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NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The robber of a Fastrip store in Joplin, Mo., ignoring a "Use Other Door" sign pointing to an unlocked front door, spent valuable getaway time trying unsuccessfully to bash in the companion (but locked) front door with a chair, then finally bashed in a small window along a side wall and crawled out to escape (December).

■ Landon McQuilkin, 21, arrested in November in Jacksonville, Fla., after he allegedly abducted a man and said he would kill him, relented to his victim's "last request" to visit his girlfriend before he died; with McQuilkin waiting in the car outside her house, the victim went in, locked the door and called police.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 23rd day of 2006.
There are 342 days left in the year.

On Jan. 23, 1973, President Nixon announced an accord had been reached to end the Vietnam War.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Never continue in a job you don't enjoy. If you're happy in what you're doing, you'll like yourself, you'll have inner peace. And if you have that, along with physical health, you will have had more success than you could possibly have imagined."

JOHNNY CARSON
AMERICAN TALK SHOW HOST (1925-2005)

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Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Jackie Goodrich, facilitator for StoryCorps, a project of KCRW 89.9 FM, gives direction to Connie Alvarez, 33, and her mother Blanca, 55, during a recent interview inside of an Airstream trailer on the Promenade at Wilshire Boulevard. At the end of a 40-minute session, participants receive a CD of their interview. With permission, a second copy is sent to the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress, where it becomes part of a digital archive that will eventually become an oral history of America. The stories are to be collected on the Promenade until Feb. 5.

Shake hands, make friends the first order of business

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — The city's first-ever homeless czar has spent the past three weeks of his job shaking hands with hundreds of political players and absorbing what they have to say.

Ed Edelman, whose official title is "special representative for homeless initiatives," recently reflected on his first few weeks since he started his job in mid December. His second floor office in City Hall remains bare, as if he still hasn't moved in. And that's not surprising since most of Edelman's time has been spent in meetings with social service providers, homeless advocates and politicians.

"I started hitting the ground running," he said. "Look, it's been a period of time to learn as much as I can."

Edelman, a former Los Angeles County supervisor and most recently a mediator for resolution

disputes, has been charged with bringing regional cohesiveness to the growing homeless problem, particularly on the westside.

He's been tapping those who

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ED EDELMAN

COMMUNITY PROFILES

Ed Kolpin: Still lighting up life

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

WILSHIRE BOULEVARD — At a time when the world was struggling with the harsh realities of the Great Depression and many Santa Monicans were forced to give up luxury items for the bare essentials, entrepreneur, inventor and local businessman Ed Kolpin went

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Funeral director: City Hall helped dig own grave

BY RYAN HYATT
Daily Press Staff Writer

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING — The man fired from Santa Monica's public cemetery for questionable ethical behavior and financial boondoggling insists he played by the rules and only broke them when City Hall allowed him to do so.

City officials insist that although they should have kept a more watchful eye over Michael Steen's performance at Woodlawn Cemetery, the former funeral director's failure to run an operation up to standards they expected was his fault — not theirs — and warranted his 2005 dismissal.

That's according to testimony last Thursday during an ongoing personnel board hearing in which Steen is appealing City Hall's decision to fire him last July, after a eight-month investigation concluded there was no criminal wrongdoing on his part regarding financial discrepancies discovered

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ What you think will happen might not. Visualize, but don't take another's word as absolute. In fact, you could be irritated if you depend on someone too much. Act and be the independent Aries we all know. Tonight: Spend quality time with someone you care about.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Irritation could be building, as you might feel that you are running around chasing your tail. You could prevent feeling a bit crazed by stopping and sorting through your plans and priorities. Curb your temper, if possible. Tonight: Say yes.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Dive into your work or a project. Your mind could easily drift, causing a mistake or flub-up of some kind. Concentrate and complete as much as you can. A walk or some exercise midday could eliminate stress. A more defined schedule could help your tension level. Tonight: Do for yourself.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Deal with others directly. Someone who usually gives you good information could be quite confusing. A friend pushes you, which helps your creativity bubble up. Be happy with a child or loved one. Tonight: So many options, so many decisions.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ You might want to back off rather than trigger someone. You could be more playful than others would like. If you take a strong stand right now, you could find yourself in the middle of controversy. Tonight: Happy close to home.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ You might be on the phone more than you'd like as you integrate new information. You could be uncomfortable with what someone shares. You need to get your own facts and be less dependent on others. Tonight: Do what you want.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Risk-taking could backfire, putting you in a very uncomfortable position. You might want to rethink a decision. A partner or associate could become quite difficult if pushed. Be the diplomatic Libra. Tonight: Gather your bills.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ You have get-up-and-go, but at the same time, you could find that others are very contentious. Are they envious? You might not have the answer, but you will certainly hear from others, and not always in a pleasant way. Tonight: What you want.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ The less said, the luckier you will be. Sometimes being discreet and not being out there works better. Be ready to take a lesson in diplomacy. You will like the end results. Your energy might overwhelm others. Tonight: Do your thing.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ You zero in on long-term desires, as you are far more up to snuff than you have been in a long time. Listen to what is being shared, and work through opinions. You aren't always right, you know. Tonight: Time for a favorite hobby.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Pressure builds. Others expect you to walk your talk. Will you? Can you? You might be able to do what many cannot. Others respond to what you say. In fact, you get a lot of praise from others. Tonight: Make special time for a family member.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ You need to take the high road, especially as others are triggered. You will see that a difference of opinion is beneficial to everyone involved. Make calls and take a project off the top shelf. You'll get a lot done, quickly. Tonight: As you like.

11 High Cost Home Inspection Traps
 You Should Know About Weeks
 Before Listing Your Home For Sale

WESTSIDE - According to industry experts, there are over 33 physical problems that you will come under scrutiny during a home inspection when your home is for sale. A new report has been prepared which identifies the eleven most common of these problems, and what you should know about them before you list your home for sale.

Whether you own an old home or a brand new one, there are a number of things that can fall short of requirements during a home inspection. If not identified and dealt with, any of these 11 items could cost you dearly in terms of repair. That's why it's critical that you read this report before you list your home. If you wait until the building inspector flags these issues for you, you will almost certainly experience costly delays in the close of your home sale or, worse, turn prospective buyers away altogether.

In most cases, you can make a reasonable pre-inspec-

tion yourself if you now what you're looking for. And knowing what you're looking for can help you prevent little problems from growing into costly and unmanageable ones. To help homesellers deal with this issue before their home is listed, a free report entitled "11 Things You Need to Know to Pass Your Home Inspection" has been compiled which explains the issues involved.

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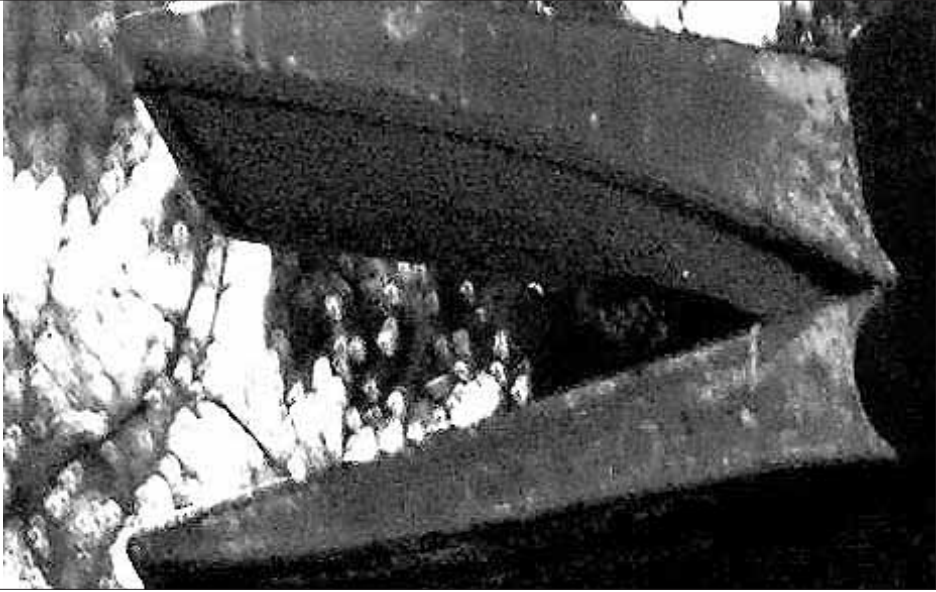
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Mystery photo



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The first person to identify where this photo was taken will win a prize. E-mail answers to editor@smdp.com.



Jody Mascis is last week's mystery photo winner. Mascis accurately described that this photo is a decoration on the headstone at 3 Vicente Terrace. Mascis has a won a T-shirt. Check out today's edition for this week's mystery photo.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

'Spotlight' on talented kids

By Daily Press staff

Local students have been chosen as semi-finalists for a top music award. The Music Center of Los Angeles County announced the 90 talented high school student performers chosen as semi-finalists for the 18th annual Music Center Spotlight Awards. Students were selected from among more than 985 Southern California applicants who auditioned in ballet, non-classical dance, classical voice, non-classical voice, classical instrumental and jazz instrumental music. The audition process for the Music Center Spotlight Awards includes participation by students from public and private schools throughout all of Southern California. Each student performs for a panel of expert judges and receives detailed evaluations on their initial auditions, intended to improve their performing and auditioning technique. Selection as a Music Center Spotlight Awards is highly competitive, officials said. Each semi-finalist is given an opportunity to work with highly regarded professional artists who offer in-depth insight on performance technique, training and professional life. The 15 semi-finalists in each category audition once again to become one of the two finalists that will perform at the Music Center. The 12 performing arts finalists are announced in March and are paired with a mentor from the Music Center's fraternity of friends, comprised of prominent Los Angeles businesspeople and entertainment industry professionals. The mentors provide guidance and support to the students and their families in preparation for the final competition, the 18th annual Music Center Spotlight Awards, to be held at the

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SNOW AND SURF REPORTS

CONDITIONS

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BEAR MOUNTAIN

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs)	0"	BASE DEPTH 12"-12"	LIFT HOURS 8:00am - 4:00pm	RUNS OPEN 12	LIFTS OPEN 9/12
CONDITIONS: Packed Powder, Machine Made, Machine Groomed					

JUNE MOUNTAIN

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs)	0"	BASE DEPTH 96" - 120"	LIFT HOURS 8:30am - 4:00pm	RUNS OPEN 35	LIFTS OPEN 6/6
CONDITIONS: Powder, Packed Powder, Machine Groomed					

MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs)	0"	BASE DEPTH 120" - 144"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 4:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 50	LIFTS OPEN 7/28
CONDITIONS: Powder, Packed Powder, Machine Groomed					

MOUNTAIN HIGH

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs)	0"	BASE DEPTH 12"-12"	LIFT HOURS 8:00 am - 10:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 12	LIFTS OPEN 8/16
CONDITIONS: Packed Powder, Machine Made, Machine Groomed, Hard Packed					

MT. BALDY

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs)	0"	BASE DEPTH 6"-12"	LIFT HOURS 8:00 am - 4:30 pm	RUNS OPEN 4	LIFTS OPEN 2/4
CONDITIONS: Packed Powder, Machine Made					

SNOW SUMMIT

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs)	0"	BASE DEPTH 12"-12"	LIFT HOURS 8:00 am - 4:30 pm	RUNS OPEN 12	LIFTS OPEN 12/13
CONDITIONS: Packed Powder, Machine Groomed					

SNOW VALLEY

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs)	0"	BASE DEPTH 18"-12"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 9:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 5	LIFTS OPEN 5/11
CONDITIONS: Packed Powder, Machine Groomed					

CONDITIONS

WATER TEMP: 57°

DATA PROVIDED BY WETSAND.COM

SWELL FORECAST (2-4 FT)

Today the swell fades even more with size dropping off to chest high. Our next NW swell is due, but it ain't much. This system, coming in from the western Pacific region, is not as strong as recent swells, and size is expected to reach only around waist to chest high +.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS

Smaller NW swells on tap for first part of week...

