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THE WHAT DID YOU EXPECT? ISSUE

Samohi staff cleared in racial incident

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY There's no evidence to suggest that staff at Santa Monica High School intimidated witnesses or destroyed evidence in connection with an alleged racial incident at the campus, law enforcement officials said Monday.

An African-American student and member of the Samohi wrestling team told police that on May 4 he had been chained to a locker by two other juveniles who proceeded to yell racial slurs. This allegedly happened after he passed by a wrestling dummy with a noose looped around its neck, the student told police.

The Santa Monica Police Department completed its investigation into the alleged hate crime last month and presented its findings to the Los Angeles County

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Ashley Archibald *ashley@smdp.com*

NOT IN THEIR BACKYARD: **Residents of the Village Trailer Park staged a hastily organized protest Monday morning to rail against the demolition of 10 unoccupied trailers at the park, which they see as the last truly affordable housing in Santa Monica.**

Residents protest trailer home demolition

Old issues bubble up over alleged violations

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

VILLAGE TRAILER PARK Residents of the Village Trailer Park staged a hastily organized protest Monday morning to rail against the demolition of 10 unoccupied trailers at the park, which they see as the last truly affordable housing in Santa Monica.

As news cameras rolled, residents hoisted signs reading " Occupy VTP" and "Why Destroy Homes?", and gave tours of units that had already been partially deconstructed as members of the demolition crew sat waiting on the curb on the opposite side of Colorado Avenue.

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Merchants to demand help from City Council

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE The outlook for small businesses in Santa Monica is improving, but there's more that City Hall and the City Council can do to help spur on the economic engine.

That's the message leaders of Santa Monica's four business improvement districts (BIDs) will try to impart to the City Council in a special study session scheduled for Tuesday.

The four BIDs — Downtown Santa Monica, Inc., the Main Street Business Improvement Association, the Montana Avenue Merchants Association and the Pico Improvement Organization — were created by ordinance of the City Council to improve the economic condition of their respective areas.

They represent 20 percent of Santa Monica's 6,500 businesses, largely consisting of small retail shops and restaurants.

Each BID pays for marketing, supplemental services and promotional events for their area, funded either through assessments on property owners, businesses or both.

All four BIDs were hard-hit by the downturn in the economy, and despite the extra support, with the exception of the Third Street Promenade, BIDs are recovering more slowly than the city as a whole, according to the staff report.

The Montana Avenue Merchants Association reported two years of dramatic losses, a 12.6 percent decrease in 2007-08 and a 15.7 percent decrease the next year.

"We obviously went through a fairly rough period during the height of the global financial crisis," said Mark Wain, head of the organization.

That's part of the reason that the BIDs are

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Bergamot Station
2525 Michigan Ave., 10 a.m.
The Craig Krull Gallery is lined with unstretched squares and rectangles of black velvet that have been painted and hand-sewn by Peter Alexander to present dazzling displays of squiggling masses that breach the naturalistic and electric worlds. Also featured are Alexander's resin sculptures, inspired by surfboards and metallic bodies. Part of Pacific Standard Time: Art in Los Angeles 1945-1980. For more information, call (310) 828-6410.

Follow the bouncing ball
Senior Center
1450 Ocean Ave., 10:30 a.m.
Warm up your throat for the Senior Center Sing-a-Long. Show off your songbird skills at this interactive event, led by Douglas and Marybeth. Must be a Senior Center Member and 50 or older to participate; Senior Center membership is free. For more information, call (310) 458-8644.

Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2011

Put a lid on it
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m.
The Santa Monica Farmers' Market presents this workshop that spoons out do-it-yourself tips on the best way to can, pickle and preserve food as holiday gifts. Event in the Martin Luther King Jr. Auditorium. For more information, call (310) 458-8600.

Little letters
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 7 p.m.
Join author and journalist Gabrielle Donnelly for a walk through her novel, "The Little Women Letters," which was inspired by Louisa May Alcott's "Little Women." The book imagines the lives of Jo March's descendants in the modern world. Cost: free. For more information, call (310) 458-8681.

Thursday, Nov. 3, 2011

Finding your inner self
Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club
1210 Fourth St., 6:45 p.m.
Writing coach Terrie Silverman hosts a workshop, "Tapping Gold," to teach participants to write spontaneously and share their personal stories. Participants are asked to bring a notebook and pens. The suggested donation is $20. For more information and to register, visit www.smbwc.org or call (310) 395-1308.

Friday, Nov. 4

A giving spirit
Santa Monica College Performing Arts Center
1310 11th St., 7:30 p.m.
SMC hosts a benefit concert at The Broad Stage to raise money for its Applied Music Program students. The concert, directed by Yulia Krasny, is $10 a ticket. For more information, call (310) 434-3005.

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Community & Cultural Services director to retire

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

CITY HALL After 31 years of service to the residents of Santa Monica, Community & Cultural Services Director Barbara Stinchfield is retiring, city officials said Monday.

Stinchfield, who oversees an operating budget of $47 million and a staff of approximately 400 full- and part-time employees, will step down from her post on Dec. 29.

"Barbara has been instrumental in more than a decade of improvements to the city's parks, open spaces and public facilities and has nurtured the growth of the city's human services and cultural arts programs," City Manager Rod Gould said in a statement released to the media. "Her legacy is extensive and the impact of her leadership will be enjoyed by residents and visitors for decades to come."

During her 14 years as the director of the department, Stinchfield oversaw the development and implementation of the city's first Parks & Recreation Master Plan that has resulted in changes to the city's parks and recreational facilities throughout the city — most recently the creation of the Annenberg Community Beach House.

The Community & Cultural Services Department, which oversees the city's recreational facilities, culture and arts programs, human services, public landscaping and funding for nonprofits, has received numerous regional and national awards for design excellence in its capital improvement projects and community programming, city officials said.

"Working with this community has been the opportunity of a lifetime — to participate in the civic life of one of the most incredible cities in the country," Stinchfield said. "As I advanced through the organization, I marveled at what each opportunity gave to me and, in return, what I could give to the city.

"There is never an optimal time to leave," she added, "however, I am leaving at a time when some major project milestones have been achieved. I have every confidence that the projects, programs and services that are so valued by the community and the City Council will continue to be of the highest quality."

Stinchfield will depart as the city begins construction of two new parks in the heart of the Civic Center, following a comprehensive public design process performed under her direction. Both Gould and Stinchfield stressed that the strength and competence of the current city management team will ensure a smooth transition to new leadership.

Prior to becoming director in 1997, Stinchfield served the city as human services grants coordinator, manager of community and neighborhood services and assistant director of the department. Stinchfield has served on the National Board of Trustees of the U.S. Conference of Mayors Human Services Officials and has professional affiliations including the American Society of Landscape Architects, the City Parks Alliance and the California Preservation Foundation.



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INVESTIGATION

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District Attorney's Office for filing. The case is still under review, said SMPD Sgt. Richard Lewis.

During the investigation, police received reports that staff at the high school disposed of cell phone photos taken by students of the alleged hate crime. Other sources said the administrators kept the images on a separate device and then asked students to delete them.

