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THE NICKED-UP KNEES ISSUE



Game, 'Set,' match

Fabian Lewkowicz fabianl@smdp.com

Keino Mitchell (foreground), 10, plays Xbox 360 video games on Saturday during a hands-on training experience inside the 'Safety is No Game. Is Your Family Set?' tour bus, which stopped in front of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica.

Reinventing downtown won't come easy, quickly

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN With the goal of preserving downtown's status as a premier West Coast destination, residents and merchants have tentatively moved closer to creating a new management structure for the area that will likely include a new assessment or property tax to pay for more bathrooms, better parking and cleaner streets.

Stakeholders are still undecided as to how much money would be required and who should control the purse strings, but there does seem to be the consensus that more money is needed to remain competitive with other retail and entertainment centers in the region such as The Grove, Century City and a rejuvenated downtown Los Angeles.

The process has been deliberate, with much of the debate focused on how the money would be managed. Property owners and businesses seem leery of City Hall controlling funds generated from their operations, while residents and elected officials are concerned about handing over too much power to private interests to manage what is a heavily utilized public space, referred to often as Santa Monica's "living room."

"I'm pleased with where we are now, considering it was very polarizing in the beginning," said Brad Segal of the Denver-based consultant Progressive Urban Management Associates (PUMA), hired in August 2006 by City Hall and the Bayside District Corp. to draft a business plan for the downtown district. "Out of all of the cities I have worked with this is one of the top five most complicated projects."

URBAN THERAPIST ON THE CASE

After tackling a serious "trust issue," Segal, who considers himself something of an urban therapist, said stakeholders have "found a lot of common ground."

Under Segal's latest proposal, City Hall and a new, Bayside-like board comprised of residents, elected officials, merchants and property owners, would enter into a contract with City Hall to keep a better eye on what services are being provided and where there are gaps that could be filled by contracting with private companies.

The board would also receive more money directly from assessments collected instead of having it first go through City Hall, which currently keeps around \$200,000 of the \$825,000 collected from the Bayside assessment district.

Segal said downtown needs anywhere from \$2.75 million to \$3.25 million invested annually to address outstanding

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COMMUNITY PROFILES | CHRISTOPHER ALLPORT

Artful dodger: Actor relives evading war

BY KRISTIN MAYER
Special to the Daily Press

Marines stood at attention and saluted Christopher Allport when they saw him enter the officers' club at El Toro Marine Corps Air Station. Curious about the unfamiliar face with the look of an officer, the soldiers asked Allport which company he was from.

Allport, a 30-year Santa Monica resident, was acting the part of Capt. Curtis on the set of "The Invaders from Mars."

"I needed to go out and see if I could convince these guys I was the real deal," Allport said. "I told them I was part of SAG, so they relaxed."

Allport, 59, is often cast for his "good soldier" look, recently playing Secretary of State Francis in three episodes of the ABC drama "Commander in Chief" opposite Geena Davis.

All told, Allport has made more than 100 guest starring appearances on shows including "ER," "The X-Files" and "Felicity." His movie portfolio includes "Shark," "To Live and



Christine Chang news@smdp.com

LOVE AND WAR: Longtime Santa Monica resident Christopher Allport and his wife, Susan Hayden, are presenting a one-man show entitled 'Backroad Home' that is based on Allport's experiences dodging the Vietnam war draft. The actor's father was awarded the Purple Heart in World War II after being taken prisoner.

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Free English and Citizenship Classes

2510 Lincoln Blvd., times vary

Classes are offered morning, afternoon and evening at the Santa Monica Adult Ed Center. For more information, call (310) 664-6222.

Santa Monica Lions Club

1920 Santa Monica Blvd., 12:15 p.m.

Club meets every Thursday at the Best Western Hotel.

Laughter Yoga Class

717 Broadway, 5 p.m. — 6 p.m.

Laughter Yoga combines yoga breathing and laughter exercises. The class fee is \$10 per person. For more information, call Kim at (310) 471-5773.

Hatha Yoga at FPC

1220 Second St., 7 p.m. — 8:15 p.m.

Yoga instructor John Sweetman will lead in the Renaissance Room at First Presbyterian Church of Santa Monica. Cost is \$5 per class.

Green Living Workshops

3301 Pico Blvd., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

Sustainable Works, a non-profit environmental education organization sponsored by the City of Santa Monica and Santa Monica College, offers a six-week workshop designed to help residents learn about important environmental issues, save valuable resources, lower utility bills, and protect their health. For more information or to reserve a space, visit www.sustainableworks.org.

No More Kings at the Knitting Factory

7021 Hollywood Blvd., 7 p.m.

For more information, visit www.knittingfactory.com.

Argentine Tango Class with Makela Brizuela

1416 Electric Ave., 9 p.m. — 10 p.m.

Meet people while dancing. No partner required. For more information, visit www.makelatango.com.

Enchanted Lunchtime Theatre

1211 Fourth St., 11:30 a.m. — 1 p.m.

For more information, call the Playhouse box office at (310) 394-9779, ext. 2 or visit www.SantaMonicaPlayhouse.com.

Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2007

Story Time for Twos

2601 Main St., 10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Story series for 2-year-olds at the Ocean Park Branch of the Santa Monica Public Library. Registration is required.

Open House for Prospective Parents

1039 Seventh St., 7 p.m. — 8 p.m.

St. Monica Elementary School is holding an open house in the school auditorium. For more information, call (310) 451-9801 or visit www.stmonica.net/ele.

'The Edge of Form'

2903 Santa Monica Blvd., 11 a.m. — 5 p.m.

The debut works of Joe Pinkelman, Susie McKay Krieser and Darlyn Susan Yee will be on display. For more information on the exhibit and/or the artists, visit www.TagTheArtistsGallery.com or call (310) 829-9556.

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Toiling away while a city sleeps it off

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL In the late hours of the evening — when the 405 Freeway is finally decongested, when parents are ready to call it a night, and when City Council is just about to wrap up another lengthy discussion on some kind of a new ban — Edgar Johnson is only halfway done with his shift. Listening to a portable music player, he goes about sweeping the floors, refilling the paper towel dispensers and dumping the legislative trash.

With a meeting discussion blaring in the background, Johnson sometimes finds himself intrigued by the conversation in Council Chambers spilling into the hallway. He'll hit the pause button, stop what he's doing momentarily and sit down to listen.

"Sometimes the subject matter really interests me," said Johnson, a 27-year custodial veteran of the city.

When the clock strikes 5:30 p.m. and city employees are ready to call it a day, the second shift begins in the world that is City Hall. As the cars file onto Main Street, a handful of custodians pull out their mops, sponges and floor polishers, preparing for another night of prepping City Hall so Santa Monicans can work, file, gripe, negotiate and supervise.

Every night, approximately 18 men and women in custodial services pull the late shift in five of the city's facilities — City Hall and the four branch libraries — to keep the city running smoothly every day, according to Glenn Schriver, the custodial supervisor.

It's a job that might not require a doctorate degree, but nevertheless presents its challenges. It's a physically strenuous job where employees must alter their body clocks to adjust to the late night and early morning hours. It's also a job, though derided at times, that's rewarding and every bit as important as any other position in City Hall, Schriver said.

A custodial supervisor in the city for five years, Schriver began his career in

Disneyland 22 years ago, cleaning the park after hours before ascending the ranks to operations manager. The father of two spends his time off volunteering for the American Cancer Society and is the vice chairman of Relay for Life in Santa Monica.

A SPACE TO GROW

The custodial life also presents its opportunities to grow within the city.

A relative newcomer to the scene, Todd Gibson started working in the city about 18 months ago and was recently promoted. He will soon serve as the supervisor of Open Space in the city.

FOR MANY OF THE WORKERS WHO HAVE BEEN WITH THE CITY FOR DECADES, THE NIGHT CREW IS LIKE A SECOND FAMILY.

Working the late hours in City Hall has its benefits. The custodians who proudly stroll down the hallways must have the ability to work independently as well as in a team atmosphere. At 11:15 p.m. every night, the custodians meet back in the lobby of City Hall, updating Schriver on the areas they've cleaned and what has yet to be completed. Following the break, the custodians resume their work, either teaming up to clean an office or working individually.

The alone time presents custodians the opportunity to think about other things as they're busy mopping away.

"We see a whole lot of stuff at night," Gibson said with a smile.

The custodians who work together find

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CITY SWEEP: City Hall takes on a different feel after dark, long after most of the city's workers have gone home for the day. The custodial life can prove demanding for those not acclimated.

'Monster Garage' host to cough it up for polluting the air

By The Associated Press

LONG BEACH — "Monster Garage" reality show host Jesse James has agreed to pay \$271,250 for violating California's air quality laws by selling motorcycles that did not meet the state's strict emissions standards, authorities said.

His Long Beach motorcycle building shop, West Coast Choppers, sold more than 50 new or custom-built motorcy-

cles between 1998 and 2005 that were not certified by the Air Resources Board, the agency said in a statement Friday.

As part of a settlement, the shop is building motorcycles that comply with emission standards, the board said.

In a statement released Saturday, James said he had offered to make all of his noncompliant motorcycles meet federal standards, but the state agency only was "interested

in the cash settlement."

"We hope that paying this money will bring to light that California has a flawed system when it comes to its clean air agencies and the policies and practices they use," James said.

James is married to actress Sandra Bullock. His Discovery Channel series about customized vehicles aired for five seasons.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

It should be clear to everyone

Editor:

Thanks so much to the Daily Press for giving needed transparency to this local/regional water-medication challenge in your very fair and balanced report ("On the water front," Jan. 19, page 1).

I think you've bravely helped raise public consciousness by your giving this excellent coverage for this health safety challenge and the mass-medication delivery system via our water supplies.

Along with many other citizens, unless this entire plan is abandoned – or is, at least, thoroughly scrutinized and budgeted for independent risk assessments (including costs) – I feel the City of Santa Monica government, the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) of Southern California, and our citizen population shall realize (too late?) that this entire (political) water process is a huge mistake. Call it a huge lapse in good judgment – something that could easily have been corrected? (Like ... right now?)

Evidence of such a perceived lapse, in my view, is the present metal-to-floor political machinery that apparently ignores new health safety warnings from the U.S. National Research Council (NRC).

As I believe your comprehensive article hints, the NRC found exposure of infants and young children to artificially fluoridated water entails more health risk. What's equally amazing is even the American Dental Association's quiet recommendation in November appears virtually ignored locally regionally by local governments.

The ADA e-mail alert to its members clearly cautions about parents mixing fluoridated water with infant formula.

The potential legal liability for ignoring such NRC and ADA warnings appears in need of immediate assessment – in my non-attorney observation – by the city and the huge MWD water agency.

Continued complacency now could spell real trouble downstream – not to mention potential taxpayer expense?

A careful reading of your excellent article, I find, contains the necessary links for inspiring more needed inquiry/action about these urgent health and due diligence matters.

Gene Burke

Founder, Santa Monicans for Safe Drinking Water Coalition

'Rock' solid information

Editor:

(Re: "On the water front," Jan. 19, page 1)

Ninety-two percent of U.S. fluoridated water is treated with fluosilicic acid, a by-product collected in processes used to convert "phosphate rock" into phosphate fertilizer and recover uranium also in that rock.

M.J. Coplan

Massachusetts registered professional engineer



My Write

Bill Bauer

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SMRR elite hail agenda, public input be damned

AS EXPECTED LAST TUESDAY NIGHT, City Council voted to permanently exempt 100 percent affordable housing of 50 units or less from all development review by the Planning Commission and/or Conditional Use Permits. This means that the largest and potentially most egregious residential buildings permitted can be built in the city's multifamily neighborhoods and a couple of commercial districts, including Main Street, without any enforceable public review whatsoever.

Now, developers of public housing can build larger and uglier buildings with more units, greater massing, increased density, reduced setbacks and less on-site parking than developers of market-rate housing unabated, making City Council's usurpation of our right to speak even more reprehensible.

The latest decree from the social engineers in City Hall is that citizens of Santa Monica must permanently "butt out" when it comes to public housing projects in multifamily neighborhoods. It's just the latest in a series of moves wherein Santa Monica for Renters' Rights' socially driven agenda runs roughshod over the wishes, desires and rights of residents.

Politically, Santa Monica government is an oligarchy — defined as "government by a few." Our "few" are a couple dozen persons in the powerful SMRR political organization. They include elected politicians who are on and control City Council, the school board, College Board of Trustees and numerous municipal boards and commissions. This SMRR-topia cabal extends to below-the-radar members on SMRR's steering committee, former mayors and council persons, idealists, "enlightened" thinkers and political strategists.

