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2012: A YEAR IN REVIEW





Santa Monica struggled to define itself this year



BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Who you are is a function of what you do rather than what high-minded ideals you profess to the world.

In the past 12 months, Santa Monicans have come to question their city's identity as many were forced to confront in a real way its evolution from sleepy beach town to Silicon Beach and put the actions of its leadership next to their own values for comparison.

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Monday, Dec. 31, 2012

New Year's Eve — celebrate safely!

Colorful new year
Santa Monica Pier
Sunset
To ring in the new year, Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier will light up its Ferris wheel with white patterns and colors through 12:30 a.m. The solar-powered wheel features 160,000 energy-efficient LED lights — about 75 percent more energy savings than most Ferris wheels' traditional incandescent bulbs.

Party rockin'
Citywide
To find a list of New Year's Eve events around town, visit www.santamonica.com and click on the events tab or check out the Daily Press' guide to New Year's Eve by visiting our website, www.smdp.com or using this link smdp.com/santa-monica-guide-to-new-years-eve/115843.

Musical new year
Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 Fourth St., times vary
A complimentary buffet supper starts off the evening. Then, it's "on with the show" as internationally acclaimed Actors' Repertory Theatre brings you an entertaining, family-friendly Rudie-DeCarlo musical revue, with prizes, sing-a-long songs, dancing in the aisles, humor and other delights culled from five decades of audience favorite Santa Monica Playhouse productions. For more information, call (310) 394-9779 ext. 1.

Gatsby ball
Wokano
1413 Fifth St., 8 p.m. — 2 a.m.
Ring in this new year 1920's style. The Great Gatsby New Year's Eve Ball will include prohibition-style cocktails, whiskey tastings, hors d'oeuvres, a live swing band and DJ Frankie spinning top 40 mashed with 1920's cool. For more information, call (310) 458-3080.

All the way live
Typhoon
3221 Donald Douglas Loop S., 9 p.m. — 12 a.m.
Saxophonist Javon Jackson and his band will be joined by the legendary Les McCann at Typhoon on New Year's Eve. Known as one of the godfathers of soul jazz, the iconic jazz pianist, vocalist and composer is recognized as a founding force for the genre known as funky jazz established in the mid 1960s. Dinner reservations are highly recommended. For more information, call (310) 390-6565.

Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2013

Happy 2013!

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

Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2013

Popeye pops up
Downtown Farmers' Market
Third Street and Arizona Avenue, 11 a.m. — 1 p.m.
Popeye and his family will join three participating Eat Well Week restaurants — Locanda del Lago, The Lobster and Ocean & Vine — to create "Popeye Pop-Ups," featuring healthy spinach-inspired dishes and recipes. To celebrate California Restaurant Month, good taste will meet healthy food this January during Santa Monica's inaugural Eat Well Week. For more information, call (310) 458-8712.

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For help, contact Daniel Archuleta at 310-458-7737 or submit to editor@smdp.com

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com/communitylistings



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DUI checkpoint set for NYE

The Santa Monica Police Department will be on the lookout for drunk drivers this New Year's Eve.

A DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint will be in place on Dec. 31; police refused to release the location, but it will be somewhere within the city limits.

The checkpoint is part of an ongoing campaign to reduce the number of people killed or injured in alcohol-involved crashes. DUI checkpoints are conducted to identify offenders and remove them from the street, as well as bring awareness to the community of the dangers of impaired driving, said SMPD Sgt. Richard Lewis, spokesman for the department.

Officers will be contacting drivers passing through the checkpoint, looking for signs of alcohol or drug impairment. Drivers caught impaired can expect jail, license suspension and increased insurance costs, as well as fines from the court, DUI classes, court probation and other expenses that can exceed $10,000, police said.

Over the course of the past year, 86 traffic collisions in Santa Monica involved impaired drivers/riders, said SMPD Lt. Jay Trisler. Two people were killed and 26 injured.

Checkpoints have provided the most effective documented results of any of the DUI enforcement strategies, while also yielding considerable cost savings of $6 for every $1 spent, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The SMPD reminds drivers if they plan on drinking to call a taxi or have a designated driver.

Funding for the DUI checkpoint is provided by a federal grant administered by the California Office of Traffic Safety.

– KEVIN HERRERA

CITYWIDE

Get around for free

Worried about drinking and driving this New Year's Eve?

You don't have to be thanks to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, which will be offering people free rides on buses and trains.

The free rides will be offered from 9 p.m. on New Year's Eve to 2 a.m. New Year's Day.

Metro rail will operate all night on New Year's Eve to encourage safe travel and to get people to use public transit to the Rose Parade in Pasadena on Jan. 1, but the free fares will apply only until 2 a.m.

Metro and all Big Blue Buses will operate on a typical Sunday schedule on New Year's Day.

For more information visit bigbluebus.com, www.metro.net or call (310) 451-5444.

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UP AND AWAY

Ray Solano *news@smdp.com*

A crew from Valley Crest Tree Co. moves a 30-foot tree Friday night to make room for the Expo Light Rail line, which is slated to reach Santa Monica in 2015.

Gov. Brown seeks big agenda while restraining Democrats

JULIET WILLIAMS
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. Gov. Jerry Brown checked off most of the items from his 2012 to-do list. He persuaded a majority of voters to pass his tax initiative in November, pushed changes to the public pension system through the Legislature and put California on stronger financial footing.

Now the Democratic governor can turn his attention to the second half of a term that began two years ago and pursue the kind of legacy-building achievements governors seek. At the top of his agenda are a massive water infrastructure project for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, the heart of the state's water-delivery system, and seeing that the nation's first high-speed rail system gets on track.

"It's going to be a very exciting year, but it has to be a year that we keep one foot on the brake and the other foot modestly on the accelerator," Brown said in an interview with The Associated Press.

With Democrats also winning two-thirds majorities in both houses of the Legislature, the governor has said one of his responsibilities will be to keep his own party in check so it doesn't lose the trust of the voters.

Brown is likely to present a robust agenda when he releases his budget proposal and gives his State of the State address in January. In addition to high-speed rail and a tunnel to convey Sacramento River water around the delta, Brown has signaled that he will seek to overhaul California's school-funding system, streamline state regulations and further strengthen California's environmental regulations.

Even Jon Coupal, president of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, said in a column that Brown could be "the new voice of reason" in Sacramento, with Republicans marginalized and Democratic lawmakers free to enact anything they like — and even override gubernatorial vetoes.

Brown acknowledged a "momentum and thrust" among liberals to try to restore programs that have experienced deep spending cuts during the

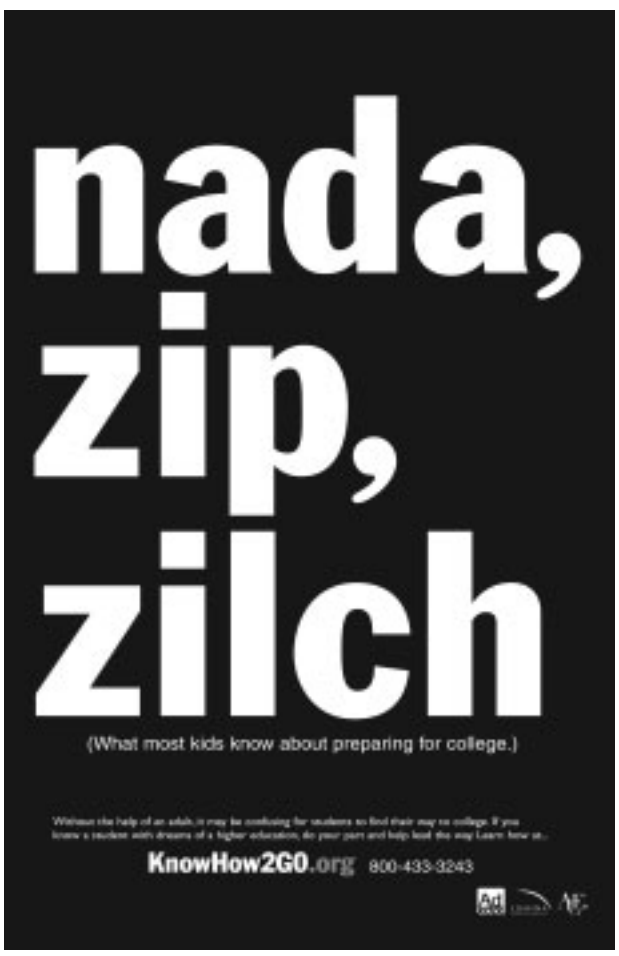
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The 2012 Sammies go to ...

READERS OF MY COLUMN KNOW that at the end of every year I like to hand out awards, which I call Sammies, to those who've done well and those who've dropped the ball. This year was full of both.

The "Money Grows on Trees" Sammy goes to our planning department and City Council for a new $50 million, 6-acre park in the Civic Center. Fifty-million dollars for a park? The benches must be plated with gold.

The "Hanging Tough" Sammy goes to deposed Wilshire Montana Neighborhood Coalition (Wilmont) chair Valerie Griffin. When new members ran for the Board of Directors and threatened to take control of Wilmont at its annual meeting, Griffin postponed it. A vote was still taken, which Griffin declared "illegal." Members were excommunicated and the brouhaha lasted for months. Finally Griffin was ousted and Wilmont is under new management.

Santa Monica made national headlines when a cougar visited Downtown one May morning. This wasn't the "older lady after a younger man" kind of cougar. It was a whole different breed of cat. Unfortunately, attempts to remove a mountain lion from an office building courtyard and return it to the wild failed when it was fatally shot by police.

This generated a firestorm of criticism from animal lovers who thought more should have been done to save it. The "What's New, Pussycat?" Sammy goes to cat lovers everywhere who are feline fine after getting police and wildlife officials to adopt new policies for handling wild cats in urban settings.

Stanley and Harriet Epstein filed a lawsuit against City Hall and others in June, 2011 that claimed parking citation appellants were deprived of their rights because they weren't provided clear and specific written reasons why their citations weren't dismissed, as required by the California Vehicle Code.

In August, the City Council finally approved a settlement that requires cases of individuals who unsuccessfully contested parking citations from January, 2009 through May, 2012 to be re-opened. Individuals can request a new hearing or appeal their case to the Superior Court. If their citation is canceled, fines paid will be refunded. The Sammy for "You Can Beat City Hall" goes to the Epsteins.

Most everyone predicted former Mayor Richard Bloom would get picked off in the primary election, thus ending his quest for the 50th Assembly District. Bloom beat back local favorite Torie Osborn and faced-off against Betsy Butler in the general election.

Holy hanging chads! Bloom earns the Sammy for "Comeback Kid of the Year" after he narrowly edged out front-runner Butler and won a job in Sacramento.

