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An aerial night photograph of Los Angeles, California. The city's skyline is visible in the background with numerous skyscrapers illuminated. In the foreground, the Los Angeles Times building is prominent, featuring its iconic Art Deco architecture and a large, brightly lit sign that reads "LOS ANGELES TIMES". The surrounding urban landscape is filled with other buildings and streets, all lit up at night.

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Manhunt manifesto

The Los Angeles Police Department is examining a manifesto it said was published on what the agency believes is the Facebook page of shooting suspect Christopher Jordan Dorner. The LAPD has requested that some names be redacted for safety reasons, and The Times is complying with the request.

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From: Christopher Jordan Dorner /7648

To: America

Subj: Last resort

Regarding CF# 07-004281

I know most of you who personally know me are in disbelief to hear from media reports that I am suspected of committing such horrendous murders and have taken drastic and shocking actions in the last couple of days. You are saying to yourself that this is completely out of character of the man you knew who always wore a smile wherever he was seen. I know I will be villified by the LAPD and the media. Unfortunately, this is a necessary evil that I do not enjoy but must partake and complete for substantial change to occur within the LAPD and reclaim my name. The department has not changed since the Rampart and Rodney King days. It has gotten worse. The consent decree should never have been lifted. The only thing that has evolved from the consent decree is those officers involved in the Rampart scandal and Rodney King incidents have since promoted to supervisor, commanders, and

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Description

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Contributed by: Samantha Schaefer, Los

THEMATIC DUMPS

Boy Scouts helped alleged molesters cover tracks, files show

When volunteers and employees were suspected of sexually abusing children, Boy Scout officials often didn't tell police, files from 1970-91 reveal. In many cases they sought to hide the situation.



Founded in 1915

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The largest Boys' Camp in New England

August 23, 1971

Mr. Robert F. Parkinson
Narragansett Council
Boy Scouts of America
175 Broad Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Patky:

The following is a factual account of the incident that occurred with two individuals from Troop 21 Providence on July 31, 1971 at Yawgoog Scout Reservation:

At approximately 9 p.m., after the Saturday night show on July 31, 1971, Scoutmaster Apostina Giardina observed Assistant Scoutmaster William Lazareschi and Scout [redacted] committing the act of fellatio. Scout [redacted] acted in the active role and Assistant Scoutmaster Lazareschi participated in the passive role. Scout [redacted] is twelve years old.

Mr. Giardina found them committing this act behind a tent when he was looking for one Scout missing from his head count when returning from the Camp Show. He immediately asked them what they were doing and they said that they were filling up their lanterns. Mr. Giardina has a very bad heart and felt for his own health that he should not pursue the matter at that time. He also felt that if he made too much fuss at that time, the rest of the camp would have been alerted to what happened.

Sunday morning, Scoutmaster Giardina incorrectly called the boy aside and asked him what had happened the night before. The boy stated that "Mr. Lazareschi made me do it to him".

The matter was brought to the attention of the Assistant Reservation Director, Philip L. Terry, and he called Assistant Scoutmaster Lazareschi in to discuss the matter. Mr. Lazareschi was confronted with the facts and admitted his role in the act and stated that he had never done anything like it before.

WINCHESTER LODGE, ORDER OF THE ARROW

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

LIFE ON THE LINE: 911 BREAKDOWNS AT LAFD

Aid proposal between LAFD and county from 1979

The original 1979 proposal for an automatic aid agreement between LAFD and the county Fire Department promised to save lives if the two systems were joined. The document, below, has been repeatedly revised in the years since.

