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THE **ALMOST THERE** ISSUE

Sally Ride receives final resting place



RIDE

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

WOODLAWN CEMETERY Sally Ride, the first American woman in space, was interred at Woodlawn Cemetery, Mortuary and Mausoleum in a private ceremony attended by family and friends Monday, city officials said.

Less than 20 people were admitted to the funeral, which was led by Ride's sister Karen, who is better known by her nickname "Bear," said Benjamin Steers, acting administrator for Woodlawn.

It was particularly meaningful for Steers, whose uncle worked for NASA and who followed the space shuttle program with a passion, collecting each of the shuttle mission patches.

"To me, it was truly an honor that I had the opportu-

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VROOM

Kevin Herrera *kevinh@smdp.com*

Nathan Vincent, 10, hops aboard a Santa Monica Police Department motorcycle while his best friend's mother Sandra Carpinteiro snaps a picture on Tuesday during the National Night Out block party. The event included live music, food and activities.

Samohi is aiming for a zero

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SAMOHI The Samohi Solar Alliance is used to taking on big projects in an attempt to improve the environment at Santa Monica High School.

The group, an eco-conscious band of students, successfully lobbied to install a new solar hot water heater to heat Drake Pool in one of its first projects, and two of its leaders received a presidential commendation last year for their work encouraging district students of all ages to get on bikes or take public transportation to school.

This year, they're planning to take on something even more insidious, an environmental problem less obvious than driving and more complicated than flipping a switch — the trash.

The Samohi Solar Alliance aims to turn its high school into a zero-waste campus, meaning that little to no materials carted away from the school would end up in a landfill.

That may seem like a monumental task given that it strikes at the core of not only what types of materials the district buys and eventually tosses, but what kids bring from home that ends up in trash bins.

It also means breaking through the confusion of what can be recycled and what is better directed to one of an earth-tone rainbow of other cans, be it the green waste dis-

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Loss of redevelopment cash hurts struggling cities

AMY TAXIN
BY GOSIA WOZNIACKA
Associated Press

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. This old city at the foot of the mountains limped to its bicentennial two years ago, its finances in tatters from a housing bust that sapped tax revenues and ballooning salaries and pension obligations for city workers.

Then came the final blow — Gov. Jerry Brown's decision to eliminate state funding for local redevelopment agencies to help close California's yawning deficit. The move cost the city $30 million annually and highlighted something else: San Bernardino was using about $6 million of those funds to back fill its general fund.

Without that money, things only got

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Thursday, Aug. 9, 2012

Cirque on the waves
Santa Monica Pier
7 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Cirque du Soleil's PARADE Collective comes to the Twilight Concert Series this week. PARADE is comprised of musicians from Cirque's many productions. For more information, call
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7 p.m.
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TV writer turned novelist
Barnes & Noble
1201 Third Street Promenade,
7 p.m.
Emmy-nominated TV writer and producer Bruce Ferber debuts his novel, "Elevating Overman." The former showrunner for "Home Improvement" brings his considerable wit to the page. For more information, call
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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Samohi quarterback job a toss up

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI Much is certain about Santa Monica High School's offense.

They return four starters from last year's offensive line. The Vikings' primary weapon is undoubtedly USC-commit wide receiver Sebastian LaRue. And a platoon of running backs will be relied on to tote the rock.

What isn't certain is who will be orchestrating the offense at quarterback.

There's a three-man competition to determine who will replace last year's starter Christian Salem, but Head Coach Travis Clark said he's far from deciding who will line up behind center on opening night.

"It's still a competition," Clark said. "I haven't named a starter. I don't feel that I'm in a hurry to."

Locked in the fight for the top spot are senior transfer Ryan Barbarin, sophomore Niko Basile and junior Jordan Detamore. Clark believes that Barbarin, who came to Samohi from Serra, and Basile have worked their way to the forefront, but who knows who will be barking out plays when the Vikings host Redondo Union on Aug. 31.

Clark said he may have a favorite at this point, but he's not telling.

What he does know is that he likes to play things close to the vest. It creates a little mystery while the summer's subplot unfolds.

Clark does plan to have a starter in place by the time Samohi takes on South Torrance in their annual scrimmage in a few weeks, yet he seems to be enjoying what the competition is bringing out in his trio of quarterbacks.

Whoever does wind up the starter will have the good fortune of having LaRue catching passes.

The senior, who is considered one of the top wide receivers in southern California, if not the West Coast, dominated last season with 55 receptions, 903 yards and 17 touchdowns. What makes those stats all the more impressive is the fact that Samohi was a run-first offense last season with Kori Garcia, who is currently at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, getting most of the touches on offense.

Clark knows that LaRue will draw double

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LETTING GO: **Samohi's Ryan Barbarin drops back to attempt a pass during practice on Tuesday. The senior is locked in a battle with two other quarterbacks for the starting nod.**

Burglars don't care if a door belongs to man or mutt

SUE MANNING
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES A burglar will use any open door — front, back, side, garage or doggy.

Deanna Souza was sleeping in her Northern California home on March 1 when her doorbell rang. Zoe, her 4-pound Yorkie, started barking. The bell rang again. Zoe was making such a fuss that Souza went to see who was there. Through her blinds, she saw a woman heading for the back yard while putting on rubber gloves.

When the doggy door in her sliding glass door started rattling, Souza called 911 and hid in a closet. Zoe ran and hid under a bed.

Police arrived and arrested the woman — wedged in the doggy door.

The FBI says there was one burglary in the United States every 14.6 seconds in 2010. The agency doesn't compile statistics on method of entry, but experts agree doggy doors are relatively low on the list, since not every house has one, they are usually small and a crook can't be sure what might be on the other side.

"If the door is big enough for a Lab or mastiff, I'm not sure I would want to crawl through it," said Dr. Bonnie Beaver, a professor at Texas A&M University's College of Veterinary Medicine and director of the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists. "But some idiots even try to come down the chimney."

Recent accounts make that case. On May 7, just days after NFL linebacker Junior Seau's suicide, a man squeezed through the doggy door at his Oceanside, Calif., home and walked out the garage door with a $500 bicycle, police Lt. Leonard Mata said.

In East Bethel, Minn., a teenager was caught using a doggy door to steal money and valuables from her neighbor so she could support a porn addiction, said Laura Landes, crime prevention specialist with the Anoka County Sheriff's Department.

Souza, a dispatcher for the California Highway Patrol, still has the same doggy door because Zoe needs it. "If someone really wanted in, they could just break the glass," she said.

Still, police, retailers and pet owners say

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Don't close it

Editor:

We totally agree with the letter from Tony Blain concerning the closure of our iconic main post office ("Not a good move," Letters to the Editor, Aug. 5).

We have lived in Santa Monica for 41 years and feel this building is a local treasure. It is a historic building and other means of saving money rather than abandoning it could be found; just stopping Saturday mail, or reducing the 2006 mandate that prepays future postal worker retirees.

