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THE CROSSING THE STAGE ISSUE

Last chance for Pico Youth & Family Center

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

PICO BOULEVARD The Pico Youth & Family Center has six months to prove to the City Council that it has a handle on its finances and a clear mission to help those who are most at risk of joining a gang or landing behind bars.

If not, the center, which provides counseling, homework and resume assistance and other support to kids and young adults, would be in jeopardy of losing $307,000 in grant money from City Hall.

Losing that funding would be a significant blow to the nonprofit, which relies heavily on City Hall funding to pay its employees and to purchase materials.

The Santa Monica City Council Tuesday signed off on a "last chance" agreement with PYFC giving the organization until December to refocus after a report by the Human Services Division raised concerns about its accounting practices, volatility in its governing board and alleged lack of clarity about its mission.

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Big Blue Bus cuts service to save money

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

CITYWIDE Those who ride the Big Blue Bus Line 2 south of Pico Boulevard will no longer be able to do so come Aug. 26.

The City Council on Tuesday voted to shorten the route and eliminate other underutilized and duplicated services to save approximately $275,000 annually at a time when the public bus company is trying to close a projected $5 million structural deficit.

In addition to truncating Route 2, the council also voted in favor of eliminating six Rapid 10 trips that operate between Main and Marine streets and Second Street and Colorado Avenue.

The Downtown Ride, which ferried people from the Civic Center Parking Structure to Downtown and back, was previously eliminated and will make its last runs Sunday for a savings of $210,000 a year.

"In challenging times some difficult decisions have to be made," said Ed King, director of transit services for City Hall.

The decision to cut Line 2 wasn't all that difficult given that the section from Pico Boulevard to Hill Street was one of the lowest performing sections of the BBB system with an average of three passengers per bus.

Subdsizing that portion was also becoming expensive, according to the BBB. The subsidy for that short trip was $4.25 per passenger compared to a system-wide subsidy of $1.98.

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HOORAY!
Ray Solano *news@smdp.com*
Santa Monica High School students make their way down the aisle during the school's graduation ceremony on Thursday.

Cougar DNA shows animal not a pet

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

DOWNTOWN DNA from a male mountain lion killed by Santa Monica police last month confirms that the animal was genetically linked to the local population and was not an exotic pet, officials with the National Park Service announced Thursday.

More importantly, the DNA results from the Robert Wayne Lab at UCLA show that the cougar possessed genetic material from cougars living north of the 101 Freeway, yet he was found in Downtown Santa Monica, a "rare bright spot for a group of animals that is suffering from an extreme lack of genetic

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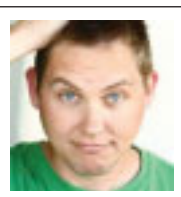
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Friday, June 15, 2012

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1050 S. Prairie Ave., 10:30 p.m.
Check out "Friday Night Live" at Betfair Hollywood Park. You'll get some horseracing and some live music. Betfair is one of the only tracks that offers night racing, so you'll be able to enjoy thoroughbreds under the stars. After the horses cross the finish line, catch a performance from the '80s alternative band The Jesus and Mary Chain, who boast a sound similar to the likes of The Velvet Underground and The Stooges. Tickets cost $10 before 8:30 p.m. For more information, call (310) 419-1549.

It's a beaut!
Santa Monica Civic Auditorium
1855 Main St., noon — 6 p.m.
Hundreds of vendors will be bringing their one-of-a-kind, handcrafted pieces to the Civic for the International Gem & Jewelry Show. The wide range of selections will include various showcases and exhibits of jewelry, gems and beads. Admission costs $8, but children 8 years old and under will not be permitted. Auditorium parking costs $9. For more information, call (301) 294-1640.

Saturday, June 16, 2012

Juneteenth in the city
Virginia Avenue Park
2200 Virginia Ave., 12 p.m. — 5 p.m.
Start your summer with the sounds of rhythm and blues, gospel and samba at the 20th annual Juneteenth Celebration. Actress Juanita Jennings of Tyler Perry's sitcom "Meet the Browns" will host the event. Former Miss Ohio and sports broadcaster Jayne Kennedy will give the keynote speech this year. Performers at this lively event include Grammy-nominee Ray Brooks & the Blues Masters Band, the Blue Breeze Band, Kehinde Otis Johnson's Stilt Walker Troupe, Samba Samba Dance, Tri-A Steppers Drum Line and the Lava Bai Drum Circle — audience participation encouraged. For more information, call (310) 458-8688.

Support the temple
Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club
1210 Fourth St., 6 p.m.
Beth Shir Shalom Temple will hold its annual fundraising event in the main ballroom of the historic Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club. Themed Celebrate US!, the evening will feature dinner and dancing to the tunes of Hollywood Klezmer, one of L.A.'s finest world music bands. For more information, call (310) 453-3361.

Create a critter
Santa Monica Museum of Art
2525 Michigan Ave.
SMMoA presents an exciting opportunity for artists of all ages. Draw your very own "bike critter" to be featured as the signature artwork for Tour da Arts, SMMoA's fourth annual cultural bike event. Submissions must be in black and white. They will be reviewed by a jury of professional artists and SMMoA's executive director. The winning drawing will be announced July 1. For more information, call (310) 586-6488.

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2200 Virginia Ave., 8 a.m. — 1 p.m.
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Students encouraged to attend last day

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

SAMOHI Santa Monica High School Principal Laurel Fretz said Thursday that she was planning to send phone and e-mail messages to parents informing them that school will be in session today, the last day of school.

Rumors were circulating on an online message board that some teachers were telling their students they didn't have to show up, or that attendance is not taken and that all students do "is watch movies."

While lesson plans may be light, Fretz said Friday is a full day and that teachers will be marking down who is present and who is not.

"According to education code, every day of school is a mandatory day," Fretz said in an e-mail to the Daily Press. "Contrary to popular rumors, school is in session … ."

School board member Ralph Mechur responded to some of the rumors, emphasizing that each student who chooses not to show up costs the district money since district funding is based on enrollment numbers.

Superintendent Sandra Lyon said that each student brings in about $30 a day in state funding.

One parent posted on Samohi-Pals, a Yahoo group comprised of parents, that the loss of funds for Samohi could reach into the thousands of dollars if all students decided not to attend.

Parent David Searfoss wrote that his kids were planning to attend classes, if only to be marked present.

"It is a financial responsibility for all of us to deal with so please have your kids go to school … ," he wrote.

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FOR THE FLAG

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Veterans and local patriots gather as grand emcee, Ted Hayes, (center left) adorned in his Uncle Sam costume, talks about American patriotism during the Veterans Grand Old Flag Memorial dedication ceremony at the Veterans Grand Plaza on Wilshire on Thursday.

Bulger's girlfriend files sentence appeal notice

DENISE LAVOIE
AP Legal Affairs Writer

BOSTON The day after the longtime girlfriend of mobster James "Whitey" Bulger was sentenced to eight years in prison for helping him while he was on the run, her lawyer filed a notice in court saying she may appeal.

The one-paragraph document filed in federal court Wednesday says Catherine Greig claims her right to appeal to the 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Though the notice mentions an appeal of the conviction, attorney Kevin Reddington said she is not planning to. The notice can be withdrawn if she decides not to appeal her sentence.

Greig, 61, pleaded guilty in March to conspiracy to harbor a fugitive, identity fraud and conspiracy. She admitted she helped Bulger while he was a fugitive, using false identities, accompanying him to medical appointments and picking up his prescriptions.

Reddington said that Greig was in love with Bulger when she fled Boston with him in 1995 and that she did not believe he was capable of the murders he is accused of committing.

Greig's twin sister wrote in a pre-sentencing letter to the judge that Greig deserved leniency because she "never possessed an evil bone in her body" and wasn't involved in any crimes attributed to Bulger.

Margaret McCusker's letter to U.S. District Judge Douglas Woodlock said Bulger was charismatic and had "a certain power over people" but added, "I cannot

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May sees pickup in homes facing foreclosure risk

ALEX VEIGA
AP Real Estate Writer

LOS ANGELES Lenders initiated foreclosure proceedings against more U.S. homeowners in May, setting the stage for increases in home repossessions and short sales — scenarios that could further weigh down home values in coming months.

Default or scheduled-home-auction notices were filed for the first time against 109,051 homes last month. That's an increase of 12 percent from April and up 16 percent versus May last year, foreclosure listing firm RealtyTrac Inc. said Thursday.

The firm monitors documents filed on properties with mortgages that have gone unpaid. Once that process begins, homes can end up foreclosed-upon, sold at auc-

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Calling for a resignation

Editor:

It is important to note that Mr. Epstein does not speak for the candidates to the Wilmont board ("Speaking out of turn," Letters to the Editor, June 12). Mr. Epstein is entitled to his views and may be right on some points, but perhaps not on others.

For the record, I want to distance myself from Mr. Epstein's allegations against City Councilman [Kevin] McKeown. I have never seen any evidence suggesting that Mr. McKeown was the originator of the idea to disqualify candidates by last minute shenanigans, and I highly doubt that this could be the case. I sincerely believe that Councilman McKeown never intended to get drawn into this mess. If indeed he tried to assist on some level, he must have done so with best intentions. If so, I suspect he might have been misled and manipulated by certain current members of the Wilmont Board of Directors.

