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MUHAMMAD

SMC student focuses on gang lifestyle

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMC After the storm of foster care, domestic abuse and gang violence had passed, Jabril Muhammad found his voice.

It's a voice that comes through in an independently-produced film that tells the story of a boy who much like Muhammad experienced a challenging life growing up in the gang-ridden streets of Los Angeles, fighting the external forces that tried to draw him into violence.

The story is told in a 2008 film that was written by the 20-year-old Santa Monica College student, who also stars as the main character, J.B.

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Customers standing up

City Attorney investigates furniture business

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Special to the Daily Press

DOWNTOWN The Santa Monica City Attorney has opened an investigation against a local business that many customers have accused of not delivering promised merchandise.

Former clients said that Cozi Couch, a furniture store chain headquartered at 700 Wilshire Blvd. in Santa Monica, requires cash upfront for custom-made furniture and then delivers only a host of broken promises and excuses.

If the order is delivered, customers report, it is extremely late and often wrong.

Deputy City Attorney Paula Rockenstein began receiving complaints in January against the company.

"The office has received a few complaints and we have made some contact," Rockenstein said. "We want to be thorough. We need all the information from consumers that we can get."

The general nature of the complaints, Rockenstein said, was that the clients paid on a piece of specialty made furniture and never received it. According to one civil suit from 2008, 11 promised delivery times came and went, and still the purchase was never received.

There have been fewer complaints about furniture bought off the floor.

The Santa Monica store manager, Cory Iturribarria, said that the delays were due to a move of production facilities to a larger factory and problems that ensued. The factory was not ready when they initially moved in and the City of Los Angeles shut it down due to code violations.

"A lot of our laborers quit because they

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MAKING THE EXTRA EFFORT

Morgan Genser *news@smdp.com*

Santa Monica High School point guard Kristina Johnson (left) wrestles with Crescenta Valley High School's Stephine Ziemann for a loose ball on Saturday at Samohi. The Vikings won the California Interscholastic Southern Section Division I-A second round playoff game, 60-30. The Vikings will face Chino Hills on the road during the third round of this season's playoffs on Wednesday. This will be the third season in a row that Samohi advanced to the third round. The two previous visits resulted in losses for the Vikings.

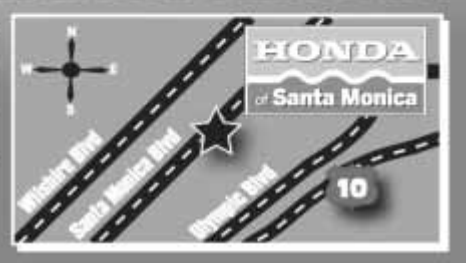

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Ocean Park Branch Library
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Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2009

Kickin' it with Kiwanis

Santa Monica YMCA
1332 Sixth St., noon — 1:30 p.m.
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JUST LIKE NOLA

Fabian Lewkowicz *Fabian.Lewkowicz.com*

People walk along the Venice Boardwalk during the Eighth Annual Mardi Gras Parade on Saturday. 'Mardi Gras' (m·r`de gr·) means 'Fat Tuesday.'

Race between big city mayors loses steam

BY NOAKI SCHWARTZ
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES It would have been like no other mayoral race.

The American Lung Association billed it as a battle of the buff: wiry Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, 56, against hunky San Francisco counterpart Gavin Newsom, 42. The race up more than 1,000 steps to promote clean air would have been a warm-up to the potential gubernatorial race between the two toothy, telegenic politicians.

Despite a near 15-year age disadvantage and 180 more steps to climb while inhaling some of the country's worst air, Villaraigosa would not get any handicap, said Andy Weisser, a lung association spokesman.

But either the association jumped the gun sending out its press release before the leaders signed on or the mayors got cold feet about competing in an event that could have turned into a photo flop. A revised release issued a week later made it clear the spring contest was between the cities.

Analysts wondered if neither camp wanted to risk embarrassing photos of their coifed stars sweating, losing or — worst of all — stumbling.

"Photo opps are always high pay off, high risk," said Dan Schnur, a former adviser to Gov. Pete Wilson and director of the Jesse Unruh Institute of Politics. "The highest risk photo opps are asking a politician to compete in an athletic event against a potential political opponent."

The political landscape is littered with photo mishaps.

The picture of 1988 Presidential candidate Michael Dukakis with a goofy grin while wearing a huge helmet aboard a tank was turned into an ad ridiculing him as soft on defense. Similarly, when a photo of John Kerry windsurfing made the candidate look effete, it was used in a commercial calling him a flip-flopper during the 2004 campaign.

Both Villaraigosa and Newsom are considered top Democratic contenders in the race for California governor if they decide to run.

"Everyone is looking at everyone else for some sign of weakness when the campaign begins," said Kareem Crayton, who teaches

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'Wrestler' pins best pic award

BY DAVID GERMAIN
AP Movie Writer

SANTA MONICA The sports comeback tale "The Wrestler" was picked as best picture Saturday at the Spirit Awards honoring independent film and won two other prizes, including best actor for Mickey Rourke.

A tuneup for the Academy Awards which took place Sunday, the Spirit Awards featured several winners also up for Oscars, including three of the four acting choices — Rourke, best-actress recipient Melissa Leo for "Frozen River" and supporting-actress pick Penelope Cruz for "Vicky Cristina Barcelona."

Rourke gave a prolonged, hilarious, expletive-laden acceptance speech, dedicating the award to Loki, his beloved Chihuahua that died six days earlier, and thanking everyone from his director, Darren Aronofsky, to the wrestling community. He mentioned that he had just talked with the Santa Monica Police Department, which "gave me a bed to sleep in 10 years ago," when Rourke was in the midst of the bad-boy behavior that made him a Hollywood has-been until his comeback in recent years with films such as "Sin City" and "The Wrestler."

The film stars Rourke as a washed-up former star with a last shot at glory in the ring. It also took the cinematography award for Maryse Alberti. The crowd gave Rourke a standing ovation and he received hugs and backslaps from audience members as he headed to the stage.

"I didn't realize how many closet Mickey Rourke fans there were," Aronofsky said backstage. "That's been the biggest surprise of the whole trip."

Momentarily forgetting co-star Marisa Tomei's name, Rourke later complimented her for her role as a stripper in "The Wrestler," which earned her a supporting-actress Oscar nomination.

"Not many girls can climb the pole," Rourke said. "She climbed the pole, and she did it well."

Right after Rourke's speech, Tom McCarthy won the best-director award for the immigrant drama "The Visitor."

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Do the right thing, City Council

Editor:

Santa Monica City Council will soon be acting to fill the seat vacated by member Herb Katz, who, sadly, passed on Jan. 7. Since then, much has been said about what council should next "look like." Some have voiced that the city would benefit having a more resident-representative roster. A number think there should be a different gender- and ethnicity-mix on the dais. Age, experience, place of residence, even privilege status have been mentioned as elements worth considering in deciding now. Too, [SMDP columnist]Kenny Mack's "Council should call for a special election" [page 5, Feb. 11], offered a very thoughtful (and eloquently-put) view about just how this vacancy-filling process might yet be handled [i.e., Should council have difficulty appointing from among candidate applications it has recently solicited.]

But, whoa!

Before entertaining any such suggested vacancy-filling needs or actions – and even ignoring all the other national/global attention-getting events occurring while such talking proceeds – one keystone factor which seems to trump all the others as this vacant-seat action moves toward resolution deserves attention first:

We just had a most-engaging (and expensive) election! Remember Nov. 4?

Consider this ... Had the city suffered the great loss of Mr. Katz it did just before, on, or even immediately after that voting day just over two months ago (instead of later on Jan. 7 when he died), is there much doubt that the candidate who garnered the most votes after those Mr. Katz accrued then would already be in the vacated-seat attending to duties?

If we truly believe that is it "democracy" which makes societies most fair and workable for people, and that democracies cannot endure or function well-enough without citizens respecting the "rules of law" which guide them, then we dare not flout what is the appropriate next-step, nor waste further time, energy, or money with needless other actions in this seat-filling matter.

Now we need simply honor the next-in-line will of Santa Monica residents, as already on-record in the voting tallies of Nov. 4. Doing anything else would be, for various important reasons, both silly and a travesty.

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Bill Bauer

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Expo Line veers off track

THE BIG ISSUE WITH THE PROPOSED Expo Light Rail Line is its route through Santa Monica between Cloverfield Boulevard and the Fourth Street terminus. Metro, the county transit agency building the line, originally recommended Olympic Boulevard. Inexplicably, City Hall countered with Colorado Avenue.

Preliminary plans call for Expo to enter the city on a Metro right-of-way parallel to Exposition Boulevard. Dual tracks would proceed westerly, bridging over Cloverfield/Olympic and descend to street level near 20th Street. They would continue down the Olympic median until near 11th Street where tracks would rise to cross over Lincoln Boulevard and freeway off ramps before terminating at an elevated station at Fourth and Colorado (now Sears Automotive).

The Olympic route would necessitate the removal of the grassy median, coral trees, traffic lanes and some street parking.

The Colorado alternative preferred by City Hall would include the Cloverfield/Olympic flyover and ground level tracks running to Colorado instead of to Olympic. The route would extend to Fourth and a ground level terminal — most likely with multiple floors of affordable apartments above.

This route requires the removal of two traffic lanes and some parking on Colorado. Because tracks run street level for 16 blocks, there are substantial safety and gridlock issues. Vocal Crossroads School parents favor Colorado because they think it's safer for students — a half-cocked assertion that sounds like something City Hall bureaucrats or consultants would make up.

If safety is their concern, they'd insist on trains above or below grade such as activist Damien Goodmon is campaigning for in Los Angeles near Dorsey High School. They're far safer than surface trains, irrespective of the street.