Ruth and Larry Rosen
Santa Monica

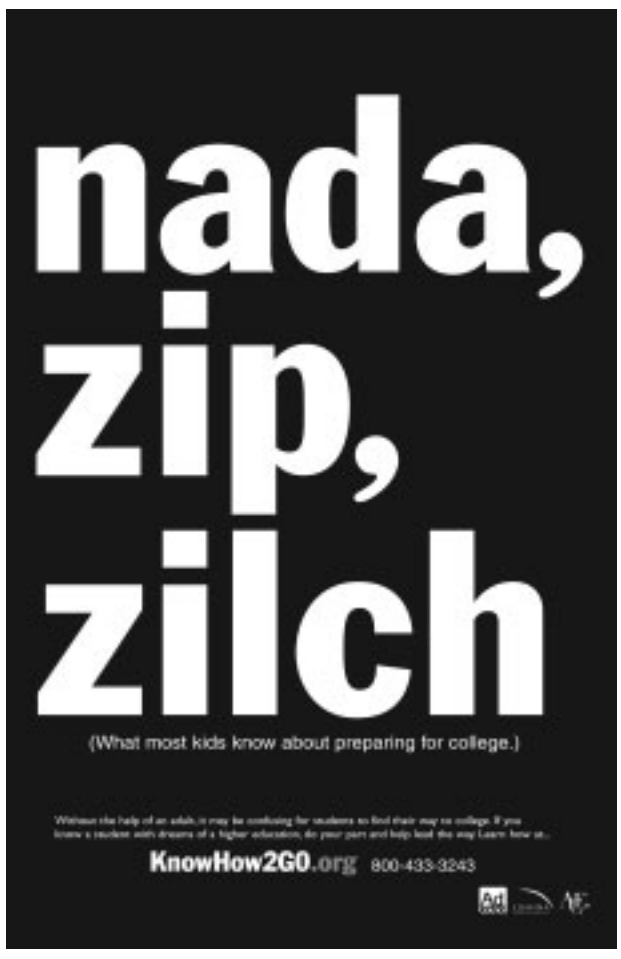
Seeing both sides

Editor:

I think it's OK that the Daily Press printed the Family Research Council's column ("Argument against gay marriage is phony as a $3 bill," Your Column Here, Aug. 7). I would assume that most of SMDP's demographic disagrees with Family Research, but gay marriage is an important social issue right now, and it can be helpful to be exposed to the different sides of an issue regardless of your beliefs.

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The Olympic voices in my head

AFTER A NEARLY FIVE-YEAR ABSENCE from the sport in which I completed six marathons, I very recently started running again. While the times in my previous running career were nothing to write home about, I once won an age-group award despite the fact that there were actually other people in my age group. Granted, there were also only fewer than 30 people altogether in that race and I nearly got beat by a preschooler, but still.

It doesn't appear as if another marathon is in my future, but I'm happy these days to get my legs moving at a pace slightly faster than a walk. What's helping me this time around too is the Olympics, as I imagine the broadcast announcers in London are also in my head when I trot off on my 3.84-mile loop on most mornings.

"Look at the way she skillfully ran around that sprinkler without getting even a drop of water on her," Announcer A whispers — in my mind — with awe each day.

"And how she didn't stop and yet deftly observed in great detail those newly sprouted sunflowers in the neighbor's garden," Announcer B replies admiringly. "It's rare to come across an athlete so completely focused on her sport who can still manage to avoid stepping in an enormous pile of dog poop."

"I don't think I've ever seen a runner ascend a hill that small quite so slowly," Announcer A says thoughtfully. "But she must know something we don't and is likely saving herself for some other difficult part of the course coming up. Even though we actually know there isn't one."

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"Listen to the roar of that crowd as she nears her front door!" Announcer B cheers. "She completed the same run for the third time this week — a three-peat! Let's just hope she sees her older daughter's scooter on the ground before it's too late. Whoa! That was a close call!"

"Judging by that look of ambivalence on her face as she checks out her final time, I can only speculate about the range of emotions she's experiencing right now," Announcer A says. "That, and she's probably hoping when she walks inside she'll find her husband has already cleaned up after the kids' breakfast and is starting to get them dressed for the day."

The thing is, I've had imaginary announcers in my head for years, and not just for sports-related activities. I occasionally play solitaire on my iPhone to pass the time, and the announcers make cameos at clutch moments.

"What a treat to watch a card player this good," says Announcer A. "She's one of the few pros who know it's a total waste of a move to put down a two or three because she's saving them for the ace piles without locking up the other cards unnecessarily."

"Yes, but I'm still surprised she missed the opportunity in this hand to pull that nine of spades from the pile. Now she's going to have to wait until it comes around again," cautions Announcer B. "She can pretty much kiss a time award goodbye, but she's already proven that she has a long, promising career ahead of her in solitaire."

Sometimes when I'm out in public, I have to improvise when changing my younger daughter's diapers. This is my second time at the baby rodeo, so not only do I have it down, but I like to think I'm doing pretty well. The Olympic announcers in my head agree.

"I'm not sure in the history of diaper changes we've ever seen someone use so few wipes for such an awful mess," Announcer A says excitedly. "We might just be witnessing a new world record here, folks.

"And did you see how she managed to put her baby on that changing table while managing to avoid having the baby actually touch the table?" Announcer B replies incredulously. "Most moms feel they're walking away from a public changing table with traces of fecal matter everywhere, but she can walk away with the satisfaction of knowing it was a clean job well done. This'll be a story for the ages."

In my mind, I medal frequently in other areas of my life, too.

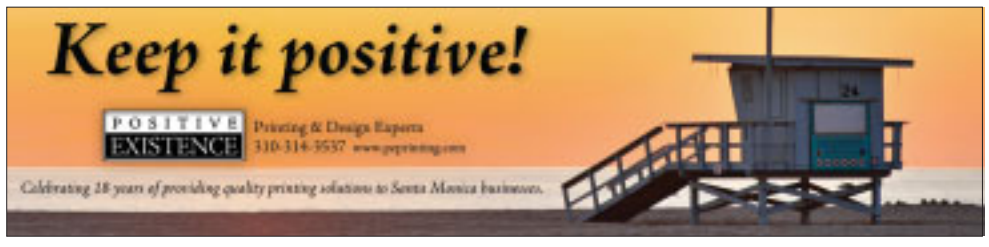
Driving: "With a car as wide as hers, and with that baby mirror affixed to the headrest of the rear passenger seat, people don't realize how hard it is to see behind her when she's moving into the right lane," Announcer A comments breathlessly. "It's a wonder she moved around the road as adeptly as she did just now, particularly since only moments earlier her older daughter threw an empty Goldfish snack cup at her head. It's a real testament to her driving."

Fighting with my husband: "Only a few women on the planet have the strength and skill to hold back when hit with the 'I feel like I'm in 'The Twilight Zone'' retort from their husbands," Announcer B comments reverentially. "What we're witnessing here is a true professional."

Quieting my older daughter's tantrums: "Other moms wish they could shut up their kids simply by saying the number one with a tone that fierce," Announcer A marvels. "Once in a lifetime do we see a mom shut down her child as swiftly as this mom just did. Man, she scared me when she said it!"

Look for me on Wheaties boxes on supermarket shelves near you (in my mind) soon.

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Checking the books

TO OUTSIDERS, CALIFORNIA APPEARS to be a decidedly liberal state. After all, Mitt Romney is unlikely to even contest the Golden State and our super high taxes and regulatory burden establish beyond any reasonable doubt that this sure isn't Texas. It is true that, taken as a whole, our elected leadership is very much left of center, but what about the voters themselves?

Truth is, the citizens of California — especially on fiscal issues — are far more conservative. Want proof? While the majority in the California Legislature would pass tax increases in a heartbeat, California voters are far more reluctant. Indeed, the last eight proposed tax hikes on the statewide ballot have been defeated, including an increase in the tobacco tax.

So, even if most Californians are not "anti-government zealots," most are strongly in favor of making sure that tax dollars are spent wisely. Californians, irrespective of their political leanings, want fiscal prudence.

That is probably why recent actions by our elected leadership and entrenched bureaucrats are so out of step with ordinary voters and why the public reaction to the recent scandals has been unbridled outrage.

Add last week's disgrace involving the California Parks Department hiding $54 million while simultaneously closing parks to the litany of other infuriating acts of gross misconduct by those who run state government. Particularly angry are the scores of non-profit organizations that, although they themselves are lean on revenue, stepped up to save dozens of state parks from closing. To say they were shocked and disappointed upon learning of the hidden money is an understatement and many are rethinking their support.

