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MAD DASH

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The U.S. Post Office on Arizona Avenue and Fifth Street was packed with people looking to mail Christmas gifts on Monday, the busiest mailing day of the year, postal officials said. Americans will entrust more than 801 million cards, letters, and packages with the U.S. Postal Service this holiday season. If people are willing to pay, they can use Express Mail, but better ship by Dec. 22 if they want their packages to arrive on time.

FAA: SM Airport must stay open

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMO Although an agreement between the federal government and City Hall governing the operation of Santa Monica Airport expires in 2015, FAA officials say that's no reason to expect significant change at SMO. And it's certainly not a reason to look forward to an airport closure, the agency says.

"In the FAA's view, the city is obligated to keep SMO open through 2023 under assurances it gave in exchange for federal Airport

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New stats reveal greater number of dropouts

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS Last school year 13.5 percent of local public high school students dropped out, an increase from 8.1 percent during the previous year, according to new statistics compiled by the California Department of Education.

Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District officials blamed the steep increase on a new system for data collection, called CALPADS, which they said keeps better track of students who transfer schools and provides a more accurate account of the graduation rate than was previously available.

"Prior to better student tracking through the CALPADS system, most districts overstated graduation rates and understated dropout rates," said Ralph Mechur, a member of the SMMUSD Board of Education.

The figures for SMMUSD showed public school students here are more likely to graduate than students elsewhere in Los Angeles County and in the state, where the dropout rates during the 2008-2009 school year were 24.3 percent and 21.7 percent, respectively.

There were also significant differences in the dropout rates for SMMUSD students of different races.

Among African-American students the dropout rate was 27.3 percent, compared with 20.4 percent among Latino students, 8.4 percent among white students and 6.7 percent among Asian students.

The dropout rate at Malibu High School was 7.6 percent last school year, up from 5.3 percent the year before. At Santa Monica High School it was 12 percent, up from 8.1 percent.

Olympic High, the district's continuation campus, had a dropout rate of 43.9 percent, up from 37.6 percent, according to the statistics.

Maureen Bradford, the district's director of educational services, could not be reached for comment on Monday.

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HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Samohi falls again at Nike tourney

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

PHOENIX, Ariz. Santa Monica High School's girls' basketball team lost for the second time at the Nike Tournament of Champions in Arizona on Monday, this time to Colorado's Highlands Ranch, 71-53.

"We didn't come to play today," Head Coach Marty Verdugo said. "In this tournament, we have to come to work."

The Samohi Vikings came out slow in the first half, entering half-time down, 38-17. He said his girls picked it up in the second half, but it was too late to mount a legitimate comeback.

Samohi's Moriah Faulk and Kristina "KJ" Johnson led the Vikings with 13 points each.

The Vikings, playing in the Joe Smith Elite Division, lost on Saturday to Bolingbrook of Illinois. Bolingbrook entered the game ranked No. 2 in the nation by USA Today. The Joe Smith bracket also includes the nation's top team, Santa Ana Mater Dei.

The loss sends Samohi to 9-2 this season.

Next for Samohi at the tourney is a matchup with St. Mary's Catholic High School from Ontario, Canada. That game takes place today at 6:30 p.m. at Perry High School in Phoenix.

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2010

'Car Face'
Novel Cafe
2507 Main St., Daily
Art show exhibit entitled "Car Face" by the internationally acclaimed trompe l'eoil muralist and artist, Blue Sky, will exhibit at the Novel Cafe through Dec. 31.

Winter break made fun
Montana Avenue Library
1704 Montana Ave., 2 p.m. — 4 p.m.
From Monday through Wednesday, the library will be entertaining school kids on vacation. Activities include board games on Tuesday and a screening of the Disney classic "The Jungle Book" on Wednesday.

Skate in the sunshine
1324 Fifth St.
12 p.m. — 10 p.m.
It's that time of year again. ICE at Santa Monica is back. Skate to your hearts desire — or at least until the rink closes for the night — everyday until Feb. 25. Admission and skate rental is $10. For more information, call (310) 393-8355.

Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2010

Power to produce
Downtown Santa Monica
Arizona Avenue and Second Street
8:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.
Get the freshest fruit and produce available at the weekly Farmers' Market. A variety of prepared foods will also be available.

Riding with Santa
Pacific Park
Santa Monica Pier, daily
Here comes Santa Claus, here comes Santa Claus, riding Pacific Park's coaster at Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier. The roller coaster ridin' Santa likeness will celebrate the holidays while riding in the last car of the West Coaster roller coaster. Guests have the opportunity to take photos with Santa while the train is in the station or ride-along as the coaster races 55-feet above the Santa Monica Bay.

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

In the story "SMPD: A year without a deadly traffic accident," published in the Dec. 18-19 edition of the Daily Press, it should have stated that criminal chargers were filed against the driver involved in a Dec. 15, 2009 crash in which an 82-year-old Santa Monica resident was struck and killed. The driver has been charged with vehicular manslaughter with negligence – a misdemeanor, city officials said. The next court date is Jan. 26 at the Airport Courthouse.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

DOWNTOWN

Bus crash blocks PCH

It certainly was a manic Monday for one Metro bus driver who missed a freeway ramp around 5 a.m., tried to make a U-turn and ended up with his bus disabled and blocking six lanes of Pacific Coast Highway in Santa Monica.

The driver, heading from a garage to his route up Santa Monica Boulevard, instead steered onto northbound PCH during a driving rain storm, a Metro spokesman said. The bus driver tried to make a U-turn in the 800 block of PCH, but ran out of room. The front bus bumper snagged a sidewalk and fell off, and then the dus driver backed over the bumper.

That stalled the bus, as it straddled three southbound lanes, two northbound lanes and the center left turn lane. That effectively choked PCH between the California Incline and the McClure Tunnel, north of the Santa Monica Freeway.

The bus was towed away.

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DOWNTOWN

Power outages hit SM

To make a rainy Monday even worse, about 50 customers on the Third Street Promenade were without power, and were expected to remain without electricity until as late as 2 a.m. Tuesday, said Vanessa McGrady of Southern California Edison.

More than 2,000 customers were initially affected by a large outage, caused by an underground equipment failure, that occurred at 3:41 a.m. All but the mall area in the vicinity of Fourth and Second streets, Santa Monica Boulevard and California Avenue had power restored by Monday afternoon, McGrady said.

So Cal Edison offered these safety tips:

• Use a flashlight instead of candles if power fails.

• Do not touch downed power lines. Call local law enforcement or So Cal Edison for assistance.

• Unplug all "sensitive" electronics. Plug in one light and wait for the power to come back on before plugging in other electronics.

Several business along the promenade were forced to close or have limited hours. Businesses looking to recoup some of their losses can file a claim with So Cal Edison by going online to sce.com.

The power outage may have had an effect on traffic signals around town. City officials were reporting at least four intersections where traffic lights were malfunctioning. Those intersections included Montana and Ocean Avenues, Montana and Lincoln Boulevard, Montana and 26th Street and Pico Boulevard and 26th Street.

