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THE BACK TO IT ISSUE

Outside forces squeeze homeless resources

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Local government and nonprofit service providers are shifting course in their efforts to address homelessness in Santa Monica in response to federal, state and county policy changes that could push more homeless toward the city even as program funding becomes more scarce.

According to a city report released last week, over $460,000 have been cut from federal grant sources and a regional coalition of cities and Los Angeles County, called the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), has discussed cutting resources to the Westside.

At the same time, changes at the federal, state and local level have created a perfect storm that threatens to send more homeless into the area as resources are cut by releasing thousands of inmates with questionable

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Seats of long-serving Dems a coveted prize

MICHAEL R. BLOOD
AP Political Writer

LOS ANGELES When it comes to politics, the state synonymous with perpetual youth has gone gray at the top.

California Gov. Jerry Brown was born the year Babe Ruth signed on to coach the Dodgers — the Brooklyn Dodgers. California's senior senator, Dianne Feinstein, was exiting high school the year President Harry Truman sacked Gen. Douglas MacArthur and Humphrey Bogart swaggered across the screen in "The Enforcer."

House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi was a college student when she attended John F. Kennedy's inaugural address — in 1961. And Sen. Barbara Boxer was born before the U.S. entered World War II, in a year when a gallon of gasoline cost 18 cents.

They're all older than Ronald Reagan when he became, at 69, the oldest president to take office in U.S. history. They've endured for years in a trendsetting state that popularized everything from skateboarding to Spago, where every year brings something new, whether on a Hollywood screen, a food truck menu or a Silicon Valley laptop.

At issue is more than a few wrinkles.

Earlier this month in Washington, Pelosi, 72, bristled when a reporter alluded to her accumulating years and asked whether younger House members were being sidelined by septuagenarian leaders unwilling to relinquish power.

"It's quite offensive," she added, arguing that she had helped to advance, not stifle, the careers of younger House Democrats.

A similar question is being raised about prized offices in California. Something of a logjam is taking shape among the party's young guns eager to advance, who range

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TOO CUTE

Ray Solano *news@smdp.com*

Kaydence, 3, does her best turkey call at the fourth annual Gobble Wobble at Emerson Reed Park on Saturday. The event featured two running races — a 5K and a 1K.

Survey finds safety concerns among MTA employees

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LOS ANGELES In a survey of Metro transit workers, most gave the agency high marks for safety overall, but nearly half said they have encountered close calls on the job that could have resulted in serious injury or death.

A large majority of mechanics, track workers, bus drivers, train operators and others described their workplace as somewhat safe, not very safe or not safe at all, The Los Angeles Times reported.

A significant number of workers, particularly those who operate and repair transit systems, also believe their supervisors are concerned about safety only when there is a serious accident, the newspaper said.

A report on the survey's finding states that Metro employees said that accidents were thoroughly investigated, education and training programs were effective, management addressed safety-related complaints and changes in safety rules were adequately communicated.

"There is clearly a positive safety culture at Metro," researchers wrote, adding that such a distinction is enjoyed by only "a handful of transit agencies."

Some 745 employees responded to the workplace questionnaire at the LA County Metropolitan Transportation Authority. It was conducted by Sam Schwartz Engineering, a national consulting firm.

Metro Chief Executive Art Leahy told the Times he was pleased that the survey results were "generally positive" and noted that many of its recommendations already have been addressed. For example, he pointed out that the management of the department that maintains rail systems has been changed,

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Focus your mind, body and spirit during this regular class. Ages 12 and up. The course runs through Nov. 26. For more information, visit annenbergbeachhouse.com.

Salsa with mommy
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,
11 a.m.
Bond with your child while learning Cuban salsa, cha cha, rumba and reggaeton. Ages 0–14 months. This event is sponsored by Friends of the Santa Monica Public Library. For more information, call (310) 458-8681.

Skate in the sunshine
ICE at Santa Monica
1324 Fifth St.,
2 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Ice skating by the beach? The annual ICE at Santa Monica rink returns to give locals a taste of winter. For more information, visit www.downtownsm.com/ice.

Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2012

Serve it up
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 PCH, 3:30 p.m.
This youth beach volleyball class is intended for ages 7-15. Cost: $18. For more information, visit annenbergbeachhouse.com.

Council meets
City Hall
1685 Main St.,
5:30 p.m.
The City Council will be discussing a large development on Pico Boulevard that has been in the pipeline for a while. For more information, call (310) 458-8211.

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Students drug tested at parents' request

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SANTA CLARITA, Calif. A Santa Clarita school district plans to expand a first-of-its-kind program that allows parents to track the results of random drug tests of their children.

More than 2,000 out of 23,000 students participate in the free program administered by the William S. Hart Union High School District and funded by a federal grant, the Los Angeles Times reported.

Parents choose whether to enroll their kids in the Comprehensive Alcohol and Drug Reduction and Education, or CADRE, program, which requires students to submit to regular urine tests. Parents are notified if students skip a test.

Kathy Hunter, Hart's director of student services, tells the Times officials hope to see the program grow every year by three percent.

Instituted in 2008, it is believed to be the only one of its kind in the nation, according to administrators. Many schools require drug testing for participation in sports and other activities, but the Times said the Hart program is unique by serving parents who want to monitor their kids — whether the kids like it or not.

Elaine Bogart told the newspaper she didn't hesitate to have her two teenagers submit to drug tests.

"It was my decision," she said. "They do have some rights, but I'm responsible for them. I need to make sure they're safe."

Civil rights advocates say the program could invite invasion of privacy lawsuits. Michael Risher, staff attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California, said parents do have the right to enroll their children in a drug-testing program. But children in California also have privacy rights, he told the Times. And if a student refused to be drug-tested, despite parental consent, the school district might be leaving itself open to a legal challenge, he said.

District officials said its attorneys thoroughly vetted CADRE.

Under CADRE, urine samples are collected from random students in the program at various schools every month. Medtox Scientific Inc., a certified drug-testing company, analyzes the samples and then sends the results to another lab for confirmation.

Parents are notified of their children's results by phone. Students who test positive are referred to a therapist and offered other assistance, the Times said. School officials

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NO VISIBILITY

Paul Alvarez Jr. *news@smdp.com*

St. Monica's Kevin Holubowski runs down field against Rio Hondo Prep during a 42-14 loss in the semifinals of the CIF-Southern Section Northeast playoffs. The game was held at Santa Monica College's Corsair Field during a foggy Friday night.

'Twilight,' Bond, 'Lincoln' lead record weekend

DAVID GERMAIN
AP Movie Writer

LOS ANGELES Bella Swan, James Bond and Abe Lincoln have combined to lift Hollywood to record Thanksgiving revenue at the box office.

Kristen Stewart's finale as Bella in "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn — Part 2" was No. 1 again with $64 million during the five-day holiday stretch that began Wednesday, according to studio estimates Sunday.

Daniel Craig's Bond adventure "Skyfall" came in at No. 2 with $51 million, while Daniel Day-Lewis and Steven Spielberg's Civil War saga "Lincoln" finished third with $34.1 million.

According to box-office tracker Hollywood.com, the three films paced Hollywood to an all-time Thanksgiving week best of about $290 million from Wednesday to Sunday.

That tops the previous record of $273 million over Thanksgiving in 2009, when "The Twilight Saga: New Moon" led the weekend.

This Thanksgiving also was a huge 25 percent jump from a year ago, when domestic revenues were a weak $232 million as some big holiday releases fizzled.

With a strong December lineup ahead, Hollywood has resumed its record revenue pace for the year after a brief box-office lull in late summer and early fall.

Domestic revenues for 2012 are at $9.75 billion, putting Hollywood potentially on track for its first $11 billion year, which would beat the 2009 record of $10.6 billion, said Hollywood.com analyst Paul Dergarabedian.

"We're barreling toward a record-breaking box-office year," Dergarabedian said. "It's built on the back of just a lot of really strong movies that have come out over the past few weekends. It bodes very well for the rest of the holidays."

The "Twilight" finale, "Skyfall" and "Lincoln" finished in the same top-three rankings for the second-straight weekend as new releases were unable to dislodge the holdovers.

Released by Lionsgate's Summit Entertainment banner, "Breaking Dawn — Part 2," pulled in $43.1 million from Friday to Sunday, raising its domestic total to $227 million. The movie added $97.4 million overseas to bring its international total to $350.8 million and its worldwide take to $577.7 million.

Sony's "Skyfall" also topped $200 million domestically, ringing up $36 million for the three-day weekend to put its U.S. total at $221.7 million. With $41.3 million more overseas, "Skyfall" raised its international revenues to $568.4 million and its worldwide sales to $790.1 million.

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Making sense of it all

Editor:

Regarding the recent kerfuffle concerning those dangerous nativity scenes, can we not try to make some sense here? I think the premise for all such rulings across our great nation has not been properly vetted by the court system ("No nativity scenes for you," Nov. 20).

The premise of course is that if a local government allows a Christmas tree to be displayed on public property, somehow that could cause some poor, oppressed individual to feel that they were being forced to become a Christian – despite the fact that the Bible clearly states that no one can be saved from their sins and therefore become a Christian without a change of heart. To be clear here, no one can ever be forced to become a Christian.

So, where are all these poor, oppressed people? Does that mean that not one plaintiff anywhere has ever produced a single, solitary example of someone who's been so ill affected? I believe that is the case, and that being so, how does any judge get away with so frivolous a ruling?

I think the answer lies with the judicial activism that has been behind these kinds of rulings. They've forgotten their proper role and like journalists, they want to make a name for themselves instead of just doing their jobs. However, judges can still be impeached and it's high time that some of them are so affected.

Rich Rochester
Hickory, NC

Not the right solution for schools

Editor:

It's well documented that nonprofit foundations are not subject to open financial disclosure and accountability, even when they receive government grant money. Most members of the public don't understand how perilous a partnership with a nonprofit can be until your money is all gone and you have very little or nothing to show for your trust and investment. Especially when you have no control over foundation membership or termination.

For example the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission (SMBRC) has their nonprofit Santa Monica Bay Restoration Foundation (SMBRF). All of the money acquired goes to the foundation. After competitive salaries (the executive director gets over 100K annually), staff, studies, reports, monitoring, public relations contracts, and other creative ancillary expenses they eventually come up with a project to rave about.

The problem is millions of dollars go in and nothing significant comes out other than what my 5-year-old refers to as fluff. That's what you get when you ask questions.

For those of you who haven't been paying attention we've had the SMBRC, SMBRF and their local favorite nonprofit Heal the Bay for over 25 years now and the Santa Monica Bay isn't healed. You can't see the bottom when looking off the side of the Santa Monica Pier, it's nearly impossible to find or buy fresh caught local seafood that isn't on a warning list or polluted, and I see more litter on the sidewalks of Santa Monica than viewed on a recent drive downtown.

My advice for all of my fellow parents with children enrolled in the SMMUSD is approach the proposed arrangements with the SMM Education Foundation with extreme skepticism. The Board of Education, PTAs and Superintendent Sandra Lyon should fully disclose the potential loss of school revenue and financial control to a foundation. Let's not forget the holy grail California Lottery system that promised to fix our public school solvent issues.

Perhaps you can ask outgoing Mayor Bloom for advice on foundation partnerships. He's the chairman of the SMBRC and proud of his deplorable performance. You'd better do it quickly.

He'll be taking his historic, dirty, underhanded attack ad laden State Assembly campaign victory to Sacramento where he will probably draft legislation to have every government agency hire a nonprofit foundation to do their jobs.

Douglas Fay
Santa Monica



My Write

Bill Bauer

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Whose crisis is it?

AT CITY COUNCIL TWO WEEKS ago, Robert "show me the money" Holbrook, Pam "never met a developer I wouldn't take money from" O'Connor, Terry "development is good, more development is better" O'Day and Richard "I've got an Assembly race to pay for" Bloom voted to certify the East Village Development Agreement. Gleam Davis and Kevin McKeown voted against certification. Bobby Shriver was absent.