If this were an isolated incident, perhaps voters would be more forgiving. But on top of the high speed rail fiasco, pay hikes for legislative employees, having to pay $34 million in penalties for overdue bills, raids on special funds to pay for legislative malfeasance, etc., the misdeeds of political leadership are beginning to sound like a broken record.

It is no wonder voters are both disgusted and tired.

This is not the way it is supposed to be. In fact, one of the most important functions of any legislative body is oversight of how tax dollars are spent. But in California, the dirty little secret is that the Legislature conducts virtually no meaningful oversight.

One would think that with a full-time legislature, our elected officials would have more than enough time to review the performance and efficiency of government programs. But, ironically, other states which have only a part-time legislature do a much better job of being faithful stewards of public dollars.

The reason for this is simple. In California, being a legislator is a career, not a call to public service. And to maintain their political careers, politicians need to be in the news — a lot. Therefore, the incentive is to propose some new program that will grab attention on the six o'clock news rather than to do the more mundane work of oversight. Put bluntly, oversight is not nearly as sexy as a new program.

What California needs — especially now — is oversight on steroids. We need agencies to perform meaningful performance audits, not just cursory financial audits. Perhaps the establishment of a state grand jury would help. Or maybe giving the Little Hoover Commission true independence and more resources to pursue and prosecute wasteful and fraudulent conduct.

Clearly, something has to change. State officials admitted last week that the state's finances are run, more or less, on the "honor system." While that may be good enough for professional politicians, it falls woefully short of the conduct that those providing the taxpayer dollars expect from their leaders.

In the wake of last week's revelations, Senate Republican Leader Bob Huff rightfully noted that a "slap-dash review by the governor's office is no substitute for a thorough audit of our state government's finances. It's also no substitute for proper legislative oversight of state government operations. Californians deserve a thorough top-to-bottom audit of state government to determine how many more billions of dollars have been squirreled away by career bureaucrats. That process should be completed before we even consider going back and asking struggling families for yet another tax increase."

In this, Sen. Huff may have put his finger on the only silver lining in this whole fiasco. Voters are very unlikely to raise taxes when they see how their money is being wasted.

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The Q Line

Representing Malibu

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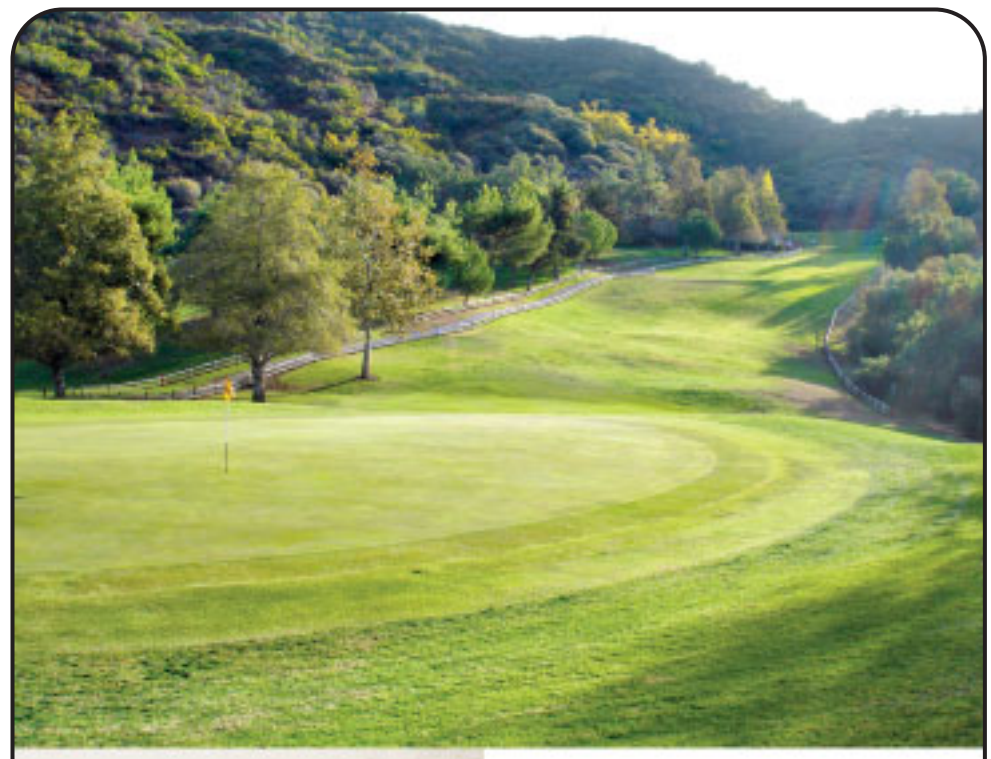
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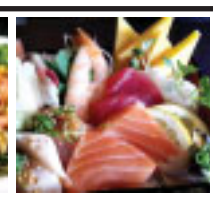
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LOS ANGELES

Commuter train on pace for deadliest year

A Southern California commuter train line is on pace to have the deadliest year in its 22-year history.

The Los Angeles Times reports six people have been struck and killed by Los Angeles County Blue Line trains this year, including four who committed suicide.

A record 10 people died in 1999.

This year's deaths were among 22 accidents reported along the 22-mile line from Long Beach to downtown Los Angeles. The line handles 26 million riders a year and is one of the busiest light rails in the nation.

Metropolitan Transportation Authority member Zev Yaroslavsky says the number of suicides is a record. He also says the line could see a record number of deaths by year's end, and he's urging an investigation to help reduce the toll.

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LOS ANGELES

City names day in honor of reggae great Bob Marley

Tuesday was Bob Marley Day in Los Angeles.

The City Council proclaimed the day Tuesday in honor of the Jamaican reggae legend whose string of hits include "I Shot the Sheriff" and "No Woman, No Cry."

Marley was 36 when he died of cancer in 1981 but his children Ziggy and Karen were on hand for the honor. With Councilman Joe Buscaino leading from the podium, they joined in singing a verse from Marley's "Redemption Song."

Buscaino says Marley's music "brought people together in times of trouble."

The proclamation coincides with the DVD release of the documentary "Marley."

Ziggy Marley also is a noted musician and has a home in Los Angeles.

AP

LOS ANGELES

Taxpayer cost put at $4M for occupy protest

Last fall's downtown Los Angeles Occupy protest cost taxpayers more than $4 million.

The Los Angeles Daily News says the City Council's budget committee was told on Monday that most of the money was for police and park personnel overtime.

The Occupy LA protesters, part of the nationwide anti-Wall Street social movement, took over the park outside City Hall for two months. The park reopened last month after a $1 million makeover.

Some 1,400 police officers helped to evict the protesters on Dec. 1.

Those costs included $431,000 for the repairs to the lawn and a new sprinkler system.

The General Services Department says it spent $571,753 to provide various items to the demonstrators and to clear the site of 25 tons of debris after they left.

AP

LOS ANGELES

Privatizing Convention Center suggested

Turning over management of the Los Angeles Convention Center to a private firm would save the city up to $37 million over five years.

City Administrative Officer Miguel Santana said in a report that privatization will also help the city better compete for lucrative conventions.

The Los Angeles Times says the city budget chief has advised Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and the City Council to launch a competitive search so a private firm could be in place by July 1.

Santana has been pushing for privatization of city services.

The Convention Center complex is next to Anschutz Entertainment Group's Staples Center and L.A. Live and the firm's proposed downtown NFL football stadium.

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SACRAMENTO

Anti-gay marriage committee facing fines

California's anti-gay marriage Proposition 8 campaign committee is facing $49,000 in fines for its handling and reporting of political contributions.

The enforcement staff of the state Fair Political Practices Commission has proposed the fines on 18 counts against ProtectMarriage.com – Yes on 8.