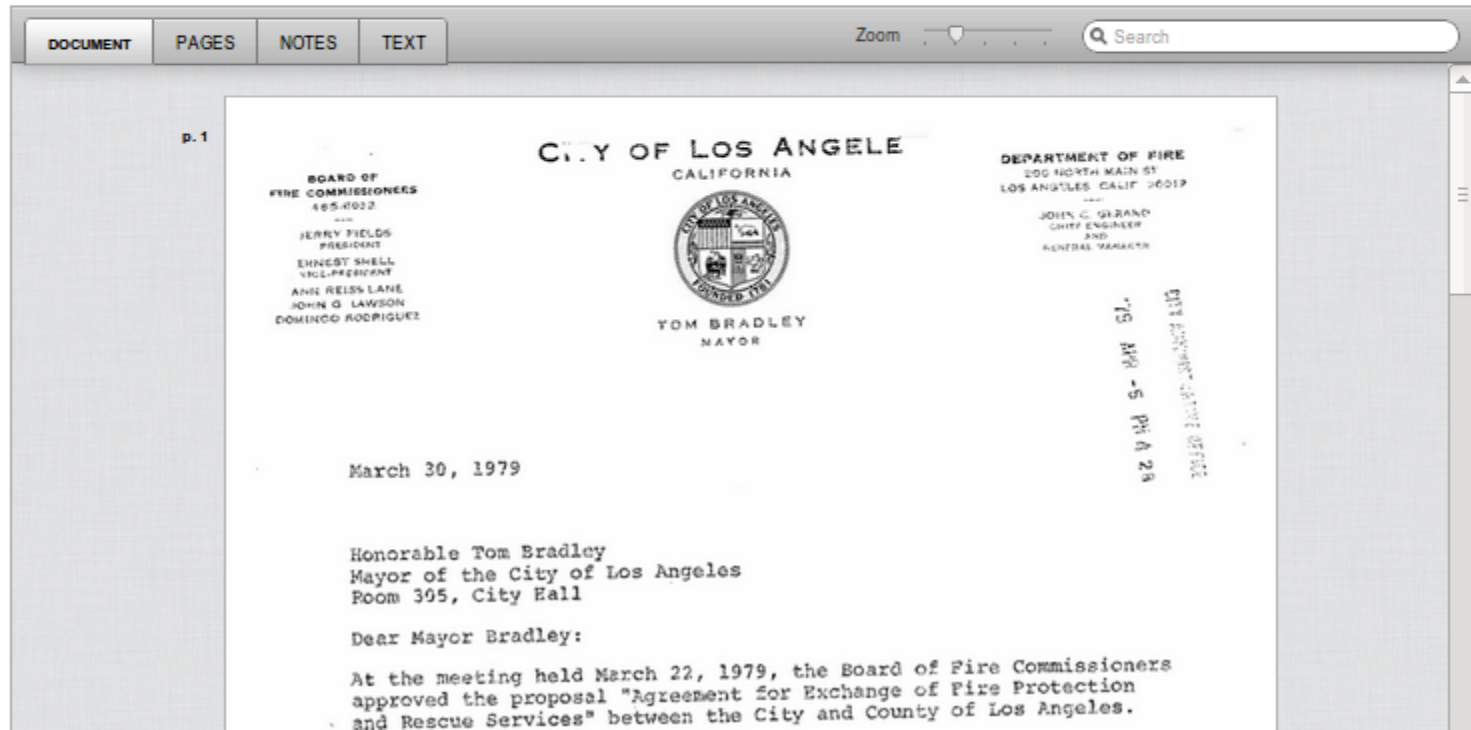
But the two departments have never fully linked their 911 systems. The LAFD's dispatchers have the ability to call in help from the county, but rarely do so, according to a Times analysis.

— Ben Welsh, Robert J. Lopez and and Kate Linthicum

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HATFIELD AND DOWNEY GO ON NOVEMBER TICKETS

Young Second in State Vote and Quinn Third for G.O.P.; Creel Trails Epic Chief

Gov. Merriam, Republican, and Upton Sinclair, Socialist-Democrat, will be the principal contenders for Governor of California in the November election.

Merriam was nominated by a wide majority on the Republican ticket, running far ahead of the field in Southern California, where he received a majority of all votes cast in his own party.

