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THE WE MADE IT ISSUE

Retailers woo shoppers with deals

BY TEDDY LESHNICK
Special to the Daily Press

CITYWIDE It's a good time to shop if you have money.

Kurt Peterson, a shopper from Washington D.C half-jokingly asked, "We're in a recession?"

"My [shopping] habits have been the same, which is sad," Peterson said. "I know CNN two weeks ago said you have to play depression, but I'm hitting Melrose this afternoon."

Most retailers are starting to experience what some analysts are calling the new depression during this current economic slump. As consumer spending trickles to a slow drip, shops around Santa Monica are slashing prices to attract elusive customers.

"We're trying to increase sales especially now with the slow economy," Tyler Cummings, manager of sports store Active, said. "We're doing anything you can to bring anybody in."

Active is currently cutting prices up to 75 percent on certain retail items.

The food service industry has also been affected by this recession rather harshly. Many restaurants aren't attracting as many customers during lunch time, Peterson said. Rockenwagner Bakery is offering a "stimulus special," which is a small sandwich and soup for $5.50 during lunch hours. The special's name wasn't put in place because of the recession per se, rather it's a clever and relevant way to garner attention for a newly opened restaurant, Jose Lopez, Rockenwagner Bakery's manager, said.

"Not everyone wants to spend eight or 10 dollars for lunch," Lopez said. "This will fit people's budgets."

February is always a slow month for all kinds of sales, but this year is especially bad, Cummings said.

During this time of year, locals traditionally curb their shopping and tourists fill out sagging sales, he said. This year is different.

Tourists aren't spending their foreign cash with typical vigor.

Even with all the discounts, buying clothes here is very expensive, Max Ovalle, a Chilean shopper, said.

"I always try to look for the sales, but they aren't as good as some years ago," Ovalle

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WHALES AHOY!

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Roberto Alcazar (left) and Ceronica Silva (center) look for whales in the Santa Monica Bay during the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium's Whale of a Weekend event on Saturday. Pacific gray whales have been spotted recently in the bay during their annual migration along the West Coast.

COMMUNITY PROFILE
COURTNE DOTSON

Teen recognized as Youth of Year

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

WEST L.A. Courtne Dotson's eyes started welling as she sat and listened to a speech that she knew was about her.

In a state of shock and overcome with joy, the 17-year-old Hamilton High School student got out of her chair to a round of applause, accepting the Youth of the Year award by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica, honoring the teenager for her volunteer and leadership role with the nonprofit organization.

"I couldn't stop crying," Dotson said last week about receiving the award at the annual Youth of the Year banquet on Feb. 7. "I kept saying thank you and that I worked really hard for this."

The teenager was recognized for her dedication to the club, all while juggling high school studies and helping her single mother run the household.

Founded more than 60 years ago, the Youth of the Year is a national program that

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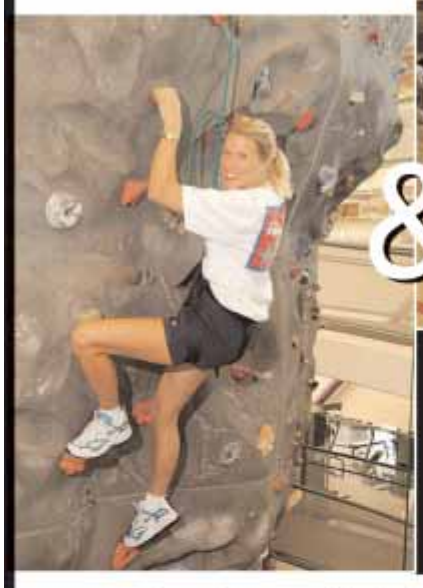


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18th Street Arts Center
1639 18th St., 11 p.m. — 5:30 p.m.
The works of Shangri L.A. approach architecture as something fluid and ephemeral, at times virtual, interactive, recycled and purely cosmetic. It builds on what is already there, exploits the in-between spaces, shifting as needs, values, emotions and desires do. This installation exhibits artists' renderings and interpretations of L.A. architecture. Call (310) 453-3711 for more information.

Learn to knit!

Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 5 p.m. — 6:30 p.m.
Should you yearn for yarn, the Fairview Branch Library hosts a free knitting class every Monday night. All experience levels are welcome. Please bring #8 needles and simple worsted yarn. Call (310) 450-0443 for more information.

Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2009

Elias Simé — Eye of the Needle, Eye of the Heart

Santa Monica Museum of Art
2525 Michigan Ave., Tues. thru Fri. 11 a.m. — 6 p.m.
Ethiopian artist Elias Simé exhibits his collages on canvas using yarn, plastics, tattered fabric, buttons, used plastic and bottle tops. This is his first exhibition in the United States. Call (310) 586-6488 for more information.

Valentine's Enchanted Lunchtime Fairytale Theatre

Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 Fourth St., 11:30 a.m. — 1 p.m.
This lunchtime extravaganza includes story-telling, sing-a-longs, crafts, theatre games and an enactment of a Cinderella-themed fairytale. Mommy, daddy and their 3- to 6 year-olds are welcome to attend for a magical afternoon. Reservations are a must, so call (310) 394-9779 ext. 2 or visit santamonicaplayhouse.com.

Bongo Fury

Harvelle's
1432 Fourth St., 9:30 p.m.
Harvelle's, the oldest continuously open space on the Westside, presents Bongo Fury, a night of fierce Afro-Cuban jazz and cabaret. There's a $10 cover charge. Call (310) 395-1676 for more information.

Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2009

Business & Consumer Expo 2009

Sheraton Delfina
530 West Pico Blvd., 5 p.m. — 8 p.m.
Local businesses and artists will be showing their wares at the Sheraton Delfina this Wednesday night. The Chamber of Commerce encourages people to come down and network and see how business is done in the City of Santa Monica. Call (310) 393-9825 for more information.

Thursday, Feb. 19, 2009

Terri Cheney presents: 'Manic: A Memoir'

Main Library's Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m.
Terri Cheney wrote "Manic: A Memoir" after her own diagnosis with bipolar disorder. She watched in frustration as others suffered from the same comparison and struggled to find words to describe their pain. This book is a compilation of their stories as well as her own. A book sale and signing will follow the author's presentation. Call (310) 458-8600 for more information.

Esau Andrade, folk artist

Every Picture Tells a Story Gallery
1311-C Montana Ave., 4 p.m. — 8 p.m.
Celebrate the works of artist Esau Andrade. Celebrated amongst the company of famed Latino painters such as Diego Rivera and Rufino Tamay, Andrade's works are found hanging in respected museums and galleries. Enjoy refreshments and readings from his book, "A Perfect Season for Dreaming." Call (310) 451-2700 for more information.

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

Bills' Lynch arrested in Culver City

BY JACOB ADELMAN
Associated Press Writer

CULVER CITY Buffalo Bills running back Marshawn Lynch was arrested in Southern California on a weapons charge, police said Sunday.

Police said Lynch was arrested Wednesday night after officers approached him and two other men sitting in a 2006 Mercedes-Benz in this Los Angeles suburb and found a loaded firearm.

Lynch was arrested after officers determined the gun belonged to him. He was released that night on $35,000 bail.

Culver City police did not immediately return a phone message seeking information about why officers approached Lynch and his companions.

Lynch's lawyer, M. Gerald Schwartzbach, said his client was not involved in a traffic incident. Schwartzbach said the player was in California to visit friends.

A Bills spokesman had no comment.

The 22-year-old Lynch was the Bills' first-round draft pick out of California in 2007. He played in his first Pro Bowl earlier this month after being added to the team in place of injured Tennessee running back Chris Johnson.

Lynch's arrest marked the second time in less than a year that he has been in trouble with the law.

In June, Lynch pleaded guilty to a traffic violation and admitted speeding off in his Porsche Cayenne SUV after striking a female pedestrian near Buffalo's downtown bar district on May 31.

The victim, a 27-year-old woman from suburban Toronto, was treated and released from the hospital later that day after sustaining a bruised hip and cut to her thigh that required seven stitches.

Lynch said it was raining hard when he saw a woman dancing in the street and slowed to let pass, then continued on his way. He said he was unaware he had hit anybody.

A judge ordered Lynch's driver's license revoked but the player appealed and was allowed to keep his license.



GETTING PRETTY

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Supermodel Josie Maran applies makeup to Juli Anderson during cosmetic retailer Sephora's Valentine's Day event Saturday on the Third Street Promenade.

Budget talks yield few agreements

BY SAMANTHA YOUNG
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger on Sunday was trying to salvage a proposal to close California's $42 billion deficit after an all-night legislative session failed to produce a new budget.

Blame for the inaction was fixed on the state Senate, where Republicans were refusing to put up the three votes necessary to reach the required two-thirds majority. The Assembly appeared ready to pass the mix of deep spending cuts and tax increases but was awaiting signals the Senate would do the same.

There was no indication the Senate had the votes to adopt the spending plan, but they resumed debate Sunday afternoon.

Assembly Speaker Karen Bass called a recess in her chamber Sunday until 5 p.m. "just to give people a break" after a record-setting 30 hours in session.

"The only thing we're waiting on is the tax bill. I'm confident we have the votes. Our concern is we don't want to get stuck here," Bass said from the Senate chamber, where she chatted with the Senate leader. "The problem is in this house."

The stalemate stretched from Saturday evening, when the chambers were called into session, to Sunday morning, when Assembly members found themselves in lockdown and Schwarzenegger spent the night trying to persuade members of his own party to support the plan.

The governor and legislative leaders from both parties warned that California faces insolvency unless the Legislature enacts a midyear budget fix.

