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NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Mike Bolognue opened what he believes is the only alcohol-free "sports bar" in America, in Plain Township, Ohio, near Akron. It was unintentional. He had already invested \$560,000 in the bar before he realized that it was located in a dry district. (However, voters can un-dry the district on a ballot question in May.)

■ And in December, a typist for the Japanese bank Mizuho Securities hit the wrong keys and sold about 600,000 shares of an expensive stock that Mizuho owned only 1 share of, making the firm liable for the equivalent of more than \$225 million. (The Tokyo Stock Exchange pressured some company buyers to cancel their purchases, but individuals got to sell their purchases back to Mizuho at a huge profit.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 51st day of 2006.
There are 314 days left in the year.
This is the Presidents' Day holiday.

On Feb. 20, 1962, astronaut John Glenn became the first American to orbit the Earth, flying aboard Friendship 7.

In 1790, Holy Roman Emperor Joseph II died.

In 1792, President Washington signed an act creating the U.S. Post Office.

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Shriver's plan for VA grounds meets opposition

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON

Daily Press Staff Writer

BRENTWOOD — Residents here are worried about just what type of homeless individuals will end up in their neighborhoods if a proposal initiated by Santa Monica City Councilman Bobby Shriver is accepted by the federal government.

The Brentwood Homeowners Association (BHA) is gearing up to fight a proposal brought forward by Shriver, local government agencies and a coalition of non-profit homeless providers. The proposal seeks to refurbish at least three buildings on the West Los Angeles VA campus to accommodate up to 500 homeless veterans, with at least half going to chronic homeless people. Chronic homeless individuals have been on the streets for a year or more, or have had at least four episodes of homelessness in the past three years, according to officials. They also suffer from one or more disability, mental illness or substance abuse.

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LOCAL

Thousands of SM homes lose power

By Daily Press staff

At 5:34 p.m. Sunday night, about 9,100 homes in the Santa Monica area lost power.

At press time, power company Southern California Edison was still investigating the cause of the problem, and no estimate was available as to when power might be restored. A representative with the company said the outage appeared to be limited to one particular circuit, which covers areas of west Santa Monica. No further details were available.

A representative with the Santa Monica Fire Department said the department hadn't responded to any serious incidents associated with the power outage. "There were a few people stuck in elevators, but we got them out," he said.

Beach crossing



Derek Goes/Special to the Daily Press

Louis Figueroa sits at the cross of his son, who was killed in the war in Iraq. The crosses, each representing a fallen soldier, are set up on the beach just north of the Santa Monica Pier.

School district losing students

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS. — For the second straight year, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District will have fewer students attending classes, which will most likely mean fewer dollars to pay for books, teachers' aides and security guards.

The two-year decrease in enrollment is relatively small, and district officials, although investigating the causes, said they are not alarmed.

"The impact for us will not be significant," said Douglas Staine, director of human resources for the district. "It will be easy to absorb."

Part of a district-wide plan to reduce class size, the drop in enrollment was celebrated by those who saw it as much-needed relief for students and teachers learning and working in crowded classrooms.

However, if the decline continues and begins to negatively affect the district's ability to provide services, school board members

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COMMUNITY PROFILES

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



Esther Guillen: Running her race at her own pace

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

SMC TRACK — For the last six years, Esther Guillen has been running. Whether it was track, cross country, or up and down the soccer field, the Santa Monica College sophomore has steadily pushed ahead despite the odds and injuries.

She is the quintessential athlete:

devoted to training, dedicated to winning and always willing to go the extra mile to help her team. Her heart is something to be admired, according to her coach at SMC, and her always-pleasant demeanor is an asset for any team.

But deep down, Guillen for years felt there was something missing — that her accolades on

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ You focus intensely on one particular area of your life. Most likely, one other person will have as much vested concern as you do. Together you could make a great team. Acknowledge the fact that you might need to do more research. Tonight: Brainstorm all you want.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Others present many ideas that you might be especially pleased with. Let others express their effusive personalities. You'll gain insight by pulling back. Good vibes roll with the moment. Listen and share. Tonight: Make special plans.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ You accomplish a lot very quickly, whether you are up for it or not. Before you know it, you are in one of those scenarios in which you need to clear up a problem, and you do so most efficiently. Right now, you are the workhorse of the zodiac. Tonight: Dinner with a pal. Catch up on news.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ You creatively find solutions and head in a new direction. Understand more of what you want from others. Sometimes you demand a lot more than you realize. Use your creativity positively. A relationship takes an interesting twist. Tonight: Relax.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ You might want to do a double take, as if what you are seeing isn't true. Getting clear of a personal matter could take pizzazz and style. Sometimes when you say something, others don't get it. Dip into your creativity in this case. Tonight: Act as if it isn't Monday night.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ You cannot suppress your innate cheerfulness, but you can help others focus by choosing where and when to expel your effusive personality. You also might need to rethink a personal or family question. Tonight: As you like.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Lie back with money decisions, because whatever you decide to do could be a problem later -- OK? Your sixth sense takes you on a new financial path. Follow through on what you need to do, though seek different opinions on the way. Tonight: Out and about -- so social, aren't we?

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ If you use your high magnetism and quick wit, you can turn around nearly any problem. Whatever you do has a touch of magic to it. Know your limits and see what you want. Understand others rather than judge them. Tonight: Shop on the way home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Take your time today, knowing that nothing will come of actions or decisions. You are in a planetary void, so to speak. Do your research. Think and relax. Come late afternoon, you will know what to do. Tonight: Happy as a cat.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ You embody life and energy during the day. You might be in more of a social mood than a professional one. Honor your needs without getting uptight. Network and schedule meetings. You can postpone major actions and decisions. Tonight: Time just for you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Examine problems with a hands-on approach. You know what works and what is happening with someone who could be quite pushy. Give 100 percent right now, and you will be OK. Somehow you will wind up in the winner's circle. Tonight: With friends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ You might want to take that extra step and confirm facts on your own. What seems doable simply might not be. Laugh and relax. When you gain a new perspective, everything will seem different. Enjoy yourself to the max. Tonight: A must appearance.

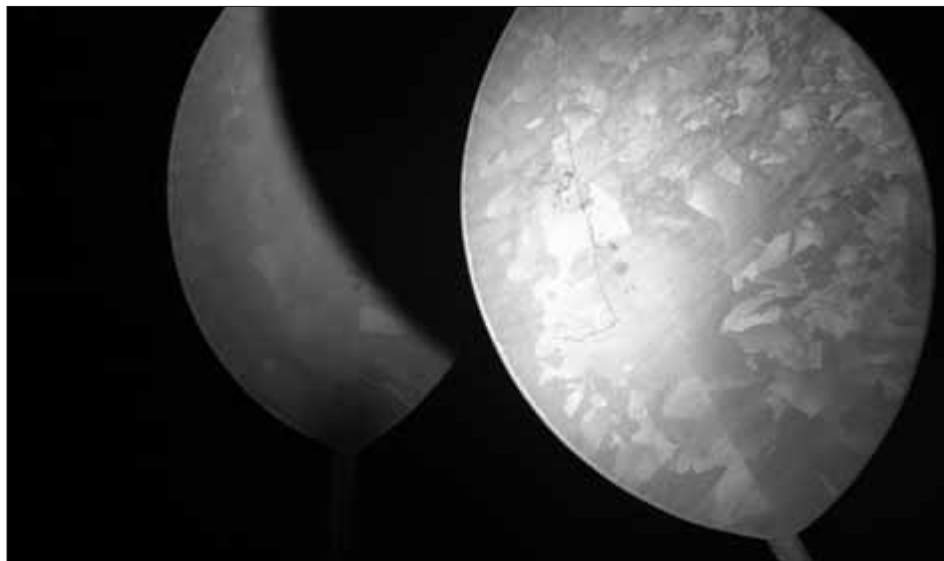
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LOCAL



Mystery photo



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

The first person to identify where this photo was taken will win a prize. E-mail answers to editor@smdp.com.

Claudia Clifton is last week's mystery photo winner. Clifton accurately described that this photo was taken inside the Double Tree hotel. Clifton has won a T-shirt. Check out today's edition for this week's mystery photo contest.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Sprint to dial in cell phone users

By Daily Press staff

Visitors to the Third Street Promenade could become the proud new owners of a cell phone, courtesy of Sprint.

On Feb. 23, from noon to 9 p.m., Sprint representatives will be distributing 150 multi-media Power Vision contest wireless phones on the Promenade. Participants will preview broadband-speed access to live television, music, video and games then pass the phones from person to person, with the goal of building the longest chain of registered passes over a 14-day period.

Participants register on the phones and on the Web site to vote for which local charity will receive a donation from Sprint. Sprint will donate up to \$25,000 to the local charity that receives the most votes on the contest Web site.

The five local charities are: The HEART Project, Homies Unidos, the Los Angeles Chapter of the Red Cross, KaBOOM! and Operation Homefront.

At the end of the contest, every member of the chain with the most valid registered participants — up to 1,260 members — will win a Power Vision wireless phone and a \$150 gift card from Sprint.

For more details about the contest, visit www.gothookedup.com.

Church ready to feed, entertain

By Daily Press

There will be plenty of talent present at the Church in Ocean Park this upcoming weekend.

The church is hosting its seventh annual dinner and talent show to benefit the

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SNOW AND SURF REPORTS

CONDITIONS

DATA PROVIDED BY ONTHESNOW.COM

BEAR MOUNTAIN

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 2"	BASE DEPTH 24"-48"	LIFT HOURS 8:30am - 4:00pm	RUNS OPEN 18	LIFTS OPEN 10/12
CONDITIONS: Powder, Packed Powder, Machine Made, Machine Groomed				

JUNE MOUNTAIN

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 2"	BASE DEPTH 60"-84"	LIFT HOURS 8:00am - 4:00pm	RUNS OPEN 35	LIFTS OPEN 6/6
CONDITIONS: Powder, Packed Powder, Machine Groomed				

MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 3"	BASE DEPTH 96"-120"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 4:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 150	LIFTS OPEN 26/28
CONDITIONS: Powder, Packed Powder, Machine Groomed				

MOUNTAIN HIGH

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 8"	BASE DEPTH 18"-30"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 10:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 16	LIFTS OPEN 8/16
CONDITIONS: Powder, Packed Powder				

MT. BALDY

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 8"	BASE DEPTH 12"-16"	LIFT HOURS 8:00 am - 4:30 pm	RUNS OPEN 0	LIFTS OPEN 3/4
CONDITIONS: Packed Powder				

SNOW SUMMIT

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 2"	BASE DEPTH 24"-48"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 9:30 pm	RUNS OPEN 18	LIFTS OPEN 14/14
CONDITIONS: Powder, Packed Powder, Machine Made, Machine Groomed				

SNOW VALLEY

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 5"	BASE DEPTH 24"-12"	LIFT HOURS 8:00 am - 9:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 9	LIFTS OPEN 5/11
CONDITIONS: Powder, Packed Powder, Machine Groomed				

CONDITIONS

WATER TEMP: 58°

DATA PROVIDED BY WETSAND.COM

SWELL FORECAST (2-4 FT)

Today the NW backs off to around knee to waist as unstable air and winds remain over the state.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS

NW decreases dramatically this week...
Small SW by Tuesday...
Tracking SW for 2nd...

