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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: Rain hasn't made a significant impact on Expo construction and test trains could be running early next year.

Expo trains will hit tracks by March

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

COLORADO AVE I hear the train a-comin'.

The company tasked with constructing the incoming Expo Light Rail says that trains should be on the tracks for testing by March at the latest.

"It's going to be in the first quarter of 2015," said Skanska-Rados construction manager Robb Fonkalsrud. "Probably more towards the latter part of the first quarter."

It'll come down to how quickly workers can get the electrical systems into place, Fonkalsrud said.

Train testing will begin on the eastern-most portion of the projects' second phase (Phase 1, from Downtown Los Angeles to Culver City, opened in 2012) and then, soon after, hop to Santa Monica — the ter-minus of the line — leaving the middle sec-tions to be tested last, Fonkalsrud said.

"Right now were in the midst of finaliz-ing the last intersection for track installa-tion for Santa Monica, which is Sixth Street (at Colorado Avenue)," said Skanska spokesperson Torri D. Hill. " We've had to slow it up a little bit because of the rain but

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New storm drops rain across soggy California

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LOS ANGELES The first storm in a one-two punch of much-needed moisture arrived Tuesday in Southern California, bringing light rain after unleashing downpours in the northern part of the state.

A cold front brought an intermittent drizzle to the greater Los Angeles area before dawn and forecasters predicted between 1 and 2 inches of rain was expect-ed at higher elevations, with snow above 6,000 feet.

The storms triggered fresh fears of mud-slides in foothill neighborhoods beneath wildfire-scarred mountain areas that were

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Schools working against rising water usage

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQRTRS Like everybody else in the city, school district officials are working to keep water usage down in the midst of this historic drought.

The district's water usage increased slightly last school year as it did the school year prior.

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District used 51.6 million gallons of water in the 2013-14 school year compared to 50.9 million in 2012-13 and 49.2 million in 2011-12.

In presenting water reduction measures to the Board of Education, district officials

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Former school administrator dies at age 88

BY WES WAGNON
Special to the Daily Press

Richard Bailey Wagnon, a 60-year Santa Monica resident, former director of the Santa Monica High School Band, and for-mer Music Supervisor of the Santa Monica Unified School District, died on Nov. 25, 2014, from complications of a heart valve transplant. He was 88.

He enjoyed a long career with the Santa Monica schools. He began as the high school band director in 1955. In the mid-1960's, he was elevated to supervisor of music for the Santa Monica School District. In that position, he served as the coordinator of the annual "Stairway of the Stars" musical program, which featured instrumental and vocal music performances by outstanding elementary, middle-school and high-school students, showcasing the strength of the

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

December 17

Planning Commission Meeting
City Hall
1685 Main St. 7 p.m.
Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission.
www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Planning-Commission/

Montana Branch Book Group
Montana Avenue Branch Library
1704 Montana Ave. 7 - 8:30 p.m.
"Shanghai Girls" by Lisa See. In prewar 1930s Shanghai, carefree sisters Pearl and May Chin are forced into arranged marriages to Chinese men living in the U.S. Once they are in Los Angeles they make terrible sacrifices, face impossible choices, and confront a devastating, life-changing secret.

Holiday Movie: National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.
The Griswold family's plans for a big family Christmas predictably turn into a big disaster in this classic holiday comedy starring Chevy Chase. (1989) 97 minutes.

Stress Management: an Integrated Self Care Approach
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.
10 - 11:30 a.m.
Join the Santa Monica Public Library for Stress Management: An Integrated Self Care Approach, presented by Heather Palleiko and sponsored by UCLA Health 50. This program is free and all ages are welcome. Space is limited and on a first-arrival basis. For more information, visit smpl.org or contact the Santa Monica Public Library at (310) 458-8600.

Homework Help
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd. 3:30 p.m.
Get help with your homework. This drop-in program offers a separate study area, basic supplies, and friendly volunteers to assist with homework questions. For students in grades 1-5 only.

Mindfulness Meditation
Montana Avenue Branch Library
1704 Montana Ave. 6 p.m.
Enjoy a pause in the day in which to refresh yourself by simply sitting and paying attention to your senses, feelings, and thoughts. You are welcome to stay for 5 minutes or for the entire 30 minutes.

December 18

Housing Commission
City Hall
1685 Main St.
Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Housing Commission. Visit www.smgov.net/Departments/HED/Housing_and_Redevelopment/Housing/Housing_Commission_Agendas/Housing_Commission.aspx for more information.

Hanukkah Lighting
Downtown Santa Monica
6 p.m.
Visit the Third Street Promenade to celebrate the holidays. For more information call (310) 393-8355 or visit www.downtownsm.com.

Book into Film Screening
Ocean Park Branch Library
2601 Main St. 6:30 p.m.
The library will screen the movie "Emma" starring Oscar winner Gwyneth Paltrow. The screening is part of the Branch's Book to Film Series sponsored by California Center for the Book. Jane Austen's "Emma", the novel on which the film is based, will be discussed in

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SHINE: "A Time to Forgive?"

The holidays are a season of good cheer and good will – and for some people, an occasion to ask whether it's a "Time to Forgive?" That's the theme of the inspiring true stories this month at SHINE, the popular storytelling event. The event will be held Dec. 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the YWCA Santa Monica/Westside, 2019 14th Street. SHINE is a storytelling series highlighting experienced and new storytellers coming together on the third Thursday of every month to share inspiring true stories. The event features a relaxed community atmosphere, powerful and entertaining stories, refreshments, mingling, and live music. SHINE will be hosted this month by the dynamic Deana Barone, a storyteller, actress, writer, and director. Deana also runs The Tell-Tale Company, acts, tells stories all over L.A., tutors kids and teens, directs, goes to a crazy hippie dance class, dramaturges, meditates, guest artists at UCSB, does energy work, and leads story workshops for actors and business people. She created, curated and co-hosted the long-running The Trunk Show (The Elephant Theatre's monthly multi-genre storytelling show), is a Moth StorySlam winner, and a produced playwright. Professional storytellers for SHINE are chosen from some of the nation's top award-winning storytellers and writers. Amateur storytellers of all ages and walks of life also take the stage. Submissions are accepted before the event and two slots are reserved for audience members selected through a random drawing. Those interested in becoming a SHINE storyteller are encouraged to visit www.StoreyProductions.com in advance for monthly theme and guidelines. SHINE is produced by Isabel Storey and presented by Storey Productions in association with Santa Monica Repertory Theater, UCLArts and Healing, and the YWCA Women's Partnership.

– SUBMITTED BY ISABEL STOREY

Reed Park

Public input wanted on final phase of Reed Park improvements

The City of Santa Monica is kicking off the final phase of improvements at Reed Park, which will focus on the 1-acre lawn in the northeast section of the park. The redesign will seek to better connect the lawn with the rest of this active park. Public input is needed to ensure that the design will meet community needs.

Located along Wilshire Blvd between 7th Street and Lincoln Blvd, Reed Park is home to the historic Miles Memorial Playhouse, tennis courts, basketball courts, playgrounds, a senior lunch program, and offices for the City's CREST afterschool program. The most recent set of improvements completed in 2012 included the addition of a new playground, a new garden adjacent to Miles Playhouse, new landscaping along Wilshire Blvd and 7th Street, and general facility updates. The lawn located in the northeast corner at Lincoln Blvd and California Ave makes up one fifth of the 5.3-acre park. It is located north of Miles Playhouse, east of the basketball courts, and across the street from St. Monica's Church. Reed Park first opened in 1892, making it one of Santa Monica's oldest parks.