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Slide closes PCH west of Malibu

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MALIBU A scenic stretch of Pacific Coast Highway west of Malibu has been closed because of a rock and mud slide as record rains soak Southern California.

The California Highway Patrol says PCH was shut down at about 8:10 p.m. Sunday because of the slide near the border of Los Angeles and Ventura counties some 40 miles west of Downtown Los Angeles. No one was hurt.

There's a CHP roadblock at Yerba Buena Road and PCH in Ventura County, about two miles west of the Malibu city limits. Eastbound traffic is being stopped at Las Posas Road and PCH in the Point Mugu area.

It's unclear when the highway would reopen.

A steady weekend soaking has left the region awash with flooded roadways.

The National Weather Service says Sunday's rainfall records include 3.45 inches in Pasadena, 3.2 inches in San Gabriel and 2.3 inches in downtown Los Angeles.



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RIVER OR STREET? **Commuters drive through large puddles of rainwater on Colorado Avenue on Monday in Santa Monica. Flood advisories have been issued for parts of Los Angeles County, where nearly 5 inches of rain fell as of Monday afternoon.**

Rain breaks records, more expected

JOHN ROGERS
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES A storm walloped parts of California with up to 7 inches of rain and spawned minor flooding, mudslides and road closures Monday, but forecasters warn the bad weather's real impact may be yet to come.

More than 3 additional inches of rain expected across the region by Wednesday will hit already saturated hillsides, increasing the possibility of slides and flash floods, said Stuart Seto of the National Weather Service.

The relentless rains that pounded California through the weekend smashed rainfall records, caused numerous traffic accidents, downed trees and forced the cancellation of some horse races.

The weather service said rainfall accumulation could reach 20 inches in some isolated locations by Wednesday, when the first phase of the storm is expected to pass. After a brief respite, it is forecast to return late Christmas Day.

The Los Angeles area, including downtown, Hollywood and the San Fernando Valley, received 3 inches to 4 inches of rainfall, while some northern mountain areas were hit with more than 7 inches. Santa Monica has seen nearly 3.5 inches of rain since the storm began on Friday.

Rainfall records weren't just broken, they were obliterated. The weather service said 3.45 inches of rain fell in Pasadena

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Where's the Christmas spirit?

Editor:

Here is my sad story regarding Christmas. As a very long-time resident of Santa Monica and a world traveler, I had determined a long time ago that for me, there is no better place to live in than in Santa Monica. But our treatment of Christmas is atrocious.

I was tempted to write a couple of weeks ago when Jerry Rubin complained about a Santa Claus appearing in a picture of Chamber of Commerce members in your paper. Another of many attacks on Christmas these days. Then you printed a fine letter by Mike De Mendoza recalling the wonderful days of Christmas celebrated in Santa Monica in the past. Mr. De Mendoza's letter convinced me to write my sad story.

A couple of years ago, looking at the poor displays along the Third Street Promenade attempting to replace Christmas with Winterlit, I decided that I would walk both sides of the promenade, from Wilshire Boulevard to Colorado Avenue, hoping to find one merchant with a "Merry Christmas" banner on display in their front window. I promised myself that I would spend $100 in that store even if I had no use for the product. Sadly to say, I kept my money.

Since that time, I have not spent a dime on the promenade except at the movies.

Jack Norris
Santa Monica

Too much traffic to handle

Editor:

It's not one of these new proposals that is so disturbing, but that you folks cannot see what the total impact these will have on our city ("Residents want City Hall to put brakes on Hines development," Dec. 17, page 1).

I'm sure all or many of you have attempted to drive across Santa Monica or get out of the city during the 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. rush hour (disaster) time. It ain't pretty, it ain't safe and it ain't something that's going to go away anytime soon.

What you folks are proposing is to double or even triple and quadruple the gridlock on all major arterials like Wilshire and Santa Monica boulevards, Broadway, Colorado Avenue, Olympic and even down to Pico. That's not even counting Lincoln, Walgrove, Bundy-Centinela, 11th and 14th streets, Barrington, Sawtelle, etc. Are you guys crazy or what?

I've lived in this city for 18 going on 19 years and have seen the traffic go from difficult to impossible in this time. Now you folks want to multiply that gridlock and make it Coney Island by the sand. This is not acceptable. Anything you folks approve is going to make it much more difficult to traverse the city, especially when the newly approved mass transit trains come to town and convert Santa Monica into another Disneyworld.

You must reconsider these projects. They're totally out of the realm of reality — all of them.

Madelyn Tarfman
Santa Monica





Back to Nature

Reese Halter — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Giving thanks for Joshua trees

IN CALIFORNIA WE ARE SO BLESSED TO have such a diverse array of nature's jewels. This holiday season consider taking a road trip and exploring the Joshua trees; I guarantee you will never forget it.

Often used by Hollywood, this bizarre looking member of the mostly subtropical agave family provides a striking silhouette standing tall with rigid arms extending in every direction against the orange Mojave Desert sky.

Named by 18th century Mormons after the biblical prophet Joshua, the plant, also known as a yucca, had special meaning for those wandering across the parched high desert in search of the promised land. Its arms pointing towards heaven, as the story goes, confirmed that they were on course.

Welcome to the weird world of perhaps one of the strangest tall forms of life on our planet: This tall, short-leafed, southern Californian yucca can attain heights of 46 feet, living for more than seven centuries, tolerating ice and snow of the high desert.

Each needle-sharp leaf is tipped in brown, as if dipped in an ink well and edged with tiny sharp teeth. Dead leaves hang like a shaggy gray, gnarled beard below its green tops.

The tallest of these giant yuccas lives in Joshua Tree National Park among 2 billion-year-old rocks. The desert climate is hot during the summer and freezing in winter. In order to obtain 1.4 inches of moisture these magnificent specimens live at elevations between 3,330 and 6,500 feet above sea level.

The Joshua plant has derived ingenious methods of survival. It tolerates boring beetles, wildfire and has co-evolved with a moth depending upon it, rather than the wind, to spread its pollen.

If a Joshua seed can germinate and survive its first two winters, then it's likely the tree will live to a ripe old age. In order for the seed to successfully germinate it needs a helping hand and it relies upon the thorny protection of a nearby shrub. Ecologists call this a nurse plant. The barbarous nurse plant protects the nutritious seed from being eaten by mule deers, black-tailed Jack rabbits, ground squirrels and wood rats.

Seedlings stand erect like soldiers and will not begin branching until the bud at the tip has either produced a flower or been attacked by the yucca-boring beetle. If it has been attacked it will seal off the injury by laying down silica, which inadvertently petrifies the damaged wood. The tip of the branch will fork, after flowering or beetle attack, and produce two healthy buds. This process will be repeated many times throughout the life of the plant.

Mature Joshua plants will send out bamboo-like runner roots that can also sprout new seedlings called runner plants with tough, unpalatable leaves. It's these runner plants with their vast reserves of carbohydrates or food, from the well-developed Joshua runner roots, that the Navajo yucca beetle bores into, lays its eggs and supports its larvae with copious food. How this beetle is able to determine between seedling plants and runner plants is remarkable — they look identical yet seedling plants cannot support the voracious Navajo larvae.

