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THE WHAT A SIGHT ISSUE



Ashley Archibald *news@smdp.com*

MEETING: **Public safety personnel gather at Wilshire Boulevard and Second Street on Tuesday after police shot and killed a stray mountain lion.**

Police kill mountain lion in Downtown

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Santa Monica police shot and killed a young female mountain lion that had wandered into Downtown Tuesday morning.

Members of the Department of Fish and Game first tried to tranquilize the 75-pound animal, but officers opened fire when it tried to escape, said Lt. Robert Almada of the SMPD.

The body of the animal will be transported to the California Wildlife Center in Calabasas, Calif., where officials there will try to determine if there was any medical reason that the mountain lion went so far out of its normal territory, said Cindy Reyes, executive director of the center.

Police first heard that the big cat had come to town when a member of the pub-

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Planning to get first look at revised trailer park development

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The Planning Commission is expected to consider a controversial development that would create a dense residential complex over what is now the Village Trailer Park, something residents of the park are fighting tooth and nail.

The owner, Village Trailer Park LLC., proposes to replace the park with a mixed-use complex with almost 500 units and approximately 8,650 square feet of either office or retail space.

According to the staff report, 109 of those units would be rent-controlled to

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Federal judge won't lift lien for kin of Bulger's friend

DENISE LAVOIE
AP Legal Affairs Writer

BOSTON A federal judge rejected a request Tuesday from the twin sister of mobster James "Whitey" Bulger's girlfriend to lift a lien on her South Boston home, saying the house could eventually be used to pay a court-ordered fine for helping Bulger while he was on the run.

Prosecutors say Catherine Greig had a minority interest in the home before she transferred it to her sister, Margaret McCusker, after Greig was captured with Bulger last year in Santa Monica. McCusker lives in the home.

Prosecutors have frozen Greig's assets in case she is ordered to pay a fine when she is sentenced next month for harboring Bulger during his 16 years as a fugitive. She faces a fine of up to $750,000.

McCusker's lawyer, Richard Lane, argued that the lien on the home had left her unable to access a home equity line of credit.

U.S. District Judge Douglas Woodlock said he saw no reason to release the lien because McCusker does not plan to sell the house. He said the issue will be resolved after Greig is sentenced June 12.

Woodlock also questioned whether Greig and McCusker were trying to shield Greig's interest in the property from creditors or from being seized by the government by transferring it to her sister for $1 shortly after her arrest last year. Prosecutors estimate she has a two-ninths interest in the home, which has a total value of approximately $617,500.

Lane said there was no fraud involved in the transfer.

"We weren't concealing or hiding anything," he said.

The judge did agree to allow McCusker to use money from Greig's bank account to pay tax and maintenance bills on Greig's Quincy home.

Bulger is awaiting trial for his alleged participation in 19 murders.


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Attention residential and commercial building professionals: Learn how to comply with green building standards enacted by Los Angeles County and the state at a free training session sponsored by the county. The three-hour training session provides professionals with a comprehensive look at state and county requisites and offers practical examples of how to comply with regulations. For more information, go to green.lacounty.gov.

Calling all boomers
Santa Monica Civic Auditorium
1855 Main St., 9 a.m. — 1 p.m.
A new range of services and products has grown as baby boomers enter their 50s and 60s. The changing needs of this demographic is fueling emerging industries that produce everything from modern scooters, websites for mature users, job banks for older workers or online dating services for seniors. WISE & Healthy Aging and the city of Santa Monica are collaborating to launch this first-time event, dubbed Boomers & Beyond Action Expo, during "Older Americans Month" to help raise awareness of the services available to older adults in our communities. For more information, call (310) 394-9871.

Raising funds
Samohi's Barnum Hall
601 Pico Blvd., 7 p.m.
The Santa Monica High School Girls' Volleyball Team will be hosting its annual Summer Comedy Night. This year's guest comedians come from Comedy Central and Comics Unleashed. All proceeds to benefit the program. For more information, visit www.samohi.smmusd.org.

Thursday, May 24, 2012

Let's get digital
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 6 p.m.
Abby Stokes and the Santa Monica Public Library present "Is This Thing On?" — an introduction to everything digital. Stokes, the author of "Is This Thing On?: A Computer Handbook for Late Bloomers, Technophobes, and the Kicking and Screaming," plans to show those who are resistant to technology how convenient and beneficial the digital world can be. The event is presented free to the public and is open to all ages. Seating is available on a first-come basis. For more information, call (310) 458-8600.

The apotheosis
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m.
Architectural historian Dana Hutt will give a lecture on the work of Ray Kappe, a Southern California architect whose work has been described as "the apotheosis of the California wood house." Kappe, renowned for his efforts as an educator at Cal Poly Pomona and as a founder of the Southern California Institute of Architecture, recently donated his architectural archive to the Getty Research Institute — where it is now housed in Special Collections. Admission to the lecture is free and all ages are welcome. Seating is limited and available on a first-come basis. For more information, call (310) 458-8600.

Oh Will
Miles Memorial Playhouse
1130 Lincoln Blvd., 8 p.m.
Colonials, an American Shakespeare company, is producing the great playwright's beloved "Much Ado About Nothing," May 24, 25, 26, and June 1 and 2. Sunday matinees start at 2 p.m. For more information, go to theatreforasmallspace.com. Tickets: $20 in advance, $25 at the door. Call (310) 804-6745 to buy.

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Officer attempts to break Ferris wheel riding world record

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

SM PIER A Los Angeles Police officer will ride the iconic Ferris wheel on the Santa Monica Pier for 25 hours straight later this month in an attempt to break the Guinness World Records title.

Gus Martinez plans to hop aboard the Pacific Wheel May 31 and ride it from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. on June 1, according to a press release issued by Pacific Park, the amusement park on the pier.

Martinez will have to remain in a Ferris wheel gondola throughout the record-setting effort. He will be periodically joined by his son Jason, an athlete with the Special Olympics of Southern California. Other family members and fellow law enforcement officers will be on hand to ride along and cheer him on.

Martinez hopes to raise money for Special Olympics.

Supporters can get involved with a variety of fundraising options available online at www.pacpark.com/worldrecord. Once an online donation is confirmed, the supporter can then guess how many rotations the Pacific Wheel will make during the 25-hour world record event.

The supporter who comes closest to the total rotations without going over will receive a free, private one-hour ride on the famed Ferris wheel. The ride will occur during non-operating hours with four guests and include a meal from The Lobster restaurant.

In addition, supporters donating at the website will receive a $10 off coupon for Sports Authority, a Special Olympics of Southern California partner.

Guests can also ride the Ferris wheel in one of the remaining gondolas for $5 during the park's exclusive after-hours from 8 p.m. to midnight. All proceeds raised during the period will go toward the Special Olympics.

"Rarely does an opportunity come along to help such a great organization, while recognizing the hard work of law enforcement and an athlete, all while having fun," said Jeff Klocke, director of marketing and sales at Pacific Park. "Pacific Park is committed to being the best partner to Special Olympics Southern California. We recognize the excellence, endurance and time the athletes put toward their sport. We are matching that enthusiasm with the Ferris wheel, fundrais-

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MOVING ON

Morgan Genser *news@smdp.com*

Pacifica Christian's baseball team celebrates following a 6-5 win over Cate on Tuesday at North Venice Little League in the second round of the CIF-Southern Section Division 7 playoffs. The Seawolves will face cross-town New Roads on Friday. The location has not been announced.

Goats used to protect Malibu homes from fires

BY PATRICK TIMOTHY MULLIKIN
Special to the Daily Press

MALIBU Standing in formation atop a hill, ruminating, the camera-shy goat herd stands still just long enough for a few photos to be taken before Mary, the lead goat, signals it's time to move on.

Thirty Boer goats from Topanga Canyon-based "Hire a Herd" have been contracted by the Big Rock Mesa Property Owners Association in Malibu to keep the area's flammable vegetation in check. Their mission? Eat.

And they are gluttons, consuming virtually anything in their path at Big Rock Mesa: a mix of native chaparral and invasive grasses and plants. Boer goats, says "Hire A Herd" owner Karen Simer, consume roughly 1/10th of their weight daily. That's 16 pounds of vegetation per 160-pound goat.

If the goats do their job, they will also help keep wildfires at bay, says association president Al Broussard.

"We live in 'Fire City' basically. We're trying to clear a corridor around Big Rock that gives us a good fire protection," Broussard says, with a sweep of his arms. "The fire department's attitude is that every property owner should clear his property. We've determined that even if you clear around your property you're still not going to be very safe because of the way fire comes in."

As it turns out, says Broussard, a fire's path is predictable.

For Broussard, a retired special effects coordinator who created some of the biggest fires on film, including "Volcano," "Firestarter" and "Backdraft," protecting Big Rock from fire is a top priority. He lost his home in the 1993 Malibu blaze.

"I love this community, and I know we live in a fire area," he says, but its picturesque setting comes with a price. Big Rock Mesa's fire season is year-round.



Photo courtesy Patrick Timothy Mullikin

SURVEYING: **Big Rock Mesa Property Owners Association President Al Broussard looks at some fire-prone brush in Malibu.**

Enter the vegetation-clearing goats.

The association, which includes 260 families, has budgeted $4,500 for the first 30 days, he says. Subsequent months will run $3,200, and the association has budgeted

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Editor:

James Zeruk, Jr. cites a survey, but doesn't really tell us the source ("Liberals bring state down," Letters to the Editor, May 6). I looked it up, and I quote:

"Since 1977, Chief Executive magazine has been providing innovative ideas, practical strategies and proven tactics for top executive leaders. CEOs from across industries, running companies of all sizes, have trusted Chief Executive for over three decades."

Despite the ranking by 650 CEOs – a completely unbiased view I'm sure – I really don't think California is averse to business. It could do better without sacrificing its freak liberal ideas. Will it? It doesn't look promising. But a rant against freak liberals doesn't offer much promise for reforms of any sort.

Bill Hasson
Santa Monica

Shine of the times

Editor:

I'll miss the shoe shine stand on the Third Street Promenade ("Shoe shine gone from promenade," May 11).

