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A color guard carries in the state and national flags during the National Day of Prayer ceremony on the lawn of City Hall on Thursday.

Elks claim City Hall stole grave sites

Fraternal order demands compensation for lost property

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

PICO BLVD A local fraternal order has filed suit against City Hall for allegedly taking burial spaces in Woodlawn Cemetery, Mortuary and Mausoleum reserved for its brethren and selling them to members of the public.

According to a complaint filed on April 23 by the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks in Santa Monica, most of the roughly 500 spaces in a plot deeded to the Elks 100 years ago have been co-opted by City Hall for private use.

Adding insult to injury, the doors to the columbarium — a place to store urns — was padlocked shut and 16 non-Elks have been buried in Block 16, an area on the northeast corner of Woodlawn that was deeded to the Elks in 1912, said John Peterson, an attorney for the Elks.

City Hall was served with the complaint on Wednesday.

"These are rights that the Elks have enjoyed for decades," Peterson said.

The lawsuit was a long time coming.

According to the complaint, City Attorney Marsha Moutrie sent a letter to the Elks on Nov. 25, 2009 informing the club that City Hall intended to claim "unimpeded rights" to all but 50 of the grave sites in Block 16. The niche spaces in the columbarium were also left to the Elks.

The Elks argue that the spaces belong to the lodge, and were deeded as such by R.C. and Frances Gillis on May 28, 1912. That property included more than just Block 16, but over the years, the Elks allowed City Hall to use other pieces of the property.

Although the Elks later transferred the property to City Hall, primarily for ease of upkeep, the action was taken with the

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Group buys make solar power panels accessible

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Door-to-door sales used to be confined to sub par magazine subscriptions and significantly more valued cookies. Now, add solar panels to the list.

A team from Spearhead Solar, a company headquartered in Davis, Calif., is planning to launch what it calls a "recruitment" effort in Santa Monica by going door-to-door talking to people about the benefits of solar panels.

Rather than convincing individuals to buy into what can be very expensive systems, depending on the size and setting of the house, Spearhead Solar reaches out to hundreds of individuals in a community to create groups that purchase solar panels together, reducing the price.

Daniel Parella, the founder of Spearhead Solar, likens the process to the popular website Groupon.com which advertises a product at a low rate that's guaranteed if enough people sign up to buy it.

Economists call it "economies of scale." You can also think of it like buying groceries from Costco for a family — the food is much cheaper on a per-unit basis, you just have to buy a lot of it.

Although prices of solar energy have been falling since 2007, largely because of the increasing number of solar panels built in the United States and China, it's still not cheap, nor is it as inexpensive as fossil fuel energy sources.

Two benefits of solar are that the panels eventually pay for themselves and government agencies have begun offering tax incentives to encourage people to "go green."

Although environmental friendliness is a plus, that's not what gets most people to install solar panels on their homes, Parrella said.

"It's all about the economics," he said. "You won't sell the environment. It's about

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Second Floor Computer Classroom, Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
10:30 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.
In this workshop, attendees will learn how to navigate a web browser, locate information, evaluate the veracity of online sources and print web pages. Seating is first come, first served. For more information, call (310) 434-2608

Calming exercise
Senior Center
1450 Ocean Ave., 1 p.m. — 2 p.m.
Learn the Chinese art of Tai Chi and Chi Gong, which dates back 4,000 years. These exercise systems help train the body to move with gentle, flowing movements while also calming the mind. The class will be taught in both English and Farsi. Must be a Senior Center member to participate —membership is free. For more information, call (310) 458-8644.

Just move
The Broad Stage
1310 11th St., 7:30 p.m.
The innovative and widely praised Synapse Dance Theater, the contemporary dance ensemble at Santa Monica College, will present a program of new repertory by professional guest artists, award-winning faculty artists and up-and-coming student choreographers. There will be another presentation of this performance on Saturday. For more information, call (310) 434-3467.

'Proof' it
The Church in Ocean Park
235 Hill St., 8 p.m.
Upstart theater company Santa Monica Rep presents the 2001 winner of the Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award, "Proof." With Santa Monica locals Ella Martin, Gugun Deep Singh, and Andrea Schell, as well as L.A. stage veteran John Ross Clark among the cast. The production runs through May 12. For more information, call (213) 268-1454.

Jazz hands
The Edye Second Space, SMC Performing Arts Center
1310 11th St., 7 p.m. — 10:30 p.m.
The SMC Spring Jazz Concert will feature the Jacques Voymont Septet, an acclaimed modern acoustic jazz group with an adventurous compositional style. The group boasts outstanding musical artistry form some of L.A.'s top jazz artists. Seating is on a first-arrival basis. Tickets are $10. For more information, contact the SMC Theatre Arts Box Office at (310) 434-3005.

Saturday, May 5, 2012

Shopping celebration
John Muir Elementary
2526 Sixth St., 9 a.m. — 3 p.m.
The regular flea market gets a kick as it merges with a Cinco de Mayo Celebration. There will be Mexican fare, crafts and face painting.

Candidates speak
SMMUSD Headquarters
1651 16th St., 10 a.m. — 12 p.m.
Residents of the newly-drawn 50th California Assembly District, including the communities of Santa Monica, Malibu, Brentwood, Bel Air, Beverly Hills, Carthay Square, West Hollywood, Hancock Park, Pacific Palisades, Topanga and parts of Hollywood and Agoura Hills, are invited to attend a candidates forum to learn more about important issues. This forum is co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Santa Monica Education Fund, Santa Monica-Malibu PTA Council and Los Angeles Universal Preschool. For more information, call (310) 720-8761.

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Sunday, May 6, 2012

Celebrating Cinco de Mayo
Virginia Avenue Park
2200 Virginia Ave., 12 p.m. — 5 p.m.
The city's annual Cinco de Mayo Festival returns with a healthy dose of Mexican flavor. There will be food, a salsa contest, a traditional fashion contest and live music by Bombachanté and the mariachi band Alta California de Carlos Villalobos. For more information, call (310) 458-8688.

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OUT, BUT STILL WINNERS

Morgan Genser *news@smdp.com*

Hawthorne catcher Denisa Madrid tags out Samohi's Stephine Reynega on Thursday at Memorial Park. Samohi would go on to win the game, 10-0, improving to 8-0 in Ocean League play. The game went just six innings due to the mercy rule.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Greene leads Samohi over rival Beverly Hills, 4-0

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI Samohi's Connor Greene wasn't in a giving mood on Thursday against Ocean League rival Beverly Hills.

The junior pitcher allowed just two hits during a complete game shutout that improved Samohi to 8-0 in league, placing the Vikings in the driver's seat for a second consecutive championship.

"I was struggling with first-pitch strikes," Greene said. "But, my splitter was working. It's my strikeout pitch."

Greene collected 6 strikeouts in improving his record to 5-2 on the season.

Despite Greene's short work of Beverly Hills, the Normans' head coach Vonzie Paysinger said that it wasn't so much the pitcher's mastery that shut his offense down. Paysinger pointed to a Beverly Hills lineup that has struggled to score runs since spring break.

While he wasn't overly impressed with Greene's outing, he does rate the Samohi Vikings as the class of the league. Having faced Culver City twice this season and now losing to Samohi twice this week he believes the Vikings should have the horses to pull off another league crown.

Thursday's win sets up a pair of pivotal games against Culver City next week starting with a home contest on Tuesday. If Samohi wins both games, the title is theirs.

Samohi head coach Sheldon Philip-Guide has scouted Culver City and sees a team that is scrappy and fundamentally sound. That's always the case for a Rick Prieto-coached team, he added.

"As defending champs, we're the big dog until somebody knocks us off," Philip-Guide said. "I know they will be ready for us."

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GOP launches campaign against Brown's tax increases

JUDY LIN
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. The California Republican Party and anti-tax groups kicked off a campaign Thursday against Gov. Jerry Brown's proposed tax hikes before the initiative has even qualified for the November ballot.

GOP Chairman Tom Del Beccaro said he will start the campaign this week in Fresno and Bakersfield, where he will discuss alternatives to tax hikes. People and business are leaving California to go to states with much lower taxes, he said.

"And Jerry Brown is turning in his signatures as we speak to make that (the) highest in the country. We think that's the wrong way to go," he said.

Brown's spokesman, Gil Duran, said the office would have no comment on the anti-tax campaign.

The Democratic governor wants to ask California voters this fall to pass temporary tax increases, which he says are needed to avoid billions of dollars in additional spending cuts. Brown's initiative, which has not yet qualified for the ballot, would raise income taxes on people who make more than $250,000 annually and raise the statewide sales tax by a quarter cent, to 7.5 percent.

Brown's initiative could bring in between $6.8 billion and $9 billion in fiscal year 2012-2013. The governor is currently updating the size of the state's deficit, which was pegged at $9.2 billion in January.

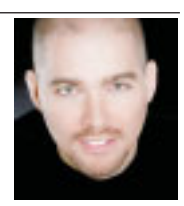
Republican lawmakers said those increases will only hurt California's economic recovery. They said the Democratic-controlled Legislature instead should pass public pension reforms and cut elsewhere in the budget to protect education and public safety.

"I think we have a lot of social programs in this state that are going to have to be cut out in order to balance the budget," Assemblyman Jim Silva, R-Sunset Beach, said.

Anthony Wright, executive director of Health Access California, a group that lobbies for health care for the poor, said there

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May is Foster Care Awareness Month

Editor:

Sadly, many people don't know or simply don't care about the plight of foster youth.

There is a pervasive stigma against foster youth because of the behaviors with which they often present. What so many people fail to understand is that many (not all, but the majority) of foster youth have experienced countless traumas – neglect, physical/mental/sexual abuse, being ripped from their homes, etc. –that lead to attachment issues, post-traumatic stress disorder, and other cognitive and mental issues. In addition, there are systemic problems within the child welfare system itself that result in multiple placements, lack of permanency and lack of consistent parenting.

