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Maya Myers *news@smdp.com*

PROUD PAL: **Chianti Morgan, a homeless senior at Santa Monica High School, spends many of her after-school hours doing homework and spending time with her 'babies,' young children who participate in the after-school program at the Police Activities League.**

Samohi student is young and on the streets

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

OLYMPIC BLVD Chianti Morgan believes that she is one of the lucky kids, blessed with loving siblings, supportive friends and good health.

It's hard to believe that the ever-so-positive 18-year-old is experiencing her senior year at Santa Monica High School without the presence of her father or a stable home, kicked out of her house last month and forced to spend nights on the streets.

Yet, the bubbling high school student, who aspires to become a social worker someday, remains optimistic through it all.

The reason — there are millions of people in the world with bigger problems.

"They are dealing with real pain," Morgan said during a recent interview at the Police Activities League. "I'm just sitting here whining about my iPod and these peo-

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Stimulus plan offers students, colleges billions in financial assistance

BY JUSTIN POPE
AP Education Writer

DURHAM, N.C. The stimulus plan emerging in Washington could offer an unprecedented, multibillion-dollar boost in financial help for college students trying to pursue a degree while they ride out the recession.

It could also hand out billions to the states to kick-start idled campus construction projects and help prevent tuition increases at a time when families can least afford them.

But cuts of $40 billion for state and local governments in the Senate version were a big disappointment for college leaders. House-Senate negotiations will determine whether education aid to the states is relatively modest or massive — and how much

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Building prices get competitive

BY ROB LAWRENCE
Special to the Daily Press

CITYWIDE There have been many victims of the ongoing economic crises, however, City Hall and Santa Monica College have recently been able to capitalize on a falling demand in private and commercial construction as well as a drop in labor and materials costs.

"We had a problem in the last five or six years, until just recently, the construction costs were going up tremendously," said Greg Brown, director of facilities planning at SMC.

Brown said that Phase 1 of the college's new $77 million Student Services Building came in $3 million under budget due to cheaper materials.

"Our budget has been tight and it has been hard to complete our projects under budget," Brown said. "The savings will just guarantee we can complete all of our projects."

City Hall is also seeing similar trends brought on by heavy competition in publicly funded construction.

On Sept. 25, 2007, City Hall had six contractors bidding on a citywide street light project. The final bid accepted was 12 percent below their initial estimate. Then on Nov. 11 2008, on a similar project, 12 contractors bid and the awarded contract was 30 percent below their estimate.

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Gentle Yoga for Older Adults
Ocean Park Branch Library
2601 Main St., 7 p.m. — 8 p.m.
Improve your flexibility and de-stress with yoga intended to revitalize rather than to pretzel-ize. Advance sign-ups and personal yoga mat are required. Call (310) 458-8606 for more information.

Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2009

Story time
Ocean Park Branch Library
2601 Main St., 10 a.m. — 11 a.m.
Bring two-year-old children to Mr. Jesse's Toddler Story Time for Two's for stories, songs, rhymes and puppets. Registration is required. Call (310) 458-4638 for more information.

Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2009

Taking away aches and pains
Kathmandu Boutique
1844 Lincoln Blvd., 6 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.
Free lessons offered on the technique of pranic healing, developed by Master Choa Kok Sui. For more information, call (310) 396-4036.

Kiwanis Club weekly meeting
Santa Monica YMCA
1332 6th St., 12 p.m. — 1:30 p.m.
Join the Santa Monica Kiwanis Club for its weekly luncheon with guest speakers. Call (310) 613-1249 for more information.

Walk the labyrinth
First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica
1008 11th St., 1 p.m. — 2 p.m.
Come to the Simkins Hall at First United Methodist Church in Santa Monica to walk the labyrinth, an ancient form of meditation where one follows an inlaid path in quiet contemplation. Call (310) 393-8258 or e-mail Mary Garbesi at mary.garbesi@santamonicaumc.org for more information.

Thursday, Feb. 12, 2009

What's new this week?
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 1 p.m. — 2:30 p.m.
Join us for a free-wheeling review and discussion of the week's key news stories at home and abroad. Subjects cover politics, the economy, society and culture. Discussion moderator, Jack Nordhaus, is a former college history professor. Call (310) 450-0443 for more information.

Robbie Kaye photo exhibit
Bergamot Station
2525 Michigan Ave. Call for times
A retrospective of vintage and antique dolls, mannequins, ceramics, glass and other materials will be the centerpiece of this new exhibit. Robbie Kaye is a native of New York and has focused her recent work on Santa Monica's seaside vistas, buildings and fauna. For more information, call (310) 828-4001.

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.



Artist of famed Obama poster gets arrested

BY JAY LINDSAY
Associated Press Writer

BOSTON A Los Angeles-based street artist famous for his red, white and blue "Hope" posters of President Obama has been arrested on warrants accusing him of tagging property with graffiti, police said Saturday.

Shepard Fairey was arrested Friday night on his way to the Institute of Contemporary Art for a kickoff event for his first solo exhibition, called "Supply and Demand."

Two warrants were issued for Fairey on Jan. 24 after police determined he'd tagged property in two locations with graffiti based on the Andre the Giant street art campaign from his early career, Officer James Kenneally said. One of the locations was the railroad trestle by the landmark Boston University bridge over the Charles River, police said.

Fairey, 38, is scheduled to be arraigned Monday in Brighton District Court, said Jake Wark, a spokesman for the Suffolk District Attorney. Wark said Fairey would also be arraigned on a default warrant related to a separate graffiti case in the Roxbury section of Boston.

Fairey has spent the last two weeks in the Boston area installing the ICA exhibit and creating outdoor art, including a 20-by-50 foot banner on the side of City Hall, according to a statement issued Saturday by the museum.

The museum said Fairey was released a few hours after his arrest. Boston police confirmed Fairey had been released, but did not know exactly when or the amount of his bail.

A man who answered the phone at Fairey's Los Angeles studio, Studio One, declined comment.

"Shepard Fairey was completely unaware that there were any warrants for his arrest. Had he known, he would have resolved all such issues before the opening of his art exhibit at the Institute of Contemporary Art in Boston," his attorney, Jeffrey Wiesner, said in an e-mail.

Fairey has been arrested numerous times for drawing on buildings and other private property without permission.

His Obama image has been sold on hundreds of thousands of stickers and posters, and was unveiled at the National Portrait

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GAME FACE

Morgan Genser *news@smdp.com*

Santa Monica High School center Brenna McNamara secures a rebound against Ocean League rival Beverly Hills on Saturday at Samohi. The Vikings won the game, 65-52. With the win, Samohi improved its record to 18-6 overall and 6-2 in league play.

A difficult week lies ahead for President

BY JIM KUHNHENN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON President Barack Obama plunges into a difficult test of his leadership this week, struggling to get a divided Congress to agree on his economic recovery package while pitching a new plan to ease loans to consumers and businesses.

The Senate's $827 billion stimulus legislation seems assured narrow passage by Tuesday. Harder work for Obama and the Democrats comes in the days ahead, when the House and Senate attempt to reconcile differences in their two versions.

Obama and Democratic Party leaders had hoped to have a bill ready for the president's signature by Feb. 16 — a deadline that grows more challenging by the day.

bGeithner is considering steps to broaden the use of a new lending facility at the Federal Reserve, provide government guarantees to help banks deal with their troubled assets, and continue direct infusion of capital into banks in exchange for securities and tougher accountability rules.

For Obama, the economy has become a two-front engagement, with one effort aimed at creating or saving jobs and the other at unfreezing the credit markets. Amid the urgency created by nearly 600,000 new unemployed workers last month and new bank failures, Obama's economic prescriptions are coming under critical scrutiny.

The House and Senate bills are about $7 billion apart in cost and overlap in numerous ways. But the Senate bill has a greater emphasis on tax cuts, while the House bill devotes more money to states, local governments and schools.

Lawrence Summers, Obama's top economic adviser, signaled the struggle ahead as he made the rounds of Sunday morning talk shows. "There are crucial areas, support for higher education, that are things that are in the House bill that are very, very important to the president," he said on ABC.

Rep. Barney Frank of Massachusetts warned that reductions in state spending in the Senate bill would hurt local communities.

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Leaving the car at home

Editor:

The irony in Bill Bauer's ("My Write," page 4, Feb. 2, 2009) column about improvements to 20th Street is that the very measures he disparages (bike lanes and pedestrian enhancements) are exactly what our city needs to provide people with an alternative to the congestion he laments. Santa Monica is on its way to becoming a bicycle and pedestrian-friendly city where more of us can meet our daily needs without having to use a car so much. But until we have a pervasive network of safe, inviting corridors for cycling and walking, many people will continue to drive. Bicycle and pedestrian improvements will help us leave the car at home more often.

Kent Strumpell
Santa Monica

A revolution of ignorance

Editor:

Republicans continue to seek the lowest common denominator, reaching out to the extreme segments of society. Nothing has changed in the GOP camp even after the scathing loses of the fall elections. The Republican mantra remains "Ask not what you can do for your country, but, ask what is right for the GOP."

A Republican Party in name only, that has been hijacked by anti-abortionists, anti-tax advocates and the fundamentalist right, has lost control of the White House, Congress and the Senate, yet, politics of fear, lies and obstruction still season every move of the Grand Old Party. Rush Limbaugh and Sean Hannity have become the pointmen for the Republican Party as it plays to weak minds and pushes its revolution of ignorance.

Ron Lowe
Santa Monica





My Write

Bill Bauer

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Rolling through controversy on two wheels is so sweet

I KNEW LAST MONDAY'S "MY WRITE" ("Council arrogance clips tree project") would generate a lot of response from hardcore bicycling enthusiasts.

I criticized City Councilmen Ken Genser and Kevin McKeown for insisting on dedicated bicycle lanes, planted center medians, curb bump outs and other physical alterations that would necessitate the removal of parking or one or two traffic lanes on heavily-traveled 20th Street between Pico Boulevard and the I-10 Freeway.

Pico neighbors requested trees on 20th. City Hall arbitrarily changed the landscaping request into a street re-engineering project against the neighbors' wishes. I wrote that because of heavy use (20th carries nearly 20,000 vehicles daily on average), removing traffic lanes would increase congestion, gridlock and encourage short-cutting through adjacent residential neighborhoods.

A few bicycle extremists flipped out as if I had suggested killing their puppies.

One letter to the Daily Press said I was "narrow minded and (had a) vicious attitude" and was "concerned only about (my) benefit." Ranting about walking being healthy, we "must not use cars for every little thing" and about "foreign oil," its author displayed the same narrow-minded intolerance he accused me of in addition to imposing his own lifestyle on everyone else in the community.

Another aggrieved zealot chimed in from his lofty, academic perch and claimed I was out of touch because "non-motorized circulation is in!" He invited me to join him "in the liberating process of life outside the car. The time has come to look beyond the bonnet, Mr. Bauer," he wrote. (Note: Writer is European, bonnet is called a "hood" in the States.)

