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NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

Sex-despondency among women is apparently such a problem in Japan that business is booming for counselor Kim Myong Gan's 4-year-old company of trained male professionals who invigorate them, according to a November Agence France-Presse dispatch from Tokyo. Kim charges the equivalent of US\$190 for the initial consultation and scheduling, and his men provide hands-on assurance to the clients of their attractiveness and desirability. Most clients are either middle-aged virgins or wives whose husbands have grown to treat them as their sisters.

- In Salt Lake City in November, federal judge Paul G. Cassell, remarking that mandatory-minimum sentencing laws gave him no choice, sent a 25-year-old, small-quantity marijuana dealer to prison for 55 years (because he had a gun on him during two of the transactions). Two hours before that, in a crime Cassell described as far more serious but not subject to the same mandatory minimums, he sentenced a man to 22 years in prison for beating an elderly woman to death with a log.

TODAY IN HISTORY

In 1944, Bing Crosby and the John Scott Trotter Orchestra recorded "Swinging on a Star" for Decca Records in Los Angeles.

In 1964, The Beatles began their first American tour as they arrived at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport.

In 1971, women in Switzerland won the right to vote.

In 1974, the island nation of Grenada won independence from Britain.

In 1984, space shuttle astronauts Bruce McCandless II and Robert L. Stewart went on the first untethered space walk.

In 1986, Haitian President-for-Life Jean-Claude Duvalier fled his country, ending 28 years of his family's rule.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"A cruel story runs on wheels, and every hand oils the wheels as they run."

OUIDA (MARIE LOUISE DE LA RAMEE)
ENGLISH WRITER (1839-1908)

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SMPD sued for excessive force

Police say Jeremy Naidoo resisted arrest and fought with officers

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

OCEAN PARK — A videotape has emerged that shows a Santa Monica police officer repeatedly strike a drugged-up suspect as he pleads for mercy in the street here nearly three years ago.

Police said Jeremy Naidoo, then 28, fled on foot after being pulled over for running a stop sign. As officers chased him, Naidoo tossed a bag of drugs into the street and initiated a fist fight with officers, according to police.

Naidoo, who denied ever hitting an officer, was struck at least five times in the head and shoulders with special police-issued nunchaku, a weapon commonly used in the martial arts. He is suing the officer who struck him, as well as two officers who helped restrain him, for excessive force.

A federal judge is expected to decide next week if a jury should view the video, which was filmed by a neighbor. The tape begins after Naidoo has been tackled by police, as he lies face-down on the pavement. Attorneys at City Hall hope to dismiss the footage from trial because it doesn't depict the events that preceded the beating.

Naidoo's lawyers claim the footage doesn't just show a police officer using excessive force, but also

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Amateur video

A May of 2002 video shows SMPD Officer Salvador Lucio strike Jeremy Naidoo, seen lying face down as officers restrain him. Naidoo fled from his vehicle after being pulled over near Pier Avenue and Third Street in Ocean Park. He has sued three SMPD officers in federal court.

COMMUNITY PROFILES

COMMUNITY PROFILES IS A WEEKLY SERIES THAT APPEARS EACH MONDAY AND DELVES INTO THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE, WORK AND PLAY IN SANTA MONICA.

'Singing Mimi' rocks out at laundromat

BY KIM CALVERT

Special to the Daily Press

MONTANA AVE. — Chances are if you see Mimi English tending to clothes at Fox Laundry, you'll see more than the average fluff and fold.

English, 79, spends seven days a week at the laundromat, dancing and singing to her favorite Celine Dion tunes while giving motherly advice to customers waiting for the rinse cycle to finish.

The Los Angeles native has been working at the laundry, 924 Montana Ave., and living in Santa Monica for the past decade. Her day starts at 5:30 a.m. and ends at 10 p.m. She said she hardly ever gets tired.

"My singing and dancing is what gives me my energy," English said as she swayed to the music playing on her boom box. "If someone wanted me to, I'd sing and dance all night."



Kim Calvert/Special to the Daily Press

Mimi English sings 'I'm Alive' by Celine Dion while fluffing and folding at Fox Laundry on Montana Avenue.

Her favorite artist is Celine Dion and English knows all of her hits.

"I just put on the CD and sing along," she said.

English said that one of her

customers gifted her with a T-shirt from Dion's Las Vegas performance.

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Hangin'



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★★★★★ Recognize what works and then make it so. Hesitating or stalling will only cause problems, even with the best of intentions. An associate cannot do enough. You will not be able to stop this person, even if you would like to. Tonight: You're happiest with friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Your unusual efforts come back in multiples. Emphasize daily life and your community status. You might need to work hard, but you'll succeed beyond your expectations. Accept compliments gracefully. Tonight: A force wherever you are.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Your imagination mixes well with your intellect. In fact, you might not be able to separate the two. Don't hold back with love or money. Just zero in. Go off and do. Empathy enhances a special relationship. Tonight: Touch base with a loved one.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ An offer from a partner or associate might be too good to turn down. You will gain through this association, especially right now. Security and professional matters come to the forefront. Indulge yourself today and more often. Tonight: Togetherness works.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Someone lures you in with softness and caring. What you are actually seeing is only a part of this person and not the total personality. Communication is heavy and could be burdensome. Still, your upbeat spirit punctuates your interactions. Tonight: Say ."

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Put your best foot forward with the people you work and deal with on a daily basis. Your actions help smooth over another's problems. You want to gain clarity and understanding about a money matter. Don't take an agreement for granted. Tonight: Choose a favorite way to relax.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ You inevitably bounce through whatever you encounter. Your imagination goes haywire at the simplest statements. Others might not get what you are chuckling about. You also might not want to share the reason, either! Tonight: Forget it is Monday night.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Intuitively, you understand much more than you realize. You don't have to share everything with everyone. In fact, you might want to test your insights on a trusted confidante before discussing your opinions. Even you could be wrong! Tonight: Happy at home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Where your friends are is where you want to be. A meeting could turn into a social event with your steady guidance. You simply cannot take anyone or anything seriously right now. Return calls, ask questions and explore options. Tonight: Hang out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Your high performance gets rewarded sooner rather than later. In fact, a boss wants to reward you for your exceptional job. Listen to a loved one who gives you some feedback. Use timing. Tonight: Your treat. Enjoy yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Can you be stopped? Not if you know what you want and where you are heading. Break a pattern if it doesn't serve you. Sometimes you limit yourself with unchallenged thought patterns. Encourage others to play devil's advocate. Tonight: As you wish.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★ Know when to say little, except to a trusted adviser. You might not always come off as clear as you would like. Deal with others on a one-on-one level. Your subtlety and understanding draw others. Tonight: Chill with a friend.

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LOCAL



Up in smoke



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Witnesses and employees stand outside of Plaza Cleaners on Wilshire Boulevard Saturday night after a fire broke out on the bottom floor. Santa Monica firefighters responded within three minutes to the blaze, which started at about 7:40 p.m. Firefighters had the fire contained within five minutes, said SMFD Battalion Chief Kent Coble. Offices above the dry cleaners, which were unoccupied at the time of the blaze, sustained smoke damage. The contents of the dry cleaners is a total loss, as is some of the equipment. The cause of the fire is under investigation and damage is estimated to be in the tens of thousands of dollars.