"I don't know what it takes for people to believe this really is a crisis," said Senate Budget Committee chair Denise Ducheny, D-San Diego. "Maybe with a little sleep folks will appreciate the fact the governor and the leaders and many of us believe we have a budget."

The state controller already has delayed refund checks owed taxpayers and payments to state vendors. Some 2,000 public works projects have been stopped because the state has no money to pay for them.

Schwarzenegger, meanwhile, has ordered

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Save the trees — again

Editor:

Again the City of Santa Monica is going to kill dozens of healthy trees merely for "design purposes." These are New Zealand Christmas (Metrosideros excelsus) trees. All of them, on Colorado Boulevard on both sides of the street from Ocean Avenue to Lincoln Boulevard, are to be torn out, hacked up, and thrown away. This so that replacements of a preferred species, Lemon Scented Gum (Eucalyptus citriodora) trees, can be planted in the holes left behind. This process has already begun with the first seven trees, between Sixth and Seventh streets on Colorado, already red-tagged for removal.

These New Zealand Christmas trees will not grow too large for the spaces they are living in. They are not disturbing the sidewalks. Any future sidewalk problems, if any, will be minimal. They present no hazard. Several of them are quite young and were recently planted. They require almost no care at all. They are very well suited to our climate. All of them are healthy and thriving. They are evergreens.

There is easily 35 feet between each of these trees, and in some cases more than half a block to a block. One or more Eucalyptus trees can certainly be planted between each of these New Zealand Christmas trees, which would immediately result in both sides of Colorado having been lined with Eucalyptus trees, as desired. Rather than killing the trees that are thriving there now, the city can replace them one by one over the years with the preferred species as they perish on their own. This will create generations of Eucalyptus — by spacing their ages — which is one of the main goals in managing our urban forest. In fact, to remove trees, Santa Monica's Forestry Management Plan (2000) requires that the following criteria be met: the tree must be dead; be expected to die within one year; be diseased with a strong potential to spread the pathogen; be hazardous; or be unable to support itself due to extensive root damage.

Santa Monica can spend the same money and get twice the trees! This is not "sustainable" behavior. We must at least follow our own existing rules, as well as come up with better ways to care for trees in our city. What is Santa Monica teaching our children about the value of life when we just kill and throw away defenseless living things as we tire of them with forever changing fashion? Why are we allowing all this violence? Our world is already suffering global warming. These trees are alive. We should not be destroying them just because we feel like it.

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My Write

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Katz' seat a SMRR prize

WITH THE UNFORTUNATE PASSING OF Herb Katz last month, there's now a vacancy on City Council. Procedure calls for the remaining council members to appoint someone by Feb. 24 to fill his seat until the general election in 2010. Katz was elected for his fifth term in November or 2008.

If the council cannot choose a person to replace Katz by the deadline, a special election will be called to select someone to temporarily fill the seat until Nov. 2, 2010. According to the City Clerk's office, Katz's seat (whether temporarily occupied by an appointee or someone elected during a special election) "shall be placed on the November 2010 ballot so voters may elect a council member to serve the remainder of his term."

A similar situation happened when Emily Bloomfield, elected to the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education in November of 2006 gave up her seat in August 2007. The school board appointed Ralph Mechur to replace her until the next general election in November 2008. Then, Mechur and others could run to fill Boomfield's vacated seat for the last two years of her unfinished four-year term expiring in 2010. Because Mechur ran unopposed for Bloomfield's seat, he just needed to be "sworn in" to make it official.

So, who's going to replace Katz until 2010? Four of the six remaining council persons are members of the powerful Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights organization and will control the appointment.

My crystal ball says Gleam Davis will get council's nod. Davis, a 22-year Santa Monica resident. is currently co-chair of SMRR which has dominated city politics for three decades. She made a failed run for council in 2006 and is currently on the Planning Commission.

According to her "Davis for City Council 2006" Web site, she's an active supporter of the SMMUSD. She was involved with the Community for Excellent Public Schools and either chair or co-chair of the district's BB Committee, Advisory Committee on Child Care and Development, Santa Monica Child Care and Early Education Task Force and was a member of at least one SMMUSD parcel tax committee.

Professionally, she is a trial attorney and senior counsel for AT&T. She holds a Juris Doctorate from Harvard Law School and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Southern California. Davis lives with her family "north of Montana."

Because of her SMRR connection and deep ties with the public schools, she should have support across the board. With key SMRR members wanting to see a woman or a minority on the City Council (Pam O'Connor is the only woman on the dais), Davis fits the bill.

Some people have been rooting for Ocean Park activist Ted Winterer who came in fifth for four open council seats last election. Ted isn't a SMRR insider and didn't receive their endorsement last summer in his election bid. Ted is also a middle-aged, white male.

Planning Commission Chair Terry O'Day has been mentioned as a possible appointee but he is also a middle-aged, white male. He co-chaired the controversial Save our City committee that opposed last fall's failed ballot Measure T, which would have reduced commercial development in the city. Today's big roll in Measure T's defeat will cost him key support from SMRR slow growth insiders.

IF THE COUNCIL CANNOT CHOOSE A PERSON TO REPLACE KATZ BY THE DEADLINE, A SPECIAL ELECTION WILL BE CALLED TO SELECT SOMEONE TO TEMPORARILY FILL THE SEAT UNTIL NOV. 2, 2010.

Others who have also been mentioned include Susan Hartley who also ran for City Council last year and veteran SMRR insider and current co-chair, Patricia Hoffman, who ran unsuccessfully for City Council in 2004. Early public applicants for the seat include community activist, Jean McNeil-Wyner and Mac computer consultant Christian Boyce. Councilpersons don't necessarily have to pick an applicant and can appoint any resident of their own choosing.

Keep in mind the person appointed to temporarily fill Katz's seat is the odd's on favorite to be elected (if they run) next year to serve out Katz's term. Being that Santa Monica voters are reluctant to replace incumbents, this appointee could have a long, long run on the dais.

It's also worth noting that SMRR endorsed only two candidates for four open council seats last November — Mayor Ken Genser and Richard Bloom. Bobby Shriver and Katz also ran but without SMRR's endorsement.

Speculation is that SMRR's leadership felt strongly that Katz, who was suffering from cancer, would not finish his four year term.

Assuming Shriver's re-election and with Bob Holbrook in mid-term, SMRR strategists knew there would be only two non-SMRRs on the dais, therefore SMRR would control any appointment to replace Katz by a four to two vote once his seat was declared "open."

This appointment will likely net SMRR a five to two "super-majority" on City Council.

As I've said many times Virginia, it's not about governing, it's all about getting and keeping power.

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That Rutherford Guy

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What did Darwin believe?

CHARLES DARWIN EXPOUNDED THE theory of evolution in his 1859 book "The Origin of Species." It was in that book that Darwin theorized that plants and animals evolve and develop without the aid of an intelligent Creator through a process of natural selection, which ensures the "survival of the fittest." His work eventually dislodged people from the traditional notion that they possessed an exalted position as a special creation of God.

Although Darwin confined his ideas to biology, others quickly adapted them to nearly all aspects of intellectual life. Darwin eventually became a hero to the international academic community and received many honors. However, while the world celebrates Charles Darwin's 200th birthday (Feb. 12, 1809) and evolution is taught to schoolchildren as a non-challengeable fact, little attention is paid to his more disturbing (and certainly politically incorrect) beliefs, let alone the impact his ideas had on 19th and 20th century leaders and movements.

For example, during his lifetime, Darwin propounded both racist and sexist sentiments. Although the title of Darwin's infamous book is often cited as "The Origin of Species," the complete title is "The Origin of Species of Means of Natural Selection, or the Preservation of Favoured Races in the Struggle for Life" — the favored race being the white race. He also taught that women were biologically inferior to men and that human sexual differences were due in part to natural selection. He theorized that men must prove themselves physically and intellectually superior to other men in order to compete for women. As Darwin concluded in his autobiography, "the average mental power in man must be above that of women."

Yet it was Darwin's theory of evolution that had the most far-reaching impact. By the late 1800s, science had become the new religion, with Darwinism being its central tenet. It was recognized as such by notable individuals including British playwright George Bernard Shaw, who observed that "the world jumped at Darwin."

Leading businessmen publicized Darwin to justify their ruthless tactics. J. D. Rockefeller, who used Darwinian thought to justify industrial monopoly without restraint, said, "The growth of large business is merely a survival of the fittest." And Andrew Carnegie expressed his conversion to Darwinism by saying, "Light came in as a flood and all was clear. Not only had I got rid of theology and the supernatural, but I found the truth of evolution."

Soon-to-be tyrants also grabbed hold of evolution. Karl Marx, the father of atheistic communism, wrote that Darwin's "The Origin of Species" served as "a basis in natural science for the class struggle in history." What followed were the revolutions of the 20th century and the carnage and oppression of countless human beings.

As Darwinism became even more entrenched in western culture and its major institutions (such as government and education), the evolutionary view of people began to rear its ugly head in the form of racism, fascism and totalitarianism. In fact, as American schoolchildren were being taught the "fact" of evolution in schools, Italian fascist Benito Mussolini watched the killing of nearly half a million people at the Caporetto battlefront, while justifying war as a means of evolutionary progress. In public, Mussolini repeatedly used Darwinian catch words while mocking perpetual peace, lest it hinder evolution.

More ominous was the use of Darwin by Adolf Hitler. As early as 1923 in his book "Mein Kampf," Hitler expressed his adherence to evolution in justifying genocide. "The German Fuhrer," anthropologist Arthur Keith has said, "consciously sought to make the practice of Germany conform to the theory of evolution." Evolutionary ideas can also be seen in Hitler's wish to develop a master race and in his human breeding experiments, which eventually led to the Holocaust.