TIDE FORECAST FOR SANTA MONICA

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Merchants on Fourth Street are urging the City Council to reconsider its decision to tear up the ficus trees that have lined the street for decades. Under the current plan, half of the aging trees would each be replaced with two smaller, less-dense trees. City officials say the current tree canopy is too dense and the mature trees are tearing up the sidewalks with their roots.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know, **"Do you support the plan to replace the ficus trees along Fourth Street? Why or why not?"**

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OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Low-income housing unfair

Editor:

Housing policies in Santa Monica create constituents that are dependent and beholden to the city. The conversion of apartments into low-income units, or construction of new low-income units, generates a stream of residents that are dependent on city government for their housing. Such dependents have an extremely strong reason to make sure the ruling party stays in power. Accordingly, city government is secure and it is futile to question existing or proposed rules/regulations/policies. The idea is “we now have, and will always have, the votes, so go fly a kite.”

One policy that is not understood is that low-income housing costs the rest of Santa Monica plenty of money. Such housing is afforded a dramatic discount of property taxes, and the discount is estimated at more than \$1 million a year. Normal housing pays property taxes at about 1.35 percent of assessed valuation but consider the following low income properties taken from <http://assessormap.co.la.ca.us/mapping/viewer.asp>:

■ 40 units at 2807 Lincoln Blvd. Tax ID 4285-012-037 (recent 1997 construction). Annual taxes: \$2,233.34 at 0.073 percent of assessed valuation, (95 percent discount on property tax, 1.35-0.073) x100/1.35).

■ 15 units at 1038 Second St. Tax ID 4292-027-009. Annual taxes: \$1,167.86 at 0.09 percent of assessed valuation, (93 percent discount).

■ 36 units at 225 San Vicente Blvd. Tax ID 4293-002-017. Annual taxes: \$31,401.44 at 0.57 percent of assessed valuation, (58 percent discount).

■ 26 units at 1206 Pico Blvd. Tax ID 4284-017-013. Annual taxes: \$3,128.18 at 0.307 percent of assessed valuation, (77 percent discount).

It should be noted that the property tax discount is even more significant than it appears. The owner of low-income housing is permanent and properties do not get sold so that there is no possibility of market adjustment that would be available upon the sale or change of title. Furthermore, much more low-income housing is expected in order to satisfy requirements of existing city law. So, tax avoidance by low-income housing will dramatically increase as time passes by.

Low-income housing recipients not only get housing benefits but also use schools, police/fire departments and city government. The usage mentioned is traditionally paid via property taxes. The rest of Santa Monica should not have to pay more to cover the shortfall from property tax discounts given to low-income housing.

George Balanis
Santa Monica

Quashing our rights for the homeless

Editor:

Newly elected councilman Bobby Shriver, brother-in-law to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, ran on a platform promising to help the legal, tax-paying residents of Santa Monica and business owners combat the homeless epidemic that plagues the area. Council members before him have made similar promises, and various laws have been passed in attempts to grant relief, but have amounted to little more than political jargon at best. Approximately 2,000 homeless vagrants wander major business districts and tourist destinations every day and night, breaking countless laws, and creating both economic and social strains on the city.

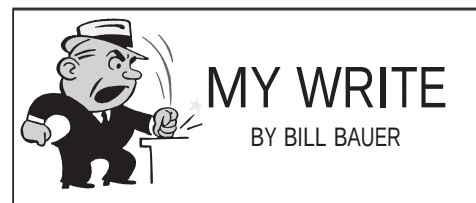
All someone has to do is take a walk down Third Street Promenade. There's chronic panhandling, drunken irrational behavior, monopolization of public benches, vomiting, urinating and defecating around buildings and in adjacent parklands, sleeping in public, rummaging through public trash cans, and the list goes on. Public benches, paid for with tax dollars, should always be available to legal residents and visitors. While the City Council claims to be working on the issue, the problem only swells.

Thousands of complaints have been made by tourists who stay at expensive hotels in the area. Many are shocked and disgusted at the sheer numbers of vagrants, while others fear for their safety while walking down park pathways or to the pier, where swarms of homeless panhandle and loiter. Public bathrooms at the beach are often soiled by the homeless, creating unsanitary and potentially hazardous conditions. Promenade business owners have serious concerns as the consequences of homeless behavior significantly affect revenue.

After a walk down Third Street Promenade, take another through The Grove in Los Angeles. You won't see swarms of homeless. You won't see panhandling, garbage rummaging, illegal camping and the like. Both areas are identical business districts, with movie theaters, restaurants, outdoor seating areas and abundant shopping, but effective law enforcement seems to have benefited one while grossly neglecting the other. So the question becomes, “What about the rights of legal residents, business owners and tourists in Santa Monica?” Why are these rights being put second to illegal vagrants, who offer no contribution to the city whatsoever. They trespass, loiter, panhandle, illegally camp in public, create health hazards with urination, defecation, vomit and garbage rummaging, and are significantly detrimental to the businesses at the Promenade, beach and pier. The city and law enforcement officers have an obligation to keep areas like Third Street Promenade clear of illegal activities, just like at The Grove, and are breaking their commitment by allowing homeless activities to thrive in epidemic proportions.

Erik Tyler
Santa Monica

City Hall throws neighborhood groups yet another life preserver



City Hall will spend “well under \$20,000” for approximately 39,000 mailers asking residents to join or donate to neighborhood groups, according to officials.

The city recognizes and subsidizes five nonprofit neighborhood organizations: The Pico Neighborhood Association, The Wilshire Montana Neighborhood Coalition (Wilmont), Friends of Sunset Park (FOSP), Ocean Park Association (OPA) and North of Montana Association (NOMA).

City Hall must think these groups are important because in addition to soliciting money and members for them, they provide financial grants to each of up to \$4,000 per year, publicize them in city newsletters and on the city Web site, allow them gratis use of city facilities and to review new neighborhood construction projects. The word on the street is that some of them even have the ears of the City Council.

A total of \$53,900 was allocated to subsidize these groups in this year's city budget — more than \$10,000 per organization. The question is, “Do most of these groups really represent neighborhood thinking?” I say “no.”

Most organizations have a few members with their own ideas about what they want for their neighborhoods. OPA has about 100 members out of 13,000 people in Ocean Park and Wilmont has about 100 members “representing” more than 10,000 residents.

In most cases, a dozen or fewer people — mostly on boards of directors — are actively involved and call the shots. If they really truly represent neighborhood opinion and philosophy, it's purely coincidental.

Columnist Frank Gruber, in his online surfsantamonica.com column a few weeks ago, suggested that OPA was a handful of “self-appointed” people whose agenda is not necessarily in tune with the neighborhood they imply they represent. OPA President Ted Winterer responded that they don't “purport to speak for all the people in Ocean Park,” only themselves.

Other groups claim the same.

Some organization's Web sites are months or years out of date, which means current agendas, membership rosters, financial data and timely news of group activities are not available to their own members or to the public. Wilmont's directors regularly meet and make decisions in a secured Ocean Avenue condo that's not open to the public or handi-

capped accessible.

Two years ago, Wilmont was “too busy” to support 10 square blocks of my neighborhood in securing restricted permit parking for residents south of Montana Avenue's business district.

Recently, they made the time to petition other neighborhood groups and ask City Hall to study diagonal parking on Wilshire/Montana north/south streets. Wilmont proposes converting our bi-directional streets to one way and single lanes so there would be space for nonparallel parking. Holy traffic jam, Batman.

Diagonal parking was omitted from Montana Avenue street improvements in the mid-1990s because of safety concerns. With most north/south, Wilshire/Montana streets so heavily traveled, surely gridlock, accidents and great inconvenience will result while doing little to solve long-term parking shortages.

To Wilmont's credit, recent board of directors minutes indicate the group has not supported a number of proposed condominium projects in the neighborhood because “they will change the character and density of the community.”

Some organizations have been criticized for pushing their own or someone else's political agenda.

Some Pico residents say the PNA is a clique that ignores the broad-based needs of the ethnically diverse neighborhood. PNA board members have been lobbying hard for increased funding and a strong Virginia Park presence for the private, nonprofit Pico Youth and Family Center (PYFC).

The PYFC received \$297,156 from City Hall in 2005/2006. PNA co-chair Maria Loya recently married PYFC founder and director, Oscar de la Torre. And, at least one PNA board member is employed there and others volunteer. Neighbors claim some PNA leaders would profit from the additional PYFC funding, suggesting a conflict of interest.

FOSP seems to be the best of the groups at the moment, but Sunset Park residents I've talked to feel the group needs to be more active in dealing with neighborhood traffic and zoning issues.

NOMA was way out of touch with its neighbors when they opposed a failed homeowners' landmark ordinance on the ballot a few years ago. A number of NOMA board members were on the city's landmarks commission or local conservancies at the time.

It's time for City Hall to stop handing out money to these organizations. If they're viable, they'll survive and prosper on their own. Continuing to prop up these organizations is akin to keeping Terry Schaivo on life support.

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





District could reopen to nonresident students

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said they may lift a moratorium on students who live outside of the district attending local schools. By doing so, the district could make up for the loss in funds, but smaller class sizes would be sacrificed in return.

"If you are reducing enrollment, you lose revenue," school board member Jose Escarce said. "This has happened because we decided to reduce the number of students from outside the district. We did that because we were growing too large and parents wanted schools to have a sense of community."

But, Escarce said, it may be time to start examining and evaluating the consequences of the moratorium, which was enacted five years ago.

Out-of-district students make up roughly 20 percent of the local student body. District policy currently states that new permits for nonresident students to attend Santa Monica schools will only be issued to children of district or city employees of Santa Monica and Malibu. If a student with an out-of-district permit graduates or leaves the district for other reasons, that person's permit is not reissued.

"It's really a sometimes painful trade-off," Escarce said. "You can try to keep the district big and maintain that revenue, or try for smaller classes without cutting, but you have to figure out how to do that without more money."