This year's election was more of the same old stuff. Two council incumbents and a former (1990-94) councilman won. The only new face was Ted Winterer, who replaced Bobby Shriver, who didn't run for re-election.

For school board, the incumbents beat back three challengers from Malibu. And nobody even bothered to run against Santa Monica College trustees, whose terms were up, automatically giving them four more years. So the "Same Old, Same Old" Sammy goes to Santa Monica voters who love the status quo and familiar names.

While Santa Monica's political activists were in a lather about the sneaky activities of business and developer-backed political action committees such as Santa Monicans United for a Responsible Future (SMURF), an old political presence was hard at work under the radar.

The hotel and restaurant employees union UNITE HERE brought in its top organizers from all over the country. They put together a veritable army of hotel workers who hit the pavement and knocked on doors on behalf of union-friendly Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights (SMRR) candidates.

They were primarily responsible for electing SMRR's entire slate to the City Council, school board and Rent Control Board, in return for support of the union's membership and wage contract efforts. UNITE HERE, Local 11 earns the "Just Do It" Sammy.

Two major developments were rejected in the waning months of 2012. Marc Luzzatto's East Village development, which would replace the Village Trailer Park at 2930 Colorado Ave., is one. The council withdrew their prior approval of the development because they had second thoughts about its projected amount of affordable housing.

Council also sent Trammel Crow's (TC Development, LLC) mixed-use development at 3402 Pico Blvd. back to the drawing board. Traffic impacts and housing within feet of Interstate 10 were at issue. So, Luzzatto and Trammel Crow share the "Bigger is Not Better" Sammy.

Through bungling, inattention, manipulation, incompetence, fraud and lack of interest, 15 units of deed-restricted affordable housing at the Dorchester House condominiums on Fourth Street have been squandered. It appears that all or substantially all of the development's deed-restricted units are still in violation of a 1982 development agreement that requires they be rented to low- or middle-income tenants.

Currently, they're occupied by well-heeled owners or market-rate tenants. City staff and politicians alike don't want anyone tossed out of their homes, so they do nothing and share the "Disgraceful" Sammy for denying 15 deserving, low/mid-income families housing.

In March, the City Council made appointments to a new, seven member, interim Santa Monica Pier Board of Directors to replace the old Pier Restoration Corp. Who would have guessed the council would've named the usual City Hall insiders and political cronies to the new interim board?

Only one "new" face was appointed. A former SMRR co-chair and former councilwoman/mayor was top pick for chair. The rest included three former City Hall department heads, a former city manager, a previous Big Blue Bus director, the president/CEO of the Santa Monica Convention and Visitors Bureau and one 15-year veteran of the former pier body. Therefore, the "Old Cronies" Sammy goes to the interim pier board.

Happy new year!

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Trains carrying more oil across U.S. amid boom

JOSH FUNK & MATTHEW BROWN
Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont. Energy companies behind the oil boom on the Northern Plains are increasingly turning to an industrial-age workhorse — the locomotive — to move their crude to refineries across the U.S., as plans for new pipelines stall and existing lines can't keep up with demand.

Delivering oil thousands of miles by rail from the heartland to refineries on the East, West and Gulf coasts costs more, but it can mean increased profits — up to $10 or more a barrel — because of higher oil prices on the coasts. That works out to roughly $700,000 per train.

The parade of mile-long trains carrying hazardous material out of North Dakota and Montana and across the country has experts and federal regulators concerned. Rail transport is less safe than pipelines, they say, and the proliferation of oil trains raises the risk of a major derailment and spill.

Since 2009, the number of train cars carrying crude hauled by major railroads has jumped from about 10,000 a year to a projected 200,000 in 2012. Much of it has been in the Northern Plains' Bakken crude patch, but companies say oil trains are rolling or will be soon from Texas, Colorado and western Canada.

"This is all occurring very rapidly, and history teaches that when those things happen, unfortunately, the next thing that is going to occur would be some sort of disaster," said Jim Hall, a transportation consultant and former chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board.

Rail companies said the industry places a priority on safety and has invested heavily in track upgrades, provided emergency training and taken other measures to guard against accidents. There have been no major oil train derailments from the Bakken, according to federal regulators.

Union Pacific Railroad CEO Jack Koraleski said hauling oil out of places like North Dakota will be a long-term business for railroads because trains are faster than pipelines, reliable and offer a variety of destinations.

"The railroads are looking at this as a unique opportunity, a game-changing opportunity for their business," said Jeffery Elliot, a rail expert with the New York-based consulting firm Oliver Wyman.

BNSF Railway Co., the prime player in the Bakken, has bolstered its oil train capacity to a million barrels a day and expects that figure to increase further. To accommodate the growth, in part, the railroad is sinking $197 million into track upgrades and other improvements in Montana and North Dakota.

BNSF is also increasing train sizes, from 100 oil cars per train to as many as 118.

Larger trains are harder to control, and that increases the chances of something going wrong, safety experts said. State and local emergency officials worry about a derailment in a population center or an environmentally sensitive area such as a river crossing.

Rail accidents occur 34 times more frequently than pipeline ones for every ton of crude or other hazardous material shipped comparable distances, according to a recent study by the Manhattan Institute, a conservative think tank. The Association of American Railroads contends the study was flawed but acknowledges the likelihood of a rail accident is double or triple the chance of a pipeline problem.

The environmental fears carry an ironic twist: Oil trains are gaining popularity in part because of a shortage of pipeline capacity — a problem that has been worsened by environmental opposition to such projects as TransCanada's stalled Keystone XL pipeline. That project would carry Bakken and Canadian crude to the Gulf of Mexico.

Wayde Schafer, a North Dakota spokesman for the Sierra Club, described rail as "the greater of two evils" because trains pass through cities, over waterways and through wetlands that pipelines can be built to avoid.

"It's an accident waiting to happen. It's going to be a mess and we don't know where that mess is going to be," Schafer said.

For oil companies, the embrace of rail is a matter of expediency. Oil-loading rail terminals can be built in a matter of months, versus three to five years for pipelines to clear regulatory hurdles and be put into service, said Justin Kringstad of the North Dakota Pipeline Authority. Although more pipelines are in the works, he said moving oil by rail will continue.

The surge comes at the right time for railroads: Coal shipments — a mainstay of the rail industry — have suffered because of competition from cheap natural gas.

In the eastern U.S., CSX and Norfolk Southern railroads haven't seen as much growth because oil from the Marcellus Shale area of Pennsylvania, Ohio and New York is close enough to refineries that trucks haul the crude.

The Q Line

Priorities for 2013

Everyone is talking about making resolutions for the new year. Plenty of people are going to focus on their finances or their bulging waistlines. Others will try and be more compassionate by volunteering. It's all about charting a new course in life, which had us thinking about the future of Santa Monica.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
What course should the City Council, the school board and other powers that be take in the new year? Where do you want to see Santa Monica end up at the end of 2013?

Contact **qline@smdp.com** before **Friday at 5 p.m.** and we'll print your answers in the weekend edition of the Daily Press. You can also call **310-573-8354**.

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IN THE AIR: **A recent study by the University of Southern California found that at least eight percent of the more than 300,000 cases of childhood asthma in Los Angeles County can be attributed to traffic-related pollution at homes within 250 feet of a busy roadway.**

Breathing it all in

Dear EarthTalk:

Is it true that asthma cases in children often correlate to living close to roads and all the associated pollution-spewing traffic?

– Jake Locklear,
San Diego, Calif.

Living near a roadway certainly does exacerbate asthma, especially for kids. To wit, a recent study by the University of Southern California (USC)-the most comprehensive by far to date on this topic-found that at least eight percent of the more than 300,000 cases of childhood asthma in Los Angeles County can be attributed to traffic-related pollution at homes within 250 feet of a busy roadway. The findings, released in the September 2012 online edition of the peer-reviewed journal, Environmental Health Perspectives, indicate that previous research underestimated the effects of roadway traffic on asthma.

"Our findings suggest that there are large and previously unappreciated public health consequences of air pollution in Los Angeles County and probably other metropolitan areas with large numbers of children living near major traffic corridors," says Rob McConnell, one of the lead researchers on the study and a professor of preventive medicine at USC's Keck School of Medicine.

"These findings confirm our understanding that air pollution not only makes things worse for people with asthma but can actually cause asthma to develop in healthy children," reports Diane Bailey of the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), a leading environmental nonprofit. "It is even more sobering when you consider that 45 million Americans live within 300 feet of a highway and many of them are children."

USC researchers note that new laws in California designed to reduce carbon output-improving fuel efficiency and reducing vehicle miles by increasing public transit options-will also help reduce asthma triggers. Some of the policies designed to reduce traffic congestion and car usage include offering housing developers incentives to locate projects closer to transit stops, thus encouraging use of public transit.

"Plans to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and combat climate change offer an opportunity to develop 'win-win' strategies that will maximize the health benefits from reduction both of greenhouse gases and of air pollutants that directly harm children," McConnell says.

"There is also emerging evidence that other diseases may be caused or exacerbated by urban air pollution, including atherosclerosis, lung cancer, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and neurological disorders," McConnell adds. "Thus, policies to combat climate change may have near-term health benefits beyond reducing the burden of disease due to asthma."

According to NRDC's Bailey, prioritizing the land directly next to freeways and other busy roads for commercial rather than residential use is one way to keep people at a safer distance from asthma-triggering pollution. Those who already live near busy roadways can help mitigate pollution effects by planting trees-foliage of all kinds is good at absorbing pollutants-and by filtering their indoor air to minimize overall exposure. But given that traffic pollution increases asthma by some eight percent, says Bailey, "we better do everything we can do reduce that pollution and minimize exposure to it."

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Long-awaited pollution trial ready to start

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Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H. Nearly a decade after it was first brought, a lawsuit accusing two oil giants of widespread groundwater contamination in New Hampshire is expected to present jurors with the most complex and time-consuming trial in state history.

The products liability case against ExxonMobil and Citgo will be tried beginning in mid-January in a federal courtroom — on loan to the state — because it would undermine the rights of criminal defendants to a speedy trial if it tied up one of the three courtrooms in Merrimack Superior Court, officials said.

The state sued 26 oil companies and subsidiaries in 2003, claiming the gasoline additive MTBE, methyl tertiary butyl ether, caused groundwater contamination in a state where 60 percent of the population relies on private wells for drinking water.

New Hampshire is seeking more than $700 million in damages to test and monitor every private well and public drinking water system in the state and to cover cleanup costs where needed, according to court documents.

New Hampshire is the only state to have reached the trial stage in a lawsuit over MTBE.

