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NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

A Saratoga Springs, N.Y., telemarketer perhaps saved the life of an 85-year-old man in Ridott, Ill., in December when she happened to dial his number. The man had fallen the night before and spent the night outside freezing. Suffering from hypothermia, he had struggled to crawl back inside, and, although still unable to make an outgoing call, he managed to pick up the ringing phone and ask for help.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 44th day of 2006.
There are 321 days left in the year.

On Feb. 13, 1935, a jury in Flemington, N.J., found Bruno Richard Hauptmann guilty of first-degree murder in the kidnap-death of the son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh. (Hauptmann was later executed.) In 1542, the fifth wife of England's King Henry VIII, Catherine Howard, was executed for adultery.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"To go against the dominant thinking of your friends, of most of the people you see every day, is perhaps the most difficult act of heroism you can have."

THEODORE H. WHITE
AMERICAN POLITICAL WRITER (1915-1996)

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Fishermen try their luck off the end of the Santa Monica Pier on a recent winter day.

Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Prospective candidates outline agendas

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

COLORADO CENTER — Democrats seeking to replace state Assemblywoman Fran Pavley (D-41st) when she leaves office at the end of the year tried Sunday to distance themselves from one another during a candidates' forum sponsored by Americans for Democratic Action.

Although there were some distinguishing characteristics among the candidates — many of which had to do more with the different personalities of each prospective candidate than their individual policy ideas — the two-hour forum played like a politically progressive pep rally, with each speaker generally supporting the same ideals. These included the right for same-sex couples to marry, as well as protecting a woman's right to chose, environmental conservation and reforming the state's budget process so only a simple majority is needed for passage.

However, there was some disagreement among candidates over the legalization of marijuana, as well as the death penalty, tax restructuring and traffic solutions, all of which could play a major role in the heavily Democratic district. The district stretches from the San Fernando Valley in the

east to the western portion of Ventura County in the north, and extends south through the wealthier coastal communities, including Malibu, Pacific Palisades and the district's largest city, Santa Monica.

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COMMUNITY PROFILES |

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

Edward Greenberg: Promenade protector

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

Following the Battle of Britain in 1940, former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill gave one of his most inspiring speeches of World War II. During it he reminded his countrymen of the sacrifices made by young soldiers who were outnumbered four to

one, but somehow managed to fend off a ferocious attack by German airmen and preserve the United Kingdom's sovereignty.

In the speech, Churchill uttered the famous words, "Never was so much owed by so many to so few."

That's how Third Street Promenade maintenance supervi-

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Postal delays draw queries

BY RYAN HYATT

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE — Mail delays affecting the Westside since the holidays are believed to be 70 percent resolved, according to a postal spokesman.

A letter carrier shortage, equipment problems and possibly the closure of a Marina del Rey postal plant may have contributed to the late deliveries.

In some cases, the day's mail hasn't been arriving on people's doorsteps until 11 p.m., according to reports.

The U.S. Postal Service, under the congressional spotlight for the problems in Southern California and elsewhere, is scrambling to fix the shortcomings.

In December, Congressman Henry Waxman (D-Santa Monica) sent a letter to John E. Potter, the U.S. postmaster general, inquiring into the mail delays. According to that letter, Waxman's office had received 26 postal-related cases

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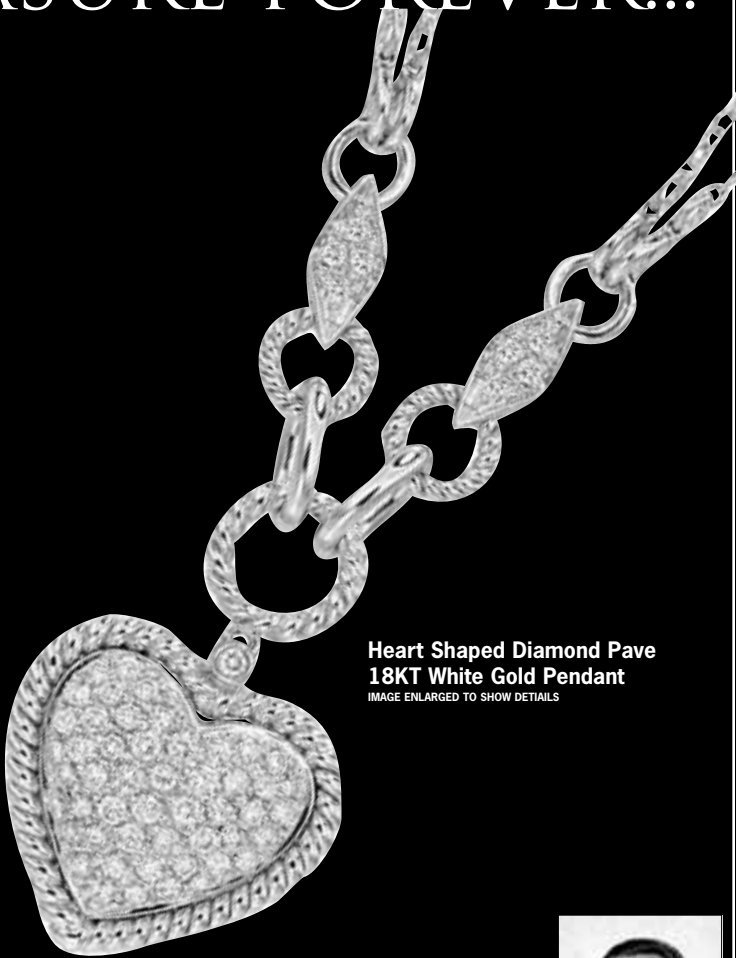
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HOROSCOPES

Happy with pals, Scorpio

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



ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ Easy does it, whatever you decide to take on. Often, you are responsible for your own frustration. Think about the long-term and the progress you want to make. Feeling as if you are hitting your head against a wall will not help — promise. Tonight: Time for yourself.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Your imagination could lead you on a wild-goose chase or into a risk. Nevertheless, you seem to find the solution to any problem or situation that heads your way. Schedule a fun lunch with a co-worker. Tonight: Add more spice to your personal life. Tap into your imagination again!



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ For now, keep your thoughts to yourself. You might feel unduly pressured. Loosen up, knowing what works for you. Some might want to take today off, extending their weekend. Why not? You might find that you’ll accomplish more in the remainder of the week as a result. Tonight: Don’t go far from home.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You might be a much stronger force than you realize. Listen to what others say. Release frustration through discussing and brainstorming. There is always a solution. Know that; trust that. Tonight: Happiness-plus.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Finances and people prove to be challenging. If you mobilize the positive in a difficult situation, you prove to be the winner. How nice is that? Others enjoy brainstorming. You will be delighted by their suggestions. Tonight: Drive a hard bargain.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ You could be the cat’s meow, if you so choose. Your personality draws strong results and equally powerful reactions. No matter what someone says, you are more in command than you realize. Tonight: Act like you’re the cat’s meow.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Sometimes you think you are taking on city hall. Right now you are. Detach and take an overview. You will love the results. Let your curiosity sort through gossip and get down to the basics. Understanding develops. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Drive a hard bargain in a meeting. You will get positive results. Sometimes events don’t fall as you would like. Laughter can and will ease the pressure between you and someone else. Meetings work in your favor. Tonight: Happy with your pals.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Demands force you into the limelight, whether you are ready or not. Don’t worry about anything or anyone other than meeting your responsibilities. Someone could be challenging. Let it be. Tonight: Count on a late night.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ News and information from a distance open new vistas. Don’t think you have all the answers. Avoid acting like a bull in a china shop. You will be a lot happier, and so will those around you. Tonight: Take in a movie and relax your mind.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Work with a partner and don’t buck trends. You might be unusually creative, but someone needs to know that he or she is in charge. Listen to feedback, deferring to a key associate for now. Tonight: Follow another’s lead.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Defer to others; you’ll get important feedback. Though you might take someone personally, you might be off base. Irritation filters from you to others. Trouble could happen out of the blue. Work on being reasonable. Tonight: Say yes.



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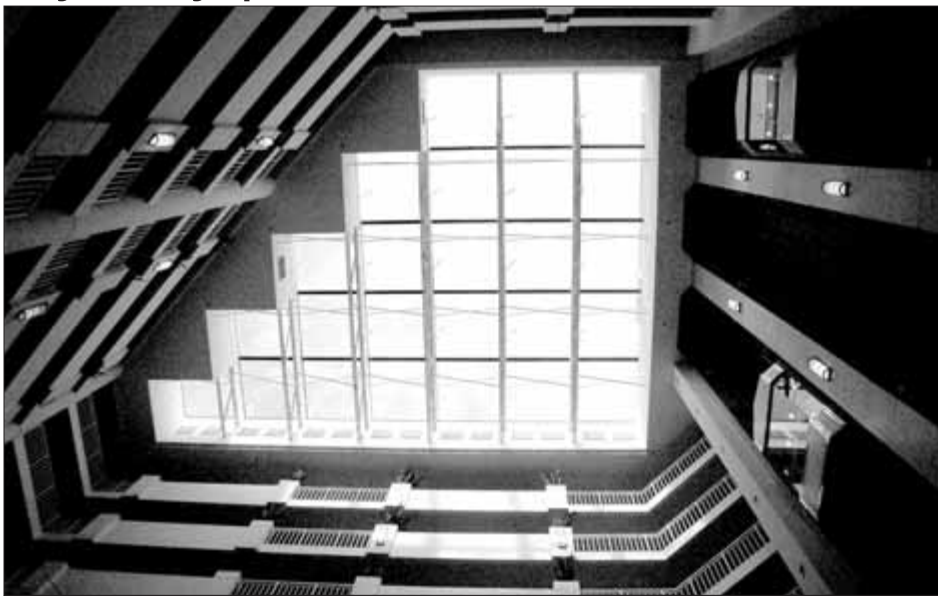
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LOCAL



Mystery photo



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No one identified last week's mystery photo, so here's a hint: You might see double when putting down roots here for the night. The first person to identify where this photo was taken will win a prize. E-mail answers to editor@smdp.com.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SM Elks get busy

By Daily Press staff

The Santa Monica Elks have been busy in recent weeks, cutting hair and throwing themselves into the fashion world.