Since there is such a close relationship between the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District and City Hall, Santa Monica Police Chief Tim Jackman was concerned about a potential conflict of interest. He decided to bring in the sheriff's Internal Criminal Investigations Bureau to see if staff at the high school or within the school district violated any laws.

City Hall sends millions of dollars annually to the SMMUSD as part of a joint-use agreement that gives residents access to some of the school district's facilities, including sports fields.

Sheriff's investigators conducted interviews and reviewed crime reports, written statements and photographs and found no probable cause to believe that any staff members at Samohi or any employee of the SMMUSD engaged in any criminal misconduct.

The alleged incident sparked intense debate at school board meetings and a forum on race held at Samohi on Oct. 29. There have also been several community meetings involving a mediator from the U.S. Department of Justice where residents have been able to talk openly about their own experiences with race without the presence of the media.

The school board has pledged to update curriculum, reform policies and retrain staff to react appropriately to any racial incidents in the future. The board has also committed to hiring a third-party investigator to review and examine the alleged incident and determine whether existing policies, practices and procedures were followed, and to make recommendation about changes that should be made. Results of that investigation will be made public, district officials said.

"[The investigation] found out what we believed to be true and that is there were no criminal actions on behalf of any employees in the district," said school Superintendent Sandra Lyon. "Now we will begin our investigation to examine our policies, practices and process to see if there is anything we can amend or shore up.

"We want to use this as an opportunity to make our district better and to work with the community to make it stronger," she added. "I think we have started a good conversation about race and diversity and we will keep doing that work."

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City Hall's triple-A credit rating stands

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

CITY HALL Three of the nation's top credit rating agencies reviewed City Hall's finances and have affirmed its triple-A credit rating.

Acting Finance Director Gigi Decavalles-Hughes said Monday that a combination of strong fiscal management, low debt levels and a diverse economy helped contribute to the triple-A rating, the highest credit rating assigned by Fitch Rating, Moody's Investor Service and Standard & Poor.

The strong rating is expected to save taxpayers' money when issuing bonds for capital improvement projects, such as a new road or sewer, Decavalles-Hughes said.

"When we go out to price the bonds we have more of the upper hand," she said. "More people want our bonds and our underwriters are able to negotiate a better price for the city."

A bond is essentially a loan an investor makes to the bond's issuer. The investor, or bond buyer, generally receives regular interest payments on the loan until the bond matures or is "called," at which point the issuer repays the investor the principal.

City Hall is expecting to save roughly $300,000 a year by refinancing bonds issued to build the Public Safety Facility, which houses the police and fire departments and the Santa Monica Jail.

"This puts us in an exclusive group of cities with a triple rating," Decavalles-Hughes said. "This says a lot about how the city manages its money … . We've been very careful over the past several years in making cuts to the budget without cutting services and finding ways to get a jump on debts we do have."

Decavalles-Hughes said City Hall was able to pay down some pension obligations early and recently renegotiated employee contracts to decrease City Hall's health care and pension costs, both of which help reduce debt.

City Hall's outstanding debt is currently $30.4 million or $339 per capita or about 1.3 percent of revenues, which she said is "very low."

City Hall was required to seek out revised credit ratings as part of the debt financing plan for the reconstruction of Parking Structure 6 that was approved by the City Council Oct. 25. Those bonds are expected to be paid off in 20 years using a combination of general fund monies and revenue generated by parking.

City Hall's total debt service is about $2.6 million a year for the next 20 years.

The bonds to be issued to pay for Parking Structure 6 received an AA+ rating. Fitch said this rating reflects "the city's very strong financial position, projected balanced operations and strong financial management" and "prudent actions by management to pare expenditure growth" in addition to its "vibrant retail and hospitality sectors and high income levels, in spite of recent recessionary pressures."

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Finding their way

Editor:

I read with horror the vicious diatribe written by Jeff Wells ("Exploited," Letters to the Editor, Oct. 29-30).

I am a member of the Church in Ocean Park, which is involved in the support of the unionizing of the car wash workers. The article by Ashley Archibald in Wednesday's issue ("Agreement makes local business nation's only unionized car wash") gave a true picture of the struggles that car wash workers have endured for years.

The churches and the community organizations involved in achieving a union represent compassion and belief in justice for all working people. I think it is a tremendous victory to have the first union car wash initiated in Santa Monica and I am certain other car wash employers will follow the example of the Bonus Car Wash.

If people care, they will find their way to the Bonus Car Wash.

Trudy Goldman
Marina del Rey

Spiraling out of control

Editor:

I though it was nice to see in your paper that the City Council has finally recognized that city staff benefits have spiraled out of control ("City employees approve benefits changes," Oct. 28). The reforms that were made were very meager, given the extent of the problem.

It is bad enough that the average Santa Monica city employee makes double the average income of a Santa Monica family. They also get a retirement benefit that can only be described as abusive.

Under the current law, existing city employees can retire at age 55 at 2.7 percent of their best year of pay, multiplied by the number of years they have worked for the city. Thus a 30-year employee would retire at 81 percent of their best year of pay, for the rest of their lives (often 30 plus years). In addition, they are able to get a second job, get a full salary, and qualify for even more retirement benefits.

The money to pay these giant salaries and benefits does not come out of thin air. It is paid by Santa Monica having taxes, fees and parking fines, that are among the highest of any city in the world.

Is it fair for city workers to be taking so much money from struggling families so they can have lifestyles that greatly exceed those they are supposed to be serving?

When is the City Council going to recognize that times are tough, and city staff's excesses should be cut so taxes, fees and parking fines can be reduced?

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What's the Point?

David Pisarra — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

Parental alienation: the court protected crime?

I'M NOT A PARENT. IT'S HIGHLY UNLIKELY, given my age and goals in life, that I ever will be.

But I fight for parents every day as a family law attorney. Usually the fights are over rather mundane issues, such as what time to pick up Bobby from soccer practice, or whether Susie attends ballet or gymnastics class.

Then there are the cases which have real, sincere, substantial questions about a parent's fitness. These happen when one parent is diagnosed with a mental disorder or a physical condition that would impact their ability to act in a responsible manner that is in the best interest of the child.

Other cases are where one parent wants to relocate to a new state for a variety of reasons and the court must determine whether the child should be relocated as well. These "move-away" cases are highly charged and emotional. Sometimes they are for valid reasons and other times they are merely a ploy by one parent to separate the child from the other parent.

Perhaps the hardest cases that we handle are the situations where one parent has such a burning hatred of the other parent that they want to eradicate the parent from the child's life. They engage in a pattern of behavior that can only be described as pathologically diabolical. They are master manipulators in a system this easily manipulated, duped and lied to. The manner in which the manipulation begins is usually innocuous and apparently based on nothing more than parental concerns for the best interests of the child.

This cloak of respectability and concern is used to cover their devious plot to destroy the love and relationship between parent and child. It begins with a campaign to take physical custody of the child, and then escalates to a constant wearing down of the parenting time of the other parent.

Frequently in these cases there is the malicious use of false allegations to obtain a domestic violence restraining order, which has long-term negative effects of the restrained parent's rights to the child. The next step is to allege some sort of sexual or physical abuse and have Child Protective Services open a case and prevent the parent from any contact whatsoever with the child. The actor in these cases is usually a person with a personality disorder, and the case demands immediate and dramatic action.