TIDE FORECAST FOR SANTA MONICA

SATURDAY

LOW TIDE:

8:21AM

2.1FT

6:35PM

1.7FT

HIGH TIDE:

1:38AM

4.2FT

1:12PM

2.9FT

SUNDAY

LOW TIDE:

10:09AM

1.7FT

7:24PM

2.1FT

HIGH TIDE:

2:23AM

4.4FT

3:32PM

2.4FT

MONDAY

LOW TIDE:

11:29AM

1FT

8:26PM

2.5FT

HIGH TIDE:

3:18AM

4.6FT

6:24PM

2.5FT

TUESDAY

LOW TIDE:

12:22PM

0.3FT

10:12PM

2.7FT

HIGH TIDE:

4:17AM

5.0FT

7:27PM

2.9FT

WEDNESDAY

LOW TIDE:

1:05AM

-0.4FT

11:31PM

2.6FT

HIGH TIDE:

5:13AM

5.5FT

7:58PM

3.2FT

THURSDAY

LOW TIDE:

1:44PM

-1.1FT

N/A

HIGH TIDE:

6:06AM

6.0FT

8:27PM

3.5FT

FRIDAY

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The Q Line

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Local officials are critical of a new report, released by the National Coalition for the Homeless, that ranks Santa Monica as the ninth "meanest" U.S. city toward homeless people due to its anti-homeless laws. Pointing to the myriad homeless services offered in Santa Monica, some officials are questioning the methodology behind the report.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know, "How well do you think Santa Monica treats its homeless population relative to other cities?"

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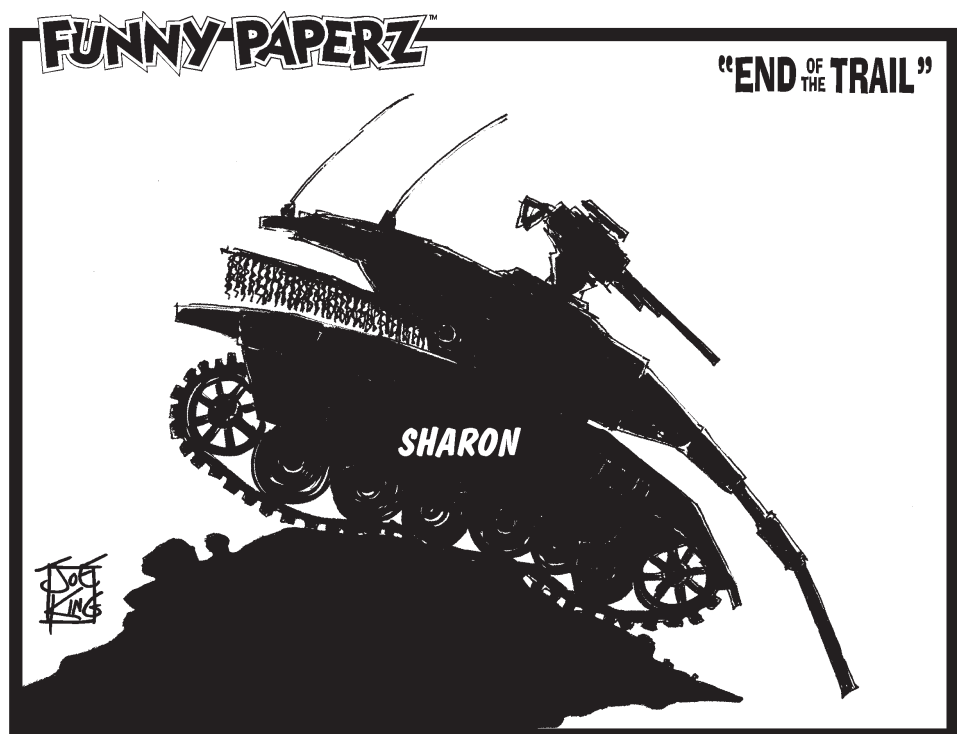
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OPINION



Apologies to James Fraser...

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Killing them softly?

Editor:

Regarding the article on killing the ground squirrels (SMDP, Jan. 18, page 1) in which City Hall is considering two programs to comply with the county's notification that the population needs to be thinned. I hope that this year the humanitarian high road will be taken by City Hall so we need never have ourselves, our children and grandchildren treated to the sight of these little animals dying a horrible, painful death.

Last year, the city killed them in this most inhumane way in spite of the fact that they were given several comprehensive reports on how to deal with the population control in a non-painful way from animal and wildlife experts. These experts also stated that the ground squirrels posed no serious health threat in the lower regions such as Santa Monica. I myself, no expert, have never heard of any alarming cases of illness in Santa Monica caused by the squirrels, but I would be interested to see how many cases of illness they have caused in the last year.

Armed with this knowledge that there are more humane ways to deal with the problem, last year and previous years, City Hall has still chosen the cruelest way to deal with the squirrels. But now that we are on to them thanks to this newspaper, one can only hope they will choose a more humane method this year.

In the article, the quote "Feed them, and they will come" was featured. If City Hall would deal with the people unlawfully feeding transients in the parks with as much passion as they pursue the ground squirrels, perhaps the parks would be returned to the families and citizens who would like to enjoy them.

Again, before being accused of putting animals' needs before humans, I hope that the programs now funded with millions of dollars, now geared toward the transients will in the future include mental health help and help for substance abuse, which will go a long way to help them reclaim their dignity as human beings.

Marilyn Brennan
Santa Monica

Library no shining star in her book

Editor:

I have to disagree with Nancy Himmelfarb's impression of the new Main Library (SMDP, Jan. 16, page 4). For me, it has all the charm of an airport terminal building. It's an impersonal, cavernous place where a lot of tiring walking is needed to find what you want. It's tasteless, with nouveau riche pretensions.

With Santa Monica now saddled with years of debt to pay for this scandalously, recklessly expensive \$74 million building, the placement of a used book store at its entrance is tacky. Why not donate unwanted books to a less affluent community? Are we really expected to believe that the sale of \$1 books is going to help pay off the debt? Or that the library is broke?

Most of all though, I deplore the razing of our former library when an extension could and should have been designed to harmonize with the original building. Had our city done that — as they originally said they would — the scale would have been right, the character of the building would have been preserved, and Santa Monica taxpayers would have been saved a bundle.

Jill Renton
Santa Monica

The mean streets of SM?



The National Coalition for the Homeless (NCH), and the National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty (NLCHP) have laid one big rotten egg.

I'm highly offended that Santa Monica was No. 9 in their "Meanest Cities Toward the Homeless" rankings, which were released earlier this week.

The list is in "Dream Denied: The Criminalization of Homelessness in U.S. Cities," available online at www.national-homeless.org. The Washington, D.C.-based NCH and NLCHP are both private, nonprofit, national homeless advocacy organizations. Their report is riddled with misinformation, propaganda and outright falsehoods.

When it comes to Santa Monica, "Dream Denied" criticizes Mayor Bob Holbrook's suggestion that groups distributing food in the parks may be subject to fines to cover clean-up costs. The report also takes issue with city efforts to limit public food hand-outs by linking them with established service providers and moving them indoors.

However, why shouldn't organizations that use the parks and leave a mess share the cost of keeping the parks clean? Being critical of controlling and linking food hand-outs to services as a way to get people off the streets is typical of extremist homeless rights advocates who think that intervention of a "street person" lifestyle is bad, inhumane and probably unconstitutional.

The report took issue with the election of City Councilman Bobby Shriver, who they suggest is behind "the single biggest push in the nation to pass a massive wave of new anti-homeless laws." This is just not true — either in relation to Shriver himself or the nonexistent "massive wave of anti-homeless laws" attributed to the city.

The report is critical of the city for closing down public showers at Memorial Park gym "because of the growth of sports activities at the park." Conveniently, the report doesn't mention the public showers at SWASHLOCK near the SAMOSHEL shelter on Olympic Boulevard that now have extended hours of operation because of the Memorial Park closing.

The report criticizes Santa Monica Police for proposing "transporting intoxicants to a new sobering center in Culver City — five miles out of town." Considering the center never opened for operation, this statement is irrelevant and

typical of the report's shoot-from-the-hip, anti-rehabilitation style.

"Dreams Denied" claims proposed city ordinances would "sweep homeless individuals from all freeway sides and ramps." Freeways are under Caltrans jurisdiction, not Santa Monica, and already have pedestrian prohibitions. So much for accurate research.

The report's authors mention "a notorious law that literally bans giving a cookie to any member of the public without a 'city' permit." Some local statutes regulate the distribution of food to the public, but implying they're used to harass the homeless is typical of inflammatory and sensationalistic statements throughout the 161-page document.

I remembered a news article written by one Margaret Brown posted March 24, 2005, on www.indymedia.org. Call it deja-vu, but much of the verbiage about Santa Monica in "Dream Denied" came from Brown's piece.

Brown's article was rife with misinformation — the nonexistent Culver City sobering center was one — and dated information. She even complained about the Veteran's Administration. Using hysterical innuendo — the shabbiest of journalistic tricks — she wailed that proposed programs for homeless vets at the VA would be "under military control."

The uncredited use of Brown's article by the NCH and NLCHP as the basis for factual research is unfortunate. However, using text generated by what appears to be written by a paranoid, non-professional who seemed to be repeating every hysterical rumor heard on the streets and presenting it as fact is par for the course for strident pro-homeless advocates.