SURF REPORT

Today into Tuesday we're expecting an unseasonable SW swell. This isn't an epic swell, although it is somewhat unusual for this time of year. The Southern Hemisphere had a surprising development almost two weeks ago from a moderately sized system in the lower 60's that moved northward towards the lower 40's. Size from this one is looking small today, with south-facing breaks knee- to waist-high. West-facing breaks should see a decrease in NW wind swell with size slightly smaller than today. Tide will be a major factor in the morning, shutting down most spots completely. An eddy is also expected in the morning, and there could be some drizzle or light rain as well.

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MONDAY	1:12	1.9	2:44	1.9	7:30	6.8	9:12	4.1
TUESDAY	2:03	1.5	3:23	1.8	8:18	6.9	9:46	4.4
WEDNESDAY	2:52	1.2	3:59	1.6	9:04	6.7	10:20	4.6
THURSDAY	3:42	1.0	4:35	1.1	9:49	6.2	10:56	4.8
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There's a movement afoot to create as many as five new high schools in Santa Monica so students can get more personalized instruction.

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So this week, Q-Line wants to know, "Is this a good idea? Why or why not?"

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OPINION

GUEST COMMENTARY BY ALEX EPSTEIN

Social Security is immoral, unjust and wrong

We should be debating, not how to save Social Security, but how to end it.

In his State of the Union Address, President Bush said that many options were “on the table” to deal with Social Security’s problems, and that he “will listen to anyone who has a good idea to offer.” But there is one idea he will not listen to: The idea that Social Security should be phased out and ended altogether. Why? Because like his Democrat critics, he believes that whatever Social Security’s financial problems, the program is “a great moral success.”

But is it?

Social Security is commonly portrayed as benefiting most, if not all, Americans by providing them “risk-free” financial security in old age.

This is a fraud.

Under Social Security, lower- and middle-class individuals are forced to pay a significant portion of their gross income — approximately 12 percent — for the alleged purpose of securing their retirement. That money is not saved or invested, but transferred directly to the program’s current beneficiaries — with the “promise” that when current taxpayers get old, the income of future taxpay-

ers will be transferred to them. Since this scheme creates no wealth, any benefits one person receives in excess of his payments necessarily come at the expense of others.

Under Social Security, every aspect of the government’s “promise” to provide financial security is at the mercy of political whim. The government can change how much of an individual’s money it takes — it has increased the payroll tax 17 times since 1935. The government can spend his money on anything it wants — observe the long-time practice of spending any annual Social Security surplus on other entitlement programs. The government can change when (and therefore if) it chooses to pay him benefits and how much they consist of — witness the current proposals to raise the age cut off or lower future benefits. Under Social Security, whether an individual gets twice as much from others as was taken from him, or half as much, or nothing at all, is entirely at the discretion of politicians. He cannot count on Social Security for anything — except a massive drain on his income.

If Social Security did not exist — if the individual were free to use that 12 percent of his income as he chose — his ability to better his future would be incomparably greater. He could save for his retirement with a diversified, long-

term, productive investment in stocks or bonds. Or he could reasonably choose not to devote all 12 percent to retirement. He might choose to work far past the age of 65. He might choose to live more comfortably when he is young and more modestly in old age. He might choose to invest in his own productivity through additional education or starting a business.

How much, when, and in what form one should provide for retirement is highly individual — and is properly left to the individual’s free judgment and action. Social Security deprives the young of this freedom, and thus makes them less able to plan for the future, less able to provide for their retirements, less able to buy homes, less able to enjoy their most vital years, less able to invest in themselves.

And yet Social Security’s advocates continue to push it as moral. Why?

The answer lies in the program’s ideal of “universal coverage” — the idea that, as a recent New York Times editorial preached, “all old people must have the dignity of financial security,” regardless of how irresponsibly they have acted. On this premise, since some would not save adequately on their own, everyone must be forced into some sort of “guaranteed” collective plan — no matter how irrational. Observe that Social Security’s

wholesale harm to those who would use their income responsibly is justified in the name of those who would not. The rational and responsible are shackled and throttled for the sake of the irrational and irresponsible.

Those who wish to devote their wealth to saving the irresponsible from the consequences of their own actions should be free to do so through private charity, but to loot the savings of untold millions of innocent, responsible, hard-working young people in the name of such a goal is a monstrous injustice.

Social Security in any form is morally irredeemable. We should be debating, not how to save Social Security, but how to end it — how to phase it out so as to best protect both the rights of those who have paid into it, and those who are forced to pay for it today. This will be a painful task. But it will make possible a world in which Americans enjoy far greater freedom to secure their own futures.

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Movers and shakers make their home all over the earth



HIP TO BE SQUARE

BY CAROLINE BODKIN

My brother called me from Minnesota on Saturday and said, “Caroline, I’ve got great news.”

I’m used to hearing excitement in his voice when we’re playing games or joking around, but years spent living in crowded cities on little money, with all the anxieties of a twentysomething, have risen the stakes on what it takes to get him giddy about real life. Skepticism is a learned behavior and you learn it faster in big cities.

But there was excitement in his voice and I knew instantly it was because he and his wife had found a new home.

They left San Francisco a couple months ago, having decided to move to one of four cities that fit their selected cri-

teria: A four-season climate, good school systems, affordable cost of living and a thriving arts community.

They settled on Minneapolis and without knowing anyone there, without jobs, without job leads, without foots in doors or roots or anything other than their belongings, each other, education and experience, they made their way north.

It’s a typical American story. Americans have always been movers. From East to West and then further West, we chased beliefs and land, then gold and golden coasts, and when we ran out of territory to stake out, we had dreams to keep us moving. Dreams of stardom, success, starting anew, or, as is the case for my brother, dreams of finding the place that will become your home, where you will build your life.

I’ve found that with every new address I’ve adopted, new friends, new interests and new favorite rituals have nestled themselves into my days.

When I lived in New York City, I had

my Bryant Park to eat lunch in. When I lived in Bend, Ore., I learned to rock climb and spent all my free time with my skier pals. In Vietnam, I made friends with two girls I never could have met elsewhere and learned to love caf sua da. I could have lived for years or even the rest of my life in any one of these places if I’d decided it was where I wanted to build my life — one friend, one opportunity, one step at a time.

I’ve always believed that after all the rationalizing and thinking about life plans, you can only trust your gut to tell you where to go or what to do.

I knew that my brother had trusted correctly by the sound of his voice on the phone.

The way he described the diverse, artsy neighborhood, the hardwood floors in his apartment, and the way he was already imagining winter afternoons he’d spend with his wife, ice skating on the nearby pond. I knew by the way he talked about the museum and well-known theater that were only blocks away from the apartment, and the quickness with which he

dismissed the Minnesota cold, told me he was confident in his decision.

He arrived there with no friends, no job, no roots, no clear prospects. But he was already absorbing and pouring himself into the world around him.

When I hung up the phone with him, I too had a clear idea of what his life will be. And it’s not because I know what his apartment looks like, or whom he’ll spend his time with. I’ve never even been to Minneapolis.

But I know him.

And I believe the saying is true: Life is what you make of it.

We all start with feet dangling, far from being grounded. You can make a plan, or go on a hunch, but only when you let your inside pour out, giving yourself to the world around you, will your life build up from the earth below, and greet you.

(Caroline Bodkin writes and lives in Los Angeles. You can e-mail her at hip-tobesquarebybodkin@yahoo.com)

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LOCAL



Two eyewitnesses expected to testify against SMPD

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proves that officers made significant self-serving omissions and misstatements in their reports.