"We're thrilled to kick off this final phase of improvement s at Reed Park," said Karen Ginsberg, Director of the City of Santa Monica Community & Cultural Services Department. "Reed Park is centrally-located, with a lot of activity packed into a relatively small footprint. We need to make sure the entire space is meeting current needs. Public input will be key to the successful transformation of the lawn area."

The public input period has opened, starting with a park user survey now online at www.santamonicaparks.org. The survey will be open until noon on Dec. 31. The survey will be followed up by the first of two community open house workshops on Saturday, Jan. 24, from 10 a.m. to noon at Reed Park. For more information on this and other park improvement projects, visit www.santamonicaparks.org, email ccs@smgov.net, or call (310) 458-8310.

- SUBMITTED BY CARRIE LUJAN

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brief at the start of the program. For more information call (310) 458-8683 visit http://www.smpl.org

Movie: The Hundred Foot Journey
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd. 6:30 p.m.
The Kadam family leaves India for France where they open a restaurant across the road from Madame Mallory, played by Oscar-winning actress Helen Mirren, and her Michelin-starred eater.

Pico Branch Book Group
Pico Branch Library
2201 Pico Blvd. 7 p.m.
The Peppered Moth by Margaret Drabble. In this multi-generational novel a young woman returns to the town of her family's origin to discover what was left behind.

Recreation and Parks Commission
City Hall
1685 Main St. p.m.
Visit www.smgov.net/Departments/CCS/content.aspx?id=31987 for more information.

Family Holiday Bingo
Pico Branch Library
2201 Pico Blvd. 3:30 p.m.
Come play bingo and celebrate the holidays with your family.

Gingerbread house decorating
Ocean Park Branch Library
2601 Main St. 3:30 p.m.
Celebrate the holidays by making your own delicious gingerbread house using graham crackers, frosting, and candies.

A Winter Wonderland with the Lyric Chorus of SMC Emeritus College
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd. 1 p.m.
Get in the holiday spirit with the return of the Lyric Chorus performing A Winter Wonderland. The wonder of this time of year comes to life with the twenty plus member chorus and their performance of songs of the season and Broadway tunes. This program is free and open to the public. For more information, call (310) 458-8600 or visit smpl.org.

Holiday Movie Night ("Elf") with Hot Chocolate
Third Street Promenade at Wilshire 6 p.m.
Every year Santa Monica hosts a series of holiday events and activities that light up Downtown, bringing a festive holiday spirit to this idyllic seaside city. Winterlit takes over the corner of Wilshire Blvd at Third Street Promenade every Thursday evening, beginning at 6 p.m.

Truthdig presents "Monsters of Our Own Creation? America's Role in the Mideast"
Santa Monica Bay Women's Club
1210 Fourth St. 7:30 p.m.
Online news website Truthdig, established in 2005 and based in Santa Monica, presents a panel discussion with Middle East expert and "Informed Comment" blogger Juan Cole and veteran journalists Leslie Cockburn and Robert Scheer on current developments in the Middle East. Topics from ISIS and the Arab Spring, to Islamaphobia and America's role.

December 19

Main Library Docent Tours
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Docent led tours are offered the third Friday of each month. Docent led tours of the Main Library cover the library's gold LEED rating of sustainability, its art, architecture and even the library's collection. Docents are able to adapt the tour to fit your interest and time.

Hanukkah menorah lighting
Downtown Santa Monica
5:30 p.m.
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Noise on the beach, silence from Time Warner

JON STEWART, MY NEXT DOOR NEIGHBORS AND I have something in common: we all have a pretty low opinion of Time Warner Cable.

How low? Do snails wear belt buckles? Hard to quantify but Stewart made a stab at it the other night. "Congress's approval rating recently has surged from a pathetic 10 percent all the way up to a — yeah, 11 percent. Basically puts them right below explosive cruise ship diarrhea and right above Time Warner Cable."

But aren't all cable companies bad, like all banks? Of course, but there are degrees. The Lakers are bad this year but the Philadelphia 76ers started the NBA season by losing their first 17 games. That's … TWC bad.

Honestly, I wasn't the one who brought it up, but when I finally had a chance to chat with my new neighbors, it wasn't very long before the reviled Time Warner jumped into the conversation.

He, a tech-oriented movie/TV editor, complained that his Internet connection "is not very good, and it's slow. We unplugged the wi-fi, one time! — and ever since we've had to keep resetting our network and password." She, an engineer for Tesla, a pretty style-minded bunch, laughed that the TWC guide "reminds me of Nintendo, from the 1980s, like it's never been updated. It's very pixilated, the user interface is awful, not really intuitive. You can find shows, poorly, but I can't find the channels I like to watch."

He then regaled me with the tale of how they scammed him when last he left their clutches a few years ago, by starting to bill him again automatically on his credit card six months later, at his old address. "It was a huge hassle that went on and on, it was brutal, and I don't think I ever got my money back, I just gave up."

We value tradition here in Santa Monica, and horrible, snotty cable "service" is a long-standing one. Group W was it when I first came here in '86, then Century, succeeded by Adelphia (the CEO-founder and son are still in prison), and now Time Warner. Back then there was no competition; your local city council "awarded" you exclusively to one company in exchange for very little in return ("community benefits" — sound familiar?), and you were stuck. Now there is some competition but it doesn't seem to make much difference.

My neighbors said the installers were great — knowledgeable, friendly, professional. I agree. I should know. I think I've had long visits from most of them in the last three months. We've exchanged numbers, and I'm invited for their Christmas parties, a bar mitzvah and a wedding.

I'm not going to recount the whole bloody story here, dear reader. Making you weep is not why I write this column. Let's just say when I'm not waiting for another house call or spending endless hours on the phone to "customer service," I'm traipsing outside at all hours to my tiny backyard office to disconnect the modem, and wait, reconnect and wait, repeat, sometimes three or four times. I keep looking for my paycheck from TWC for my work, but instead I keep getting billed.

There was one righteous dude I got on the phone who heard my story, and wept, and gave me a decent credit. But the last time I called I got no sympathy, no help, no credit, and when I asked for his supervisor and left a voicemail, well, that was 10 days ago. Still waiting, Supervisor Alex.

But the worst part is the "why" of the particular travails many, I'm sure, are suffering: I've had three different TWC employees admit to me that the new modems they made everyone get when they went all digital a few months ago… do not work properly, and won't until there is a software fix, which is coming — don't know when. So for this unknowable period of time, I get to pay full boat but have to do most of the constant fixes myself.

Yes it's sad but it ain't Ferguson or ebola or ISIL. Why don't I call Verizon? No time, too busy. Hanging on the telephone and waiting for TWC to show up.

NOISE ON THE BEACH. I went to the community meeting at the north Shores tower on the beach last Wednesday, to see what all the fuss was about.

The room was packed to overflowing with mostly angry, vocal people, most of them residents of the two towers, where noise problems are exacerbated because of height and echo.

A police chief and two high-level city staffers were there to explain their actions regarding two recent incidents, and to listen to people and answer questions.

Here's my takeaway.

Mistakes were made, admitted the city panel. The police outlined what changes to their procedures they have taken to prevent recurrence. Common sense changes, fitting citizen complaints.

The city staff reaction seemed to me much more defensive that night, and their basic fix, taken right after the incidents and the flood of complaints, was to close two city open areas near the towers to all public gatherings, for good. That's the easiest thing to do, requiring the least amount of thought and effort (a frequent staff response, in my experience), but shouldn't closing off our few public areas be a last resort rather than a first?