In the upcoming school year, the district is expected see a decline of 201 students, or 1.6 percent of the total student population. This amounts to a roughly \$1.2 million loss in government funding, according to district reports. That is on top of the 364-student decline the year before, a hit of about \$2 million.

Some schools have seen slight enrollment gains, including the elementary schools of Franklin (up 1.8 percent), Edison (up .5 percent) and Webster (up 1.2 percent). Others saw significant drops, including Olympic High School, with a 35 percent drop, and John Adams Middle School with a decline of 5.4 percent.

The figures for the upcoming year are not final and may fluctuate over the next few months. Kindergarten projections are only "a best guess" based on past trends, Staine said. He added that recent housing development near John Muir and McKinley elementary schools may help to raise enrollment.

In the coming weeks, Staine will be meeting with principals at all schools to better assess enrollment for the board of education.

"But until the kids show up in September, we really don't know 100 percent," he said.

While the moratorium on out-of-district permits set by school board members may be contributing to the decrease in

school enrollment, others factors might also be in play. These factors include the city's hot real estate market and high concentration of young, single renters and condo owners.

"This (dive in enrollment) is very consistent with what is happening in schools in urban areas across Los Angeles County," Staine said. "When you reach capacity in terms of facilities, or you have more expensive housing or competition for housing ... there tends to be a rate of decline or a rate of stabilization of a population."

On the other hand, areas like San Bernardino County and states such as Arizona are experiencing rapid growth due to new home construction, hence an increase in their student populations, Staine said.

"If we didn't do anything, we would probably lose about 250 students per year," said school board member Julia Brownley. "I think we will be having some serious discussions about this in the next few months. We want to keep the smaller class sizes and these smaller learning communities. I think if we wanted to increase enrollment, all we would have to do is reopen our permit process. Our district is desirable, and I know many people would like to attend here."

Others, however, worry that the fix might not be that simple. If the district reopens the permit process, there could be a flood of new students and not enough teachers to handle them. However, if the moratorium continues, enrollment could drop to the point that teachers could be laid off.

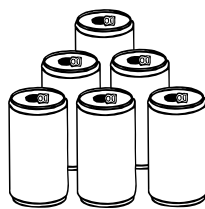
"It's a double-edged sword," said Harry Keiley, president of the Santa Monica-Malibu Teachers Association. "We certainly welcome smaller schools, particularly in our middle and high schools that are overcrowded, but we are concerned with the loss of revenue. We certainly have suggestions on where we need to reduce our spending, and that reduction would come from the top down. If anyone is talking about laying off teachers, that's outrageous."

Staine said there are no orders for teacher layoffs or transfers at this time.

Laura Rosenbaum, president of the Santa Monica-Malibu Council of PTAs, said parents in general are pleased with the enrollment figures and are not worried about classes being underfunded.

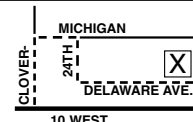
"We have no fears about losing teachers or classes," Rosenbaum said. "We are glad that we have a district where the school board is very cognizant of this and is looking at ways to deal with (the drop in enrollment) while preserving services. I think this really shows how important the facilities planning process that we are involved in right now is so important. We need to get as many people as we can involved so that we can decide, among other things, what size and type of district we want."

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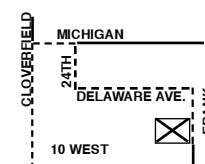
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Fate of VA grounds in SM still uncertain

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The BHA and other homeowners' associations are gathering signatures for a petition to send to Secretary of Veterans Affairs, R. James Nicholson, who will ultimately decide on the fate of the VA grounds. BHA members already have sent a letter to Nicholson explaining that they believe Shriver's proposal doesn't allow for "continuum of care" services or transitional housing. Residents are fearful that homeless vets who are addicted to drugs and alcohol, or are mentally ill, will be put directly into permanent housing on the VA grounds without proper detoxification, substance abuse services, counseling, job training and employment assistance.

"We view the Shriver proposal as a 'housing first' model, where they go directly from the street into permanent housing," said BHA board member Ray Klein. "The Shriver proposal is to take chronic homeless from Santa Monica's beaches and streets into the VA."

Shriver said it's not a "housing first" model and the proposal at this point is nothing more than a land use plan for the VA grounds. After Nicholson decides whether or not the 387-acre campus should be commercially developed or remain a respite for war veterans, the discussion would begin about what type of homeless services should go there and which organization will deliver them.

"If the proposal is approved, the local VA will do a (request for proposals) and then nonprofits will make their proposals on how to deliver services," Shriver said.

Shriver said he met with Klein and other Brentwood residents last month in an attempt to explain the proposal, but they walked away still convinced that there's a real possibility that chronically drunk and mentally ill homeless people may end up in their neighborhoods.

"I think they are legitimately afraid and that's why I met with them because they need to be reassured ... no one wants the patients there running amok in the neighborhoods," Shriver said, adding the misperception is his fault because he feels he didn't make his proposal clear enough to Brentwood residents.

"I told them, 'This isn't up to me or

you,'" Shriver said. "It's up to the VA clinical staff (to determine what services and providers will be on campus)."

The proposal is being reviewed by Nicholson's office and the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services Commission (CARES). It is unknown when a decision will be made on the future of the VA grounds.

In the meantime, Klein and his neighbors will continue to gather signatures in an effort to stop the proposal. Klein said the BHA supports using the VA grounds for homeless veterans, but the services and housing ought to be geared toward people who have made the commitment to get clean and sober. Affordable, long-term housing comes at the end of the continuum, he added.

Shriver and his supporters say both sides have the same goal.

"It consumes the time and energy of people who should be working together," Shriver said.

Barbara Tenzer, a Brentwood resident and a member of the CARES local advisory board, said the focus should be on making sure vets get the proper support they need. She added that she understands the fears of her neighbors but that the fears are largely unfounded.

"It's coming from Santa Monica, which is a magnet for the homeless situation and that scares people ... I think it's inappropriate for (the BHA) to send that petition to Secretary Nicholson because I think it is a very positive thing Bobby wants to do, and I can understand that they are afraid that it will become Santa Monica," said Tenzer, who also owns a commercial real estate company on the Third Street Promenade.

"I think it would be great if the Brentwood Homeowners Association would work with Shriver so everyone can help the vets because they are the ones losing out."

Part of the problem is that people get confused with the terms and definitions used in describing homeless individuals, Tenzer said.

"It's healthy to have a debate, but there is a lot of miscommunication," she said. "The more we unravel this, the better we will be."

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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church's youth group's 2007 summer service in Honduras.

The event will take place on Feb. 25, at 7:00 p.m. Festivities will start with dinner, and then a 7:30 p.m. talent show. A concert for local youth follows at 9 p.m.

The show is \$5; the youth dance is \$3. The dinner and talent show is \$10. The Church in Ocean Park is located at 235 Hill St.

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Storm drain repair:

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

Marine Street utility undergrounding:

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

Cingular telecommunications lines:

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

Civic Center parking structure:

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

Electrical vault installation:

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

Gas company main replacement:

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

On-Fiber telecommunications lines:

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

Santa Monica Pier structural rehabilitation:

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

Street and parking lot resurfacing:

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

Traffic signal upgrade:

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

Water main replacement project:

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

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COMMUNITYPROFILES

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the track were insignificant compared to what she could be doing in the classroom.

“I did horrible in high school,” said 19-year-old Guillen recently before warming up for a track meet at SMC. “I had, like, a 2.5 GPA. I didn’t care much about school. I was the typical athlete, doing just enough to stay on the team. How embarrassing. The team was all I cared about.”

High school graduation came, as did the summer when soon-to-be college freshmen buy bed sheets, toaster ovens and new computers for their dorm rooms. Guillen didn’t have a dorm room to decorate. While her sisters had gone to Harvard, Yale, Stanford and UCLA, Guillen wasn’t sure where she was going to end up. SMC seemed to be her best option.

“It was that summer that I met with the (SMC track team) and I realized that I was in college, that it was time for me to step it up,” she said. “I felt like I had failed my parents in high school because I wasn’t doing as well as I could. There was a lot of expectations for me, and I guess I didn’t know how to handle that before. But once I came here, I realized that my parents had sacrificed so much when they came here from Mexico, all so I could have opportunities that they never did. Now my parents were paying for me to go to school, so there was no way that I was going to let them down. I felt this was the time to make up for all the time I didn’t care.”

Her hard work, both on the track and in the classroom, have paid off. Guillen was recently named to the 2005 Pepsi Scholar Athlete Honor Roll. She is one of 20 to receive such an honor out of approximately 25,000 community college student athletes statewide.

To receive the award, candidates must have a minimum grade point average of 3.5 (out of 4.0) and must show outstanding leadership as an athlete, student or in other activities, and have participated in two seasons of sports at a California community college.

Guillen has maintained a 3.89 grade point average, and at the same time has competed at a high level on the track, having been named SMC Women’s Cross-County Most Valuable Athlete for 2005 as well as one of two of the team’s most inspirational athletes the same year.

“Esther is a talented and committed athlete who willingly and consistently accepts the demands of competitive running,” said her coach, Eric Barron. “Esther learned to run outside of her comfort zone, challenging herself to deal with pain while concentrating on performance.”

While the award is “nice,” Guillen said she takes more pleasure in knowing that she is no longer running from her responsibilities, but is tackling them head-on in hopes of one day graduating from a university and making her parents proud.

The Daily Press had a chance to chat with Guillen before a track meet about her thoughts on the Pepsi honor, running and her favorite spots to jog in Santa Monica.

First things first, which do you like better, Pepsi or Coke?

“Oh, I love Pepsi! I didn’t even think of that. How funny. Pepsi is by far my favorite drink. If you would have asked me that before the award, I would have said Pepsi. Hey, I should make them our sponsor, do a few commercials.”

What was your reaction to winning the student-athlete of the year honor?

“Coach had asked me to give him rec-

ommendation letters from teachers and community service records, which I had from working at the Pico Youth and Family Center. So I kind of gave them to him, and I was like, ‘What’s this about?’ And he told me it was for this Pepsi scholars thing. I don’t know, he was like, ‘I’m going to nominate you for it.’ So I gave him the papers, and I kind of forgot about it. Then I got the letter that I won, I was like, ‘Wait a minute.’ I didn’t know whether or not to get excited about it because I really didn’t know what it was. I was very surprised. I went online to see exactly what it was, and then I was like, ‘Oh wow. Very cool.’ My sister and I got excited, so we looked to see how many other times someone from Santa Monica had gotten it. I guess the last time someone got it was in ’87 ... a long time ago. Coach was excited, so that made me go, ‘I guess it’s something I should get excited about.’ Coach kind of confirmed that for me.”