For the record, SMRR council persons Kevin McKeown, Ken Genser and Pam O'Connor, and Mayor Richard Bloom voted last week to eliminate public review. Robert Holbrook and Bobby Shriver (both unaffiliated with SMRR) opposed it. Non-SMRR, Mayor Pro-Tem Herb Katz was absent, however, he previously voted with the majority to advance the proposal for Tuesday's second reading and passage.

Aggressive advancement of SMRR's public housing and homeless agenda is nothing new because the organization has reigned supreme for nearly 30 years.

In September 1994, City Council approved a set of ordinances relating to dealing with the "homeless problem." Ordinance 2.69.010 (f) mandated that increases in expenditures relating to homeless services be prevented and, wherever feasible, reduced. The ordinance was authored by City Attorney Marsha Moutrie.

Amazingly, a few years later, she set aside her own ordinance by ruling that City Council cannot restrict how future councils determine spending.

The 1994 Public Safety Act was a result of extensive community input resulting from growing citywide dissatisfaction with a vagrant population estimated at 1,000 a day and growing. After the cap on homeless services was lifted, spending and attendant programs dramatically increased. The SMRR cabal had decreed that helping the world's vagrants and transients could continue and expand, despite complaints from the general public. We now have an estimated 2,800 vagrants on our streets on any given day.

Community Corporation of Santa Monica is the city's largest public housing landlord. It should come as no surprise that Council's decision Tuesday night protected CCSM, a city-affiliated corporation and the darling of the SMRR politburo. It allows CCSM and other favored public housing providers to develop — impervious to public opinion or legal review.

The cabal thwarts the will of the people by manipulating the rulemaking process and by eliminating public input — especially on their issues. Recently, we're even being further removed from the governing process as more and more developments are allowed to be administratively approved. Or, when they do go through review such as Architectural Review Board, staff is permitted to override decisions and make a larger percentage of changes to Board-approved design elements.

Last Tuesday, City Council instructed staff to make suggestions on expanding homeless housing, enlisting regional support, upgrading databases that track homeless services and increasing public education (public relations) among others. With the feverish solicitation of grants from federal, state and county sources, homeless services have become a major undertaking here in Santa Monica and a model of SMRR-topia thinking.

But, what about us? With public housing, the concerns range from size of buildings, traffic and overcrowded schools to potential increases in criminal activity. With vagrants, public urination and defecation, criminal and antisocial activity and public intoxication are issues that are equally ignored. Lastly, there's always public relations to play up the SMRR-topia's successes and demonize those of us who say they're wrong and their priorities are ass-backwards.

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GUEST COMMENTARY BY JAMES J. FOTIS

Prescription drug abuse needs dose of attention

There is a new and increasingly dangerous threat facing America, a threat that is getting altogether too little attention — crimes associated with prescription drug abuse.

Young people are selling or giving prescription drugs to their friends as a cheap high. Young people are often abusing these drugs under the dangerously mistaken belief that because they came from a reputable manufacturer, or were originally prescribed by a doctor, that they are safe to abuse.

Rapists are exploiting the effects of these drugs to make it easier to commit their terrible crimes. Law enforcement increasingly fears that they are drugging rape victims in hopes that it will make the crime less often reported and/or diminish the victim's ability to help the prosecution build a winnable case.

Increasingly often, people are mixing these drugs with alcohol and then going out on America's roads, thereby endangering untold thousands of our citizens by driving impaired.

When otherwise safe, legal drugs are used by those other than whom they were prescribed, when sold or taken by people to get high, when used by rapists to aid in the commission of their vile crimes, or when abused by a person who then drives impaired, crimes are committed.

America's law enforcement community is trying to sound the alarm on this dangerous threat.

Prescription medicines are prevalent in our communities and they are often converted into the illegal drug market.

■ Abuse of prescription sleep medications is on the rise: The U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency is concerned that prescription sleep medicines are quickly replacing GHB, Rohypnol and ketamine as the new date-rape drug.

■ They are also becoming an increasingly popular teen party drug. The National Institute on Drug Abuse reports that the number of teens misusing sedatives has nearly doubled over the last decade; a survey revealed that one out of 14 high school seniors admitted to taking sedatives (without a prescription).

■ Those who take these illegal drugs, mix in alcohol, and then drive impaired are a danger to the entire community. About three out of 10 Americans will be involved in an impaired driver-related crash. Drugged drivers kill. And yet, many states do not test for prescription drugs when processing those arrested for driving under the influence.

■ When abused, otherwise safe and effective prescription medicines can be as dangerous as crack cocaine. Abusing prescription drugs can lead to terrible suffering, including memory loss, brain damage, rape and even death.

Law enforcement officers understand firsthand the needless pain and suffering caused by prescription drug abuse. Doctors, media and the public must come to realize that when people abuse prescription medicines they are committing a serious crime.

Sadly, the courts, the media and the public often believe prescription drug abuse is not really all that serious. After all, it's just a medicine or just a sleeping pill. Don't be fooled.

THE COURTS, THE MEDIA AND THE PUBLIC OFTEN BELIEVE PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE IS NOT REALLY ALL THAT SERIOUS. AFTER ALL, IT'S JUST A MEDICINE OR JUST A SLEEPING PILL."

Drug dealers are not just common criminals, they are often your child's classmates passing out or selling their parents' prescriptions. When dealers are caught selling these drugs, it must be considered criminal behavior — the same as dealing meth amphetamine or crack.

Law enforcement believes public education and awareness — combined with the support of the medical community, parents and the entire criminal justice system — is the only way we can hope to prevent the needless loss of life and harm caused by the growing criminal misuse of these prescription medicines. The focus needs to be on the criminal actions of those who put our society in danger, not on the medicine they are abusing.

Parents need to be watchful for the signs of drug abuse in their children and they should guard their prescription medicines. All Americans need to stand with law enforcement and heed this wake-up call.

JAMES J. FOTIS is executive director of the Law Enforcement Alliance of America, Inc. For more information, see www.leaa.org.

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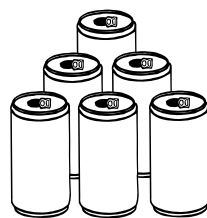
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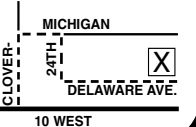
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If you don't have something nice to say ...

In a poll by the Web site AmlAnnoying.com, former "The View" host Star Jones was selected by voters as the most annoying celebrity of the year, alluding to her bitter departure from the show and alleged kickbacks for on-air product plugs. Rounding out the top-10 were: Donald Trump, Paris Hilton, Michael Jackson, Justin Timberlake, Stacy Kiebler, Dr. Phil, Oprah Winfrey, Lindsay Lohan and Tom Cruise.

So this week's Q-Line question asks: **What individual or group gets under your skin — either world-famous or locally infamous — and why?**

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

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Access Center Construction

Construction of a new two-story homeless services facility begins at 503 Olympic Blvd. for the new Access Center building. The sidewalk on Olympic Boulevard between Fifth and Seventh streets will be closed to the public, except Samoshel residents.

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.

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.

Euclid Park Project

Construction of a new public park. The project scope will consist of site grading and construction of a new play area (with swings and climbing apparatus), a new garden area, two small green lawn areas, three circular-shaped seating areas and a trellis entry. Construction is projected until May 2007.

Lantana East

Relocation of an 18-inch storm drain will require street closure on westbound lane No. 2 of Olympic Boulevard, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Relocation work will continue until Feb.

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.

Montana/Wilshire Storm Water Diversion Structures

Installation of a Storm Water Diversion debris removal and diversion facility will begin Aug. 7 at Ocean Avenue at Montana Avenue and Wilshire Boulevard. Traffic will narrow to one lane in each direction on Ocean Avenue at Montana Avenue.

Street and parking lot resurfacing

Street and Parking Lot Resurfacing (Street Improvement Project) – Street and Park Parking Lot resurfacing, sidewalk, driveway, curb and gutter repairs. Sidewalk, driveway, curb and gutter repairs begin on Fifth Street, from Olympic Boulevard to Colorado Avenue; Colorado Avenue, from Seventh Street to Fifth St.; Seventh Street, from Olympic Boulevard to San Vicente Boulevard; Fourth Street, from Wilshire Boulevard to San Vicente Boulevard; Broadway, from Lincoln Boulevard to 12th St.; Broadway, from 16th Street to Cloverfield Boulevard; 16th Street, from Santa Monica Boulevard to Colorado Avenue; 20th Street, from Arizona Avenue to Santa Monica Boulevard; Arizona Avenue, from 23rd Street to 20th Street; 23rd Street, from Arizona Avenue to Santa Monica Boulevard; 26th Street, from Santa Monica Boulevard to Olympic Boulevard; Cloverfield Boulevard, from Colorado Avenue to Olympic Boulevard; 19th Street, from Olympic Boulevard to 10 Freeway; 20th Street, from Colorado Avenue to 10 Freeway; 17th Street, from Colorado Avenue to Olympic Boulevard; 17th Street and Pico Boulevard; 17th Street and 10 Freeway; Michigan Avenue, from 12th Street to Euclid Street; and 11th Street, from Olympic Boulevard to 10 Freeway. Lane closures around work posted as necessary.

Water main replacement

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

Yale Street Improvement Project

Yale Street, from Wilshire Boulevard to Montana Avenue, will be closed to through traffic from Oct. 19 to Nov. 23. Repairs are scheduled through February 2007.

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Suit against Yosemite could affect access to all national parks

BY GARANCE BURKE

Associated Press Writer

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK The plunging waterfalls and soaring crags chiseled by the Merced River draw millions of visitors each year to this beloved park, but the car-bound throngs and the infrastructure needed to house and feed them are precisely what threatens the federally protected waterway.

Efforts to safeguard the Merced have spawned a court battle over the future of development in Yosemite's most popular stretch. Ultimately, the case may come down to the challenge facing all of America's parks: Should they remain open to everyone, or should access be limited in the interest of protecting the very wilderness they aim to preserve?

In November, a federal judge barred work crews from finishing \$60 million in construction projects in Yosemite Valley, siding with a small group of environmentalists who sued the U.S. government, saying further commercial development would bring greater numbers of visitors, thus threatening the Merced's fragile ecosystem.

Officials are appealing the suit, fearing it could force the National Park Service to limit the number of people allowed into Yosemite each day, a precedent they don't want to see echoed in other parks.

"I don't think we've ever had a ruling with these kind of implications," said Kerri Cahill, a Denver-based planner for the park service. "It's going to have a direct influence

on the public who care about these places."

The case has Yosemite's most loyal advocates sharply divided over how to balance preservation with access to public lands. Even environmentalists can't agree on how to minimize the human footprint — some believe cars should be kept out entirely; others say visitors should have to make reservations in advance.

"The park's plans for commercialization could damage Yosemite for future generations," said Bridget Kerr, a member of Friends of Yosemite Valley, one of two local environmental groups that filed the suit.

Yosemite became the first land in the country set aside for its scenic beauty in 1864, when Abraham Lincoln declared it a public trust. Its 1,200 square miles of granite peaks and towering waterfalls became a national park in 1890, and with few exceptions its gates have been open to all ever since, though a limited number of backcountry permits are issued each day to minimize the human imprint on wilderness areas.

Under the federal Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, the park is required to have a plan to regulate development along the banks of the Merced. The current fight began in 1997, when the river flooded, wiping out campgrounds and parking lots and damaging rooms at the popular Yosemite Lodge.

Park officials drew up an ambitious, \$442 million plan to remodel. It included moving campgrounds, rerouting a key access road, rebuilding employee housing and upgrading hotel rooms on the valley floor.

Kerr's group and Mariposans for the Environment and Responsible Government sued, claiming aspects of the park's plans — including blasting part of the river canyon and felling nearby oak trees — threatened the Merced's health.

The groups also fear the costs of park upgrades would be passed on to visitors.

Wildfire arson case lawyer wants out of Riverside

BY GILLIAN FLACCUS

Associated Press Writer

RIVERSIDE, Calif. The attorney for an auto mechanic charged with deliberately starting a wildfire that killed five firefighters told reporters he may ask that the emotionally charged case be moved out of Riverside County.

Attorney Mark McDonald also said last week that, after reviewing 6,000 pages of evidence submitted in the case, he's seen none tying his client, Raymond Oyler, to last fall's deadly fire.

"There's not witnesses in any of this discovery. It's all fire logs," said McDonald, who spoke with reporters after a hearing for Oyler. "They have a circumstantial case."

Deputy District Attorney Michael Hestrin declined to comment.

"We're going to have to try this case in the courtroom and not in the media," he said.

McDonald said he may press to have the case moved outside of Riverside County, where the firefighters' deaths prompted an outpouring of grief and anger. Several were well known in the area.

McDonald also said prosecutors haven't decided yet whether to pursue the death penalty against Oyler, an auto mechanic.