Councilman McKeown has a stellar track record of being the most fervent proponent of Santa Monica residents' rights. To that end, he has also been the strongest supporter of neighborhood groups and their interests.

The ultimate responsibility for the outrageous attempt to disqualify nominated candidates from running for election rests with the current chairperson, Mrs. Valerie Griffin. It is rather astonishing that under the circumstances and in view of the entire scandal, Mrs. Griffin still has not offered her resignation.

Reinhard Kargl
Candidate, Wilshire-Montana
Neighborhood Coalition board

Foster the dogs

Editor:

I enjoyed the article "For the love of animals" (June 14) and look forward to seeing this PBS documentary. I have two great shelter dogs myself, but wanted to do more. That's when I learned about fostering. I volunteer with a rescue group that works with area animal shelters. They can only rescue animals if they have foster homes in which to place them. The more fosters there are, the greater the number of animals just this one group can rescue and place in new homes. So, if you see a rescue group, please ask them about their foster program. I have cared for more than 40 dogs since 2007, all of whom were placed in forever homes. My husband and children have also enjoyed being involved in caring for them; this has become one of the most rewarding things we've done as a family.

Debbie Ford
Santa Monica

Nice leadership, City Council

Editor:

Thank you for showing the leadership that is necessary to ban religious holiday scenes in Palisades Park ("Holiday scenes no longer allowed in Palisades Park," June 14). There will be many who bemoan the progress of a civilization that recognizes tradition is not always the best way to proceed. History has shown us this.

I hope religious groups will appreciate that they already have the benefit of a society that provides them great tax relief and utilize their own property if they so choose.

Mary Spata
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Laughing Matters

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COLD WAR HERO: **A year before his tragic death in 1977, Capt. Gary Powers with Gary, Jr.**

More 'Powers' to him

IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T NOTICED, FATHER'S DAY is less than 48 hours away. (Who knows, you could have been kidnapped by aliens and lost track of time.)

I can tell Father's Day is approaching because of all the commercials for tools, tires and mattresses. Particularly painful are Sit 'n Sleep's radio ads where Irwin, the company accountant, whines, "You're killing me, Larry." (If only.) This is followed with Larry bragging, "I am the king!" I'm convinced that if these commercials were played to terrorists at Guantanamo they'd soon be begging to be water boarded.

But back to Father's Day and a note to moms, sons and daughters out there, you're going to have to do something to outdo the "present" that Gary Powers, Jr. is giving to his late father, former Air Force Capt. Francis Gary Powers, Sr. One could say it's been 50 years in the making.

This is the third column I've written about Powers, Sr., who is perhaps the most famous American face of the Cold War, which began in 1945 and ended in 1991. But today, over five decades after his release from a Soviet prison, Powers, Sr. is posthumously receiving the Silver Cross in a ceremony at the Pentagon, all in no small way due to the dedicated efforts of his son, Gary, Jr.

In the summers, Gary used to come to the beach in Santa Monica with his mother and sister and remembers seeing his dad fly over in a helicopter working as a traffic reporter for KNBC. (Unfortunately Powers, Sr. died in a crash on the job when Gary was only 12.)

Flying a CIA U-2 spy plane, Powers, Sr. was shot down by the Russians on May 1, 1960. This was one of many high risk missions Powers spent gathering crucial military intelligence high above Russia.

Assuming the U-2 was destroyed and Powers was assuredly dead, the CIA denied the existence of the spying. (Duh.) The truth was we had been doing it for years in a drama neither country could reveal.

Through remarkable, top secret photographs captured from 70,000 feet, we discovered that the Russians did not have the stockpile of ICBMs that we had feared. But Ike and Khrushchev couldn't admit it for obvious reasons.

In fact, when JFK famously debated Nixon in 1960 and criticized the "missile gap," it's likely he knew there was no such thing. (Which must have infuriated Nixon, who would go on to deserve far worse, like federal prison.) This "game" is reminiscent of when Saddam Hussein couldn't reveal his lack of WMDs because it would embolden Iran. So, in 2003, we invaded Iraq, and removed Saddam which … emboldened Iran. (Duh No. 2)

Meanwhile this Father's Day a carefree Bush, Cheney and Rumsfeld will probably be riding around in golf carts at the fanciest of country clubs. Meanwhile our vets are committing suicide at the rate of one per day, or sleeping under freeway overpasses or hobbling around on prosthetics. (But hey, golf is a very demanding sport.)

After being shot down, Powers was captured, harshly interrogated and endured a stressful show trial in Moscow where he feared execution. He was given a 10-year sentence and served 21 grueling months in the infamous Vladimir Central Prison, 100 miles northeast of Moscow, before coming home. His return was the result of a cloak and dagger spy exchange right out of an espionage thriller, on a foggy dawn on a Berlin bridge.

But Powers wasn't greeted back in the U.S. like a hero. Because of Cold War mania, many accused him of treason for having cooperated with the Russians, which was exactly what he was trained to do if ever captured. (Even on current websites I see right-wingnuts posting that Powers should have killed himself and destroyed the U-2.)

Fortunately, because of Powers' candid and inspiring testimony before a Senate committee, public opinion changed. And in 1998 Powers was further exonerated when CIA documents were declassified. In 2000, he finally began receiving honors for his bravery (albeit posthumously) but none any greater than the Silver Star being given to his grandchildren in his honor today in D.C.

So kudos to Gary, Jr. for persevering all these years to finally set the record straight and give his late father the greatest of all Father's Day presents. To everyone else, this is not to say a set of tires can't be a thoughtful gift.

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Wilmont: Whose organization is it, anyway?

WILMONT IS ONE OF SEVEN NEIGHBORHOOD groups in Santa Monica. These groups are supposed to be run by members and act on matters that impact them. Lately, though, Wilmont seems to have lost its way. That changed when residents reclaimed their organization at last Saturday's annual meeting. Members felt Wilmont could use some transparency, some fresh thinking and a little administrative help.

Consider:

• Rules of eligibility for directorship were raised only after candidates followed existing bylaws to file their petitions to run for seats on the board of directors.

• These rules aren't in the bylaws, are not consistent with the bylaws and are not posted anywhere.

• No information about openings on the board of directors was on the website or in the annual meeting announcement.

• Responses to members' requests for public documents were delayed an inordinate amount of time or denied.

• A request for board meeting minutes was made five times over seven weeks before a response was given.

• A request for a copy of the bylaws was ignored for four weeks.

• A request to make copies of board meeting minutes was refused.

• A request for a copy of the 2012 annual meeting agenda was denied and the agenda was not on the Wilmont website.

• Controversial board support for the largest development in the neighborhood in decades was made by the board with no input from members.

• The board then failed to put the issue of this development on the agenda for membership debate at either the 2011 or the 2012 annual meetings, contrary to the bylaws.

• A member was made to wait three months before being allowed to address the board about its support for that project and was denied a request to invite the membership to that meeting for consultation and discussion.

• The membership list was held by one director and wasn't available to the rest of the board after that director suffered an unfortunate injury.

• There were unverifiable reasons to indefinitely postpone the election at the annual meeting.

• The board refused to respond to a timely, reasonable request from the former board chair and candidates running for the board to conduct this year's election at the annual meeting as required by the bylaws, using provisional ballots that could be verified once the membership roll was available. (This procedure was spelled out in detail in writing ahead of time so that the board could agree or propose another procedure that would enable the election to take place).

• The board chair refused to follow Robert's Rules of Order — the guide for the annual meeting specified in the bylaws — at Saturday's annual meeting. The chair refused, instructed security officers to remove members who invoked Robert's Rules (which security respectfully declined to do) and then tried to adjourn the meeting so that no election could take place.

Does this sound like a good way to foster the basic purpose of Wilmont under its bylaws — which is for neighbors to work together to "participate in the democratic process and to work toward [improving the quality of life in the community]?" Does it help to further communication, serve the neighborhood and build membership?

Sadly, on Saturday the board chair appeared tone deaf to her constituency when she tried to recast the required annual meeting as a "community meeting," refused to allow the agenda to include the required elections and refused to follow Robert's Rules of Order. Not surprisingly, the result was her removal as chair of the meeting under the bylaws and Robert's Rules, by an overwhelming vote of 47-4.

What precipitated the last-minute maneuvering to postpone the election? Was it that 11 people filed petitions to run for election to the board of directors with new ideas for ways to improve the quality of life in the community, act with transparency and insist that Wilmont's bylaws be upheld rather than circumvented?

On Saturday, because the full membership list was not available to verify who was eligible to vote, Wilmont members voted to hold the election as scheduled by casting signed, sealed provisional ballots for the nine open seats on the board of directors. These ballots will be counted at a public meeting when the membership list is available.

By their actions, Wilmont neighbors reaffirmed their fundamental right to have their voices heard and to vote on the governance of their organization. They look forward to the vote count being done soon and openly and to being led by a fairly elected board of directors that operates transparently, is administratively competent and values participation by everyone who lives in the Wilmont neighborhood.

SUSAN SCARAFIA has been a member of Wilmont since 2007. She is not a candidate for the Board of Directors and has not served on the board.

The Q Line

Paying to park

There's a proposal making its way around City Hall that would eliminate any complimentary parking in Downtown structures.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
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WASHINGTON Call it "Checks and the City."

