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## Showdown Approaches For Parcel B Developers

### City Council Has Two Meetings in One Night



The Culver City Sister City Committee's Vintage Style Fundraiser at the Culver Hotel was a success. From left to right are Tina Mollica, Maureen Genteman, Joyce Perlick, Sonia Karroum and Joy Jacobs.

By Lynne Bronstein  
Observer Reporter

As promised, the City Council and Redevelopment Agency held another discussion and public input session on proposed developments for Parcel B (9300 Culver Boulevard) on Monday night.

Some members of the public were confused however, as the input session was scheduled during what was termed a "regular" meeting of the Council and Agency that was preceded by a "special meeting" at 6 p.m. However, the "special meeting" featured other agenda items, while the "regular" meeting was all about Parcel B.

Cary Anderson, for one, protested the confused schedule during public comment at the "regular" meeting, noting that he had signed up to comment during the "special meeting" but had been skipped over, and that the scheduling of the two meetings back to back was not good.

Mayor Micheal O' Leary apologized to Anderson for the confusion and for being skipped over. "We held this special meeting at 6 because we wanted to accommodate the public for the meeting about Parcel B. Hopefully, it won't happen again," he stated.

The four developers, Tolkin Group, with their design "Culver X," Runyon Partners with "Paseo," Erlich/Combined Properties/Hudson Pacific Properties with "Mixed-Use Development" (with a Spanish-Steps inspired stairway), and Cardiff Realty with "Parc and Main," set up their displays in the "awards room" at City Hall. During a one-hour recess from the meeting, Council/Agency members, developers, and members of the community mingled in the awards room, looking at the designs and asking questions.

Then it was back to the Council chamber for public input.

As it turned out, few people had a strong preference for one project over another. Rich Waters went on record as favoring the "green roof" project (Cardiff) because of its green orientation. Other people praised the ideas of each project but had concerns about all the projects—mostly in terms of parking and traffic.

Anderson noted that he had asked each of the developers about their plans for parking and received answers that featured the word "assumed" in several cases. Parking plans, Anderson said, could not involve assumptions.

Megan Sahli-Wells was concerned about traffic access, especially with cars approaching any of the four projects from the east. She also hoped that the developers would plan for wider sidewalks, multiple access points, and pedestrian crosswalks.

Ron Milberger, an architect, said all the projects showed good design but the developers had to keep in mind that downtown Culver City is a pedestrian zone. He wanted to see the selected project be something that would be in keeping

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## West Nile Health Advisory Issued

### Two New Dead Birds in Culver Test Positive

A public service advisory has been issued by Los Angeles County after two new dead birds collected in the 90230 zip code area of Culver City tested positive for West Nile Virus (WNV).

WNV is transmitted through the bite of an infected mosquito. Mosquitoes become infected when they first feed on birds that carry the virus, and then bite a human or animal.

This is the second time in the past two months dead birds have been found to contain the deadly virus. On September 12 two dead birds were found to have the virus in the 90232 zip code area of Culver City.

Birds routinely travel many miles from their nighttime nesting locations to feed and scavenge at other areas during the day before they return to their root location in the evening again. Although positive dead birds collected in a specific area are significant with respect to a wider region, county counts, and general geographical locations, it does not definitively identify a specific city, zip code, or location as the site where the actual mosquito bite and infection occurred because of their wide daily travel patterns.

A bird infected in one place, may die one to 10 miles away in another place during the day. Positive results for "Sentinel Flock Chickens," "Trapped Adult Mosquitoes," or "Squirrels," are more specific with respect to the actual infection site.

The district has advised residents that walking or sitting outside at dawn or dusk to take the appropriate precautions listed below to protect themselves from being bitten by infected mosquitoes.

So far this year, there have been 128 separate zip codes

in Los Angeles County that have recorded positive WNV results from either dead birds, dead squirrels, trapped adult mosquitoes, or sentinel chicken flocks.

Residents can protect themselves from WNV by doing the following:

**DEET** - Apply insect repellent according to the label. Repellents containing DEET, picaradin, IR3535, and oil of lemon eucalyptus are the longest lasting and most effective. Repellents keep the mosquitoes from biting you.

**DAWN AND DUSK** - Mosquitoes that carry WNV primarily bite in the early morning and evening so it is important to wear repellent at this time

**MOSQUITO PROOF YOUR HOME** - Make sure that your doors and windows have tight-fitting screens to keep out mosquitoes. Repair or replace screens with tears or holes.

**DRAIN** - Mosquitoes lay their eggs on standing water. Eliminate all sources of standing water on your property, including flowerpots, old car tires, rain gutters and pet bowls. Ensure that swimming pools, spas, and ponds are properly maintained. If you have an ornamental pond, use mosquito fish. You can make arrangements to pick up free mosquito fish at the District by calling 310-915-7370.

### Fiesta To Keep August Date

Fiesta La Ballona 2012 got off to an early start on Tuesday with more than 40 interested residents and business people in attendance.

Fiesta Chair Mike Cohen polled the room on a variety of subjects including new events and a possible change to the weekend of June 22.

For many years the Fiesta was held in May, however it was changed in the early 2000's to the last week in August. One of the primary reasons given

was to avoid inclement weather.

The group considered changes including adding a 5K race, pet show, face painting, a parade, costume contest, roving performers and a cook-off among other suggestions.

A primary focus of Cohen's and the Fiesta committee was to bring in new people with new ideas.

Parks and Recreation Director David Hernandez spoke about the suggested date change saying it might be better to "market to kids and fam-

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# Police blotter

October 18 through 24

**Car Burglary:**

On October 18 at 11:30 am a victim called the police department to report her 2008 Toyota had been broken into. The victim said she parked and locked her vehicle on October 17 at 8:30 pm in the 6400 block of Green Valley Circle. When she returned the next morning she discovered her driver side window was broken and her property missing.

**Residential Burglary:**

On October 1 at 12:45 pm officers responded to the 3600 block of Schaefer Street regarding a burglary investigation. The officers met with the victim who told them the following; she left her home at 8 am and returned at 12:30 pm. She entered her home and discovered unknown suspect(s) had ransacked and removed her property.

**Assault:**

On October 19 at 11 pm a victim called the police department to report he was assaulted near the intersection of Braddock Drive and Lafayette Place. The victim said he was riding his bicycle when a car passed him and the driver yelled several obscenities at him. The car then stopped and the suspect exited the vehicle and struck the victim with a closed fist and then fled the area.

**Vandalism:**

On October 20 at 6:45 pm a victim called the police department to report his 2007 Honda had been vandalized. The victim said he parked and locked his vehicle in the 6000 block of Canterbury Drive on October 19 at 6 pm. When he returned t his vehicle the next day he discovered his driver side passenger window had been broken out.

**Stolen Vehicle:**

On October 21 at 12 pm officers responded to the 6000 block of Washington Boulevard regarding a stolen car investigation. The officers met with the victim who told them the following; he parked and locked his 1990 Toyota at 9:15 am and when he returned at 11:50 am his vehicle was missing.

## Retired Culver Firefighter Grandmain Dies At 84

Robert "Bob" Albert Gustave Grandmain beloved Father, Brother, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather, Uncle and Friend passed away peacefully in his sleep on October 1 in Lake Elsinore.

Bob was a longtime firefighter for Culver City (July 1956 - June 1984), Master Craftsman and Model Citizen.