The lawyer's remarks came after Riverside County Superior Court Judge Jeffery J. Prevost ordered Oyler, 36, to return to court

March 19 for a two-day preliminary hearing. Prevost will review the case then and decide whether there is enough evidence to proceed to trial.

Oyler, who is jailed without bail, appeared in court for only about two minutes. He wore a dark blue suit and was restrained by handcuffs attached to a waist chain.

Oyler was charged Nov. 2 with five counts

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Attorney

of first-degree murder, 11 counts of arson and 10 counts of use of an incendiary device after the Esperanza Fire raced through the foothills near Banning, about 90 miles east of Los Angeles.

Firefighters Jason McKay, 27; Jess McLean, 27; Daniel Hoover-Najera, 20; Mark Loutzenhiser, 43; and Pablo Cerda, 23, died in the blaze on Oct. 26.

Feds deploying more agents to jails to snag illegal aliens

BY GILLIAN FLACCUS
Associated Press Writer

SANTA ANA Juan Martinez was looking forward to returning to his construction job after finishing a monthlong sentence for violating probation on drug charges.

But when he was finally released from the Orange County jail, he was met by immigration agents — not his mother. The 23-year-old illegal immigrant was set to be deported with \$68 in his pocket and few prospects.

“I just probably won’t come back,” he said about being sent to Tijuana, Mexico. “If I do, I’ll keep coming back to prison and I don’t want that.”

Martinez is among tens of thousands of illegal immigrants being identified at jails and prisons across the country.

Considered strategic chokepoints in the search for illegal immigrants, the lockups are being monitored by an increasing number of federal agents who screen foreign-born arrestees and deport those without proper documentation.

Federal authorities are also enlisting the help of local authorities to check out immigrants who are arrested.

“There is a growing recognition that criminal aliens prey on the community at large,” said Virginia Kice, a spokeswoman for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. “ICE is doing internal restructuring to enhance coverage of jails.”

Past efforts to nab illegal immigrants in jails were haphazard and overtaxed, with federal authorities checking inmate rosters at some facilities once a week or less. The situation allowed some of the worst immigration violators to avoid detection and get back on the streets after serving time.

Conservative immigration groups are pleased with the new strategy but worry that the emphasis on jail checks is a political ploy that threatens to divert much-needed personnel and other resources from stopping illegal border-crossers.

“This is a way to do it that everybody is for but has no real effect on the overall immigration flow,” said Mark Krikorian, executive director of Center for Immigration Studies, a conservative think tank. “It shuts up the critics.”

was killed in a gunbattle.

“This isn’t really an immigration issue, it’s a public safety issue,” Kice said. “You can be sure there’ll be a finger-pointing drill at the end of the day if they do something evil.”

About half of the nearly 190,000 illegal immigrants deported by this country last year had criminal records, authorities said.

In the next two years, ICE hopes to increase that number by boosting personnel assigned to jails through its



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President for the Los Angeles-based Mexican American Political Association

Immigrant rights groups oppose the strategy. They say illegal immigrants might stop reporting child abuse or domestic violence to protect husbands or fathers from deportation. They also worry that people who are wrongly arrested will be deported as a result of jail screening.

“It’s a practice that leads to weakening or eliminating civil liberties, first for immigrants,” said Nativo Lopez, president of the Los Angeles-based Mexican American Political Association.

“All of us are affected by that whether we’re here illegally or can trace our roots to the pilgrims,” he said.

Officials with ICE counter that more jail checks are crucial to curtail serious crimes by illegal immigrants. In December, for example, an illegal immigrant with a history of arrests for assaults and drug offenses shot two Long Beach police officers before he

Criminal Alien Program.

For security reasons, the agency declined to provide the current number of employees in the program. But it hopes to add 220 workers starting in 2008.

The agency received a \$45 million funding increase this year to bolster criminal deportations, said Julie L. Myers, assistant secretary of Homeland Security for ICE. It has requested another \$31 million next year, which would bring the budget for the Criminal Alien Program to \$168 million.

The funding falls short of paying for officers at all the nation’s jails and prisons. ICE hopes to extend its reach by expanding another program that allows authorities to cross-train local jail officers in federal immigration law so they can screen for illegals themselves.

Marine’s defense puts system on trial

BY THOMAS WATKINS
Associated Press Writer

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. Defense attorneys for a Marine officer accused of assaulting three Iraqis used a preliminary hearing Friday to question how government agents take witness statements in suspected crimes.

The lawyers, representing 2nd Lt. Nathan Phan, criticized the Naval Criminal Investigative Service for not making video or audio recordings of interviews and interrogations.

Without an electronic record, lawyers say they have no way to tell if government agents used threats or coercive techniques to glean information from their clients.

“The NCIS is well outside the mainstream of American law enforcement,” said Lt. Col. Matthew Cord, a defense lawyer for Phan.

NCIS spokesman Ed Buice said the agency is reviewing its practice of not recording interviews, but noted that other federal law enforcement agencies also don’t.

“It’s a commonly used tactic of defense attorneys,” Buice said. “When you can’t attack the facts, you attack the fact finders.”

Phan, 26, is charged with assaulting three men in the rural Iraqi town of Hamdania last April. Prosecutors say he put an unloaded pistol in one detainee’s mouth and beat or choked two others. He’s also been charged with making a false statement to authorities.

NCIS agents took statements from several men under Phan’s command.

A Marine lance corporal testified Friday that government

agents altered key parts of a statement he made to authorities investigating assaults allegedly carried out on Iraqis, a claim that is difficult to corroborate without a recording of his interview.

One of the agents who helped interview Lance Cpl. Christopher Faulkner testified that at least one incriminating detail the serviceman provided appeared to have been changed in the statement attributed to him.

Faulkner, who is not accused of any crime, was called to the witness stand as part of an Article 32 investigation, the military equivalent of a civilian grand jury. At the hearing’s conclusion an investigating officer will recommend whether Phan should proceed to a court-martial.

According to Faulkner’s final statement, he told investigators he saw a squad leader, Sgt. Lawrence G. Hutchins III, choke a detainee. But Faulkner testified Friday that he told investigators he was not sure if it was Hutchins he’d seen.

Asked by prosecutors why he signed the statement if it was inaccurate, Faulkner said he hadn’t read it carefully.

Special Agent Michael Austin, who helped interview Faulkner in Iraq last June, testified the part of the statement incriminating Hutchins didn’t conform to his handwritten notes, which had Faulkner saying he had seen someone choke a detainee and that it was “probably” Hutchins.

“That’s not exactly what it is in my notes,” Austin said of the statement.

Phan’s civilian defense attorney David Sheldon said NCIS’s practice of not recording interviews was outdated.

“They are on the slow boat to China in terms of law enforcement today,” Sheldon said.

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Halloween hate crime ends in convictions

BY GREG RISLING

Associated Press Writer

LONG BEACH, Calif. A juvenile court judge has convicted eight black girls and one boy of beating three white women on Halloween night, but acquitted one girl of all charges.

Judge Gibson Lee also found hate-crime enhancements to be true for the eight defendants whose cases included that allegation. Six were also convicted of an enhancement of causing great bodily injury. A 12-year-old girl was acquitted.

Some of the defendants hugged before the verdicts were read and some cried after hearing the decisions.

About 100 people gathered outside the courthouse to learn the verdicts, then dispersed. Angry black community leaders criticized the decision while prosecutors sought to focus attention on the young women who were beaten.

"Today's not a happy day," said Los Angeles County Deputy District Attorney Brian Schirn. "The victims still have to undergo physical treatment, emotional treatment."

Mark Crouch, 43, of Florida, whose 14-year-old daughter was convicted, said he wasn't angry and believed his daughter has shown compassion to the victims. But he disagreed with the hate-crime finding.

"It's not right to say she doesn't like white people," he said. "All we can do now is move on."

Defense attorney Frank Williams, who represented a 17-year-old girl who was convicted, said he was "disheartened" and "puzzled" by the verdict.

"It's almost like someone died," Williams said. "Nine spirits did die."

A representative of the beaten women, Douglas Otto, said they feel vindicated by the verdict and hope the defendants will "admit their wrongdoing and let the healing begin."

Otto also said the women's lives have been irreparably damaged.

Lee scheduled a Jan. 31 hearing to hear victim impact statements and set a sentencing date. The youths could receive sentences ranging from probation to confinement in the California Youth Authority until they reach the age of 25.

The defendants ranged in age from 12 to 18. Two who were

minors at the time turned 18 since the incident.

All were charged with felony assault by any means of force likely to produce great bodily injury.

Two 15-year-old boys face trial later on charges of felony assault with the hate-crime enhancement.

As in all juvenile trials, a judge decided the case rather than a jury.

The attack occurred in an upscale area of the city known for its elaborate Halloween decorations.

Long Beach, 22 miles south of downtown Los Angeles, is a major U.S. cargo port with a racially diverse population.

Greens, lawmakers want Headwaters forest protections maintained

BY TERENCE CHEA

Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO Pacific Lumber Co. blamed excessive logging restrictions from the historic Headwaters deal for its financial woes when it declared bankruptcy last week. But the timber company will run into fierce resistance if it tries to back out of the agreement, which protects thousands of acres of redwood forests.

The Scotia-based company has not said how it will try to resolve its financial problems, but any attempts to weaken protections for the 200,000 acres of forests it owns in Humboldt County will be opposed by environmentalists as well as state and feder-

al lawmakers.

"We're going to be working against that," said Mark Lovelace, who heads the Humboldt Watershed Council. "It will meet resistance from taxpayers in the state of California and the United States."

Pacific Lumber, a subsidiary of Houston-based Maxxam Corp., filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in Corpus Christi, Texas, on Friday because it couldn't make a \$27 million interest payment to bondholders. The company cited "regulatory limitations on timber harvest" related to the 1999 Headwaters agreement.

In that deal, the state and federal government agreed to pay Pacific Lumber \$480 million for a 7,500-acre redwood preserve

containing some of the world's oldest and tallest trees. The company also agreed to a habitat conservation plan that limited logging near streams and in a dozen ancient groves in the 200,000 acres it kept.

But the company claims the state has since enacted logging regulations that violate the Headwaters agreement. In December, it filed suit in Fresno County Superior Court, alleging the state has breached the agreement and hurt the company's ability to survive economically.

"We lived up to our end of the historic Headwaters agreement and the state did not," said company spokeswoman Andrea Arnot.

Pacific Lumber was working on a plan to

emerge from bankruptcy that would "strengthen and preserve our business so we can meet our financial obligations," but could not offer details yet, Arnot said. She added that the company would continue normal operations and there were no immediate plans to reduce its work force.

Observers believe the company will seek to loosen or invalidate logging restrictions imposed by the Headwaters agreement and accompanying habitat conservation plan.

But any such move would be fought by environmentalists and lawmakers.

"They need to follow through on their commitments," said Paul Mason, a lobbyist with the San Francisco-based Sierra Club.

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Medical marijuana lights a fire under Feds

By The Associated Press

HONOLULU Federal officials want the state to conduct background checks on those certified to supply medical marijuana to patients, saying the state must close loopholes being exploited by drug dealers.

Ed Kubo, chief federal prosecutor for Hawaii, said the December indictment of Richard Velasco, a 49-year-old accused drug dealer from the Big Island, is an example of why the state needs to strengthen oversight of its medical marijuana program.

Velasco was awarded a medical marijuana caregiver certificate in December 2004, just months after Hawaii County

police officers discovered 246 marijuana plants growing on his property. He was arrested for drug trafficking.

Safety should also be required to perform random inspections of the caregiver's plant-growing operation, he added.



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Anthony D. Williams
Assistant special agent

"There needs to be adequate procedures in place to allow for background checks, inspections, monitoring and reviews so that this law is not a farce," Kubo said.

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"After all, we regulate liquor licenses by unannounced inspections and monitoring, and liquor is legal," Kubo said.

Those with drug or felony convictions should also be prohibited

from acting as medical marijuana caregivers.

"We're not interested in investigating the sick and the dying," said Anthony D. Williams, assistant special agent in charge of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration's Honolulu district office. "But we will continue to investigate and pursue anyone cultivating and distributing marijuana."

Hawaii became the eighth state to allow marijuana use for medical purposes in 2000. There are currently 249 licensed caregivers and 2,609 medical marijuana patients in the state.

Velasco, of Fern Acres, has five criminal convictions. He was arrested Jan. 16 and is in custody at the Federal Detention Center. His

trial is set for March 20 in front of U.S. District Judge Susan Mollway.

He was indicted Dec. 21 on two counts of "knowingly and intentionally manufacturing marijuana, to wit: the cultivation of 100 or more marijuana plants," according to an indictment filed in U.S. District Court.