Unintended comic relief was provided by a woman who told us, each of the three times she spoke, that she was "from Minnesota, I just moved here a year ago. and..." Her last comment, "all these homeless people — can't you do something?" ignited a roar of laughter. Former mayor Mike Feinstein got another big laugh when he told her, "I'm from Minnesota and I can tell you, a lot of those homeless people came here from Minnesota. It's cold up there!"

Others complained of people playing basketball, singers on the bike path, even those noisy bars on Main Street. One of the last comments stuck with me. An elderly gentleman dressed in black stood up and said, "All of us who live here are very blessed, you know, and besides the two big incidents, what I hear tonight is a lot of privileged people complaining about the normal activities of people who aren't well off." A fitting coda.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "We in the industry know that behind every successful screenwriter stands a woman. And behind her stands his wife." — Groucho Marx

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Santa Monica's war on small business

AS A 20-YEAR RESIDENT OF THE MID-CITY neighborhood, I have seen a lot of change in Santa Monica. Unfortunately, much of that change has been to the detriment of the residents. Once quiet, stable neighborhoods where long-term residents all knew and looked out for each other have become collections of noisy, overcrowded buildings filled with transient populations who don't even bother to get to know each other, much less form any sort of community. Add to that the stress of endless construction and ever-increasing gridlock on our streets, and what you end up with is a concrete jungle filled with people who now have nothing but contempt for their neighbors.

In response to the loss of our traditional neighborhoods, many of us have sought out community in our local cafes, where we can relax and connect with other regulars. My escape is tucked away in a rather small and otherwise non-descript strip mall located on the northeast corner of Wilshire and 16th Street. Café Zella is a small restaurant that offers high-quality coffee and a breakfast and lunch menu of freshly prepared dishes at very reasonable prices. In a city that is filled with high-end, expensive restaurants, Café Zella has become a neighborhood jewel that is filled daily with loyal regulars from the neighborhood, staff and patients from the UCLA hospital located across the street and people who bring their dogs to sit outside and sip coffee while chatting with their "Zellas friends." Here I have found a true long-term community that has served to fill the void of my old neighborhood, where I now don't even really know the other tenants in my building, much less anyone else. My Café Zella community has become a valuable network of friends, services, business connections and place for neighbors to discuss community issues, including debates over the last election.

But it seems that City of Santa Monica's war on small businesses and residents has reached my neighborhood. This week I arrived at Café Zella to find a note on the door explaining why the much-loved outside dining option had been removed. Apparently, after eight years of being in business, a terse representative of the City showed up and gave the café's owners 48 hours to remove the tables or be fined. This may not sound like a big deal, but for a small, busy café with room for only eight tables inside, the four small tables located outside allowed the café to handle the lunch rush and after school crowd, while also giving dog owners a place to interact with their neighbors and apartment dwellers like me an opportunity to sit outside and enjoy the California climate. It would be hard to overstate the value that this oasis provides for those of us seeking a respite from the drastic urbanization that assaults us on a daily basis.

While I certainly can understand that the City wants cafes to get permits for outside tables, the details so far feel more like extortion than permit. Following a visit to the City offices where she was shuttled from department to department and playing phone tag with the Economic Development Division, Café Zella's owner was given a total cost for obtaining a permit for the four small outside tables and chairs. Startup costs include a $500 damage deposit, a waste water fee of $592 per seat plus a water demand fee of $75 per seat plus a plan check fee of $474.38 (I'm not sure what kind of plans are required for putting out a few tables and chairs each day). This comes to a whopping total of $5810.38 for a permit to set up four tables and chairs outside. On top of these fees, they will be required to pay a monthly rental fee of $3 per square foot. How long this process will take has not been stated. Along with the landlord's attempt to take advantage of the rising rental prices in the City, this will probably be the nail in the coffin for Café Zella.

Yes, I am taking this one personally because while the City is penalizing the café with an onerous and unaffordable bureaucratic nightmare, it is us, the local residential community that will suffer. As a matter of fact, I am writing this editorial from one of the inside tables right now. But I have to hurry and finish before the lunch crowd arrives so that I can give up my table to patrons who will need to eat quickly so others can have tables. While sitting here, I have also been privy to the endless stream of customers asking about the missing tables outside.

Though I am not prone to buy into conspiracy theories, I immediately thought of the flyer that was circulating a few months ago warning neighbors of a very large commercial development that was being discussed for this section of the Wilshire corridor. The flyer described an enormous mall that would encompass both sides of Wilshire Blvd. I really didn't pay any attention to it because there are so many small businesses that would have to be vacated for this development to take place, and surely, our City would go THAT far, right? I also find it suspect that a quick drive around the City shows that this new "crack down," on restaurants is certainly not being applied evenly. So what's the City's motivation to "crack down" now on a small café operating on a very thin profit margin after a full eight years of serving the community?

It is interesting to note that the management of the Third Street Promenade maintains a set ratio of restaurants to the number of more profitable retail businesses allowed to open. This is because they realize that if there aren't enough places for visitors to eat, they will leave sooner, which means less money spent by every visitor. Does our esteemed planning department not understand that this also applies outside of the Promenade? Is this harassment another one of the City's methods to get around LUCE and drive small business out to further pave the way for big development? Do we want to live in a supposed "green" community that bends over backwards for big developers while actively driving out beloved small businesses?

Unless the City is completely tone deaf, it has to be increasingly difficult to drown out the loud demand from residents for a livable city, the only "community benefit" that we really want, which is the only benefit that cannot be offered by big developers. I believe that this was the reason that Measure H was defeated in a City that is passionate about affordable housing. Residents of Santa Monica aren't the kind of patsies that can be bought out for an insignificant number of hotel room sized "affordable" apartments at the cost of unrestrained development, which eliminates the quality of life that drew most of us to the City and has kept us here for decades.

With the historic and overdue appointment of long-term council member Kevin McKeown as mayor, and a shift in the ratio of city council members favoring slow growth over big development, I have a glimmer of hope for the city that I love. In the meantime, can anyone at City Hall call the dogs off of our favorite neighborhood café?

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Survey: E-cigs surpass regular cigs in teen use

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AP Medical Writer

WASHINGTON Electronic cigarettes have surpassed traditional smoking in popularity among teens, the government's annual drug use survey finds.

Even as tobacco smoking by teens dropped to new lows, use of e-cigarettes reached levels that surprised researchers. The findings marked the survey's first attempt to measure the use of e-cigarettes by people that young.

Nearly 9 percent of eighth-graders said they'd used an e-cigarette in the previous month, while just 4 percent reported smoking a traditional cigarette, said the report released Tuesday by the National Institutes of Health.

Use increased with age: Some 16 percent of 10th-graders had tried an e-cigarette in the past month, and 17 percent of high school seniors. Regular smoking continued inching down, to 7 percent of 10th-graders and 14 percent of 12th-graders.

"I worry that the tremendous progress that we've made over the last almost two decades in smoking could be reversed on us by the introduction of e-cigarettes," said University of Michigan professor Lloyd Johnston, who leads the annual Monitoring the Future survey of more than 41,000 students.

E-cigarettes often are described as a less dangerous alternative for regular smokers who can't or don't want to kick the habit. The battery-powered devices produce vapor infused with potentially addictive nicotine but without the same chemicals and tar of tobacco cigarettes.

The survey didn't ask about repeat use, or whether teens were just experimenting with something new. But between 4 percent and 7 percent of students who tried e-cigarettes said they'd never smoked a tobacco cigarette, noted University of Michigan professor Richard Miech, a study senior investigator.

"They must think that e-cigarettes are fundamentally different," he said.

E-cigarettes began to appear in the U.S. in 2006 but this was the first year that the Monitoring the Future survey asked teens about them. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has estimated that during 2013, 4.5 percent of high school students had tried e-cigarettes during the prior month, a tripling since 2011.

