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Dropouts tend to be criminals

Study links graduation rates to incidents of violent crime

BY MELODY HANATANI | Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE The number of violent crimes in the state of California will decrease substantially if more funds are channeled into school drop-out prevention programs, such as high school small learning communities and top-notch preschool programs, according to a report released on Thursday.

Fight Crime: Invest in Kids, a non-profit organization comprised of more than 3,000 law enforcement officials and survivors of violent crimes, released a report on Thursday that linked the state's high drop-out rate to crimes such as murder and aggravated assault.

An estimated one in three high school students in California does not graduate on time, and of the 500,000 Californians that turn 20 each year, approximately 120,000 do not have a high school diploma, according to the study.

The report found that if the graduation rate increased by 10 percent, violent crimes would drop by 20 percent, preventing 500 murders and 20,000 aggravated assaults in California every year.

Every county in the state was analyzed for its school drop-out rate and violent crimes. Los Angeles County was found to have the most significant relationship between graduation rate and illegal activity, most likely because of the geographic size, according to Brian Lee, the lead author of the study.

In Los Angeles County, the report found that approximately 214 homicides and more than 7,200 aggravated assaults could be prevented if the graduation rate overall increased by 10 percentage points.

While the drop-out rate in the state is considered high, graduating from high school on time seems to be less of an issue in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, where in 2005-06, the one-year drop-out rate in grades 9-12 was 0.3 percent.

The findings by the Oakland-based organization didn't come as a surprise to Oscar de la Torre, vice president of the Board of Education, though he argued that not having a high school diploma isn't a ticket to jail.

"The likelihood is higher, but there are other factors too," said de la Torre, who works with at-risk youth and

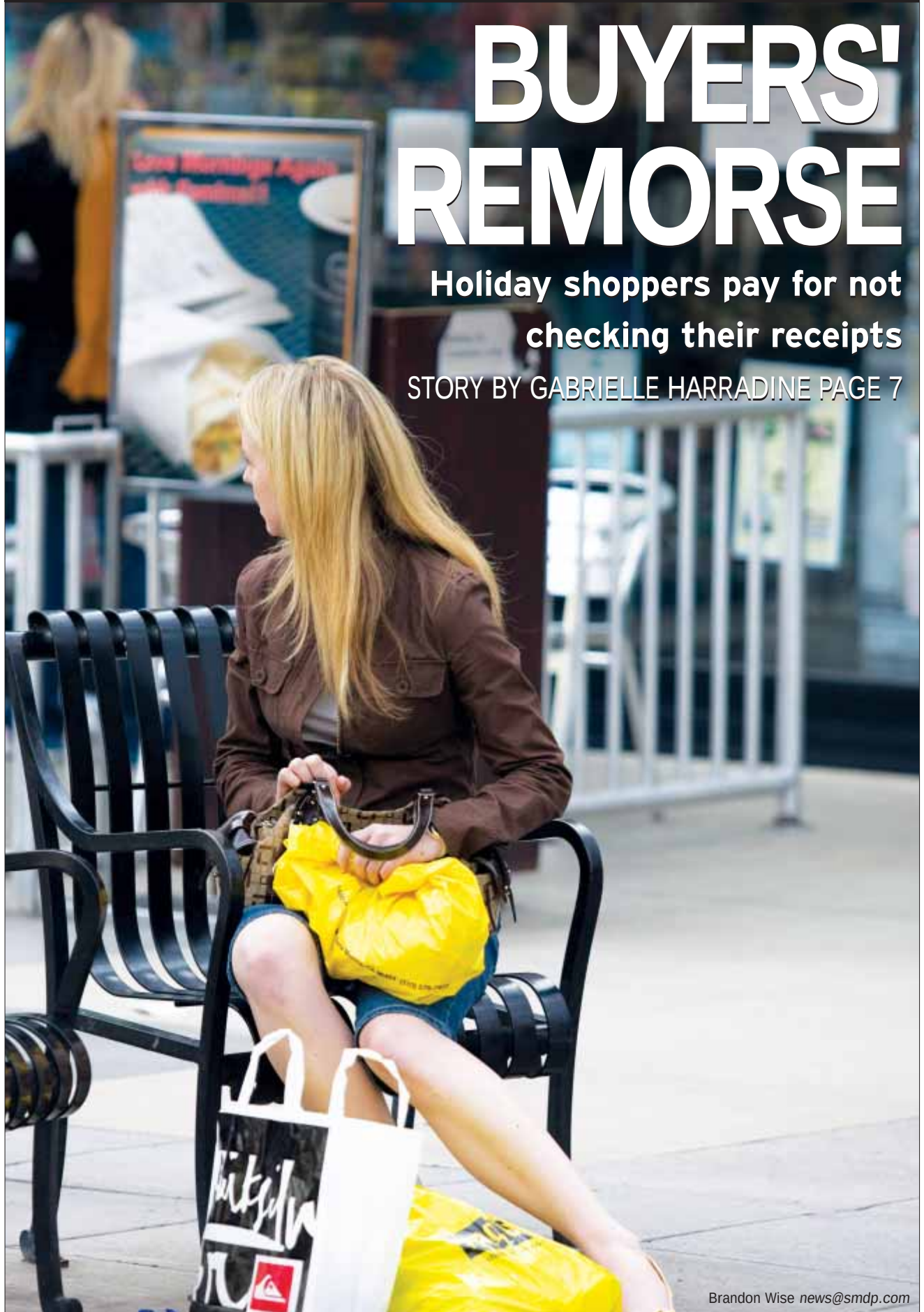
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601 Pico Blvd., 8 p.m.

Santa Monica High School will perform a new adaptation of Alcott's classic novel about a family of women in the Civil War-era in New England. Tickets are \$10 for students and seniors; \$15 for adults.

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Abbot Kinney Holiday Tree Walk

1616 Abbot Kinney Blvd., 6 p.m. — 10 p.m.

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Saturday, Dec. 15, 2007

Santa Monica Downtown Walking Tour

1436 Second St., 10 a.m. — 12 p.m.

In two hours and six blocks, this docent-guided tour explores more than 130 years of Santa Monica history from its wild west frontier beginnings to the metropolis of today. Starting from the 1875 Rapp Saloon, the route includes many landmarks and concludes at the 2003 NRDC building.

Abbot Kinney Holiday Tree Walk

1616 Abbot Kinney Blvd., 6 p.m. — 10 p.m.

Capri Restaurant is sponsoring a walk that includes some of the coolest shops in this quirky shopping district. Each participating business will invite the public in for holiday cheer and to view their beautifully decorated trees.

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.



CORRECTION

The picture depicting ficus trees ("Carved into history," Dec. 12, page 12) should have identified the intersection as Fifth Street and Arizona Avenue. The ficus trees in question, part of the city's \$8.2 million streetscape beautification project, are found on Second and Fourth streets.

Doing their fair share

City officials tout benefits of screen storm drain covers

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

LOS ANGELES Looking to promote their efforts to keep the region's waterways free of debris, city officials here on Thursday touted the installation of more than 20,000 mesh-screen storm drain covers that have already kept 1,537 tons of trash from reaching the Santa Monica Bay.

The 14,300 catch basin screen covers and 7,400 catch basin inserts that have been placed in high trash generating areas represent the first major project to be completed under Proposition O, a \$500 million bond measure approved by 76 percent of Los Angeles voters in November 2004, city officials said.

Prop. O money is used to fund projects that protect public health, capture stormwater for reuse and meet Federal Clean Water Act guidelines through the removal and prevention of pollutants entering regional waterways.

"The message that we are trying to get out to residents of Santa Monica is that the city of Los Angeles is doing our part to keep the ocean and beaches clean," said Cynthia Ruiz, president of the board of public works for Los Angeles.

"In addition to the catch basin inserts, we have also launched an anti-litter campaign because we want L.A. residents to realize that when they throw trash in the street it does go into the ocean," Ruiz added. "It takes all of us working together to clean up our waterways."