These tactics are examples of alienating behavior. In normal cases of breakups or divorces, a little alienation is rather normal and acceptable. People will vent their anger and frustration and make inappropriate comments about their ex such as "your mom's being difficult" or "your father's being a jerk." This is psychologically damaging to a child, but is not considered so damaging that long-term intervention by the courts is warranted. Most kids don't like it, but they don't develop a hatred for the targeted parent.

When it escalates to more extreme actions and the child develops a hatred for the targeted parent, this is called "parental alienation." Depending on how much damage has been done to the parent/child relationship, reunification may or may not be successful.

On Nov. 12 there will the second annual Conference on Parental Alienation put on by the International Support Network of Alienated Families. The conference will be held here in Santa Monica at the Bay Woman's Club on Fourth Street near Wilshire Boulevard from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. I'm a founding board member of this organization and this year we will have another roster of distinguished experts from around the world.

For the parents and children who are experiencing this type of behavior, it is highly traumatic. The children suffer because they must deny their love for a parent and that is a part of who they are, which means they must engage is a certain amount of self hatred that is induced by the targeting parent. The targeted parent is made to suffer and grieve the loss of a child as if there was a death but with the constant hope of reunion. It is a sort of purgatory that my clients have described to me in the most painful and agonizing of terms.

This is not a crime. It is a battle for the love of a child by a pathologically sick individual who will stop at nothing to win. It should be a crime, but because it is waged in the family courts, with the cloak of protecting the children, the courts are unwitting aiders and abettors to the most devious, diabolical and evil of creatures, the parent who would sacrifice a child for their own nefarious psychological needs.

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How America's military is helping develop renewable energy tech

ANTIBIOTICS, JET TRAVEL, THE INTERNET and GPS.

Those are just a few things made possible by military investments that paved the way for mainstream commercial applications benefiting millions of Americans. The same process is going on with the military and renewable energy. And what makes the process today all the more beneficial is the human lives saved and economic gain implementing renewable energy technologies can achieve.

A new report prepared for the Civil Society Institute (CSI) shows that the Department of Defense has served as an incubator for some of our most important technologies. The CSI report — "Department of Defense: Renewable Energy & Tech Transfer" — had a collection of interesting findings, and framed the discussion of renewable energy in a different and distinct light.

This "plus" for the American economy is significant, but the military's groundbreaking focus on renewable energy also keeps Americans serving in combat safer. Transport lines — or convoy routes — required for fossil-fuel energy options are a prime target for enemy attacks and a source of troop deaths. Shipments are, on average, 50 percent fuel, 20 percent bottled water and 30 percent other necessary items, including munitions. According to an Army report published in 2007, there was one casualty per every 24 fuel convoys in Afghanistan and one casualty for every 39 fuel convoys in Iraq.

Economically speaking, the total energy budget for the Department of Defense (inclusive of domestic and international installations and operations) ebbs and flows around $20 billion. Every $10 increase in price per barrel on the world market equates to an additional annual departmental energy cost of $1.3 billion. Many technologies being implemented at forward operating bases, where the real human life savings will be realized, simply rely on the sun rising in the East — and last I checked there isn't an OPEC authorizing international agency that regulates worldwide "sun" prices.

As the CSI report detailed, the Department of Defense is in a unique position to have the breadth and depth necessary to acquire emerging technologies from the civilian sector and test them in real-world settings. Once the technology has been fine-tuned and widely used within the department, a transfer back into the civilian sector is fairly seamless. Better yet, the starting price for civilians is approachable, and within a few short years the price point will be further reduced. Presently, the DoD is beginning to incorporate renewable-energy technologies in both domestic and overseas operations. Senior military leadership recognizes the tactical and strategic advantages that reduced energy dependence affords them, and benefits to the civilian sector are forthcoming.

Focus within the DoD has been placed on feasibly implementing various renewable energy technologies at forward operating bases to reduce the "fully burdened cost" — human lives and economics. According to the CSI report, the Marine Corps has established an experimental forward base in Afghanistan to actually field-test various renewable energy technologies. Among the most promising technologies so far are the following:

• ReGenerator: Multi-fuel capable generator that can generate up to 1,200 watts of integrated solar, 2,400 watts of external solar and 1,200 watts of wind, along with managing fossil fuel generators. It also can store an additional 25.9 kilowatt hours in batteries that can support a charge from a 120 VAC or 240 VAC generator or grid connection. The integrated solar panels are adapted to harsh climatic conditions and have been field-tested.

• Oshkosh HEMTT-A3: Tactical hybrid truck that utilizes electricity generated from on-board diesel-electric generators to power each of the four axles. Functionality is not lost — it is capable of hauling 13 tons of cargo while cruising at 65 miles per hour.

• Arroyo 500: Perhaps the most intriguing technology in play — An air-to-water generator where moisture is captured from the air and concentrated by a high-temperature desiccant wheel, collected and purified into potable water.

Two generations ago, the military transformed American society by spearheading the advancement of non-whites into key positions, thus prompting corporate America to do the same and advance thousands of people of color. Today, the Department of Defense is demonstrating that a concerted national effort can lead to significant breakthroughs in clean energy and even greater fuel economy for transportation, as opposed to investing in cost-ineffective technology — such as expensive and risky nuclear power and non-existent "clean coal."

And as with antibiotics, jet travel, the Internet and GPS, what is good for our warriors is even better for our civilians.

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The Q Line

Dogs on the sand

Last week, the City Council voted to explore a pilot program that would allow dogs and their human companions to play on the beach.

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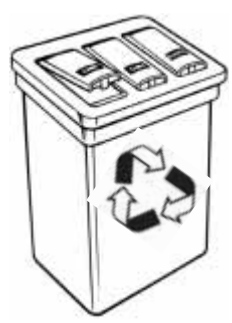
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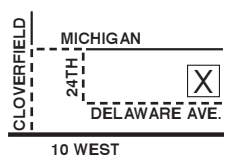