Despite biking almost exclusively on secondary streets, I rode my 1943-era, Schwinn two-speed until a couple of "near death" experiences a few years ago courtesy of inattentive Santa Monica motorists. So I'm not interested. Thanks, anyway.

All this is condescending claptrap. It's not about "being in," it's about getting the most people safely and efficiently from point A to point B. These days, that's via personal vehicle for 99 percent of us, like it or not. Interfering with a person's ability to get to work, do business, shop, socialize and attend school using motorized conveyances because "you" believe that cars are evil and shouldn't be used for "every little thing" is selfish and wrong.

Councilman Bobby Shriver even e-mailed me asking, "What's wrong with bike lanes?"

I responded, "Bike lanes aren't necessarily a bad idea — except when one has to remove traffic lanes on very busy streets to accommodate them. Anything that negatively affects an already overburdened infrastructure such as reducing the ability of streets to carry traffic should not be undertaken at this time."

The present, almost exclusive use of cars, SUVs or trucks by the general public is not going to change soon. Senior citizens, families with children, shoppers, those who commute long distances for work and the disabled can't just hop on a bike — or, when it rains. What's more, streets will never be configured to satisfy everyone's needs simultaneously because space and resources are finite. That's why "Complete Streets" are an unobtainable fantasy.

Yet, McKeown, Genser and a small cadre of vocal bicycle lobbyists obviously feel it's OK or even noble to appropriate scarce street resources for the occasional pedestrian or cyclist while squeezing an ever-increasing number of motorists into even less space on some unsubstantiated, idealistic theory that more bike lanes and traffic islands will result in less drivers and more bicyclists and pedestrians.

On the other hand, Manhattan Beach (where there is some common sense) announced that sections of Sepulveda Boulevard are being widened to relieve congestion and meet the demands of increasing traffic. I didn't see mention of bike lanes. Holy heresy!

Here, there may be alternatives to removing traffic lanes on major streets to meet the needs of a slowly growing number of people wanting to bicycle or hoof it. Beginning at San Vicente Boulevard, 17th Street transverses the entire city and is less heavily traveled (and less dangerous) than 20th. There are already bike lanes on sections of 17th, north of Olympic and all major intersections are signalized.

I'm sure Santa Monica College, currently perceived as a roadblock, would welcome bicycle access to and through its campus. From there, bike lanes could either go down 17th or 16th Street past John Adams Middle School and across Ocean Park Boulevard. Both streets go down to Marine Street and Marine Park where a new north/south bike lane could connect to Rose Avenue and the existing marked bike lanes that run between Walgrove Avenue/23rd Street to Lincoln Boulevard.

If gonzo cyclists would stop being snarky and politicians could curb unreasonable demands that jammed primary streets must accommodate underutilized bike lanes, it would be easier to find solutions to everyone's advantage. But, until we can stop being defensive and confrontational, we'll either wind up sitting in gridlock or splayed across somebody's bonnet.

Bill can be reached at mr.bilbau@gmail.com when not waxing his bonnet and his boot. Yes, he drives an English car.

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

"Know Before You Go" is a weekly update on construction projects throughout Santa Monica.

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Annual Tree Trimming Project

City trees will be trimmed at various locations. For the address and location please visit the KBUG website (www.knowB4ugo.smgov.net). The annual tree trimming schedule is subject to change without notice due to inclement weather, emergencies, community events, budget conditions, street repairs or other public improvements. Residences and businesses will be notified in advance of tree trimming operations, blocks will also be posted with no parking signs.

Back On the Beach Café (445 Pacific Coast Highway)

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Alley Project

Construction is under way for alley resurfacing and concrete gutter installation. The 1300 block of First Court (The alley east of Ocean Avenue from Santa Monica Boulevard to Arizona Avenue) will be closed for the rest of the week.

Big Blue Bus Campus Expansion (1620 Sixth St.)

No public parking at the eastside of Sixth Street (South of Colorado Avenue). Construction is currently under way through Aug. 25, 2009: No parking along, and no pedestrian access to west sidewalk of Seventh Street, between Colorado and Olympic Boulevard. No parking along and no pedestrian access to south sidewalk of Colorado, between Sixth and Seventh streets.

Colorado Ocean Relief Sewer Project

Eastbound Colorado will not be allowed to turn left onto northbound Second Street and Ocean Court Alley will be blocked at Colorado.

East Colorado Improvement Project

Pedestrian and neighborhood traffic improvements on Colorado Avenue between 20th Street and Centinela Avenue. Streets will be reduced to one lane both east and west bound from 20th Street to 26th Street. Some parking lanes will be removed during various construction phases. Pedestrian walkways will also be reduced during construction.

Citywide Street Repair Project

For the week of Feb. 9, 2009, the Street Improvement contractor will perform sidewalk removal and replacement, curb removal and replacement on Alta and Palisades Street between Ocean Avenue and Fourth Street. Please note the "No Parking" signs that will be posted at least 24 hours in advance of work. A notice has been distributed to all affected addresses. There is a temporary parking permit on the back of the notice that will allow you to park within a two block radius of your address. It will exempt you from getting ticketed on street sweeping days.

Parking Structures 1-6 Façade Improvement Project

This project entails repainting and maintenance repairs of the existing downtown parking structures 1 through 6. Construction is currently on the way on Parking Structures 4 – 1321 Second St. and 5 – 1440 Fourth St. The southbound parking lane on Fourth Street (south of Santa Monica Boulevard.) will be used between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. All travel directions will be maintained. This work may temporarily affect a maximum of 25 parking spaces at all parking structures.

Parking Structure #4 Seismic Retrofit

Construction is currently under way. It entails seismic retrofit of Parking Structure no. 4, bathroom remodel/expansion in addition to the sweeper storage area to Parking Structure no. 2. There will be reduced parking capacity through March 20, 2009.

For more information on projects, please visit the Know Before You Go website at: www.knowB4ugo.smgov.net

The Q Line

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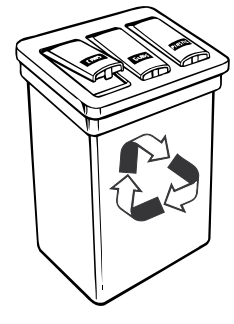


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States look to expand recycling programs

BY KELSEY ABBRUZZESE
Associated Press Writer

BOSTON Initially passed decades ago by states looking to promote recycling and help fight pollution, bottle bills are now becoming popular proposals for states looking for any extra infusion of cash.

Massachusetts is one of the latest to suggest expanding its nickel deposit law from carbonated beverages to include bottled water, juice and sports drinks. Gov. Deval Patrick claims the state could collect an extra $58 million for the 2010 budget by collecting the unclaimed deposits.

Consumers in Massachusetts now pay an extra nickel for each bottle of beer or soda but get the nickel back when they return bottles to stores or redemption centers. If consumers do not redeem the bottles, the state receives the nickel.

Connecticut, New York, Iowa and Michigan are also reintroducing measures this session to expand their existing deposit laws — hoping to join Maine, California, Oregon and Hawaii in passing broader bottle bills.

The proposals have drawn praise from recycling groups as a "win-win" situation but cynicism from retailers, who call the moves political money grabs.

Many previous efforts to expand bottle deposit laws have been stymied by lobbying from retailers or lawmakers who say it's an extra tax on consumers.

"They're relying on people not returning containers so the unredeemed nickels go to the state. That's very poor public policy," said Chris Flynn, president of the Massachusetts Food Association, which has long opposed the bottle law. "What's next? If the budget deficit isn't fixed, will we bring all trash back to the store?"

But tough economic times have made environmental advocates optimistic the bills will pass now. Ivan Frishberg, political director at Environment America, said he sees the same effect in the U.S. Senate's inclusion of clean energy initiatives in its economic recovery bill.

"Let's not kid ourselves — the reason it's in there is it's a twofer. It's good for the environment and good for economy," Frishberg said. "If it's not a winner on the second part, we wouldn't have this opportunity."

In Massachusetts, Patrick proposed the expansion as a way to generate extra cash for the general fund, recycling and solid waste management programs and the Massachusetts Water and Sewer Rate Relief Fund.

In New York, the money would go toward municipal recycling and environmental projects. And in Indiana, extra money from creating a bottle deposit law would include providing revenue to the Indiana heritage trust fund.

Supporters say non-carbonated beverages were nonexistent when the bottle law was enacted and adding them would simply update it. But Craig Stevens, spokesman for the American Beverage Association, said this is the wrong time to essentially add another tax to consumers.

"What we're hearing now is that many of these states are trying to close gaps in their budget," he said. "If they're doing this under the guise of increasing recycling, this is the wrong way to increase recycling."

Stevens added he sees the bottle deposit as a tax and if states wanted to increase recycling rates, they would improve curbside recycling.

In Massachusetts, the state received $39.2 million from unclaimed deposits in fiscal year 2007, when redemption was 66 percent. The governor contends updating the bottle law to include non-carbonated beverages would raise the 2.2 billion redeemable containers sold annually to 3.7 billion, bringing in the extra $20 million.

Dohee Kim, a consultant who was recently laid off, said she wouldn't appreciate the extra nickel on her purchases as she carried her bottled water and juice out of the Whole Foods market in Boston's Beacon Hill neighborhood.

"I personally wouldn't like to be charged extra because I do recycle right now," Kim said. "I don't see why that would motivate people to recycle more."

Some doubt expanding the bottle bill will help the budget.

"I just don't see it working," said Thomas Whalen, a political historian and social science professor at Boston University. "At this point, given job losses and people cutting back on everything, you don't want to give them an excuse not to consume or purchase something."

Utility provides dredging plan for Tennessee ash spill

BY DUNCAN MANSFIELD
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KNOXVILLE, Tenn. The nation's largest public utility wants to start dredging toxic-laden coal ash from a Tennessee river inundated by a massive sludge spill six weeks ago that destroyed homes in a rural neighborhood.

The Tennessee Valley Authority has submitted a plan to state regulators to use hydraulic dredges to pull the material from the river channel, pump it to an area of the Kingston Fossil Plant site where it can dry and then move it to temporary storage on a former ash pond that was converted to a recreation field years ago.

The process could take several weeks.

Also, the TVA, responding to an enforcement order by the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, has turned over hundreds of pages of documents covering decades of operation at the Kingston plant, where the spill occurred Dec. 22.

The state agency is overseeing the cleanup and considering fines for violating the Clean Water Act.

The coal ash breached an earthen wall that held back a 55-foot-tall mountain of coal-burning byproducts. Some 1.1 billion gallons of sludge was released.

Earth Talk

By the editors of E Magazine

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BRIGHT IDEA: **The smart grid concept is predicated on a two-way flow of energy — and information — between electricity generators and end users. The system not only delivers power to end users as needed, depending on demand; it also gathers power from end users that produce their own — such as this homeowner here who generates solar power — when they have more than they need.**

Getting smart

Dear EarthTalk

What is the so-called "smart grid" I've been hearing about, and how can it save energy and money?