The Los Angeles Times says the committee failed to properly file public reports disclosing late contributions and contributions of more than $5,000. The committee also failed to properly disclose an anonymous $10,000 contribution.

The Fair Political Practices Commission will consider the enforcement staff recommendation on Aug. 16.

The committee has agreed to the violations and fines.

Proposition 8, passed by voters in 2008, amends the state constitution to limit marriage to a man and a woman. It was struck down by a federal appeals court.

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LOS ANGELES

Commission probes outing of jail informant

A commission investigating abuse in Los Angeles County jails says a supervisor is under investigation for revealing the identity of a confidential inmate informant to a deputy who the inmate said was working with a skinhead gang in a jailhouse drug-smuggling scheme.

Commission chief Miriam Krinsky told The Los Angeles Times Monday that the revelation is under investigation.

AP

Where cyclists pass away, 'ghost bikes' rise in tribute

ALLEN REED
Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. When Timur Ender learned a fellow cyclist and father of three was struck and killed by a semi-truck along a busy North Carolina highway, he decided to place a white "ghost bike" at the scene as a memorial.

But when Ender took the old bike he'd spray-painted to the spot, he found a white 10-speed bike was already standing unchained along the side of the road.

Such memorials are showing up around the world, with one website listing about 600 of them in more than 100 U.S. cities and two-dozen countries.

The bikes are as varied as the people they memorialize. The smallest listed on the website is 2 inches long. Most are a ghostly white, but at least one is bright pink. Some are smashed with sledgehammers to signify wreckage, and in South America they like to hang them off the ground. Those memorialized by the bikes are as young as 6 — a boy killed by a car in Philadelphia.

The ghost bikes are meant to both as remembrances of the dead and reminders of the struggle to share the road. Perhaps nowhere is that struggle more apparent than New York City, where more than 100 have been erected. The city is also home to a group of cyclists that maintains ghostbikes.org, a site dedicated to cataloging the memorials and the closest thing the movement has to a hub.

"I was one of those people who very much thought bikers have the right of way, and these trucks need to yield to me," said 41-year-old Ryan Kuonen, one of about 10 volunteers who maintains the site. "But now I just slow down and let the truck go because I know how many people have been killed. Sometimes the law may be in your favor, but I tend to rather be safe than sorry."

Overall, hundreds of cyclists die and thousands are injured in accidents each year in the U.S. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reported that 618 cyclists were killed and 52,000 injured in crashes with motor vehicles in 2010, the most recent year for which those statistics are available. The deaths accounted for about 2 percent of motor vehicle-related fatalities. More than 70 percent of cyclist fatalities happened in urban settings, about 30 percent took place at intersections and more than half happened between 4 p.m. and midnight.

Ghostbikes.org is filled with links to stories about the victim and a photo of the memorial. The people who create them are usually anonymous. The volunteers typically vet submissions with news stories or obituaries of the dead. The site is the most comprehensive list of the ghost bikes, but its organizers acknowledge that there could be many more ghost bikes that aren't reported to them.

Kuonen and others say the idea appears to have originated about a decade ago in St. Louis, after Patrick Van Der Tuin witnessed an SUV drift into a bike lane and strike a cyclist in the fall of 2003. The biker lived, but Van Der Tuin was moved to create a reminder of cyclist's plight.

"It was one of these subject matters people didn't want to talk about," says Van Der Tuin, executive director of BWorks, a nonprofit group that helps low-income children earn bikes, computers and literacy skills. "That was the most frustrating part, that no one wanted to discuss it."

Van Der Tuin placed a junked bike near the scene of the accident. He painted it white, simply to increase its visibility at night.

More than a dozen of the bikes sprung up in St. Louis in the next few months, he said. The idea slowly spread to other cities.

By 2005, ghost bikes began appearing in New York after Kuonen says artists there were inspired by what they'd seen in St. Louis. Now, Kuonen and her friends hold volunteer days to create memorials out of donated bikes.

"You can't ever describe it as a fun project to be a part of," she says. "It has its rewards, but it's emotionally taxing."

Her group has been adding dozens of posts to the site in each of the past few years, including a peak of 106 in 2008. They are considering letting visitors to the site update the pages themselves to keep up with the pace of the additions.

Cities' attitudes toward ghost bikes vary. In Austin, Texas, which prides itself on its bike-friendly culture, supporters have even cemented bikes into the ground. Barring complaints, the city has permitted them. The organizers of the ghost bikes web site are aware of at least eight there.

"We kind of have the stance that there's no ordinance prohibiting it and no ordinance supporting it, and as city staff we leave them alone," said Sara Hartley, spokeswoman for the public works department.

In San Diego, city government spokesman Bill Harris said government workers systematically remove them. He said the memorials violate two state codes and local right of way regulations.

"You don't want to put something that blocks a wheelchair access ramp on a sidewalk for instance," Harris said. "If they're distractions — they are ornate and ghostly like— it's our policy to remove them."

In Raleigh, the memorial to cyclist Steven Jordan has stood in the grass beside the busy, six-lane highway since his death on July 4. The truck driver involved in the crash was charged with misdemeanor death by motor vehicle and failure to reduce speed to avoid a collision.

Ender helped organize a memorial ride involving about two-dozen cyclists to honor of the 49-year-old Jordan, who was the head of the state's mental health division.

While he never figured out who placed the ghost bike in honor of Jordan, Ender hopes drivers will slow down to take notice.

"I think ghost bikes aren't only a memorial but art," Ender said. "Whenever I pass one I have a moment of silence — they're a reminder of how fragile life can be."

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worse. The city hit bottom last week when it filed for bankruptcy.

"One might say it was the nail on the coffin in terms of our unbalanced budget," Mayor Patrick Morris said of losing redevelopment funds.

Across California, from tiny Huron in the Central Valley to Oakland to Calexico in Imperial County, the loss of redevelopment funds was felt most by communities in the worst financial shape. Like San Bernardino, many relied on the funds for basic government functions.

"Redevelopment had become like the line of credit that a business operates on," said Larry Kosmont, a Los Angeles-based economic development consultant who advises a number of California cities. "When the music stopped, the cities had no chair to sit on because that was their immediate cash."

Critics say that buttressing general funds and paying municipal salaries was never the intention of redevelopment money. And cities may have abused the system if they were in fact using funds for project-specific purposes removed from boosting run-down areas.

"It was never intended to be a source of permanent revenue for cities," said Assemblyman Chris Norby, R-Fullerton.

In San Bernardino, where small businesses and empty storefronts dot the downtown, redevelopment funds paid the salaries of the city manager, code enforcement officers, human resources staff, the city clerk and the city attorney. They also paid for the operation of the city's public access television, its 5,000-seat minor league baseball stadium, and a renovated historic theater.

"We used that money to create a renaissance in our city, and the loss of it leaves us with nothing to rekindle economic growth," Morris said. "We would have to pick up the bill for those operations and salaries, but quite honestly we have no money for that purpose."

Redevelopment agencies were created in California in the 1940s as a way to provide more affordable housing and reverse urban blight. To encourage projects, the state dedicated a funding stream for the agencies and attached few restrictions to the money.

Initially, projects were small, usually 10 to 100 acres. Over time, the projects grew, with some reaching 20,000 acres or more.

As the projects expanded, so did state reimbursements to schools, counties and special districts. When Brown pulled the plug in February, $5 billion was being sent annually to 400 redevelopment agencies.

That left many cities scrambling.

In Santa Monica, the loss of its Redevelopment Agency has put a number of projects on hold, including a park in front of City Hall and the rehabilitation of the Civic Auditorium.

"Cities depended on redevelopment to make additional dollars in property and sales taxes down the road, and they were spending down their reserves in the meantime," said Chris McKenzie, executive director of the League of California Cities. "It was part of their long-term revenue picture that has now been devastated."

