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The year in review: elections, crime and community

The Daily Press will publish a series of articles in the coming week summarizing the year's news. Summaies have been loosely grouped by topic and our annual roundup of the year's most read stories will appear this Friday/Saturday.



Matthew Hall

PROTESTS: Donald Trump's victory in the 2016 Presidential election triggered protests at local schools including Santa Monica College and Santa Monica High School.

ELECTION

November 2016 was an election year. Voters approved several measures that would raise taxes to pay for affordable housing/education, fund construction at Santa Monica College and tighten the city's anti-corruption rules. Voters rejected a measure that would have restricted development. A proposal to make the City Attorney an elected position failed to gather enough signatures to qualify for the ballot. Tony Vazquez, Terry O'Day, Ted Winterer and Gleam Davis won reelection to City Council. Caroline Torosis and Anastasia Foster won seats on the Rent Control Board. Susan Aminoff, Rob Greenstein Rader and Margaret Quinones-Perez won seats on the Santa Monica College Board. The Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District canceled its election due to a lack of candidates. Jon Kean was the only challenger to run for a vacant seat on the board and was appointed to the position.

Santa Monica and Malibu activists filed a lawsuit against the City of Santa Monica to try to force the city to move to district based elections. The sue alleges the current system of citywide elections is biased and specifically disenfranchises residents of the traditionally minority heavy Pico neighborhood.

Donald Trump visited Santa Monica for a private fundraiser. He was among several candidates to swing through the area in the hotly contested election. Democratic candidate Bernie Sanders visited Santa Monica several times and held his election night rally at the Santa Monica Airport.

Hundreds of students protested on California campuses, including at SMC, after the election. Students were angry regarding Donald Trump's victory and the protests spread throughout educational institutions including local high schools.

CRIME

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced plans to retry an accused murderer after a jury deadlocked during the first

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Year's top news filled with division – and no middle ground

BY ADAM GELLER
AP National Writer

Fed up with Europe's union across borders? Reject it. Disgusted with the U.S. political establishment? Can it.

The news in 2016 was filled with battles over culture and territory that exposed divisions far deeper than many realized. But people confronting those divides repeatedly rejected the prospect of middle-ground solutions and the institutions put in place to deliver them.

While the headlines told many different stories, the thread connecting much of the news was a decisive torching of moderation, no matter how uncertain the consequences.

"You're not laughing now, are you?" Nigel Farage, a leader of the so-called Brexit campaign told the European Parliament after voters in Great Britain spurned membership in the continental union. "What the little people did ... was they rejected the multinationals, they rejected the merchant banks, they rejected big politics and they said actually, we want our country back," he said.

Farage was speaking only about the United Kingdom. But his observation that many people well beyond Britain shared that disdain for working within the system was born out repeatedly in the year's biggest headlines.

In a U.S. presidential campaign fueled by anger and insults, in Syria's brutal war and Venezuela's massive protests, in fights over gay rights and migration, opposing sides rejected not just compromise but the politics of trying to forge it.

That was clear from the year's first days, when armed activists took over a national wildlife refuge in Oregon's high desert, opposing the federal government's control of public lands.

"It needs to be very clear that these buildings will never, ever return to the federal government," LaVoy Finicum, an Arizona rancher among the activists, told reporters. Weeks later, federal agents stopped vehicles outside the refuge, arresting eight of the activists and fatally shooting Finicum when he reached into a jacket that held a loaded gun.

Even in the rare cases when compromise prevailed, it was viewed with suspicion.

When a deal took effect in January limiting Iran's nuclear program in exchange for relief on sanctions, it marked the culmination of prolonged negotiation by President Barack Obama's administration. But the pact was repeatedly attacked by critics in both countries, including Donald Trump, saying it gave the other side too much.

"The wisest plan of crazy Trump is tearing up the nuclear deal," a leading Iranian hardliner, Hossein Shariatmadari, told his country's news agency.

In mid-February, Supreme Court Justice

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Monday, Dec. 26

Library Closed
All Library locations are closed today.

Tuesday, Dec. 27

Creative Holiday Therapy: An Anti-Stress Adult Coloring Program
Celebrate the season with some holiday coloring! Relax, color festive holiday patterns, unwind, and maybe sip a cup of hot chocolate or apple cider! Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Movie: Ghostbusters
In this updated spin on the 1980s classic, a quartet of funny ladies led by Kristen Wiig and Melissa McCarthy band together to battle a paranormal invasion of New York City. (116 min.) Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 – 5 p.m.

Winter Family Story Time
Bring the whole family for stories, coloring fun and hot cocoa! For Families! Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2 – 2:45 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 28

Movie: Finding Dory (2016)
In this sequel to Pixar's smash hit Finding Nemo, lovable amnesiac Dory (Ellen Degeneres) decides to venture off in search of her lost parents. (103 min.) Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 – 4:45 p.m.

Drum and Dance
Everyone can drum along in this energetic workshop! Ages 4 and up. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 11 – 11:45 a.m.

Farmer's Market
The Wednesday Farmers Market is widely recognized as one of the largest and most diverse grower-only CFM's in the nation. 2nd @ Arizona Avenue, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 29

The Secret Life of Pets
Ever wonder what your pets do when you're not home? This animated comedy, from the humans behind Despicable Me, reveals the lives pets lead after their owners leave. (87 min.) Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 – 4:30 p.m.