And I'll miss the good conversation with Andy, the stand's longtime proprietor. I hope there is some way City Hall can bring the stand back, hopefully at the same location across from Starbucks. I know many other people miss it, too. It just doesn't feel the same without it. That shoe shine stand was part of our Santa Monica history.

Jerry Rubin
Santa Monica

Indoctrinate

Editor:

Someone needs to remind Al Friedenberg that his job as a public school principal was to educate his young students so that they would grow up and be able to make informed decisions for themselves ("Grant principal retires after 17 years on job," Community Profiles, May 14). Not to indoctrinate them with his political rhetoric as if they were in some Chinese reeducation camp. Good riddance, Al!

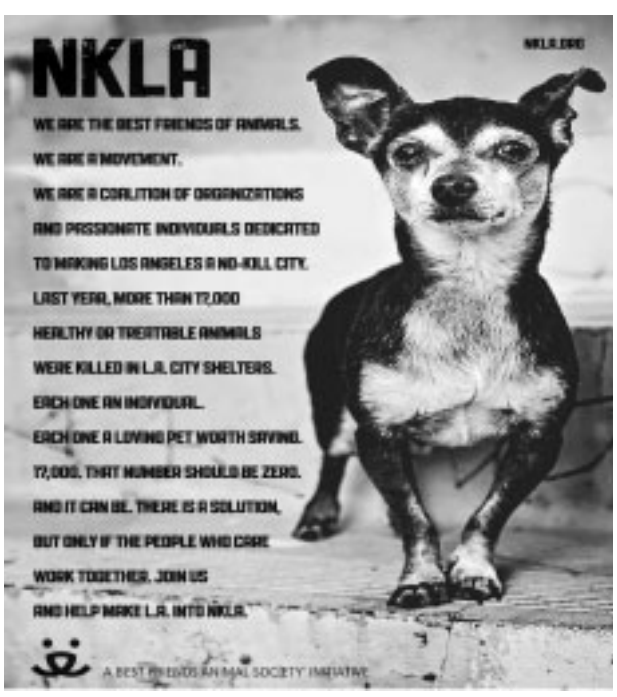
Rod Osburn
Santa Monica

Not the same

Editor:

I retired earlier this year, and only then began using the Senior Center. I particularly enjoy Zumba and tai chi, where the instructors stand in front of the huge glass windows on the west side of the large activities room, letting us enjoy the magnificent and relaxing view of the beach and Pacific Ocean while we are doing our exercises. We won't have that at the Ken Edwards Center.

Flo Ginsburg
Santa Monica





Back to Nature

Reese Halter — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Harnessing ocean wave technologies, creating jobs

EARTH GIVES US EVERYTHING WE NEED including an abundance of renewable energy. The challenge is to know where to look. Ever watched the waves crash against the Santa Monica Bay shoreline?

Worldwide ocean waves provide up to 2 terawatts of instantaneous electricity (1 terawatt equals 1 trillion watts), which is twice the electricity generating capacity currently consumed on planet Earth.

Imagine this wondrous constant ebb and flow of the ocean or an energy-generating source just waiting to be harnessed. And then think of all the green jobs made in America that ocean wave technologies will support.

Entrepreneurs, engineers, physicists, oceanographers and now eager investors are getting behind some truly innovative technologies that are powering homes, factories, universities and hospitals.

Fathom this: wave technology is reducing greenhouse gases and moving society beyond the climate-altering, deleterious fossil fuels.

Over 50 wave technology companies around the globe are using almost 60 years of experience with deep-sea oil platforms as they hurry to deploy wave farms. There are currently more than half a dozen wave farms generating electricity in Europe and Australia. And at least another dozen — much larger farms — will be operational within 18 months.

As any mariner, deep-sea oil driller, rig worker or boat enthusiast knows, the ocean and its environment are rugged and unforgiving.

Wave farms are being located between 1 and 3 miles from the shoreline. Utility companies are examining the sea floor, looking for strong wave climates or big consistent waves packed with power. Alaska, British Columbia, Washington, Oregon and California have hundreds of such strong wave climates. Already, Newport Beach entrepreneurs behind Green Wave Energy Corp. are testing ocean wave-powered turbines near the Wedge — a legendary Southern Californian bodysurfer destination.

Today, utility companies in California must source 20 percent of their energy from non-fossil fuel technology, and by 2020 they must increase that stake to 30 percent.

Europe has farms positioned off Portugal and Spain with British and Scottish farms under construction. European Union laws require greenhouse gas reductions by 25 percent, beneath the 1990 levels, by 2020.

In Europe, a number of governments have provided substantial funding for wave technologies; as a result, Britain will be the first nation to have a large-scale wave farm operational, shortly.

Wave machines must be resilient enough to survive monster waves and gale force winds at sea. Farms are either anchored to the ocean floor with heavy chains or locked in place with huge concrete and steel piles.

Human ingenuity has created at least four marvelous variations of machines outfitted with turbines and pistons, all with a common goal of capturing the energy of ocean waves and turning it into green electricity.

A Scottish engineer and avid seaman Dr. Richard Yemm designed the Pelamis attenuator. It resembles red floating missiles, and this 492-foot-long tube of hollow steel is hinged in three places.

Unlike all the other wave technologies, seawater never comes into direct contact with its turbines (which spin to create electricity), the attenuator mechanics are housed in a sealed joint. As the attenuator bobs in the sea its hydraulic pistons compress, creating energy.

The Wave Dragon is the brainchild of Dane Erik Friis-Madsen. His inspiration came from observing ocean water as it passed through openings in Pacific atolls — extinct volcanoes just beneath the ocean surface. This 328 foot-long floating barge has two outstretched concrete and steel wings, which contain damming reservoirs. The Wave Dragon mimics an underwater volcano, as waves are pushed up and over a ramp into a man-made lagoon or reservoir. Captured water drains out, passing through about 18 openings outfitted with turbines that create electricity.

The yellow Aquabuoy point absorber was created by a Swedish team lead by Gunnar Fredrikson. The point absorber has a 13-foot-diameter cylinder that occupies a series of pumps that push seawater up the tube and through the turbine mounted at the top. As the seawater retreats the turbine continues to spin.

The Oscillating water column was invented by Australian Tom Denniss, and at first glance it appears like a device straight out of a Dr. Seuss book.

Denniss built this wave farm to mimic the Kiama Blowhole, a 98-foot tall New South Wales (Australia) geyser, that shoots from an opening in the ceiling of a sea cave. As waves enter his man-made steel blowhole through a narrow opening at its submerged base, air is pushed through a hole outfitted with a turbine, which spins under pressure. As the waves recede out of the blowhole air is sucked back in the hole also causing the turbine to spin.

These are very exciting, innovative times with Google's $5 billion investment in offshore northeast wind farms. The ocean wave technology race is well underway for each of these magnificent designs and many others to generate jobs and renewable, green electricity. There are no problems that the fertile human mind cannot overcome.

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Preserving family key to economic recovery

WHEN THE LEFT TAKES A STRIDENT position on any given issue, that's a clear signal that the policy they dislike is gaining momentum.

Take the recent liberal apoplexy over reducing the size and scope of government is often summarized as "austerity." People in nations around the world, from Greece to Spain to the U.S., are bearing the brunt of massive over-spending by those they have elected. Reducing this spending and the dependency on government it has created — even by the most passive means, such as reducing the growth rate of government outflows — is giving liberal writers the vapors.

Joel Brinkley, formerly of the New York Times and now a journalism prof at Stanford, tells us that "imposing austerity now is utterly foolhardy — in fact, just plain stupid."

Nobel Prize winner Paul Krugman writes that while "Fortunately … there was some 'passive' fiscal tightening as the Obama stimulus faded out, but no wholesale shift to austerity."

And former secretary of labor in the Clinton administration, Robert Reich (now a professor of public policy at UC Berkeley), calls for "rejecting austerity economics for now, while at the same time demanding that corporations and the rich pay their fair share of the cost of keeping everyone else afloat."

To summarize, in the words of Stanford economist John Taylor, "The proposals called 'austerity' are characterized (by the Left) as going back to the Stone Age, with the connotation of drastic, draconian, sharp, sudden reductions in spending."

Why these hysterical and near-panicked characterizations? Because Left-leaning economists recognize, as even Reich admits, "America has a long-term budget deficit that's scary. So does Europe." As a result, they know that policymakers and those who elect them are at last grappling with the hard choices needed to rein-in Washington's spending.

The consequences of continued fiscal profligacy are profound. Michael Cembalest, chairman of market and investment strategy for J.P. Morgan Asset Management, wrote recently in Forbes, "Financial markets remain concerned about the ability and willingness of the U.S. and Europe to tackle their respective fiscal challenges … . Downgrades, government shutdown rumors and political impasse on deficit reduction have not lost their ability to negatively affect equity markets, business activity and confidence."

In layman's language, this means that unless Western governments — led by our own — take steps to curb the growth rate of spending and reduce outlays in areas where calamitous over-spending is obvious (e.g., archaicly-formulated entitlement programs), any nascent recovery will collapse.

Shawn Tully, a senior editor at large at Fortune magazine, argues that "lowering spending right now — as long as the downward slope is gradual — will do nothing to choke economic growth, and could even enhance it. And the anti-austerity solution, raising spending immediately, then reversing course at some future date, will not lift GDP, even temporarily, and threatens to further hobble deeply indebted nations."

As Tully goes on to note, "The distinguished crowd that condemns austerity champions more spending instead. Once again, the extra dollars need to come from somewhere else. If they're borrowed at home, they lower private investment. If they're borrowed from abroad, they lower exports or raise imports."

Increasing federal spending and raising taxes on any person or business doing even modestly well is a sure-fire way of forestalling the growth America's economy and her families so urgently need.

To foster growth, we can lower the rate of federal spending, modernize entitlement programs, provide appropriate tax incentives for firms to expand and hire, and liberate business from undue regulations. Most importantly, we can and must strengthen that single most significant engine of economic productivity, the family.