Metro had it right. Olympic is the best choice. I'd recommend elevating all track from Cloverfield/Olympic to Fourth Street. While it's more expensive than ground construction, elevated right-of-way is faster, not affected by surface traffic and virtually accident-proof. The wider Olympic is one block closer to Santa Monica College whose 30,000 students would be key Expo riders.

Metro's Blue Line is at grade on Washington Boulevard in Downtown Los Angeles. According to published reports (as of December or 2008) there have been 172 accidents and 28 deaths on the Blue Line in the past five years and over 796 accidents and 88 deaths in its 17 years of operation. It's the most accident-prone and deadly light rail stretch in the country. Conversely, Metro's Green Line with its 100 percent elevated right-of-way has had no deaths and zero accidents in nearly as many years of operation. Which do we want for Santa Monica?

A community meeting held Tuesday night was a mixture of useful information, wishful thinking and rank stupidity. Jeffrey Tumlin, a principal in Nelson\Nygaard, the firm that's advising on updates to the city's Land Use and Circulation Element, moderated.

"There would be no significant traffic impacts," Tumlin stated. Hogwash! The removal of traffic lanes on Olympic or Colorado will substantially reduce traffic carrying capacity. Trains will run at five minute intervals during peak periods. That's 24 trains crossing Stewart Street, 20th, 17th, 14th and 11th streets on Olympic plus Lincoln Seventh, Sixth and Fifth streets on Colorado each hour! Can you say "impassable cross streets?"

Crossings would be ungated, increasing the risk of collisions. According to www.FixExpo.org, "92 percent of all vehicular accidents and 76 percent of all total accidents occur at Blue Line crossings without gates, despite the fact it only accounts for 25-percent of track."

With City Hall likely to prioritize traffic signals to favor trains, removing traffic lanes, eliminating dozens of left turns and creating lengthy crossing delays, there will be horrific traffic impacts.

Tumlin, who's a "transportation planner" not a traffic engineer says, "Transportation is not an end in itself but a means by which we achieve the larger goals of the community… its social component and economic component." Sheesh! I thought Expo was about relieving worsening traffic congestion, not correcting social inequity.

Take this gem: Tumlin extolled the virtues of ground level stations, "surrounded by the community." He says elevated platforms are not as pleasant an experience as platforms at ground level. Personally, I'd rather be up high enjoying the view rather than eating dirt, avoiding noise and sucking smog from vehicle exhaust down below. The truth is surface tracks divide and separate the community, not unite it.

We better start thinking of Expo as transportation and forget all the cockeyed theories, pseudo-political correctness and social mumbo-jumbo. Santa Monica deserves the best. Whatever is decided now, we'll be stuck with for the next hundred years. City Council will vote on a preferred route March 3.

Let's start thinking smart. The safest, fastest and most expedient plan is the Olympic corridor with elevated trains on their own dedicated right-of-way. Anything else is a disaster in the making.

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That Rutherford Guy

John H. Whitehead
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Why is religion taboo in American schools?

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE ARE GROWING up in a world in which God is the new four-letter word. Look around and you will find that while it is permissible for children in many public school systems and homes to read novels with graphic language and watch sexually explicit commercials on TV, talking about God or religion is taboo.

Few objections are raised over the kind of music kids are listening to on their MP3-players at school during non-instructional time. However, lawsuits are constantly being filed over whether students should observe a moment of silence at the start of the school day. One incident perfectly illustrates my point recently came across my desk.

Wade, a fourth grader from Colorado. Wade's class was given a "Hero" assignment, which required each student to pick a hero, research the person and write an essay. The student would then dress up and portray the chosen hero as part of a "live wax museum" and give an oral report in front of the class.

However, when the 9-year-old chose Jesus as his hero, school officials immediately insisted that he pick another hero. (You have to wonder whether school officials would have objected had Wade chosen the Dalai Lama — or even the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. — as his hero.) After Wade's parents objected, the school proposed a compromise: Wade could write the essay on Jesus. He could even dress up like Jesus for the "wax museum." However, he would have to present his oral report to his teacher in private, with no one else present, rather than in front of the classroom like the other students.

The message to young Wade, of course, was two-fold: first, Jesus is not a worthy hero, and second, Jesus is someone to be ashamed of and kept hidden from public view. Yet do we really want our young people to grow up believing that freedom of speech means that you're free to talk about anything as long as you don't mention God or Jesus?

Much of the credit for this state of affairs can be chalked up to secularist organizations that have worked relentlessly to drive religion from public life. John Leo, a former contributing editor at U.S. News and World Report, painted a grim picture of those who operate under the so-called guise of safeguarding the separation of church and state so that all faiths might flourish. Leo's article, written seven years ago, was an eerie foreshadowing of our current state of affairs:

"History textbooks have been scrubbed clean of religious references and holidays scrubbed of all religious references and symbols. Some intellectuals now contend that arguments by religious people should be out of bounds in public debate, unless, of course, they agree with the elites."

Unfortunately, as the many cases that I deal with demonstrate, things have only gotten worse since John Leo wrote those words. How do we explain why these instances of discrimination have become the rule, rather than the exception?

Plain and simple, an elite segment of society that views God as irrelevant has come to predominate. As Christopher Lasch details in his book "The Revolt of the Elites and the Betrayal of Democracy" (1995):

"Public life is thoroughly secularized. The separation of church and state, nowadays interpreted as prohibiting any public recognition of religion at all, is more deeply entrenched in America than anywhere else. Religion has been relegated to the sidelines of public debate."

Those who have adopted this secular outlook frequently cite the "wall of separation between church and state" as justification for censoring, silencing and discriminating against religious individuals, especially in the public schools.

In fact, the historical record reveals that religion was integrated into the early public school curriculum. Textbooks referred to God without embarrassment, and public schools considered one of their major tasks to be the development of moral character through the teaching of religion.

While the cultural landscape has changed greatly since the founding of the country, one thing has not: America still stands for freedom and pluralism. What this demands is an equal voice for all viewpoints. This includes religion. If we do not maintain this ideal, then the only alternative is a form of secular society and government that respects no one's freedom or opinions at all.

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The Q Line

Making tracks

The Expo Light Rail Line is coming to Santa Monica, but which route it takes is still a subject of debate. The pair of routes being kicked around would either have the line make its way down Colorado Avenue to the terminus or travel along Olympic Boulevard.

So this week's Q-Line question asks:

Which route do you think the rail line should take and why?

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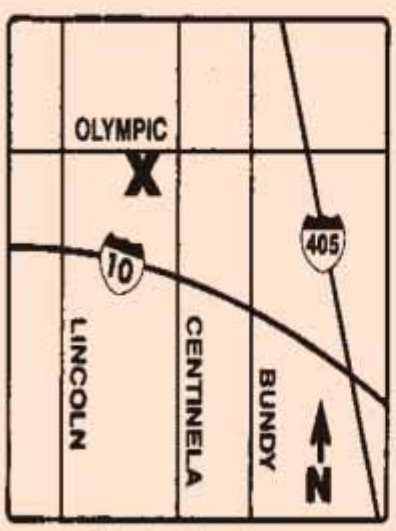
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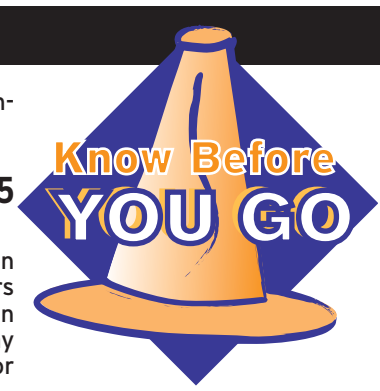
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"Know Before You Go" is a weekly update on construction projects throughout Santa Monica.

Annenberg Community Beach House (415 Pacific Coast Hwy.)
Beach Parking Lot 10 will be closed for rehabilitation until project completion in early 2009. Beach users are advised to use the beach bike path or park in Beach Lot 9, just south of Lot 10. The self-pay machine in Lot 9 allows payment for either all-day or two-hour parking.

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

Back On the Beach Café (445 Pacific Coast Highway)
Beach Parking Lot 10 will be closed for rehabilitation until project completion in early 2009. Beach users are advised to use the beach bike path or park in Beach Lot 9, just south of Lot 10. The self-pay machine in Lot 9 offers either all-day or two-hour parking.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bicknell Street Greening Project
Construction is underway. Crews will be working on both sides of Bicknell from Ocean Avenue to Neilson Way. The work may temporarily block sidewalk travel and parking locations in the area. Driveway access will remain available to residents. Please follow posted detour signs and flag men direction.

Euclid Court Project
Grinding, concrete gutter and asphalt paving will start on Feb. 23, 2009 in the 1800 & 1900 block of Euclid Court. Parking enforcement and other public safety agencies have been notified. Please follow posted detour signs and flag men direction to ensure your safety.

Pier Storm Drain Project
Construction is underway. Crews will be staging in the 1550 lot, and will be working underneath and adjacent to the Santa Monica Municipal Pier. This work will temporarily block the bike path for a few days. The exact date of bike path closures will be posted as soon as it is scheduled. Please follow posted detour signs and flag men direction to ensure your safety.

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

Earth Talk

By the editors of E Magazine

Send comments to editor@smdp.com



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SWEET MUSIC: **Guitars on the Gibson assembly line. Gibson, along with guitar makers Taylor, Fender, Martin, Guild, Walden and Yamaha, have signed onto Greenpeace's Music Wood Coalition, with the hope of protecting threatened forest habitats and safeguarding the future of trees critical in the manufacturing of instruments of all kinds.**

Environmentalism rocks

Dear EarthTalk

I'm a musician and am curious about what the guitar industry is doing to ensure that the wood it uses is not destroying forests.

