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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

On Super Bowl Sunday, deputies in Sheridan, Colo., found a car with its windows blown out, its doors bulging outward and the roof bent upward about a foot. The license plate led to Norman Frey, 46, who admitted that he had been on his way to a football party with a balloon filled with acetylene, which he planned to explode in celebration. However, the balloon ignited, perhaps by static electricity from the back seat, and Frey and a companion suffered shrapnel wounds.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 72nd day of 2006. There are 293 days left in the year. The Jewish holiday Purim begins at sunset

In 1781, the planet Uranus was discovered by Sir William Herschel.
In 1884, Standard Time was adopted throughout the United States.
In 1925, a law went into effect in Tennessee prohibiting the teaching of evolution.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I distrust those people who know so well what God wants them to do, because I notice it always coincides with their own desires."

SUSAN B. ANTHONY
AMERICAN FEMINIST

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Samohi's houses in disorder

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS. — While support for the restructuring of Santa Monica High School into smaller learning communities remains strong, parents, teachers and school officials are questioning whether or not breaking the campus into six "houses" is working.

The skepticism comes after learning that minority students are still struggling to compete at the level of their white and Asian

counterparts, according to grade point average data compiled by Santa Monica-Malibu school district staff.

That conclusion is reaffirmed in a report recently released by the RAND Corp., an internationally recognized think tank and policy research organization based in Santa Monica.

There also is concern that the experimental redesign, now in its third year, may have begun without adequate funding from the district or proper support from teachers, leading to increased class

sizes and a feeling of disconnect amongst faculty, both of which are counter to the redesign's intent.

"There are a lot of great things happening at Samohi, and we should celebrate that, but we cannot rest as long as close to 50 percent of Latino and African-American students are not obtaining at least a 2.0 GPA," said school board member Oscar de la Torre, who supports the redesign. "The redesign was supposed to take steps to remedy the achievement gap ... and now we are a couple of years into this, and the data shows

that we need to rethink our strategy."

Those responsible for implementing the house system are urging patience. The program is still experiencing some growing pains, but the benefits far outweigh the negatives, said Ilene Straus, lead principal at Samohi.

"There is still a lot of work to be done, no question about that, but we are seeing progress with our test scores, which have increased over 40 percent over the last two

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Hundreds say good-bye to Lopez

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

ST. MONICA CHURCH — Her words were brief, but her message powerful, seeming to mirror the strength she has shown during what has surely been Arminda Lopez's darkest hours.

Standing here before hundreds who came to celebrate the life of her son, 15-year-old Eduardo "Eddie" Lopez, she held back her tears long enough to look out onto the crowd and say, "Thank you to everyone for your love and support. Mothers, take care of your sons. Please take care of them."

And with that, the grief-stricken Lopez quietly descended from the

podium at St. Monica Church, walked past a poster of her son filled with pictures of better days, and joined her family seated just feet away from the casket where her son lay.

While the weeping of loved ones echoed throughout the cavernous sanctuary, Monsignor Lloyd Torgerson reminded those in grief that it wasn't a time to mourn, but rather a day to reflect on the joy brought to so many lives by Lopez, who was devoted to his family and was a star athlete at Santa Monica High School. He was gunned down by a suspected gang member on Feb. 28 while hanging out with two friends at the corner of 26th Street

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Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Arminda Lopez speaks to hundreds of people who attended the funeral of her 15-year-old son, Eddie, on Saturday at St. Monica Church.

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Gerri Gilliland's Irish-American dream

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON

Daily Press Staff Writer

MAIN STREET — Irish pub owner Gerri Gilliland has big plans this week, but it's not just because St. Patrick's Day is four days away.

While it certainly will be the biggest day of the year for her bar, Finn McCool's, chances are that Gilliland will have her hands in more than just the pub's kitchen. This week, she'll probably dive into the affairs of her other restaurant, Lula Cocina Mexicana, located

next door to Finn McCool's. If she's not at Lula, Gilliland will be at her 40-acre Malibu ranch, advancing her plans to grow a vineyard, building a swimming pool or hiking with her dogs who, through her rescue efforts, she adopted.

Gilliland's life is a far cry from what she thought it would be when, at 24 years old, she was a home economics teacher at a Catholic convent in Belfast, Ireland. She received her degree two years prior — in 1973 — at Garnerville Culinary College in Ireland.

"There were three choices: nun,

teacher or nurse," Gilliland said. "There was no way the nun thing was going to happen. There was no way the nurse thing was going to happen, so I didn't have a choice: teacher."

But once she got to America, she realized she did have a choice. In 1975, Gilliland came to the United States on a three-month summer vacation, traveling from New York to Los Angeles. She never left.

It was not only the thought of escaping war-torn Belfast that appealed to Gilliland. The

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS The stars show the kind of day you'll Have:

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

 **ARIES (March 21-April 19)**

★★★ Whether you like it or not, it is time to get back into the swing of things this Monday. You could be frustrated by others and how they relate. Pick and choose your words with care -- all right? You don't need to cause yourself any problems. Tonight: Make it early.

 **TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**

★★★★ Visualize more of what you want from those around you. You might not be able to see the results immediately, but you can guide conversations and situations. Others create uproar. You need to dip into your ingenuity. Tonight: Act as if there is no tomorrow.

 GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ No matter which way you turn, you cannot win for losing. You might not know what to do with your frustration. Think "summer"; think "bathing suits." Go for the healthy choice -- exercise. You don't need to join the gym either; walking will work! Tonight: Anchor in.

 CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Others just might not be able to identify with what you say or your perspective. Today, the best you can do is take action with an eye to what you want. For sure, you cannot please all of the people all of the time. Tonight: Make your life work.

 **LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**

★★★ Use discretion in what you choose to do. Clearly, others want you to carry the weight or responsibility of a situation. Ultimately, you need to take care of yourself first. You need to set limits. Tonight: Find your friends.

 VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You have what it takes. Listen to suggestions, but be willing to flex. Whatever you decide to do, whatever decision you make, expect a challenge. Others are unpredictable. Don't try to make sense of what is happening. Tonight: Smile away.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**

your way. Investigate and see what options you have. The unexpected pops up out of the blue. Realize your limits and don't make a grandstand play. Right now, it will only backfire. Tonight: Quiet time.

 SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Knowing what you want and getting it might not happen today. You will find that your ability to manifest gets thwarted by someone you can generally count on. Your creativity emerges, and you come up with ideas. Tonight: Find your friends.

 SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

 ★★★ Keep your mind on your work rather than on how things should be. Recognize that you might have to jump over your share of hurdles. Know that you can do what is necessary to hit a home run. Tonight: Find the action.

 CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

 ★★★★★ Your ability to detach will determine just how effective you are and how good you will feel. With information and insight, you will grow and gain. Review a situation with an eye to greater success. Tonight: Allow your mind to wander.

 AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Others certainly are sure they are right, but you might not be so sure. Controversy could toss your day into chaos, and quite quickly at that. Your mind and imagination add to the power of your solution-finding abilities. Tonight: Go along with another's desires.

 PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Your unpredictability could be the source of your problems. Understand what you cannot control and possibly the chaos that surrounds your footsteps. You aren't the victim. You are partially responsible for what is happening. Tonight: Say yes.



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LOCAL



Mystery photo



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

MYSTERY PHOTO WINNER



Brenda E. Rodriguez is last week's mystery photo winner. Rodriguez has won a free T-shirt for accurately describing that this photo was taken at Rose Avenue and Main Street.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Walk the labyrinth

By Daily Press staff

A local church this weekend will return to the medieval days of meditation. First United Methodist Church will have on exhibit its labyrinth, an ancient meditation tool that was used to center and prayer. The free event will be held on Sunday, March 19, at 10:30 a.m. to noon and then again at 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The labyrinth is a 30-by-30 canvas with the traditional design painted on it. It's a replica of the one that was in the front of Chartres Cathedral in the Middle Ages.

For more information, call (310) 393-8258.

Book to come alive at library

By Daily Press staff

Children ages 5 and up, along with their families, are invited to a performance of scenes from the popular children's book "By the Great Horn Spoon" at the Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., on Sunday, March 19, at 2 p.m.

The book has been adapted for the stage by its author, Santa Monica resident and Newbery Medalist Sid Fleischman, who will be present for a question and answer session following the performance.

Actors from the Morgan-Wixson Theater in Santa Monica will perform scenes from the classic tale of adventure during the California Gold Rush in the library's Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium.

For more information, visit www.smplkids.org, or call (310) 458-8621.

SNOW AND SURF REPORTS

CONDITIONS

DATA PROVIDED BY ONTHESNOW.COM

BEAR MOUNTAIN

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 36" - 72"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 4:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 27	LIFTS OPEN 11/12
CONDITIONS: Powder, Packed Powder, Machine Made, Machine Groomed				

JUNE MOUNTAIN

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 72" - 188"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 4:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 50	LIFTS OPEN 6/6
CONDITIONS: Powder, Packed Powder, Machine Groomed, Variable				

MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 4"	BASE DEPTH 156" - 188"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 4:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 140	LIFTS OPEN 25/28
CONDITIONS: Powder, Packed Powder, Machine Groomed				

MOUNTAIN HIGH

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 14"	BASE DEPTH 12" - 36"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 4:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 18	LIFTS OPEN 8/16
CONDITIONS: Powder, Packed Powder, Machine Made, Machine Groomed				

MT. BALDY

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 24"	BASE DEPTH 12" - 16"	LIFT HOURS 8:00 am - 4:30 pm	RUNS OPEN 20	LIFTS OPEN 4/4
CONDITIONS: Packed Powder, Machine Made, Machine Groomed				

SNOW SUMMIT

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 36" - 72"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 4:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 26	LIFTS OPEN 12/14
CONDITIONS: Powder, Packed Powder, Machine Groomed				

SNOW VALLEY

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 6"	BASE DEPTH 30" - 54"	LIFT HOURS 8:00 am - 4:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 15	LIFTS OPEN 6/11
CONDITIONS: Powder, Packed Powder, Machine Groomed				

CONDITIONS

WATER TEMP: 52°

DATA PROVIDED BY WETSAND.COM

SWELL FORECAST (2-5 FT)

Today is a smaller day as the NW swell continues to fade and weather and winds recuperate. We have a trickle of southern hemi SW coming in to mix on Monday and with fading NW, we should see waist high surf most everywhere; however, the best size will remain around west facing breaks with occasional, rare chest high sets.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS

NW swell due midweek...

NW due this weekend...

Tracking more NW for 20th...

TIDE FORECAST FOR SANTA MONICA

MONDAY	LOW TIDE	2:13AM	1.3FT	2:47PM	0.2FT
HIGH TIDE	8:12AM	5.2FT	9:03PM	4.4FT	

TUESDAY	LOW TIDE	2:43AM	0.9FT	3:06PM	0.0FT
HIGH TIDE	8:52AM	5.1FT	9:20PM	4.6FT	

WEDNESDAY	LOW TIDE	3:13AM	0.7FT	3:30PM	0.3FT
HIGH TIDE	9:13AM	5.0FT	9:38PM	4.8FT	

THURSDAY	LOW TIDE	3:46AM	0.6FT	3:49PM	0.6FT
HIGH TIDE	9:47AM	4.5FT	9:57PM	4.9FT	

MONDAY	LOW TIDE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
HIGH TIDE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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The Q Line

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The City Council has put the brakes on a plan to expand parking in Santa Monica by 1,712 spaces. Some councilmembers are calling for the plan to shift to providing only 712 additional spaces instead. They cite community sentiments that call for limited development downtown and say that if development is limited, the extra 1,000 parking spaces will not be necessary. Under the plan for less spaces, existing parking structures would be enhanced rather than building new ones.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know, "Do you support the building of new parking garages in Santa Monica? Why or why not?"

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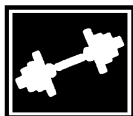
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OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don't need that kind of space of downtown

Editor:

In arguing for a parking plan predicated on significantly more commercial development downtown (SMDP, March 10, page 4), the Daily Press seems willing to ignore the concerns for quality of life repeatedly voiced by its own readership.

To adopt the 1,712-space parking proposal, the City Council on behalf of the community would have to sign off on a "Statement of Overriding Considerations" justifying a whole list of unmitigable environmental damages, to provide parking for 500,000 square feet of new downtown commercial development. The description of a smaller downtown parking project for 1,000 fewer cars as "environmentally superior" wasn't mine; that's what the official Environmental Impact Report says.