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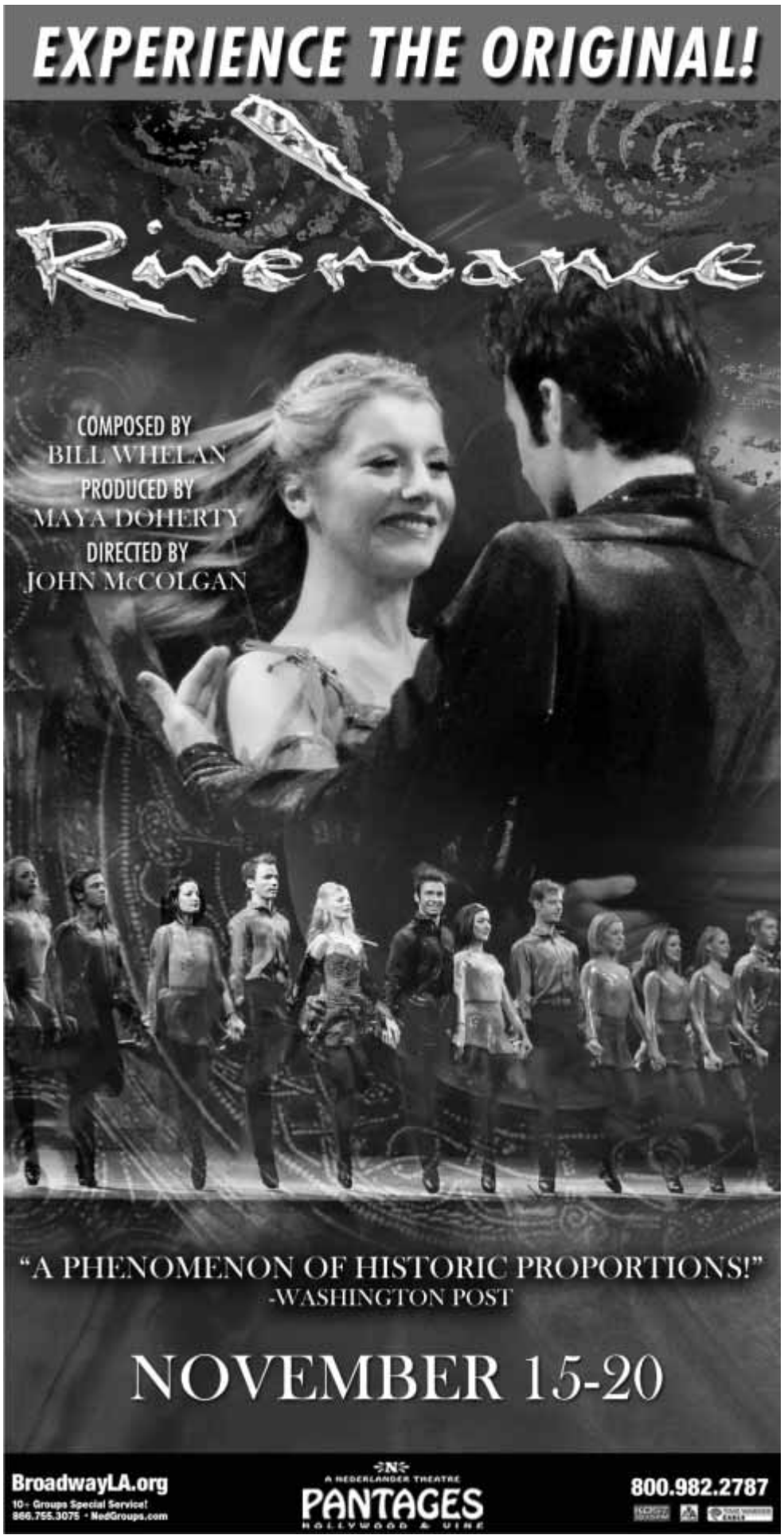
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Girls joined at chest to be separated

BY BROOKE DONALD
Associated Press

PALO ALTO, Calif. In many ways, Angelina and Angelica Sabuco are like many other two-year-olds. The twin sisters love dancing and drawing. Their faces light up when they see a Dora the Explorer game. And for their recent birthday, they enjoyed frosted cakes adorned with Disney princesses.

But unlike most siblings, they can't get away from each other — they were born attached at the chest and abdomen.

On Tuesday, a team of doctors and nurses at Stanford University's Lucile Packard Children's Hospital are planning a nine-hour procedure to give "silent Inah" and "talkative Icah" their independence.

"We want them to live normally," said Ginady Sabuco, the girls' mother. "When they argue, they can be alone. When they play, they can play together or apart. When they don't want to see each other, they won't have to."

Dr. Gary Hartman, the lead surgeon on the girls' case, said keeping the girls joined carries bigger risks for their health. If one conjoined twin dies, the other will die within hours. Muscular and skeletal deformities can also worsen with time.

Hartman, who has done five separation procedures at medical centers around the country, was upbeat about the girls' prospects. "Our expectation would be that we will have two healthy girls at the end of the operation," he said.

Angelica and Angelina are classified as thoraco-omphalopagus — joined at the chest and abdomen. Their livers, diaphragms, breast bones, chest and abdominal wall muscles are fused. They have separate hearts, brains, kidneys, stomachs and intestines.

The operation will involve cutting along the girls' skin and muscle and separating their diaphragms and livers. Hartman said severing the liver will be the riskiest part of the procedure because of potential blood loss.

Doctors will then cut any adhesions between the girls' bowels and snip any remaining skin. Separate reconstruction operations will follow.

Hartman said he doesn't expect the children will need intense physical therapy following surgery but they may experience regression with some milestones they've already hit. The girls can walk now despite their face-to-face orientation but may lose that ability, for example, for a few weeks to months while they recover.

They were expected to be in the hospital for two to three weeks. Angelina and Angelica were born in the Philippines and live in San Jose with their parents and 10-year-old brother.

"We expect they will have a little separation anxiety too," said Ruby Sabuco-Collins, the girls' aunt. "But we're just so proud of them now and so excited for them in the future."

The occurrence of conjoined twins is estimated to range from 1 in 50,000 births to 1 in 100,000 births worldwide, and the overall survival rate is approximately 25 percent, according to the hospital.

This is the second set of conjoined twins separated at the hospital. The last such procedure took place in November 2007.

Surfer bitten by shark leaves hospital

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN JOSE, Calif. A surfer who was bitten in the neck by a shark off a California beach left the hospital Monday, two days after his brush with death.

Eric Tarantino, 27, was surfing with friends Saturday morning at Marina State Beach in Monterey County when a 9-foot shark bit him on the neck and right forearm. The animal also left teeth marks on his red surfboard, his friends said.

Tarantino was airlifted to the Regional Medical Center of San Jose. He thanked his friends who rescued him on the beach, the paramedics and hospital staff as he was released.

"I feel really lucky and grateful right now," he said as he got out of a wheelchair and into his girlfriend's car.

The bite narrowly missed Tarantino's jugular vein and carotid artery, hospital spokeswoman Bev Mikalonis said.

"It was a potentially fatal injury," she said. "But he's fine and he's in good shape and should recover fully."

Tarantino's friend, Brandon McKibben, of Salinas, helped him out of the water, and other surfers used beach towels to try to stop his bleeding, according to the Monterey Herald.

Signs were posted along the area's beaches advising of the shark danger and recommending that beachgoers stay out of the water for the next week, said Dana Jones of the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

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Massive drug smuggling ring dismantled in Arizona

BY AMANDA LEE MYERS
Associated Press

PHOENIX Arizona authorities have disrupted a Mexican drug cartel's distribution network, arresting dozens of smugglers in dismantling a ring responsible for carrying more than $33 million worth of drugs through the state's western desert every month, officials said Monday.

The ring is believed be tied to the Sinaloa cartel — Mexico's most powerful — and responsible for smuggling more than 3.3 million pounds of marijuana, 20,000 pounds of cocaine and 10,000 pounds of heroin into the U.S. through Arizona over the past five years, according to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Their efforts in that time generated an estimated $2 billion, according to ICE.

ICE's Homeland Security Investigations and the Pinal County Sheriff's Office arrested 22 suspected smugglers tied to the ring on Thursday, the latest of three busts they say have brought it down following a 17-month investigation dubbed "Operation Pipeline Express."