East Village will eventually be built on the 3.8 acre site of the present Village Trailer Park at 2930 Colorado Ave. Developer Marc Luzatto's plan is for a massive, 341,290-square-foot mixed use development featuring 161 apartments, 216 condominiums and retail space in three densely packed buildings.

This development was controversial on a number of fronts. The current trailer park is home to some 48 residents, many elderly or disabled, who lived in their own trailers on leased plots of land.

For six years, they fought eviction and turned down numerous offers to move including money for relocation, new trailers in the nearby city-owned Mountain View Mobile Home Park or discounted apartments in East Village when completed.

In obtaining council go ahead, Luzatto reduced his project's overall size and made additional concessions to the remaining trailer park residents including allowing 10 trailers to stay on the redeveloped site.

East Village still promises to deliver a claustrophobic, ghetto-like housing situation and it'll cause "significant and unavoidable" traffic impacts at numerous intersections in Santa Monica and West Los Angeles. To make things worse, it's just one of three side-by-side mega-projects projected for a short, two-block stretch of Colorado Avenue.

The 191,000-plus square foot, mixed-use Colorado Creative Studios is pending on the corner of Stewart Street and Colorado and the 300,000-square-foot Roberts Business Center is set for construction next door. Each of these projects is expected to generate thousands of new daily car trips — further gridlocking traffic in an already heavily congested area.

There's well over another million square feet of development lurking around the corner. Bergamot Transit Village Center with 766,000 square feet of mostly office space; Paseo Nebraska with over 356,000 square feet of mostly residential space along with a couple of other smaller projects are in the pipeline.

Residents and community activists asked that a decision on East Village be delayed a few months pending the release of a draft Area Plan that would analyze traffic, crowding, transit and other factors on an area-wide basis. They also asked that any votes be deferred a few weeks until after the newly elected council was seated although I doubt the voting outcome would have been any different.

However, City Hall would rather approve all of these developments on a piecemeal basis. It's irresponsible planning. But this is nothing new. Santa Monica has been synonymous with miserable urban planning for decades.

Tomorrow night another major development is before City Council: Trammel Crow's mega-development at 3402 Pico Blvd. on property that was the former home of the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences, the "Grammy" folks.

TC Development, LLC proposes a 197,971-square-foot, four floor complex consisting of 260 residential units, 2,999 square feet of retail space and a 505 vehicle subterranean garage on 2.5 acres. Like Luzatto's East Village a few blocks away, this development's mass, scale, density, 47 foot maximum height and potential for unfixable traffic impacts have neighbors up in arms.

On July 18, planning commissioners discussed traffic impacts, pedestrian circulation and health threats to future residents who'd be living literally feet from the I-10 Freeway. As a result, Crow's proposal before council tomorrow night reflects a reduction of 40 residential units, 2,000 square feet of retail space and 49 parking spots.

But, it's still too big, too dense and without a single architectural rendering, probably very pedestrian in appearance. And, its community benefits such as already required affordable housing, sustainability and traffic management plans are woefully insufficient.

The problem is that all of the developments mentioned plus a whole slew of pending smaller projects scattered around the city will contribute to congestion, crowding, accelerated use of natural resources and an increasingly unattractive environment for decades to come.

In the words of architect Ron Goldman, "No amount of community benefits can make a poor project a good project, and especially... where the community benefits appear to benefit the developer more than the community.

Nevertheless, my crystal ball shows this development being approved by the City Council pretty much along the same lines as the East Village approval. I see Holbrook, O'Connor, Bloom and O'Day voting for it. Four votes are all that is needed for approval. Then, TC Development can move on to completing an environmental impact report, determination of so-called community benefits and more design work.

It'll be interesting to see whether Gleam Davis, whose City Council campaigns have been generously supported by developers, will vote for this project as many observers think she will.

Goldman summed it all up perfectly in a recent letter to City Council. "Is this the character and density you envision for the future of Santa Monica? Is quantity more important than quality? Since when are greed and density synonymous with quality of life? Are tax revenues worth architectural and environmental mediocrity? Is the birth of this new neighborhood more beautiful than the one it is replacing? You should realize that one who ignores a crisis is the same one who causes a crisis."

Amen.

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Natural gas drillers target U.S. truck, bus market

MICHAEL RUBINKAM
Associated Press

SCRANTON, Pa. If the trash truck or bus rolling down your street seems a little quieter these days, you're not imagining things. It's probably running on natural gas.

Surging gas production has led the drilling industry to seek out new markets for its product, and energy companies, increasingly, are setting their sights on the transportation sector.

Touting natural gas as a cheaper, cleaner-burning alternative to gasoline and diesel, drillers, public utilities and government officials are trying to boost demand for natural gas buses, taxis, shuttles, delivery trucks and heavy-duty work vehicles of all sorts, while simultaneously encouraging development of the fueling infrastructure that will be needed to keep them running.

The economics are compelling. Natural gas costs about $1.50 to $2 per gallon equivalent less than gasoline and diesel. That can add up to tens of thousands of dollars in savings for vehicles that guzzle the most fuel.

Fleet managers are taking notice. Companies as diverse as AT&T, Waste Management and UPS are converting all or parts of their fleets to natural gas, as are transit agencies, municipalities and state governments.

"Now that you can save a dollar or two dollars a gallon, there's huge interest in the market, especially in those fleets that use a lot of fuel," said Richard Kolodziej, president of the trade group Natural Gas Vehicles for America.

Waste Management, the nation's largest trash hauler, has committed to replacing 80 percent of its fleet with trucks powered by natural gas. Rich Mogan, the company's district manager in southwestern Pennsylvania, said about half of his fleet of 100 trucks now run on the cheaper fuel. They are quieter and less expensive to maintain, he said, and "we are looking at a 50 percent reduction in our (fuel) cost."

Driller EQT Corp. opened its own natural gas filling station outside Pittsburgh in summer 2011, using it to refuel its trucks while also making it available to the public. It's now doing about 1,000 fill-ups a month — and only half involve EQT vehicles. Other users include City of Pittsburgh trash trucks, shuttles run by the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, a taxi service and a handful of consumers.

EQT wasn't sure how the station would be received.

"We didn't have commitments at all beyond our own vehicles. It was really a guess of what we think we could do," said David Ross, an EQT vice president focused on market development. "We had people who, at the beginning, said, 'No, we're not interested.' Today they actually own a vehicle that's natural gas. I think having the physical asset sitting there has helped it become real for people."

Natural gas vehicles aren't new. But the drilling boom — spurred by new technology that unlocked vast reserves of natural gas in deep rock formations like the Marcellus Shale underneath parts of New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Ohio — created a gas glut that depressed prices. That, in turn, has made natural gas more attractive as a transportation fuel.

Partly because of a lack of fueling infrastructure, gas isn't expected to grab significant market share from petroleum anytime soon. Only a tenth of 1 percent of the natural gas consumed in the Unites States last year was used as vehicle fuel, according to the U.S. Department of Energy. Of more than 250 million vehicles on the road today, perhaps 125,000 are powered by natural gas.

But energy companies see potential.

Chesapeake Energy Corp., the nation's No. 2 producer, has been especially aggressive about targeting transportation. The Oklahoma City-based driller invested $150 million in Clean Energy, a company backed by Texas investor T. Boone Pickens that's building a nationwide network of liquefied natural gas refueling stations for long-haul truckers. Chesapeake also teamed up with General Electric on "CNG In A Box," a compressed natural gas fueling system for retailers; announced a partnership with GE and Whirlpool to develop a $500 appliance that would allow consumers to refuel their natural gas-powered cars at home; and has been working with 3M to design less expensive tanks.

"It's simply a matter of time before the U.S. meaningfully shifts from transportation systems built around consuming high-priced oil to consuming low-priced domestic natural gas," Chesapeake CEO Aubrey McClendon wrote to investors this year.

States are also promoting natural gas as a transportation fuel. Nearly two dozen state governments have formed a consortium to add natural gas-powered vehicles to their fleets, an effort launched by the governors of Oklahoma and Colorado that attracted more than 100 bids from dealerships last month.

The Q Line

Showing support

A federal judge's ruling has confirmed City Hall's ban on the Palisades Park unattended nativity scenes. That hasn't stopped a group of churches from planning an alternative display that will be done in two-hour shifts with live participants.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Would you support these new, alternative scenes or do you think that kind of display should be kept from a public forum?

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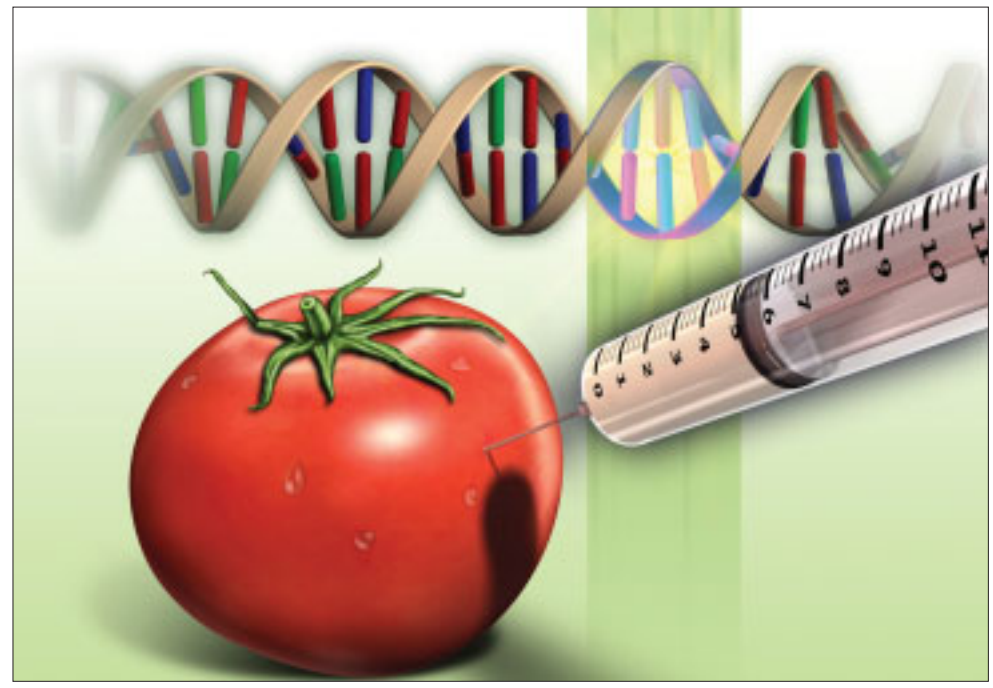


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INFORMATION ON THE PACKAGE: **Proposition 37, or the 'California Right to Know Genetically Engineered Food Act,' defeated by a narrow margin this past Election Day, called on food makers to label foods containing genetically modified ingredients on their packages -- and to not label such foods as 'natural.' Proponents developed the proposition in lieu of federal action requiring labeling of GM foods ... as exists in 50 other countries.**

The right to know

Dear EarthTalk:
What was Proposition 37 in California that concerns the labeling of genetically modified foods and that was just voted down in that state?

– Peter Tremaine,
Euclid, Ohio

Many healthy food advocates were disheartened on Election Day when Californians rejected Proposition 37, which would have required the labeling of genetically modified (GM) foods across the state. GM foods have had genes from other plants or animals inserted into their genetic code to optimize for one or another trait, such as resistance to pests, better taste or longer shelf life, and are controversial because scientists don't know the ramifications of mixing genetic codes on such a widespread scale.

While it was close, those against the so-called "California Right to Know Genetically Engineered Food Act" prevailed, with 53.1 percent of the vote. The proposition called on food manufacturers to label foods containing GM ingredients on the front or back of the packaging with the phrase "partially produced with genetic engineering"-and not to label or advertise such foods as "natural." Proponents developed the proposition in lieu of federal action requiring labeling of GM foods…as exists in 50 other countries.