In March a cluster of creamy white, musty-smelling flowers that look like a cross between a cauliflower and artichoke occur. By May, light green seed pods resembling big pecan shells form. In order for flowers to fertilize, they rely upon the yucca moth to cross-pollinate them. In so doing she lays her eggs in the soon-to-develop yucca plant ovary. These growing seeds guarantee a food source for the young larvae. But the moth never lays too many eggs so all the yucca seed will be devoured. For without new seedlings the yucca moth would ultimately perish.

A dark brown wasp patrols the forest and conducts a search of each Joshua seed, inserting one egg carefully into the tough green skin of the yucca seed. The wasp only deposits an egg into seeds infested by yucca moth larvae. Moth larvae serve as a food source for wasp larvae. How this little wasp detects the deeply buried moth larvae is a desert mystery.

Occasionally, lightning-induced fires ignite Joshua forests. These wonderful plants have adapted to fire by sprouting new plants from the base of their trunks.

Though these giant yuccas are tall enough to be considered a tree, in the true botanical sense they are not. They do not produce growth rings like maples or pines. Rather their wood is soft and spongy and often decayed in the central core. It is very difficult if not impossible to age the Joshua from the standard tree core sampling technique which provides annual growth rings.

So how do tree scientists know how old these plants are? Based on the average growth rate of a half-and-inch a year, some of the trees at Joshua Tree National Park are at least 700-years-old.

Joshua's are the tree of life in Mojave Desert because 25 different bird species use it for nesting. Ladder-backed and northern flicker woodpeckers bore into the limbs and create dens used by other birds. Scott's orioles weave nests from dead Joshua leaves that look like suspended hammocks.

Loggerhead shrikes, known as butcherbirds, use the dagger-like leaves to skewer lizards, and hang the meat in Joshua trees, like a butcher, before returning later in the day.

Wood rats trim razor-sharp Joshua leaves and use them as palisades around their nests.

Termites help recycle fallen limbs, returning basic nutrients back into the soil. The desert night lizard lives underneath fallen branches eating termites and other insects. And the spotted night snake slithers quietly, searching for its favored prey — night lizards.

The complex ecology of Joshua trees is fascinating and highlights the importance of a healthy, interconnected web of life in California's high desert.

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What's the Point?

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Using religion to spread holiday love, not hate

HERE'S A HOLIDAY WISH I PICKED UP last year, "Have a merry RamaKwanakuhbodimastice." It incorporates Ramadan, Kwanzaa, Chanukah, Bodhi Day, Christmas and the Winter Solstice. If I missed anyone, please let me know and I'll add them in.

One of the great benefits of living in Los Angeles, and Santa Monica in particular, is the immense variety of lifestyles, beliefs and cultures that we get to meet and come in contact with. For example, I was given a free Quran about a month ago while walking down the Third Street Promenade one balmy Friday night in November. Ironically, the young college students were mere steps away from Louis and his TruthDefenders.org, the group that essentially rails against Muslims, Jews, other Christians — OK, just about everyone.

The fresh faced youth were very polite and tried to engage me in conversation, which I really did not want to have, so they offered me a free Quran. I'd never read it, and I try not to be too judgmental until I've some actual knowledge, so I took a free copy.

I read the first 20 pages or so, and found the English translation to be choppy and hard to read, but what was most annoying to me was how similar the content was to the Bible. I flipped through some other sections, and there were the usual prohibitions against this, and the condemnations of those who don't believe.

In the end, it's not that different from the Bible, which makes me continue to wonder why religious people have such a hard time getting along, and those of us who practice no religion, seem to get along fine with so many other diverse groups.

We're lucky to live in a society that has such diversity, and embraces it so thoroughly. When I look at the world, and how much anger, hatred, vitriol and sadness, racial and religious differences have brought, it makes me glad that I live in a society that allows my Persian Jewish neighbors to celebrate their religious holidays as freely and openly as my black Christian ones.

This time of year there is the usual media blitz of feel good stories; the puppy that saved the family, the image of Jesus in a spoon that proves he lives, and the anonymous donor who dropped a huge amount of money in a Salvation Army red kettle. As much as they make us feel hope in humanity, we need to remind ourselves that the real hope for humanity is in our day-to-day living and how we treat each other on an ongoing basis.

One day, a week, even a month, of being nice to others is a start, but the real test of anything is its durability, and sustainability. It is the long term that matters, and that is where we as a society have made great strides, even though we have a long way to go.

If America is a mosaic of peoples and religions, looking at Santa Monica is like focusing on a small part of the mosaic and seeing all the colors and pieces of the image. We have tremendous variety and more importantly, we have exceptional tolerance for each other. And that tolerance, to my mind, is the true message of RamaKwanakuhbodimastice.

Intolerance is what leads to hatred.

The main lesson I take from the Bible, the Quran, and the Torah is that those who defile the house and love of God, have no right to claim moral authority.

The practice of hate and intolerance, whether cloaked by the 10 Commandments, the "loving word of Jesus," or the morality of the Quran, is not conducive to a peaceful society. All the great spiritual leaders focused their efforts on the message of living peacefully, not on building temples. Jesus, Buddha, Moses, and Mohammed all lived simply, that others may simply live.

This week, as the menorahs get packed away, and the Christmas trees get surrounded with presents, as the preparations are made for Kwanzaa, let's remember that love and tolerance is the real message of all truly spiritual people, not the slavish devotion to "laws" put down by some long forgotten scribe. Let's remember that goodwill to all is a message that can be carried forward throughout the year, and practiced in all our affairs, no matter what your spiritual beliefs.

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SMO
FROM PAGE 1

Improvement Program grants," Ian Gregor, an agency spokesman, said last week.

Further, he said the agency believes there's a requirement to keep the facility open indefinitely because of legal obligations contained in the 1948 property deal that led to the current arrangement for SMO's operation.

"The FAA is fully committed to preserving the federal investment and keeping this airport open and operating," Gregor said.

Gregor's comments came after the City Council last week agreed to hire RAND Corp. to conduct a study of SMO's impacts, part of a City Hall effort to gather input about the facility's future ahead of the 2015 expiration.

Local officials lately have been careful to emphasize that the steps being taken aren't aimed at making the case to shutter the airport, but rather at understanding a range of possible changes that could be made at the airport.

To date, there has been no formal recommendation from City Hall, as officials cite the need to wait to take a position until after a series of community meetings about the airport is held next year.

SMO has long been a source of resident anger, with safety concerns, pollution from aircraft emissions and noise from fly-overs topping the list of complaints. The impending expiration of the contract with the federal government to operate the airport has stoked interest in pushing for permanent changes at SMO and prompted some to call for its closure.

It's unclear whether the FAA would be amenable to a potential compromise proposal calling for scaled-back aircraft operations at SMO combined with more community-friendly uses of the facility.

> **THE FAA IS FULLY COMMITTED TO PRESERVING THE FEDERAL INVESTMENT AND KEEPING THIS AIRPORT OPEN AND OPERATING,"**
>
> **Ian Gregor**
> agency spokesman

"Without knowing what kind of changes they might be talking about it's really impossible for us to comment," Gregor said.