For example, the child welfare system was originally designed to be a temporary measure. The child welfare system has the primary goal of reunification, yet the circumstances under which children are removed from their homes are the self-same circumstances that place children in danger if they are returned to their homes. If reunification is not possible, the next step is to find the children foster homes or place them in congregate care settings (such as group homes or residential treatment centers). Often, if the child is a teenager, there is less hope for adoption or semi-permanent foster care. Many children end up being cycled through many homes until they are emancipated or otherwise exit the system (i.e running away).

Under such circumstances, it is not difficult to see how many foster youth feel disempowered and institutionalized in their thinking. Their fate is in the hands of government, agencies and foster parents/guardians/group home staff.

It should come as no surprise that many foster youth leave the system dangerously unprepared for the rigors of life and end up turning to deviant means of achieving normative cultural goals. Yet at adulthood, they are expected to take full responsibility for actions they have made, even if they are not developmentally equipped. Many have had their trust so badly broken by their birth parents and the system that some of them have never overcome the first stage of basic trust versus mistrust. Please do not mistake my meaning, for I believe that everyone must take responsibility at some time or another for the decisions he/she continues to make, even after he/she knows better. However, we must take into account the parenting quality – whether the parent is the "bio" parent or the system. If we want to produce quality citizenry, we must empower those who will assume responsibility for the future.

Self-sufficiency is a key lesson for emancipating youth. Many foster youth have a shared strength-resiliency. If we can tap into that powerful reservoir, we can empower foster youth to become better students, better citizens, and better versions of themselves. Foster youth can obtain a sense of self-mastery and an enhanced self-concept if society can engender the perspective that foster children are society's children. If given the resources and unconditional positive regard, foster youth can become the citizens, the contributors, the career-persons, the scholars they've dreamed of becoming.

Sarah Perry Johnson
Former resident of the YWCA Santa Monica/Westside Housing and Education Program



Laughing Matters

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A LEGEND: **Playwright Arnold Schulman (center) with director Chris DiCarlo (left) and the cast of 'Sleeping Ugly' at the Santa Monica Playhouse.**

Truly a wonderful life

OVER HIS DISTINGUISHED SIX-decade-plus career, Arnold Schulman, 86, a Broadway playwright and two time Oscar-nominated screenwriter, has studied with or written for a few accomplished notables. Among others, the list includes: Marlon Brando, James Dean, Paul Newman, Natalie Wood, Steve McQueen, Jeff Bridges, Martin Landau, Edward G. Robinson, Ingrid Bergman, Anthony Quinn, Barbra Streisand and Frank Sinatra. (Whew.)

But as they say in the late-night infomercials — wait, there's more! Arnold worked with novelist Philip Roth, directors Elia Kazan, Frank Capra, Francis Coppola, Richard Attenborough, Lee Strasberg and Herb Ross, to name but a few. But here's the point worth noting. Arnold says the folks who run the Santa Monica Playhouse (Evelyn Rudie and Chris DeCarlo) and the actors who labor there, are among the most talented and congenial that he's ever been associated with. Now that's what I call a testimonial.

For someone interested in the golden days of Broadway and Hollywood (me!) Arnold is like the best history book ever, only better because he's funny, generous with his time and humble. (A trait so rare these days that it's almost disarming.)

While Arnold has lived in Santa Monica for a decade, he was born in Philadelphia and, speaking of history, it was four years before the Great Depression. After serving in the Navy during WWII, he came to New York in 1946 where he studied playwriting with Robert Anderson ("Tea and Sympathy"). Using a baseball analogy, that would be akin to studying hitting with Babe Ruth.

As a member of the first Actor's Studio class in New York, Arnold was witness to the arrival of Brando and "the method," which one could say changed acting forever. Arnold jokes that Brando was the first in a series of "jean and T-shirt wearing actors who slouched," including Montgomery Clift, Newman and, later, McQueen.

Directed by the legendary George Cukor, Arnold's first screenwriting assignment was "Wild is the Wind" in 1957, which starred Quinn and the tempestuous Anna Magnani (with both receiving Oscar nominations).

But his real transition to Hollywood came when he adapted his Broadway play "A Hole in the Head" into a movie. It starred Sinatra and Edward G. Robinson and was directed by the famed Capra whose movie, "A Wonderful Life," among others, had made him a legend.

Arnold recalls going to a meeting at Capra's home and anticipating that the iconic director would reside in a Beverly Hills mansion. Instead, it was a modest ranch house in Fallbrook, Calif. (inland from Oceanside, Calif.) where Capra raised olives and had rows of avocado trees. He also recalls that the two ate dinner with Capra's housekeeper and cook, and marveled how, just like his movies, Capra was a man of the people.

Among Arnold's other screen credits are: "Love with the Proper Stranger" (Wood and McQueen), "The Night They Raided Minsky's," "Goodbye Columbus" (Ali McGraw), "Funny Lady" (Streisand), "A Chorus Line," "Tucker" (Jeff Bridges) and the emotionally powerful "The Band Played On," which Arnold adapted for TV from the best-selling non-fiction book set in 1981 on the burgeoning AIDS crisis.

But there was one movie where Arnold actually tried to get his name taken off, but to no avail. The tennis-based "Players" starred McGraw and was produced by Robert Evans, who reportedly was hoping that he would be able to lure back McGraw from McQueen. The production was such a fiasco that not only did the movie flop, but Evans struck out with Ali, too.

Arnold's latest play, "Sleeping Ugly," has its world premier this Sunday at the Santa Monica Playhouse. Intriguingly, it's described as a "humorous, intensely romantic adult fairy tale." Arnold loves the charming and intimate Santa Monica Playhouse (for decades one of our city's treasures) and raves about the actors' talent in bringing his play to life.

Having seemingly seen and done it all on Broadway and in Hollywood, Arnold Schulman has truly had a wonderful life. And given his spirit and energy (he continues to write every day), I have a feeling there's plenty more to come.

Sleeping Ugly runs weekends at the Santa Monica Playhouse at 1211 Fourth St. through June 17. For tickets, call (310) 394-9779, ext. 1, or go to www.santamonicaplayhouse.com. **JACK** can be reached at jnsmdp@aol.com.

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What's so scary about an ultrasound?

OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS MUCH misinformation has been spread about legislation offering women the opportunity to view an ultrasound image of their child prior to abortion.

To be clear, these laws are not uncommon. According to the Guttmacher Institute, 20 states currently have a law either requiring doctors to perform ultrasounds or to offer to show the results to women if ultrasounds are performed. And in 2010, 21 states introduced ultrasound informed consent bills.

But it was Virginia's law, enacted in February, 2012, that took the national stage. And while each ultrasound law is unique, there was little in substance or content that distinguished Virginia's law from the many other similar state laws. What was new, however, were the rhetorical scare tactics employed by those advocating an abortion ideology, namely the invocation of the term "rape."

Opponents of this bill erroneously equated a transvaginal ultrasound with a "second rape" and in doing so successfully frightened many legislators. The reality is that the language "transvaginal ultrasound" was never included in the bill either in its initial form or in the later, amended form ultimately signed into law. Rather, the bill called for a woman to receive the "standard of care" as defined by the medical community.

The American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine (AIUM) defines the standard of care for ultrasonography. This includes offering either a transabdominal or transvaginal ultrasound for the first trimester, explaining that "If a transabdominal is not definitive, a transvaginal scan should be performed whenever possible." Generally speaking, a transvaginal ultrasound is usually used for up to 11 weeks of a pregnancy, simply because until this time the embryo is small enough to need an internal view to capture it. Around 11 weeks the embryo is large enough that an abdominal ultrasound can capture a strong image, and so the standard then changes appropriately to abdominal ultrasound at this point.

Not unimportantly, a general practice by any medical practitioner is never to force a woman to have a transvaginal ultrasound (or any procedure) if she does not want it. In this case, the physician simply makes a note of the interaction to assure his attempt to provide medically accurate information and then provides an abdominal ultrasound.

The recent Virginia ultrasound law included this language and nothing more. But none of this information was provided to the public during the emotional debate and erroneous claims made about Virginia 's abortion bill.

Ultrasound laws protect women in a number of ways. For a woman seeking abortion, the ultrasound will determine the viability of the baby. According to the National Institute of Health, between 15-20 percent of women who know they are pregnant will miscarry (for those not yet aware that they are pregnant, the miscarriage rate is much higher at 50 percent). Many pregnancies are therefore "non-viable" — but are aborted when the mother would have naturally miscarried. Ultrasound confirms viability, or in some cases, confirms that the baby is not viable. Additionally, ultrasounds rule out the deadly possibility of an ectopic pregnancy (an abnormal pregnancy outside of the uterus), critical before a woman undergoes a chemical abortion. Additionally of note, but not well publicized, is that most abortion clinics currently provide ultrasounds as the standard of care. However, what they do not offer the woman is the opportunity to view her developing baby.

Ultrasound laws fall within the category of "informed consent" laws because a woman has the right to have as much information as possible prior to having such major surgery as an abortion.

Many women who choose abortion regret it. In my position working in pro-life public policy, I meet many women who tell me they wish they had not chosen to terminate their baby. And most ultrasound laws (including Virginia's) offer an "opt out," ensuring that the woman is free to not view the ultrasound if she so chooses.

Perhaps what is most "scary" about an ultrasound is that it brings to light the reality of the developing life in the womb and in doing so, frequently convinces the parents to choose life. Why is that considered a bad thing?

People on both side of the abortion issue agree that we need to decrease the number of abortions. Conservatives often are wrongly accused of being anti-science and anti-technology, and yet ultrasound laws make use of the latest technology to assure the viability, age and health of the baby.

Yes, they bring to light the fact that a very young baby is not a lifeless blob of tissue. What's so scary about that?

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The Q Line

Making the grade pay

The Pico Youth & Family Center plans to launch a new program that will offer 20 students who enroll $100 if they finish the school year with an A in their math and English classes. The goal is to motivate kids to access free tutors and be more engaged in their classes.