Unfortunately the kind of opinionated, highly charged presentation in "Dream Denied," complete with cover color photo of cops rousting a sleeping homeless person, has done much to malign the good work this city, its agencies and citizens have accomplished over the years on behalf of the homeless. If anything, the anger of people reacting to this kind of shoddy reportage works against garnering sympathy for the homeless.

I'll have more to say about this, the NCH, the NLCHP and the Los Angeles Coalition to End Hunger and Homelessness in a future column. Stay tuned.

In the meantime, the "Meanest Cities" list should be accorded the same credibility as "Mr. Blackwell's Ten Best and Worst Dressed for 2006." I'd be embarrassed to put my name on this garbage.

(Bill Bauer is a longtime Santa Monica resident and a freelance writer.)



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Three audits revealed questionable finances

WOODLAWN, from page 1

at Woodlawn, a municipal cemetery located between Pico Boulevard and Michigan Avenue, from 14th to 17th streets.

Steen was terminated after three audits revealed the management of Woodlawn Cemetery's finances was not in line with general accounting practices. In addition, City officials believe Steen was acting unethically by promoting and benefiting from his domestic partner's monument-making business at the cemetery.

Steen has appealed City Hall's decision because he feels his dismissal was unjust. According to his attorney, William Becker, City Hall should have done more to address issues it had with Steen's management of the cemetery before letting him go. Instead, City Hall managers set up false expectations by giving Steen positive performance reviews up until the time of his dismissal. In addition, Becker argued City Hall managers could have corrected particular issues they had with Steen — such as the business relationship he had with his domestic partner — which would have been more effective than firing him.

Officials haven't said specifically how much money might not be accounted for at Woodlawn or what revenue might be realized. They have, however, paid outside firms for two audits, as well as conducted their own extensive internal audit, all of which is believed to have cost City Hall tens of thousands of dollars. The audits have shown there to be some discrepancies in Woodlawn's financial books.

The cemetery brings in about \$450,000 a year in revenue, but it's subsidized by City Hall because it operates at a loss. Because Steen's firing is a personnel matter, city officials won't elaborate on circumstances surrounding the criminal investigation or his termination — beyond what is said in the appeal hearing, a matter of public record.

Steen was placed on paid administrative leave in December of 2004 while City Hall investigated his financial management of the cemetery. While City Hall has concluded he committed no criminal wrongdoing, city officials believe they had grounds to terminate him.

Steen's hearing will continue on Jan. 23, at which time he will be cross examined and his domestic partner is expected to testify.

STEEN SPEAKS ABOUT HIS MANAGEMENT

Testimony last Thursday focused on the communication between Steen and his superiors, who were responsible for his evaluation and ultimate dismissal.

Steen testified that he didn't take any steps he believed to be outside the purview of the law without first consulting with his superiors. That included the botched sales of \$200,000 in burial plots, he said.

Steen testified that in an effort to improve customer service and bolster the cemetery's struggling budget, he devised a plan to create the "Court of Honor," several premium burial plots that would cater to some of the cemetery's deceased who sought to be distinguished.

"People are not always equal in life, and some may not want to be equal in death," Steen said.

While the cost of an average burial plot varies between \$2,000 to \$8,500, the plots available in the Court of Honor run substantially higher, \$20,000 a piece. Steen spoke enthusiastically about how he located a team to design the Court of Honor and how it was constructed with minimal cost to City Hall.

He also described how he sold a widow eight plots in the Court of Honor, valued at \$200,000, and failed to collect on the transaction.

Rose Dimitrio's dead husband had been previously interred at a less expensive section of the cemetery, Steen said.

Dimitrio told Steen she wanted to pay for the premium plots with money she would receive from the sale of her house, which at the time of the transaction was in escrow. Steen said he knowingly sold the premium plots to Dimitrio on an installment plan, which is against the law.

"I wouldn't have done a thing had it not been paid, because the policy is to have payment before burial ... but I knew (selling Dimitrio the plots) would bring money to the strapped cemetery," Steen said.

Steen said he didn't act alone. He said he called his superior, Gil Borboa, head of the city's utilities division, to obtain permission for the transaction. According to Steen, Borboa authorized the purchase.

Borboa, on the other hand, said in his testimony that there had been no indica-

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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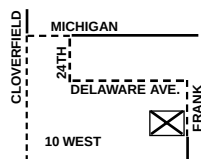
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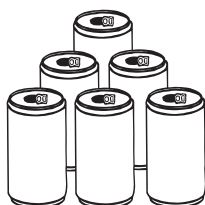
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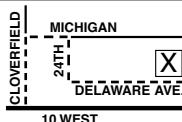


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Homeless czar hopes to lay foundation for change in '06

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are closest to the issue, finding out what their issues are and what they think the solutions are to get homeless individuals off the streets to become functioning members of society.

What's been the primary problem for many people in Santa Monica is the failure by neighboring communities to help bear the burden in funding social service programs. Edelman said the key to getting those cities' politicians to "buy in" to the regional effort is educating them.

"I see my work here as bringing some consensus and instead of fighting, working with people," he said. "We need to educate them and their constituents that we all have to bear some responsibility."

But he also knows that a plan B might be necessary if other communities can't be convinced to help pay for homeless services. However it happens, Edelman, who is making \$200,000 for his 12-month contract, hopes to walk away at the end of 2006 with measurable results.

"I'd like to see greater buy in by cities that have not stepped up to the plate and working toward a regional solution," he said. "I think that will come either voluntarily or other ways ... like state legislation."

If there were ever a time to tackle the homeless issue on a regional level, Edelman believes it's now. A recent census shows that nearly 90,000 people are homeless in Los Angeles County, of which 7,000 live on the westside. The media has focused on the issue so the topic is fresh in people's minds.

"We have a window of opportunity here," Edelman said. "We are on the edge of accomplishing something ... one city at a time."

Edelman said when he was a LA County supervisor there was not the same level of awareness of the homeless issue as there is now. Generally, politicians then weren't as concerned about it, and as a result, concrete plans were never made to fight homelessness.

But that's all changed. Now, a movement has begun to end homelessness in LA within 10 years, and a council of governments, which includes leaders from several cities along the coast, is regularly talking about a regional approach.

"The seeds are there, and maybe we need to plant a few seeds and water the seeds that are already there," Edelman said.

Edelman, who answers to City Manager Lamont Ewell and the City Council, has a set of goals and criteria laid

out for him to accomplish particular tasks, such as helping to establish a regional mental health court, where by certain homeless individuals may be removed from the criminal justice system in exchange for their willingness to undergo treatment.

City Councilman Bobby Shriver — who proposed the concept of the homeless czar — has said in the past that he's excited about Edelman's appointment. Edelman has long been embroiled in Los Angeles area politics. Edelman's well connected and respected, Shriver said, with a history of championing homeless causes.

Edelman served as a Los Angeles county supervisor from 1974 to 1994, during which he was responsible for creating the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority. That agency is charged with providing homeless services for the county.

Edelman also is known for establishing the Skid Row Mental Health Center in downtown Los Angeles, as well as creating the detox program at the Weingart Center and the first drug court in LA County.

He has also assisted U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Harry Pregerson in expanding services to homeless veterans at the West LA Veterans Administration facility.

In addition to his service as county supervisor, Edelman served on the LA City Council from 1965 to 1974 and held many intergovernmental posts, including chairing the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board in 1994 and the Countywide Criminal Justice Coordination Committee, which he founded.

Most recently he helped form a new crime lab for the Los Angeles police and sheriff's departments through the California State University, Los Angeles.

Based on conversations with area leaders, Edelman sees the need to find strategies and programs that get homeless individuals working in the community in useful ways. He also believes a 12-month shelter is needed on the westside. Currently, there are only two shelters in the area, and they only serve the homeless from December to March.

But putting those plans in place won't happen within his one-year appointment and will require outside help.

"I'm not planning on taking any steroids, but I will follow my good experience and instincts to establish relationships," he said. "We can't expect things to happen overnight."



KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

'Know before you go' is a weekly update on construction projects throughout Santa Monica. Here are the government-initiated projects for the week of Jan. 23:



Airport Park and Airport Avenue improvements

Site grading, constructing new artificial turf soccer fields, constructing new playground, restrooms and dog park area, and reconstructing a portion of Airport Avenue. On-site detour possible during street reconstruction.

Pier structural rehabilitation

Structural upgrade of Municipal Pier roadway and miscellaneous repairs on Newcomb Pier.

Storm drain repair

Installation of low-flow diversion unit on Ashland Avenue, between Main Street and Neilson Way. There will be detour signs posted around the work area.

Marine Street utility undergrounding

Relocation and undergrounding of electric, phone and cable facilities on Marine Street, between Lincoln Boulevard and Prospect Court. Parking limitations will be posted daily and detours may be announced as necessary.

Cingular telecommunications lines

Cingular is installing telecommunication lines on San Vicente Boulevard from 17th to 19th streets; San Vicente Boulevard from Fourth Street to 100 feet west of Fourth Street; and Fourth Street from San Vicente Boulevard to alley south of San Vicente Boulevard. There will be detours around the work areas.

Civic Center parking structure

Construction continues on a new 900-space Civic Center public parking structure, located on Fourth Street next to the Public Safety Facility. Construction will require the closure of Avenida Mazatlan and the Fourth Street sidewalk. One lane on southbound Fourth Street is subject to closure while work is occurring. There may also be delays entering the Civic Center parking lot from Fourth Street. Use the Main Street entrance.

Electrical vault installation

Southern California Edison will be installing an underground vault at Santa Monica Boulevard and Seventh Court. There will be detours around work areas. Follow posted signs.

Gas company main replacement

Southern California Gas Company is replacing a 4-inch main on San Vicente Boulevard, between 17th and 16th streets; 17th Street, between San Vicente Boulevard and Georgina Avenue; Georgina Avenue, between 17th and 16th streets; and 16th streets, between San Vicente Boulevard and Georgina Avenue. There will be detours around work areas. Follow posted signs.

On-Fiber telecommunications lines

On-Fiber is installing telecommunication lines on 26th Street from north of Colorado Boulevard to Pennsylvania Street. There may be detours around the work area along Pennsylvania Street, from 26th to Stewart streets.

Street and parking lot resurfacing

Street and park parking lot resurfacing, sidewalk, driveway, curb and gutter repairs. Repairs scheduled to occur through October 2006. Detours around work posted as necessary.

Traffic signal upgrade

The transportation management division is upgrading traffic signals on Ocean Park Boulevard at Cloverfield Boulevard and at 23rd Street. There will be detours around the work area. However, the contractor will maintain at a minimum one lane in each direction on all streets. For information on this project, call (310) 458-4982.

Water main replacement

Installation of new water main complete with service connections. Detours and lane closures may occur, and will be posted at various sites during construction.