Other lawsuits have been brought by municipalities, water districts or individual well owners, and most filed in the past decade have ended in settlements. New York City in 2009 won a $105 million federal jury verdict against ExxonMobil for MTBE contamination of city wells; that verdict has been appealed.

MTBE had been used in gasoline since the 1970s to increase octane and reduce smog-causing emissions. While it was credited with cutting air pollution, it was found in the late 1990s to contaminate drinking water when gasoline is spilled or leaks into surface or groundwater.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency had classified it as a "possible human carcinogen." New Hampshire banned its use in 2007.

All the sued oil companies but ExxonMobil, based in Irving, Texas, and Citgo, based in Houston and owned by Venezuela, have reached settlement agreements with the state. Just last month, Shell Oil Co. and Sunoco Inc. agreed to pay the state a total of $35 million.

When the lawsuit was originally filed, then-Attorney General Peter Heed said MTBE contamination had caused an "unprecedented environmental problem." Heed said MTBE "has been associated with adverse health consequences and can render water unpalatable."

The case was tied up in federal courts for years on jurisdiction issues before being sent back to state court.

Lawyers for the defendants claim that they are not liable and that MTBE functioned as it should. They also stress that they have cleaned up their own sites and that contamination elsewhere was caused by third parties who have not been sued.

"They haven't suffered the injury they claim they did," Attorney James Quinn, who represents ExxonMobil, said during a pretrial hearing in November. He said preexisting contaminants — including iron, radon and E. coli — could unfairly drive up damages.

Attorney Jessica Grant, representing the state at the same pretrial hearing, said the case is about whether the oil companies designed a defective product, failed to warn consumers of the dangers of MTBE "and ignored their own experts who said don't use MTBE."

Court officials in October sent out a 22-page juror questionnaire to 500 potential jurors. The questionnaire asked them whether they felt oil companies valued profits over safety and whether the companies don't fully disclose the dangers associated with their products.

After paring out those who get their drinking water from a well and those with hardships or deep biases, lawyers this month chose 12 jurors and four alternates who were told to report to U.S. District Court in Concord on Jan. 14. They have been told to expect a four-month trial.

"Everybody who sits on this case is going to be inconvenienced," Judge Peter Fauver told prospective jurors during jury selection. "We will do everything we can to minimize the impact."

More than 50,000 exhibits have been marked for identification, and there are upward of 100 lawyers on record in the case. The witness list numbers 230.

Court officials had to improvise a special docketing system because of the sheer number of participants and documents involved. It is one of only a handful of state court cases that has gone fully electronic, with all motions and orders being emailed.

Chief clerk Bill McGraw noted that the only other case that comes close to it in complexity is a school funding challenge of the 1990s, "and that pales in comparison to this."

"It's been a unique experience," McGraw said.

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For more information about the Expo Line project, visit BuildExpo.org or call (213) 922-EXPO (3976).

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Ocean Park Boulevard Complete Green Street Project

Minor construction work will take place Monday through Friday, except holidays, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., on Ocean Park Boulevard, between Neilson Way and Lincoln Boulevard. Final striping of the newly paved road will take place and temporary traffic closures may occur. Traffic control will be in place during construction. For more info, go to: www.SMConstructs.org. Please use alternate routes whenever possible.

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Construction activities will take place on 20th Street and Cloverfield Boulevard which will involve lane closures between the hours of 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Traffic control will be in place during construction and will maintain one lane of traffic in each direction at all times. Impact to traffic should be minimal. For more info, please contact Jim Litzel, Black & Veatch, (310) 863-4991.

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Non-physical, pre-construction activities such as surveying and marking will begin on 11th Street between Michigan Avenue and Pico Boulevard and Michigan Avenue from 10th Court to 11th Street. While traffic impacts will be minimal, drivers are advised to slow down and use caution when workers are present. Construction is scheduled to take place from Jan. 2 until Jan. 29. For more information, visit www.SMConstructs.org or contact Curtis Castle at (310) 458-8721.

Santa Monica-Malibu USD: Lincoln Middle School

Beginning on Monday, 14th Street between California and Washington avenues will have fencing installed in the northbound lane. The center turning lane will be used by northbound traffic. The southbound lane will remain open.

Civic Center Parks

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

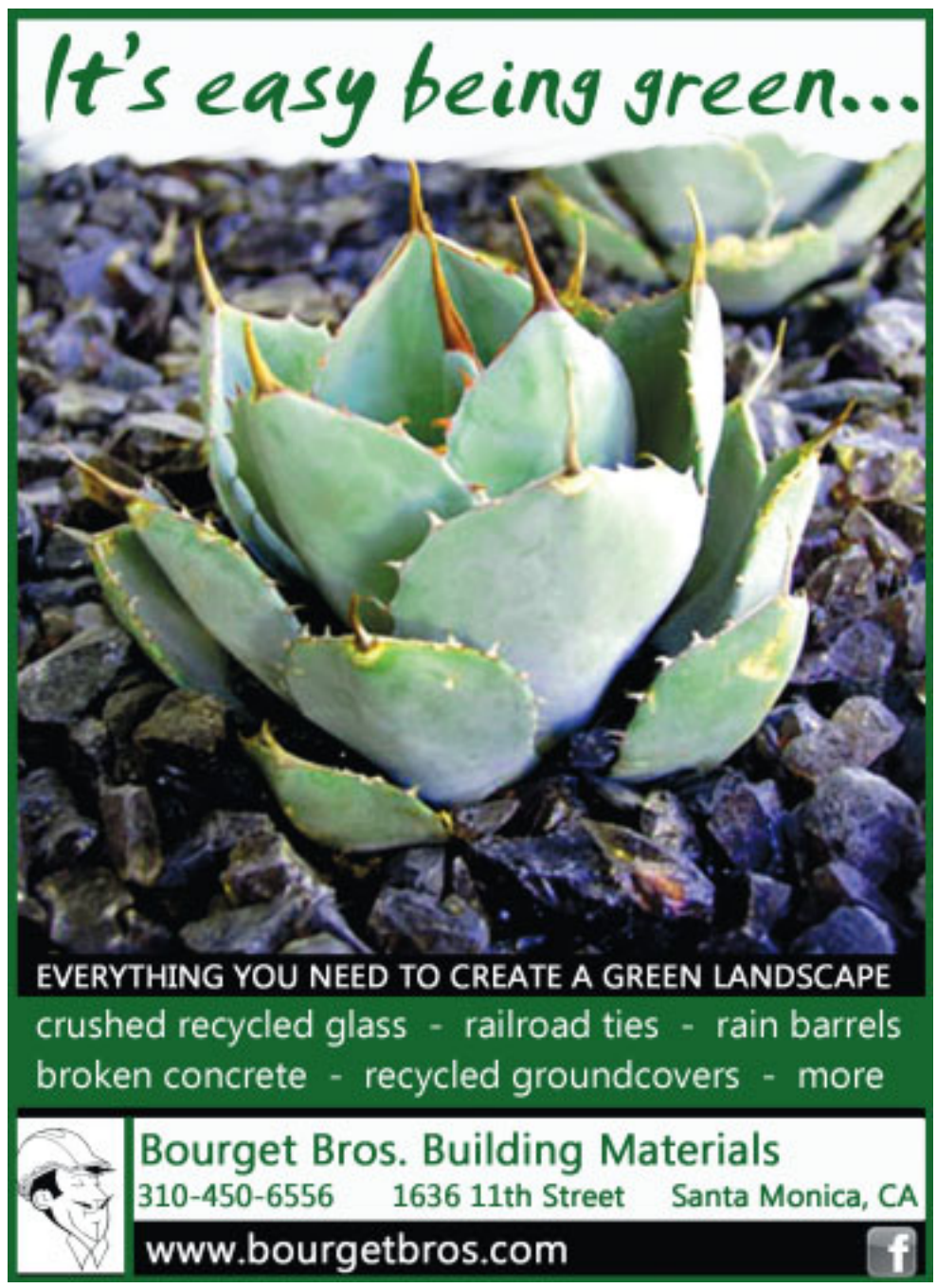
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ROCK OUT: **The Twilight Concert Series returned to the Santa Monica Pier in 2012.**

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Massive developments began popping up in larger quantities than ever before, forcing even city staff to cry uncle and ask to throw on the brakes.

A beloved Christmas tradition was rejected by the City Council and federal courts, putting an end to nearly 60 years of celebration a la Norman Rockwell, and a community of the elderly and infirm seems on the road to being replaced with a modern mix of condominiums, affordable apartments and the young professionals that want them.

Even as Santa Monica seemed to be losing itself, the electoral process made it clear that some ideologies put down deep roots.

When its 90,000 inhabitants stood once more to choose their elected officials, some were stunned to see that residents had embraced the familiar, sending local powerhouse Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights home not just with a win, but a clean sweep as every politician backed and measure supported by the city's most powerful political force won the day.

There was one event, however, that put a deep mark into Santa Monica's psyche, forcing it not only to reevaluate its approach to the present, but indelibly shaping its future — the loss of redevelopment funding.

The Daily Press nominates Gov. Jerry Brown's resolution to kill redevelopment agencies across the state as the most consequential policy impact on Santa Monica in 2012.

END OF AN ERA

The loss of Santa Monica's Redevelopment Agency hit the city by the sea and all other municipalities in the Golden State where it hurt — their wallets.

Redevelopment money, used to reform blighted areas throughout California, funded capital improvement projects, new buildings and, perhaps most consequentially, affordable housing production in a state where high property values turned a lack of housing into a humanitarian crisis.

However, the term "blight" was poorly defined, and many reformers — and some who just wanted to use the money to plug holes in the state's sieve-like budget — pointed to abuses of the system, like cash spent on a luxury golf course in Palm Desert and money shortchanged to local schools during an education funding crisis.

In February, state officials got their way and a long, complicated process began by which roughly $1.7 billion held by California's 400 redevelopment agencies was supposed to return to the state.

That cash was trapped in a bureaucratic process as the Department of Finance and city officials wrangled over which projects needed to go forward with redevelopment funds, and which would have to be stopped, in some cases mid-stream.

In Santa Monica, redevelopment funds were meant to pay for improvements to Santa Monica High School's 100-year-old campus and the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium.

That money also supported 75 percent of the affordable housing production, leaving city officials scrambling to find ways to fill in the gaps and ensure that it could continue a tradition of creating and preserving homes for the less fortunate.

The Affordable Housing Production Program is being revisited to increase the amount of extremely low-income housing available and officials are exploring a fee for commercial development to pay for new housing.

The Civic Auditorium, however, will be mothballed, and likely closed entirely by the end of June.

'TIS THE SEASON … FOR A LAWSUIT

It felt a little less like Christmas in Santa Monica this December, the first winter season after the City Council chose to end the long-standing tradition of erecting nativity scene displays in one of the city's most visible parks.