What is it about long-distance running that attracts you?

“I don’t know. I love running, being out in the open air, seeing all the different people, animals, things that just pass by. I’ve been running since my freshman year of high school, so I really, really like it. I didn’t think I would keep running once I got to college because I didn’t think I was all that good. But I came here and I was our second (best) runner so I was like, ‘I’m O.K. I’m not as bad as I thought I was.’ So I stuck with it, had fun. I really like everyone on the team. We do a lot of trail runs, which are so much fun. I just love being out in the mountains. It’s so pretty. It really motivated me to train more. It made me that much better ... I did track last semester and cross-country recently. I’m back on track now.”

What do you think about when you’re running?

“It’s really important to have a strong mentality when you run because if you can’t get yourself mentally involved and focused, you’ll break down. I don’t know, I think of random things. It always changes. Usually it’s that I want a better time, a better performance and that drives me. Mainly I just think about pushing myself. I remember when I was in high school I would finish races and say to myself, ‘I could have done better. I should have done better.’ Now, I don’t want to have those thoughts at the end of a race. I don’t want to disappoint my coach or my team or anyone so, no, I have to run hard.”

What about the “zone?” Don’t you get into the zone?

“A couple of times. It’s hard for me to get there. Only on the trail runs. That’s when I can focus. Running on the track is so hard because there are all these people around you — so many distractions. You can hear someone getting close to you and whatever you were thinking is gone now because you’re like, ‘Oh crap. I can’t let this person by me. If she does, that will be one less point that we’ll have and our team will be that much slower. I can’t do that to them. I can’t let this person pass me.”

So you’re a big team player, all 5 foot 4 inches of you?

“Yeah (laughing), I’m all about the team thing. I can never let the team down. I’m not about myself or what I can do on my own. A lot of people see track as an individual sport, but it really is a team sport. The top five girls who finish count as points and then there are those who, if they pass someone, can help get extra points too. You can move on individually



Photo courtesy SMC's Esther Guillen was recently named to the 2005 Pepsi Scholar Athlete Honor Roll.

in the sport, but I’m much more about the team winning. It’s so much more fun. At the end of the cross country season, only three of us made it through competition, and while there were still some girls there, it wasn’t as fun without all of us together out there pushing hard. I would love for the whole team to qualify and carry on.”

Speaking of distraction on the track, what about off the track? How do you stay focused on school work?

“I have very few friends and the few that I have I rarely get a chance to see. I feel like I don’t have a social life at all. My friends are pretty much the team. That’s all I really need. We have that bond, always together and at practice. Like that night we stayed overnight in a hotel. That was so much fun. The drives to the races. That’s what makes it fun.”

So do you do anything outside of school work and running? Hobbies maybe?

“No. I don’t think I do anything else for fun. All my life consists of practicing, going to races and doing homework.”

What are you studying right now?

“I’m taking classes for my sociology major. I really want to major in sociology or criminology. UC Irvine offers it, so if they take me I’ll probably go there and major in criminology. I’m starting to think I kind of want to go to Berkeley and major in sociology, so I don’t know. I’m just kind of waiting to see who accepts me and then figure it out. I’ve applied to pretty much all the UCs. I’m kind of nervous, but I try not to think about it much. Whatever happens, happens.”

Why criminology?

“I don’t know. I’m into the whole crime solving thing. I’m a big fan of SCI. I definitely have to make time for my SCI. Sociology is interesting to me right now. I’m just interested in how we have built barriers in our own lives by race, age, sex. Just how society is constructed, and I look back on my own childhood and how I was bussed to school. Why did I have to go to a certain place to get a better education? Why isn’t the quality of education the same everywhere? That really interested me, and I want to get involved. It really

gets me frustrated.”

You live with your sister and her husband on Ocean Park Boulevard. How’s that going?

“I’m really happy. I love my sister. They take care of me. I’m so grateful to have them because if they didn’t let me live there, I would not be going to Santa Monica. I don’t drive so if I wasn’t living here I would be going God knows where in the valley.”

This means you’re away from home and your parents. How’s that been, the whole transition of being at home to now sort of being on your own?

“It’s hard. I miss my parents so much. It’s almost like I’m a nerd about it. Everyone on the team knows that I’m like, ‘I need to go home. I haven’t gone home in two weeks,’ And they’re like ‘O.K. Esther, calm down.’ Since I don’t drive it’s really hard for me to get there, so I have to convince them to take me. I miss them so much.”

What do your parents do? Still working?

“Well, they worked at a factory for quite a long time, but it was closed down and shipped to Mexico ironically. So my dad is a musician now and he plays guitar, sings, plays violin. He’s teaching me the violin, so I’m getting all excited. I can’t read music at all, so he plays and I just try to follow along. He plays in a Mariachi group and on the weekends he and my brother go to restaurants and play.

Where are the best places to run in Santa Monica?

“I run over at the golf course and down to the beach. That’s my favorite.”

Will you continue to run when you transfer from SMC?

“I don’t think so. The runners on that level are just too good. When I came to SMC, I told myself that I wasn’t going to work and put 100 percent of my effort into school and track. I think when I transfer, I’ll most likely have to work, so I will give 100 percent to school and working. I think I’ll try to put my energy into that and run when I can.”



Report: California faces huge liability for retiree health costs

BY TOM VERDIN
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — The state's costs for funding health care for its retired employees have more than tripled in the past decade and could soar once a new government accounting rule takes effect next year, according to an analysis released Friday.

Spending on health costs for state government employees has risen 17 percent a year since 2000-2001, more than five times the rate of growth in general state spending, according to the report from the legislative analyst's office.

Costs are projected to grow from \$1 billion in the proposed 2006-2007 fiscal year to \$1.6 billion in four years. The costs are a concern in part because of the wave of retirees expected over the next decade, when an estimated 35 percent to 45 percent of the state government workforce will retire.

A further concern is a new rule from the Government Accounting Standards Board that will change how governments account for retiree health benefits.

Like most other public entities, California currently funds retiree health costs on a pay-as-you-go basis. That means the money is allocated annually during the state budgeting process for the year in which benefits will be used.

Under the new accounting rule, governments also must quantify the liabilities associated with retiree health care costs that they have not been funding.

The legislative analyst's report estimates that California's unfunded retiree health care liability — to pay the full amount already earned by current and past state employees — will range from \$40 billion to \$70 billion.

That translates into an annual contribution of \$6 billion: \$2 billion for the value of benefits earned by current employees; and \$4 billion to pay off the unfunded liability over 30 years.

The state's liability has grown in part because not enough money has been set aside each year for retiree health care costs. It's the equivalent of the state failing to pay off the full balance on a credit card bill, said Jason Dickerson, a budget analyst with the legislative analyst's office.

The liabilities for fully funding retiree health costs in the University of California, local school districts and local governments could exceed those of the

state, the report says.

California is facing the same problem that is bedeviling private companies and governments across the country: how to cover retirees amid rising health care costs, a wave of workers from the baby boom generation leaving the workforce and a history of underfunding pension and health care funds.

The legislative analyst's office recommends that the state controller's office issue a report on retiree health benefits, costs and liabilities statewide.

The state has very limited ability to trim health benefits for current or past employees. But the legislative analyst's report presents options for the Legislature to consider for future employees.

Those include raising the number of years required to be vested in retiree health benefits and establishing what is known as a defined-contribution program for future employees. Such programs reduce costs to the state while shifting financial risk to employees.

Assemblyman Keith Richman, R-Chatsworth, has introduced a constitutional amendment that would create a new way to fund pensions and retiree health care for state employees hired after July 1, 2007. In part, the measure would standardize the age at which retirees could receive medical benefits to 65 or the limit set by Social Security.

The state's share would then supplement Medicare, offering significant savings.

Richman's bill does not address the unfunded liabilities, but he said the state needs to deal quickly with both the current and future costs of retiree health care.

"Let's stop digging the hole deeper," he said. "Let's stop accumulating more debt and passing that along to our children."

The California Public Employees Retirement System voted Friday to oppose Richman's amendment.

The state could address the costs of retiree health care simply by setting aside a certain amount of money each year, said Dave Low, chairman of a public-employee coalition formed last year after Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger proposed pension reform.

"I would dispute this crisis mentality," he said. "Everybody already knew that (unfunded liability) was there. It's a reporting mechanism — not a crisis. The debt today is the same as it was yesterday."

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Rise of solar energy puts squeeze on silicon supplies

BY TARA GODVIN

Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU — In a state where tropical sunshine is near constant and electricity costs twice the national average, solar power seems an easy answer.

But with the panels that produce the electricity already popular abroad and a batch of new domestic tax credits just kicking in, solar suppliers locally and around the globe are scrambling for stock.

"Those of us with a long vision here aren't jumping up and down," said Rick Reed, who has witnessed the fickleness of government incentives for his industry for 25 years. "But we're sure happy business is good."

The problem is that while demand for solar panels is increasing, the ability to meet that demand hasn't caught up, said Reed, president of the Hawaii Solar Energy Association.

The pressure could soon become even tougher in Hawaii as state politicians push for bigger incentives for residents to install the panels. Gov. Linda Lingle has proposed boosting the caps on credits for single family homes from the current \$1,750 to \$10,000. The caps for businesses would double to \$500,000.

With a growth rate of almost 40 percent per year over the past five years, the solar panel industry is today worth \$15 billion globally, said Rhone Resch, president of the Solar Energy Industries Association.

And the United States is beginning to catch on.

Citing soaring oil prices and the need for a more reliable and environmentally friendly fuel sources, a number of states and the federal government are pushing rebates and tax credits to encourage people to install solar panels on their roofs.

In a plan detailed earlier this month, President Bush outlined a strategy to increase domestic solar power from its current 175 megawatts to up to 10,000 megawatts in the next decade.

Homeowners in January could begin claiming federal tax credits for installing solar power for the first time in 20 years. And in a bold move earlier this month, California energy regulators approved a plan to provide \$2.9 billion in rebates for solar panels between 2007 and 2016.

Add to that, major government programs in Germany and Japan have already got those countries' markets humming — and demand has quickly outstripped supply.

At the same time, however, the solar panel industry is being forced to slow down. That's because popularity has put a squeeze on the supply of the silicon, the key ingredient in the panels — as well as the brains of computers and other high-tech gizmos.

In 2006 the solar industry is on track to use more of the silicon, known as polysil-

icon, than the entire semiconductor industry, Resch said.

"We've grown to such a point that there is no available polysilicon feedstock to continue to put into the solar industry so that we can grow at that rate," he said.

Historically solar was only a third of the market for the polysilicon also used in microchips, said Lara Chamness, senior market analyst for the trade group Semiconductor Equipment and Material International.