The Santa Monica Elks hosted a "Hair Cutting" raffle to cut the hair of Eric Blomquist, past exalted ruler from Redondo Beach. Blomquist had 18 inches of hair at the start and a few inches at the end. Some of his "friends" were buying \$50 and a \$100 worth of tickets. The hair was donated to the "Locks of Love" Foundation that uses it to make wigs for children that have lost their hair from leukemia or cancer.

The money raised will go toward the Elk's "major project," which pays for 40 physical therapists, scholarships and vision checks for handicapped children. In one day, the Santa Monica Elks raised \$3,000.

The Santa Monica Elk also hosted a fashion show to raise money for the project. The clothier was Draper and Damian located in Torrance. Each of the 70 people in attendance received a catalogue. The models were all members of the Santa Monica Emblem Club.

Exalted ruler Ray Beers said the Santa Monica Elks are third in the state in their per-capita donations.

SNOW AND SURF REPORTS

CONDITIONS

DATA PROVIDED BY ONTHESNOW.COM

BEAR MOUNTAIN

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs)	BASE DEPTH	LIFT HOURS	RUNS OPEN	LIFTS OPEN
0"	12"-36"	8:30am - 4:00pm	18	10/12

CONDITIONS: Machine Made, Machine Groomed, Hard Packed, Wet

JUNE MOUNTAIN

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs)	BASE DEPTH	LIFT HOURS	RUNS OPEN	LIFTS OPEN
0"	72" - 96"	8:00am - 4:00pm	35	6/6

CONDITIONS: Packed Powder, Machine Groomed

MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs)	BASE DEPTH	LIFT HOURS	RUNS OPEN	LIFTS OPEN
0"	96"-120"	8:30 am - 4:00 pm	150	25/28

CONDITIONS: Packed Powder, Machine Groomed

MOUNTAIN HIGH

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs)	BASE DEPTH	LIFT HOURS	RUNS OPEN	LIFTS OPEN
0"	12"-24"	8:30 am - 10:00 pm	16	8/16

CONDITIONS: Machine Made, Machine Groomed, Hard Packed, Wet

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SNOW SUMMIT

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs)	BASE DEPTH	LIFT HOURS	RUNS OPEN	LIFTS OPEN
0"	12"-36"	4:30 am - 4:30 pm	18	14/14

CONDITIONS: Machine Made, Machine Groomed, Hard Packed, Wet

SNOW VALLEY

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs)	BASE DEPTH	LIFT HOURS	RUNS OPEN	LIFTS OPEN
0"	8"-18"	8:30 am - 4:00 pm	10	5/11

CONDITIONS: Machine Groomed, Spring

CONDITIONS

WATER TEMP: 58°

DATA PROVIDED BY WETSAND.COM

SWELL FORECAST (... FT)

Today the NW swell continues, but with surf running more in the chest to head high zone with fewer pluses.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS

Smaller NW swell on Tuesday...
Tracking small NW for weekend of 18th...
Tracking southern hemi swell for 24th-25th...

TIDE FORECAST FOR SANTA MONICA

SATURDAY:
LOW TIDE 1:52AM 2.1FT
HIGH TIDE 7:55AM 5.8FT
3:03PM -0.8FT
9:31PM 4.0FT

SUNDAY:
LOW TIDE 2:24AM 1.8FT
HIGH TIDE 8:27AM 5.8FT
3:27PM -0.7FT
9:51PM 4.0FT

MONDAY:
LOW TIDE 2:54AM 1.6FT
HIGH TIDE 8:27AM 5.8FT
3:49PM -0.5FT
9:51PM 4.0FT

TUESDAY:
LOW TIDE 3:26AM 1.5FT
HIGH TIDE 9:26AM 5.4FT
4:11PM -0.2FT
10:31PM 4.2FT

WEDNESDAY:
LOW TIDE 3:59AM 1.4FT
HIGH TIDE 9:56AM 5.0FT
4:30PM 0.1FT
10:52PM 4.3FT

THURSDAY:
LOW TIDE 4:36AM 1.4FT
HIGH TIDE 10:27AM 4.5FT
4:49PM 0.5FT
11:14PM 4.4FT

FRIDAY:
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The QLine

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Some parents are outraged over what they feel was a weak response by school officials to a rise in tensions after racist graffiti was spotted at Santa Monica High School at multiple locations on campus. School officials say they are working to ease parent concerns and are conducting mediation and counseling sessions with students to discuss the graffiti, its impact and what can be done to foster better relations between different ethnic groups on campus.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know, "How should school officials deal with racial tensions at Santa Monica schools?"

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Stop the insanity

Editor:

I read Ivan Smason’s letter (SMDP, Feb. 9, page 4) with some amusement. He also makes some very good points regarding Dr. Sirkin’s comments (SMDP, Jan. 24, page 4). Sirkin is only a psychiatrist, which in the constellation of medical science is not far removed from voodoo, witch doctory and the old “ooga booga” of shamanism. It is helpful for the practictioner of that field to keep this in mind. Gods they are not.

I suspect Dr. Sirkin was commenting more as a concerned citizen and Santa Monica resident, who also is, just incidentally, by occupation a member of a field that is still of some questionable medical standing and held in suspicion, quite rightly, by a number of very bright and intuitive people.

Nevertheless, anyone who spends any time walking the streets of Santa Monica and observing its denizens can identify individuals who appear to be living on the fringes of everything that is decent, who sometimes spend hours in front of a fire hydrant or lamppost conducting agitated, angry conversations and who forage through trash cans and trash bins in the downtown alleys, which they also use for makeshift bedrooms under dirty and squalid conditions.

My knowledge of human nature tells me that this is not a good or right way for human beings to live in a wealthy, ostensibly compassionate and relatively peaceful country. It disturbs the very soul of this citizen every time I time I see this, and I see it daily, week in and week out.

My knowledge of human nature also tells me that such people are “disturbed” in a rather profound way, which is not their or anyone’s fault, but a condition under which they have been forced to live, perhaps as a result of biology, perhaps as a result of some sort of profound trauma, perhaps as a result of both or other more complex, interconnected events.

I am still thinking the matter over, but I am being led almost inexorably to the conclusion that some “drastic” solution, such as the reinstitution of involuntary hospitalization and treatment, is called for. Psychiatrists will have a role to play, but other caregivers will also be intensely involved.

Rick Reutter
Santa Monica

School district shouldn’t be on the defensive

Editor:

I am a Samohi parent, and I would like to offer a few comments about the recent events at Samohi where racist graffiti was sprayed on various school buildings. In the intervening week or so, I have received an e-mail from the principal, Dr. Straus, and an e-mail from our house principal. There has also been a somewhat volatile PTSA meeting, which got a fair amount of TV news coverage. I did not go to the meeting but my wife did.

I understand that the parents of kids whose safety is jeopardized by these events would point fingers (in some cases literally) at the Samohi administration and the school district because they are the only available “stationary targets.” I think it is very important to keep in perspective, however, that the real wrongdoers here are the graffiti taggers and that any failings of the school or the district are, in all likelihood, no more than a small factor in the taggers’ disgusting behavior. In fact, I understand that it was mentioned at the PTSA meeting that there is some suspicion that the hateful graffiti was the work of individuals who are not Samohi students.

The e-mail from Dr. Straus “apologizes” for the events that occurred. For the last year or so, the school administration and the school district have bent over backwards to accommodate the community input it received as to what needs to be done to pre-

vent these ugly incidents. For example, security has been beefed up, “outreach specialists” have been hired, and the freshman seminar curriculum has been modified to include a “cultural sensitivity” component. It seems to me, therefore, that the administration is just as much a victim of these criminal acts as everybody else in the community. While I understand that an “apology” may seem like an appropriate conciliatory gesture designed to help calm the situation, I am concerned that the defensive posture of an apology will lead to a situation where the school and the district are blamed rather than the wrongdoers themselves.

There will undoubtedly be calls, and there already have been calls, for the school and the district to “do something.” Of course, the safety of the students is a priority and at least a short-term enhancement of security seems necessary. My concern is that a desire to placate some unhappy community members with additional amorphous programs will overwhelm other objectives that should be considered, such as spending our money in a fiscally responsible way and ensuring that students get the best possible education. By the way, I don’t mean to be too cynical with my comment about “amorphous programs,” but when Dr. Straus talks in her e-mail about providing “house and school social action opportunities and strategies,” I think I can legitimately express concern about programs being amorphous.

The e-mail from the house principal indicates that consideration is being given to spending a portion of English or history class time “addressing the issues.” What happens then to the curriculum that was supposed to be covered on those days? Are AP history students or remedial English students, for example, better served by spending class time discussing why it’s bad to spray racist graffiti than spending that time working, respectively, on material that will be covered on the AP test or getting their English skills up to speed so they can graduate on time?

My understanding is that the district, like pretty much every school district in California, is perpetually in dire financial circumstances. My assumption, therefore, is that every dollar of revenue the district anticipates is fully budgeted to be spent for some important purpose. To the extent that any steps taken to “do something” in the hope of preventing future problems involving racial tensions require financial expenditures of any significance, I would like to know where the revenue is coming from or, more likely, what other expenses are being cut as a consequence. It may well be that a proposed expense for mitigating racial tensions is a better use of funds than the alternative expense currently budgeted, but at least that trade-off should be directly and openly discussed.

Finally, and this is a relatively minor point, I’m wondering what happened to the snazzy security camera system that was installed at Samohi last year with some fanfare and, I assume, some considerable cost. If I recall correctly, the response to those who expressed concern about an infringement on students’ privacy was along the lines of, “Don’t worry, these are primarily intended to capture acts of vandalism.” Now that there has been a terrible act of vandalism, I think we, the parents and taxpayers, are entitled to a report on whether these cameras worked or whether they were a waste of money.

In summary, my hope is that Samohi and the school district focus their efforts on continuing to improve the quality of the education that our kids are receiving, as evidenced by last year’s outstanding test scores. While unfortunate incidents such as the racist graffiti cannot and should not be ignored, our school system should not accept “blame” for these incidents and, in deciding what response, if any, is appropriate, should not overlook its other goals and responsibilities. Oh, and please tell us about the camera system.

