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PYFC gets windfall from philanthropist

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

PICO BLVD The Pico Youth & Family Center received a $1.615 million donation from the estate of a local philanthropist, money that could not have come at a better time for the nonprofit at risk of losing its grant with City Hall.

The money came from the estate of Peggy Bergmann, a former resident of Pacific Palisades, and will become the Peggy Bergmann Endowment Fund in memory of her parents John Elmer Bergmann and Lenore Bergmann, said Sonya Sultan, Bergmann's attorney.

"She wanted to give money to a local nonprofit where her money could make a big impact," Sultan said.

The money arrived at a critical time for the organization, which has worked for a decade to engage with at-risk youth in the community to cut down on gang violence and boost achievement.

In June, the City Council approved a

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BIG WIN

Paul Alvarez Jr. *news@smdp.com*

Above: Nichelle Gray makes contact with the ball against Inglewood at Samohi on Monday. Samohi would go onto win all three games, 25-3 25-6 and 25-11. Samohi's record is 7-0 in the Ocean League and 13-1 overall.

Right: Avalon Lennon is escorted by her parents onto the court during senior night at Santa Monica High School. All seniors were honored before the game.



Suspected rapist arrested, charged with attempted murder

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief



PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY A 36-year-old man prosecutors say raped a woman as she jogged along the beach is now facing a charge of attempted murder.

Brandon Cross of Chino, Calif. was

CROSS

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Mobster's lawyer to ask for trial delay

DENISE LAVOIE
AP Legal Affairs Writer

BOSTON Mobster James "Whitey" Bulger's lawyer said Monday he will seek to delay the start of Bulger's trial.

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Fire station design to cost nearly $1.8M

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

Editor's note: This story is part of an ongoing series that tracks the city's expenditures appearing on upcoming Santa Monica City Council consent agendas. Consent agenda items are routinely passed by the City Council with little or no discussion from elected officials or the public. However, many of the items have been part of public discussion in the past.

CITY HALL The City Council is expected to spend almost $1.8 million to design Santa Monica's newest fire station as part of the consent agenda proposed for Tuesday night.

City officials are putting forward Rob

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2012

Say no to bullies
Santa Monica College
1900 Pico Blvd., 11:15 a.m.
Janna Juvonen, author and UCLA developmental psychology professor who conducts research on adolescent peer relationships, leads a discussion on the power of bullying. Juvonen is the co-author and co-editor of three books and has had her research cited in the New York Times, Los Angeles Times, Atlantic Monthly, Time Magazine and The Christian Science Monitor. For more information, call (310) 434-4303.

City Council at work
City Hall
1685 Main St., 5:30 p.m.
The City Council will be discussing the future of the Village Trailer Park, possible litigation against a home being used for events and is even considering buying lumber for the Santa Monica Pier. For more information, visit www.smgov.net/departments/council.

Eat up
California Heritage Museum
2612 Main St.,
5:30 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.
Gourmet food trucks gather each week offering foodies plenty to choose from. There's free parking in the museum's lot. For more information, call (310) 392-8537.

Groove outside
Sonoma Wine Garden
395 Santa Monica Place, third floor dining deck, 6:30 p.m.
Join Brett Young and special guests every Tuesday night for a live music set on the garden patio of this popular spot. For more information, call (424) 214-4560.

Elina live
The Broad Stage
1310 11th St., 7:30 p.m.
Experience the U.S. recital debut of Elina Garanca, mezzo-soprano, with pianist Nino Sanikidze. If you see a blazing trail of stardust over Santa Monica, it is most likely the rising star of stunning mezzo-soprano, Garanca. She'll be performing the works of Mozart, Schumann, de Falla, Saint-Saîns, Bizet and Chapì. Cost: $67-$110. For more information, call (310) 434-3200.

Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2012

Blogging 101
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 4 p.m.
Learn what blogs (short for web logs) are, and how to create your own. Advanced level (requires proficiency with mouse and keyboard, and basic knowledge of the Internet and e-mail). Seating is first come, first served. For more information, visit the reference desk or call (310) 434-2608.

Meet the chief
Roosevelt Elementary School
801 Montana Ave., 6:30 p.m.
Meet Santa Monica's new chief of police, Jacqueline Seabrooks. Sponsored by a number of neighborhood groups, the meeting gives the community a chance to have some face-time with the SMPD's leader. For more information, call (310) 458-8474.

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CORRECTION

Incorrect information appeared in the Oct. 17 article, "Challengers, incumbents feel the fire at Squirm Night." Jon Mann did not say he hoped to get arrested.

ELECTION 2012 School Board Candidates

Questions

1. WHY ARE YOU RUNNING FOR THE SCHOOL BOARD AND WHAT DO YOU WANT TO ACCOMPLISH IF ELECTED?

2. WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE IS THE ROLE THE SCHOOL BOARD SHOULD PLAY?

3. WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE SUBJECT IN GRADE SCHOOL AND WHY?

4. PROP. 30, PROP. 38, OR NEITHER?

5. EVERYONE'S A CRITIC, ESPECIALLY A PARENT WHEN IT COMES TO THEIR CHILD'S CAFETERIA. HOW WOULD YOU RATE THE FOOD SERVED IN SANTA MONICA-MALIBU PUBLIC SCHOOLS?

6. WHAT'S YOUR POSITION ON CHOCOLATE MILK? THE SCHOOL BOARD HEARD FROM PARENTS WHO WANTED IT BANNED BECAUSE OF THE SUGAR. THE BOARD DECIDED TO LEAVE IT ON THE MENU AND GIVE PARENTS THE OPTION OF HAVING THEIR KIDS OPT OUT. HOW DID YOU VOTE (INCUMBENTS) OR HOW WOULD YOU HAVE VOTED IF ON THE DAIS?

7. WHAT IS THE RIGHT AMOUNT OF HOMEWORK FOR STUDENTS IN MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL?

8. IF ELECTED, WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO CLOSE THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP? DOES IT COME DOWN TO SOMETHING AS SIMPLE AS MORE TUTORING AND AFTER-SCHOOL HELP, OR SOMETHING MORE SIGNIFICANT, SUCH AS NEW, CULTURALLY-RELEVANT CURRICULUM?

9. WHERE DO YOU STAND ON INTER-DISTRICT PERMITS? HOW MANY SHOULD SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED ISSUE EACH YEAR?

10. SOME RESIDENTS IN BOTH SANTA MONICA AND MALIBU HAVE CALLED FOR THE BREAK-UP OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT. WOULD YOU OR WOULD YOU NOT SUPPORT SUCH AN EFFORT IF ELECTED AND WHY?

11. HOBBIES

12. WHAT ARE YOU READING?

13 IF YOU COULD RIDE THE FERRIS WHEEL ON THE SANTA MONICA PIER WITH THREE PEOPLE IN HISTORY, WHO WOULD THEY BE AND WHAT WOULD YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT?

14. WHAT WILL YOU DO TO ENSURE THAT OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE SAFE?

15. HOW CAN SCHOOLS CUT DOWN ON THE AMOUNT OF DROP-OFF, PICK-UP TRAFFIC? WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO CUT DOWN ON CAR TRIPS TO AND FROM OUR SCHOOLS?

16. WHAT'S THE RIGHT WAY TO ADDRESS THE PARKING PROBLEMS AT SAMOHI?

17. WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS TO HELP MAKE THE SCHOOL DISTRICT MORE SUSTAINABLE?

18. SHOULD THE SCHOOL BOARD PLACE ANOTHER PARCEL TAX ON THE BALLOT IN 2014 IF STATEWIDE TAX MEASURES FAIL TO PASS IN NOVEMBER? IF THEY FAIL, DISTRICT OFFICIALS ARE PREDICTING CUTS IN THE MILLIONS. WHAT'S THE BEST WAY TO DEAL WITH THE POTENTIAL DEFICIT?

19. DISTRICTWIDE FUNDRAISING IS NOT WITHOUT CONTROVERSY. WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE DECISION TO MOVE TO DISTRICTWIDE FUNDRAISING? DO YOU SUPPORT THE MODEL OR FEEL THERE'S ONE BETTER?

20. WHAT IS THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF DISCIPLINE FOR A STUDENT WHO IS CAUGHT: BULLYING; WITH DRUGS OR ALCOHOL ON CAMPUS; SELLING DRUGS; FIGHTING; CHEATING; OR VANDALIZING SCHOOL PROPERTY?

21. WHAT ROLE DO YOU ENVISION PLAYING ON THE SCHOOL BOARD?

22. HOW WOULD YOU ADDRESS CONCERNS THAT THERE ARE RACIAL AND OR GANG TENSIONS AT SANTA MONICA HIGH SCHOOL?

23. WHAT ARE SOME THINGS THE SCHOOL BOARD COULD DO TO GET THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY ENGAGED IN FUNDRAISING AS WELL AS WORKING DIRECTLY WITH STUDENTS?

24. IF ELECTED, WOULD YOU VOTE TO CLOSE SMALLER SCHOOLS AND CONSOLIDATE TO SAVE MONEY?



BEN ALLEN

- **NAME:** BEN ALLEN
- **OCCUPATION:** SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT/ ATTORNEY/ADJUNCT PROFESSOR
- **NEIGHBORHOOD IN WHICH YOU LIVE:** WILMONT
- **OWN OR RENT:** OWN
- **EDUCATION: WHERE DID YOU ATTEND AND WHAT DEGREES DO YOU HAVE?** HARVARD UNIVERSITY (BA IN HISTORY), CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY (MASTERS IN LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES), UC BERKELEY (LAW DEGREE: MY RESEARCH FOCUSED ON THE LAW AND POLITICS OF CALIFORNIA SCHOOL FINANCE)

1. WHY RUN?

I care deeply about public education in general, and our school district in particular. My priorities are:

1. Setting high academic expectations and standards

2. Looking out for all students, finding ways to improve outcomes and opportunities for students from every background

3. Preserving the core programs that make our district great: from the arts and athletics to strong academic programs

4. Pushing for environmentally sustainable practices

5. The growth of a robust early childhood system for our community

6. Financial accountability, cost sav-

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KAREN FARRER

- **NAME:** KAREN FARRER
- **AGE:** 55
- **OCCUPATION:** COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER
- **NEIGHBORHOOD IN WHICH YOU LIVE:** POINT DUME
- **OWN OR RENT:** OWN
- **MARITAL STATUS/KIDS:** MARRIED 29 YEARS/THREE CHILDREN.
- **IF YOU HAVE CHILDREN, DO THEY ATTEND LOCAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS? IF YES, WHICH ONES?** MY TWO OLDER CHILDREN ATTENDED MALIBU SCHOOLS. MY YOUNGEST DAUGHTER IS CURRENTLY IN SEVENTH GRADE AT MALIBU HIGH SCHOOL.
- **EDUCATION: WHERE DID YOU ATTEND AND WHAT DEGREES DO YOU HAVE?** UCLA, B.A. IN SOCIOLOGY

1. WHY RUN?

I do not have political aspirations beyond the improvement of the Santa Monica and Malibu schools. If elected, I would work to pass a motion to "unify" the Malibu schools as quickly as possible. By doing so, we could increase our collective revenues allowing us to hire 20 new teachers in Santa Monica and 10 in Malibu. Lowering class size is a primary goal of mine and of the reform slate. Each community should be able to give its students the best education possible.