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The City of Santa Monica is pleased to announce the first Zoning Ordinance Update community-wide workshop. This workshop will focus on creating state-of-the-art regulations and guidelines to shape new development in a way that enhances neighborhood character, improves quality of life, and achieves the City's sustainability objectives.

WHEN: MONDAY, MAY 14th
Open House 6-9 PM

WHERE: CIVIC AUDITORIUM, EAST WING
1855 MAIN STREET, SANTA MONICA

Please join us at this meeting to discuss:

- **BACKGROUND**: What is Zoning? What tools does it provide the community to preserve its character and quality of life? What is the objective of the Zoning Ordinance update?
- **PROPOSED ZONING DISTRICTS**: What districts did the Land Use and Circulation Element create, and how do we implement them with zoning?
- **STANDARDS and GUIDELINES**: Learn the key differences between these two zoning tools, and how they will be used together to create the quality environments the community desires.

Your input is needed for this important Santa Monica planning effort. To learn more about the project, please visit our project website at
www.smgov.net/zoningupdate

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To request disability-related accommodations, please contact 310.458.8341.

Esto es una noticia sobre talleres para planear el futuro de Santa Monica. Para mas información llame a Peter James al numero 310.458.8341.

STATE BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

City wants 25 mph speed limit for skateboarders

Daredevil skateboarders are facing new restrictions in Los Angeles.

The City Council on Wednesday ordered a law that imposes a 25 mph speed limit for sidewalk surfers and penalizes them for failing to follow traffic rules, such as stopping for stop signs and yielding for pedestrians.

The Los Angeles Times says Councilman Joe Buscaino proposed the law in response to the recent deaths of two skateboarders.

Buscaino says he wants to end high-speed downhill skateboard runs that sometimes include weaving in and out of traffic.

He also wants the skateboards of young offenders confiscated by police when citations are given.

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ALTADENA

Mother bear, cubs make jaunt to suburb

A mother bear and two cubs who took a jaunt through a Los Angeles suburb are hanging out in a tree under the watchful eye of sheriff's deputies.

Los Angeles County sheriff's Deputy Mark Mrakich says they've been in an Altadena neighborhood for more than five hours Thursday and show no sign of moving.

The momma bear and her cubs were spotted in the foothill community at about 7:30 a.m.

Authorities cordoned off a street and called in state Fish and Game experts but otherwise the plan is to wait for the bears to move away on their own.

Altadena is below the Angeles National Forest and Mrakich says it's not uncommon for bears, cougars and other animals to stroll into town.

AP

LOS ANGELES

Judge tosses residency case against councilman

A judge has dismissed an indictment against a Los Angeles city councilman who was accused of living outside his district.

Superior Court Judge Kathleen Kennedy on Thursday threw out the case against Councilman Richard Alarcon and his wife on grounds that county prosecutors failed to provide the grand jury with evidence that might have favored them.

In 2010, Alarcon was charged with18 counts of perjury, voter fraud and filing a false declaration of candidacy. His wife, Flora Montes De Oca Alarcon, was charged with six counts including perjury and voter fraud.

The couple maintained their innocence throughout and say in a statement that they are pleased.

District Attorney Steve Cooley calls the dismissal inexplicable and vows to pursue the case.

AP

LOS ANGELES

Unified teachers to rally over removed staffers

Los Angeles Unified School District teachers are planning a rally to protest the warehousing of the former staff at an elementary school following the arrest of two teachers on child lewdness charges.

United Teachers Los Angeles South Area says in a flyer that the rally will take place outside the unfinished Augustus Hawkins High School, where more than 120 teachers, administrators and staff of Miramonte Elementary School have been housed with little duties since February.

In a surprising action, Superintendent John Deasy (DAY-see) replaced the entire staff at the school to conduct an investigation after veteran teacher Mark Berndt was arrested in January on charges that he fed semen to students. That was followed by allegations of lewd acts by a second teacher.

A spokesman says Deasy has no comment.

AP

LOS ANGELES

Health care coverage offered illegal immigrants

Illegal immigrants and other uninsured Los Angeles restaurant workers are being offered inexpensive health care coverage by a community clinic and a food service worker group.

Restaurant Opportunities Center of Los Angeles spokeswoman Mariana Huerta says about 75,000 restaurant workers in Los Angeles don't have access to insurance because they are illegal immigrants.

The center has partnered with St. John's Well Child and Family Center to offer physicals, dental care and treatment for common illnesses at $25 a month. The ROC-MD program, which started last fall, was formally announced on Wednesday.

The Los Angeles Times says the pilot program is believed to be the first of its kind in the nation.

Legal immigrants and restaurant workers who cannot afford coverage under the health care law are also eligible.

AP

CORCORAN

Homicide suspected in inmate death

The death of an inmate at the state prison in Corcoran is being investigated as a homicide.

Authorities say 67-year-old Gary Boyd was found unresponsive in his cell and died on Saturday. He had suffered a head injury.

Boyd was serving a 72-year sentence for lewd and lascivious acts with a child under the age of 14. He was sent to the prison from Santa Barbara County in 2008.

Prison officials and Kings County prosecutors have identified another inmate, 55-year-old Jack Edwin Denzer, as a suspect in the case.

Denzer has been segregated during the investigation. He is serving a 25-year-to-life sentence for first-degree murder and was received from Los Angeles County in 1980.

AP

The Palette
Exploring Creative Santa Monica

Cause for Creativity: The Knotwork Workshop — Let's Make a Hammock

Santa Monica Museum of Art, Bergamot Station G1, 2525 Michigan Ave.

SATURDAY, 2 P.M. — 5 P.M.

Santa Monica Museum of Art presents Cause for Creativity: The Knotwork Workshop — Let's Make a Hammock, a unique public program to create a giant, six-sided rope hammock in the center of Bergamot Station Arts Center's People Park. The Knotwork Workshop is part of Cause for Creativity (C4C), SMMoA's ongoing education series.Participants will learn firsthand the art and engineering of knots from SMMoA's director of education, Asuka Hisa, Knowhow Shop's Kagan Taylor and Justin Rice, and structural engineer Josef Taylor. The Knotwork Workshop instructs participants in a series of knotting and layering techniques to weave an original hammock designed specifically for Bergamot Station's park. Registration: $10, free for SMMoA members. For more information: (310) 586-6488.



Vintage Fashion Expo

Santa Monica Civic Auditorium, 1855 Main St.

SATURDAY, 10:30 A.M. — 6 P.M.; EARLY BUYING 9 A.M. — 10:30 A.M.

SUNDAY, 11 A.M. — 5 P.M.

You are invited to join your fellow clotheshorses, fashion designers, costumers, celebs and fashion editors from all over the globe for the original vintage fashion expo. Featuring 85 dealers of vintage clothing, accessories, textiles and more. Admission: $10 general admission; $20 Saturday early buying; free for students on Sunday. For more information: (707) 793-0773.

Cinco de Mayo

Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave.

SUNDAY, 12 P.M. — 5 P.M.

Spice up your Sunday with a variety of fun at this Sunday's Cinco de Mayo festival. This year's festival features the salsa music of Bombachanté, the mariachi band Alta California de Carlos Villalobos, and a folklórico dance performance by Herencia Mexicana. Master of ceremonies and performance artist Maria Elena Gaitan brings interesting and humorous commentary on the historical significance of this cultural celebration. Enter your best salsa recipe in the homemade salsa tasting contest, play lotería for prizes, participate in the traditional fashion contest or shop and enjoy treats from the artisan vendors and traditional Mexican foods. Kids will enjoy playing games, rides and making crafts. Free admission. For more information: (310) 458-8688.

Architectural Home & Garden Tour

705 San Vicente Blvd.

SUNDAY, 11 A.M. — 4 P.M.

The Santa Monica High School Orchestra Parents Association presents a self-guided tour of four distinctive homes and gardens across Santa Monica featuring different designs for living. Along the way, enjoy refreshments and music as you chat with architects (Glen Irani AIA, Warren Wagner AIA, Jennifer Wen AIA), homeowners and landscape designers (Lace Bencivengo). Proceeds benefit Santa Monica High School's orchestras. Tickets: $30 pre-order; $40 at the door. Reserve your space by 12 p.m., May 5 online or mail a check. Will call and additional sales available May 6, 11 a.m. For more information: (310) 394-9779.

Musica Angelica's Season Finale

Santa Monica First Presbyterian Church, 1220 Second St.

SUNDAY, 3 P.M.

Concertmaster Cynthia Roberts, oboist Gonzalo X. Ruiz, and bassoonist Andrew Schwartz join music director Martin Hassböck and other distinguished guest artists to celebrate the dialogue, competition and virtuosity of double concertos in this popular season finale. Pieces include Vivalidi's "Concerto for Oboe, Bassoon and Orchestra in G major," Bach's "Double Concerto for Two Violins and Orchestra in D minor," Haydn's "Double Concerto for Violin and Organ," Heinichen's "Sonata da chiesa for Oboe, Violin, Strings and Continuo in C minor" and Telemann's "Concerto for Recorder, Bassoon and Orchestra in F major." Tickets: C $29; B $39; A $49; 10 percent discount for seniors; $15 students. For more information: (310) 458-4504.

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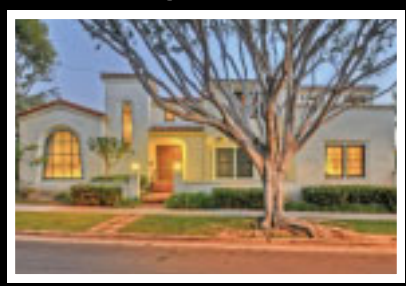


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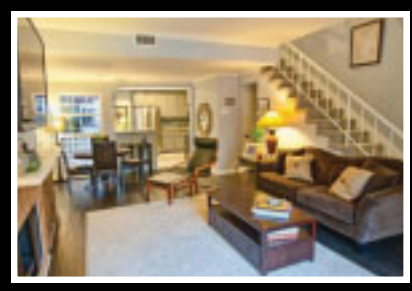
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CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Police: Man admits to masturbating in SM Pier bathroom

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.