In the three busts combined, the agencies have arrested 76 suspected smugglers and seized more than 61,000 pounds of pot, about 160 pounds of heroin, about 210 pounds of cocaine, nearly $760,000 in cash, and 108 weapons, including assault rifles and shotguns. The other busts came in mid-September and mid-October.

Although the agencies released some information about Thursday's bust last week, they held back most of their information for a Monday news conference in which they displayed dozens of guns and hundreds of pounds of pot seized for members of the media.

The smuggling ring operated by using backpackers and vehicles to move drugs from the border to a network of so-called stash houses in the Phoenix area. The drugs were then sold to distributors from states across the country.

Authorities say the ring virtually monopolized smuggling routes along an 80-mile section of the Arizona-Mexico border from Yuma to just east of the small Tohono O'odham Nation town of Sells.

Some of the officials at the news conference in Phoenix lauded the bust as a significant blow to the Sinaloa cartel, while others acknowledged that it affects only a portion of the cartel's massive operation, which still has cells operating in the state.

"It's a body blow but it doesn't knock them out by any sense of the imagination," Pinal County Sheriff Paul Babeau said. "This literally is just a fraction of what's going on."

It's only a matter of time before either the Sinaloa cartel or another operation reclaims the area affected by the bust, said Matthew Allen, ICE's special agent in charge for Arizona.

"This is not a closing chapter in this book," he said. "We have every expectation that command and control in Mexico is working to re-establish their presence, and it's our job to go after them."

Authorities began investigating the smuggling ring in June 2010, when a Pinal County sheriff's deputy stopped two smugglers hauling 1,500 pounds of pot in Stanfield, about 50 miles south of Phoenix. At least one of the smugglers gave investigators detailed information about the ring.

Allen said that those arrested range from low-level drug haulers and scouts to those who were in command.

"This is how you attack international organized crime and transnational criminal organizations, by focusing on the people, the leadership and the illicit pathways that they exploit," he said. "Our goal is to take them out by their roots."

The case is a reminder of how important it is for the federal government to gain operational control over the border, Arizona Attorney General Tom Horne said.

"I find it completely unacceptable that Arizona neighborhoods are treated as a trading floor for narcotics," Horne said. "Children are not safe when their homes are located near the other homes that are used as distribution centers for drugs. Our highways are not safe when criminal organizations battle each other, sometimes violently and at risk to innocent bystanders, for control of loads of drugs being transported in vehicles."

Authorities need to send a message to cartel leaders through continued busts, Babeau said.

"We have to stand up to bring the fight to the cartels to say, 'This is America. You're not bringing your violence, you're not bringing your drugs and your trash to our country. We're going to stop you,'" he said.

NTSB finds Disney monorail death caused by track switch

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. A federal agency says a monorail crash that killed a Walt Disney World worker in 2009 was caused by a failure to properly position a track switch.

The report released Monday by the National Transportation Safety Board also faulted a monorail manager for failing to verify the position of the switch.

The report says that at the time of the crash the manager was at a restaurant, remotely filling in for a monorail coordinator who had gone home sick.

Disney worker Austin Wuennenberg was killed. His mother has a filed a lawsuit against Disney.

Disney's chief safety officer says the resort has been working with NTSB officials and that the monorail has new safety procedures in place.

The crash caused $24 million in damages.

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KIDS IN COSTUME

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(Top) Students with Garden of Angels pre-school on 18th Street prepare Monday for trick-or-treating, while students at Edison Language Academy (bottom) on Saturday help create a Dia de Los Muertos 'Alfombras' display for the school's 25th anniversary.



BID

FROM PAGE 1

coming together formally for what many believe to be the first time to tell the City Council what they need to be successful.

A survey of the BIDs by the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce laid out a simple message — City Hall needs to make sure it either supports businesses, or gets out of the way.

BIDs want an ombudsman at City Hall to deal with their problems, more joint events with City Hall, quarterly walk-throughs with City Hall liaisons, consistency in enforcement for new businesses and remodels and a shuttle to get future light rail riders into the various districts.

The last person at City Hall charged with the responsibility to help businesses, David Martin, was elevated to the position of planning director.

Now, each department will have one go-to person for businesses, staff reported, and those lead contacts will meet on a quarterly basis with chamber staff and representatives of the local business community.

It's about time, said Robert Kronovet, chair of the Pico Improvement Organization.

"They're quite good at collecting business licenses, but they need to be better at treating businesses with the respect they deserve," Kronovet said.

Getting the BID leadership together has been a valuable experience, Wain said.

"The other BIDs are great," Wain said. "I really enjoyed meeting other people from [Downtown Santa Monica Inc.], Pico, Main Street and getting to bounce ideas off of them and getting to discuss the shared issues that we have."

The BID leadership will also get an opportunity to present the concerns of their specific areas, which vary greatly between the districts.

While nearly every organization is seeking parking relief, Pico will specifically request more flexibility in the use of outdoor signs, while Downtown Santa Monica Inc. will ask for help with charitable organizations that choose Downtown to host meals for the homeless.

BID leadership have hope that the council will listen to their reports and move expeditiously to help support small business and the Santa Monica economy, Wain said.

"We love Santa Monica, and we love that the City Council is taking this step in what we feel is the right direction to work with the business community," Wain said.

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SO LONG? **One of 10 trailer homes slated for demolition at the Village Trailer Park on Colorado Avenue.**

PARK

FROM PAGE 1

"I've never seen anything like this in my life," said Dennis Shay, on-site manager for the park. "We're just tearing down old trailers."

At the outset, the protest was organized to condemn alleged faulty demolition practices that could have exposed residents to hazardous asbestos.

It became a flashpoint for the wider issue of VTP owner Marc Luzzatto's ultimate goal — to redevelop the park into a 229,860 square foot mixed-use project with 240 condominiums and 109 low-income and single-room occupancy apartments.

A previous attempt at demolition had been stalled by residents who requested that the trailers be checked for asbestos, Luzzatto said.

"We hired inspectors, went in and got the sampling," Luzzatto said.

The samples did turn up asbestos in some properties, a possibility indicated in an environmental review document drawn up for the mixed-use redevelopment.

This time, work crews arrived with an environmental consultant to oversee the work and keep down the dust, but residents were not satisfied on two points.

Protesters argued that Luzzatto stated in an environmental impact report that no trailers would be demolished for the project, although the same document mentions that trailers will be removed. While the residents own their own trailers, the land is held by the Village Trailer Park LLC.

Some of the trailers have been vacant for months, some as long as a year and a half, and it's difficult to move the older trailers without deconstructing them, Luzzatto said.

Other community members, such as Gregg Heacock, chair of the Mid City Neighbors group, pointed out that the demolition was occurring only weeks after the Landmarks Commission directed staff to explore VTP's historic significance at its Oct. 10 meeting.

VTP co-chair Catherine Eldridge compiled photocopies of old phone book records and photographs showing that VTP was inhabited in the late 1940s and early 1950s, the original workforce housing in Santa Monica for employees of the Douglas Aircraft Company.

Although the commission did ask to explore the historic status of the park, these trailers are not part of that inquiry, Luzzatto said.

"The only thing we're doing is cleaning up old trailers that we own," Luzzatto said. "They're a nuisance."