Even Darwin was negatively affected by his own philosophy. Although he had a great appreciation of the arts and nature as a younger man, by the end of his life, he confessed to being somewhat disillusioned. "I retain some taste for fine scenery," he wrote in his autobiography, "but it does not cause me the exquisite delight it formerly did."

Thus, whether or not Darwin's theory of evolution is true (there's enough legitimate debate within the scientific community for it to remain a theory and not an incontrovertible fact), Darwin the man is not exactly whom I would choose as a role model for children to revere. The lesson to be learned is this: the world is not black and white, and neither are our so-called historical heroes. Children should be taught what these historical figures really believed and the ramifications of their beliefs. After all, isn't teaching the truth what our schools should be about?

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The Q Line

Cutting back

The City Council recently revealed that it will be facing significant reductions in revenue during the next couple of years. The Board of Education, too, has expressed fears that the next few budget cycles are going to be tough all around.

So this week's Q-Line question asks:

If cuts have to be made to services, which do you feel should be first to go under the knife?

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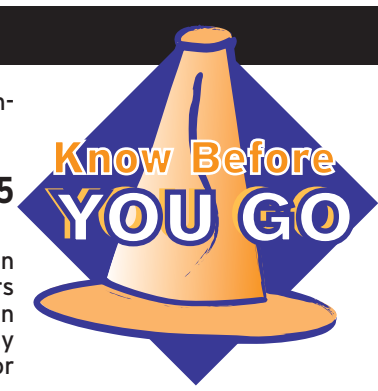
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Annual Tree Trimming Project
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Alley Project
Construction is under way for alley resurfacing and concrete gutter installation. The 1300 block of First Court (The alley east of Ocean Avenue from Santa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

Big Blue Bus Campus Expansion (1620 Sixth St.)
No public parking at the eastside of Sixth Street (South of Colorado Avenue). Construction is currently under way through Aug. 25, 2009: No parking along, and no pedestrian access to west sidewalk of Seventh Street, between Colorado and Olympic Boulevard. No parking along and no pedestrian access to south sidewalk of Colorado, between Sixth and Seventh streets.

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

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

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

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Not so fast on warming

Dear EarthTalk: Don't all these huge snow and ice storms across the country mean that the globe isn't really warming? I've never seen such a winter!

— Mark Franklin, Helena, MT

ON THE SURFACE IT CERTAINLY CAN appear that way. But just because some of us are suffering through a particularly cold and snowy winter doesn't refute the fact that the globe is warming as we continue to pump carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases into the atmosphere.

According to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the 10 warmest years on record have occurred since 1997. And the National Atmospheric and Oceanographic Administration (NOAA) reports that recent decades have been the warmest since at least around 1000 AD, and that the warming we've seen since the late 19th century is unprecedented over the last 1,000 years.

"You can't tell much about the climate or where it's headed by focusing on a particularly frigid day, or season, or year, even," writes Eoin O'Carroll of the Christian Science Monitor. "It's all in the long-term trends," concurs Dr. Gavin Schmidt, a climatologist at NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies.

Most scientists agree that we need to differentiate between weather and climate. The NOAA defines climate as the average of weather over at least a 30-year period. So periodic aberrations — like the harsh winter storms ravaging the Southeast and other parts of the country this winter — do not call the science of human-induced global warming into question.

The flip side of the question, of course, is whether global warming is at least partly to blame for especially harsh winter weather. As we pointed out in a recent EarthTalk column, warmer temperatures in the winter of 2006 caused Lake Erie to not freeze for the first time in its history. This actually led to increased snowfalls because more evaporating water from the lake was available for precipitation.

But while more extreme weather events of all kinds — from snowstorms to hurricanes to droughts — are likely side effects of a climate in transition, most scientists maintain that any year-to-year variation in weather cannot be linked directly to either a warming or cooling climate.

Even most global warming skeptics agree that a specific cold snap or freak storm doesn't have any bearing on whether or not the climate problem is real. One such skeptic, Jimmy Hogan of the Rational Environmentalist website writes, "If we are throwing out anecdotal evidence that refutes global warming we must at the same time throw out anecdotal evidence that supports it." He cites environmental groups holding up Hurricane Katrina as proof of global warming as one example of the latter.

If nothing else, we should all keep in mind that every time we turn up the thermostat this winter to combat the cold, we are contributing to global warming by consuming more fossil fuel power. Until we can shift our economy over to greener energy sources, global warming will be a problem, regardless of how warm or cold it is outside.



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DEEP FREEZE: **More extreme weather events — from snowstorms to hurricanes to droughts — are likely side effects of a climate in transition, but most scientists maintain that any year-to-year variation in weather cannot be linked directly to either a warming or cooling climate.**

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Twitter hopes to cash in on success

BY MICHAEL LIEDTKE
AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO Twitter Inc. has spawned a new way to communicate by limiting messages to 140 keystrokes. So here's a way to describe the Internet's latest craze within Twitter's space restrictions:

It's a potluck of pithy self-expression simmering with whimsy, narcissism, voyeurism, hucksterism, tedium and sometimes useful information.

One vital ingredient has been missing from the mix so far — revenue. That raises questions about whether the nearly 3-year-old service can make the leap from intriguing fad to sustainable business.

Twitter intends to start testing ways to make money this spring. And co-founder Evan Williams promises it won't drive away the more than 6 million people who have set up accounts on the unconventional communications network.

"We don't see any reason why this can't be a very large and profitable entity," said Williams, the San Francisco-based company's chief executive. "We have enough traffic on our Web site that we could put ads on there and maybe we could make enough to pay our bills, but that's not the most interesting thing we can do."

Williams, 36, won't say what he has in mind besides selling ads, but he and the handful of other people who own privately held Twitter seem confident the mystery strategy will pay off — even as a devastating recession destroys much-larger companies.

Just three months ago, Twitter rejected a $500 million takeover offer from an even bigger phenomenon, Facebook Inc., the owner of the world's largest online hangout.

Although shooing away Facebook was risky, Twitter still isn't under immense pressure to generate revenue. The 29-employee company has already raised $55 million, including a $35 million round recently completed with Benchmark Capital and Institutional Venture Partners.

Like Facebook, MySpace, YouTube and other communal Web sites that have become Internet sensations, Twitter gives people a stage where they can express themselves and connect with kindred spirits.

Twitter's twist is a more succinct approach, which has been likened to the 21st-century version of a telegraph.

Here's how Twitter works: After setting up a free account, people are encouraged to post frequent updates about what they are doing, seeing and feeling. The messages, known as "tweets," must be limited to 140 characters and can be sent from a mobile phone or a computer.

Although the updates are available for anyone to see, Twitter users usually set up their accounts to monitor the tweets of people they know or admire. These "followers" are automatically fed tweets from the people they are shadowing.

With more than 265,000 people tracking his messages, President Barack Obama has the most Twitter followers even though neither he nor his staff have tweeted since he moved into the White House last month.

Many other politicians and celebrities, such as basketball star Shaquille O'Neal (more than 72,000 followers) and former rap music sensation MC Hammer (more than 55,000) regularly share tweets.

Twitter also has become a way to peek at dramas unfolding behind closed doors.

When Yahoo Inc. laid off hundreds of workers last year, some of the casualties used Twitter to provide a blow-by-blow account of their final day at the office. Surgeons at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit recently gave a rare glimpse inside an operating room by tweeting about the removal of a tumor from a patient's kidney.

Twitter also has proven to be a valuable source for breaking news, sometimes even beating long-established media outlets to the punch.

When US Airways Flight 1549 made an emergency landing on the Hudson River last month, a picture of the accident scene was quickly posted on Twitter by Janis Krums, a Sarasota, Fla., entrepreneur who was on one of the ferries that rescued passengers from the water. In November, Twitter provided harrowing, first-person accounts of the terrorist attacks in Mumbai that killed 164 people.

But Twitter mostly amplifies the humdrum of ordinary folks with apparently nothing better to do but share their monotony. There's plenty of posts along these lines: "Sitting at Corner Bakery in Frisco, Texas. Lunch was good." Or, "Another boring day at work, ugh." Or even, "I really do enjoy picking my nose." (A widely practiced pastime, based on recent tweets).

Finding out what's happening on Twitter is getting easier through a search engine called Summize that the company snapped up for an undisclosed amount last summer.

Both Williams and another Twitter founder, Biz Stone, suggested the search technology could emerge as their company's crown jewel. Its value lies in its ability to quickly sift through a steady stream of tweets to provide almost instantaneous insights about what's going on around the corner or around the world. Not even Google's Internet-leading search engine can match that now.

Stone relates how he used Twitter's search engine to ease his anxiety after he recently heard loud noises around his neighborhood. A quick search on Twitter informed him it was just a local celebration down the road.

The search engine will become even more valuable if people keep flocking to Twitter.

The site attracted 2.7 million U.S. visitors in December, a nearly eight-fold rise from the end of 2007, according to Nielsen Online. But Twitter's traffic increasingly is coming through mobile phones, making its usage more difficult to monitor. Nielsen estimates 666,000 U.S. users accessed Twitter on mobile devices in December.

The service is especially appealing to people between 18 and 34. About one in every five people with Internet access in that age group used Twitter or a similar service to update their status at least once, according to a survey of more than 2,200 adults in November and December by the Pew Internet & American Life Project.