Family dissolution erodes economic growth, and the sharp decline in population growth has a negative affect on productivity. "Human capital and labor combined with physical capital each contribute roughly equal parts to growth," write Drs. Pat Fagan and Henry Potrykus of the Marriage and Religion Research Institute. "Increasingly it has been hoped by many that physical capital may substitute for any decline in population's and human capital's contribution to growth. However, this has not been attained historically."

Elsewhere, they have written, "Government revenues come from the taxation of our economy. Our economic growth is and will continue to be a fraction of that of the pre-1960s era because of the breakdown in marriage. All the while, more citizens are pushed into dependency on this government, again because of marriage breakdown."

Marriage. Children. Family. Economic growth. Fiscal discipline and spending reduction. All are indispensable ingredients to the professed goal of both Right and Left: Prosperity.

SCHWARZWALDER is senior vice president of the Family Research Council. For more information, visit www.frc.org

The Q Line

Trimming the fat

City Hall revealed last week that it expects to be operating with a $4.6 million deficit by 2016.

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Two charged in killing of USC students from China

LINDA DEUTSCH
AP Special Correspondent

LOS ANGELES Two men were charged Tuesday with murder in the shooting of two University of Southern California graduate students from China — a crime that sent shockwaves through the university community.

Bryan Barnes, 20, and Javier Bolden, 19, also were charged with attempted murder in unrelated shootings at parties in South Los Angeles a few months earlier.

They were arrested Friday in the April 11 killing of 23-year-old students Ming Qu of Jilin and Ying Wu of Hunan. The students were shot while seated in a car about a mile from the USC campus.

Authorities believe the killings occurred during a robbery, leading to special circumstance allegations that make Barnes and Bolden eligible for the death penalty if convicted.

The district attorney's office will decide later whether to seek the death penalty. The suspects were expected to be arraigned later Tuesday.

Police said shell casings tied the suspects to the shooting of the students and the other attacks.

In addition to the killing of the students, Barnes and Bolden were charged with the attempted murder of a 20-year-old man who was shot and wounded at a party last Dec. 3.

Barnes also was charged with one count each of attempted murder and assault with a semiautomatic firearm at another party on Feb. 12. He is accused of firing numerous rounds, seriously injuring a woman and a man who was paralyzed. Both victims are in their 20s.

The parents of the Chinese students have filed a lawsuit accusing USC of misrepresenting security at the campus, where nearly one-fifth of the 38,000 students are from overseas, including 2,500 from China. USC says it has more international students than any other U.S. university.

USC lawyer Debra Wong Yang said the university was deeply saddened by the deaths but found the lawsuit to be baseless.

The school and city police announced new security measures after the slayings and promised more video cameras, escorts and patrols.



Museum to unveil artist's big rock work in June

JOHN ROGERS
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES A rockin' good time is planned next month when the Los Angeles County Museum of Art pulls the covers off artist Michael Heizer's latest creation — a 340-ton boulder positioned to appear as though it's floating in mid-air.

The gigantic work titled "Levitated Mass" will be unveiled June 24 and is intended to remain forever.

Its centerpiece is the two-story-tall chunk of granite that was hauled 105 miles from a Riverside rock quarry earlier this year. Since then, the rock has been carefully positioned above a 465-foot-long trench that museum visitors can stroll.

From the trench, the rock should appear to be hovering above them.

"We live in a world that's technological and primordial simultaneously," Heizer said in a statement released Tuesday by the museum. "I guess the idea is to make art that reflects this premise."

The 67-year-old artist rarely appears in public, and museum officials didn't say if he plans to attend the unveiling. He has been quietly overseeing the big rock's installation over the trench and gave architect Frank Gehry a tour of the site.

On the day of the unveiling, the museum is also opening "Michael Heizer: Actual Size," an exhibition of more than a dozen gigantic photographs showing other works by the artist.

Heizer may be best known for "Double Negative," a 1,500-foot-long land sculpture cut into a desert mesa in southern Nevada.

For much of the past 40 years, he has been working on "City," a project of Mount Rushmore-sized proportions in central Nevada.

He is adamant that no one see "City" until it is complete, but aerial photos show a number of pyramid-like buildings, some as high as 80 feet, stretching across more than a mile of desert.

Heizer has planned for more than 40 years to create "Levitated Mass," but had to locate the perfect rock. He finally found one in a quarry on the outskirts of Riverside about seven years ago.

It took dozens of people and a specially built trailer to haul it over the surface streets of 22 cities.

The trip lasted nearly two weeks, with the rock traveling only at night and rarely faster than 5 mph. Thousands of people turned out to cheer it on.

To thank those who put up with road closures and other delays, the museum is granting free admission for a week to people who live in zip code areas traversed by the rock.

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Barefoot runners risk injury by forgoing footwear

BY ALICIA CHANG
AP Science Writer

LOS ANGELES Swept by the barefoot running craze, ultramarathoner Ryan Carter ditched his sneakers for footwear that mimics the experience of striding unshod.

The first time he tried it two years ago, he ran a third of a mile on grass. Within three weeks of switching over, he was clocking six miles on the road.

During a training run with a friend along a picturesque bike path near downtown Minneapolis, Carter suddenly stopped, unable to take another step. His right foot seared in pain.

"It was as though someone had taken a hammer and hit me with it," he recalled.

Carter convinced his friend to run on without him. He hobbled home and rested his foot. When the throbbing became unbearable days later, he went to the doctor. The diagnosis: a stress fracture.

As more avid runners and casual athletes experiment with barefoot running, doctors say they are treating injuries ranging from pulled calf muscles to Achilles tendinitis to metatarsal stress fractures, mainly in people who ramped up too fast. In serious cases, they are laid up for several months.

Many converts were inspired by Christopher McDougall's 2009 best-seller "Born To Run," widely credited with sparking the barefoot running trend in the Western world. The book focuses on an Indian tribe in Mexico whose members run long distances without pain in little more than sandals.

While the ranks of people running barefoot or in "barefoot running shoes" have grown in recent years, they still represent the minority of runners. Some devotees swear they are less prone to injuries after kicking off their athletic shoes though there's no evidence that barefoot runners suffer fewer problems.

In some cases, foot specialists are noticing injuries arising from the switch to barefoot, which uses different muscles. Shod runners tend to have a longer stride and land on their heel compared with barefoot runners, who are more likely to have a shorter stride and land on the midfoot or forefoot. Injuries can occur when people transition too fast and put too much pressure on their calf and foot muscles, or don't shorten their stride and end up landing on their heel with no padding.

Podiatrist Paul Langer used to see one or two barefoot running injuries a month at his Twin Cities Orthopedics practice in Minneapolis. Now he treats between three and four a week.

"Most just jumped in a little too enthusiastically," said Langer, an experienced runner and triathlete who trains in his barefoot running shoes part of the week.

Bob Baravarian, chief of podiatry at the UCLA Medical Center in Santa Monica, Calif., said he's seen "a fair number" of heel injuries and stress fractures among first-timers who are not used to the different forces of a forefoot strike.

"All of a sudden, the strain going through your foot is multiplied manifold" and problems occur when people don't ease into it, he said.

Running injuries are quite common. Between 30 to 70 percent of runners suffer from repetitive stress injuries every year and experts can't agree on how to prevent them. Some runners with chronic problems have seized on barefoot running as an antidote, claiming it's more natural. Others have gone so far as to demonize sneakers for their injuries.

Pre-human ancestors have walked and run in bare feet for millions of years often on rough surfaces, yet researchers surprisingly know very little about the science of barefoot running. The modern running shoe with its cushioned heel and stiff sole was not invented until the 1970s. And in parts of Africa and other places today, running barefoot is still a lifestyle.

The surging interest has researchers racing for answers. Does barefoot running result in fewer injuries? What kinds of runners will benefit most from switching over? What types of injuries do transitioning barefoot runners suffer and how to prevent them?

While some runners completely lose the shoes, others opt for minimal coverage. The oxymoron "barefoot running shoes" is like a glove for the feet designed to protect from glass and other hazards on the ground. Superlight minimalist shoes are a cross between barefoot shoes and traditional sneakers — there's little to no arch support and they're lower profile.

Greg Farris decided to try barefoot running to ease the pain on the outside of his knee, a problem commonly known as runner's knee. He was initially shoeless — running minutes at a time and gently building up. After three months, he switched to barefoot running shoes after developing calluses.

Halfway through a 5K run in January, he felt his right foot go numb, but he pushed on and finished the race. He saw a doctor and got a steroid shot, but the pain would not quit. He went to see another doctor, who took an X-ray and told him he had a stress fracture.

Farris was in a foot cast for three months. He recently started running again — in sneakers.

"I don't think my body is made to do it," he said, referring to barefoot running.

Experts say people can successfully lose the laces. The key is to break in slowly. Start by walking around barefoot. Run no more than a quarter mile to a mile every other day in the first week. Gradually increase the distance. Stop if bones or joints hurt. It can take months to make the change.

"Don't go helter skelter at the beginning," said Dr. Jeffrey Ross, an associate clinical professor of medicine at Baylor College of Medicine and chief of the Diabetic Foot Clinic at Ben Taub General Hospital in Houston.

A year and a half ago, Ross saw a steady stream — between three and six barefoot runners a week — with various aches and pain. It has since leveled off to about one a month.

Ross doesn't know why. It's possible that fewer people are trying it or those baring their feet are doing a better job adapting to the new running style.

There's one group foot experts say should avoid barefoot running: People with decreased sensation in their feet, a problem common among diabetics, since they won't be able to know when they get injured.

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LOCATION FOR SUBMISSION OF BID PROPOSALS: SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT, CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT OFFICE, 3171 SOUTH BUNDY DRIVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90066, ATTENTION: LEE PAUL, LPI. (Temporary building at east end of parking lot.)

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Murder charged in MTA bus driver killing

Los Angeles County prosecutors have charged a 41-year-old man with murdering an on-duty bus driver.

Prosecutors filed the case against Anthony Craig Chambers on Tuesday and he's expected to be arraigned later in the day in Beverly Hills Superior Court.