Proponents of the bill raised some $9 million and garnered some 46.9 percent of the vote, indicating that upwards of four million Californians fear the potential effects of GM foods and are in favor of greater transparency on the part of the food industry. But such efforts weren't enough to overcome aggressive marketing by so-called Big Food companies including Monsanto, Coca-Cola, ConAgra, Nestle and Kraft, who poured some $45 million into the "No on 37" campaign.

Backers of the proposition are crying foul. Public health lawyer Michele Simon reports that some of the companies involved in defeating the bill engaged in lying, scare tactics, misrepresentation and various dirty tricks "to protect their profits and keep California voters uninformed about their food choices."

"The No campaign listed four organizations in the official state document mailed to voters as concluding that 'biotech foods are safe'," she says. "One of them, the American Council on Science and Health, is a notorious industry front group that only sounds legit. Another, the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, actually has no position and complained about being listed…" The other two groups, the National Academy of Sciences and the World Health Organization, have more nuanced positions ... than just "safe."

Simon also criticizes Big Food for its claims about high food costs, "shakedown lawsuits" and "special interest exemptions" if the law passed: "While each of these claims is easily debunked, being outspent on ad dollars makes it hard to compete, especially when all you can really say is, 'that's not true'."

The battle over GM labeling in California may be over for now, but the war rages on nationally. Just Label It, a nonprofit started by Stonyfield Farm magnate Gary Hirshberg, is trying to persuade the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to require GM food labeling nationally. Readers can help by signing the campaign's online petition. Beyond that, Just Label It recommends eating more fresh vegetables and unprocessed foods (the vast majority of processed foods in the U.S. contain either GM corn or soy) and looking for the USDA Organic label, which precludes any foods containing GM ingredients.

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U.N. to launch new round of talks on global warming

KARL RITTER
Associated Press

DOHA, Qatar As nearly 200 countries meet in oil-and-gas-rich Qatar for annual talks starting Monday on slowing global warming, one of the main challenges will be raising climate aid for poor countries at a time when budgets are strained by financial turmoil.

Rich countries have delivered nearly $30 billion in grants and loans promised in 2009, but those commitments expire this year. And a Green Climate Fund designed to channel up to $100 billion annually to poor countries has yet to begin operating.

Borrowing a buzzword from the U.S. budget debate, Tim Gore of the British charity Oxfam said developing countries, including island nations for whom rising sea levels pose a threat to their existence, stand before a "climate fiscal cliff."

"So what we need for those countries in the next two weeks are firm commitments from rich countries to keep giving money to help them to adapt to climate change," he told The Associated Press on Sunday.

Creating a structure for climate financing has so far been one of the few tangible outcomes of the two-decade-old U.N. climate talks, which have failed in their main purpose: reducing emissions of heat-trapping gases that scientists say are warming the planet, melting ice caps, glaciers and permafrost, shifting weather patterns and raising sea levels.

The only binding treaty to limit such emissions, the Kyoto Protocol, expires this year, so agreeing on an extension is seen as the most urgent task by environment ministers and climate officials meeting in the Qatari capital.

However, only the European Union and a few other countries are willing to join a second commitment period with new emissions targets. And the EU's chief negotiator, Artur Runge-Metzger, admitted that such a small group is not going to make a big difference in the fight against climate change.

"I think we cover at most 14 percent of global emissions," he said.

The U.S. rejected Kyoto because it didn't cover rapidly growing economies such as China and India. Some hope for stronger commitments from U.S. delegates in Doha as work begins on drafting a new global treaty that would also apply to developing countries including China, the world's top carbon emitter. That treaty is supposed to be adopted in 2015 and take effect five years later.

Climate financing is a side issue but a controversial one that often deepens the rich-poor divide that has hampered the U.N. climate talks since their launch in 1992. Critics of the U.N. process see the climate negotiations as a cover for attempts to redistribute wealth.

Runge-Metzger said the EU is prepared to continue supporting poorer nations in converting to cleaner energy sources and in adapting to a shifting climate, despite the debt crisis roiling Europe. But he couldn't promise that the EU would present any new pledges in Doha and said developing countries must present detailed "bankable programs" before they can expect any money.

Sometimes, developing countries seem to be saying, "OK give us a blank check," he told AP.

Climate aid activists bristled at that statement, saying many developing countries have already indicated what type of programs and projects need funding.

"They need the financial and technical support from the EU and others. Yet they continue to promise 'jam tomorrow' whilst millions suffer today," said Meena Raman of the Third World Network, a nonprofit group.

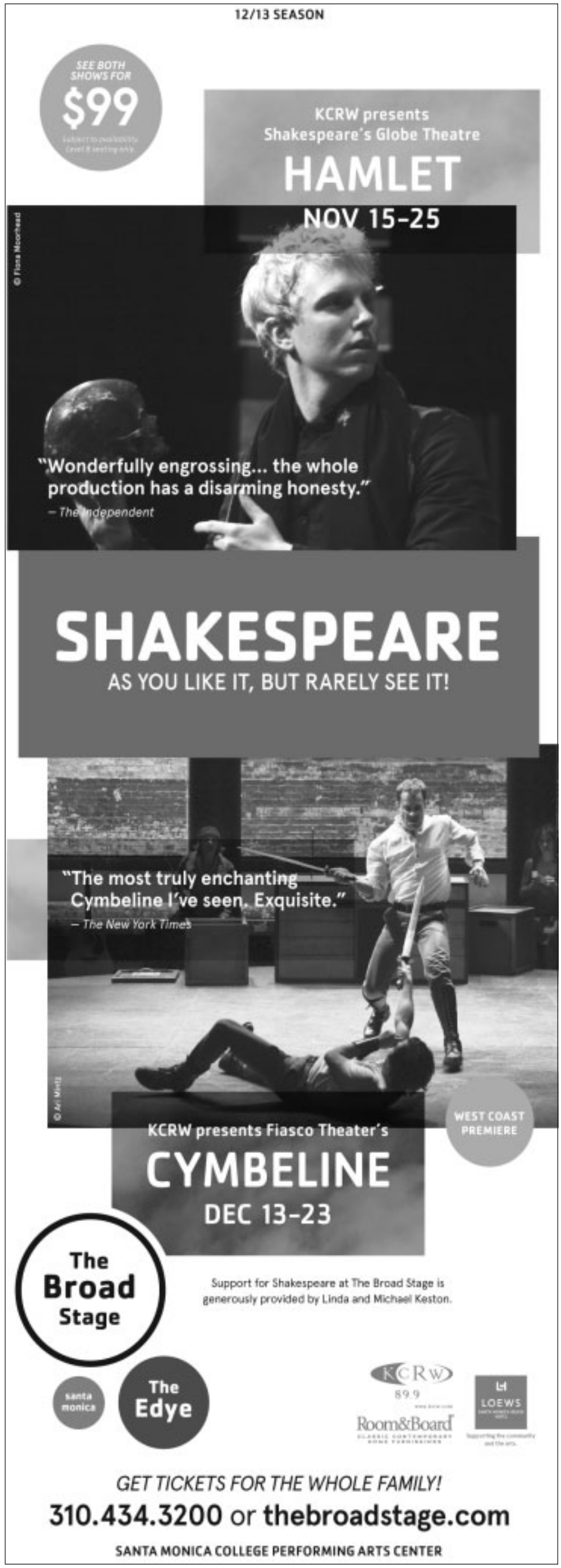
Countries agreed in Copenhagen in 2009 to set up the Green Climate Fund with the aim of raising $100 billion annually by 2020. They also pledged to raise $30 billion in "fast-start" climate financing by 2012.

While that short-term goal has nearly been met by countries including the EU, Japan, Australia and the U.S., Oxfam estimates that only one-third of it was new money; the rest was previously pledged aid money repackaged as climate financing. Oxfam also found that more than half of the financing was in the form of loans rather than grants, and that financing levels are set to fall in 2013 as rich countries rein in aid budgets amid debt problems and financial instability.

Meanwhile, the concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere keeps going up. It has jumped 20 percent since 2000, primarily from the burning of fossil fuels such as coal and oil, according to a U.N. report released last week.

A recent projection by the World Bank showed temperatures are on track to increase by up to 4 degrees C (7.2 F) this century, compared with pre-industrial times, overshooting the 2-degree target on which the U.N. talks are based.





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Through February of 2013 the majority of Town Square (front yard of City Hall) will be closed so the contractor can continue construction activities. During this time period, the west-facing front door of City Hall will be accessible via a pedestrian pathway that runs north from the sidewalk on Olympic Drive to the front door of City Hall. The sidewalk and parking lane on the east side of Main Street will be closed in front of City Hall; Pedestrians on the east side of Main Street are routed through a barricaded pathway in the Main Street parking lane. The parking lot and entrance on the north side of City Hall will remain open during construction. One way vehicular traffic has been implemented turning west from Main Street on to Fujinomiya Douri; traffic must exit behind City Hall south on Avenida Mazatlan and onto Olympic Drive. Caution should be used in this area, emergency vehicles are exempt from the one way traffic pattern.

Ocean Avenue

Through mid-December northbound Ocean Avenue between Seaside Terrace and Moomat Ahiko Way will be subject to lane closures. The sidewalk, bike lane, and one lane of vehicular travel in the northbound direction will be closed for construction activities. For more information contact the Architectural Services Division at (310) 458-2205.

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Sidewalk, parking lane, and southern traffic lane are closed. For more information, contact Kyle Anderson at (310) 399-1600, ext. 227.





HOMELESS
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housing status back into the community, forcing homeless individuals out of nearby areas like the Venice boardwalk and making it harder for the homeless to access services.

It's all part of a continuing trend that has put a strain on the millions of dollars that Santa Monica puts toward homeless services each year.

"These people are not becoming homeless in Santa Monica, They're becoming homeless elsewhere. There are many, many reasons," said Natasha Guest, a senior administrative analyst with the Human Services Division.

The report is part of an annual review of City Hall's Homeless Services Plan that's required by a 1994 law meant to address public safety.

The plan aims to help homeless get housed and maintain that housing by becoming self sufficient through job training and other services. At the same time, staff is tasked with the responsibility of preventing an increase in the amount of city funds used to help the homeless and limit how long the same individuals can access city services.

That is becoming a more complicated task in the face of drastic changes at the state level, including the loss of the Santa Monica Redevelopment Agency in February 2011 and a state law, Assembly Bill 109, that resulted in the release of 9,500 inmates from local jails to make room for ostensibly more dangerous state prisoners in an attempt to reduce overcrowding in California prisons.

Redevelopment agencies were main drivers of affordable housing in California, a state which faces a chronic shortage of cheap housing stock, until the legislature, Gov. Jerry Brown and the California Supreme Court worked in concert to end the system to plug holes in the state budget.

Locally, the agency also funded housing vouchers for 80 of Santa Monica's seniors and other vulnerable residents, a commodity City Hall has been scrambling to replace.

Similarly, AB 109 came in response to a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that found conditions in California's prisons constituted "cruel and unusual punishment." The ruling led to the bill, also known as "realignment," which took inmates out of the prisons and placed them in already-crowded county jails and other county facilities.

That's resulted in the release of an estimated 9,500 former inmates into Los Angeles County alone. Officials estimate that between 1,000 and 1,200 of those people are now homeless.

Policy changes at the county level have not made it any easier for chronically or newly-homeless individuals to get the help they need.

In response to new requirements from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development, the county coalition, LAHSA, is requiring central intake locations for homeless who want to sign up for services.

That's a huge step backward from the "no wrong door" policy that existed in the past because it can involve homeless being turned away initially from providers that could help them, Guest said.

Instead, they would be sent to a central intake location where they would sign up for services only to be sent to a third agency that could actually provide the help. Today, a homeless person who needs help could show up at almost any agency and get an immediate referral without going to a special intake facility.

That additional step in the process makes it more difficult on a population that already struggles to get the help it needs, Guest said.