Because there were no hard rules on how cities could spend redevelopment money — except that it had to somehow address or eradicate urban blight and 20 percent of it had to focus on affordable housing — cities interpreted the program liberally, said

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GREEN WASTE: **Compost bins line a driveway at Santa Monica High School.**

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posal or a compost bin.

"Lots of kids are unsure about what kinds of plastics you can recycle," said Claire Goldberg, the assistant president of the alliance who will enter her sophomore year this fall.

She's a member of a four-person team that will lead the club next year, along with seniors Julian Mickelson, Amanda Bang and Noah Rosenberg.

To get to the point of influencing others to deal with their trash more efficiently, Goldberg and others in the club had to learn what the waste landscape at Samohi already looks like.

For that, they turned to Virginia Hyatt.

Hyatt runs purchasing for the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, but she's in charge of what leaves the campus as well as what goes in.

"Part of my other job title is that I coordinate all sustainability efforts with the district," Hyatt said.

She works hand-in-hand with the Solar Alliance on its various projects, giving them the guidance they need to turn their vision into a workable reality.

When they came to her with the idea of making Samohi zero waste, Hyatt directed them to Crown Disposal.

Crown Disposal provides waste services to cities like Beverly Hills, Calabasas, Santa Paula and San Fernando, but Hyatt chose to contract with them because they take a unique approach to waste management.

As in, they waste practically nothing.

The company separates all of the materials that come into the facility, going so far as to pick apart the plastic trash bags for reuse. They recycle construction waste, run huge organic composting hills and power houses from the energy produced by their biofuel.

"They're an amazing company," Hyatt said.

And when the teens approached Crown Disposal to find out what they would have to do to turn Samohi a slightly deeper shade of green, what they learned surprised them.

"We're pretty much zero waste," said Charlotte Biren, the out-going president of the Solar Alliance.

Crown Disposal already manages to recycle, compost and otherwise reuse 90 percent of the waste coming out of Samohi, a rate that technically qualifies as zero waste.

But the trash audit that proved it also revealed a number of areas in which the Samohi campus could improve how it deals with the stuff it throws away.

"By doing the audit, it showed that we're throwing out a lot of white paper into brown bins and not separating it out like bottles and cans," Hyatt said. "We get paid a little bit of money if we separate them out."

Although some of the rules seem pretty cut and dry — plastic bottles, soda cans and other metal in one pile, paper in another — recycling has gray areas.

What if your bottle of juice still has a little residue in it, or that pizza box someone snuck onto the health-conscious campus is practically see-through with grease?

Those are the kinds of issues that the Solar Alliance hopes to tackle through improved signage, events and education focused on letting people know what products go where.

Goldberg learned about the importance of environmental education when she went to an international conference in Rio de Janeiro. She spoke to people from the United States who have teachers that do not believe in climate change, and watched a resident set fire to a piece of plastic despite the toxic smoke it produced.

The experience convinced her that education has to start younger to prevent bad habits from forming, creating a positive impact on the natural world.

Once the alliance tackles where trash should go, Hyatt hopes that students will begin to question why they are producing garbage at all.

"We have all this trash," she said. "What can you do to reduce all of that even more?"

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Marianne O' Malley, an analyst at the Legislative Analyst's Office.

Some cities used a greater share of the money for administrative costs, paid for police, fire or other city employees, and some loaned the state money to their redevelopment agencies at above-market interest rates, she said.

In Compton, where officials have said they could run out of money by the end of summer, the loss of redevelopment funds was a hit. The city of 96,000 was counting on $6 million from redevelopment funds to pay the salaries of city staff and council members, city manager Harold Duffey said.

"We have a $6 million dollar hole essentially that was taken out, and we don't have a way to do new projects," Duffey said.

In Fairfield, a city of 105,000 in Solano County battered by the housing market crash, the loss of redevelopment money prompted officials to declare a fiscal emergency and seek a sales tax increase to prevent further cuts. The city's $8 million in redevelopment funds partially funded about 20 positions throughout the city — "anyone who touched economic development," deputy city manager David White said.

"Before redevelopment, we were already operating very thinly. When we lost it, we had to make some very fundamental decisions," he said. "If we were going to keep our employees and services, we had to accommodate those in the general fund and that affected other services."

Deeper cuts also are facing Duarte, a city of 21,000 in Los Angeles County. Shrinking tax revenues had for five years prompted local leaders to cut services, shutter programs and lay off a fifth of employees to balance the city's $12 million budget.

The city used about $1 million in redevelopment funds to pay for park maintenance and other services, as well as for the salaries of the city manager, finance director and city attorney, among others.

"Losing redevelopment funds pushed us over the edge," deputy city manager Karen Herrera said.

To offset the loss, officials planned to declare a fiscal emergency and place a sales tax increase on the ballot. But the City Council failed to pass the measure.

"It's tough on communities like Duarte, because we're not always as attractive as a Beverly Hills," Herrera said. "We were able to use those dollars to bring more businesses to the community, but now that's gone."

In San Bernardino, resident Anthony Lucero said the loss of redevelopment money at a time when his city is already hurting doesn't help and he fears the bankruptcy will erode the recent progress made in policing and cleaning up downtown.

"I'm worried about it every day," the 31-year-old gym manager said.

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A SureFlap door allows a cat or dog to enter by reading a microchip implanted in the animal. "The product's inventor created SureFlap because his cat Flipper was continually being followed back into the kitchen. The strays would eat Flipper's food, fight with him and spray the kitchen," said spokesman David Payne.

The PetSafe SmartDoor reads radio frequencies from a key on your dog's collar and Power Pet Doors by High Tech are activated by an ultrasonic collar worn by the pet.

• GUARD IT: Don't underestimate the value of your dog as a deterrent, said Col. Jerry Neufeld, public information officer for the Amarillo Police Department.

"A dog that barks, even if it's just a little dog that yaps, will draw attention and no criminal wants that," said Nicole Aguon, a crime specialist with the Livermore, Calif., Police Department.

A "Beware of Dog" sign — whether you have one or not — might also deter a burglar because most are opportunists and will move on rather than risk it, Aguon added.

• MINIMIZE THE RISK: Get the smallest door your dog or cat can reasonably get through, Neufeld said, and if you can unlock the door when you reach through, add another deadbolt higher on the door. If the house is going to be empty for a while, secure all windows and doors and put a barrier on the doggy door if there is no lock.

Dowels or bars can make doggy doors in sliding glass doors more solid and if an old-fashioned door is bigger than a pet, attach a bar across it to downsize it, Landes said. "People are creative," she said.

• THINK LIKE A PEST: Doggy door intruders aren't always human and that might require some creativity, too.

If a raccoon gets in, make a path of marshmallows, cheese bits, or fig bars toward a door, said John Hadidian, urban wildlife director of the Humane Society of the United States, in his book "Wild Neighbors." Get behind the raccoon, make noise and it should run away, Hadidian said.

If all else fails, call animal control.

That was Alexis Dunbar's first call in April 2011 when she encountered a 7-foot alligator in her bathroom after it came through a doggy door on the porch of her home in Palmetto, Fla.

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Ride died at her home in La Jolla, Calif. of pancreatic cancer on July 23, according to the Associated Press. She was 61.

Ride broke down gender barriers when, on June 18, 1983, she flew into space on the shuttle Challenger.

Since that day, 42 other women have followed her path into space.

Ride was a physicist, author of five science books for children and president of her own company that encourages young people to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and math.

Her contributions to education were a huge part of her lasting legacy, said Santa Monica Mayor Richard Bloom.

"She could have done anything with her life and the fame that she achieved as an astronaut, but she chose to dedicate it to young people," Bloom said.

The City Council will adjourn in Sally Ride's honor at its Aug. 21 meeting, Bloom said.

Ride was buried next to her father, Dale Ride, who made a mark of his own in Santa Monica.