The trouble actually began in 2011, when a loosely-connected group of atheists staged a coup d'état, snagging 18 of 21 spots in Palisades Park normally used by a coalition of 13 local churches and the union representing police officers. Instead of the traditional — some would say ugly — nativity displays, the groups put up signs alternately wishing passersby a happy solstice and comparing biblical characters to Santa Claus.

Many of the spaces were left completely blank.

Controversy ensued, forcing the City Council to close a loophole in an existing law that allowed the crèches in the first place. The Santa Monica Nativity Scenes Committee lawyered up and brought City Hall to federal court in an attempt to reinstate the scenes, but Judge Audrey Collins was not receptive.

"The atheists won and they will always win unless we get courts to understand how the game is played, and this is a game that

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was played very successfully and they knew it," said William Becker, an attorney for the committee after an initial injunction was denied that kept the displays out of the park in 2012.

Becker has vowed to appeal the dismissal of the case.

In an unexpected twist, the nativity scenes weren't the only holiday decorations impacted by the new ban.

A Christmas tree that appeared every year on the Third Street Promenade also disappeared this year, moving the annual tree lighting ceremony to the nearby Santa Monica Place, which happens to be on private property.

City officials would not confirm at the time that the loss of the promenade tree was the result of the council's change in the public display law, citing pending litigation.

INNOCENCE, BY ANY OTHER NAME

Cougars aren't unheard of in Santa Monica, but mountain lions are.

Local police made headlines in May when they were forced to shoot down a young cougar that had wandered into Santa Monica from the mountains north of the 101 Freeway.

The cat, posthumously named "Innocence" by angry protesters, was sighted walking down Arizona Avenue just past 5 a.m. on May 22. It eventually took refuge in the courtyard in front of the Santa Monica College Emeritus building on Second Street as an early-morning exercise class went on inside.

Attempts to sedate the animal failed, and the proximity of a group of interested bystanders as well as a preschool across the street forced law enforcement's hand.

The incident created a backlash throughout the community that led to a round of negotiations wherein police committed to a number of new policies to capture wild animals and notify a local network of experts to provide assistance in the event of a future incursion.

WELCOME BACK

A trailblazer returned to Santa Monica in 2012 to once again go where no woman has gone before — the chief's office at the Santa Monica Police Department.

Jacqueline Seabrooks won the position of top cop after an extensive head hunting process that attracted dozens of applicants from across the country. It was a homecoming for Seabrooks, who had served with the SMPD for 25 years before leaving for Inglewood to take up the mantle of chief under former police chief and now Inglewood Mayor Jim Butts.



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SEABROOKS

Seabrooks broke new ground in the SMPD, becoming the first woman to attain the rank of sergeant, lieutenant and then captain. She helped guide the department in its response to gang violence and involved herself in the community through the Police Activities League and as a volunteer tutor with the Santa Monica Library.

Since she started the job, Seabrooks has already made changes, finding new tasks for officers that used to be assigned to specific neighborhoods and realigning others to help combat a spike in crime in Downtown.

Seabrooks approached the reconfiguration of the Neighborhood Resource Officers with characteristic pragmatism.

"We don't want to eliminate it because it has value, and it resonates with the community," Seabrooks told the Daily Press. "Equally, so does a low crime rate."

PASS THE PEPPER SPRAY

Santa Monica College is known for its quality education and ability to place students in top notch four-year universities, but in 2012 it joined a less prestigious list — a campus that had unleashed pepper spray on protesting students.

School officials scrambled to control the damage after dozens of people — and one young child — were exposed to the painful spray while rushing a Board of Trustees meeting to speak against a proposal that would have allowed students to pay the full cost of some summer classes. Some felt the proposal would create a two-tier system and eventually lead to the end of affordable options for those working toward a degree.

In September, an internal report leaked to the Los Angeles Times revealed that campus police blamed the administration for the pepper spray incident. Officials denied a police request made in March to move what officers believed would be a contentious meeting to a larger room to accommodate more students, according to the report.

A final report created by a review panel composed of SMC insiders like Campus Counsel Robert Myers and Trustee Nancy Greenstein has not yet been released.

That proposal was ultimately scrapped by the administration. It had also drawn criticism from the Community College Chancellor's Office and the state attorney general, where officials believed that requiring students to pay the full cost of even optional classes violated the Education Code.

SWEEPING UP

In many ways, 2012 resembled 2008 — Barack Obama won the presidency, the New York Giants defeated the New England Patriots in the Super Bowl and Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights dominated politics in the city by the sea, despite the best attempts of outside monied interests.

This was an exciting and unusual electoral season in Santa Monica, with two incumbents — Bobby Shriver and Richard Bloom — deciding to step down from their seats on the City Council, leaving incumbents Gleam Davis and Terry O'Day to run with two open spots and a large and qualified field of hopefuls.

Bloom, who abandoned his spot on the council for the 50th State Assembly seat race, ultimately defeated his incumbent opponent Betsy Butler despite her superior fundraising capacity and strong establishment backing.

The picture back in Santa Monica was more complex.

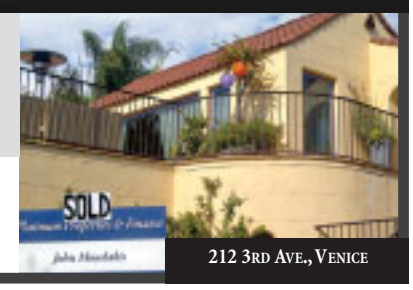
The usual suspects gathered in the eaves, but first-time candidates like education

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advocate Shari Davis and columnist Frank Gruber, as well as three-time City Council candidate and Planning Commissioner Ted Winterer and former City Councilmember Tony Vazquez, also gravitated toward the open seats.

Add to that potent brew two new groups in the form of developer-backed Santa Monicans United for a Responsible Future and Santa Monicans for Responsible Growth, an ostensibly local anti-development group that many rumored to be a front for the Huntley Hotel in its cold war with the Fairmont Miramar, and the race was on.

Ultimately, O'Day, Davis, Winterer and Vazquez won the day, leaving the disgruntled to lick their wounds with an eye to the future — after all, 2014 is just around the corner.

HOME IS WHERE THE HEART WAS

Conversations about smoking, nativity scenes and landmarks dominated the public conversation in 2012, but none was so contentious as the fate of the Village Trailer Park, a low-income community slated to become a mixed-use complex that looks more like an elaborate game of tug-of-war.

In the most recent episode of the almost seven-year saga, a post-election City Council with its two new members bounced back a development agreement with developer Marc Luzzatto on the grounds that the East Village development did not include enough affordable housing to meet code requirements.

The vote came only two weeks after the development agreement won approval from the previous council to move forward with the project.

Other members believe that the delays put a lucrative package of relocation benefits promised to existing residents of the park on the line, including the purchase of brand new trailers and possible placement in either the city-owned Mountain View Mobile Home Park or a collection of 10 trailer pads that Luzzatto agreed to reserve on site near the new development.

Residents of the park have been fighting since 2006 to prevent the closure, both through city processes and in the courts. Their struggles have succeeded in forcing the developer into reducing the size of the project and retaining the 10 pads, and it's still unclear how the developer will deal with Loretta Newman, a resident of the park whose trailer is in the center of the proposed development with a court ruling that says she cannot be moved.

As Michael Tarbet, longtime member of SMRR, declared at the last council meeting: "Let the lawsuits begin."

THOU SHALT NOT …

Sorry party animals, Santa Monica has your number.

As of this year, new residents can no longer light up (anything) in their apartments, epic house parties are a thing of the past and marijuana dispensaries are persona non grata.

In some ways, it was the year of the ban in Santa Monica beginning with a ban on smoking that led some to muse, "Where exactly CAN you smoke a cigarette in this town?"

By the end of January, landlords will have to begin conducting a survey of their residents asking them to declare their units smoking or non-smoking as part of a citywide initiative meant to protect new residents from the dangers of secondhand smoke.

Those who moved in after Nov. 22 will be banned from smoking in their condominiums or apartments entirely with only one exception — if a doctor's note says they can light up marijuana due to an illness or disability.



File photo

EXTINGUISHED: **The City Council this year banned smoking in condos and apartments.**

Good luck trying to get the herb, though.

The City Council approved a moratorium on pot dispensaries after a blind entrepreneur tried to start up a marijuana testing facility in town that would have accepted samples from other dispensaries and analyzed them to determine the properties of the plant and whether or not it was contaminated with dangerous pesticides.

A legal battle forced Richard McDonald to try another course of action — setting up a dispensary, which is allowed under state law. A recent crackdown in Los Angeles has put hundreds of the shops out of business and Santa Monica staff asked for and were granted a 10-month moratorium so that they could study where to put such a facility.

No matter that such a report exists from 2007.

Finally, the City Council took on party houses after the "House of Rock" opened its doors in one of the swankiest neighborhoods in Santa Monica.

The establishment belonged to songstress Kathryn Grayson until her death in 2010 when it was bought by a pair of business people looking to redesign the residence and flip it for a tidy profit. Part of the marketing plan was a series of lavish house parties, each benefiting a charitable organization.

Angry neighbors took the matter to the council, which eventually chose to ban the practice and put severe restrictions on any party with over 150 people.

A NOD TO HISTORY

Santa Monicans stood up for their history in 2012, fighting to preserve physical manifestations of the city's progressive past for what they hope will be a similar future.

Some of those tussles were more successful than others.

Unless at least $10 million is found in a New Year's Eve popper, Santa Monicans will have to bid adieu to the landmarked Civic Auditorium, a facility in dire need of basic seismic and safety repairs and a fresh infusion of capital to bring it back to relevance.

The Civic is now known for its cat shows, but in its heyday it played host to the Academy Awards. It had since begun to hemorrhage red ink, equating to a subsidy of $2 million per year.

Almost $50 million in redevelopment money was slated to bring the dilapidated structure back to life and events management company Nederlander had almost signed its name to a contract to coordinate attractions for the space.

When the money disappeared, so did Nederlander, and in October the City Council voted to mothball the site and try to find other positions for the employees that had worked there.

The jury is still out on the matter of "Chain Reaction," a 26-foot tall mushroom cloud sculpture on the Civic Center lawn

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File photo

FIGHTING BACK: **Activists rallied around saving the 'Chain Reaction' sculpture in 2012.**

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that city officials declared structurally unsound and recommended it be removed from Santa Monica's public art collection.

Anti-nuclear activists came out of the woodwork to fight for the piece originally conceived by three-time Pulitzer Prize-winning editorial cartoonist Paul Conrad. They succeeded in securing the sculpture landmark status, which gives the sculpture additional protections against being moved or destroyed.