"It's not consumer oriented," she said.

According to the report released last week, city officials are recommending a two-step approach to focus diminished local resources on the homeless that are already in Santa Monica and coordinate with local nonprofits like St. Joseph Center and OPCC to bring outside money into the community.

It's critical to make sure that Santa Monica government and its partners are working together to get as many resources as possible, Guest said.

"There's a finite amount of funding now, and not any new funding on the horizon," Guest said.

The economic and policy changes have made things harder, but the work is sustainable as long as organizations produce results, said Va Lecia Adams, executive director of the St. Joseph Center, an organization that focuses on providing permanent, supportive housing to homeless individuals.

"It's all about putting that puzzle together, but it's the one with 1,000 pieces," Adams said. "We're happy to continue to do that work."

The report comes out in advance of the biannual Homeless Count mandated by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development. The most recent count turned up only two more street homeless in 2012 than it had in 2011.

That constituted a 34 percent drop from the previous year, and the perception of homelessness as a problem also dropped between 2009 and 2011, according to a city-wide survey conducted by City Hall.

The 2013 homeless count will take place on Jan. 30 from 10:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. Those who want to help can sign up at smgov.net/homelessness.

In 2011, the Santa Monica Resident Survey found that homeless ranked in the top three concerns held by Santa Monicans behind the economy and traffic and congestion.

That still constituted an 8 percent decrease in the number of people who named it a problem in 2009, although at the pleading of the business community, City Hall and a number of partners moved to house 10 of the most visible homeless in the Downtown, according to the report.

As a result of the "Downtown Initiative," five of those individuals are either housed or have an application pending, three are no longer in the area and another two are candidates for hospitalization, according to the report.

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MTA
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more workers have been hired and trackside safety measures improved.

Leahy said he would have liked the poll to be more comprehensive and questioned whether the employees who responded were really representative.

The Times said significant numbers of bus drivers, train operators and those who work on Metro's rail network were more critical of their safety and agency practices than workers who are less connected to the direct operation and maintenance of rail and bus systems

They claimed that many close calls or near-misses are never reported to supervisors and that Metro is more interested in disciplining individuals for mishaps or safety violations instead of preventing recurrences.

Many other employees who work on tracks and related equipment said they were seriously concerned about pressure from supervisors to ignore some safety rules and procedures to get assignments done.

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The report, obtained by The Times under the state Public Records Act, is scheduled to be discussed at the authority's December board meeting.

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An unlawful detainer action is very stressful. Also, the tenant would have the expense of litigation costs and probably attorney fees. A tenant does not have to retain an attorney to defend an unlawful detainer action, but it would be very wise to do so.

If a tenant loses an unlawful detainer case, the tenant would be evicted and owe all of the back rent and possibly the landlord's attorney fees and litigation costs. Further, the unlawful detainer judgment would probably appear on the tenant's credit reports as well as reports kept by landlord agencies which could make it difficult to rent a new home in the future.

For all of the above reasons, a tenant should never withhold any rent.

GIVE LANDLORD A LIST IN WRITING

The first thing a tenant should do is give the landlord a list in writing of items which need to be repaired. The list should be hand-delivered or mailed to the landlord. The tenant must keep a copy of that list and keep track of when and how the list was delivered to the landlord (the specific date when the list was mailed or hand-delivered).

A tenant must give the landlord a reasonable period to make repairs. What is a "reasonable period" is defined on a case by case basis. Usually, a tenant should give the landlord 30 days to make repairs. But, if the condition is serious (i.e.: no electricity, no hot water, hole in the roof), a reasonable time would be much shorter.

A tenant should list all items which need repair, in detail. Failure to notify the landlord of a specific problem may prevent a tenant from being compensated later for the defective condition.

CONTACT GOVERNMENT INSPECTORS

If the landlord does not make the repairs within a reasonable period, the tenant should contact appropriate government inspectors.

In Santa Monica, the first office to be contacted should be the Santa Monica Code Compliance Department: (310) 458-4984. The Code Compliance Department will not come to a rental unit to perform a general inspection. The tenant must have a specific list of items which need repair.

In addition to the Code Compliance Department, a tenant should call the County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services. To arrange for an inspection, a Santa Monica tenant would call: (310) 665-8484.

The advantage of government inspectors is that the government agency may order the landlord to make repairs. Also, if the tenant is in trial with the landlord (or a hearing with the Santa Monica Rent Control Board), the government inspectors' reports may be admissible as evidence.

PETITION FOR RENT DECREASE

If the landlord does not make the required repairs, a tenant may file a petition for rent decrease. The petition is filed with the Santa Monica Rent Control Board, located in Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Room 202, Santa Monica, CA 90401; (310) 458-8751. The petition for rent decrease may be filed 30 to 180 days after service of the written notice to the landlord of items which need repair.

If the petition is granted, the rent will be reduced. But, the rent reduction is prospective (from that point forward). The Rent Control Board does not have the authority to award any money to compensate the tenant for past conditions or reduced services.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

If a tenant wishes to be compensated for the defective conditions or reduced services in the past, the tenant would have to file a lawsuit. A suit could be filed in superior court. Although an attorney is not required for superior court, it is likely that the landlord would retain an attorney. When one party has an attorney and the other does not, it is a big advantage. If the tenant retains an attorney, the expenses might make such a suit in superior court impractical.

Usually, the most economical way to proceed is to file a lawsuit in small claims court. A person can sue in small claims court for up to $7,500.00. And, there are no attorneys in small claims court. Thus, the expenses are greatly reduced.

CONSULT WITH AN ATTORNEY

Even if the tenant is not going to retain an attorney on a full-time basis, it is usually a good idea to at least have a consultation with a tenants' rights attorney, especially before filing suit in small claims court or filing a petition for rent decrease.

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MOVIES
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"Lincoln," a DreamWorks film distributed by Disney, took in $25 million over the weekend to lift its domestic revenue to $62.2 million.

Leading the newcomers was Paramount and DreamWorks Animation's tale "Rise of the Guardians" at No. 4 with $24 million for the weekend and $32.6 million since opening Wednesday.

Based on William Joyce's "Guardians of Childhood" books, "Rise of the Guardians" gathers Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny, the Tooth Fairy and other mythical beings as a team of heroes battling an evil overlord.

Close behind at No. 5 was director Ang Lee's shipwreck saga "Life of Pi" at No. 5 with $22 million over the weekend. The 20th Century Fox release has taken in $30.2 million domestically since its Wednesday debut and added $17.5 million in four Asian markets.

"Life of Pi" was adapted from Yann Martel's best-selling novel about an Indian youth adrift on a lifeboat with a Bengal tiger. Many fans considered the introspective novel impossible to film, but Lee has charmed audiences and critics with an inspiring survival story told through dazzling 3-D images.

The weekend's other new wide release, a remake of the 1980s U.S.-invasion tale "Red Dawn," opened at No. 7 with $14.6 million, raising its total to $22 million since debuting Wednesday.

"Red Dawn" sat on the shelf for three years while studio backer MGM went through bankruptcy, with distributor FilmDistrict eventually picking it up for domestic release. The movie's cast includes Chris Hemsworth ("Thor") and Josh Hutcherson ("The Hunger Games") in a story of young guerrillas battling North Korean invaders.

In limited release, Fox Searchlight's "Hitchcock" opened solidly with about $300,000 in 17 theaters. The movie stars Anthony Hopkins as Alfred Hitchcock in a behind-the-scenes story of the making of "Psycho."

The weekend's overall strength came from a broad range of films that clicked with various audiences, from action and family fare to thoughtful drama.

"This is a marketplace that has something for everyone," said Chris Aronson, head of distribution for 20th Century Fox. "You have something deeper like 'Life of Pi,' yet you have a very successful sequel in 'Twilight' at the same time. Adult bio-drama, if you will, in 'Lincoln,' and you have Bond. That's the secret to a very successful and balanced marketplace."

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Hollywood.com. Where available, latest international numbers are also included. Final domestic figures will be released Monday.

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SEATS
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from Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom, 45, who ran briefly against Brown in the last governor's race, to state Attorney General Kamala Harris, 48, widely seen as another potential candidate for governor or senator.

Generational strains are already evident.

Rep. Pete Stark, 80, was dispatched this month by a fellow Democrat nearly 50 years his junior, Eric Swalwell. Stark, who has represented his San Francisco Bay area district since the waning years of the Vietnam War, was depicted in the campaign as a vestige of another era.

"There are going to be a lot of Democrats looking at that example," said veteran political strategist Garry South, referring to Stark's demise. South, who has advised Newsom, said party leaders gaining in years risk losing touch with younger voters in the rapidly diversifying state.

"We Democrats are supposed to be the party of youth and hope and change," South said. "At some point in time, these younger Democrats who are coming up the ranks are going to have to look at themselves in the mirror and say, 'Bide my time or take a shot at somebody?' Patience is not a virtue in politics."

Feinstein was re-elected in a landslide this month but her age — she turns 80 next year — attracted only glancing notice in a state where more than 40 percent of the population clocks in under 30.

She carried the vote among every age group, despite efforts by her 49-year-old opponent, Republican Elizabeth Emken, to suggest the senator was ready for the rocking chair. Next year the youngest senator, Connecticut's Chris Murphy, will be half her age.

"To be old you have to look old and act old," said Allan Hoffenblum, publisher of the California Target Book, which analyzes legislative and congressional campaigns. "I think the average voter has no idea how old Dianne Feinstein is."

Boxer, 72, has been in Congress nearly three decades and weathered a tough re-election battle for another six-year term in 2010. Brown, 74, who is up for re-election in 2014, sent a message about his political stamina this month by convincing voters to back a $6 billion-a-year tax increase; Pelosi, a grandmother of nine, first came to the House a quarter-century ago and occupies a safe Democratic district that gave her 85 percent of the vote Nov. 6.

Their durability in office can be explained partly by a strong Democratic tilt in California that makes incumbents hard to beat, paired with a hobbled Republican Party that has seen its registration numbers wither below 30 percent in the state. They all hold policy positions that square with most voters in the left-leaning state, and over the years each has become a well-developed political brand while avoiding scandal. Life spans have lengthened and culture and medicine keep pushing at the boundaries of age — 40 is the new 30, as the saying goes.

Questions about rigor and health can shadow older politicians — Reagan in his later years, for example, or John McCain, who was 72 at the time of the 2008 presidential election. The California Democrats are all in their 70s but have worked to maintain robust images — Brown boasts of his jogging regimen and appears to thrive on statehouse jostling; Feinstein heads the Senate Intelligence Committee and is a regular on TV news programs; Boxer, known for a feisty demeanor, is in charge of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.

Pelosi, who just announced she would seek another term as House Democratic leader, pushed back firmly when the question of her age came up in Washington this month. "Oh, you've always asked that question, except to (70-year-old Senate Republican leader) Mitch McConnell," she said, implying that she considered the query to be not only misguided but sexist.

For statewide offices, would-be challengers face daunting odds trying to get the attention of more than 18 million voters; it costs millions of dollars to finance a week or two of TV ads.

"The state is so large you can't run and insurrectionary campaign against an incumbent and expect to break through," said Democratic consultant Parke Skelton, who has advised two of the party's leading prospects for higher office, state Controller John Chiang, 50, and Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones, 50.

For all its connections with cutting-edge culture, California voters can also display a frumpy side — comfort with the name brand. In 2008, when Barack Obama was captivating the country on the way to winning the presidency, Californians lined up with Hillary Rodham Clinton in the Democratic primary.

Democrats have a deep and diverse bench — mirroring a changing state — though no challengers have yet come forward to any of the senior Democrats. A list of other prospects for statewide office would include Assembly Speaker John Perez, 43, and former state Controller Steve Westly, 56, a Silicon Valley venture capitalist and Democratic fundraiser. Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, 59, will also be looking for another job when his term ends next year.