The amateur footage, recorded in the early morning hours of May 31, 2002, was shot from an upper-level balcony near Third Street and Pier Avenue. It begins with SMPD Officer Salvador Lucio, who was a back-up officer just arriving on the scene, striking Naidoo four times over the head and shoulders. Another officer is seen kneeling on Naidoo, pinning his right arm behind his back. A third policeman is standing above Naidoo, partially blocked from view.

As he is struck, Naidoo is heard pleading with the officers. He screams, "Don't hit me, please don't hit me!"

Lucio then shouts, "Get your arm back! Get your arm back!" to Naidoo, whose left arm is stretched out in front of him on the pavement. Naidoo moves his arm back and the third officer leans down as if to handcuff it, though Naidoo's wrists are blocked from the camera's view.

Seven to eight seconds later, Lucio delivers a fifth blow.

Naidoo didn't suffer any debilitating injuries from the hits, though his lawyers said he was treated while in custody for welts and abrasions on his head and shoulders. They contend Naidoo's physical pain lasted for weeks.

With his lawsuit pending, Naidoo declined to comment. The three officers being sued and Police Chief James T. Butts Jr. also declined to discuss the case, at the advice of City Attorney Marsha Moutrie.

SUSPECT GIVES CHASE

Deputy City Attorney Carol Rohr said Naidoo did nearly everything wrong a suspect could possibly do. He ran a stop sign. He didn't pull over right away. When he did pull over, he was sweating profusely, acting nervously and he demanded officers write him a ticket — while cursing at them.

"This is the person the police had to deal with," Rohr said. "He's acting excited, he's acting hyper, he's looking from side to side."

Rohr said Naidoo repeatedly reached under his seat and officers were concerned he may have been grabbing for a

weapon. Naidoo also refused to show his hands, even after officers pulled their guns and threatened him with pepper spray, Rohr said.

When the officers reached into his car, Naidoo pushed his way out of the car and ran, tossed his drugs and continued into the street, Rohr said. Officers chased and tackled Naidoo, while radioing for backup. That's when Lucio arrived and repeatedly hit Naidoo with the nunchaku because he continued to resist, Rohr added.

"The initial strikes don't have any effect," Rohr said. "This person is very well built, plus under the influence."

Naidoo has admitted to smoking cocaine and speed the evening before he was arrested, according to Rohr.

Rohr hopes to keep the video away from a jury, because what's at issue in excessive force lawsuits is whether an officer used objective reasonableness, when considering the total situation. She said if the video is shown it should not be viewed in slow motion, because the jurors should see what took place just as the officers involved in the tussle experienced it.

"Video is fast moving, split second decisions," she said, adding when watched at normal speed Lucio's use of force appears reasonable. "In this situation, you do see his (Naidoo's) hand. It's not static. It's not sitting like a lily on a coffin or something."

The nunchaku used to hit Naidoo were made from two pieces of heavy, polyurethane plastic, connected by a short string of braided nylon. The nunchaku can be used either to restrain or hit a suspect. In this instance, Lucio held the two ends of the nunchaku together, with four inches to six inches protruding above his fist, according to Rohr, who said police are specially trained to handle the weapon.

Though SMPD Chief Butts declined to discuss the particulars of the case, he offered his insight into the dangers officers face when approaching an unknown or potentially dangerous suspect.

"Our officers are trained to use that amount of force to overcome the resistance that's encountered," Butts said. "Now, there are certain actions that can occur that can escalate the amount of force used very quickly. A couple instances: One, when the person you're contacting possesses or gives you reason to believe

"I have two witnesses with me ... And this was the most brutal thing I've ever seen, and I've seen some brutal stuff. This was ridiculous. The man was already cuffed."

DANIEL WEITZEL
Witness who called 911

that they possess, or are going to secure, a weapon. And another is when a person that you contact flees, or attempts to destroy contraband or illegal evidence."

WITNESSES CALLS 911

Naidoo had been in trouble with authorities before his May 2002 arrest. In addition to two outstanding Santa Monica traffic warrants, Naidoo had prior convictions for driving under the influence, possession of a dangerous weapon, hit and run, resisting arrest and robbery, according to police records.

SMPD Officer Michael Bambrick, one of the three officers being sued, wrote in his police report that Naidoo on the night of his arrest was carrying more than 11 grams of powder cocaine, 1.4 grams of rock cocaine, less than a gram of marijuana, a glass pipe and a Viagra pill.

Still, Naidoo's attorneys Don Randolph and Fran Campbell said they were confident in their case, accusing the SMPD of "outrageous government conduct."

"If they had beaten him like this with a baton, Jeremy would be dead," Randolph said. "His head would be split open."

Randolph and Campbell also pointed to the testimony of two eyewitnesses who

were on the street the night of the arrest.

One of the witnesses was Evan Brown, who shot the video footage. According to Randolph and Campbell, Brown will testify that while retrieving a sleeping bag from his car, Brown heard one of the officers say, "Yeah, f*ck him up!" He then ran upstairs and began filming.

Also expected to weigh in at trial was eyewitness Daniel Weitzel. According to Randolph and Campbell, Weitzel will testify that, after being tackled by officers, Naidoo was on the ground and not resisting for 45 to 90 seconds before Lucio arrived on the scene and struck Naidoo with his nunchaku.

Weitzel called 911 to make a complaint shortly after the incident. He told the emergency operator he was scared for his life because of the brutality he had witnessed, but was adamant an officer be sent out so he could make a statement, according to a transcript of the call.

"... this man was already hog-tied, already cuffed," Weitzel told the 911 operator. "I have two witnesses with me ... And this was the most brutal thing I've ever seen, and I've seen some brutal stuff."

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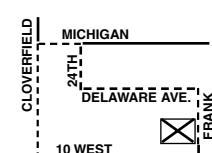
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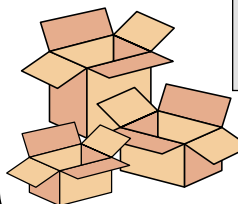


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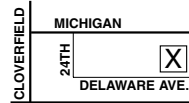


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“It was just the most wonderful thing,” English said. “Everyone knows me as the singing and dancing Mimi,” English said. “I go places and people will say, ‘I know you.’ Some people even ask for my autograph.”

English said when she went to the hospital with a swollen knee, a woman lying on a gurney looked up and said, “Look, it’s Mimi,” when she saw the Fox Laundry diva.

With almost eight decades of life experience, English has seen a lot of changes in Los Angeles over the years. She stopped dancing, singing and folding laundry long enough to sit down with the Santa Monica Daily Press last week to talk about what it was like back then, and what life is like now that she’s created her own cult following at Montana Avenue’s Fox Laundry.

You were born in 1925. What was it like growing up in Los Angeles back those days?

“People think that LA was nothing but dirt roads back then but it wasn’t like that at all. We lived in East LA and were about three miles from downtown. All we had to do was take the bus to get to Bullock’s, Robinson’s, May Company — they were all downtown then — there weren’t any malls. But we would go to see movies at the theater in our neighborhood. My parents started taking us just as soon as we were old enough to be able to understand what was going on. It was probably one of the things that developed my interest in music. It was back in the days of those great musicals with Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers.

Our family had five kids. Two sisters, who were something like 10 years older than me, were from my mother’s previous marriage, and then there was me, a younger sister and a baby brother from my mom’s second marriage to my dad.

My baby brother died when he was 5 from meningitis — a complication of measles. In those days there wasn’t a cure for it. We didn’t have antibiotics back then. It’s a terrible sickness. You run a high fever and the brain just burns up. He passed away over night. I was 10 at the time. It was really hard on us.