The murder count carries special circumstances allegations of lying in wait and murder of transportation personnel as well as a special allegation of personal use of a firearm.

Metropolitan Transportation Authority driver Alan Thomas was shot to death Sunday morning while driving on Santa Monica Boulevard in West Hollywood.

The district attorney's office says Chambers boarded the bus, drew a shotgun from a suitcase and shot the 51-year-old driver twice. Sheriff's deputies arrested Chambers at the scene minutes later.

Prosecutors have not yet decided whether to seek the death penalty.

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GLENDALE

Small plane crashes in front of home in suburb

A pilot was released early Tuesday from a hospital after suffering minor injuries when his single-engine plane crashed into a neighborhood, downing power lines but avoiding homes, authorities said. No one on the ground was hurt.

The Cessna 210 struck three power poles and a tree about 8:30 p.m. Monday before slamming into the ground. The aircraft was upside down in front of a home in the Los Angeles suburb of Glendale. No homes were damaged.

The pilot, whose name wasn't immediately released, managed to free himself from the twisted wreckage and suffered some arm and shoulder bruising, police Sgt. Tom Lorenz said.

The plane was coming from Phoenix and heading to Van Nuys in the San Fernando Valley, authorities said. The pilot, flying alone, reported engine trouble near El Monte Airport, said Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Ian Gregor.

The pilot told air traffic controllers he would try to make it to Van Nuys Airport, Gregor said, but controllers lost contact with the plane.

The FAA and National Transportation Safety Board are investigating the crash, but investigators have yet to speak to the pilot, Lorenz said.

According to the FAA Registry, the plane is owned by Allen K. Heng and James Roth. Heng told KCAL-TV he learned about the crash through news reports Monday night. He said that he and Roth use the plane for pleasure and work.

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LOS ANGELES

Officials trying sliding scale for parking spots

Street parking just got cheaper in downtown Los Angeles — and more expensive at the same time.

LA has launched a one-year pilot program with more than 13,000 parking spaces on streets and city lots downtown, where prices may drop as low as 50 cents an hour for some spaces, and spike to $6 for others.

The system uses sensors to find the most popular and least used spaces, and prices will change according to demand. The initial prices were set with existing city data, and will be adjusted as it becomes clear who is parking where, and when.

It also allows drivers to use cellphones to find and pay for spaces.

City officials say it should make ease the parking crunch by encouraging drivers to use cheaper spots.

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LOS ANGELES

Parks employee arrested for alleged gas theft

A Los Angeles recreation and parks employee has been arrested for investigation of stealing gasoline from city fueling facilities.

Police said 46-year-old Michael Anthony Lee was arrested Monday and booked for investigation of embezzlement. He is being held on $50,000 bail.

Authorities say they believe the 12-year employee stole more than 800 gallons of gasoline while on duty over a three-month period.

Also arrested was Shane Gansterer, who was booked for receiving stolen property.

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LOS ANGELES

Decomposing bodies found in apartment

The decomposing bodies of two women have been found at a South Los Angeles apartment and the deaths are under investigation.

The Los Angeles Times says police found the bodies Monday afternoon after someone reported a foul smell coming from a rear apartment on West 81st Street.

Ed Winter of the Los Angeles County coroner's office tells City News Service that the women were in their 30s.

Their names haven't being released and the cause of death is under investigation.

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LOS ANGELES

Ex-teacher charged with molesting 13 children

A former Los Angeles elementary school teacher has now been charged with sexually abusing 13 children.

Paul Chapel was charged last fall with continuous sexual abuse of three girls and a boy. The Los Angeles Daily News says a revised criminal complaint filed last week accuses him of committing lewd acts with nine other boys and girls.

In one case, Chapel is accused of molesting a boy for three years beginning in 2006.

Chapel taught at Telfair Elementary School in Pacoima and authorities say at least one of the alleged victims was a student at the school.

He was arrested last October.

Chapel has pleaded not guilty and remains jailed on more than $3 million bail.

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Website helps dogs couch surf while owners are away

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LOS ANGELES When you travel and have to leave your dog behind, you can call a kennel, hire a pet sitter — or find him a new friend online.

The website DogVacay debuted in New York and Los Angeles in March and, just in time for the summer travel season, is now available throughout the United States and Canada.

The site lets pet owners look up hosts in the area who will care for a dog in their own homes, giving a pet the food, exercise and attention you would give if you stayed home — sort of a doggy version of couch-surfing, for an average price of $25 to $30 a day.

Hosts are checked out and interviewed by DogVacay and every owner and dog is encouraged to meet the host.

The Santa Monica-based company was founded by Aaron and Karine Nissim Hirschhorn. In two months it has grown to over 4,000 hosts in two countries and from five employees to 13, Hirschhorn said.

Valerie Steiger's Shih Tzu mix named Joey was just 3 months old when she had to leave for a two-week Thailand trip in February. Joey has been back four or five times since, said Steiger, whose job as a life coach keeps her on the road.

Her host has a couple of dogs and Joey enjoyed them so much, he was depressed when he got home and didn't have any playmates, Steiger said.

"She was wonderful. I was talking to Joey (through a cell phone app) from Thailand. She took pictures of Joey on an iPhone, she took a video of him zipping around with his buddy. I didn't ask for any of that. She just did it," Steiger said.

Steiger has used kennels in the past. And there are good ones, she said, but dogs are still kept in crates or cages for several hours each day. "It's like they are in jail."

Knowing where her dog is and what he's doing is important to her because "this is my baby. I'm leaving my baby behind," Steiger said.

Hirschhorn and his fiance went on a trip to visit family in 2010 and left their dogs Rocky and Rambo in a kennel. "Rocky came back a little off. She was not acting herself. She was sheepish and hiding under the desk. She is normally a happy, happy dog," he said.

There had to be something better, they said. They let everyone know they were going to start dog sitting. "Business was booming. We got multiple calls a day," he said. They watched more than 100 dogs during eight months.

At the end of their experiment, they had two things: enough money to pay for their 2011 wedding and a business model. They quit their day jobs, joined forces with former MySpace CEO Mike Jones to create an online community and raised $1 million in venture capital.

The company's website provides host bios, location, home photos, prices, availability, notes on what they can handle and reviews.

DogVacay provides insurance (up to $25,000 per animal) for emergencies, the company has a partnership with VCA Animal Hospitals and owners can rent GPS-enabled dog collars if they want to track their pets constantly. Most hosts will email, text or telephone owners once a day with updates on their dogs, Hirschhorn said.

About a third of the hosts are professional pet care providers while two-thirds are casual dog lovers who might be retired, unemployed, stay-at-home moms or veterans, Hirschhorn said. Nine out of 10 hosts have their own dogs.

Hirschhorn wouldn't divulge the number of stays logged in the first two months, but said about half of all boarders are repeat customers.

DogVacay takes credit cards for payment when reservations are made, then pays the hosts.

Interviews and security checks by DogVacay and meet-and-greets with host and owner are designed to overcome concerns about adjusting to the new environment.

"If they don't want to check me out, it means they don't care about their dog very much," said host Lauren Meyer.

Meyer has a 2,500 square-foot home in a quiet neighborhood in Los Angeles and charges $38 a night. She has always had older, larger dogs with medical problems, so she's not afraid to keep dogs with special needs, she said.

The biggest problem for the Hirschhorns is keeping up with demand and updating the website with new features, he said.

DogVacay has a concierge, a customer service representative who can help if there is a problem or if someone can't navigate the website.

Personal dog chef Danielle Rapin of Brooklyn, N.Y., has been hosting for three months for $40 a night. She has had four boarders so far, but has six meet-and-greets lined up in the next two weeks as people prepare for summer vacations.

DogVacay has been good for her 4-year-old mini-Greyhound mix too, she said. A 12-pound rescue, Baci once had to fend for herself on the streets, so didn't have much time for socialization.

But she has turned into a remarkable hostess. "It's been rewarding to see her develop," Rapin said.

For the Hirschhorns, dogs may be just the beginning. They own the domain names for a variety of vacays, including pet, animal, cat, iguana, bird, hamster, rabbit and snake.



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ON SITE: **A herd of Boer goats roams the hillsides at Big Rock Mesa earlier this month. The goats have been brought in by the local property owners association to eat vegetation that fuels wildfires.**

GOATS
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for 20 weeks. Additional funds have been set aside for hand crews, if needed. Work crews, he says, charge about $450 an acre. Livestock clearing costs about half that amount.

"We're trying to establish a cleared corridor that we can maintain year after year and plant fire-resistant plants and trees," he says.

This is the third time in the past 10 years the association has used goats and sheep (the two have different eating patterns and plant preferences, says Simer) to clear weeds and brush.

Earlier efforts had mixed results. Year one was successful. Year two was a drought year, and the animals wouldn't eat the dry foliage.

But this year's roughly 100-acre project is different and should be a great success, says Malibu Mayor Pro Tem and association member Lou La Monte.

"Brush clearance is the biggest problem we have up here. We're right in the line of fire," he says. "(This year's project) is a wonderful marriage of high-tech and low-tech."

Gluttonous goats are the low-tech side; the high-tech component is a new software program co-invented by Broussard's 26-year-old son, Shea Broussard of Oak Park, and retired fire captain and Malibu resident Tony Shafer.

Their Flame Mapper software (www.flamemapper.com) maps wildfires in the Santa Monica Mountains back to the early 1900s, records the history of wildfires in the area and pinpoints areas where the goats and sheep should be deployed, says the younger Broussard.

The beauty of the software, says Shea, is its simplicity and accessibility.

"I can take some really complex stuff and simplify it. Ideally, news agencies can have it, and people can use it to help figure out evacuation routes," he says.

Using both program and livestock, the association plans to clear a corridor (a combination of private property and Malibu Coastal Land Conservancy parcels) around Big Rock so that subsequent fires will bypass homes.