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against the grain and took a serious but calculated risk. He left the family pharmaceutical business at 15th Street and Wilshire Boulevard, where he was earning \$21 a month, and turned his budding interest in tobacco into a career, opening his own tobacco shop, Ed’s Pipes, now known as the Tinder Box. That was in 1928.

Today, the witty 95-year-old Kolpin is still going strong as the operator of the original Tinder Box on Wilshire, a smoke shop that became one of the first franchises in the nation with 147 locations in 1960. While he may be limited to a wheelchair because of a bum knee, the avid cigar smoker — he still lights up at least once a day — and pipe creator is involved in every aspect of his business and is rarely at a loss for words, even when it comes to his three ex-wives.

“I’m a three-time winner,” he said last week with a chuckle as he smoked a Daniel Marshall cigar — his current favorite — and studied his latest inventory report. “Actually, if it wasn’t for my first divorce, I don’t think I would have ever had gone into franchising.”

The Daily Press sat down with Kolpin in his cluttered office at the eclectic and smoke-filled Tinder Box and talked with the 83-year resident of Santa Monica about his business, the city’s evolution and the time he swam naked in the reflecting pool of the Taj Mahal.

You’ve lived here since you were 12 years old. Have you ever lived anywhere other than Santa Monica?

“Yeah. One time around 1960 I spent nine months traveling around the world looking for a place to retire. Nine months and went to all these exotic countries and after all that, I found myself back in Santa Monica. I just love it here.”

What was the city like when you first moved here roughly 83 years ago?

“Oh there was nothing here, just a sleepy little town. Everybody knew each other. No smog, no traffic. Perfect. You could park any place. It was a great town. I really loved it ... First of all there were only five cops. We knew all the cops by name so if they stopped you they’d say, ‘Oh you’re Eddie. We won’t give you a ticket, but just try to drive slower next time.’ They’d never give me a ticket. One time, I’ll never forget this, I was coming from Beverly Hills in a sports car with a convertible top, speeding. They (Beverly Hills Police Department) had to call down to Santa Monica and told them to catch me. When I got into town, I parked the car and started to take a piss right behind a police car. I didn’t know it was a police car (laughing) and so this big tall cop grabbed me, scared the hell out of me, said ‘Let’s have a little talk like we used to.’ The other guy, Bobbie, said ‘No, let’s teach him a lesson and take him to jail.’ So they locked me up all night, and I’ll never forget, we all sang ‘If I had the wings of an angel, over these prison walls I would fly.’ We all sang it and had a great time in jail.”

What do you like most about Santa Monica?

“First of all, if you want to go skiing, the mountains are two hours away. If you want to surf, you can go up to Malibu and surf, so you’ve got everything here. A great location. The beach is great. I used to play a lot of volleyball, so I loved the beach and the sand. It got me in good

shape, so that’s why I’m still around at 95. Santa Monica has just about everything, and the climate is perfect here. Not a lot of smog. And it’s still a small town. You get to know everybody. I like that.”

What is your secret to your longevity?

“Good diet, exercise, and I take vitamins. I was one of the first people in Santa Monica to take vitamins. I used to write a column about the benefits of vitamins ... Many people think smoking cigars is bad for you, but it’s the opposite.”

And your longevity in the business?

“I love pipes. They have a great history to them. The secret to longevity is attitude. It’s all in the mind. I wake up every morning feeling good. No pains except for a little arthritis in the feet. If you keep your mind happy, your body will be happy.”

When your father opened his first drug store in 1922 where Izzy’s Deli now stands, did you have dreams of becoming a pharmacist as well?

“Well, since it was the family business, I had to study to become a pharmacist and help my dad run the drug store. So I went to USC and got a degree and worked for the drug store for 17 years and I didn’t like it. As a hobby, I used to analyze tobacco and sell it to pipe shops. In those days I was getting \$21 a month as a pharmacist and \$25 selling tobacco. So I opened up a little pipe shop in the drug store and when that grew, I set up shop on 212 Santa Monica Blvd., where I was paying \$30 a month in rent. I’ll never forget that because I almost didn’t make the first month’s rent. Everybody was broke in those days, during the Depression ... It was just a hobby at first, but soon I found myself working all day there instead of the drug store. In a year I was making more profit that my father was, so I decided to leave the pharmacy and opened up another store near Third Street, and after a while I ended up franchising the businesses. At a time I had over 147 stores.”

What was Third Street like when you worked there?

“There was a street car running down Third Street. It was mostly little stores, a barber shop, two or three jewelry stores and a few clothing stores. There wasn’t a mall either.”

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they’ll cut off your head if they catch you, but I didn’t care.”

What do you see as the biggest threat to the Tinder Box now?

“Taxes. They’re taxing the hell out of us. We are paying about a 40 percent tobacco tax, and they’re trying to raise it to 100 percent. If they do that, I’ll have to lock my doors. That would be doubling the price of tobacco and put us out of business. All of my sales clerks will be out of a job and on welfare ... We pay about \$4,000 a month on tobacco tax a month and about \$6,000 in sales tax depending on the month. If they close us up, they’ll lose millions in taxes ... Throughout the years the city officials have been great. No problems. But I don’t have anything to do with politics anymore.”

Have you ever considered running for public office?

“No, I don’t like politics. I’d rather be stress free.”

What’s the secret to the Tinderbox’s 70-year success?

“Inventory. We have everything. Cigars, humidors and all the pipes in the world. We have \$1 million inventory, and the community knows that whatever they need, we’ve got it.”

Of all the celebrities you have on your wall — George Burns, Marlon Brando, Elizabeth Taylor, Jim Belushi — who was your favorite?

“Well, I don’t have a favorite.”

What about Jane Mansfield?

“Jane Mansfield. What a beautiful girl, very sweet and very insecure. She looked at me as a father figure. We used to talk everyday when she was in town. A great gal ... And Eva (Gardner), oh, she was the love of my life. I had a director friend, Jerry Thorpe, who had worked with her so I told him to give me a letter so I could introduce myself, get my foot in the door. So he did, and he told me, ‘This letter will get you in bed with her once. After that it’s up to you.’”

Tell us about the cigar boom a few years back.

“That was great. We sold thousands and thousands of dollars a day in sales. When it stopped, all the business went down about 65 percent, way down, but our taxes stayed the same. It was marvelous though. We sold humidors by the hundreds, and I had to hire more staff. I had five girls wrapping gifts during Christmas.”

Was there a lot of competition during and after the cigar boom?

“Oh yeah. A few opened up here, one in the mall, which is still there, the Lone Wolf. One opened up on Santa Monica Boulevard, and he went broke right away.”

You developed the Trilogy, a device used to poke small holes in the end of a cigar instead of using a cigar cutter. Why and how did you come up with it?

“If you use a cutter, you crack the cigar and you get a lot of tobacco in your mouth. With (the Trilogy), you can control the air flow better, it’s smoother, there’s no crap in your mouth and it never affects your cigar ... It just came to me in a dream.”

What was the first cigar you smoked?

“It was a Cuban cigar, Bolivar, a very strong cigar. That’s my favorite cigar

from Cuba and the first cigar I smoked. They cost a dollar and a half in those days, now they sell for \$40 each ... I was 13 then. My grandfather was smoking the cigar and he handed it to me, and my mother said ‘Don’t give him that, he might like it.’ And I did. I’ve been smoking ever since.”

What’s the right way to smoke a cigar?

“Before you do anything else, you take your lighter and cook the cigar just a little bit like this (he rolls the cigar back and forth over a flame, making sure not to burn any part of the outer leaf). What you’re doing is releasing the essential oils and flavors of the cigar. Then you light the end with a little fire and get it warm. Then you give it a few puffs and there she is. Never inhale a cigar. All the flavor is in the mouth. I usually put three or four holes in (the end of the cigar) for good draft control. Poke a few holes and pull it in real slow and savor the flavor. Cigars are anti-stress. They really are. You will never get lung cancer from a cigar. I’m 95, and I smoke everyday.”

Did you ever smoke cigarettes?

“Yeah, in high school, but when I was 18 I quit because I was playing water polo and I feared I would drown one night. So I put down the cigarettes and never went back to them again. Thank God. When I quit, it took me a whole year to get them out of my system. At the end of the first year, I craved cigarettes just as much as the first day I quit. Terrible habit to quit. It was tough, chew gum all day, nothing worked. After I quit, I couldn’t even light my lady’s cigarette. I refused.”

Some say smoking isn’t attractive. Your thoughts?

“Well, I don’t really like it when I see women smoking. I think they’re just trying to look like a guy. Cigars are for men.”

You’re not married anymore. Do you have a girlfriend?

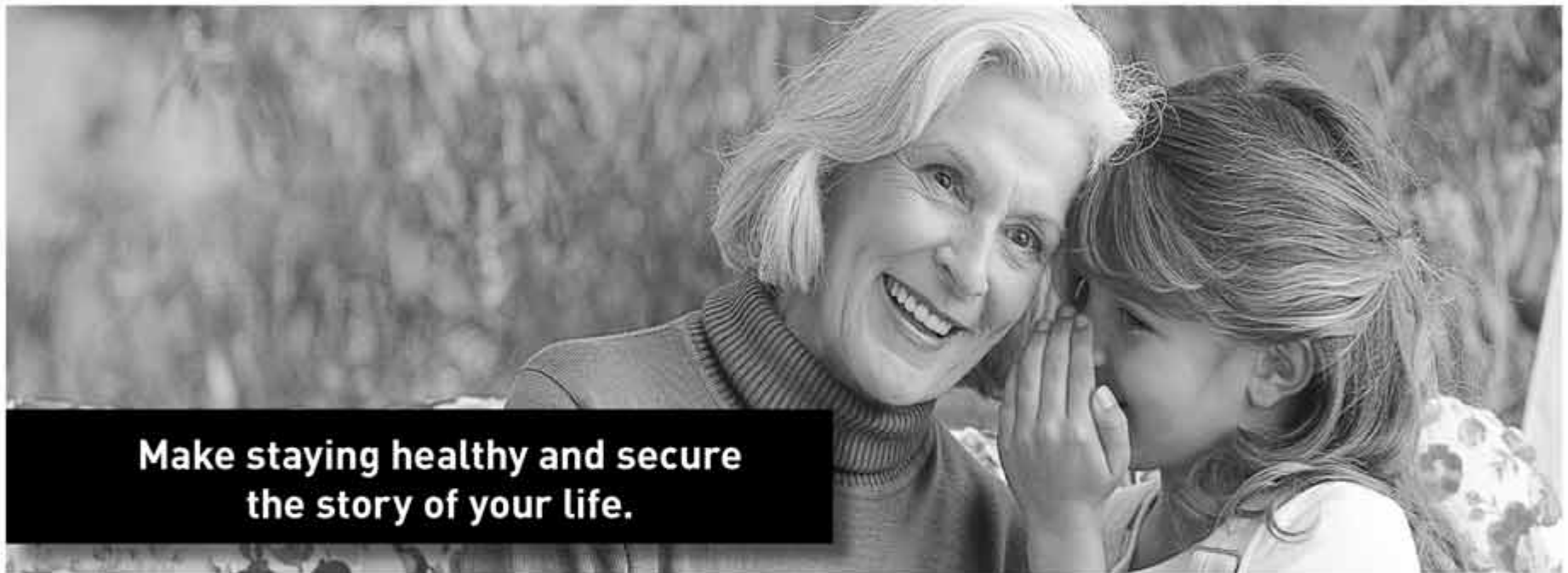
“I’ve been going with the same girl 40 years now. She gave me this about 40 years ago (he points to a turquoise bolo tie with black leather straps) and I’ve worn it ever since. I take her out to dinner once a week. She’s 85 years old now. We’re still going together and shared so many good times together. She was a great sport when she was younger.”