We just added nearby parking capacity with the Main Library. Do we need 1,712 more new parking spaces, and the local street traffic of regional shoppers' cars coming to fill them? If Santa Monica Place is redeveloped, it would include its own parking on site. So will the Civic Center plan.

No, those extra 1,000 spaces in new free-standing structures are the camel's nose under the tent for a half million square feet of hitherto undiscussed additional commercial development downtown. Who thinks we need that?

We're not talking new housing, either; sorry. Housing or mixed-use projects also include their own parking on site. No, those proposed new parking structures are for the kind of development Santa Monicans have been most vocal against: more offices or more stores, with more traffic and more congestion.

My proposal for the environmentally superior option, expanding existing structures but not building new ones, doesn't ignore the needs of our valued existing downtown merchants. It provides more than 700 new, additional parking spaces for them and their employees. The extra 1,000 parking spaces for future commercial overdevelopment are what I can't in conscience sign off on.

I'm glad the Daily Press chose to editorialize on this. Maybe it will awaken more Santa Monica residents to what could be about to happen to our downtown if someone doesn't stand up and say "no."

Kevin McKeown
Santa Monica City Council

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Sensible Priorities' politics lack sense



MY WRITE

BY BILL BAUER

The Daily Press reported (SMDP, March 8, page 1) that a grassroots coalition of local business interests and residents was targeting resident priorities. The lead should have been "hotel-backed political group blows smoke."

The article was about Santa Monicans for Sensible Priorities (SMSP), which hopes to address some of the biggest problems facing the city. Seth Jacobson, the organization's public relations flack, says they plan to survey every voter to find out what the major issues are. Then, they'll choose candidates to support in upcoming elections they feel can best deal with the problems.

Who's kidding who? Since then, except for occasional "wishful thinking" or out-right horse pucky pronouncements, SMSP has been silent and totally uninvolved in any issue. Its Web site has collected nothing but spam for months.

I don't think most of this bunch cares about community problems. The only community issue they care about is electing their own hand-picked puppets and seizing control of the City Council.

Issues-oriented "Sensible Priorities" first popped up during the 2004 elections and wasn't without controversy. A front page article in the Daily Press (Oct. 16, 2004) confirmed the secretive organization "has yet to disclose its members and finances." According to campaign documents, ET Whitehall Seascape LLC. and Edward Thomas Management Co. (Casa Del Mar and the Shutters hotels) made payments to SMSP for "public relations and consulting work."

Weeks later, a sister group, "Santa Monicans for Change," formed and spent hundreds of thousands of dollars backing Chamber of Commerce endorsees. Both "Sensible Priorities" and "Change" are supported by hospitality and business interests salivating to wrest control of city government from Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights (SMRR).

During the 2004 election, voters received a barrage of glossy, City Hall horror story mailers about homelessness, open space and city bureaucracy from "well known" community activists nobody ever heard of. Their mailer signed "Veronica Martinez" blatantly plagiarized my "Bauer for City Council" literature when I ran for a City Council seat.

Community meetings promised last year never materialized probably because they didn't want to go public without a constituency. Having "hundreds of members" and "recruiting a broad based network of citizens" as reported in this newspaper May 31, 2005, was also just crapola as I suspect are the "50 businesses attached" and "250 people involved" mentioned in last Wednesday's article.

I personally know many community activists, yet nobody has been approached by SMSP. This tells me SMSP is really an exclusive like-minded group and outsiders need not apply.

Responding to my previous column that was critical of the group (SMDP, July 11, 2005, page 4), Jacobson wrote a letter to the editor and listed a couple of their members, including businessman Tom Viscount. Viscount later said that he was not involved with the group.

The campaign appears to be a phony and transparent way to slip SMSP candidates into office. In fact, Jacobson admits they intend to exploit homelessness the same way SMRR used rent control as an issue in the 1970s.

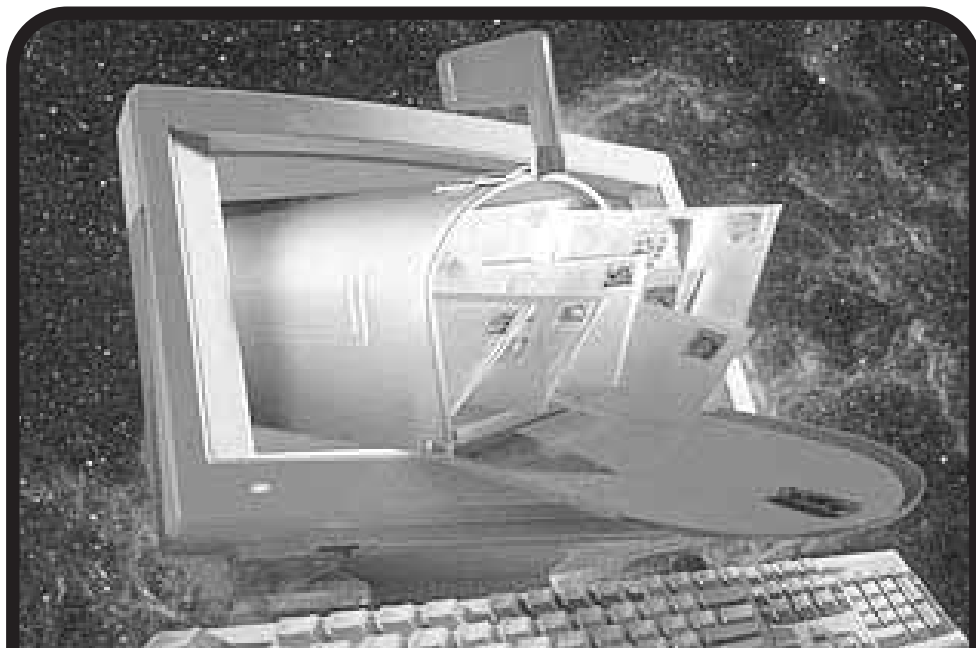
Bob Hattoy, a vocal supporter and former Washington, DC politico, environmentalist and HIV/AIDS activist who moved here in late 2004, was quoted as saying SMSP wants to "...prop up individuals who want to be involved in the electoral politics and who 'may' have differing views from the established political party." May? Please. They don't want to be viewed as "adversarial to SMRR," but that's exactly what they are. Come on guys, be honest about your politics.