The neighborhood at the time was mostly white working class families. Everything in the neighborhood changed when they put in the freeway. We lived about a block away, but my grandmother lost her house and so did a lot of other

families. That’s when the neighborhoods in Los Angeles really started to change — when they put in the freeways. That was something no one had seen before. “

What was it like to be in Los Angeles during World War II?

“We were all scared about what happened at Pearl Harbor. After the attack I remember they picked up people — the Japanese. We had two Japanese families living in big houses in our neighborhood. One of them was picked up by the government right after the attack because they had a two-way radio in their house. They just came and took them away. We knew them. We went to Roosevelt High School with them. It was shocking. They were here one day and gone the next. I think there really was a serious threat from some of the Japanese people that were living here. Some of them were loyal to Japan — not this country.

I also remember the blackouts. We thought it was fun. It was pitch black. You know how kids are — you don’t really believe things like that are really dangerous. I remember walking around in the dark. You couldn’t even see your hand in front of your face it was so dark. But we just carried on. At one point they thought there were Japanese war planes flying over the Long Beach area. We could hear firing — gunfire.”

What about romance? Have you ever been married?

“I met my husband after the war. He came from back East and was a German-American that fought in the war in Europe. I met him at my church. I was living with an aunt and going to a Lutheran church. He directed the choir that I sang in. I was 22 when we got married. We moved in with his mother for three years while he went to school.

Like a lot of women at that time, I became a housewife. He was a junior high school teacher. He taught in the Palms area. Our life was pretty much eat, work and sleep. We liked going to the theater. When the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion opened we used to go there a lot. We would get season tickets.

“We never had any children but we did have pets. My favorite was our ducks. I love ducks. I love the sound they make. They can make pretty friendly pets. I love birds. Nothing was so thrilling as when my ducks laid eggs and had babies. That was so much fun. I liked that. I remember when I was a little kid I had a pet chicken that my father killed and we had it for dinner. I didn’t eat it. I was so upset. I thought that was terrible.

We lived in the San Fernando Valley for about 20 years. I hated it there. It was so hot I couldn’t stand it. We had acreage with fruit trees and stuff like that, and I canned everything. I used to bake bread. It was a lot of work.

I was known in the family as the best pie maker. Lemon meringue is my best pie. We had blackberry vines and I used to pick them, freeze them and make blackberry cream pie. Another specialty of mine was kuchen. It’s a German pastry with berries, sugar, lemon and when it’s almost done, you add egg yolks mixed with sour cream over the top — delicious. I have some good recipes in my recipe box. I loved cooking. I loved to entertain. We had lots of parties and holiday events. I’d cook all kinds of fancy foods.

“But my husband used to make me so mad. I’d fix him these gourmet dinners and then an hour after dinner, he’d sit down with a jar of peanut butter and jam, and make sandwiches. I hate peanut butter. So much for my gourmet cooking.”

How did you end back on this side of the hill?

“I divorced him. I found out that he was going out with another woman. We had been married for 29 years. At the time, I felt like I’d wasted half of my life. That’s what you feel like. But I’m a better person from having gone through the experience. The thing is, you don’t look back. You can’t think, ‘Oh, I should have done this or I should have done that.’ You just have to say, ‘so what?’ You just go on.

“But it took me eight years to get over it. I was really so heart broken. It’s been over 20 years now. Part of what made it rough was that I had to try to get a job at the age of 50. It’s bad like that today, too. I knew how to type and stuff. I used to grade English papers for my husband. I got some office jobs but they didn’t usually last very long. I got sick of typing and said I’d never type again. But I did try. I also taught preschool. I enjoyed working with children.”

What do you think about Santa Monica?

“Well, I love the weather. Love the ocean breeze, but the politics here aren’t so good. They’re always spending the taxpayers’ money on things that aren’t necessary and ignore the things that are necessary. The sidewalks are bad. They’re uneven, cracked. The tree roots have wrecked a lot of them. People have fallen. But the city isn’t doing anything to fix them. They’d rather spend our money on planting flowers in the middle of Wilshire Boulevard. Those things are causing even more problems with traffic. People tell me

it makes it even harder to see pedestrians now. And if the politicians want the homeless here — I call them tramps — then they should either build them a place where they can stay or do something to get them out of here. I see a lot of them coming into the laundry and dealing with them is really difficult. I tell them if they want to do their laundry they should take it to Seventh and Colorado where it’s free. Customers don’t want to use a washer and dryer that just had some tramp’s filthy clothes in it.

People here all say the same thing: Take care of them or get them out of here. Don’t let them wander the streets and bother people. Some of them are drugged out, some are really are dangerous, and we don’t know who is dangerous and who isn’t.”

Have you ever had to deal with any scary situations while you’ve been working here?

“There are times when we have problems with some of the homeless people. If we do, I don’t hesitate to call the police. I’m not going to put up with anybody’s crud. The other night some crazy guy came in and starting taking off his shirt. I called the police. I just had an uneasy feeling about him.

Another time we had a homeless guy in here who was carrying a knife, walking around talking to himself, acting like he was nuts. That time we were afraid to call the cops because we were afraid that he would try to get even with us for reporting him.

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If a customer is in here and someone’s bothering them, I’ll hear, ‘Mimi!’ and I’ll go back there and give them the third degree. I try to kick out the trouble makers.”

What is the best part of your life these days?

“Definitely singing and dancing. My favorite kind of music is rock. I studied voice at Pierce College after my divorce. I’d been singing in choirs and things like that for years, but once you study, it helps you learn to sing by yourself in front of people. You learn how to breathe correctly. I had singing lessons but I never took dance lessons. I just have the beat inside of me and dance naturally.

“I really enjoy performing for people. I perform anytime. I put on Celine Dion

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Paparazzi recently perched themselves on the patio overlooking the runway at the Santa Monica Airport when word went out that actress Angelina Jolie, who pilots her own plane, had taken off from the airport earlier that day. The photographers, who had been waiting for Jolie's return for hours, kept their telephoto lenses pointed to the approaching planes until nightfall, hoping that what goes up, must come down.

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and sing along. Celine is my favorite singer. I have friends that come here to the laundry to see me perform. People in the neighborhood know me as the lady that sings and dances — they know me everywhere I go for that. I was also on TV on a show called 'Late Room with Zak.' And I was in a movie, but there always changing things in it and it hasn't been taken up by anyone yet."

How did you end up working at Fox Laundry?

"I just came here and then started working here. I take care of people's laundry for them if they don't want to do it themselves. The regulars that come in all know about my singing. It's mostly people from the neighborhood. Everyone knows me as the singing and dancing Mimi."

Looking back on your life, is there anything you wish you could change?

"I never think that way. Never say that.

You have to go on from where you are or you'll drive yourself crazy thinking, 'Oh, I should have done this or I should have done that.' You can't right it anyway. Every day is a new day. That's how I treat it. I try to never get down or let people pull me down no matter what they say."

You also give people advice. Why?

"If someone has a problem and they want to talk about it to someone that has some life experience under their belt I'm happy to help. It's natural for people to want to talk about their problems to someone. I've been through a lot of stuff and in the process have learned a thing or two, especially about the divorce issue. Sometimes women will come in that are having problems with their marriage. After they talk awhile I ask them, 'Ever think there might be someone else?' They say 'no' but then hire a detective and find out that their husband actually is fooling around. I seem to just be able to feel it when that's happening."

Any parting advice?

"Don't ever look back. It just pulls you down."

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This was ridiculous. The man was already cuffed. He was hog-tied. And they (sic) beating him ..."