Where is your favorite place to go in Santa Monica?

“Well, it used to be the beach but now I’m too old for that. So I guess it would be my house. It’s my favorite place now. I have my wheelchair and my two girls (nurses) who wait on me, and I relax there ... I bought my house for \$18,000 way back in 1957 and now it’s worth over \$1 million.

What would you like to see in the city in the near future?

“They need to tax cigarettes because they cause cancer. Take the tax off of cigars because if they raise them anymore we’ll have to close down. I try to convince all the young kids who come in to buy cigarettes that they should stick with a pipe or cigar. Less stress will help you live longer ... As for the city, they need to do something about the traffic. I heard that they are considering building a sub-way to the beach. They should have done that 20 years ago. There’s just too much traffic. Back in the day you could walk down the middle of Wilshire (Boulevard) like it was nothing. Now it’s a parking lot.”



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Officials cite Steen's 'gross carelessness'

WOODLAWN, from page 5

tion whatsoever that the purchase was to be made on installment.

The criminal investigation attempted to determine whether Steen may have had some ulterior motive in providing Dimitrio with the plots, of which only \$6,000 has been collected to date. However, investigators on the case testified they could find no evidence to support criminal wrongdoing.

City Hall plans on providing Dimitrio with a final notice to buy the plots. Otherwise, City Hall will move Dimitrio's husband's remains to the plot that had been previously purchased in full.

CITY HALL STANDS BY ITS POSITION

Last Thursday Craig Perkins, director of the city's environmental and public works management department, also testified in the case. Perkins answers directly to the City Manager. He's also Borboa's boss.

Perkins said he regretted that he and Borboa had failed to see just how mismanaged the cemetery was until 2004, when audits showed beyond a doubt that Steen had failed to make good on plans to improve the cemetery's financial operations, which he had committed himself to doing previously.

"Neither Mr. Borboa nor myself provided (Steen) with enough supervision," Perkins said. "I thought he'd act as a manager (if he had any problems handling his duties), and assumed he was acting accordingly."

One of the biggest factors that made Perkins realize he

needed to take action regarding Steen's performance was information that indicated Steen may have been promoting his domestic partner's business at Woodlawn.

According to testimony, Steen's domestic partner has been identified in promotional literature at the cemetery as "Bill Stevens." However, that is not his real name.

Stevens, who works full time in law enforcement, often uses an alias because of the sensitive nature of his work, he told the Daily Press. In addition to his full-time job, he also is the owner of Woodlawn Monument, a company providing grave markers to families at the cemetery.

City Hall believes Steen admitted in previous interviews that Stevens paid him \$1,000 a month to refer cemetery customers to Woodlawn Monument, which was operated out of their home. If true, City Hall believes Steen compromised conflict-of-interest guidelines by promoting a private business for self-gain while working as a municipal employee.

Steen and his domestic partner have admitted to engaging in many side businesses over the years. However, Steen denies having any ties to Woodlawn Monument except to say his domestic partner owns it.

In November of 2004 — a month before Steen was put on paid administrative leave — a citizen complained to the city manager's office about private businesses being referred at the cemetery.

As a result of the complaint, City Hall prohibited any business referrals by cemetery staff.

Then, Stevens complained to City Hall about the prohibition. It was when city managers received a voice mail from Stevens that they realized he sounded a lot like

Steen's domestic partner. That's when they began to make the connection that Steen may have had an unethical tie-in with Woodlawn Monument, according to testimony.

Perkins said the reasons why Steen was terminated had to do with his "gross carelessness" in the management of city funds; his business relationship with Woodlawn Monument; and his inability to improve cemetery financial operations after five years of opportunity.

Steen's attorney, Becker, asked Perkins if he considered an alternative action instead of firing Steen. As an example, he indicated that perhaps City Hall could have done more to aid Steen in improving the cemetery's financial operations or that Woodlawn Monument could have been banned from doing business at Woodlawn.

Perkins didn't think Steen's case warranted such consideration.

"I always consider all options before I make a (management) decision, but in this case there was no option but termination," Perkins said. "(Steen's) was a fundamental violation of trust and ethical behavior ... like trying to put the toothpaste back in the tube."

Becker suggested that positive evaluations of Steen that Perkins approved were inappropriately ignored in Steen's letter of termination.

Perkins said that was because the performance reviews were out of the scope of why Steen was terminated.

"Quite frankly, whether the evaluations were good or poor, that was not the reason to terminate Mr. Steen," Perkins said.



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STATE



Environmentalists fight spread of vineyards to state's coastal forests

BY TERENCE CHEA
Associated Press Writer

ANNAPOLIS, Calif. — In the fog-shrouded forests of California's remote North Coast, winemakers believe they've found the perfect terrain to grow the notoriously fickle pinot noir grape prized by connoisseurs.

Vineyard developers are snapping up thousands of acres of redwoods and firs in Sonoma County, with plans to clear the trees and plant the once-obscure varietal made famous by the wine-fueled road trip film "Sideways."

Environmentalists and residents in Annapolis, a tiny town about 140 miles north of San Francisco, are trying to rein in the pinot lovers. They're fighting the conversion of timberlands into vineyards, which they say destroys wildlife habitat, erodes the soil, contaminates the water with pesticides and opens the door to development.

"If you've seen the movie, you've seen the glassy-eyed stare they have when they talk about their plans to produce pinot noir up here," said resident Chris Poehlmann, who opposes vineyard conversions. "We feel it's much more important for future generations to have forests on these hills than wine grapes."

As demand for California wine grows, vintners are looking for new terrain beyond traditional wine-growing regions such as the Napa and Sonoma valleys, where available land is scarce and expensive.

Increasingly, developers are buying up land in remote, ecologically fragile areas such as northwest Sonoma County, where roads and electricity are available and land is relatively affordable. Many property owners here are eager to turn their forests into vineyards because wine grapes, especially for high-end pinot noir, are worth more than timber, which is increasingly expensive to harvest due to stringent regulations.

Alarmed by the trend, Sonoma County supervisors are set to consider new rules next month that would limit vineyard conversions on nearly 200,000 acres of forests.

"There are plenty of places to plant grapes in Sonoma County without cutting down redwood forests," said Supervisor Mike Reilly, who advocates more restrictions. "I think people have a special feeling for the redwood forests here and they don't want to see them taken away."

Sonoma is just one of several Northern California counties trying to balance the interests of the wine industry and the environment.

The latest battlefield is this sparsely populated region where a cool climate and sandy soil offer ideal conditions to grow the delicate, thin-skinned pinot noir grape.

"The vines are a bit stressed, so the fruit is more concentrated and produces more intense flavors," said Barbara Scalabrini, who with her husband opened the area's first winery — Annapolis Winery — about 20 years ago.

After vintners declared northwest Sonoma County the "new terroir" for pinot noir in the late 1990s, developers

began buying up land and planting vines. Kendall Jackson was the first major wine company to develop vineyards in the area. About a dozen, mostly small, vineyards have opened since and more are in the works.

The early vineyards were planted on former apple orchards, but most of that land has already been replanted with grapes so landowners started applying to turn their woodlands into vineyards.

The most ambitious — and controversial — project is Preservation Ranch. Premium Pacific Vineyards purchased about 20,000 acres and wants to turn up to 2,000 acres into vineyards, mostly on hills and ridges. The Napa developer plans to use wine profits to restore forests on the remaining 18,000 acres.

"We believe this is going to be a model for how you can restore damaged, wounded lands," said Richard Wollack, co-chief executive of Premium Pacific Vineyards.

A group of Annapolis residents formed Friends of the Gualala River and teamed up with the Sierra Club and other environmental groups to protect the forests. They say there isn't enough water to support more vineyards, which pollute the river and soil and threaten salmon and other wildlife with runoff.

"We're not saying you shouldn't drink wine. We're saying there are more appropriate lands to grow wine grapes on," said Keith Kaulum, a local Sierra Club activist.

Currently, landowners who want to convert timberlands must apply for a permit from the state Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

But environmentalists and local residents say permit standards are too lax. Last year, environmental groups sued the agency for approving plans without environmental review.

The proposed county ordinance would ban vineyards from displacing redwoods and Douglas firs that produce high-quality wood products. Land with other trees could be developed, but only if it benefits the public and the landowner plants two acres of high-quality timberland for every acre of grapes.

Supervisor Reilly said Sonoma County would become the first California county to regulate timberland conversions. Premium Pacific Vineyards has endorsed the proposed rules, but opponents say the rules don't go far enough.

"The county ordinance as it's written has been watered down to the point where it really doesn't protect forests," said John Holland, president of Friends of the Gualala River. "What's at stake is whether a redwood ecosystem that's taken thousands of years to develop will exist or be eliminated."

Some Sonoma County wine growers are worried that planting more pinot vineyards could result in a glut of high-end wines.

"We always have to remember that we're selling into a very small market," said Nick Frey, who heads the Sonoma County Grape Growers Association. "Pinot noir is really hot right now ... but that could change. You could be one crop away from having excessive supply."

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Former congressman says he will challenge Pombo

BY JULIET WILLIAMS

Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — Former seven-term Congressman Paul “Pete” McCloskey said Saturday that he will challenge U.S. Rep. Richard Pombo for the Republican nomination in his Northern California district.

The 78-year-old McCloskey, a maverick known for his support of environmental causes, told The Associated Press he felt compelled to jump back into politics after more than two decades out of office because of what he sees as a shift in Washington away from traditional Republican values.

He said other reasons for his bid include continuing threats to Northern California’s environment and what he described as Pombo’s close ties to Washington lobbyist Jack Abramoff, who has pleaded guilty to conspiracy in a growing public corruption scandal.