Reached on Monday, Mayor Richard Bloom said the FAA's insistence that city officials have little control over the future of SMO was no surprise.

"FAA officials are entitled to their opinions and Mr. Gregor's fits nicely into their ongoing narrative that seeks to minimize the city's jurisdiction regarding the airport," he said. "But, I am quite confident that the city will have many more options after 2015 than the FAA is willing to admit. As far as I am concerned it is the city that will determine the fate of the airport and what is best for the community."

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STORM
FROM PAGE 3

during three days. The old record was 1.5 inches in 1987.

Flash-flood warnings were in effect for some areas, particularly mountain areas still scarred by recent wildfires, while flood warnings or flood advisories were issued for most of the region.

Residents of La Canada Flintridge were among those keeping a wary eye on the rain. More than 40 homes in the hillside city just north of Los Angeles were damaged or destroyed by a mudslide in February.

"We are holding up," said resident Lien Yang, who added he was warned to be prepared to evacuate. "It's coming down steady but not pouring. Therefore it doesn't cause a mud flow or flooding or anything like that. Hopefully, it's winding down and we'll have no threat this time."

One of his neighbors, Tom Smith, spent part of Sunday afternoon placing sandbags in front of his house.

The rain even made it risky for racehorses to run. Hollywood Park canceled its final seven races Sunday after rain made a section of turf leading to the main track too dangerous to navigate.

The storm uprooted numerous trees. In Woodland Hills, north of Los Angeles, a eucalyptus tree crashed onto the roof of a home, while a 40-foot tree fell onto an apartment building in Glendale. In West Hills, a downed tree crushed a car. No injuries were reported.

Soaked hillsides gave way to some minor mudslides in canyon areas and flooding in a few low-lying streets, but nothing serious, Seto said.

In Los Angeles, residents of a Bel Air Estates home had to be evacuated when a retaining wall collapsed and mud surged into the house, fire department spokesman Erik Scott said.

Rain and high winds caused substantial power outages to customers in the Santa Cruz Mountains and in the South Bay, Pacific Gas & Electric officials told the San Francisco Chronicle.

Sierra Nevada ski resorts reported up to 18 inches of fresh snow Sunday. Forecasters said the area could get similar amounts every night until Saturday.

Snow levels in Southern California were around 7,000 feet because the storm was so warm, but Tuesday night's anticipated storm will be much colder, meteorologists said, and that should allow snow at elevations as low as 5,500 feet.



DROPOUTS
FROM PAGE 1

School Board Member Oscar de la Torre said the dropout statistics highlight a problem that's already a focus for district leaders.

"We know that the achievement gap persists and we need to do more to ensure that all students stay engaged through an innovative curriculum and supportive intervention programs," he said. "We need to direct attention to where the need is greatest in order for us to improve our graduation rates overall."

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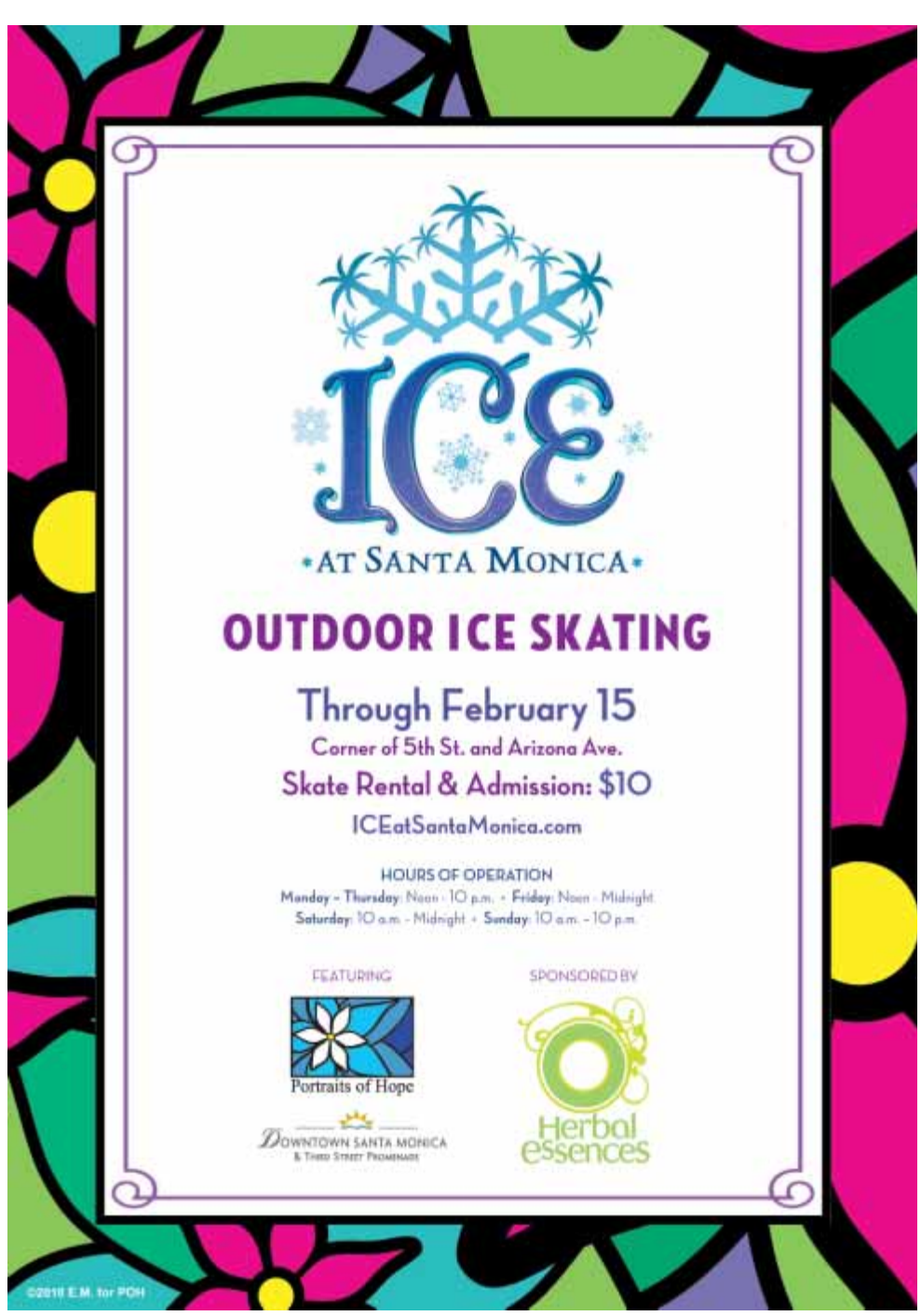
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SMMUSD board of education member











SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 61°

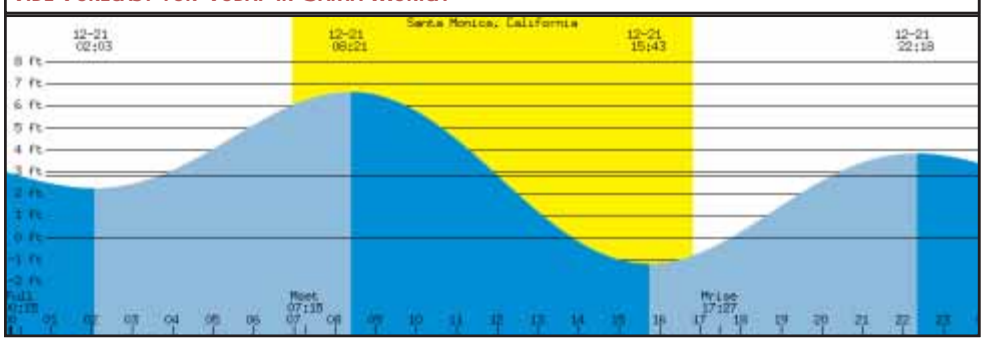
Swell Forecast

Looks like a chest+ wind swell day. Conditions look poor.