Needing to boost his donor base, President Barack Obama is banking on elite entertainers for help so often they have essentially become a cast of characters in his campaign. He is using his Hollywood access and raffling it off as a prize to others, tapping into a culture that revels in celebrity even in hard economic times.

Obama's big-name tour makes its next stop on Thursday at Sarah Jessica Parker's place in the West Village of New York City. The "Sex and the City" star, who is married to actor Matthew Broderick, is hosting a cozy $40,000-per-person fundraiser along with Vogue editor-in-chief Anna Wintour.

The president and first lady Michelle Obama will then appear at a second glitzy fundraiser in Manhattan, headlined by a performance by Mariah Carey.

While Democrats have long held political and ideological ties to the TV and movie industry, the dynamic is different this time for Obama. His own celebrity has faded a bit after more than three years in the slog of governing, and some reliable donors have gotten so used to seeing him, they want more — like a real movie star.

What's more, Obama's team is getting outraised by motivated Republicans in a new, freewheeling environment, one in which wealthy donors can give unlimited amounts of money to outside political groups, known as super PACs, that can have huge sway over the presidential race.

As one counter-response, Obama is borrowing on the power of entertainers to give big bucks themselves and to encourage others to give what they can.

The strategy holds the potential for peril. It allows opponents to paint Obama as hobnobbing for dollars with middle-class angst riding high. The Republican Party lampooned Obama as tone deaf when his campaign promoted the Parker/Wintour event on the same day news broke of climbing unemployment.

Pressed about Obama's relationship with the stars, his spokesman, Jay Carney, fired back: "Two words. Donald Trump. Next question?" Obama's Republican rival, Mitt Romney, has received fundraising help from Trump, the camera-finding real estate mogul whom Obama has dismissed as a carnival barker.

So far, the rewards of relying on celebrity help have outweighed the risks for the president in a tight re-election race.

"I think people, particularly in times of economic hardship, always look to the entertainment world for a diversion, to take their minds off what's going on in the economy," said California-based Bill Carrick, a veteran Democratic consultant. "I don't think there's much potential here for backlash."

From Tinseltown to Broadway, Obama has surrounded himself with blockbuster names lately: George Clooney, Julia Roberts, Reese Witherspoon, Spike Lee, Will Smith, Oprah Winfrey, Ellen DeGeneres, Cher and many others who make more in one year that most people do in a lifetime.

Obama played basketball with a Batman (Clooney) and a Spiderman (Tobey Maguire), all in one game. He held a private chat in Los Angeles with some of the town's younger stars last week, including Jessica Alba and Jeremy Renner. He has had some of the most popular musicians in the business perform at his fundraisers, such as Alicia Keys, Cee Lo Green, Dave Matthews and the Foo Fighters. For his gig with Obama, Jon Bon Jovi even caught a ride on Air Force One.

"Let's face it: They help raise the money that you need to wage a serious campaign," said Robert Schmuhl, a professor of American Studies at the University of Notre Dame who has written about the intersection of politics and celebrity. "Most Americans today are involved in what we call the 'celebrity culture' anyway. They understand how it works."

One way Obama makes it work: Raffling access to donors, and not just to dinners with him, but ones that also offer star power at private affairs like the one at Parker's house. The contests typically ask donors to give $3 or whatever they can spare.

The Obama campaign calls it a way to lure donors who may not otherwise be involved in politics at all. Throw in Clooney, and watch the dollars flow.

A fundraising dinner held at the star's house last month drew an eye-popping $15 million, with more of it coming from a low-dollar raffle for entry to the event than from those who paid for tickets.

That result showed how Obama's team, using Web ads and social media, is using celebrity to raise money from people who will never get in the room.

Implicit in the arrangement is that access to Obama, the president of the United States, is not enough of a draw. Obama's campaign has gone so far as to make its next "Dinner With Barack" raffle more enticing by telling would-be donors that they can help pick Obama's guest — naming Clooney and Parker as examples.

All the star wattage comes as Obama's campaign is warning supporters that they need to give or Obama could lose. Central to Obama's strategy is having a larger number of people giving small-to-medium donations. His campaign says 98 percent of donations received in May came in amounts of $250 or less.

"The other side has the money," campaign manager Jim Messina said in one appeal to donors. "They know they can buy the election if they spend it."

But Obama-friendly Hollywood has the money, too.

"There's a reason it feels like he's been here every two weeks for the last two years," Carrick, in Los Angeles, said of Obama. "Every time we turn around, there's someone on the radio telling you that you have to drive around the motorcade traffic."

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CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Police: Man arrested for camping under pier

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, AT 9:33 A.M.,
Officers were checking under the Santa Monica Pier for anyone who may be camping or loitering in violation of the Santa Monica Municipal Code. Once under the pier, officers said they saw a man they knew from a prior arrest who appeared to be camping near a fence. The suspect was placed under arrest for the violation and for violating a court order preventing him from being under the pier. The suspect was identified as Tyler Craig Larson, 32, a transient. His bail was set at $5,000.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, AT 9:40 P.M.,
Officers responded to the corner of Euclid Street and Ashland Avenue after receiving a report of someone suspicious in the area. When officers arrived, they saw a man matching the description given by dispatch and approached him. During an interview with the man, officers learned that he had a no-bail warrant for his arrest for narcotics. The suspect was placed under arrest and transported to jail to be booked. During the booking process, police said they found methamphetamine inside the suspect's wallet. He was booked for drug possession and the warrant. No bail was set. The suspect was identified as Jose Isais Gonzales, 30, of Sylmar, Calif.

THURSDAY, JUNE 7, AT 5:45 P.M.,
Officers were on routine patrol on the 3100 block of Colorado Avenue when they saw an older model Buick Sentry driving with a broken right brake light. Officers pulled the driver over on the 1600 block of Stanford Street. As officers were walking up to the vehicle, one said they saw the right front passenger place something in the front of his waistband. The officer asked the man what he was concealing and he allegedly told the cops that it was a small amount of marijuana. The man said he was on parole and did not want to be busted for violating it. The officers asked the man again what he was hiding, believing he was not being truthful. The suspect reached into his waistband and removed a plastic bag containing a significant amount of meth, police said. The suspect was placed under arrest and booked for possession of meth, providing false information to a police officer and a parole violation. He was identified as Christopher Fry, 40. No bail was set.

FRIDAY, JUNE 8, AT 12:55 A.M.,
Officers responded to the 1800 block of 17th Street regarding a report of an assault. When officers arrived, they made contact with the suspect, who had been locked outside of a residence by those who called police. He was banging on the door while cursing and demanding to be let back in, police said. Officers approached the suspect and determined him to be extremely intoxicated. He was unable to stand or walk without holding on to a nearby wall, police said. Officers spoke with the person who called police. She told them that the suspect was allowed to stay at the home from time to time, but she wanted him to leave that night because he pushed her when she asked him where her cigarettes were. She did not want the man arrested, however, officers felt he was too intoxicated to care for himself and planned to place him under arrest for public intoxication. The man allegedly resisted, forcing officers to take him to the ground. He was handcuffed and transported to jail where he was booked for public intoxication, resisting arrest and two outstanding warrants. He was identified as Jonathon Thomas Bailey, 25, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at $15,035.

FRIDAY, JUNE 8, AT 11:34 P.M.,
Officers walking along the Third Street Promenade were called to assist Santa Monica Place security who had detained someone on the mall's third floor. When officers arrived, they found security officers struggling with the suspect on the ground as he was fighting to get away. Officers went to assist security and had to struggle with the suspect before eventually handcuffing him. During interviews with staff at Sonoma Wine Garden officers learned that the suspect had vandalized the restaurant's men's bathroom by ripping from the wall the metal toilet seat ring holder. When the manager confronted the suspect, he allegedly punched the manager in the face several times, knocking him to the ground. The suspect then ran off. When security caught up with him, the suspect punched one guard in the face before being tackled. The suspect was booked for battery, resisting arrest and vandalism. He was identified as Michael Mejia, 20. His bail was set at $20,000.

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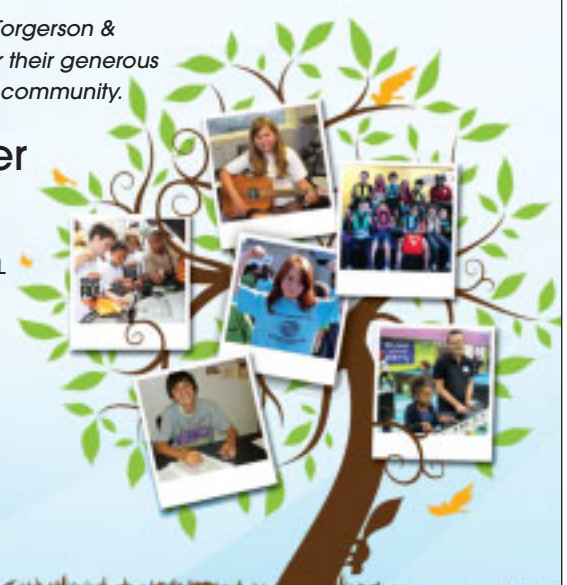
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The council also agreed to spend $25,000 so that PYFC could hire Social and Environmental Entrepreneurs, an outside consultant, to help it reorganize its management structure and institute best practices so that it can continue to mentor youth.