Because Velasco has a felony drug conviction, he faces a mandatory minimum of 10 years in jail and up to life in prison if convicted, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

As a caregiver, Velasco had a certificate allowing him to have up to three mature, flowering marijuana plants, four immature plants and an ounce of usable marijuana for each mature plant.

Big Island inventor creates game ideas, spatial energy theories

BY KARIN STANTON

By The Associated Press

KAILUA-KONA, Hawaii Secil Boyd keeps dreaming up new ideas from remote control flying gadgets to new table games and even space-matter theories.

"My mind doesn't seem to turn off so easily," the 53-year-old inventor joked at his Holualoa art gallery.

Boyd has invented a type of three-player ping pong, he's come up with a special rela-

tivity theory and even made a remote control flying toy out of a Christmas gift from his daughter.

TriPong uses an odd-shaped table at regulation ping pong height and Plexiglas "nets" that divide the table into three wedges, each with a neutral zone and scoring zone.

He pitched the idea several months ago to a major mainland sports company and now is in negotiations for a development contract. After a presentation, their production

staff built one and have played it since, Boyd said.

"By this time next year," Boyd said. "I predict this will be the hottest seller they've got."

The idea came from his father, who taught his two sons cutthroat billiards.

"With three players, you've got that extra competitive energy," he said. "It just changes the game."

Each player starts with one point and it takes three points to win, so players must team up to keep themselves in the game.

"If you win TriPong, you're better than the other two players," Boyd said. "When you lose the ability to play like a team, the winner will emerge."

Another of Boyd's creations is a remote control disk toy that he's turned into a type of hovercraft.

"My daughter brought it from the mainland and I've modified it a bit," Boyd said. "If I had seen just the specs on this, I would have said it would never fly. Watch this."

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Deadly DNA

Researcher searches for DNA so deadly it doesn't even exist

BY JESSE HARLAN ALDERMAN
Associated Press Writer

BOISE, Idaho Scientists across the world are deciphering the DNA of plants and animals to see what makes them tick. But a Boise State University professor is taking quite a different tack.

He's focusing on bits of DNA code that don't exist anywhere in the natural world.

If Mother Nature hasn't used them — and so they're not appearing in any DNA databases being built up for organisms on Earth — it might mean they're incompatible with life. Perhaps these DNA sequences could function as genetic antibiotics, capable of curing disease.

"If there is a sequence that is dangerous to life, that every time it comes up, it kills the organism, then we are going to detect that because we'll find it by it not being in any database," said genetics professor Greg Hampikian. "It's thinking in reverse."

Hampikian's research has been called "bio-prospecting." Several drug companies are conducting similar tests on unmapped sequences for the same reason as Hampikian — these potentially deadly DNA bits could hold the cure to numerous diseases.

Finding those sequences is tedious. Hampikian randomly chooses combinations of the four letters of DNA's alphabet — A, G, C and T, which stand for adenine, cytosine, guanine and thymine — that combine to make genetic sequences. Then he looks to see if his randomly chosen sequence matches any natural ones in DNA databanks compiled from living species.

If no match appears, he has a biotechnology lab create a string of DNA that follows the sequence.

"It's kind of like IP addresses or bar codes," Hampikian said. "We are looking for the smallest sequences that have never been reported. So that would be like the smallest available IP address or bar code."

Hampikian will soon conduct tests on 20 separate strings of five simple DNA sequences that form basic chains. The research team will impregnate bacteria cultures with the small strings of DNA.

The team will initially test laboratory-safe versions of e-coli, anthrax, flesh-eating bacteria and a relative of tuberculosis. If any of the sequences kill or mutate a germ, scientists may be one step closer to a cure. The team also plans to test its uncatalogued DNA sequences against cancer cells.

Like any scientific research, Hampikian's quest into the DNA unknown is not an exact process. Simply because a DNA sequence has never been reported does not mean it never existed somewhere in nature's vast lexicon. And even if it doesn't exist, that doesn't mean it can fight disease. But Hampikian points to a frog species that was found to have a distinct and complex sequence of DNA in its skin that killed dangerous bacteria.

The Department of Defense is monitoring Hampikian's research, but for a more specific purpose. The agency gave Hampikian a \$1 million grant to build an alphabet of unknown DNA sequences, similar to the system for numbering bar codes.

These DNA bar codes could then be placed in blood, saliva and other body fluids given as samples to crime labs for DNA testing. Since the unknown sequences are highly likely not to exist in nature, the DNA bar coding system would distinguish those samples from forensic evidence taken at the crime scene — safeguarding against mix ups or tampering.

Rawhide redux: Two charged with rustling

By The Associated Press

MONTROSE, Colo. Two Montrose men face cattle-rustling charges after a San Miguel County rancher reported some cattle missing when his herd came down from high-country pastures in November.

Dustin Gleason, 22, and Jarrod Edwards, 21, are both due in court in February, charged with felony theft of agricultural animals and felony wrongful branding. The theft charge is punishable by up to six years in prison and a fine up to \$500,000, and the wrongful branding charge is punishable by up to two years in prison and a fine of up to \$100,000.

San Miguel County authorities began investigating after rancher Jim Kornberg noticed some animals missing from his Dallas Divide Ranch. Among the missing animals were nine pregnant black Angus and an unweaned calf, along with 11 other calves.

Five of the animals were traced to Kansas, and five others were found in a Montrose County pasture.

"It's my understanding there's not been a rustling case of this magnitude in this county for decades," said Kornberg, who runs cat-

tle on the ranch with Gerald DeJulio of Montrose.

Edwards' arrest affidavit said he and Gleason were roommates until August when they were evicted because Edwards hadn't paid his share of the rent. The document said Gleason told investigators Edwards had asked him to help get some cows from the Dallas Divide Ranch so he could sell them and raise money to pay the rent.

The affidavit said Gleason told investigators he and Edwards took cattle from Dallas Divide corrals and pastured them in Montrose County. Edwards allegedly branded 10 animals with his own brand, but he and Gleason separated after Edwards sold five cows in Delta and didn't give Gleason the money he had promised, according to the affidavit.

The affidavit claims that while most of Kornberg's cattle weren't branded, he helped authorities identify them with photographs and blood samples used for DNA analysis.

The Colorado Cattlemen's Association and the state brand inspector's office are trying to help Kornberg reclaim his cattle, most of which weren't branded when they disappeared.

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topics to fill the quiet, like family life, politics and world issues. For many of the workers who have been with the city for decades, the night crew is like a second family.

They've also found friends in night time City Hall regulars like the City Council and other board members and commissioners.

In the almost three decades that Johnson has worked for the city of Santa Monica, his entire career has been spent in City Hall.

"Most of the people who come here know me," Johnson said during his break last Tuesday night.

After making a stop in Detroit to work in the automotive industry in the 1970s, the Alabama native came to California. In 1980, Johnson got a job working as a custodian in the city of Santa Monica, starting his posi-

tion making \$4.55 an hour.

He's seen many custodians come and go over the years, many leaving because they could no longer physically handle the late night shift.

"The job is not stressful and the pay is OK," Johnson said. "I'm never the type of person to keep changing jobs."

Once he reaches 30 years even, Johnson plans to retire and start traveling.

Traveling seems to be a favorite among many of the custodians here. A favorite stop for Thomas Williams, a five-year veteran of the city, is Las Vegas.

With his kids asleep at night, Williams finds custodial work as the perfect profession to free up time during the day to spend with his children. Married for 18 years with six children, three of whom are grown, Williams loves the family-like atmosphere the job provides.

During his alone time at night, Williams tries to keep his mind on his work and listens to music as the time quickly goes by.

MOPPING TO THEIR OWN DRUMMER

The iPod is a popular item among custodians, but Juan Tellez manages without one. Having worked in Santa Monica for almost six years, Tellez, married for 33 years with two children, was busy polishing the floor on Tuesday night after the City Council meeting adjourned.

"I'm happy with just concentrating on the things I have to do," Tellez said.

Planning to retire in three years, Tellez is an accomplished runner, having ran eight miles every day since Aug. 8, 1988.

"I guess that's why I like to run eight miles," Tellez said with a laugh.

Twenty-two years after he started work-

ing in custodial services, Schriver can still recall why he finds it easy to stay up late at night.

As a child, he loved to stay awake into the wee hours of the morning, watching "Saturday Night Live." Working the late shift was only natural.

He takes pride in his work, taping letters of thanks for a job well done on the walls of his office. Next to the letters sits a hat from his days at the Magic Kingdom and newspaper clippings from articles pertaining to custodial services in Santa Monica.

"There's nothing like watching the sunset and looking back at City Hall and the work you've just done," said Schriver after midnight on Wednesday, standing outside just as the sprinklers began their shift.

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FROM DOWNTOWN PAGE 1

issues identified by stakeholders.

To do so, property owners on the Third Street Promenade may have to pay around 40 cents per square foot, with those on streets with less economic activity paying less.

Property owners have asked Segal to return in the coming months with a more detailed breakdown of the assessment methodology.

Segal said he is looking for the Bayside board to bring the plan before the City Council by spring for an endorsement, and then circulate a petition in the fall, at which time a majority of the businesses

within the new assessment district would have to approve it before money could be collected.

Bayside could go before the council as early as March 27, Segal said.

"The good news is there is a lot of consensus on what people want downtown to be," Segal said. "They want it to be a clean, safe destination that is parkable, walkable ...

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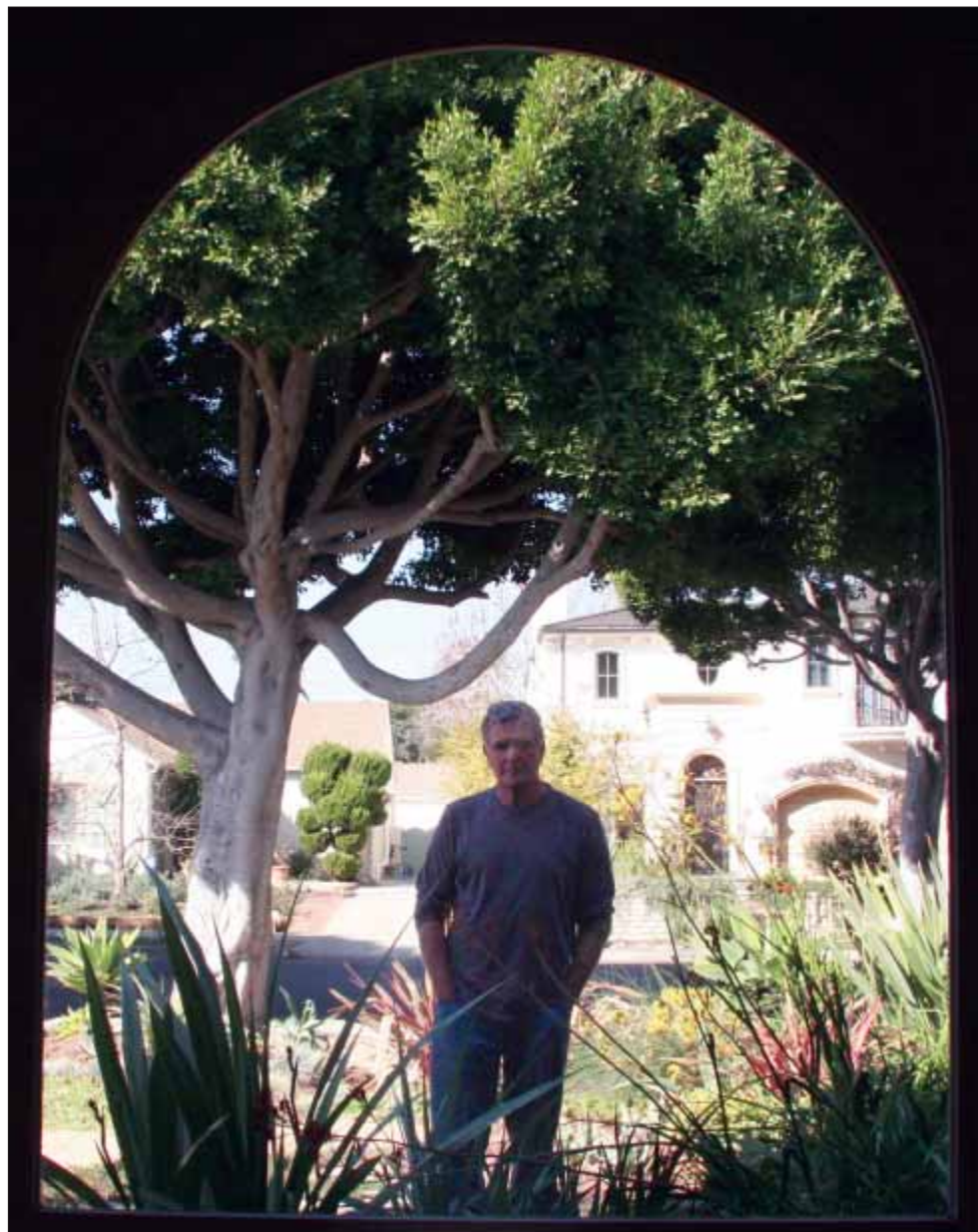


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COMMUNITY PROFILES | CHRISTOPHER ALLPORT

One-man show has audience in midst of a wartime tale

FROM PROFILES PAGE 1

Die in L.A.” and the “Jack Frost” movies.