Unlike in years past, when goats and sheep wandered Big Rock Mesa hillsides or were penned in loosely, the 30 Boers (more goats are scheduled to join the herd in the following weeks or months, along with a complement of Navajo Churro sheep) are secure within electric-fenced parcels whose precise locations have been determined by Flame Mapper.

John Fay, a caretaker for association homeowner Steven Pressfield, laughs as he recounts the story of a surprised Pressfield who discovered a stray goat peering in his bedroom window.

"Steve woke up one morning to a goat with its face pressed against the window — in stop mode."

Broussard makes it clear those peeping Tom goats hailed from Texas, adding the goats also shunned sumac, a particularly flammable and profuse shrub.

"They are gasoline bushes," he says, pointing to a stand of the resinous shrub. "We now use local goats."

As the project enters its second week, Simer says of the herd: "They are on task and doing their job."

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ing and will power."

After the 25 hours, Martinez and his son will light the official Southern California Law Enforcement Torch. A Santa Monica police officer and Special Olympics athlete will then take the torch up the pier, down Colorado Avenue, onto Main Street to the Public Safety Facility where the flame will be kept for the weekend.

On June 4, law enforcement officials will kick off the Southern California legs of the Law Enforcement Torch Run for the Special Olympics of Southern California Summer Games.

Martinez has been with the LAPD since 1994 and is currently a detective with the Special Crime Task Force. He is also a Special Olympics coach. His son Jason has Down syndrome.

"Special Olympics athletes are real athletes: no endorsements, no scholarships, just pure joy to train and compete," Martinez said. "Being in this … world of athletes, parents, volunteers… it's a bit of change from working with the crime-related activity I typically focus on day in and day out."

As a detective who works long hours, Martinez believes he has the stamina to pull off a world record. He's motivated not by the recognition, but by his son and his desire to help the Special Olympics.

The Special Olympics Summer Games will take place June 9-10 at Cal State Long Beach. An estimated 6,000 people are expected to attend the games.

For more information on the games, go to www.sosc.org/summergames.

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lic called in at approximately 5:45 a.m. saying that a mountain lion or other large cat was walking down Arizona Avenue.

The next sighting was reported by a maintenance worker at an educational facility at 1227 Second Street, where the animal had found a courtyard and rested.

Officers arrived at the scene and cordoned off the area and a crowd started to gather.

Many were older residents trying to get to their classes at the Santa Monica College Emeritus College, which is housed in the building where the lion took up shop.

Norman Torbati was there for a painting class. He's traveled up Temescal Canyon in the past and has never been disturbed by a mountain lion until Tuesday.

"You never know, maybe they'll give us instruction to paint a bobcat," he said.

Fish and Game arrived and officials made their first attempt to tranquilize the animal with a dart at 9:15 a.m.

Though it made impact, the effects of tranquilizer darts are not as rapid as people might think, said Andrew Hughan, a spokesperson for the Department of Fish and Game.

"It's important to realize that darting is not like it looks on TV or in the movies," Hughan said. "It takes five to 15 minutes to take effect. What happens then is you put a dart into an animal, and then what you have is an angry animal with teeth and claws."

Members of the Santa Monica Fire Department then tried to use water hoses to keep the animal contained in the courtyard and the police shot it with pepper balls. It made a move to escape west and SMPD officers made the decision to put it down, Almada said.

It was moving in the direction of a day-care center and crowds of curious onlookers.

"We support that decision 100 percent," Hughan said.

Many in the crowd were dismayed by the lion's death, but Bette Harris, who was there for a digital photography class, acknowledged it had probably been for the best.

"They probably just did what they had to do," Harris said.

Mountain lions are not endangered, but experts believe there are no more than 12 to 24 in the immediate area.

That makes any death a blow to the population, Reyes said.

"The mountain lion population is in a critical phase because there are so few of them left in this range," she said.

That is in part because humans are encroaching steadily on their territory and at the same time are putting up barriers like freeways, which pen them in.

It's not common for a mountain lion to wander into a dense, urban environment like Santa Monica, but it happens and is likely to become a more regular occurrence.

Last December, two mountain lion cubs were found in a residential neighborhood in Burbank, Reyes said.

"They were unknown and unheard of," she said. "As their habitat starts to diminish, incidents like this will probably continue to rise."

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PROJECT
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replace those being taken out of the current park. Another 38 units would be restricted for very-low and extremely-low income individuals.

It's a far cry from the group's original proposal of 339 apartments and condominiums and approximately 48,000 square feet of office and retail which was rejected by officials concerned about its mass, scale and dominance of tiny studio units.

According to the staff report, the developer has also agreed to pay approximately $3.7 million in fees either required by code or as community benefits, a trade between City Hall and the developer for the right to build taller than code allows.

The agreement includes local hiring provisions as well as incentives for prospective employees to find alternative ways to get to work other than driving.

Improvements to the design and free bus passes do little to mollify opponents of the project, mostly people concerned over the potential traffic impacts that the development will have on the surrounding area and residents of the trailer park who will be displaced if it goes forward.

Those residents, many of whom are elderly or disabled, have been living in uncertainty since the summer of 2006 when the owners of Village Trailer Park, LLC. first sent notice that the park would close by July 31, 2007.

Since then, the proposed development has been caught up in negotiations with City Hall, which put closure first at Jan. 31, 2008 and later into a hazy future date.

Now that the day for negotiations seems to be drawing to a close, residents are fighting hard to get their voices heard and put all options on the table to preserve what they see as one of the last options in Santa Monica for affordable home ownership.

They've taken the fight to the Landmarks Commission in an attempt to give special status to pieces of the park, a designation that would make it harder to develop the property.

No public meeting is complete without a resident speaking out at public comment to remind people that the "Occupy Santa Monica" movement meets between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Sundays at the park.

On Saturday, there was an art show hosted at Gallery 169 featuring photographs of residents and trailers in the park in an attempt to raise money for the preservation struggle.

It's become a serious issue to residents who, at the beginning of the process, felt that City Hall would protect them and their homes, said Calvin Normore, a professor of philosophy at UCLA and resident of the park.

"It's not going to be the case that the political will in the city will preserve the trailer park unless we work hard," Normore said.

An environmental document that the Planning Commission will comment on Wednesday spells out six relocation options for residents that would cost the developer almost $2 million in direct payments to residents and fees to move their trailers, according to estimates in the staff report.

They could end up at Mountain View Mobile Home Park, a park that City Hall purchased in 2000, or wait out the construction and move into the low-income apartments that will be part of the proposed development on the site.

Alternative affordable housing in "traditional" apartments is also on the table, according to the report.

Only one of the options ends with the residents maintaining their current lifestyle in their trailers, but it would force them to move to one of 10 trailer parks in a 50-mile radius of Santa Monica.

None of those are acceptable, Normore said.

Few of the so-called "mobile" homes are actually mobile. Many were bolted to the ground long ago. Relocating to a park that's far away would hurt the elderly residents that already struggle to get to doctor appointments and other critical care, Normore said.

Finally, the trailers represent the life savings of the oldest residents, some of whom paid over $100,000 for a unit that is now being valued at far less because it no longer comes with a Santa Monica address if the park closes, Normore said.

"It's a question of location," he said.

While the Planning Commission already has a great deal to consider — over 1,000 pages of documents in the environmental impact report alone — Wednesday night may have some surprises.

At the Planning Commission's May 16 meeting, Commissioner Ted Winterer alluded to a yet-unseen alternative to the project that, according to those who have heard of it, would propose saving a portion of the park.

It's unclear what kind of alternative proposal would be financially feasible to the developer, however.

According to the staff report, the project is now estimated at "marginally feasible." Changes to rents or condominium prices used in the model could drive the project below that threshold.

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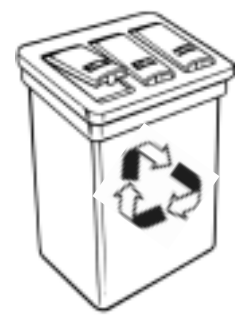
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Why Facebook still doesn't look cheap

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NEW YORK If you were thinking of picking up a few shares of Facebook last week, when it went public at a price of $38, you might be seriously tempted now that the stock has fallen $7 in two days.

But forget the dramatic drop. Investors should focus on the only question that matters: How much money will Facebook earn over the next several years, and is that enough to justify its market value right now?

The conclusion is hard to escape: Facebook might be a bargain someday, but not now.

Though it's a rough guide, one way to value a stock like Facebook is to divide its price by its annual per-share earnings. The result is the price-to-earnings ratio. A higher ratio suggests a stock is expensive, and lower suggests it is cheap.

When Facebook set its offering price at $38, the ratio was high — more than 100 times its per-share earnings last year. It's still high, at 85 times earnings per share, even after a two-day drubbing left it at $31 a share.

The Nasdaq composite index of technology stocks trades at 15.7 times last year's earnings, according to FactSet, a provider of financial data. Apple trades at 13.6 times and Google 18.2 times.

Of course, investing isn't as simple as price-to-earnings ratios. Some companies grow their earnings faster than others, turning a high ratio — and a seemingly expensive stock — into a low ratio and a cheaper stock.

If you just looked at Facebook's earnings growth last year, an impressive 65 percent, you'd think it's just such a company.

If Facebook can keep up that pace, its $1 billion in earnings last year will be $7.4 billion in 2015. That would be enough to bring Facebook's ratio more in line with Apple's.

But that's with the stock not rising from $31. If you assume the stock rises 10 percent a year, you have to add nearly another year to that waiting period.

Then there is the problem with assuming that Facebook — or any company, for that matter — can maintain torrid earnings growth. One reason Apple is trading at just 13.6 times earnings is that investors don't think it can maintain its 85 percent growth rate.

Just projecting one year out is difficult. Among 10 analysts surveyed by FactSet, projections for Facebook's earnings for next year range from $333 million to $1.7 billion. On average, they expect $993 million.

Facebook reported $3.7 billion in revenue for last year. The average projections for this year is $5.1 billion.

Brian Wieser, an analyst at Pivotal Research Group, is a Facebook doubter. In a report Friday, he estimated earnings will slow, and they will be only $3.6 billion in 2015 — half of what they would be if Facebook maintained its growth rate.