Chris Wiedemann
Ronkonkoma, NY

THOUGH IT HAS NOT RECEIVED A LOT of press to date, the industry is on the case — in part for the sake of its own survival, and thanks to the hard work of a handful of green groups, guitar makers and wood suppliers.

In 1996, Gibson, one of the world's premier guitar brands, became the first in the industry to make some of its instruments using wood certified as "sustainably harvested" by the non-profit Forest Stewardship Council (FSC). By 2006, some 42 percent of the wood purchased by the company for its Gibson USA electric guitars came from FSC-certified sources. By 2012, Gibson expects to increase that to 80 percent.

Gibson isn't the only instrument maker greening up its footprint: Taylor, Fender, Martin, Guild, Walden and Yamaha, along with Gibson, have signed on as partners with the Music Wood Coalition, a project of the leading environmental non-profit Greenpeace. The coalition, which is also made up of a half-dozen tonewood suppliers, hopes its efforts will protect threatened forest habitats and safeguard the future of trees critical in manufacturing instruments of all kinds. Eco-advocates and guitar makers alike fear that the spruce, maple, mahogany, ebony and rosewood trees that have been the foundation of the wooden instrument industry for years are being cut down faster than they can be replaced.

The coalition's initial focus is on halting the aggressive deforestation going on in Southeast Alaska. Greenpeace has been in talks with Sealaska Timber Corporation, one of the biggest logging operations in Alaska, to get 190,000 acres of the company's privately owned Southeast Alaska timberland — a prime source of Sitka spruce, a wood coveted by instrument makers for its use in guitar soundboards — certified by FSC. Greenpeace Forest Campaign Coordinator Scott Paul views getting these forestlands certified as an important win-win opportunity for Sealaska, which wants to maintain a viable income stream, and for instrument makers who need a dependable source of resonant, durable and beautiful woods.

"These [private] lands are going to be logged," says Paul. But with FSC oversight, he says, the forests can be managed sustainably. And the process is already underway, with the first part of the two-step certification process already completed. "Our goal is to create a demand…for FSC certified 'good wood' as the only acceptable music wood from the North American coastal temperate rainforest," adds Paul.

Guitar makers know that the woods they've used for years might not continue to be had at the quantities and low prices they're used to, but they are willing to adapt: "Alternative woods are the key to successful guitars," says Bob Taylor of Taylor Guitars, which has been a pioneer in the use of exotic and sustainably harvested tonewoods in their high quality acoustic guitars. "But the market needs to go there all together."

Tradition is a huge driving force, agrees Paul. "Players expect a spruce soundboard, a mahogany neck, an ebony or rosewood bridge." There needs to be a leap of faith in changing markets, he says, where people are becoming more environmentally conscious.

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Hawaii is latest civil unions battleground

BBY MARK NIESSE
Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU Hawaii, the state that adopted the nation's first "defense of marriage" constitutional amendment a decade ago, has now become the latest battleground in the fight for same-sex civil unions.

It would become the fifth state to legalize the alternative to gay marriage if the Democrat-dominated Legislature and Republican governor approve a civil union law. The measure was passed by the state House this month but it now faces the Senate, where a divided committee is to vote Tuesday.

Republican Gov. Linda Lingle has declined to comment on the issue and it's unclear whether she would veto the bill.

Gay rights organizations argue that civil unions would promote basic equality in the nation's most ethnically diverse state, but opponents fear the erosion of an island culture that values conventional family ties.

"Society in general is becoming more accepting," said Suzanne King, a real estate office manager who is raising her 9-year-old daughter, Shylar Young, with her partner of nearly 28 years, Tambry Young. "It's not unusual to come upon a gay family. There isn't this fear that by giving us rights, it's going to reduce the traditional family."

King and Young said they want a civil union law so gay couples can more easily adopt children, share health benefits and gain hospital visitation rights. They plan to enter into a civil union if the measure becomes law.

Religious groups have been taking out newspaper ads, setting up Web sites and holding rallies urging lawmakers to preserve traditional marriage.

One anti-gay Web site includes photos of two men kissing each other and others apparently in gay pride parades. It warns of a bad influence on Hawaii "keiki," the Hawaiian word for children.

The Mormon church, which campaigned in California last year for a gay marriage ban, has not openly rallied opposition to civil unions in Hawaii this year. But some members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints have been sharing e-mails urging people to calls their legislators opposing the bill.

"In Hawaii, people still believe in traditional marriage and the sanctity of marriage," said Dennis Arakaki, executive director of the Hawaii Family Forum, which also represents the Hawaii Catholic Conference. "There's no indication that values or perspectives have changed."

Only Massachusetts and Connecticut allow gay marriage, while Vermont, Connecticut, New Jersey and New Hampshire allow civil unions. Californians voted in November to overturn a court ruling that allowed gay marriage, but the state still offers domestic partnerships that guarantee the same rights as marriage.

That means Hawaii could become the only Western state to give governmental blessing to same-sex unions.

"Our wedding industry would have a huge potential increase in business purely because there are people who would rather come to the islands rather than go to the East Coast to have a civil union performed," said the Rev. Mike John Hough of Kauai Island Weddings. "Some people say it's just marriage by another name, and that may be true. It's a perfect compromise."

In 1998, nearly 70 percent of Hawaii voters approved a constitutional amendment granting the state Legislature the power to reserve marriage for opposite-sex couples. The "defense of marriage" amendment, now in more than half of state constitutions, resulted in a law banning gay marriage in Hawaii but left the door open for civil unions.

The amendment negated a 1993 Hawaii Supreme Court ruling that found refusing to grant marriage licenses to same-sex couples was discriminatory.

Since 1998, Hawaii's Legislature has considered civil unions several times, most recently in 2007, but the bills never made it out of their committees.

This year, the House Judiciary Committee passed the measure by a 12-0 vote, and the full House approved it 33-17, one vote short of the two-thirds majority needed to override a potential veto.

Attitudes have changed, said state Rep. Blake Oshiro, who sponsored this year's bill."People are more tolerant and accepting of diversity and recognizing the need for equality," said Oshiro, a Democrat.

Val Kilmer, other celebs let the good times roll in New Orleans

BY STACEY PLAISANCE
Associated Press Writer

NEW ORLEANS With a brass band playing in the background, actor Val Kilmer signed autographs Friday for patients at Children's Hospital in New Orleans and handed out doubloons — popular souvenir coins thrown from floats during Carnival.

Kilmer, this year's King of Bacchus, is one of a host of celebrities in town for the big weekend leading up to Mardi Gras. Kilmer got the good times rolling with the visit to Louisiana's only full-service hospital dedicated to treating children.

It's a tradition held by every reigning Bacchus for more than 25 years.

"It's so exciting to be back in New Orleans," Kilmer said as he scribbled his autograph on a piece of paper. He recalled the weeks he spent in the city in 2006 for the filming of the movie "Deja Vu," which also starred Oscar winner Denzel Washington and Paula Patton.

"We had so much fun, blowing stuff up," Kilmer said, referring to a scene in the movie in which a ferry is blown up on the Mississippi River.

On a more serious note, Kilmer said he is happy to see that after more than two years, the city and its people have come a long way in their recovery from Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

"There's such a great spirit among the people here," he said. "They are so real, so authentic, and it's lovely to be able to be around people who have that authenticity to them."

Though more than a dozen celebrities will be in town through Fat Tuesday, Kilmer has one of the busiest schedules. As Bacchus, he will be attending costume fittings and a private party in his honor, riding in the Bacchus parade Sunday night and then attending the Bacchus ball.

Kilmer said he is making his Mardi Gras experience a family affair. His two children — daughter Mercedes Kilmer and son Jack Kilmer, both teenagers from his relationship with ex-wife Joanne Whalley — were to arrive in New Orleans Friday night.

And Jack Kilmer is serving as a page on dad's float.

Other celebrities taking part in Mardi Gras are Kid Rock, Jim Belushi, Joan Rivers and Bryan Batt. In all, there will be more than a dozen singers, actors and comedians among the hundreds of thousands of revelers in town to see the more than a dozen Carnival krewes and glittery floats that will parade through New Orleans and its suburbs.

One celebrity who won't be attending the festivities, however, is Louisiana native Britney Spears. Her publicist said the pop star will not arrive in New Orleans until after the city celebrates Mardi Gras for the launch of her "Circus" concert tour on March 3.

But fans will still have plenty of other musical acts to enjoy. Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds is the featured entertainment Friday for the Zulu organization's ball, which is marking 100 years, while Kid Rock is performing at the Krewe of Endymion's ball after that group's parade Saturday night. On Sunday night, Troy "Trombone Shorty" Andrews and rapper Juvenile are performing at the famed Tipitina's night club.

On Monday, Belushi, star of ABC's "According to Jim," is performing after the Krewe of Orpheus parade with his band, The Sacred Hearts Band. They're part of the entertainment lineup for those attending the Orpheus ball.

Belushi, Rivers, actor Bryan Batt and singer Josh Gracin will ride Monday in Orpheus, which was co-founded by New Orleans native singer Harry Connick Jr., who will be in the parade as well.

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SEC missed numerous red flags surrounding Stanford

BY MARCY GORDON
AP Business Writer

WASHINGTON For years, there were red flags — so many they could have massed into a crimson blanket.

As with the Bernard Madoff case, the scandal surrounding billionaire R. Allen Stanford now seems clear and obvious in hindsight. Yet Stanford managed to run his alleged scheme while the Securities and Exchange Commission and other regulators stood by, well after he arose on their radar screens.

From his tiny accounting firm's office near a North London fish-and-chips shop to certificates of deposit promising outsized returns sold by a bank in Antigua, ample warning signs over the years suggested Stanford's business wasn't what it seemed.