Dale Ride was a political science professor, administrator and political activist at Santa Monica College.

He also served as a trustee of the California State University system.

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City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR FIRE STATION NO. 1 LAND EXCHANGE AND CONSTRUCTION

The City of Santa Monica has prepared an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed Fire Station No. 1 Land Exchange and Construction. The City of Santa Monica has prepared this Notice of Intent to provide responsible agencies and other interested parties with information describing the proposal and its potential environmental effects.

PROJECT APPLICANT: City of Santa Monica
PROJECT LOCATION: 1337-45 7th Street; 1338-42 and 1321 5th Street
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project consists of the land exchange of the privately-owned property addressed at 1337-45 7th Street and the City-owned properties addressed as 1338-42 and 1321 5th Street. Under the proposed project, the parcel addressed as 1337-45 7th Street would be acquired by the City and a new Fire Station No. 1 for the Santa Monica Fire Department (SMFD) would be constructed on this site. The new Fire Station No. 1 building would be a replacement for the existing 11,362 square foot Fire Station No. 1 located at 1444 7th Street. The proposed fire station site is located approximately 530 feet north (0.1 mile) of the existing station. A new fire station on a larger site is necessary to support the Fire Department's operating and service needs. The proposed project would develop a new fire station to provide additional space for expanded staff and equipment as well as improved amenities for the SMFD and the public. Under the proposed project, the properties addressed as 1338-42 and 1321 5th Street would be acquired by the private seller. Currently, there are no development plans for these properties. Per CEQA Section 15384, it would be too speculative to predict or analyze future development that could occur on these properties. In addition, future development at 1338-42 and 1321 5th Street that would occur would be subject to its own CEQA review.

AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION: The Initial Study/MitigatedNegative Declaration on the proposed project may be reviewed online at http://www01.smgov.net/planning/planningcomm/environmentalreports.html or in person at the following locations:

City Planning Division public counter
Room 111
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA

Office of the City Clerk
Room 102
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA

Santa Monica Library - Main Branch
601 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica, CA

Santa Monica Library - Montana Avenue Branch
1704 Montana Avenue, Santa Monica, CA

REVIEW PERIOD: As specified by the State CEQA Guidelines, a 30-day public review period for the Mitigated Negative Declaration will commence on August 8, 2012 and end on September 8, 2012. The City of Santa Monica welcomes agency and public comments on the document during this period. Any comments on the Mitigated Negative Declaration must be received within the public review period. Comments may be submitted, in writing, by 5:30 p.m. on September 8, 2012 and addressed to:

Rachel Kwok
Environmental Planner
1685 Main Street, Room 212
Santa Monica, CA 90401
E-mail: Rachel.kwok@smgov.net

ESPAÑOL: Esta es una notícia de un estúdio preliminário y declaración negativa sobre parque de bomberos, lo cual puede ser de interes a usted. Para más información, llame a Carmen Gutierrez, al numero (310) 458-8341.

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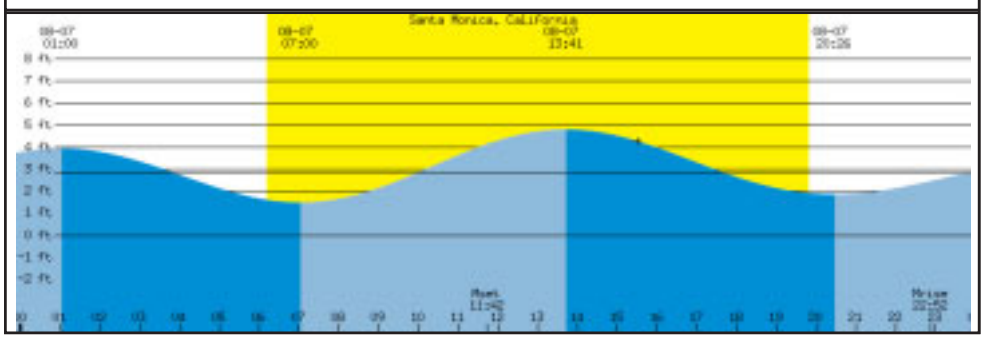
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Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 70.2°

Swell Forecast
should run chest high at south facing breaks with some pluses at standouts.

Long Range Synopsis
SHOULD RUN WAIST TO CHEST AT SOUTH FACING BREAKS.

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: **August 1, 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 -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 33 / 16
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 16

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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 Las Alisa creeks.	ns	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Dread 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.	A	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A+	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 (beach location)- daily.	A	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	D	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19648 PCH stairs.	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17300 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns
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.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	B	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
DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
ns -- no sample taken

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

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

MLB

Padres sale agreement in place, needs MLB approval

BERNIE WILSON
AP Sports Writer

A group that includes former Los Angeles Dodgers owner Peter O'Malley and pro golfer Phil Mickelson reached agreement Monday to buy the San Diego Padres from John Moores in a deal believed to be around $800 million.

Ron Fowler, chief executive of Liquid Investments, would become controlling owner if the agreement is approved by baseball owners and finalized, a baseball official said Tuesday. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because that deal was not announced.

O'Malley is the son of Walter O'Malley, who bought the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1950 and moved them to Los Angeles before the 1958 season.

"An agreement has been confirmed but is not yet finalized. It has to be voted on," Padres senior vice president, public affairs Sarah Farnsworth said after San Diego beat the Chicago Cubs 2-0 Monday night.

U-T San Diego first reported Monday night that a purchase agreement had been signed.

The purchase price apparently includes the $200 million in upfront money the Padres received from Fox Sports San Diego in a $1.2 billion, 30-year TV deal.

The agreement came months after Jeff Moorad's attempt to buy the team on a layaway plan fell apart. Moores' deal with Moorad, who began his attempted purchase of the club in 2009, was valued at about $500 million.

The price for this sale was inflated thanks to the deal with Fox and the recent sale of the Dodgers for $2 billion.

SAMOHI

FROM PAGE 3

and triple coverages so picking the right quarterback to spread the ball around will be that much more important.

While arm strength and command of the offense will go a long way in determining a starting QB, Clark said he's looking for more.

For a guy to seize the position he'll have to step up.

"They have to take on a leadership role," Clark said. "They need to be more than just another guy in the huddle, they have to be an extension of me on the football field."

As the summer, and its demanding practice schedule continues, the battle for quarterback will continue to be the main attraction for the Vikings and their fourth-year coach as Samohi tries to recapture the form that saw them advance to the semifinals of the CIF-Southern Section Western Division playoffs for the first time in over a decade.

"This should be interesting," Clark said of the situation.

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A Burning Hot Summer (NR) 1hr 35min
7:30pm

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

Dark Knight Rises (PG-13)
2hrs 44min
1:30pm, 5:15pm, 9:00pm

Magic Mike (R) 1hr 50min
1:50pm, 4:40pm, 7:25pm, 10:05pm

Babymakers (R) 1hr 33min
1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

Nitro Circus the Movie 3D (PG13)
1hr 28min
1:55pm, 4:35pm, 7:10pm, 9:40pm

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

Amazing Spider-Man (PG-13)
2hrs 16min
12:30pm, 7:10pm

Amazing Spider-Man 3D (PG-13)
3:45pm, 10:25pm

Total Recall (PG-13) 2hrs 01min
11:30am, 2:20pm, 5:10pm, 8:00pm, 10:50pm

Ted (R) 1hr 46min
11:30am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

Dark Knight Rises (PG-13) 2hrs 44min
11:20am, 12:05pm, 3:00pm, 3:45pm, 6:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days (PG) 1hr 34min
11:15am, 1:45pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

Ice Age: Continental Drift (PG)
11:15am, 1:55pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm

The Watch (R) 1hr 42min
9:45pm

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

Well Digger's Daughter (La Fille du puisatier) (NR) 1hr 40min
1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:10pm, 9:45pm