Bob was born to parents Albert and Berthe Grandmain on July 19, 1927 in New Orleans. Albert and Berthe settled in New Orleans after emigrating from Paris, France.

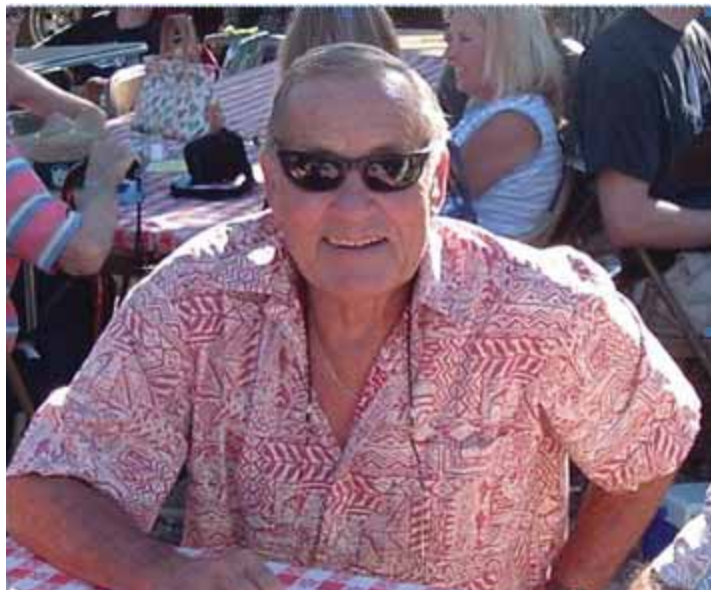
Roberts's first language was French, but he quickly learned English when the family moved to California in 1928, finally settling in Culver City around 1939. After serving in the Navy in World War II, Bob (AKA "Goose") became a firefighter and was one of Culver City's first firemen to complete paramedic training. After saving many lives, Bob retired 28 years later as an Arson Investigator.

Bob was remembered by fellow firefighters as being a stickler for professionalism, and being the one to share a shift with when he prepared his French cuisine at the firehouse. Bob was also a talented craftsman who remodeled several Hollywood celebrities' homes.

Bob enjoyed fishing, hunting and camping with family & friends, and lived most of his later years enjoying the outdoor life at his home near Lake Hughes, before moving in with daughter Anita and husband Steve in Lake Elsinore.

Bob is survived by his five children; Lynnette Sandoval , Janet Heydenreich, Michael Grandmain, Robert Grandmain , Anita Ortiz, Brothers George and Paul Grandmain, Sisters Jeannette Oden, Jeannine Hodges (Culver City), Annette Kennedy, Ren?e Lohrke and nine grandchildren, two great grandchildren and numerous nieces & nephews.

Bob was preceded in death by his Sister Yvonne McNair. Bob requested no formal services, other than a simple toast by the family and friends who knew and loved him.



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# Culver City Education Foundation's 3rd Annual "Sip for Our Schools"

A delectable time was had at the Culver City Education Foundation's (CCEF) 3rd Annual "Sip for Our Schools" held Saturday October 15. .

The hosts were Zoltan Pali and Judith Fekete of SPF: Highlights were a Gallery tastes of wine, beer and food and sounds of the AVPA Jazz Combo. Sorrento's Italian Market for donated the food.



ABOVE- I to r: James Sparling, Mayor Mehaul O'Leary, Chair Dan O'Brien, and Michael Adler LEFT- I to r: Nancy Kuechle, Patti Nachbar, City Manager John Nachbar, Judy Blake, John Kuechle and CCUSD President Scott Zeidman

## Prescription Drug Take Back Day Is Coming

The Culver City Police Department in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Agency is hosting a drop off point. The purpose of this National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on October 29 is to provide a venue for persons who want to dispose of unwanted and unused prescription drugs.

This will be the third event and due to the overwhelming success of the first event held on September 25, 2009. At that time 3,000 state and local law enforcement agencies participated in the event and the American public turned in more than 121 tons of pills that day.

Simply drive by and drop off the unwanted prescription drugs and no questions asked.

The event will take place from 10 am until 2 pm in front of the Culver City Police Department, 4040 Duquesne Avenue.

## Birthdays

Autumn birthday celebrants include Robert Lund, Percy Morgan, Belinda Blom, Jane Morton, John Giba, Gloria Sanchez, John Rosenfeld, Sarah Dwyer, Judith Torres, Angeles Hernandez, Gerry Kleindienst, Varun Bamba, Andres Islas, Wendell Brneer, Salim Ajani, Mario Palacios, Julia Campbell, Tisha Middleton, Paula Guzman, Candice Ho, Gwen Fitch, Patricia Vencto, Gayle Lockwood, Tobi Ballentine, Linda Lodder and Lonnie Hunt.

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# Letters To The Editor

**Dear Editor,**

I am a government teacher at the high school, and in that capacity I want to clear up what I believe is a misunderstanding about the role of students in the school board campaigns.

In the interests of full disclosure, I am a supporting member of the Goldberg campaign, and as an 18-year-old, I was an enthusiastic supporter of Robert Kennedy.

Students at the high school must do two hours of campaign work for their government class. That has been a requirement for probably 20 years. They also have to attend a School Board meeting and a City Council meeting. When they sign up to volunteer for a campaign, sometimes they don't know the candidate very well. Which may explain why some students at the League Forum on Tuesday 10/18 may not have been aware of the various candidates; they were there to learn.

Other students are strong supporters of one or more of the candidates, and know very well who they are and what they stand for. After the forums, Mr. Zeidman sometimes takes his student volunteers to Denny's for debriefing. Usually when students do phone-calling for any candidate, they are given pizza not as a bribe but as a consideration for their work. Students are given this assignment so they may learn about campaign work, get experience actually doing it rather than just learning about it in a book. Perhaps this will lead to a life-long interest in their communities, the political issues of the day and a sense of civic responsibility.

It worked for me. As a teacher, I am very careful not to encourage or discourage them from working on anyone's campaign. They are quite smart and usually can sort out for themselves who's what. Trust them. They are not going to be bought by a meal at Denny's or a slice of pizza.

I believe this is a misunderstanding and a non-issue, and now, as we are facing the real challenges of constantly doing more with fewer resources, we should get back to what is important. Thank you.

**Genevieve Gilbert-Rolfe  
Educator, Culver City High**

**Dear Editor,**

I am writing to urge readers to re-elect Scott Zeidman to the CCUSD school board. When I first met him, he was, like me, just another parent frustrated with the reactive nature of our school board. Well, four years ago, Scott decided to take matters into his own hands and ran for office. We are all so lucky that he did.

Scott knows how important it is to keep the community informed of the issues facing our district, and he doesn't just sit back and react to things as they happen. For example, knowing our district faced severe budget cuts from the state, he formed the Committee for Measure EE to raise more than \$6 million for our schools.

Scott got materials printed, volunteers organized, and signs distributed. He was out there pounding the pavement with all the other volunteers, going door to door to convince voters that this was crucial for

our schools.

In addition, Scott saw the need for and helped implement caps on enrollment at the high school and middle school, which will ease overcrowding, keep better control of our budget, and keep us from being at the mercy of out-of-district permits which can be revoked by their home districts at any time. These are just two of the important issues Scott has worked on; for more, see [zeidman4ccusd.com](http://zeidman4ccusd.com).