Sinclair swamped his opposition in the southern end of the state, and while running either behind or even with George Creel in Northern California, swept the Democratic primaries in a crushing victory. The former Socialist piled up an astonishing lead in Los Angeles county, where he beat Creel almost 3 to 1.

COBB NAMED BY G.O.P. State Senator Race Won

Assemblyman Taps Winner for Nomination and Olan Democratic Choice

Pedagogical Will Be Entry in November but on Progressive Slate

ASSEMBLYMAN LAWRENCE COBB won the Republican nomination last night for State Senator by making a victory of nearly three-to-one over former City Attorney Edwin H. Wardell in primary voting.

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Description: County coroner's officials have made public the autopsy of rapper Notorious B.I.G., Christopher George Latore Wallace, more than 15 years since one of Los Angeles' best-known homicides. The report shows

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Notorious B.I.G.'s autopsy report released 15 years after his death

December 7, 2012 | 1:21 pm



Fifteen years after rapper Notorious B.I.G. was gunned down in one of L.A.'s most notorious unsolved homicides, the Los Angeles County Coroner has unsealed his 23-page autopsy report, providing the most detailed view yet on his death.

The report shows that a bullet entered the rapper's right hip, and fatally pierced several organs.

Notorious B.I.G., whose real name was Christopher George Latore Wallace, died in March 1997 when an unknown assailant shot him four times during a drive-by shooting on Wilshire Boulevard as the music star sat in the front passenger seat of a Chevrolet Suburban. The killing of the rapper, also known as Biggie Smalls, remains unsolved despite an LAPD task force that examined the death.

DOCUMENT: Read full report on Notorious B.I.G.'s autopsy

According to the autopsy, one shot hit Wallace's left forearm and traveled down to his wrist while a another shot hit him in the back and exited his body through his left shoulder. Another shot hit his left thigh and traveled through to his inner thigh before glancing off his scrotum. None of those rounds were fatal.



undreds more will soon become widely available. In June, the Oregon Supreme Court ordered the release of 1,247 of the Scouts' confidential files covering two decades beginning in 1965. The files were submitted in a 2010 lawsuit that resulted in a nearly \$20-million judgment against the Scouts.

he release of the files, many of which were included in The Times' review, raises the prospect of a

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Boy Scout forced to perform oral sex (p. 9)

Sunday morning, Scoutmaster Giardina discreetly called the boy aside and asked him what had happened the night before. The boy stated that "Mr. Lazzareschi made me do it to him".

Click image to view the full document.

t a Rhode Island Boy Scout camp in 1971, a scoutmaster discovered a 12-year-old boy performing oral sex on an assistant troop leader, William Lazzareschi, behind a tent.

"Mr. Lazzareschi made me do it to him," the young Scout **told officials**, according to the file.

Lazzareschi "admitted his role in the act" and said he'd never done it before, the file states. He was expelled from Scouting and told to stay away from the boy. Nothing in the file indicates the Scouts killed police.

he records do show that the boy was counseled "with positive results" by the Rev. Edmond C. Micarelli, the camp's Catholic chaplain.

Upon Father Micarelli's recommendation, the parents were not notified," a report states.

Micarelli's reasoning was not explained. But in 1990, he **also wound up on the blacklist** after a man told a Scouting official that the priest had raped him and his younger brother as boys. In 2002, the Diocese of Providence paid \$13.5 million to 36 victims who sued Micarelli and 10 other priests, alleging sex abuse dating to at least 1975.

Lazzareschi was convicted of sexual assault in 1997 and possession of child pornography in 2005, but is no longer in prison, state records show. Neither he nor Micarelli, who retired to Florida more than 20 years ago, could be reached for comment.

he Scouts sometimes had help in keeping abuse out of the public eye.

When a Los Angeles Scout leader was caught by police with **hundreds of photos** of naked Scouts in 1984, many showing him giving enemas to boys, Scouting officials worked closely with police

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Getting started

This tutorial will walk you through the process of installing python-documentment and making your first requests.