SUNDAY, APRIL 29, AT 12:35 P.M.,
Santa Monica police officers responded to the Santa Monica Pier regarding a report of a suspicious person inside the men's restroom. Witnesses told officers that the man inside the bathroom had been in there a very long time and was staring at people as they used the urinals. Officers entered the restroom and surprised the suspect, who was facing away from them. He allegedly admitted to masturbating in the restroom for roughly 30 minutes. Based on his admission, officers placed him under arrest for lewd acts and a violation of probation for prior lewd acts. He was identified as Jeffrey Johnson, 46, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at $10,000.

SUNDAY, APRIL 29, AT 6:45 P.M.,
Officers responded to the area of 20th Street and Delaware Avenue regarding a report of an assault with a deadly weapon that had just occurred. When officers arrived, they made contact with a man who was driving his car when he stopped at the intersection of 20th Street and Delaware. The man told officers that as he was about to turn he saw a gray Dodge Caravan coming toward him. The driver of the van pointed an air pistol with an orange tip at the other man and fired a projectile that struck his window, but did not shatter it. The driver of the van then fled. During a search of the area, police located the van parked at Virginia Avenue Park. The suspect and his passenger were detained and questioned. The air gun was recovered, police said. The victim positively identified the suspect and he was placed under arrest for assault with a deadly weapon. He was identified as Chase Scott, 19, of Inglewood. His bail was set at $30,000.

SUNDAY, APRIL 29, AT 4:10 P.M.,
Officers were in the area of Highland and Pier avenues when they saw a man who appeared to be loitering near some parked cars in the 600 block of Pier. Police said the man was peering into parked cars. Officers made contact with him. He admitted to them that he was on parole for narcotics. He admitted he was in possession of pot and consented to a search. Officers said they found the pot and a glass pipe containing a solid white-colored rock that officers believed was cocaine. The suspect was placed under arrest for possession of a controlled substance, drug paraphernalia and marijuana, and for a parole violation. He was identified as Thomas Crockett, 38, a transient. No bail was set.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28, AT 12:42 A.M.,
Officers on routine patrol in the 1800 block of Alley 13 saw a man who was loitering. They made contact with the man, who told them that he was not from the area and was waiting for someone to pick him up. Officers believed he was heavily intoxicated and found him to be in possession of an open container of alcohol. He was placed under arrest for being drunk in public. Officers searched him and said they found methamphetamine. He was eventually booked for possession of a controlled substance and public intoxication. He was identified as Andre Antoine, 23, of Santa Monica. Bail was set at $10,000.

FRIDAY, APRIL 27, AT 9:14 P.M.,
Officers were on routine patrol on the 1000 block of Pico Boulevard when they saw a man riding his bike west in the eastbound lanes of Pico, a violation of the vehicle code. The suspect was detained by police and searched. He was found to be in possession of two pipes commonly used to smoke narcotics and a small amount of crack. He was placed under arrest and booked for possession of drugs and paraphernalia and for riding on the wrong side of the street. He was identified as Reginald Warlick, 51, of Pomona, Calif. His bail was set at $10,000.

THURSDAY, APRIL 26, AT 8:56 A.M.,
Officers responded to the 1600 block of Seventh Street on the report of an armed robbery that had just occurred. When officers arrived, they made contact with a man who said he had just left Vons on Broadway and was carrying food he had purchased when the suspect, who was walking in front of him, suddenly turned and ran at him in a threatening manner. He allegedly dropped his backpack and clenched his fists as if to strike the man with the groceries. At that point the man dropped his groceries and the suspect picked them up and said that they were now his. He allegedly challenged the victim to "do something about it," before running off with the groceries. The suspect was located a few blocks away and placed under arrest for robbery. He was identified as Micah Graham, 33, of Los Angeles. His bail was set at $50,000. The groceries were recovered.

THURSDAY, APRIL 26, AT 4:24 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 1200 block of the Third Street Promenade — Sephora — regarding a report of two men who were about to walk off with some cologne. When officers arrived, they two suspects were exiting the store. They were immediately detained without incident. Inside bags officers said they found $300 worth of cologne. Store security said the suspects placed the bottles into the bags and then tried walking out of the store without paying for them. When they saw officers approaching, the men allegedly tried to walk back into the store. They were placed under arrest for conspiracy and petty theft. They were identified as Davion Woods, 23, of Los Angeles; and Gerron McGary, 21, of Corona, Calif. Bail was set at $1,000 each.

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ELKS
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understanding that all of the spots encompassed by Block 16 would remain with the lodge.

The Elks responded in March 2010 asking City Hall not to take the sites, but a follow-up letter from Deputy City Attorney Ivan Campbell spelled out City Hall's intentions.

"The city considers Block 16 to be city property and will continue to operate the Cemetery accordingly … ," Campbell's letter is quoted in the complaint.

The Elks waited to file suit, hoping that the situation would resolve itself, until what Peterson describes as "a couple of provocative actions" on the part of City Hall made them unable to turn the other cheek.

The first was the alleged padlock on the doors of the columbarium, which shut the space to the Elks and everyone else.

The second was the realization that City Hall had already moved forward with their plans to use the sites, and that 16 of them had been sold to people without approval from the Elks.

In the lawsuit, the Elks are demanding that City Hall compensate them for the loss of the property and loss of revenue from the spaces as well as attorneys fees and the cost of the suit.

Deputy City Attorney Alan Seltzer did not wish to comment on the pending litigation.

"We are aware that the complaint was filed," Seltzer said. "We'll review it, and we think that while delayed in coming, we look forward to the court deciding this once and for all."

The Elks have operated in Santa Monica since 1904. According to their website, the lodge boasted 196 members in April 2011.

The Elks began as a group of actors in New York City who played a drinking game called "the cork game." Players eventually became known as the "Jolly Corks," and a large drinking society formed with headquarters over a saloon on Delancey Street, according to the Elks national website.

In February 1868, the organization decided to turn its attention to nobler things, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks was formed.

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TAXES
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are state-funded programs such as community clinics and children's health care that both parties agree have been cut too much.

"I think that (Republicans) know that the basic cuts to core programs like health and human services are already too severe, but that's what their plan would force," Wright said.

The governor is expected to begin submitting signatures soon. The initiative needs 807,615 signatures to qualify for the ballot, higher than the typical 504,760 signatures because it is a constitutional amendment. The last date to qualify for the November ballot is June 28.

Brown also faces a competing tax measure led by civil rights attorney Molly Munger and the California Parent Teacher Association. That campaign, Our Children, Our Future, announced Wednesday that it has begun submitting signatures to Los Angeles County election officials.

Munger's initiative would raise income taxes on nearly all wage earners, with the wealthiest seeing the greatest boost. It is estimated to raise $10 billion to $12 billion annually for 12 years. That money would flow directly to public schools, and lawmakers would have no control over the funds.

John Coupal, president of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, said he believes voters are still in no mood for taxes. Voters rejected a temporary sales and vehicle tax extension in May 2009 by a margin of nearly two-thirds.

"We see the California electorate being decidedly on the side of fiscal conservatives and pro-reform politicians and elected officials," Coupal said.

Del Beccaro said raising income taxes on the wealthy would not be good for job growth.

He noted that California ranked last as a state to do business in an opinion survey by Chief Executive magazine. He cited the recent announcement that Capitol One would be pulling 50 jobs out of the Salinas Valley to South Dakota.

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MOVE IT

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Sherri Bradford, program leader for the Black Collegians program, dances with student Janae' Franklin along a line at the Santa Monica College quad on Thursday. SMC Black Collegians successfully broke the Guinness Book of World Records for the largest Soul Train line.

SOLAR

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getting prices that they won't be able to get by themselves."

According to Go Solar California, a joint effort of the California Energy Commission and the California Public Utilities Commission, solar energy cost between $7.78 and $8.49 per watt in the first quarter of 2012.

Spearhead Solar's initiatives don't move forward until they can get the cost per watt under $5, Parrella said.

Harnessing the cost savings of government incentives and buying in bulk can get the cost of a 3 kilowatt system (that's 3,000 watts) under $10,000, Parrella said.

Depending on how big or energy-efficient the home, solar buyers can see that money returned in energy savings within five to seven years, said Drew Lowell-Britt, an energy specialist for Solar Santa Monica, part of City Hall's Office of Sustainability and the Environment that advises Santa Monicans on all things solar.

Group buys can be a great way to bring down the cost of solar, but residents are encouraged to talk to the professionals at Solar Santa Monica to make sure that the system and price that are proposed really fit their needs, Lowell-Britt said.

After people get bids, they can go to Solar Santa Monica for an explanation of exactly what the contractor is offering or what the group buy deal is.

"It can be kind of intimidating, so we'll help them compare apples to apples," Lowell-Britt said.

The concept of buying solar in bulk was popularized in Portland, Ore.

According to a website for "Solarize Portland," a volume-purchasing project for solar panels, the first group-buy in the area was done by the Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association.

"Solarize Portland," which is run through the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability, continues on that model. It helps group people together to buy solar panels in volume to bring down the cost through their local neighborhood associations.

Parrella hopes that the same can be done in Santa Monica. Teams of solar evangelists will start walking Santa Monica's neighborhoods through July looking for people to sign up.

It takes approximately 20 to 40 people to go in whole hog to effectively lower the prices, Parrella said.

If Santa Monicans install 100 kilowatts worth of solar panels through Spearhead's Santa Monica Solar Challenge, the company will donate $5,000 to GRID Alternatives, a nonprofit that provides green job training to volunteers by installing solar panels for low-income households.

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SAMOHI
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For Samohi to again run the table in league, they will have to support the team's usually strong pitching with an effective, if not resourceful, offense.

If Thursday was any indicator, the Vikings appear ready for the challenge.