Scott tirelessly gives of his time, energy, and passion in order to do what is best for our schools. He is intelligent, practical, articulate, and knows how to work with others and get things done.

He doesn't waste time on his own ego-he is there for one reason only, and that is to make CCUSD schools the best schools they can be, for his kids and yours. Please join me on November 8 with your vote for Scott Zeidman-a vote for a sane, transparent, and proactive school board.

**Emily Glic  
Culver City**

**Dear Editor,**

For several years, I have had the pleasure of working on PTA with Laura Chardiet. She has great ideas, a quick mind and the drive and energy to get things done, always with great humor.

I know Laura has what it takes to be an effective member of the school board. She has been a classroom teacher, a school administrator, managed a multi-million dollar budget for LAUSD, served in too many volunteer capacities to name, and is a parent of Culver City students. She will hit the ground running.

Most importantly, in these economic times it is essential we elect someone who understands budgets, someone who can approach problems creatively, analyze them thoroughly and prioritize effectively. Laura Chardiet has that special set of skills, and she has demonstrated her passion for our kids, our schools and our community time and time again.

I hope you will join me in voting for Laura Chardiet!

**Kathie Haley  
Culver City**

**Dear Editor:**

I am supporting Laura Chardiet for the Culver City Board of Education. I have known Laura for over 10 years, both through our children who went to Culver City preschool together and who currently attend Culver High, as well as through her hundreds of hours volunteering for our Culver City Schools.

I have served with her on the Board of Education's Community Budget Advisory Committee, and we worked together in the Culver City Middle School's Snack Bar. I know what Laura accomplished as PTA president of La Ballona and through her leadership of the Council PTA. Laura has always been a tireless advocate for our kids and schools.

As past Chair of the Culver City Chamber of Commerce I was delighted when the Chamber, in its' first ever endorsement for a candidate for the School Board, chose Laura Chardiet and Scott Zeidman. Laura brings to the Board

an Educator who is not only familiar with the workings of the classroom (she is a former teacher), but also the complexities of managing a multi-million dollar school budget (she administers a \$15 million program for LAUSD).

Laura Chardiet is a smart, insightful, resourceful, creative problem solver, qualities which are especially important for a school board member.

I am asking all my friends, colleagues, and fellow Culver City residents to Vote For Laura.

**Rich Hibbs  
Culver City**

**Dear Editor,**

As parents of a child at La Ballona Elementary, we were introduced to Laura Chardiet at our first Back to School Night event. Right from the start, we realized that Laura was a powerful advocate for our school and district.

Over the next two years we worked with her in the PTA, Booster Club and the Site Council. At every opportunity, Laura was there to provide support and to share in the hard work that made La Ballona what it is today- a California Distinguished School with too many achievements to list.

We know that Laura's solid experience as a teacher and administrator, combined with her work ethic and determination will make her a force on our school board that will elevate our children's education to the highest level.

We expect the best from Laura, because we have seen her deliver so many times before. Laura Chardiet has proven herself to be the best candidate for the Culver City School Board, and we heartily support for her.

From that first meeting when Laura welcomed us into the La Ballona community, we have seen her sharp mind, her creative problem solving, her collaborative form of leadership, and her ability to inspire others to do more than they thought they could. We know she will be an exceptional asset to the school board.

Elect Laura Chardiet for Culver City Board of Education.

**Scott and Joy Kecken  
Culver City**

**Dear Editor,**

I'm voting for Scott Zeidman for School Board and hope you will too.

As a parent, I'm voting for him because he's made a difference. For example, he spearheaded the reduction in permit students enrolled in our middle and high schools, reducing overcrowding. He worked tirelessly to help pass Measure EE, which provides much-needed funding for our schools in these tough times.

On a personal level, I'm supporting him because he's got all the characteristics that make for a great public servant: He's a good listener, he cares, he knows his facts, and he communicates clearly, directly and honestly.

As a member of the City Council, I've found Scott to be an effective problem-solver and a real team player. He's been part of a constructive partnership that has ensured that Culver City is a great community for families.

When you go to the polls on November 8 vote for Scott. Culver City needs his continued leadership.

**Scott Malsin  
Vice Mayor**

**Dear Editor,**

As a parent of two children who attend Culver City schools, I am acutely aware of the need for strong leadership and experience as qualities in our school board. School board members sacrifice

hundreds of hours each year making critical decisions regarding our district's budget, personnel, and school facilities management and improvement. Having a strong basis from which to make decisions in these important areas is critical to a successful school board.

Through my involvement in numerous school functions and school fundraisers, I have had the opportunity to work side by side with both Scott Zeidman and Laura Chardiet. Scott and Laura are the two candidates in this field with the strongest backgrounds to tackle today's difficult decisions. First and foremost, both candidates have logged countless hours in our schools as parents of children in our district, so they know what is going on at our campuses.

The current economic climate has created what could be called the most challenging time in recent history for school districts across the country. Our district's annual operating budget has been constricting for every year of Scott's current tenure on the school board. Through all of this, our teachers and staff have fared much better than most other districts.

During this same period, our standardized test scores have risen every year, our schools have become less crowded, our athletics programs have produced championship seasons, our arts programs have won numerous awards, our district has adopted a nationally recognized anti-bullying program, our district has developed the Growing Great Garden program for healthy eating, and so much more to mention.

The accomplishments our district has achieved would be amazing in a period of prosperity, but to think that anyone could have done a better job under similar circumstances would not understand the challenges that were faced.

Laura has a resume that is tailor made for a school board member. She has the most well rounded background of any of our candidates. Laura's father was a California State Teacher of the Year. Laura taught for ten years. Laura was the PTA President at La Ballona Elementary School before becoming CCUSD's Council PTA President. And finally, Laura is currently the coordinator of LAUSD's \$15 million adult literacy program.

Knowing the amazing things that Laura accomplished while a parent at La Ballona, I know that she is an experienced fundraiser and grant writer with the endurance to handle difficult financial issues that our schools face. She is a team builder, with an unending supply of energy.

In a competitive field of candidates, I have to vote for the two people who will give our children the greatest chance to succeed and they are Scott Zeidman and Laura Chardiet.

**Dan O'Brien  
Culver City**

**Editor,**

As a former school board member, I urge you to vote for Laura Chardiet in the coming election.

Having experience as a classroom teacher, program administrator, Council PTA president, site council member and parent volunteer, Laura has the energy, passion, knowledge and experience to represent our entire population of students, from elementary to adult school.

I am confident that Laura is the most qualified candidate. Join me in electing Laura Chardiet to the Culver City School Board.

**Dana Russell  
Culver City**

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## Ridley-Thomas Endorses Goldberg

Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas has announced his support of Nancy Goldberg for Culver City School Board.

This endorsement, in addition to those of Congresswoman Karen Bass, and Assemblymember Holly Mitchell reflects the wide range of support candidate Goldberg has from the community.

When asked about the most recent endorsement Nancy reflected, "I am gratified by the extensive range of support I have received during my campaign. I have heard from many former students, both near and far, parents of former and current students, old friends, members of organizations I have been part of for decades, neighbors, as well as past and present elected officials."

For information on Goldberg's campaign, email [goldberg4ccusd@yahoo.com](mailto:goldberg4ccusd@yahoo.com) or call Sandy at 310-838-1130. Campaign ID 1340461.