Last year Jacobson said SMSP will "find three potential candidates" for City Council and "get them elected." Then what? With this much money and subterfuge, you know there's something dirty in Denmark. What are they really up to? End rent control? More development?

There's nothing wrong with supporting candidates or forming a community issues group. There's certainly nothing wrong with opposing SMRR, but some of these players, including Jacobson, have a long history of dirty tricks going back to 2001/2002 when they were part of Fighting Against Irresponsible Regulation (FAIR), an anti-living wage group that was widely criticized for distributing false and misleading election mailers.

All this does is send up a red flag for me, so I've got news for this crew: You can't buy a grassroots group. Deceit, lies and B.S. will sink your ship.

(Bill Bauer is a longtime Santa Monica resident.)



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The Q Line™

STATE



Maligned oil platforms a haven for overfished species

BY TIM MOLLOY
Associated Press Writer

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. — Marine biologist Milton Love drives a hybrid car, displays a banner of leftist icon Che Guevara on his laboratory wall — and has backing from big oil.

The reason is his finding that long-maligned oil platforms off California's Central Coast may be a haven for overfished stocks of groundfish.

The research is good news to oil executives, who are looking for reasons not to pay hundreds of millions of dollars to remove the platforms once the oil stops flowing.

Environmentalists say oil companies are hiding behind fish to escape their obligation to remove the rigs.

"Just because fish are there doesn't mean the platform constitutes habitat," said Linda Krop, an attorney for the Santa Barbara-based Environmental Defense Center. "That's like taking a picture of birds on a telephone wire and saying it's essential habitat."

The 27 platforms — skeletal-looking structures that house dormitories, offices and massive pumps — were installed over the last four decades and now produce 72,000 barrels of oil daily. Environmentalists and coastal residents despise them for disrupting the ocean's natural ecology and otherwise flawless coastal views.

"If anyone wants to come up and count the fish, we'll provide the first beer."

MILTON LOVE
Marine biologist

Federal law requires oil companies to remove the platforms when operations are complete, though no one knows whether it will be years or decades before deposits under the sea floor run out.

Oil companies already are pressing state and federal officials to keep the rigs in place, citing Love's finding that platforms provide homes for bocaccio, cowcod and other fish. Love said many fish adopt platforms because they can't reach decimated natural reefs where they once thrived.

Claims that platforms help fish haven't convinced federal officials. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said Wednesday it might eventually consider letting platforms remain as fish habitat, but wanted to know more about their effects on marine life.

Since the 1950s, when heavy fishing began in the region, some species have been reduced to 6 percent of their previous numbers, according to Love. Overfishing has led to an economic disaster, leading some fisheries to close and causing the

groundfish fleet to shrink by a third.

If the platforms were removed, environmentalists contend, fish would return to the natural reefs that hug Southern California's coast: boulder fields and low-lying, rocky outcroppings that can host sponges and other invertebrates.

Love, a UC Santa Barbara researcher, films fish in a submarine that hums around the platforms and then counts them in his lab.

His findings: Large fish prefer crevices at the platforms' base, while smaller ones like the middle section above their predators.

At Platform Gail, which stands in 739 feet of water nine miles off the Ventura coast, Love found what he believes to be the highest density of two species of overfished rockfish in Southern California.

Love stresses that his research doesn't draw conclusions about whether the platforms should be removed. What's irrefutable, he says, is that some platforms are surrounded with fish packed as tightly as "cocktail wieners in a can."

"If anyone wants to come up and count the fish, we'll provide the first beer," says Love. "But they're going to have to bring the rest. And they're going to need a few cases because we have 11 years of research."

Love gets about 80 percent of his research money from the government, and the rest from the California Artificial Reef Enhancement Program, a Sacramento nonprofit group funded almost entirely by oil companies. The group has contributed about \$100,000 a year to Love's research since 1999, executive director George Steinbach said.

Love says no amount of oil industry money can sway his research — fish either cluster at the platforms or they don't. And because they do, his personal view is that the rigs should stay in place, cut below the waterline so that ships can pass safely over them.

"It's immoral to kill large numbers of animals anywhere on earth, and if you remove a platform you'll kill many millions of animals," he says.

Proposals to keep the platforms are modeled on programs in the Gulf of Mexico, where more than 200 rigs have been converted into artificial reefs either by toppling them or by cutting them below the waterline.

Krop, the environmental lawyer, says rig-to-reef conversions make more sense in the Gulf of Mexico because the waters there have a mud bottom, not natural reefs.

Converting platforms between Long Beach and Point Conception north of Santa Barbara could be \$600 million to \$1 billion cheaper than removing them, Steinbach said. In exchange for letting the rigs stay, Steinbach said, oil companies would contribute up to half their savings to state conservation programs.

Widespread opposition from environmentalists and residents has killed legislation that would have allowed such a deal.

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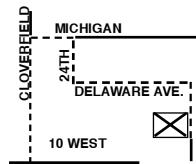
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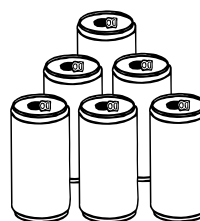
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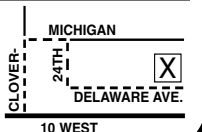
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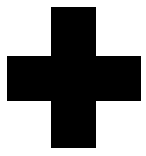
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Report indicates a faculty disconnect among houses

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years,” Straus said. “We are considered by federal observers to be the best model (for redesign into smaller learning communities) in California, if not the rest of the country. It is just going to take some time. I think that next year, which will be the fourth year of implementation, we will really start to see the fruits of our labor.”

Dividing large high schools into smaller learning communities has become a national trend. The intent is to create a stronger sense of identity and unity amongst students of each community, or house, as well as allow teachers more time for individualized instruction to help those who are having trouble making the grade.

Each house has its own principal and counseling staff, which also is intended to foster greater relationships with students so that counselors can recognize when youth need help before it’s too late.