Another problem with the stock is that Facebook may have waited too long to go public.

Think of the gains investors would have made if the company had debuted in 2009, a turnaround year for Facebook. The company had lost $56 million in 2008 but was finally churning out profits. They more than doubled in 2010.

In August 2009, investors trading private shares of Facebook on Sharepost, a secondary exchange, paid $2.40 per share. Though the numbers are only roughly comparable with today's figures, that gave Facebook a market value of less than $7 billion.

The $38 offering price assigned Facebook a market value of $104 billion. Based on Tuesday's closing stock price, that had fallen to $85 billion.

If Facebook had gone public with a market value of $7 billion and that had increased to last Friday's value of $104 billion, investors in the hypothetical IPO of 2009 would have seen their investment grow 15-fold.

Of course, other companies priced themselves at high price-to-earnings ratios at their IPOs and still managed to reward shareholders. But they tended to be younger businesses than Facebook, which was born eight years ago.

Amazon.com went public in 1997, two years after it opened for business. Back then, its business model was online bookselling. The Kindle, video downloads and cloud-computing hadn't been dreamed up.

Of course, Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg could dream things up, too. And Facebook has a real business, real profit and real revenue today. But social media is still unproven in many aspects as a business model.

A lot of people use Facebook on their mobile devices, for example. Facebook gets 82 percent of its revenue from advertising, but no one has figured out how to make substantial money from mobile advertising. In what turned out to be very poor timing for Facebook, General Motors stopped advertising on it during the week of the IPO.

You can also turn that argument on its head. Facebook is just getting started. It will figure a way to make money on mobile, and it will come up with businesses and revenue streams no one has thought of, as Amazon did. But investors in Facebook, at least in the last two days, seem to have their doubts.

One skeptic, Scott Freeze, the president of Street One Financial, says he won't touch the stock until it falls to a level justified by its earnings. He says that might be $25 — another steep fall from here.

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Home sales up across the country, hopeful sign

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WASHINGTON Americans are buying more homes in every region of the country, the latest indication that the housing market could be on the mend.

An increasing portion of those sales are from first-time buyers, who are critical to a housing recovery.

Sales of previously occupied rose 3.4 percent in April from March to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.62 million, the National Association of Realtors said Tuesday. That nearly matches January's pace of 4.63 million —the best in two years. It is still well below the nearly 6 million that most economists equate with healthy markets.

A pickup in hiring and cheaper mortgages, combined with lower home prices in most markets, has made home buying more attractive. While many economists acknowledged that the market has a long way to go, most said the April sales report was encouraging.

"The trend in sales is upward, and we think it has a good deal further to go over the next few months as payrolls pick up further and mortgage availability improves," said Ian Shepherdson, chief U.S. economist for High Frequency Economics.

Sales rose last month from March in all regions of the country. They increased 5.1 percent rise in the Northeast, 3.5 percent in the South, 4.4 percent in the West and 1 percent in the Midwest.

And more first-time buyers entered the market. In April, they made up 35 percent of sales. That's up from 32 percent in March.

"First-time homebuyers are slowly making their way back," said Jennifer Lee, an economist at BMO Capital Markets. "That is still below the 40 percent-to-45 percent range during healthy times, but the highest in almost half a year."

The report measures completed sales. A sale typically closes a month or two after a buyer signs a contract to buy a home. But a growing number of buyers in recent months have been investors who pay cash, which speeds up the process.

The number of buyers who signed contracts to buy homes in April rose to the highest level since April 2010, when buyers could qualify for a federal home-buying tax credit.

The increase suggests sales could keep rising in May and June.

"People believe that interest rates are as low as they are going to get and that prices have hit rock bottom. So they are getting off the fence," said Tony Geraci, the owner of Century21 Homestar, a real estate firm in Cleveland.

Geraci said sales at his firm are up about 15 percent over last year. He credited that to a milder winter this year, better housing conditions and an improving economy.

Homes at risk of foreclosure accounted for 28 percent of sales last month. That's roughly in line with March sales but down from 37 percent of sales in April 2011.

The decrease in foreclosures helped boost the year-over-year median sales price in April. It rose to $177,400, which is 10.1 percent higher from the same month last year.

Rising home sales is the latest sign that the market could be starting to turn around nearly five years after the housing bubble burst.

Builders are more confident and are starting to builder more homes. Mortgage rates have never been cheaper. And the job market is improving, which has made more people open to buying a home.

Employers have added 1 million jobs in the past five months. And unemployment has dropped a full percentage point since August, from 9.1 percent to 8.1 percent in April.

Still, many would-be buyers are having difficulty qualifying for home loans or can't afford the larger down payments being required by banks.

Even some would-be home buyers are holding off because they fear that home prices could keep falling.

Previously occupied homes represent 80 percent of the overall home market.

Builders have grown more confident since last fall, in part because more people have expressed an interest in buying a home. In May, builder optimism rose to the highest level in five years, according to the National Association of Home Builders/Wells Fargo builder sentiment index.

Last week, the Commerce Department reported that builders started work on more homes and apartments in April, pushing housing construction to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 717,000 homes. That was near a rate of 720,000 homes and apartments being built in January, which had been a three-year high. But even with the recent strength, housing starts remains at roughly half the pace that economists consider healthy.

Many economists believe that 2012 could be the year that housing finally makes a positive contribution to overall economic growth. That hasn't happened since 2005, shortly before the housing boom went bust.

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The City Council, Housing Authority, Successor Agency, and Parking Authority of the City of Santa Monica will hold a public budget hearing on June 12, 2012. The Council meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California. All citizens are invited to attend and provide the Council with written and oral comments and ask questions concerning the City's entire proposed budget. At the meeting on June 12th, the City Council will also adopt a resolution for the determination of the GANN Appropriation limit for fiscal year 2012-13. A copy of the documentation used in calculating the limit is presented in the FY2011-13 Adopted Biennial Budget.

The Biennial City Budget, along with the proposed adjustments for the FY 2012-13 Proposed Budget, can be inspected by the public in the City Clerk's Office at City Hall or viewed on the Internet at www.smgov.net. Unless otherwise noted, City Hall is open Monday through Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Fridays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. On alternate Fridays, City Hall is open for limited services only. Copies of the FY2011-13 Biennial City Budget and proposed adjustments for the FY 2012-13 Proposed Budget are also available to view at the City's Main Library located at 601 Santa Monica Boulevard and branch libraries at 1704 Montana Avenue, 2101 Ocean Park Boulevard and 2601 Main Street.

County of Los Angeles Department of the Treasurer and Tax Collector

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Made pursuant to Section 3381, Revenue and Taxation Code

Pursuant to Sections 3381 through 3385, Revenue and Taxation Code, the Notice of Power to Sell Tax-Defaulted Property in and for Los Angeles County, State of California, has been divided and distributed to various newspapers of general circulation published in the County. A portion of the list appears in each of such newspapers.

NOTICE OF IMPENDING POWER TO SELL TAX-DEFAULTED PROPERTY
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Notice is hereby given that real property taxes and assessments on the parcels described below will have been defaulted five or more years, or, in the case of nonresidential commercial property, property on which a nuisance abatement lien has been recorded or that can serve the public benefit by providing housing or services directly related to low-income persons when three or more years have elapsed and a request has been made by a city, county, city and county, or nonprofit organization that property will become subject to the Tax Collector's power to sell.

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All information concerning redemption or the initiation of an installment plan of redemption will be furnished, upon request, by Mark J. Saladino, Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector, 225 North Hill Street, First Floor, Los Angeles, California 90012.

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I certify, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct. Dated this 2nd day of May, 2012.

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Treasurer and Tax Collector
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The Assessor's Identification Number (AIN), when used to describe property in this list, refers to the Assessor's map book, the map page, the block on the map, if applicable, and the individual parcel on the map page or in the block. The Assessor's maps and further explanation of the parcel numbering system are available in the Assessor's Office, 500 West Temple Street, Room 225, Los Angeles, California 90012.

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3065 $6,369.01
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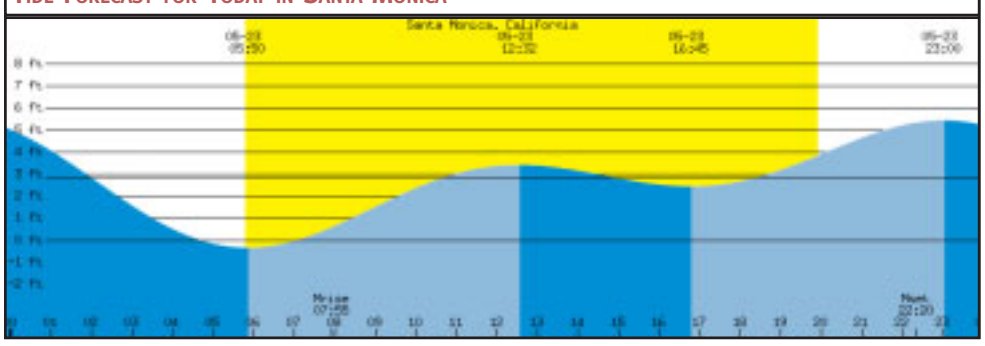
Swell Forecast

Should see wind swell increase throughout the day. AM sessions should see chest high wind swell at west facing breaks, then head high later in the day. Conditions look poor as wind swell increases.

Long Range Synopsis

Wind swell is expected to increase to 1-2' overhead at west facing breaks. Conditions look poor.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of: **May 16, 2012**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills – 8
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill – 8
- Number of wet days – 5
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather – 38 / 21
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather – 0 / 0

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisa creeks.	ns	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	F	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd.	A	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A	A+
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	B	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	F	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17208 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	B
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A	A+
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	B
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	B	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	A+
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	C
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	A+
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	A+
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A	A
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A+	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of CBW jetty).	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	A+

LEGEND

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

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NBA

Lakers will debate overhaul after another playoff exit

BY GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES Kobe Bryant and Pau Gasol spent the final minutes of the Los Angeles Lakers' final game arguing in Oklahoma City, disagreeing on the best way to run a pick-and-roll play.