Part of the potential risk for the political old guard comes with California's new primary system, which advances the top-two finishers to the general election, even if they are from the same party. That has created openings that didn't previously exist — November showdowns with two Democrats, or two Republicans. It set the stage for Stark's ouster.

"There is a lot of pent-up demand for these statewide offices," South notes.

Brown is actually in his second go-round as governor — his first stint was 1975-1983. He's no longer the dashing bachelor politician known for dating Linda Ronstadt, but his restless intelligence remains a trademark even if his hairline has retreated. These days, he occasionally mentions how much he admires, and benefits from, his wife's political skills.

"They may be old but they are not stodgy," said Republican strategist Jonathan Wilcox, who teaches a course on politics and celebrity at the University of Southern California.

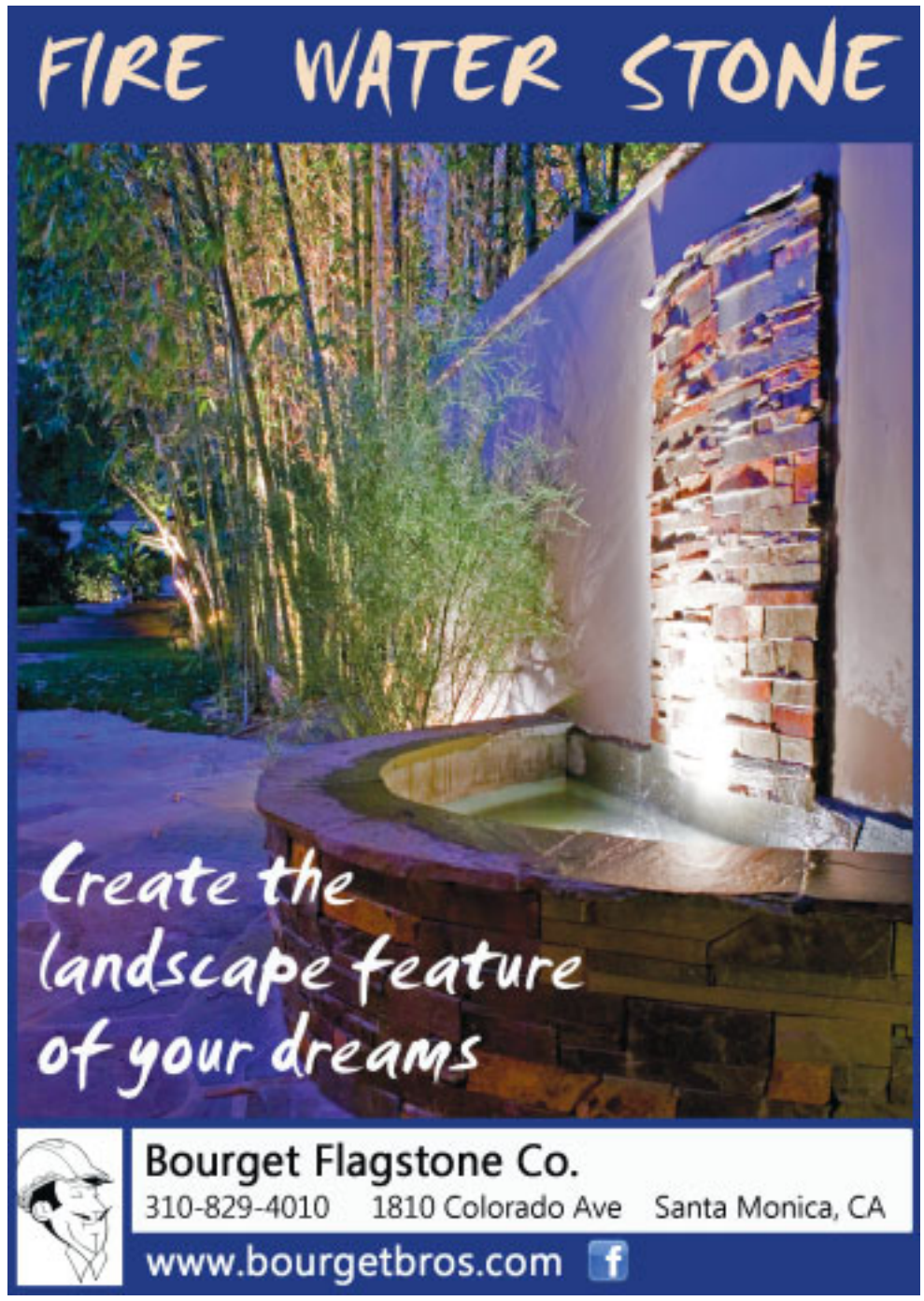
"They stay in office," he said, "because it's the fountain of youth."

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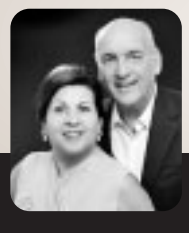
are not told of individual students' test results.

During the 2011-2012 school year, 63 of the 1,952 students who were enrolled in CADRE tested positive, Hunter told the newspaper. The most common drug found was marijuana, but heroin, methamphetamine and more recently such new drugs as bath salts have also been detected, Hunter said. So far this year, there have been 35 positive test results.

The original $216,000 federal grant that funded CADRE ended last year, but there's enough money left for the program to continue for the time being. The district will look for other ways to fund the program, including corporate sponsorship, Hunter said.





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Independent candidates are sparse despite voter gains

JULIET WILLIAMS
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. Even as California voters increasingly turn away from political party labels, Democratic and Republican candidates dominate the state's elections.

Just one independent was on the Nov. 6 ballot for the 100 state Assembly and Senate seats up for election, while four were running in the 53 congressional races. All of them lost.

California is not likely to see a wave of independent candidates anytime soon, given the cost of running for office and the advantages of grassroots organizing that a political party offers. In the 5th Senate District race, for example, Republican Bill Berryhill spent at least $1.8 million in his campaign against Democrat Cathleen Galgiani, who spent more than $1.6 million, according to the most recent state campaign finance reports.

Deep-pocketed independents are more likely to try for a statewide office such as governor, attorney general or secretary of state than for a post in the Legislature or U.S. House of Representatives, said Jack Pitney, a professor at Claremont McKenna College.

"The barrier to independent candidates has been the ability to finance a campaign operation. A rich person can get around that barrier," he said. "However, a seat in the Legislature might not be terribly appealing to a rich person, particularly if you're not going to be in the majority party, anyway."

Voters who declare "no party preference" have been the fastest-growing segment of the California electorate and this year hit 21 percent of its 18.2 million registered voters. That is just 8 percentage points behind those registering as Republicans, who now account for less than 30 percent.

While both parties try to court independent voters during election season, the growth in their numbers has not translated into public office.

In recent years, just two independent lawmakers have served in the Legislature, both for short periods of time after leaving the parties with which they were affiliated when elected.

Assemblyman Juan Arambula of Fresno quit the Democratic Party in 2009, a year before he was termed out of office. Assemblyman Nathan Fletcher of San Diego left the GOP earlier this year during his unsuccessful bid for San Diego mayor.

"It seems like it would be the better bet, if you're a known name, that you throw off that party label as a sign that you might be more flexible on those party platforms," said Kimberley Nalder, a professor at California State University, Sacramento and director of the Project for an Informed Electorate.

Yet supermajorities of Democrats in both houses of the Legislature make that less appealing, she said. When independents are elected, they still must choose to caucus with one of the dominant parties and could face retribution from leaders who are responsible for doling out perks, such as committee assignments, staff and offices. Those often are based on party loyalty and friendships.

"All the sort of spoils of leadership are divvied out by party leaders within the Legislature, so If you show up as an independent, the speaker of the Assembly, for example, is less likely to give out committee positions," she said.

The five candidates on the November ballot give independents hope that their growing ranks in the electorate could lead to at least a handful of successful candidates in future years. One of those, Bill Bloomfield, had a surprisingly strong showing in his bid to upset Democratic incumbent Rep. Henry Waxman in the 33rd Congressional District. Bloomfield ended up with 46 percent of the vote compared to Waxman's 54 percent.

Chad Peace, founder and director of operations at the Independent Voter Network in San Diego, said independent candidates face practical barriers because they are unable to tap into the major parties' well-established campaign infrastructure, such as political consultants and mailing lists.

His advice to independents who are considering a run for office is to start generating support and name recognition early.

"... You're never going to compete with the money and the organization you're opposing if you don't start building a name for yourself today," said Peace, who is the son of former Democratic state Sen. Steve Peace.

His online network, an information-sharing platform for independents, is funded by the Sacramento-based Foundation for Independent Voter Education. Both groups are under the umbrella of the nonprofit Independent Voter Project in San Diego, which authored the 2010 ballot initiative that created California's top-two primary system.

The need to start early in building support for an independent candidacy was the take-away lesson for Chad Walsh of Los Gatos, who ran as an independent against incumbent Democratic Assemblyman Paul Fong in Santa Clara County's 28th Assembly District. He eventually lost by a margin of 62 percent to 38 percent.

The 46-year-old attorney spent $168,000 of his own money on the campaign — "a lot more money than my wife wanted me to" — and said he can't afford to run again.

"If you're doing something like this as an independent, it's a Herculean effort. It takes everything you've got because you're building an entire political organization independently," he said. "I worked on it 24-7 for over a year."

He said Fong benefited from his own established campaign structure, the Democratic Party and the drive to approve Proposition 30, Gov. Jerry Brown's proposal to raise the state sales tax and income taxes on high earners.

"That apparatus was hitting on all cylinders," Walsh said.

He predicts the lack of money and organization will prevent independents from being elected to office on a large scale in California.

Despite the barriers to holding office, marking "no party preference" has become an attractive option for younger and minority voters who are registering for the first time. Public opinion surveys and exit polls in California show they tend to vote fairly consistently with Democrats.

Most consider themselves middle-of-the-road politically, relatively liberal on social issues and fiscally conservative — but not as conservative as many Republicans, said Mark Baldassare, president and chief executive of the Public Policy Institute of California.

Even with the growth in registered independents, political experts say party labels remain an important cue for voters, who want to know how their candidates are oriented on the major issues.

Fletcher, for example, seemed to be strong candidate as an independent — a moderate with high name recognition running for mayor in a relatively moderate city. In the end, primary voters lined up behind the Democratic and Republican candidates, leaving Fletcher to finish third and unable to compete in the general election.



Spain's Catalonia punishes pro-referendum leader

HAROLD HECKLE & JOSEPH WILSON
Associated Press

BARCELONA, Spain Voters in the economically powerful region of Catalonia on Sunday punished the leader who made a referendum over breaking away from Spain a central plank of his campaign, seeing his party's majority reduced by a dozen seats.

Regional president Artur Mas called the early election as part of a power struggle with Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy regarding the size of Catalonia's contribution to national coffers. But what began as a quarrel over money turned into a test of Spain's territorial integrity.

Mas had asked the electorate to give him an absolute majority to lend weight to his Convergence and Union party's center-right policies, including the call for a referendum. Instead, voters have left him 18 votes short and in need to make a coalition to guarantee staying in power.

His party now has 50 seats in the 135-seat regional legislature.

The second-most voted party is pro-referendum Republican Left, which has been very critical of Mas' austerity drive.

"The vote is fragmented but the message is clear," said Ferran Requejo, political science professor at Barcelona's Pompeu Fabra University. "Two-thirds of the electorate voted for parties that are in favor of calling an independence referendum, but Mas has been hit hard for his austerity policies."

Mas appeared on television to thank his party for its support and to acknowledge that they could no longer rule alone as a minority government. He also said that those who think the referendum plan had been aborted needed to do the math.

"Those who want to abort the process should take into account that they have to know how to add and subtract because the sum of the political parties in favor of the right to choose form a great majority in parliament."

Two pro-unity parties — Rajoy's Popular Party and the Catalan Ciutadans — did make modest advances, boosting their seats by seven to 28.

"For those who want a Catalonia outside Spain, matters have got worse," PP spokeswoman Maria Dolores de Cospedal said.