PYFC Executive Director Oscar de la Torre, a member of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified Board of Education, acknowledged the small nonprofit has had problems in the past, but that it rectified those mistakes, performed an audit and now is in the process of assessing how it will serve youth over the next decade.

He said the amount of time his organization has been given by City Hall to reorganize and be evaluated is too compressed and could set PYFC up for failure, something he believes is the ultimate goal of a faction within city government because of his prior criticisms of the Santa Monica Police Department and certain policies enacted by the council.

He also was upset with the condition that the center serve only those who are aged 16 to 24 and are the most difficult or troubled, saying he would rather continue helping kids as young as 14 who are just as vulnerable to joining gangs, as well as those who are not in danger of dropping out but are good students just looking for a place to go after school where they feel comfortable.

de la Torre said youth who are on the right path can serve as role models for others and help with homework assignments or provide tips on how to study better for exams.

While he is committed to working with the hardest cases to continue combating gang violence, an important goal for the center, he said that PYFC has evolved over the last decade and city officials should recognize that. As gang violence has been reduced, the focus should be shifted to prevention and reaching kids before they think about joining a gang.

"It's a bit overwhelming and my fear is that we are being set up for failure, considering that all of this new change will be evaluated in a six month period to determine if we continue to be funded or not," de la Torre said Thursday.

He is contemplating whether or not to continue as executive director or possibly close the center because of the conditions imposed by the agreement.

"I think in the next two weeks we will determine if this is viable or not," de la Torre said.

Julie Rusk, director of Human Services, said her staff has been working with PYFC leadership on the agreement, which led to some changes to what she described as a fair agreement to measure success. Time frames were extended and the number of clients to be served was reduced to 50, reflecting the difficulty in reaching some of the most jaded.

"We really want the focus to be on older youth," Rusk said. "They really don't have another place to go."

Rusk said the center, which is independent of City Hall, could continue to provide counseling or after-school programs to younger kids if it so chooses, but would have to find additional funding to make it work.

"We've never told them to turn people away," she said. "We are just looking at this particular group [of older youth]."

Rusk said the center is not being unfairly singled out because of who is at the helm. Instead of turning its back, City Hall is investing more money into the center to help it continue operating and find other means to expand fundraising.

The main reason the last chance agreement was drafted was because audits found that there were $30,000 in excessive payments in retirement plans and other extra payments to employees, Rusk said.

Despite the problems with accounting, the services provided have made a positive impact as several members of the center testified before the council about how their lives have improved since attending PYFC. Some said they came from broken homes and were tempted to join gangs but found a new, loving family in PYFC staff and fellow students. Others said that although they never have been in trouble they attended PYFC because they felt comfortable there and needed advice.

"They've helped me out a lot," said Manny Bravo, a student at Santa Monica College who frequents the center, "and showed me the right way."

Amanda Seward, chair of the PYFC board and an attorney, acknowledges the difficulties and hard work ahead for the center, but said she is committed to "get it done."

"We've always recognized that we needed to improve," she said. "[City staff] didn't tell us anything we didn't already know. The good news is there was no fraud …. More than anything else it was a lack of controls. Now it's about getting everyone on the same page and committing to making things right. We welcome the help."

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Residents living on or near Hill Street also complained about the noise the buses created and the danger of having large buses on narrow residential streets.

"If the ridership numbers … were substantial, then we would accept the current route as necessary, but it isn't and we don't," said Hill Street resident Scott Smith. "[I]t seems that buses are traveling faster through our neighborhood because they are empty and drivers don't have to be cognizant of people standing on the bus … . I think it's becoming more dangerous."

The council had considered cutting the route off at Santa Monica High School in May of last year, but after hearing input from some community members about the difficulty of accessing other lines if Route 2 were truncated, the council decided on a compromise and allowed service to continue on to Hill. The council wanted to get an update though to see if that was going to work.

Data showed it isn't. King said the area south of Pico is already served by Lines 1 and 8, Dial-A-Ride service and paratransit service. Seniors and those with disabilities would be able to access those options to get around town.

"I'm very comfortable with the services we have there," King said.

Mayor Pro Tem Gleam Davis said she never likes to cut services and would like to see some expanded to serve more neighborhoods, but with looming budget deficits it made sense to do away with services that were too costly and could take away from other lines.

She said she did not want to be forced to raise fares.

"Last time we did that it was horrific," she said. "It's very difficult for us because, of course, we don't encourage people to ride the bus by raising fares."

The council vote was unanimous. Councilmembers Bobby Shriver and Pam O'Connor, who serves on the Los Angeles County Metro board, were not present for the vote.

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APPEAL
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speak to exactly why she left with him."

McCusker wrote that her sister grew up in a family affected by their father's alcoholism and always "had a sense of duty to care for people.

"She has touched many with her kind acts, and her love for animals is unsurpassed," McCusker wrote in the letter, unsealed Wednesday.

She said she did not know whether her sister was alive during the time she was gone with Bulger, who's in his 80s.

Bulger and Greig were apprehended in June 2011 in Santa Monica. They posed as married retirees from Chicago and had a stash of more than $800,000 in cash and 30 weapons in their apartment when they were captured.

On Tuesday, the judge sentenced Greig to eight years in prison, below the 10-year sentence recommended by prosecutors but well above the 27-month sentence recommended by her attorney.

Bulger, the former leader of the notorious Winter Hill Gang and an FBI informant, has pleaded not guilty to charges of participating in 19 murders. He awaits trial.

Under federal rules of appellate procedure, a defendant must file a notice of appeal within 14 days after sentencing. If Greig didn't file the notice, she would be barred from ever considering an appeal, so the notice is a safeguard.

Christina DiIorio-Sterling, a spokeswoman for U.S. Attorney Carmen Ortiz, said it is Greig's right to appeal.

COUGAR
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diversity," officials said.

Out of concern for public safety, Santa Monica police shot the animal on the morning of May 22 after an attempt to sedate it failed. The 3-year-old, 95-pound cougar wandered into the courtyard of an office building on Second Street, just a block from the popular Third Street Promenade.

A necropsy found that the animal died as a result of a gunshot wound.

Seth Riley, an expert on urban wildlife with the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, said the cougar was valuable because it may have mated with other lions in the Santa Monica Mountains south of the 101 Freeway and therefore "contributed unique genetic diversity to the genetically homogenous population" in the area.

"The biggest threat to mountain lions in this region is the loss and fragmentation of their habitat because of past and current urbanization," Riley said. "Over the long term, isolation of a small population of large carnivores such as mountain lions can result in inbreeding, reduced genetic diversity and even significant genetic defects."

Lions from the Santa Monica Mountains are hemmed in by the 101 and 405 freeways, making the lack of genetic diversity a serious threat to their long-term survival.

Biologists speculate the Santa Monica lion may be the son of Puma 12, known as P-12. P-12 is the only mountain lion documented to successfully cross the 101 Freeway, thereby contributing new genetic material to the isolated population in the Santa Monica Mountains.

Biologists are currently tracking five mountain lions as part of a decade-long study to better understand how the animals survive in such an urbanized landscape. The study has already documented cases of "first order" inbreeding in which a father lion mated with his offspring.

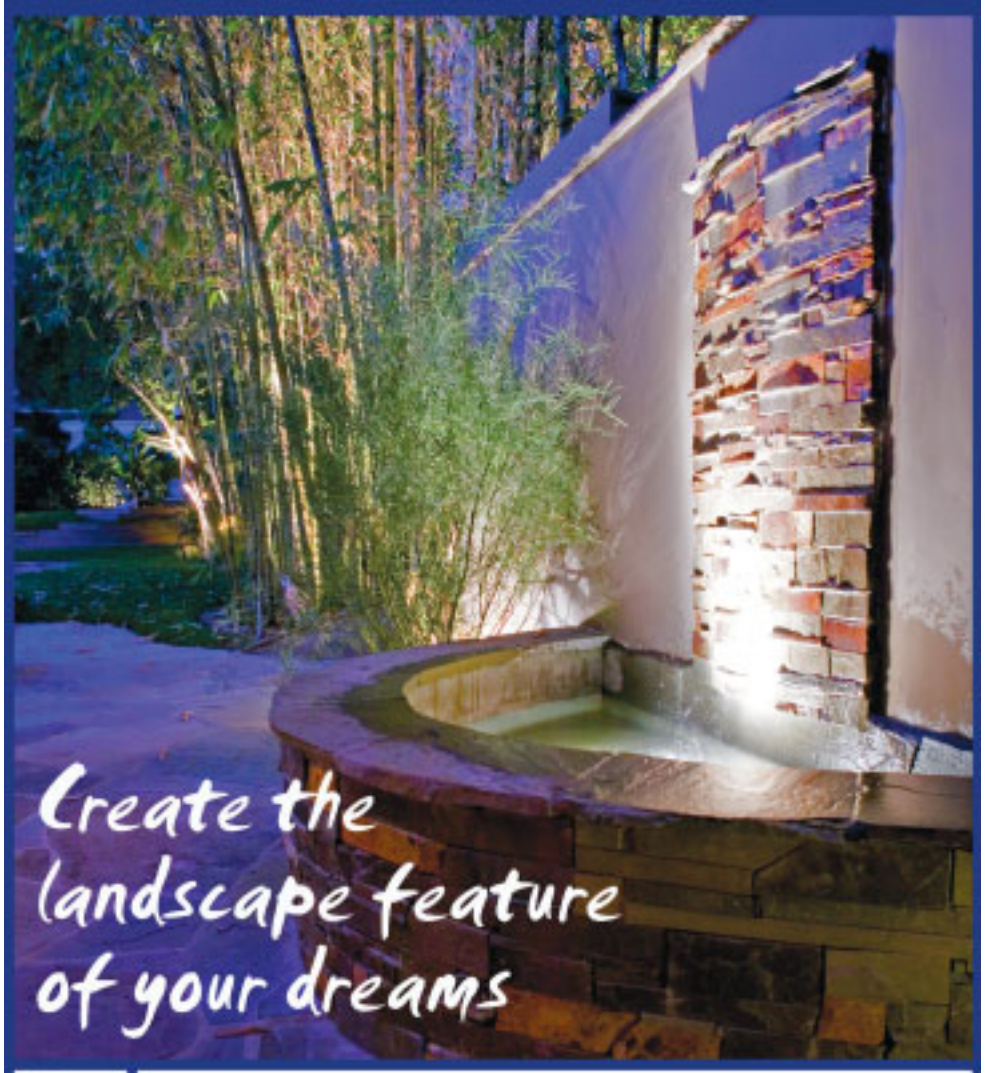
National Park Serve biologists, along with other community groups, will participate in a meeting with the Santa Monica Police Department in late June to help develop a strategy for dealing with wild animals if they wander into the city.