Among them:

• A finding by regulators in June 2007 that Stanford's company lacked enough capital to function properly as a securities brokerage firm. The company paid $20,000 to settle charges by the National Association of Securities Dealers without admitting or denying them.

• Stanford's businesses were inspected and investigated several times, starting in 2006 by the SEC and in 2004 by the NASD, the brokerage industry's self-policing group, now called the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, or FINRA. NASD's scrutiny resulted in several disciplinary actions: the regulator fined his brokerage company four times, with penalties totaling $70,000, for violations that included misleading investors in sales materials about the risks of the CDs.

• A 2006 lawsuit by a former employee alleging that Stanford's company ran a Ponzi scheme. Two other ex-employees asserted in a suit in January 2008 that Stanford's Antigua bank, Stanford International Bank Ltd., sold CDs based on inflated returns and had destroyed documents.

• A board of directors that included Stanford's father, his college roommate and a family friend who remained on the board years after suffering a debilitating stroke.

• The Antigua-based accounting firm that audited the offshore bank was tiny and little known.

• A 1999 Treasury Department advisory that warned U.S. banks to scrutinize transactions involving Antigua. It said a new regulator in Antigua was essentially a captive of offshore banks it was meant to supervise. (The advisory was lifted in 2001.)

Last week, the SEC accused Stanford in a civil lawsuit of a "massive" fraud. It said he peddled sham promises and funneled investors' money into real estate and other assets not easily turned into cash. FBI agents in Houston are running a parallel investigation.

Stanford, who was served legal papers by FBI agents last week, hasn't been charged with any crime.

Coming after the Madoff scandal, the case of another politically connected financier accused of a global fraud has deepened doubts about the SEC's oversight of such cases.

And it's led some to wonder whether the SEC chose to fast-track its case against Stanford only after the uproar over its failure to detect the alleged Madoff fraud. SEC investigators began interviewing Stanford employees in January, just weeks after Madoff's arrest.

"This is another black day for the SEC, unfortunately," said James Cox, a Duke University law professor and securities law expert. "It's deja vu all over again."

The SEC is reviewing Stanford's regulatory history and the agency's actions, spokesman John Nester said. He declined to comment on whether the SEC missed or downplayed warning signs about Stanford's companies.

The SEC began investigating Stanford's businesses in October 2006 but was asked by another, unidentified federal agency to suspend its inquiry, an SEC official in Texas told news organizations last week. Nester wouldn't confirm that the SEC's investigation began then or identify the other agency. But he said the SEC cooperated with law enforcement agencies with criminal authority.

The complexity of the SEC's inquiry slowed its pace, Nester said, noting that key documents were located outside the U.S.

The lawsuit filed in 2006 by ex-Stanford employee Lawrence DeMaria was settled out of court. The suit brought in January 2008 by two financial advisers at Stanford International Bank has entered arbitration proceedings before FINRA. The bank claims that the advisers owe money it advanced to them.

Parallels between the Stanford and Madoff cases are striking.

The swashbuckling Stanford, 58, with a personal fortune pegged at $2.2 billion by Forbes magazine, allegedly attracted $8 billion in investors' money. He donated to campaigns of U.S. lawmakers and bankrolled public works and sports teams. He was knighted in Antigua.

Stanford's enterprises in Antigua include a newspaper, restaurants, a development company and the ornately landscaped Stanford cricket grounds. Stanford owns private jets and homes in Antigua, Texas, Florida and the U.S. Virgin Islands, and runs businesses from Houston to Miami to Antigua to Switzerland.

He lured investors from Latin America who worried about stability in their home countries or currencies.

As for Madoff, he was long a high-powered figure on Wall Street, a former chairman of the Nasdaq Stock Market who served on SEC advisory committees.

Official: Investigator to lead stimulus oversight

BY PHILIP ELLIOTT
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON President Barack Obama plans to announce Monday a former Secret Service agent who helped expose lobbyists' corruption at the Interior Department as his pick to oversee the $787 billion economic stimulus plan.

Obama is set to name Earl Devaney as chairman of the new Recovery Act Transparency and Accountability Board, an administration official said Sunday. Vice President Joe Biden also will be given a role coordinating oversight of stimulus spending.

The official spoke on the condition of anonymity because the White House had not made public the announcement.

Devaney, the inspector general of the Interior Department, helped turn up disgraced lobbyist Jack Abramoff's dealings at the department. The department's No. 2 official, Steven Griles, pleaded guilty to charges he lied during congressional testimony based in part on Devaney's investigation.

Italia Federici, co-founder of the Council of Republicans for Environmental Advocacy, and former Interior Department official Roger Stillwell also pleaded guilty to charges stemming from the Interior investigation.

Obama has pledged the Recovery Act Transparency and Accountability Board to be an at-large body to oversee how the government spends billions allocated to help the flailing U.S. economy. But with dozens of agencies and departments involved, Obama wanted a central group to independently monitor where those funds are going.

Obama also planned to tap Biden to meet regularly with Cabinet members, governors and mayors to make sure their efforts were quick and effective. His reports to Obama are expected to be posted at the administration Web site devoted to the bill, Recovery.gov.

Obama was set to announce Devaney during a Monday meeting with governors, who have largely supported the economic stimulus package because it will direct billions to their states for schools, roads and technology.

In addition to the Abramoff investigation, Devaney led a separate investigation into workers at the Minerals Management Service, part of the Interior Department. His review found a "culture of substance abuse and promiscuity" at the Denver and Washington offices of the service.

He has served as the inspector general — or in-house auditor — of the Interior Department since 1999.

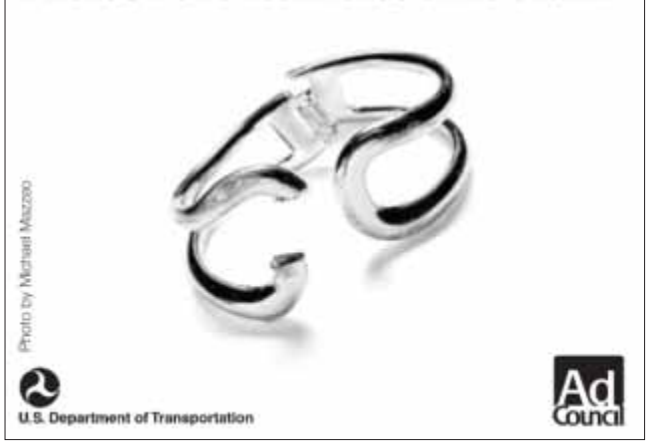
Devaney worked as a senior official with the Secret Service, retiring in 1991. He then worked as head of criminal enforcement at the Environmental Protection Agency.

A native of Massachusetts, Devaney earned a degree from Franklin and Marshall College.

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Clients claim never to have received purchases

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were out a job for two or three weeks," Iturribarria said. "In the midst of this, the holidays came. A lot of our suppliers close before that week before Thanksgiving and the week before Christmas, so we're forced to close."

As a result, orders made around August of 2008 were unusually delayed. The company promises its clients delivery between six to eight weeks.

"Whatever we're late with, we are offering complimentary gifts," Iturribarria said.

Some have received that gift, a custom-made ottoman. Most are lacking both gift and their original order.

Arrienne Lezak purchased a custom couch from Cozi Couch Sept. 29, 2008. Her sister, Loralee Lezak, had bought furniture off the floor of the store for her own home between 2005 and 2006 and had a great experience. Her furniture was delivered on time and the mattress she ordered later also arrived without incident.

Arrienne Lezak wasn't so lucky.

Her couch didn't arrive on time, and when she called to ask, she was told, "A couch isn't like pizza."

"I was treated rudely and got the same excuses as everyone else," Lezak said.

Lezak plans to sue Cozi Couch for her $3,000.

"It's not normal for me to trust people. In this case I let my guard down," she said. "It's not the money, not the couch, it's that I trusted someone and they let me down. I'm not letting them get away with that."

Cameron Richardson bought a custom couch in October 2008. The store promised her the couch in two months time. Come December, she was informed it would be ready by January. In January she was told February.

"They said there was something wrong with the piping [on the couch]," she said. "Then we had to switch factories and all that kind of stuff. It just never came.

"I've never been robbed before, but I feel like I've been robbed."

Her boyfriend, an interior designer, custom ordered a couch around the same time for one of his clients. Richardson said the combined cost of their purchases was $10,000 and the company refuses to reimburse them.

The company has an F-rating with the Better Business Bureau. According to the Web site, the Better Business Bureau assigns an "F" when they "strongly question a company's reliability," particularly when there are a number of complaints and the complaints contain serious allegations.

There are 25 registered complaints against Cozi Couch, which, according to Lona Luckett of the Better Business Bureau in the Southland, "is quite a lot."

"If we get a lot of complaints on a specific company and if all the complaints are of a serious and similar nature, we can identify the company has a problem with a side of their business," Luckett. "This company should have a customized report pointing that out."



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THE SCENE: **People walk by Cozi Couch on Seventh Street and Wilshire Boulevard.**

The complaints lodged with the Better Business Bureau against Cozi Couch's various store locations go back to 2002.

Litigation against Cozi Couch goes back almost as far.

Suits popped up all across Los Angeles County as far back as 2003.

Almost all plaintiffs against Cozi Couch have won their suits, but winning is only half the battle. Small claims cases can be difficult to collect upon because collection is a different process and fully the plaintiff's responsibility to pursue. Sometimes the cost is in excess of the amount won in the court case, if the defendant pays at all.

Cameron Richardson is at a loss.