Michael Cohen
Santa Monica

SM City Council expected to go on a shopping spree



MY WRITE

BY BILL BAUER

The City Council on Tuesday night will review the 2005/2006 budget and hear from the public about spending \$2.5 million of a budget surplus and requests for the next fiscal year.

The total budget surplus is closer to \$5.5 million as a result of improved tourism and sales and hotel bed tax income. Additional vehicle registration fees from the state, and increased property and utility tax contributions are adding to the surplus.

Roughly \$3 million already is committed to cover the increased cost of city employee salaries. About \$1.8 million will go to salary increases due to changes in position for employees of Community and Cultural Services and Human Services, according to an article in the SMDP. In other words, extra money for

employees to oversee, administrate and supervise homeless services and homeless service providers. Knowing this City Council, it will try to find a way to give even more money to transients.

Some individuals and organizations already have put in their requests. The 18th Street Arts Center has requested funding increases, as has the Pico Youth and Family Center.

Kids who use “The Cove,” the new skate facility in Memorial Park, want lighting for evening skating. They say that during winter months, there’s only an hour or two of daylight after school, which cuts into skate and boarding time. And, they want lower user fees. Both of these make sense. After all, doesn’t this serve all of our youth?

I have some ideas. How about reinstating some recently curtailed city services? One of my neighbors suggested tree trimming. City Hall reduced the frequency of tree trimming in recent years when money was tight. The city said that nobody would notice. But we do notice.

Surely, City Hall can find enough

bucks to keep our branch libraries open Fridays or Sundays, preferably both.

Potholes are prolific, and the streets department needs to have the money to take care of these problems more quickly. And how about replacing downed “no parking” signs?

The Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City suggests updating the way City Hall evaluates traffic impacts from proposed developments. They say, “The current method ... has been shown to be outdated and very flawed. New (building) projects are going forward based on an unrealistic assessment of the amount of new traffic a project will generate.”

Current traffic studies, they say, often use antiquated data and isolated street intersections resulting in inaccurate traffic planning. The coalition estimates it will only cost about \$200,000 to update the methodology. Best of all, they’ve already asked the Institute of Transportation Studies at UC Irvine to submit a proposal. Way to go. It’s a shame that a citizen’s group is asking for this and not City Hall’s transportation management department.

On the other hand, I wouldn’t mind seeing the money go to rolling back the recent increases in garbage, sewage and water rates that were substantially raised last year.

Then, there’s housing. Must we continue to build more and bigger “affordable” housing projects that primarily benefit non Santa Monicans and foreign nationals? There’s even more of a downside to this. More families mean more traffic. Low-income families use more city services, increasing the cost of government.

In the meantime, how about protecting existing low- and middle-income housing from profiteering by landlords, speculators and developers? How about down-zoning some of the mid-city, multi-family neighborhoods to make it uneconomical to build?

The problem is that changing the zoning codes doesn’t require spending money on programs of dubious value or handing out cash for pet pork.

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



Green space, parks face another threat



COMMON SCENTS

BY CAROLE ORLIN

I have just been made aware of some "breaking news" that I feel is important to share with you. Many of us choose to live in Southern California because we love the outdoors and the wonderful Southern California lifestyle. We put up with the traffic and congestion to be able to hike, bike, jog and generally enjoy the outdoors and breathtaking views of our beautiful city. Although some development is inevitable, reasonable controls need to be enforced so that we do not find ourselves in the position of losing green space and park land for our recreational enjoyment.

Nothing exemplifies the Southern California lifestyle more than the Westridge-Canyon Back Wilderness Park in the Santa Monica Mountains, not only because of its close proximity, but also because of its breathtaking beauty. Nicknamed the "Big Wild," its 21,000 acres of natural beauty stretch from the San Fernando Valley to the Pacific Ocean. There are a myriad of trails and roads within it. Bicyclists often ride from the Westridge trailhead all the way to the San Fernando Valley. It's a wonderful trail for hikers, joggers and bikers alike. I recently learned that private developers and wealthy homeowners are trying to block access to the Westridge Canyon Back Wilderness Park. Evidently, last year a wealthy homeowners' association tried to gate off Canyonback road to restrict public access to public park land. Construction was stopped at the Canyonback Gate, thanks to strong public opposition, but only temporarily. Now, a new development is being planned along Canyonback Ridge to the south of Canyonback Road. The developer wants to privatize the area, including Canyonback Trail.

According to the Center for Law in the Public Interest, if the city approves this, "The public will be forced to beg access from residents of the planned private enclave." In spite of the fact that the developer promises that he will provide pedestrian access, he is not addressing the issue that future residents could restrict or prohibit public access if they so desire. The Center for Law in the Public Interest high-

lights the fact that "this plan should have been fully analyzed in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR), but the EIR ignores the issue. The developer must circulate an EIR that analyzes these impacts and how to maintain public access."

The center goes on to inform us of another "scheme that calls for the creation of a substandard 'bypass trail' to route trail users off Canyonback Road, which would be privatized and gated. This two-mile bypass trail would be carved into the steep, unstable, landslide-ridden slopes that would be impossible to maintain, thereby degrading public access." This bypass trail would destabilize the hillsides, placing property and lives at risk. If this were to happen, Canyonback Road would be gated and privatized, and yet another exquisite piece of California would be lost forever to the public. Once again public land will be "owned" by a small number of wealthy homeowners. Even if Los Angeles were not as park-poor as it already is, it would be a tragedy for the public to lose this land to the privileged few. This is but one example of our public land slowly being chipped away for the desires of a few. We have seen similar issues with attempts to privatize beaches — and the long, costly legal battles that ensued.

There are some things we can do about this. First, send an opposition letter to the Canyon Back Alliance: fax (310) 201-2110 or e-mail info@canyonback.org.

Next, check for updates at www.canyonback.org and the Center for Law in the Public Interest's blog at www.clipi.org/blog. An action group that appears quite informative is the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, which was established by the California State Legislature in 1980. Its mission is to buy back, preserve, protect, restore and enhance treasured pieces of Southern California to form an interlinking system of urban, rural and river parks, open space trials and wildlife habitats that are easily accessible to the general public. Last, but by no means least, pass this message around. It seems this is being kept under wraps — I assume to get it passed as easily and quickly as possible. Once it's done, as we all know, it will be almost impossible to undo. It's a sad fact of life that we have to be ever vigilant and put forth significant effort in order to continue to hold onto the ever-shrinking open green space and park land we enjoy here in Southern California.

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for all of 2004. By way of comparison, Waxman's office had 34 postal cases open just two months ago.

In response to the inquiry, Thomas G. Day, vice president of USPS engineering, said efforts were underway to allow dispatches of mail to leave earlier from the Los Angeles processing and distribution center for transport to local post offices for delivery.

Day said that to address customer complaints in Santa Monica, a recent move into a new mail sorting facility should help. That went on line Jan. 21 at 1653 Seventh St., said Larry Dozier, a USPS spokesman.

At full capacity, the new Santa Monica facility is expected to handle more mail than was previously sorted at two smaller locations at 1020 and 1025 Colorado Ave., Dozier said.

The 1020 Colorado Ave. facility is vacant, while the 1025 location, set to be consolidated, will remain operational until the postal service is ready to close it, Dozier said.

Dozier didn't return calls by press time regarding the daily capacity of any of the Santa Monica facilities.

However, Dozier said local efforts are underway to ensure letter carriers have mail delivered by 5 p.m. To do that, routes are being analyzed so delivery loads are more equally distributed among carriers.

The postal service will also hire new carriers as needed, Dozier said.

In spite of USPS promises to resolve the delivery issues, Congressman Waxman has arranged for a Feb. 16 oversight hearing to be held, during which Potter is expected to explain recent mail snafus.

In preparation for the hearing, Waxman has requested the USPS provide a significant amount of information, including an analysis of the percentage of mail arriving after 5 p.m. within specific ZIP codes;

documents showing accurate mail volume, postal policy standards and expectations; and copies of customer complaint logs and daily status reports on delayed first-class mail.

In addition, Waxman has requested information that explains the effect plant consolidations and staffing availability has had on deliveries.

The request may come in light of recent reports by union officials and other postal insiders that a significant portion of the mail delays has to do with staff cutbacks and plant mergers.

Meanwhile, Dozier has denied that chronically late and misdirected mail can be tied to the July closure of the Marina processing and distribution center, south of Marina del Rey. That closing shuffled roughly 850 employees to plants in South Los Angeles, Van Nuys and the Inland Empire, according to reports.

Currently, mail that used to be sorted at the Marina plant is processed in South Los Angeles. That center sifts roughly 6 million pieces of mail at a daily rate of 36,000 letters per hour, up from the nearly 5 million letters sorted daily before the Marina merger.

Jeff Miller, a former steward of the National Letter Carriers Association, Local 1650, said he is not surprised about the delays, although he is glad the USPS is finally sorting them out. He said that when he began in the postal service, he started at 7:30 a.m. and was done delivering mail by 2:30 p.m.

He said that as time went on, he continued to start at 7:30 a.m., but was ending work later and later. By the time he retired five years ago, he often left work at 5 p.m.

"By the time I left, mail was coming later and later, so I took it out later and later," Miller said.

Local 1650 represents 1,000 letter carriers between Malibu and the Palos Verdes Peninsula. Miller retired in 2000 after being a letter carrier for 33 years.

Prospective candidates find common ground in many areas

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The prospective candidates who attended the forum were: Santa Monica-Malibu Unified school board member Julia Brownley; Calabasas mayor and former environmental protections prosecutor Barry Groveman; Kelly Hayes-Raitt, an anti-war activist, consultant and a founder of Heal the Bay; attorney and Cal State Channel Islands professor Jonathan Levey; and Casey O'Brien, co-host/co-producer of "Access Unlimited" on KPFF-FM and an activist for the disabled.

Sunday's forum kicked off with the prospective candidates gathering to take a group photo. Prospective candidates laughed with one another as they shared stories from the campaign trail. That jovial mood carried throughout the forum as the participants refrained from personal attacks and focused mainly on the issues.

Brownley, who is endorsed by Pavley, State Sen. Sheila Kuehl, and members of the school board and the city council, said

she is running for office "to make education a priority in this state again."