The DNA results do not shed light on why the lion ventured so far into Santa Monica. However, that behavior is typical of the "dispersal" stage during which young adult male lions branch out looking for new territory because of threats from larger male lions or in search of a mate.

Large carnivores like mountain lions need substantial space —anywhere from 50 to 150 square miles.

Based on information gathered from GPS collars, at least two other male mountain lions have cross from the Santa Monica Mountains south of Sunset Boulevard, officials said.

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Former President Bill Clinton shakes hands while visiting the Third Street Promenade on Thursday. Clinton is in the southland fundraising for the Redondo Beach Education Foundation and may attend a nephew's graduation Friday from Redondo Union High School, according to the Daily Breeze. A source told the Daily Press Clinton was in Beverly Hills earlier in the day and wanted to grab a coffee on the promenade.









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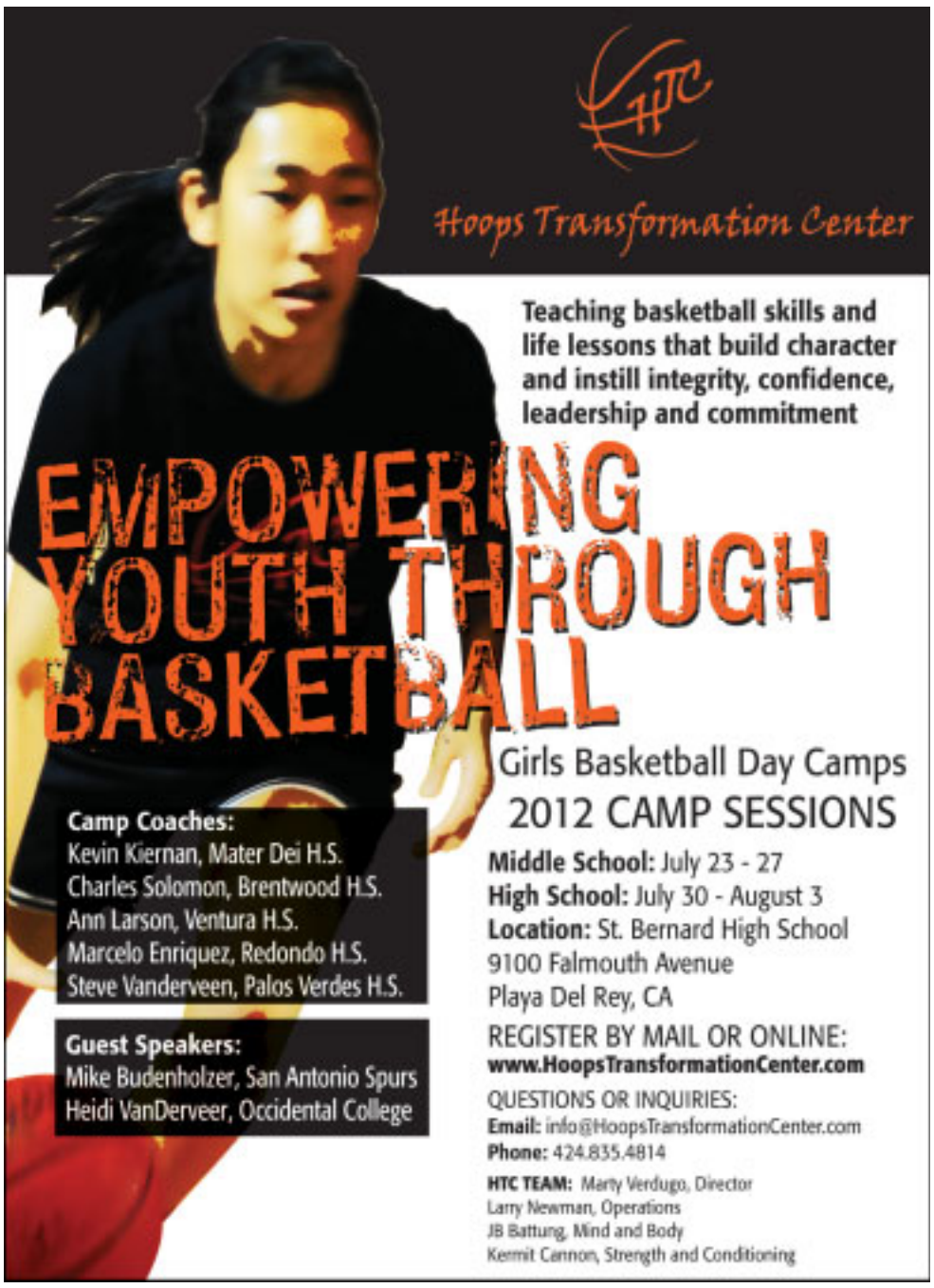
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tion or via a short sale. A short sale is when the bank agrees to accept less than what the borrower owes on their mortgage.

May was the first month since January 2010 that the number of homes starting on the foreclosure path rose on an annual basis. But the trend has been visible in the monthly numbers, with four out of the first five months of this year recording increases over the preceding month.

The data reflects how banks and mortgage servicers have been stepping up efforts this year to address unpaid mortgages.

Foreclosure activity, as measured by the number of homes receiving foreclosure-related notices, slowed sharply last year as banks grappled with allegations that they had been processing foreclosures without verifying documents.

A $25 billion settlement reached in February between the nation's biggest mortgage lenders and state officials has since cleared the way for banks to move against homeowners who have fallen behind on their mortgage payments.

"Lenders are starting to catch up with the delayed foreclosures of the past year and a half," said Daren Blomquist, a vice president at RealtyTrac.

Some 33 states saw annual increases in homes entering the foreclosure process last month, with New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Florida posting the biggest gains.

Many of the homes now entering the foreclosure process could end up repossessed by banks. Going by the last five years, it could be as many as half.

Some 8.7 million U.S. homes entered the foreclosure process between January 2007 and last month, RealtyTrac said. Out of those, 4.3 million properties ended up foreclosed-upon.

Still, the pace of home repossessions has been easing overall of late, with May being an exception.

Banks took back 54,844 properties last month, up 7 percent from April, the firm said.

That represents the first monthly increase after three consecutive monthly declines. Repossessions were still down 18 percent from May last year, although 17 states saw increases, including North Carolina, Florida and Georgia.

Notably, states that have been foreclosure hotbeds throughout the housing downturn — California, Nevada and Arizona — each recorded sharp annual declines in home repossessions last month.

One factor: Banks are increasingly opting to resolve foreclosure cases via short sale, rather than completing the foreclosure process by taking back properties.

In the first three months of the year, short sales grew 25 percent from a year earlier, hitting a three-year high. In contrast, sales of bank-owned properties declined 15 percent versus the first quarter of last year, according to RealtyTrac.

"The trend we're seeing is actually short sales are becoming the preferred method for many lenders, rather than bank repossession," Blomquist said.

Foreclosure sales can spell trouble for nearby homeowners, who could see the value of their homes erode further as neighboring foreclosures sell. But short sales typically sell at a smaller discount than bank-owned homes, so they have less of a negative impact on home prices.

All told, foreclosure-related notices were reported on 205,990 U.S. properties last month, an increase of 9 percent from April and down 4 percent versus May last year, RealtyTrac said.

On a state level, foreclosure activity in Georgia jumped 33 percent between April and May, and vaulted 30 percent from May last year. That translates to one in every 300 households receiving a foreclosure-related warning, the nation's highest foreclosure rate last month.

Rounding out the top 10 states with the highest foreclosure rate in May are Arizona, Nevada, California, Illinois, Florida, Ohio, Michigan, South Carolina and Utah.