Removing old trailers is a routine thing, Luzzatto said, and the process has been under way for weeks. It has nothing to do with the redevelopment plans, which have been winding their way through city process for almost six years.

Residents have been at odds with park ownership since 2006, when they first received notice that the park was closing down in order to redevelop into the mixed-use complex.

Uncertainty about what will happen to the park, when it will happen and where tenants will go causes concern, said June Griffin, co-chair of VTP.

"Most of us picked this as the place where we're going to spend the rest of our life," Griffin said. "We don't have that many years left, and we'd like to keep them in halfway decent shape."

Some consideration has been taken for them, but nothing is set in stone.

VTP residents get priority on a list for housing vouchers, as well as for housing through the Community Corporation of Santa Monica, said Jing Yeo, the city planner working on the Village Trailer Park redevelopment.

Residents can also come back to the low-income apartments proposed to be built into the project, although they likely won't be able to stay at the same rents they're paying now — sometimes $400 or less per month, thanks to rent control laws.

Housing vouchers are in short supply, and Community Corporation housing is also based on availability.

Park closure has been postponed until a plan could be developed to take care of residents, Luzzatto said, but now closure is coming.

"I think there's a group in the park that's hoping to keep the redevelopment from happening," Luzzatto said. "This is their way to keep it from happening."

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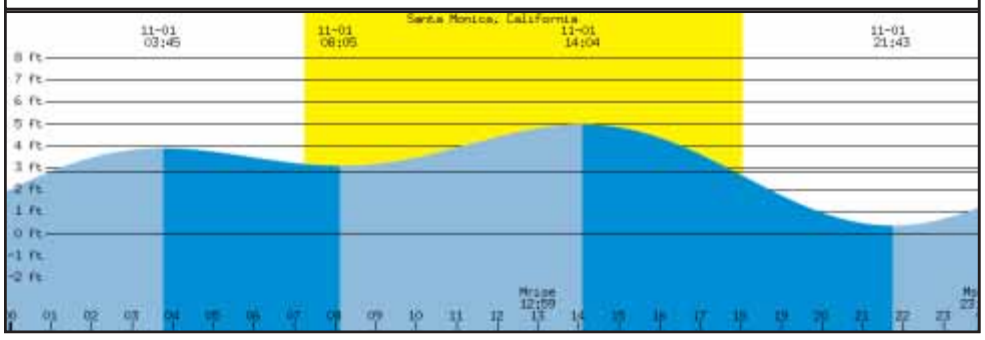
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Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	B	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechasa and Las Alisa creeks.	ns	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	C	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	C	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	F	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	F	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	F	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	f
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	ns
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Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A	ns
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Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
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Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 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.	C	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	C	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	F	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	D	C
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	D	F
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.	C	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	B	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	F	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	D	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	B	ns
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Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	D	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A	ns

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A Roundabout Way Of Thinking

Drivers in Santa Monica might have noticed some recent changes to many intersections around town that have people wondering if they are headed down the Champs Elysees towards the Arch de Triumph or perhaps lost on an English country road. The roundabout intersection has made a roundabout trip across the world to Santa Monica with the hopes of easing traffic congestion and making the roads safer for drivers and pedestrians alike. Drivers here in Santa Monica must be aware of the traffic rules and regulations that govern roundabout driving so that motorists are not stranded like foreigners in a foreign land. Here are some basic rules and explanations about roundabouts that will hopefully help you on your way around town.

The basic definition of a roundabout is a circular junction in which road traffic must travel in one direction around a central island. Roundabouts increase safety in the community by requiring drivers to both decrease their speeds and in turn increase their awareness upon entering the intersection. Roundabouts also increase a neighborhood's aesthetic appeal by creating charming and unique architectural designs. Neatly landscaped circles or placement of a statue, monument, or flagpole give roundabouts a homely and suburban feel despite their very urban purpose. Pedestrians are often prohibited or discouraged from entering the center circle of a roundabout, but pedestrians and drivers can nonetheless enjoy the visual charisma that the intersection adds to a community. Roundabouts facilitate motorists, bicyclists, runners, and dog-walkers in an efficient and competent manner.

Roundabouts have some negative drawbacks as well. Larger vehicles and trucks may find it difficult to navigate through narrow roundabouts that are not built to handle such vehicles. The recent implementation of roundabouts in Santa Monica has also caused some backup and unwanted traffic delays at roundabouts where drivers are not familiar with the traffic laws and traffic flow. On the same note, there is a greater risk of traffic collisions and accidents from drivers who are simply not paying attention to their surroundings. Roundabouts require far greater concentration and awareness than do conventional squared intersections.

Upon entering a roundabout, drivers should first notice a sign or traffic indicator alerting the driver to slow down and prepare to yield. A painted dashed line will also alert drivers that they are entering a roundabout intersection. Unless otherwise indicated, drivers do not have to come to a complete stop; however, the situation may require a complete stop depending on traffic conditions at the time. Remember, pedestrians always have the right of way! So, if you see a bicyclist, jogger, or walker you must stop in order to allow that person safe passage. If there are no other cars in the roundabout and no pedestrians, the driver can then safely enter the roundabout. Most Santa Monica roundabouts are one-way, meaning a driver can only make a right turn to enter the roundabout and a right turn to exit the roundabout.

A driver that is already in the roundabout has the right of way over a driver that is entering the roundabout. Thus, if you are the car that is approaching the roundabout and slowing down getting ready to turn into the roundabout, do not expect another car that is already in the roundabout to stop or slow to let you in! This area tends to be one of the most confusing aspects of roundabouts, but if you remember that the car already in the roundabout has the right of way…you should be alright. Regardless of who has the right of way, drivers should nonetheless always remain vigilant and aware of their surroundings to prevent any kind of accident. Keep a slow to moderate speed while circling depending on the traffic at the time. Also, it is very important that drivers remember to use their turn signals. Turn signals alert circling drivers inside the roundabout and allow other drivers to adjust speeds based on turns. Moreover, a turn signal also notifies drivers waiting to enter the roundabout that the path is clear for them to safely make the maneuver.

Avoid unnecessary traffic citations, accidents, and congestion by following these simple roundabout rules. Remember to be aware, vigilant, and attentive to your surroundings at all time. Adjust to a roundabout way of thinking and enjoy the ride around town!