Long Range Synopsis

May see a decline in wind swell to waist to chest at west facing breaks. Conditions look poor.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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 14, 2010**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 41 / 23
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 7 / 18

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Cerrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alina creeks.	A+	C
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A	A
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	B
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	F
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	F	A
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A+	B
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fences.	A+	C
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	C
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	B
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	C
Pena Creek at Los Tunos County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	C	A+
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	F	D
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	D	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	B
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	A
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	C
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	B
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	C
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	A
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	C
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	A+
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	F
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	F
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	C
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	F
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	F	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	D
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	A+
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	D
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	C	A+
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	B
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	F

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

Heal the Bay's Beach Report Card® is based on weekly water quality monitoring data provided by the City of Los Angeles' Environmental Monitoring Division and the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. Data is analyzed as soon as it is made available to us by the public agencies. Beaches are graded on an A–F scale based on the risk of ocean users becoming ill. Samples are analyzed for bacteria—enterococcus, total and fecal coliforms—that indicate biological pollution. A fact sheet detailing the exact methodology used in determining grades for each location is available from the office or on our web site. The report is not designed to measure the amount of trash or toxins found at local beaches.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CITYWIDE

Big Blue Bus changes schedules

Santa Monica's bus company is operating on a modified schedule because of the holidays and will do so until Jan. 2, 2011.

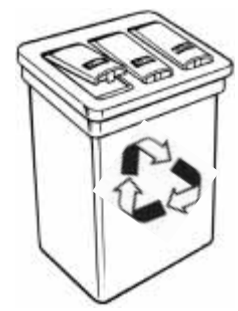
For starters, buses will run less frequently and no longer stop at the Hilgard Terminal on the east side of the UCLA campus. Buses will be re-routed to the Ackerman Terminal during the holidays. All bus stops along Le Conte Avenue east of Westwood Boulevard and up Hilgard Avenue will not be serviced.

Also, on Christmas and New Year's Day, which both fall on Saturday this year, the Big Blue will be operating a Sunday schedule. If people are planning to ride the Big Blue Bus on one of these holidays they should refer to the Sunday schedules for these two days.

For passengers who plan on riding the Big Blue Bus on a weekday during this time period, they can download and print the temporary schedules of the lines they are interested in taking by going online at www.bigbluebus.com.

Big Blue Bus Customer Service and the Transit Store will also have special hours during the holiday season. They will be open from 6:30 a.m. to noon on Dec. 24 and 31. They will be closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1, 2011.

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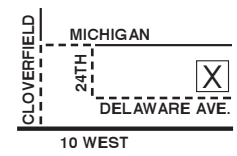


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12:00pm, 3:15pm, 6:30pm, 9:40pm

Burlesque (PG-13) 1hr 40min
1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

How Do You Know (R) 1hr 56min
12:15pm, 3:00pm, 6:00pm, 9:00pm

Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader in Digital 3D (PG) 1hr 52min
1:20pm, 4:05pm, 7:05pm, 9:45pm

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Tangled in Disney Digital 3D (PG) 1hr 40min
11:30am, 2:00pm, 4:35pm, 7:15pm, 9:45pm

Yogi Bear 3D (PG) 1hr 22min
10:50am, 12:55pm, 3:05pm, 5:15pm, 7:30pm, 9:50pm

Tron: Legacy in Disney Digital 3D (NR) 2hrs 07min
1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

How Do You Know (R) 1hr 56min
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Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader in Digital 3D (PG) 1hr 52min
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Black Swan (R) 1hr 50min
11:30am, 1:00pm, 2:00pm, 3:45pm, 4:45pm, 6:45pm, 7:45pm, 9:30pm, 10:30pm

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Ward No. 6 (Palata NÂ°6) (NR) 1hr 23min
1:00pm, 5:30pm

King's Speech (R) 1 hour 58 min
1:10pm, 2:10pm, 4:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 8:00pm, 9:50pm

Casino Jack (R) 1hr 48min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:10pm, 9:50pm

Inside Job (PG-13) 1hr 48min
3:00pm, 7:40pm, 10:15pm

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Tron: Legacy (NR) 2hrs 07min
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Love and Other Drugs (R) 1hr 53min
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Tangled (PG) 1hr 40min
10:30am, 1:30pm

Tourist (PG-13) 1hr 43min
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Fighter (R) 1hr 54min
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Must appearance tonight, Aries

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Even if you feel frenetic and act frenetic, understand that you are not the only one. Greet the Winter Solstice with a smile, knowing that you cannot be all things to all people. Then breathe. Doesn't that feel better? Tonight: A must appearance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Pressure builds, especially with last-minute gifts and details. If you can, take off or go to a concert, like the "Messiah." You will be able to deal with today's pressure better after a timeout. Don't stand on ceremony if someone doesn't call back. Call again. Tonight: Let your imagination lead.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Defer all you want. Understand that you cannot do everything, even if others want you to. Be aware of spending and perhaps not only a last-minute need to spend but also an inner demand to be less extravagant. Tonight: Togetherness is the theme.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Your energy feeds off the Moon. Don't worry if your energy fades; today's Lunar Eclipse could drain you. Don't put too many demands on yourself. No one can be on all the time! Tonight: Whatever makes you smile. Refuse to be triggered by a loved one.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Take your time. Don't react to pressure from friends or loved ones. You know where you are going. Sometimes it is best not to explain everything, even if someone demands just that. A little mystery proves to be extremely alluring. Tonight: No one can find you because ...

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Understand that people can and will reverse themselves. Don't get too stuck in letting them know you are right. That type of rigidity does nothing but distance people. Knowing you don't want that coolness, focus on empathizing. Tonight: Unpredictable at best.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ News from those at a distance could be quite startling, forcing you to regroup. Your intuition about a loved one or child could be more right-on than you realize. Don't stand on ceremony over a misunderstanding. Tonight: Could be late.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Seek out an activity that allows some sense of detachment. You easily could be overwhelmed by everything that is happening. The faster you let go of what is triggering you, the happier you will be. A child or loved one continues to be irascible. Tonight: Put on Christmas music.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Extremes mark your moods and those you deal with. Try lying low and not pushing any issue; otherwise, the end result could be a problem. Let a partner express his or her ideas and dominate. Tonight: Go for cozy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might feel as if you are on a seesaw, and in a sense you are! As you juggle other people's needs with your own, give up either/or thinking. Why can't everyone have what he or she wants? Try to encompass more open thinking. Tonight: Sort through invitations.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Understand that you might not be able to accomplish what you want. Too much is happening around you over which you have little to no control. Maintain a strong hand with your personal finances. Don't allow any impulse buying. Tonight: Early to bed.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Your playfulness, though well-intended, could upset someone. Your creativity bubbles forth in nearly all situations, whether decorating a tree or handling a problem at work. A meeting or strong friend pushes hard to have you do what he or she wants. Tonight: Where is the mistletoe?