"We're taking [the owner] to small claims court, but apparently even if you take them to court they're not paying the fines, they're not reimbursing people," she said. "So what do you do? You go through the legal system and that doesn't work either. Do we have any rights? Will we ever get our money back? You do the right thing, you go to court, and you still don't see the money."

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Student's film inspired by life experiences

FROM **SMC** PAGE 1

Recently screened at the Pan African Film and Arts Festival in Los Angeles, "Put It In a Book" was inspired by Muhammad's own struggles in life, going in and out of the foster care system, living with sickle cell anemia, and dealing with a father who was abusive toward his mother, who died when the aspiring actor was just 15.

The movie, which also stars actors Michael Ealy and Kerry Washington, tells the story of a young man confronted with the decision of going with a gang-free life or seeking revenge after his older brother is murdered. The film was directed by Rodrigo Garcia, who has directed shows such as "Six Feet Under" and "Carnivale."

The Make a Film Foundation produced the movie after discovering Muhammad when he was still a high school student, impressed to hear his vision of putting together a film that would talk about gang life in Los Angeles. It was an idea that came to Muhammad after taking part in a documentary in which he interviewed teens, former gang members and community activists who had been affected by gang violence. "Peace Process," which was released in 2006, was written and directed by Katina Parker.

"'Peace Process' sparked something in me," he said.

Make a Film was founded on the goal of giving young adults who have been diagnosed with a critical or terminal illness the opportunity to be involved in entertainment media. Muhammad was one of the first members recruited.

Tamika Lamison, co-founder of the foundation, said that she was immediately taken with Muhammad's vision.

"He already knew he wanted to create a story based on his environment that was about gangs and gang violence and being faced with a choice of going down the dark road of gang violence or a righteous road of creating a life for yourself," she said.

Muhammad grew up in different parts of the city, at various times living with his mother, grandmother, sister and older brother. He graduated from Los Angeles High School in 2007.

Today he is a sophomore at Santa Monica College where he is studying liberal arts, hoping to transfer to UCLA or USC and begin a career in acting.

"Despite all the challenges, I'm still a student, I'm still here, still alive and I haven't fallen yet," he said.

Muhammad credits his mentors with helping to keep him on track.

"If I didn't have people to actually care for me and help me and take care of me all the time, I would probably be in the streets gang banging," he said.

Muhammad then pointed to a copy of "Put It In a Book," adding, "This probably wouldn't be here."

The movie has been screened in several festivals, including Dances With Films and the Gordon Brothers Film Festival where it took home second place in the Audience Award category.

It is scheduled to be screened at the Hollywood Black Film Festival and the San Francisco Black Film Festival.

The filmmaking process has allowed Muhammad to flourish, Lamison said.

"(It) has helped him to focus his talents and his ideas and give him the boost that he needs to choose a path," she said. "Whenever I need a pick me up, I think of Jabril and the transformation he had throughout our organization."

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BIG MOMENT

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Members of the Santa Monica High School boys basketball team storm the court after senior Kunnu Shofu's last-second shot on Friday at Samohi. The late-game heroics helped the Vikings defeat Chaparral, 56-54, in the second round of the California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section Division I-A playoffs. The Vikings advance to play Perris on the road in the third round on Tuesday. Samohi is the no. 11 seed in the playoffs.

Price of gas up 3 cents across U.S.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CAMARILLO The Lundberg Survey of fuel prices says the average national price of gasoline increased 2.6 cents in the past two weeks.

Oil industry analyst Trilby Lundberg says the average price of regular gasoline Friday was $1.94 a gallon. The price of mid-grade was $2.07 a gallon and the price of premium was $2.19 a gallon.

Despite the increase, the price of regular gasoline is $1.16 below its level one year ago.

Of cities surveyed, the nation's lowest price was $1.60 in Cheyenne, Wyo. The highest price was $2.39 in Anchorage, Alaska.

Californians paid an average price of $2.27 per gallon for regular-grade gasoline.

Of the California cities surveyed, Los Angeles was the cheapest at $2.24. The highest price was $2.32 in Fresno.

Mayors decline to participate

FROM **RACE** PAGE 3

law and political science at University of Southern California Law School.

The annual stair climb seemed like a perfect opportunity for both men who have crowed about their jogging habits.

It also seemed like a good chance to battle over who has the greenest credentials — a key part of their platforms.

The race in San Francisco would send climbers 52 flights up the city's tallest building, 555 California, on March 28, while Los Angeles runners would climb 63 flights up the Aon Center on April 18. Both men would have been timed, but the winning team would be the one that raised the most money.

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Spirit Awards held on beach

FROM **SPIRIT** PAGE 3

"I feel like we should just stop the show after Mickey, because who could follow that, really?" McCarthy said.

Leo gave a whoop as she took the stage to collect her prize for "Frozen River," which got its start a year ago at the Sundance Film Festival, where it won the top dramatic honor. She stars as a destitute mother who stumbles into the immigrant-smuggling business with a Mohawk Indian woman along the U.S.-Canada border.

"You are my people. You know you are my people," Leo told the independent-cinema crowd at the awards luncheon in a tent along the Santa Monica beach. "'Frozen River' is a truly independent film."

The supporting honors went to Cruz as a combustible artist in a three-way relationship with her ex-husband and an American woman in Woody Allen's "Vicky Cristina Barcelona" and James Franco as a lover of slain gay-rights pioneer Harvey Milk in Gus Van Sant's "Milk."

Allen won the screenplay honor for "Vicky Cristina Barcelona," his romance that follows the affairs of two American women in Spain.

Cruz thanked Allen "just for letting me be around him. ... He's really the symbol of independence in our industry."

True to his neurotic nature, Allen abruptly departed the set on a pivotal day, when Cruz was to shoot a steamy kissing scene with Scarlett Johansson, Cruz said. Allen had found a freckle on his hand and wanted a dermatologist to examine it, she said.

"He just left, and I love him for that," Cruz said.

Franco said he was a longtime fan of Van Sant's films and signed on because of the talent involved with "Milk."

"When I heard this thing was happening with probably my favorite actor, Sean Penn, and it was such an important story, that was enough for me," said Franco, who added thanks to "everyone that was part of Harvey's life."

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Unrest in Caribbean has roots in slavery past

BY JONATHAN M. KATZ
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Associated Press Writers

POINTE-A-PITRE, Guadeloupe Protests that have nearly shut down the French Caribbean islands of Guadeloupe and Martinique are not just about demands for lower prices and higher wages: For demonstrators they are no less than a battle against the vestiges of slavery.

Afro-Caribbean islanders — most of whose forbears toiled in the sugarcane fields under the yoke of slavery more than 160 years ago — not only resent France's handling of the global economic crisis, they have long resented that slaveholders' descendants control the economy on both islands.

They also suspect that businesses earn too high a profit on goods, most of which are imported.

This resentment against the primarily white, elite slaveholder descendants, known as bekes (bay-KAY), has lent an especially sharp edge to weeks of demonstrations that at times have erupted in gunfire, arson, looting, and the death of one activist in Guadeloupe.

"They've got the money, they've got the power, they've got Guadeloupe," snapped protester Lollia Naily. "This is not a race thing. It is a money thing and it is a power thing."

Protesters in Martinique also have rejected the bekes, with frequent chants of "Martinique is ours, not theirs!" Bekes own most industries in Martinique — but represent only about 1 percent of the island's 401,000 residents.

Deep economic and social disparities divide France from its overseas possessions: Unemployment in Guadeloupe is about 23 percent, compared with 8 percent on mainland France, and 12 percent of islanders live in poverty, compared with 6 percent of mainlanders, according to the most recent statistics.

The conflict extends beyond the Caribbean: Islanders living in mainland France are relegated to low-level jobs and are absent from senior positions in business, the military and government, revealing a "color fracture in French society," said Patrick Lozes, head of the Representative Council of Black Associations.

Islanders demand that France treat them as equals — wherever they are living — and question why food is more expensive here than on the mainland.

"My ID says I'm French," said 28-year-old Philippe Delag. "Guadeloupe is part of France."

The island certainly looks the part: French flags fly from government buildings, and tiny Citroens and Peugeots whiz along well-maintained highways. Residents switch easily from Creole to French in conversations.

On one concrete median divider in Guadeloupe is the spray-painted message, "We want 200 euros," reflecting protesters' demands for a 200-euro ($250) monthly raise for low-paid workers, who now make roughly 900 ($1,130) a month.

The French government, which has insisted that any salary increases must come from the private sector, announced it could provide extra government benefits totaling nearly 200 ($250) extra a month for low-income workers.

And both sides in Martinique have reached an agreement that would lower prices on 100 products by 20 percent. Protest leaders and government officials are still negotiating to lower the costs of housing, gasoline, water and electricity.

But the problems extend beyond economics, protesters say.

Serge Romana, president of an association that commemorates the abolition of slavery in the French territories, said French President Nicolas Sarkozy "must absolutely abolish all traces of neocolonialism and vestiges of slavery in the overseas regions."

Sarkozy himself — who raised islanders' hackles when as interior minister in 2005 he endorsed a bill requiring textbooks to recognize the "positive role" of colonialism — acknowledged last week that old wounds still fester.

"I know the feeling of injustice that you have, given the inequalities and the discrimination," the president said in a television appearance on Thursday aimed at quelling the unrest. "How can we justify monopolies, overly high profits ... and, why not say it, forms of exploitation that should not have any place in the 21st century?"

In Paris, thousands of people took to the streets on Saturday to show their support for striking workers and to pay homage to Jacques Bino, the labor-union activist killed in Guadeloupe last week.

Despite such signs of solidarity, most of France doesn't understand the islanders' demands, Lozes said.

"They don't see it as a demand for justice, but rather as a demand for charity," he said.