Brownley said she would continue the work of Pavley in the area of environmental protections, and move forward with plans to create universal health care in the state as well as raise the minimum wage to a "livable wage." She also said she would create a more reliable and far-reaching public transportation system.

Brownley is a supporter of decriminalizing marijuana, but not other drugs, is opposed to the death penalty and supportive of same-sex marriages or civil unions.

"The thing I want to emphasize is that I want to be your partner in creating social change here in California," she told the audience.

O'Brien, a nationally known activist for the disabled and the former executive director of the Unique People's Voting Project, which helped increase voter participation among the disabled, said he will be a voice for the most vulnerable in soci-

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Airport Park and Airport Ave. improvements:

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

Storm drain repair:

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

Marine Street utility undergrounding:

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

Cingular telecommunications lines:

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

Civic Center parking structure:

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

Electrical vault installation:

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

Gas company main replacement:

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

On-Fiber telecommunications lines:

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

Santa Monica Pier structural rehabilitation:

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

Street and parking lot resurfacing:

Street and park parking lot resurfacing, sidewalk, driveway, curb and gutter repairs. Repairs scheduled through October 2006. Sidewalk, driveway, curb and gutter repairs began Feb. 6 on Pearl Street from 16th Street to Cloverfield Boulevard; 26th Street from Pearl Street to Ocean Park Boulevard; 21st Street from Pearl Street to Pico Boulevard, and 22nd Street from Pearl Street to Pico Boulevard. Lane closures around work posted as necessary.

Traffic signal upgrade:

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

Water main replacement project:

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

(For more information, log on to http://santa.monica.org/engineering/projects/kbug_project_list.asp or call 310-458-8721.)

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sor and Churchill admirer Edward (his friends call him Eddie) Greenberg would like people to remember him and his crew of 15 dedicated employees, who scrub approximately 1 million square feet of sidewalk each day to keep the city's world-renowned shopping center a desired destination.

Greenberg moved to 12th Street and Wilshire Boulevard from Montreal, Canada, when he was 7. For the last 23 years, Greenberg has risen before the sun to watch over "the crown jewel of the city." Much like a proud parent, he is always willing to take that late-night phone call when something goes wrong.

It's often a thankless job — and certainly a dirty one — but for Greenberg, 63, it's rewarding in more ways than one. Not only does he get pleasure from watching tourists sit on a sparkling bench or take a sip from a recently cleaned water fountain, but Greenberg says he also beams when he sees one of his employees evolve from a brash and sardonic malcontent into a confident adult with a strong sense of self worth.

"Eddie is the best supervisor on any job I've ever had," said maintenance worker Linwood "Woody" Fenderson as he steam-cleaned the sidewalk near the Ye Olde Kind's Head pub. "If you have any problems, and I mean anything, you can come and talk to him. He's down to Earth and gets down to business, and always with a great attitude. I could have transferred to other departments, got other jobs, but for 10 years, I've stayed right here. And it's because of the environment that Ed creates. It's all about mutual respect and taking pride in what you do."

Last Friday, the Daily Press followed Greenberg as he toured the downtown area with his colleague Susan Trier. The two shared stories of how he shook former President John Kennedy's hand as a teen, and the few years he spent organizing farm workers with civil rights activist Cesar Chavez.

"I guess I just got caught up in the moment," Greenberg said of his time with Chavez.

He also talked about his personal life, reminiscing about the day he gathered up enough courage to say hello to one of his silver-screen idols, Dean Jagger (the two eventually became good friends before Jagger's death in 1991), and the time he rescued a 14-year-old runaway, helped her kick a drug habit and adopted her as one of his own.

But mostly, Greenberg spoke about the love he has for his job, his dedicated employees and the Promenade, his home away from home.

When did you start working for the city?

"I started working for the city in 1977. And I've done various jobs. I've worked for the streets department, working with jackhammers and on dump trucks. I've worked for the waste water department, and I've gotten a heck of an education. Getting calls at three o'clock in the morning for \$5 an hour, that's an education. And I'll tell you the honest truth. I feel that guys like Elvis with all the riches in the world, you need to do a job like this to really appreciate what you have. Because if you don't learn humility on this job, you have to look inside of yourself for some kind of boosters to keep you going, because you see the best in people and the worst ... You also get to learn a lot about your employees. When you call someone at three o'clock in the morning, you see who people are and what they do."

You must really love your workers. You talk about them as if they are the whole world.

"They get trashed a lot because people don't really see that we have some extraordinary qualities. At lunchtime, you never hear any lewd conversations — not that they're angels — but you listen to people who want their kids to get a better education, to get farther than they did, and I try to bring philosophical thoughts. 'Do you know how much money the Promenade makes? Do you know this is the crown jewel of the city?' We are not just maintenance. We are service people. If I see someone looking at the (Promenade) directory, I say, 'May I help you?' I mean don't just go by. These are our customers. Help them get where they need to go."

You take pride in mentoring young people who come here.

"I feel that's my achievement. I love to get people into the workplace who are macho at times because they have low self-esteem, and when you finally work with them and they find out the more you know, the less you feel you know. You turn them into somebody they never thought they were. They keep me grounded as well. I know being a supervisor is an awesome responsibility. It's not an ego trip ... It's a collective leadership is what I would call it."

What are some of the most memorable things you've seen over the years?

"I got a call — this must have been 1980, 1981 New Year's eve — I was blasted out of bed by a phone call that I should come down to parking structure six, that somebody had placed a small pipe bomb in one of the bathrooms. It had gone off and didn't hurt anybody, but it had pretty well wiped out that entire lobby. It wasn't a big enough explosion to take the building down, but when I got there it was awesome. Quite a sight. I saw smoke, fire, graffiti, just, you know, something that represented to me man's basest instinct. Fumes were toxic, the elevator door was burned. It was just a mess.

"At the last Democratic convention here, there were protesters who were thinking of coming down to the Promenade and start some trouble. So I confronted them and said, 'You don't want to trash this do you? You know all you're trashing out are fellow workers just like you are. We're proud of what we do here. Can you just be a little honest and modest about this? You could hurt us very badly and the city.' They went through quite civil.

"The worst thing I think I've ever seen was the farmers' market tragedy ... I hope I never see anything like that again. Ten people were killed, a tiny infant. It was awful."

How do you deal with the homeless who camp out at the Promenade and in some of the alleys at night?

"Kindness is sometimes lost, but when it blooms, it blooms a hundred times over. If we go over here at six o'clock in the morning, we may see some homeless that are really aggressive. But if we say to them, 'Hey Bob, how you doing?' or, 'Hey, Lucy, you're looking good today. I like that new hairstyle,' you get a whole different dignity type of thing than if you just go in hostile, 'I'm the city man, get up and move.' By just asking them for their help in, say, keeping the bench they're sleeping on clean, you have no idea how much that works. You need that dialogue. You have to look at them as human beings, and things will go right."

What are your thoughts on the homeless situation we have here in the city and on the Promenade in particular?

"Well, every once in a while I'll come down here on Sundays and walk around. I like to mingle with the local businesses because they do a lot for this city. I do see a lot of homeless and the sight is sometimes unseemly with all the trash bags ... It's an unattractive problem, and it takes a lot of money, and God knows people who are working their tail off can't make

enough money to get a decent pension or right health insurance. So where's the money going to come from to help situations like that? From a social, visual and security type of thing, if I was a parent coming down here with my kids that would cross my brow."

Don't you ever get frustrated when you clean something, say the bathrooms, and then 15 minutes later, it's dirty again?

"Never. If it wasn't dirty, we wouldn't be in business. Let's say you were managing one of the high-end hotels, you know people rent the room and leave a mess, the bed sheets have to be changed. That's the same thing we feel. Our attitude as a crew is welcome to our world. We are going to clean it for you and make it as pleasant as possible. We realize it might get trashed out in five minutes and people will say it hasn't been cleaned today. I hear that all the time. We just try to be patient, find ways to make it last longer. The worst thing we could do is limit the use and not make it a customer-friendly place."

Often times maintenance is overlooked and is placed at the bottom of the totem pole. Is that true for you?

"Oh yes. We have to fight for everything we have. Often times the politicians will vote for something that affects us, and they never come down to see what the effects of that decision are. They'll spend millions of millions of dollars on trying to create this unique shopping environment, but then they won't spend an extra couple of thousand of dollars to keep it maintained. So I get in fights sometimes, but you have to. You have to lead with your convictions. Otherwise, how can you ask others to follow you if you don't stand for anything?"

Any thoughts on retiring?

"Not yet. I find that my intellectual side is not diminished. I've got plenty of stamina, and I have one of the best attendance records. Sixty-three hasn't caught up with me chronologically yet. It's just a number on a piece of paper. I feel full of vim and vigor. Look at the boys who raised the flag at Iwo Jima. They wanted to live just like anybody else, but they didn't get to the top by running away. They got to the top because they knew whatever sacrifice they gave, it was for a good cause. If you are climbing up your own mountain of success and you decide it's too hard and give up, you fail yourself. If you do that, what are you going to tell your kids? How are you going to inspire them?"

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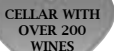
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ety and will work to protect social programs from further budget cuts.

“My politics are simple,” said O’Brien, who walks with the help of crutches. “I believe in social justice and plenty for all, and I believe that in the most affluent state in the richest country in the world, we ought to be able to educate our children, take care of our old and disabled. Right now we are failing them.”

O’Brien said he is against bond programs that will leave future generations with massive amounts of debt. He is a supporter of tax reform, including changing how commercial properties are taxed under Prop. 13 and charging an oil severance tax to oil companies, which he believes could add another \$5 billion a year to state coffers. He would also like to see sales tax redistributed based on population and use some of that money to solve homelessness.

“It’s not a question of money,” he said. “It’s a question of priorities, and mine are to help expand the middle class and protect the children and the disabled.”

He would also like to see passage of the California Clean Money Initiative to bring about the public financing of campaigns. He is pro-choice, pro gay marriage, anti-death penalty and carries a prescription for medical marijuana.

For Groveman, who said he is a leader with a history of getting results, the chance to serve in Sacramento is a chance to change the direction the state is headed under the leadership of Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. Groveman would like to raise the minimum wage, heal beaches by cleaning more urban runoff, and make community colleges free to residents.