Installation

Provided that you have [pip](#) installed, you can install the library like so:

```
$ pip install python-documentcloud
```

Creating a client

Before you can interact with DocumentCloud, you first must import the library and initialize a client to talk with the site on your behalf.

```
>>> from documentcloud import DocumentCloud
>>> client = DocumentCloud()
```

Since we didn't provide any log-in credentials, the client above will only be able to access published documents. If have an account at DocumentCloud and want to use that, you can provide the credentials to the client.

```
>>> client = DocumentCloud(USERNAME, PASSWORD)
```

Searching for documents

You can now you use client to interact with DocumentCloud. A search for documents about [journalist Ruben Salazar](#) would look like this:

```
>>> obj_list = client.documents.search("Ruben Salazar")
>>> # Let's grab the first one and look at it
>>> obj = obj_list[0]
>>> obj
<Document: Final OIR Report>
```

Interacting with a document

Once you have you hands on a document object, you can interact with the metadata stored at documentcloud.org. Here's a sample:


```
>>> from documentcloud import DocumentCloud
```

```
>>> from documentcloud import DocumentCloud
>>> client = DocumentCloud(
    'lincoln.steffens@mcclures.com',
    'password12345'
)
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>>> from documentcloud import DocumentCloud
>>> client = DocumentCloud(
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)
>>> client.search("muck")
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    'password12345'
)
>>> client.search("muck")
[]
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>>> client.search("muck")
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>>> client.documents.upload(
    '/home/ida/Documents/mybook.pdf'
    title='The Shame of the Cities'
)
```

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    'lincoln.steffens@mcclures.com',
    'password12345'
)
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>>> client.documents.upload(
    '/home/ida/Documents/mybook.pdf'
    title='The Shame of the Cities'
)
<Document: The Shame of the Cities>
```

SYNC METADATA

```
70 @task()
71 def sync_metadata(obj):
72     """
73     Sync metadata about this object back to DocumentCloud
74     """
75     logger.debug("Syncing metadata %s" % obj)
76     client = DocumentCloud(
77         settings.DOCUMENTCLOUD_USERNAME,
78         settings.DOCUMENTCLOUD_PASSWORD
79     )
80     try:
81         dc = client.documents.get(obj.document_cloud_id)
82     except:
83         return False
84     dc.title = obj.title
85     dc.description = obj.description
86     dc.source = obj.sources
87     if obj.is_published:
88         dc.published_url = 'http://documents.latimes.com%s' % obj.get_absolute_url()
89     else:
90         dc.published_url = ''
91     try:
92         story = [i for i in obj.relateditem_set.all() if i.type == 'story'][0]
93         dc.related_article = story.link
94     except IndexError:
95         dc.related_article = ''
96     extra_data = {
97         'slug': obj.slug,
98     }
99     if obj.credits:
100         extra_data.update({'credits': obj.credits})
101     if obj.byline:
102         extra_data.update({'byline': obj.byline})
103     if obj.footer:
104         extra_data.update({'footer': obj.footer})
105     if obj.publication_date:
106         extra_data.update({'publication_date': str(obj.publication_date)})
107     dc.data = extra_data
108     try:
109         dc.put()
110     except:
111         pass
112     # And save the page count locally while we are at it.
113     obj.pages = dc.pages
114     obj.save(build=False)
115     return True
```

UPLOAD BATCHES

```
>>> # Connect to documentcloud
>>> from documentcloud import DocumentCloud
>>> client = DocumentCloud(DOCUMENTCLOUD_USERNAME, DOCUMENTCLOUD_PASSWORD)
>>> # Create the project
>>> project, created = client.projects.get_or_create_by_title("Groucho Marx's FBI file")
>>> # Upload all the pdfs
>>> obj_list = client.documents.upload_directory('/home/ben/pdfs/groucho_marx/')
>>> # Add the newly created documents to the project
>>> project.document_list = obj_list
>>> # Save the changes to the project
>>> project.put()
```

THE END

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