2. ROLE OF BOARD

The school board needs to admit

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CRAIG FOSTER

- **NAME:** CRAIG FOSTER
- **AGE:** 53
- **OCCUPATION:** TEACHER
- **NEIGHBORHOOD IN WHICH YOU LIVE:** MALIBU
- **OWN OR RENT:** OWN
- **MARITAL STATUS/KIDS:** MARRIED/ONE CHILD
- **IF YOU HAVE CHILDREN, DO THEY ATTEND LOCAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS? IF YES, WHICH ONES?** WEBSTER ELEMENTARY.
- **EDUCATION:** AMHERST COLLEGE, B.A. IN ECONOMICS WITH HONORS, AND POLITICAL SCIENCE; UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX, B.A.E IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION; CALIFORNIA TEACHING CREDENTIAL IN 2012.

1. WHY RUN?

I am running for school board to rethink and reimagine our district and provide a new perspective on what are clearly two different communities that were forced together and should now be separated.

2. ROLE OF BOARD

I believe the board should limit itself to setting and monitoring policy, leaving the implementation of that policy to the superintendent. What we have is a board that micro-manages. What it should do is set broad, achievable goals and empower the superintendent, staff and the various site leaders to achieve

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Love thy brother

Editor:

Open letter to Lyra Halprin in regards to her Oct. 13 column "The nativity and the trailer."

In your column you talk about being discriminated against for your faith. You talk about Jews dying in the holocaust. You bring up various artists, many Jews, forced to answer to the House Un-American Activities Committee.

Then you say how happy you were to see that last December, for the first time in Palisades Park, atheist groups set up the vast majority of the stalls instead of the nativity scenes. You wrote that the nativity scenes "said to me that the status quo was still white and Christian; few children of color attended my elementary school and I knew only two other Jews."

Well you know what? Jesus was ... um... Jewish. Mary, Jewish. Joseph, a Jew. Virtually every major person depicted in the nativity scenes you loathe – Jewish. The wise men were most likely people of color. Final score of people featured in the nativity scenes – Jews and people of color: three. Whites: zero. Christians depicted: zip, zero, nada.

History shows us the more things change the more they stay the same. Just as your article so beautifully explains, guess who's being discriminated against, yet again? Yep, the Jews! Poor Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus, all Jews mocked and attacked by the atheists and ultimately banned from the park by the (all white) members of the City Council of Santa Monica.

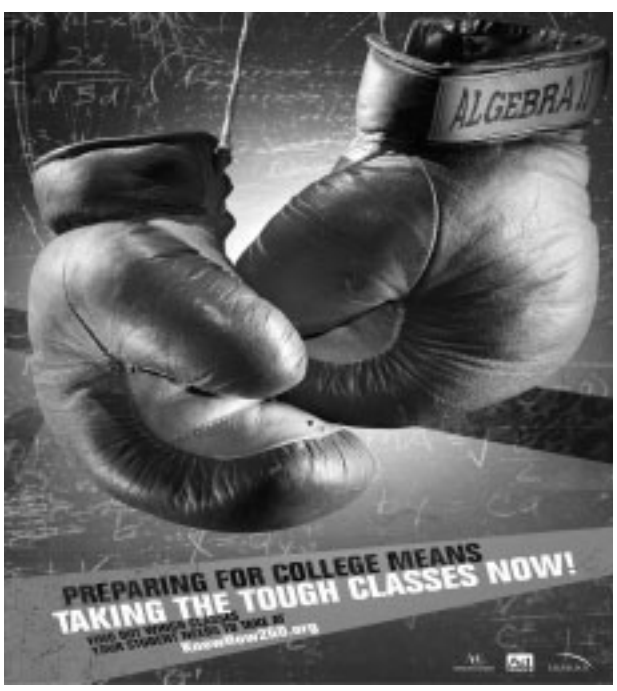
Sadly, you have heaped coals on the discrimination by writing a column for the SMDP applauding the atheists' behavior. You glowingly call the atheists "innovators." Jews in the Holocaust died for their faith. Faith was important. Faith was everything to them. Do you think those concentration camp Jews would applaud atheists who mock the god of Israel?

You write that "I knew terrible things happened to Jews ... which is probably why as a child I understood the need to keep a low profile." If you read Matthew 2:16-18 you will see that when King Herod found out that Jesus was born he feared Jesus might usurp his throne so he ordered all Jewish boys under the age of 2 to be killed, therefore fulfilling what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet. Consequently, Mary and Joseph fled with their Jewish baby to Egypt where they stayed until Herod died.

So if you really think about it, as a Jew with connections to the Holocaust you have a lot in common with that young family depicted in the nativity scenes. On a personal note, speaking as a Christian, you have to know that we love Jewish people because our savior is, after all, a Jew from a long line of Jews that we trace back to the very same god you believe in.

I beg you to reconsider your opposition. If anyone can understand the discrimination against these nativity scenes depicting a young Jewish family it's you.

Eric Cooper
Santa Monica





Back to Nature

Reese Halter — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Honeybee hive stands as a perfect food service model

RECENTLY, STUDENTS FROM UNIVERSITY OF South Florida's Patel School of Global Sustainability asked me what natural system could they examine and readily learn from. I replied, the honeybee hive.

Around the globe, over 1.8 trillion honeybees work in concert for their respective hives or cities of approximately 100,000 animals. And they do so, all for the common well-being of the colony.

Honeybees produce an astounding array of services and goods including pollinating most of our food crops, 2.2 billion pounds of honey and 44 million pounds of beeswax, annually. Incidentally, the Roman Catholic Church uses 3.1 million pounds of beeswax in their candles each year.

Honeybees also produce millions of pounds of propolis. They mix tree resin collected from buds, leaves and bark with enzymes from their gut into a potent, sticky substance or glue that's used throughout the hive. Propolis is also loaded with flavinoids, amino- and fatty-acids, making it a powerful anti-oxidant, anti-viral, anti-inflammatory, anti-fungal, anti-bacterial and cancer-arresting compound. Last month researchers discovered that propolis effectively stopped growth of prostate cancer in mice.

Selfless and indefatigable honeybee genes collectively make the honeybee hive the most optimal food service industry that I'm aware of. As many as 96,000 female workers rise before sunup and work just past sundown. There's zero percent unemployment and multi-tasking is common place. Scout bees are constantly searching for new patches of nectar, pollen, water and tree resin.

When scouts locate rich patches of the aforementioned resources they fly back to the hive and communicate to other workers by performing a precise and elaborate waggle dance. Within 10 minutes or less tens of thousands of workers change their tasks. There's no human factory with as many workers able to alter production within such a short time frame.

Consider this: It takes 66,000 bee-hours of activity to produce the 77,000 splendid hexagonal cells that form the comb of the hive. Almost 20 pounds of honey are required for young worker bees to produce two pounds of beeswax. Bees eat the honey and trigger a gland in their abdomen to secrete wax. The bees then chew the wax flakes to soften them.

Two pounds of this hearty wax can support 48 pounds of honey — more than 20 times its own weight. Many decades ago, the aeronautics industry recognized the strength of honeycomb and adapted nature's design to enhance the bending and stiffness of aircraft wings, as the wings must support heavy loads of fuel in the aircraft.

It turns out that honeybees and humans share many similarities: we socialize, dance, eat honey, touch, feel, mimic one another, sleep, enjoy caffeine and nicotine, and we vote. By the way, it takes about 13 honeybees to form a quorum.

Interestingly, bees are showing scientists many lessons readily applicable to existing businesses as well as inspiring new innovations. For instance, real-world applications from the beehive have been translated to optimize a web-hosting company. Honeybee communication systems have been adopted by programmers to efficiently run Internet servers, which must contend with lulls and surges in traffic volume. By using the honeybee hive model, online Internet sales rose by as much as 20 percent whilst energy consumption fell by 20 percent.

THE NEXT TIME YOU ENJOY A TABLESPOON OF LOCAL HONEY, REMEMBER THAT 12 WORKER BEES SPENT THEIR ENTIRE FORAGING LIVES OF THREE WEEKS FLYING A COMBINED DISTANCE OF OVER 6,000 MILES TO PRODUCE IT.

Hexagonal honeycomb architecture has inspired scientists to develop nano-sized magnets, in a material called spin ice, that is leading to new types of electronic devices with far greater processing capacity than currently exists.

Honeybees have been trained, within five minutes and an accuracy of 98 percent, to respond to greater than 60 odors, from methamphetamine to TNT and enriched uranium to tuberculosis and diabetes. Around the globe, honeybees will soon be deployed to protect humankind in war zones, shipping ports, airports, international boarders, sports stadiums and doctors' offices.

In the meantime, many Fairmont Hotels are now keeping beehives on their rooftops, helping pollinate millions of urban trees and offering healthy honey for their chefs to create delicious recipes.

The next time you enjoy a tablespoon of local honey, remember that 12 worker bees spent their entire foraging lives of three weeks flying a combined distance of over 6,000 miles to produce it.

Please do not use insecticides, herbicides, miticides or fungicides in your yard or balcony. Especially in light of the irrefutable research from Britain, France and the U.S. that neonictinoids are known to kill honey- and bumble-bees.

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Parents considering legal action over school yoga

ASSOCIATED PRESS

ENCINITAS, Calif. A group of parents is bent out of shape by free yoga classes at schools in this San Diego County beachside community, fearing they are indoctrinating youngsters in eastern religion.

"There's a deep concern that the Encinitas Union School District is using taxpayer resources to promote Ashtanga yoga and Hinduism, a religion system of beliefs and practices," the parents' attorney, Dean Broyles, told the North County Times.

In an Oct. 12 email to district Superintendent Tim Baird, Broyles called the yoga program unconstitutional and said he may take unspecified legal action unless the classes stop.

The lessons are funded by a $533,000, three-year grant from the Jois Foundation, a nonprofit group that promotes Asthanga yoga. Some schools began classes last month and others will begin holding them in January.

The classes involve traditional eastern breathing techniques and poses. The district chooses teachers and sets the curriculum while the foundation trains the teachers.

The district has removed any religious content from the twice-weekly classes, Baird said.

"I think that they really would like to think that, but I don't think that, in actuality, it has been done," said Mary Eady, who removed her son from the classes. The superintendent said only a few parents have pulled their children from the yoga classes and he did not expect district trustees to cancel the program.