Larry Burger
Litchfield, CT

AMERICA'S ELECTRICITY GRID IS built upon what many consider to be an antiquated principle: Make large amounts of electricity and have it always available to end users whether they need it or not. It's much like the way most home water heaters work in keeping water constantly hot even when it is not being used. It is also a strictly one-way relationship with utilities supplying power to end users, but not also vice-versa.

The smart grid concept is predicated on a two-way flow of energy — and information — between electricity generators and end users. The system not only delivers power to end users as needed, depending on demand; it also gathers power from end users that produce their own — homes and businesses that generate solar, wind or geothermal power themselves — when they have more than they need.

Some 42 states and Washington, DC already require utilities to have systems in place to buy excess energy generated by their customers. But, writes journalist Michael Prager in E – The Environmental Magazine, "because they can't know in real time that power is coming in, utilities generate as much as they would have anyway." He adds that when information flows both ways, end users will be able to send information back to the grid specifying how much power they need and when they will need it. They'll also be able to communicate when they have excess power available to upload to the grid.

On the forefront of research into the feasibility of the smart grid on a large scale is the Future Renewable Electric Energy Delivery and Management (FREEDM) Systems Center, established in 2008 by the National Science Foundation and headquartered at North Carolina State University. FREEDM is partnering with universities, industry and national laboratories in 28 states and nine countries to develop technologies they say will "revolutionize the nation's power grid and speed renewable electric-energy technologies into every home and business." So far, some 60 utilities, alternative energy startups, electrical equipment manufacturers and other firms have signed onto the new partnership.

One such utility, Colorado-based Xcel Energy, has even begun to put smart grid technology into practice on a trial basis for a small percentage of its customer base. The utility has spent some $100 million outfitting 35,000 homes and businesses in and around the city of Boulder with automation and communications capabilities to enable two-way communication of electricity needs.

Xcel won't have enough data to assess energy and cost savings until early 2010, but analysts are optimistic that the utility's costly experiment will reap benefits down the road for consumers, utilities and the environment. Indeed, environmentalists and economists alike have high hopes that widespread implementation of such "intelligent" systems could help usher in a new age of unprecedented energy efficiency, emissions reductions and cost savings around the United States and beyond.

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Jobless use extra time wisely

BY RYAN J. FOLEY
Associated Press Writer

FOND DU LAC, Wis. Jay Capelle would give anything to get back his factory job of 32 years. At the same time, he's grateful to have extra time on his hands these days to care for his ailing wife, stay in shape and work on a long-planned baseball documentary.

The unemployed are stressed out about unpaid bills, dashed retirement plans and the loss of workplace camaraderie. But many say life minus work also has its bittersweet upsides, including more time with family and friends, learning new skills, focusing on their health and pursuing hobbies.

There is a wide range of opinions, of course, about just how sweet, or bitter, the experience has been.

An idled auto worker in Wisconsin cherishes extra time with his kids, and his guitar. A former communications worker in Virginia finds time for hiking as a distraction from the job search. But two jobless friends in North Carolina who've played plenty of golf together say enough is enough: they're ready again for the joy of earning a paycheck.

All of these people said they would give up their newfound free time in a heartbeat if they could land jobs. And most spend hours each day trying. But as unemployment spells drag on longer than anticipated, they have allowed themselves to enjoy activities not directly related to the job hunt without feeling guilty.

Alex Swain, 36, of Leesburg, Va., said his fruitless search for work has been discouraging. Since losing his job last April at a wireless communications company, Swain has applied for more than 200 jobs, gone on 10 interviews and has not had a single offer.

But rather than sulking in front of the television when he's not searching online job postings, Swain forces himself to keep up with hobbies like playing music, painting and hiking.

"You can't stay in the house all day or you'll lose your mind," he said.

Others are spending time in the classroom.

Andre Lovato, 55, of Waukesha, Wis., who was laid off from his job at a signmaking company in 2006, earned a degree in printing and publishing from a technical college in December. Lovato, who has applied for 35 jobs since then without any luck, devotes his free time to woodcarving, sketching and computer illustrations.

But as his unemployment drags on, he longs for interaction with colleagues and getting praise for a job well-done.

"I miss showing my work and having people say, 'Hey man, you did pretty good stuff,'" he said.

Brad Palzkill, 39, was laid off from the General Motors plant in Janesville, Wis., last June. This means the family can't afford to eat out as often, and the kids' Christmas gifts were less extravagant last year. But he doesn't miss installing hundreds of consoles in trucks every night, which took a toll on his knees and wrists; and it's nice to have more free time to spend with family and strumming his guitar — when he's not looking for work.

"Before, I used to go to work at 4 p.m. and I'd just see my kids on the weekends. But this is not the way you want it to happen," he said.

In the suburbs of Raleigh, N.C., golf buddies Eddie Shearon and Wes Davis — both of whom have been jobless for more than a year — say they feel an urgency to get back to work so they can have incomes again. But they're not eager to give up the perks of being unemployed.

In addition to rounds of golf, Shearon, 52, now gets to walk his dog every afternoon and make dinner for his wife. "I've reacquainted myself with my wife," he said. "We haven't seen each other that much for 20 years."

For others, the appreciation of extra free time is fleeting.

Diane Rohan, 37, said she enjoyed her early months of unemployment after giving up her job as a baker to move to Los Angeles with her husband. She scanned photo negatives onto her computer and, truth be told, enjoyed sleeping late.

"That wore off after about a month," she said.

David Pemberton, of Smyrna, Tenn., is using his July layoff from Catholic Charities of Tennessee as an opportunity to forge a new career in health care. "I know God has something in store down the road for me," he said.

Capelle, 60, gets depressed and angry when he dwells on the loss of his job at a plant that manufactures boat motors. But he is often appreciative that he can now offer more help to his wife, who is recovering from knee surgery.

He even found a silver lining to the June flood that ruined his basement, the red truck he loved and some of his video equipment. He received a $35,000 insurance settlement, which he has used to pay bills.

Blue mustang turns heads of air travelers

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DENVER Rearing 32 feet high, the metallic blue mustang sculpture demands the attention of every traveler through Denver International Airport.

But that wild look of "Mustang" is prompting some to wonder if the sculpture installed just a year ago should be moved somewhere less prominent. Alternate monikers suggested for the horse with the glowering eyes include "Bluecifer," "Satan's Steed" and "Blue Devil Horse."

"What exactly was the deal with that horse?" said Rachel Hultin, a Denver real estate agent who's behind a Facebook site that derides the sculpture.

About 28 million travelers last year passed by the rearing blue horse, located south of the main terminal.

"It's not the image you want in your head as you're about to board a plane," said Christie Carlson of the Denver suburb of Thornton. "My daughter asked me 'Is that the devil's horse?'"

Stan Ryland, a business development manager from Huntington Beach, Calif., isn't bothered by the horse's look.

"That's what horses in the wild look like," he said as he waited to board a plane Saturday. "They survived the wilderness and the mean ones led the pack."

The city of Denver commissioned the fiberglass sculpture from New Mexico artist Luis Jimenez in 1993, two years before the airport opened.

In 2006, Jimenez was killed when a section of the unfinished horse fell from a hoist at his Hondo, N.M., studio. Jimenez's sons, Adan and Orion, completed the sculpture, which was installed Feb. 11.

States struggle to fund crime compensation

BY TODD RICHMOND
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MADISON, Wis. On a June night two summers ago, Debra Rabideau-Stevens tried to break up a fight between two women at a northern Wisconsin tavern.

The husband of one of the women grabbed her wrist, snapping it in two places. Four operations later, she has racked up more than $31,000 in medical bills.

With no insurance and no job, the former cook turned to Wisconsin's crime victim compensation fund. But the cash-strapped program has covered less than half of her expenses, leaving her to fend off as many as eight creditor calls a day.

"I respond to them and try to explain to them," said Rabideau-Stevens, 47, of Ashland. "But it just doesn't help. It's a nightmare."

Around the country, state programs designed to help crime victims rebuild their lives are running out of money as claims increase, medical expenses rise and lawmakers cope with the recession. Several states' programs face deficits or have cut benefits.

Not every state is in the red. But program coordinators say this could be the beginning of deeper problems as legislators desperate for money to shore up budget deficits eye compensation funds.

"Given the awful situation they're in now, states are looking at moving that money away into other parts," said Steve Derene, executive director of the National Association of Victims of Crime Act Assistance Administrators. "It's dire for everybody on all fronts."

Each state offers crime victims and their survivors money to cover damages that include lost wages, counseling, dental and medical bills and funerals. Maximum payouts vary, but range around $25,000. The programs provide about $450 million each year to about 200,000 victims, according to the National Association of Crime Victim Compensation Boards.

Some states rely on legislative appropriations of tax dollars or criminal penalty assessments to pay for compensation. Others make offenders pay surcharges and fees. The federal government chips in, too, matching state expenditures with grants. However, the grants typically lag two or three years behind expenditures.

More people are turning to the programs as they lose their jobs and benefits, coordinators say. The number of claims approved nationwide grew about 31 percent over the last decade, from 117,486 in 1998 to 172,378 in 2007, according to U.S. Justice Department figures.

Over that same period, medical reimbursements grew 42 percent, from $131.4 million in 1998 to $228.8 million in 2007. Funeral expenses went up 26 percent, from $26.9 million to $36.8 million.

"The money just doesn't go as far as it used to. If you got punched in the face and you went into the emergency room for medical services, they used to give you an X-ray. Now they'll give you a cat scan or two or three," said Kathy Matson, crime victim compensation program officer in Montana.

States with money dedicated to compensation are holding their own. California, Florida, Texas and New York pull money straight from offenders and their programs remain in the black.

But states that depend on legislatures to devote dollars to compensation are hurting as lawmakers struggle to fill other shortfalls. Illinois, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota and Wisconsin either face deficits or have cut benefits.

"The state budget crises have placed pressures on all government programs. Those funded through legislative appropriation are as vulnerable as any other program," said NACVCB executive director Dan Eddy.

Minnesota lawmakers appropriated about $2 million a year over the last decade for compensation, said Marie Bibus, director of that state's compensation program. The state has avoided deficit spending, but has slashed benefits. In July 2007 the state cut its medical coverage from 70 percent to 50 percent and funeral coverage from $7,500 to $6,500.

Montana also relies on a legislative appropriation to run its program. That state has run a deficit for at least the last two years, Matson said. The program has spread payments out over years and last summer dropped its overall benefit cap by half, she said.

"It's the only way we can make the program work," Matson said.

Wisconsin legislators have earmarked $1.2 million for compensation every fiscal year since 2003 but has run a deficit every year since then but one. It exhausted the allocation each of the last four years within six months as the money went to pay a backlog of claims. In 2007 and 2008 the state burned through the money in two months.

Even states that have met their claims are wary as state revenue plummets in the recession and people lose jobs and insurance, making them more likely to turn to compensation programs if they become crime victims.