Jean-Luc de Laguarigue, a beke, said tensions have festered over generations because France and its islands have not explored the painful past. He said he knows of no slavery museum in France. The subject is generally taboo in schools.

But Laguarigue insisted that bekes no longer represent power and colonial force, and suggested that the islands — not Paris — should decide what is best for them.

The protests are "not a call for war, but for dignity," he said.

On Sunday, mourners dressed in white packed a gymnasium in the cane-growing town of Petit-Canal to hear poems about struggle and rousing songs in homage to Bino, the dead labor-union activist, whose body has been displayed in an open casket on the island for two days.

"We want respect," said Adele Goram, 50, an islander from a nearby town who attended. "We live in France and there should be no difference between France and Guadeloupe."

As Bino's casket was closed, the 3,000 or so mourners sang the new movement's anthem — "Guadeloupe is Ours" — with their right fists held high.

Several islanders blame the arrival of 450 French riot police for the violence that has erupted during protests — and say it shows how France treats the islands like colonies.

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PGA

Mickelson avoids a meltdown

BY DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

LOS ANGELES On the verge of blowing the biggest lead of his career, Phil Mickelson turned his fortunes around in the final hour at Riviera with back-to-back birdies that carried him to a one-shot victory Sunday in the Northern Trust Open.

Mickelson went from a four-shot lead at the start of the final round to a two-shot deficit with three holes to play.

Determined not to get another title get away from him at Riviera, he hit 9-iron to 5 feet behind the hole for birdie on the par-3 16th, hit his biggest drive of the round on the par-5 17th to set up a two-putt birdie from 70 feet, then buried his demons on the 18th hole by making a 6-foot par to avoid a playoff with Steve Stricker.

Mickelson closed with a 1-over 72 to become only the fourth player to win in consecutive years at Riviera. It might have been three in a row if not for his sloppy bogey on the 18th hole two years ago, when he wound up losing in a playoff.

"I'll take a lot out of this," Mickelson said. "To make par on 18 when two years ago I didn't, that meant a lot to me."

Stricker closed with a 67 and was on his way to the range to get ready for a playoff when he saw Mickelson leave himself a tough par putt on the final hole, and stopped when he heard the cheer.

He had his chances. Stricker missed a 12-foot birdie putt on the par-5 17th that would have given him a three-shot lead at the time, then missed a 12-footer for par on the 18th.

It was the second time on the West Coast that Stricker had a chance to win. He had a three-shot lead at the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic until he was blown away by the raging desert wind, closing with a 77.

"It's just a little disappointing when you don't finish it off, or have the opportunity to finish it off," he said. "And I didn't."

But the real heartache belonged to Fred Couples.

A two-time winner at Riviera, his favorite golf course west of Augusta National, the 49-year-old had a chance for one last victory in his final full season on the PGA Tour. Couples was one shot behind when he fanned his approach to the 18th green and watched in disgust as it struck a eucalyptus tree. He finished with a bogey for a 69 to tie for third with K.J. Choi (69) and Andres Romero (70).

Couples learned earlier in the week that his estranged wife, Thais Baker, died Tuesday of breast cancer. They never divorced after splitting up nearly four years ago, and Couples said he is not welcome in their home in Santa Barbara.

"She was a nice person," he said. "She did everything she could to make it another month."

Mickelson finished at 15-under 269 and won for the 35th time in his career. It was the first time since the 2005 PGA Championship that he won a tournament without breaking par in the final round.

Lefty won for the 17th time on the West Coast, and it could not have come at a better time. He had failed to break the top 20 in his first three starts, missing the cut in Phoenix and making it on the number at Pebble Beach.

And while a victory should take care of any talk about a slump, this was one of his wildest wins yet — 63-72-62-72.

Mickelson had never lost a PGA Tour event when leading by more than four shots going into the final round, but what appeared to be his biggest collapse turned into a stunning recovery.

First, he began hitting 3-wood off the tee to gain some confidence. And when he unloaded a tee shot down the 15th fairway, the comeback was under way.

Mickelson led by as many as five shots when he opened with an eagle for the third straight day, although it might have been the first sign of a struggle to come. The hole was in the middle toward the back, easy to access, yet Mickelson had to make a 40-foot putt.

The next two holes were more obvious.

He had trouble with the sticky kikuya grass, muffing a chip on the second hole to make bogey, and with his driver, hooking his tee shot on the third so badly that it struck a eucalyptus tree 170 yards off the tee, leading to another bogey.

And yet, no one in the final group took advantage.

Couples opened with an eagle from 3 feet, and his wedge on the third hole checked up 3 feet from the cup. He made birdie, but it was a nervous stroke, and he badly missed a 3-foot par putt on the fourth, a 8-foot birdie on the sixth and a 6-foot birdie on the seventh.

Romero went at every flag, but couldn't make a putt unless it was for par — or bogey. The 27-year-old Argentine twice made stunning par saves, on the fifth and eighth, to stay in the hunt. But he hooked his tee shot out of bounds on the 12th, ending his hopes.

Stricker made three birdies in a four-hole stretch around the turn, with a 6-footer at No. 12 giving him the lead for the first time all week. He never had another good look at birdie until the 17th, and that was the one he badly needed to make.

"I didn't know what the lead was at the time, but I knew I had the lead," he said.





Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 56°

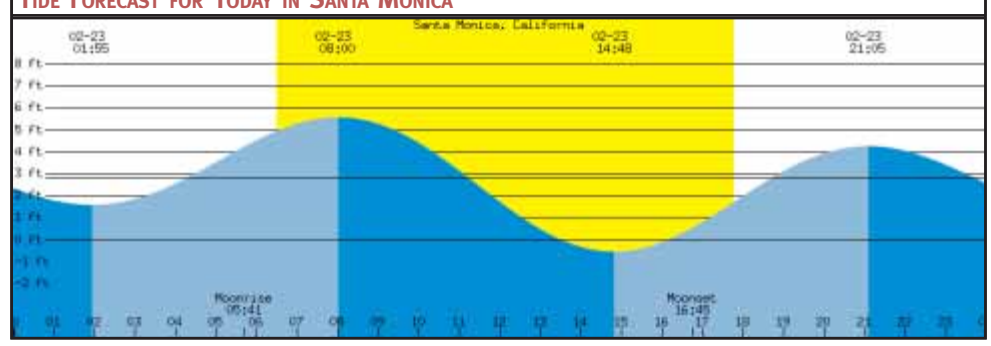
Swell Forecast (3-5 FT)

Looks like a fairly weak surf day, perhaps waist high or so most everywhere. Rain is possible today, mostly for areas north of OC (sprinkles though are possible as far south as Mexico).

Long Range Synopsis

This week the Gulf-originating wind swell should increase west facing breaks into waist to chest high surf.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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QUICK STATS (for the last 28 days)

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

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

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

LEGEND

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

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MOVIE TIMES

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2001: A Space Odyssey (1968) (G) 2hrs 19min
7:30

AMC Loews Broadway 4
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Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) 1hr 27min
12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30

Fuel (NR) 1hr 55min
1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:15

Milk (R) 2hrs 08min
1:20, 4:20, 7:15, 10:05

Defiance (R) 2hrs 17min
9:55

Curious Case of Benjamin Button, The (PG-13) 2hrs 48min
3:00, 6:30

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
(310) 289-4262

Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) 1hr 52min
1:35, 4:05, 7:05, 9:35

Fired Up (PG-13) 1hr 30min
2:30, 5:00, 7:40, 10:00

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

Frost/Nixon (R) 2hrs 02min
1:25, 4:15, 7:10, 9:55

Push (PG-13) 1hr 51min
1:55, 4:35, 7:15, 9:50

Friday the 13th (2009) (R) 1hr 35min
2:20, 4:45, 7:30, 10:05

The Pink Panther 2 (PG) 1hr 32min
2:10, 4:55, 7:20, 9:45

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
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Doubt (PG-13) 1hr 44min
1:50, 4:30, 7:20

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

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

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

Mann's Criterion Theatre
1313 Third St.
(310) 395-1599

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

Gran Torino (R)
11:40am, 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:30

Taken (PG-13) 1hr 33min
12:20, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 10:00

Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail (PG-13) 1hr 43min
11:30am, 2:10, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50

He's Just Not That Into You (PG-13) 2hrs 09min
12:50, 4:05, 7:00, 10:10

The Reader (R) 2hrs 02min
1:00, 3:50, 6:50, 9:40

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Play it low-key, Scorpio

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ No one can curb your desire to express yourself, though fatigue could be a factor. Sometimes you must express your dreams and march to a different drummer. Tonight: Settle in; touch base with friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Be aware that being a good leader means being a good listener. You will blaze a new path quickly in the near future. Tonight: Make new decisions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Do needed research behind the scenes and be open to dynamic ideas, and perhaps indulge someone's seemingly staid comments. It is by looking at the total picture that you will rise above a problem. Tonight: Let your mind wander to a great piece of music.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ A partner might whisper too much in your ear. Act on the moment. It could take the remainder of the day to sort through what are wishes, facts and possibilities. Look at all as options. Tonight: Continue a tete-a-tete discussion.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You could feel that you are giving away your power, or that others are draining you. If you were counting on a quiet day alone, you can cancel those plans. Others need you and seek you out, but they also want to call the shots. Tonight: Say yes to an invitation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ While others run around, once more you come through and focus on the job at hand or what must be done. Know that even if you are not always acknowledged for your steadiness, you certainly do make a difference. Tonight: Put your feet up. You deserve it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Listen to and sort through information. Ideas will pop if you are relaxed and centered. Start sharing and brainstorming. It is from this base that tremendous creativity is unleashed. Tonight: Funnel this energy into the personal realm.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Basics demand your attention. You could choose to feel efficient rather than weighed down by details. Remember that how you frame an event, relationship or problem determines your attitude. Unhappy? Reframe. Tonight: Play it low-key.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ We are often told that communication is pivotal. Once more you have an opportunity to demonstrate the power of language. Sharing a wonderful idea or feeling warms others. Tonight: Have a dream? Start brainstorming.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You combine practicality with wisdom. This duo can be and often is unbeatable. Use your innate gifts to sort through a money matter in order to see what won't work or to understand a subtle deception. Tonight: Someone might ask for help reading a contract. Give it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ All eyes look to you and wonder what is going on. You have ideas, optimism and energy. Though clearly an intellectual sign, you embody a new dynamic energy. Use this opportunity well. Tonight: Only as you wish.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Listen well, even if you don't agree. Your final words or ideas might not have evolved fully yet, though certainly you do have a knee-jerk reaction. Sit on the reaction and go for the response. Tonight: Relax with a movie.