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**Dear Editor;**

I support my colleague Scott Zeidman in his reelection bid for the Culver City Unified School District Board of Trustees. Scott has proven his dedication and commitment to our youth, District and community.

As a member and President of our CCUSD Board, Scott has been an exemplary member and leader.

It is imperative that Scott Zeidman be reelected because he is an integral part of a proactive Board. Our Board has faced and will continue to face, extreme budgetary challenges.

During my first two years on the CCUSD Board of Education, we have successfully confronted the task of preserving our educational / academic programs, while minimizing any loss of faculty, staff and administration.

Scott is an integral part of our School Board's success, so please join me in voting to reelect Scott Zeidman on November 8. Thank you for your consideration.

**Professor Patricia G. Siever  
Culver City**

**Dear Editor,**

Our Culver City schools have always been a vital part of our community. Maintaining the quality of our schools is important on so many levels.

I am supporting Laura Chardiet for school board because I believe that her experience as an educator, an administrator, her commitment to La Ballona Elementary School, among others, combined with her experience in developing educational programs will enable her to build on the quality of our schools, so that they will continue to be a source of pride for years to come.

We all know about the challenges our schools face. I am confident that Laura Chardiet understands those challenges from all angles and as a member of the school board, will be an exceptional leader on behalf of our children, our schools and our community.

Please join me in voting to elect Laura Chardiet to the

Culver City School Board on November 8.

**Andy Weissman  
Culver City**

**Dear Editor,**

The School Board elections are on Nov. 8 and everyone has had a chance to hear from all of the candidates.

Along with many others, I am supporting Scott Zeidman for re-election. Scott has proven his dedication and determination to make things better for our schools and kids over the past four years. Despite challenging economic times facing our schools, we have been able to depend on Scott's ability to understand and work effectively within a School Board system that has benefitted from his business acumen and from his attention to detail with the keen eye of an advocate.

With a track record that includes working to pass Measure EE to raise over \$6M for our schools; working to place caps on enrollment to prevent overcrowding; collaborating with school administrators and the Board to effectively rework an unwieldy budget process, Scott has earned our trust and respect.

By making transparency and open communication the norm at School Board meetings, Scott has earned our respect as a leader. One thing you may not know about Scott is that he worked for eight years as a Recreation Leader in the Culver City Parks and Recreation Dept. after high school and while in college.

What I found remarkable was that Scott has been involved consistently for around 30 years, and intuitively, he gets it when it comes to the unique needs of our community's schools and families.

For these and many more reasons I would like to urge everyone to vote for Scott Zeidman.

**Catherine Yanda  
Culver Parks & Rec  
Commissioner**

**Dear Editor,**

While Laura Chardiet was President of the PTA at La Ballona she moved it to new levels. I was at Farragut doing the same. She then went on to

become the President of the district PTA.

Our paths crossed in middle school and we both pledged to add new energy to CCMS. She actively got involved in PTA there as well. She revived and created a whole new "red ribbon week" emphasis that lives on today.

I believe what we need now on the board is someone we can trust and count on to do the right thing by our children. And, someone with boatloads of experience to navigate through the budget nightmare.

She has served on the CBAC budget committee and can easily step right into the position with CCUSD budget knowledge. She can relate to teachers as she worked as a teacher at LAUSD. She can relate to administration since she manages a large grant for LAUSD now. She has a rare gift for rallying parents behind her as well as

figuring out creative solutions to problems and has a great way of dealing with all kinds of people.

She is the strongest candidate running for the Board of Education seat on November 8. Please vote for Laura. She is someone we can trust. She is a hard worker and is intelligent, dili-

gent and fair. She will make decisions that will take into consideration parents and students concerns, but also administrators, teachers, staff and community.

**Bonnie Wacker  
Culver City**

## Pumpkins Theme At The Library

Culver City Friends of the Library present "TOO MANY PUMPKINS" STORYTIME Tuesday, Nov. 1 at 7 p.m.

There will be a storytime celebrating pumpkins and fall with a craft project following storytime. Free Admission at 4975 Overland Avenue.

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## Rehearsals Begin For Douglas Play

Rehearsals begin this week for "The Night Watcher," Charlayne Woodard's newest play, which will be produced at the Center Theatre Group/Kirk Douglas Theatre, November 17 through December 18.

The opening is set for November 20. "The Night Watcher," written and performed by Woodard, will be directed by her frequent collaborator, Daniel Sullivan.

A best friend, advisor, confidant and sage to the many young people for whom she is an auntie or a godmother, Charlayne Woodard pays homage in "The Night Watcher" to the life-enhancing intimacy that can exist between children and the loving extended family of "other" adults who are not related.

Told with grace and candor, Woodard weaves together stories of the ordinary and extraordinary ways she has mentored the children in her life.

"The Night Watcher" had its world premiere at the Seattle Repertory Theatre in October 2008 (and was previously workshopped at the La Jolla Playhouse and Ojai Playwrights Festival). It was presented in New York by Primary Stages in September 2009.

Tickets are available by calling (213) 628-2772, online at www.CenterTheatreGroup.org, in person at the Center Theatre Group box office at the Ahmanson Theatre or two hours prior to performances at the Kirk Douglas Theatre box office.

## CCUSD Schools Get Set for Fall Events

Schools throughout the District will be holding a variety of fall events.

### Farragut Fall Festival

Was held on October 22

Farragut Athletic Field

All families were invited to enjoy a day of Halloween fun.

### El Marino Halloween Carnival

11 am - 3 pm October 29

El Marino Playground

Will you dare enter the Haunted Library? Will your gourd win the Pumpkin Derby? Do you have a long list of people you want to dunk? You can do it all at the Halloween Carnival.

### Linwood E. Howe Fall Carnival

2 - 6 pm October 29

Linwood E. Howe Playground

There will be lots of games, interactive booths, arts and crafts, face painting/ beauty school, tattoo parlor, entertainment, food, music and much more.

Students, parents and the community are invited to come out for a day of family fun. For more information contact Ellie Dawson at

310-383-7887 ellie2444@aol.com

El Rincon PTA Movie Night

6:30 - 8:30 pm November 4

Refreshments will be available for purchase. Please remember that children must be accompanied by an adult in order to attend this event.

### La Ballona Fall Festival

11 am - 4:30 pm November 5

La Ballona Playground

The Third Annual Fall Festival will be a day packed full of games and activities, food, entertainment and community! Pre-sales will kick off on October 31 after the Mask Parade and will continue through November 4, before and after school in front of the school library. Tickets are \$1 each and can be used for game booths, activities, food, drinks, pie walk and inflatables. For more information, email Isabelle Perez or Heather Moses.

## Culver Man Seeks Screenwriting Fellowship

Seven individual writers and three writing teams have been selected as finalists for the 26th annual Don and Gee Nicholl Fellowships in Screenwriting, presented by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

The finalists include Matthew Murphy of Culver City for "Unicorn."

Their scripts will be read and judged by the Academy's Nicholl Committee, which may award as many as five of the prestigious \$30,000 fellowships.

The finalists were selected from a record 6,730 scripts submitted for this year's competition. The competition is open to any individual who has not sold or optioned a screenplay or teleplay for more than \$5,000, or received a fellowship or prize that includes a "first look" clause, an option, or any other quid pro quo involving the writer's work.