City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
SANTA MONICA ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

DATE/TIME: June 18, 2012, 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Council Chambers, (wheelchair accessible)
Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street

PROPERTIES:
ARB 12-124, 1418 3rd Street Promenade: Retail
ARB 12-176, 1837 21st Street: Residential
ARB 12-179, 520 Colorado Avenue: Residential
ARB 12-184, 1440 3rd Street Promenade: Retail
ARB 12-213, 1801 Wilshire Boulevard: Commercial

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

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BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

Six charged as part of crackdown on pot shops

Six people were arrested Thursday on federal drug conspiracy and possession charges for their roles in a trio of Southern California medical marijuana dispensaries ordered to be shut down by the government last year.

Federal prosecutors said the six were indicted in connection with three stores in Riverside and San Bernardino counties. They included the founder-owners of the G3 Holistic stores in Upland, Colton and Moreno Valley and employees including workers at an Ontario growing site.

All were expected to appear in U.S. District Court in Riverside during the afternoon.

In October, California's four U.S. attorneys announced they would crack down on illegal pot shops, saying that they violate federal drug laws. Federal prosecutors believe pot suppliers are using California's 1996 medical marijuana law as a cover for making huge profits.

Hundreds of dispensaries have closed because of evictions or fears of prosecution. Thursday's action was the second criminal case involving retail outlet operators in the Los Angeles region under that crackdown.

Authorities say the G3 Holistic clinics received warning letters about eight months ago and the Colton and Moreno Valley stores were shuttered, but the Upland store remained open.

The indictment alleges a conspiracy to manufacture and possess marijuana with intent to distribute, possession with intent to distribute marijuana and other charges. The two main charges each carry a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years in federal prison and a maximum possible sentence of life in prison, prosecutors said.

Court documents say Internal Revenue Service agents identified 19 bank accounts associated with G3 Holistic Inc. and two principals, the U.S. attorneys said. Prosecutors said the accounts received deposits topping $3.3 million during an eight-month span in 2011 and there was an almost equal amount withdrawn, allegedly "to maintain the facade of G3 Holistic as a non-profit organization."

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LOS ANGELES

Man given life sentence for attacking girls

A Los Angeles man was sentenced to life in prison for attacking four teenage girls and an 18-year-old woman in the San Fernando Valley.

City News Service says Jose Perez was sentenced Wednesday to 17 years plus two life terms after being convicted in April of nine felony counts, including attempted kidnapping, attempted rape and assault.

Police say the 25-year-old Perez attacked a 16-year-old girl and dragged her into some bushes. The girl suffered three fractures to her eye socket. Other attacks by Perez included two 14-year-old girls and a 15-year-old girl.

All the attacks occurred between 2009 and 2010.

AP

LOS ANGELES

One dead, three hurt in blast

Authorities are trying to determine the type of business operating in an industrial workshop south of downtown Los Angeles where one person was killed and three injured in an explosion.

Authorities confirmed that a gas cylinder exploded in a building tucked behind a meat market and a bakery at about 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, said Mario Rueda, deputy captain of the LA fire department.

One person died after being taken from the scene, said Police Capt. William Hayes. The three others were taken to hospitals, one of them in critical condition and two in fair condition.

Rueda said he could not say what kind of business it was or what type of gas was in the tank, and said both pieces of information were the subject of their joint investigation with police.

The manager of a neighboring business shrugged when asked what sort of business operated there. Bermis Meat Market manager Ayman Eldik said he didn't pry and wasn't sure.

Eldik says moments after the loud blast, two women pounded on the back door of the meat market, located off a shared alleyway with the other business, which doesn't have a storefront or signage.

"They were covered in blood," said Eldik, gesturing up and down his torso.

One woman had severe foot injuries and Eldik said he grabbed bags of ice to help her and had a coworker call 911.

A large delivery of the cylinders had arrived at the business around noon Wednesday, blocking part of his driveway, Eldik said.

The blast was in a largely vacant industrial zone about a mile northeast of the University of Southern California campus.

AP

YORBA LINDA

Magnitude-4.1 quake shakes Southern California

Southern California has been shaken by a small earthquake centered in Orange County.

A preliminary report from the U.S. Geological Survey says the magnitude-4.1 quake struck at 8:17 p.m. Wednesday at a depth of about three miles. It was centered eight miles northeast of Anaheim and about 30 miles south of downtown Los Angeles.

The quake was widely felt in the heavily populated area, and those who experienced it are describing it as a single quick, sharp jolt.

There are no reports of any damages or injuries.

AP

LOS ANGELES

$1M in grants for youth from Olympics surplus

Surplus funds from the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games continues to pay for grants for 28 youth sports programs in Southern California.

The LA84 Foundation says it has awarded more than $1 million this year to support programs, and has given more than $200 million since its inception.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: **11DEV012 (Development Agreement 11-012)**
1548 6th Street

APPLICANT: NMS Properties, Inc.
PROPERTY OWNER: 1548LUXENMS, LLC

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

The property owner is seeking a Development Agreement with the City to convert 3,038 square feet of non-usable space into four residential units within an existing mixed-use building at 1548 6th Street.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2012, AT 6:45 p.m.**

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

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

Address your letters to: City Clerk
Re: 11DEV012 (1548 6th Street)
1685 Main Street, Room 102
Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Russell Bunim at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at russell.bunim@smgov.net. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours and on the City's web site at www.santa-monica.org.

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SUBJECT: **11DEV013 (Development Agreement 11-013)**
829 Broadway

APPLICANT: NMS Properties, Inc.
PROPERTY OWNER: NMS Broadway LP

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

The property owner is seeking a Development Agreement with the City to add 2,915 square feet of commercial floor area, 1,060 square feet of residential floor area, and one (1) single room occupancy unit to a recently-constructed 97-unit mixed-use building.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2012, AT 6:45 p.m.**

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

HOW TO COMMENT
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Low prices, weak hiring raise odds of Fed action

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON The U.S. job market is flagging, and consumer prices are barely rising. The picture sketched by data released Thursday has made some economists predict the Federal Reserve will announce some new step next week to boost the economy.

Applications for unemployment benefits rose last week, pointing to a fourth straight month of sluggish hiring in June. And consumer prices were pulled down in May by a plunge in gas prices.

Weak job growth raises pressure on the Fed because part of its mission is to boost employment. And mild inflation gives policymakers more leeway to act. If inflation were threatening to accelerate, Fed policymakers might feel compelled to raise interest rates.

Fed officials are "likely to go into that meeting feeling a little chastened and looking for a way to support the economy," said Jeremy Lawson, an economist at BNP Paribas.

Expectations that the Fed will take some action sent stocks soaring Thursday. And stocks surged higher in the final hour of trading after a report said major central banks were prepared to pump money into global financial markets if necessary.

The Dow Jones industrial average jumped 155 points to end the day at 12,652, a gain of 1.2 percent. Broader indexes also ended the day higher.

The Fed's policymaking committee meets on June 19-20. Economists say the Fed is likely to extend a current program during the meeting that swaps short-term Treasury securities for bonds with longer maturities. The program expires at the end of the month.

Known as "Operation Twist," the goal is to further lower long-term interest rates to encourage borrowing and spending.

Diane Swonk, chief economist at Mesirow Financial, said allowing the program to end could result in tighter credit and make it harder for Americans to buy or refinance homes.

The reason: a key part of the program is buying new mortgage-backed securities with the proceeds from those that mature. Without those purchases, banks might issue fewer mortgages.

Earlier this year it seemed less likely that the Fed would extend Operation Twist. Employers created an average of 252,000 a month from December through February. Consumers were growing confident in the economy and spending at the fastest pace in more than a year.

The Fed forecast at its April meeting that the economy would grow by about 2.7 percent this year.

But many economists are now predicting slower growth after seeing the economy slump this spring. Employers added an average of only 96,000 jobs per month in past three months. Consumers barely increased their spending at retail businesses in May. And European leaders are struggling to contain their financial crisis, which has already plunged much of the region into recession.

"You look at all this and say, where's the growth going to come from?" Lawson said.

The job market doesn't appear to be improving.

Weekly unemployment benefit applications increased to a seasonally adjusted 386,000, the Labor Department said. The four-week average, a less volatile measure, rose for the third straight week to 382,000. That's the highest in six weeks.

Applications are a measure of layoffs. When they drop below 375,000, it typically suggests hiring is strong enough to reduce the unemployment rate.

But applications have settled near or above that level since April. Many economists on Thursday said they don't expect job growth in June to be much better than April or May.

Swonk said that the Fed might take further action later this summer, particularly if Europe's economy worsens. A deep recession in Europe could weigh on the U.S. stock market and cut into U.S. exports, slowing American growth.

One hopeful sign is that consumers are finally seeing relief from higher gas prices, which could revive spending this summer.

The consumer price index dropped 0.3 percent in May, the Labor Department said in a separate report. It was the largest decline since December 2008 and mainly because of a 6.8 percent drop in gas prices. Food costs were unchanged.

Over the past 12 months ending in May, consumer prices rose 1.7 percent, much less than April's pace. It's also below the Fed's target of a 2 percent annual gain.

Average national gas prices have tumbled 41 cents after peaking April 6. The average price per gallon on Thursday was $3.53, according to AAA.

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New breed of websites makes selling more social

ANNE D'INNOCENZIO
AP Retail Writer

NEW YORK Are you trying to make some cash selling off your surplus skinny jeans, but nervous about selling to strangers?