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Truce includes enforcement of Islamic law

BY NAHAL TOOSI
Associated Press Writer

ISLAMABAD Pakistani officials reached a peace deal with a Taliban-linked group Sunday that could lead to the enforcement of Islamic law in a part of the country that is supposed to be fully under government control.

Militants in the Swat Valley responded by declaring a 10-day cease-fire as a goodwill gesture.

The agreement is expected to be formally announced Monday.

Several past deals with militants have failed, but Pakistan says force alone cannot defeat al-Qaida and Taliban fighters wreaking havoc in its northwest and attacking U.S. troops in neighboring Afghanistan.

The United States has said the deals merely give insurgents time to regroup.

Regaining the Swat Valley from militants is a major test for Pakistan's shaky civilian leadership.

Unlike the semiautonomous tribal regions where al-Qaida and Taliban have long thrived, the former tourist haven is supposed to be under full government control.

But militants have gained power since a peace deal last year collapsed within months, and violence has increased.

Provincial government leaders confirmed they were talking to a pro-Taliban group about ways to impose Islamic judicial practices in the Malakand division, which includes Swat.

The Swat Taliban's version of Islamic law is especially harsh. They have declared a ban on female education, forced women to stay mostly indoors and clamped down on many forms of entertainment.

Taliban spokesman Muslim Khan said the militants would adhere to any deal reached with the group if Islamic law is implemented in the region.

He also announced the 10-day cease-fire.

"We reserve the right to retaliate if we are fired upon," he said. "Once Islamic law is imposed, there will be no problems in Swat. The Taliban will lay down their arms."

Khan also said the militants had freed a Chinese engineer held captive for nearly six months. Long Xiaowei was freed Saturday, days before a planned visit to China by Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari.

Provincial law minister Arshad Abdullah said the deal would require the pro-Taliban group to convince the militants to first give up violence. Then existing laws governing the justice system can be amended or enforced, he said.

"They have to succumb to law," Abdullah said. "They have to put down their arms."

Past deals required militants to stop fighting but eventually unraveled amid militant complaints that the government was not meeting their demands.

The pro-Taliban group — known as the Tehrik Nifaz-e-Shariat Mohammedi, or the Movement for the Enforcement of Islamic Law — is led by Sufi Muhammad, who Pakistan freed from custody last year after he renounced violence.

Muhammad is the father-in-law of Maulana Fazlullah, the leader of the Swat Taliban. Muhammad, who has long agitated for Islamic law in the region, said that after the formal announcement he will go to Swat and ask Fazlullah and his men to lay down their arms.

> **"WE ARE NOT COMPROMISING WITH MILITANTS, INSTEAD TRYING TO ISOLATE THE MILITANTS, AND FOR THAT I DO NOT THINK AMERICA WILL HAVE ANY OBJECTION."**
>
> **Shah Mahmood Qureshi**
> Pakistan Foreign Minister

A broad peace deal reached last year with Fazlullah's militants effectively collapsed within a few months, and Pakistani security officials blame that agreement for the militants' gains in Swat since then.

The deal was supposed to let religious scholars advise judges in the courts, but the agreement encountered obstacles, said Mian Iftikhar Hussain, information minister for North West Frontier Province.

An Islamic judicial system is a concession to the insurgents, but it is also a long-standing demand of many civilians in the conservative region who are dissatisfied with the inefficient secular justice system.

Hussain noted that the Swat Taliban had responded well to the talks, but he warned that if "someone does not agree and does not adopt the way of dialogue, the government would be compelled to use force to establish its authority."

Pakistan has tried to avoid negotiating directly with militants, often using tribal elders as intermediaries.

Pakistan Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi deflected concerns about a negative U.S. reaction to the talks, insisting the country was reaching out to peaceful groups.

"We are not compromising with militants, instead trying to isolate the militants, and for that I do not think America will have any objection," he said.

Deteriorating security in the nuclear-armed country has included a string of attacks on foreigners.

U.N. officials said Sunday they were still trying to establish contact with the kidnappers of an American employee seized Feb. 2 in the southwest city of Quetta. On Friday, John Solecki's kidnappers threatened to kill him within 72 hours and issued a 20-second video of the blindfolded captive.

It was unclear exactly when the deadline would expire, and U.N. officials said Sunday they were still trying to establish contact with the kidnappers, who identify themselves as the previously unknown Baluchistan Liberation United Front.

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Finding bargains

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said.

According to The Economist's Big Mac Index, Chilean currency was 29 percent undervalued to the dollar in January 2009.

"[There's been] a large depreciation, and a Chilean shopper here would certainly notice," Aris Protopapadakis, associate professor, of finance and business economics at USC Marshall School of Business, said in an e-mail.

The dollar also appreciated against most currencies, including the Euro, later on in 2008, Protopapadakis said. Even though the dollar is showing strength, retailers are presenting special promotions to compete with each other and stay operating, Lars Perner, assistant professor of clinical marketing at USC Marshall School of Business, said.

Patagonia has an annual winter sale, but this year the company is discounting its old clothing line from 40 to 60 percent. This is more than the normal 30 to 50 percent, Bryan Hays, Patagonia's Main Street store manager said.

"We're getting a good turnout this year," Hays said. "This year in particular, people are being conscientious when they make purchases."

Most consumers are now waiting patiently for items to go on sale instead of buying them immediately, Hays said.

The cost of clothing, food and consumer durables won't permanently drop because it allows price discrimination between certain types of buyers, Perner said.

This separates people that are willing to hunt for bargains and haggle from those who aren't.

"For high ticket items there is much more bargaining going on," Perner said. Bargaining occurs more often during expensive purchases, such as cars and high definition televisions, he said.

Over the past few years new car sales are down, but high-end dealerships aren't reducing their prices dramatically, Chris Pass, general manager at Simonson Mercedes Benz, said.

"Your not going to see a fire sale at Tiffany's and your not going to see one at Mercedes Benz," Pass said.

There isn't a particular policy of negotiating prices at Simonson, but the company always is adjusting inventory and interest rates to accommodate the market, Pass added.

For the most part, retailers and shoppers of smaller purchases around Santa Monica don't engage in bargaining, either. Active's Cummings said he wouldn't accept more than a 10 percent cost reduction off a listed price.

"I don't mind if someone's a little bit short and helping them out," Cummings said.

Most American shoppers don't feel comfortable bargaining with retailers. "It's set price here, you can't [bargain]," Kristin Rottina, a shopper from Los Angeles said.

There is a simple bottom line while shopping during this economic climate, Kourtney Jones, a Midwestern shopper said.

"I just look for things that are already on sale that I can afford," Jones said.

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Senate falling one vote short on deal

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furloughs for state government workers and has threatened layoffs for as many as 10,000.

Meanwhile, California's credit rating is so bad the state can't get loans.

"The only alternative now is to literally go insolvent and over the cliff, and many of us believe that is irresponsible and giving up our constitutional responsibilities," said Assembly Minority Leader Mike Villines, R-Clovis.

The Assembly and Senate approved the relatively non-controversial bills in the package late Saturday night, but action came to a halt early Sunday morning with the tax votes still to come.

The hang-up came in trying to reach the required two-thirds majority in each house, where three Republican votes are needed. The Assembly appeared to have sufficient votes lined up, but the Senate was falling one short.

Schwarzenegger was meeting Sunday with legislative leaders, but the prospects for success were uncertain. A moderate GOP senator who was thought to be a swing vote has resisted calls to break with his party as he has on previous Democratic budgets. Still, he left the door open Sunday afternoon, saying "everything is fluid."



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PROUD MOMENT: **Courtne Dotson, 17, gives thanks after receiving the Youth of the Year award during the Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica's 41st Annual Awards Banquet on Saturday, Feb. 7.**

Dotson dreams of career working in psychology

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recognizes members who act as strong ambassadors for the program, embodying service and leadership and acting as a role model.

The Youth of the Year recipient wins a certificate and medallion before entering in a state competition. If successful at the state level, the winner receives a plaque and $1,000 scholarship. State winners go on to the regional competition where they have the opportunity to win a $10,000 scholarship. The regional winners then continue to the national competition where the final victor is awarded a $26,000 scholarship during a Congressional Breakfast that is attended by the president of the United States.

"Courtne Dotson is an outstanding role model and asset to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica and we are honored to name her as our Youth of the Year," Allan Young, the CEO and club president, said. "She has overcome great personal obstacles to become the driven young woman she is today — proving to all around her that great things can be achieved with a little hard work and dedication."

Dotson was 6 years old when she began spending the summers at the club, which was located just down the street from where her mother works as a secretary in a doctor's office. The first day came as a culture shock to Dotson, who described herself as a shy girl, looking around and seeing kids screaming and running around having a good time.

"Once I started coming, I started loving it," she said.

The summer visits continued into the school year starting Dotson's freshman year when she began taking the bus from University High School. Those bus rides went from being 15 minutes to an hour when Dotson transferred to Hamilton her junior year, though that didn't deter her from continuing the relationship with the club.

In addition to volunteering with the club and in the community, Dotson has served in various leadership capacities with the organization. She is currently the president of the SMBGC's Keystone Club, which provides leadership training to teenagers between the ages of 14-18.

She is currently helping to organize a fundraiser to send students to the national Keystone leadership conference in Atlanta this spring.

Dotson credits the club for helping her become the person she is today — a student with aspirations of becoming the first in her family to attend college.

For the past year, Dotson has been regularly visiting the club to beef up her college resume, taking SAT preparatory classes on the weekends and improving her admissions essay with an instructor every Tuesday.

Dotson has applied to a handful of colleges, including UCLA, the University of California, Berkeley, California State University Northridge, and San Francisco State University.