LEGOS and Games at Main
They provide the Legos, you provide the fun! New for December, easy family board games! Ages 4 and Up. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2 – 4 p.m.

Friday, December 30

Kubo and the Two Strings
A young boy named Kubo must locate a magical suit of armor worn by his late father in order to defeat a vengeful spirit from the past. Featuring the voices of Charlize Theron and Matthew McConaughey. (101 min) Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 – 4:45 p.m.

Make it Noisy!
Make crafts to help ring in the new year! Ages 3 and up. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2 – 3 p.m.

Saturday, December 31

Farmers Market
With the passage of the California Organic Foods Act of 1990, consumers were eager for more organic produce and another market for weekend shopping. The Organic Market boasts the largest percentage of Certified Organic growers of the markets. 2nd @ Arizona Avenue, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Saturday, December 31

Beach and Guest House Closed
Guest House Closed Today for the Holiday. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH.

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REVIEW

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trial. Prosecutors were attempting to secure the conviction of Meliton Lorenzo Lopez for the gang-related murder of 29-year-old Santa Monica resident Gil Verasteguithe.

A suicidal man prompted the temporary evacuation and closure of the Santa Monica Courthouse. The suicidal man had driven his truck onto the lawn in front of the court where he stayed for about half an hour before eventually leaving on a stretcher.

A man was stabbed to death in an apartment on 5th Street. Police officers arrested the apartment resident, Guillermo Guerrero, 40, and charged him with murder but he was released and Delshone Tyrell Busby Jr., a homeless man, was then arrested and charged with the crime.

A train vs. car accident briefly closed the intersection of Lincoln and Colorado. The crash was the second on the tracks. A truck was driving parallel to the train when the truck driver made an illegal left turn onto Lincoln. The train clipped the back of the truck causing moderate damage to the vehicle but little damage to the train. Witnesses reported seeing the truck driver discard a bag immediately after the accident police determined it contained cocaine.

Three Santa Monica police officers were recognized by President Barack Obama for exhibiting "exceptional courage, regardless of personal safety, in the attempt to save or protect others from harm" when responding to the 2013 shooting at Santa Monica College. Santa Monica Police Officers Jason Salas and Robert Sparks, and Captain Raymond Bottenfield of the Santa Monica College Police Department, received the Medal of Valor.

A group of women saw a man attempt to drug his date at a local restaurant. The witnesses informed the victim as well as staff members of their observations. Officers arrived and the suspect was arrested.

A murder-suicide at a UCLA engineering building drew hundreds of heavily armed officers who swarmed the sprawling Los Angeles campus, where students close to summer break barricaded themselves in classrooms as best they could before being evacuated with their hands up.

Santa Monica police arrested a man for explosives and weapons possession in the early morning hours before the West Hollywood Gay Pride Parade. Officers were initially concerned the suspect planned to attack the parade but the suspect said he was in the area just to visit a friend.

Santa Monica Police arrested a San Diego man for murder following a weekend altercation. The suspect and victim had an argument on the pier that extended into downtown where an altercation between the two resulted in the man's death.

A local homeless man was linked to a string of violent sexual attacks in and around Santa Monica. The suspect was connected to four assaults, including two within the city. He was charged with three counts of forcible rape, two counts each of assault with intent to commit a sex crime, kidnapping and second-degree robbery and one count each of assault by means of force.

The Santa Monica Police Department arrested a man for attempted murder, attempted car jacking, assault with a deadly weapon and making criminal threats. The suspect was arrested after threatening several victims with a butcher's knife and attempting to enter an occupied car.

An unidentified man jumped from the Santa Monica Pier, triggering a search and rescue response from local authorities. The man was ultimately found unharmed, but not before officers launched a significant search. Jumping from the pier is a misdemeanor, according to the city code.

Adelaide Dr. was home to a pair of serious crimes as a driver careened off the road and into the canyon followed by an unrelated shooting in a nearby home.

A judge awarded a Santa Monica man $1.1 million in a police brutality case. A federal judge rendered the verdict last week in favor of Justin Palmer, an African-American man who was arrested while charging his electric vehicle at Virginia Ave. Park. Palmer claimed officers unfairly targeted him and used unnecessary violence during the arrest.

Police arrested a suspect after an early morning police chase ended on Ocean Ave. The suspect stole a DeLorean, similar to the iconic vehicle from the Back to the Future movies before ultimately crashing near the Santa Monica Pier.

Authorities responded to a bomb threat at Santa Monica Courthouse after a suspected explosive device was reported Wednesday afternoon. Officers evacuated the area and detonated the device.

A suspect was shot by an L.A. County Sheriff 's deputy at the Expo Line terminus in Downtown Santa Monica. The suspect threatened deputies with a pair of knives prior to the shooting.

A Santa Monica Police Officer was assaulted at a local convenience store. A suspect that had been previously arrested by the office saw him in the store and launched a violent attack including an attempt to gauge the officer's eyes.

A man was found dead near his apartment at Step Up on 5th. Officers suspect he was involved in a fight near Venice and managed to make his way home before collapsing on the street.

David Cline, a Santa Monica High School graduate was killed in the Oakland warehouse Fire. Thousands of dollars were raised to help the family pay for his services.