Catalonia is responsible for around a fifth of Spain's economic output, and many residents feel the central government gives back too little in recognition of the region's contribution.

Catalans have said during growing public protests that their industrialized region is being hit harder than most by austerity measures aimed at avoiding a national bailout like those needed by Greece, Ireland, Portugal and Cyprus.

Madrid has traditionally said that simplifying the state's financial model by excluding overall costs such as defense only creates a distorted image of how taxation and spending are distributed.

A rising tide of Catalan separatist sentiment was spurred when Rajoy failed to agree to Mas' proposals to lighten Catalonia's tax load and 1.5 million people turned out in Barcelona on Sept. 11 for the largest nationalist rally in the region since the 1970s.

These growing economic concerns have combined with a longstanding nationalist streak in Catalonia, which has its own cultural traditions that were harshly repressed by the military dictatorship of Francisco Franco from the end of Spain's Civil War in 1939, to Franco's death in 1975.

One of the most potent symbols of the divisions distancing Catalonia and the country's capital city can be seen in the bitter rivalry between the Barcelona and Real Madrid soccer clubs.

In recent years grassroots groups have held unofficial referendums on independence in towns throughout the region, while some small villages have gone to the extreme of declaring themselves "free Catalan territories."

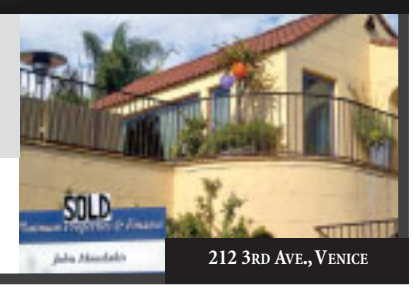
Catalans are viewed by most Spaniards as thrifty, hardworking people, and most — not least many Catalans — have been shocked by how their regional debt has swelled to 42 billion ($54.4 billion) of the staggering 140 billion debt ascribed to all of Spain's regional governments.

The economic crisis has highlighted the high cost of running Spain's 17 semi-autonomous regions alongside a central government. The Catalan government has had to ask for a 5 billion ($6.5 million) bailout from Spain like other indebted regions.

Mas' government counters that each year it contributes 16 billion ($21 billion) more than it gets back from Spain. It also complains that important infrastructure projects needed to revive Spain's sick economy are being left unfunded.

Even so, many people feel they are both Catalan and Spanish, and are wary of the idea of trying to divide the country.

"We are not separatists, we want to remain part of Spain," said retired industrial designer Francisco Palau, 69, who emerged from a polling station alongside his wife. "We defend current plurality," he said, adding that setting up a new state and government "would be very expensive."

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SATURDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to chest high occ. 4 ft
WNW and SSW swells fade; plus sets at top combo spots

SUNDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to chest high
Leftover WNW and SSW swell energy; light morning winds; potential small new NW swell filling in late

MONDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high occ. 3 ft
Minimal NW and Southern Hemi swells

TUESDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high occ. 3 ft
Tiny Southern Hemi swell

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisos creeks.	ns	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Winter Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Flamingo Canyon Creek mouth.	A	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	B	A+
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (beach location)- daily.	A	A+
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19548 PCH stairs.	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	B
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+	A+

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

LEGEND
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NCAA FOOTBALL

Stanford, UCLA a surprising Pac-12 championship matchup

ANTONIO GONZALEZ
AP Sports Writer

STANFORD, Calif. As part of senior day celebrations held earlier this month for Stanford's final home game of the regular season, outgoing players wore T-shirts that read: "Last Walk."

Time to bring those mementos out of the closet.

"We're going to have to change the date of our last walk T-shirt," fifth-year linebacker Chase Thomas said Sunday. "Put some tape over it or something."

The Pac-12 Conference championship game is coming to The Farm a year later than everybody expected — and for a matchup nobody could've predicted.

While Andrew Luck is gone, the eighth-ranked Cardinal (10-2, 8-1) are surprisingly where they've wanted to be all along: hosting the league title game Friday night in a quick rematch against No. 17 UCLA (9-3, 6-3), which overtook preseason No. 1 Southern California to capture the South Division crown.

So much for that Oregon-USC showdown so many had forecast this fall.

"I remember when nobody was giving us a look down at the Pac-12 media day," Thomas said. "I told them, 'It was the same thing when Toby (Gerhart) left. It was the same thing when (Jim) Harbaugh left. It was the same thing when Andrew left.' I guess people out there just don't get it.

"They don't understand what type of guys we have on this team. The kind of coaches we have. We're not going away. We're not a one-person team. We never have been. So people can think what they want. We know this team is going to be around for a while."

A week after Stanford stunned Oregon in overtime, the Cardinal crushed the Bruins 35-17 at the Rose Bowl on Saturday to seal the North Division title and set up a strange sequel. Rarely do teams ever play twice in the same season in college football, and even rarer does that happen in back-to-back weeks.

That's the kind of season it has been in the Pac-12 Conference.

Stanford's only league loss came at Washington in the fourth game of the season, losing 17-13 on a Thursday night when the offense failed to score a touchdown. Cardinal coach David Shaw replaced quarterback Josh Nunes after eight games with redshirt freshman Kevin Hogan, who has beaten three ranked teams — Oregon State, Oregon and UCLA — in his first three career starts to give the nation's top rushing defense some support.

The Bruins lost to Oregon State and at California before winning five straight — the program's longest winning streak in seven years — a run capped with a thrilling 38-28 victory against the crosstown rival Trojans.

Stanford had to win its finale in Pasadena just to get another shot at UCLA because No. 6 Oregon (11-1, 8-1) beat Oregon State 48-24 in the Civil War rivalry that finished about 10 minutes before the Cardinal and Bruins began their game in front of a sellout crowd the Rose Bowl.

Turns out, that was just a dress rehearsal.

"I cannot recall ever being in this situation before," UCLA coach Jim Mora said. "I don't know that it benefits either team, or is hard on any team. It just comes down to going out on Friday night and executing. Any familiarity we have with them, they'll have with us. It just kind of negates each other."

Shaw and Mora will rely on their NFL coaching experience to guide them this week. While pro teams often play divisional opponents twice in three games, consecutive matchups are almost unheard of at any level.

The Cardinal controlled the first go-around and left no secrets about what they plan to do.

Stepfan Taylor rushed for 142 yards and two touchdowns, Hogan passed for 160 yards and another score and Stanford ran away with its fourth victory in a row over the Bruins. Brett Hundley, UCLA's redshirt freshman quarterback, was 20 of 38 for 261 yards and a TD with one interception while getting sacked seven times.

UCLA's hopes to play in the program's first Rose Bowl game since 1999 will not be any easier this week.

Stanford has won eight straight and 19 of its past 20 home games, with the lone loss coming to Oregon last season. The Cardinal, riding a six-game winning streak, are looking to seal a spot in the Rose Bowl for the first time since 2000.

The Cardinal already secured three straight 10-win seasons for the first time in school history. The senior class, which figured their playing days at Stanford Stadium might've ended when they rallied to beat Oregon State 27-23 on Nov. 10, has a chance to go out with three consecutive 11-win seasons — all ending in different BCS bowls.

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Romancing the Stone (PG) 1hr 46min
and
Used Cars (R) 1hr 53min
7:30pm

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

Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 2
(PG-13) 1hr 56min
1:45pm, 4:45pm, 7:45pm

Life of Pi (PG) 2hrs 06min
1:00pm, 4:05pm, 7:15pm, 10:15pm

Argo (R) 2hrs 00min
7:00pm

Sessions (R) 1hr 38min
4:30pm

Perks of Being a Wallflower (PG-13)
1hr 42min
1:30pm, 10:00pm

Wreck-It Ralph in 3D (PG) 1hr 48min
1:15pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

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

Life of Pi 3D (PG) 2hrs 06min
11:15am, 2:10pm, 5:10pm, 8:00pm, 10:45pm

Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 2 (PG-13) 1hr 56min
1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

Skyfall (PG-13) 2hrs 23min
12:30pm, 4:05pm, 7:30pm, 10:45pm

Flight (R) 2hrs 19min
12:15pm, 3:45pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm

Argo (R) 2hrs 00min
11:30am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

Rise of the Guardians 3D (PG)
1hr 37min
12:45pm, 3:30pm, 6:15pm, 9:00pm

Lincoln (PG-13) 2hrs 30min
11:20am, 3:00pm, 6:30pm, 10:00pm

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

Royal Affair (En kongelig affaere) (R)
2hrs 13min
1:30pm, 4:40pm, 8:00pm

Searching for Sugar Man (PG-13)
1hr 25min
1:40pm, 7:50pm, 10:10pm

Holy Motors (NR) 1hr 55min
1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:50pm

Cloud Atlas (R) 2hrs 44min
4:00pm

Late Quartet (R) 1hr 45min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:10pm, 9:50pm

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Red Dawn (PG-13) 1hr 54min
11:55am, 2:30pm, 5:10pm, 7:50pm, 10:25pm

Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 2 (PG-13) 1hr 56min
11:30am, 2:30pm, 5:30pm, 8:30pm

Skyfall (PG-13) 2hrs 23min
11:15am, 2:45pm, 6:15pm, 9:45pm

Rise of the Guardians (PG) 1hr 37min
11:45am, 2:30pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:30pm

Wreck-It Ralph (PG) 1hr 48min
11:45am, 2:30pm, 5:15pm, 7:50pm, 10:30pm

Silver Linings Playbook (R) 2hrs
11:15am, 2:00pm, 5:00pm, 8:00pm, 10:45pm

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Not to be found tonight, Gem

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ The unexpected occurs, and you might be confused as to what to do. When push comes to shove, a new beginning will become possible. You prevent misunderstandings because you ask questions. Tonight: Indulge in some fun and easy times.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You seem so optimistic that it might be impossible for anyone to do anything that could be viewed as annoying or difficult. An element of confusion could start to make its way into your plans and conversations.Tonight: All smiles.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Your ruling planet, Mercury, goes retrograde, which adds an element of confusion to your day. You will see a matter differently as a result. Your words are clear and direct, but you can't comfort someone who is not open to listening. Tonight: Not to be found.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Zero in on why you desire a certain object. You could be more confused about an evolving situation than you realize. A misunderstanding between you and a loved one could be touchy or difficult at best. Tonight: Go with the flow.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Take a stand in the midst of a current controversy. Disorder marks your plans and choices. You are serious and well-intentioned, and you know when you have had enough. When you express different ideas and opinions, you expect to be heard. Tonight: Set the stage.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Keep reaching out for more information. You can only handle so much at a time. Get ahead of your normal thoughts, and look at the long-term. Someone might be trying to communicate his or her bottom line, but clarity is lacking. Tonight: Put on some music.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ One-on-one relating evolves to a new level, as you realize what is happening behind the scenes. You might want to go for the best end result by setting some limits. Tonight: Visit with a loved one over dinner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Defer to others within your immediate circle. Be sensitive to the possibilities surrounding a key relationship. Confusion surrounds you. Listen with a touch of cynicism to discussions about a partnership and your long-term desires. Tonight: Let the party begin.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Your easygoing nature allows you to get past a complication; however, the path you decide to take could cause some stress. If you slow down and assess the situation, you might make different choices. Tonight: Choose something relaxing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Go with the unexpected instead of fighting whatever is heading your way. You might be overtired, which could result in an odd reaction from a loved one. Avoid answering a problematic question until you are sure of yourself. Tonight: Enjoy a loved one's company.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ You could be busier than you would like to be, and it might prevent you from heading in the direction you want. Pressure builds in the workplace. Bite the bullet, and get as much done as possible now in order to free up some time for yourself later. Tonight: Head home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Say what you want, but verify that you are understood as you would like to be. It's always easy to misread someone, and even more so right now. Confirm that your words were heard. Ask questions. Tonight: Return calls.