She plans to study psychology and become a youth counselor.

Dotson has long dreamed of winning the Youth of the Year award, impressed as a child when she saw the pictures of past recipients on the wall.

"I wanted to be the face on the wall for a whole year," she said.

After she was nominated, Dotson was required to fill out an application that included writing two essays and an interview with several of the organization's board members.

One of the essays asked nominees to explain what the club means to them.

"The club, to me, means everything," Dotson said. "Without the club, I wouldn't be half the person I am today."

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Obama ponders fate of auto industry

BY TOM KRISHER AND KEN THOMAS
Associated Press Writers

WASHINGTON The Obama administration faces difficult choices on the fate of the U.S. auto industry, weighing the cost of pouring billions more into struggling companies against possible bankruptcies that could undermine plans to jump-start the economy.

General Motors Corp. and Chrysler LLC are racing against a Tuesday deadline to submit plans to the government to show how they can repay billions in government loans and return to viability despite a sharp decline in auto sales.

The terms of the federal loans set "targets" for concessions, largely from debtholders and the United Auto Workers union, but concession talks have made little progress with just a couple days left before the initial deadline.

Negotiations between GM and the UAW broke off Friday night but were to resume Sunday, still focusing on exchanging the company's cash payments into a union-run retiree health care trust for GM stock, according to a person briefed on the talks who didn't want to be identified because the bargaining is private.

GM and UAW officials declined comment.

GM and Chrysler don't need to have everything nailed down for Tuesday's progress reports, but the companies are expected to detail concessions along with plant closures, the potential elimination of brands and thousands of job cuts.

After Tuesday there will be several weeks of intense negotiations ahead of a March 31 deadline for the final versions of the plans.

Detroit-based GM and Auburn Hills, Mich.-based Chrysler are living off a combined $13.4 billion in government loans. If they don't receive concessions by March 31, they face the prospect of having the loans pulled, followed by bankruptcy proceedings.

Any bankruptcy would be particularly painful with some economists predicting the country could lose 2 million to 3 million jobs this year and the unemployment rate, now 7.6 percent, could swell past 9 percent by the spring of 2010.

In network interviews Sunday, White House senior adviser David Axelrod didn't respond directly when asked if the U.S. economy could withstand a GM bankruptcy. Nor did he directly address a question about whether the Obama administration would let GM go into bankruptcy.

"I'm not going to prejudge anything. I think that there is going to have to be a restructuring of those companies. I'm not going to get into the mode of how that happens. We'll wait and see what they have to say on Tuesday," he told "Fox News Sunday."

Executives at the two automakers have said bankruptcy is not an option because consumers would not buy cars from a company that might go out of business.

"How that restructuring comes is something that has to be determined," Axelrod said. "But it's going to be something that's going to require sacrifice not just from the auto workers but also from creditors, from shareholders and the executives who run the company. And everyone's going to have to get together here to build companies that can compete in the future."

Harley Shaiken, a University of California-Berkeley labor economist who has studied the automakers, doesn't think the Obama administration would run the risk of bankruptcies given its efforts to create jobs.

"We're clearly on the edge of that abyss right now. Going over it would do irreparable damage not simply to the auto industry but to the manufacturing base in this country," Shaiken said.

Under the GM and Chrysler loan terms, both companies have "targets" to reduce debt and labor costs. One target says the automakers need to convert half of their payments into a health care trust fund for retirees in stock rather than cash, reducing their debt. Another requires the companies to reduce their unsecured debt by two-thirds by persuading investors to swap the debt for equity in the companies.

In 2007 contract talks, the union agreed to take on retiree health care to help the companies remove billions in liabilities from their books. But the contracts only require the company to pay the union 60 percent of the liability, Shaiken said. If half those payments come in risky stock, the trust fund may not have enough money, he said.

According to others briefed on the talks, bargaining has shifted to Ford Motor Co., the healthiest of the Detroit Three and the only one not receiving government loans. Ford is seeking the same concessions as GM and Chrysler so it's not placed at a disadvantage.

Another complication is that Obama has not yet appointed an overseer of the plans — a so-called "auto czar" — and many industry officials have said the lack of an administration point-person has slowed the discussions. Steven Rattner, a private equity investor, and Stephen Girsky, a veteran auto industry analyst, have been mentioned as leading contenders to be part of an Obama auto team.

Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., said Thursday that he did not expect the reports Tuesday to provide "very specific information because there's no car czar. I do think there will be an outline of directions."

Axelrod wouldn't say whether the administration would offer the auto industry more bailout money. GM already has borrowed $9.4 billion to stay in business, and it would receive an addition $4 billion if the Treasury Department approves its viability plan. Chrysler wants $3 billion more on top of the $4 billion it has already borrowed.

"We need to see what it is that they come up with this week," he said.

Peanut growers begin reeling from outbreak

BY BETSY BLANEY
AP Agriculture Writer

LUBBOCK, Texas With hundreds of thousands of Americans out of work and the economy in a nosedive, the U.S. peanut industry expected sales to soar this year.

Americans tend to turn to peanut products to stretch their food dollars in tough times, avoiding more expensive protein sources such as steak and ground beef.

Enter an ongoing salmonella outbreak that has sickened some 600 people in 43 states and been linked to nine deaths, and those rosy predictions after a record growing season have been dashed.

"They've tainted our entire industry," said Shelly Nutt, executive director of the peanut producers board in Texas, the nation's second largest growing state behind Georgia. "Public perception is killing us."

More than 2,000 products have been recalled — one of the largest in U.S. history. And the damage was done by a small player in the industry — Virginia-based Peanut Corp. of America. Two of the company's plants — in Blakely, Ga., and in Plainview, Texas — have been shuttered after salmonella contamination was found.

The company, which has filed for bankruptcy, handles no more than 2.5 percent of all peanuts processed, yet sales of jarred peanut butter plummeted 22 percent nationwide for the four weeks ending Jan. 24 compared with the same period last year, Nutt said. February's numbers will likely worsen significantly, she said.

The devastating news came after peanut growers nationwide last year produced a record crop — 2.6 million tons. So many peanuts created a surplus, leading some producers to consider not planting them this year.

Texas produced 430,000 tons while Georgia had 1.2 million tons. All those peanuts are a big part of each state's economies, worth up to $1 billion in Texas and $2.5 billion in Georgia.

Patrick Archer, president of the American Peanut Council, an umbrella organization representing the industry's three major segments — growers, shellers and manufacturers — said he was aghast at the negligence he says was shown by Peanut Corp. President Stewart G. Parnell, who investigators have alleged knowingly distributed tainted products.

Parnell "failed Americans and failed again by refusing to show remorse and or accountability for those unconscionable" actions, Archer said.

Peanut Corp. denies any wrongdoing.

American food manufacturers use almost 2 billion pounds of peanuts a year in a range of products. More than 1 billion pounds go into peanut butter.

Recalls now include cookies, crackers, cereal, candy, ice cream, pet treats and much more and the government has started a criminal investigation.

Regaining consumer confidence is paramount, and food manufacturers may be hesitant to purchase large quantities of peanuts, given the plummeting demand following the outbreak, West Texas peanut farmer Ted Higginbottom said.

"It is unfortunate peanut farmers can do everything right to produce a healthy and safe product to feed both their families and the nation, and then have to carry the burden for something they could not control," he said.

Ill-fated plane was on autopilot

BY LARRY NEUMEISTER
Associated Press Writer

BUFFALO, N.Y. The commuter plane that crashed near Buffalo was on autopilot until just before it went down in icy weather, indicating that the pilot may have violated federal safety recommendations and the airline's own policy for flying in such conditions, an investigator said Sunday.

Federal guidelines and the airline's own instructions suggest a pilot should not engage the autopilot when flying through ice. If the ice is severe, the company that operated Continental Flight 3407 requires pilots to shut off the autopilot.

"You may be able in a manual mode to sense something sooner than the autopilot can sense it," said Steve Chealander of the National Transportation Safety Board, which also recommends that pilots disengage the autopilot in icy conditions.

Automatic safety devices returned the aircraft to manual control just before it fell from the sky, Chealander said.

During a Sunday briefing, Chealander described the flight's frantic last moments, which included a steep drop and rollercoaster-like pitching and rolling.

Chealander said information from the plane's flight data recorder indicates that the plane pitched up at an angle of 31 degrees in its final moments, then pitched down at 45 degrees.

The plane rolled to the left at 46 degrees, then snapped back to the right at 105 degrees — 15 degrees beyond vertical.

Radar data shows Flight 3407 fell from 1,800 feet above sea level to 1,000 feet in five seconds, he said. Passengers and crew would have experienced G-forces up to twice as strong as on the ground.

The plane crashed belly first on top of a house Thursday night, killing all 49 people on board and one person on the ground.

Just before they went down in a suburban neighborhood near the Buffalo airport, the pilots discussed "significant" ice buildup on their wings and windshield.

Other aircraft in the area told air traffic controllers they also experienced icing around the same time.

The Dash 8 Q400 plane operated by Colgan Air was equipped with a "stick shaker" mechanism that rattles the yolk to warn the pilot if the plane is about to lose aerodynamic lift, a condition called a stall.

When the stick shaker engaged, it would have automatically turned off the autopilot, Chealander said.

Chealander said the plane's deicing system was turned on 11 minutes after it took off from Newark, N.J., and stayed on for the entire flight. Indicator lights showed the system appeared to be working.

Investigators who examined both engines said they appeared to be working normally at the time of the crash, too.

In a December safety alert issued by the NTSB, the agency said pilots in icy conditions should turn off or limit the use of the autopilot to better "feel" changes in the handling qualities of the airplane.