The Vikings opened the scoring when Alonzo Hernandez slapped a ball to a Beverly Hills infield not ready to make the play. Beverly Hills was unable to turn the routine ground ball into an out allowing Samohi's Eric Gomez to cross the plate. Gomez was earlier hit by a pitch from Normans starter Gabe Laemmle.

The Vikings struck again in the fourth inning, scoring three more runs to insure the win. Senior Adam Padilla began the frame with a double to center field. Gomez drove him in with a double of his own and would later score on a single by Benny Arce that plated a pair. Ryan Barbarin also scored on the play.

With an unblemished regular season up to this point, the Vikings will again lean on its tandem of quality starters to clinch the title and a sure first round home playoff game.

Padilla will take the hill on Tuesday at home with Greene closing out the season at Culver City on Thursday.

"If we can keep playing together as a team, we should be fine," Greene said of the Vikings' prospects.

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BIG MONEY

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WASHINGTON Letters from Osama bin Laden's last hideaway, released by U.S. officials intent on discrediting his terror organization, portray a network weak, inept and under siege — and its leader seemingly near wit's end about the passing of his global jihad's glory days.

The documents, published online Thursday, are a small sample of those seized during the U.S. raid on bin Laden's Pakistan compound in which he was killed a year ago. By no accident, they show al-Qaida at its worst. The raid has become the signature national security moment of Barack Obama's presidency and one he is eager to emphasize in his re-election campaign.

Those ends are served in the 17 documents chosen by U.S. officials for the world to see — not to mention American voters. The Obama administration has refused to release a fuller record of its bin Laden collection, making it difficult to glean any larger truths about the state of the terrorist organization.

What is clear from the documents released so far is that al-Qaida's leaders are constantly on the run from unmanned U.S. aircraft and trying to evade detection by CIA spies and National Security Agency eavesdroppers.

In one letter, either bin Laden himself or his senior deputy tells the leader of Yemen's al-Qaida offshoot that, in the face of U.S. power, it is futile to try to establish a government that will offer it safe haven.

"Even though we were able to militarily and economically exhaust and weaken our greatest enemy before and after the eleventh," the letter says, referring to the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, "the enemy continues to possess the ability to topple any state we establish."

Again and again in the letters, bin Laden and his inner circle struggle to keep the focus of Islamic terrorism on killing Americans and tamp down attacks by al-Qaida affiliates on Muslim innocents. The documents describe the U.S. as "a malicious tree with a huge trunk," and its allies as mere branches not worth al-Qaida's time.

From his redoubt in Pakistan, bin Laden was keenly aware that his organization's standing with Muslim populations was crumbling.

"I plan to release a statement that we are starting a new phase to correct (the mistakes) we made," bin Laden wrote in 2010. "In doing so, we shall reclaim, God willing, the trust of a large segment of those who lost their trust in the jihadis."

Such passages offer a glimpse into the terrorist's mindset. They also fit into the U.S. government's public relations fight with al-Qaida. The U.S. has repeatedly sought to diminish the group's standing in the Muslim world.

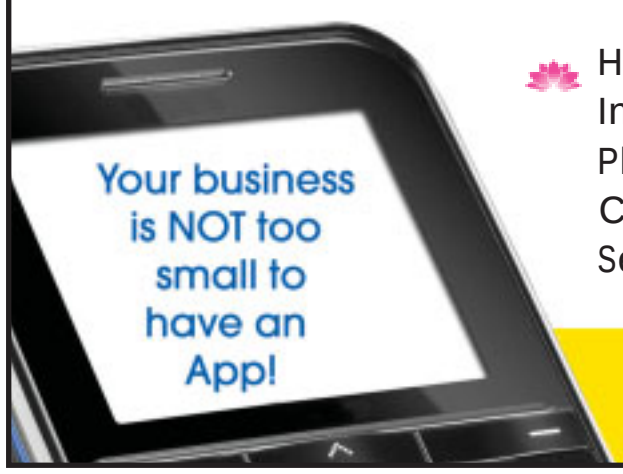
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The documents, which date from September 2006 to April 2011, were declassified by U.S. intelligence officials and posted by scholars at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. As part of the declassification process, intelligence officials would have withheld any documents that they felt could inflame anti-American sentiment — another reason the documents offer a largely sanitized version.

The release was the latest beat in a drumroll from the Obama administration. Over several weeks, officials have leaked select documents seized in the raid, Obama has made a surprise visit to Afghanistan and the president and senior officials have made themselves available for an hour-long show about the raid on NBC.

Yet the administration has refused requests by The Associated Press to review U.S. government records — including helicopter maintenance logs and reports about the performance of military gear used in the raid — that could provide insights into how bin Laden died, how the U.S. verified his identity and how it decided to bury him at sea.

Obama's re-election campaign distributed a video questioning whether Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney would have ordered the raid on bin Laden's compound. Romney snapped back that "of course" he would have.

White House spokesman Jay Carney said the new documents came out after a long process of declassification and analysis, and the timing was driven in part by interest surrounding the anniversary of bin Laden's death.

The documents show that bin Laden's inner circle was frustrated when, in 2010, attention in the U.S. shifted to the economic downturn without linking al-Qaida to the damage. "All the political talk in America is about the economy, forgetting or ignoring the war and its role in weakening the economy," wrote his spokesman, Adam Gadahn.

As bin Laden struggled to right his organization, no detail seemed too small for his attention. In one letter, he wrote that "controlling children" was one of the keys to hiding in cities, as he did for years while U.S. forces searched Pakistan's rugged frontier.

He encouraged his followers in hiding to teach their children the local language and not let them out of their homes "except for extreme necessity like medical care." Adults should be with them outside to keep their voices down, he said.

The main message of the documents released so far is that "bin Laden is burdened by the incompetence of his jihadi brothers," said Nelly Lahoud, one of the West Point scholars who studied the correspondence. "I wouldn't want to be any one of them."

Bin Laden's operatives, much like armchair political junkies in the United States, were attentive viewers of U.S. TV news.

Gadahn described ABC as "all right, actually it could be one of the best channels as far as we are concerned," criticized CNN as being too close to the government and heaped scorn on Fox News, which "falls into the abyss, as you know, and lacks neutrality." He said of Fox: "Let her die in anger."

Al-Qaida's relationship with Iran, a point of abiding interest to the U.S. government, was rough, judging from the documents. After the U.S. invaded Afghanistan in 2001, some top al-Qaida operatives and their families fled to Iran, where authorities there put them under house arrest. Over the years, Iran has released some, including members of bin Laden's family. Others remain.

Abd al-Rahman, who became al-Qaida's No. 2 after bin Laden's death, complained bitterly about dealing with the Iranians and what he considered their Byzantine methods of negotiating. He died in a U.S. drone strike.

"The criminals did not send us any letter, nor did they send us a message through any of the brothers," he wrote of the Iranians.

City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA LANDMARKS COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Public hearings will be held by the Landmarks Commission on the following:

2009 La Mesa Drive, LC-11CA-023, Zoning: R1 (Single Family Residential) District. The Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider a Certificate of Appropriateness to allow a proposed addition to an existing single-family dwelling. The proposed scope of work includes the demolition of an existing carport and the construction of a new garage and livable space on the west side of the existing Landmark single-family residence located at 2009 La Mesa Drive. **(Continued from April 9, 2012 meeting)**

When: **Monday, May 14, 2012 at 7:00 pm**

Where: City Council Chambers, City Hall, Room 213
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica

Questions/Comments
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment on this and other projects. You or your representative, or any other persons may comment on the application at the Public Hearing, or by writing a letter addressed to Scott Albright, AICP, Senior Planner, City Planning Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, California, 90401-3295. Or, you may contact Mr. Albright by phone at (310) 458-8341 or by email at scott.albright@smgov.net.

More Information
The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation requests, please contact (310) 458-8341 or TTY (310) 458-8696 at least three days prior to the event. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Bus Lines 1, 2, 3 and 7 serve City Hall. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the Challenge may be limited only to 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.

Espanol
Este es un aviso de una audiencia publica para considerar la designación de una propiedad en la ciudad como un monumento histórico. Para mas información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

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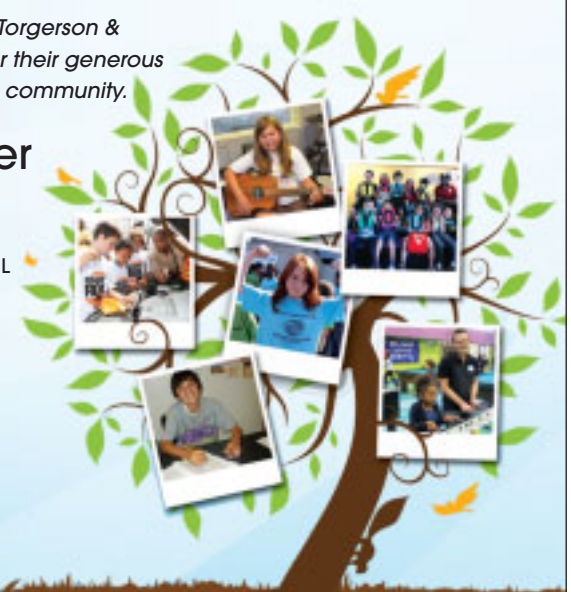
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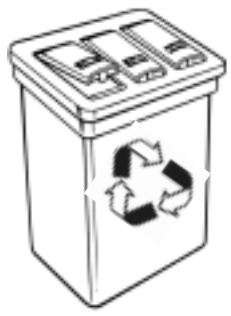
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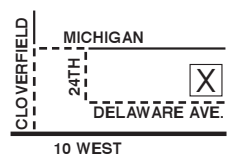
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Romney, Mormons brace for a mean political season

RACHEL ZOLL
AP Religion Writer

SALT LAKE CITY As 20,000 Mormons streamed from the church conference center, a ragtag group of protesters stood across the street shouting that the Latter-day Saints were going to hell. Mormon families, who had gathered here for two days of speeches and spiritual guidance called General Conference, ignored the hecklers or laughed and kept walking.