“I have 26 years of serious experience that I want to bring to this district,” he said. “We need to start solving things. It’s one thing to talk about the problems, but it’s another thing to start seeing results.”

Groveman supports the death penalty in crimes against police officers. He is pro-choice, in favor of same-sex marriages and would like the state to enforce medical marijuana laws instead of deferring to the federal government.

“I think (having police officers spend time on marijuana) is wasting valuable resources that could be used elsewhere,” he said.

Groveman would also like to create a statute to prosecute those who damage natural resources.

“There are a lot of things that we have to do, and we are going to have to be creative,” he said. “Right now I am open to anything. I don’t want to say right now that I’m against new taxes or opposed to this. We need to have an open mind ... and think of crafty ways to get things done.”

Hayes-Raitt, endorsed by public employee unions and actor Martin Sheen, is a strong critic of Schwarzenegger as well and said she is running because she is “sick and tired” of seeing bills she supports get vetoed by the governor. “We need to take this state away from Schwarzenegger,” she said.

Hayes-Raitt, who was named Woman of the Year in 2004 by Los Angeles County, is a strong supporter of a woman’s right to choose, opposes the death penalty and is in favor of same-sex marriages. “I think we need more love in this world, not less,” she said.

If elected, Hayes-Raitt would like to institute universal health care and overturn worker’s compensation reform, which she said she believes has done nothing to help workers. She also wants to reinstate the vehicle licensing fee to pre-Schwarzenegger levels. She said she would also fight to bring soldiers back from Iraq and protect money budgeted for social services from being used to fund the war.

“I don’t think it’s enough to say, ‘Bring our troops home.’ We have to make sure they have a home to come

back to,” she said.

Levey, who is endorsed by former 41st Assembly District representative Mel Levine and State Sen. Jack Scott, opposes the death penalty except for acts of terrorism against the state. He is supportive of same-sex marriages and believes the controversy surrounding it proves “that the separation of church and state is not where we want it to be.”

Levey is against decriminalizing marijuana but would like to see judges have more power in three-strikes cases that involve drug offenses. He would also like to have a hand in reforming the way electoral districts are created so that they are more representative of the voters instead of being drawn to help legislators win reelection.

“It’s astounding that you can have Senate districts that spill into three or four Assembly districts,” he said. “It’s become so bad that nobody knows who their representatives are.”

Beginning today, those interested in running for Pavley’s seat and who have filed declarations of intent with the secretary of state can obtain nomination petitions from county election officials. Prospective candidates have until March 10 to do so.

Those seeking the seat must collect between 40 and 60 signatures from registered voters to qualify for the ballot.

To be considered as a candidate for the state Assembly, one must: be a U.S. citizen; be a registered voter at the time that nomination papers are issued; be registered in the political party whose nomination the person is seeking for at least three months before declaring a candidacy, and not have been registered with any other political party 12 months prior to that.

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Prosecutors say jurors' declarations are false

BY DAVID KRAVETS AND
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Associated Press Writers

SAN FRANCISCO — State and local prosecutors said Friday that former Whitewater independent counsel Kenneth Starr and another lawyer representing a death row inmate submitted to the governor forged letters from jurors who were falsely portrayed as wishing the condemned man would be spared.

"We showed each person the declaration on their behalf and they all said they didn't say that," said Nathan Barankin, spokesman for Attorney General Bill Lockyer.

Starr and Los Angeles attorney David

Senior are the clemency lawyers for Michael Morales, a 46-year-old Stockton man on death row for murdering and raping a 17-year-old San Joaquin County girl 25 years ago.

Morales is scheduled to be executed Feb. 21.

Earlier this week, Starr and Senior submitted to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger declarations from six Ventura County jurors who said they thought Morales deserved clemency because some of the testimony at his trial may have been fabricated. Morales had been tried in Ventura County in 1983 because of too much pre-trial publicity in San Joaquin County.

But on Friday, the San Joaquin District Attorney's office sent Schwarzenegger a

new batch of sworn statements from five of those jurors saying they not only still supported capital punishment for Morales, but had never spoken with the defense investigator who claimed to have secured their signatures.

Reached Friday evening, Senior said he stood by the validity of the affidavits he and Starr sent to Schwarzenegger and suggested that the jurors might have gotten cold feet when they were contacted by prosecutors in the last two days.

"When the D.A. and A.G. show up with badges and guns and say whatever, they can intimidate a lot of people and that's their game," Senior said.

Starr was not immediately available for comment, said a spokeswoman for the Pepperdine School of Law, where Starr is the dean.

None of the five jurors involved in the legal tug-of-war, whose names were blacked out of the competing clemency documents to protect their privacy, could immediately be reached for comment.

The latest round of material prosecutors delivered to the governor late Friday included a sarcastic comment from a juror who said the defense had misspelled the juror's name on the signed document submitted by the Morales team.

"Aside from the fact that the declaration is a complete fabrication, I never would have signed a declaration under penalty of perjury that included a misspelling of my name without at least correcting the misspelling," one juror said, according to the declaration authorities gave to Schwarzenegger.

The governor's spokeswoman Margita Thompson declined to address the dispute, saying only that the governor, when deciding on clemency, will consider "all the information that is provided to him when making the decision."

San Joaquin County prosecutor Charles Schultz said the letters saying jurors supported Morales' clemency bid were "untrue" and "pure fiction." His office was immediately suspicious when Starr and Senior filed them with the governor on Tuesday because the reliability of a similar statement from a key prosecution witness already had been called into question, Schultz said.

Attached as an exhibit in the original clemency petition filed on Morales' behalf last week was a lengthy letter from Patricia Felix, who was Morales' roommate when he killed Terri Winchell, a Lodi teenager, in 1981. Felix testified at Morales' trial that he had practiced on her the maneuver he used to choke Winchell and then hid bloody evidence at the home they shared.

But in her statement to the governor,

she said prosecutors coerced her into giving false testimony. Within days, however, prosecutors produced another affidavit from Felix saying she stood by her testimony and had never even spoken with the investigator who was said to have interviewed her.

Schultz said a juror contacted him on Wednesday to express support for the upcoming execution. An affidavit opposing the execution with that same juror's name was in the package Senior and Starr submitted.

"These are two powerful and experienced lawyers. It seems amazing and astounding to me to be duped like that," he said. "As a lawyer, you are responsible for what you file one way or another."

Kathleen Culhane, the San Francisco private investigator who Starr and Senior said had interviewed the jurors and Felix, referred a call to Senior for comment.

Senior said that as with the jurors, prosecutors had pressured Felix into changing her story and that the signatures on the statements she gave to the defense and prosecution matched. While jurors might be insisting their signatures were forged, Senior said he expected they, too, would be the same on both the defense and prosecution versions.

"If we keep scratching under the surface, this thing might come boomeranging back on them 360 degrees," he said.

The jurors whose statements are now in dispute were not the only ones backing Morales in his appeal for clemency.

Charles McGrath, the Ventura County judge who presided over the trial in 1983 and sentenced Morales to death, also has asked the governor to commute the sentence to life in prison without parole, saying he questions the reliability of a jailhouse informant who testified against Morales.

Still, the jury spat may not affect whether Morales is executed Feb. 21.

A San Jose federal judge on Thursday strongly hinted that, within days, he would block the execution to allow time to determine whether lethal injection amounts to unconstitutional cruel and unusual punishment.

Morales claims he might feel too much pain when injected with overdoses of three different drugs at San Quentin State Prison. U.S. District Judge Jeremy Fogel said he is likely to call a hearing to hear medical experts testify whether the allegations might be true.

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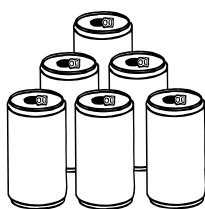
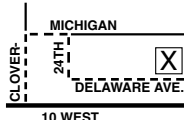
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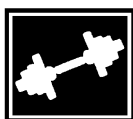
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By The Associated Press

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Terrorism raises question: How safe is Alaska pipeline?

BY MARY PEMBERTON

Associated Press Writer

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — The trans-Alaska pipeline looks like it would be an easy target for terrorists intent on destroying a valuable American asset, but those responsible for its safekeeping say looks can be deceiving.

The 800-mile pipeline — which carries nearly 17 percent of domestic crude oil production — snakes north to south across Alaska, from the oil fields of Prudhoe Bay to the port of Valdez, where tankers are loaded for delivery to West Coast refineries.

About half of the 48-inch diameter pipeline lies underground. The other half is visible — a huge silver cylinder that parallels two Alaska highways and sits nearly in the backyards of some Fairbanks homes.

The Alyeska Pipeline Service Co., the company that operates the pipeline, even has a visitors center outside Fairbanks where tens of thousands of people have gone to get an upclose look at the pipeline.

“You can walk right under it,” said Alyeska spokesman Mike Heatwole.

Terrorism experts say pipelines in general are easy targets, but tend to be low priority because they can be repaired so quickly.

And officials with an intimate knowledge of the pipeline say it’s far less vulnerable than it appears — in part because of the difficulty a saboteur would have getting any weapon capable of serious damage into Alaska.

The pipeline has state, federal and local agencies keeping an eye on it, said John Madden, deputy director of the state Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

When Madden was asked what would keep someone from, say, firing a shoulder-mounted rocket at the pipeline, he cited the difficulty of getting such a weapon near the pipeline.

“The very act of a shoulder-fired weapon suggests transport of that weapon,” he said.

Agencies including customs, immigration, border control and state troopers, work to make sure that such a weapon would never make it into Alaska, he said.

“There are quite a bit of those layers of defense and observation which the public will never see,” Madden said.

However, officials decline to discuss any specifics about what actions have been taken to protect the pipeline.

“We have a security component to our work,” Heatwole said. “It is part of our business.”

Concerns that terrorists were targeting the pipeline were raised several weeks ago when the SITE Institute in Washington, D.C. — the acronym stands for Search for International Terrorist Entities — discovered a well-researched, 12-page Arabic essay posted on the Internet that discussed targeting the Alaska pipeline. Its author is unknown.

“It is not everyone who could sit and write something like this. You would have to have some background on how pipelines work,” said SITE Director Rita Katz.