The CDC reported last week that 10 states permit the sale of e-cigarettes to minors. The Food and Drug Administration has proposed regulating e-cigarettes, including banning sales to minors; there is no timetable for final rules.

In 2014, the City of Santa Monica passed a law that regulates e-cigarettes in the same way the city already regulates traditional tobacco products.

Other findings from the survey, funded by NIH's National Institute on Drug Abuse:

Marijuana use appeared to level off after recent increases, with 6.5 percent of eighth-graders reporting past-month use, 17 percent of 10th-graders and 21 percent of 12th-graders. Nearly 6 percent of 12th-graders reported daily use.

Fewer teens are trying synthetic marijuana, highly dangerous drugs known by such names as K2 and Spice. About 6 percent of seniors said they had used fake pot this year, down from 8 percent last year and 11 percent in 2012.

Abuse of prescription painkillers is dropping. Six percent of high school seniors reported using the narcotics without medical supervision in the past year, down from 9.5 percent in 2004.

Nearly 1 in 5 12th-graders reported binge drinking, defined as five or more drinks in a row in the previous two weeks. That's down from 1 in 4 high school seniors in 2009.

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Rain could spell trouble for Calif. water conservation

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SAN FRANCISCO After California's driest three years on record, there have been few sounds as disturbing to water conservationists as the whisk-whisk-whisk of automatic lawn sprinklers kicking on directly behind TV reporters covering some of the state's first heavy downpours in years.

Recent storms eased the drought somewhat, but there's a long way to go. And state officials are worried that the rain will give people an excuse to abandon the already inconsistent conservation efforts adopted to deal with the dry spell.

When Gov. Jerry Brown declared a drought emergency in January, he asked people to cut water use by 20 percent. Instead, many Californians' water use actually went up for a while. Dozens of communities called for mandatory water cuts but lacked the means to enforce them. So lawn watering, golf course maintenance and curbside car washes went on without interruption.

State officials and weather experts say it's too early to know if the storms are the beginning of the end of the drought. They pledge to keep promoting conservation.

"A deluge like this makes us feel, 'Oh, my God, it must be over,'" said Felicia Marcus, chairwoman of the state Water Resources Control Board, which instituted monthly water-use reporting this year to bring home to Californians how much water they were using.

But "we are in a really deep hole ... and we have to act like we are in the drought of our lives." She said officials will "keep working on it even after the drought because there's going to be another one around the bend."

The water board found last month that some well-off Southern California communities were still using more than 500 gallons per person a day — 10 times the amount used by some poorer cities. Marcus and others pledged to step up education efforts.

Climatologist Bill Patzert, a drought expert at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, rose at 3 a.m. last week to bask in the sound of rain from the first big storm to roll through Southern California in a long time. By dawn, he was glowering at television reports showing water-wasting automatic sprinklers whirring in the rain behind at the scene of mudslides and floods.

"Tell them to turn off their damn sprinklers for a week. Tell them I said so," Patzert said. "We're still in a drought."

The biggest storm so far this season brought up to 5 inches of rain last Thursday to Southern California, 8 inches in Northern California and 6 feet of snow in the higher Sierras. Sierra snowpack surged, from just 24 percent of average at the start of December to 48 percent of normal on Tuesday, according to the Department of Water Resources.

The snow in the Sierras is all-important, providing the water supply for more than half of California, said Roger Bales, an expert in hydrology at the University of California-Merced.

He is one of many experts trying to spread the message that one or two rains don't end a drought. The key part of the rainy season — January, February and March — still lies ahead, Bales said.

"It's too early in the season to predict we're going to have a wet, average, or dry year. Anything could happen," he said.

This past summer, an estimated $2.2 billion in annual economic losses from lack of rain helped persuade state lawmakers to begin ending unregulated pumping of vital underground aquifers. California was one of the last states in the county that still allowed it. In the fall, voters approved $7.5 billion for water conservation and storage.

But individuals did not show as much commitment. Residents managed peak cuts of 11.6 percent in water use over the summer, but backslid to 6.7 percent in the fall.

California would need 11 trillion gallons of water to replenish its natural water stores, according to a projection this week from scientists using satellite data to analyze snowpack and groundwater.

"It takes years to get into a drought of this severity, and it will likely take many more big storms, and years, to crawl out of it," Jay Famiglietti, another researcher at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, said in a statement.

Even so, Fresno County farmer Paul Betancourt was feeling pretty good as he drove this week to his recently planted winter wheat fields. With just 3.3 inches of rain falling on his crop last year, Betancourt was forced to spend $40,000 expanding wells for his 756 acres. Using groundwater to water his fields left white rings of salt in the soil.

With 2.7 inches falling already this winter, that salt is starting to wash away.

"Big improvement on last year," Betancourt said. "Driving, it just looks much fresher. We had to order rain suits."

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EXPO
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if it stops raining by tomorrow we'll be done by this weekend."

The rain has halted construction for two days this fall, a minor setback, according to Fonkalsrud.

The next hurdles include electrical work and station construction. Station work is 70 percent complete, according to a recent release from Expo, and canopies are going in at several locations.

Fonkalsrud estimates that overall construction is somewhere between 80 and 85 percent complete.

Many of the coming projects will improve aesthetics. Nearly all of Colorado Avenue, which is split by the light rail, will be repaved, Fonkalsrud said.

Trees will go in along Colorado, likely by February, he said.

"The bike path is marching along," he said. "We're working right now in Santa Monica between Stewart and Centinela. We'll be working concurrently in L.A. and bouncing back into Santa Monica but there's a lot of infrastructure that goes in for the lighting and the joinage and bike path before we actually put the asphalt down."

After construction is complete, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority will conduct three to six months of testing.

Expo officials say the construction project remains on-schedule to be completed by next year, though many have speculated that it may be ahead of schedule.

Former L.A. County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky told the audience of January's State of the City address that Expo was under budget and ahead of schedule. It could open earlier than projected, he said at the time. The trains are currently projected to begin taking on passengers by early 2016.

The lack of rain during this record-level drought has made things easier for construction teams, Expo officials have acknowledged.

Construction officials plan for the possibility of rain by assuming there will be around 10 rainouts each year, Fonkalsrud said. Even with the storms this fall, there have been fewer rainouts than Skanska planned for.

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OBIT
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music program in the Santa Monica Schools. He finished his career in the school district as the principal of Franklin Elementary School and retired from the district after more than 30 years of service.

For most of his life, he played the trumpet in a wide variety of musical groups. For over 40 years, he jammed with the Friday Jazz Group on a weekly basis. He played in the City of Los Angeles Police Band for many years. He enjoyed playing in, and occasionally directing, the Santa Monica Community College Emeritus Concert Band.

He was active in the Kiwanis Club of Santa Monica for many years. He was particularly proud of his yearly work selecting the Kiwanis music scholarship recipients.

Survivors include his children, son Wes W. Wagnon and Karen Graf of Oakland, CA, son Bradley J. Wagnon, of El Cajon, CA, daughter Wendy L. Yoshinaga and her husband, Gerald, of Alpine, CA, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. His wife Marjorie J. Wagnon, his brother Jack D. Wagnon, and his sister Louella L. Thompson all died earlier.

A memorial service will be held on Jan. 3, 2015 at 1 pm at the First United Methodist Church, 1008 Eleventh Street, Santa Monica. There will be a reception immediately following at 101 Esparta Way, Santa Monica.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests consideration of a donation to the VH1 Save the Music Foundation (www.vh1savethemusic.org).