Happy birthday

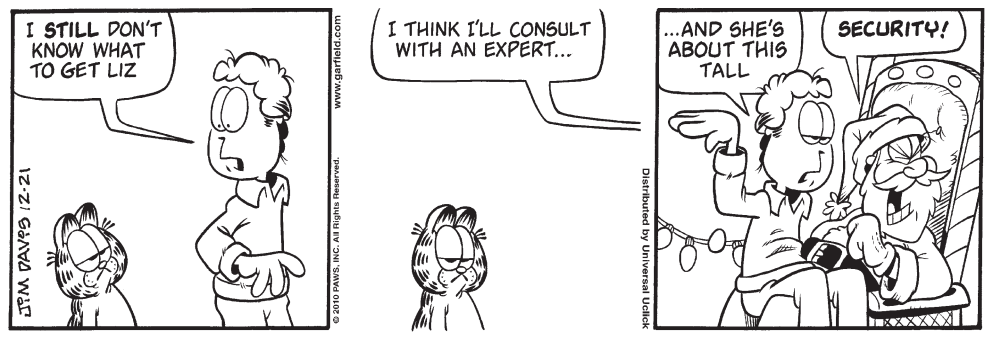
This year, the theme of the unexpected surrounds you. Don't fight the course of events, and you'll see the light at the end of the tunnel, if not the end itself. The only error you can make is to hold on to what isn't working. If you are single, even if you are sure this person is "it," take at least a year to commit. Someone better for you could be around the corner. If you are attached, the two of you need to reestablish some basics, resulting from your inner reflection. Trust in the process. CANCER often challenges you.

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



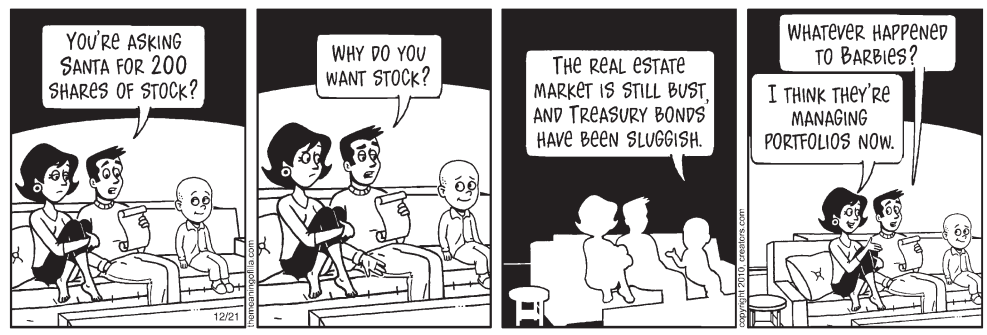
Garfield

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The Meaning of Lila

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Girls and Sports

By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



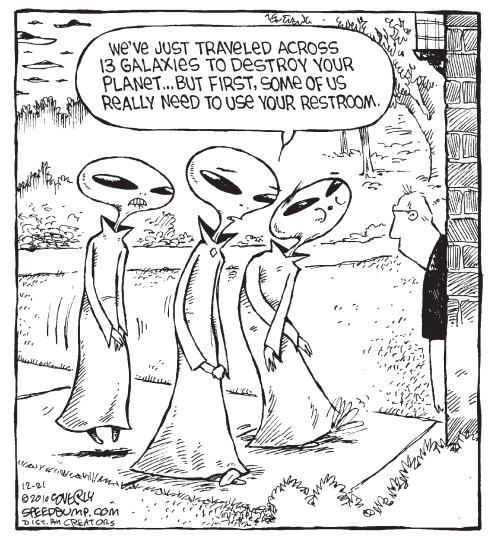
Strange Brew

By John Deering



Speed Bump

By Dave Coverly



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

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



CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

1 Not at home
5 Actress Knightley
10 Miserly Marner
12 Like Machu Picchu
13 Christmas treat
15 Shade tree
16 Horace's "— Poetica"
17 Maj.'s superior
18 Frisco team
20 Sleuth's find
21 Dancer's boss
22 "Why not!"
23 Buccaneers' base
25 Wise men's beacon
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41 Gawk
42 Seasonal songs
43 Important times

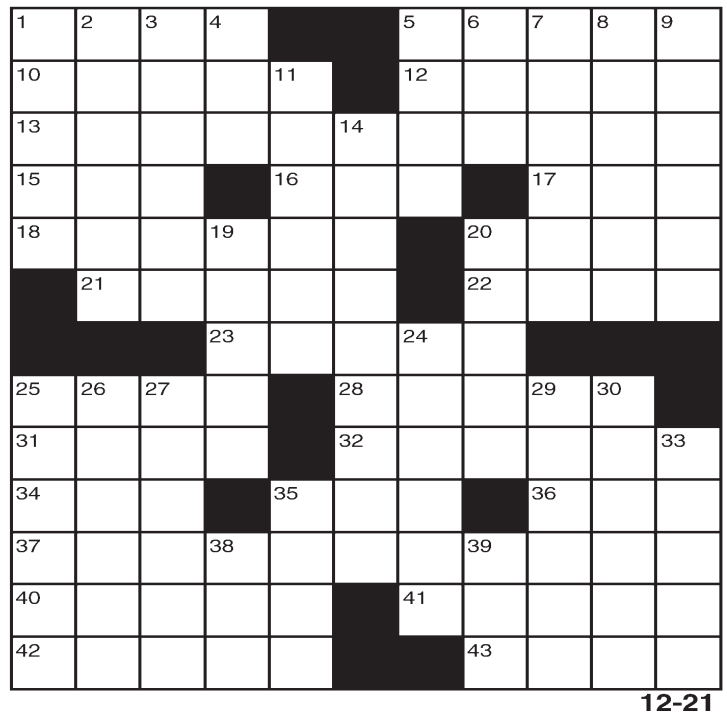
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3 Female grad
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11 Athens rival
14 Big Dipper location
19 — nous (between us)
20 Assertion
24 Lead weights
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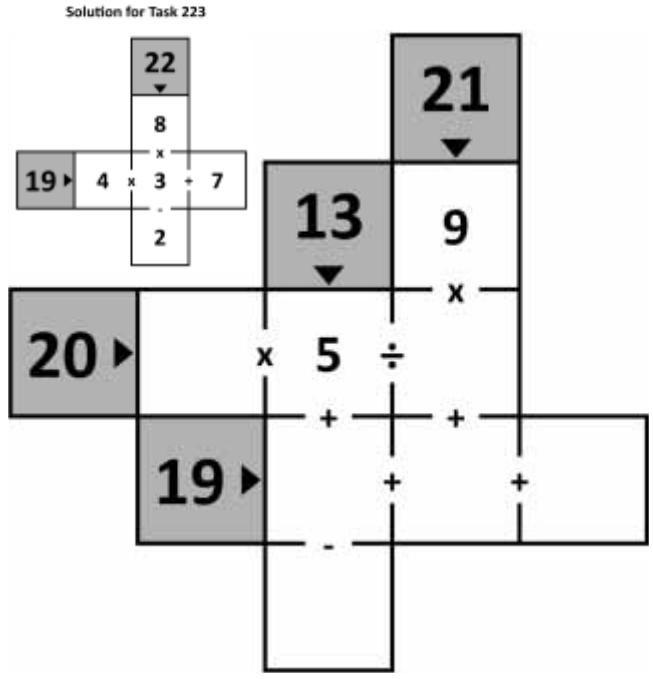
- Fill the grid with the set of given numbers (1 to 12) to satisfy the Equa demands (7 to 24) in the shaded boxes. The Equa demands represent the sum of the digits that you will insert into the empty squares.
- Each horizontal row has one Equa demand to satisfy; each vertical column also has one demand to satisfy. Each empty square in the grid dictates the math operation (addition +, subtraction -, multiplication X, and division ÷) that must be performed to meet the demands.
- You must follow the given math operations for each square and you must make sure all the numbers satisfy the demands in the shaded boxes when connected in adjacent threes and calculated together from left to right, and top to bottom.
- The numbers you insert into the grid must satisfy the Equa demands both horizontally and vertically.