California paid out $81.2 million in compensation payments in the year that ended June 30, 2008. Last year lawmakers pulled $50 million out of the restitution fund into the state's general fund, said Miles Bristow, a spokesman for the California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board.

Lois Flaig, 58, of Shawano, Wis., helped her three young nephews apply for compensation from the state after their house burned down last year, killing their mother. Prosecutors say their father set the fire to kill their mother.

Weak economy sends students to two-year colleges

BY DAVID TIRRELL-WYSOCKI
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CONCORD, N.H. College freshman Elizabeth Hebert's choice of a four-year school suddenly got too expensive. George Haseltine already has a business degree, but he concluded after several layoffs that he needed more training to get work.

So, in the middle of this school year, both landed at New Hampshire Technical Institute, which like other community colleges across the country has suddenly grown a lot more crowded.

The two-year schools are reporting unprecedented enrollment increases this semester, driven by students from traditional colleges seeking more bang for their buck and by laid-off older workers.

But community colleges aren't exactly cheering in this down economy: Tuition doesn't come close to covering costs, and the state funds used to make up the difference are drying up.

Final figures aren't in for this semester, but a national group representing community colleges says the average increase from spring-to-spring is dramatic, and similar to what New Hampshire is reporting at its seven schools — a range of 4 percent to 19 percent.

The figure is 20 percent in Maine and South Carolina. One school in Idaho has more than twice the number of students this spring over last.

Last fall, Hebert, of Antrim, began her first semester at Eastern Nazarene College in Massachusetts. But as the economy fell, she began rethinking the thousands of dollars in loans she was carrying — at age 18.

"It was the realization of paying $30,000 a year for four years, and then to take that in loans, it was just way too much," said Hebert, who is now paying $3,000 a semester at NHTI.

Haseltine, 25, of Rochester, said he was tired of being laid off from various jobs, so he drives almost an hour for his two-year criminal justice program. He hopes to become a police officer.

"The economy being in shambles pretty much; being constantly laid off; and not having lucrative job offers," he said. "They are three reasons why."

Nationwide, the average annual cost of community college is $2,402, compared to $6,585 in tuition and fees at in-state public four-year schools, according to the College Board. Average tuition and fees for private four-year schools: $25,143.

Factoring in financial aid, the College Board estimates the average net cost at community colleges is only about $100.

"We have seen it even more and more, mom and dad saying 'Come back home, we can't afford it,'" said Jim McCarthy, admissions director at Pennsylvania's Northampton Community College, where spring enrollment is 10.4 percent higher than a year ago — and for the first time is higher than it was in the fall semester.

New Hampshire is marketing the transfer trend.

"I was going to a much larger school out of state and paying $45,000 a year to go there," straight-A business major Elizabeth Leone says in a TV ad. "I am getting a better experience here at NHTI and it's more affordable and closer to home."

Leone transferred last fall after racking up $20,000 in loans and putting $5,000 more on credit cards for her first year at college in Pennsylvania. She couldn't imagine how much more she would have had to borrow to return.

Going to a community college doesn't require giving up on hopes for a bachelor's degree, since credits often transfer to four-year schools. States including New Hampshire, Maryland and New Jersey have made it easier for students to begin their higher education at a community college and end it at a university.

Several community colleges can trace a bump in enrollment to area layoffs. In Boise, Idaho, after semiconductor maker Micron Technology laid off 1,500 workers, 243 students enrolled at the Larry Selland College of Applied Technology for this spring, more than double last spring's enrollment.

Northampton waives a semester's tuition for people laid off in the last 12 months because of the economy. This semester, 260 students enrolled through the program, more than twice what the school expected.

So why, with enrollment skyrocketing, are many community colleges hurting?

"I get that every place I go," said John Fitzsimmons, president of Maine's community college system. "People can't understand, with more customers, why that isn't good news."

Tuition covers just 25 percent of the cost of education in Maine's system. Other community colleges vary, but all depend on counties or states that in many cases are cutting their funding.

Maine reported spring enrollment increases of 20 percent, after laying off employees and leaving vacant positions open to cope with a $2.9 million state cut. At Wake Technical Community College in North Carolina, the president and two vice presidents are teaching classes because of a $2.3 million cut last fall.

Arizona community colleges have absorbed $19.3 million in cuts and may lose all remaining state aid, said Norma Kent, spokeswoman at the American Association of Community Colleges. Some systems have had to reject thousands of applicants, she said.

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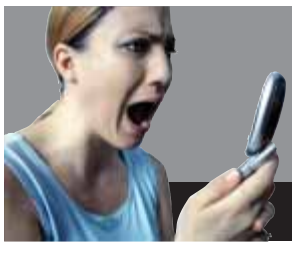
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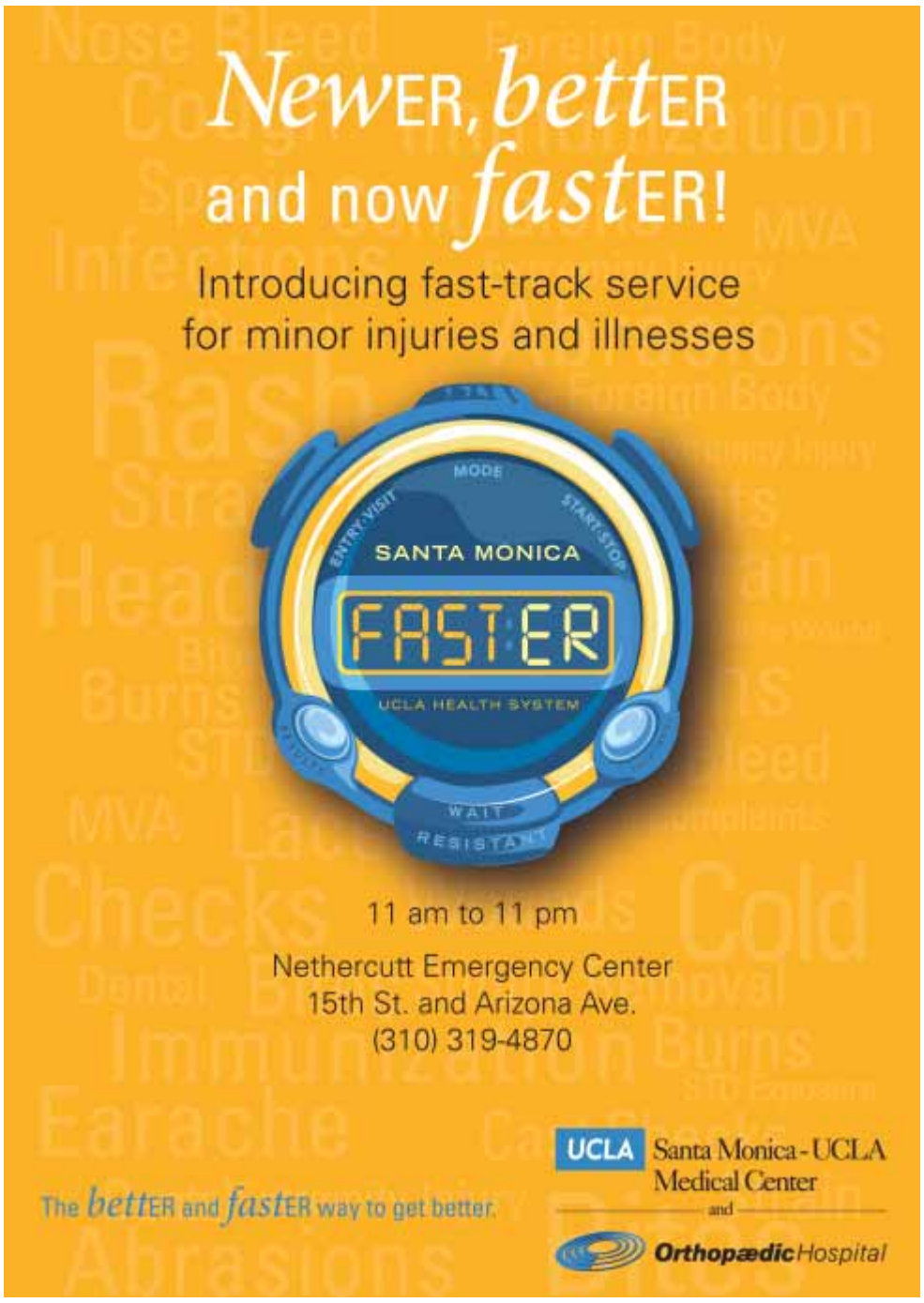
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Contractors cringing

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"We have doubled, in the amount of bidders, and it looks like our projects are coming in anywhere from 10 to 30 percent below the prices we were getting previously," Lee Swain, director of public works, said.

"It simply means we can do more projects with the same amount of funding," Swain added. "The more competitive the bidding market is — it's more ideal to get projects done. You can get more work for the same dollar."

WHILE CITY HALL CAPITALIZES, CONTRACTORS CRINGE

"The year is not looking good," said Refaat Mina, president of Minco Construction, which is currently working on Phase 1 of the new SMC Student Services Building.

"When the housing market went belly up all of the private contractors came to the public sector," Mina said. "These guys, who come from the private sector, are bidding really, really low. They are bringing the prices down."

However, the transition from private and commercial to public projects isn't without its complications. Swain and Mina both agreed that it is imperative for contractors to be educated on the strict guidelines that go along with federally-funded projects.

Regardless of the added red tape, President Abeer Sweis of SYN.THE.SIS, a residential and commercial design and construction company in Santa Monica, had no reservations when she expressed she would "love" to work on public projects.

Abeer has seen her business drop "very sharply," about 75 percent in the last three months.

"There's really no new projects being generated, at all, and the ones that are — people aren't really ready to move forward," Abeer said.

Les Cho, supervisor of building and safety for City Hall said, in a period from July 2008 to February 2009, there was a 23 percent decline in permit requests for single- and multi-family homes compared to the previous year.

Abeer said her high-end clientele don't feel confident in the future of their jobs, and the stringent credit market hasn't helped either.

"It's pretty extreme," Abeer said.

A CONCRETE PROBLEM

The situation at Bourget Bros. Building Materials seems to be getting worse every day.

"With the recession, there are reductions of prices that are coming out daily," John Bourget, president of Bourget Bros. said.

Bourget said most of his items are selling at 15 percent below their value. In addition to falling product values he said his transactions have dropped 25 percent.

"Competition is getting so fierce that everyone is trying to sell products at a lower price," Bourget said. "A lot of them are cutting prices, like the bigger guys, but the little guys have trouble keeping up with them."

Bourget blames the falling prices on the bad economy and how it has affected the upper stratum of society that populates the Westside and who he and many others in the business rely upon for new projects.

"Those type of people have to have a lot of money coming in to pay their expenses and they're all worried," Bourget said. "It's cut into our industry, in our area, for the first time in 15 years it's starting to hurt."