This, after all, is a church accustomed to much worse.

Yet, even with a resilience built over nearly two centuries as outsiders, church members are anxious about what's ahead. Republican Mitt Romney is about to become the first Mormon nominee for U.S. president on a major party ticket. That will give them a chance like no other to explain their tradition to the public, but the church's many critics will have a bigger platform, too. And the vetting will take place amid the emotion of what may well be a nasty general election.

"People who have opposed Mormonism forever will use this as an opportunity," said Robert Millet, a religion scholar at Brigham Young University who co-founded a pioneering evangelical-Mormon dialogue. "I don't know if we're ready for this kind of deluge."

At the Salt Lake City headquarters of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, officials are preparing to defend the church.

It's an effort that began before Romney officially announced his first, ultimately unsuccessful, 2008 bid for the GOP nomination. Mormon officials met with journalists around the country about the church's nonpartisanship. Leaders were worried that any statements they made to clarify doctrine would give the impression of aiding Romney.

That concern continues this election season. LDS officials have emphasized repeatedly that the church doesn't communicate with the Romney campaign. In a lengthy statement on their main website, Mormon leaders say the church does not "endorse, promote or oppose political parties, candidates or platforms."

The Latter-day Saints have been running a multimillion-dollar series of ads, called "I'm a Mormon," since 2010, to dispel stereotypes by telling the stories of individual Mormons. To avoid any appearance that the ads were meant to help Romney, the church didn't buy ad time in Iowa and some other markets with early primaries, said Michael Purdy, an LDS national spokesman. At the General Conference last month, led by the highest authorities of the church, there was no mention of the election across the pulpit.

"We're just going to do what the church does, regardless of the election," Purdy said.

The neutrality message can be a hard sell since Mormons are known to be overwhelmingly Republican and more socially conservative than many other Americans. The impression was reinforced by Mormon contributions of money and volunteers for Proposition 8, the 2008 California measure to bar same-sex marriage. (LDS officials say they were advocating for a moral, not a partisan, issue.)

The church has long contended with conspiracy theories of Mormon plots to take over America — claims that have only increased with Romney's prominence. If the former governor wins the White House, however, several political scientists predict LDS officials would be more likely to pull back from any policy debates to avoid an appearance of undue influence, even when Mormons have a clear interest.

"There is a good chance that the main way a lot of leaders of the church will respond to the election of a Mormon to the presidency will be to stay as quiet and uninvolved in politics as possible and put as much daylight as possible between that president and the institutional church," said Russell Arben Fox, a political scientist at Friends University in Wichita, Kan., and a Mormon writer. "They're a global church and have responsibilities all around the world. For them to appear to be lining up behind a Mormon president and endorsing his policies would just be bad for the church."

Despite their fears, Mormons acknowledge that Romney's nomination will be a milestone like none before for the church.

Organized in 1830, Latter-day Saints were persecuted from their earliest days for their doctrine and support for polygamy, which Mormons renounced in 1890. A mob assassinated founder Joseph Smith in 1844, sending Mormons fleeing into the unsettled Mountain West. Theological differences with other faith groups — about scriptures, the nature of God and heaven — provided fodder for anti-Mormon bias over the years. Christian groups challenged the Mormon assertion that the church is part of traditional Christianity. One such group, the Utah Lighthouse Ministry, operates just a few miles from Temple Square, the Salt Lake City complex at the heart of the faith.

Steve Shaw, a political scientist at Northwest Nazarene University and co-author of "The Presidents and Their Faith," compares this election to the 1960 campaign of John F. Kennedy, who confronted religious bias to become the first Roman Catholic president. Kennedy's election marked a move for Catholics more firmly into the American mainstream, a potential shift for Mormons as well in 2012. When Romney became the presumptive nominee last month, the liberal-leaning Mormon blog, "By Common Consent," posted an article titled, "Excited about Romney, Despite

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Myself."

"If Mr. Romney is elected, when he is sworn into office in January 2013, the history of Mormonism in this country clearly would enter a new chapter," Shaw said.

Christian groups with a competing emphasis on evangelizing worry about a flood of Mormon converts if Romney prevails over President Barack Obama. With 14.4 million members, the church is among the fastest-growing in the world, supported by a full-time missionary force of about 55,000 young people.

Yet, with Romney in the Oval Office, the popularity of the church could fall as well as rise.

Internally, while the church has indeed been gaining new members, it has also been losing some others: A number of younger Mormons have become disillusioned about LDS doctrine and history. Outgoing LDS church historian, Elder Marlin K. Jensen, confirmed that trend in a talk last November at Utah State University. Leaders worry that religion issues raised by the general election could exacerbate the problem. The Foundation for Apologetic Information & Research, or FAIR, a volunteer Mormon anti-defamation group, said its "Ask an Apologist" web feature has been especially busy with queries from Mormons struggling with questions from their children.

"It's forced a lot of members of the church to examine their beliefs and how they talk with their kids," said FAIR's president, Scott Gordon.

In surveys of non-Mormons, only a small minority say they are familiar with the church. Romney, a lifelong church member and one-time top LDS leader in the Boston area, will be their introduction. However, Romney rarely speaks about his faith while campaigning and would probably be no more forthcoming as he tried to navigate Washington and survive for a second term. The most visible member of Mormonism might end up practicing his religion in private.

But first, the church has to get to November.

FAIR has started a new website called MormonVoices.org, to combat misinformation about the church that could result from attention to the faith sparked by Romney's candidacy. Kyle Jarrett, who lives in Washington, said leaders of his LDS ward, or local congregation, organized an information session for church members on potential issues about Mormonism in the general election.

"It's a new thing for us, to hear our religion being talked about in a roundtable on MSNBC," said Jarrett, 30, who works for the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee

Events over the past decade have helped prepare Mormons for the spotlight. They handled the exposure that came with the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City. Last year brought the monster hit "The Book of Mormon," a Broadway satire about missionaries in Uganda. The church didn't protest. Instead, leaders who are asked for comment often use the line, "You've seen the show. Now read the book."

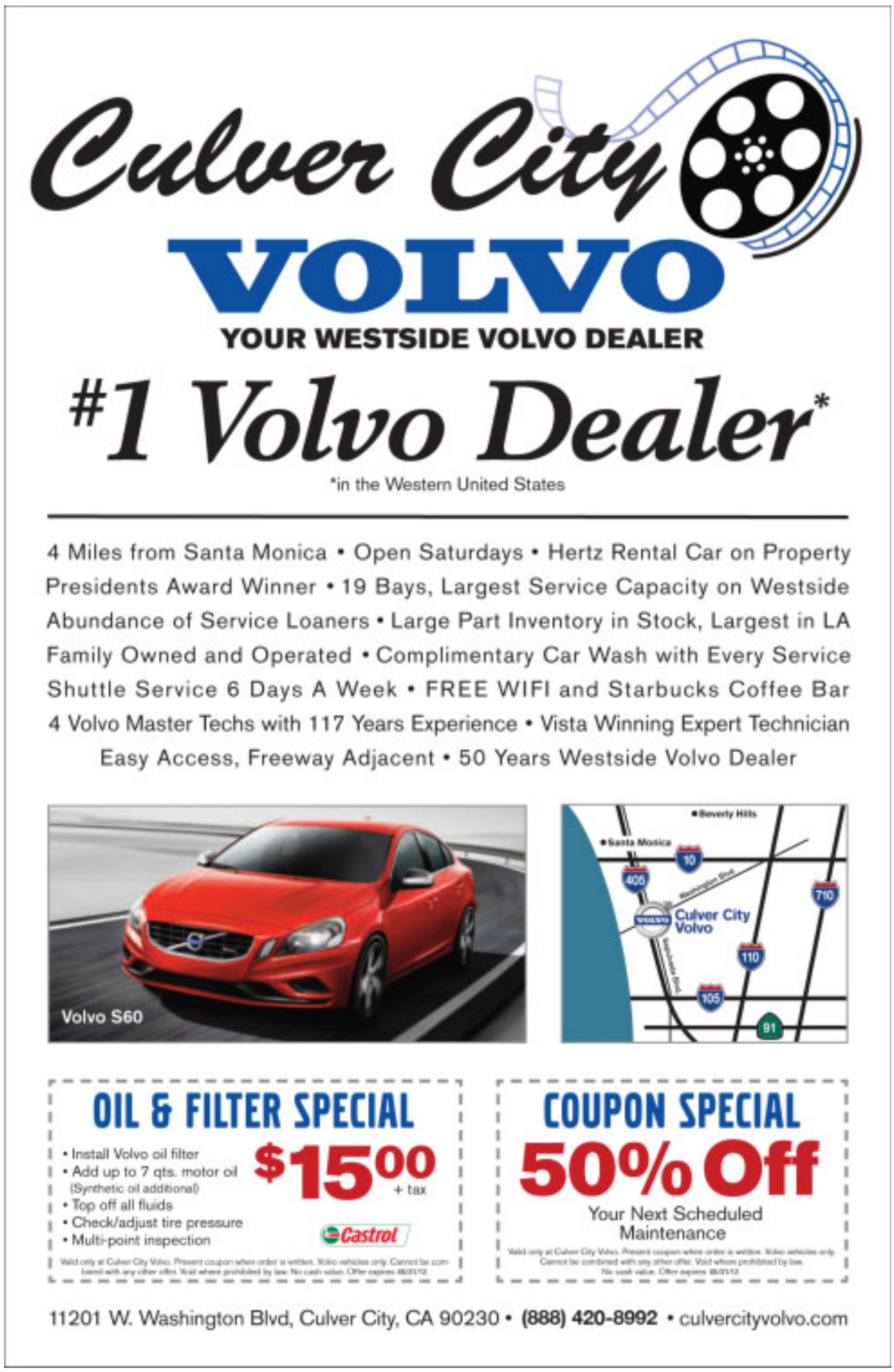
Now, Mormons are bracing for the onslaught of attention as Romney tries to break what pundits call a "stained-glass ceiling" for the presidency.