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Fill in the empty fields with the given numbers so when calculated together they satisfy all Equas in the gray boxes:

1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9

Solution for Task 223



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MEGA MILLIONS: 11 20 26 46 53 Meganumber: 12 Jackpot: $145M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS: 10 11 12 25 33 Meganumber: 21 Jackpot: $14M

Fantasy 5: 28 29 30 32 38

DAILY 3: MIDDAY: 5 0 6 EVENING: 5 9 4

DAILY DERBY: 1st: 02 Lucky Star 2nd: 04 Big Ben 3rd: 01 Gold Rush RACE TIME: 1:47.69

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Wei Xinpeng, 55, a boatman in a village near industrial Lanzhou, China, collects bodies from the Yellow River (the murdered, the suicides, the accidentally drowned), offering them back to grieving relatives for a price. Distraught visitors pay a small browsing fee to check his inventory and then, if they identify a loved one, up to the equivalent of $500 to take the corpse home. Said Wei, "I bring dignity to the dead"; no overstatement for him since his own son drowned in the river (yet his body was never recovered).

■ Nov. 3 was National Sandwich Day, and several U.S. eateries capitalized by mixing up bar drinks in honor of such favorites as the cheeseburger, the BLT (bacon-infused rum), and the PB&J (peanut syrup, strawberry jam, banana and rum). The mixologist at Toronto's Tipicular Fixin's makes his cheeseburger cocktail with beef stock reduction, Roma tomatoes and iceberg lettuce water, garnished with a cheddar crisp and a kosher dill.

■ Researchers at the University of Queensland revealed in November that parrot fish, which reside on Australia's reefs and need protection from blood-sucking, lice-like parasites, shelter themselves at bedtime with blankets of "snot." Typically, the fish's mouth-slobber, once it starts dribbling out, takes about an hour to ooze into place.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1913 Arthur Wynne's "word-cross", the first crossword puzzle, is published in the New York World.

1937 Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, the first full-length animated film, premieres at the Carthay Circle Theater.

1941 World War II: A formal treaty of alliance between Thailand and Japan is signed in the presence of the Emerald Buddha in Wat Phra Kaew.

1962 Rondane National Park is established as Norway's first national park.

1967 Louis Washkansky, the first man to undergo a heart transplant, dies in Cape Town, South Africa, after living for 18 days after the transplant.

WORD UP!

ferret
\ FER-it \ , verb;
1. To search out, discover, or bring to light.

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Announcements

Los Robles Hospital & Medical Center
4th Floor Vertical Expansion Core & Shell(37,784 SF)

Layton
CONSTRUCTING WITH INTEGRITY

Layton Construction (Construction Manager/General Contractor) and the Owner will be holding an informational meeting for interested subcontractors and vendors regarding this project.

Meeting Location, Date and Time:
Los Robles Medical Center January 11, 2011 Classroom 1 Open House: 4:00 p.m. 215 West Janss Road Presentation: 4:30 p.m. Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

Prequalification packets will be distributed at the meeting. Subcontractors must be prequalified in order to bid on the project. Prequalification information must be returned to Layton Construction by 5:00 pm PST on January 13, 2011. Questions regarding the project should be directed to:

Eric Carlson
ecarlson@laytoncompanies.com
801-568-9090

Trent Isaacson
tisaacson@laytoncompanies.com
801-568-9090

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Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
Date of Filing Application: DECEMBER 9, 2010
To Whom it may concern:
The Name(s) of the Applicant(s) is/are: FARMSHOP, LLC
The applicants listed above are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages at: 225 26TH ST, SUITE 25, LOS ANGELES, CA 90049-2541
Type of License(s) Applied for: 20 – OFF – SALE BEER AND WINE, 41 – ON-SALE BEER AND WINE – EATING PLACE
Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control LOS ANGELES.
SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS 12/21/2010, 12/28/2010, 01/04/2011

Name Changes

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. SS020196
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of ROSANNA MARIA VALENTONE for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner or Attorney: ROSANNA MARIA VALENTONE filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: ROSANNA MARIA VALENTONE to ALESSIA ROSE VALENTONE. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hear-ing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: JAN. 6, 2011 Time: 8:30AM, Dept. A., Room 104
The address of the court is 1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401.
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press.
Date: NOVEMBER 29, 2010
GERALD ROSENBERG
Judge Of The Superior Court
11/30/2010, 12/7/2010, 12/14/2010, 12/21/2010