Happy birthday

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

This year your life proves to be quite lively. At times, when you think you finally understand someone or a situation, you'll discover that that's not the case. You might even have to go back to square one. Clarity and confirmation will help prevent problems. Others think differently from you, which is why you don't always understand their actions and thoughts. If you are single, you could make quite a fuss until you meet the right person. Do not waste your time with someone who has a tendency to be inappropriate. If you are attached, the two of you need to agree to disagree and learn to respect each other's differences. TAURUS might be too detail-oriented for you.

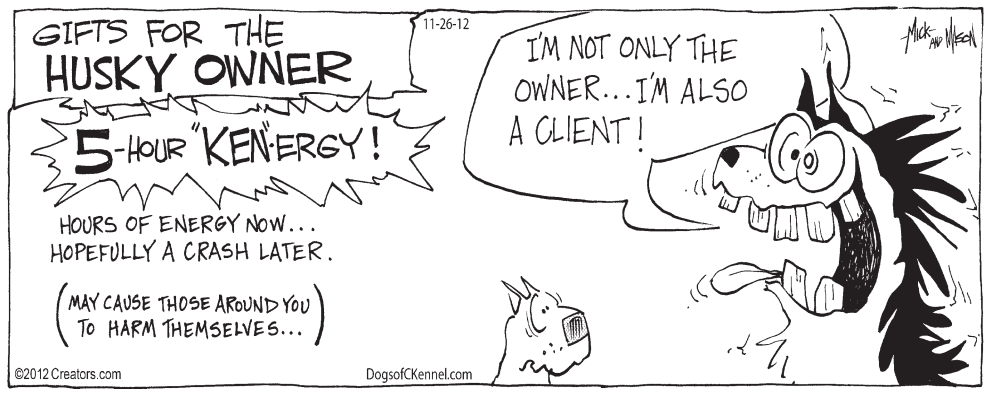
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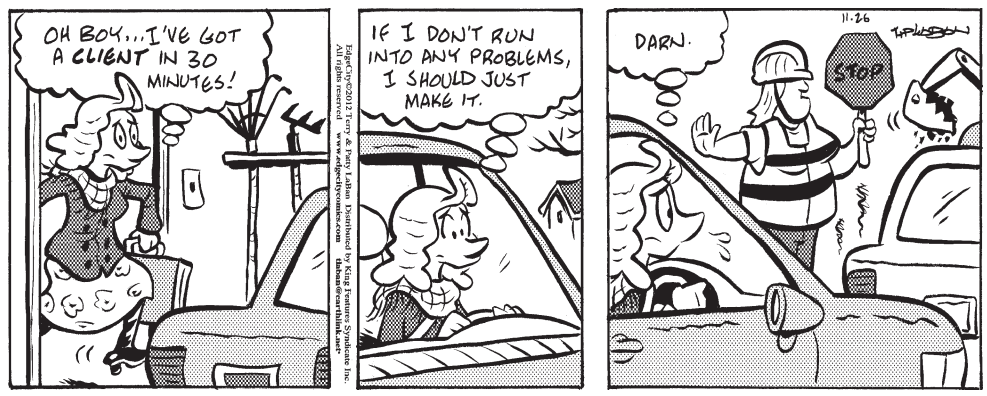
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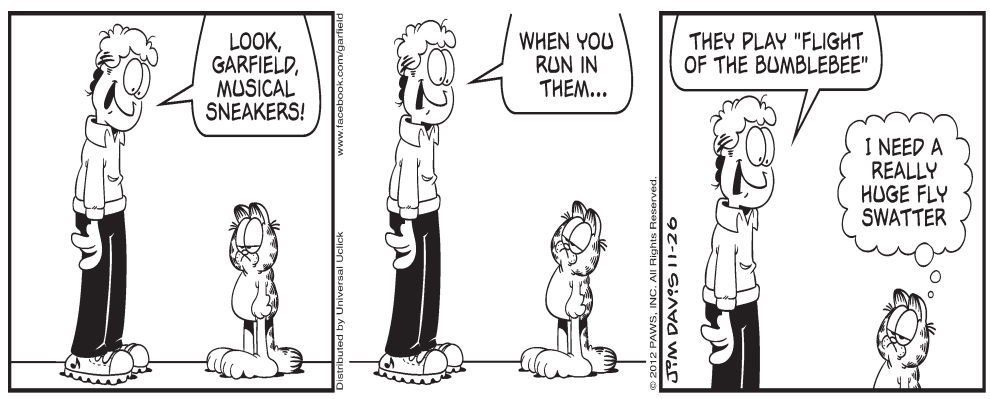
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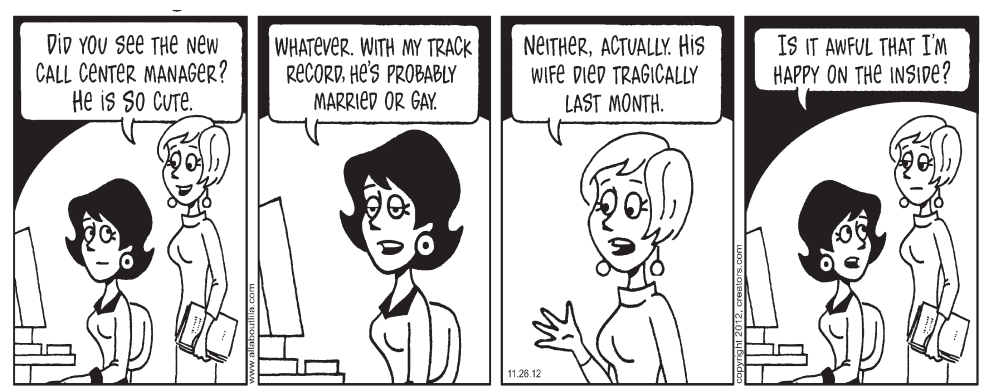
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By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★

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

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

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

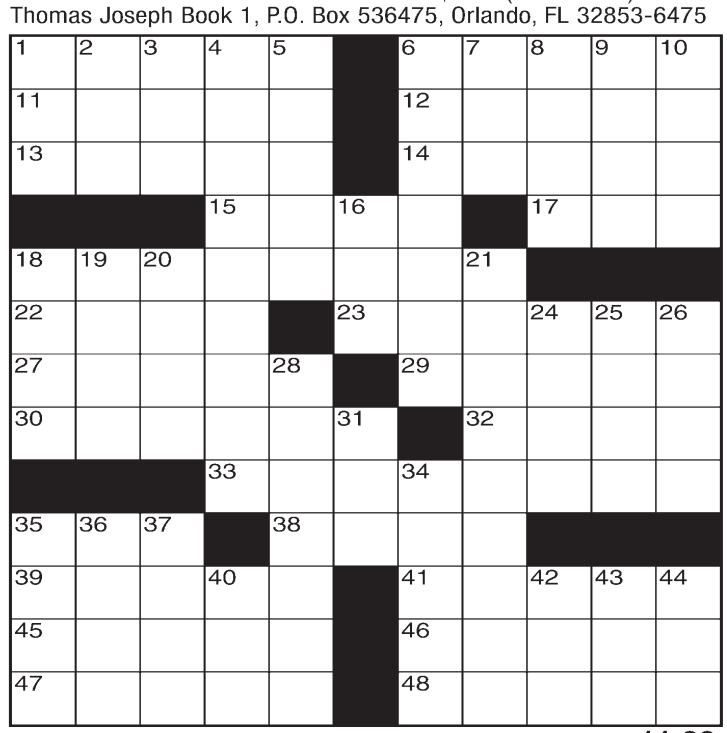
ACROSS
1 Hawaiian hello
6 Cook's wear
11 Christmas song
12 First-rate
13 Wield, as power
14 Lasso user
15 Convoy component
17 Finish
18 Wealthy bunch
22 Big snakes
23 Skilled in
27 First Greek letter
29 HBO series set in New Orleans
30 Tourist destination
32 Identical
33 Served at a restaurant
35 Playground game
38 Hive group
39 Suspect's story
41 Enjoys some gum
45 — firma
46 Crude home
47 Narnia lion
48 Run-down

DOWN
1 Top card
2 Far from strict
3 Valuable rock
4 Riding competition
5 Modify
6 Jam fruit
7 Debate side
8 Ready to pick
9 Sign
10 Geeky one
16 Soviet jet
18 Structural support
19 Portion (out)
20 Racetrack count
21 Lucky item
24 Inoperative
25 Clip contents
26 New driver, often
28 Speedy horse
31 Even score
34 Computer pros
35 "Toodle-oo!"
36 Pub pints
37 Young woman
40 Lingerie item
42 Second person
43 Tie the knot
44 Crafty

C	H	O	R	D	■	F	A	T	E	S
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Saturday's answer

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8 37 44 47 48
Meganumber: 27
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Fantasy 5
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9 12 15 19 35

DAILY 3
Draw Date: Nov. 24
MIDDAY: 3 7 7
EVENING: 5 8 7

SANTA ANITA PARK
Draw Date: Nov. 24
1st: 10 - SOLID GOLD
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3rd: 09 - WINNING SPIRIT
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ No Do-Overs: By 2009, James Washington believed he had gotten away with a 1995 murder, but then he had a heart attack, and on his deathbed, in a fit of remorse, he confessed to a confidant. ("I have to get something off my conscience," he told a guard in the jailhouse where he was serving time for a lesser, unrelated offense.) However, Washington miraculously recovered from the heart attack and tried to take back his confession, but prosecutors in Nashville, Tenn., were unfazed. They used it to augment the sparse evidence from 1995, and in October 2012 the now-healthier Washington was convicted of the murder and sentenced to 51 more years in prison.

■ "I wanted to create a self-portrait that was completely stripped of ... visual prejudice," said Polish-born New York artist Martynka Wawrzyniak, who thus chose the medium of "smell" for her gallery showing in New York City (running through mid-November). For starters, she "scientifically extracted" her hair oils, armpit perspiration and tears (to protest humans' cloaking themselves in deodorant soaps and laundry powders), and blasted visitors with whiffs of it as they entered the gallery.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1986 - Iran-Contra scandal: U.S. President Ronald Reagan announces the members of what will become known as the Tower Commission.

1990 - The Delta II rocket makes its maiden flight.

2003 - Concorde makes its final flight, over Bristol, England.

2004 - Ruzhou School massacre: a man stabs and kills eight people and seriously wounds another four in a school dormitory in Ruzhou, China.