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★★★★★ Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

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By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



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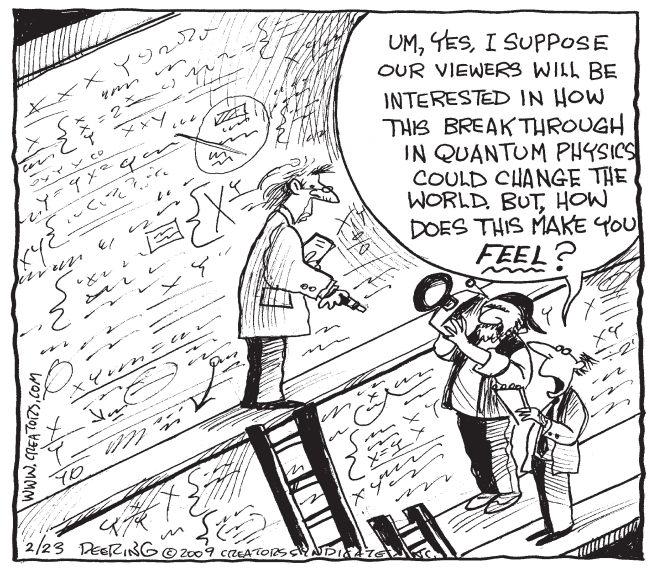
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Difficulty Level ★

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

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GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Dance moves
6 On the up-and-up
11 Settle the bill
12 Un-escorted
13 Sports setting
14 Grimace
15 Beach crawler
17 Methane or ethane
18 How some corn is served
22 Skin feature
23 Bright-billed bird
27 Licorice-like herb
29 Scoundrel
30 Madagascar mammals
32 Ship staff
33 Business graph
35 Fido's foot
38 Story
39 Detest
41 Narnia lion
45 Singer Patsy
46 Hotel offering
47 Ambitious personality type
48 Velocity
20 Salon offering
21 Gathers in a cluster
24 Singer Irene
25 Declare
26 Salamander
28 Country of northeast Africa
31 Yacht spot
34 School group
35 Treaty
36 With skill
37 Lion tamer's prop
40 Counting start
42 Tell tales
43 Had supper
44 Homer's neighbor

DOWN

1 Place for a mud bath
2 Road gunk
3 Pupil's place
4 Enlivens, as writing
5 Tire in the trunk
6 Attorney's reference
7 Inventor Whitney
8 Big ringer
9 Machu Picchu native
10 Golf pegs
16 Play part
18 October birthstone
19 Less than any

S	C	A	R	E	■	D	A	M	O	N
T	O	N	E	S	■	A	D	O	B	E
R	O	G	E	T	■	D	O	L	L	S
A	L	L	F	O	R	■	■	T	O	T
P	I	E	■	N	E	A	T	E	N	S
S	O	D	■	I	D	L	I	N	G	■
■	■	■	D	A	U	B	S	■	■	■
■	B	I	A	N	C	A	■	P	E	W
J	A	N	S	S	E	N	■	O	N	E
E	N	D	■	■	S	I	E	R	R	A
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R	I	G	O	R	■	N	I	E	C	E
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Saturday's answer

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1	2	3	4	5	■	6	7	8	9	10
11					■	12				
13					■	14				
■	■	■	15		16		■	17		
18	19	20					21	■	■	■
22				■	23			24	25	26
27				28	■	29				
30					31	■	32			
■	■	■	33			34				
35	36	37	■	38				■	■	■
39			40		■	41		42	43	44
45					■	46				
47					■	48				

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EVENING: 2 6 5

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Texas "Justice": As far as the state of Texas is concerned, Andre Thomas, 25, was and is sane and was and is competent to assist his lawyers. Thomas was convicted of murdering his wife and two kids in 2004 after a judge ruled him competent despite the fact that after the killings, Thomas had carved out the victims' hearts, put them in his pocket, and later tossed them in the garbage. In addition, before trial, Thomas had plucked out his right eye and eaten it. In October 2008, Texas' highest criminal court upheld the conviction and sentence, endorsing the trial judge's view of Thomas' sanity. In January 2009, on death row in Livingston, Texas, Thomas plucked out his left eye and ate it.

■ A masked man escaped in December after trying unsuccessfully to rob the Washman carwash in Portland, Ore. In the middle of the job, the man's gun literally broke apart and fell to the ground. As he continued to demand money, it became clear why robbing a carwash is tricky. The employee grabbed the nearest tool, which was the wand of a pressure washer (2,000 pounds per square inch) and hosed the robber, sending him fleeing.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1633 English diarist Samuel Pepys was born in London.

1836 The siege of the Alamo began in San Antonio, Texas.

1848 The sixth president of the United States, John Quincy Adams, died in Washington at age 80.

1861 President-elect Abraham Lincoln arrived secretly in Washington to take office, following word of a possible assassination plot in Baltimore.

1870 Mississippi was readmitted to the Union.

1927 President Calvin Coolidge signed a bill creating the Federal Radio Commission, forerunner of the Federal Communications Commission.

1942 The first shelling of the U.S. mainland during World War II occurred as a Japanese submarine fired on an oil refinery near Santa Barbara, Calif., causing little damage.

WORD UP!

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Petitioner or Attorney: ENNA ILYIN filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: ENNA ILYIN to CHANA HERTZBERG and YONNAH ILYIN to YONAH HERTZBERG. 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.
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2/9/2009, 2/16/2009, 2/23/2009, 3/2/2009

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 1/26/2009. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 2/2/2009, 2/9/2009, 2/16/2009, 2/23/2009

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090120057 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 4X IMMUNE BOOSTER, AI #/ON 070794672, 2800 28TH STREET, SUITE 300, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405, COUNTY OF LA. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ROBORANT LLC, 108 WEST 13TH STREET, WILMINGTON, DE, 19801 This Business is being conducted by, a limited liability. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)11/12/2007. /s/: ROBORANT LLC
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 1/29/2009. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 2/2/2009, 2/9/2009, 2/16/2009, 2/23/2009

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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090120056 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SIMLEX ASSOCIATES, 1823 SAWTELLE BLVD., LOS ANGELES, CA 90025, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : FRANK M. TAN, 1036 CORSICA DR, PACIFIC PALISADES, CA 90272 This Business is being conducted by, husband and wife. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)2/20/2004. /s/: JULIA K LAM TAN
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090118158 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as WHITE SUTTON & COMPANY INSURANCE SERVICES, 807 ARIZONA AVE, SANTA MONICA, CA 90406. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : WHITE & COMPANY INSURANCE, INC., 807 ARIZONA AVE, SANTA MONICA, CA 90406 This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: ANDREW J. VALDIVIA
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 1/29/2009. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 2/2/2009, 2/9/2009, 2/16/2009, 2/23/2009

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090120054 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as KENNETH GEORGE TOTAL IMAGE SPA, 1904 WILSHIRE BLVD., SANTA MONICA, CA 90403, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : HAROLD WRIGHT, 23900 STRATHERN ST, WEST HILLS, CA 91304; TED FRIGHTNER, 1651 FALLING STAR, WESTLAKE VILLAGE, CA 91362 This Business is being conducted by, a general partnership. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: HAROLD WRIGHT
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 1/29/2009. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 2/2/2009, 2/9/2009, 2/16/2009, 2/23/2009

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090163952 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as XINCA DESIGNS, 133 E. HULLET ST. LONG BEACH, CA 90805. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : JORGE GALVEZ 133 E. HULLET ST. LONG BEACH, CA 90805 MIGUEL ESCOBAR 2900 SUNSET PL. LOS ANGELES, CA 90005 This Business is being conducted by, co-partners. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: JORGE GALVEZ
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090162094 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as FRUTAS FRESCAS EL PAPI CHULO, MARTHA'S MINI MARKET, 9522 1/2 S. FIGUEROA LOS ANGELES, CA 90003. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : CONSUELO HYMAN 1530 W. 59TH PL. LOS ANGELES, CA 90047 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant has not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed . /s/:
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 2/5/2009. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 2/16/2009, 2/23/2009, 3/2/2009, 3/9/2009

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090155441 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as RIO AUTO ELECTRIC, 11122 ATLANTIC AVE. LYNWOOD, CA 90262 . The full name of registrant(s) is/are : GEORGE LOPEZ 8848 FLOWER ST. BELLFLOWER, CA 90706 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: GEORGE LOPEZ
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 2/4/2009. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 2/16/2009, 2/23/2009, 3/2/2009, 3/9/2009

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090155196 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SECRET SALON, 10361 CALIFORNIA AVE. SOUTH GATE, CA 90280. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : CIPRIANO MIRANDA 3382 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BLVD LYNWOOD, CA 90262 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: CIPRIANO MIRANDA
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 2/4/09. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 2/16/2009, 2/23/2009, 3/2/2009, 3/9/2009