The opposite has happened, according to data released by the district, as well as a study conducted by a RAND researcher, who interviewed faculty without the presence of administrators. RAND was approached by the school district to conduct an external evaluation of the redesign system. The researcher analyzed the district’s data and test scores, and interviewed faculty and administrators.

Both reports found that while test scores are up, the grade point averages for African-American and Latino students are down. There also is a lack of communication between houses, leading to some confusion and isolation, particularly amongst teachers in 11th and 12th grade, where the house system has not been fully realized.

The GPA data showed that last year the number of African-American students not earning at least a 2.0 GPA increased to 39 percent from 33 percent a year earlier. For Latino students the number rose from 11 to 17 percent.

“That’s pretty significant,” de la Torre said. “It’s not what we were expecting.”

School board member Maria Leon-Vazquez seemed troubled by the numbers, particularly in light of the fact that many minority students rely more on their GPAs than SAT scores to get into college. She, along with school board members de la Torre and Jose Escarce, requested that district staff break down data by house so the board could better identify which houses are successful and which ones are struggling. There also was a request for more information on summer school programs and the development of an exit interview for students graduating from Samohi.

There’s also been a rise in racial tension on campus, which raises a red flag for officials because the redesign was supposed to foster greater understanding and tolerance.

Leon-Vazquez suggested new teachers be given a tour of the culturally and economically diverse Pico neighborhood to better understand the socio-economic factors that affect student achievement. She also asked for district staff to provide an update on the hiring of teachers to reflect the school’s cultural diversity.

Putting numbers aside, the RAND report documented the sentiments of those who are participating in the redesign, specifically teachers. It found that there was confusion, with some teachers having “no clue” what was going on among houses, according to the report.

Loved ones remember a life of laughter

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and Pico Boulevard.

With strangers from all walks of life standing together, hand in hand, Torgerson called on the need to preserve Lopez’s memory by eradicating division and violence at Santa Monica High School, and throughout Santa Monica and the world.

“We need to let go of whatever it is that divides and causes pain in the lives of other people,” Torgerson said. “Let it go. Look at each other today in this horrible moment and say ‘I’m willing to give it up.’ If we do, Eddie will live.”

For Samohi baseball coach Timothy Dearn, Lopez, a captain on the freshmen/sophomore team, will forever be a part of his life and the lives of those who follow in

There’s concern from teachers, as well as parents regarding the disciplinary policies of each house. There were complaints that two students involved in a fight would often receive different punishments, which sent a mixed message to students, influencing their behavior in the classroom.

RAND also found that houses had not quite established an identity because students have to go outside of their houses for certain classes, mainly math and science. Teachers in those fields said they felt isolated from their peers.

“We have divided up our departments so it is harder to get support from one another and mentor new teachers. We have new teachers coming and going like crazy, and I think a lot of that has to do with the isolation they feel,” said Samohi history teacher Don Hedrick, who serves on a committee comprised of faculty members and administrators who monitors the redesign. “Santa Monica hasn’t turned into six small schools. We are still a very large campus divided up in different ways. It’s hard to see if the sacrifices we’ve given up have not outweighed the advantages we’ve gotten.”

Class size also is an issue, Hedrick and the RAND report concluded. With more students comes less time for individual attention, which is counter to the redesign’s goals.

Straus put the responsibility on the school board for making cuts that increased class size just one year into the redesign.

“Just when we were getting going, class sizes were increased from 20 to 1, to one teacher for 35 students,” Straus said. “That sort of derailed us a bit.”

There are some positives to come out of the redesign. RAND found that teachers in a house were able to come together and share ideas on how to help a particular student in need. They also were able to share their experiences and receive peer support.

Samohi PTA president Maria Rodriguez was joined by other parents when she said the redesign is working.

“It has made an amazing difference for those students who had no connection to the school,” Rodriguez said. “In the event of a crisis, it is important for students to have that one adult on campus that they can turn to. The redesign has helped build that connection and has put a lot of students on the right path.”

RAND recommended that focus should continue to be on the ninth and 10th grade levels instead of expanding the house system further to include older students. The cost of expanding, the report said, will detract from the gains being made in the lower grade levels.

Jules Bagneris, a parent and community activist who has criticized the redesign, said the school board should implement the RAND recommendations immediately and order district staff to come back with data broken down by house, which should have been done after the first year, he said.

“We support the intent of redesign, but the original vision is flawed,” Bagneris said. “While we wait, we are creating this laboratory of students who are guinea pigs, with the onerous result of denial into a major university. No admittance officer is going to look at grades and see whether or not the school is broken up into houses or not. We can’t wait until next year. We need to refine the redesign.”

Lopez’s footsteps.

“When I look at the new kids who join the team, I’ll tell them they better treat that jersey with respect and wear it with pride,” said Dearn, who remembers Lopez was always willing to lend a hand to a teammate in need. “Eddie’s spirit will never leave us. We will always have one more teammate by our side.”

Following the service, family and friends united at the Samohi cafeteria for a reception, at which time the tears seemed to fade and were replaced by laughter as loved ones ate food brought by friends. They shared stories about the apt comedian, who could make just about anyone smile with the simple wink of an eye. Many recalled how Lopez would lift the spirits of those around him, and it seemed only right that even in death, he could do just that.

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

'Know before you go' is a weekly update on construction projects throughout Santa Monica. Here are the government-initiated projects for the week of March 13.

2200 Virginia Avenue Park

Three-inch water meter installation for landscape. At the intersection of Pico Boulevard and 23rd Street, water construction crews will be installing a new water meter for the new Virginia Avenue Park.

Airport Park and Airport Avenue improvements

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

Cingular telecommunications lines

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

Civic Center parking structure

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

Electrical vault installation

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

Storm drain repair

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

Gas company main replacement

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

Marine Street utility undergrounding

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

On-Fiber telecommunications lines

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

Santa Monica Pier structural rehabilitation

Minimal traffic flow interruptions at the pier deck parking entrance. Structural upgrade of Municipal Pier roadway and miscellaneous repairs on Newcomb Pier.

Street and parking lot retrofit

Occasional traffic slowdown at four locations: Ocean Avenue from Colorado Avenue to Pico Boulevard; Ocean Avenue from Adelaide Drive to Montana Avenue; Georgina Avenue from Ocean Avenue to Fourth Street; and Palisades Avenue from Ocean Avenue to Fourth Street.