While the pipeline would be easy to blow up, it is not an attractive target for terrorists, said Henry Lee, director of the Environment and Natural Resources Program at the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at Harvard University. The center focuses on international security.

Lee said terrorists blow up pipelines more as an irritant, pointing to a pipeline in Colombia blown up more than 100 times by rebels.

“Pipelines can be blown up, and they are fairly easy to

blow up,” Lee said. “The day they did it, it would get headlines in all the papers. The problem is you would have it fixed in a matter of days.”

Chris Kendall, a petroleum geologist at the University of South Carolina who is an expert on the impact of war on oil supplies, described the pipeline as a “soft boundary” target.

“Of course it is vulnerable,” he said. “I think one person could get in a pickup truck and drive into the thing and blow it up.”

However, the pipeline’s isolation in Alaska probably works to its advantage, Kendall said. Terrorists need a certain amount of “internal synergy” to be effective, he said.

“They need each other socially,” Kendall said.

He doubted terrorists had that much interest in Alaska.

“Fortunately these idiots, the nihilists, are preoccupied with other focuses. They’re probably running away from people in Pakistan and Afghanistan. They are preoccupied with surviving and fighting in Iraq,” Kendall said.

Alyeska assessed its security following the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York in 2001, Heatwole said. That same year an Alaska man shot up the pipeline with a .338-caliber hunting rifle, spewing about 300,000 gallons of crude. The man, who is now serving a 16-year prison sentence, apparently had no political motives.

There have been other instances where the pipeline was shot but not perforated.

Alyeska became aware of the Web posting about two weeks ago and sent an e-mail to its employees so people would not become needlessly alarmed, Heatwole said. The company made no changes as a result of the Web posting.

“We are not aware of any pending or imminent threat to the pipeline,” Heatwole said.

The Web posting provided numerous links to other Web sites with specific information on the pipeline, including Alyeska Pipeline Service Co.’s official Web site.

FBI spokesman Eric Gonzalez said when the FBI became aware of the Web posting it shared it with other agencies in a joint terrorism task force formed in 2001. He said the main role of the FBI is to pass on intelligence information and do follow-up.

The Web message was posted on a password-protected al-Qaeda-affiliated forum. It was in response to messages from Osama bin Laden and Ayman al-Zawahri regarding recommended targets. The Web message suggested that attacks be launched on oil pipelines, refineries and pumping stations in Iraq, Afghanistan, Turkmenistan and Alaska.

When referencing the trans-Alaska pipeline, it said, “This kind of target is considered an ideal target for a small group of mujahideen of 4-5 individuals.”

It said members would ideally be American Muslims but if those couldn’t be found than they could be recruited from foreign-born Muslims living in the United States, Canada or Mexico.

“This group should be divided into smaller groups of 4-5 individuals, who have the knowledge and skills need(ed) for explosives,” the Web site said.

It recommended either shooting the pipeline or blowing it up.

“It is preferable that these groups prepare hiding places in different locations alongside the pipeline and detonate the packages from time to time until they can receive the news of the American devils’ defeat,” it said.

It recommended that any attack be planned for summer.

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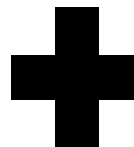
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In Utah, wilderness approval comes with an underlying goal

BY PAUL FOY
Associated Press Writer

SKULL VALLEY, Utah — The dry, rounded ridges of the Cedar Mountain Wilderness Area stretch north-south for about 55 miles, framing this barren valley with its sagebrush and parched grass.

The Cedar range opens to the west on desolate salt flats, where the Air Force has sprayed nerve gas and drops ordnance on a Rhode Island-sized bombing range, and where much of the nation's industrial waste gets entombed for disposal.

Of all the spectacular and wild places in Utah worthy of protection as wilderness, the Cedars never ranked high on anyone's list. Yet, after rejecting wilderness proposals for more than two decades, Utah's congressional delegation united behind this site.

"Whether it's the most pristine or spectacular wilderness — well, it doesn't rank up there," admitted U.S. Rep. Rob Bishop, R-Utah, the prime sponsor of the wilderness measure signed by President Bush on Jan. 6.

But more than scenery was on the mind of Utah's congressional delegation. The restrictions of the Wilderness Act of 1964, intended to forever preserve virgin wilderness in a natural state, will make it impractical for a tribe of 121 Goshute Indians to accept nuclear waste for storage on their tiny patch of Skull Valley.

The Wilderness Act forbids development, and the new wilderness cuts off the only practical route for a rail spur delivering heavy steel casks of spent fuel rods to the Goshute reservation.

"We're just a small Indian tribe that makes Utah cringe," said tribal Chief Leon Bear, who professed no opinion about the state's new wilderness area.

Bear in 1996 signed a multimillion-dollar contract with Private Fuel Storage, a consortium of nuclear-powered utilities looking to unload 40,000 tons of spent uranium fuel rods with a half-life of 10,000 years on his reservation.

Now, Bear shrugs off the wilderness as the consortium's problem, not his.

If the designation wasn't strictly about wilderness preservation, advocates don't care, said Kevin Mueller, executive director of the Utah Wilderness Congress.

While it was not the top priority of preservationists, it was on their wish list — and they didn't even have to fight for it. In fact, they got more than they wanted — a 100,000-acre wilderness instead of 62,100 acres in their original proposal for the Cedar mountain range.

"Obscurity doesn't discredit the place. It's wild," Ray Bloxham, a field inventory specialist for the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, said on a tour of the Cedar mountains, just an hour's drive west of Salt Lake City.

The alliance has spent decades trying to protect millions of acres of redrock canyons in southern Utah that

fall outside wilderness areas, but that doesn't mean it will overlook a desert range closer to Salt Lake City where some 200 wild horses roam.

Wilderness activists are applauding Bishop, a second-term congressman, and say they look forward to forging more wilderness bills with the state's delegation, which has de facto veto power over any effort in Congress to establish more wilderness in Utah.

Bishop also praised the collaborative effort but said it was "premature to conclude" Utah would welcome more wilderness designations, traditionally a hated symbol here of federal control. Utah has the fewest acres of wilderness of any Western state, and the last purely Utah wilderness bill passed in 1984.

But if there's one thing Utah politicians like less than wilderness, it's an open-air nuclear-waste dump in a state that has no nuclear power plants of its own.

"It's quite interesting they would go that far — to make a wilderness area just to keep out a few spent fuel rods and snub the poor old Goshutes," said Claude Parkinson, 76, who leads tours at the nearby Donner-Reed Pioneer Museum.

The utility partners say the Skull Valley storage is temporary until the federal government can open a national repository for spent fuel at Nevada's Yucca Mountain, but try telling that to state leaders.

"The Goliaths were supposed to roll right over us and win," Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman said in an address last month to the Legislature, celebrating a wilderness bill that "not only makes it extremely difficult for anyone to bring spent nuclear fuel into Skull Valley, it also preserves the integrity of the Utah Test and Training Range."

The Air Force uses Skull Valley as a flight path to the bombing range, and Utah earlier tried to argue that the odds of a jet crashing into a stainless steel cask and releasing radiation made the project too risky.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission rejected that argument and authorized a license for Private Fuel Storage last September. Utah is asking a federal appeals court to overturn the decision, but Bishop said Utah's biggest ace is the wilderness area and its barrier to rail transport.

Private Fuel Storage chief John Parkyn has said he might be able to off-load the canisters from a main Union-Pacific line for trucking, but that option is fraught with problems.

Glenn Carpenter, a field manager for the Bureau of Land Management, said his agency was unlikely to yield more land. And Utah is even less likely to widen the shoulderless, two-lane state road to accommodate flatbed trucks and their oversized loads.

The BLM has opened public comment on whether to grant Private Fuel Storage a right of way into Skull Valley. A decision isn't expected for months.

More than \$16 million in fines against mine operators are unpaid

BY NANCY ZUCKERBROD
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Kentucky mine operator Stanley Osborne has accumulated more than \$200,000 in safety fines since the 1980s, but the federal government has not been able to collect the money.

In a new approach, the Mine Safety and Health Administration filed suit against Osborne this month. "We just can't be chasing people around for these collection cases when they should be paying their civil penalties," said Thomas Mascolino, deputy associate solicitor at the Labor Department.

MSHA, part of the Labor Department, was owed more than \$16 million in delinquent fines at the end of last year, said agency spokesman Dirk Fillpot. More than \$11 million was for violations at coal mines.

The problem isn't new, but it has gained attention following mining accidents that have left 21 miners dead so far this year.

West Virginia lawmakers have asked the Government Accountability Office, the investigative arm of Congress, to look into how the mine agency assesses and collects fines.

"It is critically important that penalties for serious violations be painful," the lawmakers said in a letter to the GAO.

But critics wonder how safety fines can be painful when they can go uncollected.

"The payment of fines assessed by MSHA is essentially voluntary," said Wes Addington, a lawyer at the Appalachian Citizens Law Center, which is based in Prestonsburg, Ky., and represents miners in discrimination cases.

Addington recently analyzed fines levied against companies in Kentucky — the nation's third-largest coal producer — and found there were one or more years during the past decade in which one-third of the state's underground mines paid little or none of their fines.

Fillpot said MSHA has collected 80 percent of the fines it has assessed in the past decade.

He said the agency first tries to collect the fines and after 180 days asks the Treasury Department to get involved. Treasury can ask collection agencies to go after the fines.

If an operator cannot be found, goes out of business or doesn't have the money, MSHA can write the debt off. The Internal Revenue Service can consider the money part of the operator's earned income, meaning it is taxable.

"The process needs to change," said Stephen Webber, who headed the mine agency's assessments office at the end of the Clinton administration and for a few years under the Bush administration.

"If mine operators are not paying their civil penalty assessments, they're not going to have the right attitude toward health and safety," Webber said. "They'll just get another assessment and not pay it."

Webber said he suggested to Labor Department lawyers that they shut down mines that had delinquent fines: "That would have an effect." But the idea was rejected, he said.

If a coal operator isn't fixing the problem for which he is cited, MSHA can shut down the part of the mine in question, said Mascolino. But he said the agency can't take that action just because fines haven't been paid.

"Our power to shut a portion of a mine is always directed to the finding of a current existing health and safety violation," he said.