Two years after being convicted of murder, Ryan Bright will get a new trial. Bright was found guilty in the stabbing death of his friend Jensen Gray but Bright's attorneys appealed saying the court should have granted a mistrial because of juror misconduct during deliberations.

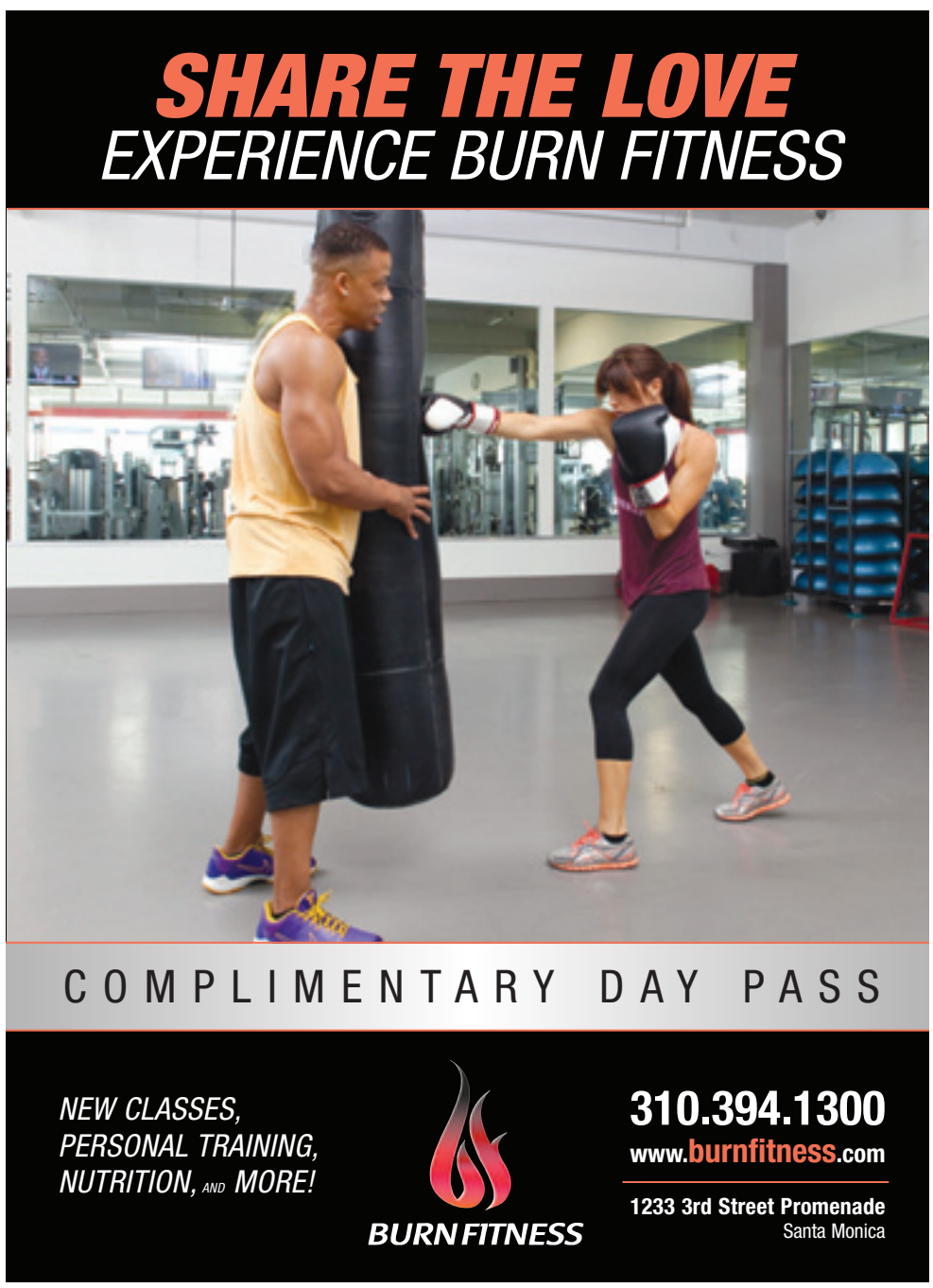
COMMUNITY

Tar & Roses reopened more than six months after a fire broke out at the restaurant on the southeast corner of Santa Monica Boulevard and 6th Street. Fork in the Road on Main Street and Spumoni on Montana also recovered from fires to reopen.

Residents lined up around the block to celebrate the opening of Santa Monica's latest grocery store, Gelson's on Lincoln Blvd. Gelson's is the third company to operate a market at that site in recent years after taking over from Haggen who had purchased the site from Safeway/Albertsons

Natasza Congdon took over from her mother, Elina O'Lague at Warszawa restaurant. Congdon renamed the eater as Solidarity and while there were some exterior changes, the heart of the Polish restaurant

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STORIES

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Antonin Scalia died in his sleep, leaving a vacuum on a court where he had long been the leading conservative voice. Barely an hour after Scalia's death was confirmed, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell staked out an uncompromising position on what lay ahead.

"The American people should have a voice in the selection of their next Supreme Court justice," McConnell said, disregarding the fact that U.S. voters had twice elected Obama. "Therefore, this vacancy should not be filled until we have a new president."