"I honestly look forward to having the public see an LDS member live life in full public view," said Alison Moore Smith, a Mormon Republican from Lindon, Utah, and founder of the blog MormonMomma.com. "While many (Mormons) are worried about the heightened scrutiny, most seem to have a 'finally they will see what we're really like' attitude."









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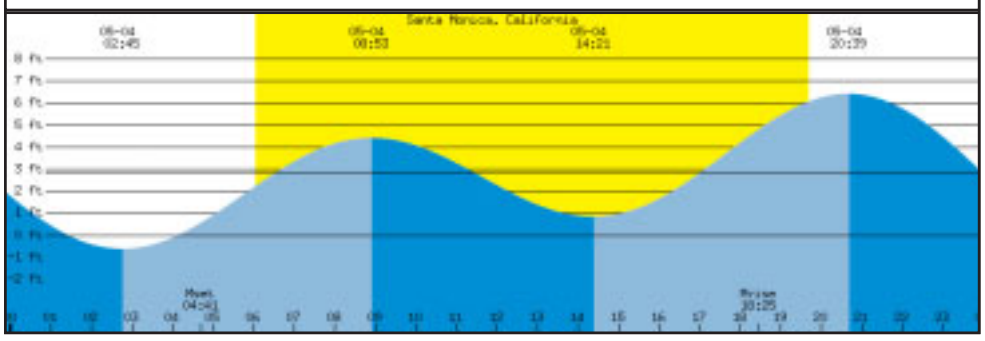
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Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechuza and Los Alisos creeks.	ns	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	B
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	B
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	F	F
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A	B
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A+	C
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	B	B
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd.	D	A+
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (beach location) - daily.	C	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	B
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	D
Big Rock Beach at 19648 PCH stairs.	F	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A	A+
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	C	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	D
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A
Will Rogers State Beach at 17300 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	B
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	B
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	B
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	C
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	F	B
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	D
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	A+
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	B
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	B
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	A
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	B
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A	A
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	A+
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of CIWW jetty).	A+	A+
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

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Suspended World Peace to appear on 'Conan' show

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LOS ANGELES Suspended Lakers forward Metta World Peace will appear on the late-night comedy show "Conan" in his first extended one-on-one interview since he elbowed the Thunder's James Harden in the head.

TBS said Thursday that World Peace would sit down with Conan O'Brien on Monday night. The former Ron Artest is suspended for seven games, which will carry through at least late next week. The Lakers don't have a game Monday.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: A Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Commission on the following:

Development Review Permit 11-004, 1453 Third Street Promenade. The applicant proposes to modify previously approved Development Review Permit #374 to add a new condition of approval allowing the pedestrian passageway to be closed to the public between 12:00 AM and 7:00 AM daily. [Planner: Lily Yegazu] **Applicant: Promenade Gateway L.P. Property Owner: Promenade Gateway L.P.**

Development Agreement Amendment 12-002, 1776 Main Street. RAND would like to convert approximately 18,216 square feet of area within Parking Level P1, which contains 56 parking spaces, into primarily offices (one additional space is lost on level P2). The offices would house publications production, warehousing and distribution, a call center, research offices and an enlarged bicycle storage area. [Planner: Paul Foley] **Applicant/Property Owner: RAND Corporation.**

Resolution of Intention: Text Amendment 12-001. Resolution of the Planning Commission of the City of Santa Monica declaring its intention to consider amending SMMC Sections 9.04.02.030, 9.04.08.22.030, 9.04.08.28.030 and Subchapter 9.04.12 to permit off-street food truck venues in the CM Main Street Commercial District and C4 Highway Commercial District by Performance Standards Permit. [Planner: Paul Foley] **Applicant: City of Santa Monica.**

WHEN: **Wednesday, May 16, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.**

WHERE: Council Chambers, City Hall
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Planning Commission public hearing, or by writing a letter or e-mail. Information received prior to the hearing will be given to the Planning Commission at the meeting.

MORE INFORMATION

If you want additional information about this project or wish to review the project, please contact the Project Planner (310) 458-8341. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours or available on the City's web site at www.smgov.net. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation request, please contact (310) 458-8341, or TYY Number: (310) 458-8696 at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, Rapid 3, #7, and #9 service the City Hall and the Civic Center. 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 revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
(310) 260-1528

Heat (R) 2hr 50min
7:30pm

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
(888) 262-4386

Marvel's The Avengers (PG-13) 2hrs 22min
11:15am, 2:30pm, 5:30pm, 6:00pm, 8:50pm, 9:20pm

21 Jump Street (R) 1hr 49min
10:45am, 2:45pm, 5:20pm, 7:55pm, 10:30pm

Little Bit of Heaven (PG-13) 1hr 47min
11:55am, 2:40pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:30pm

Titanic 3D (PG-13) 3hrs 14min
10:30am, 1:20pm

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

Chimpanzee (G) 1hr 18min
11:55am, 2:20pm, 4:45pm, 7:00pm

Cabin in the Woods (R) 1hr 35min
2:00pm, 4:40pm, 7:20pm, 10:00pm

Marvel's The Avengers (PG-13) 2hrs 22min
11:50am, 3:20pm, 6:40pm, 9:15pm, 10:00pm

Pirates! Band of Misfits (PG) 1hr 28min
1:30pm, 6:00pm, 10:40pm

Pirates! Band of Misfits 3D (PG) 1hr 28min
11:00am, 3:50pm, 8:20pm

Think Like a Man (PG-13) 2hrs 02min
10:45am, 1:40pm, 4:50pm, 7:50pm, 10:55pm

Five-Year Engagement (R) 2hrs 04min
10:50am, 1:50pm, 4:55pm, 8:00pm, 11:05pm

Marvel's The Avengers 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 22min
10:40am, 1:00pm, 4:20pm, 7:40pm, 11:00pm

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

Perfect Family (PG-13) 1hr 24min
1:00pm, 3:10pm, 5:20pm, 7:40pm, 10:00pm

Damsels in Distress (PG-13) 1hr 38min
1:00pm, 10:00pm

In the Family (NR) 2hrs 49min
1:00pm, 4:50pm, 8:30pm

Citizen Gangster (NR) 1hr 45min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:10pm, 9:45pm

Highest Pass (NR) 1hr 30min
3:20pm, 5:35pm, 7:50pm

AMC Criterion 6
1313 Third St.
(310) 395-1599

Hunger Games (PG-13) 2hrs 22min
11:30am, 3:00pm, 6:30pm, 10:00pm

Safe (R) 1hr 35min
11:55am, 2:40pm, 5:20pm, 7:50pm, 10:25pm

Raven (R) 1hr 43min
11:15am, 1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 11:00pm

Lucky One (PG-13) 1hr 41min
11:00am, 1:30pm, 2:30pm, 4:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

Marvel's The Avengers 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 22min
11:15am, 12:20pm, 3:50pm, 7:10pm, 7:50pm, 9:45pm, 10:30pm

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

Out with friends tonight, Taurus

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Take in feedback. You are in the mood to share, and others will come to you. A miscommunication could punctuate a good part of the day. Make a point of unwinding this word tangle. Everyone will be happier. Tonight: Say "yes" to living it up.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Pace yourself, and get as much done as possible. A cohort could be testy, as he or she might not exactly understand what you are saying or thinking. Let your sense of humor emerge in order to combat a heavy mood. Tonight: Out with friends.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Being sensitive to an issue allows greater productivity. Someone could misread your intentions and take advantage of your good humor. That person will take offense when you set him or her straight. Tonight: Forget today. Live for tonight.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Stay connected to the basics, and know what you want and expect from a situation. Confusion marks plans. Be sure to confirm times and places. Tonight: Live as if there were no tomorrow.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You have a spring in your step, which reveals that the weekend is nearly here. Make an effort to reach out to a loved one. Plans easily could be misunderstood. A serious conversation might be inevitable. Just go with the flow. Tonight: You might decide to head home early.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ A purchase could put a dent in your budget, far more than you first thought. Rethink that decision. If you are buying something for a loved one or a friend, consider some other item that could thrill this person just as much. Tonight: Out at a favorite spot.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Use the daylight hours to the max. You might not realize how much you have done or the amount of good will you have fostered. A misunderstanding easily could happen if you do not confirm meeting times and places. Tonight: Let your hair down.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Handle a problem in a subtle manner. Understand what part or role you have played in this issue and what you are responsible for. You might not feel comfortable with everything that is happening. Tonight: Feel your Wheaties.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ A meeting or get-together has far more significance than you originally thought possible. Be ready to approach a situation differently after you sort through confusion. Tonight: Stray from your normal Friday-night plans.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You can hit a home run if you apply your energy early on to a project or issue. Caring between you and a friend or loved one remains deep. Free up special time to be together; give up your role as the work horse of the zodiac. Tonight: Absolutely whatever you want.