Intouchables (R) 1hr 52min
1:40pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:10pm

Beasts of the Southern Wild (PG-13) 1hr 31min
4:45pm, 10:00pm

Farewell, My Queen (Les adieux a la reine) (R) 1hr 40min
1:50pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

To Rome With Love (R) 1hr 35min
1:50pm, 7:20pm

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

Hope Springs (PG13) 1hr 40min
11:15am, 1:55 pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 10:15pm

Total Recall (PG-13) 2hrs 01min
12:30pm, 3:45pm, 6:50pm, 10:00pm

Moonrise Kingdom (PG-13) 1hr 33min
11:55am, 2:40pm, 5:15pm, 7:55pm, 10:20pm

Dark Knight Rises (PG-13) 2hrs 44min
12:45pm, 4:30pm, 8:15pm

Savages (R) 2hrs 10min
12:15pm, 3:35pm,10:10pm

The Watch (R) 1hr 42min
11:25am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

Step Up Revolution (PG-13) 1hr 40min
11:30am, 5:00pm, 10:20pm

Step Up Revolution 3D (PG-13) 1hr 40min
2:15pm, 7:40pm

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Don't push too hard, Aquarius

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Be aware of a very sensitive and possessive side, either in you or the person who you are dealing with. Your softer side will emanate and come through in a discussion about a purchase. Confusion surrounds you. Tonight: Your treat.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You are more empowered than you have been in a long while, and this allows greater give-and-take. It also gives you the ability to come to an agreement in a difficult matter. This process could take a few days. Tonight: Whatever knocks your socks off.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ You wake up feeling much clearer than you have in a long time. You might wonder which way to go with a situation. What would be best? Take your time right now to regroup and reprioritize. Think positively, and you will figure it out. Tonight: Keep it low-key.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ A meeting provides a different perspective and allows a greater exchange of ideas. You might want to revitalize a project or situation, but you often hit a roadblock. Recognize the importance of trying out someone else's ideas or thought process. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Prioritize your life by putting a key project involving others at the top of your list. You will get more cooperation if you handle this situation with quickness and precision. You also can clear out some strong feelings about a misunderstanding. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Act on an idea you have been toying with for a while. Since you have viewed this potential project from many different perspectives, it has become much sounder. Tonight: Where there is music.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Understand where a partner is coming from rather than dismiss his or her idea as being crazy. You'll understand a lot more about this person and gain a new perspective as a result. Do some soul-searching before you respond. Tonight: Dinner for two.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Defer to others, and do more listening. You could be surprised by the new sense of clarity you gain as a result. Verify facts and ask questions as need be. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Use your energy well. Program yourself to complete certain projects, return key calls and schedule a much-needed appointment. You could be overwhelmed by what is on your plate at first, but later you'll be glad you cleared up so much. Tonight: Take a walk.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Your creativity is high and attracts many different points of view. You might wonder how best to approach a sometimes-contrary associate or partner. Tonight: Try to come to an agreement through more innovative thinking.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Your instincts tell you to stay close to home. If you can work from a home office, do. You will see a situation much differently by not being in the middle of it. Given time and patience, a relationship will come to a resolution. Tonight: Don't push too hard.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You will have an opportunity to clear up a problem. Do some thinking as to the most effective manner for how to approach the situation. A child or loved one is a source of happiness. Schedule some special time together. Tonight: Hang out.

Happy birthday

This year you bloom as you rarely have before. You convey a greater clarity in your conversations, and others hear you loud and clear. Learn to mix in some diplomacy, and you will not miss your mark. You are likely to succeed in your professional life and be noticed by superiors. If you are single, you will meet people when you are out and about. In this setting, you could encounter Mr. or Ms. Right. You will know when you cross this person's path. If you are attached, you both might commit to a public cause. Through this mutual interest, you'll become much closer and bonded. TAURUS pushes you into the limelight. Take advantage of his or her efforts.

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

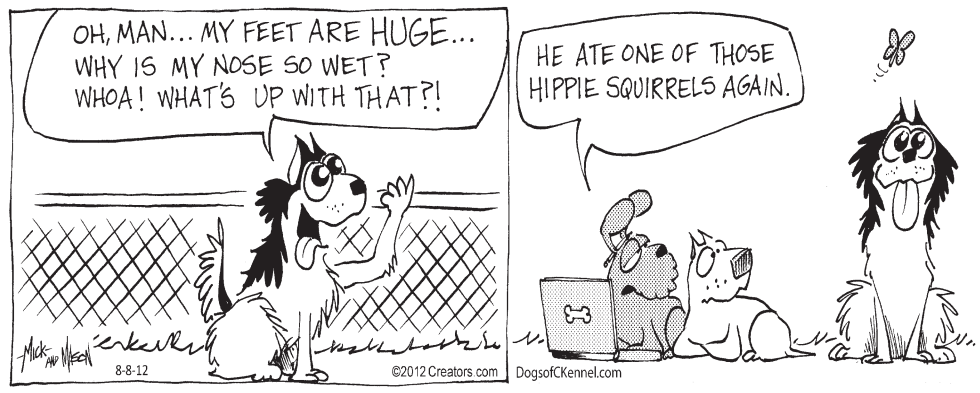
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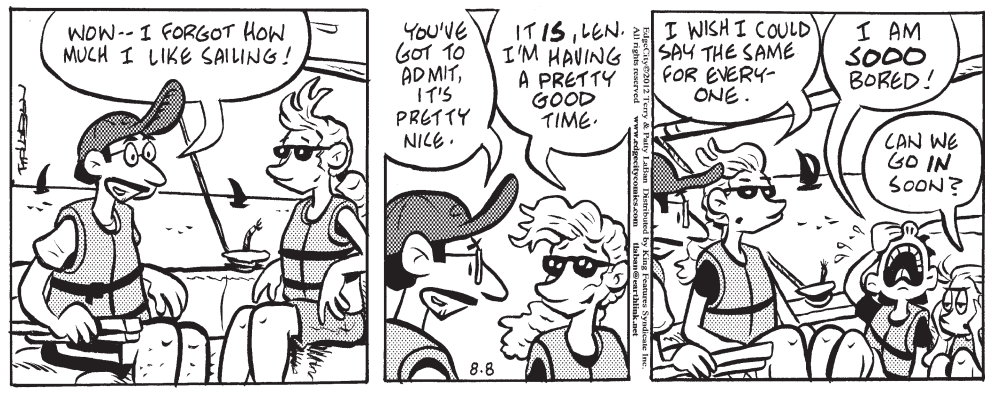
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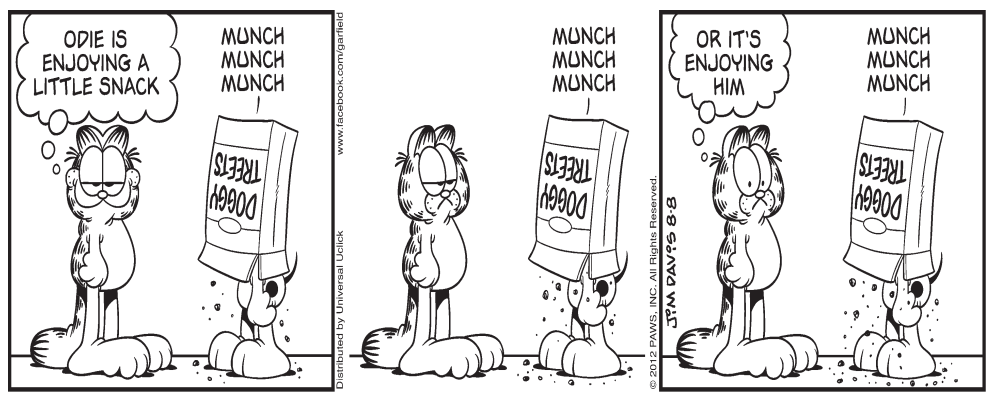
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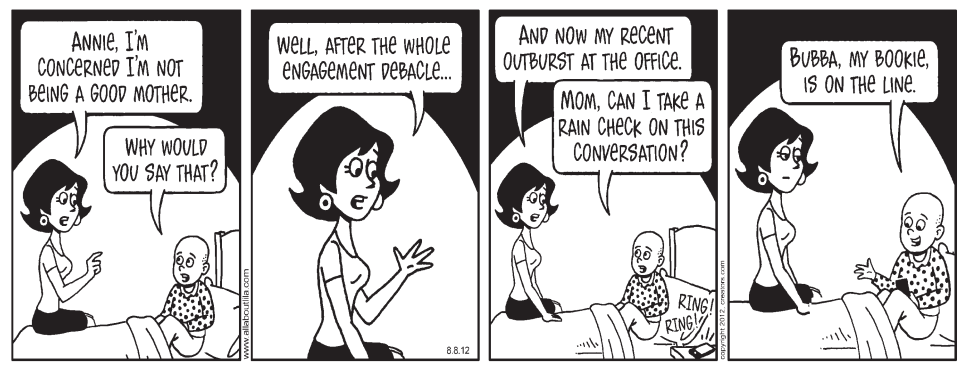
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By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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	7			4			6	
	8						2	
		9	5	8	7	3		