Another option Webber supports is creation of a system by which mine operators would have to pay outstanding fines to renew permits. West Virginia has such a law, ensuring the state is paid, he said.

There is no similar federal permit system, Mascolino said.

"They don't have it, but they need it," said Webber, who thinks Congress ought to mandate the change.



Adventurer Steve Fossett breaks world flight distance record

BY DEREK KRAVITZ

Associated Press Writer

MANSTON, England — Adventurer Steve Fossett completed the longest nonstop flight in aviation history with an emergency landing Saturday, flying 26,389 miles in about 76 hours but stopping early because of mechanical problems.

Ground control said Fossett, 61, broke the airplane distance record of 24,987 miles while his lightweight experimental plane was flying over Shannon, Ireland.

Generator problems then forced him to land the Virgin Atlantic Global Flyer at Bournemouth International Airport in southern England instead of at a military air strip in nearby Kent.

"I was really lucky to make it here today, there was a lot going on," Fossett told reporters after he landed. "The tension of the final part really took it out of me, but I will be fine in the morning."

The millionaire adventurer completed his nonstop journey around the globe — and then some — over 3 1/2 days despite losing about 750 pounds of fuel during his takeoff Wednesday from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida because of a leak.

Fossett recounted the journey after he arrived later on Saturday at his scheduled finishing point — Kent International Airport — on a private jet alongside Sir Richard Branson, the billionaire owner of Virgin Atlantic, which sponsored Fossett's record bid. He was greeted there by his wife, Peggy, and rapturous applause from the assembled crowd.

Stepping onto the tarmac in his silver flight suit, Fossett said he was relieved after being forced to make the emergency landing.

He said he realized he was in trouble when he began his descent for Kent and a light came on indicating the plane's generator had failed, prompting him to put emergency procedures in place.

The tense climax was one of several episodes that nearly doomed his voyage.

During takeoff Wednesday from the Kennedy Space Center, his plane leaked fuel and he nearly ran out of runway.

"I had to pull up with all my might" to get the plane in the air before the end of the airstrip.

Severe turbulence over India "almost broke the plane apart," he said, forcing him to strap on a parachute for fear of having to eject.

Instead, his flight team altered his projected route. They had him cross Florida, where he began his journey Wednesday, and take a southerly path on the flight's last leg to take advantage of better winds.

The plane's ventilation system also malfunctioned midway through the trip, causing temperatures in the 7-foot cockpit to rise to as much as 130 degrees. Fossett was forced to drink a large part of his water supply earlier than planned because of the heat, his flight team said.

Early Saturday, Fossett decided to try to finish the trip after reaching the middle of the Atlantic.

"He burst two tires on landing and the poor Global Flyer had to be dragged off the runway," said Steve Ridgway, chief executive of Virgin Atlantic.

His voyage broke the airplane distance record of 24,987 miles set in 1986 by the lightweight Voyager aircraft piloted by Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager, as well as the balloon record of 25,361 miles set by Brian Jones and Bertrand Piccard in 1999.

After the news conference, Fossett was presented with the Guinness World Record for the longest flight.

Fossett already holds the record for flying solo around the globe in a balloon and for being the first person to circle the globe solo in a plane without stopping or refueling. That flight last year lasted 67 hours and was hampered by a fuel leak.

While in the air, Fossett took power naps no longer than 10 minutes each and drank a steady diet of milkshakes. His plane was equipped with a parachute pack holding a one-man raft and a satellite rescue beacon.

Shiite politicians delay selection of new prime minister amid continued fighting

BY QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA

Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Shiite politicians failed to agree on a new prime minister Saturday, at least briefly delaying a key step in forming a new government nearly two months after national elections.

Elsewhere, a U.S. Marine helicopter fired two rockets into an insurgent hide-out in the western city of Ramadi, killing six militants, a Marine spokesman said. Two roadside bombs targeted U.S. troops in Samarra, injuring one American, the military said.

The 128 members of the Shiite alliance who won parliament seats in the Dec. 15 balloting gathered Saturday in Baghdad to choose a prime minister.

But the vote was postponed for at least a day at the request of the faction loyal to the anti-U.S. cleric Muqtada al-Sadr because of differences with another group, according to Shiites who attended the meeting.

Shiite officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the negotiations, said the al-Sadr faction was leaning toward Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari.

Another Shiite group had doubts about al-Jaafari, and al-Sadr's lieutenants wanted time to confer, the officials said.

The disagreement could strengthen the position of the other major candidate — Vice President Adil Abdul-Mahdi, a French-educated former finance minister backed by the country's top Shiite group, the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq.

The choice of the umbrella Shiite alliance is assured of becoming prime minister because Shiites won the most parliament seats in national elections. The alliance, however, is a collection of Shiite parties and factions with individual agendas, not a cohesive organization.

The winning candidate will need a simple majority of the 128 parliamentarians.

After parliament convenes within two weeks, members must choose the largely ceremonial position of president. The president then designates the alliance's choice as the new prime minister, who has 30 days to appoint a Cabinet and win majority approval in the legislature.

Once the Shiite alliance settles on a prime minister, it will begin talks in earnest with parties representing Sunni Arabs, Kurds, secularists and others to try to form a broad-based government, which the United States hopes

can calm the insurgency so American and other foreign troops can begin leaving.

The U.S. hopes the Shiites will offer key posts to Sunni Arabs, the backbone of the insurgency, so they will support the government. Two Sunni Arab alliances won 55 seats in December, a threefold increase over the outgoing parliament.

An coalition of two Kurdish parties allied with the Shiites in the outgoing government won 53 seats.

The talks will take place amid rising tensions between Sunni Arabs and Shiites following months of reprisal killings.

In Baghdad, a Sunni Arab tribal leader, Sheik Osama al-Jadaan, said his followers have seized more than 1,400 "terrorists" in a three-month counterinsurgency operation that began about a month ago along the Iraq-Syria border.

U.S. authorities have recruited scouts from among al-Jadaan's tribe in an effort to stop foreign fighters from infiltrating from Syria.

In the Anbar provincial capital of Ramadi, a U.S. Marine helicopter fired two rockets Saturday into an insurgent hide-out, killing six militants and wounding one, said Marine spokesman Capt. Jeffrey Pool.

The attack followed clashes between U.S. soldiers and militants near the soccer stadium in Ramadi, 70 miles west of Baghdad.

In nearby Fallujah, 40 miles west of Baghdad, gunmen in a red sedan shot dead a policeman Saturday, police said.

The body of an Iraqi Christian contractor who worked with the Americans was found on a road in Kirkuk hours after he was seized by gunmen, police said. And attackers entered a hospital in Hawija, 27 miles southwest of Kirkuk, fatally shooting a doctor, police said.

In the southern city of Basra, the Iraqi army's local spokesman, Capt. Makram al-Abbasi, was killed in gunfire from a civilian car accompanied by a police vehicle. The British-controlled city has seen an upturn in violence in recent weeks, in part fueled by Shiite militias that have infiltrated the police force.

A founding member of the main Kurdish militant group was killed when his car exploded in the northern city of Sulaimaniyah, 160 miles northeast of Baghdad, police said. Kani Yilmaz was once a senior member of the Kurdistan Workers Party, or PKK, which has been leading an insurgency for more than two decades in southeastern Turkey.

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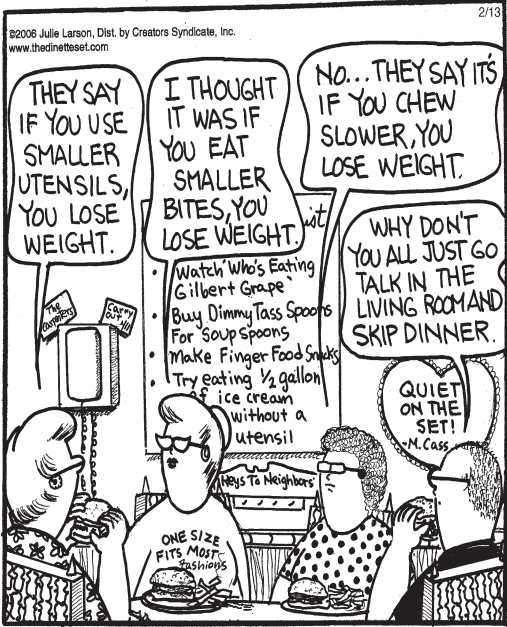
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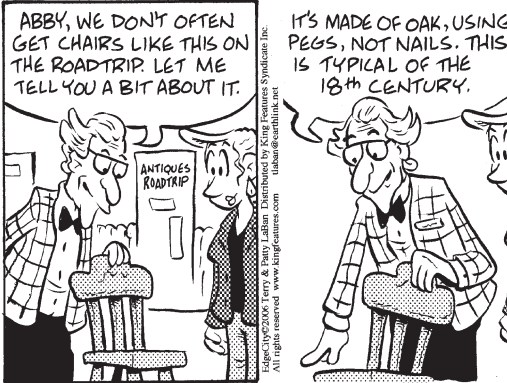


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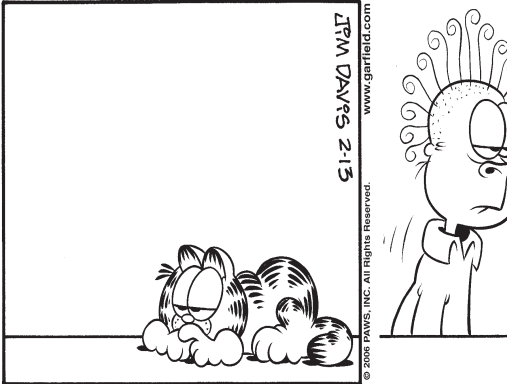
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0041735 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Dark Glory Industries, Davk Glory, 6610 Charner St. Bell Gardens, CA 90201. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Ever De Santiago,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

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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 060057769 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Dinamica Financiera Realty, Dinamica Financiera Realty Department, 7857 E. Florence Ave, Suite 200, Downey, CA 90240. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Ivan Bonilla, 7857 E. Florence Ave, Suite 200, Downey, CA 90240 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Ivan Bonilla