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 20101692261 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 11/22/2010 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as HOLLYWARE TRANS MEDIA. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: DAVID BOYLES 508 ASHLAND AVE #104 SANTA MONICA, CA 90405 . This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/22/2010. 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 Pro-fessions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 12/21/2010, 12/28/2010, 01/04/2011, 01/11/2011.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 10-1680168
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: HENOSIS; HENOSIS PRODUCTIONS; HENOSIS GROUP; HENOSIS STUDIOS; HENOSIS MUSIC; HENOSIS FILMS; HENOSIS EVENTS, 3221 CARTER AVE. UNIT 217, MARINA DEL REY, CA 90292. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MICHAEL BABAK HOUSHMAST, 3221 CARTER AVE. UNIT 217, MARINA DEL REY, CA 90292. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MICHAEL HOUSHMAST. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/19/10. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious 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 in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Pub. Dec. 13, 20, 27, 2010 Jan. 3, 2011
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 10-1765944
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: H G WINDOW DOOR REPAIR, 1349 S. CONSTANCE ST., L.A., CA 90015. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) HUGO GARCIA, 1349 S. CONSTANCE ST., L.A., CA 90015. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: HUGO GARCIA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/02/10. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious 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 in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Pub. Dec. 20, 27, 2010 Jan. 3, 10, 2011
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 10-1815380
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: JOSUE 1;9 TRANSPORT, 6004? WASHINGTON BLVD., COMMERCE, CA 90040. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MARTINA BASOCO GAXIOLA, 6004? WASHINGTON BLVD., COMMERCE, CA 90040. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MARTINA BASOCO GAXIOLA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/08/10. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious 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 in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Pub. Dec. 20, 27, 2010 Jan. 3, 10, 2011
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 10-1780308
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SKULLWORKS DVD AUTHORING EDITORIAL, 10822 OTSEGO ST. #207, N. HOLLYWOOD, CA 91601-3959. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) VINCENT K. DERAMUS, 10822 OTSEGO ST. #207, N. HOLLYWOOD, CA 91601-3959. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: VINCENT K. DERAMUS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/03/10. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 8/17/05. NOTICE- This Fictitious 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 in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Pub. Dec. 20, 27, 2010 Jan. 3, 10, 2011
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 10-1804941
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ARBOR RIDGE APARTMENTS, 13708 VIA DEL PALMA AVE., WHITTIER, CA 90602. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ARBOR VENTURE, LLC., 13708 VIA DEL PALMA AVE., WHITTIER, CA 90602. This Business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Signed: MARK PRINGLE. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/07/10. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious 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 in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Pro-fessions Code) Pub. Dec. 20, 27, 2010 Jan. 3, 10, 2011
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 10-1862520
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ARC AND ASSOCIATES, 5949 E. SOUTH ST. #32, LAKEWOOD, CA 90713. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ROBERT LEE, 5949 E. SOUTH ST. #32, LAKEWOOD, CA 90713. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ROBERT LEE. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/16/10. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious 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 state-ment does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Pub. Dec. 20, 27, 2010 Jan. 3, 10, 2011
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 10-1802681
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: COSTA DEL SOL, 2201 S. SAN PEDRO UNIDA A, L.A., CA 90011. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ANTONIA DEL CARMEN SAMTAMARIA, 2201 S. SAN PEDRO UNIDA A, L.A., CA 90011. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ANTONIA DEL CARMEN SAMTAMARIA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/07/10. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/1/10. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 10-1835897
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: INNOVATION BY NATURE, 850 E. OCEAN BLVD. #702, LONG BEACH, CA 90802. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MARTIN DAFFNER, 850 E. OCEAN BLVD. UNIT 702, LONG BEACH, CA 90802. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MARTIN DAFFNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/13/10. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious 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 in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Pub. Dec. 20, 27, 2010 Jan. 3, 10, 2011
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 10-1804957
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: JAC ENTERPRISES, 12923 DANBROOK AVE., WHITTIER, CA 90602. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JOSE A. CORRAL, 12923 DANBROOK DR., WHITTIER, CA 90602. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JOSE A. CORRAL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/07/10. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious 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 in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Pro-fessions Code) Pub. Dec. 20, 27, 2010 Jan. 3, 10, 2011
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 10-1801935
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LA AUTO-TECH; BF AUTO-TECH, 9101 ALONDRA BLVD., BELLFLOWER, CA 90706. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JUAN GOMEZ, 14624 ROBERT ST., BELLFLOWER, CA 90706. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JUAN GOMEZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/07/10. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious 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 state-ment does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Pub. Dec. 20, 27, 2010 Jan. 3, 10, 2011
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 10-1837552
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PREMIER REALTY AND INVESTMENTS II, 200 N. MINNESOTA AVE. #2, GLENDORA, CA 91741. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) WILLARD THOMAS BICKERSIII, 200 N. MINNESOTA AVE. #2, GLENDORA, CA 91741, STANLEY VETOCK, 4049 N. EL DORADO #1, STOCKTON, CA 95204. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: WILLARD THOMAS BICKERS III. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/13/10. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious 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 in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Pro-fessions Code) Pub. Dec. 20, 27, 2010 Jan. 3, 10, 2011
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 10-1847608
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: NATIONS CAPITAL FUNDING, 2600 W. OLIVE AVE. 5th FL., BURBANK, CA 91505. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CARLOS MONTANI, 3836 GONDAR AVE., LONG BEACH, CA 90808. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CARLOS MONTANI. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/14/10. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious 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 in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Pub. Dec. 20, 27, 2010 Jan. 3, 10, 2011
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 10-1779066
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: C & C TEES, 115 W. 93rd ST., L.A., CA 90003. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) FELIX TAYLOR, 115 W. 93rd ST., L.A., CA 90003. This Business is

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conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: FELIX TAYLOR. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/03/10. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 08/01/2010. NOTICE- This Fictitious 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 in viola-tion of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Busi-ness and Professions Code) Pub. Dec. 20, 27, 2010 Jan. 3, 10, 2011
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 10-1844552
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PASADENA DRIVING SCHOOL-THE BEST, 862 E. VILLA ST., PASADENA, CA 91101. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) KAPARIS CORPORATION, 862 E. VILLA ST., PASADENA, CA 91101. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: AIDA ROLDAN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/14/10. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious 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 in viola-tion of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Busi-ness and Professions Code) Pub. Dec. 20, 27, 2010 Jan. 3, 10, 2011
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 10-1856859
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SOUND AND LIGHT ANIMATRONICS; CUDDLE BARN; MILLS TRADING, 2655 S. SANTA FE AVE., VERNON, CA 90058. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SNLUSA CORPORATION, 2655 S. SANTA FE AVE., VERNON, CA 90058. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: EMILY TING. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/15/10. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 9/1/2010. NOTICE- This Fictitious 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 in viola-tion of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Busi-ness and Professions Code) Pub. Dec. 20, 27, 2010 Jan. 3, 10, 2011
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 10-1823868
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: AP & MA DIS., 13260 LAURELDALE AVE., DOWNEY, CA 90242. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ANDRES PEREZ, 13260 LAURELDALE AVE., DOWNEY, CA 90242, MANUEL ALFARO, 11017 ADOREE ST., NORWALK, CA 90650. This Business is conducted by: CO-PARTNERS. Signed: ANDRES PEREZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/09/10. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious 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 state-ment does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Pub. Dec. 20, 27, 2010 Jan. 3, 10, 2011
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 10-1766838
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ABSOLUTE ROLLING, 527 N. HOOVER, L.A., CA 90004. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ABSOLUTE ROLLER, INC., 527 N. HOOVER, L.A., CA 90004. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: ILYA SHUSHELOVSKY. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/02/10. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious 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 in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Pub. Dec. 20, 27, 2010 Jan. 3, 10, 2011
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 10-1792145
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: A. FLORES DESIGN, 1727 W. 46th ST., L.A., CA 90062. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ADAM FLORES, 7261 BRYNHURST AVE., L.A., CA 90043. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ADAM FLORES. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/06/10. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/08/05. NOTICE- This Fictitious 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 in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Pub. Dec. 20, 27, 2010 Jan. 3, 10, 2011
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