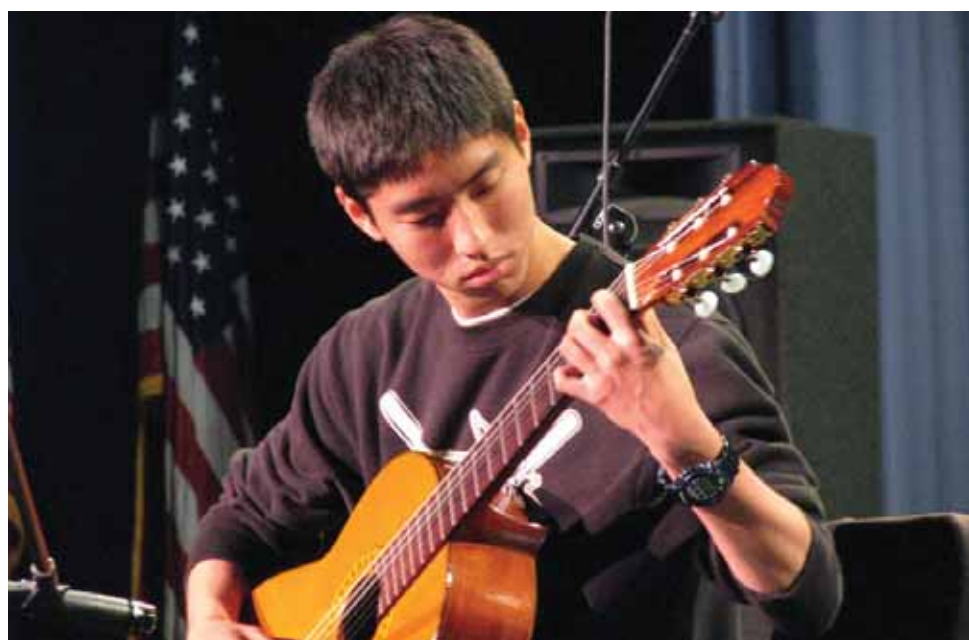
### Community Star Party Nov. 5

The community is invited to share a family evening viewing the stars, planet Jupiter, and the Moon on Saturday, November 5.

Bob Eklund and fellow volunteers from local astronomy clubs will present this free event for the public in the parking lot of the Christian Science Church, 7855 Alverstone Ave., in Westchester. Several telescopes will be set up for sky-viewing between 7 pm and 10. In case of clouds or rain, there will be a learning session on basic astronomy (especially for children) inside the church.

"Everyone is invited to look through our high-quality telescopes at the planet Jupiter, the craters of the Moon, and stars and nebulae," said Eklund, who works with the Mount Wilson Observatory on public outreach and recently published a book of poems and essays about the night sky titled First Star I See Tonight.

For questions contact Bob Eklund at (310) 216-5947, beklund@sprynet.com, or see his website, www.bobeklund.com.



### Clarinetist Dean Performs For AVPA

As part of his tour of the Southwestern USA, American clarinetist Michael Dean gave a recital and master class at the Culver City High Academy of Visual and Performing Arts (AVPA) on October 18.

"One of the most interesting works on the recital is Half Moon at Checkerboard Mesa by Utah composer and former MTV rocker Phillip Kent Bimstein," Dr. Dean said. "Phillip recorded natural sounds (such as frogs, crickets and coyotes) near his home close to Zion National Park in Southern Utah and then shaped them into musical phrases and rhythms on his computer.

He then wrote a score for a live musician to perform with the taped arrangement of the sounds. The piece is a fun mix of clarinet, hip-hopping frogs, and 80's rock and roll," he said.

Dr. Dean has performed internationally and across the United States as a recitalist and master clinician to much acclaim.

"I am very happy Dr. Dean was able to include AVPA on his tour. I think it's great for the students to hear from artists from other parts of the country and learn more about the process of music making," said Dr. Tony Spano, Creative Director of Music and Co-Director of AVPA.

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# SPORTS

## With Injuries, Mistakes, Centaurs Lose

### Inglewood Takes Advantage, 30-10

By Dale Williams  
Observer Reporter

The Culver City High football team was already hurting before last Friday's game against Inglewood, with several key players hampered by injuries.

The pain only got worse during the game.

Much of it was due to seven turnovers committed by the Centaurs in an ugly 30-10 Ocean League loss to the Sentinels that put a speed bump in front of Culver City's hopes of reclaiming the league title.

The Centaurs fumbled the opening kickoff, and it only went downhill from there, and even though Culver City's defense kept the game close for the first half, the offense killed any chances of victory.

"The turnovers killed us," Centaurs coach Jahmal Wright said. "Whenever you turn the ball over that many times, it's hard to beat anyone, let alone a good team like Inglewood. From the beginning of the game, our sloppy play hurt us.

"And injuries are catching up to us. You can't use it as an excuse, though, you just have to have other guys step up."

Entering the game, Culver City (5-2 overall, 1-1 league) already had injury issues. Alex Jackson, who suffered a dislocated shoulder a couple of weeks ago in practice, was still in pain. Receiver/kick returner Julius Wilson has been hampered by a groin injury.

Then in the Inglewood game, offensive lineman Kevin Melendez hurt an ankle, and another lineman suffered a thumb injury. And running back Akili Skannal was also injured.

And top offensive lineman Michael Candler has already been out several weeks. So the injuries are piling up quickly.

"We're just really banged up right now," Wright said. "Not having some of your best players on the field, or having them not at full strength, it's tough to be a really good team. I think the injuries are especially tough on offense. With play-makers like Alex and Julius and Akili and our linemen injured, it's playing a real key factor in our offense not being efficient."

Culver City's offense certainly seemed affected against Inglewood (2-5 overall, 1-1 league), with the Centaurs losing two fumbles and quarterback Lukas O'Connor throwing five interceptions.

Wilson fumbled the opening kickoff, and then four consecutive Culver City possessions ended with an O'Connor interception. But despite the miscues, the Centaurs only trailed 10-7 at halftime.

But Inglewood quarterback Derrick Woods put the Sentinels in control when he scrambled for a 75-yard touchdown run on third-and-10 to give Inglewood a 17-7 lead.

On the ensuing kickoff, a Culver City assistant coach reportedly pushed Inglewood kicker Manuel Paez on the sidelines, resulting in the coach's ejection and a brief shoving match between the two teams.

Whether or not that fired up Inglewood, the Sentinels came up with a big turnover on the next play, forcing a Culver City fumble. That eventually led to a 1-yard touchdown run by Woods to give Inglewood a 23-7 lead.

"We just have to cut down on the mistakes," Wright said. "No matter who's on the field, we have to play with more efficiency and discipline."

O'Connor completed 29 of 47 passes for 299 yards, with one touchdown and the five interceptions. Skannal ran for 83 yards on 12 carries, Porche caught nine passes for 71 yards, and Michael Horchin caught seven passes for 89 yards and a TD.

On defense, Khalil Pettway and Keishawn Haley each had 13 tackles,



Last Friday at Veteran's Memorial Auditorium was the inaugural event for SAMURAI PRO MMA, which included seven professional mixed martial arts bouts headlined by a Jamie Yager (former Ultimate Fighter reality tv show star and UFC fighter). Fighters from as far as Brazil came to the event and the majority of the fighters we're local athletes. Next event is plan for Friday, December 7th at the same place.