FINDING HIS STORY

While Allport has assumed numerous military roles on the stage and television screen, his decision to evade the Vietnam War draft via hitchhiking left him without any actual combat experience.

Allport recounts his open road draft evasion in “Backroad Home,” a one-man show that opened at Santa Monica’s Ruskin Group Theatre on Sunday night.

The play and accompanying music, written and performed by Allport, will run every fourth Sunday of the month indefinitely, except for February 25, when he expects his audience will watch the Academy Awards.

“Each of us has a story,” said Susan Hayden, Allport’s wife and co-producer of “Backroad Home.” “It took a long time to figure out what that story was.”

Allport’s story surfaced in the 10 years since the death of his father, who earned a Purple Heart in World War II, where he was one of the last prisoners of war captured in Germany.

Allport’s father divorced his mother and disappeared from Allport’s life at a young age.

“He wasn’t really a presence,” Allport said. “He was a question. Where was Dad? Why did he leave?”

It has taken Allport several years to understand that what his father saw in the war deeply affected his detachment from the family.



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Christopher Allport
actor

“I began to think about how his youth had been affected by the war and then how my youth had been affected by our own war — Vietnam,” Allport said.

The result is a deeply emotional story that will evolve from one month’s performance to the next as Allport delves deeper into his experiences, his wife said.

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created,” Hayden said. “There’s something exhilarating about that.”

Allport echoed that sentiment.

“It’s a huge step for me,” Allport said. “It’s real. It’s personal. It’s not bullshit at all.”

ACTING OUT OF EXPERIENCE

Born in Boston and raised with three younger sisters in a broken family, Allport had moved a dozen times around the East Coast before graduating from high school.

Allport latched on to acting in the midst of all the change and lack of attention.

At 9, Allport joined the children’s theatre in New Canaan, Conn., dreaming of becoming a musical star.

“The theater provides a community that was sort of your family,” Hayden said. “All of a sudden, you have these friends because it’s so personal. It bonds you.”

Allport dropped out of Northwestern University during the summer between his sophomore and junior years and moved to New York to study acting with Lee Strasbourg.

“That’s when the draft board came after me,” Allport said.

Allport avoided the draft by returning to Northwestern. But the advent of the lottery and Allport’s graduation led the FBI to jump on his trail once again.

Allport decided to live on the road for a while, hitchhiking across the country six times during his early 20s, effectively dodging the draft by refusing to keep still.

“I wanted to be on the road, and I wanted to be an actor,” Allport said. “I just didn’t know how or what shape it would take.”

During this time, Allport said he matured and gathered experiences that molded his identity as an actor.

“The irony is that he was evading the war, but he ended up going on the road and com-



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ing of age on the road and finding out who he was through his own set of terrifying experiences,” Hayden said.

THE ADVENTURE OF ACTING

Hayden, a playwright who met Allport 17 years ago, said she and her husband spent a number of years developing Allport’s experiences with his father, hitchhiking and the draft into a play.

“Our relationship works best when we’re working together creatively,” Hayden said. “What I love about this project is we’re taking three of his best skills — acting, writing and musicianship — and creating this show.”

In his free time, Allport rock climbs at Joshua Tree, surfs and kayaks. He brings this sense of adventure back to the stage.

The play draws upon Allport’s ability to create experiences for the audience that bring them into an exciting journey of acting.

“You can touch people, and you have these wonderful moments when the things you work on come alive,” Allport said. “As an actor, my responsibility is to keep that spark alive.”

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Army patrols expand in tense Beirut

BY BRIAN MURPHY

Associated Press Writer

BEIRUT, Lebanon Soldiers reinforced patrols and checkpoints over the weekend following a rare nighttime curfew imposed by authorities seeking to quell escalating clashes between factions supporting the Western-backed government and Hezbollah protesters trying to bring it down.

The order to clear the streets came after rival groups turned a university campus into a battle zone on Thursday with at least three people killed when mobs faced off with homemade clubs and stones.

Army officers reported snipers opening fire during the melee, but there was no clear indication of whether the gunmen were acting on orders from any of the leaders locked in the deepening standoff or saboteurs seeking to inflame the situation.

All sides recognized that the country could be stumbling dangerously in the direction of civil war. Government officials and Hezbollah's leader, Hassan Nasrallah, appealed for calm and allowed security forces to enforce the first blanket curfew in the Lebanese capital in 11 years.

Walid Jumblatt, a senior pro-government politician, called on the Hezbollah-allied speaker of parliament to reconvene lawmakers in an attempt to restore dialogue between the feuding sides.

Talks between the Shiite Muslim-led Hezbollah and the government of Prime Minister Fuad Saniora broke down in November over Hezbollah's demands for greater power —

riding their near hero status in Lebanon after humbling far superior Israeli ground forces in last summer's war.

Hezbollah has kept up relentless pressure on Saniora's embattled administration, which is backed by Sunni Muslims and smaller Christian allies. On Tuesday, roadblocks by Hezbollah and its opposition allies brought most of Lebanon to a standstill.

The showdown has again forced Lebanon's patchwork of religious groups and factions to choose sides — as they did during the devastating 1975-90 civil war.

Then, it was mostly Muslims against Christians, who represent more than a third of Lebanon's 4 million people. Now, it's a power struggle pitting Sunnis and Shiites.

"There are some in Lebanon — encouraged by outside forces, I might add — who would like to distract attention away from the government of Lebanon's accomplishment," said a statement from the U.S. ambassador to Lebanon, Jeffrey Feltman, in a reference to major pledges of aid made at an international donors conference in Paris on Thursday.

Saniora carries home promises of \$7.6 billion to help rebuild the war-battered nation. But he returns to a country that appears less stable with each passing day.

Security forces planned close watch over the planned funerals for the victims of the clashes at Beirut Arab University for any sign they could spark another round of unrest. Nearly 170 others were injured in the mayhem. All schools and universities were ordered closed Friday by the education minister. Classes were scheduled to resume Monday.

Cleaning crews gathered piles of debris, broken glass, tear gas canisters and military bullet casings from the streets around the university on the southern edge of the city. Dozens of smashed and burned cars were towed away as residents returned to survey the damage.

Stores reopened in many parts of the city, but traffic appeared lighter as many people chose to remain home and schools were closed.

In Paris on Thursday, Saniora pleaded to his countrymen to "distance themselves from tensions."

"No one can help a country if the people of this country don't want to help themselves," he said. "I call on your wisdom and reason."

Nasrallah told followers it was a "religious duty" to get off the streets to allow security forces to keep order.

"Nobody should be surprised when things start to spin out of control," the U.S. Ambassador Feltman said in an interview with Alhurra, the U.S. government-funded Arabic-language satellite television network that broadcasts to the Middle East.

He said he suspected Syria was behind the current troubles, but did not provide any evidence.

There was no immediate reaction from Syrian officials. A woman who answered the phone at the Syrian U.N. mission in New York said nobody was available to speak to the media.

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OLYMPICS

LA makes Olympic bid to host in 2016

BY BETH HARRIS
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES Los Angeles and Chicago have submitted detailed plans for the 2016 Summer Olympics to the U.S. Olympic Committee, a major step in the process to decide which city will bid for the games next year.

The so-called bid books contain 19 sections, detailing every aspect of the cities' plans — from their strategy to woo international decision-makers to their outline of their prospective Olympic villages, venues and media operations.

"The submission of the domestic bid books is another important milestone in our process and the cities are to be commended for the outstanding work they have done," USOC vice president Bob Ctvrtlik said.

The USOC Evaluation Commission will travel to Los Angeles on Feb. 28 and to Chicago on March 5 for two-day inspections. The USOC will announce its applicant city on April 14.

The candidate city must be submitted to the International Olympic Committee on Sept. 15. The host will be chosen in 2009. Other cities that have expressed interest in hosting the 2016 Games are Madrid, New Delhi, Prague, Rio de Janeiro, Rome and Tokyo.

The Los Angeles bid emphasizes Southern California's existing venues, its travel and tourism infrastructure, and its close ties to the media and entertainment industries.

"We offer the United States Olympic Committee a very compelling bid submission for Los Angeles to host the 2016

Olympic Games," Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa said.

Los Angeles' bid includes the use of historic Olympic venues like the Coliseum and newer arenas such as Staples Center, Honda Center and Home Depot Center, which didn't exist when the city hosted the 1984 Summer Olympics.

LOS ANGELES PROVIDES A HIGHER STAGE ON WHICH THE ATHLETES CAN PERFORM."

Barry Sanders
Chairman of the city's bid

"Los Angeles provides a higher stage on which the athletes can perform, and we will employ our star power to put a spotlight on their achievements," said Barry Sanders, chairman of the city's bid.

Chicago's committee put together a 1,200-page outline that includes 25 athletic venues, of which about 65 percent are already built, said Chicago 2016 spokesman Patrick Sandusky.

"We're really excited," he said. "We hope in that book is a proposal that will show the USOC that Chicago can host a great Olympic Games."

AP Business Writer Ashley M. Heher in Chicago contributed to this report.



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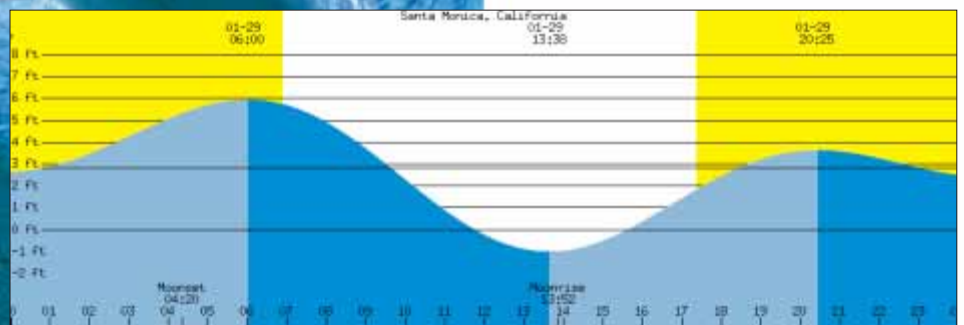
SURF REPORT

SURF CONDITIONS **WATER TEMP: 58°**

SWELL FORECAST (4-6 FT)
Today the WNW swell should peak with size chest high + at most west facing breaks with rare but occasional head high set waves at standout west facing spots when the tide is right, which will be an issue for early AM sessions. There will likely be few waves per set with some long lulls between sets. Winds and weather are possible flies in the proverbial ointment though.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS
WEATHER AN ISSUE THROUGH FIRST PART OF THE WEEK...

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- Number of sewage spills -- 12
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 1
- Number of wet days -- 4
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 32 / 5
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 11 / 5

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET	LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	F	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Aliso creeks	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	D	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua)	F	F
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	F	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	D	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	A+	Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	A
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	A	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)	A	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns	Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A	C
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach	B	ns	Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	ns
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth	B	ns	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	D	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	ns	Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	B	ns	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily	F	F	Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A	ns	Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	B	A+
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	F	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	A	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	A	ns	North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	A+	A+	Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	A+	Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A+	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	B	ns			
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A	ns			

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A - F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone

WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days

ns -- no sample taken

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Head on home, Aries

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:

★★★★★ Dynamic ★★★★★ Positive
★★★ Average ★★ So-So ★ Difficult



ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Please don't hesitate to say what you think, but still attempt to be reasonable. Not everyone will interpret your strong words the same way. A discussion finally might help you understand where someone is coming from. Tonight: Head on home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Your expenses could be out of whack and uncomfortable. You also might not have fully communicated your intentions to a key person. You easily could be on different pages. Stop and create some free minutes to clear the air. Tonight: Chat over dinner.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Your personality might come off much stronger than you realize. Inadvertently, you could be a greater force in a cooling relationship than you realize. Stop when you can and take a personal inventory. Tonight: Treat yourself to something new.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Though you might be slow to get going, once you are on a roll, you probably will be unstoppable – like a runaway freight train. A caring gesture or statement will need to be expressed if you are to keep the quality of your relationship. Tonight: Enjoy being the cat's meow.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Spring into action in the a.m. and maximize the current aspects. If you rise with the chickens, success will head down your path. For the sleepyheads, getting anything accomplished might be a challenge. Use the afternoon to rethink a financial or personal partnership. Tonight: Not to be found.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ You are on top of your game, though you could hit an obstacle or two with an authority figure. No hassle. Hop over the problem, and you'll get ahead. Happiness and smiles emerge when you focus on others. Tonight: Bathe in the caring vibes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Do needed research, and you'll get ahead of the game. Think about possibilities and new directions. No one but you can complete a job as you would like. Take your place at the helm of the ship. Tonight: Remain confident, even if someone is difficult.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Working with one individual will be worthwhile, even if you find this person a bit touchy or difficult. By walking in his or her footsteps, you'll gain understanding and a better rapport. Tonight: Let your instincts kick in.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ If there is a problem, don't look around, but assume responsibility. You will need to understand what is happening with others. They share, but you might not hear it. Stop and take in the possibilities. Emotions run unusually high. Tonight: Time for a special person.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Pace yourself and make headway. You might want to understand what is going on with a child or loved one. He or she might really need your support and caring. Give freely and openly. Your openness and caring will open doors. Tonight: Let someone vent.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

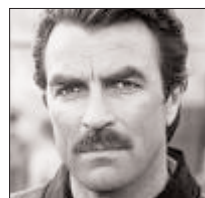
★★★★ Understanding takes you to a new level. Creative questioning and seeking resolutions will draw new possibilities. Someone acts up out of the blue. You might want to realize the role of nurturer more often. Tonight: Slow down – after you have completed errands.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Though you might struggle to get past your issues this morning, you could be exhausted by events and their consequences. If so, stop. Relax and find other paths and ideas. Nothing is black and white, as you will discover. Tonight: At home.