It might have been the tandem's last few minutes together with a franchise that has little patience when even great players stop bringing home rings.

The Lakers were eliminated in the second round for the second straight year Monday night with a five-game loss to the Thunder. Although the Lakers had a solid season despite getting no real training camp to make the enormous switch from coaches Phil Jackson to Mike Brown, they weren't as good as the NBA's best.

That likely means changes for a franchise and a fan base that considers seasons ending before June to be abject failures.

"I'm really not used to it, so it's pretty odd for me," Bryant said of another early-by-Lakers-standards exit. "I'm not the most patient of people, and the organization is not extremely patient either. We want to win and win now, so I'm sure we'll figure it out. We always have. I'm sure we will again."

In Lakerland, it's easy to forget that the large majority of NBA franchises would be quite pleased by a 41-25 regular season, yet another Pacific Division title and a decent performance against the Thunder, clearly a top-four team. Many teams would be excited to retool a roster topped by Bryant, four-time All-Star big man Gasol, and emerging All-Star center Andrew Bynum, who frequently dominated during his best pro season.

But no franchise has the incredibly high standards of Bryant and the 16-time champion Lakers, who don't even acknowledge division titles that would be a significant achievement for other teams. A second-round playoff loss to a better team caused panic and widespread soul-searching Tuesday.

"Come hell or high water, we're going to be there again," said the 33-year-old Bryant, who has repeatedly stated he'll never leave the Lakers. "It's just something about the Lakers organiz nds and 1.93 blocked shots while staying healthy. But just when most Lakers fans are ready for Bynum to sign a maximum contract extension, he provided one more reminder of his questionable maturity and leadership potential when he didn't shake hands with the Thunder after managing just 10 points and four rebounds in Game 5.

Bynum has made numerous immature mistakes over the past year, which began with rampant rumors of his own departure for Orlando in various trades for Dwight Howard.

"Change has never bothered me. I'll play anywhere," Bynum said. "I'll come back a better player."

Yet Bynum also raised a key point: The Lakers were a work in progress all season long after Brown replaced 11-time NBA champion Jackson, requiring a dramatic adjustment in everything from a new offense to practice structure.

"I think we need a full training camp," Bynum said. "We never really got adjusted to the system. A lot of the times we came out and we weren't doing it together. I really think it's going to depend on being able to close out quarters and close out games. All throughout the season we would give up leads and not close quarters, and it hurt a lot."

The Lakers made other changes that hampered their championship hopes, trading valuable big man Lamar Odom for nothing when his feelings were hurt in the preseason. Los Angeles also dealt emotional leader Derek Fisher at the trade deadline while landing replacement Ramon Sessions and surprising big man Jordan Hill. Fisher is outmatched as a starting NBA point guard, but his leadership and five championship rings were missed.

Sessions has a player option for next season after a tantalizing but inconsistent debut, while most of the Lakers' reserves will be free agents. Los Angeles had one of the NBA's least impressive benches, so a wholesale overhaul of the bottom of the roster couldn't really hurt.

The Lakers also endured another year of the drama that seems inevitable for this high-profile franchise. In the last month alone, they dealt with Metta World Peace's seven-game suspension for throwing a vicious elbow, Hill's felony assault charge from his time in Houston, playoff hero Steve Blake's Twitter death threats for missing one shot, and Magic Johnson's declaration that Brown would be fired if the Lakers didn't survive the first round.

All that upheaval is nothing new to Bryant, who got a concussion and a broken nose in the All-Star game. But leave it to the mercurial World Peace to declare the Lakers' plight might not be as terrible as many believe.

"I don't feel that way, but I'm not the general manager," World Peace said. "I don't know how many rings Mr. Kupchak has, so I know he's going to make the best decisions. He's a competitor. He'll do what it takes, but the players have to put in the time. The only way it's going to happen is if we do it together. We have to be committed to each other, and this year we weren't as committed collectively. That hurt us."

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Marvel's The Avengers 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 22min
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Visit with pals tonight, Taurus

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Sometimes even the best of intentions go haywire, making you wonder what your role in this mess was. At this point in time, you might have a very controlling boss or friend. Do your best not to respond to his or her game. Tonight: Happily head home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Communication runs amok, as someone might not do or say what you feel is needed in a certain circumstance. Clearly, someone you are dealing with wants to have things his or her way. Tonight: Visit with pals.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Your vision and another person's vision of what works might be in direct opposition. Choose not to make it an issue, and distance yourself appropriately. Let this person see the "rightness" of his or her ways, though do be nice. Tonight: Buy a new item for summer.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You might feel that you are in an either-or situation. Don't take others' comments personally. Your best move might be to simply pull back until a situation is resolved. The unexpected occurs out of the blue. Avoid a power play at all costs. Tonight: What you want to do.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ You might choose to distance yourself some from all the goings-on around you. You feel as if someone is pushing too hard to have his or her way. A simple "no" doesn't seem to work. The unexpected occurs. Tonight: Take a personal night.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You will need to focus, as many people might attempt to distract you. Could an argument be building with a child or loved one? He or she might need your reassurance. Deal with joint financial issues carefully. There is a latent issue emerging. Tonight: Among friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Tension builds, as a respected elder, boss or parent demands that certain matters be done his or her way. Push easily comes to shove. Hard words are spoken. Don't get into this power play. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You might want to rethink a personal situation. Talk to someone with more experience in such matters who is not involved. Detach and don't get into a struggle of wills. Recognize that no one wins that way. Let the other party be upset for a while. Tonight: Take in a different vision.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Deal with each person individually, even if this isn't the norm for you. Relating directly helps you establish needed boundaries. Someone needs to understand that he or she doesn't have access to your funds as if they were his or her own! Tonight: A cozy dinner for two.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You might want to rethink a personal issue rather than keep pushing to have your way. You might not realize how you are coming off. Do you really want the other party in this interaction to feel pushed? Tonight: Why not allow someone else to make the first move and choose the plans?

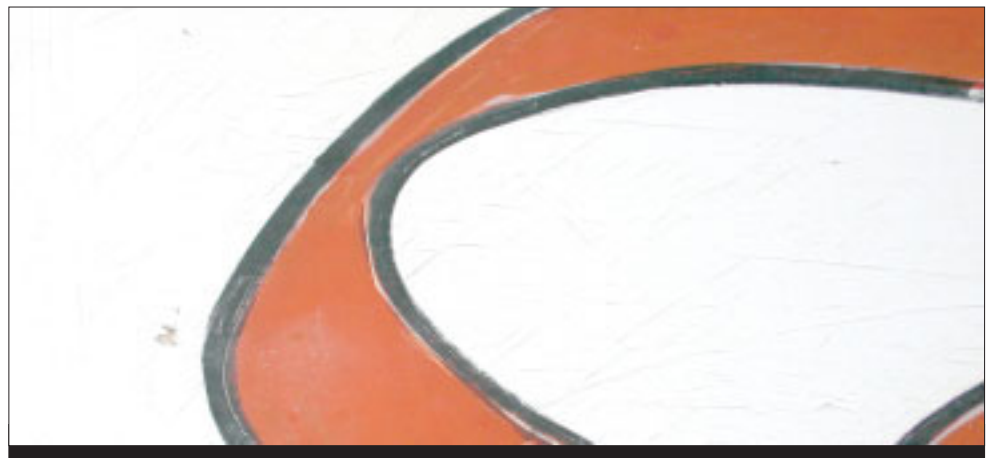
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ You are concerned about finishing up an errand or completing a project. Your mind is elsewhere; therefore, you could cause yourself a problem. Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Your imagination takes over. Even when someone tries to be controlling, your sense of humor makes it close to impossible to take this person seriously. By not playing, you break past a new barrier. Tonight: Let the romantic in you out.

Happy birthday

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

You have a gift for effortlessly making friends this year. As a result, many of your long-term dreams could become realities. Learn to work with the unexpected more easily. If you can relax rather than become tense, you will be able to handle an innate volatility this year. If you are single, you'll meet several potential suitors and will have difficulty selecting. Don't, but take a workshop in the art of diplomacy. If you are attached, don't fight over money -- get separate checking accounts. CANCER is moody.