It doesn't solve the problem of the structural work that must be done to keep the artwork whole. That price tag could be anywhere between $270,000 and $475,000, according to a recent estimate by the company that originally manufactured the work for Conrad.

Supporters of "Chain Reaction" had until November to raise the money, but they complain they were hampered in their efforts by city officials who failed to get them estimates on the cost until shortly before their deadline.

The matter was supposed to go back to the Arts Commission for a report, but supporters of the piece got the item bumped to a future meeting.

The year was not a total loss for preservationists, however.

In the "win" column is Chez Jay, a relic of Santa Monica's Hollywood past. Varied songsters like Frank Sinatra and action star Steve McQueen were said to have dined there, and rumor has it that Daniel Ellsberg, then an employee at the RAND Corporation, passed the Pentagon Papers to eager New York Times reporters at the establishment's infamous "Table 10."

The restaurant's lease came up for a bid in 2012, and officials made it clear that they wanted a restaurant that would match up better with the $47 million park that abuts the restaurant. The Chez Jay team is working on an application and revamp the grungier aspects of the eatery, but they also took steps to preserve what they could, ultimately winning landmark status for some interior and exterior bits.

FATAL COLLISIONS

Santa Monica was plagued by a rash of hit-and-run traffic collisions in 2012 that killed or seriously injured three people in as many weeks.

All remain unsolved.

The first took place in June, when cartoon producer Roger Slifer was crossing Colorado Avenue at Fifth Street at 1 a.m. on his way back from an evening with friends at Rusty's Surf Ranch.

Slifer was struck while in the crosswalk. He was transported to a local hospital and fell into a coma.

Police announced that they were looking for a white sedan from either the 1990s or early 2000s in connection with the case.

The second collision took the life of a young female bicyclist as she was traveling up Pacific Coast Highway on July 10. Erin Galligan, 30, was struck by a pickup truck at 11:15 p.m. after swerving into a lane on her bicycle. The driver fled the scene heading east on Interstate 10 in a 1990 Chevy Silverado 1500 or GMC Sierra, police said.

Just six days after Galligan was struck and killed, a woman named Claire Rudd Ross lost her life while crossing Wilshire Boulevard at 21st Street. She had just celebrated her 30th birthday, according to accounts.

Police are still looking for a black 2009 or 2010 Toyota Corolla in connection with the case.

Three others died in traffic accidents in Santa Monica in 2012 but the drivers of the cars involved stayed at the scene.

In early February, Santa Monica College student Frank Gauthier, 22, slammed his Yamaha street bike into the side of a Ford Expedition that was making a u-turn on Pico Boulevard at 20th Street. He was traveling at 50 mph when he struck the SUV.

Deborah Arellano, 54, was hit on July 1 by a 65-year-old driver who was making a left turn at the corner of Lincoln Boulevard and Ashland Avenue at 10:30 p.m. She was taken to a local hospital where she succumbed to her injuries.

Finally, a family of Australian tourists was struck in August by a 26-year-old Westchester resident that police suspect was driving under the influence of alcohol. Gary Mara, 50, was killed in the collision and his 8-year-old daughter was also injured.

The driver was arrested and booked for vehicular manslaughter and felony DUI.

All told, 115 pedestrians and 120 bicyclists were involved in accidents in Santa Monica by mid-December of 2012 compared to 114 and 130, respectively, for all of 2011, said Sgt. Richard Lewis, a spokesperson for the Santa Monica Police Department.

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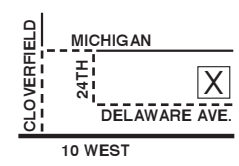


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BID #4048 PROVIDE TRANSIT BUS DETAILING SERVICE AS REQUIRED BY THE BIG BLUE BUS.

- The bid packet can be downloaded at:
- http://vendors.planetbids.com/SantaMonica/QuickSearch.cfm
- A mandatory job walk will be held on January 8, 2013 at 11:00 AM Pacific Time. Vendors are to meet at the Big Blue Bus Maintenance Training Room located at 1620 6th Street, Santa Monica, CA. 90401. Parking is not provided, there are public parking structures or metered street parking.
- **Submission Deadline Is January 22, 2013 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.**

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Vendors interested in doing business with the City of Santa Monica are encouraged to register online at http://www.smgov.net/finance/purchasing/



Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

MAKING CHOICES: **November's election gave Santa Monica voters much to think about.**

GLANCE
FROM PAGE 13

HONORABLE MENTION

There's always an event or issue that didn't quite merit inclusion in a "top stories" list, but we just couldn't let go without a mention.

This year the title of "honorable mention" goes to AIDS Project Los Angeles' media war against the city of Santa Monica after City Hall ended a long-standing practice of carrying advertisements for the charity fundraiser on the sides of its municipal buses.

AIDS Walk Los Angeles is a charity event organized by AIDS Project Los Angeles that raises money to support care for individuals impacted by HIV or AIDS, and organizers like 29-year Santa Monica resident Craig Miller ran advertisements on the sides of Santa Monica's Big Blue Buses for six years.

This year was a different story.

Big Blue Bus officials realized that the ads violated a 2001 ban on noncommercial speech that effectively allows for-profit businesses like McDonald's and British Petroleum to buy ad space, but not nonprofits. The policy was meant to protect City Hall from a situation like one that occurred in San Francisco where anti-Islamic messages were taken out on Muni buses.

Miller was not happy with the change, and purchased full-page advertisements in a local newspaper in protest, targeting individual City Council members who also happened to be running for reelection at the time.

City Hall stood firm.

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BROWN
FROM PAGE 3

recession, but he has been reiterating his admonitions that the state must keep spending in check.

"The problem is that the money that we've raised has already been spent, and the goal here was to bring our budget into balance, stop the bleeding in our schools and stabilize the yo-yo budgeting of the last 15 years, and so that's where we are," Brown said of his ballot initiative.

He added, "It's clear to me that we have to stay the course, and this will be a much better year than we've had for a long time."

Proposition 30, passed with 54 percent of the vote Nov. 6, is expected to generate an additional $6 billion a year by increasing the state sales tax a quarter cent and raising income taxes on those making $250,000 a year or more. Both tax increases are temporary.

The state's independent legislative analyst said California faces a much smaller budget deficit — about $1.9 billion — through the end of the next fiscal year and could even have surpluses after that. That compares with the $15.7 billion deficit lawmakers faced earlier this year.

Brown has a unique opportunity that few leaders get, Democratic political adviser Chris Lehane said. With all statewide offices held by Democrats and a supermajority in the Legislature, he said Californians will look to Brown to lay out a vision for restoring the state to greatness.

"I think people are going to want a sense of, big picture, where are we going as a state?" Lehane said. "I think they want to have a sense that there is a plan out there that can address what have been historically intractable issues. ... Now we have a chance to go in the right direction. How are we going to do that?"

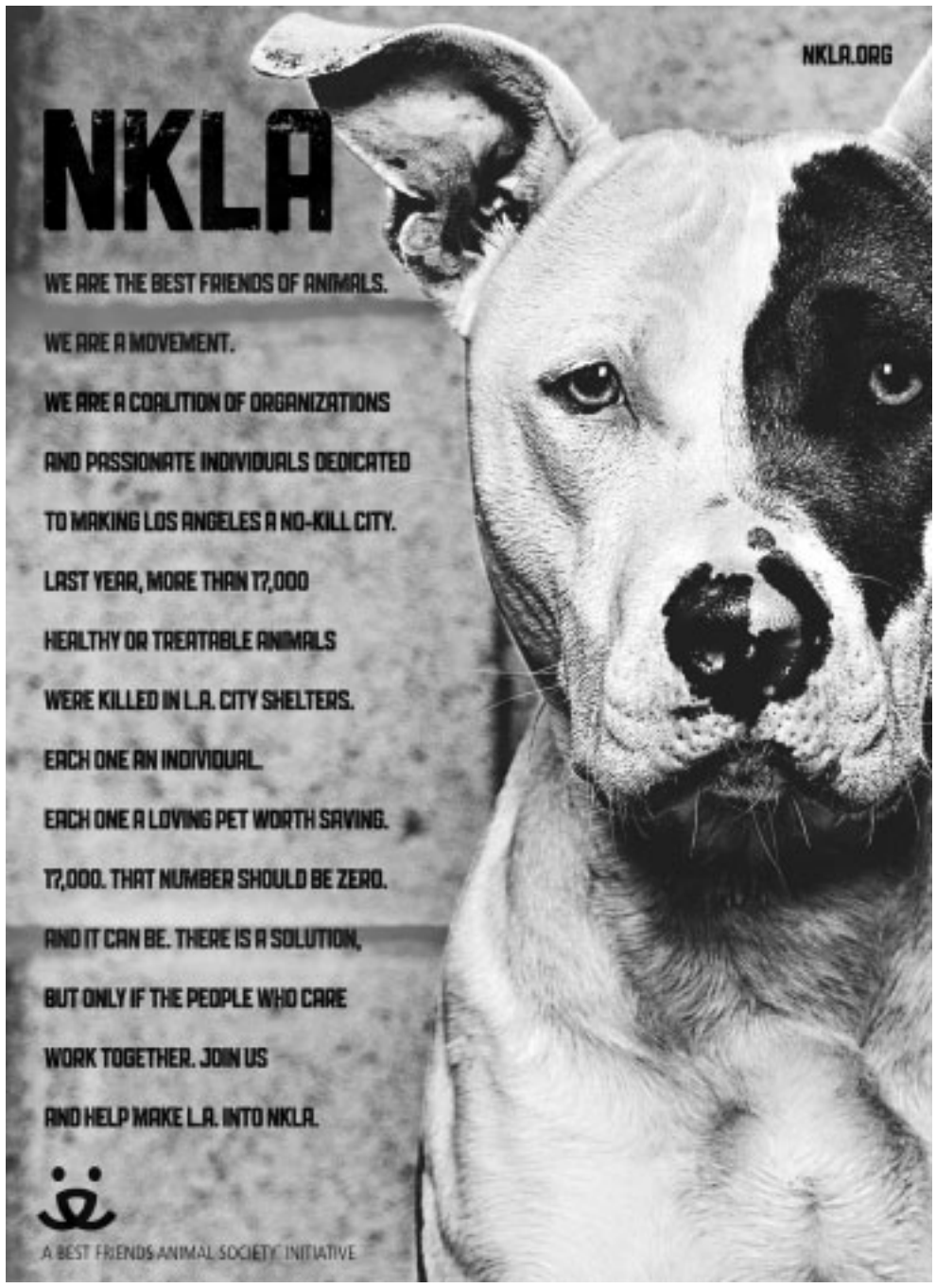
Brown laid out a fairly extensive list of priorities the day after the November election. He said he would give his full attention to the state's longstanding water concerns, focus on the $68 billion high-speed rail project, revamp the state's education financing system and work to "calibrate our regulations" to ensure they are reasonable but still protect the environment, health and workers.

Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg also said Democrats will seek to rewrite an $11 billion water bond that is set to go before voters in 2014, rearranging its priorities and lowering the borrowing by at least $1 billion. Republicans had insisted on including the possibility of building new dams when the bipartisan package was approved by lawmakers in 2009, while Democrats generally favored alternatives such as cleaning up contaminated groundwater and increasing conservation efforts.

Brown, 74, also faces medical treatments for early stage prostate cancer, his second cancer scare since re-taking the office he first held from 1975 to 1983. He is undergoing radiation treatments that are expected to end the week of Jan. 7. In April 2011, he underwent surgery to remove a cancerous growth on the right side of his nose.

Looking ahead to a year of promise, Brown views his role as charting the middle ground.

"I see my job as someone who has to examine closely the various excesses that are presented and find a wise balance," he said.



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NY plaintiff: Gay benefits 'bigger than marriage'

LARRY NEUMEISTER
Associated Press

NEW YORK At age 83, Edith Windsor gets plenty of compliments for her courage to take on the federal government in a landmark case that has put attitudes about gay America squarely before the Supreme Court.

But the Philadelphia-born former IBM executive scoffs at how much gumption was necessary to go to court at a time when society seems to be getting more conscious that a closed-minded approach to differences in sexuality appears to do more harm than good.

"The world has progressed," Windsor says. "At the beginning of World War II, they really did think we had horns."

Windsor's lawsuit in federal court in Manhattan is one of two that the Supreme Court agreed to take up Dec. 7 when it announced it would hear arguments over California's ban on same-sex unions and Windsor's dispute about federal benefits for legally married gay couples.

"It's very joyous," Windsor said in a recent interview at her apartment on Fifth Avenue in lower Manhattan. "I feel like everybody's treating me like a hero. Everybody thinks it takes enormous courage."

It was a moment she could not fathom when her heart nearly gave out after the 2009 death of her spouse, Thea Clara Spyer, less than two years after their marriage in Canada.

Windsor suffered an attack of stress cardiomyopathy, also known as broken heart syndrome, that was so bad that her heart stopped.

"I was ready to go. I didn't care," she recalls. "I had a wonderful life."

Now, she's found new reason to live.

"I keep saying, 'Keep me alive until after the Supreme Court'" arguments in March, she said. "It's a very important case. It's bigger than marriage, and I think marriage is major. I think if we win, the effect will be the beginning of the end of stigma."

The court case was a simple set of facts. Windsor maintained that the federal government's insistence in the Defense of Marriage Act that a marriage can be only defined as a relationship between a man and a woman meant she was not entitled to a marital deduction on Spyer's estate.

That meant, she said, that she owed $363,053 in taxes that she would not have to pay if the law did not unconstitutionally discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation.

The threat of discrimination was not new. Early in her life, she kept her sexuality from her family and friends, mindful of the dangers. Eventually, revelation of the truth brought sharp criticism from a sister.

For a time, she was married to a man she considered her hero after he left the Army just as she was about to enter college. But she told him she was gay, and they eventually divorced.

In the early 1950s, she moved to New York City from Philadelphia and obtained a master's degree in mathematics from New York University in 1957. She then joined IBM and worked for 16 years in senior technical and management positions.

In 1963, she met Spyer at a Greenwich Village restaurant known for its friendly attitude toward lesbians. Though they arrived with others, Spyer and Windsor were almost inseparable on the dance floor that night and by evening's end, Windsor had danced a hole in her stockings.

The dancing marathons continued sporadically over the next two years, usually when Spyer and Windsor met by chance at parties and usually to the frustration of their dates.

It was not until the spring of 1965 that they got together. Windsor suggested they date for a year and consider engagement for another year if that went well.

And, as she said in an affidavit in her court case, Windsor told Spyer: "'And if it still feels this goofy joyous, I'd like us to spend the rest of our lives together.' And we did."

The engagement stretched for 40 years.

Spyer, worried an engagement ring would unintentionally reveal Windsor's sexual orientation to her IBM colleagues, gave her a circular diamond brooch she wears to this day.

"Our choice not to wear traditional engagement rings was just one of many ways in which Thea and I had to mold our lives to make our relationship invisible," Windsor said in her affidavit.

"We both faced pressures not only in the workplace and in society at large, but also from family and friends," she added. "Like countless other same-sex couples, we engaged in a constant struggle to balance our love for one another and our desire to live openly and with dignity, on the one hand, with our fear of disapproval and discrimination from others on the other."

In 1968, Spyer, a psychologist, and Windsor brought a small house together on New York's Long Island and traveled frequently.

They hosted parties where Spyer displayed her culinary skills and grew ever closer, a tight bond tested repeatedly after Spyer was diagnosed in 1977 at age 45 with multiple sclerosis.

Spyer went from using a cane to crutches to a manual wheelchair and eventually to a motorized wheelchair she operated with one functioning hand. When Spyer could no longer swim, Windsor held up her body in the water so she could at least feel the water and splash.

Windsor, who had heart trouble, said they went to Toronto to marry when they realized they might not live long enough to wait for New York to approve same-sex marriages.

Windsor's apartment is filled with photographs of the couple, including a life-size picture of a youthful Spyer, and Windsor's favorite, a picture of them dancing together ago when Spyer was in a wheelchair, swiveling with Windsor in her lap.

Windsor marvels at how their lives, once hidden from nearly everyone they knew, are increasingly accepted. She never really expected such changes in her lifetime.

"Did I ever think we would be discussing equality in marriage? Never. It was just so far away," she said.

Still, she said, she hopes the Supreme Court rules in a way that can lift the gay community, especially those who are plagued by the effects of prejudice.

"I grew up knowing that society thought I was inferior," she said.

Now, Windsor hopes to enjoy a legal victory with a street party in front of a gay center, aware that it would be too large to be held beneath a roof.

"There are hundreds and thousands of people who would want to celebrate," she said.



SURF REPORT

Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **60.8°**

WEDNESDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high occ. 3 ft
BIGGEST LATE; Smaller WNW swell leftovers through the morning; New WNW and SSW swells picking up with sets to chest/shoulder high for top exposures before dark

THURSDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **4-5 ft** shoulder to head high occ. 6 ft
New WNW swell builds further and tops out during the day; Plus sets at standouts; SSW builds further; Light AM winds

FRIDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **3-5 ft** waist to head high
WNW swell easing through the day; SSW swell holds; Light AM winds

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

Tides

Are very manageable to start the week, becoming more of an issue as the tide swings are a bit more extreme towards the end of this week. Deep morning high tides of 5'+ just before sunrise will slow the more tide sensitive breaks down Thursday and into the weekend. Keep it in mind when planning a surf.

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 19, 2012**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 2
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 11
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 19 / 10
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 0

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: simplehuman, LAcarGUY, SIMA, and Grousbeck Family Foundation

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	C	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.	ns	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A	A
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	B	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	F
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	B	B
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	B
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	C	B
Solstice Canyon at Don Blasker County Beach.	F	C
Pearce State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Pearce Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	A	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (6mach location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	C
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A	A
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	A+
Penn Creek at Los Tunnes County Beach.	A+	A+
Topanga Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	F	C
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	B	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	F	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17308 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	C
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	D
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	D	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	F
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	F	F
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	F	F
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	F
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A	D
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	F
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	B	F
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	D	C
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	F	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A	F
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	D
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of CMW jetty).	A	B
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	F	F
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 is a non-profit environmental organization dedicated to making Santa Monica Bay and Southern California coastal waters safe and healthy for people and marine life.

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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MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
(310) 260-1528

Call theatre for more information.

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

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

Rise of the Guardians (PG) 1hr 37min
11:30am, 2:00pm, 4:40pm

Jack Reacher (PG-13) 2hrs 10min
7:15pm

Les Miserables (PG-13) 2hrs 37min
11:45am, 3:30pm, 7:15pm

Lincoln (PG-13) 2hrs 30min
11:15am, 2:45pm, 6:15pm

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

Life of Pi 3D (PG) 2hrs 06min
11:15am, 2:05pm, 5:00pm, 7:50pm, 10:40pm

Django Unchained (R) 2hrs 45min
11:00am, 2:55pm, 6:50pm, 10:30pm

Jack Reacher (PG-13) 2hrs 10min
10:30am, 1:40pm, 4:45pm, 8:00pm, 10:40pm

Monsters, Inc. 3D (G) 1hr 32min
11:30am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm

Parental Guidance (PG) 1hr 44min
11:55am, 2:45pm, 5:30pm, 8:15pm

This Is 40 (R) 2hrs 13min
10:45am, 2:00pm, 5:15pm, 8:30pm, 10:15pm

Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey in HFR 3D
(PG-13) 2hrs 46min
10:45am, 2:30pm, 6:30pm, 10:30pm

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

Flight (R) 2hrs 19min
4:00pm, 9:40pm

Argo (R) 2hrs 00min
10:45am, 1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:50pm

5 Broken Cameras (NR) 1hr 30min
11:00am

Sessions (R) 1hr 38min
11:10am, 1:30pm, 7:10pm

West of Memphis (R) 2hrs 30min
1:10pm, 4:40pm, 8:10pm

Just 45 Minutes from Broadway (R)
1hr 48min
11:00am

Hitchcock (PG-13) 1hr 38min
1:00pm, 3:20pm, 5:40pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

AMC Criterion 6
1313 Third St.
(310) 395-1599

Guilt Trip (PG-13) 1hr 35min
11:30am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:20pm

Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (PG-13)
2hrs 46min
11:30am, 3:15pm, 7:15pm

Les Miserables (PG-13) 2hrs 37min
11:00am, 2:40pm, 6:15pm, 10:00pm

Silver Linings Playbook (R) 2hrs 00min
11:10am, 2:00pm, 4:50pm, 7:35pm, 10:20pm

Hyde Park on Hudson (R) 1hr 34min
11:00am, 1:45pm, 4:25pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

Cirque du Soleil: Worlds Away 3D (PG)
1hr 31min
11:55am, 2:30pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm

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Live it up tonight, Pisces!