North Carolina lawmakers prompted protests and counter-protests when they rushed through House Bill 2, voiding local gay-rights ordinances and limiting bathroom access for transgender people. Companies, the NBA and others threatened to move jobs, games and performances out of the state, amplifying the division.

Tensions over U.S. policing bled into a third year. In July, a sniper killed five Dallas police officers during a protest over shootings of black men by police in Louisiana and Minnesota. A South Carolina jury failed to reach a verdict in the trial of an officer caught on video fatally shooting a black man fleeing a traffic stop.

Division, though, was hardly limited to the U.S.

In Venezuela, triple-digit inflation and shortages of food and medicine fueled 6,000 protests throughout the year that brought millions into the streets. But the government of President Nicolas Maduro, blamed by many voters for the chaos, blocked a recall.

"If you're going to shoot me because I'm hungry, shoot me!" a young man shouted at a soldier during one protest in Caracas.

In Colombia, voters narrowly rejected a deal between the government and a guerrilla group to end a 52-year civil war. Even when lawmakers approved a renegotiated deal, the peace remained fragile.

In Brazil, senators impeached President Dilma Rousseff for manipulating budget figures, though many of the lawmakers were, themselves, tarred by accusations of corruption. South Korean President Park Geun-hye was stripped of power in December amid allegations she let a close friend use the government for financial gain.

Meanwhile, Syria's war entered its sixth year. But despite pressure by the U.S. and its allies, Russia and the government of President Bashar Assad unleashed an assault on Aleppo to wipe out rebels, driving up the toll in a conflict that has already claimed as many as 500,000 lives.

"This is a targeted strategy to terrorize civilians and to kill anybody and everybody who is in the way of their military objectives," U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said, accusing Syria and Russia of war crimes.

"As long as war crimes are at question," a Russian government spokeswoman said, "the Americans should start with Iraq."

In Yemen, cease-fires broke down, extending a nearly two-year civil war. But with Syria capturing most international attention, a famine created by the fighting was mostly overlooked.

As the fighting continued, terrorist strikes spread fear well beyond the Middle East.

A bombing at Brussels airport in March and another attack in June at Istanbul's airport by gunmen with explosives killed a total of nearly 80 people. More than 70 died when a bomb went off in a park in Pakistan, with a faction of the Pakistani Taliban claiming responsibility. In July, a terrorist drove a truck into a Bastille Day crowd in Nice, killing 86 and injuring more than 400 others. Islamic State claimed responsibility.

In June, security guard Omar Mateen killed 49 people when he opened fire inside a gay nightclub in Orlando, Florida, the deadliest mass shooting ever in the U.S. In a call to police during the attack, Mateen — a U.S. citizen born to parents who had immigrated from Afghanistan more than three decades earlier — said he was acting on behalf of the Islamic State group.

A day later, Trump pointed to the attack in a renewed call to ban Muslim immigrants to the U.S., while suggesting that American Muslims were turning a blind eye to terrorists in their midst.

"We cannot continue to allow thousands upon thousands of people to pour into our country, many of whom have the same thought process as this savage killer," Trump said.

Still, there were moments when the obstinacy that characterized so much of the news was set aside.

When boxing great Muhammad Ali died in June, a figure whose outspokenness on race, religion and other issues once made him a deeply polarizing figure was eulogized as an inspiration.

In March, Obama became the first U.S. president to visit Cuba since 1928, affirming a contentious move to resume ties after more than a half century of hostility. But the death of Cuba's Fidel Castro in November renewed criticism of the U.S. opening, with Trump threatening to "terminate the deal."

The hard line typified the outspokenness that attracted many voters. Critics lambasted the campaign for feeding prejudice against minorities and denigrating women, warning that Trump could not win.

But each time Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton appeared to open a gap between herself and the billionaire developer, a scandal over her use of a personal email server while serving as secretary of state returned to the headlines.

When FBI Director James Comey reignited the issue in late October by announcing his agency had found new emails, Clinton's popularity fell even as early voting began. Trump clinched victory by winning states representing an Electoral College majority, though Clinton captured more than 2.8 million more votes nationwide.

"Now it's time for America to bind the wounds of division," Trump told supporters in his first speech as president-elect.

The election's shocking outcome was arguably the year's biggest news story. But Trump's speech made headlines in no small part for sounding a note of moderation that was jarringly out of place in a year of discord.

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NEWS

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remains the same.

Busy Bee Hardware, located at 1521 Santa Monica Blvd., also underwent a generational shift as Laura Hausladen moved back to Santa Monica to take over as manager of the store from her father.

Santa Monica Brew Works opened a tasting room at the company's existing Colorado Avenue production facility. The home-town brewery now has an indoor beer area with on-site sale and consumption licenses.

The Laemmle Theatre, rebranded as the Monica Film Center, reopened. The former four-plex at 1332 2nd St., between Santa Monica Boulevard and Arizona Avenue, now features six theaters with less overall seating capacity. The site is now also home to Flower Child, a health-focused eatery with three locations in Arizona and one in Texas.

A Powerball ticket sold at Jerry's Liquor, 2923 Wilshire Blvd., was worth $638,146. The ticket matched the five drawing numbers but not the Powerball. The grand prize ticket was sold in Chino Hills and is worth $500,000,000.