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0046237 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Discount Snack Bar, 7800 Pacific Blvd #21, Huntington Park, CA 90255. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Angelina Perez., 8610 Virginia #D, South Gate, CA 90280 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Ivan Bonilla

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0046269 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Diane's Market. 99 & Up, 425 E Vernon Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90011. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Angelina Orea Del Flores, 4815 S. Main St. Los Angeles, CA 90037 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)1/6/2006. /s/: Angelina Orea Del Flores

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0046212 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Mortgage Solution Gurus, 23493 E. Golden Springs Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Beena S. Khakhria, 1116-B Cleghom Drive, Diamon Bar, CA 91765 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/: Beena S. Khakhria

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0057935 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as M 1 Solutions, 1240 West Robindale Street, West Covina, CA 91790. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Jimmy Sia, 1240 West Robindale Street, West Covina, CA 91790 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Jimmy Sia This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 1/10/2006. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 1/23/2006, 1/30/2006, 2/6/2006, 2/13/2006

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

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

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

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

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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0051503 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as JJ Roque LLC, AI #/ON 20050610421, 5820 Benner st, #202, Los Angeles, CA 90042. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : JJ Roque LLC, 5820 Benner st, #202, Los Angeles, CA 90042 This Business is being conducted by, a limited liability. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: JJ Roque LLC, Manager, Jaime R. Roque

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0062645 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as JGG Trucking, 1549 Lorrane Ave, Pomona, CA 91767. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : James H. Gambles, 1549 Lorrane Ave, Pomona, CA 91767 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)4/18/2005. /s/: James H. Gambles

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

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registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)1/1/2000. /s/: Claude Knafo

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

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

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

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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0062661 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Muniz Discount Radiators, 730 W. Rosecrans Ave. Compton, CA 90222. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Benito Muniz, 5601 Gardendale Ave, #38, South Gate, CA 90280 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)12/16/2005. /s/:

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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0082381 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as A Shore Thing Realty, 12711 Bonaparte Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90066. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : James Rizopoulos, 12711 Bonaparte Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90066; Fuad Khayyat, 1185 Greenvale, Akron, OH, 44313 This Business is being conducted by, co-partners. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: James Rizopoulos; Fuad Khayyat

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0130579 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Flinkman Partners AI 8932400001, 3005 Main St Suite 500, Santa Monica, CA 90405. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Flinkman Partners, a CA Limited Partnership, 3005 Main St Suite 500, Santa Monica, CA 90405 This Business is being conducted by, a limited partnership. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)6/16/1999. /s/: Lewis Flinkman

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0130578 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Power Property Management, 209 Montana Ave #208, Santa Monica, CA 90403. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Meigan Everett 209 Montana Ave #208, Santa Monica, CA 90403; Kathy Sadlier, 3725 Vinton Ave, #5, Los Angeles, CA 90034 This Business is being conducted by, a general partnership. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Meigan Everett This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 1/19/06. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0046207 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Superhero Creations, 20522 Kingsbury Street, Chatsworth, CA 91311. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Zachery Philip Rubin, 20522 Kingsbury Street, Chatsworth, CA 91311 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Zachery Philip Rubin

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

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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0133699 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Aguirres Tires, 5006 S. Compton Ave, LA, CA 90011. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Martin Aguirre, 1593 E. 46 St, LA, CA 90011 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)1/18/2006. /s/: Martin Aguirre

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0071850 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Iniguez Realty & Investment, 342 Geneva, Claremont, CA 91711. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Angel Iniguez Jr, 342 Geneva, Claremont, CA 91711 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/: Angel Iniguez Jr This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 1/11/2006. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0318836 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CA Boom Design Show, CA Boom Show Al #2696222, 1337 Third Street Promenade #303, Santa Monica, CA 90401. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Willy T Limited, 1337 Third Street Promenade #303, Santa Monica, CA 90401 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/: Willy T Limited

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0318844 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Lincoln Dry Cleaners, 837 Lincoln Blvd. Venice, CA 90291. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Chheng Theng Chhor, 402 Rose Ave. Venice, CA 90291 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/: Chheng Theng Chhor

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0318843 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Rosebud Drycleaners, 402 Rose Ave, Venice, CA 90291. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Chheng Theng Chhor, 402 Rose Ave. Venice, CA 90291 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)11/1/1999. /s/: Chheng Theng Chhor

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0318842 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Vivienne Ricci, Vivienne Ricci Agency, 2520 5th St #A, Santa Monica, CA 90405. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Isabelle Murray, 2520 5th St #A, 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/: Isabelle Murray

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0234012 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Wendy's Barber Beauty Salon, 1613 N. Wilmington Blvd., Wilmington, CA 90744. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Martha A. Enriquez, 1444 W. Parade St., Apt 9, Long Beach, 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/: Martha Enriquez

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0229942 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as T4Nails Care Service, 1843 West 48th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90062. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Antonette M. Anderson Delgado, 1843 West 48th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90062 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/: Antonette M. Anderson Delgado

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0243465 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Nancy Driving School, First Choice Driving School, 4112 Crenshaw Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90008. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Gilberto Carrillo, 2766 Thurman Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90016 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/: Gilberto Carrillo

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0255173 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as FASHION, M. PEREZ, 1807 E. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90021. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Magdalena Gonzalez De Perez, 307 N. Hobart Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90004 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet

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begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Magdalena Gonzalez De Perez

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0254942 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Little Giants Playground, 562 S. Gerhart Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90022. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Maria Del Carmen Garcia, 562 S. Gerhart Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90022 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 Del Carmen Garcia

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0216536 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Key Services, 1450 S. Burlington Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90006. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Kalani Childs, 9461 Wish Ave, Northridge, CA 91325 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/: Kalani Childs

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0255174 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Key Environmental Services, Universal Abatement Services, Al #/ON 2218632, 1873146, 1450 S. Burlington Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90006. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : The Teecor Group, Inc., (CALIFORNIA), 1450 S. Burlington Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90006 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)6/1/1999. /s/: The Teecor Group, Inc., President/CEO, Kalani Childs

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0216535

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FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as JW Heating and Air, 1450 S. Burlington Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90006. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Kalani Childs, 9461 Wish Ave, Northridge, CA 91325, Eric Youssef, 19501 Tuba St., Northridge,CA 91325, Jeff Williams, 16105 Castile Dr, Whittier, CA 90603 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/: Kalani Childs, Eric Youssef, Jeff Williams

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0234017 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as J.E. Capital Company, 19525 E. Covina Blvd., Apt #205, 91724. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Jovon Esparza, 19525 E. Covina Blvd., Apt #205, 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)1/31/2006. /s/: Jovon Esparza

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0229781 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as G & S Transport SVC, 19726 Colima Rd, Suite 316, Rowland Heights, CA 91748. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Gregory H. Cooper, 19726 Colima Rd, Suite 316, Rowland Heights, CA 91748 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)1/31/2006. /s/: Gregory Cooper

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0254905 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Dynamic Airsoft, LLC, Al #/ON 200602110431, 310 W. Hellman Ave, Apt A, Monterey Park, CA 91754. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Dynamic Airsoft, LLC, 310 W. Hellman Ave, Apt A, Monterey Park, CA 91754 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)2/1/2006. /s/: Dynamic Airsoft, LLC, Manager, Yue Chin Chan

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0229926 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Dells Cell and Accessories, 4858 West Century Blvd., Inglewood, CA 90304. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Deluvino E. Salazar, 12129 Manor Drive, #21, Hawthorne, CA 90250 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/: Deluvino E. Salazar

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0229794 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Danny Boy Produce, 13452 Zivi Ave, Chino, CA 91706. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Abelardo Salcedo Rodriguez, 3840 Paddy Ln, Baldwin Park, CA 91706 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)1/7/2006. /s/: Abelardo Salcedo Rodriguez

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0243804 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Chiriau Investment, 7444 E. Florence Ave, #J, Downey, CA 90240. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Celia Ulloa, 7444 E. Florence Ave, #J, Downey, CA 90240 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/: Celia Ulloa

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0243407 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Charles Mold Repair Co., 8837 Miner St., Los Angeles, CA 90002. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Larry B. Charles, 11016 S. Manhattan Pl, LA, CA 90047 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Larry B. Charles

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0229929 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Aguilar Transport, 810 N. Angeleno Ave, Azusa, CA 91702. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Gerardo Aguilar, 810 N. Angeleno Ave, Azusa, CA 91702 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)1/31/2006. /s/: Gerardo Aguilar

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Name Changes

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. SSO14085

Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles

Petition of LOUANA MARIE SEIBOLD for Change of Name

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner or Attorney: LOUANA MARIE SEIBOLD filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: LOUANA MARIE SEIBOLD to LOUANA MARIE GEORGE

The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

Notice of Hearing:
Date: MARCH 9, 2006 Time: 9:00, Dept. A., Room 104

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

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press.
Date: JANUARY 19, 2006
LINDA K. LEFKOWITZ
Judge of the Superior Court
01/30/06, 02/06/06, 02/13/06, 02/20/06

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

Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles

Petition of Ilya Kharkats for Change of Name

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner or Attorney: Ilya Kharkats filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Ilya Kharkats to Elliot Kharkats

The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

Notice of Hearing:
Date: February 27, 2006 Time: 8:30, Dept. B., Room

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

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press.
Date: January 9, 2006
Mark S. Arnold
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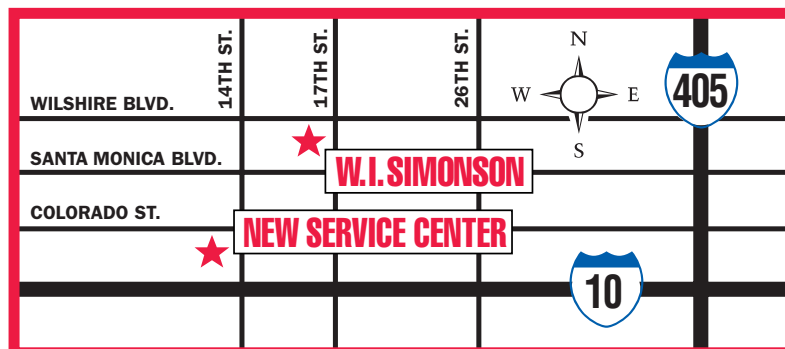
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