Street and parking lot resurfacing

Repairs scheduled through October 2006. Sidewalk, driveway, curb and gutter repairs begin Feb. 27 on 14th Street from Pico to Oak; 21st Street from Ocean Park Boulevard to Dewey; Pier Avenue from 21st to 23rd streets; Marine Street from 21st to 23rd streets; and 16th Street from Ocean Park Boulevard to Oak. Lane closures around work posted as necessary.

Traffic signal upgrade

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

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Southern California weather wasn't too bad either.

"There were bombs going off, the IRA was there," she said. "That was a big part of it. I was frightened, actually ... that and the mold growing on the walls in my apartment."

Working minimum wage jobs flipping hamburgers and cocktail waitressing for a few years around L.A., the Irish-trained chef in 1977 eventually slipped into the culinary world here and began teaching classes at major cooking schools, including at private companies, and at public high school and college campuses.

"My first two years were hell here ... my first bed was a mattress that someone had thrown on Barrington Avenue," she recalled. "I couldn't sleep on the floor anymore, so I grabbed it off the street. I had no winter coat, so I got one at the Salvation Army, which I still donate to today. They were good to me."

And while she may call Malibu home, Main Street has been a huge piece of Gilliland's American dream. It's where she built her extraordinary food career and where she met her husband, Theodore Lonsway, who owned an antique shop on Main Street for decades. Gilliland met Lonsway after she crashed a Christmas party at the Enterprise Fish Co.

The two married in 1989 and worked as partners until Lonsway died suddenly in 2002. Over the years, the couple owned several businesses. At one point, they owned five Main Street businesses at the same time.

Gilliland opened her first restaurant, Gilliland's Cafe on Main Street, in 1984 and almost simultaneously began a small catering company that served Bloomingdales, Dean & DeLuca and Balducci's in New York.

Then in 1991, Gilliland opened Lula Cocina Mexicana. The restaurant, which means "Mexican grandmother," is named after her mentor. Lula Bertran took Gilliland under her wing and taught her everything there was to know about cooking Mexican food.

Gilliland's endeavors reached a new height in 1993 when she opened her third restaurant, Jake and Annie's. The name was changed to Finn McCool's in 2001 to bolster business after the terrorist attacks severely affected sales. Gilliland and Lonsway figured that renaming the pub after ancient Irish legend Finn McCool would be an attraction of sorts. McCool was a mythical leader of the old-time warriors of Ireland. According to legend, he confounded his enemies with his magic skills and is part of the ancient art of story telling for which the Irish are well known.

Her latest restaurant opening in 1997, Gilliland bought the Black Whale in Marina del Rey and reopened it as the Washington Street Bar & Grill, which focuses on Santa Maria-style grilling. In 1998, she sold Gilliland's Cafe, followed by the Marina del Rey establishment.

Gilliland attributes the success of her restaurants to many things. Early on in her career, a major factor was positive write-ups in the Herald Examiner and the Los Angeles Times.

"Business took off," Gilliland said.

"With Gilliland's, I paid all of the investors back in four years and then started making money myself. I basically worked for minimum wage for four years. I really worked hard, got involved, got in the kitchen, put an Irish slant on it."

Gilliland, 54, is far removed from the life she knew as a child growing up in an Irish Catholic, middle-class family. She says the high point of her life there was when she saw the Beatles perform in Belfast when she was 14.

And although she might miss her home country, she hasn't returned to Ireland in 10 years.

"I don't like to fly ... The last trip over there, I nearly tortured my husband to death on the plane by holding his hand and screaming," she said. "I hate flying."

But Gilliland has plenty of pieces of home placed within Finn McCool's.

When her father, Jim Flynn, retired in Ireland, Gilliland purchased her father's Irish pub. She disassembled the pub board by board and had it shipped to the Main Street location in Santa Monica via the Panama Canal. The bar was totally recreated as it had been in Ireland to give it the feel of community and comfort of an Emerald Isle pub.

The bar at Finn McCool's is made from Irish teak, complete with Celtic carvings. The "Book of Kells," an ancient Irish manuscript, was used to create Celtic murals, as well as a scene of Finn McCool with his dogs.

Keeping a piece of Ireland at the bar keeps Gilliland connected to her heritage, but it's her life in America that makes her happy and satisfied. Gilliland last February realized another American dream: becoming an U.S. citizen. She finally found herself with enough time to study for the test, which covers all aspects of American history.

"It feels great," she said. "That was a really big thing to become an American citizen ... I probably know more about the Constitution than you do."

Amidst her active schedule, Gilliland this week will stay focused on the task at hand: prepping for the biggest Irish party day of the year, March 17, the anniversary of St. Patrick's death. The Irish have observed the day as a religious holiday for thousands of years, but today it has become a day of celebrating and drinking for many bar patrons.

It certainly will be at Finn McCool's, where doors open at 9 a.m. The party will be broadcast live on Indie 103.1 FM, a three-woman band, the Randies, will play, and an Irish dancer will dance to fiddle music.

The Daily Press recently caught up with Gilliland at Finn McCool's to talk about her success on Main Street.

Where did you get your business sense?

"I think from my mother. When my father died, I was 14 and I had to take over running our business. We used to own what was basically a grocery shop, you know, like one of those corner liquor stores, but we sold pork. I really think I got it from my mother. And I really think that Belfast people are good business people."

Why?

"I think it's because we are very straight forward, very blunt, very direct. There's no



Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

A Guinness clock hanging on the wall at Finn McCool's counts the seconds to the St. Patrick's Day fun.

beatin' around the bush. Very honest."

What was it like to open up your first business?

"I had never operated a business before, so I was very naive. The first night we opened, I didn't even have a safe to put the money in. Stupid things. I didn't know what a P&L (profit and loss statement) was. I didn't know what payroll taxes were. I caught on really fast."

What was Main Street like then?

"It wasn't like this. When I opened Gilliland's, it was a wasteland. There wasn't even a building on either side of me. I was way out of it. It was pretty oppressive."

Your restaurants turned a profit fairly quickly. What's your secret to success?