Naidoo's lawyers said they also would raise at trial apparent omissions or errors in the police reports.

Lucio in his report stated Naidoo was twisting and turning, and hiding his hands underneath his body in the waist-band area. The video seems to show otherwise. Naidoo does not appear to struggle with officers, and has one arm pinned behind his back, with the other stretched out in front of him.

What's more, while the video shows Lucio striking Naidoo at least twice after his right arm is pinned back, and once more after his left arm is also back, Lucio in his report states all but one of the hits were made when Naidoo still had both hands free.

The last hit, Lucio wrote, was just before Naidoo gave officers his left arm. In the video, however, it appears as though Naidoo surrenders his left arm seven to eight seconds before Lucio delivers the final blow.

Randolph and Campbell also criticized Bambrick's police report, which never referenced the use of nunchaku. Though Rohr said it was up to Lucio to report his use of the nunchaku in his own detailed report, Randolph and Campbell pointed out that Bambrick's report is very detailed about the events leading up to Lucio's arrival, then omits the nunchaku altogether.

Bambrick's report also failed to mention that Lucio arrived on scene before other back-up officers, which the video clearly shows.

In his report, Bambrick described a fist fight and struggle with Naidoo, adding that after he and his partner, Officer Robert Lanam, subdued Naidoo, "I was knocked forward as Ofc. Lucio, Ofc. Fujita, Ofc. Bendinelli and Ofc. Leyva arrived and swarmed over Naidoo."

Randolph said Lanam later claimed he never saw Lucio strike Naidoo, though in the video the nunchaku are used just inches in front of him.

"It's just laughable," Randolph said. "If they'd been any closer, Lucio would have hit him in the face."

NAIDOO'S DAY IN COURT

It was more than a year before City Hall learned of the video footage, and Naidoo's lawyers handed it over reluctantly.

Brown gave his video to Naidoo's lawyers weeks after the incident. They turned it over to the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office, who, after investigating the case, declined to pursue criminal charges against the officers. Naidoo's attorneys in May 2003 filed a civil lawsuit in Los Angeles Superior Court. Their hope was to take depositions from the officers before they were able to view the footage.

Attorneys at City Hall were successful in their request that the case be moved to federal court, where rules governing how lawyers share evidence are stricter. Naidoo's

"This is the person the police had to deal with ... He's acting excited, he's acting hyper, he's looking from side to side."

CAROL ROHR
Deputy City Attorney

attorneys then were obligated to hand over the footage. A copy of the video was made public after it was submitted to the courts late this past October.

Meanwhile, the case developed on several other fronts.

Prosecutors agreed to dismiss the seven felony charges against Naidoo, who had faced a third strike and 25 years to life in prison, if he completed a drug diversion course. In the civil suit, United States District Court Judge Audrey Collins dismissed the litigation against City Hall and Butts, along with the eight other officers who were responded to the scene.

A pre-trial settlement in the case appeared unlikely last week. Rohr said Naidoo's lawyers in an earlier settlement hearing had demanded a six-figure sum to drop their case, in the "mid- or mid- to low-range." Randolph said Rohr had never extended any offer to settle. He declined to name an appropriate amount.

Judge Collins was expected to view the video footage Feb. 14 and make a determination as to whether to permit it at trial. A jury trial is scheduled to begin March 1 at the federal courthouse in downtown Los Angeles.

Naidoo is the son of Sylvia and Vassie Naidoo, who for 20 years owned and operated Palisades Bakery in the Pacific Palisades. Vassie Naidoo, a native of South Africa, sold the bakery in 2002 to focus on martial arts, which he has been practicing for 38 years. He said he was deeply troubled by the video depicting his son's interaction with the police.

"Besides my son, I would hate to see anybody go through that and, of course, if it's your son you have more feelings," said Vassie Naidoo, 57, a sixth-degree black belt in Goju-Ryu karate who now runs a Santa Monica martial arts studio.

Though Jeremy Naidoo lived in Santa Monica at the time of his arrest, and worked part-time for his parents, he has since moved in with his aunt and uncle in Las Vegas.

"I think it's more comfortable to be out there," Vassie Naidoo said last week. "He can lead a normal life ... It's like when you sleep with dogs, you end up with fleas — so you want to get away from the environment and start a new life."

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Disparities found among Asian-American ethnic groups

BY LAURA WIDES

Associated Press Writer

ALHAMBRA —The patient at the Tzu Chi free clinic urgently needed a biopsy, but while the staff spoke Mandarin, Cantonese, Taiwanese and even Spanish, no one could explain breast cancer to the woman in her native Vietnamese.

"We were running around like chickens with our heads cut off trying to find someone," head nurse Mimi Lee said.

While the rapidly growing Asian-American and Pacific Islander communities in California often have been viewed as "model minorities," a report released last week concluded that many subgroups are linguistically isolated, live in crowded housing and have poor high school graduation rates.

"When it comes to services like health care, police protection or your children's education, you really need to learn English or you need translators who can help,"

said Kimiko Kelly, research analyst and demographer for the nonprofit Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California.

The group compiled the report using figures from the 2000 U.S. Census.

It found that more than a third of Asian-Americans in California have limited English proficiency but the numbers differed widely among ethnic groups.

Nearly 80 percent of Japanese-Americans spoke English proficiently. Only about half of Chinese-Americans — the state's largest Asian group — were proficient and fewer than half of Koreans, Cambodians and Vietnamese spoke English well.

The report found that most East Asians and Filipinos owned their homes but many Southeast Asian and Pacific Islanders did not, especially Cambodians, Samoans and Laotians. Those groups also tended to live in much more crowded housing than Chinese-, Thai- and Indonesian-Americans, the report concluded.

Dr. Chao Shuo Huang, medical director for Tzu Chi,

said he frequently deals with patients who live in overcrowded conditions, especially those from Vietnam's Hmong ethnic group.

Those living in overcrowded homes often "suffer from hygiene and lack of nutritional care," he said.

The report also concluded that as a whole, Asian-Americans were above the state average in terms of high school graduation rates. However, nearly a third of Vietnamese-Americans failed to graduate and so did more than half of Hmong and Laotians.

The data could play an important role for health care providers and educators, said Julie Park, associate director of the University of Southern California's Populations Dynamic Group.

Too often, people only see only part of the picture, she said.

"They'll just read half the report — Asians are more likely than whites to get education," she said. "You end up ignoring people who are significantly at risk of not finishing their education."

Bill could settle fight over Cal-Mexico border fence

BY ERICA WERNER

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — A broken down fence and a canyon called Smugglers Gulch mark the westernmost stretch of the California-Mexico border, a favorite crossing point for illegal immigrants and drug runners.

The federal government and a powerful local Republican congressman have been pushing for years to fortify the 3 1/2-mile stretch of border just north of Tijuana. Their plan is opposed by California coastal regulators and environmentalists who say it could harm a fragile Pacific estuary.

Now supporters may be getting closer to victory. A provision in an immigration bill expected to pass the House next week would give the Homeland Security secretary authority to move forward with the project regardless of any laws that stand in the way, and would bar courts from hearing lawsuits against it.

"We need to get this thing done, and we need to do it for security reasons, and at some point we just need to do it," said House Armed Services Committee Chairman Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., whose district is north of the border.

But environmentalists and the California Coastal Commission, the independent state agency that regulates the state's coastline, say the plan promoted by U.S. Customs and Border Protection is too extreme.