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090134121 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MORELIA MARKET, 11416 S. VERMONT AVE. LOS ANGELES, CA 90044. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : NICOLASA F. BAZAN 3174 EL SEGUNDO BLVD APT 10 LYNWOOD, CA 90262 SOLEDAD BAZAN 3174 EL SEGUNDO BLVD APT 10 LYNWOOD, CA 90262 This Business is being conducted by, co-partners. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: SOLEDAD BAZAN
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 2/2/09. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 2/16/2009, 2/23/2009, 3/2/2009, 3/9/2009

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090127987 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as HECTOR THE TAYLOR, 8235 WHITTIER BLVD. #B PICO RIVERA, CA 90660. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : MARIA A. VILLANUEVA 4902 ACACIA AVE. PICO RIVERA, CA 90660 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)1/30/2009. /s/: MARIA A. VILLANUEVA
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090105965 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as A DEAL SEEKER, 5713 SCRIVENER ST. LONG BEACH, CA 90808. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : LLOYD L. CONLEY 5713 SCRIVENER ST. LONG BEACH, CA 90808 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: LLOYD L. CONLEY
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 1/27/09. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 2/16/2009, 2/23/2009, 3/2/2009, 3/9/2009

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090146768 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as TACO SALSA , 5167 VENICE BLVD. LOS ANGELES, CA 90019. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : JOSE R. REYES 107 E. JOHNSON ST. COMPTON, CA 90220 ANA M. AREVALO 1427 S. STANDEY AVE. LOS ANGELES, CA 90019 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: JOSE R. REYES
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 2/3/09. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 2/16/2009, 2/23/2009, 3/2/2009, 3/9/2009

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090142773 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ON TIME DELIVERIES, 5801 BRENTWOOD PL. FONTANA, CA 92336. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : HAYZON CORPORATION 5801 BRENTWOOD PL. FONTANA, CA 92336 This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date). /s/:
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 2/3/09. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 2/16/2009, 2/23/2009, 3/2/2009, 3/9/2009

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090155431 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as RHCC, 2476 S. ATLANTIC BLVD. COMMERCE, CA 90040. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : GUADALUPE MACIAS 7441 CITRONELL AVE. PICO RIVERA, CA 90660 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: GUADALUPE MACIAS
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090177624 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as FIRST PAGE ADVERTISING, 1155 S. BARRINGTON AVE, #304, LOS ANGELES, CA 90049, COUNTY OF LA. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ALEXANDER TISHBI, 1155 S. BARRINGTON AVE, #304, LOS ANGELES, CA 90049 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)2/9/2009. /s/: ALEXANDER TISHBI

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 2/9/2009. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 2/16/2009, 2/23/2009, 3/2/2009, 3/9/2009

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090177622 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LARES AND SON, AI #/ON 3036854, 1249 CAROB WAY, MONTEBELLO, CA 90640. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : RICARDO LARES INC., 1249 CAROB WAY, MONTEBELLO, CA 90640 This Business is being conducted by, an corporation. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: RICARDO LARES INC., CORPORATE PRESIDENT, RICARDO LARES
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 2/9/2009. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 2/16/2009, 2/23/2009, 3/2/2009, 3/9/2009

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090195689 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as IMPACT XIX UNIVERSAL METRO PICTURES INTERNATIONAL, ("UMPI") , 9737 CHARNOCK AVE, SUITE 5, LOS ANGELES, CA 90034; PO BOX 341225, LOS ANGELES, CA 90034. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : PRINCETON HUMMINGWAY, 9737 CHARNOCK AVE, SUITE 5, LOS ANGELES, CA 90034 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: PRINCETON HUMMINGWAY
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 2/12/2009. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 2/16/2009, 2/23/2009, 3/2/2009, 3/9/2009

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090170645 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as THE MEASUREMENT GROUP LLC, AI #/ON 101998364019, 5753 UPLANDER WAY, CULVER CITY, CA 90230, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : THE MEASUREMENT GROUP LLC, 5753 UPLANDER WAY, CULVER CITY, CA 90230 This Business is being conducted by, a limited liability. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)1/1/1999. /s/: THE MEASUREMENT GROUP LLC, VICE PRESIDENT/MEMBER, LISA A. MELCHIOR
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 2/6/2009. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 2/16/2009, 2/23/2009, 3/2/2009, 3/9/2009

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090226763 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as A+ ASSESSMENTS, 4303 CREST, MANHATTAN BEACH, CA 90266, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : JULIA JOSLYN, 4303 CREST, MANHATTAN BEACH, CA 90266 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/: JULIA JOSLYN
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 2/19/2009. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 2/23/2009, 3/2/2009, 3/9/2009, 3/16/2009

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090229178 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ORCHATEE LA ORIGINAL, 11203 GLEOAKS BLVD. PACOIMA, CA 91331. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : MICHAEL VILLALTA 11203 GLENOAKS BLVD. PACOIMA, CA 91331 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/: MICHAEL VILLALTA
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 2/19/09. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 2/23/2009, 3/2/2009, 3/9/2009, 3/16/2009

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090210279 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as DOWNEY FINANCIAL, 8423 FLORENCE AVE. DOWNEY, CA 90240. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : DOWNEY FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC 8423 FLORENCE AVE. DOWNEY, CA 90240 This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)2/23/2007. /s/: CHRIS BAUMAN
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 2/17/2009. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 2/23/2009, 3/2/2009, 3/9/2009, 3/16/2009

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090206606 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as TECH BROADBAND SERVICES, 5318 E. 2ND ST. #134 LONG BEACH, CA 90803. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : BOZ BELL 5318 E. 2ND ST. #134 LONG BEACH, CA 90803 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/: BOZ BELL
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090206111 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SYTS GROUP, 1234 WILSHIRE BLVD. #609 LOS ANGELES, CA 90017. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : TED SUH 1234 WILSHIRE BLVD. #609 LOS ANGELES, CA 90017 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/: TED SUH
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090229036 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as TONY'S FABRIC, 14146 LAMBERT RD. WHITTIER, CA 90605. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ROSARIO RODRIGUEZ 7527 EMIL AVE. BELL GARDENS, CA 90201 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/: ROSARIO RODRIGUEZ
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090229753 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as QUALITY TECH SERVICE, 9252 1/2 RAMONA ST. BELLFLOWER, CA 90706. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : CHAE KWON KIM 9252 1/2 RAMONA ST. BELLFLOWER, CA 90706 DAE WOONG KIM 9252 1/2 RAMONA ST. BELLFLOWER, CA 90706 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/: CHAE KWON KIM
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090226764 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as GETTY CAPITAL, 1431 OCEAN AV, SUITE 600, SANTA MONICA, CA 90401. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : GETTY FINANCIAL INC, 1431 OCEAN AV, SUITE 600, SANTA MONICA, CA 90401 This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: DANIEL KILGORE, PRESIDENT
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090229179 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as COSTA DEL SOL RESTAUTANTE, INC., 11203 GLENOAKS BLVD. PACOIMA, CA 91331. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : COSTA DEL SOL RESTAUTANTE, INC. 11203 GLENOAKS BLVD. PACOIMA, CA 91331 This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: NAPOLEON VILLALTA
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090221723 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PRO ACTIVE ESCROW, INC., 12063 PARAMOUNT BLVD. DOWNEY, CA 90242. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : PRO ACTIVE ESCROW, INC. 12063 PARAMOUNT BLVD. DOWNEY, CA 90242 This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)2/12/2009. /s/: VERONICA BAYONA
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090222473 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ED VENTURES LLC. EDDIE'S ROOTER WORKS, 1324 W. "L" ST WILMINGTON, CA 90744. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ED VENTURES LLC. 1324 W. "L" ST WILMINGTON, CA 90744 This Business is being conducted by, a limited liability. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: EDWARD BAUTISTA
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090217410 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MART CLEANING SOLUTIONS, REALIZA MIS SUENOS, 2739 ORCHARD PL. APT. C SOUTH GATE, CA 90280. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : MART CLEANING SOLUTIONS, INC. 2739 ORCHARD PL. APT. C SOUTH GATE, CA 90280 This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: IGNACIO MARTINEZ
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090213787 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PROFESSIONAL INVESTMENT & FINANCIAL GROUP 401K PLAN & TRUST, JOSEPH CHANG TRUSTEE, 3461 N. BURTON AVE. ROSEMEAD, CA 91770. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : JOSEPH CHANG 3461 N. BURTON AVE. ROSEMEAD, CA 91770 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/: JOSEPH CHANG
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090213392 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SRILANKAN CAFE, 9857 MASON AVE. CHATSWORTH, CA 91311. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : AMALI DISSANAYKE 18610 NORDHOFF ST. NORTHRIDGE, CA 91324 NIHAL DISSANAYKE 18610 NORDHOFF ST. NORTHRIDGE, CA 91324 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/: AMALI DISSANAYKE
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090228488 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MYSTERY INC. ENTERTAINMENT, 11335 MAGNOLIA AVE. N. HOLLYWOOD, CA 91601. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : MYSTERY INC. ENTERTAINMENT 7658 PARAMOUNT PL. PICO RIVERA, CA 90660 This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: HASSAN E. MEDINA JR.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090228487 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ERX BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, INC., EL REY EXPRESS, ERX, 2020 PACIFIC AVE. LONG BEACH, CA 90806. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ERX BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, INC. 2020 PACIFIC AVE. LONG BEACH, CA 90806 This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: DANIEL PENA
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20090222389 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PAUL'S TRUCKING COMPANY, 6006 AGNES AVE. TEMPLE CITY, CA 91780. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : PAUL TONGTRY6006 AGNES AVE. TEMPLE CITY, CA 91780 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/: PAUL TONGTRY
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