"Lula was day one. There was a line outside the door on day one. Never lost a dime in that restaurant. I was in the kitchen in every restaurant that I have ever owned ... I think you have to be in the right place, the right corner. The location is good. I think location is really important. I think you have to have the right product, and you don't overcharge. I think you have to have good service and clean restaurants, and nice people working for you who are happy."

I understand you "import" some of your employees. What's that all about?

"I use a recruiting agency and get kids here from Ireland for 18 months on a work visa. A lot of them are Irish Americans, but the reason that I like the Irish straight off the boat is that, first of all, I know what it is like. I know that it's a really great opportunity for a young man or woman in this country. I think that they have a different persona than the Irish person who has been here for 30 years, like myself. They are just more innocent. It is something you can't train about somebody who's fresh out of Ireland who has never traveled before."

How many employees do you have total?

"I don't know, like 50? The staff at Lula has been there since it opened."

You must be a good employer.

"My people say I am. I'm firm, I'm

fair, I'm fun."

What other plans do you have?

"I'm trying to build a swimming pool, and that is turning out to be a huge issue. And I'm putting in a vineyard. There are 37 vineyards in Malibu, and it's my next thing that I want to do. I know a lot now. I know that I can grow. I know the slopes. I know the pitfalls. I know the costs. I know that it's going to be five years to get a yield. I'll probably grow chardonnay, cabernet and sangiovese."

What's your favorite food?

"Mexican. I never get sick of the food at Lula."

When did you develop that taste?

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OK, let me ask it this way, what challenges do you face as a business and property owner in Santa Monica?

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Sellers try to lure mercury-wary shoppers

BY JERRY HIRSCH
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO, Calif. —Shoppers browsing the seafood counters at Holiday Quality Foods' 19 grocery stores in rural Northern California are finding a new Safe Harbor brand, the nation's first line of low-mercury fresh fish.

The label is part of a market test by the supermarket chain and Pacific Seafood Group, one of the nation's largest fish wholesalers, to see whether customers would buy more fish if they had more information about its mercury content.

Holiday is using a new technology, developed by a high-tech company in San Rafael, Calif., that takes just minutes, rather than days, to measure the mercury concentration in fish.

"This is a way to regain the confidence of consumers who worry about seafood and mercury," said Chuck Holman, retail sales manager for Pacific Seafood, Holiday's supplier.

Studies have found that high concentrations of mercury in pregnant women, nursing mothers and young children are harmful to brain development. Big fish, such as swordfish, shark and tuna, tend to contain more mercury than smaller fish such as salmon.

Federal and state advisories warning women of childbearing age to avoid fish with high levels of mercury, along with other adverse seafood publicity, are starting to eat into Holiday's sales. Over the last two years, the chain's sales of fresh fish have fallen 3 percent while the number of questions shoppers ask about mercury has risen, said David Parrish, Holiday's director of perishables.

That's a worrying trend for Holiday, as well as for Clackamas, Ore.-based Pacific Seafood. Holman hopes that by providing more information about the mercury in fish, the industry can win back customers such as Tina Kulek of Los Alamitos.

"I think twice before buying swordfish now, and I don't have it very often, maybe once in a while in a restaurant," said Kulek, as she did the family grocery shopping at a Trader Joe's in Long Beach. Kulek said she would be more likely to purchase fish if she knew it had a low mercury level.

"It is something that should be labeled," Kulek said.

Other consumers are changing their

eating habits because of mercury warnings as well.

"I love sushi, and we used to eat swordfish and grill big tuna steaks," said Everett Volk, an attorney in Washington. But Volk and his wife, Rebecca, cut those items from their diet several years ago. "We were planning kids and we were worried about mercury crossing the placenta."

Pacific Seafood's efforts to regain customers start in a building the size of two large supermarkets in an industrial park on the north side of Sacramento.

There, the company processes as much as 250,000 pounds of fish and shellfish daily, six days a week. Much of the building is maintained at 34 degrees and machines churn out 45 tons of ice daily to make sure fish stays fresh as it is prepared and shipped to Albertsons supermarkets, Outback Steakhouse, Red Lobster restaurants and other clients.

Fish comes by airplane and truck from throughout the world — 90-pound yellowfin tuna caught near Fiji, giant halibut that ply the icy coast of Alaska and sea bass that swim in the waters between Argentina and the Antarctic.

In the cutting room, workers wield razor-sharp, 16-inch knives as they slice blood-red ahi into quarters for delivery to sushi bars and snowy halibut into pre-packed steaks for grocery stores.

Now, more than 1,000 pounds of seafood a day makes an extra stop at a testing table where a worker uses a syringe and biopsy needle to extract a sample for insertion into the testing device developed by Micro Analytical Systems. The copy-machine-sized system takes about a minute to analyze the sample and signal whether the mercury concentration is low enough to warrant the Safe Harbor label.

"We expect to reject at least half of the fish we test," said Malcolm Wittenberg, chief executive of Micro Analytical.

Food and Drug Administration regulations say that any fish containing a mercury concentration of 1 part per million or more shouldn't be sold.

Safe Harbor brand fish is certified to have mercury concentrations well below that limit. Wittenberg has calibrated the certification to an FDA database derived from a series of random tests, reporting the lowest, median and highest levels of mercury found in different species.

Mercury in Chilean sea bass, for exam-

ple, ranges from a low of 0.085 part per million to a high of 2.180 parts per million, more than twice the level at which the FDA says the fish isn't fit for human consumption. In most instances, only a fish that tests below the median level on that database in Chilean sea bass — that's 0.303 ppm — gets the Safe Harbor label, Wittenberg said.

Some species, such as salmon, have consistently low reported mercury levels. For those species, the test will look for aberrations rather than the median, Wittenberg said.

The extra cost of certifying the fish will be absorbed by Holiday for now, Parrish said, "because if we are going to sell more fish, we will make our money on the volume." He expects the wholesale price of a pound of snapper to rise to \$3.49 from \$3.19, for example, but the chain will continue to sell the fish for \$5.69 a pound.

The test by Holiday and Pacific Seafood is attracting the attention of other chains and wholesalers. Wittenberg met with representatives of Albertsons' Bristol Farms chain Friday. An Albertsons Inc. spokeswoman declined to comment.