Business is so bad at Bourget Bros. the company is at the "threshold" of beginning to lose money. Bourget became sentimental at the thought of what he will have to do to keep his company afloat.

"You have to cut labor and cut inventory, you got to tighten, you have to get smart," Bourget said. "You got to do what you got to do to survive."

If there is any other silver lining it is that not all of the private contractors in the Santa Monica are feeling the pinch.

Craig Bradley, owner of Bradley Construction and Design is surviving and flourishing in the private and commercial construction business by doing things the way he always has.

"I'm a member of what I call the 5 o'clock club," Bradley said. "I get up at five and I'm ready at six, and people like that."

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College leaders grateful

FROM **COLLEGE** PAGE 1

gets directed to high-need institutions for building projects, versus elite universities that would benefit if the final package spends more of the money on scientific research.

Students are big winners. Both the House and Senate bills call for the largest-ever funding increase for Pell Grants, the government's chief college aid program for low-income students.

It will take much of the proposed $15.6 billion increase in the House version (slightly less in the Senate) just to erase the existing funding shortfall and meet the surging demand as the economy sours and more students enroll.

But the package would also increase next year's maximum award by up to $500, to $5,350, starting July 1. That's the biggest increase in history and would cover three-quarters of the cost of the average public four-year college.

Most Pell recipients come from families earning less than $40,000. And supporters note the new Pell dollars would be spent almost immediately — students can't save them — while also paying off down the road.

"Long-term, if we want a better economy, we need more people going to college," Education Arne Duncan told The Associated Press last week.

College leaders meeting in Washington this week for the American Council on Education's annual meeting will be grateful for the student aid boost. But they'll be closely watching how Congress bridges the huge gaps between how much the House and Senate versions propose spending to bail out state budgets and prevent drastic education cuts.

The House bills calls for $79 billion to prevent cuts to local school districts and public higher education. But it's not yet clear how the money might be divided between K-12 and higher education, and a portion could go to things besides education.

Meanwhile, colleges are hoping Congress will agree restarting idled building projects is an efficient short- and long-term investment.

Student remains optimistic dispite living on her own

FROM CP PAGE 1

ple don't even have a home to go to tonight."

For just a few nights in January, the local homeless population was joined by another.

Morgan, the eldest of four children, spoke without hesitance of a man she called an emotionally abusive and neglectful father and the final confrontation that blew up between the two family members after he allegedly refused medical attention for her sick sister.

The father would often force his children to do chores into the late hours at night, Morgan said.

"I stood up for my sister because I was tired of it," Morgan, whose mother passed away nearly two years ago, said. "In a lot of ways I know he loves us but I do know what love isn't and I stood up for my brothers and sisters and that was it.

"He kicked me out."

With nowhere else to go, Morgan spent the first night at a neighbor's house, but would be asked to leave the following morning. She spent the next week going back and forth between sleeping on the streets, staying over with friends and at least one night in a motel, thanks to a voucher she received through PAL.

She did a lot of thinking and reflecting during those days on the streets.

"During the whole time I was being thankful that I was healthy and I knew people were there for me," she said.

Karen Humphrey, the program supervisor at PAL where Morgan and her siblings had been a part of since 2007, was surprised when she learned about the situation.

"I asked how she was doing and she said she hadn't showered in the last three days and got kicked out," Humphrey said.

After helping Morgan retrieve clothes from her father's home in Los Angeles, Humphrey called more than 30 places asking to see if there was a spare bed available. Unsuccessful and worried at the thought of the young woman staying another night on the streets, Humphrey managed to secure Morgan a voucher for a one night stay in a motel.

Just a few days later, Morgan was admitted for housing at the Covenant House after putting her name on the waiting list.

But there was still the issue of her siblings remaining in the custody of their father.

She contacted a counselor at Samohi and explained the situation, which led to a counseling session with the father and children. When that didn't work, the Department of Children and Family Services was notified.

All three siblings have since been placed in foster care, the second time that authorities have taken the children from their father's custody.

Morgan, who learned over the summer that she wasn't her father's biological child, said she was placed in foster care about seven years ago when both parents were abusing drugs. Her mother suffered from bipolar disorder.

"I feel more relief because my siblings are OK," she said. "They are able to go to school and focus on school and not have to wake up at 2 a.m. to make (my father) some more food."

She sees two of her siblings nearly everyday at Samohi where they are also students. Morgan said she has not seen her youngest brother, who attends a different school, since he was placed in foster care.

Today Morgan gets up at 5:30 a.m. to beat everyone else to the showers. She then boards the bus for a more than hour-long bus ride to Santa Monica, enjoying her favorite activity — writing.

After school, she either runs the Samohi Soul Steppers club, which she founded this year, volunteers at OPCC where her family received services for years, or does her homework at PAL. By 8 p.m., she's back at the Covenant House.

Founded in 1988, the Covenant House offers several different programs to youth, many of whom have been aged out of the foster care system. Their primary services are the overnight shelter and transitional living programs.

The center also operates a medical clinic and employment training office where clients learn everything from interviewing skills to tips on creating a resume.

"The end goal for them all is to be self sufficient and independent," said Roger Workman, the associate executive director for development and communications.

Following high school, Morgan said she is considering either taking courses at Santa Monica College or Los Angeles Trade Technical College, hoping to later transfer to the University of Southern California and become a social worker.

Her dream is to help children who come from abusive backgrounds, using her life as an example that everything can be OK.

"I am definitely going to be able to relate to kids," she said. "I can say that I was in foster care, I was neglected … I was the girl who was homeless at the age of 18 because I was done wrong.

"I am prepared for anything."

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Artist faces graffiti charges

FROM ARTIST PAGE 3

Gallery in Washington before Obama's inauguration.

The image is the subject of a copyright dispute with The Associated Press. Fairey argues his use of the AP photo is protected by "fair use," which allows exceptions to copyright laws based on, among other factors, how much of the original is used, what the new work is used for and how the original is affected by the new work.

A California lawyer who has represented Fairey in the copyright case didn't immediately respond to an e-mail seeking comment on the arrest.

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Iraqi women's minister resigns to protest a lack of resources

BY KIM GAMEL
Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD Iraq's state minister for women's affairs has quit to protest a lack of resources for a daunting task — improving the lives of "a full army of widows" and other women left poor or abandoned by war.

In an interview Sunday with The Associated Press, Nawal al-Samarraie described how her office's budget was so tight that she often found herself dipping into her own pockets for the women who came begging for help.

She said she finally submitted her resignation last week in part because her budget was slashed from $7,500 to $1,500 per month — part of overall government spending cuts forced by plunging oil prices. The figure didn't include staff salaries.

"I reached to the point that I will never be able to help the women," said al-Samarraie, whose job lasted just six months. "The budget is very limited ... so what can I do?"

Al-Samarraie's resignation has cast a spotlight on the overwhelming problems facing Iraqi women, tens of thousands of them left poor or widowed by war.

An untold number have lost their husbands or other male relatives to violence or detention since the 2003 U.S.-led invasion, often leaving them alone with children and virtually no safety net or job opportunities.

Al-Samarraie claimed Iraq has 3 million widows, calling it "a full army of widows, most of them not educated." The figure, which she said came from a government survey, includes those who lost their husbands under Saddam Hussein's regime and was impossible to verify.

All Iraqis have undergone difficulties, but women face the additional danger of being sidelined in a male-dominated society. Widows in Iraq, for example, traditionally move in with their extended families, but many families find it increasingly difficult to care for them.

Other problems for women include homelessness, domestic violence and the random detention of women caught up in U.S.-Iraqi military sweeps.

Female lawmakers Sunday urged al-Samarraie to change her mind, and demanded that the government get serious about helping women.

"Iraqi women need a national strategy to empower them and support their constitutional, legal, health and social rights," Safiya al-Suhail, a lawmaker from a secular party, said at a news conference.

Al-Samarraie, a 47-year-old gynecologist and mother of five, said things quickly went downhill after she assumed her post on July 22, when her Sunni political party ended a boycott to rejoin the Shiite-dominated government.

The former lawmaker, who previously served on the Iraqi parliament's health committee, was full of ideas about how to help Iraqi women, from establishing regional offices and vocational programs to building a women's center that would double as a mall.

But her office — with a staff of 18 — was not a full ministry and had insufficient authority or resources to help women facing great hardship after nearly six years of war, she said.

She gave some of her own money to one woman who was left homeless with her four children after her husband was detained, her two brothers were killed and her father died.

"She's not educated, so she and her four children were in the street," al-Samarraie recalled. "I felt if I will not help her she will go in a wrong way. So I tried to help her to make a small shop."

Al-Samarraie warned of the desperate Iraqi women who have become suicide bombers.

"Many of them are widows, or homeless or hopeless," she said. "No one opened the door for them."

Other Iraqi ministries have faced the same, steep budget cuts, but al-Samarraie insisted women should be given priority because they make up 65 percent of the population and because so many have been stranded by the war after their husbands and brothers were killed or detained.

Al-Suhail, the female lawmaker, urged Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki to refuse al-Samarraie's resignation and instead work with her to create an independent commission for women, with a larger budget.

But al-Samarraie said al-Maliki signed her resignation the day she submitted it.

A government spokesman could not immediately be reached for comment.

"It's not such an important issue for him," she said. "It doesn't have the priority in the Iraqi government and not even the second or third."

But she said she planned to travel to Turkey for an international conference on Iraqi women soon and would think about the pleas for her to return to the job.

"Maybe with the next government it will be a priority," she said.



U.S. rancher at center stage in Bolivia land dispute

BY FRANK BAJAK
Associated Press Writer

The man at the center of Bolivia's land wars is an improbable figure: a tall, folksy Montanan whose vast holdings have been ordered confiscated on the grounds he treated workers as virtual slaves.

Ronald Larsen, 64, calls the claims unfounded and vows not to give up without a fight. For four decades, he says, he has fed and clothed workers who would otherwise live in squalor — even educating their children.

"They've singled me out as an American," Larsen told The Associated Press on Saturday. "We're not just going to walk away like a bunch of sheep."

Yet Larsen faces tough odds in fighting to keep his ranch, the last parcel of which he said he bought in 1973, four years after arriving.

He is a white "patron" — a word meaning boss, landlord and master — in a racially divided nation run since January 2006 by an Aymara Indian who grew up dirt poor.

This weekend, President Evo Morales enacted a popularly approved constitution that would empower Bolivia's indigenous majority, in part by increasing their control over their traditional lands.

That includes Larsen's 58-square-mile (15,000-hectare) spread in the remote Chaco region of southeastern Bolivia, where Guarani Indians have worked as cowpokes, cooks, tractor drivers and seasonal hands for decades.

Human rights groups say an estimated 4,000 Guarani still live in "virtual slavery" in the Chaco, tending cattle or working corn, peanuts and sugarcane for wages as low as $40 a year. Tribal leaders last year claimed that 12 families on Larsen's ranch lived in servitude.