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Jonathan Jackson had 11 tackles, Yamen Sanders had seven tackles and Anthony Luckett had an interception.

Culver City takes on Hawthorne on the road this Friday, but they won't be facing the same old Cougars. Hawthorne - which went 2-48 overall and 1-24 in league play the past five seasons - is 5-2 overall and 1-1 in league play in 2011. So the Centaurs probably won't have an easy time against the Cougars as in recent years.

Meanwhile, Santa Monica defeated Beverly Hills, 34-16 to gain sole possession of first place in the ocean League.

### Culver Football Schedule

Sept. 9 - Culver 51 West Torrance, 28

Sept. 16 - Culver 42, Peninsula, 7

Sept. 23 - Culver 40, Redondo 23

Sept. 30 - Culver 52, Leuzinger 0

Oct. 7 - Narbonne 49, Culver 23

Oct. 14 - Culver 41, Morningside 6

Oct. 21 - Inglewood 30, Culver 10

Oct. 28 - at Hawthorne, 7 pm

Nov. 4 - home vs. Santa Monica, 7 pm

Nov. 11 - at Beverly Hills, 7 pm

## As Rangers Advance, Angels' Owner Fumes



Mitch Chortkoff

The Texas Rangers have been in the World Series two straight years. The Angels haven't made the playoffs two straight years.

That's enough to greatly concern Arte Moreno, the Angels' owner who has a reputation of spending what it takes to keep his team in playoff contention.

Now add the fact that Mike Napoli, the former Angels catcher, was traded to Toronto and then dealt again to Texas a few days later and has become one of the Rangers' key players.

It's enough for Moreno to respond harshly.

In recent weeks Angels' general manager Tony Reagins resigned and his two key assistants were fired.

In my many years of covering sports I've seen a lot of owners overreact. Their money doesn't produce a winner and they don't have the background in the sport to understand the problems that occur in building a championship roster.

That doesn't apply in this case.

It would be hard for Reagins to have explained how he traded the power-hitting Napoli. And it's Reagins' bad luck that Napoli ended up with the Angels' primary division rival.

It's bad enough that the light-hitting Angels gave up one of their best power

hitters. And it's even worse that the Angels' spent free agent money on Vernon Wells, who had a disappointing year.

Now the Rangers get into the World Series for the second straight year, helped by Napoli's 30 home runs, 75 RBI and .320 batting average in the regular season.

And on Sunday night, with the Rangers trailing the St. Louis Cardinals, 2-1 in the World Series and in great need of a victory, it is Napoli's home run that makes it possible.

I'm glad I wasn't with Moreno that night to see his reaction.

Without Napoli, the Angels were left with Jeff Mathis as their catcher. From all I've heard Mathis has a lot of attributes. He handles the Angels' pitching staff well and is superior to Napoli defensively. Unfortunately for the Angels, however, Mathis batted .174 this season with three home runs.

Also, Rangers' manager Ron Washington said Napoli improved defensively, which was one of the biggest surprises of the Rangers' season.

In his years as the Angels' owner Moreno has had the difficult task of trying to succeed in the playoffs in competition with the free-spending Yankees and Red Sox.

Now here are two straight years when neither the Yankees nor Red Sox get into the World Series but a team in the Angels' division does. And with considerable help from a former Angel.

It's enough to justify any action Moreno takes.

# PUSS IN BOOTS

## MOVIE REVIEW



**debbie lynn elias**

The race for Oscar gold for Best Animated Feature heats up this week with the release of PUSS IN BOOTS. That fierce and fiery swashbuckling feline, the leche lapping Latin lover, adventurer, scoundrel, master of the two-pawed tango, defender of justice...El Magnifico...El Purr-fecto...The Boots...leaves the world of "Shrek" and gets top billing in his own movie that is, in a word, Meowtastic!

Originally appearing in French fairy tales written in 1695 by Charles Perrault, PUSS IN BOOTS (or Le Chat Botté, as he was known) was a felonious feline, using his style, charm, and trickery to gain power, wealth and, of course, the hand of a princess in marriage for his penniless master. But it wasn't until a 1729 English adaptation of Perrault's stories that "The Boots" took the world by storm. With a picture book cover of an old woman telling stories to a group of children, "Mother Goose's Tales", with PUSS IN BOOTS as its cornerstone, has fueled the imaginations and fantasies of children - and filmmakers - for generations. An inspiration to everyone from Tchaikovsky to the Grimm Brothers to Walt Disney to animator turned director Chris Miller, PUSS IN BOOTS is without a doubt the most famous of the Mother Goose characters.

After a long absence from the silver screen, PUSS IN BOOTS was reintroduced to film audiences and new generations of children the world over with the "Shrek" franchise. And it didn't take long to see who the break-out, larger-than-life star was - The Boots. Fueled by the drive of Chris Miller and his love of The Boots, PUSS IN BOOTS goes beyond the legend, beyond the lover, beyond the dancer. PUSS IN BOOTS goes back to the beginning with a starving little kitty left on a doorstep of an orphanage and the dreams that turned Puss into PUSS IN BOOTS.

Puss is an outlaw. With a \$500 bounty on his furry little orange head for robbing the San Ricardo Bank, Puss has been on the run for some time. But, Puss isn't the one who committed the crime. It was his childhood pal and BFF, Humpty Alexander Dumpty. Humpty was always sort of a bad egg, looking for the easy way out of the orphanage and San Ricardo, dreaming dreams of a world where he wouldn't be ridiculed or mocked by Boy Blue or Jack Horner. And Puss always stood by his side trying to steer him to the straight and narrow path. But Humpty was a crafty one and after Puss had gained the love, respect - and boots - of the entire town of San Ricardo for saving the life of the police chief's mother, Humpty was more than a bit jealous. Wanting to get out of the no-nothing town and make a name for himself, Humpty robbed the San Ricardo Bank, but tricked Puss into driving the getaway wagon. Sadly, in the frenzy of the robbery with police in hot pursuit, Puss and Humpty became separated before Puss could tell the police what happened. And leaving Humpty sitting on the wall after suffering a great fall from the wagon, Fate took a cruel turn. Humpty blamed the robbery on Puss. Unable to return home, Puss began wandering the land.

But one day, Fate smiled on Puss. Thanks to Humpty and their childhood dreams, he knew the fairy tale of magic beans; beans that would grow a beanstalk and take one up to the magic kingdom of the Giant and the Goose that Laid the Golden Eggs. It had always been their dream to find the beans, climb up into the sky and grab some gold. But that was just a childhood fable. Wasn't it?

During Puss' travels, rumor spread of "magic beans". Could it be true? Could they really exist? Seems that the notorious Jack and Jill were in possession of them. This was it! This was how Puss could clear his name. He could get the beans, grow the beanstalk, get

the gold and give it to the people of San Ricardo to make up for Humpty's crime! But getting the beans was easier said than done.

Wandering into the Glitter Box cantina for some refreshment, Puss gets more than he bargains for when he falls into a pas de deux choreographed combat with the one and only Kitty Softpaws. Hiding her true identity beneath a leather-hood a la Catwoman, Kitty is a purr-fect match for Puss. Paw to paw, they do a dancing duel before entering into a pact with the devil himself - Humpty Dumpty. Humpty is still

searching for

those magic beans and he too has heard about Jack and Jill. Begging Puss for forgiveness for his rotten deed so many years before, Humpty, Puss and Kitty join forces and head out to claim their fortune. But can Puss ever trust Humpty again? Should he?