YWCA Santa Monica/Westside permanently closed due to a lack of funds. While some programs were transferred to other agencies, many of the services offered at the Pico location came to an end. The board announced plans to sell the property and donate the money to other non-profit organizations.

While unveiling its programming slate for the 2016-2017 season, The Broad Stage announced that Jane Deknatel, who has been with The Broad Stage for six years, most recently as director of development, had been appointed interim executive director and that former executive director, Wiley Hausam, had become senior artistic advisor.

The former Pacific Park Ferris wheel that previously stood at Santa Monica Pier was installed in an up-and-coming part of Oklahoma City, giving the amusement landmark a new home halfway across the country. The current wheel also received an upgrade that allows the park to project brighter and more complicated light displays on the attraction. Pacific Park unveiled the new brighter, wheel with a celebration of the Park's birthday.

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Santa Monica, a nonprofit organization supporting nearly 4,000 youths throughout Los Angeles County, chose Michelle Arellano to be their full-time CEO,

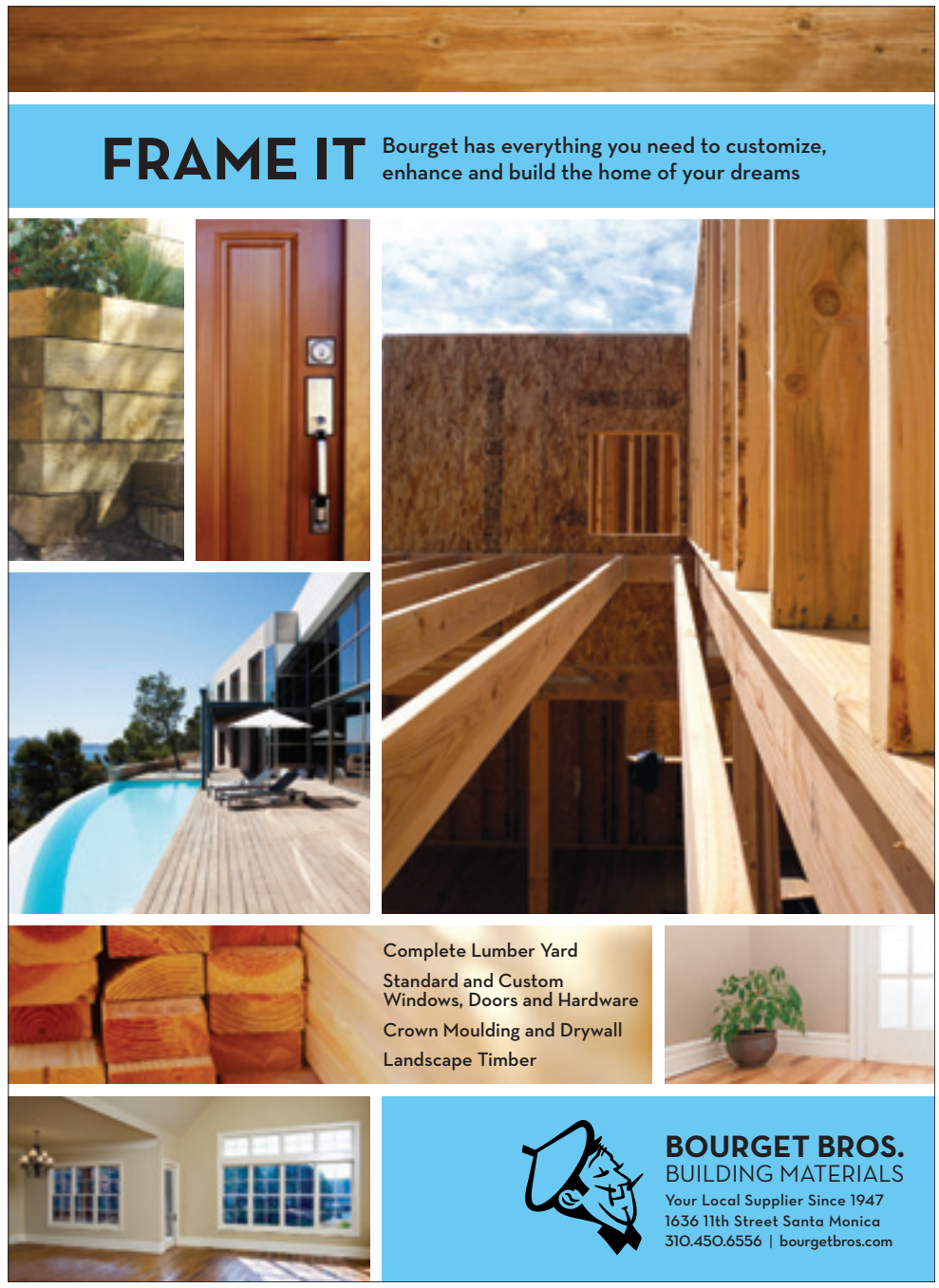
The Venice Japanese American Memorial Marker (VJAMM) committee secured the stone for their proposed memorial at Lincoln and Venice Blvds. The stone was transported and carved in preparation for a formal installation at the site where Japanese Americans were gathered to be sent to internment camps during World War II.