Larsen insists he is not among the abusers, and alleges that former workers accusing him of indentured servitude signed statements under duress.

"We're way over the minimum wage" of $81 a month, he said in a telephone interview from the eastern city of Santa Cruz.

Because of the ranch's highly remote location, where telecommunications are scarce, the AP was unable to quickly reach any of Larsen's accusers or employees. Officials plan to present evidence against Larsen on Monday, National Institute of Agricultural Reform secretary-general Juan de Dios Fernandez said Sunday.

Larsen became a symbol of resistance to Morales' land reform campaign last year following a series of highly publicized confrontations with government agents.

His holdings are the biggest among the 139 square miles (36,000 hectares) that the government ordered seized Thursday from five eastern lowland families, which it alleges have broken the law by letting land lie fallow or by contracting workers in servitude-like conditions.

Landowners will receive no compensation in exchange for their property, the National Institute of Agricultural Reform said.

The seizure is apt to exacerbate a bitter, sometimes violent struggle between two Bolivias — the poor arid western highlands from which Morales hails and the fertile east run by descendants of Europeans who are clamoring for autonomy.



SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 58°

Swell Forecast (6-8 FT)

The wind swell should back off, leaving west facing breaks in the chest+ zone. Wind swell though should build throughout the day.

Long Range Synopsis

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Las Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	F
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisos creeks	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	B
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	F
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A+	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A	A+
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach	A+	A+
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	D	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A	A+
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A+	A+
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	A+
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	F	B
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon	A+	A+
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	B
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	A+

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	B	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua)	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	A	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	A+	D
Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)	A+	A+
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A	F
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A+	F
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	A+
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	B
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	A+
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	A	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	D	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	A+
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Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	B
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	A+
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	B

LEGEND

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A-Rod reportedly tested positive for steroid use

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK As Barry Bonds prepares to defend his name, the slugger who may eventually surpass him as the all-time home run leader has become ensnared by the Steroids Era: Alex Rodriguez.

Rodriguez tested positive for two anabolic steroids during his MVP season with Texas in 2003, Sports Illustrated reported on its Web site Saturday.

The New York Yankees star has long denied using performance-enhancing drugs. He declined to discuss the tests when approached by SI on Thursday at a gym in Miami.

"You'll have to talk to the union," he said.

Major League Baseball and the players' union issued statements Saturday, refusing to confirm or deny the report, citing player confidentiality.

An e-mail from The Associated Press to Rodriguez's agent, Scott Boras, was not immediately returned. The Yankees and Rangers declined comment.

The SI revelations come at a time when baseball's focus on drugs has concerned Bonds and the legal maneuvering leading to the start of his trial March 2. The government is trying to prove Bonds lied when he told a grand jury he never knowingly took performance-enhancing drugs.

A three-time AL MVP, Rodriguez has hit 553 career homers. At age 33, the All-Star third baseman is the highest-paid player in baseball and regarded by many as the most likely to break Bonds' record of 762.

With this latest report, Rodriguez joined a growing Who's Who lineup of drug-tainted stars that includes Bonds, Roger Clemens, Mark McGwire, Rafael Palmeiro and Jose Canseco.

In his 2008 book, "Vindicated: Big Names, Big Liars, and The Battle to Save Baseball," Canseco claimed he introduced Rodriguez to a steroids dealer. Canseco, who has admitted using steroids, subsequently said he had no knowledge of any drug use by Rodriguez.

The drug allegations follow an already bumpy offseason for Rodriguez, marked by further talk of his dalliance with Madonna and clubhouse gossip stemming from Joe Torre's book in which some teammates referred to him as "A-Fraud."

But a week before the Yankees open spring training, Rodriguez — certain to be dubbed "A-Roid" in the New York tabloids — faced more serious allegations after four sources told SI about his drug tests.

Rodriguez's name appears on a list of 104 players who tested positive for performance-enhancing drugs in a 2003 baseball survey, SI said. He reportedly tested positive for Primobolan and testosterone.

In a December 2007 interview with "60 Minutes," three days after George Mitchell's report on drugs in the sport was released, Rodriguez denied using peformance-enhancing drugs.

"I've never felt overmatched on the baseball field. ... I felt that if I did my, my work as I've done since I was, you know, a rookie back in Seattle, I didn't have a problem competing at any level," he said.

Rodriguez reiterated his stance at spring training last year.

"Right now, the game is in a very not-trusting situation with our public, with our fans," he said. "Some of the things that I've accomplished and potentially some of the things that people think I can accomplish, my name has come up and will probably come up again in the future."

Mitchell said he included in his report the names of players where he "had received credible evidence of their illegal purchase, possession, or use of performance enhancing substances."

"I did not have access to the results of the 2003 drug testing, and to this day I do not know which players tested positive then," Mitchell said in a prepared statement Saturday night.

Rodriguez played for the Rangers in 2003, when he won the AL home run title and MVP award. He was traded to the Yankees in 2004. "We are disturbed by the allegations," MLB executive vice president Rob Manfred said in a statement. "Because the survey testing that took place in 2003 was intended to be nondisciplinary and anonymous, we cannot make any comment on the accuracy of this report as it pertains to the player named."

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Frost/Nixon (R) 2hrs 02min
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GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Important information comes forward. You could be overwhelmed by the present possibilities and all the people checking in. Though you might not want to, you might need to screen your calls. Tonight: Focus on one person at a time.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Your possessive side emerges, whether it is when dealing with your finances or with a loved one. You could be taken aback by someone's lack of realism. Hang in this space. Situations will change given time. Tonight: Treat yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ What you think should be happening is one issue, but the reality might be different. Know that the Force is with you. Do what you want, but allow others to do their thing too. If nothing else, their curiosity will take you in a new direction. Tonight: Whatever you want to do most.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★ Do your best to minimize pressure and get the job done. Asking for help or support might not be wise, as many people will be distracting and unable to help. Understand where others are coming from. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ If you're feeling bored or like you cannot complete a project, find other people or friends. You'll enjoy yourself the most with other people right now. You might not be sure what a child or loved one is up to. If you see smoke, there probably is fire, but it's not unmanageable. Tonight: Be with whomever you want.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ You could feel as if you are in a pressure cooker. Handle one issue, problem or person at a time. If you can stay cool today, you can nearly anytime. Be aware that others are following your example. Tonight: Work as late as necessary.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Look to new beginnings and possibilities through your ability to mentally climb walls that others cannot. Be imaginative and direct with bosses and family. Tonight: Out and about.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Work with a key partner, and succeed beyond your wildest imagination. What is happening is that you are re-bonding on a much more relevant level. Be careful with your finances, and understand a risk inside and out. Tonight: Debate rather than decide.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ All the present attention can be delightful. How you deal with someone could change radically if you take off your rose-colored glasses. Tonight: Sort through suggestions.

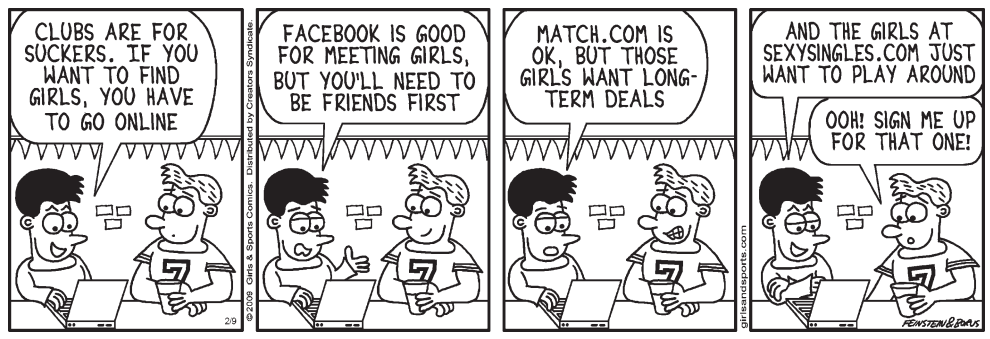
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Knowing when you have had enough might be important. Think carefully about a decision that could impact your daily life. What you feel quite possibly could be wrong. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

Happy birthday

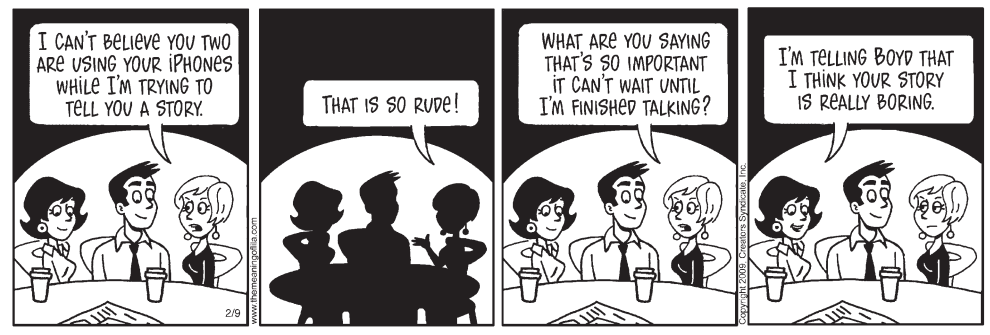
JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★ Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

Often, you will have to juggle different concerns, solutions and people this year. Your needs will prove to be the mother of invention. You'll come up with ways to have more than one option, blazing a new path in thinking and action. Bestowed with high creativity and energy, you are a sure-bet winner. If you are single, wave goodbye to that status. You easily could meet one of the most important people in your life. If you are attached, you will have to be sensitive to your partner's concerns. At this point, you could be very different people. Use this variety to enhance your bond. Count on LEO for fun.