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Moneyball (PG-13) 2hrs 06min
12:30pm, 3:45pm, 7:00pm, 10:15pm

In Time (PG-13) 1hr 49min
11:55am, 2:25pm, 4:55pm, 7:55pm, 10:00pm

Ides of March (R) 1hr 42min
1:00pm, 3:45pm, 6:30pm, 9:15pm

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Footloose (PG-13) 1hr 53min
12:45pm, 3:45pm, 6:30pm, 9:10pm

Three Musketeers (PG-13) 1hr 50min
11:00am, 1:35pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

Three Musketeers 3D (PG-13) 1hr 50min
5:00pm, 10:30pm

Dolphin Tale 3D (PG) 1hr 52min
11:30am, 2:20pm

In Time (PG-13) 1hr 49min
11:10am, 1:45pm, 4:20pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

Puss in Boots (PG) 1hr 30min
11:15am, 1:30pm, 4:05pm, 6:45pm, 9:15pm

Ides of March (R) 1hr 42min
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13 (R) 1hr 26min
1:00pm, 3:20pm, 5:40pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

Take Shelter (R) 2hrs 00min
4:10pm, 9:50pm

Margin Call (R) 1hr 49min
1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

Women on the 6th Floor (Les femmes du 6eme etage) (NR) 1hr 44min
1:30pm, 7:10pm

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7:30pm

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Paranormal Activity 3 (R) 1hr 21min
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11:50am, 2:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

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11:55am, 2:40pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:30pm

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Splurge a little tonight, Cappy

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You push hard to finish your to-do list, but by late afternoon, others become more important. A meeting allows you to visualize your goals and see others' support. What starts out as a relatively stern get-together loosens up. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Your ability to gain a total picture proves to be very helpful. Your understanding of what is happening with a partner comes through. This person's words have unusual meaning. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ A partner plays a role in your thoughts and actions. How you handle a person and the choices you make could affect this relationship, but that might not be news. Make calls, find an expert or two, but test out an idea before acting on it. Tonight: Let your mind wander.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Others seem to be consumed by their thoughts. You might not be sure which way to go with a personal matter. Laughter goes far with an associate, and both of you can relax. Let others make the decision. Do your thing. Tonight: Visit over dinner.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Remain nurturing and direct. You will accomplish a lot, though you'll want to push people-type activities to the late afternoon. Someone clearly enjoys flirting with you. The unexpected wings through your door (or your phone or computer). Tonight: Dance the night away.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Creativity helps you walk in another person's shoes. What might be a casual introduction could evolve into more, if you wish. Do check out an investment. Concerns involving your personal or domestic life need to be assuaged. Tonight: Exercise time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Family and/or a domestic matter dominates your thoughts. Your ability to hop through problems marks nearly anything you do. A child or friend depends on this quality. Be willing to help another person learn or understand your resilience. Tonight: Be playful.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Keep talks moving, and refuse to get into unnecessary details. The smart move is to bypass gossip if you have any intention of completing your work. Touch base with a family member later today. You have an awful lot to discuss. Tonight: At home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Be careful with a tendency to spend too much or go to extremes. You might not always be comfortable with what happens. Be open and direct. Laughter marks your interaction with a sibling, neighbor or close friend. Tonight: Let the good times roll.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You are in your element this morning. Though you might feel a little drained by a boss or responsibility, you bounce back well. Don't overthink a money matter. Listen to your intuition, but keep risk minimal. Call a loved one in the evening. Tonight: Splurge a little.

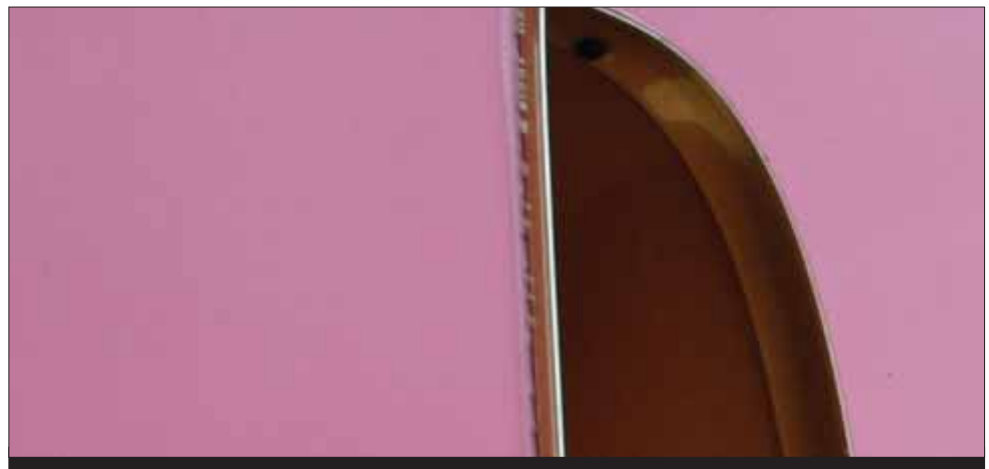
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ You might be out of sorts, but that mood won't last long. By the end of the afternoon, you are energized, running around accomplishing more than you thought possible. Make plans before you leave work. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Use the daylight hours to accomplish as much as possible. Your sense of humor comes out when dealing with a child or loved one. Tonight: Thinking time.

Happy birthday

You discover the power of popularity this year. Many people gravitate toward you. If you are single, you could meet someone who will be significant to your life's history. If you are attached, be careful not to make your sweetie jealous. You seem to have a way with words and a twinkle in your eye that encourages others to go along with you. Use care with spending, as you could go overboard. Your home life soars to the top of your priorities. AQUARIUS can be so boring.

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



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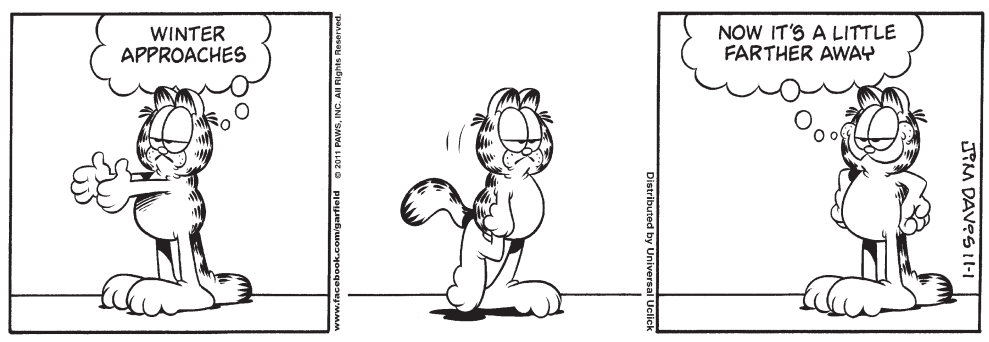
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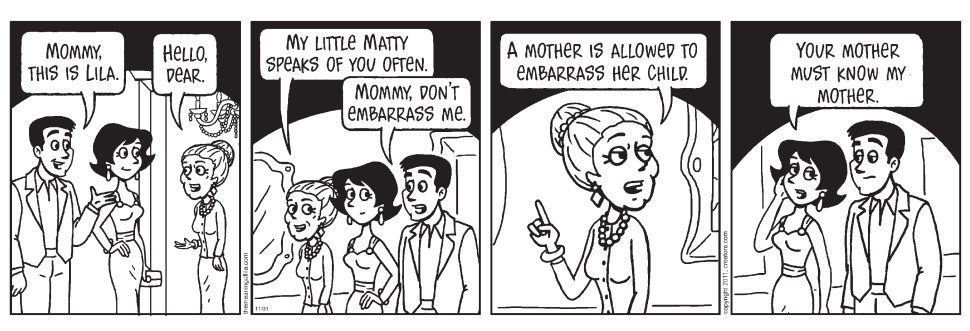
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