"Our goal is that kids get a really healthy workout, that they get a chance to relax and reduce stress and yoga's perfect for that," Baird said.

Exec says he never heard man was Spears' manager

LINDA DEUTSCH
AP Special Correspondent

LOS ANGELES A top recording executive testified Monday that he was Britney Spears' "lifeline" during the darkest days of her well-documented meltdown and never heard that she had a new manager named Sam Lutfi.

Barry Weiss, who headed Jive Records, the label on which she recorded, said his only contact from Lutfi in 2007-08 was when Weiss asked him for assurance that Spears would be on set to record a music video for her "Blackout" album.

"Britney was pretty erratic at the time," Weiss testified during trial in a defamation lawsuit brought by Lutfi against Spears' parents.

Lutfi claims he was Spears' personal manager and deserves millions as his share of her income during that period.

The defamation suit stems from the way Lutfi is depicted in a book written by Spears' mother that detailed the star's meltdown.

Conservators of Spears' estate, including her father, Jamie, who was in court, contend that Lutfi was never her manager but was simply a user who inserted himself into Spears' life and preyed on her vulnerabilities.

Weiss told of working closely with her former personal manager, Larry Rudolph, but said he was never told Lutfi had assumed the role.

"Sam Lutfi never introduced himself or came in for a meeting. He never discussed records or a record contract," Weiss said.

"He helped us get a video made," Weiss acknowledged. "He was trying to keep Britney on the set."

But in the end, Weiss said he saw Lutfi's role as a "gofer ... like a personal assistant."

Weiss said the singer would discuss with him the album's packaging, choice of a single record and creative matters normally discussed with a manager.

"There was no manager involved," Weiss said. "She was estranged from her family. I felt I was a lifeline for her. She was texting me constantly from her cellphone."

Weiss said that he had known Spears since she was 16 when he signed her for a contract with Jive Records.

"She's a superstar, a household name in every country in the world," Weiss said.

On cross-examination by Lutfi's attorney, Weiss said Spears' current contract requires one more album. Weiss said he has been in talks to persuade Spears to join him at his new label.

"It would be nice to be back together, if that happened," he said.

The Q Line

Making a pick

Santa Monica Mayor Richard Bloom is in the fight of his political life with Betsy Butler for the 50th Assembly District seat.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Who will you choose on Nov. 6 and why?

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STATE BRIEFS

REDONDO BEACH

Neighbors put up with unfinished mansion for years

There are giant spider webs and a creepy appearance, but it's not a Halloween haunted house.

An unfinished Southern California mansion that started to take shape eight years ago has become a Redondo Beach eyesore and nightmare for neighbors.

They call it the monster mansion.

The Los Angeles Times says the 42-year-old owner Rami Nassif is heavily in debt. He defaulted on the initial $650,000 loan to build the home and there are tax liens.

Nassif didn't renew building permits for the home after 2010 and neighbors say there's been no work done for at least four years.

City prosecutors have now filed 19 misdemeanors against Nassif, who will be arraigned Wednesday for violating city building codes and public nuisance statutes, among other things.

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INGLEWOOD

Dead man found at shooting wearing armor

Police were nearly certain Sunday that a man found dead at the property where five members of a Southern California family were shot — two fatally — was the killer because he was wearing body armor, clutching a handgun and had a bullet hole in his head.

The loaded handgun was a .38 caliber revolver registered to 55-year-old Desmond John Moses. Inglewood police say he set his bungalow ablaze before firing at his neighbors because he blamed them for an eviction notice he had received from their landlord.

The body, burned beyond recognition, was found inside the bungalow late Saturday and an autopsy will determine whether it is Moses.

The dead man had "what appeared to be a gunshot wound to the head," wore body armor and carried additional ammunition in his pockets, a statement said.

While police couldn't conclude that the body is that of Moses until the autopsy is concluded, "the evidence suggests this is the case," the statement added.

The shooting rampage before dawn Saturday killed 33-year-old Filimon Lamas and his 4-year-old son. The father was shielding three of his children when he was shot, Police Chief Mark Fronterotta said. Lamas' 28-year-old wife, Gloria Jiminez, was shot in both legs but managed to carry the wounded 4-year-old out of the house.

Paramedics found her collapsed on the street. The child, who was shot in the head, died at a hospital.

Investigators believe Moses entered the family's home around 4 a.m. wearing a dark cap and a white painter's mask.

Authorities said he fired 10 times. In addition to the deaths of the father and child and injury to the mother, a 7-year-old girl was wounded in the chest and a 6-year-old boy suffered a bullet wound in the pelvis. An 8-year-old boy escaped injury.

The mother and daughter remained hospitalized in stable condition, Lt. James Madia said. The 6-year-old boy was released.

Relatives said Lamas and Jiminez were high school sweethearts who recently got approval for a home loan, and were looking to buy a bigger house for their tight-knit family.

Authorities launched a manhunt and evacuated surrounding homes after the shooting rampage, but it wasn't until hours later that they found the charred body because it was hidden under layers of debris.

"He was kind of a hoarder or pack rat," Madia said.

AP

SAN DIMAS

Body in taxi found outside burning home

Authorities have found a dead man in a taxicab outside of a burning home east of Los Angeles.

Firefighters went to a home in San Dimas shortly after 5 a.m. Monday. It took them about 30 minutes to knock down the fire, which left most of the home in ashes.

The body was found shot to death inside a cab parked outside the home.

Los Angeles County sheriff's Sgt. Alan Smith tells City News Service it's unclear how he died but it could be from a self-inflicted wound.

However, the investigation continues.

AP

LAKEWOOD

Sheriff's helicopter makes emergency landing

A bird strike has forced a Los Angeles County Sheriff's patrol helicopter to make an emergency landing on a city street.

Sunday evening's landing shut down a busy street in Lakewood for up to three hours.

The sheriff's department said the flight crew declared the emergency landing after hearing a loud noise from the aircraft. Once they landed on Del Amo Boulevard, the flight crew checked the helicopter and determined that the loud noise came from a bird striking the fuselage above the pilot canopy.

The crew flew the helicopter back to its base for repairs.

AP

LOS ANGELES

E.T. immortalized in wax around the world

E.T. the extra-terrestrial is making appearances around the world.

Madame Tussauds is unveiling wax likenesses of the otherworldly star of Steven Spielberg's 1982 film "E.T. — the Extra-Terrestrial" at six of its international locations Monday.

The wax figures were crafted at Merlin Studios in London and will be on view at Madame Tussauds museums in Los Angeles, Sydney, Tokyo, London, Berlin and Amsterdam.

The exhibit features the iconic scene from the film where a blanket-wrapped E.T. rides in the makeshift basket of little Elliot's BMX bicycle.

"E.T. — the Extra-Terrestrial" recently marked a 30th anniversary.

AP

Earlier puberty seen in boys, just like in girls

LINDSEY TANNER
AP Medical Writer

CHICAGO When it comes to the birds and the bees, some parents may want to have that talk with their boys a little sooner than they expected.

Researchers have found signs of puberty in American boys up to two years earlier than previously reported — age 9 on average for blacks, 10 for whites and Latinos. Other studies have suggested that girls, too, are entering puberty younger.

Why is this happening? Theories range from higher levels of obesity and inactivity to chemicals in food and water, all of which might interfere with normal hormone production. But those are just theories, and they remain unproven.

Doctors say earlier puberty is not necessarily cause for concern. And some experts question whether the trend is even real.

Dr. William Adelman, an adolescent medicine specialist in the Baltimore area, says the new research is the first to find early, strong physical evidence that boys are maturing earlier. But he added that the study still isn't proof and said it raises a lot of questions.

Earlier research based on 20-year-old national data also suggested a trend toward early puberty in boys, but it was based on less rigorous information. The new study involved testes measurements in more than 4,000 boys. Enlargement of testes is generally the earliest sign of puberty in boys.

The study was published online Saturday in Pediatrics to coincide with the American Academy of Pediatrics' national conference in New Orleans.

Dr. Neerav Desai, an adolescent medicine specialist at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, said he's seen a subtle trend toward slightly earlier puberty in boys. He said it's important for parents and doctors to be aware so they can help children emotionally prepare for the changes that come with puberty.

Doctors generally consider puberty early if it begins before age 8 in girls and before age 9 in boys.

Boys are more likely than girls to have an underlying physical cause for early puberty. But it's likely that most, if not all, of the boys in the study were free of any conditions that might explain the results, said lead author Marcia Herman-Giddens, a researcher at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

Problems such as thyroid abnormalities and brain tumors have been linked to early puberty. But boys with chronic medical conditions or who were using medicines that could affect puberty were excluded from the research.

In girls, early puberty has been linked with increased chances for developing breast cancer, but whether it poses health risks for boys is uncertain. Some scientists think early testes development may increase the risk for testicular cancer, but a recent research analysis found no such link.

"If it's true that boys are starting puberty younger, it's not clear that means anything negative or has any implications for long-term," said Adelman, a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics' committee on adolescence.

For the new study, researchers recruited pediatricians in 41 states who participate in the academy's office-based research network. Doctors asked parents and boys aged 6 to 16 to take part during regular checkups. The visits took place between 2005 and 2010.

Half of the boys were white. The rest were almost evenly divided among blacks and Hispanics.

On average, white boys started puberty at age 10, a year and a half earlier than what has long been considered the normal average. For black boys, the average age of 9 was about two years earlier than in previous research. Among Hispanics, age 10 was similar to previous research that only involved Mexican-American boys. The new study included boys from other Hispanic backgrounds.

Testes enlargement was seen at age 6 in 9 percent of white boys, almost 20 percent of blacks and 7 percent of Hispanics.

Pubic hair growth, another early sign of puberty, started about a year after testes enlargement in all groups but still earlier than previously thought.

In girls, breast development is the first sign, and recent research suggested that it starts at age 7 in about 10 percent of white girls, 23 percent of blacks and 15 percent of Hispanics. That's substantially higher than rates reported more than a decade ago.

But some experts have questioned methods used in studies in girls, noting that the age when girls start menstruating has not changed much and remains around age 12 on average.

Dr. Dianne Deplewski, a pediatric endocrinologist at the University of Chicago, has not seen any increase in boys referred to her for signs of early puberty. She said it's possible that the new study results were skewed by families who brought their boys to the doctor because they already had concerns about their health.

The study had other limitations. Testes were measured just once, and doctors weren't randomly recruited but volunteered to participate. That means it's possible that those with early maturing patients were overly represented, but Herman-Giddens said it's unlikely boys in the study were different from those in the general U.S. population.

She said the research methods weren't perfect but that they're the best to date. She also stressed that the results shouldn't be used to establish a "new normal" for the start of puberty in boys.

"Just because this is happening doesn't mean this is normal or healthy," the researcher said.





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that it is rife with insider relationships throughout Santa Monica and serves its Santa Monica constituents to the constant detriment of Malibu.