Girls and Sports
By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



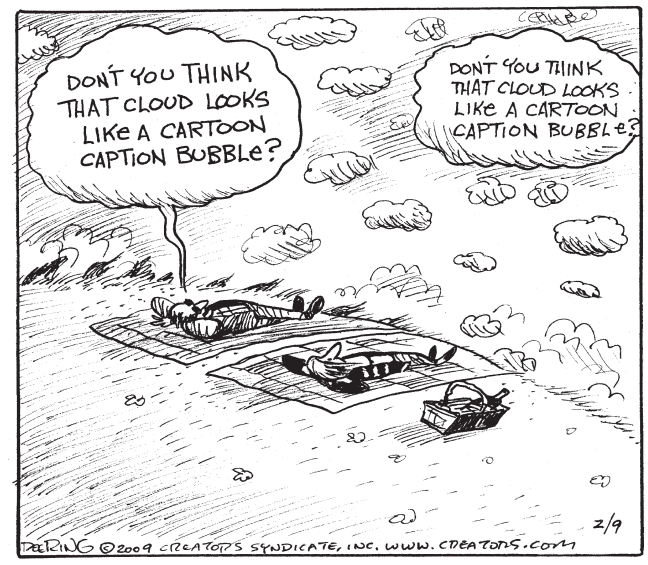
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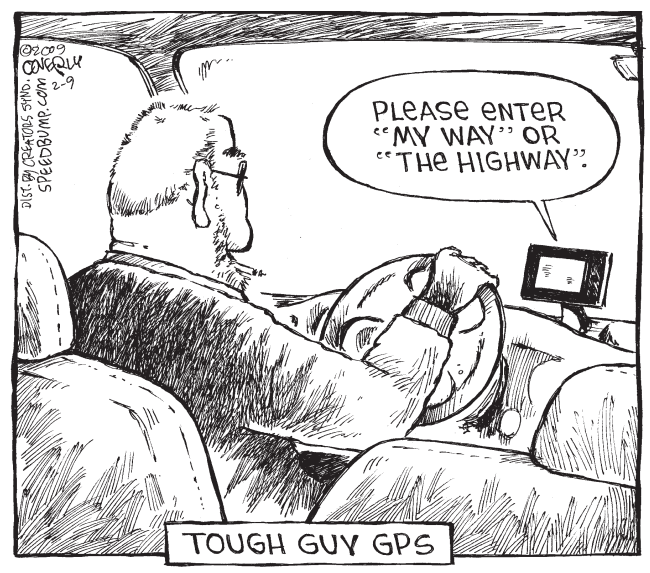
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Difficulty Level ★

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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 YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

9	1	3	7	4	2	6	5	8
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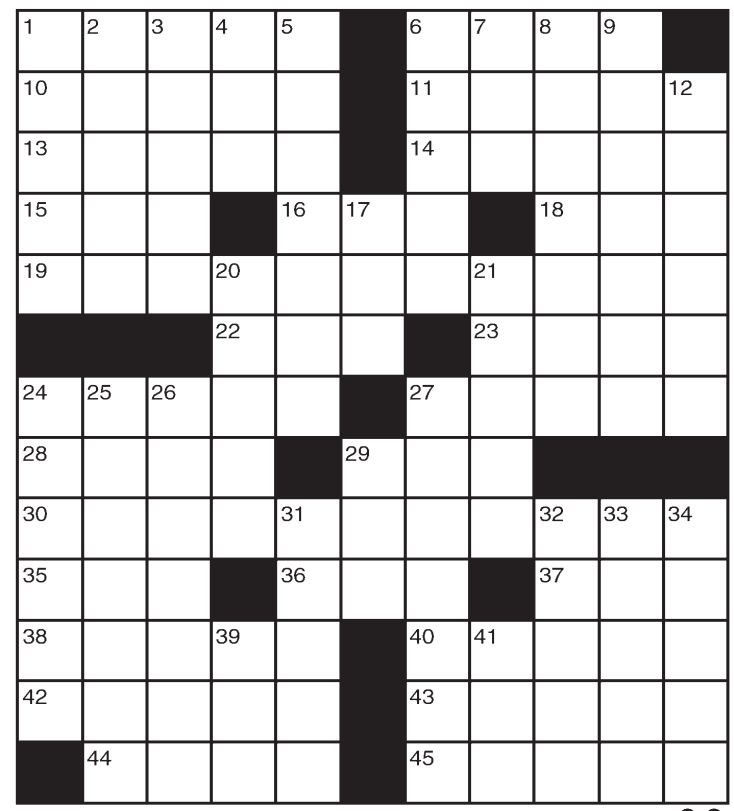
ACROSS

1 Ex-changes
6 Scout's base
10 "Be quiet!"
11 Nimble
13 European viper
14 Kidney-related
15 Chestnut case
16 Cry of insight
18 Not Rep. or Dem.
19 School competition
22 Mont Blanc, for one
23 Stable diet
24 Saudi natives
27 Historic event
28 Center
29 — Diego
30 Rural gathering
35 French article
36 Sphere
37 "Gnarly!"
38 Luggage clip-on
40 Gladden
42 Aquarium fish
43 Pep up
44 River stoppers
45 SAT takers

DOWN

1 Picket line crossers
2 Crumple into a ball
3 Agassi of tennis
4 Cobbler's cousin
5 Ambles
6 Leslie of "Gigi"
7 Candle count
8 Hotel room feature
9 Sun circlers
12 Senior
17 Stylish
20 Jar sticker
21 On the way out
24 Find not guilty
25 Complete and balanced
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Saturday's answer

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EVENING: 1 0 8

DAILY DERBY:
1st: 04 Big Ben
2nd: 08 Gorgeous George
3rd: 11 Money Bags
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

More People Disrespecting Railroad Tracks: (1) Toronto police officers investigating a robbery at The Beer Store in January parked their cruiser to investigate but admitted later (after a train had crushed it) that it was probably "a little bit on the tracks." (2) A 68-year-old driver got stuck on tracks in Anaheim, Calif., in December, and when panic set in at the sight of an oncoming train, she unfortunately decided to call 911 on her cell phone, rather than exit the car. (3) Matthew Randall, 40, had a happier ending in Ashland, Mass., in October after he drove onto the rails and was seen "barreling down the tracks" toward a train. CSX engineers were able to slow down before the collision, which knocked the car onto a side road, and Randall actually drove it home (and was later arrested for leaving the scene, trespassing on railroad tracks, and of course DUI).

TODAY IN HISTORY

1943 The World War II battle of Guadalcanal in the southwest Pacific ended with an Allied victory over Japanese forces.

1773 The ninth president of the United States, William Henry Harrison, was born in Charles City County, Virginia Colony.

1825 The House of Representatives elected John Quincy Adams president after no candidate had received a majority of electoral votes.

1861 Jefferson Davis was elected the provisional president of the Confederate States of America.

1870 The U.S. Weather Bureau was established.

1909 Dean Rusk, secretary of state under Presidents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson, was born in Cherokee County, Ga.

1933 The Oxford Union Society approved, 275-153, a motion "that this House will in no circumstances fight for its King and Country," a stand that was widely denounced. (On this date in 1983, the Oxford Union Society rejected, 416-187, a motion "that this House would not fight for Queen and Country.")

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090057617 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ALPHA PROPERTY RESEARCH , 606 RAYMOND AVE, #4, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : AARON HOFFMAN, 606 RAYMOND AVE, #4, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405 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/: AARON HOFFMAN
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20082276056 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SWEET MOMA'S VARIETY STORE, 232 S. MATHISEN AVE. COMPTON, CA 90220. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : LISA LAVERNE WILLIAMS 232 S. MATHISEN AVE. COMPTON, CA 90220 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/: LISA LAVERNE WILLIAMS
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090010420 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LPG CUSTODIAL SERVICES, 7402 VIA RIO NIDO DOWNEY, CA 90241. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : LOUIS GALICIA 7402 VIA RIO NIDO DOWNEY, CA 90241 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/: LOUIS GALICIA
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090016291 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ART NAILS, 2364 W. LOMITA BLVD. LOMITA, CA 90717. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : QUAN TRINH LE 12504 BERENDO ST GARDENA, CA 90247 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/: QUAN TRINH LE
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090017080 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as J&M TROPICAL FISH, 10735 LOWER AZUSA RD. EL MONTE, CA 91731. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : MARSHALL SAUBHAYANA 637 N. ROCKWUALZ AVE #B AZUSA, CA 91702 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/: MARSHALL SAUBHAYANA
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090017294 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as RITZY CLEAN WEST, 3682 BACHAM BLVD. #J211 LOS ANGELES, CA 90068. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : JEFFREY ALLEN BRILLS 3682 BACHAM BLVD. #J211 LOS ANGELES, CA 90068 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/: JEFFREY ALLEN BRILLS
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090014828 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as V. PATEL EXPORTS, 1706 MONA AVE COMPTON, CA 90222. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : VEEJAY PATEL 1706 MONA AVE COMPTON, CA 90222 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: VEEJAY PATEL
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090010473 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as THE PRESSURE WASHER, 13843 MCCLURE AVE. PARAMOUNT, CA 90723. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : JAMES ALLEN MINYARD JR. 13843 MCCLURE AVE. PARAMOUNT, CA 90723 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/: JAMES ALLEN MINYARD JR.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090022025 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as THE ONDIS GROUP OF CO'S, 1116 E. 5TH ST. #5 LONG BEACH, CA 90802. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : CARL T. WHITE 13337 SOUTH ST. #638 CERRITOS, CA 90703 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/: CARL T. WHITE
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 1/7/09. 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 1/19/2009, 1/26/2009, 2/2/2009, 2/9/2009

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090027414 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as UNDENYABLE LYRICZ PUBLISHING, 3800 S. BRONSON AVE. LOS ANGELES, CA 90008. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : UNDENYABLE MUZIC GROUP, LLC 3800 S. BRONSON AVE. LOS ANGELES, CA 90008 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/:
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20082249626 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LESLIE'S PARTY RENTAL, 7827 WALNUT DR. LOS ANGELES, CA 90001. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : JESSE CISNEROS SOLIS 7827 WALNUT DR. LOS ANGELES, CA 90001 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/: JESSE CISNEROS SOLIS
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090028474 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as BG COMPANY, 1500 E. 112TH ST. #1015 LOS ANGELES, CA 90059. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : MARGARITO BONILLA 1500 E. 112TH ST. #1015 LOS ANGELES, CA 90059 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/: MARGARITO BONILLA
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090028464 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CRAFTSMAN HOME SERVICES, 2239 MIRA VISTA AVE. MONTROSE, CA 91020. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : KENNETH RAMIREZ 2239 MIRA VISTA AVE. MONTROSE, CA 91020 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/: KENNETH RAMIREZ
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090021594 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as B.K.H. ENTERPRISE, RED'S CIGAR & SOCIAL LOUNGE, 2142 W. 78TH ST. LOS ANGELES, CA 90047. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : BRENT HUSSON SR. 2142 W. 78TH ST. LOS ANGELES, 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/: BRENT HUSSON SR.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090034327 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as TACOS DEL MAYAB, 117 W. MOUNTAIN VIEW ST. LONG BEACH, CA 90805. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : LISSETTE M. HERRERA 117 W. MOUNTAIN VIEW ST. LONG BEACH, CA 90805 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/: LISSETTE M. HERRERA
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 1/9/09. 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 1/19/2009, 1/26/2009, 2/2/2009, 2/9/2009

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090034583 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ESTRADA'S HAND CAR WASH, 2201 S. CENTRAL AVE. LOS ANGELES, CA 90011. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ISRAEL ESTRADA 2201 S. CENTRAL AVE. LOS ANGELES, CA 90011 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/: ISRAEL ESTRADA
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 1/9/09. 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 1/19/2009, 1/26/2009, 2/2/2009, 2/9/2009

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090034049 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as A DAYS WORK, 2667 E. 28TH ST. #504 SIGNAL HILL, CA 90755. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : RENE L. DAY 2667 E. 28TH ST. #504 SIGNAL HILL, CA 90755 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)5/1/1987. /s/: RENE L. DAY
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 1/9/09. 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 1/19/2009, 1/26/2009, 2/2/2009, 2/9/2009