Colgan Air operates a fleet of 51 regional turboprops for Continental Connection, United Express and US Airways Express.

Chealander said Colgan, like most airlines, had begun following NTSB recommendations that pilots use deicing systems as soon as they enter conditions that might lead to icing.

Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman Laura Brown said the agency advises pilots to disengage the autopilot when ice is accumulating, but the guidance is not mandatory.

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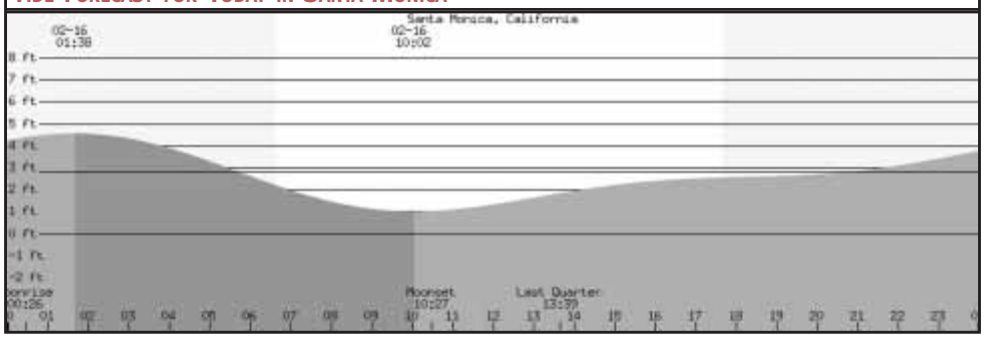
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Monday the 16th is looking like a stormy day with strong winds and heavy rain. As for swell, it's not looking surfable by any means, but wind swell is expected from the south, west, and NW.

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QUICK STATS (for the last 28 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 11
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 38 / 11
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 8 / 38

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

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

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

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
WET – grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
ns -- no sample taken

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10:00am, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:15

Milk (R) 2hrs 08min
10:30am, 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20

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12:10, 3:20, 6:30, 9:40

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The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG-13) 2hrs 48min Closed Captions and Descriptive video
11:25am, 3:00, 6:40

Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) 1hr 52min
11:15am, 2:00, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00

The Uninvited (PG-13) 1hr 27min
10:15

Coraline 3D (PG) 1hr 40min
11:00am, 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40

Frost/Nixon (R) 2hrs 02min
10:50am, 1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:20

Push (PG-13) 1hr 51min
11:20am, 2:05, 4:55, 7:40, 10:30

Friday the 13th (2009) (R) 1hr 35min
11:55am, 2:50, 5:35, 8:00, 10:40

The Pink Panther 2 (PG) 1hr 32min
11:30am, 2:15, 4:45, 7:20, 9:50

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Crips and Bloods: Made in America (NR) 1hr 33min
1:00, 9:55

Doubt (PG-13) 1hr 44min
1:50, 4:30, 7:20

Waltz With Bashir (R) 1hr 30min
3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:15

Slumdog Millionaire (R) 2hr 1min
1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:00

The Wrestler (R) 1hr 45min
1:30, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40

Betrayal (Nerakhoon), The (NR) 1hr 36min
11:00am

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11:00am

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The International (R) 1hr 58min
1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10

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11:40am, 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:30

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12:20, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 10:00

Hotel for Dogs (PG) 1hr 40min
11:30am, 2:00, 4:20, 6:40

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ When others are confused, you are clear and direct. Try to help them understand what is happening. You might want to indulge a loved one or special person in your life. Detachment works much better, as there is a crossfire of emotions. Tonight: Put on a favorite piece of music.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Though you might have planned to do this or that, you could have little chance of actually doing it, as there is an overload of calls, requests and people looking for you. Stop the onslaught by screening your calls and closing doors. Tonight: Talk with one person at a time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Dive into your work or errands knowing that somehow, someone could stop you dead in your tracks. You will want to share with a key person who often adds insight and new ideas. Brainstorm away together. Tonight: Sort through an offer.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Plug your creativity where it counts. Emphasize key priorities in your daily life. If you enjoy day-to-day occurrences, you will be a happier person. Tonight: Work as late as need be.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Though you might be slow to get going, trust that you will pick up speed. In fact, your joie de vivre comes out full force, perhaps making you unstoppable once you get going. Others finally seem to be ready to open up. Tonight: So what if it is Monday?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Express yourself directly and with determination. Sometimes others test your thinking by asking odd questions. Listen to what is really being said. If you can, cut out of your workday to spend time with family, or just head home. Tonight: Anchored at your pad.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Your possessive side emerges when dealing with a child, loved one or a high-risk situation. Communication flourishes later in the day. Someone expresses his or her caring in a meaningful way. You might not believe everything you hear! Tonight: Out and about. Sniff the flowers.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Use the daylight hours to accomplish key priorities. Indulge a family member; treat this person to a long-coveted, not-too-expensive item. Maintaining your budget might more doable when you allow yourself a treat or two. Tonight: Treat time!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Become more present with those in your life. Whether it means starting your day late, having a long-overdue discussion or something else, don't hesitate. As the day gets older, you'll accomplish more. Tonight: All smiles.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ The earlier you get going, the better your day will be. Your energy and ideas peak; you could clear out much of your to-do list. Don't allow others to slow you down or cause a problem. Tonight: Review your budget! Pay bills.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Clear out your must-dos in the earlier part of the day. Responsibilities keep dropping on you, wherever you are. Take time to organize a get-together or go to a meeting. Don't be surprised when business turns into pleasure. Tonight: Where the action is.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You have a wonderful imagination that carries you to yonder lands and experiences. Use your finely tuned ingenuity and mind to knock an issue out of the ballpark. You will know you are on a winning track. Tonight: A must appearance.

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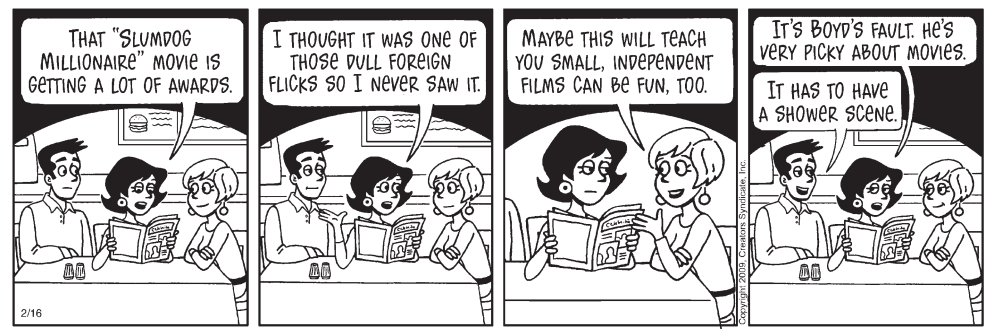
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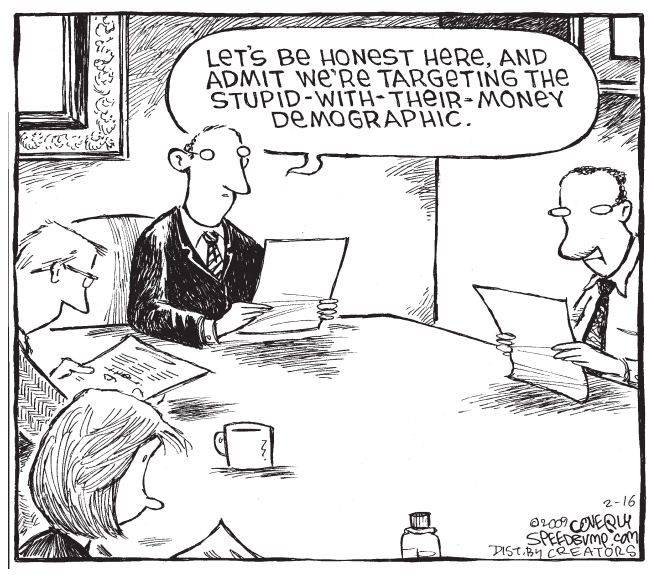
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Difficulty Level ★

	8	7				4	5	
5								6
4			1	5	2			3
		6	2		4	1		
		3		9		8		
		8	3		6	2		
6			8	1	7			2
3								8
	7	2				6	1	

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

7	8	1	5	9	6	2	3	4
2	9	3	4	7	1	8	5	6
6	4	5	8	2	3	1	9	7
1	5	9	6	3	7	4	2	8
8	3	7	9	4	2	5	6	1
4	6	2	1	8	5	3	7	9
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3	2	8	7	6	4	9	1	5