Born Today

Actor Tom Selleck (1945)
TV talk-show host Oprah Winfrey (1954)
guitarist Jonny Lang (1981)



Happy Birthday!

You enter a year in which you might hit an obstacle or two but also find solutions. Your resourcefulness attracts many, though their expectations might confine or restrict you. You don't do well with limitations. Consider different options. Your work situation will enhance your finances if you don't overspend on luxuries. On the other hand, an innate gift or talent will help you make money. If you are single, you'll head in a new direction. You could meet someone quite special this year. Friendship will play a major role. If you are attached, work on the mutual, existing friendship, and you will add heat to your innate bond.

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After ‘six’ Bacon uses ‘six degrees’ notoriety for connecting fans with charities

KEVIN BACON says he used to think the “six degrees of Kevin Bacon” game was a joke that would die out, but since it hasn’t, he is using the notoriety for charity.

“I thought it was definitely going to go the way of eight-track cassettes

and pet rocks. But it’s a concept that has sort of hung around in the Zeitgeist,” Bacon told George Stephanopolous on ABC’s “This Week” in a show that aired Sunday.

Bacon said he was “kind of horrified at the idea” that he could be connected to

any actor in the universe in six steps, but then he started asking people what could be done with the notion.

Bacon and the nonprofit Network for Good started a Web site, Sixdegrees.org. The site includes a feature to search more than 1 million charities.

Visitors also can see which charities celebrities are supporting financially. And there’s a link to an eBay site where people can bid on “celebrity swag” from the Sundance Film Festival.

“A lot of people are really, really strongly connect-

ed to what celebrities are doing,” Bacon said. “So why not have a place where you could also find out what charities they care about, what causes are important to them, and be able to donate right there?”

ASSOCIATED PRESS

‘Sopranos’ star taking a few good licks

On TV, **MICHAEL IMPERIOLI** honors the godfather. Off-screen, he bows to a martial arts grandmaster.

The 40-year-old actor, who plays the heroin-addicted, hothead mobster Christopher Moltisanti on “The Sopranos,” says he owes his clean new real life to tae kwon do teacher Tae Sun Kang, who also trains Imperiole’s wife, Victoria, and children.

“I was in terrible physical shape. I smoked a pack a day,” he said. “Tae kwon do has transformed our family in body, mind and spirit. It has changed us as human beings.”

He gave up cigarettes after taking up the martial art four years ago. His wife, their sons David, 9, and Vadim, 5, and a 16-year-old daughter from Victoria’s previous marriage, Isabella, take classes from Kang at

his school in Tribeca, the Manhattan neighborhood where the Imperiolis live.

Tae kwon do also has changed Imperiole’s acting, he said.

“I have more focus, concentration, confidence,” he said. “Tae kwon do teaches you that you can overcome any obstacle, that you can tackle anything.”

On Saturday, the family honored Kang with a big bash in a small off-

Broadway theater run by Imperiole and his wife because Kang attained his 9th degree black belt – the highest rank in the kick-and-punch Korean martial art.

These days, Imperiole is busy shooting new episodes of “The Sopranos.” He won an Emmy in 2004 playing the perpetual screwup Christopher, Tony Soprano’s nephew.

AP

Prince Charles shoots hoops in Harlem

PRINCE CHARLES and his wife Camilla waved to fans Sunday as they walked to a private church service before setting out for New York to continue their whirlwind American weekend.

On an overcast and chilly day, the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall strolled about a block from their downtown hotel to the Arch Street Presbyterian Church. An overflow crowd cheered their arrival.

“I noticed that the prince was looking around

and studying the architecture,” said Angela Lane, 61, of Devon, a British nanny who sat near the royal couple in church.

Later in the morning, the couple and their entourage boarded a private train for New York City. Traveling guests were to include academics and policy makers who planned to discuss urban revitalization, one of the themes of the couple’s three-day trip.

The train is owned by Bennett Levin, president of the railroad car restoration

firm Juniata Terminal Company. The carriage in which the royal couple rode has carried several U.S. presidents, Frank Sinatra, British royalty and the body of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy after his assassination.

Once in New York, Prince Charles and Camilla planned to visit Harlem Children’s Zone, which runs the Promise Academy charter school and a range of social service, health and educational programs. The prince and duchess were to

meet with schoolchildren and their families and observe a math carnival, basketball practice and rehearsal for Shakespeare’s “A Midsummer Night’s Dream.”

On Sunday evening, Prince Charles was to receive an award from Harvard Medical School’s Center for Health and the Global Environment. He was to give a speech on environmental issues and receive the award from last year’s recipient, former Vice President Al Gore.

AP

Still reelin’: Dogs, buskers, zombies

BY DAVID GERMAIN
AP Movie Writer

PARK CITY, Utah — Dog fanatics and domesticated zombies. Irish street musicians and writers wrestling with recalcitrant characters. Mournful military families and a teenage woman with some lethal sexual anatomy.

The latest edition of the Sundance Film Festival, which wrapped up Sunday with final screenings of top prize winners, offered a rich range of strange, colorful characters and stories.

Some highlights among the 120 feature films that screened:

MOLLY AND MIKE’S YEAR: Veteran Sundance writer Mike White, who’s found Hollywood success as Jack Black’s scribe and pro-

ducing partner, makes a howlingly funny directing debut with “Year of the Dog,” giving the eminently talented Molly Shannon a chance to break out from bit character parts and show her chops as lead player.

Shannon alternates between hilarity and heartbreak as a woman who can’t quite connect with people but has all the love and affection she needs from her adorable pup — until he ups and dies.

What follows is a happy-sad story of obsession and near-lunacy as Shannon’s wallflower struggles to fill the void in her life with a variety of companions from the human and animal kingdom — ultimately learning that bipeds don’t necessarily make for the best company.

A BOY AND HIS ZOMBIE: “Ozzie and Harriet” meets “Dawn of the Dead” in “Fido,” director

Andrew Currie’s clever tale set in a gleaming 1950s world where the flesh-eating dead walk among us — as domesticated gardeners, paperboys and other menials, thanks to containment collars that curb their taste for live human red meat.

The horror comedy stars Carrie-Anne Moss as a homemaker whose husband (Dylan Baker) is terrified of their new house zombie (Billy Connolly, in a wonderfully restrained role of grunts and wistful glances).

A GIRL AND HER OVERBITE: How to describe this one delicately?

“Teeth” is the story of a teenager who preaches abstinence and the hazards of premarital sex, only to learn she possesses a genital mutation that’ll leave the guys singing a different tune after they do the deed.

Director Mitchell Lichtenstein

delivers a film that’s both twisted horror romp and female-empowerment saga. As our heroine, Jess Weixler evolves from self-righteous prude to terrified victim to fearless avenger, and the film had Sundance audiences roaring with laughter, even as the menfolk tucked their legs together in instinctual sympathetic pain over the on-screen action.

DEPARTING WITH GRACE: John Cusack and young newcomers Shelan O’Keefe and Grace Bednarczyk left hardly a dry eye in the house with “Grace Is Gone,” a tearjerker about an emotionally restrained father struggling to break the news to his daughters that their mother has died in action in Iraq.

Director James C. Strouse has crafted a tale both timely and timeless, a portrait of one family’s grief and confusion.

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The Hitcher (R)
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Children of Men (R)
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Dreamgirls (PG-13)
10:30am, 1:20, 4:20, 7:30, 10:30
Epic Movie (PG-13)
10:55am, 1:00, 3:00, 5:10, 7:20, 9:30, 11:30
Night at the Museum (PG)
11:00am, 1:40, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40
Pan’s Labyrinth (El Laberinto del Fauno) (R)
10:40am, 1:30, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50
The Pursuit of Happyness (PG-13)
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Stomp the Yard (PG-13)
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Janric Classic Sudoku

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

Difficulty
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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO LAST PUZZLE

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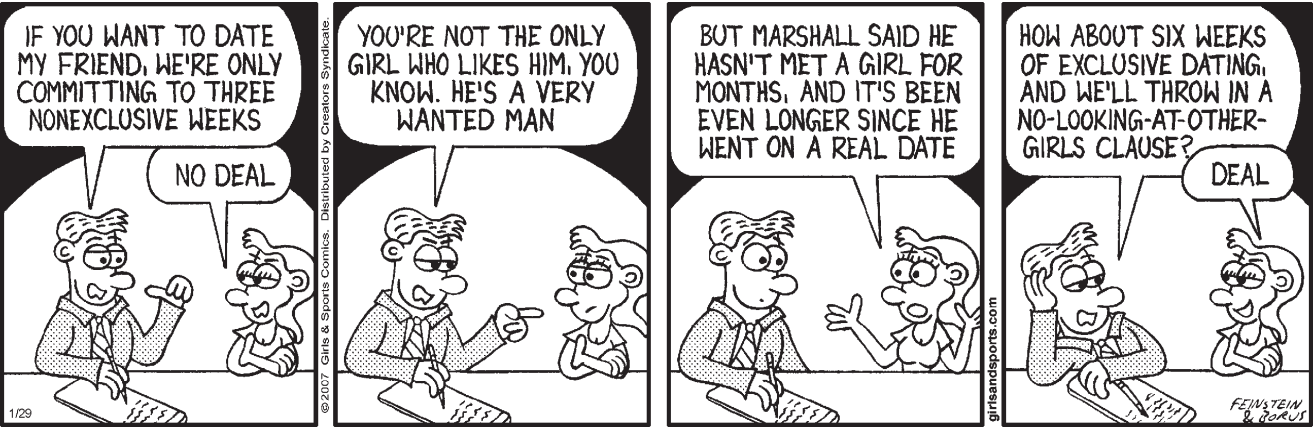
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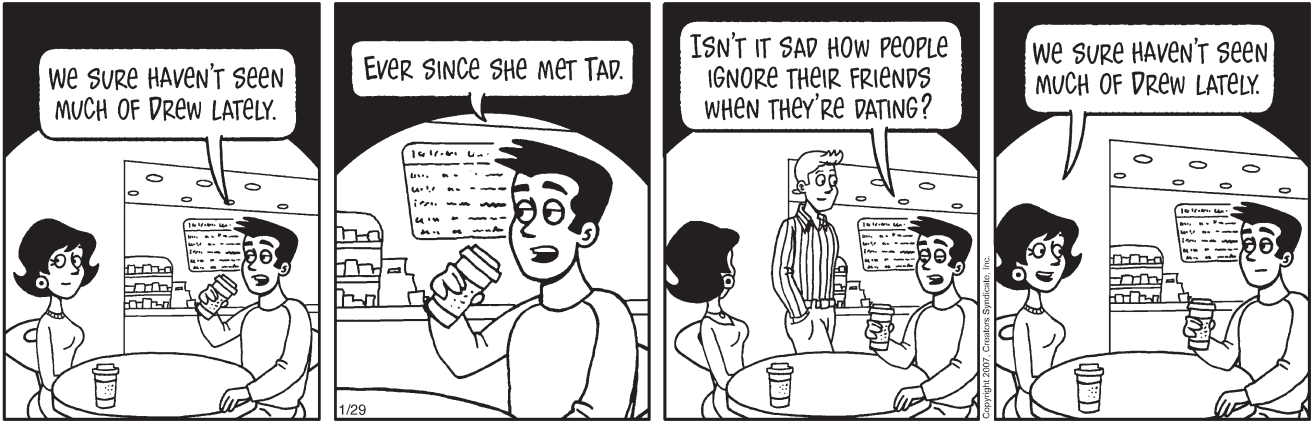
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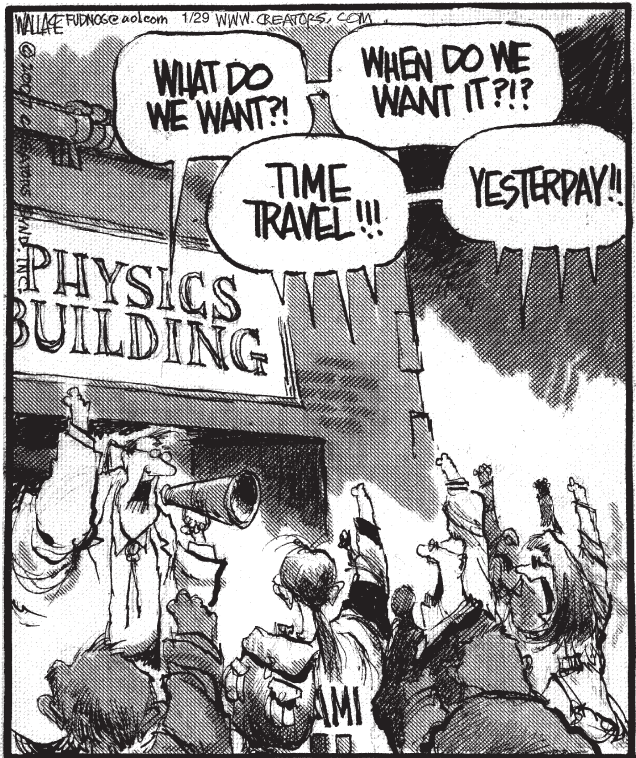
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