The city of Los Angeles has been collaborating with the city of Santa Monica on projects to reduce the amount of trash and bacteria found in the Santa Monica Bay, Ballona Creek and other waterways. Both cities are required to significantly reduce the amount of stormwater reaching the bay during both dry and wet weather months or face penalties enforced by the California State Water Resources Control Board, which has set benchmarks that must be reached over the next 10 years.

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HOT WHEELS: A lone, burned-out in the parking lot of the Malibu Presbyterian Church was testament to the destruction caused by recent Malibu wildfires. Arrest warrants have been issued for five men accused of causing a Malibu fire that destroyed more than 50 homes.

Arrests to be made

Five men are being sought for recent wildfire in Malibu

BY THOMAS WATKINS

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES Arrest warrants have been issued for five men accused of causing a Malibu fire that destroyed more than 50 homes and caused over \$100 million in losses, authorities said Thursday.

Investigators used surveillance video, receipts and food wrappers to track down the men who were believed to have been at the cave where the fire started, Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca said.

"As adults, we have always taught our children to be aware of the perils of fire," Baca said. "In this case, adults and fire and carelessness ... are things that led to this crime."

Baca identified the men as Brian Allen Anderson, 22; William Thomas Coppock, 23; Brian David Franks, 27; Eric Matthew Ullman, 18; and 19-year-old Dean Allen Lavorante. Three were in custody Thursday evening, Los Angeles County sheriff's spokesman Steve Whitmore said, with the other two arrests imminent.

Sheriff's Department spokesman Steve Whitmore said he did not know if any of the five men had lawyers.

Baca said the men, all from the Los Angeles area, were suspected of recklessly causing a fire with bodily injury, causing fire to an inhabited structure and arson during an emergency.

Baca said each charged carried two to four years of prison time upon conviction.

Whitmore said earlier Thursday that investigators found several pieces of evidence that indicated revelers had triggered the blaze by setting a campfire at a popular party spot by a cave in Corral Canyon, which abuts Malibu Creek State Park.

County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky said campfires in the area were prohibited.

"It is illegal to set fires in the cave above Corral Canyon under any circumstances. Whether there's a Santa Ana wind condition or not, it's illegal," said Yaroslavsky.

A review of security tape from a nearby store's camera and other detective work that took investigators as far away as Shasta County, on the Oregon line, led to the suspects being identified, Whitmore said.

Arson detective, Irma Gonzales, said a group of 12 people had been partying at the cave. She did not comment on how the blaze spread from the campfire, but said the group did not try to fight it, nor did they try to warn residents as they fled from the flames.

"They just drove off," Gonzales said.

The wildfire destroyed 53 homes, 33 outbuildings, one mobile home and 37 vehicles. Another 34 homes and 11 outbuildings were damaged. No one was seriously injured.



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Editor:

Let me see if I understand this correctly. According to Cecilia Rosenthal (“Reader wrong to down Lowe,” letters, Dec. 7), we get to learn of the “shenanigans” going on in Washington because of the rantings of Ron Lowe? The only thing I see is a very angry man who seems to look for things to be offended by on a daily basis. We hardly need for him to be given his own column, as his letters are posted on a weekly basis. I, for one, am surprised and happy to see that SMDP actually posted a letter in opposition to the prevailing opinion. Ms. Rosenthal, if you truly want the paper to remain a “voice of the people,” you should be glad that they posted Mr. Cooper’s letter. I’m sure you don’t want your own opinions regurgitated back to you every day, do you? Hearing the other side occasionally might prove salutary and yield a host of fresh insights.

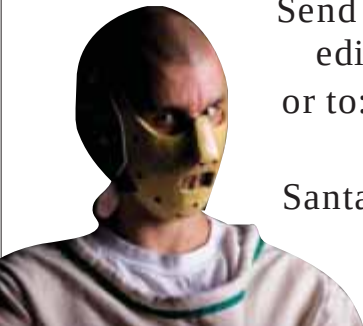
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Don’t be rude, learn the language
Editor:

I agree with Daniel Gilbert’s position that “English should be made the official language of the United States. English should be a requirement for citizenship and a requirement in any job where two spoken languages would be a safety or customer service problem.” While English has been approved as the official language of California, one would never know it as one travels throughout the state. For me, to be caught in the crossfire of two employees who communicate in their native language, is offensive and extremely insulting. Furthermore, since they chose to communicate in a language which they may believe I may not understand, I might then assume that what they are speaking about is secretive, and not for my ears. How insulting is that? People come to this great country from many foreign lands, and learning to speak English is a form of respect and a sign of assimilation. If they do not want to assimilate, then, why come here in the first place? English as the official language acts as a unifier of peoples who have come to take part in this wondrous nation of ours, and it provides the best way for all of us to communicate with one another. My ancestors came from other countries, and they showed their respect and gratitude by learning English. Lastly, speaking in a foreign language amongst themselves may provide cover for those planning actions not favorable to this country.

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Huck & Willard show religion gone too far

THIS SUNDAY, THERE’S A HOLIDAY art show and recital at the Cornerstone Music Conservatory, but first I have to vent about the recent YouTube Republican debate. A questioner, who looked like David Koresh, shook a Bible at the camera, “Do you believe in every word of this book?” The candidates practically arm-wrestled each other to prove who was the more devout Christian. When the debate escalated into whether Jonah lived in the body of the whale, I began to wonder if this was 2007 or 1607. (And where exactly in the whale would Jonah have lived?) Please don’t get me wrong. If religion comforts someone or makes them a better person, that’s wonderful. But what’s religion doing in a political debate? I thought we already had the Scopes trial ... in 1925! The consensus winner that night was Baptist minister Mike Huckabee, who doesn’t believe in evolution and whose name sounds like a Jonathan Winters character. Naturally, Huckabee is popular with evangelicals, some of whom say dinosaur bones are just Satan’s trick. (Heaven help us.) To listen to Huckabee, you’d think he’s chosen Jesus as his running mate. Coming in second was Mitt Romney, a Mormon, whose real name is Willard. (Another Jonathan Winters character?) What’s with Republican names? Scooter, Buzzy, Cookie, Newt and Mitt. (As a kid, I owned a mitt, but I never knew anyone named Mitt.) Cookie Krongard is the Inspector General investigating Iraq war profiteering. The only problem is brother Buzzy is on the board of Blackwater. Before Congress, Cookie vehemently denied it and acted insulted. But during the lunch break, he evidently called Buzzy and, when testimony resumed, Cookie sheepishly admitted his brother is on Blackwater’s board. Oops. Back to religion, evidently some Christians consider Mormonism a cult. (Maybe it’s the magic underpants?) In this Sunday’s NY Times op-ed, Huckabee writes that he wonders if Mormons don’t believe Jesus and the devil are brothers. Ouch. (C’mon, Huckabee went to divinity school and doesn’t know?) To answer his critics, Willard gave a big speech saying that he’s as Christian as the next guy. (Being Jewish, I confess I felt a little left out.) Willard was also pretty rough on atheists. He doesn’t think they should hold high office. Sure enough, in the history of Congress since 1793, there’s only been one atheist, Pete Stark, a Democrat from California’s 13th District. (God bless ya, Pete.) To me, the truly sad commentary is, in 1968 when George Romney, Willard’s dad, ran for the presidency, his religion was hardly mentioned. If Willard becomes president, I don’t think there’ll be a Muslim in his cabinet either. Of course, Mormons are only 2 percent of the country, whereas atheists are 7 percent. (Under the age of 30, it’s 25 percent.) With religious wars all over the world,

it’s like everyone is saying, “My God is real and if you don’t agree you’re going to burn in hell. But have a nice day.” What happened to tolerance? My friend Jane Broida Drake, in her book “Of Promises and Previews,” says tolerance hasn’t worked and only an enlarged understanding of God will, which I’m afraid is over my head. I know this, all of the following men were pious and look what happened: Mark Foley (House page scandal), Sen. Larry Craig (wide stance in the men’s room), Sen. David Vitter (prostitutes) and Reverends Ted Haggard (drugs from a male prostitute) and Pat Robertson (let’s assassinate Hugo Chavez). Perhaps religious views ought to once again be private, personal and respected, and not a litmus test of who would be the most competent president? If the last seven years taught us anything, it should have taught us that. (And that we don’t torture, or if we do, we just destroy the tapes, a lesson Nixon could have benefited from.)