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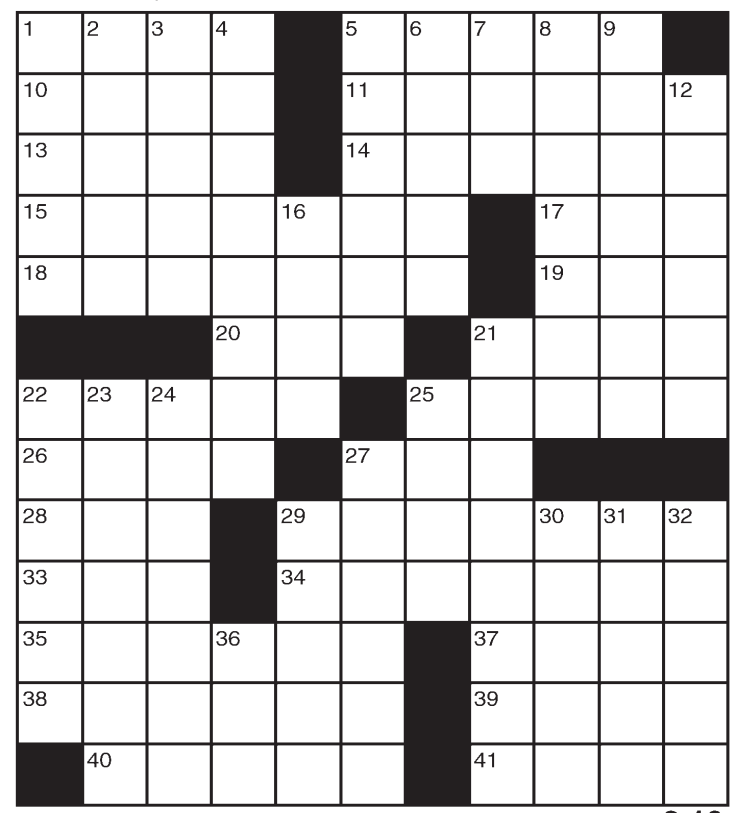
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5 Lab liquids
10 Ripped
11 Was successful
13 Yoked animals
14 Soviet newspaper
15 Summer drink
17 Snaky fish
18 Shipping center
19 Old card game
20 Metal source
21 German city
22 Suggest
25 Quips
26 Lawn tunneler
27 Failure
28 Old hand
29 It includes knocking
33 Decay
34 Ticked off
35 Like books for drivers
37 Diamond scores
38 Couch potato
39 Different
40 Guiding principle
41 Bargain

DOWN

1 Physics bits
2 "Chicago" role
3 Sports venue
4 Slot for a popular TV show
5 Current unit
6 Diamond unit
7 Writer Tarbell
8 Grow
9 Hit's place on a 45
12 Eagle's graspers
16 John Major, for one
21 Harassed
22 Comedy club offering
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The sheriff in El Dorado, Kan., asked in January for help from the public in locating a missing boy named Adam. According to the sheriff, Adam's parents, Doug and Valerie Herrman, only recently reported him missing, even though they had not seen him since he ran away in 1999, when he was 11. The Herrmans' attorney said that his clients were nonetheless "very worried about him."

■ Parenting Handful: Late last year, Jack Burt, 5, of a rural area near Darwin, Australia, admitted to his dad that he had been kicked off the school bus for bad behavior (including hitting the driver in the head with an apple), provoking the father to use the episode as a teaching opportunity, according to the Northern Territory News. For the five-day suspension, Dad would not reward Jack by driving him but would make Jack walk the 2 1/2-hour, seven-mile distance to school and back each day. On the first day after the suspension, Dad proudly helped Jack aboard the bus, hopeful of having instilled a new maturity. However, three stops later, Jack was kicked off again, for fighting.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1862 during the Civil War, some 14,000 Confederate soldiers surrendered at Fort Donelson, Tenn. (Union Gen. Ulysses S. Grant's victory earned him the nickname "Unconditional Surrender Grant.")

1977 Janani Luwum, the Anglican archbishop of Uganda, and two other men were killed in what Ugandan authorities said was an automobile accident.

1988 seven people were shot to death during an office rampage in Sunnyvale, Calif., by a man who was obsessed with a co-worker.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090072984 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MMI, 2451 COLORADO BLVD. STE. A LOS ANGELES, CA 90041. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : FRED AUSTIN REID JR. 5226 COLLEGE VIEW AVE. LOS ANGELES, CA 90041 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: FRED AUSTIN REID JR.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090072213 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as EXPO AUTO SALES, 3770 S. WESTERN AVE. LOS ANGELES, CA 90018. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : NOE PRIVADO 5443 N. CHARLOTTE AVE. SAN GABRIEL, CA 91776 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: NOE PRIVADO
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090059780 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ALTA DENA DRIVE IN DAIRY, 9201 LAS TUNAS DR. TEMPLE CITY, CA 91780. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : GRACIELA SOTO PENA 258 E. EVERGREEN MONROVIA, CA 91016 JESUS RIVERA 258 E. EVERGREEN MONROVIA, CA 91016 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: GRACIELA SOTO PENA
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 1/15/09. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090066929 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as OMAR TAHA CONSTRUCTION, 21042 E. ARROW HWY. APT # 26 COVINA, CA 91724. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : OMAR MOHAMAD TAHA 21042 E. ARROW HWY. APT #26 COVINA, CA 91724 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)12/31/2008. /s/: OMAR MOHAMAD TAHA
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 1/16/2009. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 1/26/2009, 2/2/2009, 2/9/2009, 2/16/2009

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090084776 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as HOME-TECH911, 2438 22ND STREET, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : DIGITAL SPEEDWAY TECHNOLOGIES, INC., 24115 BENFIELD PLACE, DIAMOND BAR, CA 91765 This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: DIGITAL SPEEDWAY TECHNOLOGIES INC., CEO, EVELYN JUANLU
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 1/22/2009. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 1/26/2009, 2/2/2009, 2/9/2009, 2/16/2009

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20082268755 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as JESSICA WEIL, 3661 MEIER STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90066, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : JESSICA L. WEIL, 3661 MEIER STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90066 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: JESSICA L. WEIL
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 12/30/2008. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 1/26/2009, 2/2/2009, 2/9/2009, 2/16/2009

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090080183 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as HAYASTAN DANCE CENTER, 7320 LAUREL CANYON BLVD. N. HOLLYWOOD, CA 91605. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ARMAN VARDANYAN 1018 SAN RAFAEL AVE. # A GLENDALE, CA 91202 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: ARMAN VARDANYAN
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 1/21/09. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 1/26/2009, 2/2/2009, 2/9/2009, 2/16/2009

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090077532 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ABEL'S TRANSPORT, 1517 E. 70TH ST. LOS ANGELES, CA 90001. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ABELARDO NUNEZ MEDINA 1517 E. 70TH ST. LOS ANGELES, CA 90001 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: ABELARDO NUNEZ MEDINA
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090072341 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as AC AND ASSOCIATES PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, 155 W. 81ST. ST. LOS ANGELES, CA 90003. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ARACELI CARDENAS 155 W. 81ST. ST. LOS ANGELES, CA 90003 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: ARACELI CARDENAS
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090072941 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LULU HAMISSOU, 1645 CENTINELA AVE, APT #3, SANTA MONICA, CA 90404, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : RAMATOULAYE LULU HAMISSOU, 1645 CENTINELA AVE, APT #3, SANTA MONICA, CA 90404 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: RAMATOULAYE LULU HAMISSOU
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 1/20/2009. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 1/26/2009, 2/2/2009, 2/16/2009, 2/23/2009

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090100036 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MILVI LAAN APPRAISALS, 1205 PACIFIC ST, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405, COUNTY OF LA. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : MILVI LAAN, 1205 PACIFIC ST, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)1/26/2009. /s/: MILVI LAAN
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 1/26/2009. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 1/26/2009, 2/2/2009, 2/9/2009, 2/16/2009, 2/23/2009

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090118158 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as WHITE SUTTON & COMPANY INSURANCE SERVICES, 807 ARIZONA AVE, SANTA MONICA, CA 90406. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : WHITE & COMPANY INSURANCE, INC., 807 ARIZONA AVE, SANTA MONICA, CA 90406 This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: ANDREW J. VALDIVIA
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 1/29/2009. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 1/26/2009, 2/2/2009, 2/9/2009, 2/16/2009, 2/23/2009

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090120056 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SIMLEX ASSOCIATES, 1823 SAWTELLE BLVD., LOS ANGELES, CA 90025, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : FRANK M. TAN, 1036 CORSICA DR, PACIFIC PALISADES, CA 90272 This Business is being conducted by, husband and wife. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business

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name or names listed on (Date)2/20/2004. /s/: JULIA K LAM TAN
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090120057 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 4X IMMUNE BOOSTER, AI #/ON 070794672, 2800 28TH STREET, SUITE 300, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405, COUNTY OF LA. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ROBORANT LLC, 108 WEST 13TH STREET, WILMINGTON, DE, 19801 This Business is being conducted by, a limited liability. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)11/12/2007. /s/: ROBORANT LLC
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090120054 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as KENNETH GEORGE TOTAL IMAGE SPA, 1904 WILSHIRE BLVD., SANTA MONICA, CA 90403, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : HAROLD WRIGHT, 23900 STRATHERN ST, WEST HILLS, CA 91304; TED FRIGHTNER, 1651 FALLING STAR, WESTLAKE VILLAGE, CA 91362 This Business is being conducted by, a general partnership. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: HAROLD WRIGHT
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 1/29/2009. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 1/26/2009, 2/2/2009, 2/9/2009, 2/16/2009, 2/23/2009

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090120055 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LOUIE MARTINEZ D.B.A. S.C. PLUMBING, 1223 WILSHIRE BLVD., SUITE 190, SANTA MONICA, CA 90403, COUNTY OF LA. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : LOUIE MARTINEZ, 706 W. CALDWELL ST, COMPTON, CA 90220 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: LOUIE MARTINEZ
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 1/29/2009. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 1/26/2009, 2/2/2009, 2/9/2009, 2/16/2009, 2/23/2009

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090066641 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as NEW HORIZON, 3608 MENTONE AVE, #4, LOS ANGELES, CA 90034. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : MARIA ELENA CLEMENTE, 3608 MENTONE AVE, #4, LOS ANGELES, CA 90034 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: MARIA ELENA CLEMENTE
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 1/16/2009. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 1/26/2009, 2/2/2009, 2/9/2009, 2/16/2009, 2/23/2009