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■ Burglar Sheldon Reece, 32, was shot in the abdomen by homeowner Abel Sisneros in Fort Worth, Texas, in December. According to a report in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, to enter the house, Reece had to boldly disregard two signs outside: "Warning. Nothing inside is worth risking your life for. Owners of this property are highly skilled to protect life, liberty and property from criminal attacks" and "No trespassing. Violators will be shot. Survivors will be shot again." Committing Malpractice on a Man's Best Friend

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PROBATE NO. : 05-ES-21-493
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF FLORENCE

James C. Hawley, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Joseph H. Bushong, Petitioner, vs. John Michael Bushong, Johnnie Moegling, Cindy Moegling, Jason Moegling, Jim Moegling, Gary Moegling, Richard Moegling, Nancy Moegling Triplett, Geneva Bushong Buckley, Ernestine Bushong Platt, Billie Bushong Chisa, Tom Goodwin, Bill Goodwin, Janet Goodwin Link, Mary Goodwin Jenkins, Janet Schaus Greco, Pat Malloy, Kelly Meister, Marilyn Houck White, Rodney Houck, Don Bill Houck, Herbert Harry Bushong, Bob Binder, Leron Binder Connelly , and Jane Doe and Richard Doe as Representatives of all Person unknown claiming any right, title, or interest in the estate of Joseph H. Bushong, including but not limited to any unknown heirs or unknown devisees of Joseph H. Bushong, any unknown infants or persons under disability or persons in the military service designated in a class as Jane Doe and Richard Doe, Respondents.

IT IS SO ORDERED that the Summons filed September 7, 2006 in the Florence County Probate Court, Florence, South Carolina, the Notice of Hearing filed January 11, 2007, in the Florence County Probate Court, Florence, South Carolina, and this Court's Order and Rule to Show Cause issued November 21, 2006, shall be served upon Donna Connelly, an individual who may claim to have an interest in the Estate of Joseph H. Bushong, by publication with such publication to occur once a week for three successive weeks in the Santa Monica Daily Press, a newspaper published in Los Angeles County, California, which said Newspaper is hereby designated as most likely to give notice to said unknown heirs.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

The Honorable W. Kenneth Eaton, Jr.
Judge of Probate for Florence County.
January 2007

NOTICE OF: HEARING
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF FLORENCE
IN THE MATTER OF: JOSEPH H. BUSHONG
IN THE PROBATE COURT
CASE NUMBER: 05-ES-21-493

DATE: Friday, February 16, 2007
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
PLACE: Florence County Probate Court, 180 North Irby Street, Florence, South Carolina
DESCRIPTION OF ATTACHED PLEADINGS (example; petition for formal appointment, filing of bond, hearing to determine heirs, etc.)
Summons; and
Order (Re: Rule to Show Cause).
Executed this 11th day of January 2007.
Signature: Kathy Price Elmore
Name: Kathy Price Elmore
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Florence, South Carolina 29501
Telephone (O): (843)667-6613

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To: Respondents ABOVE-NAMED:
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COUNTY OF FLORENCE

JAMES C. HAWLEY, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Joseph H. Bushong, Petitioner, vs John Michael Bushong, Johnnie Moegling, Cindy Moegling, Jason Moegling, Jim Moegling, Gary Moegling, Richard Moegling, Nancy Moegling Triplett, Geneva Bushong Buckley, Ernestine Bushong Platt, Billie Bushong Chisa, Tom Goodwin, Bill Goodwin, Janet Goodwin Link, Mary Goodwin Jenkins, Janet Schaus Greco, Pat Malloy, Kelly Meister, Marilyn Houck White, Rodney Houck, Don Bill Houck, Herbert Harry Bushong, Bob Binder, Leron Binder Connelly , and Jane Doe and Richard Doe as Representatives of all Persons unknown claiming any right, title, or interest in the estate of Joseph H. Bushong, including but not limited to any unknown heirs or unknown devisees of Joseph H. Bushong, any unknown infants or persons under disability or persons in the military service designated in a class as Jane Doe and Richard Doe, Respondents.

THIS MATTER comes before the court on a Petition filed by the Personal Representative wherein the Personal Representative seeks a final determination as to the manner in which the above-referenced estate shall be probated. Specifically, the Petitioner seeks for the Last Will and Testament filed with the Court be accepted for probate. In the alternative, the Personal Representative seeks an Order to determine all heirs-at-law and their respective degrees of kinship.

The Probate Court of our State is a court of law and equity. At this juncture in these proceedings, it appears that the majority, if not all, of the heirs-at-law are in agreement as to how the Estate shall be administered. At the time of the hearing in this matter, the Personal Representative filed a document styled as a Private Family Settlement Agreement as provided for in S.C. Code Ann 62-3-912 (1987). The Court is concerned, however that there may be two or more additional heirs-at-law through the lineage of Carrie Bushong Schaus who may take a position contrary to that of all of the other heirs. It appears from the testimony of the Personal Representative, and other members of the decedent's family that have made contact with these individuals, that the potential heirs-at-law of decedent through the lineage of Carrie Bushong Schaus do not contend that they have intentions or objections to the Estate being distributed as reflected in the Private Family Settlement Agreement. None of the descendants of Carrie Bushong Schaus has filed any answer or other responsive pleadings in this Estate. However, the Court does not have a signed Private Family Settlement Agreement with regard to these potential heirs-at-law.

These potential heirs-at-law have failed to respond or otherwise make known their interests or desires with regard to the above referenced estate. However, the Court does not have a signed Private Family Settlement Agreement with regard to these potential heirs-at-law.

These potential heirs-at-law have failed to respond or otherwise make known their interests or desires with regard to the above-referenced estate. Therefore, this Court orders each to appear and show cause as to why the Petitioner should not be granted the relief requested with regard to the probate of the purported Last Will and Testament of the Decedent. Such matters shall be before the Court on January 10, 2007.

AND IT IS ORDERED

Notices

W. KENNETH EATON JR.
THE HONORABLE W. KENNETH EATON, JR.
November 21, 2006
Estate of Joseph H. Bushong
Estate No : 05-ES-21-493
YOU ARE HEREBY FURTHER NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING IN THIS MATTER HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR 10:00 A.M. ON FEBRUARY 16, 2007 IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR FLORENCE COUNTY.
SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS JANUARY 15, 22, 29, 2007

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE
(Division 6 of the Commercial Code)
Escrow No. 36461

(1) Notice is hereby given to creditors of the within named Seller(s) that a bulk sale is about to be made on personal property hereinafter described.
(2) The name and business addresses of the seller are:
Kenneth George, Inc., 1914 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90403.
(3) The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is: 1914 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90403.
(4) The names and business address of the Buyer(s) are:
Shirley Partito, 1914 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90403.
(5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are all stock in trade, fixtures and equipment, trade name and good will of that certain business located at: 1914 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90403.
(6) The business name used by the seller(s) at said location is: "KENNETH GEORGE SALON".
(7) The anticipated date of the bulk sale is February 15, 2007 at the office of Brokers Escrow Service, 2924 W. Magnolia Blvd. Burbank, CA 91505, Escrow No. 36461, Escrow Officer: Jim Hankins.
(8) Claims may be filed with Same as "7" above.
(9) The last date for filing claims is February 14, 2007.
(10) This Bulk Sale is subject to Section 6106.2 of the Uniform Commercial Code.
(11) As listed by the Seller, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer are: 'None'.
Dated: January 18, 2007
Transferees:
SHIRLEY PARTITO
1/29/07
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF CARL S. TARQUINIO
Case No. BP102457
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of CARL S. TARQUINIO
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Dominick Tarquinio in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Dominick Tarquinio be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

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 Feb. 13, 2007 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 9 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear 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 CREDI-

TOR 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 appraisal 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:
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: CYNTHIA CHAPKOSKY CASE NO. SP007043
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of CYNTHIA CHAPKOSKY.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by MARTIN CHAPKOSKY in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MARTIN CHAPKOSKY be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
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 03/23/07 at 9:15AM in Dept. F located at 1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear 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 person 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 appraisal 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.
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CAMARILLO CA 93010
1/22, 1/23, 1/29/07
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THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Dominick Tarquinio be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2872488 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SWEETIE'S BAK-ERY, 1714 FAIR OAKS AVE #3, SOUTH PASADENA, CA, 91030. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : LENORE CURRY, 1714 FAIR OAKS, AVE. #3, SOUTH PASADENA, CA, 91030 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/: LE-NORE CURRY
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 12/27/2006. 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 state-ment 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 1/8/2007, 1/15/2007, 1/22/2007, 1/29/2007

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2889345 FIRST FILING. The following per-son(s) is (are) doing business as TRIPLE R CON-STRUCTION, 794 W. ARMISTEAD ST., GLENODORA, CA, 91740. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ROBERT R. LANADA, 794 W. ARMISTEAD ST., GLENODORA, CA, 91740 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/: ROB-ERT R. LANADA

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 12/28/2006. 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 state-ment 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 1/8/2007, 1/15/2007, 1/22/2007, 1/29/2007

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2884378 FIRST FILING. The following per-son(s) is (are) doing business as US CASH AD-VANCE; AI #/ON: C2418865, 275 SOUTH ATLANTIC BLVD., LOS ANGELES, CA, 90022. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : THE HANNA GROUP (CALI-FORNIA), 21505 VIA PEPITA, YORBA LINDA, CA, 92886 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/: THE HANNA GROUP, NABIL G. HANNA, PRESIDENT
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 12/28/2006. 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 state-ment 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 1/8/2007, 1/15/2007, 1/22/2007, 1/29/2007

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20070014411 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PEACE USA, PEACE INTERNATIONAL USA, PEACE INTERNA-TIONAL, PEACE VOLUNTEERS, PEACE ADVOCATES, WORLD PEACE VOLUNTEERS, WORLD PEACE AD-VOCATES, 269 S. BEVERLY DRIVE SUITE 421, BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90212. The full name of reg-istrant(s) is/are : UNITED CHILDREN OF AMERICA CALIFORNIA, 269 S. BEVERLY DRIVE SUITE 421 BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90212 This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: The regis-trant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)8/1/2006. /s/: UNITED CHILDREN OF AMER-ICA, FOUNDER, NABIL ANTOINE.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 01/03/2007. 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 state-ment 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 1/8/2007, 1/15/2007, 1/22/2007, 1/29/2007

Statement of Abandonment of Use of Fictitious Business Name
Document Record # 06 2884364
Current File No. 05 0449383
State of California, County of Los Angeles
The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious Business name:
ACADEMY OF ART AND DESIGN; AESTHETIC INTERIOR DESIGN; ACCENT EVENT PLANNING located at 1224 S. GLENDALE AVE. STE. D, GLEN-DALE, CA, 91205
The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 02/28/05
In the county of LOS ANGELES.
TATJANA STASEVICH, 707 RALEIGH ST. #9, GLEN-DALE, CA, 91205
This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
/s/ TATJANA STASEVICH