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CHARACTER.

Now that I’m probably in hot water, let’s switch back to the big holiday event this Sunday at the Cornerstone Music Conservatory at 1237 Fourth St. (between Arizona and Wilshire.) The art show will run from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and will feature the work of the renowned, professional Emeritus artists. The artists, many in their 80s, have been getting rave reviews at venues around town, including the Miramar Hotel. (I’m not in my 80s and I’m getting so-so reviews.) Following the art, Cornerstone will host two student/faculty recitals, one at 2 p.m. and one at 4 p.m. and will include their annual “Nutcracker Sweet” (sic) featuring the new Westside Community Youth Orchestra. Cornerstone will be moving soon to the Fields Piano building on Pico and Bundy, so Sunday’s show will be a wonderful opportunity to enjoy art, music and holiday cheer. And, hopefully, no debate about politics or religion.

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Your column here
 Martin Rubin
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What's really up with the airport?

A BUZZ IS GOING AROUND AMONG aviation enthusiasts, as well as residents who feel they have had to endure much more than their share of aviation impacts. The city of Santa Monica has made a move in the right direction by unanimously passing the first reading of an ordinance that limits what size and speed aircraft can be used at its airport. The city's arguments are clear and valid to all who read them — all but the FAA and affected users of the airport.

Santa Monica Airport (SMO) has changed so much since the short-sighted agreement in 1984 that the city and the FAA contracted into. Jet operations have increased twenty-fold. The Big Brother Orwellian images brought to mind by the date 1984 are very appropriate today, as the FAA flexes its muscle with threats of challenging this proposed ordinance on behalf of some airport users.

Although the 1984 Santa Monica Airport Agreement was designed to address the concerns of the surrounding communities regarding noise, jets account for 90 percent of the measured noise violations. The agreement was a raw deal dealt to the community, but quite a sweet deal for the jet operators. Disregard to the air quality changes that 20,000 jet operations a year would have was like rubbing salt into that raw wound. The question that concerns many who are negatively impacted by present-day airport operations is: How well will this new ordinance really address all community-related safety concerns at and near SMO?

Let us assume the ordinance is adopted and goes unchallenged. We will be left with at least 10,000 annual jet operations. These smaller, slower jets are not necessarily less noisy or less air-polluting than the other 10,000 which could no longer use SMO, and so we should not think air and noise pollution will be cut by 50 percent or more. A 1999 risk assessment by Bill Piazza from the Los Angeles Unified School District Office of Environmental Health and Safety concluded that 10,000 annual jet operations significantly increased the cancer risks to the communities east, south and north of the airport. Feeling good about reducing jet operations from 20,000 to 10,000, and believing that it will be an adequate solution to jet air pollution, would be like bragging about cutting back on smoking cigarettes from four packs

to just two packs a day. For years, impacted residents have been suffering from these jet emissions. They are real and they occur on a daily basis. Some families are so concerned for the safety of their children that they move away. In recent European studies, noise pollution has also been shown to adversely affect human health. It is crucial that air and noise pollution are also considered when determining airport safety. The definition of safety, according to the Microsoft Encarta Reference Library is, "freedom from danger: Protection from or non-exposure to the risk of harm or injury".

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The ordinance the city passed is long overdue and was greatly influenced by community pressure. Therefore, it is important for everyone, especially those concerned about their family's health and safety, including their pets, to speak out every chance they can.

It is time for the city to aggressively address the pollution problem that has cast an ominous shadow over Santa Monica's environmentally-friendly reputation.

MARTIN RUBIN is a resident of Mar Vista and director of Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution.



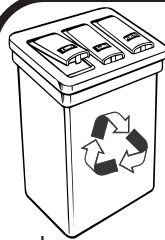
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SATURDAY, DEC. 8, AT 6:20 P.M.

Santa Monica police officers responded to the 2900 block of Main Street — Planet Blue — regarding three shoplifting suspects in custody. When officers arrived, they made contact with store employees who said three women walked into the store and placed several items into their purses and then left without paying for the items. Employees detained the suspects outside the store and called police for assistance. Officers said that one of the suspects said she stole the items because she had no money and felt pressure to get family members in Canada Christmas gifts. Officers placed the three women under arrest for commercial burglary. The suspects had more than \$900 worth of items in their possession. The suspects were identified as Teryn Powell, 18; Caroline Nunn, 45; and Joan Noonan, 18; all from Venice. Bail was set at \$20,000 for each.

TUESDAY, DEC. 4, AT 6:45 A.M.

Officers responded to the 1200 block of Idaho regarding a report of an armed robbery that had just occurred. When officers arrived, they made contact with the victim, who said he was getting ready to put his briefcase into his car when the suspect approached him from behind with a gun and demanded money and the victim's car keys. The victim handed over \$47 and the keys to his car and the suspect fled. The victim called police from his cell phone and gave officers a detailed description of the suspect, who was quickly detained in the 900 block of 14th Street. The victim positively identified the suspect, who was arrested for armed robbery. No gun was found, however, police did recover the victim's car keys and his cash. The suspect was identified as Connor Tripp, 23, from Culver City. No bail was set because the suspect was on probation, police said.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 5, AT 1 A.M.

Officers on routine patrol near the corner of Longfellow and Ozone streets observed a suspect walking between parked cars armed with a flashlight. Officers said the suspect was using the flashlight to look into the cars. Officers tried to make contact with the suspect, who fled on a bike into Venice. Officers set up a perimeter and using canines were able to locate the suspect hiding underneath a parked car in the 700 block of Mochado. At the time of the arrest, police said the suspect was wearing latex gloves and had a flashlight in his pocket along with a tool kit, pocket knife, Allen wrench and was wearing dark clothing. At the time of the arrest, it was unclear if the suspect broke into any cars, but he was arrested for suspicion of burglary and possession of burglary tools. The suspect was identified as David Harris, 46, a transient. No bail was set as he was on probation and had several outstanding warrants, police said.

SUNDAY, DEC. 2, AT 10:30 P.M.

Officers responded to the 2600 block of Ocean Park Boulevard regarding a strong arm robbery that just occurred. When officers arrived, they made contact with the victim, who said she had given a male acquaintance \$20 to buy some tequila. When he returned, he only had \$2 in change and a bottle of tequila that was half empty. An argument ensued and the suspect bit the victim's finger before making off with her necklace, police said. The suspect was later arrested and charged with armed robbery for taking the necklace. He was identified as Alvaro Vasquez, 37, a transient. His bail was set at \$50,000.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 5, AT 10 P.M.

Undercover officers with the narcotics and vice unit were on routine patrol in the area of Lincoln Boulevard and Pacific Street when they noticed a woman walking along the street trying to flag down people driving by. Officers suspected she was a prostitute and made contact with her. Officers said the suspect offered to have sex with the undercover officer in exchange for money. She was arrested for prostitution. The suspect was identified as Trycia Wilson, 21, from San Bernardino. Her bail was set at \$2,000.

THURSDAY, DEC. 6, AT 10 A.M.

Officers with Santa Monica College and the SMPD responded to the college parking structure on Pico Boulevard at 16th Street after receiving a call about someone brandishing firearms. When officers arrived, they surrounded a car that was occupied by at least two individuals. Officers searched the car and found two replica handguns. Police said there had been robberies in the area recently, so they arrested the occupants on suspicion of robbery. The suspects were identified as Jeffrey Friday, 18, and Dustin Davis, 18; both from Los Angeles. Bail was set at \$50,000 for each.

THURSDAY, DEC. 6, AT 1:05 P.M.

Officers responded to the corner of 10th Street and Idaho Avenue after receiving a call from witnesses who said they saw suspects force their way into a parked car and remove a bag and then leave in a white pick-up truck with a black camper shell. Armed with a description of the vehicle, officers were able to locate the suspects at the corner of 17th Street and Santa Monica Boulevard. Officers recovered a car stereo as well as a bag.