“Winning isn’t the issue. The issue is forcing a debate on which way the Republican Party goes,” he said. “This guy Pombo, he wants to privatize the remaining public lands in California and he has the power to do it. He’s the chairman of the House Resources Committee. He’s up to his neck with Abramoff.”

Wayne Johnson, a campaign spokesman for Pombo, R-Tracy, said McCloskey is out of touch and has no chance of winning the nomination — at least as a Republican.

“We don’t take him seriously as a Republican candidate,” Johnson said. “He’s a stalking horse for the Democratic Party. This is a man who endorsed John Kerry, his campaign staff comes from (Rep.) George Miller,” a Northern California Democrat.

Pombo, who is in his seventh term, has lobbied for major revisions to the 1973 Endangered Species Act that McCloskey co-authored and supported legislation that critics say would open up the coastlines to offshore drilling.

He was also one of several Congressional Republicans who helped draft budget legislation last month to lift a moratorium on mining on public land. That plan has since been dropped.

Johnson said the Endangered Species Act has been

misused to infringe on personal property rights and needs to be updated to reflect scientific advances over the last 30 years.

“He (McCloskey) thinks it is divinely inspired and shouldn’t be touched. Reasonable people can disagree about what those changes ought to be — or unreasonable, in the case of McCloskey,” he said.

McCloskey said he spent months trying to find a candidate to run against Pombo, but it was tough going in a district that includes two mountain ranges and spans four counties. He has rented an apartment in Lodi and said he and his wife will spend Sunday looking for a house to buy in the area.

“I’m going to run against him because nobody else will,” said McCloskey, who still practices law in Redwood City and spends weekends on his rural Yolo County farm, where he grows olives, oranges and pecans.

“I like being a farmer — a lot better than being a lawyer or a congressman or a Marine, all of which I’ve been,” he said.

McCloskey, whose bid for Pombo’s seat was first reported Saturday in the Los Angeles Times, ran for the Republican presidential nomination against Richard Nixon in 1972 while campaigning on an anti-Vietnam War platform.

In a telephone interview Saturday, he dismissed critics who call him too liberal, saying traditional Republicans such as Gerald Ford, Bob Dole and John McCain do not support the corrupt lobbying system and spending policies many Republicans have adopted lately.

He said he doesn’t believe conservative Republicans support those policies, either.

“They’re moving toward the highest deficit we’ve ever had in history,” said McCloskey. “That isn’t the Republican party that I know.”

McCloskey said he plans to formally announce his candidacy Monday and wrote to Pombo Friday asking for weekly debates in the district on public policy issues before the June 6 primary.

But Johnson said Pombo does not intend to participate in debates until he is facing a worthier opponent.

“We might as well debate Austin Powers,” Johnson said. “They’re both stuck in the ’70s.”

Miss Oklahoma Berry crowned Miss America

BY JOHN CURRAN

Associated Press Writer

LAS VEGAS — A 22-year-old aspiring teacher from Oklahoma was crowned Miss America on Saturday night, the first time the storied but struggling pageant was held outside Atlantic City, N.J.

Jennifer Berry, a student at the University of Oklahoma, outlasted 51 other women to become Miss America 2006, earning a \$30,000 college scholarship and a yearlong speaking tour in the process.

Miss Georgia Monica Pang was first runner-up and Miss Alabama Alexa Jones second runner-up. Miss Virginia Kristi Lauren Glakas and Miss District of Columbia Shannon Schambeau rounded out the top five. Miss Hawaii Malika Dudley won Miss Congeniality.

Berry, an advocate for the prevention of drunken driving, wowed the judges by dancing ballet for her talent routine. She succeeds Miss America 2005 Deidre Downs, who ended up wearing the crown 16 months because this year’s pageant was postponed by four months.

An Atlantic City institution for 85 years, the pageant traded the Boardwalk for the Strip this year in a bid to revive interest. Without coverage from a major television network for the first time since 1954, it aired on Country Music Television.

The pageant, which dabbled in reality TV-style gimmicks in recent years as it tried to lure viewers back, struck a more old-fashioned theme this time out, despite the move to Sin City.

Video clips from old pageants were aired on the telecast, and two traditions that had been absent since the 1980s were revived: The women wore sashes naming their states and elected a Miss Congeniality.

For problem-plagued Miss America, the proceedings at the Aladdin Resort & Casino were a high-stakes affair.

Spurned by network television because of declining ratings, the pageant announced plans in August to move out of Atlantic City. Normally held in September, the event was postponed as organizers scrambled for a new TV outlet, ultimately settling on Country Music Television, a cable outlet with some 78 million subscribers.

Women have paraded at the pageant — wearing swimsuits and smiles — since a 16-year-old girl from Washington, D.C., won an eight-way bathing beauty revue in 1921.

The hokey seaside publicity stunt blossomed into an American icon, its Cinderella trappings and girl-next-door appeal becoming a television staple.

But its luster has been fading for years, the result of fragmented viewership and its airing on Saturday nights, historically a date-night dead zone for television.

The pageant was jettisoned by ABC after the 2004 crowning of Deidre Downs was watched by 9.8 million — 500,000 fewer than tuned in the year before. The move literally pulled the runway out from under Miss America and led to a cascade of problems threatening its future.

The loss of revenue from the TV rights contributed to a \$1.7 million deficit for the Miss America Organization, a nonprofit charity that runs the pageant.

Gambling that a move from Atlantic City would help revive interest, pageant organizers cast their lot with Las Vegas, no stranger to pretty faces and glitzy stage shows.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Mandel gambles on game show

By The Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif. — Comic Howie Mandel’s first reaction when offered the chance to be host of a game show was to wonder whether it would be death for his career.

“If I’m a game show host, will someone buy a ticket to see me do standup?” he wondered. “If I’m a game show host, will I get an offer to do a dramatic role in a movie?”

His worries so far have proven unfounded, so Mandel was happily promoting NBC’s “Deal or No Deal” on Sunday. The show, on which contestants can win a million dollars but also leave with one dollar if they make a bad bet, will return to NBC’s schedule in March.

“Deal or No Deal” did well in the ratings during a one-week run in December, although rivals said it faced little competition against reruns shortly before Christmas.

Mandel liked that the game had elements of comedy and drama and lets him use the full range of his skills, he said. People also appear to get involved while watching at home, envisioning themselves taking chances along with the contestants.

“There’s no skill,” he said. “You can be a rock and move into another cash bracket.”

CANNES, France — Robbie Williams writhed, Shakira shouted and Madonna didn’t show up, although all three won honors at one of France’s biggest music awards shows.

Williams, voted best male international performer at the NRJ Music Awards on Saturday night, was uncharacteristically serious in his acceptance speech but put on a strong performance of his hit “Tripping.”

Madonna scored the best female international artist award but didn’t appear to accept it, disappointing the audience. At the 2004 show,

Madonna accepted a career award from Britney Spears and thanked French fans for two decades of support.

Shakira shouted “I love France!” in accepting the award for best international song, “La Tortura.” She charmed French rock veteran and aging sex symbol Johnny Hallyday, who praised her successful melange of “sex and rock ‘n’ roll.”

Bob Geldof praised the French for their “good taste” in granting him an honorary award for his organization of the Live 8 concerts in July for fighting world poverty.

The show, organized by the NRJ radio station, grants awards for French and international stars.

LONDON — Supermodel Kate Moss will speak to British police investigating allegations of cocaine use — but no timetable has been set for her interview by officers, her spokesman said.

Moss, 31, lost valuable contracts with H&M, Burberry and Chanel after the Daily Mirror tabloid in September published pictures of her apparently using cocaine in a west London music studio where her then-boyfriend, rock musician Pete Doherty, was recording.

The model’s spokesman, Stuart Higgins, said Saturday that discussions have been held between police and the model’s lawyers over the past two weeks.

“Kate has made it absolutely clear all along that she will cooperate with any police investigation when the necessary arrangements can be made,” he said in a statement.

Since the newspaper revelations, Moss has been outside Britain, visiting a rehab clinic in Arizona and working on international assignments.

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. — The father of disgraced lobbyist Jack Abramoff says George Clooney’s off-color joke about his son’s name during the Golden Globe Awards made the lobbyist’s 12-year-old daughter cry.

In a letter to Clooney posted Friday on the Web site of The Desert Sun newspaper in Palm Springs, Frank Abramoff said he was astonished by the actor’s “glib and ridiculous attack” during Monday’s televised program.

“Your words were deeply hurtful to many innocent and decent people,” Abramoff wrote. “One day the truth about my son will come out and there will be a lot of people in your industry and others lined up to apologize for their efforts to destroy him and our family.”

He said the lobbyist’s daughter, who was watching the show, was in “a fit of tears” after hearing Clooney’s remarks.

“Are you proud of that?” Abramoff wrote. “Shame on you.”

Clooney’s father, Nick Clooney, told the newspaper: “I understand what it is like to have one’s son criticized in a very public way. It’s very painful and it’s very difficult.”

He added, “The difference here, and it must be said, is Mr. Abramoff’s son, instead of pursuing some positive efforts to do what he hoped would change the climate of the American politics, has confessed and has been convicted by that confession of subverting the political process.”

Clooney’s publicist, Stan Rosenfield, said Saturday the actor had no further comment.

Clooney took a jab at Abramoff after accepting a supporting actor trophy for the thriller “Syriana.”

The lobbyist has pleaded guilty to three felony counts, acknowledging he provided lavish trips, golf outings, meals and more to public officials “in exchange for a series of official acts.”

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In 1943, critic Alexander Woolcott suffered a fatal heart attack during a live broadcast of the CBS radio program “People’s Platform.”