"But the solar guys are using more and more of the polysilicon than ever before. So that's causing a really tight supply situation and prices are going up accordingly," she said.

Contract prices are coming in at \$70 per kilogram, up from \$30 per kilogram just two years ago, she said.

The big players on the microchip market, such as IBM and Intel, are aware of the problem, but they aren't showing any fear, she said. A spokesman for high-tech giant Intel said his company has long-term contracts with its suppliers.

And those companies use very little of the precious material in each of their products, so they can easily pass on the higher prices to customers, Chamness said. By contrast, polysilicon is the main ingredient covering the coffee table-size solar panels.

So with stocks scarce and raw material prices high, the prices for solar panels have yet to drop.

Polysilicon makers are moving to boost their supply.

Hemlock Semiconductor Corp., which is majority-owned by Dow Corning Corp., is the top supplier of polysilicon to the solar market. It is now working to double its capacity in the next two years with a \$500 million expansion at its Michigan facility.

The unforeseen government incentives for solar as well as the microchip industry's recovery after the dot-com bubble burst added to the unpredictability, said Marie Eckstein, vice president of advance technology and venture business at Dow Corning.

She said that for now the shortage is compelling the solar industry, which is still striving toward maturity, to find different ways to use silicon — including less of it.

"I think we're just in startup pains," she said.

Reed said he's seen excitement for solar before. He's also seen it quickly fade when oil prices drop or when the White House changes hands.

But there are signs that the industry is maturing, he said, and the ups and downs aren't what matters anyway.

"At the end of the day, we're saving the world one roof at a time," he said.



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Tours view museums through biblical prism

BY CATHERINE TSAI
Associated Press Writer

BOULDER, Colo. — Inside the flagship lab of the National Center of Atmospheric Research, a dozen home-schooled chil-

dren and their parents walk past the offices of scientists grappling with topics from global warming and microphysics to solar storms and the electrical fields of lightning.

They are trailing Rusty Carter, a guide

with Biblically Correct Tours. At a large, colorful panel along a wall, Carter reads aloud from a passage describing the disappearance of dinosaurs from the earth about 65 million years ago. He and some of the older students exchange knowing smiles at the timeline, which contradicts their interpretation the Bible suggesting a 6,000-year-old planet.

"Did man and dinosaurs live together?" Carter asks. A timid yes comes from the students.

"How do we know that to be true?" Carter says. There's a long pause.

"What day did God create dinosaurs on?" he continues.

"Six," says a chorus of voices.

"What day did God create man on?"

"Six."

"Did man and dinosaurs live together?"

"Yes," the students say.

Mission accomplished for Carter, who has been leading such tours since 1988. He and the other guides counter secular interpretations of history, nature and the origin of life with their own literal reading of the Bible. And they do so right at the point where they feel they feel science indoctrinates young people — museums.

"Museums are the secular temples of our day," founder Bill Jack says. "If you watch people walk in, especially in (Denver's) Museum of Nature and Science, they fold their hands reverently, they speak in hushed tones, they don't let kids touch."

"The kid says, 'What's this?' Dad reads the sign and they say, 'Ooh, ahh.' They worship the creature rather than the creator."

Approximately 100 groups book tours each year with the Colorado-based group, paying at least \$100 minimum, or \$5 per person. Popular stops include the atmospheric research complex, zoos and the Denver museum.

The group isn't unique: The 7 Wonders Museum at the Mount St. Helens volcano in Washington state says it is dedicated to "creation science studies," while the Kentucky ministry Answers in Genesis is planning a \$25 million Creation Museum in the Cincinnati area.

Museums around the country, meanwhile, have been adding training and workshops for guides to address religious-themed questions. At the Denver museum, chief curator Kirk Johnson says Biblically Correct Tours at least exposes children taught only about creationism to other ideas.

Still, Johnson says: "Their message is quite backward and intellectually dishonest."

The tours have gained fresh attention in part because of recent high-profile clashes involving literal creationism as well as "intelligent design," the idea that the com-

plexity of the universe means it must have been produced by a higher power. Just Tuesday, the Ohio Board of Education voted 11-4 to delete a science standard and correlating lesson plan that encourages students to seek evidence for and against evolution.

Carter and Jack say children should hear about both creationism and evolution.

"What we need to do is teach good science and present both models and let students decide what model makes most sense," Jack says. "To do anything else is censorship."

Biblical tours of the zoo might include a discussion of sin, while a trip to a fossil display will touch on the flood of Noah. At the atmospheric research center, the theme might be the wonderment of God's creation.

Carter, who has a degree in biblical studies, admits feeling somewhat intimidated when he first gave tours, knowing scientists were listening. "I used to think, 'What are they thinking? Are they going to come out and correct me?'" he says.

Johnson, the curator, was raised a Seventh Day Adventist. He says he rejected the idea of a 6,000-year-old Earth when, around age 10, he became curious about fossil layers.

"It's an interesting kind of arrogance to dismiss something that you don't know a lot about," Johnson says of the tour guides.

The tours are not all fun and games, with the guides claiming that evolutionist thinking supports racism and abortion. This happened on a recent atmospheric research center tour, when Carter told a dozen children and their parents abortion was an act of natural selection carried out by humans.

Other tours suggest Hitler was playing his version of survival of the fittest by favoring whites, and note that museum dioramas of early humans have black "subhumans."

"My contention is evolution kills people," Jack said in an interview. "It's not that evolutionists don't have morality, it's that evolution can offer no morality. Ideas have consequences. If you believe you came from slime there is no reason not to, if you can, get away with anything."

Teri Eastburn, an educational designer at the center, said she would never engage in such discussions during a tour. She said the complex welcomes anyone, but notes in-house tours only espouse scientific views of the world.

"We try to explain it using evidence that we find in the natural world, whereas religion is dealing more with spirituality, ethics and morality, which science does not deal with at all," she said. "It's different ways of knowing. How people reconcile the ways of knowing is an individual choice."

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Records show mine cleanup languished

BY SCOTT SONNER

Associated Press Writer

RENO, Nev. — Disagreements and distrust among regulators charged with directing the cleanup of a polluted Nevada copper mine hampered the government agencies' efforts and likely stalled removal of contamination, a process now expected to take at least a decade, records obtained by The Associated Press show.

Internal documents the Interior Department mistakenly turned over to a whistleblower suing one of its agencies reveal a turf battle spanning five years between federal and state environmental regulators at one of the most contaminated abandoned mines in the West.

In one, an Interior Department lawyer said the cleanup order the state wanted Atlantic Richfield Co. to adopt in 2002 at the former Anaconda copper mine was so weak the Justice Department would forbid federal regulators from accepting it.

In another, the head of the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection complained that the cleanup approach his agency advocated was "a polar opposite" of one backed by Interior's Bureau of Land Management, which he accused of acting out of its own "self-serving interest" to avoid liability.

The mine, about 65 miles southeast of Reno, was the biggest producer of copper in the United States in the 1950s. It was abandoned in 2000. Although it was not known publicly until 2003, processing the copper apparently produced uranium that still contaminates the site, along with arsenic and other heavy metals.

Federal health officials say the radioactive and toxic materials are a threat to residents of the neighboring community of Yerington and to farmers and Indian tribes in the surrounding Mason Valley.

Documents show federal regulators wanted to push Arco harder and have the six-square-mile mine declared a Superfund site, which would have put the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in charge. The EPA then could have ordered cleanup actions or done them itself and billed Atlantic Richfield for the cost.

State regulators, who were leading the government agencies' efforts, favored a cooperative approach with the company and opposed Superfund status.

The documents surfaced last week as part of a hearing on a whistleblower complaint against the BLM brought by its former mine site manager, Earle Dixon. He claims he was fired partly because he criticized state regulators.

Among the most revealing of the documents are internal memos from Interior's lawyers in its regional solicitor's office in Denver and BLM officials in Nevada.

They were stamped "Attorney/Client Privileged, FOIA Exempt - Do Not Release," meaning they were not subject to the Freedom of Information Act and were to be

kept private.

One shows the department was convinced as early as July 2002 that there was little hope of persuading Atlantic Richfield to voluntarily assume responsibility for cleaning up the mine.

In it, Interior lawyer Casey Padgett took issue with a directive that BLM was trying to negotiate with the state to order Arco to investigate the mine site.

"I am principally concerned about the overall weakness of the state's (administrative order)," Padgett wrote to BLM Deputy State Director Tom Leshendock on July 24, 2002. He said it was "far weaker, in ways that are too numerous to itemize, than any (order) that the United States would typically sign. ... I doubt the Department of Justice would allow BLM to sign it."

Similar infighting between EPA and the state was outlined in a more recent memo admitted as evidence at Dixon's whistleblower hearing.

Jim Sickles, EPA's project manager, warned that Nevada's cleanup effort as of May 2004 was "completely lacking," with ineffective planning, inadequate technical expertise and inappropriate contact with Arco.

But the the head of the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, Allen Biaggi, complained in a 2002 letter to EPA that sites of this complexity demand careful planning, and "BLM's apparent failure to recognize this demonstrates a level of inexperience that is of concern."

"BLM's perception of good faith negotiations is distorted and is influenced by its own self-serving interests," he said. "... Its negotiation strategy is dominated by its primary goal of escaping liability."

Dixon, who managed the site for BLM for a year until he was fired in October 2004, said the disclosures validate his claim that the state was aligned mostly with Arco against more stringent cleanup demands sought by BLM and EPA.

"The lack of progress at the site was an issue before I came on board," Dixon said.

Dixon said if BLM had taken a harder stand with Arco or initiated cleanup efforts without Arco's support in 2002, the mine would have been well on its way to a safer condition.

Worried neighbors of the mine agree.

"The EPA has been asking for testing and surveys to be done since 2001," said Peggy Pauly, leader of the Yerington Community Action Group. "Here we are more than four years later and I still don't know if the water is safe or the air is safe for my daughters to breathe."

The state resisted EPA's call for Superfund designation and refused to give up its regulatory role until December 2004, when it formally asked EPA to assume control.

Leo Drozdoff, administrator of Nevada's Environmental Protection Division, said that the state

wanted to focus on areas of immediate concern, working in steps with Arco's cooperation to speed cleanup at the lowest cost to taxpayers.

"The EPA and BLM put greater emphasis on the front end. They want all the planning for the project to be done first. That really became the philosophical divide," he said.

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New healthier soybean oil outpacing supply

BY AMY LORENTZEN

Associated Press Writer

DES MOINES, Iowa — The hubbub about the heart risks of trans fats has caused a huge demand for a healthier new soybean oil, prompting food companies to recruit farmers to grow new varieties of the beans.