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Your imagination dominates most situations. Do not sit on your anger; otherwise, sarcasm and harsh words might fly out of your mouth. Only by having calm discussions and expressing a lot of caring can you patch up the situation. Tonight: Express your anger effectively.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Decide to make New Year's plans that involve having a party at your house. It's OK if this is a last-minute decision. Invite your favorite neighbors and friends over to join in the fun. Tonight: Anchor in.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Make calls early in the day. You could wonder where a situation ends and/or begins. Does it make that much of a difference? Stay present. Tonight: If you haven't made your resolutions yet, do it now.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Help a friend let go of a difficult year. Your caring is appreciated by this person, but be careful, as a loved one could become jealous as a result. Remember your sweetie and how important your bond is. Tonight: Ring in the new year by hugging the one you love.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ You know what to do. You feel it in your bones as you go off to wish people a Happy New Year. A spontaneous decision to visit a friend in the early afternoon could set off the celebrations. Tonight: Nobody likes the snap, crackle and pop of a party more than you do!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★ Make it OK to decline an invitation to a celebration. You'll perk up after having the right conversation with a friend. Your nurturing qualities start to emerge, and once more, you are beaming. Tonight: Get into the moment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Your smile tells everyone how you feel. You sense that the new year will be a good one, and you're probably right. Where the parties are and where your friends are is where you want to be. Even with your sweetie, you still gravitate to crowds. Tonight: Cheer in the new year.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You make a great leader, which is fortunate, as that is your role. Friends and acquaintances seem to be scattered until you set the mood. Tonight: Pop a bottle of bubbly at just the right moment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Keep reaching out to someone at a distance. This person offers you a different perspective. Simply by speaking to him or her, you will be taken to a whole other intellectual realm. Tonight: When New Year's rolls in, think of a wish.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ You will be happiest relating to others individually. You might not be up for superficiality at this point. The intensity between you and a friend occupies your thoughts. Tonight: Togetherness and New Year's go together.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You can sit back and relax. You might want to take a nap or clean out a drawer in order to start fresh for the new year. In any case, you won't be alone for any length of time, as friends surround you. Tonight: Pop some bubbly, make resolutions and greet the new year in style.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You might be stuck playing the role of host or hostess for the night, even if it's not at your own celebration. Pick up an item you have wanted today. Start your new year off with something new. Do not swallow your anger. Tonight: Be a role model. Live it up!

Happy birthday

This year you enjoy relating on a one-on-one level. Though you love to socialize, you also appreciate the exchange that goes on just between two people. If you are single, you attract people from out of the blue and in odd situations. Others generally see you as being touchy and perhaps even somewhat volatile this year. You don't tolerate the same behavior from others, so ask yourself why you act this way. If you are attached, the two of you love going on getaways together. Make sure you plan plenty of them. LEO understands you perhaps better than you understand yourself!

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

Speed Bump
By Dave Coverly



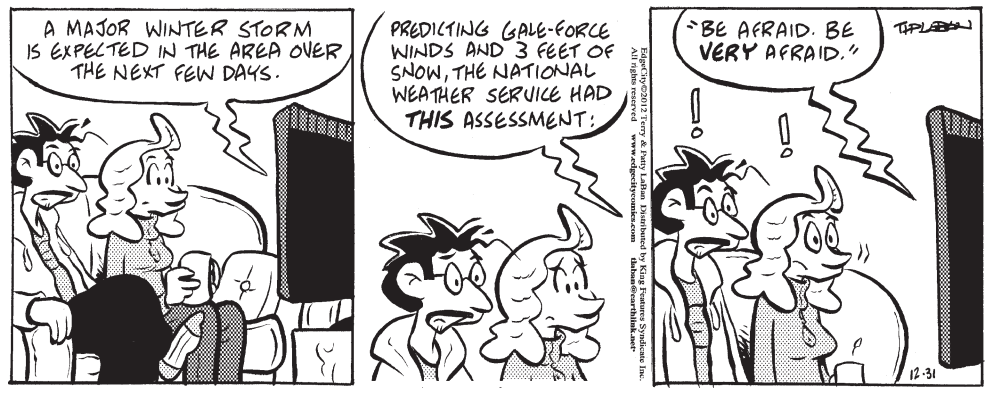
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By John Deering



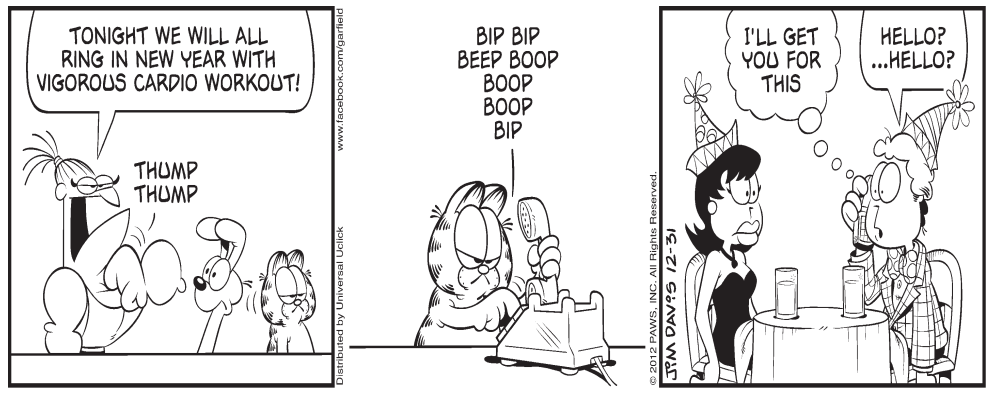
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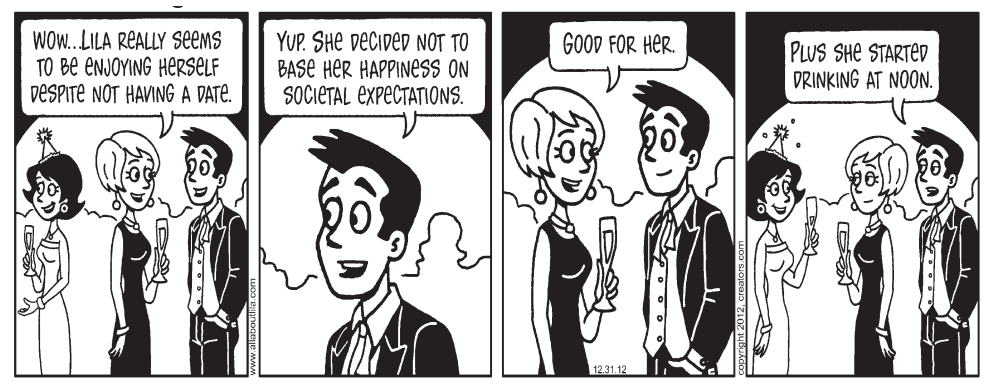
Edge City
By Terry & Patty LaBan



Garfield
By Jim Davis



The Meaning of Lila
By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



Sudoku

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

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

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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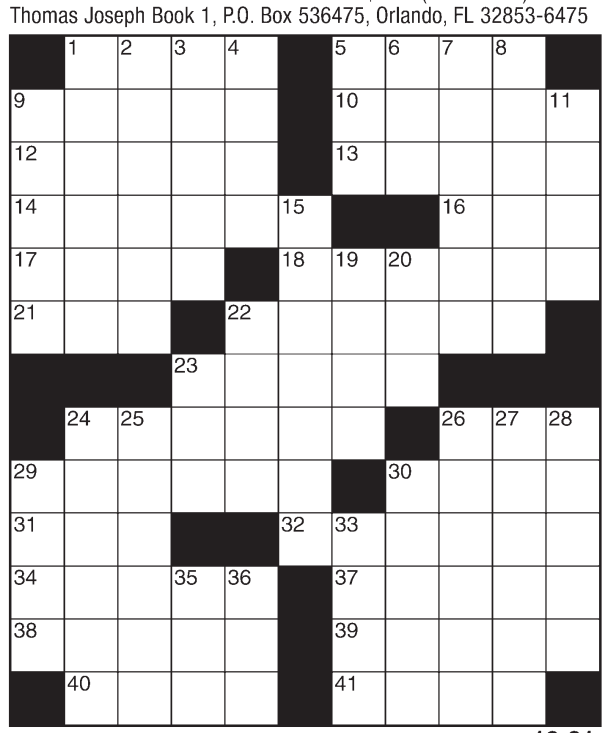
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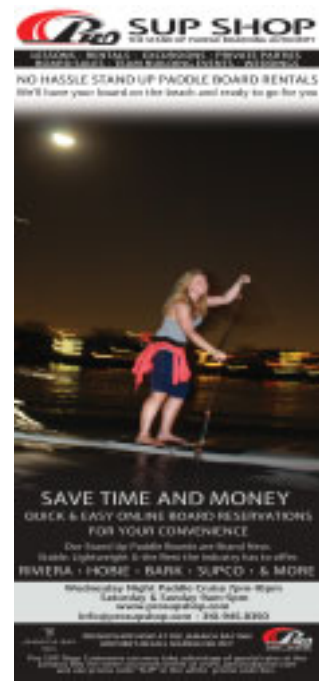
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Amber Roberts, 30, a resident of the unit for the criminally insane at Eastern State Hospital in Spokane, Wash., informed officials in November that "I (just now) murdered someone, but you're going to have to find him." As staff members searched the facility, Roberts offered to help by shouting "hot," "cold," "you're getting warmer," and so forth. Roberts yelled "Hot!" as they closed in on the room containing the body of a 56-year-old patient that Roberts then admitted strangling. (However, a few days later in court, she pleaded not guilty.)

■ Tunisia's Ministry for Women and Family Affairs demanded in October that the government prosecute the publisher of the children's magazine Qaws Quzah ("Rainbow"), aimed at ages 5 to 15, for an article in the then-current issue on how to construct a gasoline bomb (aka the "Molotov cocktail" in America). The country has been rocked by the same kind of upheaval experienced in other Arab countries, except less so since its longtime president stepped down rather quickly in January 2011.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1991 - All official Soviet Union institutions have ceased operations by this date and the Soviet Union is officially dissolved.

1992 - Czechoslovakia is peacefully dissolved in what is dubbed by media as the Velvet Divorce, resulting in the creation of the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

1994 - This date is skipped altogether in Kiribati as the Phoenix Islands and Line Islands change time zones from UTC?11:00 to UTC+13:00 and UTC-10:00 to UTC+14:00, respectively.