7	5	3	4	1	6	9	2	8
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2	3	5	7	6	4	8	1	9
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Pester
7 Mama's mate
11 Sitka's state
12 Portent
13 School course
15 Bind
16 Shortly
18 Lively dances
21 Read over
22 Lines
24 Young one
25 City vehicle
26 Farrow of films
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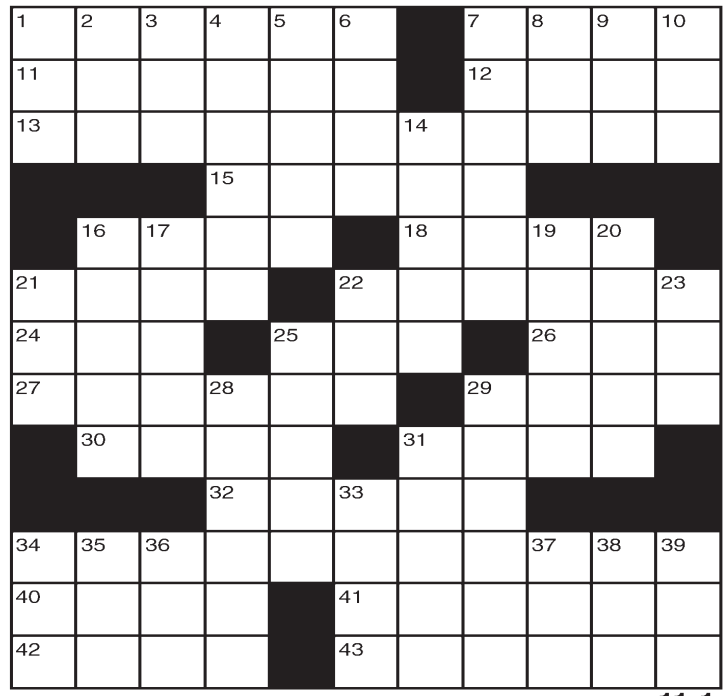
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2 In the style of
3 Mouse's cousin
4 Demi's beau
5 Yarn bundle
6 Identical
7 Dish with a crust
8 French friend
9 Chest muscle
10 Solution: Abbr.
14 Way to serve roast beef
16 "Ivanhoe" author
17 Western
19 Bungle
20 Paris river
21 Kin of blvds.
22 Status —
23 Used a chair
25 Micro-wave sounds
28 Pine products
29 Low point
31 Origami bird
33 Poet Khayyám
34 Siesta
35 Luau music maker
36 Soviet jet
37 Anger
38 Scoundrel
39 Blue shade

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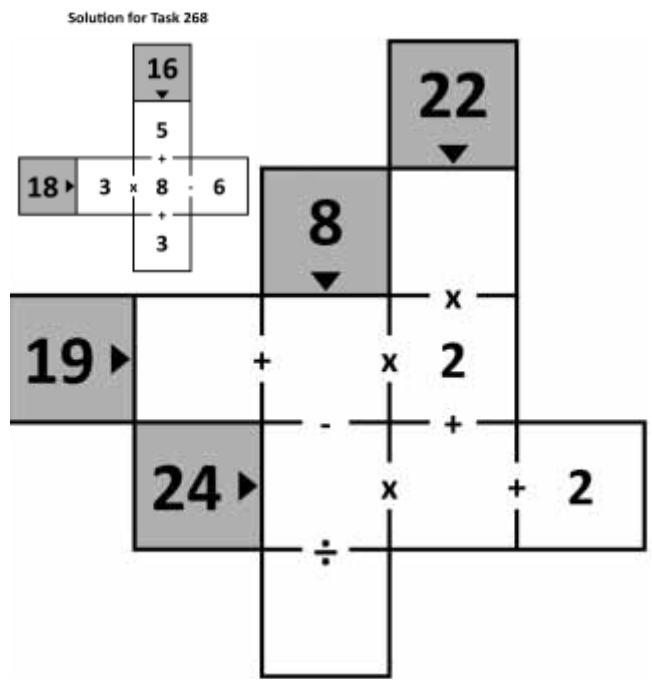
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ My ultimate dream is to be buried in a deep ocean close to where penguins live," explained the former Alfred David, 79, otherwise known in his native Belgium as "Monsieur Pingouin" (Mr. Penguin), so named because a 1968 auto accident left him with a waddle in his walk that he decided to embrace with gusto. (His wife abandoned the marriage when he made the name change official; evidently, being "Mrs. Penguin" was not what she had signed up for.) Mr. Pingouin started a penguin-item museum that ultimately totaled 3,500 items, and he created a hooded, full-body black-and-white penguin outfit that, according to a September Reuters dispatch, he wears daily in his waddles around his Brussels neighborhood of Schaerbeek.

■ Polls report that as many as 57 percent of Russians "notice" signs of a "cult" surrounding Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, according to a September Spiegel Online dispatch, and a chief cult leader is "Mother Fotina," 62, who has a following of thousands among Russian Orthodox practitioners and believes herself to be the reincarnation of Joan of Arc and Putin to be St. Paul. "God," she said, "has appointed Putin to Russia to prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ." Mother Fotina was a convicted embezzler in the 1990s, and critics suspect her devotion to Putin is a ruse to deflect law-enforcement attention.

TODAY IN HISTORY

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. SS021396
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of KAREN MARIE LARABEE for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner or Attorney: KAREN MARIE LARABEE filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: KAREN MARIE LARABEE to CARON LARABEE. 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: 11/10/2011 Time: 8:30am, Dept. A, Rm 104
The address of the court is 1725 Main Street
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: 9/27/2011
JOSEPH S. BIDERMAN, JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2011101361 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 09/19/2011 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as L. A. PROCESS SERVERS. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: Sarah Thompson 1327 N. June Street Los Angeles, CA 90028. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:Sarah Thompson. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 09/19/2011. 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 10/18/2011, 10/25/2011, 11/01/2011, 11/08/2011.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2011109469 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 10/03/2011 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as BLING MY CREDIT, SANDRAS TRAVELING NOTARY SERVICE. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: Sandra Milena Ruiz 11209 National Blvd. #321 Los Angeles, CA 90064. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:Sandra Milena Ruiz. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 10/03/2011. 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 10/18/2011, 10/25/2011, 11/01/2011, 11/08/2011.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2011112670 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 10/07/2011 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ROOT OF ALL FOOD. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: Bobbi Jo Shapiro 1534 17th Street #105 Santa Monica, CA 90404, Michael W. Reed 1534 17th Street #105 Santa Monica, CA 90404. This Business is being conducted by: a Partnership. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:Bobbi Jo Shapiro. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 10/07/2011. 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 10/18/2011, 10/25/2011, 11/01/2011, 11/08/2011.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2011108339 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 09/29/2011 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MATHLETE LEARNING CENTER, MATHLETES. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: Allan Yu 3720 Wade Street Los Angeles, CA 90066. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:Allan Yu. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 09/29/2011. 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 10/18/2011, 10/25/2011, 11/01/2011, 11/08/2011.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2011109663 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 10/03/2011 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as INVENTURE, INVENTURE FUND. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: InVenture Capital Corporation 11639 Chenault St., Ste# 306 Los Angeles, CA 90049. This Business is being conducted by: a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)06/03/2011. /s/: Jennifer Chong. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 10/03/2011. 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 10/18/2011, 10/25/2011, 11/01/2011, 11/08/2011.

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