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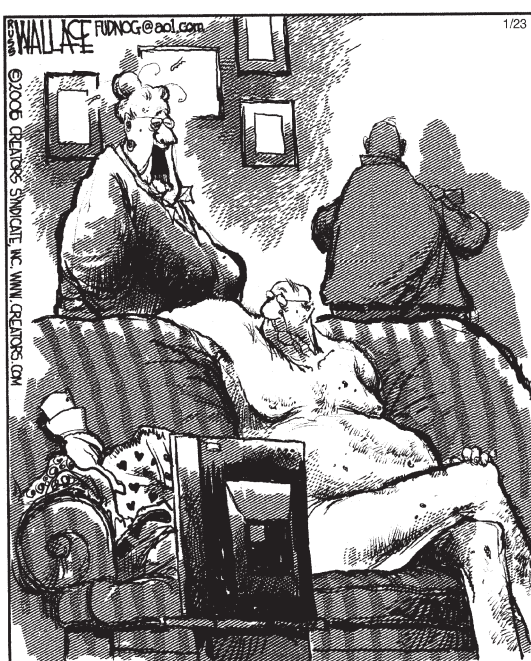
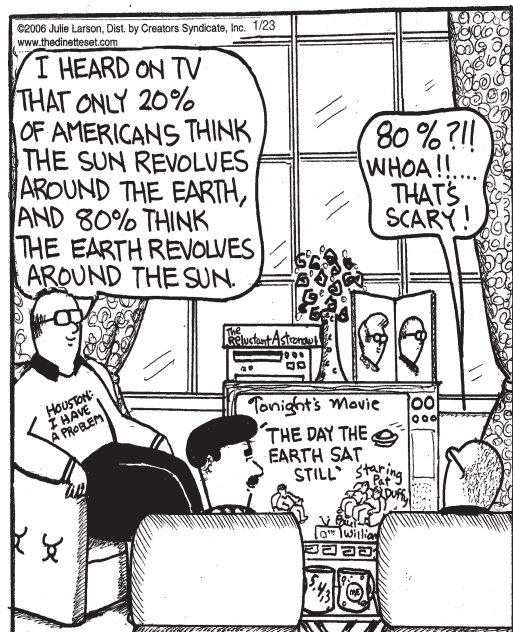
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Type of License(s) Applied for: 47 – ON-SALE GENERAL EATING PLACE.
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF KARL HUBER aka HUBER, KARL J., HUBER C.
Case No. BP096169
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of KARL HUBER aka HUBER, KARL J., HUBER C.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Mark J. Saladino, Public Administrator in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PRO-BATE requests that Mark J. Saladino, Public Administrator be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on February 10, 2006 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 5 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.
IF YOU OBJECT to the grant-ing of the petition, you should ap-pear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a per-son interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and ap-praisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for petitioner:
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL
648 HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 W TEMPLE ST
LOS ANGELES CA 90012
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 3185095 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Alcor General Merchandise, 11618 South St., Artesia, CA 90701. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Maria Lourdes C. Cataluna, 18403 Devlin Ave, Artesia, CA 90701 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Maria Lourdes C. Cataluna

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 3238938. FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as B.E.B Consulting Services Foundation,Project Challenge Transportation, AI #/ON 2407582, 4202 S. Halldale Ave, Los Angeles, CA, 90062. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : B.E.B Consulting Services Foundation, 4202 S. Halldale Ave, Los Angeles CA, 90062.This Business is being conducted by a corporation. Signed: The registrant has commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0015642. FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as A First Class Party Rental Company, 11149 First Avenue, Whittier, CA, 90605. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: Arline Hernandez, 13929 McGee Drive, Whittier CA, 90605.This Business is being conducted by an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein. /s/ Arline Hernandez.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County 1/4/2006 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 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 1/16/2006, 1/23/2006, 1/30/2006, 2/6/2006.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 3181692 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ADVANCED COMPUTERS, 16129 Hawthorne Blvd., #A, Lawndale, CA 90260. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Adiba Khairi, 7862 Liberty Ave, #A, Huntington Beach, CA 92647 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Adiba Khairi

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0046084 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as B&L Investment, 15558 Hollis St., Hacienda Heights, CA 91745. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Bo Xu, 15558 Hollis St., Hacienda Heights, CA 91745, Leslie Sudekum, 15558 Hollis St., Hacienda Heights, CA 91745 This Business is being conducted by, a general partnership. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)9/1/2005. /s/: Bo Xu, Leslie Sudekum
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 3202936 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Be Prepared, Better Be Safe Than Sorry, 404 East First St., #635, Long Beach, CA 90802. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Albert H. Houston, 404 East First St., #635, Long Beach, CA 90802 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Albert Houston

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 3104697 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Beatldeal.com, Beatldeal, AI#2455003, 701 Brea Canyon Rd, #13, Walnut, CA 91789. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Infini Design & Manufacturing, Inc, 701 Brea Canyon Rd, #13, Walnut, CA 91789 This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Infini Design & Manufacturing, Inc., John Priadi, President

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9/1/2000 /s/ B.E.B Consulting Services Foundation, President, Ernestine G. Barnes.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0005909. FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Burbank Computer Express, 2512 W. Burbank Blvd., Burbank, CA, 91505. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: Prapan Kongsomboon, 1205 E. Maple St., Glendale CA, 91205.This Business is being conducted by an individual. Signed: The registrant has commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on 1/1/2006 /s/ Prapan Kongsomboon.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0057789 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Busbee Music, 365 Douglas St. Pasadena, CA 91104. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Michael James Ryan Busbee, 701 Brea Canyon Rd, #13, Walnut, CA 91789 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Michael Busbee
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 1/10/06. 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 1/23/2006, 1/30/2006, 2/6/2006, 2/13/2006

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 3201485 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Cecilia Market Inc, AI #/ON 2775427, 824 S. Cecilia St., #47, Los Angeles, CA 90014. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Cecilia Market Inc, 824 S. Cecilia St., #47, Los Angeles, CA 90014 This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Cecilia Market Inc, President, Reuben Edison
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 12/28/2005. 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 1/9/2006, 1/16/2006, 1/23/2006, 1/30/2006

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0041735 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Dark Glory Industries, Davk Glory, 6610 Charnar St. Bell Gardens, CA 90201. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Ever De Santiago, 6610 Charnar St. Bell Gardens, CA 90201, Eric DeSantiago, 6610 Charnar St. Bell Gardens, CA 90201 This Business is being conducted by, co-partners. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Ever De Santiago, Eric DeSantiago

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 3192988 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Day 2 Transportation, 3168 Banning Ave, Apt 5, Lynwood, CA 90262. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Dora Elia Valenzuela, 3168 Banning Ave, Apt 5, Lynwood, CA 90262 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)12/7/2005. /s/: Dora E. Valenzuela

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0080290 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Wake Up Ventures, 246 Bicknell Ave #4, Santa Monica, CA 90405. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Roger Kent Fernandez, 246 Bicknell Ave #4, Santa

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 26000. FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as The Consortium Film Group, 743 Pier Avenue, #1, Santa Monica, CA, 90405. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: Geff Zamor, 743 Pier Avenue, #1, Santa Monica CA, 90405. This Business is being conducted by an individual. Signed: The registrant has commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on 12/12/2005 /s/ Geff Zamor.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0046289. FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LITTLE WHITE DOG MUSIC, 30765 Pacific Coast Highway, #220, Malibu, CA, 90265. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: Charone Campbell, 11938 Oceanaire Lane, Malibu CA, 90265.This Business is being conducted by an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein. /s/ Charone Campbell.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0093541. FIRST FILING. The followingperson(s) is (are) doing business as Together in Transition, 4246 Beethoven St., Los Angeles, CA, 90066. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: Catherine Ellen Fritz, 4246 Beethoven St., Los Angeles CA, 90066.This Business is being conducted by an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact businessunder the fictitious business name or names listed herein. /s/ Catherine Ellen Fritz.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0005813. FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Blount Karse Associates, 713 Pine St, Unit 2. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: Marian Blount, 713 Pine St, Unit 2, Santa Monica CA, 90405.Myra Karse,713 Pine St, Unit,Santa Monica. This Business is being conducted by co-partners. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein. /s/ Marian Blount, Myra Karse.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0069862 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as GSA Lens, 1819 S. Manhattan Place #12, Los Angeles, CA 90019. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Marlon A. Linares, 1819 S. Manhattan Place #12, Los Angeles, CA 90019 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)11/16/2005. /s/: Marlon A. Linares

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0130580 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Claude Jewelry, 938 Lincoln Blvd #6, Santa Monica, CA 90403. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Claude Knafo, 938 Lincoln Blvd #6, Santa Monica, CA 90403 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business

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name or names listed on (Date)1/1/2000. /s/: Claude Knafo
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0130581 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Bishop Investment and Development, 1419 S. Saltair Ave #8, Los Angeles, CA 90025. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Joseph A Bartolome, 2816 Arizona Ave #2, Santa Monica, CA 90404; Daniel R. Bishop, 1419 S. Saltair Ave #8, Los Angeles, CA 90025 This Business is being conducted by, co-partners. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Daniel R. Bishop; Joseph A Bartolome

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0130578 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Power Property Management, 209 Montana Ave #208, Santa Monica, CA 90403. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Meigan Everett 209 Montana Ave #208, Santa Monica, CA 90403; Kathy Sadlier, 3725 Vinton Ave, #5, Los Angeles, CA 90034 This Business is being conducted by, a general partnership. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Meigan Everett

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0130579 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Flinkman Partners AI 8932400001, 3005 Main St Suite 500, Santa Monica, CA 90405. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Flinkman Partners, a CA Limited Partnership, 3005 Main St Suite 500, Santa Monica, CA 90405 This Business is being conducted by, a limited partnership. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)6/16/1999. /s/: Lewis Flinkman
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0082381 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as A Shore Thing Realty, 12711 Bonaparte Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90066. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : James Rizopoulos, 12711 Bonaparte Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90066; Fuad Khayyat, 1185 Greenvale, Akron, OH, 44313 This Business is being conducted by, co-partners. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: James Rizopoulos; Fuad Khayyat

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0057525 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Docworkers: www.docworkers.com, 1223 Wishire Blvd. #629 Santa Monica, CA 90403. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Adam Chapnick, 12001 Ocean Park Blvd, #1, LA, CA 90064 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Adam Chapnick

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 3134051. FIRST FILING. The following pers on(s) is (are) doing business as Brazil Professional

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Soccer School, 3655 Midvale Ave, #8, Los Angeles, CA, 90034. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: J ose Luiz B. Sobrinho, 935 Peonic Ave, West Baby! on CA, 11704. This Business is being conducted by an individual. Signed: The registrant has commenced totransact business under the ficti tious business name or names listed on 6/1/2002/ s/ Jose Luiz Sobrinho.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0005790. FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Fidelity Mortgage, 6331 Green Leaf Ave, Suite H, Whittier, CA, 90601. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: Margarita Mendoza, 3262 Montellano Ave, Hacienda Heights CA, 91745.This Business is being conducted by an

individual. Signed: The registrant has commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on 1/1/2005 /s/ Margarita Mendoza.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 3238915. FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as got vinyl designs, got vd?, 12329 Hibbing St, Artesia, CA, 90701. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: Andrew Solis, 12329 Hibbing St, Artesia CA, 90701. This Business is being conducted by an individual. Signed: The registrant has commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on 12/30/2005 /s/ Andrew Solis.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0072815 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Gunter Financial Services AI 2344941, 870 N. Diamond Bar Bl, Diamond Bar, CA 91265. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : The Real Estate Bank. A Full Service Real Estate and Mortgage Comp, 870 N. Diamond Bar Bl, Diamond Bar, CA 91265 This Business is being conducted by, joint venture. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Jose A Budet, CEO