The suspects were arrested for auto burglary. They were identified as Alberto Solano, 22; Ceijas Garcia, 24; and Gonzalo Alvarez, 20; all from Los Angeles. Bail was set at \$20,000 for Solano and Garcia. Bail for Alvarez was set at \$23,290 because of outstanding warrants, police said.

Staff Writer **KEVIN HERRERA** compiled these reports.

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Checkin' twice a good practice

Holiday shoppers urged to be mindful of receipt totals

BY GABRIELLE HARRADINE

Special to the Daily Press

THIRD STREET PROMENADE Heading into the third week of December, it may be that the Santa in you has led to a pile of receipts.

Have you checked them?

The County of Los Angeles Weights and Measures (LAWM) recently conducted inspections of retail purchases, which revealed that overcharging errors do occur and often involve items with special promotional offers, "sales" and mark-downs. This usually occurs because the new price information has not been updated in the scanner system.

Accidental overcharging could be even more likely to happen during the busy holiday season, considering the fact that many retailers have hired new employees just for the year-end push. Those new workers may not have been given sufficient training, may lack experience and have less at stake if they make a mistake. Another issue that might play a role in errors at the register is the stress of the long check-out lines on employees.

Also, shoppers themselves may feel too stressed or too busy to check their receipts.

At Barnes & Noble on the Third Street Promenade, the bookstore's staff tries to avoid some of these issues by hiring their holiday workers in August, said John Schatzel, Community Relations Manager of the promenade store.

"By the time the rush hits, they are knowledgeable booksellers," said Schatzel. "(If an overcharge does occur,) we fix it immediately. We always make sure the customer gets taken care of first."

On Thursday, shoppers on Third Street appeared to vary in their purchasing habits.

"I don't buy that much, but I always check what I buy," said Tilahun Nigussie, a Mid-Wilshire resident doing some Christmas shopping downtown on Tuesday. "So far, so good!"

Danijela Pavlic, visiting from San Francisco, but originally from Croatia, said she never checks her receipts, although admits she probably should.

"I'm not really a huge shopper myself, but I'm going back to Croatia, so I'm buying gifts for family," she said.

Visiting from Orange County and shopping with her daughter, Linda Lineback



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HIGH PRICE TO PAY: Consumers are urged to check their receipts this shopping season, as new employees, long lines and fatigue can lead to register error during the holidays.

asserted that she always pays attention.

"I follow it as they're punching it in," said Lineback, adding that hasn't been overcharged this season. "I think it's because everyone is being careful."

**I DON'T BUY
THAT MUCH,
BUT I ALWAYS CHECK
WHAT I BUY. SO FAR, SO
GOOD!"**

Tilahun Nigussie
Shopper

A couple coming out of the skate and snowboard store Active turned out to have different receipt practices. Romana Lilic checks hers, while her boyfriend, Mariano Arias, doesn't.

Officials at LAWM suggest shoppers check their store receipts and encourage consumers to monitor prices at the register. If any errors occur, you should report them to the manager or customer service desk before leaving the store.

Those who realize they have been overcharged after the fact can contact the Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures at (800) 655-2900 or submit a complaint online at <http://acwm.co.la.ca.us/scripts/scanform.cfm>.

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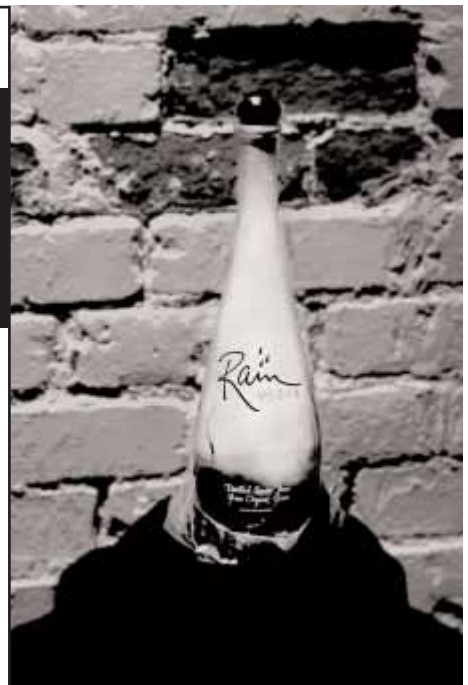
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LEARNING THE HARD WAY: A new report found that if the graduation rate increased by 10 percent, violent crimes would drop by 20 percent, preventing 500 murders and 20,000 aggravated assaults in California each year. An estimated one in three high school students in California does not graduate on time.

Detecting crime early

FROM CRIME PAGE 1

some high school dropouts as the executive director of the Pico Youth & Family Center. "There is poverty, there is race, there are drugs and a lot of other factors that lead to criminality that are much stronger."

The report suggests that if more money is spent toward improving preschools and implementing the small learning communities, it would not only decrease the crime rate, but would also result in long-term savings to taxpayers.

"Every dollar invested in these programs reach big dividends to taxpayers," Lee said. "There's less crimes, people earn more and they're less likely to collect welfare."

The non-profit organization sent a letter to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger urging state officials take action to reform the education system in California. The letter

is signed by more than 200 law enforcement officials, district attorneys and victims of violent crimes. Among the signatories is Santa Monica Police Chief Tim Jackman.

The police department works closely with the public schools in Santa Monica to keep the city's youth on the right path, from the school resource officers to the Police Activities League's afterschool programs and the Explorer Program, through which students can attend the police academy, according to Lt. Alex Padilla.

"If kids aren't in school where they're supposed to be and getting educated and learning about life, then they're left to fend for themselves in the streets, and more often than not, they will participate in some illegal criminal activity," Padilla said. "They're left to the pickings of gangs, drugs and other activity."

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- ☐ ARB 07-427, 3000 Olympic Boulevard: Commercial
- ☐ ARB 07-436, 2700 Pennsylvania Avenue: Commercial
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- ☐ ARB 07-450, 2728 Main Street: Commercial
- ☐ ARB 07-451, 1865 Lincoln Boulevard: Commercial
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Cities working on runoff issue

FROM STORMWATER PAGE 3

As of last July, stormwater should not flow directly from storm drains into the sea during dry weather months. Santa Monica is close to realizing that goal but more work needs to be done to handle flows at the Pico-Kenter storm drain and the drain near the Santa Monica Pier, said Craig Perkins, director of environmental and public works management for City Hall and a member of Los Angeles' Prop. O citizens committee.

THE MESSAGE THAT WE ARE TRYING TO GET OUT TO RESIDENTS OF SANTA MONICA IS THAT THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES IS DOING OUR PART TO KEEP THE OCEAN AND BEACHES CLEAN."

Cynthia Ruiz, President of the board of public works for Los Angeles

Other requirements include reducing bacteria levels by 10 percent by 2009 during wet weather and removing all litter from the Ballona Creek by 2015.

"When you look at those requirements and what still needs to be done and you can understand why city staff and other people get nervous," Perkins said. "But we are working hard to meet those goals."

Los Angeles and Santa Monica worked together on Santa Monica's Urban Runoff Recycling Facility, also known as SMURFF, which treats an average of 500,000 gallons of water per day. The treatment processes include coarse and fine screening to remove trash and debris, and dissolved air flotation to remove oil and grease. The goal of SMURFF is to keep pollutants out of the Santa Monica Bay altogether.

Perkins said the two cities will collabo-

rate on a stormwater collection system to be built near the Penmar Golf Course in Venice and Marine Park in Santa Monica that will catch runoff from that area and the Santa Monica Airport.

That project will be funded by Measure V, Santa Monica's version of Prop. O that was narrowly approved by voters in November 2006. The measure is expected to generate \$2.4 million a year for 10 years, Perkins said. The measure will also help the city in finding other revenue sources such as state and federal grants that could push the total to \$50 million over the next decade.

The City Council in September approved a concept plan for the first phase of stormwater projects totaling \$25 million.

The projects include the watershed retention system at Penmar and Marine Park that would capture runoff from approximately 600 acres within Santa Monica; constructing curb drains, parkway swales and retention areas and permeable concrete for one block on Bicknell Street; creating more open space along Ocean Park Boulevard with permeable paved areas; and greening parking lots along the beach that can be used for recreation during times when there is not much demand for parking.

