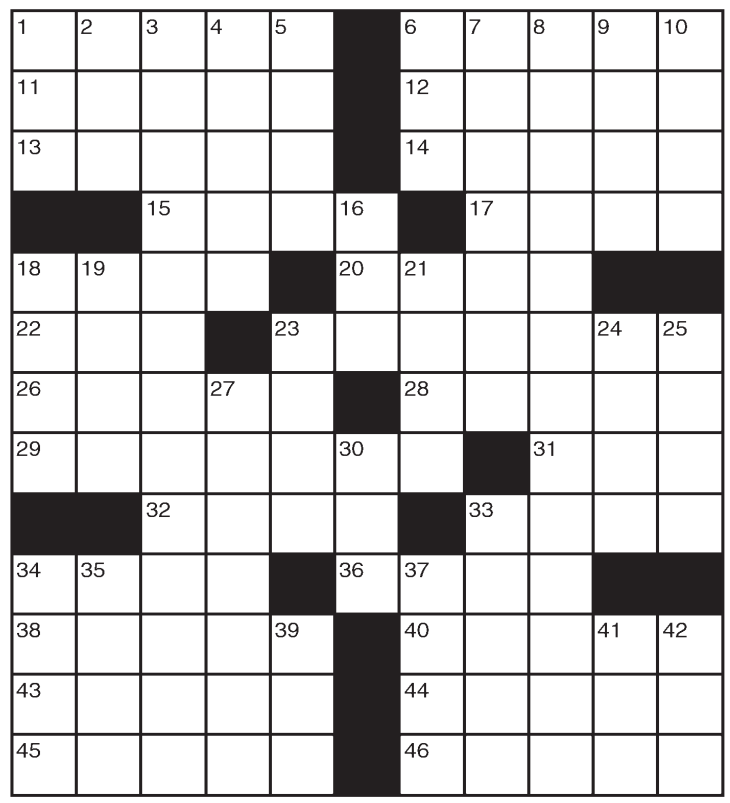
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4 Mark replacers
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9 Valentine trim
10 Caribou cousins
16 Couple
18 On — with (equivalent)
19 Ticked off
21 Smartphone programs
23 Play group
24 Chef's need
25 Big top
27 Kind of power or family
30 Twisty letter
33 Track horse
34 Deep voice
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37 Skin hole
39 Kite site
41 Brink
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Roberta Feinsmith, 67, who had been fired by the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York City, filed a wrongful-discharge lawsuit in February, claiming that, despite glowing job reviews for 12 years, she was terminated because of her age and because she complained to other workers about her recently hired supervisor's "constant barrages of ... flatulence."

■ In February, a one-armed man swiped a single cufflink from the CJ Vinten shop in Leigh-on-Sea, England, and in March, a one-legged man swiped a single Nike trainer shoe from a store in Barnsley, England. The one-armed man is still loose, but the one-legged man was arrested.

■ A popular TV chef in Italy was fired in February after musing on the air about the historical popularity of gourmet cat meat. According to Beppe Bigazzi, 77, cat stew is best cooked after leaving the meat under running water for three days to tenderize it. "I've eaten it," he said, "many times." Bigazzi later explained that he was referring only to a tradition in Tuscany in the 1930s and 1940s and never intended to encourage eating cats today, but apparently his bosses could not endure the public outcry.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1912 Harriet Quimby becomes the first woman to fly an airplane across the English Channel.

1917 Lenin returns to Petrograd from exile in Switzerland.

1919 Gandhi organizes a day of "prayer and fasting" in response to the killing of Indian protesters in the Amritsar Massacre by the British.

1922 The Treaty of Rapallo, pursuant to which Germany and the Soviet Union re-establish diplomatic relations, is signed.

1925 During the Communist St Nedelya Church assault in Sofia, 150 are killed and 500 are wounded.

1941 Bob Feller of the Cleveland Indians throws the only Opening Day no-hitter in the history of Major League Baseball, beating the Chicago White Sox 1-0.

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Trial to be held in the County of Onondaga. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. Dated this 10th day of February, 2010, Steven J. Baum, P.C., Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s), 220 Northpointe Parkway, Suite G, Amherst, NY 14228 TO: AARON PFEFFER, Defendant(s) In this Action. The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. JAMES P. MURPHY of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, dated the 4th day of February, 2010 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Onondaga County Clerk, in the City of Syracuse. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by AARON PFEFFER and OPERATION AC, LLC dated the 1st day of October, 2007 to secure the sum of $43,200.00, and recorded at Liber 15380 of Mortgages at Page 288 in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Onondaga, on the 21st day of November, 2007; The property in question is described as follows: 414 EAST DIVISION STREET, SYRACUSE, NY 13208 SEE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, on part of Lot No. 1 in Block No. 277, Syracuse, New York, according to a map of said City made by Borden and Griffin and bounded as follows: Being 32 feet front on the southerly line of Division Street, the same in the rear and 118 ? feet deep, and the westerly line thereof is parallel to the westerly line of McBride Street and 118 ? feet westerly thereof. HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE NEW YORK STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE SEND YOU THIS NOTICE ABOUT THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. 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