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To Whom it may concern:
The Name(s) of the Applicant(s) is/are:
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Type of License(s) Applied for: 47- ON-SALE GENERAL EATING PLACE Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control INGLEWOOD.
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Name Changes

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. SS022861
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of SEYED KAMAL HASHEMIYAN MANSHADI for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner or Attorney: SEYED KAMAL HASHEMIYAN MANSHADI filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: SEYED KAMAL HASHEMIYAN MANSHADI to KAMERON MANSHADI. 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: DECEMBER 14, 2012 Time: 9:00am, Dept. A, Room 104
The address of the court is 1725 MAIN ST, SANTA MONICA, CA 90401
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press.
Date: NOVEMBER 1, 2012
JOSEPH S. BIDERMAN, JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012207690 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 10/29/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as BIG E ELECTRIC. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: CLAUDE RICHARDSON 662 E. 138TH ST. LOS ANGELES, CA 90059. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)10/15/2012. /s/: CLAUDE RICHARDSON. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 10/29/2012. 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 11/05/2012, 11/12/2012, 11/19/2012., 11/26/12

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012214588 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 10/26/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as GYMRA.COM. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: BFITCFIT, LLC 746 NORWAY LANE LA, CA 90049. This Business is being conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)08/01/2012. /s/: MOHSEN SHABAHANG. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/26/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 11/12/2012, 11/19/2012, 11/26/2012, 12/03/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012206401 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 10/16/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as STONESMASSAGE THERAPY. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: DEBBE BOND 20501 VENTURA BLVD. SUITE 115 WOODLAND HILLS, CA 91634. 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/:DEBBE BOND. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 10/16/2012. 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 11/05/2012, 11/12/2012, 11/19/2012. 11/26/12

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012206400 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 10/16/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as DO IT YOURSELF WINDOWS AND DOORS. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: DO IY YOURSELF WINDOWS AND DOORS, INC. 17632 CHATSWORTH ST. GRANADA HILLS, CA 91344. This Business is being conducted by: a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)06/01/1997. /s/: ROBERT S. KNOTT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 10/16/2012. 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 11/05/2012, 11/12/2012, 11/19/2012. 11/26/12

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012206072 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 10/16/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PASSTHEBCBA. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: Dana Meller 10639 Woodbridge St. Unit 306 Toluca Lake, CA 91602. 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/:Dana Meller. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 10/16/2012. 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 11/09/2012, 11/16/2012, 11/19/2012, 11/26/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012213826 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 10/26/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SANTA MONICA SOLAR CLEANING. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: DREW LOWELL-BRITT 718 LINCOLN BLVD UNIT 5 SANTA MONICA CA 90402. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)10/17/2012. /s/: DREW LOWELL-BRITT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 10/26/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012202760 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 10/10/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as HOUSE BOUND. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: JACQUELINE MARIE KRAEHE 13909 OLD HARBOR LANE #301 MARINA DEL REY ,CA, 90292, MITSUHIRO MATSUMOTO 13909 OLD HARBOR LANE #301 MARINA DEL REY ,CA, 90292. This Business is being conducted by: Husband and Wife. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:JACQUELINE MARIE KRAEHE. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 10/10/2012. 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 10/29/2012, 11/05/2012, 11/12/2012, 11/19/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012214587 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 10/26/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as EBIZDRIVE IT SOLUTIONS. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: BIZZAIRE GROUP INC. 4080 GLENCOE AVE. UNIT 202 MARINA DEL REY, CA 90292. This Business is being conducted by: a Corporation. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:NEHA JAIN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 10/26/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 11/12/2012, 11/19/2012, 11/26/2012, 12/03/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012209974 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 10/22/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SILVERLINE SHEET METAL. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: JUAN GUTIERREZ 405 S. ALBERTSON AVE. COVINA, CA 91723. This Business is being conducted by: . The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)10/09/2012. /s/: JUAN GUTIERREZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 10/22/2012. 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,

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012209973 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 10/22/2002 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MOVIE TRAILER GUYS. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: DAVID WEISS 18240 SHEPLEY PLACE NORTHRIDGE, CA 91326, CHRIS SURETTE 26306 IVREA PLACE VALENCIA, CA 91355. This Business is being conducted by: Copartners. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)10/19/2012. /s/: DAVID WEISS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 10/22/2002. 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 11/12/2012, 11/19/2012, 11/26/2012, 12/03/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012212009 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 10/24/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as AMS. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: SANDYS FASHION HOUSE 2057 E. PEONY STREET CORONA, CA 92882. This Business is being conducted by: a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)09/12/2012. /s/: M. ZUBAIR RAWDA, CPA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 10/24/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 11/12/2012, 11/19/2012, 11/26/2012, 12/03/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012212006 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 10/24/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as DANCING BEARS. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: DB DANCE STUDIO, INC. 1411 1/2 W. KENNETH RD. GLENDALE, CA 91201. This Business is being conducted by: a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)09/06/2012. /s/: ERIC H. ARIMA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 10/24/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 11/12/2012, 11/19/2012, 11/26/2012, 12/03/2012.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012212010 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 10/24/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as FAMILY POOL SERVICE. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: JAMES KORNMAN 217 N. LUCIA #A REDONDO BEACH, CA 90277. 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/:JAMES KORNMAN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 10/24/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 11/12/2012, 11/19/2012, 11/26/2012, 12/03/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012212004 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 10/24/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SHYDE AUTOMOTIVE. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: BRIAN HYDE 1251 EUCLID ST. #1 SANTA MONICA, CA 90404, JOHN SHY 1251 EUCLID ST. #1 SANTA MONICA, CA 90404. This Business is being conducted by: Copartners. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:BRIAN HYDE. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 10/24/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 11/12/2012, 11/19/2012, 11/26/2012, 12/03/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012212004 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 10/24/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SHYDE AUTOMOTIVE. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: BRIAN HYDE 1251 EUCLID ST. #1 SANTA MONICA, CA 90404, JOHN SHY 1251 EUCLID ST. #1 SANTA MONICA, CA 90404. This Business is being conducted by: Copartners. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:BRIAN HYDE. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 10/24/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 11/12/2012, 11/19/2012, 11/26/2012, 12/03/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012212005 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 10/24/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DBA, CHAMBER DBA, CHAMBEROFCOMMERCEDBA DOT COM, CHAMBERDBA DOT COM. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: CHAMBER OF COMMERCE JOURNAL, INC. 5757 W. CENTURY BLVD. SUITE 700 LOS ANGELE, CA 90045. This Business is being conducted by: a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)10/23/2012. /s/: CARL LEE-MCGILL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 10/24/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012217145 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 10/31/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SEVENTH INSTINCT, 7 INSTINCT, SEVEN INSTINCT. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: LOUI ZRA LLC 3651 W. 109TH STREET INGLEWOOD, CA 90303. 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/:LUIS SANCHEZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 10/31/2012. 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 11/12/2012, 11/19/2012, 11/26/2012, 12/03/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012223154 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 11/07/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as BIG PICTURE PRODUCTIONS. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: NATHAN STEWART SCHWAB 829 BROADWAY #531 SANTA MONICA CA 90401, MICHELLE MARIE FANUCCI 829 BROADWAY #531 SANTA MONICA CA 90401. 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/:NATHAN STEWART SCHWAB. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/07/2012. 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 11/12/2012, 11/19/2012, 11/26/2012, 12/03/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012212007 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 10/24/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MGI DESIGN. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: ELIZABETH WILLIAMS 11044 RUNNYMEDE ST. SUN VALLEY, CA 91352. This Business is being conducted by: . The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)10/01/2012. /s/: ELIZABETH WILLIAMS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 10/24/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 11/12/2012, 11/19/2012, 11/26/2012, 12/03/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012222130 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 10/13/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as THE SHANNON RIVER GROUP. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: THERESA SAVINO 1134 26TH STREET #11 SANTA MONICA, CA 90403. This Business is being conducted by: . The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:THERESA SAVINO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 10/13/2012. 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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012215075 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 10/29/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ST. ANDREWS APTS.. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: NATURA BELLA, LLC 1255 PRINCETON ST. #204 SANTA MONICA, CA 90404. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)09/29/2000. /s/: NOEMAN SAMUEL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 10/29/2012. 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 11/19/2012, 11/26/2012, 12/03/2012, 12/10/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012222120 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 11/06/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LAST LIFE MUSIC. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: DAVID MARENBERG 11456 BELLAGIO ROAD LOS ANGELES CA 90049. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)10/15/2012. /s/: DAVID MARENBERG. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/06/2012. 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 11/19/2012, 11/26/2012, 12/03/2012, 12/10/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012225004 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 11/09/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as THE PERFUME COMPANY. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: DANA SORMAN 7570 ROMAINE STREET APT 7 WEST HOLLYWOOD CA 90046. 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/:DANA SORMAN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/09/2012. 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 11/19/2012, 11/26/2012, 12/03/2012, 12/10/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012226352 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 11/13/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CLAIMBOX, CLAIMBOX.COM. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: MARK VERGE 1020 WILSHIRE BLVD. SANTA MONICA CA 90401. This Business is being conducted by: a Partnership. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)09/14/2011. /s/: MARK VERGE. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/13/2012. 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 11/19/2012, 11/26/2012, 12/03/2012, 12/10/2012.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012230622 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 11/19/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CHANGE MY PLATE, CHANGEMYPLATE.COM. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: LIVE, LOVE, LEARN LLC 1020 WILSHIRE BLVD. SANTA MONICA, CA 90401. This Business is being conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)10/01/2012. /s/: LIVE, LOVE, LEARN LLC. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/19/2012. 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 11/26/2012, 12/03/2012, 12/10/2012, 12/17/2012.

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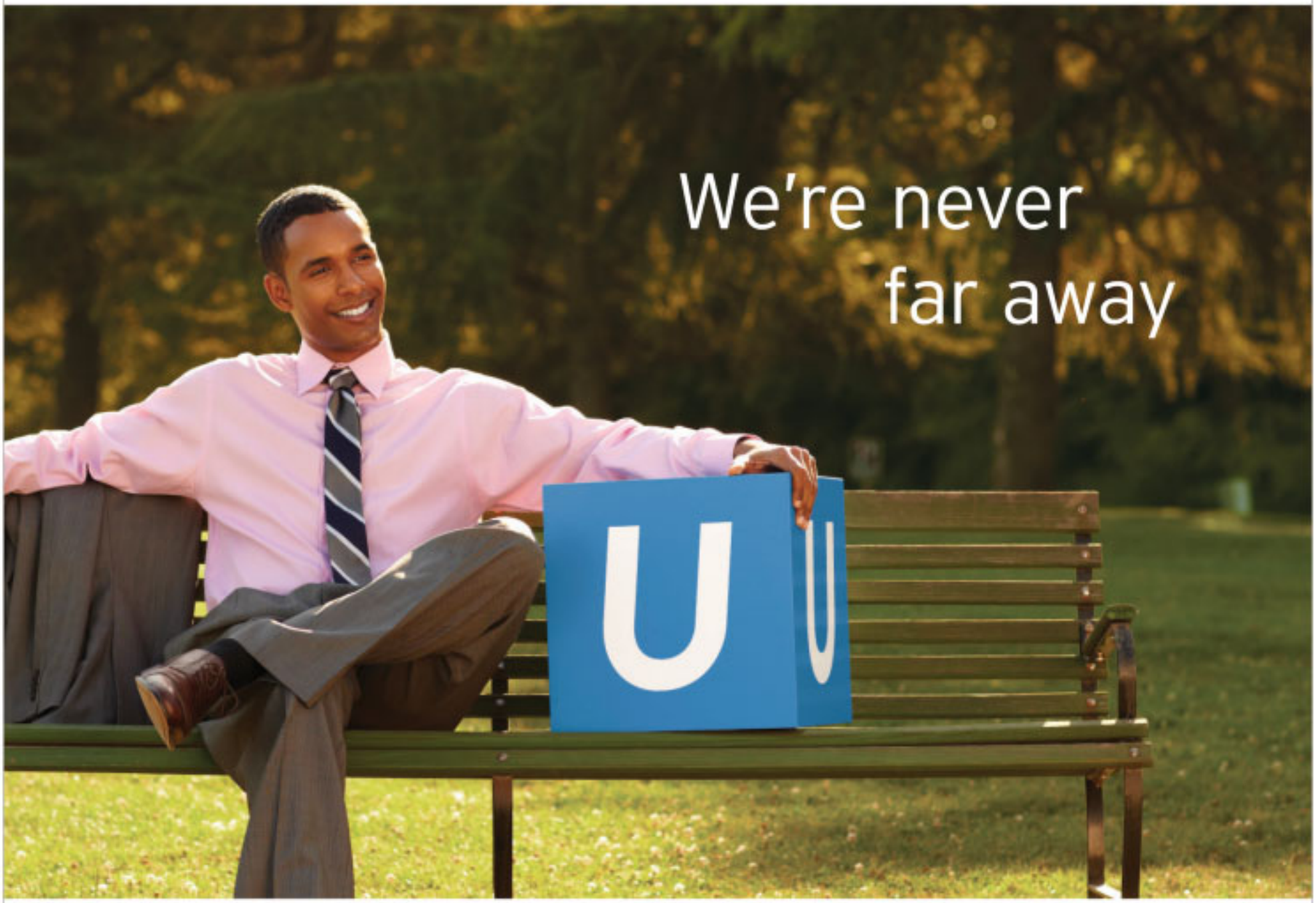
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