3. FAVORITE SUBJECT

English and American literature. I am intrigued by the interpretation and articulation of the human experience.

4. PROPS. 30, 38

Both. We must work to improve all of our public schools and public services.

5. QUALITY OF FOOD

Not as good as it could or should be.

6. CHOCOLATE MILK

I believe it should be removed, but the fact that our school board spent as much time as it did on this matter is indicative of its misguided priorities.

7. HOMEWORK

I believe in appropriate reinforcement and relevant assignments. I do not believe in throwing the entire family out of orbit with too many hours of homework.

8. ACHIEVEMENT GAP

The biggest gap I see is in what parents expect from their kids. Our schools need to do everything possible to help parents understand what is expected and provide the resources to motivate and help students to succeed.

9. PERMITS

I am in favor of inter-district permitting to level local enrollment fluctuations. There has been a problem of transparency at the district level with regard to site-by-site permits.

10. DISTRICT BREAK-UP

I strongly believe Malibu should separate. The economic advantage for both cities has been acknowledged by the SMMUSD CFO Jan Maez. Aside from that, most of us in Malibu are really tired of our stepchild status.

11. HOBBIES

Travel, exercise, reading, attending live performing arts events.

12. READING

"The Social Animal," by David Brooks.

13. FERRIS WHEEL GUESTS

Benjamin Franklin for many reasons, among them his opinions and advice regarding education and colonial unity. Phoebe Apperson Hearst and Alice McLellan Birney, the founders of the Parent Teacher Association. I would love for them to see the progress of their seminal work and ask their advice on further advancement in the parent-school relationship. Juan Rodríguez Cabrillo. I think he would be amazed to see California today and I would like him to know that his name has an honored place here, including at one of our Malibu elementary schools.

14. SCHOOL SAFETY

Malibu has a history of natural disasters and resultant lack of access — wildfires, mudslides and road closures. It has no hospital, only a part-time urgent care clinic. Pacific Coast Highway is our only major transportation artery and when it closes or backs up severely, emergency personnel are delayed. The safety issues in Santa Monica are different, but both communities would benefit from increased participation with other civic organizations.

15. TRAFFIC AROUND SCHOOLS

We need more carpooling and more district buses in Malibu. Biking and walking are not options for most Malibu students. The distances are often too great and the canyons and PCH are too dangerous.

16. PARKING AT SAMOHI

Carpooling, biking, walking and staggered start times.

17. SUSTAINABILITY

The district needs to stop being penny-wise and pound-foolish. The Point Dume School solar panel project is a perfect example of how not to handle things. What could have been a comprehensive alternative power source model was watered down to the point of being almost meaningless — not to mention delayed — by many years by our then-superintendent and administration.

18. PARCEL TAX

Again, bifurcating our district along city lines would bring much needed revenue to both sides. The placement of any future parcel tax measures must include all stakeholders, unlike the process which just took place in the decision to put Measure ES on the November ballot.

19. DISTRICTWIDE FUNDRAISING

I was, and am, against districtwide fundraising. Many of us in both Santa Monica and Malibu advised against it in numerous Board of Education meetings but it became evident that the board's and the superintendent's decision was predetermined. I later served on the Superintendent's Advisory Group and my opinions — and those of many others in both Santa Monica and Malibu — were ignored. Furthermore, it was exasperating to hear the paid consultants give point-by-point the recommendations that many of us had stated repeatedly for free. The plan cannot commence until and unless the Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation finds alternative funding.

20. DISCIPLINE

I do not believe in one strike and you're out. Even a model student may make a mistake and I would work to draft policy to help students learn from mistakes, make reparations if necessary and continue to move forward.

21. YOUR ROLE

I would serve to make student achievement the primary goal.

22. TENSIONS AT SAMOHI

Community involvement is the only way to address this concern: Greater parental involvement, increased education of parents and guardians and the ability of children to have a sense of hopefulness about their future and themselves. Bringing peer-to-peer programs to Samohi along with increased efforts by the board to encourage site-based councils that can help direct this type of activity. There is no better group than the school's parents to assist in finding a solution to this vexing problem.

23. REACHING OUT TO BUSINESSES

Again, I believe our schools would be better served if separated. Community identity is key to both Santa Monica and Malibu, especially in the business community. Only then would each entity have the necessary motivation to partner with local schools. Certainly in the area of naming rights this would make a significant difference.

24. CLOSING SCHOOLS

Absolutely not. Savings can be found in the bloated bureaucracy at 1651 16th St. SMMUSD spends double in administrative costs what some similar-size districts in our area do, such as Oak Park Unified School District in the Conejo County.

ALLEN
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ings, and new revenues for our schools

7. Teacher empowerment, evaluation, support, accountability

2. ROLE OF BOARD

The board must oversee the work of the superintendent, act as a public face for the district, listen to and incorporate the views of the community in the governing of the district. We need to be advocates for public education and our public schools, but we must also demand accountability from our school system and always push for excellence and the highest standards for all of our children.

3. FAVORITE SUBJECT

History. I've always been fascinated by the stories, personalities, and structures that helped to shape the world we live in today.

4. PROPS. 30, 38

I'm voting for both.

5. QUALITY OF FOOD

District staff has been working hard to improve the offerings, have ended the sales of sugary sodas, have salad bar options in all of our schools and have been working to make sure that the ingredients that go into the food we serve are healthier. However, there's still more that needs to be done.

6. CHOCOLATE MILK

I struggled with this decision but in the end of the day, decided to support the opt-out compromise. I am concerned about the health of our kids, but the chocolate milk that we serve is non-fat, and relatively low-sugar and low-calorie. Chocolate milk is a vitally important source of calcium for many American children, and the American Academy of Sciences strongly recommended against banning chocolate milk for that reason.

7. HOMEWORK

The right amount of homework for students is the amount it takes for a kid to cement the lessons learned in class during the day and deepen his/her understanding of the concepts taught.

8. ACHIEVEMENT GAP

I've been supportive of both of those types of programs, in addition to the continuation of a strong summer school program for kids who need the help, a robust early childhood education infrastructure for our community, expanding mentorship and intervention programs, professional development on achievement gap related issues, etc.

9. PERMITS

I think that it's important that we keep a tight lid on inter-district permits, but permits can be a very useful tool in tweaking our numbers every year as enrollment goes up and down. We are paid by the state based on the number of students in the system, regardless of where they live, so the offering of permits can be useful in protecting our revenues for programs and teachers when in-district enrollment drops slightly.

I also feel that if we are going to offer inter-district permits to kids, families with tangible connections to the community should get priority — grandchildren of residents, alumni, district and city employees, etc.

10. DISTRICT BREAK-UP

We are two different communities with distinct political cultures and ways of doing business, and it has proven hard for Malibu to feel well represented within the district power structure. If we can figure out a way to make it pencil out in a way that does not leave Santa Monica holding the bag, I think it might make a lot of sense.

11. HOBBIES

Soccer, travel, news, national parks.

12. READING

Answer not provided.

13. FERRIS WHEEL GUESTS

I would love to get the chance to chat with one of the nation's founders to get a better sense of what they would think about their original vision for the U.S. and how it has developed; a biblical figure to get a better sense of life in that time, their sense of history and faith and the sweep of human history; and then for a dose of inspiration, a historical hero who defied the odds to fight for human dignity — King, Mandela, Churchill, Suu Kyi, las Casas, etc.

14. SCHOOL SAFETY

More folks need to be carpooling, taking the bus, walking, and biking, and I hope that we can expand the frequency and service of bus offerings to the campus during peak times. I'm hopeful that the city of Santa Monica can help us out more with the subsidized use of their Civic Center parking lots for students and teachers.

15. TRAFFIC AROUND SCHOOLS

No answer provided.

16. PARKING AT SAMOHI

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17. SUSTAINABILITY

If Measure ES passes, it will be among the "greenest" bonds in the nation. We're working on revamping our environmental curriculum and improving our procurement and use procedures from everything from cleaners to paper to furniture. We also need to be pursuing more energy efficiency measures that can save the district money while also helping the environment.

18. PARCEL TAX

Parcel taxes are very hard to pass. We are going to have to look in a lot of different directions for solutions, including cuts, new revenue opportunities with the cities of Santa Monica and Malibu, new fundraising, finding more efficiencies, etc. It is so important that we pass either Proposition 30 or 38.

19. DISTRICTWIDE FUNDRAISING

I supported the policy along with the rest of the board, and we need to make sure that it's successful. It's not a perfect model, but it was reflective of a broad-based desire by the superintendent, board and PTA leadership that we find a way of ensuring that there are strong support programs at all of our schools regardless of means.

20. DISCIPLINE

Like with anything, administrators need to look at the context of the student's misbehavior, whether this is a first-time offense, and try to craft a disciplinary procedure that is rehabilitative. We are in the education business, and the hope always has to be that our disciplinary response makes a student think a little more next time before misbehaving. But we cannot tolerate behavior that

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them.

3. FAVORITE SUBJECT

History, especially American history!

4. PROPS. 30, 38

Both, especially 38.

5. QUALITY OF FOOD

The elementary schools have improved their food offerings significantly in recent years. We have to develop a better effort in the middle and high schools.

6. CHOCOLATE MILK

This is an excellent example of how the board has gone astray in recent years. When class sizes keep rising, when we are laying off teachers, we should not be debating about chocolate milk.

7. HOMEWORK

It's not how much homework, but whether they are learning. In support of increased student success, the superintendent and her staff, working collectively with the teachers and administrators, need to review our policies and implement best practices.

8. ACHIEVEMENT GAP

We know that programs like quality prekindergarten and after-school mentoring and tutoring can help level the playing field for children who are falling behind. We know that smaller classes make it possible for every child to get more individual attention from their teacher, we know that a punitive approach to testing will not help the children who are struggling in school and, most importantly, we need to look at the community issues and build a support network for all the schools so children get the attention they need and the support that is best drawn from every element of the community.

9. PERMITS

It is impossible to get to grips with many crucial issues because there is simply no available data upon which to have thoughtful debate.

10. DISTRICT BREAK-UP

Separation will bring much-needed funds to each independent district resulting in as many as 20 new teachers in Santa Monica and 10 more in a new Malibu district. It would also result in better fiscal balance, increased innovation, clearer focus, more unity of purpose, and greater academic advancement in both districts.

11. HOBBIES

Watching old movies. Playing board games. Reading. Listening to music. Hiking.

12. READING

Malcolm Gladwell, "Blink"
Larry Niven, "Ringworld"
Dacher Keltner, "Born to Be Good"
Susan Wise Bauer, "Story of the World, Vol. 3"

13. FERRIS WHEEL GUESTS

John Muir, Theodore Roosevelt and Aaron Sorkin.