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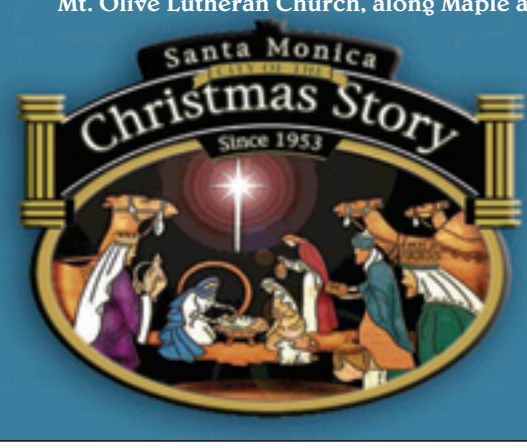
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STORM
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swamped by debris in strong storms last week.

A high-surf advisory is in effect along the Los Angeles County coast until 3 p.m. Wednesday.

Scattered showers in central and Northern California continued to create trouble for commuters Tuesday. Highway 17 in the Santa Cruz Mountains was closed when a tree and power lines came down.

An average of an inch to 2 inches of rain fell throughout Monday in the San Francisco and Sacramento regions, causing minor road flooding and power outages.

In Butte County, a 4-mile section of Highway 162 shut down after getting flooded by swollen creeks and drainage channels. There is no estimated date to reopen due to continued rain, authorities said.

The National Weather Service issued a flood advisory for Marin County until 8:15 p.m. The storm was expected to bring up to 7 inches of snow to the Central Sierra, with wind gusts of up to 45 mph possible.

Yosemite National Park officials said the Tioga and Glacier Point Roads have closed for the season because of deep snow and icy conditions. A series of storms in the last few weeks have left up to 2 feet of snow in the higher part of the park, including Tuolumne Meadows and Glacier Point.

Still, this week's systems won't be nearly as powerful as the blast that dumped as much as 8 inches of rain in parts of Northern California last week and up to 6 feet of snow in the high elevations of the Sierra Nevada. That storm caused widespread flooding and power outages, including in downtown San Francisco.

And while the storms help, much more rain is needed to pull the state out of its severe drought, forecasters say.

The Sierra Nevada was expected to receive a few inches of snow at elevations above about 5,000 feet, a height that includes most ski resorts, said Eric Kurth, a meteorologist in the weather service's Sacramento office.

The second weather front is expected to dump yet more rain Wednesday in the Bay Area before bringing showers back to Southern California on Friday and Saturday, the weather service said.

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warned against reading too heavily into the data. They pointed out that they've yet to establish specific baselines regarding water usage.

One recommendation from district officials is that the board spends some bond measure money analyzing how much water is used inside the schools versus on irrigation.

At the school level, there aren't many unifying trends surrounding water usage. A few schools, like Lincoln Middle School, show a steady increase in usage over the past three years and others, like Malibu High School, show a steady decline, but many of the schools' water usage bounces up and down from year to year.

Some of Malibu High School's water reduction success can likely be attributed to a new filtration system in the pool.

Previously, the pool filter was backwashing water into the storm drains and out into the ocean — a practice that is not allowed, district officials said. About 421,200 gallons of wastewater was created through this process annually. Now, only 6,500 gallons of water is backwashed each year, district officials said. That water is kept in holding tanks and hauled out on trucks.

Other water-saving techniques have included a districtwide overhaul of landscaping.

"We've pretty much eliminated the use of grass, which requires a lot of volume in our projects," said Stuart Sam, director of facilities improvement. "We've really reduced it by planting a lot of shrubs."

Irrigation systems are now feeding right into the roots whenever possible to reduce water lost through evaporation, he said.

Sam also noted the new fields, with synthetic turf rather than grass.

Boardmember Oscar de la Torre asked district officials to look into the safety of synthetic fields because he'd read that they can be harmful.

Will Rogers Elementary School has added a water refill station for kids and teachers who bring water bottles to school.

Schools have used rain barrels, provided by City Hall to collect irrigation water during storms.

District officials asked board members to consider sustainability when approving building upgrades.

"Sustainability is only as good as the facilities that we have and our facilities are very outdated," said Virginia Hyatt, who runs purchasing for the district. "A lot of our systems, our mechanical systems, just don't work and function efficiently anymore and in order for us to be sustainable we really need to start replacing a lot of those mechanical systems and other systems within the district, the irrigation and those types of things."

Boardmember Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein suggested that district officials look to young people when considering sustainability. He noted that students are enthusiastically leading the charge against the use of plastic bottled water.

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WEDNESDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to chest high
WNW swell winds down through the day, largest early; small SW pulse; winds/conditions look problematic

THURSDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
Fading WNW swell; small SW pulse

FRIDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
Old WNW swell fades; small SSW pulse; new WNW swell due late

SATURDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to shoulder high
WNW swell peaks in the PM; small SSW swell

BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **December 11, 2014**

HEAL THE BAY - 1444 9th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 - beachreportcard.org - brc@healthebay.org - 800 HEAL BAY

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)
Number of sewage spills -- 1
Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
Number of wet days -- 5
Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 28 / 8
Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5 / 19

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: SMA Swain Barber Foundation

Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for at least 3 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	F
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisa creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	B
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	F	F
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A	F
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	F
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A+	F
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 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	F
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	F

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	D
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).	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	F	B
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	F	D
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	F
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	B
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	F	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.	ns	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A+	A+
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
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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McCarthy and Dodgers finalize 4-year contract

GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES After an itinerant major league career, Brandon McCarthy is grateful the Los Angeles Dodgers are giving him the chance to grow with a contender.

The Dodgers finalized a four-year, $48 million contract with McCarthy on Tuesday, designating reliever Brian Wilson for assignment to make room for the right-hander.

McCarthy eagerly agreed to a long-term deal with his favorite childhood team, seizing the chance to replace Dan Haren as the NL West champions' fourth starter alongside Clayton Kershaw, Zack Greinke and Hyun-Jin Ryu.

"There was nothing that didn't intrigue me about the Dodgers," McCarthy said. "I grew up 10 miles from the stadium. The Dodgers were what I knew, who I looked up to as a kid."

Before he graduated from high school in Colorado, the 31-year-old McCarthy lived in Pasadena, California, idolizing Orel Hershiser and looking forward to his family's handful of trips each season to Chavez Ravine. He remembers getting Hershiser's autograph at Disneyland as a high point of his youth.

And after bouncing around the majors to five teams in his first nine years, McCarthy was thrilled by the Dodgers' four-year commitment.

"It was a very big thing for me, because having that stop-start identity with each organization, it weighs on you," McCarthy said, adding that he wanted "to have a chance to actually make a name for myself and actually leave an identity and a long-term reputation with a team."

McCarthy gets a $6 million signing bonus and salaries of $11 million in 2015 and 2016, dropping to $10 million in 2017 and 2018.

In a prudent financial move by the free-spending Dodgers, McCarthy's contract includes no tweet escalators. The pitcher already has a fame outstripping his 52-65 career record thanks to the 148,000-odd followers of his popular Twitter account - and that of his equally hilarious wife, Amanda, who also was born and raised in Southern California.

If the 6-foot-7 McCarthy maintains the form he showed late last season with the New York Yankees, he'll fit in splendidly on Hollywood's favorite team.

McCarthy went 7-5 with a 2.89 ERA in 14 starts for the Yankees, who acquired him from Arizona on July 6. He started the season 3-10 with a 5.01 ERA in 18 starts for the Diamondbacks, who signed him before the 2013 season.

McCarthy has never won more than 10 games in a season, racking up a career 4.09 ERA during stints with the Chicago White Sox (2005-06), Texas (2007-09) and Oakland (2011-12).