The council also instructed city staff to send out applications for a citizens oversight committee. Members who apply will be selected by the council.

City staff has been working on putting together a follow-up report to the council that will establish the committee and formerly ask elected officials to appropriate funds for the first phase of projects so that staff can begin design work and feasibility studies.

City staff is also working on a way to pass along some of the cost for the projects to renters. Perkins estimates the average renter will pay an extra \$24 a year to pay for the projects. Homeowners can expect to pay \$84 a year.

Perkins said plans are to go before the council by the end of January.

"Thank goodness the voters of Santa Monica, in their wisdom, voted in favor of Measure V," Perkins said. "That is money that is desperately needed to make progress on the stormwater contamination front."

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Rocking for the homeless

REO Speedwagon headlines benefit for the homeless

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

MALIBU The homeless population of Los Angeles County is feeling the love from Hollywood.

Some of the Midnight Mission's biggest celebrity ambassadors will lend their talents tonight for a benefit concert raising funds for one of the oldest homeless shelters in the county. The charity event – "From Malibu with Love II" – will be co-hosted by actor Dick Van Dyke and NBC Los Angeles weatherman Fritz Coleman, both of whom are long-

time supporters of the Midnight Mission, and will feature performances by blues musician John Mayall and REO Speedwagon.

"California is a paradise, but along with paradise comes the ability to grow this huge homeless population out here because of our relatively mild weather, and it just makes the problem worse," Coleman said on Wednesday. "You can't help but be affected by the juxtaposition of the great wealth out here against this rising homeless population."

The event is a follow-up to the shelter's successful inaugural charity benefit and concert held in March at the Malibu Performing Arts Center. Hosted by Bon Jovi lead guitarist Richie Sambora, the "From Malibu with Love" event sold out with 500 people, raising more than \$80,000. Both benefits were

conceived and organized by Norm Harris, a shelter volunteer and guitar shop owner who was able to use his business connections to book the talent for the event. Van Dyke, who served as the chairman of the Midnight Mission's capital campaign, and Coleman, a long-time supporter of the mission and the Downtown Los Angeles community, were enlisted to host because of their involvement with the Skid Row shelter.

REO Speedwagon's lead guitarist Dave Amato performed in the first benefit concert in March, asked by his good friend Sambora.

Amato will perform alongside bandmates Kevin Cronin, lead vocalist, and drummer Bryan Hitt.

"There's a lot of homeless people that need our help," Amato said on Wednesday. "We should do more benefits for sure. It's a big problem, we need to try to help as best we can."

Founder Tom Liddecoat, who was nicknamed "father of the poor," opened the Midnight Mission to Skid Row's homeless population in 1914. Operating on a budget close to \$6 million a year, the shelter offers services ranging from housing for 250 formerly homeless men working on substance abuse issues, to free meals, showers, clothing and medical and legal referrals, to affordable housing for families in transition. Last month alone, the shelter served more than 70,000 meals.

Approximately 20 percent of the people that take advantage of the shelter's services come from other parts of the

county, including Santa Monica.

The shelter has seen demand for its services increase by about 30 percent in the past two years, according to Orlando Ward, the director of public affairs at the Midnight Mission, who attributes the reasons to the lack of affordable housing in the region and the lack of treatment centers. Ward has noted seeing more young people come through the shelter.

"We see people in their prime years of earning and raising a family that due to large systematic issues can't get it done," Ward said. "Some quite frankly is because of substance abuse, a lack of education to compete in this market."

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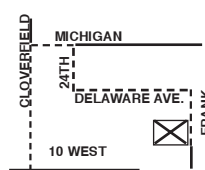
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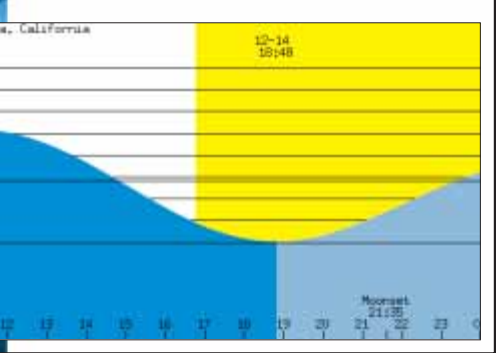
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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth (Jacarilla)	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachasa and Las Aliso creeks	A+	ns
Escalante Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+
Escalante Creek, just east of Escalante State Beach	A+	ns
Lariga Canyon Creek mouth	A	A+
Selkirk Canyon at San Blas County Beach	A+	ns
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	A	ns
Surfside Beach at Malibu Colony Inlet	A+	A+
Surfside Beach (beach location)- daily	A	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A	A
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zone)	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 18948 PCH stairs	F	A+
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Tuna Canyon	A	A+
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Castroville Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	F
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Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	A+

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A - F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
ns -- no sample taken



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NEW DVD RELEASES

BY RANDY WILLIAMS



Photo courtesy FOX

JUST CHILLIN':

Homer and the rest of the Simpsons finally made it to the silver screen.

'The Simpsons Movie'

Yes, TV's long-running twisted animated family gets the silver screen treatment here with its creators continuing to deliver rich visual humor and biting wit. After Homer accidentally pollutes the town's water supply, Springfield is encased in a gigantic dome by the EPA and Simpson family members are all declared fugitives. (Fox)

'Braveheart' – Special Collector's Edition 2 Disc Set

Winner of five Academy Awards including Best Picture, Mel Gibson directs himself as William Wallace the charismatic thirteenth century Scotsman rallying his countrymen to be liberated from English occupation. Details abound in the added features about the superb cinematography, production design, and execution of the massive battle scenes. Special features include: The Making of Braveheart; Tales of William Wallace; archival cast interviews; and commentary by Oscar-winning director Gibson. (Paramount)

'Hudson Hawk' – Special Edition

Bruce Willis is the featured player as renowned cat burglar Eddie "The Hawk" Hawkins. Released after 10 years in the joint, his intentions to go straight are thwarted when the mob and the CIA conspire to blackmail the Hawk and his partner (Danny Aiello) to steal an art masterpiece from a well-secured famous museum. All-new bonus materials include: a trivia track, director's commentary, deleted scenes, and separate features with Willis and co-star Sandra Bernhard. (Sony)

'Waitress'

If only life were as easy as pie. Kerri Russell stars in this feel-good film as a pregnant, unhappily married waitress in the Deep South. She bakes a plan to transform her life. Russell shines in this tale about the power of friendship, motherhood, and second chances. Bonus materials include: A making-of feature and a tribute to late writer-director Adrienne Shelly. (Fox)

'Yankeeography'

The most storied franchise in baseball history is given its appropriate status with a 12-disc, 34-episode multi-E Emmy-winning profile of all the great teams and players down through the decades. From Babe Ruth to Mickey Mantle and Derek Jeter, over two dozen of the best players to ever wear the pinstripes are given in-depth coverage. The 40 hours of materials are enhanced by 10 hours of extra features including rare interviews and game footage. (A&E)

'Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea' – Season 3 Vol. II

Richard Basehart and David Hedison star as the officers running the futuristic submarine called the Seaview. In exploring the mysteries of the oceans, they seemingly face the wrath of Neptune with formidable enemies of every dimension emerging to provide them with more problems than answers. Many of the props from this Irwin Allen sci-fi classic were also used in such series as "Lost in Space," "Land of the Giants," and "Batman." (Fox)

'Treasury of 100 Storybook Classics'

A treasure trove of popular children's stories are faithfully adapted and brought to life in this comprehensive 16-DVD collection. Tales involving typing cows, cycling monkeys, a snowy day, and a happy lion are just a few selections from this presentation that has won over 50 awards from parental and educational associations. The entertaining set is enhanced by celebrity narrators including Forest Whitaker, Sarah Jessica Parker, and James Earl Jones. (Scholastic)

'Frasier' – The Tenth Season

Still going strong since first seen on "Cheers," Kelsey Grammer leads the laughs in the title role as a psychiatrist with a popular radio show. The merriment on "Frasier" rolls on through 24 episodes on four discs as it reaches double-digit seasons. Storylines include Niles and Daphne eloping, Frasier installing his dad as a puppet president on their condo board, backfiring Halloween pranks, Roz threatening to quit as Frasier's producer, and dealing with Nile's open-heart surgery. (Paramount)

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ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

Tori Amos dials up Nokia

Wikipedia describes her as “eccentric,” “highly idiosyncratic” and a “cult” singer, but you probably already knew that. Amos will play her latest musical incantation at the Nokia Theatre this Sunday, Dec. 16. The event follows her most recent release “American Doll Posse,” which debuted last May. Doors open at 7 p.m. Show starts at 8:15 p.m. Tickets are \$47 and \$54 and can be purchased at www.ticketmaster.com. For more info go to www.nokiatheatrela.com

GABRIELLE HARRADINE



Feeling Cosby?