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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

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

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Smyrna products
5 Strike
9 Nunavut native
11 Dijon darling
12 Madonna role
13 Rashness
14 Permit
15 Fight participant
17 One with a Southern accent
19 Tax agcy.
20 Kilmer poem
21 Lock opener
22 Sean of "The Lord of the Rings"
24 Hole number
26 Basketball's Shaquille
29 Min. part
30 Vehicle with caterpillar treads
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38 "Of Thee —"
39 Bet
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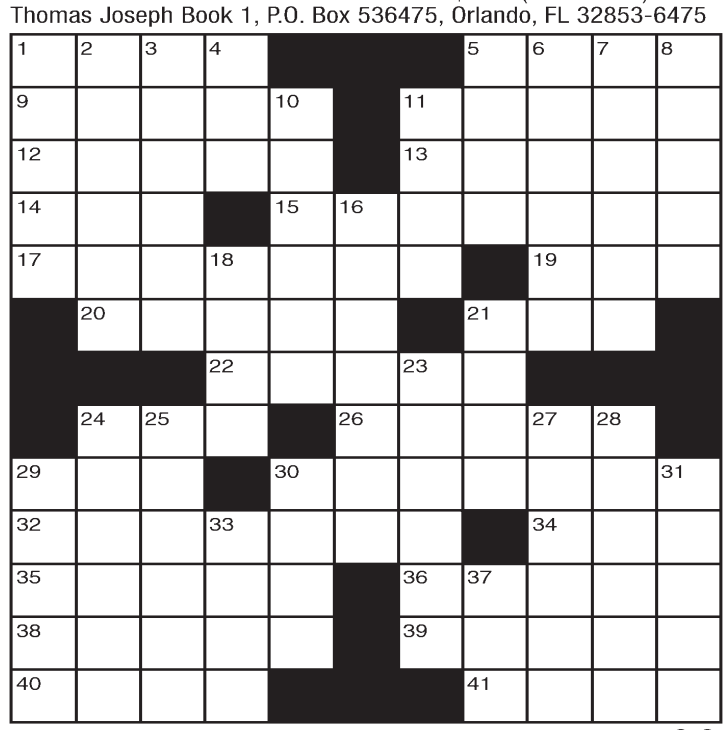
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1 Playing area
2 Overturn
3 Segovia's instrument
4 Take a load off
5 "Pygmalion" writer
6 Singer Uggams
7 Blood line
8 Docking spots
10 Restaurant fixtures
11 Scorch
16 Make good as new
18 Put on
21 Realized
23 Lined up
24 Leaf through
25 Maine park
27 State without proof
28 Looked lewdly
29 Flight part
30 Plumbing problem
31 Brings up
33 Sail filler
37 Fido's foot

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Yesterday's answer

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Meganumber: 7
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5 18 25 43 44
Meganumber: 24
Jackpot: $10M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 8/07
2 3 6 15 22

DAILY 3
Draw Date:
MIDDAY: 0 8 5
EVENING: 9 9 3

SANTA ANITA PARK
Draw Date:
1st: 01 Gold Rush
2nd: 08 Gorgeous George
3rd: 11 Money Bags
RACE TIME: 1:46.42

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In July, the online magazine Salon profiled Virtuous Pedophiles -- an effort by two notably articulate men who insist that their sexual fascination with children would never extend to personal contact. Said one (who claims "advanced degrees from prestigious universities"): "We do not choose to be attracted to children (but) we can resist the temptation to abuse children sexually." He added, curiously, that "many" of the Virtuous Pedophiles "present no danger to children whatsoever." Lamented the group's co-founder, "Almost any group in the world can hold a convention, look out on a sea of faces, and say, 'These are people like me,'" but because pedophiles are treated with such scorn, "we can't."

■ North Carolina state Rep. Becky Carney, an environmental activist, inadvertently cast the deciding vote in July to open up natural-gas hydraulic fracking in the state. The legislature had passed the bill earlier, but it was vetoed by Gov. Bev Perdue, and the House needed exactly 72 votes to override the veto and enact the bill. Carney's tireless lobbying of colleagues appeared to have helped halt the overriders at 71 votes, but when it came time to push the buttons, Carney accidentally became the 72nd. She could be heard on her microphone in the chamber, saying, "Oh my gosh. I pushed green."

TODAY IN HISTORY

2000 - Confederate submarine H.L. Hunley is raised to the surface after 136 years on the ocean floor and 30 years after its discovery by undersea explorer E. Lee Spence and 5 years after being filmed by a dive team funded by novelist Clive Cussler.

2007 - An EF2 tornado touches down in Kings County and Richmond County, New York State, the most powerful tornado in New York to date and the first in Brooklyn since 1889.

WORD UP!

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. SS022503 Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles Petition of NICKO ANTON NATSIS for Change of Name TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: NICKO ANTON NATSIS filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: NICKO ANTON NATSIS to NIKO ANTON NATSIS. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date: August 31, 2012 Time: 9:00am, Dept. A, Room 104 The address of the court is: 1726 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press. Date: JULY 20 2012 JOSEPH S. BIDERMAN, JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. SS02252
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of CHARLES WILLIAM HERSEL for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner or Attorney: CHARLES WILLIAM HERSEL filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: CHARLES WILLIAM HERSEL to CHARLES WILLIAM RUSSELL. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: Septemebr 07, 2012 Time: 9:00am, Dept. A, Room 104
The address of the court is: 1726 Min St., Santa Monica, CA 90401
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press.
Date: JULY 26 2012
JOSEPH S. BIDERMAN, JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012131265 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 06/28/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PARAGON REALTY GROUP, PARAGON FINANCE, UNPACK PLUS. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: JULIE HA 3629 PUENTE AVE. BALDWIN, CA 91706. 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/:JULIE HA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 06/28/2012. 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 07/25/2012, 08/01/2012, 08/08/2012, 08/15/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012131266 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 06/28/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as FRICTION PROS. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: FRICTION PROS LLC 1936 DAISY AVE. LONG BEACH, CA 90806. 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/:GINO BALARA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 06/28/2012. 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 07/25/2012, 08/01/2012, 08/08/2012, 08/15/2012.

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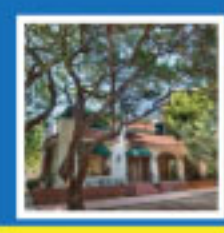
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