Among other provisions, it would level the peaks lin-

ing Smugglers Gulch and fill part of the deep canyon with 2 million cubic yards of dirt in order to build a road across it. The Coastal Commission voted down the proposal a year ago, saying it would erode soil near the federally protected Tijuana Estuary that's home to marshes, California brown pelicans and rare plants and birds.

"We're going to destroy our environment in the name of fear," said Peter Douglas, the commission's executive director. "Frankly there are ways that we can do both, protecting the environment and meeting the concerns of border control and Homeland Security."

Coastal Commission officials contended Customs and Border Protection didn't meet them halfway when they proposed alternatives including switchback roads through the gulch.

A spokesman for Customs and Border Protection did not immediately respond to calls for comment Friday. But Hunter said environmentalists' demands were unreasonable.

"You could run a thousand plans past some of these people. I don't think they understand the issues and I don't think they care," he said.

Rep. Bob Filner, D-Calif., whose district encompasses the border, disagreed.

"The waiving of all environmental rules for this is just criminal," Filner said. "It's just too extensive a trade-off for the limited security advantage."

More than 10 miles of the border between the Pacific Ocean and inland hills have already been fortified with

fences, lights and motion sensors and beefed-up patrols. Immigrant apprehensions declined 88 percent from 1994 to 2003.

The provision to finish off the border barriers is part of immigration legislation introduced last week by House Judiciary Committee Chairman James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., that would also prevent illegal immigrants from getting driver's licenses and make it harder for them to get political asylum.

The measures passed the House last year as part of the intelligence bill, but were struck from the final package. The bill is set for a House vote next week and is expected to pass.

How the fence provision will fare in the Senate is unclear. Democratic Sens. Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer have not announced their positions.

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Girls delivering cookies to a neighbor land in the courtroom

By The Associated Press

DURANGO, Colo. — Two teenage girls who surprised their neighbors with homemade cookies late one night were ordered to pay nearly \$900 in medical bills for a woman who says she was so startled that she had to go to the hospital.

Judge Doug Walker declined Thursday to award punitive damages, saying he did not believe the girls acted maliciously.

Taylor Ostergaard, 17, and Lindsey Jo Zellitti, 18, baked the chocolate chip and sugar cookies one night last July. They made packages with a half-dozen cookies each and added large red or pink construction-paper hearts that carried the message, "Have a great night" and were signed with their first initials: "Love, The T and L Club." Then they set off to make their deliveries.

Wanita Renea Young, 49, said she was at her rural home south of Durango around 10:30 p.m. when she said

saw "shadowy figures" outside the house banging repeatedly on her door. She yelled, "Who's there?" but no one answered, and the figures ran away.

Frightened, she spent the night at her sister's home, then went to the hospital the next morning because she was still shaking and had an upset stomach.

The teenagers' families offered to pay Young's medical bills, but she declined and sued, saying their apologies were not sincere and were not offered in person.

The girls declined comment after the ruling. Taylor's mother said the girl "cried and cried."

"She felt she was being punished for doing something nice," Jill Ostergaard said.

Young said the teenagers showed "very poor judgment."

"The victory wasn't sweet," Young said. "I'm not gloating about it. I just hope the girls learned a lesson."

The teens said they did not answer when the woman called out because they wanted the treats to be a surprise.

Alternative fuel claimants knew subsidies too good to be true

BY PAUL DAVENPORT

Associated Press Writer

PHOENIX — A state court has upheld Arizona's 2000 retreat on a costly vehicle subsidy program, ruling that taxpayers who sought big profits on alternative-fuel conversions should have known the program was too good to be true.

"From the outset, it was not unreasonable to assume

that the April (2000) law would change when the statute offered \$30,000 in cash to buy a \$6,000 used motor home that was not required to use anything but gasoline," the Court of Appeals ruling said.

The court upheld the state's denial of \$92,750 of income tax credits demanded by a couple who had already been reimbursed \$58,250 for out-of-pocket costs of buying four used motor homes and having them converted to run on an alternative fuel.

Under the April 2000 law, the program — originally created in the early 1990s as a way to promote clean air — allowed some people to recover virtually the entire cost of buying an alternative-fuel vehicle.

At the urging of then-Gov. Janet Hull and then-Attorney General and current Gov. Janet Napolitano, legislators in December 2000 dramatically scaled back the subsidies and imposed new eligibility conditions.

The state acted after realizing that the April changes to the existing subsidy program could balloon its projected costs to \$650 million. When they acted in April, lawmakers had a \$5 million to \$10 million cost in mind.

State officials have put the cost of the scaled-back program at close to \$150 million.

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Ski industry pinning future to base development

BY JON SANCHE

Associated Press Writer

DENVER — A few decades ago, people flocked to Vail and Aspen to ski. There was little else to do in the winter and the fledgling ski resorts were virtual ghost towns in the summer.

These days, people are drawn to the Vail Valley and Aspen every month of the year. They watch performances of the New York Philharmonic and the Bolshoi Ballet, indulge themselves at gourmet food-and-wine festivals, play golf, shop, go mountain biking or kayaking, and just soak up the mountain-town atmosphere.

The evolution of the North American ski resort has shifted away from more chairlifts and ski slopes. Resort companies looking for a solution to flat skier numbers are increasingly relying on real estate sales to bolster the bottom line.

"They're having to look at a broader picture to make a project work," said Dennis McAlpine, an industry analyst with McAlpine Associates in Scarsdale, N.Y. "You can't just own a mountain, you've got to do the rest of it. You can't be just a ski developer, you're a village developer."

Resort development has hit a sizzling pace around the continent, with resort owners building or expanding base villages to add housing, retail space, restaurants and other amenities. Canadian giant Intrust Corp. has called its 10-year, \$750 million plan at Mont Tremblant north of Montreal the largest tourist project in North America.

The new owners of the Crested Butte ski area in western Colorado are planning real estate projects after building a successful track record elsewhere, notably the Okemo resort in Vermont. That area became New England's second-busiest after the owners accelerated a ski and golf expansion, helping double housing prices since 1997.

In Snowmass Village at the base of one of Aspen Skiing Co.'s four mountains, residents narrowly approved the resort's biggest improvement since its founding — a \$400 million development featuring shopping, restaurant, housing, and other amenities.

The proposal generated opposition from longtime residents who fear the town will lose its character, but company officials say the development is necessary

to keep the town economically viable.

Texas billionaire B.J. "Red" McCombs, a founder of the Clear Channel Communications empire, is planning a development involving nearly 2,200 housing units at the no-frills Wolf Creek ski area in southern Colorado. Intrust is also retooling a proposal rejected by local government officials last summer to nearly double the size of the base village at Copper Mountain.

"When you develop the village at the base of a resort, you tend to get skiers that come and stay longer and spend more money. As the village develops, it becomes kind of a place to be: fun, exciting, great nightlife," Intrust spokesman Tim McNulty said from Vancouver. "And then what happens is the resort can go for the whole four seasons."

Nationally, skier and snowboarder visits have yo-yoed between 50 million and 57.6 million since 1990, according to the National Ski Areas Association. Resorts are searching for ways to increase those numbers and bring in more people — and money — after the snow melts.

"Skiing is just one of the amenities," said Jerry Jones, an industry analyst and former

executive at several Colorado resorts.

Lift ticket sales provided the bulk of resorts' profits for years, Jones said. But when resorts began selling real estate as a way to lure skiers, they learned there was untapped profit potential and for years used real estate sales to help finance mountain expansions.

In the past several years, however, lift-ticket price wars have put a new spotlight on real estate as the way for resort companies to stay alive. Jones said that sets up a dangerous situation.