Malcolm-Jamal Warner, aka Theo of “The Cosby Show,” is all grown up and getting funky tonight at the Temple Bar. He’ll be playing and speaking tracks from his second album “Miles Long: Love & Other Social Issues”. The CD includes jazz, funk and spoken word. It’s an album with head-bobbin’, siz-zlin’ grooves. Check out the album and listen to tracks at www.cdbaby.com. The night will also include DJ Al Jackson and Shinichi. Temple Bar is located at 1026 Wilshire Blvd in Santa Monica. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. More info at www.templebarlive.com or call (310) 393-6611.

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Love for Herbie

Herbie Hancock, jazz extroinaire, fresh off his Grammy nominations for “Album of the Year” and “Best Contemporary Jazz Album” is coming to UCLA’s Royce Hall with fellow legend, Wayne Shorter. The concert will benefit the International Committee of Artists for Peace. Come check it out Sunday, Dec. 16 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at www.ticketmaster.com. For more info call the box office at (310) 825-2101.

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Studying pays off

Paul Green’s program School of Rock has organized and trained a group of musically inclined kids from Agoura Hills. The results will be yours to see at the Malibu Inn Saturday night. They may be smaller than most rockers, but they’ve got more energy. Malibu Inn is located at 22969 Pacific Coast Hwy. in Malibu. Call (310) 456-6060 for more information.

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Go get sawed in half

“Magic” Michael Gutenplan, promises evenings of magic, mystery and illusion – at his show, that is. The Powerhouse Theatre will host “Extroradinary Deceptions – a Magical Holiday Extravaganza” running Dec. 14 through Dec. 30. The event will include impossible and daring feats, including card tricks, mind reading, a death-defying bullet catch and an audience member being sawed in half. You won’t want to cut out on that. The theatre is located at 3116 Second St. in Santa Monica. Shows run Friday through Sunday, with two performances each Saturday. General tickets are \$25. Oh, and you can save 20 bucks if you buy a family four-pack – it’s \$80, using the promo code “Magic.” For more information go to www.powerhousetheatre.com or call (310) 396-3680, ext. 3.

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Lars and the Real Girl (PG-13)
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The Perfect Holiday (PG)
1:45, 4:25, 7:10, 9:45
Revolver (NR)
1:55, 4:40, 7:30, 10:15
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American Gangster (R)
2:00, 6:00, 9:30
Beowulf: Digital 3D (PG-13)
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Enchanted (PG)
1:05, 2:20, 3:40, 5:00, 6:20, 7:40, 9:05, 10:05
The Golden Compass (PG-13)
1:00, 1:30, 3:35, 4:15, 6:15, 7:00, 9:00, 9:45
Hitman (R)
2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:00
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FOURPLEX
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(310) 394-9741

Before the Devil Knows You're Dead (R)
1:20, 4:10, 7:10, 10:00
I'm Not There (R)
1:10, 4:10, 7:15, 10:15
No Country for Old Men (R)
1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:55
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Bee Movie (PG)
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I Am Legend (PG-13)
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Lions for Lambs (R)
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12:00, 2:30, 4:40
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★★★★★ Dynamic ★★★★★ Positive ★★★ Average ★★ So-So ★ Difficult

Let your hair down, Libra

Happy Birthday!

You have far more impact than you are aware of this year. Sometimes a simple statement encourages others to go off and act. If you are single, you could meet "that person" by simply walking across the street or dropping in on a friend. With as much charm as you exude, pick your sweetie with care. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy a powerful exchange of ideas as well as caring. AQUARIUS loves to brainstorm with you.



Born Today
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Actress Patty Duke (1946)
Actress Lee Remick (1935)

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- ARIES (March 21-April 19)**
★★★★★ Accept another's offer. You often don't get breaks like this. Realize what you want through a brainstorming session where you get out of yourself. Lose the word "no" for the day. Tonight: Where your friends are.
- TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**
★★★★ Take a stand, yet understand that you will have to carry this position or attitude to the finish line. Even though someone might indicate that he or she supports you, it is your cause. A partner might have some useful suggestions. Tonight: Out late.
- GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**
★★★★★ Read between the lines, or certainly brush up on that skill. What might not be obvious or left unsaid could be most significant. Many people are chatterboxes around you, which encourages you to close yourself off. Tonight: Follow the music.
- CANCER (June 21-July 22)**
★★★★ A partner seems to dominate, whether you like it or not. Investigate possibilities but don't sign on the dotted line, if possible. Your laughter helps others relax. We all get a touch heavy at times. Tonight: The only answer is yes.
- LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**
★★★★★ Face facts: Others need time in the limelight too! You might have difficulty relaxing. But you will see many benefits if you do. No one can take away your power. They can just steal the limelight for a while. Tonight: Decide who, what and where.
- VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**
★★★★ Relax while others want to take charge. Give yourself time to clear out an errand or two. You will be a lot happier if you flow with the moment. Verbalize or become conscious of a need. Take action to have this need met. Tonight: Easy does it.
- LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**
★★★★★ You are playful and unusually dynamic. Others respond to your charisma and humor. A discussion with a child or loved one allows a relationship to evolve once more. Fatigue sometimes is boredom. Tonight: Kick up your heels. Let your hair down.
- SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**
★★★ Anchor in, knowing what is possible. Sometimes you could be overwhelmed by what is happening. Discussions involve security, a possible investment and/or real estate. How much emotional energy are you ready to invest? Tonight: Relax at home.
- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**
★★★★★ Your words could set various activities in motion. Realize that what someone else does is not your responsibility. Clear out calls and messages. You might have a lot to get done, and quite quickly at that. Tonight: Hang out. Relax.
- CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**
★★★ Your intuition points you down the correct path financially. No one needs to agree, because you are sure of yourself. If you feel a need to do something or buy a way-out gift, do so. Tonight: Check off what you have done, eyeing what is left.
- AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**
★★★★★ Honor your high energy and act on ideas. Bring friends together. A meeting could be pivotal in accomplishing a goal. Understand the role that others play in this project. Network as well as socialize. Tonight: Wherever the party is.
- PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**
★★★ You might want to try something different or handle a professional matter differently. You might have some information that others do not. Skip explaining; just follow your sixth sense. Be conscious of an authority figure. Tonight: A must appearance.

Janric Classic 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 Bronze (easiest) to Silver to Gold (hardest).