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WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Doc Talk

■ Wallet biopsy: What happens to discharged patients when they meet with the hospital cashier

Never Say Diet

■ The Major League Eating record for fish tacos is 30 in 5 minutes, held by Joey Chestnut. Note: Chestnut is a professional eater, so the scales were tipped in his favor. There were no ties, Chestnut is the sole champ, though some observers thought he cod have done better. You gotta admit some of these puns are finny.

Observation

■ "Eat right, exercise regularly, die anyway."

--ANONYMOUS (AND PROBABLY DEAD)

CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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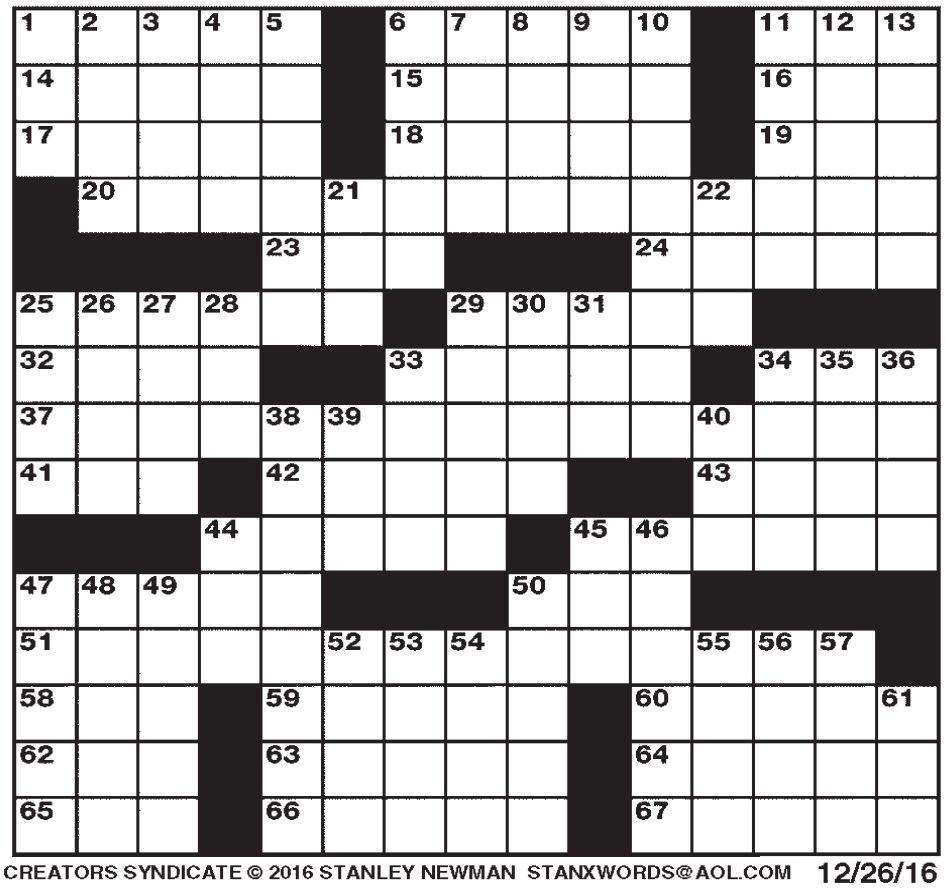
Officers observed two subjects riding their bicycles in violation of a municipal code at 5th Street and Santa Monica Blvd. Officers stopped both subject. Officers were unable to identify both subjects. Both subjects were placed under arrest for the municipal code violation. A search of their persons and belongings led to the recovery of crystal methamphetamine, narcotics paraphernalia, and identity cards belonging to others. Giovanni Garcia, 30, from Los Angeles, was arrested for possession of methamphetamine and municipal code violation. Bail was set at $1000. Johnny Andrew Castro, 23, from Los Angeles, was arrested for identity theft, forgery, theft of mail and a probation violation. He was denied bail.

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1 Declares frankly
6 Bit of mistletoe
11 Uncooked
14 Mountain in Exodus
15 Old-fashioned "Cool!"
16 Nation north of Mex.
17 Treaties
18 Sharpshooter Oakley
19 Huge
20 Be inattentive
23 "Electric" fish
24 Champagne and Chablis
25 Dispel the doubts of
29 __ Antoinette (French queen)
32 Large family
33 Blossom piece
34 Owns
37 "Understand me?"
41 Network with an eye logo
42 Heats in the microwave
43 Memo's "regarding"
44 Later than
45 Highest-quality
47 Gig for a soprano
50 __ down (write quickly)
51 Student's field-trip form
58 Also
59 Providence, __ Island
60 Residences
62 Finish up
63 Of humble status
64 Being chilled, as 24 Across
65 Salon coloring
66 Positive replies
67 On edge

DOWN
1 Cleopatra's snake
2 Perfume bottle
3 "__ upon a time . . ."
4 Light-bulb measure
5 Female sibling
6 Slow-moving creature in a shell
7 Actor Sean
8 Used a doorbell
9 "That's the way __"
10 Runs amok
11 Apply, as lotion
12 "All kidding __ . . ."
13 Payments to workers
21 __-haw (donkey's sound)
22 Be deceitful
25 Electrical adapter letters
26 Messy one
27 Puts into words
28 Most important "numero"
29 Cab-fare calculator
30 24-hr. cash dispensers
31 Sunbeam
33 Small dog, for short
34 Clue
35 Spherical hairdo
36 Staircase part
38 In a biased way
39 Belly
40 Sleeper Van Winkle
44 Jacket sleeve
45 2,000 pounds
46 "Turn up the air conditioning!"
47 __ for (chose)
48 Showy flower
49 Wear away
50 Baby kangaroos
52 Loafer or sneaker
53 Female pigs
54 Inactive
55 The __ Ranger (Western hero)
56 "Sign me up!"
57 Chest muscles, for short
61 Glance at



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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.