With a magical trip to the Giant's castle in the sky leading to the "Mother" of all battles for goodness and gold, PUSS IN BOOTS is simply magnifico!

Antonio Banderas IS PUSS IN BOOTS. Originally breathing life into this little feline when he appeared in "Shrek", Banderas' vocal agility and ability is unparalleled. The dynamic that he brings to Puss is multi-dimensional, emotionally challenging and fulfilling, and above all, fantastico!! Admitting that he and Puss are "very much alike" (both swashbucklers, fancy-footed dancers and Latin lovers), you can hear the joy, the excitement, the passion, the humor, with every syllable. Self-deprecating and dashing in character, Banderas captures the essence, nay, is the essence of Puss. It's as if Banderas himself is living each adventure and is up on that screen. There is nothing cold or flat in his performance and with every deep dulcet tone one hears coming out of this orange cat, it just ramps up the inherent humor in the dichotomy of it all.

Zach Galifianakis is a devil of an egg and eggs-ceptional as Humpty Alexander Dumpty. Giving an almost squeaky creepy tone to Humpty's voice, it sets the vocal tenor for the deceitful and duplicitous nature of the character itself. And Salma Hayak is a confident sultry joy as Kitty Softpaws. Her vocal inflection and intonation spans the emotional spectrum, and as with Banderas, in particular, she is so dynamic you can almost see Hayak herself locked in a spinning tango in the sky.

Great laughs come from Billy Bob Thornton

and Amy Sedaris who, as Jack and Jill, are parents to Ten Little Piggies. The vocal humor, however, comes from their constant sparring about becoming parents to a real baby - a great contrast to the villainous anger they project at outsiders when it comes to protecting their magic beans.

Written by Tom Wheeler and directed by Chris Miller, PUSS IN BOOTS is a creative, witty, original, fun story. There is a moral message that is told without being preachy.

The script is full of life, originality, humor and double entendres which are punctuated with slick humor thanks to Antonio Banderas delivery. One drawback, however, is that the funniest parts of the film all

come within the first 60 minutes. By the final act, the story has become too serious and loses

some of the fun that the dialogue earlier created.

Wheeler puts a great twist on not only classic childhood fairy-tales, but the characters themselves, all which comes to life thanks to the animation. The animation is beyond superb. Character design is simple, yet meticulous in look, movement and personality. Humpty Dumpty is almost cherubic looking, a perfect counter to his nature. And check out Humpty in a golden spandex egg suit...complete with too tight squeaking when he waddles. Kitty has those feline pheromones flowing from her long sleek lines and agile slinky moves. And Puss....paws, eyes, eyelashes, whiskers, nails, sword, hat and boots - each is simply drawn, but through the movement of animation, make Puss purr-fect. Clouds seamlessly change shape and contour while retaining their fluffy floaty pillow-like sensibility. The color palette is also critical and well chosen with Puss's orange, the day glow green magic beans and the golden eggs punctuating the screen.

With over 620 artists working on the film, this is without a doubt, some of the best 3D work we've seen. Utilizing story tools of swashbuckling, dancing, castles in

the sky, roaring rivers and never-ending beanstalks, the 3D is used to add to the various perspectives giving the film an added dynamic. As opposed to films tossing in 3D "because it's trendy", here 3D only adds to and compliments the lush storytelling of PUSS IN BOOTS. Another great tool that Miller and Company use is by lensing many scenes from a "cat's eye view". Guillaume Aretos' production is flawless and is complimented, along with the character design, by the work of VFX Supervisor Ken Bielenberg and his team. The technical artisans on this film have truly given us a collaborative and synergistically perfect film.

Particularly notable to me, given that I have five cats of my own (all of whom believe they are PUSS IN BOOTS), is the attention to detail in capturing the mannerisms and demeanor of cats right down to the lapping of liquid - a backward scoop into the mouth. Meticulous. And a nod to the issue of declawing cats is beautifully interwoven with Kitty Softpaws. Should make animal rights groups very happy.

The story moves at a steady, fast pace. A mere 10-15 minutes is spent on the childhood backstory of Puss and Humpty, yet it is complete, filled with information both visually and through dialogue, so that you understand the rest of the story.

And wow, wow, wow, wow, wow! PUSS IN BOOTS gives new meaning to "cat dancing". Helios Dance Theater artistic director Laura Gorenstein Miller overseas choreography that has more fire and talent than anything you'll ever see on "Dancing With the Stars". Showcasing Kitty and Puss in a hot tango and an almost disco-flavored dance routine with all the cats at the Glitter Box, the choreography is jaw-dropping and inspired. And just check out the catlike dance steps when kitties go crazy with the disco ball. Hand in hand with the dancing is Henry Jackman's score which soars with energy, variety and Spanish flair. Ole!

PUSS IN BOOTS - The Cat. The Myth. The Legend. The Boots. Purr-fectly Meowtastic!

Puss in Boots - Antonio Banderas  
Kitty Softpaws - Salma Hayak  
Humpty Dumpty - Zach Galifianakis

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with the context of the downtown area, would be in scale to the area, and would have enough open space within the project itself.

Seth Horowitz, who has joined the management of the Culver Hotel (directly adjacent to Parcel B) asked that construction noise be mitigated so as to not impact the hotel too severely.

The meeting was not the time for selecting a developer. The Council and Agency directed the City Manager to place on the November 14 agenda an item for selecting a developer for Parcel B from among the four developers who presented. The discussion on selection will probably take place during closed session at the November 7 meeting.

Community members have often complained about being left out of decision-making on property issues. Therefore, Community Development Director Sol Blumenfeld explained to the public that closed sessions are typically the venue for dis-

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illies while they were still in school." And that a date change was "worth considering."

Planning Commissioner Marcus Tiggs recommended the formation of a sub-committee to explore a possible date change for 2013. He expressed concerns that there was not enough time to "ramp-up" for an earlier date and that more input was needed, especially from the Fiesta Vendor.

Elliot Heffler, chair of the Grad Night Party Committee expressed concern about starting the Fiesta on the same day as graduation and the Grad night party, held at the Veterans Auditorium. He remarked that the graduates are on "lockdown" once they enter the party and if they want to leave before the party ends at 5 am they are escorted to their vehicles.

The Culver City Grad night part has been operated for many years and has a clean record for safety on Grad night.

Mike King commented that, "my kids have grown up with that date." In the end the group unanimously voted to keep the 2012 Fiesta on the last weekend in August while keeping open the idea of a possible date change in 2013. As Commissioner Tiggs remarked, "We're not married to the current date, we just need to consider all the factors."

Cohen invited everyone back for the next meeting to be held on November 15 at Veterans Auditorium. The meeting will be open to all those interested in participating in the 2012 Fiesta.

cussions of this type.

"Closed sessions are necessary for making decisions on the terms and conditions for disposition of property."

During the "special meeting" of the City Council that preceded the "regular" meeting, the Council held a public hearing on establishing community benefits for a project of residential and retail mixed use development at Washington and Marcase. The resolution passed 4-1, with Council member Christopher Armenta opposing the resolution because he felt that discussion of community benefits was premature unless entitlements were also being discussed.