Difficulty
SILVER

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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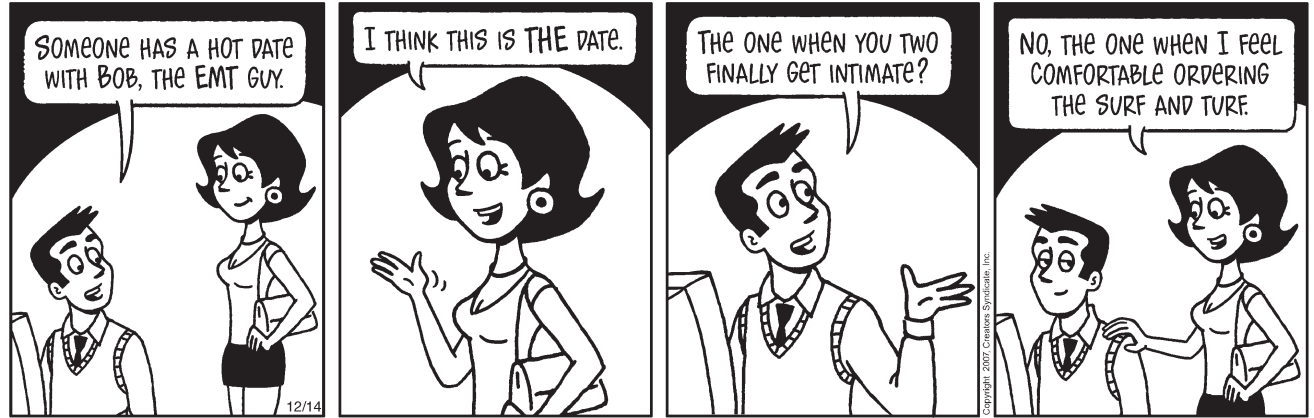
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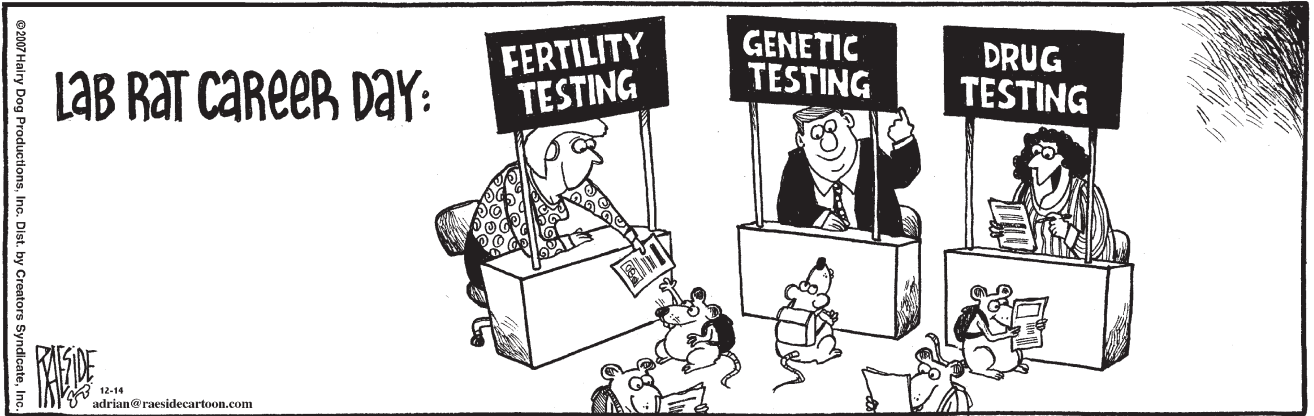
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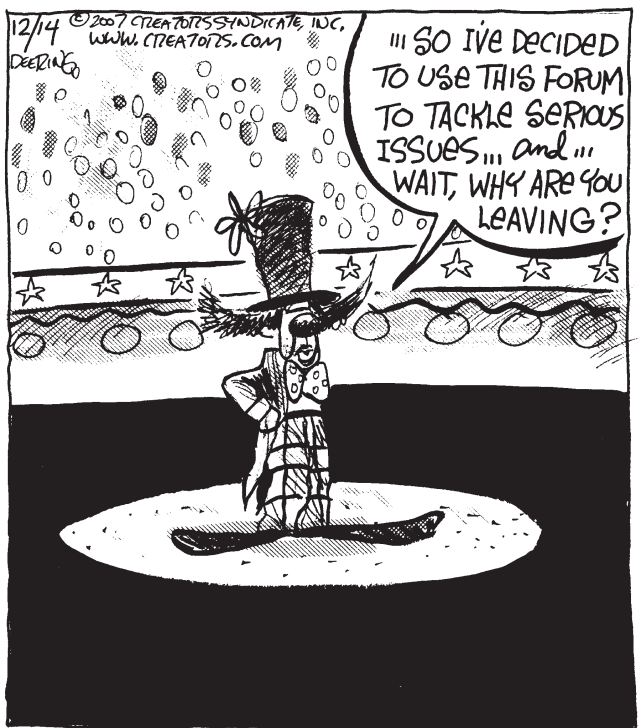


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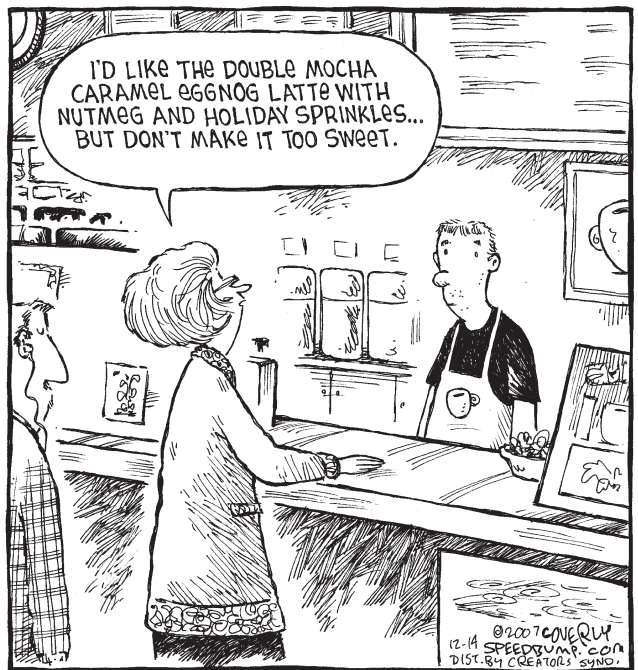
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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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1 Ibuprofen target

5 Boost

9 Quick looks

11 Cheering loudly

13 Saw

14 "Twelfth Night" character

15 "Far out, man"

16 Sparkle

18 Accolade

20 Publicity

21 Derisive look

22 Kitchen nuisance

23 Poet Hughes

24 "D.C. Cab" star

25 Lion player

27 Maze choices

29 Dedicated work

30 August meteor

32 Astronomer Giovanni

34 River of Scotland

35 Visibly shocked

36 Squirrel's treat

38 Cruise ship

39 Concise

40 Casino concern

DOWN

1 Isolated

2 Lebanon symbol

3 Oblivious attitude

4 Heart chart

5 "C'est —!"

6 Crocus cousin

7 First step toward a goal

8 Gift, of a sort

10 Made a smooth transition

12 Puts in order

17 Printer tray abbr.

19 Saloon staple

22 News-paper section

24 Callas and Bello

25 Union chapter

26 Slow movement

27 Signing need

28 Rugged range

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31 Body-shop challenges

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ As an alternative to burial, cremation is no longer green enough, say environmentalists, because it releases smoke and mercury, and thus the industry is considering "promession," in which the body is frozen in liquid nitrogen to minus-320 degrees (F) and then shaken until it disintegrates into powder. For green burials, the United States has at least six cemeteries that require biodegradable casings and for bodies to be free of embalming chemicals. The Forever Fernwood cemetery in Mill Valley, Calif., goes even further, according to an October Los Angeles Times story, banning grave markers, but, said the owner, "We issue the family a Google map with the GPS coordinates" so they can find their loved one.

■ The Wisconsin Supreme Court ruled in October that attorney Michael Inglimo did not violate a state regulation that bars a lawyer from having sex "with a current client": Inglimo had sex with a client's girlfriend during a three-way session, but according to the judges, the regulation bans only direct sex with the client. (However, the court suspended Inglimo's license based on other grounds.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1819 Alabama joined the Union as the 22nd state.

1861 Prince Albert, husband of Queen Victoria, died in London.

1911 Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen and his group became the first men to reach the South Pole, beating out an expedition led by Robert F. Scott.

1939 The Soviet Union was dropped from the League of Nations.

1946 The United Nations General Assembly voted to establish U.N. headquarters in New York.

1962 The U.S. space probe Mariner 2 approached Venus, transmitting information about the planet.

1975 Six South Moluccan extremists surrendered after holding 23 hostages for 12 days on a train near the Dutch town of Beilen.

1981 Israel annexed the Golan Heights, which it had seized from Syria in 1967.

1986 The experimental aircraft Voyager, piloted by Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager, took off from Edwards Air Force Base in California on the first nonstop, non-refueled flight around the world.