We would explore the four days Roosevelt and Muir spent together in Yosemite in 1903. Their time together lead to both the creation of the National Park system and the president's epic Grand Canyon speech on May 6 of that year. Sorkin is there to capture the meeting of these two giants and the breathtaking gifts they gave to American conservationism, as only he can.

14. SCHOOL SAFETY

We need to increase community participation in schools. Getting the community to better support each school helps facilitate a safer environment and brings parents back onto campuses for assistance.

15. TRAFFIC AROUND SCHOOLS

The district should support city efforts to improve local transportation programs. I support the initiatives in place to increase the convenience and safety of bicycle travel. Creating a geographic database of students could facilitate car pooling while building community.

16. PARKING AT SAMOHI

The carpool and bicycle ideas above would reduce demand for parking. I like solutions that expand the possibilities, so looking at parking best practices might help; solutions like better traffic management IP and/or stacked parking. In a worst case, a parking lottery would eliminate the problems of congestion and encourage the car pooling behavior suggested above.

17. SUSTAINABILITY

Implementing sustainability best practices like grey water, solar power, solar water heating, and green building design can all be significant cost reducers. In particular, we should be using capital money to buy or prepay leases on solar panels at all our sites. By doing so, we would reduce or eliminate our use of coal and nuclear generated electricity while we simultaneous eliminate electricity costs from our operating expenses.

18. PARCEL TAX

Rather than proposing a $385 million bond for largely unspecified uses, we should have had a comprehensive effort to find broad-spectrum solutions to the financial woes of the district. The solutions should include:

1) A careful examination of Measures 30 and, especially, 38. These measures, if successful, would eliminate the need for an additional and difficult parcel tax campaign.

2) Efforts to reduce the district administrative costs, possibly including outsourcing some parts of some services such as finance and site maintenance.

3) Creating an independent Malibu Unified School District, with the corresponding $4 million or more increase in revenues.

19. DISTRICTWIDE FUNDRAISING

The board's conduct was a textbook example of how not to conduct policy. With its predetermined conclusion and widespread use of intimidation, the school board fractured the district and created animosities and scars which will outlast the tenure of the board members involved.

20. DISCIPLINE

Each one of the infractions mentioned represent very different learning challenges for the students involved. No single response or consequence will be appropriate for all. Instead, the guiding principle should be to do what best supports the life outcomes of the students.

21. YOUR ROLE

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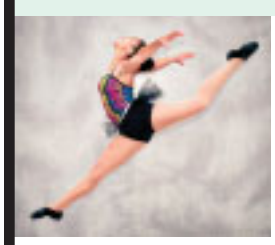
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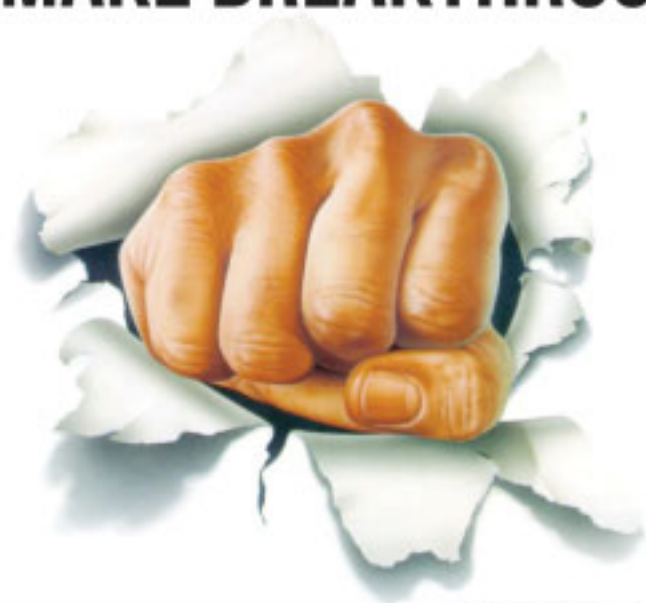
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CONSENT

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Wellington Quigley, a California-based company, for the $1,770,219 job, which involves design and pre-construction work for the facility. Once built, it will replace the existing 55-year-old fire station on Seventh Street.

The company was picked out of an initial pool of 27 applicants, which was then winnowed down to five and then three competitors in two subsequent elimination rounds.

Rob Wellington Quigley pulled ahead of the pack by impressing city officials with its cohesive team and demonstrated experience in designing a full-service fire station in an urban setting.

The new fire station will be located on the 1300 block of Seventh Street. The City Council approved a land swap with NMS Properties, a housing developer, to acquire the plot.

The fire station is the priciest item on the $2,567,742 consent agenda.

BASIC MAINTENANCE

Oil changes and transmission upkeep are critical on any vehicle, which is why city staff recommends a $266,000 contract for oils, lubricants and other products for the Big Blue Buses and other Public Works machines.

City Hall received four bids for the contract, which requires the chosen company to provide specific kinds of oils and lubricants that satisfy the warranty in place with the manufacturer of the Big Blue Bus transmissions.

Rosemead Oil Products, Inc. was chosen. Although it was not the lowest bidder of the four, Rosemead Oil Products could deliver on the products needed to maintain the warranty.

The full cost of the three-year contract is $811,300.

HEY, TEACH!

Officials from the Community Recreation Division are looking for $193,106 to pay for instructors for classes and camps held on recreational fields.

The five contractors — Health Edutainment Corporation, Richard Goldenson, Irene D'Arcus, Sarah Marsh and Anna Flynn — have current contracts with City Hall through June 2013, but the cost will exceed $100,000 this year and require City Council approval.

Health Edutainment provides sports-related camps and classes and both Goldenson and D'Arcus teach tennis. Marsh teaches dance, and Flynn provides education and recreation camps and classes.

The contracts will be put out to bid again by the end of the year for the 2013-16 fiscal years.

CHEMICALS

Anybody who has changed out a filter knows that those things can get grimy, and unlike the disposable ones in your air conditioning system, the filters that keep water clean at the Arcadia Water Treatment Plant can't be tossed in the trash.

City Hall is requesting $185,000 to buy chemicals to clean the plant's reverse osmosis filters. The devices are expected to last five years, but need anti-scalant chemicals to avoid fouling them up.

Seven companies bid on the project, and city staff selected the lowest bidder, King Lee Technologies, for the job.

The full three-year contract will cost $555,000, although future funding will be subject to council approval.

MEDICAL SUPPLIES

The City Council is expected to approve $100,000 for medical supplies for Fire

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FOSTER
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has grown too fond of politics of education over the practice of education.

22. TENSIONS AT SAMOHI

Community involvement is the only way to address this concern: greater parental involvement, increased education of parents and guardians, and the ability of children to have a sense of hopefulness about their future and themselves. This has to be a community effort, not merely an issue of increasing security or teacher education.

23. REACHING OUT TO BUSINESSES

True engagement between our schools, our students, and the business community would make for a wonderfully enriched community and a more fertile environment for fundraising.

24. CLOSING SCHOOLS

The decision to close schools requires serious strategic consideration. Closed schools become easy targets for charter takeovers, which have profound implications for district efficacy. The only way to explore such action is slowly, openly, and in full communication with all affected parties.

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seriously threatens campus safety.

21. YOUR ROLE

I hope to continue to be a listener, someone who is thoughtful, weighs the issues carefully, and makes good decisions that are in the best interest of all of our kids.

22. TENSIONS AT SAMOHI

We're putting in place new programs that are addressing racial tensions, training our teachers and students on racial sensitivity issues, etc. We need to remain ever vigilant, and this involves close cooperation with SMPD, a thoughtful approach to our freshman seminar program, continuing support for programs at Samohi that are helping to address these kinds of concerns. A strong athletic program can be a particularly good way of bringing together young men and women from various backgrounds to work together and cooperate with each other.

23. REACHING OUT TO BUSINESSES

One great example of business engagement is the Spark Program that Maria Rodriguez and I brought to John Adams Middle School, which involves the creation of enriching work apprenticeships for students who get to go on-site to businesses around town to explore careers and expand their sense of their own possibilities in life. Many businesses are currently supporting our Education Foundation, and we hope that many more will!

24. CLOSING SCHOOLS

There is more than meets the eye to what seems like a simple cost-saving act: shutting down a school doesn't necessarily solve our budget problems because it can easily become a charter school that would take additional funds away from the district.

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Department personnel.

Fire Department employees respond to nearly 10,000 emergency calls each year, and the jobs require a variety of medical supplies including bandages, splints, oxygen masks, medications and airway equipment.

Staff asked the three vendors who submitted bids to respond with quotes on 45 commonly-ordered products to make the best evaluation. The lowest bidder, Midwest Medical Supply, couldn't cover all of the goods specified, so staff went with Bound Tree Medical, an Ohio-based company.

The three-year contract is worth $315,250, but future funding is contingent on council approval.

PLANKING

Visitors and residents swamp the iconic Santa Monica Pier daily, a level of use that takes a toll on the wooden deck boards that make up the landmark.

City Hall wants to put $35,000 into new boards and other wooden products used on the pier this year.

Gemini Forest Products was picked for the job out of three bidders. The company is supplied by Sierra Pacific Industries, which is certified by the Sustainable Forestry Initiative to promote responsible and sustainable forest management.

Gemini was also the lowest bidder.

The full three-year contract is worth $115,000. Future funding will be contingent on council approval.

PLAYGROUND

Staff is requesting a $10,378 increase to the design and permitting contract for the Universally Accessible Playground in order to snag roughly $25,000 in savings identified during a plan check.

The construction documentation and plan check phases for the Universally Accessible Playground project turned up the savings by using the existing irrigation lines.

However, the alterations require design adjustments to the hardscape and planting materials, as well as the addition of one concrete seat wall and two picnic tables.

Katherine Spitz Associates, the firm under contract to design and permit the project, needs another $10,378 to incorporate the new specs.

CITY BATHROOMS

A remodel of second-floor restrooms at City Hall hit a speed bump, requiring another $8,039 to the contract with RS Construct, Inc.

The extra money will pay for the relocation of existing electrical lines and HVAC duct to clear space for the raised ceiling and the purchase and installation of additional conduit, wiring and sensors for lighting and fan control.

According to the staff report, no accurate plans exist for the building, so the conditions were a surprise.

REAL ESTATE

Sometimes, it's not all about spending money.

City Hall is getting $1.41 million for a piece of city-owned property at 1601 14th St. that will be signed over to the Exposition Construction Authority to make room for improvements near the 17th Street and Colorado Avenue station.

The alignment of the Exposition Light Rail line requires the dedication of 8,297 square feet of what is now a maintenance yard as public right-of-way. It will be used for an eastbound lane and part of the adjacent 10-foot sidewalk.

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Mediation

Family Law Mediation: A Practical Solution for Today's Needs

Frequently after a husband and wife determine that their marriage has come to an end, they still have respect for one another and do not want to end their marriage in a courtroom fighting with their respective attorneys. They prefer to retain the good memories of their marriage instead of making new painful memories through their divorce proceedings.