New soybean varieties contain a lower level of acids that cause food to become stale or rancid. That means the oil doesn't require hydrogenation, the process that increases trans fat content.

The food and restaurant industries have been snapping up the new oil since the U.S. Food and Drug Administration began requiring manufacturers to list trans fat content on food labels.

"I'm personally impressed by how many products I pick up now and read the label and it has no trans fats at all, so I think the food industry has done a great job of making the transition," said Walter R. Fehr, an Iowa State University soybean researcher who helped develop the new varieties.

Typical soybeans contain about 7 percent linolenic acid. The new varieties contain 1 percent or 3 percent.

So far, the new soybeans are being grown in a handful of states, including Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota and South Dakota.

Last season, farmers planted 160,000 acres of the new beans. This spring, farmers are expected to plant 750,000 acres, said Linda Funk, spokeswoman for the Iowa Soybean Promotion Board.

"The demand definitely is there and much greater than our supply at this point," Funk said.

Even with the rising demand, it's been difficult to get farmers to choose the new varieties, said Jim Sutter, a vice president of Cargill Inc.'s grain and oilseed supply chain.

"I think there is a reluctance because of a lack of a long history of these things, a fear of the unknown a little bit," he said.

Cargill processed between 25 million and 30 million pounds of the low-linolenic acid soybeans last year, and Sutter predicts the market will continue to grow.

Among the companies buying the new soybean oil is

Kellogg Co., which will use it in its Town House and Club crackers early this year.

Asoyia, an Iowa-based company that makes the new oil, said the Kellogg announcement had a big impact on the market. Asoyia nearly sold out of its supplies since Kellogg announced its effort to reduce trans fat content, said Ryan Kinneberg, a sales and marketing representative.

"That's a confidence booster there," Kinneberg said.

Darwin Carroll, 47, of Columbus Junction, has been growing Asoyia's low-linolenic acid soybeans for three years. Although it takes a little extra work to ensure that the crop is kept separate from other soybeans, "the good outweighs the minor bad," he said.

"The consumer is demanding it, and it's good for us," he said.

Researchers have said when the new soybean oil is used to fry foods, it creates a crispier, tastier dish because the oil doesn't soak in as much as partially hydrogenated oils.

The oil also has a longer frying life, researchers said.

Jason Wheelock, a manager at Hickory Park Restaurant, a barbecue eatery in Ames, said the new soybean oil has been used there for more than a year. At first, he said, it was more costly, but with more competition and better distribution, the price now is comparable to other oils.

Wheelock said the restaurant decided to use the oil after being approached by ISU researchers.

"We use it because we try to stay a step ahead," Wheelock said.

Yellowstone official apologizes for joke on 'snowmobile hunt'

By The Associated Press

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. — A Yellowstone National Park official has apologized to three snowmobile industry executives for forwarding a joke by e-mail that suggested a hunting season on snowmobiles in the park.

At least one snowmobile advocate doesn't think the apology is enough, and has said the Park Service should remove John Sacklin from his current duties.

"I would say it's pretty poor taste to be circulating something like that from a government official," said Kim Raap, former manager of the Wyoming State Trails Program and now a consultant in Sioux Falls, S.D. "I believe that John should not be involved in this process, absolutely. This is a misbehavior that taints the process."

In a statement Thursday, Yellowstone Superintendent Suzanne Lewis called Sacklin a "dedicated, even-handed public servant," and said the park stands behind him.

Sacklin is Yellowstone's lead planner on the winter-use environmental study that examines the effects of snowmobiles in the park.

Snowmobile use in Yellowstone, Grand Teton National Park and the parkway connecting them has been a contentious issue for a number of years. The current snowmobile rules, expected to be in place through the winter of 2006-07, allow for up to 720 snowmobiles to enter Yellowstone every day, but most riders must be accompanied by guides and the park requires the use of cleaner, quieter machines.

Earlier this month, Sacklin apparently forwarded an e-mail he had received to Ed Klim, president of the International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association; Chris Wright, an employee of Arctic Cat; and Jim Vizanko, an employee of Yamaha.

The text of the e-mail, titled "A Modest Solution," joked about how Montanans "feel the need to shoot Yellowstone's bison," a reference to the state's renewed hunt of bison that wander out of Yellowstone. "This, however, has caused some uneasiness and some people even feel it is damaging Montana's image. Thus, we need a different outlet and I think I have the solution. Let's have an annual snowmobile hunt in and around Yellowstone Park!"

Sacklin forwarded the note, saying: "This came to us a while back, and we hope you find this as entertaining as we did."



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Deep, unstable mud slows efforts to dig out buried Philippines town

BY HRVOJE HRANJSKI

Associated Press Writer

GUINSAUGON, Philippines — Hoping for a miracle, rescue workers in the Philippines searched for survivors Saturday in an elementary school swamped by a massive landslide that buried this town and killed some 1,800 people.

No more survivors were found, however, and reports that students and teachers sent cell phone text messages from inside went unconfirmed, leaving the search effort dispirited and empty-handed.

Fearing more landslides in the area, 11 villages were evacuated as U.S. military ships steamed to the scene.

As rain continued to fall, rescue workers were warned to tread carefully or risk becoming casualties themselves as the uneasy mud settled, a day after the slope of a mountain collapsed Friday.

The landslide, which followed two weeks of heavy rains, was believed to have killed nearly every man, woman and child in the farming village of Guinsaugon, which was covered with mud up to 30 feet deep.

The situation was so delicate that a no-fly zone was established over the area out of concern that blasts of air from the helicopters' rotors could send the mud oozing again in Guinsaugon, about 400 miles south-east of the capital, Manila.

Medical supplies and excavation equipment were reaching the area on Leyte island, and U.S. military ships were expected at daybreak Sunday with 1,000 Marines to add to the aid effort. But with no survivors found Saturday, it appeared the operation would be recovery instead of relief.

Only 57 people were plucked from the mud Friday from Guinsaugon's population of 1,857. At least 56 bodies were recovered.

Officials suspended the search operation after dark, with the footing too dangerous and no floodlights available to illuminate the massive mud field, which was surrounded by a shallow stream.

President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo mentioned reports about cell phone messages sent by survivors in the swamped school during a televised staff meeting on the disaster. The reports gave impetus to the military to dispatch 60 soldiers to the scene.

But as day turned to night, no signs of life were found, and officials admitted that they had been unable to confirm the existence of any genuine text messages from survivors.

Staff Sgt. Bienvenido Plaza of the Air Force Rescue Group said rescue workers shouted and used stones to bang on boulders in hopes that survivors would hear. There was only silence, he said.

Still, provincial Gov. Rosette Lerias said she was hoping for "a miracle" and she said rescue dogs would be sent to the school Sunday.

"I would like to believe it's true," she said. "I am giving it the benefit of the doubt, and that is why we are concentrating on the school building."

Not much else was left to concentrate on.

Survivors and relatives of the missing had trouble even figuring out where houses once stood in the 100-acre stretch of mud. Soldiers, firefighters and volunteers were given sketches of the village as it stood just days ago, but all the landmarks had been wiped away.

"It's hard to find the houses now," said Eunerio Bagaipo, a 42-year-old farmer who lost two brothers, almost 20 nieces and nephews and a number of in-laws. "There is nothing now, just earth and mud."

The search was complicated by heavy morning downpours, the threat that the mountain remained unstable and the possibility that 750 troops, firefighters and volunteers could get sucked down into the mud.

Weather forecasts said Leyte was expected to get more rain late Saturday and Sunday before conditions improve. The area, which is prone to landslides and flooding, has been drenched by 27 inches of rain over the last two weeks.

Army Capt. Edmund Abella called the conditions extremely hazardous.

Car bombs and gunmen kill more than 20 people, including a U.S. soldier, in Iraq

BY ROBERT H. REID

Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Car bombs and gunmen killed more than 20 people, including an American soldier, Saturday as the government said insurgency-related violence cost the country's vital oil industry about \$6.25 billion in damage and lost revenue last year.

British and Iraqi authorities, meanwhile, confirmed that two foreigners who disappeared two days ago in the southeastern city of Basra were Macedonians kidnapped on their way from the airport to the city center. The kidnappers have demanded a ransom, officials said.

Most of the attacks Saturday were directed against the U.S. military and Iraqi police, with civilians caught up in the violence.

The American soldier died when a roadside bomb exploded about 8 a.m. near the Shaab soccer stadium in eastern Baghdad, the U.S. command said in a statement. It was the first death of an American soldier since Tuesday and brought the number of U.S. personnel killed since the Iraq war began in March 2003 to at least 2,273, according to an Associated Press count.

Four Iraqi policemen were killed when a roadside bomb exploded near a fuel tanker on an eastern Baghdad highway, police said. Another bomb exploded at midmorning in another part of east Baghdad, missing a police patrol but killing three Iraqi civilians and wounding four, police said.

A senior Baghdad police official escaped assassination when a bomb exploded near his convoy in the Karradah district. Brig. Abdul-Karim Maryoush was unharmed but two police escorts died, officials said.

Elsewhere, two more Iraqi civilians were killed in a pair of roadside bombings — one in Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit, 80 miles north of Baghdad, and another in Baqouba, 35 miles northeast of the capital.

Both those bombs were intended for police patrols, officials in each city said.

Another bomb in Fallujah, 40 miles west of Baghdad, killed and child and blew off his brother's legs, police said.

U.S. soldiers killed three men trying to plant roadside bombs in Baghdad's notorious Dora neighborhood, police said. At least 10 other Iraqis died in a series of gunfights and ambushes throughout Baghdad, including two policemen slain on their way home Saturday night, police said.

The U.S. command said American and Iraqi troops found and destroyed 11 roadside bombs and three weapons caches in Baghdad in the past 24 hours. Twenty-nine suspects were arrested, the command said.

In addition, police found the bodies of four men — bound, blindfolded and shot to death — in three separate parts of the Iraqi capital. Their identities were unknown and it was unclear when they died, but they appeared to be victims of reprisal attacks by Shiite and Sunni extremists.

The Interior Ministry has announced an investigation into allegations of Shiite death squads in police ranks after U.S. troops arrested 22 policemen preparing to kill a Sunni Arab last month.

Also Saturday, a government official released figures showing the devastating effects of the insurgency on the country's oil industry, the foundation of Iraq's economy. The industry suffered \$6.25 billion in losses in 2005 due to infrastructure sabotage and lost export revenues, Oil Ministry spokesman Assem Jihad said.

Jihad told Dow Jones Newswires that Iraqi oil installations were hit by 186 attacks last year in which insurgents killed 47 oil engineers, technicians and workers as well as about 100 police protecting pipelines and other oil-related facilities.