A new crop of websites and apps with names like Copious.com, Threadflip, HipSwap and Poshmark are trying to make selling more social, connecting with networks like Facebook and Twitter to help buyers and sellers feel more comfortable.

Their offerings are dwarfed by giants like eBay, Craigslist and Amazon.com, and some take a bigger cut of the sale price in exchange for more services. But these newcomers are out to shake up the market for buying and selling goods that has previously had more anonymity.

"We're trying to take the creepiness out of buying and selling," said Jim Rose, CEO and co-founder of Copious.com, which requires that buyers and sellers sign on using their Facebook or Twitter identities. The idea is someone shopping for a handbag or coat can see if anyone they know has purchased an item from a seller or if they are connected through a Facebook friend, friend of a friend or through Twitter.

HipSwap and Poshmark let you sign in with your email address, but boast other twists to make selling and buying a social activity. Rob Kramer, CEO of HipSwap, says, "If Craigslist and Pinterest had a baby— it would be HipSwap." Users can tweet their collections, share their items on Facebook, survey Facebook friends for their views and pin their items on Pinterest, the pinboard style social photo sharing website.

Poshmark throws online buying parties tailored to specific merchandise so sellers and buyers have a more targeted audience.

Here are five tips if you want to try them out:

1. COMPARE FEES: Before selling or buying, study each site to find out the services and fees charges. For sellers, commissions vary wildly, from 3.5 percent to 40 percent.

HipSwap.com charges a 3.5 percent fee; the buyer pays the shipping. If both the user and seller live in Los Angeles or New York, they can get their treasures delivered in a hot pink truck for a $5 fee. Copious charges the seller a 3.5 percent commission as well as a 6 percent marketplace fee for what the item sells for.

Poshmark, a mobile app for Apple's iPhone and iPad, charges the seller a 20 percent commission. The seller receives a prepaid shipping label that's emailed. The buyer pays a flat fee of $7, which covers shipping. At Threadflip, the fees are the same, but what's different is it sends the user all the materials needed to ship the item, including the box.

For those who really want to be pampered, Threadflip will photograph, list, price and ship the item to the buyer as part of its White Glove Service. The fee goes up to 40 percent.

For comparison, eBay charges a flat 9 percent of the item price, including shipping, up to $250 for casual sellers who list up to 50 items per month.

2. GET TO KNOW THE BUYER/ SELLER: For most of these sites, looking at users' profiles or knowing how they connect with your Facebook friends or Twitter followers is a good way to gauge a buyer and seller. Experts also advise sending questions directly to the seller or buyer.

Some like Threadflip also have a rating review, similar to eBay's.

3. KNOW THE RIGHT PRICE: Checking eBay's massive database of listings can still be the best way to gauge what things sell for. But remember that pricing an item depends on the brand and how worn it is, says Sucharita Mulpuru, a Forrester Research analyst. A hard-to-find gently worn or new Hermes bag could command just a 30 percent discount, but a pair of gently worn, no-name jeans could be 70 percent off, she says.

4. PAY ATTENTION TO PRIVACY: Read the privacy sections of each site and make sure your settings match your comfort level, says Marshal Cohen, chief industry analyst with market research firm The NPD Group.

For example, you may not want the public to know you "liked" a particular item, for example, and instead would rather be anonymous or restrict your preferences to just your list of "Facebook friends."

5. WEIGH MARKET SIZE: EBay has 25 million sellers, 100 million buyers and 300 million daily live listings globally, including fashion. It has 1.9 million new items listed via eBay's mobile apps every week. In comparison, Poshmark has 100,000 items listed and 30,000 users.

But many of these new sites also allow users to build customized marketplaces. HipSwap, for example, offers users the option to "Hip or Skip" items, a move that helps the site to tailor what products users will see every time they click on the site. That could help link buyers and sellers more efficiently.

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City of Santa Monica

SUBJECT: **11DEV006 (Development Agreement 11-006)**
1447 Lincoln Boulevard

APPLICANT: NMS Properties, Inc.
PROPERTY OWNER: Lincoln Studios, LLC

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

The property owner is seeking a Development Agreement with the City to add 4,333 square feet of commercial floor area, 2,217 square feet of residential floor area, and one (1) one-bedroom unit to a 97-unit mixed-use building that is currently under construction.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2012, AT 6:45 p.m.**

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

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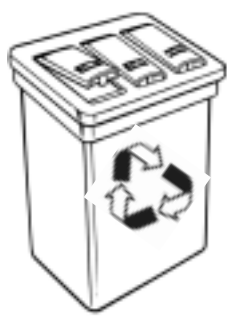
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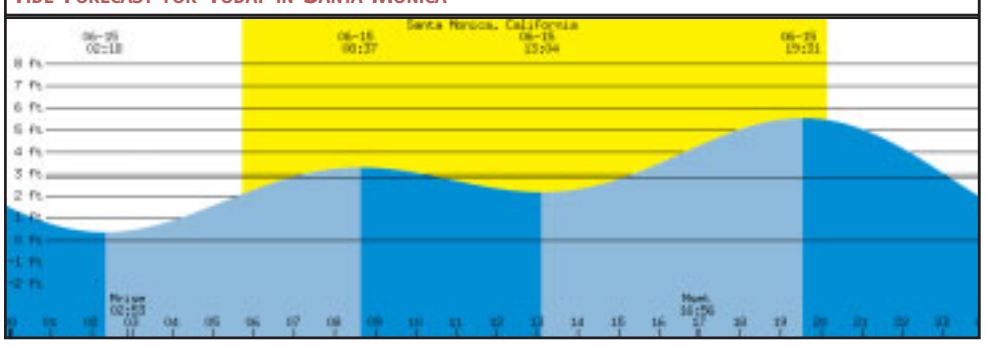
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Long Range Synopsis

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.	ns	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	D	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	F	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd.	A	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location) - daily.	B	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	B	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	F	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	B	ns
Pena Creek at Los Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Trina Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	B	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	ns

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

LEGEND

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NHL

Kings celebrate title with parade, rally in downtown

GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES Dustin Brown stood on a flatbed truck and raised the big silver trophy above his head once again. The air in downtown Los Angeles filled with a blizzard of silver-and-black confetti.

The Los Angeles Kings are Stanley Cup champions for the first time, and a celebration 45 years in the making certainly appeared to be worth the wait.

The Kings rode double-decker buses and flatbed trucks in a parade through the city center, moving slowly up Figueroa Street past thousands of roaring fans. Brown and playoff MVP Jonathan Quick then raised the Cup outside Staples Center, where the Kings completed their 16-4 rampage through the postseason on Monday night by eliminating the New Jersey Devils.

"It was more than you could ever expect," forward Dustin Penner said. "It's one of those moments you want to live over and over again. It's amazing to hear all the support, and to put faces to the cheers we've heard all year."

The Kings gathered inside the arena for a packed rally, with fans waving towels and giving repeated standing ovations to every speaker. Coach Darryl Sutter even pumped up the fans with a series of joyously out-of-character fist pumps, and forward Anze Kopitar riled them up even more.

"It's too much fun not to win it again, so let's go get it," Kopitar said.

Quick, the Conn Smythe Trophy winner, then cracked up the crowd with profane praise of his teammates in a ceremony running live on local television. But even amid the pomp and profanity of a major party, the Kings' affection for each other broke through.

"Just to see the looks on their faces after they won it is something I'll remember for the rest of my life," said Sutter, the midseason replacement who revitalized the Kings' season. "It's just awesome, awesome, awesome."

The Kings will have all summer to absorb what they accomplished this spring, but the superlatives are remarkable.

Los Angeles is the first No. 8 seed to win the Stanley Cup, and only one modern NHL team did it in fewer games. The Kings took a 3-0 lead in all four of their playoff series — also an NHL first. Los Angeles never played an elimination game, only getting stretched even to Game 6 once, and only trailed for about 184 minutes in the entire postseason.

The Kings finished third in the Pacific Division, albeit only two points behind winner Phoenix, and didn't clinch a playoff berth until right before their 81st game. They were the NHL's lowest-scoring team for most of the regular season before getting it together in late February around the time Jeff Carter arrived in a trade with Columbus.

"I don't think we really had the season we expected of ourselves, and I don't think we were an eight seed," said defenseman Rob Scuderi, still sporting black stitches in his nose and upper lip after New Jersey's Steve Bernier slammed him headfirst into the boards in Game 6, resulting in a five-minute power play in which the Kings scored three goals and essentially wrapped up the Cup.

The Stanley Cup has already made an extensive tour of Los Angeles, starting at a Hermosa Beach pub just a few hours after the Kings claimed it. The Cup was in Brown's backyard Tuesday morning, where his two oldest sons drank chocolate milk out of the bowl while wearing their Spider-Man pajamas.

After appearances on "The Tonight Show" and "Jimmy Kimmel Live" on Tuesday, the Cup made its way on Wednesday to Dodger Stadium, where the Dodgers and Angels posed with the Kings for a remarkable photo before every hockey player threw out a first pitch. On Wednesday night, the Cup ended up at a popular stage show in Hollywood's historic Roosevelt Hotel, where David Beckham and Chuck Liddell joined in the celebration.

"It feels great," said Kopitar, the playoffs' scoring co-leader with linemate Brown. "You want to have parades every year. It's going to be tough, but we think we have the team to do it."