MYSTERY PHOTO

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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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11 Broad street
12 Hamlet, for one
13 Fortitude
14 Formerly
15 Candy bar nut
17 Sound of surprise
20 Turn red, maybe
23 Nabokov novel
24 Slippery
26 Kayo count
27 Brewery sight
28 Casserole bit
29 Conservative
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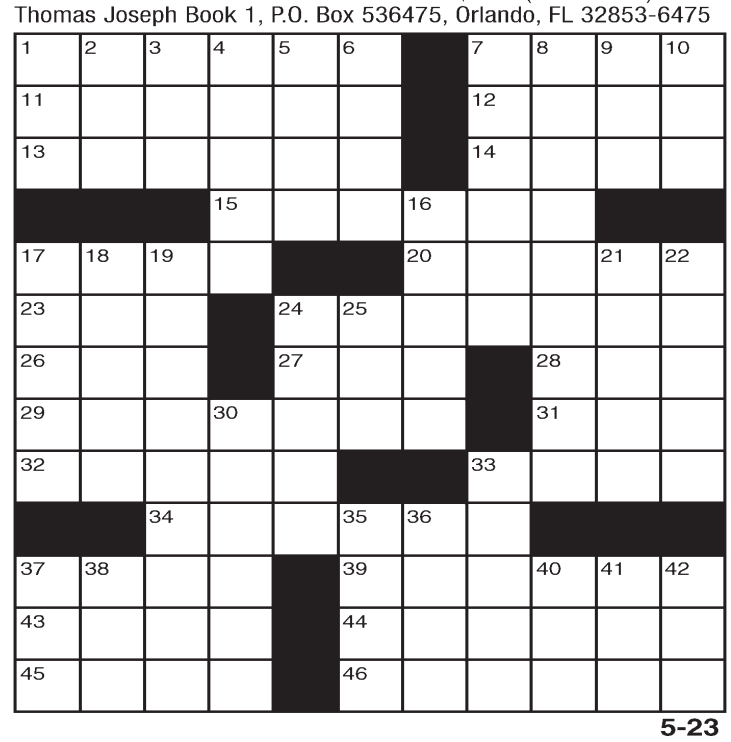
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2 Cain's mother
3 Came together
4 Like bar beer
5 Void
6 Look
7 Beautiful boy
8 Shore bird
9 Kin of Ltd.
10 Fixed charge
16 Make speeches
17 Croc's cousin
18 "Rolling In The Deep" singer
19 Smoothing aid
21 Turn outward
22 Approaches
24 Contents of Pandora's box
25 Mover's truck
30 Diminish
33 Late bloomer
35 Make printing plates
36 Scarlett's home
37 Game caller
38 Big galoot
40 Scot's topper
41 Seine summer
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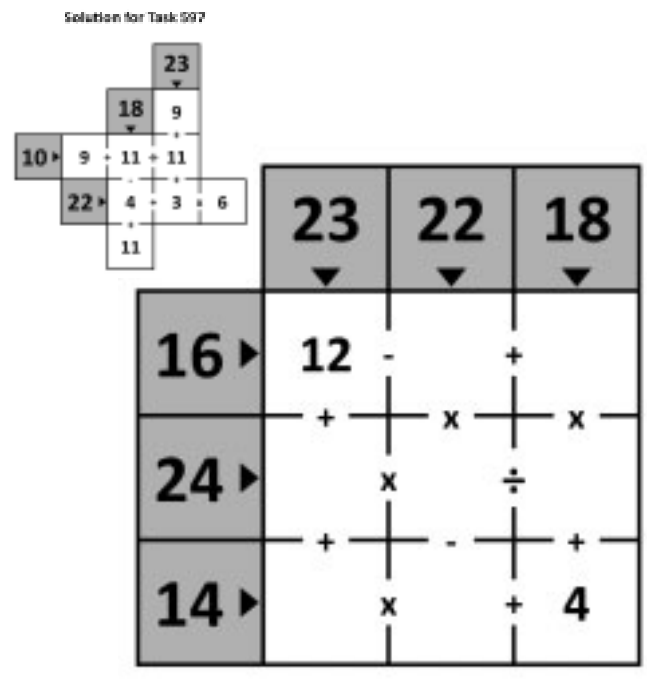
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Each spring in Dongyang, China, the aroma of urine is in the air -- specifically, the town's specialty of eggs boiled in the discharge of young boys (under age 10, typically gathered "fresh" from toilets at local schools). Townspeople have believed for centuries that the eggs, properly cooked, bring health and prosperity. "By eating these eggs," one shopper told a Reuters reporter in March, "we will not have any pain in our waists, legs and joints. Also, you will have more energy when you work." In fact, Dongyang officials have proudly proclaimed "virgin boy eggs" as an "intangible cultural heritage."

■ And once again this spring, the Chinese marked the Qingming holiday with celebrations honoring the dead by making offerings to their deceased relatives. At the "tomb-sweeping" festival, people present paper replicas of items their ancestors are believed to need in the afterlife. Uncreative relatives give play money, but the offerings can be elaborate, such as shoes, cars and TV sets, or this year's hot item -- paper iPads, which were selling in Hong Kong for the equivalent of about $3.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1951 - Tibetans sign the Seventeen Point Agreement for the Peaceful Liberation of Tibet with the People's Republic of China.

1958 - Explorer 1 ceases transmission.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012073178 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 04/23/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as KING FOOD MASTER THE ART OF HEALTHY EATING. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: MEREDITH GOLD 141 N. KENWOOD ST. #25 GLENDALE, CA 91206. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)04/18/2012. /s/: MEREDITH GOLD. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 04/23/2012. 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 05/23/2012, 05/30/2012, 06/06/2012, 06/13/2012.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012073169 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 04/23/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as COMMUNITY SHOWROOM. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: LORI THRUN 5019 MERIDIAN ST. LOS ANGELES,CA 90042. 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/:LORI THRUN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 04/23/2012. 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 05/23/2012, 05/30/2012, 06/06/2012, 06/13/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012073170 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 04/23/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ADVENTURE BAIL BONDS. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: NURI MARCH 28451 HAWKS RIDGE DR. CANYON COUNTRY, CA 91351. 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/:NURI MARCH. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 04/23/2012. 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 05/23/2012, 05/30/2012, 06/06/2012, 06/13/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012073174 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 04/23/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SOUTH BAY COMPUTING. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: DAVID HAYNES 3724 SPENCER ST. #126 TORRANCE, CA 90503. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)01/01/2011. /s/: DAVID HAYNES. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 04/23/2012. 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 05/23/2012, 05/30/2012, 06/06/2012, 06/13/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012073171 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 04/23/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as WHITE HOUSE PROPERTIES OF NORTHRIDGE. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: LISA MAREE RICHLIN 19523 BALLINGER ST. NORTHRIDGE, CA 91324. 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/:LISA MAREE RICHLIN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 04/23/2012. 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 05/23/2012, 05/30/2012, 06/06/2012, 06/13/2012.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012073177 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 04/23/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LAUNCH A FLIX. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: LAUNCH STRATEGIES LLC 1351 N. ORANGE DR. #108 LOS ANGELES, CA 90028-7534. This Business is being conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:STEPHANIE HOUSER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 04/23/2012. 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 05/23/2012, 05/30/2012, 06/06/2012, 06/13/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012073173 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 04/23/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as TONY BARRA SALES. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: TONY BARRA 127 EAST 9TH ST., SUITE 507 LOS ANGELES, CA 90015, KRISTEN BARRA 127 EAST 9TH ST., SUITE 507 LOS ANGELES, CA 90015. This Business is being conducted by: Husband and Wife. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)01/01/1995. /s/: TONY BARRA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 04/23/2012. 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 05/23/2012, 05/30/2012, 06/06/2012, 06/13/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012073177 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 04/23/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as A BEST SERVICES. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: SCHOLTEN INC. 10535 FELSON STREET BELLFLOWER, CA 90706. This Business is being conducted by: a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)05/1/2012. /s/: BRUCE SCHOLTEN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 04/23/2012. 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 05/23/2012, 05/30/2012, 06/06/2012, 06/13/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012074673 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 04/24/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as IN DEBRAS HANDS. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: DEBRA MILLER 16403 HAAS AVENUE TORRANCE, CA 90504. 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/:DEBRA MILLER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 04/24/2012. 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 05/23/2012, 05/30/2012, 06/06/2012, 06/13/2012.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012074675 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 04/24/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PAYASOS-LA. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: LEONARDO IRIARTE 4300 W. SUNSET DRIVE LA, CA 90027, ESTEBAN JIMENEZ 4300 W. SUNSET DRIVE LA, CA 90027. This Business is being conducted by: an Unincorporated Association other than a Partnership. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)06/06/2010. /s/: LEONARDO IRIARTE. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 04/24/2012. 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 05/23/2012, 05/30/2012, 06/06/2012, 06/13/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012077286 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 04/26/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CALIFORNIA POP & JAZZ COUNCIL. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: CATHY SEGAL-GARCIA 10816 MCLENNAN AVE. GRANADA HILLS, CA 91344. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)04/19/2012. /s/: CATHY SEGAL-GARCIA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 04/24/2012. 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 05/23/2012, 05/30/2012, 06/06/2012, 06/13/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012077285 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 04/26/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LOVE NOTES. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: ELIZABETH LEE 703 STARLIGHT HEIGHTS LA CANADA, CA 91011. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)04/13/2002. /s/: ELIZABETH LEE. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 04/26/2012. 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 05/23/2012, 05/30/2012, 06/06/2012, 06/13/2012.

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is (are) doing business as UNIVERSITY FERTILITY CENTER. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: UNIVERSITY FERTILITY LABORATORY INC. 23550 HAWTHORNE BLVD. #210 TORRANCE, CA 90505. This Business is being conducted by: a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)08/29/2005. /s/: OMID KHORRAM. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 04/26/2012. 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 05/23/2012, 05/30/2012, 06/06/2012, 06/13/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012073175 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 04/23/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LYON REALTY. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: LINDA LYON 2070 OUTPOST DR. LOS ANGELES, CA 90068. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)2002. /s/: LINDA LYON. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 04/23/2012. 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 05/23/2012, 05/30/2012, 06/06/2012, 06/13/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012079209 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 04/27/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 800 PUREAIR. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: MARC KLONER 14115 MOORPARK STREET #208 SHERMAN OAKS, CA 91423. 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/:MARC KLONER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 04/27/2012. 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 05/23/2012, 05/30/2012, 06/06/2012, 06/13/2012.

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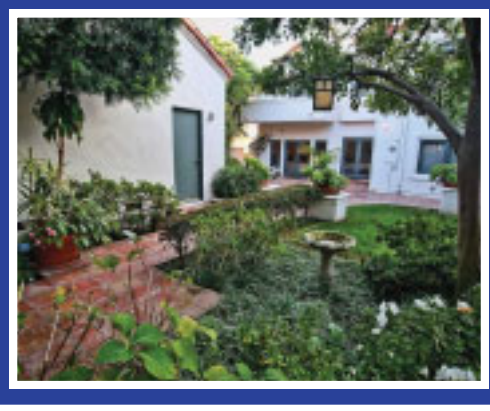
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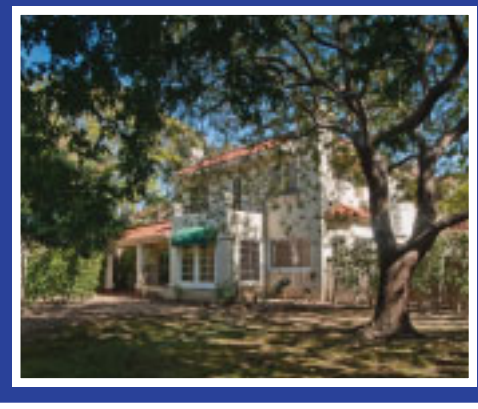
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