Most of the sabotage took place in northern oil installations, preventing Iraq from exporting about 400,000 barrels a day that normally pass through pipelines to the Turkish port of Ceyhan.

Iraq currently produces around 2 million barrels per day from its southern and northern oil fields, down about 800,000 barrels from levels before the 2003 U.S.-led invasion.

Violence and attacks against foreign contractors also have had a devastating impact on the economy, driving up security costs and delaying reconstruction projects.

British and Iraqi officials said two Macedonian of Albanian ethnicity were seized two days ago along with a Macedonian woman, who was released. The three work for Ecolog, a German-owned Macedonian company that has a cleaning contact at the Basra International Airport.

A \$1 million ransom has been demanded for their release, a company employee said on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

More than 250 foreigners have been kidnapped in Iraq since 2003, including American reporter Jill Carroll, who was abducted Jan. 7 in Baghdad. At least four other foreigners were seized last month — including two Germans abducted in Beiji and two Kenyan engineers who disappeared after an ambush in Baghdad.

On Saturday, the U.S. military announced the release of about 430 male Iraqi detainees over the past few days. Carroll's kidnappers have demanded the release of all women detainees. The U.S. military has said the periodic releases are not related to the kidnappers' demands.



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Nick wants chance to seek Jessica's support

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Nick Lachey wants what's his, and maybe what's Jessica Simpson's.

In court papers filed Friday in response to Simpson's Dec. 16 divorce filing, Lachey said he was reserving the right to seek spousal support, even though she has asked the court not to give him any.

The singing couple, who starred in their own MTV reality show, "Newlyweds: Nick & Jessica," had no prenuptial agreement.

He cited irreconcilable differences for the dissolution of the three-year marriage.

The 32-year-old Lachey also asked the court to confirm that "miscellaneous jewelry and other personal effects" are separate property, as well as his earnings from after the date of separation and other unspecified assets.

He said they separated Dec. 13, although she claims it was Nov. 23.

Lachey, who gained fame as a member of the boy band 98 Degrees, had more earning power when the couple wed in October 2002. However, Simpson's fame skyrocketed during the marriage. The 25-year-old singer-actress reportedly earned more than \$30 million last year, including earnings from her big-screen debut playing Daisy Duke in "The Dukes of Hazzard" movie.

Last month, the Mediterranean-style house the pair shared during "Newlyweds" was sold to "Malcolm in the Middle" teen actor Justin Berfield for an undisclosed price.

NEW YORK — Sometimes there is too much of a good thing.

Martha Stewart believes her version of NBC's popular reality show featuring Donald Trump flopped this past fall because of too much "Apprentice."

Her show was supposed to be the sole show, starting out by having her fire Trump on the air, she told Newsweek for its issue on newsstands Monday.

"Having two 'Apprentices' was as unfair to him as it was unfair to me," she said. "But Donald really wanted to stay on."

The domestic diva lost an appeal last month, ending her criminal case for lying about a stock sale that sent her to jail for five months and nearly six months of house arrest.

Her company's stock was down by more than half during the past year, but the company is doing better now, and "we're back in spirit and in business dealings," Stewart said.

Advertisers and subscribers are returning to "Martha Stewart Living," her magazine. And she has new projects planned, including a Sirius Satellite Radio show and a new magazine, Blueprint.

"You just have to do what you have to do and get on with it," Stewart said.

DETROIT — The future of the city's annual electronic music festival is in question since Kevin Saunderson says he won't return to produce it this Memorial Day weekend.

The techno music pioneer said Friday that he remains about \$250,000 in debt from last year's festival, the Detroit Free Press and The Detroit News reported. Some

of the money is owed to Detroit-area vendors and concert-staging businesses.

Saunderson signed a three-year contract last year to produce the event, which in 2005 was called "FUSE-In: Detroit's Electronic Movement." Its previous incarnations were as the "Detroit Electronic Music Festival" and "Movement."

Another producer could be tapped to handle the festival, which draws electronic music fans from around the world.

NEW YORK — Kevin Federline is ready for a backlash over his brand-new role as white-boy rapper.

But it already can't get worse, the dancer and wife of pop star Britney Spears told Newsweek for its issue on newsstands Monday.

"He hates his children, he treats his wife like dirt, he gets high all day," he said, quoting his critics. "If I was that bad, you think anyone, let alone Britney, would put up with it?"

He has released his single "PopoZao" on his Web site. It got 2 million hits in eight days, he said, which proves there's interest.

He plans to release his debut album by this spring, but without featuring his wife on the album, said Federline, 27.

"We have collaborated," he said. "But I'm not going to put the songs on this album because it's like, 'Respect me first; then I'll show you what I've done with my wife.'"

Federline has two children with his former girlfriend, Shar Jackson. He and Spears had a son, Sean Preston, in September. They married in 2004.



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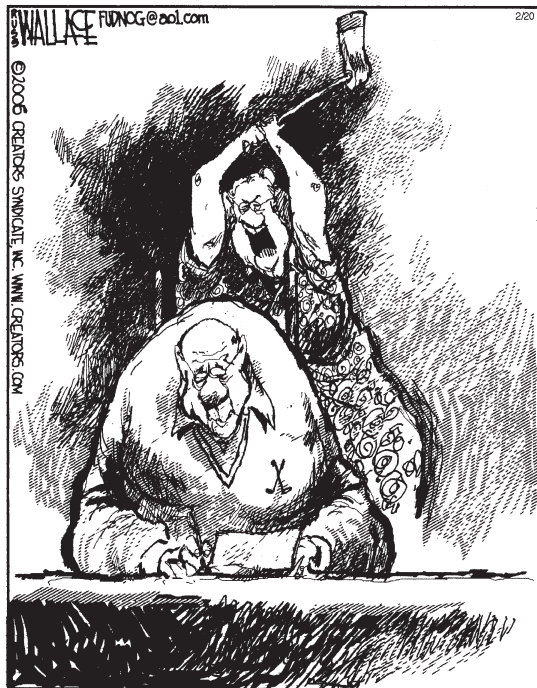


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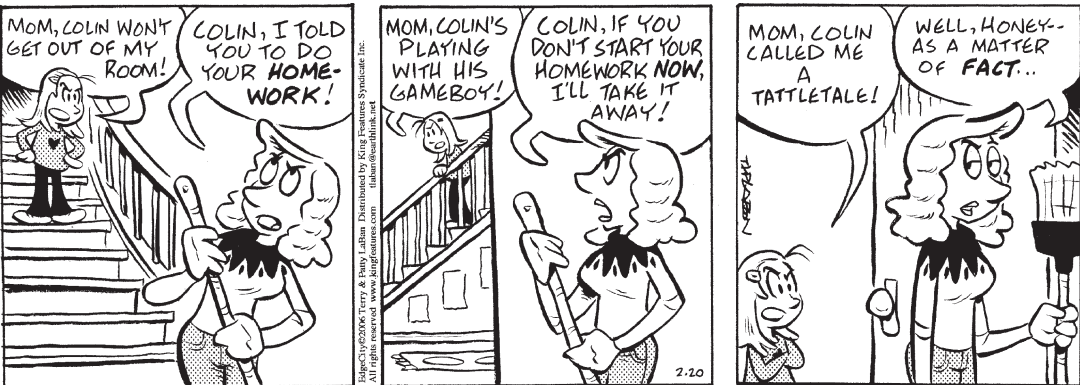
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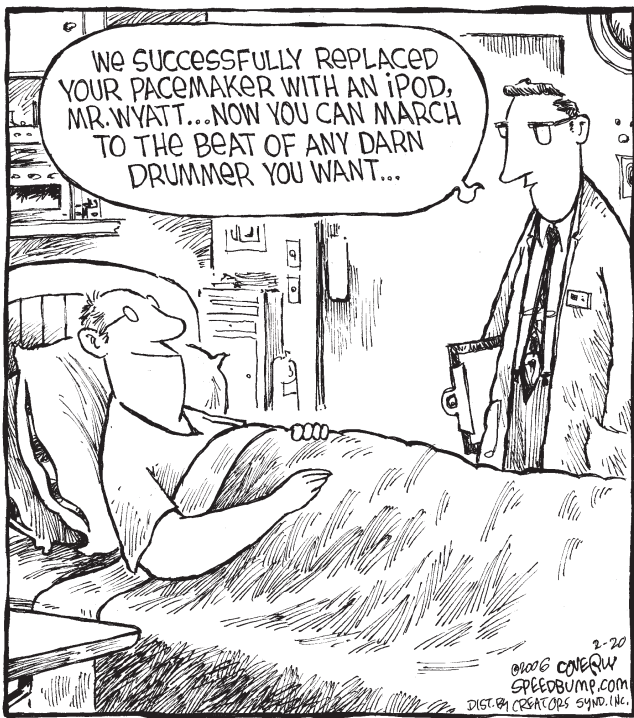
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0255174 FIRST FILING. The following per- son(s) is (are) doing business as Key Environmen- tal Services, Universal Abatement Services, AI #/ON 2218632, 1873146, 1450 S. Burlington Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90006. The full name of regis- trant(s) is/are : The Teecor Group, Inc., (CALIFOR- NIA), 1450 S. Burlington Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90006 This Business is being conducted by, a cor- poration. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)6/1/1999.. /s/: The Teecor Group, Inc., President/CEO, Kalani Childs

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0254942 FIRST FILING. The following per- son(s) is (are) doing business as Little Giants Play- ground, 562 S. Gerhart Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90022. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Maria Del Carmen Garcia, 562 S. Gerhart Ave, Los An- geles, CA 90022 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Maria Del Car- men Garcia

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0255173 FIRST FILING. The following per- son(s) is (are) doing business as FASHION, M. PEREZ, 1807 E. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90021. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Mag- dalena Gonzalez De Perez, 307 N. Hobart Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90004 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/: Mag- dalena Gonzalez De Perez

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0243465 FIRST FILING. The following per- son(s) is (are) doing business as Nancy Driving School, First Choice Driving School, 4112 Cren- shaw Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90008. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Gilberto Carrillo, 2766 Thur- man Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90016 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Regis- trant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Gil- berto Carrillo

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0229942 FIRST FILING. The following per- son(s) is (are) doing business as 74Nails Care Service, 1843 West 48th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90062. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : An- tonette M. Anderson Delgado, 1843 West 48th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90062 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Regis- trant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: An- tonette M. Anderson Delgado

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0234012 FIRST FILING. The following per- son(s) is (are) doing business as Wendy's Barber Beauty Salon, 1613 N. Wilmington Blvd., Wilming- ton, CA 90744. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Martha A. Enriquez, 1444 W. Parade St., Apt 9, Long Beach, CA 90810 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Martha Enriquez