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 26)

Big projects will move forward. A higher degree of teamwork will be necessary to make things happen in 2017. As if on cue, new members sign up to help in February. You're the glue of your social network, and you can expect to also be the frequent host. Financially, June and October will be highlights. Libra and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 50, 21, 3, 36 and 42.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Instead of wanting something (SET ITAL) from (END ITAL) another person, want something (SET ITAL) for (END ITAL) that person. This subtle shift of intention in your wanting will make a powerful difference in your ability to persuade.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Ask any ballerina; balance requires core strength. Core strength is also needed in your dance through life. You'll get it in character-building moments. To flail and fall is human. To pop back up, divine.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
There are some really tricky aspects to the day, but you've been known to surmount much bigger challenges. When you put your mind to it, you usually amaze yourself, and today will be no different.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
You're too busy looking at what you have to notice what you may have missed. Good. Stay that way. It's the way to grow your love and appreciation into a very interesting future.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Why should you get hooked into other people's bad moods that have nothing to do with you? Thought of the day: Ignoring provocation is not defeat; it's actually productivity.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Whether you're being paid for the work or not, you'll benefit from setting clearly defined objectives. Decide how you will know you've arrived at the goal, and then choose the actions that will get you there.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
What was lost and longed for has been found! It's one of the most satisfying emotions of all -- sweet relief. Celebrate first, and then put into place the safety measures to prevent future loss.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
As it happens, it only takes a small action to advance the plot of a certain delightful storyline of your life. The very specific (and probably charming) gesture you make will change or reinforce the way someone feels about you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
The felicitous circumstance of the day is that what you want wants you right back. You still have to take action to get it, though. The first action will be to communicate delicately but clearly.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Go forward, even if you have to go alone. You'll take only a few steps solo, really. It won't be long before you're joined by one who sees the significance of your journey. This person may even hold your hand.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
You take the responsibility of growing your own brain very seriously. These days, the job may require that you let go of some dearly held beliefs you've had for a long time. They may have been comforting, but they are limiting, too.

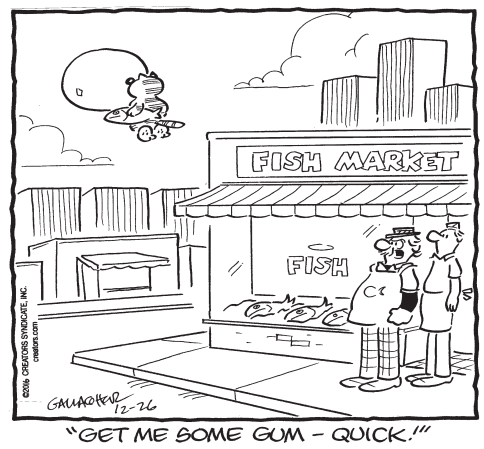
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
It's a good day to ignore the bad habits of those close to you. Your refusal to pay attention will free you up for a truly wondrous block of time in which you can focus on what fortifies you.

Rare Jupiter Opposition

As evidenced by the astounding percentage of lottery wins gone bad, fairy-tale weddings turned divorce disasters and rises to power that end with a fall, what is widely considered to be good luck doesn't always turn out to be so. Every 14 years, Jupiter and Uranus argue about the nature of luck and who deserves it. Today starts the debate.

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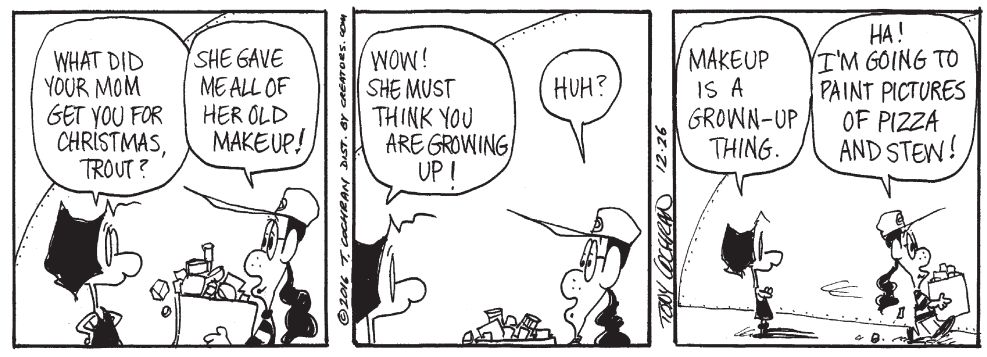