"That's a diminishing asset, a one-time cash infusion that disappears after they sell it," he said.

He said the Forest Service, which manages the land under most of Colorado's ski resorts, is reluctant to allow new lifts and slopes because agency officials aren't convinced there will be enough skiers and snowboarders to justify such expansions.

"What's happening is that the existing ski areas would like to grow but they would also like to grow with developable land," Jones said. "If they're going to grow their ski terrain they want to make sure it enhances real estate values and opens new real estate."

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Congressional GOPs express doubts on SS plan

BY LAURA MECKLER

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Congressional Republicans are expressing doubt that President Bush's plan for personal accounts in Social Security can win approval, saying lawmakers fear the political consequences of voting major change to the popular retirement program.

Some suggested that Bush jettison the central feature of his plan, which is to let younger workers divert part of their Social Security payroll taxes to private retirement accounts.

"Politically speaking, right now it's probably not doable," Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., said Thursday, citing lack of Democratic support.

"We should take this year to study the issue and come up with solutions," said Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine. She said there was no consensus for action now and that she had not made up her own mind.

Her Maine colleague, Republican Sen. Olympia Snowe, has said outright that she opposes diverting the

program's taxes to pay for personal accounts. Snowe serves on the Senate Finance Committee that would handle any Social Security legislation, making the task before Republicans more daunting.

Not a single Senate Democrat has endorsed Bush's proposal.

That stands in stark contrast to legislation cutting taxes, setting new standards in education and adding prescription drugs to Medicare. In each of these cases, the president had at least one prominent Democrat on board early.

Under Senate rules, supporters would need 60 votes for their plan if Democrats try to block it. That means proponents would have to persuade at least a few Democrats to join them if the plan is to become law.

That was partly the reason behind a two-day tour to five states that Bush began Thursday to sell his Social Security program. Each state is represented in the Senate by at least one Democrat who GOP strategists believe might back the president's proposal.

"Now is the time to put partisanship aside and focus

on saving Social Security for young workers," Bush said in Fargo, N.D.

Bush wants to let workers divert up to two-thirds of their Social Security taxes into private accounts that they could invest in stocks and bonds. At the same time, the guaranteed benefit would be cut, though by how much is not clear.

Many Democrats favor personal accounts, but want them in addition to benefits paid by Social Security.

Bush's proposal is also stirring worry in the House, where Republicans have often fallen in behind his programs.

"I've talked to some of my colleagues and they're panic-stricken," said Rep. Mark Foley, R-Fla., who said he welcomes a serious debate over the sweeping changes Bush outlined in his State of the Union address Wednesday.

Two House Republicans with years of expertise on Social Security offered an alternate plan, saying the Bush proposal was too risky politically. They suggested bolstering the program with money from general revenues rather than the payroll tax.

"I think politically it's the most salable. It's not going to scare anybody," said Florida Rep. Clay Shaw, who for six years was chairman of the House Ways and Means subcommittee on Social Security. "It does preserve Social Security as it is today. If we're going to attract some Democrats, that's the way to go."

The subcommittee's current chairman, GOP Rep. James McCrery of Louisiana, said taking money out of the existing Social Security system for private accounts gives a powerful argument to the plan's opponents, including the 35 million-member AARP, which represents older Americans.

"The AARP and the Democrats think if you divert some money from the trust fund," the existing program will be undermined, McCrery said. "That is true on its face. It does decrease the level of the trust fund. Politically, that's going to be a very strong tool that (opponents) can use to defeat a plan."

McCrery and Shaw said in separate interviews that, like Bush, they want to create personal accounts. But they said they favor paying for them with general revenue, which probably would mean borrowing the money.

In that case, they said, taxes collected for Social Security would be left alone to pay for traditional program benefits.

Sen. Rick Santorum, the No. 3 Republican in the Senate, acknowledged the dissent over Bush's plan but said it should diminish as members of Congress learn more.

"We have a lot of work to do, not just among the American people, but in our own caucus," said Santorum, R-Pa.

Rep. Jack Kingston, R-Ga., who serves in the House leadership, appeared less worried. He said he left a GOP retreat last week convinced members were "enthusiastic about taking on a challenge and giving it a good honest effort."

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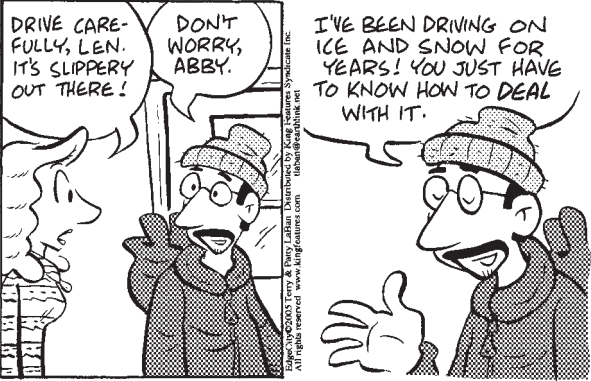
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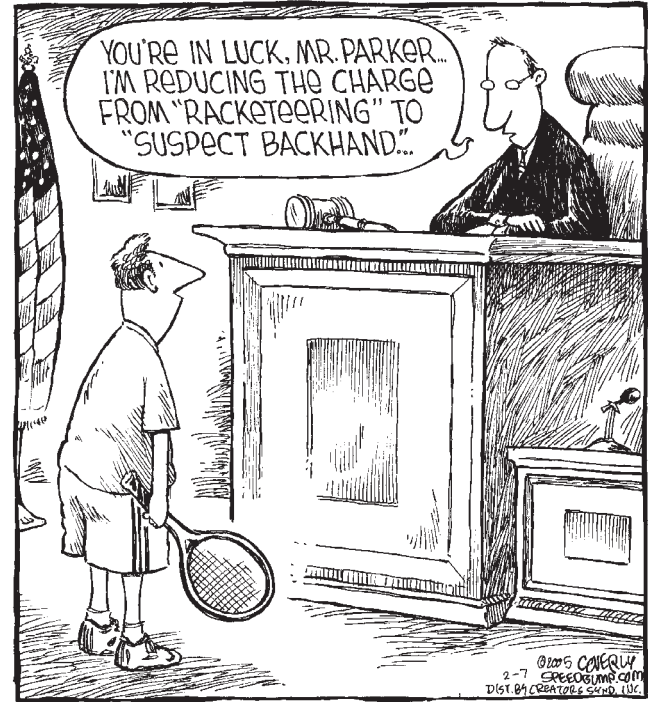
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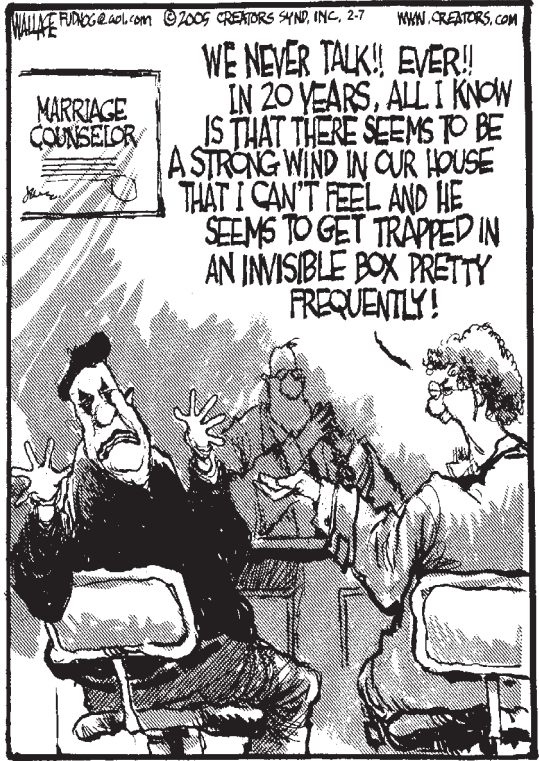