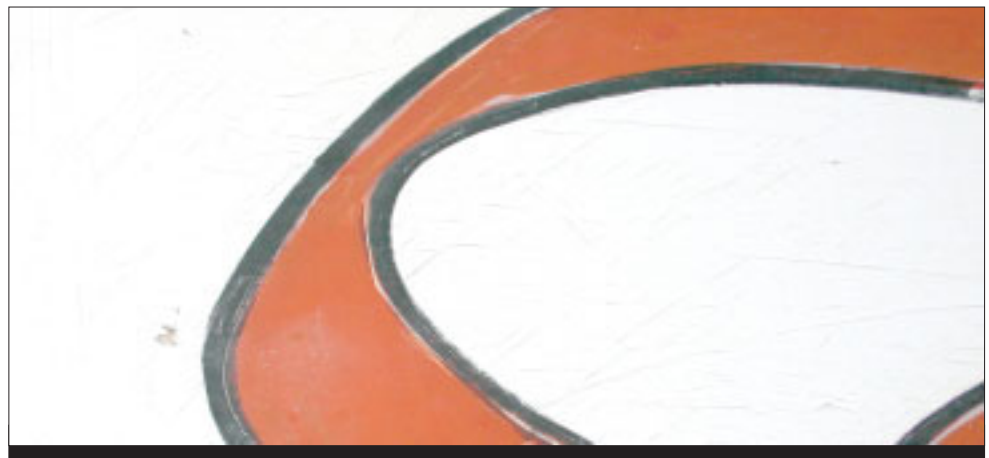
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Detach from issues, and you'll gain perspective. You might recognize how loyal and caring a cohort has been. Last-minute confusion surrounding plans could cause a problem. Confirm what you think you are hearing. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ If someone else wants to run the show, you might wonder: Why not? Free yourself up. Start the weekend early. Others might be confused as to where you are. Don't worry. Start making plans that will take you out of the here and now. Tonight: Let your imagination lead the way.

Happy birthday

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

This year you could evoke some dynamic reactions as you alternate between being fair and logical and being rigid and demanding. Incorporate all the above-mentioned traits in your interactions, and your relationships will benefit as a result. If you are single, you might misread a new friend. Don't judge this person too quickly. If you are attached, the two of you need to be aware of a tendency to get stuck in your individual thought processes. Loosen up and judge less, and more joy will exist between you. SCORPIO can be challenging.



MYSTERY PHOTO

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Speed Bump

By Dave Coverly



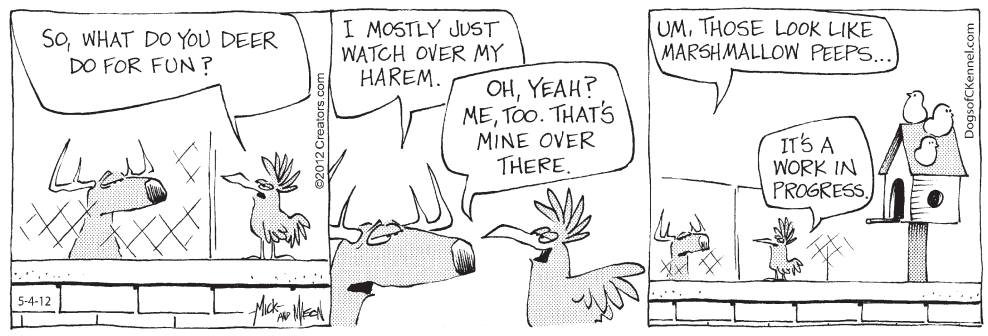
Strange Brew

By John Deering



Dogs of C-Kennel

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The Meaning of Lila

By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



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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	2	3		5		9	4	
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	3	7				1	9	
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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

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

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1 Marina sight
6 Monastery head
11 Slip
12 Baseball manager Joe
13 Scenic painting
14 Like some glass
15 Wisconsin tribe
16 Hotel amenity
18 Boxer Norton
19 Squid's squirt
20 Plopped down
21 Yale rooter
22 Short jacket
24 Cronies
25 Floor cleaner
27 Cordelia's father
29 "Sure thing!"
32 Overhead trains
33 Drenched
34 Mine matter
35 Leg, in slang
36 Letters of royalty
37 Spoil
38 Ill will
40 Best of the best
42 Spot in the ocean
43 Stop-watch button
44 Most new drivers
45 Likely winners

DOWN
1 Polite answer
2 Mysterious
3 Began to grin
4 Spring
5 Locks
6 Hitter's turn
7 Arg. neighbor
8 Went back on one's word
9 "1984" author
10 Court sport
17 Company colleague
23 Cat coat
24 Cork sound
26 Caretakers, often
27 Goes by foot
28 Pass
30 Held forth
31 Floppy toppers
33 Sharpens
39 Sawbuck
41 Sheltered side

N	E	W	E	R	■	K	A	R	A	T
A	R	O	M	A	■	O	F	A	G	E
G	R	O	I	N	■	R	A	Y	O	N
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Yesterday's answer

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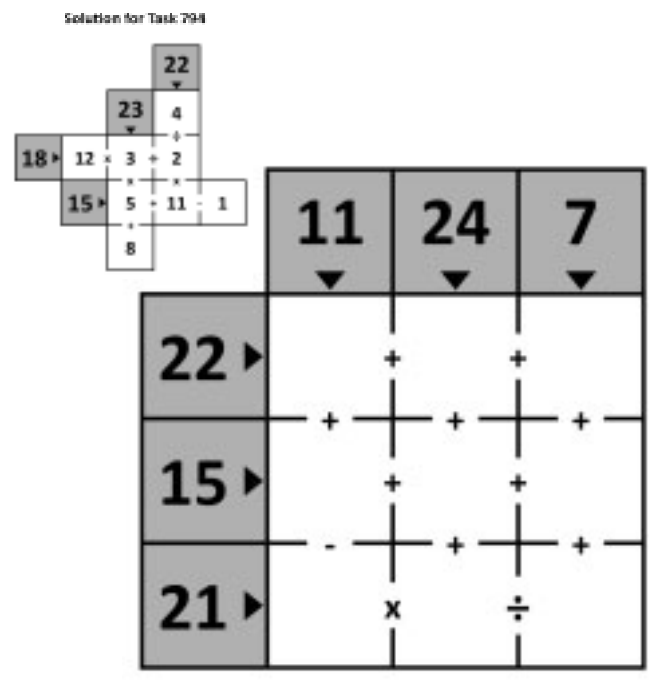
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ (1) In April, the Tampa Police Department issued preliminary security guidelines to control areas around August's Republican National Convention in the city. Although the Secret Service will control the actual convention arena, Tampa Police are establishing a zone around the arena in which weapons will be confiscated (including sticks, rocks, bottles and slingshots). Police would like to have banned firearms, too, but state law prevents cities from restricting the rights of licensed gun-carriers. (2) South Florida station WPLG-TV reported in March that vendors were openly selling, for about $30, verbatim driver's license test questions and answers, on the street in front of DMV offices. However, when told about it, a DMV official shrugged, pointing out that test-takers still had to memorize them to pass the closed-book exam.

■ Lumpkin County, Ga., judge David Barrett, apparently frustrated by an alleged rape victim's reluctant testimony at a trial in February, blurted out in court that she was "killing her case (against the accused rapist)," and to dramatize the point, pulled out his own handgun and offered it to her, explaining that she might as well shoot her lawyer because the chances for conviction were dropping rapidly. (Five days later, following news reports, Barrett resigned.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 20120463455 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 03/20/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as GO PRODUCTS PLUS. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: ARTHUR STEPANIAN 5143 BAKMAN AVENUE UNIT #217 NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA 91601. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:ARTHUR STEPANIAN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 03/20/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 04/18/2012, 04/25/2012, 05/02/2012, 05/09/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012049229 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 03/22/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CASIANO INVESTMENTS. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: MICHAEL J. SCHWARTZ DYNASTY TRUST 1305 CASIANO ROAD LOS ANGELES, CA 90049. This Business is being conducted by: a Trust. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)03/24/2011. /s/: MICHAEL SCHWARTZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 03/22/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 04/20/2012, 04/27/2012, 05/04/2012, 05/11/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012046852 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 03/20/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as JUICEBOX ORGANICS, JUICE BOX. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: Paige Slaughter 337 N. Genesee Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90036. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:Paige Slaughter. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 03/20/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 04/20/2012, 04/27/2012, 05/04/2012, 05/11/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012049230 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 03/22/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as NAS COLLISION CENTER. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: R&R VENTURES INC 4709 WEST PICO BLVD LOS ANGELES, CA 90019. This Business is being conducted by: a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)02/23/1999. /s/: RON FARZAN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 03/22/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 04/20/2012, 04/27/2012, 05/04/2012, 05/11/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012049228 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 03/22/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MINGFENG PACKAGING. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: FRANK XIONG 609 FAIRVIEW AVE. #8 ARCADIA, CA 91007. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 03/22/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 04/20/2012, 04/27/2012, 05/04/2012, 05/11/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012048747 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 03/22/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SANDCASTLE TRUSTEE SERVICES. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: MAVEN ASSET MANAGEMENT INC. 444 W. OCEAN STE. 800 LONG BEACH, CA 90802. This Business is being conducted by: a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)03/14/2012. /s/: KYLA SULLIVAN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 03/22/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 04/20/2012, 04/27/2012, 05/04/2012, 05/11/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012048745 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 03/22/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 922 NAILSPOT. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: JACELYN TSU 11664 LAMBERT AVE. EL MONTE, CA 91732. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:JACELYN TSU. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 03/22/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 04/20/2012, 04/27/2012, 05/04/2012, 05/11/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012048746 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 03/22/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as STEVE SHEA LANDSCAPE DESIGN. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: STEVE SHEA 1954 HILLCREST ROAD, 8 LOS ANGELES, CA 90068. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:STEVE SHEA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 03/22/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 04/20/2012, 04/27/2012, 05/04/2012, 05/11/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012047370 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 03/21/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LEARNING TREE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: SARAH MAEL 8635 FALMOUTH AVE. #214 PLAYA DEL REY, CA 90293, ANDREEA SCHWIMMER 11677 GOSHEN AVE. #211 LOS ANGELES, CA 90049. This Business is being conducted by: Copartners. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:SARAH MAEL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 03/20/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 04/18/2012, 04/25/2012, 05/02/2012, 05/09/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012053051 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 03/26/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LUCKIE PIERRE ENTERTAINMENT, LUCKIE PIERRE MANAGEMENT & RECORDINGS. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: DOUGLAS GRAHAM KURZNER 100 N SYCAMORE AVE STE 11 LOS ANGELES CA 90036. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:DOUGLAS GRAHAM KURZNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 03/26/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 04/27/2012, 05/04/2012, 05/11/2012, 05/18/2012.

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