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0318845 FIRST FILING. The following per- son(s) is (are) doing business as Dee's Domestic Dirtywork, 611 1/2 Santa Clara Ave, Venice, CA 90291. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Deanne Marie Wood, 611 1/2 Santa Clara Ave, Venice, CA 90291 This Business is being con- ducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the ficti- tious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Deanne Marie Wood

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0318839 FIRST FILING. The following per- son(s) is (are) doing business as Sandhu Dunton LLC, Shelter Props AI#200531210101, 7920 Beve- ry Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90048. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Sandhu Dunton, LLC,7920 Beverly Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90048 This Busi- ness is being conducted by, a limited liability. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: James Dunton: Manager

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0318842 FIRST FILING. The following per- son(s) is (are) doing business as Vivienne Ricci, Vivienne Ricci Agency, 2520 5th St #A, Santa Monica, CA 90405. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Isabelle Murray, 2520 5th St #A, Santa Monica, CA 90405 This Business is being con- ducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the ficti- tious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Isabelle Murray

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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0318844 FIRST FILING. The following per- son(s) is (are) doing business as Lincoln Dry Cleaners, 837 Lincoln Blvd, Venice, CA 90291. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Cheng Theng Chhor, 402 Rose Ave, Venice, CA 90291 This Busi- ness is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Cheng Theng Chhor

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0318836 FIRST FILING. The following per- son(s) is (are) doing business as CA Boom Design Show, CA Boom Show AI #2696222, 1337 Third Street Promenade #303, Santa Monica, CA 90401. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Willy T Lim- ited, 1337 Third Street Promenade #303, Santa Monica, CA 90401 This Business is being con- ducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the ficti- tious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Willy T Limited

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0229794 FIRST FILING. The following per- son(s) is (are) doing business as Danny Boy Pro- duced, 13452 Zivi Ave, Chino, CA 91706. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Abelardo Salcedo Rodriguez, 3840 Paddy Ln, Baldwin Park, CA 91706 This Business is being conducted by, an in- dividual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)1/7/2006.. /s/: Abe- lardo Salcedo Rodriguez

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0243804 FIRST FILING. The following per- son(s) is (are) doing business as Chirajai Invest- ment, 7444 E. Florence Ave, #J, Downey, CA 90240. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Celia Ulloa, 7444 E. Florence Ave, #J, Downey, CA 90240 This Business is being conducted by, an in- dividual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Celia Ulloa

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0243407 FIRST FILING. The following per- son(s) is (are) doing business as J.E. Capital Com- pany, 19525 E. Covina Blvd., Apt #205, 91724. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Jovon Es- parza, 19525 E. Covina Blvd., Apt #205, 91724 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Larry B. Charles

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0229929 FIRST FILING. The following per- son(s) is (are) doing business as Aguilar Transport, 810 N. Angeleno Ave, Azusa, CA 91702. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Gerardo Aguilar, 810 N. Angeleno Ave, Azusa, CA 91702 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)1/31/2006.. /s/: Gerardo Aguilar

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0318838 FIRST FILING. The following per- son(s) is (are) doing business as Shallow Fashion, 1:4 Sleep, 1616 1/2 Silverlake Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90026. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Courtney C. Cady, 325 Cherry #2, Long Beach, CA 90802 This Business is being conducted by, an in- dividual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)2/1/2006.. /s/:

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0318837 FIRST FILING. The following per- son(s) is (are) doing business as Art Client Ser- vices, 1112 Montana Ave Ste #800, Santa Monica, CA 90403. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Amy Delaporte, 1112 Montana Ave Ste #800, 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/: Amy Delaporte

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0318835 FIRST FILING. The following per- son(s) is (are) doing business as Revolution Mat- ernity, Revolution Maternity.com, 27 Anchorage St, Unit B, Marina Del Rey, CA 90292. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Sarah Yamada, 27 Anchor- age St, Unit B, Marina Del Rey, CA 90292 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/: Sarah Yamada

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0318840 FIRST FILING. The following per- son(s) is (are) doing business as Prince Soccer Academy, Prince of Health, 848 7th St. Apt 8, Santa Monica, CA 90403. The full name of regis- trant(s) is/are : Prince Osundu Egwue, 848 7th St. Apt 8, Santa Monica, CA 90403 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)2/2/2006.. /s/: Prince Osundu Egwue,

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0234017 FIRST FILING. The following per- son(s) is (are) doing business as J.E. Capital Com- pany, 19525 E. Covina Blvd., Apt #205, 91724. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Jovon Es- parza, 19525 E. Covina Blvd., Apt #205, 91724 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)1/31/2006.. /s/: Jovon Es- parza

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0085443 FIRST FILING. The following per- son(s) is (are) doing business as XXX Design Stu- dio, 2600 West Olive Ave, 5th Floor, Burbank, CA 91505. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Mi- chael Soriano, 1505 E. Glenoaks Blvd., Glendale, CA 91206, Michael Pitruzzella, 946 S. Ridgeley Dr, #25, Los Angeles, CA 90036, Rochelle Janae, 11333 Moorpark St, #375, Studio City, CA 91602 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/: Michael Soriano, Michael Pitruzzella, Rochelle Janae

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Statement of Abandonment of Use of Fictitious Business Name
Document Record # 06 0285467
Current File No. 05 1964412
State of California, County of Los Angeles
The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious Business name:
Crave Brazil Imports located at 3025 S. Barrington Ave, #17, Los Ange- les, CA 90066
The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 08/16/05
In the county of LOS ANGELES.
Danielle C. Albuquerque, 1745 Beloit Ave, #216, Los Angeles, CA 90025
Raquel A. Diefenbach, 3025 S. Barrington Ave, #17, 90066
This Business is conducted by: a general partner- ship
/s/ Danielle C. Albuquerque, Raquel A. Diefenbach

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0370641 FIRST FILING. The following per- son(s) is (are) doing business as CGDM Enter- prises, 8615 S. Holt Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90056. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Calvin W. Christopher, 6615 S. Holt Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90056 This Business is being conducted by, an in- dividual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Calvin Christopher
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0370644 FIRST FILING. The following per- son(s) is (are) doing business as Point And Post Academy, 4326 Jasmine Ave, Culver City, CA 90232. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Lydia Strong, 4326 Jasmine Ave, Culver City, CA 90232 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/: Lydia Strong

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0370643 FIRST FILING. The following per- son(s) is (are) doing business as PDB Productions, 507 Raymond Ave, #3, Santa Monica, CA 90405. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Justin Brett Feldman, 507 Raymond Ave, #3, Santa Monica, CA 90405 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Justin Feldman

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0370642 FIRST FILING. The following per- son(s) is (are) doing business as S&S Painting S, S and Painting, 2704 4th St, Apt 41, Santa Monica, CA 90405. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Todd Schireson, 2704 4th St, Apt 41, Santa Moni- ca This Business is being conducted by, an in- dividual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Todd Schireson

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0229991 FIRST FILING. The following per- son(s) is (are) doing business as em design studio, 212 3rd Ave., Venice, CA 90291. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Erin Mathis, 212 3rd Ave, Veni- ce, CA 90291 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant com- menced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)4/10/1998.. /s/: Erin Mathis

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0244153 FIRST FILING. The following per- son(s) is (are) doing business as Starbeans, Star- beanz, 2206 Lincoln Blvd., Santa Monica, CA. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Jeffrey S. Ruiz, 2211 6th St., Santa Monica, CA 90405 This Busi- ness is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date).. /s/: Jeff Ruiz

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0295913 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Artistic Building Solutions, 10539 Corley Dr, Whittier, CA 90604. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Steven A. Schroeder, 10539 Corley Dr, Whittier, CA 90604 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)1/1/2000. /s/: Steven A. Schroeder

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0274804 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as First Wallstreet Financial, 211 E. Ocean Blvd., Suite 234, Long Beach, CA 90802. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Frederick M. Stanton, 2552 Hayes Ave, Long Beach, CA 90810, Miguel A. Chavez, 6424 Denmead St., Lakewood, CA 90713 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/: Frederick M. Stanton, Miguel Chavez This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 2/6/06. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0307504 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Healthcare Billing Solutions, 224 E. Neece Street, Long Beach, CA 90805. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Leticia Velasquez Alzate, 224 E. Neece Street, Long Beach, CA 90805, Ana Velasquez Perez, 1031 Junipero Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90804, Rebeca Velasquez Tejeda, 233 N. Mesa Street, San Pedro, CA 90731 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/: Leticia Alzate, Ana Velasquez, Rebeca Velasquez

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0307574 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Kelly Q Tile, Belen Tile, 707 E. 104th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90002. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Ernesto Quijada, 707 E. 104th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90002 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/: Ernesto Quijada

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0275043 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as M.G.A WELDING SERVICES, 926 N. Avenue 49, Los Angeles, CA 90042. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Mario Armira, 926 N. Avenue 49, Los Angeles, CA 90042 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/: Mario Armira

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0274979 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Mini Market San Judas, 11828 Long Beach Blvd, Lynwood, CA 90262-4328. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Valentin Munoz, 1714 E. 107th St., Los Angeles, CA 90002, Rosalina Munoz, 1714 E. 107th St., Los Angeles, CA 90002 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/: Valentin Munoz, Rosalina Munoz This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 2/6/06. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0284953 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Stringless, 26677 Whitehorn Drive, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA . The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Jeff Kaing, 26677 Whitehorn Drive, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275 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/: Jeff Kaing

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0307548 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Trust Number One, 848 Molino Ave, Long Beach, CA 90804. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Kevin Pugh, 848 Molino Ave, Long Beach, CA 90804 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/: Kevin Pugh

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0284994 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as VMS Entertainment, 11115 Magnolia, 132, North Hollywood, CA 91601. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Victor Sanchez, 11115 Magnolia Blvd, North Hollywood, CA 91601 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/: Victor Sanchez This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 2/7/2006. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 2/20/2006, 2/27/2006, 3/6/2006, 3/13/2006

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0284924 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Wienerschnitzel #38, 1125 W. Carson St., Torrance, CA 90502. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Maurice Perez, 2374 Harbor Blvd., 104, Costa Mesa, CA 92626, Rosa Corona, 2374 Harbor Blvd., 104, Costa Mesa, CA 92626, Rosa Corona This Business is being conducted by, husband and wife. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Maurice Perez, Rosa Corona This statement was filed with the County Clerk of

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Name Changes

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. SS014085

Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles Petition of LOUANA MARIE SEIBOLD for Change of Name

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

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

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

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

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

Date: JANUARY 19, 2006

LINDA K. LEFKOWITZ

Judge of the Superior Court

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