A divorce can be carried out in the same manner that marriages are entered into, with good intentions. Mediation is a more cost and time efficient method for divorce, as opposed to a court-based dissolution. It is a healthier option for parties who are willing to compromise and to end their marriage as positively as possible.

Mediation provides a solid foundation for parties who will continue to communicate in the future, especially when they have children together. The manner in which the dissolution process is handled sets a tone for how the relationship between parties will carry out post-divorce.

Alternatively, mediation is a valuable tool for those parties who have chosen not to remain in contact at the conclusion of their marriage, given that mediation allows parties to express their goals and expectations after their divorce, and may in turn provide closure to their relationship.

Mediation: The Process

Mediation serves the public policy of encouraging the resolution of disputes by alternative means to judicial proceedings where parties undergo an evidentiary hearing of contested factual issues. Mediation allows parties to conclude their divorce amicably in good faith and without acrimony.

Confidentiality is essential to mediation. All communications, negotiations and settlement discussions should remain confidential not merely to keep the parties' disputes out of the public limelight. The parties must also feel confident that whatever writings and statements they reveal privately in good faith to the mediator, or to each other in mediation, will not be used against them in court should their mediation be unsuccessful. Confidentiality also encourages parties to make offers and concessions which pave the way to settlement.

In mediation, parties can think outside of the box to come to agreements on specific disputes in their divorce, because not all divorces are the same. They can also address matters which may not get the appropriate attention in Court, such as how to share management of a family business or the division of personal property.

Mediation: Children

There is enormous potential emotional and psychological harm that can be caused by a divorce to both parties and their children. In many court-based divorces, the children are often placed second to other factors of the divorce. Mediation is the ideal option for parents that wish to put the care and needs of their children first.

The ultimate goal in mediation in relation to children is to provide a healthy and effective environment for parents to plan their children's future. Both parents can be involved in the decisions that will affect their children's lives, in order to provide them with a sense of normalcy and love from both parents. The collaborative process in mediation allows parents to find the healthiest and most effective solution to their children's needs.

Mediation: Logistics

The cost of mediation is often times shared equally by the parties. Sharing the cost does provide the clients an equal sense of investment and responsibility, which produces a fruitful mediation for both parties.

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9:00am-12:00pm Patent, Trademark and Copyright Law with Attorney Marcus Risso. (By appointment only)

4:00pm-5:00pm (1st and 3rd Tuesday of the Month). Civil and Criminal Law with former Deputy District Attorney Hart Levin. Hart has expertise in all criminal and traffic issues, and he also has extensive knowledge in many areas of civil law including business disputes, personal injury, medical malpractice, and wrongful death. (By appointment only)

5:00 - 7:00 pm Wrongful termination, harassment; discrimination; wage and hour ;denial of unemployment benefits; and general counseling on issues in the workplace w/ attorney Nina Baumler. (Call for Appointment) at the 2901 Ocean Park location of the Novel Café.

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11:00am-3:00pm Special Education Law (By appointment only. Also available by appointment on Mondays or Fridays from 11:30 am to 3:00 pm) Attorney Alison Arkin has extensive experience working with parfents of special needs children with a wide range of disabilities, and can help them obtain appropriate services from both school districts and regional centers. She has experience with every level of the process including obtaining appropriate assessements, representation at IEP meeting, mediations, settlement negotiations and hearings.

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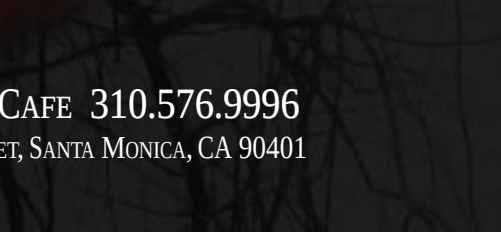
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10am-11:30am (1st, 3rd & 5th Saturday/month) Real Estate, Estate Planning, Wills & Living Trusts, Will Contests, Probate, Elder Law Business Litigation, Formation & Dissolution, Contracts, Construction Contracts Family Law including Divorce, Child/Spousal Support, Prenuptial Agreements, Personal Injury, Accidents, Premises and Product Liability, & Legal Malpractice with Attorney Richard Ruman. (By appointment only)

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DONATION
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"last chance" agreement with the center, pressuring it to get its financials and organization in order or risk losing the $307,000 provided through a city grant.

One of the problems highlighted in the report was that PYFC had only met its obligation to provide a 25 percent cash match for the grant once in its history of accepting city money.

The conditions of the Bergmann gift require that the organization use no more than 10 percent of the money in any year. The rest will be invested, and the organization can access the gains it accrues each year.

It's a game-changer, said center founder and director Oscar de la Torre. He estimates that it could be up to $200,000 a year more for the organization, or double the required cash match from City Hall.

"At a time where our destiny was unsure, this gift brings new life to our mission as an organization," de la Torre said.

Amanda Seward, the chair of the PYFC Board of Directors, called the donation a "shot in the arm" for the organization.

The board is still mulling over how to best use the money, possibly to expand PYFC's services to a wider range of ages than they can under the city's "last chance" agreement.

In that decision, the City Council chose to limit the ages of youth that the organization serves in an attempt to better target certain populations. That cut out some of the youngest, which some see as weakening an organization that tries to stop problems with youth before they start.

Using it to meet the cash match would draw down the funds quickly, and wouldn't fix the core problems identified by City Hall in June, Seward said.

Those included structural and organizational issues, including an unstable board and poor accounting practices.

At the time, City Hall believed PYFC had lost roughly $30,000 as a result of bad bookkeeping. That amount is now down to $17,000, and Bergmann's gift will help with all aspects of PYFC's reported issues, de la Torre said.

"Many of the problems that we have had have to do with lack of resources," de la Torre said. "This gift will allow us to finally fund PYFC at the level where it can succeed, but we still need the city of Santa Monica to partner with us to ensure that this happens."

PYFC is not the only local organization to benefit from Bergmann's generosity. In September, the Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation announced that it had also received a $4.8 million gift. The entire estate was over $16 million, Sultan said.

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Defense attorney J. W. Carney Jr. told Magistrate Judge Marianne Bowler he plans to file a motion asking to push back the trial, which is now scheduled to begin in March.

Carney said the defense can't possibly finish reviewing the massive volume of documents in the case until at least May. More than 300,000 documents have been turned over by prosecutors.

Carney has complained repeatedly that prosecutors have turned over documents in a disorganized and redundant way. On Monday, he said prosecutors had given the defense many versions of some documents, with various amounts of material redacted, forcing the defense to go through each version.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Brian Kelly, however, said prosecutors have complied with a defense request to turn over all documents related to Bulger and "shouldn't have to organize their discovery for them."

Bulger, the former leader of the Winter Hill Gang, is accused of participating in 19 murders. He fled Boston in 1994 and remained one of the FBI's most wanted fugitives until his capture in Santa Monica, Calif., last year.

Carney has said Bulger will testify about his claim he was given immunity to commit crimes while he was an informant.

Bowler ordered Carney to meet with prosecutors after the hearing in an attempt to resolve conflicts over the pre-trial discovery materials. She scheduled another status conference for Nov. 1.

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being held on $1.35 million bail after the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office on Friday filed one count of attempted murder, two counts of forcible rape, one count of sexual penetration with a foreign object, one count of assault by means likely to produce great bodily injury and resisting arrest, police announced Monday.

A preliminary hearing is set for Nov. 12 at the Airport Courthouse, Division 142.

Police said a woman was jogging along the waterline near Lifeguard Tower 8 around 4:50 a.m. on Oct. 10 when Cross ran up to her and raped her. The woman was able to fight off her attacker and run to safety as the suspect walked off.

Police responded and a composite drawing of the suspect was completed and a search conducted.

Santa Monica harbor guards arrested Cross on Wednesday, Oct. 17 at approximately 5:30 a.m. He matched the description given by the victim, police said.

The investigation continues and anyone with information is urged to contact the Santa Monica Police Department at (310) 458-8944 or the watch commander (24 hours) at (310) 458-8495.

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Cheerleading needs sports safety rules, doctors say

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CHICAGO Cheerleading isn't just jumping and waving pompoms — it has become as athletic and potentially as dangerous as a sport and should be designated one to improve safety, the nation's leading group of pediatricians says.

The number of cheerleaders injured each year has climbed dramatically in the last two decades. Common stunts that pose risks include tossing and flipping cheerleaders in the air and creating human pyramids that reach 15 feet high or more.

In a new policy statement released online Monday in the journal Pediatrics, the American Academy of Pediatrics says school sports associations should designate cheerleading as a sport, and make it subject to safety rules and better supervision. That would include on-site athletic trainers, limits on practice time and better qualified coaches, the academy says.

Just like other athletes, cheerleaders should be required to do conditioning exercises and undergo physical exams before joining the squad, the new policy says.

"Not everyone is fully aware of how cheerleading has evolved over the last couple of decades. It used to be just standing on the sidelines and doing cheers and maybe a few jumps," said Dr. Cynthia LaBella, a sports medicine specialist at Chicago's Lurie Children's Hospital and an author of the new policy.

But she said cheerleading often results in injuries that include severe sprains, broken arms and legs, neck injuries and concussions.

Last year, there were almost 37,000 emergency room visits for cheerleading injuries among girls aged 6 to 22, according to data from the Consumer Product Safety Commission. That's more than four times higher than in 1980, when cheerleading was tamer.

While there are still traditional cheerleading squads that support schools' athletic teams, some schools and private clubs have separate cheerleading teams that compete against other teams.

Kali Wald of Elburn, Ill., suffered a serious concussion last year during an acrobatic routine with her high school's competitive team; teammates tossed her in the air but she landed wrong twice, first on her upper back and neck, then on her head. She blacked out for several minutes.

Her father, Dave Wald, said her coaches didn't realize she was seriously injured and never called an ambulance. She still has short-term memory loss and can't attend school full-time because of dizziness, headaches and other concussion symptoms.

Kali, 18, said she believes that cheerleading should be considered a sport and made safer.

Her father agreed and said there needs to be better awareness about the rigors of cheerleading and the potential risks.

Injuries have increased as cheerleading has become more popular. Data suggest there are more than 3 million cheerleaders nationwide aged 6 and older, mostly girls. That includes about 400,000 in high school, according to data cited in the new policy.

While the overall injury rate in high school cheerleading is lower than in other girls sports, including gymnastics, soccer and field hockey, the rate of catastrophic injuries like skull fractures and paralyzing spine injuries is higher, the academy noted.

Kasey Bronstein, 14, and her sister Kori, 17, of Mahwah, N.J., both tore a knee tendon while cheerleading for a private competitive team run by their parents. They twisted their knees doing acrobatic moves while standing on the raised-up hands of their teammates. They had knee surgery last November, followed by extensive physical therapy, and have returned to cheerleading.