1994 - The First Chechen War: Russian army began a New Year's storm of Grozny

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012229580 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 11/16/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as BLOW DRY BAR LA, WEST DRY BAR. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: NEZAL RANAEI 921 GRANVILLE AVE APT 3 BRENTWOOD CA 90049. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)11/16/2012. /s/: NEZAL RANAEI. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/16/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 12/10/2012, 12/17/2012, 12/24/2012, 12/31/2012.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012237650 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 11/29/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ICHIBAN RAMEN. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: NEXT X, LLC 2293 W. 190TH STREET SUITE 219 TORRANCE CA 90504. This Business is being conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:NOBORU YAMAGUCHI. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/29/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 12/17/2012, 12/24/2012, 12/31/2012, 01/07/2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012244913 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 12/10/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as THE LOS ANGELES SCHOOL OF ESL, LA SCHOOL OF ESL, THE ESL SCHOOL OF LOS ANGELES, THE ESL SCHOOL OF LA, LA ESL SCHOOL. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: ROMAN LIBOV 470 N. CIVIC DR. #302 WALNUT CREEK CA 94596. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)12/10/2012. /s/: ROMAN LIBOV. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 12/10/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 12/17/2012, 12/24/2012, 12/31/2012, 01/07/2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012243413 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 12/06/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CARE COST SOLUTIONS. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: SCOTT BARON 1223 WILSHIRE BLVD. #960 SANTA MONIC CA 90403. 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/:SCOTT BARON . This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 12/06/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 12/17/2012, 12/24/2012, 12/31/2012, 01/07/2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012243621 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 12/06/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as FUNDAMENTAL PILATES. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: ALICEANNE MURPHY-GRUISIN 2315 26TH STREET SANTA MONICA CA 90405. 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/:ALICEANNE MURPHY-GRUISIN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 12/06/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012230947 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 11/19/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ROD-V-CO. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: James Rodriguez 4342 Redwood Ave #305 C Marina del rey Ca. 90292, Marlene Rodriguez 4342 Redwood Ave #305 C Marina del rey Ca. 90292. This Business is being conducted by: Husband and Wife. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)11/01/2012. /s/: James Rodriguez. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/19/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 12/10/2012, 12/17/2012, 12/24/2012, 12/31/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012 230948 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 11/19/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as KiraAccessories. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: Kelly Young 156 South Oak Knoll Ave. # 209 Pasadena, CA 91101. 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/:Kelly Young. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/19/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 12/10/2012, 12/17/2012, 12/24/2012, 12/31/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012 232087 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 11/20/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Superior Meat Distributors, Second Name: Food America. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: Lawrence Wholesale, LLC 4353 Exchange Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90058. This Business is being conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:Allen Gilbert. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/20/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 12/10/2012, 12/17/2012, 12/24/2012, 12/31/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012233221 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 11/21/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as GEMINI FERRIE, DREAM RELATIONSHIP COACHING, JOYOLOGY, JOYOLOGIST. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: PAULA BRADFORD 1609 CAPISTRANO AVE. GLENDALE, CA 91208. 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/:PAULA BRADFORD. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/21/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012 233063 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 11/21/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as J XPRESS CARRIERS. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: JANNIE EXPRESS INC. 900 OBISPO AVE. APT. D LONG BEACH, CA 90804. This Business is being conducted by: a Corporation. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:JANNIE MARTIN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/21/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 12/10/2012, 12/17/2012, 12/24/2012, 12/31/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012 233064 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 11/21/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as DESIGNDUO. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: GERRY HARITON 1953 ROCKFORD RD. LOS ANGELES, CA 90039. 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/:GERRY HARITON. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/21/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 12/10/2012, 12/17/2012, 12/24/2012, 12/31/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012232090 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 11/20/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CUPPA YARN. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: ANNETTE FANTO-KURTOS 477 FAIRVIEW AVE. #E ARCADIA, CA 91007. 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/:ANNETTE FANTO-KURTOS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/20/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 12/10/2012, 12/17/2012, 12/24/2012, 12/31/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012232089 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 11/20/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SOMEWHERE LOS ANGELES. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: NELLY FUSIL 731 N. CAHUENGA BLVD. LOS ANGELS, CA 90038. This Business is being conducted by: . The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:NELLY FUSIL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/20/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012 232088 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 11/20/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PRODIGIOUS PUBLICATIONS. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: PAUL CARTWRIGHT 113 N. ALMANSOR STREET #32 LOS ANGELES, CA 91801. This Business is being conducted by: . The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:PAUL CARTWRIGHT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/20/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 12/10/2012, 12/17/2012, 12/24/2012, 12/31/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012242096 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 12/05/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CHAMPAK NAILS. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: LENA CHHUN 209 N. ALHAMBRA AVE. MONTEREY PARK CA 91755. 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/:LENA CHHUN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 12/05/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 12/17/2012, 12/24/2012, 12/31/2012, 01/07/2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012241699 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 12/24/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as WEST SIDE ANESTHESIA. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: DAVID J FOURNIER 10484 TROON AVE LOS ANGELES CA 90064. 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/:DAVID J FOURNIER . This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 12/24/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 12/24/2012, 12/31/2012, 01/07/2013, 01/14/2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012241548 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 12/05/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as GENTRY SERVICES. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: DONNA J GENTRY 2600 VIRGINIA AVE, #3 SANTA MONICA CA 90404 . 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/:DONNA J GENTRY. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 12/05/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 12/24/2012, 12/31/2012, 01/07/2013, 01/14/2013.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012251730 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 12/19/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as KELTOON RECORDS. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: MARK ALLEN ROBERT KELTON 2716 OCEAN PARK BLVD., #3006 SANTA MONICA CA 90405. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)12/10/2012. /s/: MARK ALLEN ROBERT KELTON. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 12/19/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 12/24/2012, 12/31/2012, 01/07/2013, 01/14/2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012242356 NEW FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 12/05/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as HANG-UPS UNLIMITED, GLOBAL EVENT MERCHANDISING AND SALES, GEMS. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: MAGNA-POLE PRODUCTS, INC 1904 14TH ST. SANTA MONICA CA 90404 . This Business is being conducted by: a Corporation. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:SCOTT FREEMAN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 12/05/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 12/24/2012, 12/31/2012, 01/07/2013, 01/14/2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012255256 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 12/26/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as UNIFIED PRIVATE HOME CARE. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: MARGARITA MIHAYLOVA SPASSOVA 18640 COLLINS ST. #112 TARZANA CA 91356. 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/:MARGARITA MIHAYLOVA SPASSOVA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 12/26/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 12/31/2012, 01/07/2013, 01/14/2013, 01/21/2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012244694 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 12/10/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MORTGAGE ARCHITECTS. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: CORE FOUR REAL ESTATE ADVISORS 1274 NORTH CRAIG AVENUE PASADENA CA 91104. This Business is being conducted by: a Corporation. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:MIGUEL E. DON JR.. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 12/10/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS

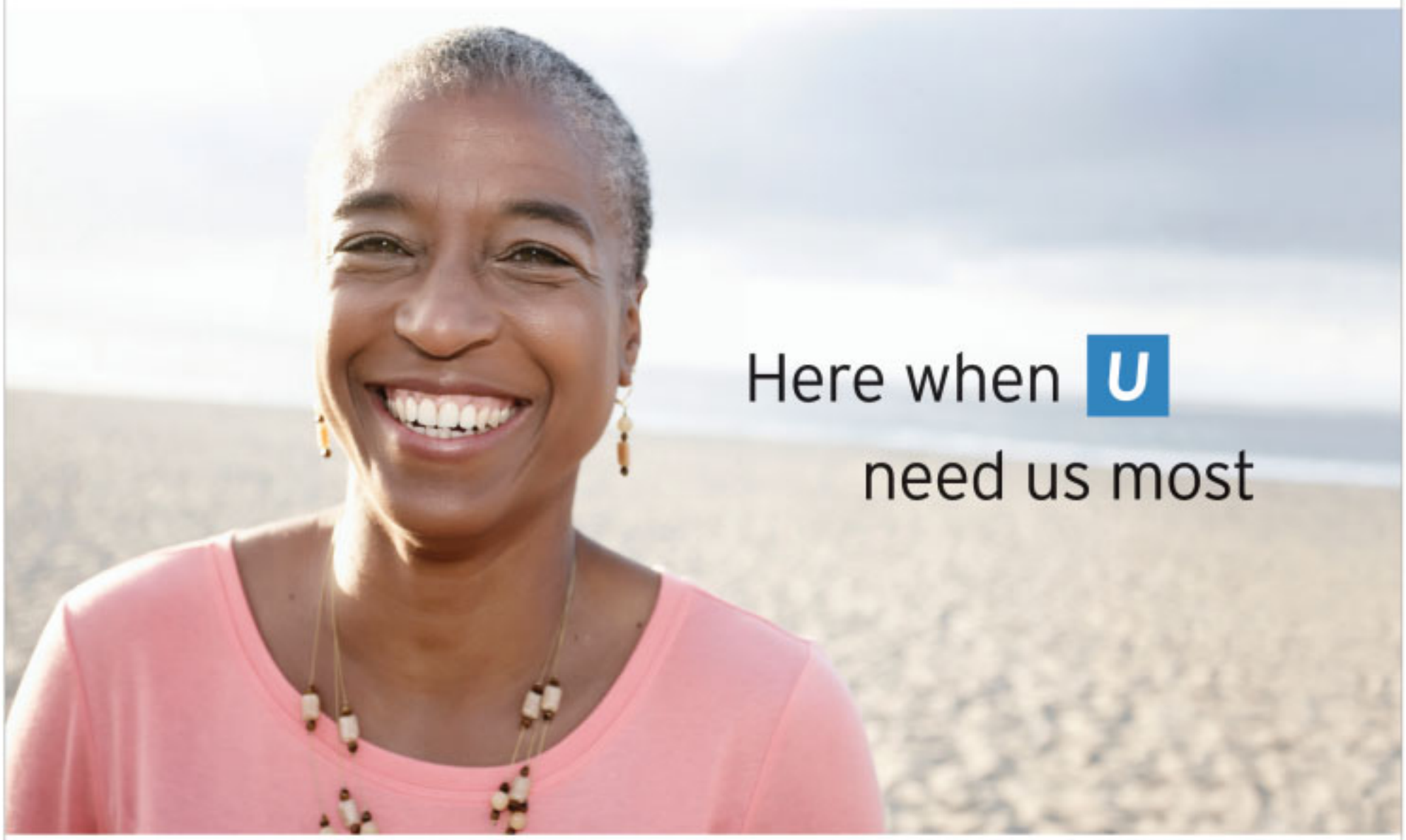
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012255455 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 12/26/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SERVUS, THE SERVUS STANDARD. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: JEROME THURMAN 1838 18TH ST SANTA MONICA CA 90404 . 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/:JEROME THURMAN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 12/26/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 12/31/2012, 01/07/2013, 01/14/2013, 01/21/2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012253179 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 12/21/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as WEST-SIDE REALTY PARTNERS, . The full name of registrant(s) is/are: GELBER REALTY CORPORATION 10940 WILSHIRE BLVD., SUITE 2250 LOS ANGELES CA 90024. This Business is being conducted by: a Corporation. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:STEVEN GELBER . This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 12/21/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 12/31/2012, 01/07/2013, 01/14/2013, 01/21/2013. --





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