The Kings are uniformly excited they've got a strong chance of defending their title next season with much the same roster. General manager Dean Lombardi, who lost his voice in the post-Cup celebrations and couldn't speak to the rally crowd, already has signed most of Los Angeles' key contributors for at least one more year, with only forwards Penner, Jarret Stoll and Colin Fraser headed for unrestricted free agency.

"I'd say it's pretty good," Penner said of his chances of returning to Los Angeles. "I want to be back. ... I'm pretty sure Dean is good at math."

Penner rebounded from a dismal regular season for a strong playoff run with linemates Mike Richards and Carter, scoring the overtime goal in the victory that clinched the Kings' second Western Conference championship. The power forward is now a two-time NHL champion after winning the Cup with Anaheim in 2007, and his experience after that title has affected how he views his impending free agency.

Penner signed a five-year, $21.25 million offer sheet with Edmonton in the ensuing offseason, and the furious Ducks didn't match it. Penner got his money, but missed his teammates while struggling through dismal seasons with the Oilers, who traded him to Los Angeles last season.

"I ended up leaving (Anaheim), and you want to be a part of that — coming into a building as the champs," Penner said. "We've got a good thing going here, and I love it."

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Vanish tonight, Gem

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Let go and realize that with a little adjustment to your plans, you could stop and accept an invitation to have a leisurely chat and meal. This decision will open up your day and your mood. Tonight: Your treat.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Walk away from rigidity, and greet change with openness. As you walk into someone else's life, you'll discover what very different people you are. Return calls, as you do not want to miss an important invitation. Tonight: Beam in what you want most.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Much is happening behind the scenes that you might not be totally aware of. All you see are glimmerings of suggestions. A key person in your life history gives you meaningful feedback. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Situate yourself among associates or friends. A meeting could be an enormous source of information and ideas. Get a stronger sense about a person you could find yourself working with in realizing a goal. Tonight: You are the party.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You are in touch with a respected relative, friend or associate. Above all, this person responds to you because of the manner in which you treat him or her. Reorganize your schedule if you are so inclined, as a request might be forthcoming. Tonight: Establish limits politely.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ To others, your ideas seem to come in from left field. Usually you do not find it difficult to stop and take some time to explain something to a friend. Right now, however, you have a one-track mind. Tonight: As far away as possible.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Make it your pleasure to work with an associate. At least try to ingrain that thought into your mind. Interactions will be much easier as a result, and a brainstorming situation could ensue. Tonight: Togetherness would be nice.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You are a strong and dominant sign. Sometimes you need to let go and let those you respect take charge. Too many responsibilities and obligations can, and probably will, weigh you down. Tonight: Be a wild thing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might want to think of what works and readjust this or that in order to blend in or make a situation OK. You communicate with precision, and others hear you loud and clear. Tonight: Join a chatty friend or two. TGIF!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Once you get an idea in your head, you can be very stubborn. The issue is how to squeeze everything in and still make your idea happen. You'll rethink, rearrange your priorities and, in the long run, you will find a way. Tonight: Share a moment or two with someone who gives you a case of the butterflies.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ If you can, take the day for yourself. If you cannot, make sure to head home quickly in the late afternoon. You will want to clear out the day's pressures and put yourself in that naturally free and open mode. Tonight: Could you invite someone over for dessert?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Keep conversations moving. If you can, avoid committing to plans -- you could be more unpredictable than usual. Be aware that a friendship could be changing. Tonight: Make sure you are with someone who makes you smile and laugh.

Happy birthday

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

This year you sometimes go on overload as you think, reorganize and try to find alternatives. You might want to flex more and not get stuck in stubborn and ineffective thinking. Work on trusting yourself enough to find the correct path. If you are single, you could meet someone quite assertive. Dating this person will be interesting, if nothing else. If you are attached, the two of you might take up a new pastime or hobby together. The outcome will make you smile. TAURUS helps you heal or feel better when you are out of kilter.

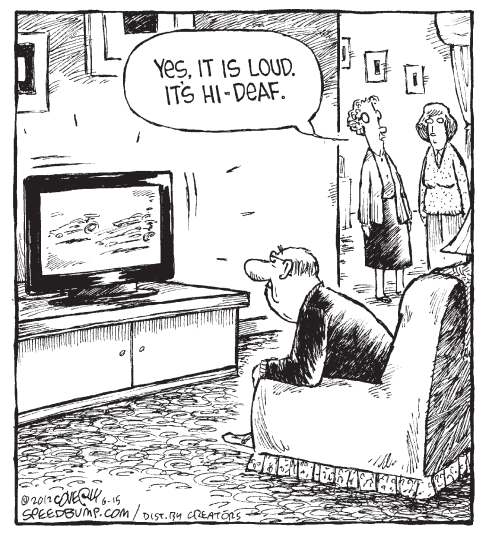


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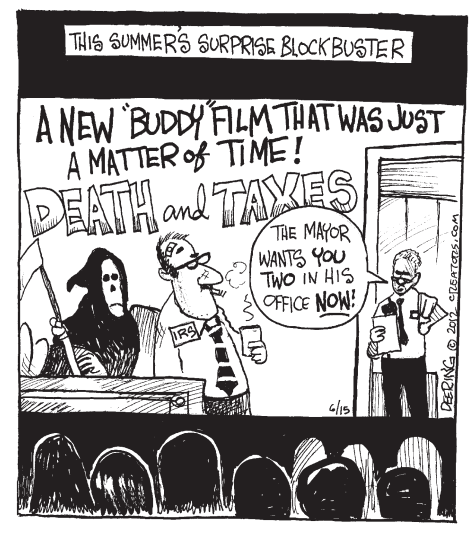
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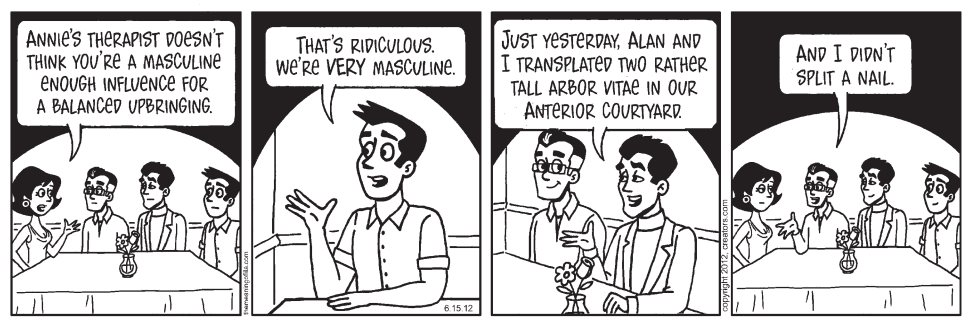
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Sudoku

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

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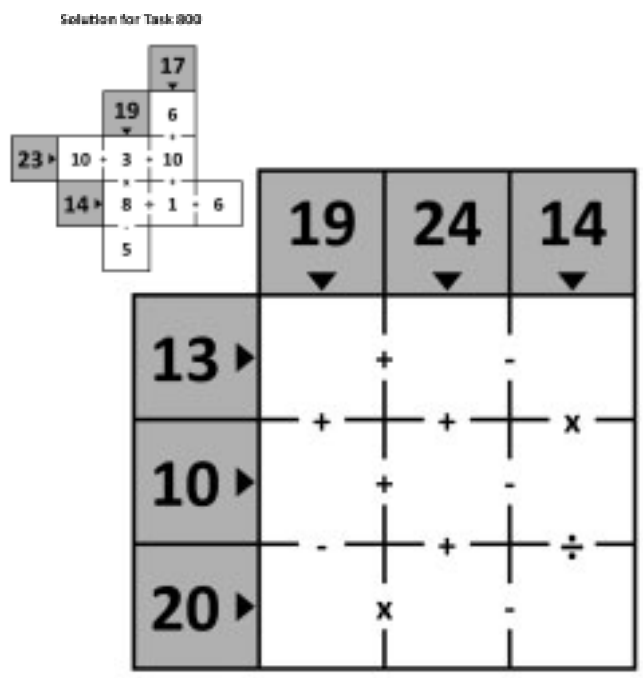
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■■ No insect is in greater need of a public relations boost than the cockroach, and Dr. Mathieu Lihoreau of Rennes, France, provided it in a recent issue of the journal Insectes Sociaux. Roaches are highly social, suffer when isolated, recognize members of their own families, and appear to make "collective decisions for the greater good" of their community, according to a review of the research in May by BBC Nature. They act in "emergent forms of cooperation" -- "swarm intelligence." Functioning mostly through chemical cues, they advise their homeboys where to find food and water, where the good crawl-into cracks are for sleeping, and how to stay attached to their social networks.

■■Dr. Jason Burke rolled out his "Hangover Heaven" medical bus fleet in Las Vegas in April, offering revelers a faster, clinically proper recovery from their night of excess drinking for a $90 to $150 fee. After giving their medical history, "patients" receive intravenous saline, with B and C vitamins and whatever prescription or over-the-counter drugs are appropriate, says Burke (a licensed anesthesiologist). No drunks are served; the patient must be in the "hangover" stage. One M.D., who hosts a radio show, told CBS News, "I think many doctors are kicking themselves because they didn't think of this first."

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