Both said it should be considered a sport but they also think it's already pretty safe.

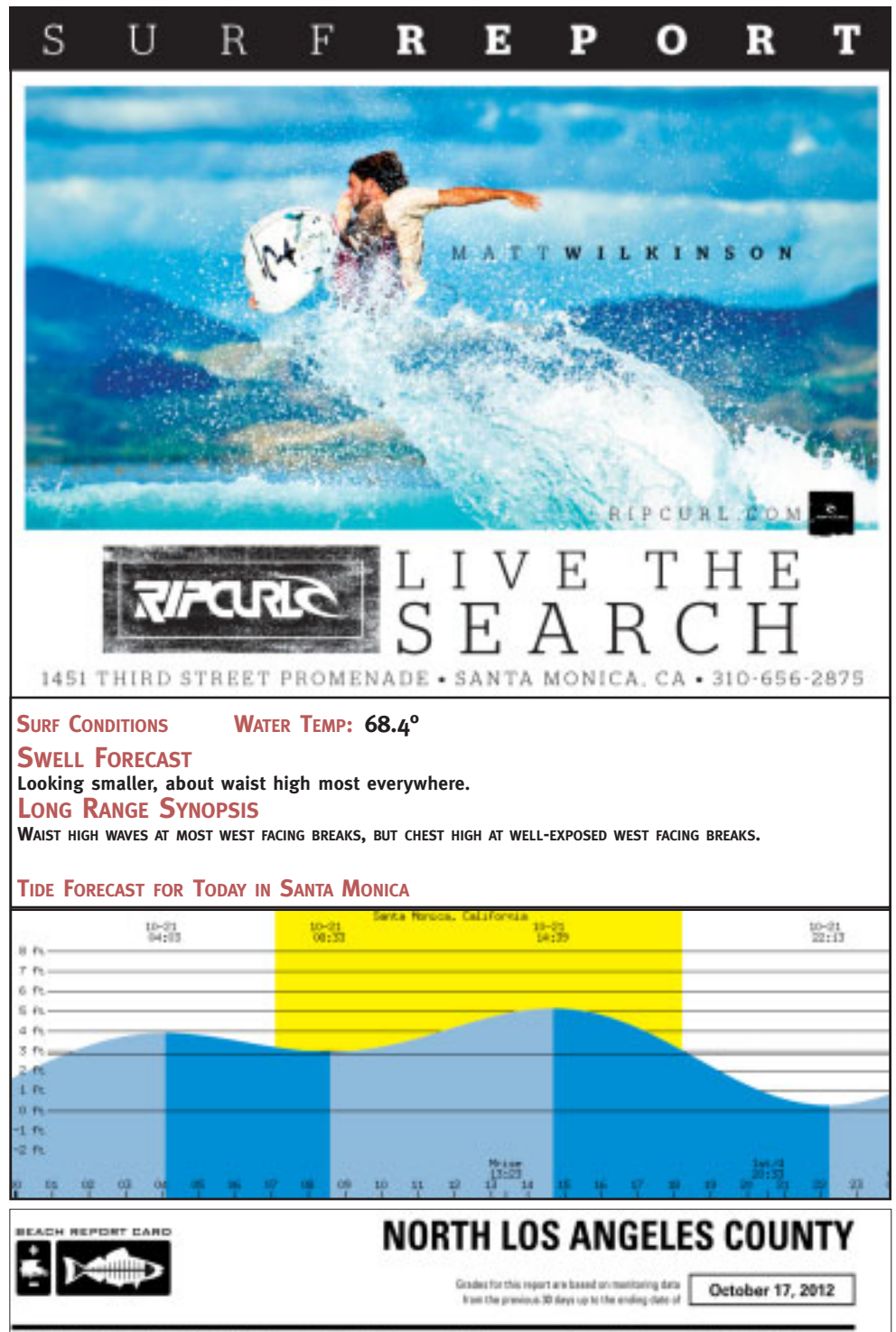
"They're kind of making it too safe, taking out skills that are very exciting to do," Kori said. That includes a double flip stunt no longer allowed on her team.

Some schools and state high school sports associations already consider cheerleading a sport and require the kind of safety oversight that the academy is recommending. But many do not, said Jim Lord, executive director of the American Association of Cheerleading Coaches & Administrators. Some don't consider it a sport because not all cheerleading squads are involved in their own competitions, he said.

Lord said the academy's policy mirrors many of his group's safety recommendations for high schools and colleges.

That includes limiting the height of human pyramids in high school cheerleading to just two people. The academy also says routines that include pyramids, tumbling or tosses should not be performed on hard surfaces.





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- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 28 / 2
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 0

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	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.	B	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Ben Blocker County Beach.	A+	ns
Pwerco State Beach at creek mouth.	B	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Pwerco Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd.	B	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location) - daily.	A+	A
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	B	A+
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	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.	B	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	C	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	D	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	A
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	C	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.	B	B
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of CBW jetty).	A+	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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Argo (R) 2hrs 00min
1:00pm, 4:05pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

Taken 2 (PG-13) 1hr 31min
1:55pm, 4:35pm, 7:20pm, 9:45pm

First Time (PG-13) 1hr 38min
2:00pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

End of Watch (R) 1hr 49min
1:30pm, 7:10pm, 9:50pm

Least Among Saints (R) 1hr 45min
4:15pm

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

Hotel Transylvania 3D (PG) 1hr 31min
1:45pm, 7:00pm

Here Comes the Boom (PG) 1hr 45min
11:20am, 2:00pm, 4:40pm, 7:15pm, 9:50pm

Argo (R) 2hrs 00min
11:15am, 1:55pm, 4:45pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

Taken 2 (PG-13) 1hr 31min
11:55am, 2:45pm, 5:25pm, 8:00pm, 10:25pm

Paranormal Activity 4 (R) 1hr 35min
11:15am, 12:05pm, 1:30pm, 2:30pm, 4:05pm, 5:10pm, 6:30pm, 7:40pm, 9:00pm, 10:00pm

Perks of Being a Wallflower (PG-13) 1hr 42min
11:30am, 2:20pm, 4:50pm, 7:25pm, 10:20pm

Hotel Transylvania (PG) 1hr 31min
11:25am, 4:20pm, 9:20pm

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

Searching for Sugar Man (PG-13) 1hr 25min
1:10pm, 3:25pm, 10:15pm

Just 45 Minutes from Broadway (R) 1hr 48min
1:40pm, 4:20pm

Master (R) 2hrs 30min
1:00pm, 4:05pm, 10:15pm

Ballet in Cinema: L'Altra Meta del Cielo from Teatro alla Scala (NR) 1hr 20min
7:30pm

Shakespeare's Globe Theatre: Much Ado About Nothing (NR) 2hrs 47min
7:00pm

Mystical Law (NR) 2hrs 00min
1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:55pm

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

Frankenweenie in Disney Digital 3D (PG) 1hr 27min
1:50pm, 7:00pm

Frankenweenie (PG) 1hr 27min
11:25am, 4:25pm, 9:30pm

Looper (R) 1hr 58min
11:15am, 2:05pm, 4:55pm, 7:50pm, 10:30pm

Sinister (R) 1hr 50min
11:45am, 2:25pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:25pm

Alex Cross (PG-13) 1hr 41min
11:30am, 2:00pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

Seven Psychopaths (R) 1hr 49min
11:40am, 2:15pm, 4:50pm, 7:35pm, 10:15pm

Pitch Perfect (PG-13) 1hr 52min
11:15am, 1:55pm, 4:40pm, 7:25pm, 10:05pm

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Happy at home tonight, Scorp

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Boredom is not likely to be an issue, thanks to those around you. Many people who form the framework of your daily life could seek you out. Your imagination loves wondering what is going on beyond the words of others. Tonight: Celebrate your friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Others look up to you, as you are able to see many different paths to a goal. You know how to delegate, explain and take an active role in the direction of a project. A partner or loved one comes forward with a quirky, fun idea. Tonight: Where the action is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Stay on top of calls and other forms of communication. You have a unique ability to see what is going on behind others' words. Your sense of humor comes out, but do not let anyone know what is putting a big smile on your face. Tonight: Break a pattern.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Your instincts come through with a joint money matter, yet you still might not be sure in which direction you should head in order to maximize your gains. Tonight: Time for a chat with someone.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Others happily come forward and pitch in, which makes your life easier. A meeting or a get-together with a group of friends makes a big difference in your life. Tonight: Say "yes" to a fun invitation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You will remain level and focused, despite a misunderstanding that is brewing. You could try to circumvent the issue by confirming and clarifying information, yet somehow confusion still seems to be looming. Tonight: Off to the gym.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Your imagination plays into your decision-making role, for better or for worse. To succeed, you'll need to infuse the issue at hand with a dose of reality. Test out an idea on a friend who tends to be grounded in his or her beliefs. Tonight: Frisky, aren't we?

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Clear up a problem by rooting out the issue that's causing it rather than making nice. Incorporate more of your imagination into your day-to-day life, and try to add more magic to the status quo. Tonight: Happy at home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Opportunities open up out of the blue. Others head toward you with one offer after another. A person might dream of a happening like this, but to have it occur is remarkable. Tonight: Be direct yet gracious.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Curb a need to spend right now, even if it seems like it's for a good purpose. That "good purpose" still will be there in several days. A meeting allows you to witness someone's resourcefulness and blend it with yours. Could you make a great team? It is highly likely. Tonight: Your treat.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You seem to be in your own world, as your imagination could be spinning quite a tale. You also could be enjoying a very fun and somewhat emotionally fulfilling time with a child or loved one. Tonight: Only as you like.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ If someone volunteers to pitch in or take over, even if it is just doing the dishes or some other mundane chore, say "yes." You need some much-needed time off. Relax, and let your imagination design a plan to accomplish a long-coveted desire. Tonight: Keep some things to yourself.

Happy birthday

This year you are unusually playful, especially with a close loved one. You will spend many one-on-one moments together. This person could become your best friend if you are attached, and possibly even your sweetie if you are single. You have many dynamic ideas, some of which you might choose to act on sooner rather than later. You also could manifest a cherished dream this year. Clarify and confirm details when feeling in doubt. AQUARIUS is as strong as you, but in a different way.