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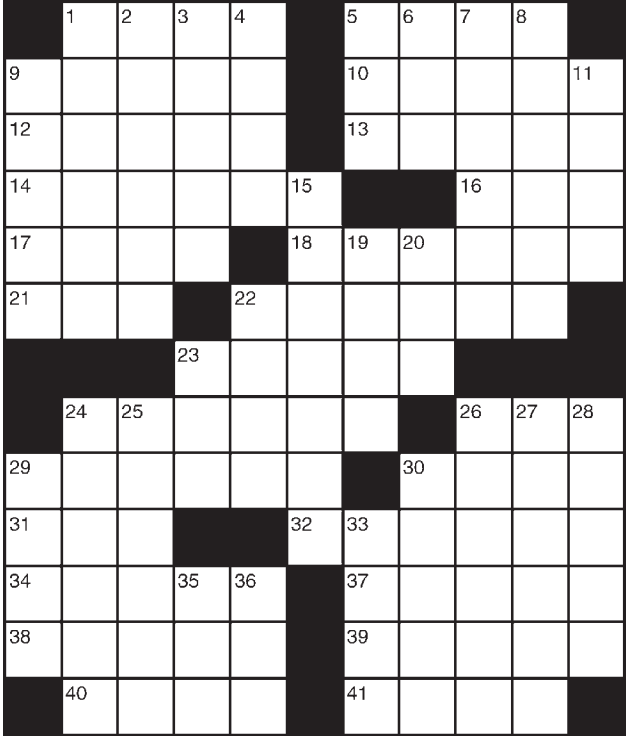
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 0054963 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Body Wellness, 1821 Wilshire Blvd., #401, Santa Monica, CA 90403. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Natalie Mirsky, 2445 Walgrove Ave., LA CA 90066 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/: Natalie Mirsky
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 0205621 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Shooting Stars Productions, Shooting Starz Productions, 2260 Caheunga Blvd., Ste 201, LA CA 90068. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Michael Paul Kinzig, 2260 Caheunga Blvd., Ste 201, LA CA 90068 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)1/27/2005. /s/: Michael Paul Kinzig
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 0205646 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Travelers Entertainment, 7219 Hampton Ave., #7, West Hollywood, CA 90046. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Aaron Steele, 7219 Hampton Ave., #7, West Hollywood, CA 90046, James L. Stimpson, 137 Grace Terrace, Pasadena, CA, Nicholas Steven Ameln, 109 Rees St., Playa Del Rey, CA 90293 This Business is being conducted by, a general partnership. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Aaron Steele, James L. Stimpson, Nicholas Steven Ameln
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 0205662 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Natural Nails, 4830 Paramount Blvd., Lakewood, CA 90712. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Vivian Ngo, 7722 Ruthann Ave., Stanton, CA 90680, Teresa Ngo, 7722 Ruthann Ave., Stanton, CA 90680 This Business is being conducted by, co-partners. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)1/27/2005. /s/: Vivian Ngo, Teresa Ngo
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 0167572 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Sara R. Kossuth DO, Professional Corporation, AION #2696550, 3437 Inglewood Blvd., LA CA 90066. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Sara R. Kossuth DO, Professional Corporation, 3437 Inglewood Blvd., LA CA 90066 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/: Sara R. Kossuth DO, Professional Corporation
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 0194374 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Send Love, 1034 S. Van Horn Ave., West Covina, CA 91790. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Rafael Ramirez, 1034 S. Van Horn Ave., West Covina, CA 91790 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)8/4/1999. /s/: Rafael Ramirez
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 0195150 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as JMA - Investment Trust Co., 9212 Reichling Ln, Pico Rivera, CA 90660. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Jose Mario Alvarez, 9212 Reichling Ln, Pico Rivera, CA 90660, Maria De Los Angeles Alvarez, 9212 Reichling Ln, Pico Rivera, CA 90660 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 0194345 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Badseed Productions, Bad Seed Productions, 2700 Neilson Way, Apt., 827, Santa Monica, CA 90405. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Robert Castorina, 2700 Neilson Way, Apt., 827, Santa Monica, CA 90405, Ryan Tate, 2225 S. Olive St., LA CA 90007 This Business is being conducted by, co-partners. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)9/26/2004. /s/: Robert Castorina, Ryan Tate
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 0180928 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as D + W Fashions, 303 E. 12th St., LA CA 90015. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Willie M. Girley, 1611 W. 106th St., LA CA 90047 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/: Willie M. Girley
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 0180904 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as H.M. Security, 9027 Florence Ave., Downey, CA 90241. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Reynaldo Zendejas Jr., 10853 Firestone Blvd., #45, Norwalk, CA 90650 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)1/11/2005. /s/: Reynaldo Zendejas Jr.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 0181642 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Gold, 6530 DeLongpre, Hollywood, CA 90028. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Paramjik S. Sokhi, 6530 DeLongpre, Hollywood, CA 90028 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The

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registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)2/1/1987. /s/: Paramjik S. Sokhi
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 0162914 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Kobe Ramen, AION# 2484912, 313 E. 1st St., LA CA 90012. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Office Imaging and Graphics, Inc., 313 E. 1st St., LA CA 90012 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)1/1/2005. /s/: Office Imaging and Graphics, Inc.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 0162904 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Delmayo Electric, 7708 Pioneer Blvd., Whittier, CA 90606. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Delfino Esquer, 7708 Pioneer Blvd., Whittier, CA 90606 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/: Delfino Esquer
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 0170270 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as RS Trucking, 117 N. Poplan Montebello, CA 90640. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Reynoldo R. Samaniego, 117 N. Poplan Montebello, CA 90640 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/: Reynoldo R. Samaniego
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 0170240 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Tag It Red, 223 Alpine St., #7, LA CA 90012. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Tony Young, 2740 Willard Ave., Rosemead, CA 91770 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)1/24/2005. /s/: Tony Young
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Statement of Abandonment of Use of Fictitious Business Name Document Record # 04 3213334 Current File No. 04 1747669 State of California, County of Los Angeles
The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious Business name:
R and J Enterprises located at 2032 S. 6th Street, #B, Alhambra, CA 91803 The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 07/08/2004 In the county of LOS ANGELES. Luis A. Romero, 2032 S. 6th Street, #B, Alhambra, CA 91803 , Ricardo Romero, 2032 S. 6th Street, #B, Alhambra, CA 91803 This business is conducted by: husband and wife. The above declares that all information in this statement is true and correct. That the notice, of which the annexed is a printed copy, has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to-wit: 01/10/05, 01/17/05, 01/24/05, 01/31/05

Statement of Abandonment of Use of Fictitious Business Name Document Record # 05 0100348 Current File No. 04 2943069 State of California, County of Los Angeles
The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious Business name:
Wincell Products located at 241 Winston Street #7, LA CA 90013 The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 11/12/2005 In the county of LOS ANGELES. Jin Yee Kim, 2233 Fargo Street, LA CA 90039 This business is conducted by: an individual The above declares that all information in this

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statement is true and correct.
That the notice, of which the annexed is a printed copy, has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to-wit: 01/24/05, 01/31/05, 02/07/05, 02/14/05



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