But he thrived last season with the Yankees, adding a cutter to his repertoire and pitching more than 200 innings for the first time in his career. New Dodgers general manager Farhan Zaidi has faith in McCarthy after their time together in Oakland.

Although McCarthy has been to the disabled list 10 times in his career, he apparently has fully recovered after getting hit in the head by a line drive from the Angels' Erick Aybar in 2012. McCarthy's health remains his paramount concern, but he also looks forward to improving his game by joining one of baseball's most impressive rotations.

"Missing time, you lose that feel and ability in the middle of the season," McCarthy said. "Last year I was able to gain as a pitcher instead of falling backwards. Having guys like Greinke there, having guys like Kershaw, having a whole new library of information you can tap into once you walk in those doors, I'm looking forward to that."

To make room on their 40-man roster, the Dodgers finally gave up on Wilson, the heavily bearded reliever who revitalized his career with Los Angeles over the past two years.

Wilson went 2-4 with a 4.66 ERA in 61 appearances for the Dodgers last season, but the longtime Giants closer blew four of his five save opportunities and lost his job as a setup man for Kenley Jansen while developing a reputation for wild inconsistency. After two elbow ligament replacement surgeries, he has struggled to hit 90 mph with his fastball, but his strong finish to 2013 earned him a lucrative contract with a big player option for 2015.

If the deep-pocketed Dodgers release Wilson, they will be responsible for his $10 million salary. If he then signs a major league contract with another team, that team would pay him the $507,000 veteran minimum salary, which would be offset.

President of Baseball Operations Andrew Friedman's new regime in Los Angeles has been awfully busy in its first month on the job. While trading Haren and Dee Gordon to Miami in a seven-player deal last week, the club also acquired veterans Jimmy Rollins and Howie Kendrick while shipping Matt Kemp to San Diego.

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The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1
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Top Five
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GO CAROLING TONIGHT, PISCES

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ What you expect to hear and what you actually hear might cause you to hit the pause button. You'll need to verify facts and other types of information that might come forward. Tonight: Listen to your intuition.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You might discover that you don't have the control you desire. Understand the limitations of the moment. Once you make a decision, you will know how to proceed. Tonight: Know when to call it a night.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You could be worried about proceeding in a certain way. Do what you feel is best, but understand that you probably are going to have to put in long hours in order to achieve your goals. Tonight: A must appearance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Your creativity emerges when dealing with a schedule change. Reach out to an expert to learn how to be more effective in acquiring knowledge. Know that there are several different paths to the same goal. Trust in your ability to find a solution. Tonight: Playtime!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Others might not be able to keep up with you; help make them feel more comfortable. Lighten up when dealing with an associate who always seems to have a problem. You could be rethinking a difficult situation. Perhaps the time to act is now. Tonight: Buy a favorite treat.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You need to understand what is happening around you. There could be a change of plans, or a meeting might last longer than you had anticipated. Your words seem to draw out the imaginative side of a friend or loved one. Tonight: Let it all hang out.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ You need to listen to your intuition with a money matter. You might not like what you're hearing, but it would be wise to follow through. Make sure you can handle the fiscal requirements of an investment. Choose a stressbuster. Tonight: Do some holiday shopping.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You could push yourself way beyond your limits and wonder why. A get-together promises quite a few possibilities, so you might want to make an appearance. Make time to visit a special friend. Tonight: Loosen up.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ You could seem closed down to others right now. In truth, you do have a lot on your mind. Even if you explain what is going on, someone still might feel as if he or she is being ignored. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ You'll have a lot to say and an audience that will listen. A meeting could be more significant than you realize. You might need to think through a decision involving a new friendship. Brainstorm with a close associate for ideas. Tonight: Follow the music.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Reach out to someone at a distance. Use caution with funds, as you could lose money when you least expect to. It is possible that you will overspend or get a gift where the quality is less than what was promised. If you have a doubt, don't spend a dime. Tonight: Out late.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You seem to make a difference wherever you go. Check out the facts, and make sure you're heading in the right direction. Reach out to someone at a distance to clear your mind for a while. You will get a fresh perspective as a result. Tonight: Go caroling or share some eggnog.

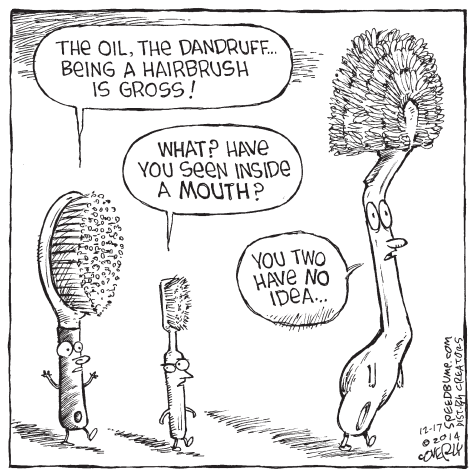
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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

You will want more downtime than you have had in recent years. You might want to do some research or perhaps some volunteer work. Although you are a social sign by nature, you will center yourself when need be. If you are single, you could attract someone who is emotionally unavailable. Take your time getting to know someone, and be sure that he or she is being authentic. If you are attached, your relationship flourishes as a result of spending more time together as a couple. Go on dates and plan weekends away together, and you will discover that a new intensity exists between you. SCORPIO understands you a little too well.

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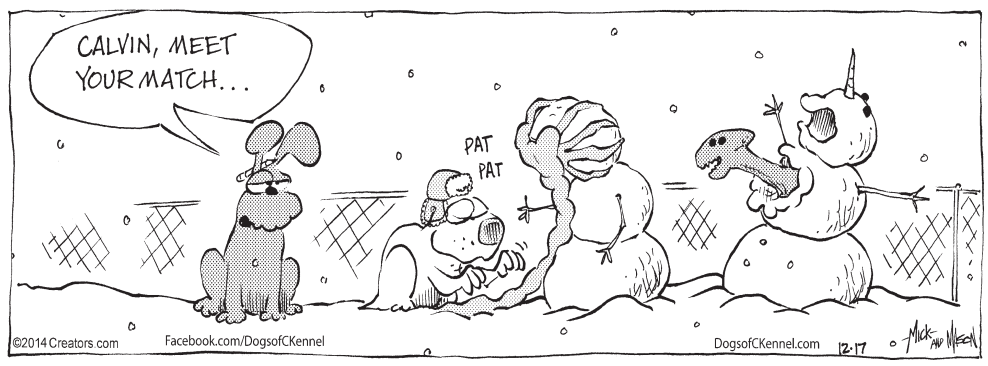
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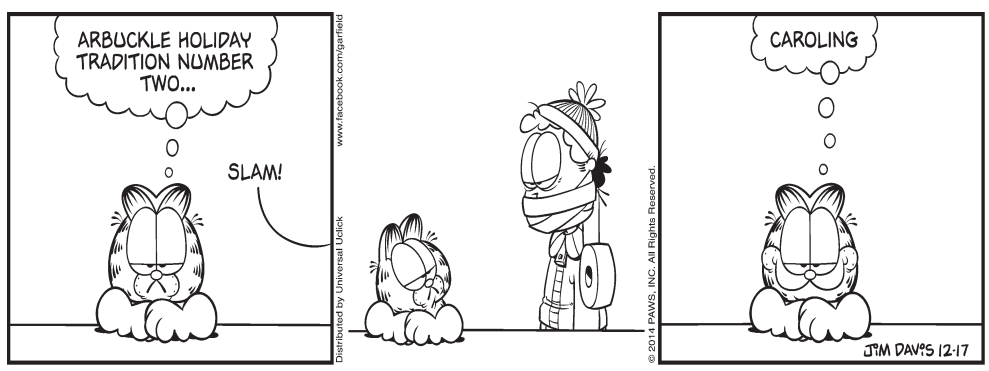
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 358 calls for service on Dec. 15.