In addition, the Council passed a resolution calling for a general election on April 10, 2012 to elect certain officers and for voters to vote on the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT).

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 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **Promenade Eco Detail & Spa**, 6081 Center Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90045. Mailing Address: 6767 W. Sunset Blvd., 8464, Los Angeles, CA 90028.

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: C338714 Registered Owner(s): Vick Emmanson, Inc., 6767 W. Sunset Blvd., 8464, Los Angeles, CA 90028. State of Incorporation/Organization: California. This Business is conducted by: a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Registrant Signature: Emmanuel Imafidon, President This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **October 19, 2011**.

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT - 2011 118613**  
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **Hermes Capital Group, Hermes Healthcare Advisors, Hermes Capital Advisors**, 8033 Sunset Blvd., Suite 930, Los Angeles, CA 90046. Registered Owner(s): Hermes Capital Partners, LLC, 8033 Sunset Blvd., Suite 930, Los Angeles, CA 90046. State of Incorporation/Organization: California.

This Business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Registrant Name: Hermes Capital Partners, LLC Registrant Signature: Dominique Luchart, Managing Director /President

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT - 2011 118668**  
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MindDazzle InterActive**, 138 N. Oxford Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90004. Mailing Address: P O Box 741794, Los Angeles, CA 90004-1794. Registered Owner(s): Zachary Flowers, 138 N. Oxford Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90004.

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT - 2011 111041**  
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **The Center for Counseling, Recovery, & Growth**, 2780 Skypark Dr., Suite 205, Torrance, CA 90505. Registered Owner(s): Kevin Bergen, 2780 Skypark Dr., Suite 205, Torrance, CA 90505.

This Business is conducted by: an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 09-21-2011. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Registrant(s) Signature: Kevin Bergen, Owner This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **October 5, 2011**.

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT - 2011 117165**  
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **Hudrock Interactive**, 3937 Prospect Ave., Culver City, CA 90232. Registered Owner(s): Ronald Jay Hudson, 3937 Prospect Ave., Culver City, CA 90232.

This Business is conducted by: an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 04-2010. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Registrant(s) Signature: Ronald Jay Hudson, Owner This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **October 17, 2011**.

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT - 2011 118684**  
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CK Professional Services**, 5450 Kinston Ave., Culver City, CA 90230.

Registered Owner(s): Carolyn Elizabeth Kay, 5450 Kinston Ave., Culver City, CA 90230. This Business is conducted by: an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 10-11-2011. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Registrant(s) Signature: Carolyn Elizabeth Kay, Owner This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **October 19, 2011**.

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT - 2011 119783**  
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **Amalgamated Venture, TPFTW**, 1209 Manhattan Ave., # 209, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266. Registered Owner(s): Paul Becker, 600 11th Street, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266.

This Business is conducted by: an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 09-24-2011. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Registrant(s) Signature: Paul Becker, Owner This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **October 20, 2011**.

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**STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME - 2011 118610**  
 File No.: 2009 1692822 Date Filed: 11-10-2009 Name of Business(es): **Hermes Capital Advisors & Hermes Healthcare Advisors**, 9033 Hollywood Hills Rd., Los Angeles, CA 90046. Registered Owner(s): Dominique Luchart, 9033 Hollywood Hills Rd., Los Angeles, CA 90046. Business was conducted by: an individual. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Registrant Signature: Dominique Luchart, Owner This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **October 19, 2011**. Pub.: October 27, November 3, November 10, November 17, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT - 2011 111108**  
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **Vintage Me Up**, 1923 Foothill Dr., Glendale, CA 91201. Registered Owner(s): Carl Frederick Weber, 1923 Foothill Dr., Glendale, CA 91201, Christina Tsiou, 1923 Foothill Dr., Glendale, CA 91201.

This Business is conducted by: Husband and Wife. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Registrant(s) Signature: Carl F. Weber, Owner This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **October 5, 2011**.

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT - 2011 111051**  
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **S/S Sparkle**, 17071 Ventura Blvd., # 207, Encino, CA 91316. Registered Owner(s): Sharon Feldman, 23831 Erin Place, West Hills, CA 91304.

This Business is conducted by: an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Registrant(s) Signature: Sharon Feldman, Owner This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **October 5, 2011**.

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT - 2011 111054**  
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **Cleaver Plumb**, 6256 Belmar Ave., Tarzana, CA 91335. Registered Owner(s): Lindy Franklin, 6256 Belmar Ave., Tarzana, CA 91335.

This Business is conducted by: an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Registrant(s) Signature: Lindy Franklin, Owner This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **October 5, 2011**.

NOTICE - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, Except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the Statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the Expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Published: October 13, October 20, October 27, November 3, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT - 2011 111038**  
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **Tiny Tarts**, 5843 Harold Way, # 2, Los Angeles, CA 90028. Registered Owner(s): Valerie Gerdes, 5843 Harold Way, # 2, Los Angeles, CA 90028.

This Business is conducted by: an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Registrant(s) Signature: Valerie Gerdes, Owner This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **October 5, 2011**.

NOTICE - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, Except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the Statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the Expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Published: October 13, October 20, October 27, November 3, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT - 2011 111960**  
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **Corlin Company, First Look Locations**, 8726 S. Sepulveda Blvd., Suite D-2111, Los Angeles, CA 90045-4004. Registered Owner(s): Arnold J. Corlin, 8726 S. Sepulveda Blvd., Suite D-2111, Los Angeles, CA 90045-4004.

This Business is conducted by: an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 11-03-1990. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Registrant(s) Signature: Arnold J. Corlin, Owner This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **October 6, 2011**.

NOTICE - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, Except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the Statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the Expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Published: October 20, October 27, November 3, November 10, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT - 2011 113790**  
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **Tunesmith Factory**, 460 South Spring St., # 805, Los Angeles, CA 90013. Registered Owner(s): Adam Daniel Stulberg, 460 South Spring St., # 805, Los Angeles, CA 90013.

This Business is conducted by: an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Registrant(s) Signature: Adam Daniel Stulberg, Owner This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **October 11, 2011**.

NOTICE - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, Except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the Statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the Expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Published: October 20, October 27, November 3, November 10, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT - 2011 114225**  
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **Gary's Exclusive Audio Repair, G.E.A.R.**, 5183 Overland Ave., Suite D, Culver City, CA 90230. Registered Owner(s): Gary K. Garfield, 5183 Overland Ave., Suite D, Culver City, CA 90230.

This Business is conducted by: an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Registrant(s) Signature: Gary K. Garfield, Owner This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **October 12, 2011**.

NOTICE - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, Except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the Statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the Expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Published: October 20, October 27, November 3, November 10, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT - 2011 116978**  
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **S.A.S. Group**, 200 World Way, Los Angeles, CA 90009. Mailing Address: 5335 W. 99th Place, # 206, Los Angeles, CA 90045. Registered Owner(s): Zaid Alabbadi, 5335 W. 99th Place, # 206, Los Angeles, CA 90045.

This Business is conducted by: an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 02-15-2011. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Registrant(s) Signature: Zaid Alabbadi, Owner This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **October 17, 2011**.

NOTICE - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, Except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the Statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the Expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Published: October 20, October 27, November 3, November 10, 2011



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