1995 Presidents Alija Izetbegovic of Bosnia, Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia and Franjo Tudjman of Croatia signed the Bosnian peace treaty in Paris.

WORD UP!

cacophony \kuh-KAH-fuh-nee\, noun: 1. Harsh or discordant sound; dissonance. 2. The use of harsh or discordant sounds in literary composition.

Confessions of a stalker

I'M A STALKER. AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT will go down. I guess there's no other way to say it. To describe what I did. This is the madly part of being in love.

Sept. 12: I left a rose and a love note signed "T.L." on my ex-boyfriend's parents' doorstep. We'll call him Pedro. I heard nothing from Pedro at this point, didn't expect to — there was a plan here, designed over three months. Oct. 12: a hollowed pumpkin filled with roses and the second love note, signed "T.L." left on the doorstep. I figured by now he must get it, or at least assume. You see, the 12th was an anniversary of sorts; we met on March 12, 2004.

Thus the next. Nov. 12: 312 white daisies, and the third and final note, signed "T.L." — for "True Love." The finale was to be an inundation of roses ... Dec. 1 — one rose. Dec. 2, two roses. Dec. 3, three, and so on. Until Wednesday, Dec. 12, when a driver would pick him up in a horse-drawn carriage, a dozen roses in hand, and deliver him to a candlelit clearing (or park. Whatever, you get the picture) leading to a heart-shaped circle. I'd have been there dressed up in a suit. And I'd say:

Look, I didn't come here to win you back, Pedro. I hope you'll come back to me. But I'm not dumb enough to think anyone can just win you. I just wanted to let you

know what you mean to me. When we were together, when it was good, you made me feel like this world, this big beautiful world was lucky to have me.

The only things worth their weight in gold in this life are the things you have to fight for. And I intend to fight for you, Pedro. Because you're worth fighting for. So fasten your seat belt; you're in for one heck of a life!

"Moonlight Serenade" would play. I'd ask him for this dance. And we'd hold each other and he'd remember.

But none of that happened. The 312 daisies went to his parents' house only to find he doesn't live there anymore. So I went on a crusade. A crusade that turned fanatical. I called information. Did a ZabaSearch online, bought a PeopleFinder report. Anything to get his address. I had to set it up. Find the clearing. Send the roses. I waited outside his work. Tail him, easy as that. He saw my truck. Disaster and two hours of waiting wasted. I tried other ways. Other schemes. I even e-mailed him outright. But nothing. Then, last resort. A Hertz rental car. Another tailing session. But I had to make sure he was still at work. I called, from my work phone. No answer. I called again. Again. And again. And I crossed the line. He called back. I was so stunned I played it off like it wasn't me. I know. Moron. So I called him back.



Odd Man Out

By Mark Marchillo

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Reveal. It's me. He was angry. For calling at work, but more ... for everything. I'd acted creepy trying to get this address, I admitted, and I swore to him I wasn't stalking him. "How are you not?" he said. He was pissed about the flowers, the notes, me sitting in my car outside his work. He felt unsafe and violated the past three months. His family got creeped and the words "restraining order" came out of his mouth. I tried to explain. To defend it all. But there was nothing I could say. He was right.

And I am a fool. Romance isn't dead, it just has a new name — stalking. And I was naïve enough to believe he would see the difference.

If I had a defense it would be that this was more than a romantic gesture. It was a campaign, if you will, to win back the heart of this boy, do something marvelous for him, and show him how I cherish who he is — the only man I've ever really loved. Ironically, it accomplished just the opposite. Whatever possibility for a future is gone now.

Maybe it's a relief. A burden I've been carrying in my chest for over a

year since he left. Where does hope go when it's gone? I was living on that hope. Surviving by it.

My True Love. You were my knight in shining armor. I just wanted to be something to you again. I wanted to feel good about life again, myself again, and make you the happiest; my Favorite. My friend Krista said there would always be that one person you're forever in love with, but could never have. I didn't believe her. Didn't believe in the whole "meant to be" cop-out that everyone falls back on when things stop working. When you believe in fairy tales and God, what's meant to be is supposed to be the dream. The wish your heart makes.

So ... I'm sorry. Even though I meant all of it. I wanted it to be beautiful. Something no one else would ever do for you; go this far, fight this hard for you. Prove to you that in the end, it would always be you and me. Always.

I wanted. So I forgot what you wanted. Worst is, now you'll forget who I was.

This is the explanation of a stalker. For something I can never really explain.

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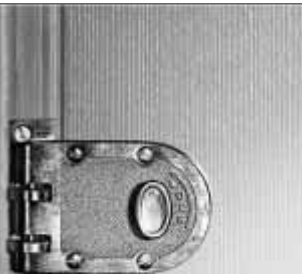
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Petition of PENNY MARIE BISCHOFF for Change of
Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner or Attorney: PENNY MARIE BISCHOFF
filed a petition with this court for a decree of
changing names as follows: PENNY MARIE BIS-
CHOFF to ESTHER MARREV BISHOVITZ. The court
orders that all persons interested in this matter
shall appear before this court at the hearing indi-
cated below to show cause, if any, why the peti-
tion for change of name should not be granted.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: 1/08/08 Time:8:30 am, Dept.B.
The address of the court is 1725 Main St., Santa
Monica, CA 90401.
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be pub-
lished at least once each week for four succes-
sive 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: NOV 20, 2007
JUDGE MARK S. ARNOLD
12/14/07, 12/21/07, 12/28/07, 1/4/07

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is given that on December 26, 2007 at
8:30 a.m. or as soon after that time as the matter
may be heard, petitioner will move for an order
adjudicating the Santa Monica Daily Press as a
newspaper of general circulation for the City of
Santa Monica, County of Los Angeles. The hearing
will be held in Department 20 of the Los Angeles
Superior Court, 111 N. Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA
90012.
The Petition sets forth the following:
1. Petitioner, Ross Furukawa, is publisher of
the newspaper known as Santa Monica Daily
Press, which is seeking adjudicated under Gov-
ernment Code §6008 as a newspaper of general
circulation for the City of Santa Monica.
2. Santa Monica Daily Press is published for
the dissemination of local or telegraphic news
and intelligence of a general character in the City
of Santa Monica, California. The business ad-
dress is 410 Broadway, Suite B, Santa Monica,
CA 90401.
3. Santa Monica Daily Press has a bona fide
subscription list of paying subscribers, and sub-
stantial paid distribution.
4. For more than three years preceding the
filing of the petition, the petitioning newspaper
has been established under the name of Santa
Monica Daily Press, and has been so established
and published, that is, issued and sold or distrib-
uted regularly each weekday in the City of Santa
Monica.
5. During each of the three-year period pre-
ceding the filing of this petition, the newspaper
has maintained a minimum coverage of local
news and intelligence of a general character of
not less than twenty-five percent of its total
inches; it has a principal office of publication lo-
cated in the City of Santa Monica, County of Los
Angeles.
DATED: December 13, 2007
Lisa Grace-Kellogg
Attorney for Petitioner
Santa Monica Daily Press
14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25 Dec 2007

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE
NO. 20072554930 FIRST FILING. The following
person(s) is (are) doing business as CAUGHT UP
MUSIC, 1530 NORTH POINSETTIA PLACE APT.
#318, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90046. The full name of
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POINSETTIA PLACE APT. #318.LOS ANGELES, CA.
90046, JOSHUA ICKOVICH, 1530 NORTH POINSET-
TIA PLACE APT. #318, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90046,
CESAR GUEVARA, 1530 NORTH POINSETTIA PLACE
APTE #318, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90046 This Busi-
ness is being conducted by, co-partners. Signed:
Registrant has not yet begun to transact busi-
ness under the fictitious name or names listed
herein.. /s/. DAREK LEINER, JOSHUA ICKOVICH,
CESAR GUEVARA
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of
LOS ANGELES County on 11/15/2007. NOTICE:
THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EX-
PIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED
IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW
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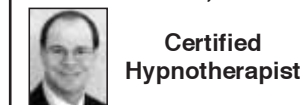
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