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090033595 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MESSAGE IN A PETAL, 13951 SHERMAN WAY #403 VAN NUYS, CA 91405. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : CHRISTINA MCKINSEY 13951 SHERMAN WAY #403 VAN NUYS, CA 91405 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)1/1/2009. /s/: CHRISTINA MCKINSEY
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 1/9/2009. 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 1/19/2009, 1/26/2009, 2/2/2009, 2/9/2009

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090027098 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as G AND W INVESTMENT GROUP, 1041 N. ORANGE DR. STE. #4 HOLLYWOOD, CA 90028. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : HERB RALPH WHITEHEAD 1041 N. ORANGE DR. STE. #4 HOLLYWOOD, CA 90028 JOUCHIM GERLACH 1737 N. LAS PALMAS AVE. #104 HOLLYWOOD, CA 90028 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/: HERB RALPH WHITEHEAD
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090052634 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MAC STYLES, 4221 WILSHIRE BLVD. #369 LOS ANGELES, CA 90010. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ANGELA MCAFEE 4221 WILSHIRE BLVD. #369 LOS ANGELES, CA 90010 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/: ANGELA MCAFEE
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 1/14/09. 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 1/19/2009, 1/26/2009, 2/2/2009, 2/9/2009

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090052718 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as FAVAS TRANSPORT, INC., 6728 LINDLEY AVE. RESEDA, CA 91335. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : FAVAS TRANSPORT, INC. 6728 LINDLEY AVE. RESEDA, CA 91335 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)1/1/2009. /s/:
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090009954 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as BORNEO BALI BEYOND, 1508 BERKELEY ST, #D, SANTA MONICA, CA 90404, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : GIS MUTUAL, INC., 1508 BERKELEY ST, #D, SANTA MONICA, CA 90404, (CALIFORNIA) 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/: GIS MUTUAL, OWNER, PRESIDENT, INGGRIANI SHAPIRO
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090060541 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as B.O.P., BIZZNESS OVA PLEASURE, MAGNIF DA DON, 3025 SPRINGDALE DR. #33, LONGBEACH, CA 90810. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ANTHONY JEROME SNEED 3025 SPRINGDALE DR. #33 LONGBEACH, CA 90810 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/: ANTHONY JEROME SNEED
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090057618 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MAGIC WHISTLE ENTERTAINMENT, 906 9TH STREET, STE 11, SANTA MONICA, CA 90403, COUNTY OF LA. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : TYKE CARAVELLI, 906 9TH STREET, STE. 11, SANTA MONICA, CA 90403; MARCIA GROFF, 825 16TH ST, #D, SANTA MONICA, CA 90403; CATHERINE WILSHIRE, 11684 VENTURA BLVD., STE 118, STUDIO CITY, CA 91604 This Business is being conducted by, joint venture. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: TYKE CARAVELLI, OWNER
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090052829 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ARC ARTEL ARCHITECTURE, 13456 WASHINGTON BLVD, CULVER CITY, CA 90291. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ALEX PROTASEVICH, 4133 REDWOOD AVE, #2003, LOS ANGELES, 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/: ALEX PROTASEVICH
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 1/14/2009. 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 1/19/2009, 1/26/2009, 2/2/2009, 2/9/2009

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090072322 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as TIME LESS BODY, 1537 WELLESLEY AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90025-3629, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : NURIT C. KRAUSS, 1537 WELLESLEY AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90025-3629 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090080183 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as HAYASTAN DANCE CENTER, 7320 LAUREL CANYON BLVD. N. HOLLYWOOD, CA 91605. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ARMAN VARDANYAN 1018 SAN RAFAEL AVE. # A GLENDALE, CA 91202 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/: ARMAN VARDANYAN
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20082268755 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as JESSICA WEIL, 3661 MEIER STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90066, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : JESSICA L. WEIL, 3661 MEIER STREET, LOS ANGELES, 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/: JESSICA L. WEIL
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090084777 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as M2 TELEVISION, M2 TV, 1550 AMHERST AVENUE, #106, LOS ANGELES, CA 90025, COUNTY OF LA; 1158 26TH STREET, #750, SANAT MONICA, CA 90403. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : MASON JURCHISIN; 1550 AMHERST AVENUE, #106, LOS ANGELES, CA 90025; MATTIE SCHMIDT JURCHISIN, 1550 AMHERST AVENUE, #106, LOS ANGELES, CA 90025 This Business is being conducted by, husband and wife. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)1/1/2009. /s/: MATTIE SCHMIDT JURCHISIN
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090072341 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as AC AND ASSOCIATES PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, 155 W. 81ST. ST. LOS ANGELES, CA 90003. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ARACELI CARDENAS 155 W. 81ST. ST. LOS ANGELES, CA 90003 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/: ARACELI CARDENAS
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090084776 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as HOME-TECH911, 2438 22ND STREET, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : DIGITAL SPEEDWAY TECHNOLOGIES, INC., 24115 BENFIELD PLACE, DIAMOND BAR, CA 91765 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/: DIGITAL SPEEDWAY TECHNOLOGIES INC., CEO, EVELYN JUANLU
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090066929 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as OMAR TAHA CONSTRUCTION, 21042 E. ARROW HWY. APT # 26 COVINA, CA 91724. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : OMAR MOHAMAD TAHA 21042 E. ARROW HWY. APT #26 COVINA, CA 91724 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)12/31/2008. /s/: OMAR MOHAMAD TAHA
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090059780 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ALTA DENA DRIVE IN DAIRY, 9201 LAS TUNAS DR. TEMPLE CITY, CA 91780. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : GRACIELA SOTO PENA 258 E. EVERGREEN MONROVIA, CA 91016 JESUS RIVERA 258 E. EVERGREEN MONROVIA, CA 91016 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/: GRACIELA SOTO PENA
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090072213 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as EXPO AUTO SALES, 3770 S. WESTERN AVE. LOS ANGELES, CA 90018. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : NOE PRIVADO 5443 N. CHARLOTTE AVE. SAN GABRIEL, CA 91776 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/: NOE PRIVADO
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090077532 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ABEL'S TRANSPORT, 1517 E. 70TH ST. LOS ANGELES, CA 90001. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ABELARDO NUNEZ MEDINA 1517 E. 70TH ST. LOS ANGELES, CA 90001 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/: ABELARDO NUNEZ MEDINA
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090084779 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ENVIRO PLUMBING; ENVIRO PRO TECH, 2633 LINCOLN BLVD., #606, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : DANIEL BEATTIE, 2633 LINCOLN BLVD., #606, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405 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)1/10/2009. /s/: DANIEL BEATTIE
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 1/22/2009. 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 1/26/2009, 2/2/2009, 2/9/2009, 2/16/2009

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090072984 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MMI, 2451 COLORADO BLVD. STE. A LOS ANGELES, CA 90041. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : FRED AUSTIN REID JR. 5226 COLLEGE VIEW AVE. LOS ANGELES, CA 90041 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/: FRED AUSTIN REID JR.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090072941 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LULU HAMISSOU, 1645 CENTINELA AVE, APT #3, SANTA MONICA, CA 90404, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : RAMATOULAYE LULU HAMISSOU, 1645 CENTINELA AVE, APT #3, SANTA MONICA, CA 90404 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/: RAMATOULAYE LULU HAMISSOU
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090066641 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as NEW HORIZON, 3608 MENTONE AVE, #4, LOS ANGELES, CA 90034. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : MARIA ELENA CLEMENTE, 3608 MENTONE AVE, #4, LOS ANGELES, CA 90034 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: MARIA ELENA CLEMENTE
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090120054 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as KENNETH GEORGE TOTAL IMAGE SPA, 1904 WILSHIRE BLVD., SANTA MONICA, CA 90403, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : HAROLD WRIGHT, 23900 STRATHERN ST, WEST HILLS, CA 91304; TED FRIGHTNER, 1651 FALLING STAR, WESTLAKE VILLAGE, CA 91362 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/: HAROLD WRIGHT
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090120057 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 4X IMMUNE BOOSTER, AI #/ON 070794672, 2800 28TH STREET, SUITE 300, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405, COUNTY OF LA. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ROBORANT LLC, 108 WEST 13TH STREET, WILMINGTON, DE, 19801 This Business is being conducted by, a limited liability. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)11/12/2007. /s/: ROBORANT LLC
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 1/29/2009. 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 2/2/2009, 2/9/2009, 2/16/2009, 2/23/2009

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090120056 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SIMLEX ASSOCIATES, 1823 SAWTELLE BLVD., LOS ANGELES, CA 90025, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : FRANK M. TAN, 1036 CORSICA DR, PACIFIC PALISADES, CA 90272 This Business is being conducted by, husband and wife. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)2/20/2004. /s/: JULIA K LAM TAN
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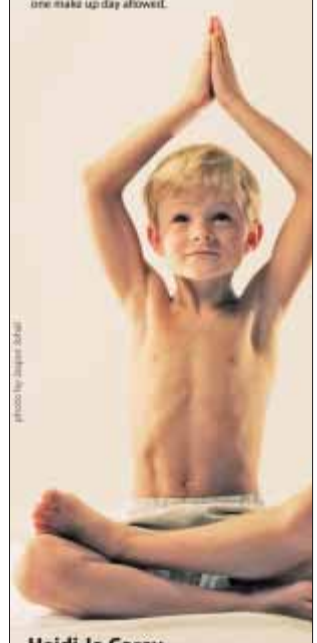
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090118158 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as WHITE SUTTON & COMPANY INSURANCE SERVICES, 807 ARIZONA AVE, SANTA MONICA, CA 90406. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : WHITE & COMPANY INSURANCE, INC., 807 ARIZONA AVE, SANTA MONICA, CA 90406 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/: ANDREW J. VALDIVIA
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 1/29/2009. 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 2/2/2009, 2/9/2009, 2/16/2009, 2/23/2009

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090100036 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MILVI LAAN APPRAISALS, 1205 PACIFIC ST, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405, COUNTY OF LA. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : MILVI LAAN, 1205 PACIFIC ST, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405 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)1/26/2009. /s/: MILVI LAAN
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 1/26/2009. 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 2/2/2009, 2/9/2009, 2/16/2009, 2/23/2009

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090120055 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LOUIE MARTINEZ D.B.A. S.C. PLUMBING, 1223 WILSHIRE BLVD., SUITE 190, SANTA MONICA, CA 90403, COUNTY OF LA. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : LOUIE MARTINEZ, 706 W. CALDWELL ST, COMPTON, CA 90220 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/: LOUIE MARTINEZ
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 1/29/2009. 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 2/2/2009, 2/9/2009, 2/16/2009, 2/23/2009

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090136155 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as BRIM CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, 953 21ST ST, #B, SANTA MONICA, CA 90403, COUNTY OF LA. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : CORY BAKER PIPKIN, 953 21ST ST, #B, SANTA MONICA, CA 90403 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/: CORY BAKER PIPKIN
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 2/2/2009. 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 2/9/2009, 2/16/2009, 2/23/2009, 3/2/2009

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