BELOW IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Burglary on the 900 block of Montana Ave. at 12:52 a.m.
Battery on the 2100 block of 20th St. at 1:30 a.m.
Attempted auto theft on the 1800 block of 22nd St. at 4:07 a.m.
Traffic accident on the 200 block of PCH at 4:48 a.m.
Trespassing on the 2500 block of Santa Monica Blvd. at 7:15 a.m.
Burglary on the 1000 block of Euclid St. at 8:20 a.m.
Fight on the 500 block of Olympic Blvd. at 8:28 a.m.
Burglary on the 1900 block of Broadway at 8:31 a.m.
Vandalism on the 2000 block of Broadway at 8:50 a.m.
Attempted burglary on the 2400 block of Main St. at 9:16 a.m.
Grand theft auto on the 2200 block of 16th St. at 9:20 a.m.
Vandalism on the 1400 block of Cloverfield Blvd. at 9:28 a.m.
Vandalism on the 1500 block of 16th St. at 9:32 a.m.
Fraud on the 600 block of Wilshire Blvd. at 10:36 a.m.
Truant juvenile on the 2400 block of 16th St. at 10:48 a.m.
Auto burglary at 6th and Arizona at 10:59 a.m.
Grand theft auto at 7th and Washington at 11:35 a.m.
Auto burglary on the 600 block of Ocean Park Blvd. at 11:54 a.m.
Identity theft on the 500 block of Raymond Ave. at 1:30 p.m.
Panhandling at Lincoln and Michigan at 1:48 p.m.
Traffic accident at the 3200 block of Pico Blvd. at 2:06 p.m.
Petty theft on the 1300 block of Santa Monica Blvd. at 2:21 p.m.
Petty theft on the 2600 block of Pico Blvd. at 3:11 p.m.
Traffic accident at 20th and Wilshire at 3:33 p.m.
Trespassing on the 1100 block of 18th St. at 4:26 p.m.
Petty theft at Ocean and Colorado at 4:56 p.m.
Domestic violence on the 2800 block of Kansas Ave. at 5:12 p.m.
Petty theft on the 300 block of Santa Monica Pier at 6:03 p.m.
Grand theft on the 2500 block of Wilshire Blvd. at 6:28 p.m.
Petty theft on the 300 block of Colorado Ave. at 6:42 p.m.
Battery on the 800 block of Santa Monica Blvd. at 8:03 p.m.
Grand theft auto on the 1400 block of 23rd St. at 8:25 p.m.
Petty theft at 2nd and Marine at 11:08 p.m.



MYSTERY PHOTO

Matthew Hall *matt@smdp.com*

The first person who can correctly identify where this image was captured wins a prize from the Santa Monica Daily Press. Hint: The photo was taken east of 20th Street and south of Pico Blvd. Send answers to *editor@smdp.com*.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Clock part
5 House of worship
11 Vaccine type
12 Out of bed
13 Skating spot
14 — up (paid)
15 Fuming
16 Hand over
17 Magna cum —
19 Greek X
22 Canyon of the comics
24 Solemn
26 Muscle quality
27 Formerly
28 Road reversal
30 Black Russian ingredient
31 Casino action
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42 Source of wisdom
43 Despicable
44 Potato pancakes
45 Crumb carriers

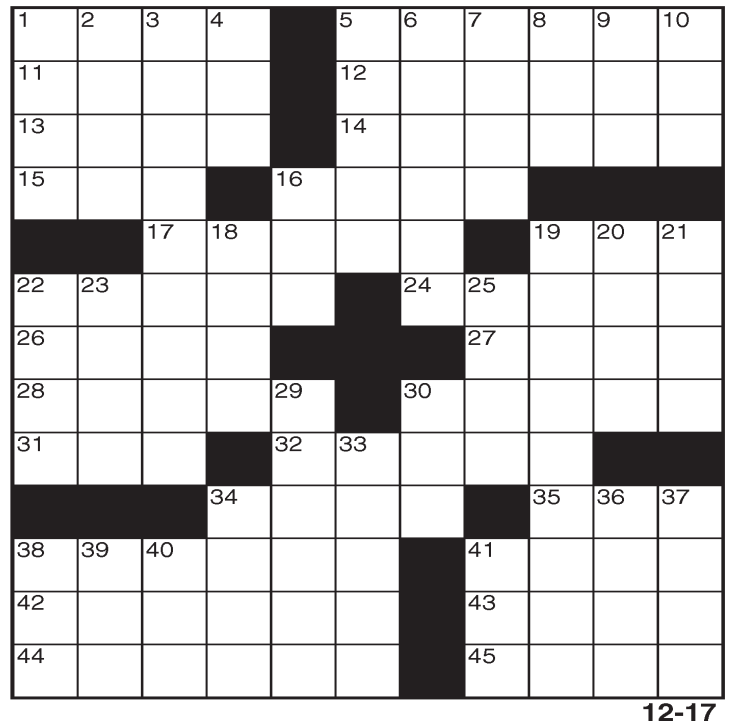
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2 Opera song
3 Oil-yielding tree
4 Caribou's cousin
5 Not live
6 Eats into
7 Coal source
8 Letter before omega
9 Writer Harper
10 Purpose
16 Stage prompt
18 Declare
19 Target for some bowlers
20 Yokel
21 Inkling
22 Ticket half
23 Carryall
25 Hammer or sickle
29 Kidman of "The Others"
30 Brewery sight
33 Network points
34 Under the weather
36 Hanukkah gift
37 Addition column
38 Campaign pro
39 Memorable time
40 Scoundrel
41 Eggs, to Caesar

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Draw Date: 12/12
2 31 46 58 65
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Draw Date: 12/13
3 7 19 25 42
Mega#: 5
Jackpot: $23M

Draw Date: 12/15
1 11 17 19 35

Draw Date: 12/16
MIDDAY: 8 9 1

Draw Date: 12/15
1st: 02 Lucky Star
2nd: 12 Lucky Charms
3rd: 10 Solid Gold
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The Food and Veterinary Administration of Denmark shut down the food supplier Nordic Ingredients in November after learning that it used an ordinary cement mixer to prepare gelatin products for nursing home and hospital patients unable to swallow whole food. An FVA official told a reporter: "It was an orange cement mixer just like bricklayers use. There were layers (of crusty remains) from previous uses." As many as 12 facilities, including three hospitals, had food on hand from Nordic Ingredients.

■ Questionable Judgment: Assistant Attorney General Karen Straughn of Maryland issued an official warning recently for consumers to watch out for what might be called "the $100 bill on the windshield" scam. (That is, if you notice a $100 bill tucked under your wiper, do not try to retrieve it; it is likely there to trick you into opening your door to a carjacker.) When questioned by WJLA-TV of Washington, D.C., Straughn admitted there were no actual reports of such attempts -- and that the story is a well-known urban legend -- but nonetheless defended the warning.

TODAY IN HISTORY

2005 - Anti-World Trade Organization protesters riot in Wan Chai, Hong Kong.

2005 - Jigme Singye Wangchuck abdicates the throne as King of Bhutan.

2009 - MV Danny F II sinks off the coast of Lebanon, resulting in the deaths of 44 people and over 28,000 animals.

2010 - Mohamed Bouazizi sets himself on fire. This act became the catalyst for the Tunisian revolution and the wider Arab Spring.