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

Speed Bump
By Dave Coverly



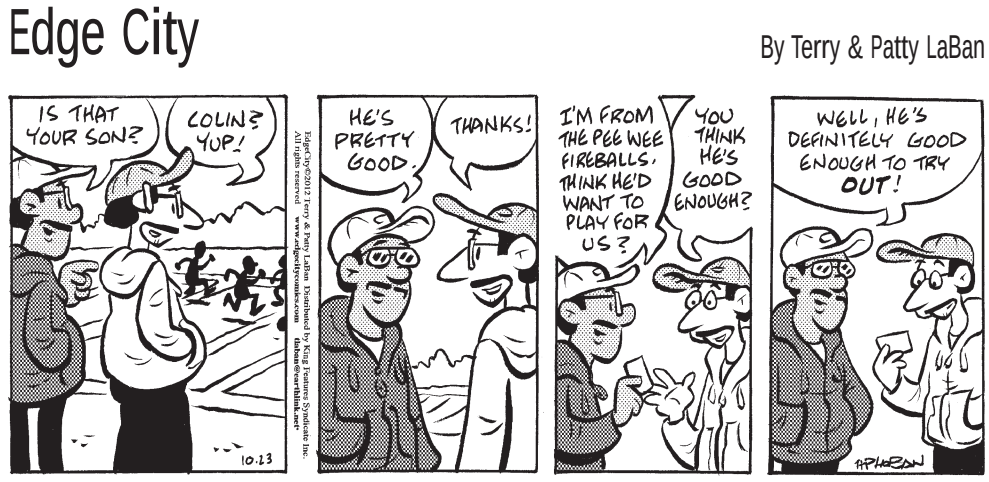
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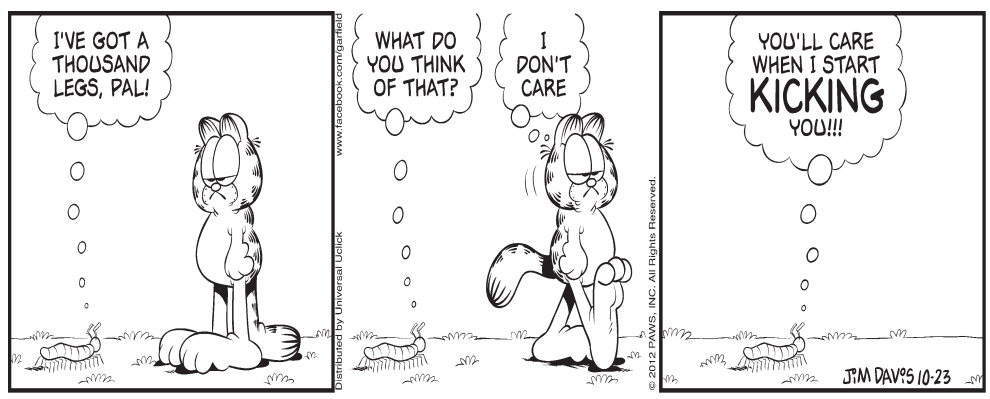
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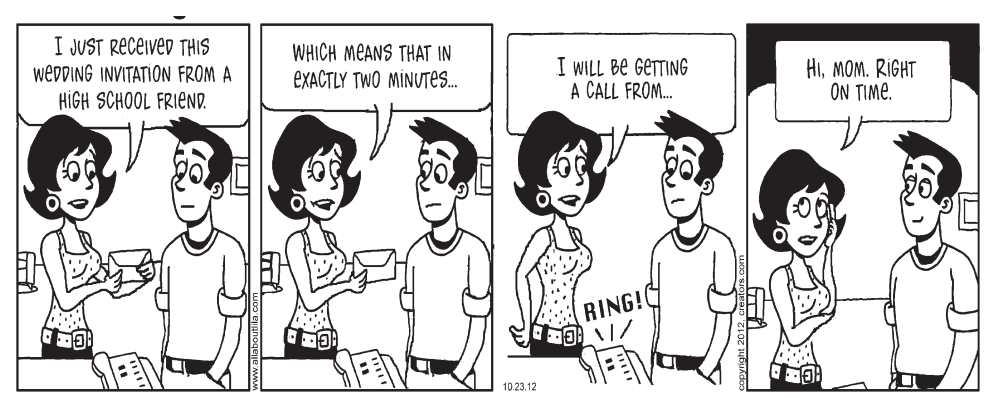
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Sudoku

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).

Difficulty Level ★★

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

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

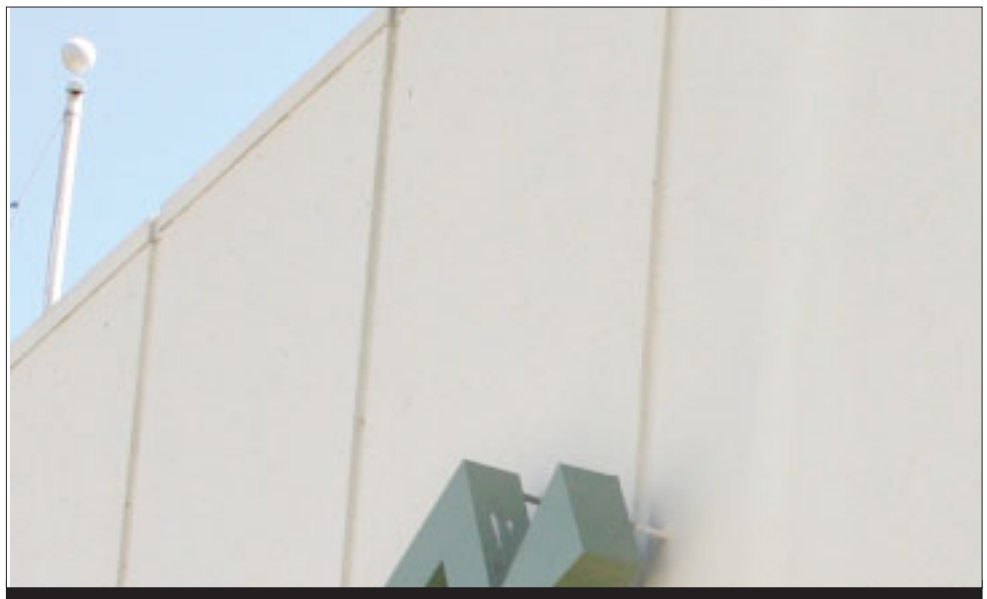
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Airport area
5 — -nez
10 Leaves out
12 France's longest river
13 A PC user may press one
15 Cart puller
16 Conclusion
17 Courtroom oath
18 Rural dancer
20 Mix up
21 Skiing site
22 Despise
23 Texas player
25 Fix socks
28 Brings up
31 Really impresses
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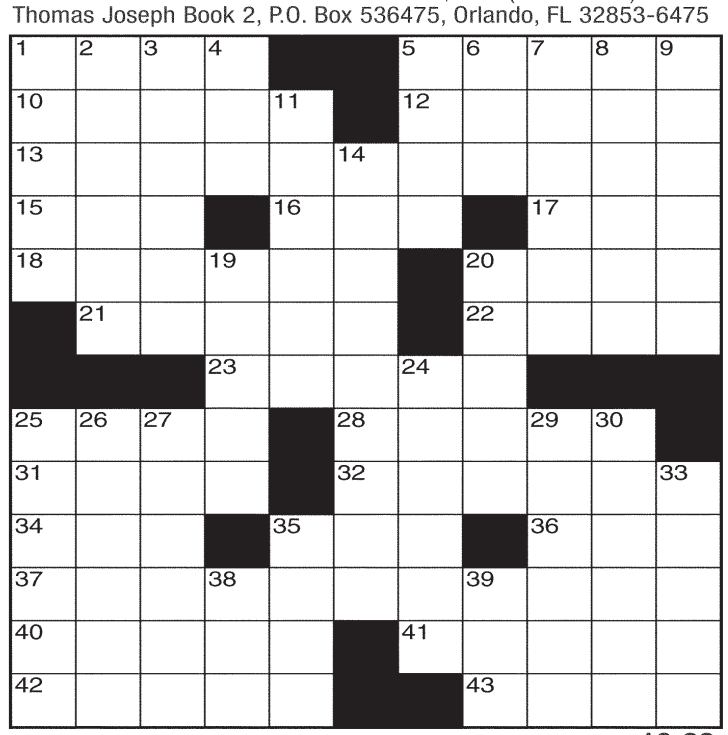
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1 Succeed
2 Entertains
3 Christmas tree trim
4 Series-ending abbr.
5 Trudge
6 Charged bit
7 Premier Khrushchev
8 College unit
9 Pal of Pooh and Piglet
11 Brews, as tea
14 Withdrawing
19 Bank offerings
20 Sandbar
24 Parish leader
25 Place for a seaweed wrap
26 Come to
27 Be contrite
29 Irritate
30 Fills with resolution
33 Authority
35 Depend
38 — Vegas
39 Wee bite

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Yesterday's answer

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20 22 26 27 43
Meganumber: 16
Jackpot: $12M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 10/22
9 10 15 26 34

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 10/22
MIDDAY: 7 4 8
EVENING: 8 3 2

SAINT BRIDGET
Draw Date: 10/22
1st: 04 Big Ben
2nd: 07 Eureka
3rd: 01 Gold Rush
RACE TIME: 1:48.07

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Scorpion antivenom made in Mexico sells in Mexico for about $100 a dose, but for a while over the last year, the going rate in the emergency room of the Chandler (Ariz.) Regional Medical Center was $39,652 a dose, charged to Marcie Edmonds, who was stung while opening a box of air-conditioner filters in June. She received two doses by IV and was released after three hours, to later find a co-pay bill of $25,537 awaiting her (with her Humana plan picking up $57,509), according to the Arizona Republic newspaper. The Republic found that Arizona hospitals retailed it for between $7,900 and $12,467 per dose -- except for Chandler. Following the newspaper's report, Chandler decided to re-price the venom at $8,000 a dose, thus eating a $31,652 "loss."

■ Among the least-important effects of last summer's drought in the Midwest: Officials overseeing the annual Wisconsin State Cow Chip Throw said there would be fewer high-quality cow patties. Said chairperson Ellen Paulson: "When it's hot, the cows don't eat as much. And what was produced, they just dried up too quick." A few patties had been saved from the 2011 competition, but, she said, "It's not like you can go out and buy them."

TODAY IN HISTORY

1989 - The Hungarian Republic is officially declared by president Mátyás Szirös, replacing the communist Hungarian People's Republic.

1989 - Phillips Disaster in Pasadena, Texas kills 23 and injures 314.

1992 - Emperor Akihito becomes the first Emperor of Japan to stand on Chinese soil.

1998 - Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian Chairman Yasser Arafat reach a "land for peace" agreement.

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Case No. YS024395
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of DENIZ ROMAN for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner or Attorney: DENIZ ROMAN filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: DENIZ ROMAN to DENISE ROSEMONT. 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: November 26, 2012 Time: 8:30am, Dept. 8
The address of the court is 825 Maple Ave., Torrance, CA 90503
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: Ocotober 10, 2012
MARK S. ARNOLD, JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012167183 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 08/20/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as FATTYS, FATTYS PUBLIC HOUSE. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: TJBC LLC 13816 BORA BORA WAY A202 MARINA DEL REY, CA 90292. 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/:JUSTIN SAFIER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 08/20/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 10/02/2012, 10/09/2012, 10/16/2012, 10/23/2012.



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