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090136155 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as BRIM CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, 953 21ST ST, #B, SANTA MONICA, CA 90403, COUNTY OF LA. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : CORY BAKER PIPKIN, 953 21ST ST, #B, SANTA MONICA, CA 90403 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: CORY BAKER PIPKIN
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 2/2/2009. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 2/9/2009, 2/16/2009, 2/23/2009, 3/2/2009

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090162094 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as FRUTAS FRESCAS EL PAPI CHULO, MARTHA'S MINI MARKET, 9522 1/2 S. FIGUEROA LOS ANGELES, CA 90003. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : CONSUELO HYMAN 1530 W. 59TH PL. LOS ANGELES, CA 90047 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant has not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed . /s/:
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 2/5/2009. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 2/16/2009, 2/23/2009, 3/2/2009, 3/9/2009

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090163952 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as XINCA DESIGNS, 133 E. HULLET ST. LONG BEACH, CA 90805. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : JORGE GALVEZ 133 E. HULLET ST. LONG BEACH, CA 90805 MIGUEL ESCOBAR 2900 SUNSET PL. LOS ANGELES, CA 90005 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/: JORGE GALVEZ
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 2/5/2009. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 2/16/2009, 2/23/2009, 3/2/2009, 3/9/2009

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090146768 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as TACO SALSA , 5167 VENICE BLVD. LOS ANGELES, CA 90019. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : JOSE R. REYES 107 E. JOHNSON ST. COMPTON, CA 90220 ANA M. AREVALO 1427 S. STANDEY AVE. LOS ANGELES, CA 90019 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/: JOSE R. REYES
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090142773 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ON TIME DELIVERIES, 5801 BRENTWOOD PL. FONTANA, CA 92336. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : HAYZON CORPORATION 5801 BRENTWOOD PL. FONTANA, CA 92336 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). /s/:
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 2/3/09. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090163136 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as A6 IMPORT EXPORT, 3435 OCEAN PARK BLVD. #107-359 SANTA MONICA, CA 90405. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : AZIZ KHALIL 2624 KANSAS AVE. # 2 SANTA MONICA, CA 90404 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: AZIZ KHALIL
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 2/5/09. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 2/16/2009, 2/23/2009, 3/2/2009, 3/9/2009

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090105965 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as A DEAL SEEKER, 5713 SCRIVENER ST. LONG BEACH, CA 90808. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : LLOYD L. CONLEY 5713 SCRIVENER ST. LONG BEACH, CA 90808 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/: LLOYD L. CONLEY
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 1/27/09. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 2/16/2009, 2/23/2009, 3/2/2009, 3/9/2009

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090127987 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as HECTOR THE TAYLOR, 8235 WHITTIER BLVD. #B PICO RIVERA, CA 90660. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : MARIA A. VILLANUEVA 4902 ACACIA AVE. PICO RIVERA, CA 90660 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)1/30/2009. /s/: MARIA A. VILLANUEVA
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090134121 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MORELIA MARKET, 11416 S. VERMONT AVE. LOS ANGELES, CA 90044. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : NICOLASA F. BAZAN 3174 EL SEGUNDO BLVD APT 10 LYNWOOD, CA 90262 SOLEDAD BAZAN 3174 EL SEGUNDO BLVD APT 10 LYNWOOD, CA 90262 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/: SOLEDAD BAZAN
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090155196 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SECRET SALON, 10361 CALIFORNIA AVE. SOUTH GATE, CA 90280. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : CIPRIANO MIRANDA 3382 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BLVD LYNWOOD, CA 90262 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/: CIPRIANO MIRANDA
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090155431 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as RHCC, 2476 S. ATLANTIC BLVD. COMMERCE, CA 90040. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : GUADALUPE MACIAS 7441 CITRONELL AVE. PICO RIVERA, CA 90660 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/: GUADALUPE MACIAS
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090155441 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as RIO AUTO ELECTRIC, 11122 ATLANTIC AVE. LYNWOOD, CA 90262 . The full name of registrant(s) is/are : GEORGE LOPEZ 8848 FLOWER ST. BELLFLOWER, CA 90706 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: GEORGE LOPEZ
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090170645 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as THE MEASUREMENT GROUP LLC, AI #/ON 101998364019, 5753 UPLANDER WAY, CULVER CITY, CA 90230, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : THE MEASUREMENT GROUP LLC, 5753 UPLANDER WAY, CULVER CITY, CA 90230 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)1/1/1999. /s/: THE MEASUREMENT GROUP LLC, VICE PRESIDENT/MEMBER, LISA A. MELCHIOR
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090177622 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LARES AND SON, AI #/ON 3036854, 1249 CAROB WAY, MONTEBELLO, CA 90640. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : RICARDO LARES INC., 1249 CAROB WAY, MONTEBELLO, CA 90640 This Business is being conducted by, an corporation. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: RICARDO LARES INC., CORPORATE PRESIDENT, RICARDO LARES
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 2/9/2009. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 2/16/2009, 2/23/2009, 3/2/2009, 3/9/2009

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090177624 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as FIRST PAGE ADVERTISING, 1155 S. BARRINGTON AVE, #304, LOS ANGELES, CA 90049, COUNTY OF LA. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ALEXANDER TISHBI, 1155 S. BARRINGTON AVE, #304, LOS ANGELES, CA 90049 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)2/9/2009. /s/: ALEXANDER TISHBI
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090195689 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as IMPACT XIX UNIVERSAL METRO PICTURES INTERNATIONAL, ("UMPI") , 9737 CHARNOCK AVE, SUITE 5, LOS ANGELES, CA 90034; PO BOX 341225, LOS ANGELES, CA 90034. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : PRINCETON HUMMINGWAY, 9737 CHARNOCK AVE, SUITE 5, LOS ANGELES, CA 90034 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: PRINCETON HUMMINGWAY
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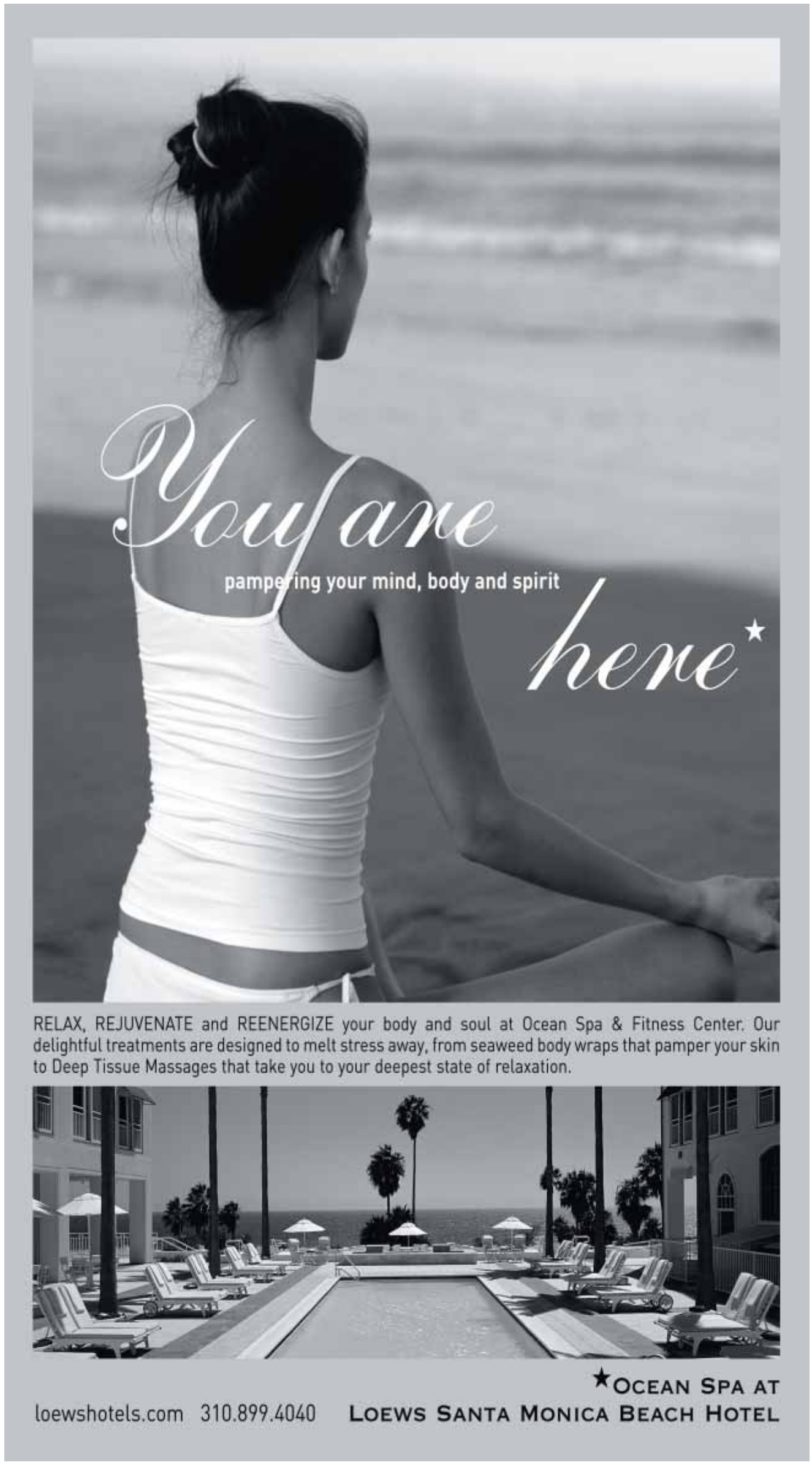
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