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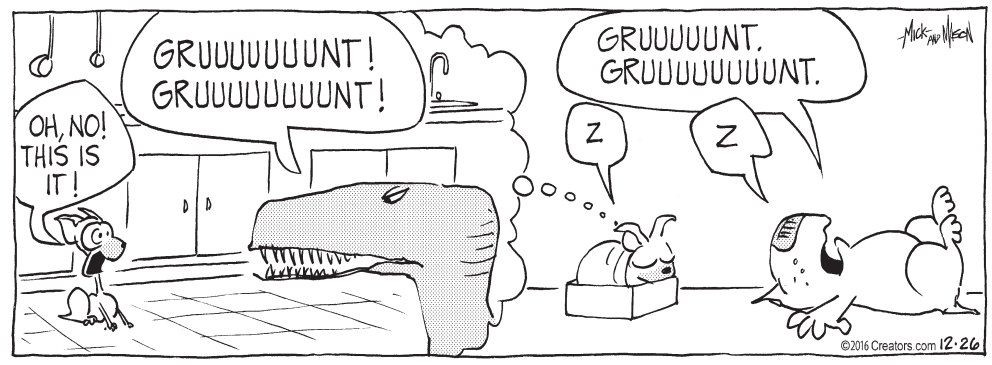
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Name Changes

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. SS026738
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of ANNE MARIE EGGEBROTEN for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: ANNE MARIE EGGEBROTEN filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: ANNE MARIE EGGEBROTEN TO ANNE MARIE LINSTATTER. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: FEB 03, 2017 Time: 8:30 AM, Dept: K, Room: A203
The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 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: DEC 8, 2016

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2016284223 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 12/22/2016 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1000 SHADES OF WHITE. 2700 NEILSON WAY 1327 , SANTA MONICA, CA 90405. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: CAROLYN M. LAWRENCE 2700 NEILSON WAY 1327 SANTA MONICA, CA 90405, BARBARA HEMAR 2700 NEILSON WAY 922 SANTA MONICA, CA 90405. This Business is being conducted by: a General Partnership. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:CAROLYN M. LAWRENCE. CAROLYN M. LAWRENCE, BARBARA HEMAR. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 12/22/2016. 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 12/05/2016, 12/12/2016, 12/19/2016, 12/26/2016.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2016288122 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 11/29/2016 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as POSTFAB. 1124 OZONE AVENUE , SANTA MONICA, CA 90405. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: CAROLYN L. CHARLES, ARCHITECT, INC. 1124 OZONE AVENUE SANTA MONICA, CA 90405. This Business is being conducted by: a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)11/01/16. /s/: CAROLYN L. CHARLES, ARCHITECT, INC.. CAROLYN L. CHARLES, ARCHITECT, INC.. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/29/2016. 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 12/05/2016, 12/12/2016, 12/19/2016, 12/26/2016.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2016282441 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 12/19/2016 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as DOCSTAMPERS, DOCSTAMPERS.COM, DOCSTAMPERS, MOBILE NOTARIES, DOCSTAMPERS, MOBILE NOTARY. 8504 FIRESTON BLVD, #150 , DOWNEY, CA 90241. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: CLAUDIA E. MIRAMONTES 725 S. BLUFF ROAD MONTEBELLO, CA 90640. 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/:CLAUDIA E. MIRAMONTES. CLAUDIA E. MIRAMONTES. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 12/19/2016. 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 12/19/2016, 12/26/2016, 01/02/2017, 01/09/2017.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2016303827 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 12/15/2016 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as RAJAS CON CREMA. 14644 CHANNING ST. , BALDWIN PARK, CA 91706. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: ALICIA SOLORZANO 14644 CHANNING ST. BALDWIN PARK, CA 91706, JAVIER SOLORZANO 14644 CHANNING ST. BALDWIN PARK, CA 91706. This Business is being conducted by: a Married Couple. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)12/01/2016. /s/: ALICIA SOLORZANO. ALICIA SOLORZANO, JAVIER SOLORZANO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 12/15/2016. 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 12/19/2016, 12/26/2016, 01/02/2017, 01/09/2017.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2016305541 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 12/16/2016 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PEACOCK PROPERTY PARTNERS. 3654 TILDEN AVE , LOS ANGELES, CA 90034. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: JACQUELINE FLETCHER 3654 TILDEN AVE LOS ANGELES, CA 90034, LYNN APPEL 6340 GREEN VALLEY CIRCLE #308 CULVER CITY, CA 90230. This Business is being conducted by: a General Partnership. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)12/01/2016. /s/: LYNN APPEL. JACQUELINE FLETCHER, LYNN APPEL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 12/16/2016. 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 12/26/2016, 01/02/2017, 01/09/2017, 01/16/2017.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2016291751 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 12/02/2016 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as The American Hotel , AmericanHotelLA.Com . 303 S. Hewitt St , Los Angeles, CA 90013. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: Arts Americana LLC 1020 Wilshire Blvd Santa Monica, CA 90401. This Business is being conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)11/1/2013. /s/: Leilani Pascual, VP . Arts Americana LLC . This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 12/02/2016. 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 12/26/2016, 01/02/2017, 01/09/2017, 01/16/2017.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2016291753 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 12/02/2016 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as The OP Cafe , TheOPCafe.Com . 3117 Ocean Park Blvd , Santa Monica, CA 90405. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: OP Cafe, LLC 1020 Wilshire Blvd Santa Monica, CA 90401. This Business is being conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)03/01/2006. /s/: Leilani Pascual, VP . OP Cafe, LLC . This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 12/02/2016. 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 12/26/2016, 01/02/2017, 01/09/2017, 01/16/2017.



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