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0069267 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Harvey's Ed 4 Success, 1318 W. 132nd St. Compton, CA 90222. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Jerrell Harvey, 1318 W. 132nd St. Compton, CA 90222 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Jerrell Harvey

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 3219393 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as JC Auto Imports, 2812 Florence Ave, LA, CA 90043. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Juan Cardona, 9311 Zamora Ave, LA, CA 90002 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Juan Cardona

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 3233873. FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Heavenly Minded, 846 E. Penrod Dr, Carson, CA, 90746. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: Kerrie Hudson, 846 E. Penrod Dr, Carson CA, 90746.Corine Wilder,630 E. 38th Street,Los Angeles. This Business is being conducted by a general partnership. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein. /s/ Kerrie Hudson, Corine Wilder.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0071885 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Huntington Technologies, 434 W. Pentagon St, Altadena, CA 91001. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Darrel Huntington, 434 W. Pentagon St, Altadena, CA 91001; Iscela Huntington, 434 W. Pentagon St, Altadena, CA 91001 This Business is being conducted by, husband and wife. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)10/26/2001. /s/: Darrel Huntington, Iscela Huntington

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 10/26/2001. 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 1/23/2006, 1/30/2006, 2/13/2006

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 3233662. FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Independent Bankcard Analyst, 3309 W. Washington Blvd, Los Angeles, CA, 90018. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: Cathy Donoso Gutierrez, 18821 Watson Ave, Cerritos CA, 90703. This Business is being conducted by an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein. /s/ Cathy Donoso Gutierrez.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0057914 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as International Enterprises, 3545 Lexington Ave., El Monte, CA 91731. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Jorge De La Hoya, 11177 Campsie Fells Ct., Las Vegas, CA 89141, Brenda Miranda, 11177 Campsie Fells Ct., Las Vegas, CA 89141, Eduardo Duran, 1252 Front St., Unit A, Alhambra, CA 91803, Jannet De La Hoya, 1220 Ridley Av, El Monte, CA 91731 This Business is being conducted by, a general partnership. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Jorge De La Hoya, Brenda Miranda, Eduardo Duran, Jannet De La Hoya

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 040083 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Investment Real Estate 101, International Real Estate Guide, Retirement and Second Home Destination Guide, AI #/ON 2202227, 860 E. Carson St., #111, Carson, CA 90745. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Advanced Graphix Design & Printing, Inc (California), 860 E. Carson St., #111, Carson, CA 90745 This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)1/1/2003. /s/: Advanced Graphix Design & Printing, Inc, Susan Barlin, President

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0040077 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Jerichorack, Infinirack, IDM Custom Rack, AI #/ON 2455003, 701 Brea Canyon Road, Unit 15, Walnut, CA 91789. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Infini Design & Manufacturing, Inc, 701 Brea Canyon Road, Unit 15, Walnut, CA 91789 This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Infini Design & Manufacturing, Inc, President, John Priadi
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LOS ANGELES County on 1/6/2006. 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 1/23/2006, 1/30/2006, 2/6/2006, 2/13/2006

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0051503 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as JJ Roque LLC, AI #/ON 0500610421, 5820 Benner st, #202, Los Angeles, CA 90042. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : JJ Roque LLC, 5820 Benner st, #202, Los Angeles, CA 90042 This Business is being conducted by, a limited liability. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: JJ Roque LLC, Manager, Jaime R. Roque
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0062645 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as J3G Trucking, 1549 Loranne Ave, Pomona, CA 91767. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : James H. Gambles, 1549 Loranne Ave, Pomona, CA 91767 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)4/18/2005. /s/: James H. Gambles

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 3181641 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as J.R.M. Dental Laboratory, 25836 Western Ave, Harbor City, CA 90710. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Jaime Rafael Mercado, 1632 W. 259th St., Harbor City, CA 90710 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Jaime R. Mercado

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0040082 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Loans 101, Home Loans Guide 101, Commercial Loans 101, 860 E. Carson St., #111, Carson, CA 90745. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Advanced Graphix Design & Printing, Inc (California), 860 E. Carson St., #111, Carson, CA 90745 This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)1/1/2003. /s/: Advanced Graphix Design & Printing, Inc, Susan Barlin, President

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0072853 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Luxor El Agua Del Futuro, AI #/ON 2608250, 1260 S. Soto St., Suite 3, Los Angeles, CA 90023. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Orellana Inc., 4507 Elizabeth St., Cudahy, CA 90201 This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Orellana Inc, CEO, Amelia Orellana

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0057935 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as M 1 Solutions, 1240 West Robindale Street, West Covina, CA 91790. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Jimmy Sia, 1240 West Robindale Street, West Covina, CA 91790 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Jimmy Sia

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 3215969 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as NGA! FINANCIAL, 400 Continental Blvd., 6th Floor, El Segundo, CA 90245. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Simon K. C. Ngai, 5426 West 119th Place, Del Aire, CA 90304 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Simon K. C. Ngai

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0046225 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Raggz; Raggz Denim Company; Raggz Urban Apparel, 5728 E. Beverly Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90022. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Carlos Campos; 2969 E. 3rd St. Los Angeles, CA 90033 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)1/1/2006. /s/: Carlos Campos

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0006069. FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PRINT PROS LA,PRINTING PROS LA, PRINT PROSLA, 1261 S. acienda Blvd, Hacienda Heights, CA, 91745. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: Hector Olguin, 15348 Via Verita , Hacienda Heights CA, 91745.This Business is being conducted by an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein. /s/ Hector Olguin. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County 1/3/2006 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 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 1/16/2006, 1/23/2006, 1/30/2006, 2/6/2006.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0005990. FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as R&B Toners.com, 13620 Imperial Highway, Suite 2, Santa Fe Springs, CA, 90670. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: Ramon Almazan, 2808 Glenn Ave., Los Angeles CA, 90023.Bibiano Almazan,510 S. Tamarind, Apt 4,Compton. This Business is being conducted by co-partners. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein. /s/ Ramon Almazan, Bibiano Almazan. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County 1/3/2006 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 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 1/16/2006, 1/23/2006, 1/30/2006, 2/6/2006.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0039391 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as RC Trucking, 13553 Kiowa Rd. Apple Valley, CA 92308. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Rodolfo Carillo; 13553 Kiowa Rd. Apple Valley, CA 92308 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Rodolfo Carillo

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 3233895. FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Reflex Communications & Media,Reflex Communications Resources, Reflex Technologies, C.D. Parker Holdings, 3442 1/2 Percy St, Los Angeles, CA, 90023. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: Christopher Darnell Parker, 3442 1/2 Percy St, Los Angeles CA, 90023.This Business is being conducted by an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein. /s/ Christopher D. Parker.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County 12/30/2005 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 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 1/16/2006, 1/23/2006, 1/30/2006, 2/6/2006.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0071832 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Sacred Entrance Midwifery Services, 2020 Barcelona Dr. Los Angeles, CA 90046. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Constance Jean Rock, 3619 Cardiff Ave #201, LA, CA 90034; Aleksandra Kristin Evangelidli, 2020 Barcelona Dr. Los Angeles, CA 90046; Elizabeth Bachner, 2362 Allview Terrace, LA, CA 90068 This Business is being conducted by, a limited partnership. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)12/30/2005. /s/: Constance Jean Rock; Aleksandra Kristin Evangelidli Elizabeth Bachner This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 1/11/06. 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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0005791. FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as S.O.S Signal Security, 936 W. Durnate Rd., Apt A, Arcadia, CA, 91007. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: Terry Brian Day, 936 W. Durnate Rd., Apt A, Arcadia CA, 91007.This Business is being conducted by an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein. /s/ Terry Brian Day. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County 1/3/2006 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 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 1/16/2006, 1/23/2006, 1/30/2006, 2/6/2006.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0046207 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Superhero Creations, 20522 Kingsbury Street, Chatsworth, CA 91311. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Zachery Philip Rubin, 20522 Kingsbury Street, Chatsworth, CA 91311 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Zachery Philip Rubin This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 1/9/2006. 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 1/23/2006, 1/30/2006, 2/6/2006, 2/13/2006

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0006058. FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Sweet Daddy Mike's, Inc.,SDM Guitars, AI #ION 20050479278-94, 23441 Golden Springs Drive, Suite 166, Diamond Bar, CA, 91765. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: Sweet Daddy Mikes, Inc., 4375 West Desert Inn Road, Suite C525, Las Vegas CA, 89102.This Business is being conducted by a

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corporation. Signed: The registrant has commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on /s/ Sweet Daddy Mike's, Inc., CEO, MJ Hahka. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County 1/3/2006 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 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 1/16/2006, 1/23/2006, 1/30/2006, 2/6/2006.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0040080 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Total Experience Record Co., Total Experience Marketing & Technology, Total Experience Publishing, 468 N. Camden Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Ivan Swanson, 17595 Harvard Ave, C-211, Irvine, CA 92614 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Ivan Swanson

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 3219357 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Wilcox Industries, 214 San Diego St., Suite #73, Oceanside, CA 92054. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Ulisses Rivera, 214 San Diego St, Suite #73, Oceanside, CA 92054 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)12/29/2005. /s/: Ulisses Rivera

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0040048 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ZZR Transport, 222 W. 47th Place, Los Angeles, CA 90037. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Zoila Gabriola, 222 W. 47th Place, Los Angeles, CA 90037, Ramon Carbajal, 222 W. 47th Place, Los Angeles, CA 90037 This Business is being conducted by, husband and wife. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Zoila Gabriola, Ramon Carbajal

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Name Changes

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. YSO15377

Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of Ilya Kharkats for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner or Attorney: Ilya Kharkats filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Ilya Kharkats to Eliott Kharkats
The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: February 27, 2006 Time: 8:30, Dept. B., Room

The address of the court is 1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401.

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press.

Date: January 9, 2006
Mark S. Arnold
Judge of the Superior Court
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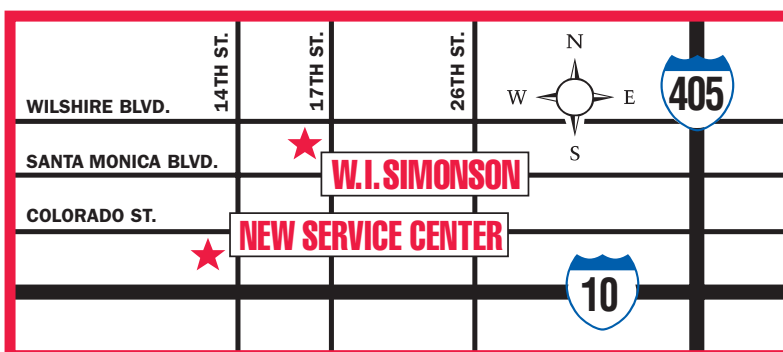
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