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/28/06. Published: SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS 1/8/07, 1/15/07, 1/22/07, 1/29/07

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2875917 FIRST FILING. The following per-son(s) is (are) doing business as AUGIE'S SECU-RITY, 533 CLIFTON STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA, 90031. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : FERNANDO FLORES, 533 CLIFTON ST., LOS ANGE-LES, CA, 90031 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/: FERNANDO FLORES

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 12/27/2006. 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 state-ment 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 1/8/2007, 1/15/2007, 1/22/2007, 1/29/2007

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2884272 FIRST FILING. The following per-son(s) is (are) doing business as CAL WEST EN-TERTAINMENT, 9153 HORNBY AVE., WHITTIER, CA, 90603. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : DI-ANA FLORES, 9153 HORNBY, WHITTIER, CA, 90603 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/: DIANA FLORES
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 12/28/2006. 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 state-ment 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 1/8/2007, 1/15/2007, 1/22/2007, 1/29/2007

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2884273 FIRST FILING. The following per-son(s) is (are) doing business as COOPER DELIV-ERY SERVICE; COOPER EXPRESS COURIER; COO-PER MOBILE NOTARY, 2705 DURREE AVE., EL MONTE, 91723. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : COOPER DISTRIBUTION INC., 2705 DUR-FEE AVE, EL MONTE, CA, 91723 This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business un-der the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)4/26/1990. /s/: COOPER DISTRIBUTION, INC., CHARLES VON BORSTZ, PRESIDENT
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 12/28/06. 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 1/8/2007, 1/15/2007, 1/22/2007, 1/29/2007

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2884384 FIRST FILING. The following per-son(s) is (are) doing business as HOP, SKIP & JUMP, 5260 E. ARBOR VITAE #1, CA, 90045. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : VANESSA THOMS, 5260 E. ARBOR VITAE #1, CA, 90045; AN-TOINETTE FIELDS, 5260 E. ARBOR VITAE #1, WESTCHESTER, CA, 90045 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/: VANESSA THOMS; ANTOINETTE FIELDS
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 12/28/2006. 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 state-ment 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 1/8/2007, 1/15/2007, 1/22/2007, 1/29/2007

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20070082753 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as KARKO DI-RECT, 1215 W. IMPERIAL HWY #221, BREA, CA, 92821. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : CAESAR ESPINOZA CALANGI, 12003 WENDY ST., CERRITOS, CA, 90703 This Business is being con-ducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fic-titious name or names listed herein.. /s/: CAESAR E. CALANGI
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 1/16/2007. 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

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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 1/29/2007, 2/5/2007, 2/12/2007, 2/19/2007

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2672827 FIRST FILING. The following per-son(s) is (are) doing business as KINGS PRODI-GIES, 9359 LINCOLN BLVD., #4245, LA, CA, 90045. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : TANYA J. HAMILTON, 9359 LINCOLN BLVD., #4245, LA, CA, 90045 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/: TANYA J. HAM-ILTON

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 12/1/2006. 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 1/8/2007, 1/15/2007, 1/22/2007, 1/29/2007

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2872470 FIRST FILING. The following per-son(s) is (are) doing business as POLITICAL EVENT SERVICES; AI #/ON: 2779755, 207 N. AS-PAN AVE #2, AZUSA, CA, 91702. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : NOONE ENTERPRISES INC, 207 N. ASPAN AVE #2, AZUSA, CA, 91702 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/: NOONE ENTERPRISES INC, S TANAKA, SEC

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 12/27/2006. 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 state-ment 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 1/8/2007, 1/15/2007, 1/22/2007, 1/29/2007

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2876531 FIRST FILING. The following per-son(s) is (are) doing business as PARK RAVINE PRODUCTIONS, 1634 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD. #3516, BURBANK, CA 91508 . The full name of registrant(s) is/are : NATASHA WOOD, 150 EAST ANGELENO AVE, STE. 222, BURBANK, CALIFORNIA 91508 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)12/1/2006. /s/: NATASHA WOOD
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 12/1/2006. 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 1/15/2007, 1/22/2007, 1/29/2007, 2/5/2007

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20070061475 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as DONT TELL PRODUCTIONS, 3528 SAWTELLE #4, LOS ANGE-LES, CA, 90066. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ERNESTO HURTADO III, 3528 SAWTELLE #4, LOS ANGELES, CA 90066, RAYNALDO DIAZ II, 3528 SAWTELLE #4, LOS ANGELES, CA 90066. 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/: ERNESTO HURTADO, RAYNALDO DIAZ II

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 1/11/2007. 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 1/15/2007, 1/22/2007, 1/29/2007, 2/5/2007

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20070061476 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SHAWN'S CHRISTMAS TREES, SHAWN'S PUMPKIN PATCH, 2300 WILSHIRE BLVD. SANTA MONICA, CA 90404. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : SHAWN WILK, 332 S. BEVERLY DR. BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90212 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to

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transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)1/1/2003. /s/: SHAWN WILK
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 1/1/2003. 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 1/15/2007, 1/22/2007, 1/29/2007, 2/5/2007

Statement of Abandonment of Use of Fictitious Business Name
Document Record # 20070013681
Current File No. 032501005
State of California, County of Los Angeles
The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious Business name:
WESTCOAST WIRELESS located at 13337 SOUTH STREET #232, CERRI-TOS, CA 90703
The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 08/29/03
In the county of LOS ANGELES.
ROGER SHIH, 13337 SOUTH STREET #232, CERRI-TOS, CA 90703
This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
/s/ ROGER SHIH
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 01/03/07. Published: SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS 01/15/07, 01/22/07, 01/29/07, 02/05/07

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20070013563 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as TONY'S NATURAL STONE & TILE, 15510 BRIARBANK ST., LA PUENTE, CA, 91744. The full name of regis-trant(s) is/are : ANTONIO HUERTA, 15510 BRIAR-BANK ST., LA PUENTE, CA, 91744 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business un-der the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)1/13/2007. /s/: ANTONIO HUERTA
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20070013365 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as GREEN TREE FINANCIAL SERVICES; YANCHA INC., 3001 W. VERNON AV #103, LA, CA, 90018. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : YANCHA INC., NEVADA, 3300 EAST FLEMING RD., LAS VEGAS, NV, 89121 This Business is being conducted by, a corpora-tion. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: YANCHA, INC.; LAU-RENCE WICKNAIR, PRESIDENT
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20070013244 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as FAMILY WOODWORKING, 935 ORANGE BLOSSOM, LA PUENTE, CA, 91746. The full name of regis-trant(s) is/are : FAUSTO RODRIGUEZ, 935 ORANGE BLOSSOM, LA PUENTE, CA, 91746; SONIA RODRIGUEZ, 935 ORANGE BLOSSOM, LA PUENTE, CA, 91746 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/: FAUSTO RODRIGUEZ; SONIA RODRIGUEZ

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20070013243 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SHOON OFF; CREATIVE 4 LIFE, 15744 FACULTY AVE., BELL-FLOWER, CA, 90706. The full name of regis-trant(s) is/are : SUDA ENKANINAN, 14724

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FLEMING AVE., BELLFLOWER, CA, 90706 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/: SUDA ENKANINAN
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20070020421 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as A & E AD-VERTISING & PROMOTIONAL PRODUCTS, 753 ALD-GATE AVE., LA PUENTE, CA, 91744. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : GRACIELA REBECA CAR-RAUD, 753 ALDGate AVE., LA PUENTE, CA 91744 This Business is being conducted by, an individ-ual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: GRACIELA CARRAUD
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20070021535 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PALACIOS FURNITURE AND ACCESSORIES, 16203 CLARK ST. #C, BELL FLOWER, CA, 90706. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : EFREN PALACIOS, 16203 CLARK ST. #C, BELL FLOWER, CA, 90706 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/: EFREN PALACIOS
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20070006270 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as HOME EXPO INDOOR OUTDOOR; HOME CENTER INDOOR OUT-DOOR; HOME GOODS INDOOR OUTDOOR, 4117 SLAUSSON AVE, MAYWOOD, CA, 90270. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : CHAMPIONS LLC, 10700 SPENCER ST., FOUNTAIN VALLEY, CA, 92708 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/: CHAMPIONS LLC; DAVID SHABTA; MANAGER/VICE-PRESIDENT
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 1/2/2007. 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 1/15/2007, 1/22/2007, 1/29/2007, 2/5/2007

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20070029691 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as DARKWA-TERS MUSIC, 1226 SOUTH CULVER BOULEVARD #2 L.A. CA 90066. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : MICHAEL TRUMBACH, 1226 SOUTH CUL-VER BOULEVARD #2, L.A. CA 90066, ELIZABETH TRUBACH, 1226 S. CULVER BOULEVARD #2, L.A. CA 90066 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/: MICHAEL TRUMBACH AND ELIZABETH TRUMBACH
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20070021216 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as NEXIS-LEXIS ACCESSORIES, 6707 PACIFIC BLVD. #A, HUNTING-TON PARK, CA, 90255. The full name of regis-trant(s) is/are : HUSSEIN SAAB, 6823 PACIFIC BLVD., HUNTINGTON PARK, CA, 90255 This Busi-ness is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)1/4/2007. /s/: HUSSEIN SAAB
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20070020604 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ONE BAD MOUSE, 11861 CENTIALIA ST., LAKEWOOD, CA, 90715. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : MI-CHAEL A. PENA, 11861 CENTIALIA ST., LAKE-WOOD, CA, 90715 This Business is being con-ducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fic-titious business name or names listed on (Date)1/1/2007. /s/: MICHAEL PENA
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20070081570 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as JOE MOLLER EVENTS, 3300 SEPULVEDA #28 L.A. CA 90034. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : JOSEPH E. MOLLER, 3300 SEPULVEDA #28, L.A. CA 90034 This Business is being conducted by, an individ-ual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: JOE MOLLER
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20070043775 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as VBC AUTO, LLC; VEGGIE BENS COLLECTIVE AI#/ON: 200633310173, 4000 W SUNSET BLVD, LOS AN-GELES, CA 90029. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : VBC AUTO LLC, CALIFORNIA This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact busi-ness under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: VBC AUTO, LLC, MARK WILLIAM QUINN, MANAGER, MARK WILLIAM QUINN
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 1/9/2007. 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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20070091158 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ALL AMERICAN WINDOW COVERINGS; JCV BLINDS; AI #/ON: 2838784, 700 N. BRAND BLVD., SUITE 800, GLENDALE, CA, 91203. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : INNOVEX DESIGNS, INC. - CALIFORNIA, 1969 NORWALK AVENUE, LOS ANGELES, CA, 90041 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/: INNOVEX DESIGNS, INC., ARLENE ROBLES, PRESIDENT This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 1/17/2007. 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 1/29/2007, 2/5/2007, 2/12/2007, 2/19/2007

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20070075292 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as THAI EAST WIND; EAST WIND IV; THAI YOGA BODYWORK; AI #/ON: 2960587, 2928 WASHINGTON BLVD., MARINA DEL REY, CA, 90292. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : THAI EAST WIND INC., 2928 WASHINGTON BLVD., MARINA DEL REY, CA, 90292 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)1/1/2007. /s/: THAI EAST WIND CORP., PORNTHEP SANGSAHACHART, PRESIDENT This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 1/12/2007. 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 1/29/2007, 2/5/2007, 2/12/2007, 2/19/2007

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20070100415 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as GRAND LEAD PRODUCTION, 440 WESTERN AVE. #104, GLENDALE, CA, 91201. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ANDRANIK GURASIAN, 1121 SAN RAFAEL AVE #4, GLENDALE, CA, 91202 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)12/16/1996. /s/: ANDRANIK GURASIAN This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 1/18/2007. 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 1/29/2007, 2/5/2007, 2/12/2007, 2/19/2007

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20070081926 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as FPV TRANSPORT, 12003 MAIDSTONE AVE., NORWALK, CA, 90650. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : FERNANDO P. VERGARA, 12003 MAIDSTONE AVE., NORWALK, CA, 90650 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/: FERNANDO VERGARA This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 1/16/2007. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20070081921 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ANDALE AUTO, 11434 WHITTIER BLVD. #A, WHITTIER, CA, 90601. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : JOHN ANDY RABADI, 174 E. 46TH ST. #4, SAN BERNARDINO, CA, 92404 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/: JOHN RABADI This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 1/16/2007. 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 1/29/2007, 2/5/2007, 2/12/2007, 2/19/2007

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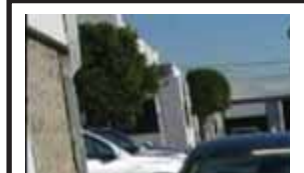
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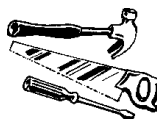
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