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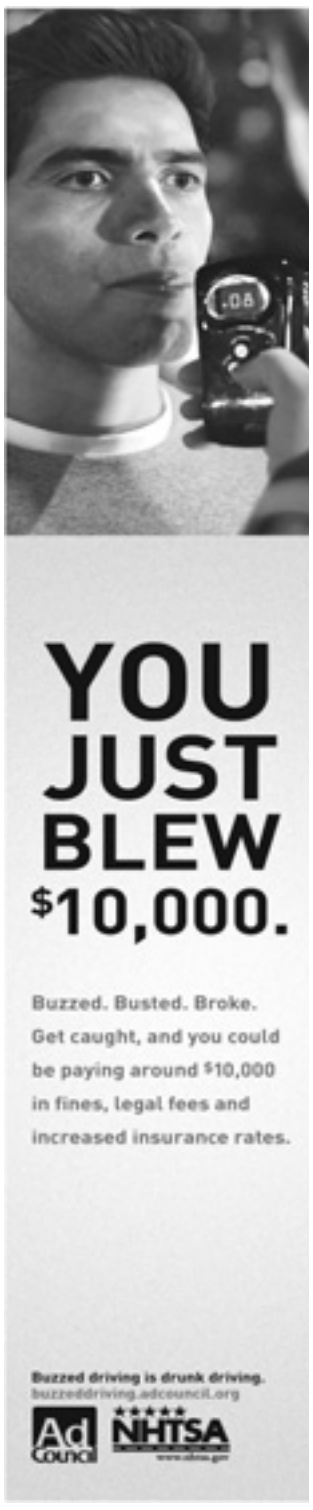
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2014 326184 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 11/14/2014 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as GRAN FESTIVAL COLOMBIANO. 8199 OWENS ST. , BUENA PARK, CA 90621. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: BENNY GARCIA 8199 OWENS ST. BUENA PARK, CA 90621, MONICA CADAVID 2313 S. LYNN CT. WEST COVINA, CA 91792, ROSARIO HERNANDEZ 847 S. UNION AVE. LOS ANGELES, CA 90017, DAVID LEON 3641 MEADOWVIEW DR. RIVERSIDE, CA 92503. This Business is being conducted by: a Joint Venture. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:BENNY GARCIA. BENNY GARCIA, MONICA CADAVID, ROSARIO HERNANDEZ, DAVID LEON. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/14/2014. 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 12/03/2014, 12/10/2014, 12/17/2014, 12/24/2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2014 314399 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 11/04/2014 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SUMMERHAVEN ENTERTAINMENT. 5250 HARMONY AVE. #106 , NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA 91601. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: PAUL DEES 11759 VANOWEN ST. #10 NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA 91605. 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/:PAUL DEES. PAUL DEES. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/04/2014. 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 12/03/2014, 12/10/2014, 12/17/2014, 12/24/2014.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2014 319838 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 11/07/2014 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as GRANDER HOMES. 234 S. FIGUEROA ST. UNIT 532 , LOS ANGELES, CA 90012. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: GRANDER HOMES, LLC 677 7TH AVE. UNIT 412 SAN DIEGO, CA 92101. 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)11/03/2014. /s/: NATHAN WELLS. GRANDER HOMES, LLC. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/07/2014. 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 12/03/2014, 12/10/2014, 12/17/2014, 12/24/2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2014 319837 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 11/07/2014 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as BERGAMOT FILING STATION. 1819 CLOVERFIELD BLVD. , SANTA MONICA, CA 90404. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: SANTA MONICA GENERAL STORE, INC. 1819 CLOVERFIELD BLVD. SANTA MONICA, CA 90404. This Business is being conducted by: a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)11/03/2014. /s/: ROBERT MUNAKASH. SANTA MONICA GENERAL STORE, INC.. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/07/2014. 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 12/03/2014, 12/10/2014, 12/17/2014, 12/24/2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2014 314437 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 11/04/2014 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as FOOD FOUR THE NATURAL SOUL PORTION CONTROL MEALS. 201 W. 120TH ST. , LOS ANGELES, CA 90061. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: SHARON FUQUA 201 W. 120TH ST. LOS ANGELES, CA 90061. 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/:SHARON FUQUA. SHARON FUQUA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/04/2014. 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 12/03/2014, 12/10/2014, 12/17/2014, 12/24/2014.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2014 317347 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 11/06/2014 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as WORLD ON A RED STRING. 128 NORTH OAK KNOLL AVE. #316 , PASADENA, CA 91101. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: MARIA PAPADAKIS 128 NORTH OAK KNOLL AVE. #316 PASADENA, CA 91101, ALEXANDRIA D. PAPADAKIS 1050 SOUTH FLOWER STREET APT. #335 LOS ANGELES, CA 90015. 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/:MARIA PAPADAKIS. MARIA PAPADAKIS, ALEXANDRIA D. PAPADAKIS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/06/2014. 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 12/03/2014, 12/10/2014, 12/17/2014, 12/24/2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2014 319758 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 11/07/2014 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LIN REALTY GROUP. 1055 E. COLORADO BLVD. SUITE 500 , PASADENA, CA 91106. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: YESS INVESTMENTS, INC. 460 S. SPRING ST. UNIT 610 LOS ANGELES, CA 90013. This Business is being conducted by: a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)11/01/2014. /s/: EANGELYN LIN. YESS INVESTMENTS, INC.. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/07/2014. 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 12/03/2014, 12/10/2014, 12/17/2014, 12/24/2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2014 319754 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 11/07/2014 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LENSWORKS RENTALS. 13428 BEACH AVE. , MARINA DEL REY, CA 90292. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: WORKS CAMERAS LLC 13428 BEACH AVE. MARINA DEL REY, CA 90292. This Business is being conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:STEPHEN GELB. WORKS CAMERAS LLC. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/07/2014. 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 12/03/2014, 12/10/2014, 12/17/2014, 12/24/2014.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2014 317345 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 11/06/2014 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SWEENEY TODDS BARBER SHOP. 4639 HOLLYWOOD BLVD. , LOS ANGELES, CA 90027. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: TODD LAHMAN 333 LAUN ST. ALTADENA, CA 91001. 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/:TODD LAHMAN. TODD LAHMAN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/06/2014. 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 12/03/2014, 12/10/2014, 12/17/2014, 12/24/2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2014 317285 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 11/06/2014 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as GREEN PLUG MEDICAL PATIENT ASSOCIATION, GREEN PLUG MEDICAL MARIJUANA COLLECTIVE, GREEN PLUG COLLECTIVE. 1016 S. GAFFEY ST. , SAN PEDRO, CA 90731. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: JAHMEL HAVEN 13629 WYANDOTTE STREET VAN NUYS, CA 91405. 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/:JAHMEL HAVEN. JAHMEL HAVEN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/06/2014. 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 12/03/2014, 12/10/2014, 12/17/2014, 12/24/2014.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2014 314400 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 11/04/2014 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as FLOW ELECTROLYSIS. 208 S. LOUISE , GLENDALE, CA 91205. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: CHAVA SHINAULT-SCHNEIDER 933 HIGHLINE ROAD #2 GLENDALE, CA 91205. 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/:CHAVA SHINAULT-SCHNEIDER. CHAVA SHINAULT-SCHNEIDER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/04/2014. 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 12/03/2014, 12/10/2014, 12/17/2014, 12/24/2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2014 326188 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 11/14/2014 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as BLESSINGS FAMILY DAYCARE. 5536 LAKEWOOD BLVD. , LAKEWOOD, CA 90712. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: TINA M. RIKE 5536 LAKEWOOD BLVD. LAKEWOOD, CA 90712. 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/:TINA M. RIKE. TINA M. RIKE. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/14/2014. 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 12/03/2014, 12/10/2014, 12/17/2014, 12/24/2014.

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