"If the machine can provide better safety it would be advantageous to the industry," said Chip Mezin, co-general manager of American Fish & Seafood Co. in Los Angeles, which provides fish for many of the large supermarket and restaurant chains in Southern California. A spokeswoman for Pacific American Fish Co., a wholesaler based in Vernon, said some of its Southern California clients have asked whether it could obtain Micro Analytical Systems' Safe Harbor-brand fish.

But Mezin and other wholesalers also want to be sure the testing device works. The FDA also is watching.

"One of the concerns that we would have would be whether it is accurate," said David Acheson, the FDA's chief medical officer.

To ensure the machine's accuracy, technicians at Pacific Seafood will periodically test a sample with a known mercury level and check that the readings match, Wittenberg said.

The FDA hasn't advocated large-scale testing of fish and doesn't enforce its own regulation limiting mercury levels to less than 1 ppm. For the FDA to act, the government would have to demonstrate that the particular fish had too much mercury and the consumption of that fish would be

harmful, Acheson said.

"That second requirement is going to be hard to prove in a courtroom," Acheson said. "It is questionable whether any individual fish could be removed from the marketplace."

The FDA focuses on testing the average mercury level of different species of fish, Acheson said. The agency will take samples from 12 fish of the same species, mix the flesh together and test the composite.

For example, from 2002 through last month, the agency tested 87 batches of yellowfin tuna, or 1,044 fish. It found that yellowfin, often sold as ahi, averaged 0.325 ppm, but that some of the batches exceeded the 1 ppm limit. Based on that average, a 6-ounce serving would contain the maximum amount of mercury a 180-pound man should consume in a week.

"It's a better use of our resources to inform consumers what to do about fish than spending money and time testing more fish," Acheson said.

What to do about fish is not easy to answer, medical professionals say.

A study published by Harvard Medical School's Dr. Emily Oken and other researchers in the October edition of Environmental Health Perspectives found that the overall effect of fish eaten by pregnant women appeared to be beneficial. But the study did have some contradictory findings, which is why co-author Oken said more research needed to be done.

"Mothers who ate more fish had babies with higher scores on a cognition test. We also found that higher mercury levels in the mom was associated with lower test scores for the babies. The babies that did best were moms who ate fish with low mercury levels," Oken said.

It's also not clear what approach adults should take.

San Francisco physician Jane Hightower said she had seen a correlation between heavy fish consumption by her patients with elevated blood mercury levels and complaints about a variety of ailments, including headaches, depression and memory loss. Yet multiple studies have touted fish as a low-fat protein, full of compounds that are good for the brain and cardiovascular system.

"This is not about avoiding fish," Acheson said. "It is about paying attention to the types and amount of fish you eat."

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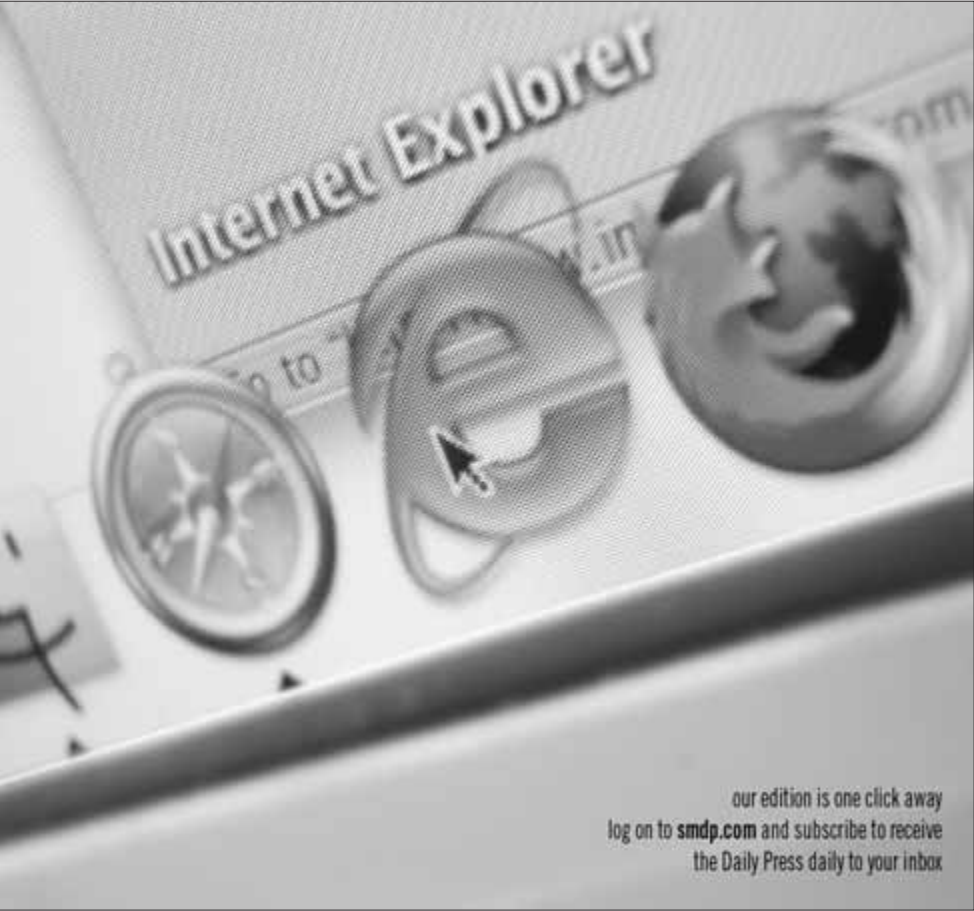
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Man in wheelchair killed in hit-and-run

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Police were searching for the driver of a taxicab that struck and killed a 34-year-old man in a wheelchair.

Jose Laboy, on his way home from classes at Santa Monica College, was hit about 8:45 p.m. Thursday.

Witnesses told police the driver of the taxi, described as a green and white car, possibly a Ford Crown Victoria, fled the scene after striking Laboy.

The victim's niece, Lisa Rivera, said she heard the wail of the ambulance siren a block from her Jefferson Park home, but that she didn't think about it again until she saw her uncle's white wheelchair lying mangled in the street.

"The way it happened, it was like he was going full force," Rivera, 21, said of the driver. "To hit a man in a wheelchair? It was like he didn't have a heart."

Laboy was pronounced dead at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center.

At the accident site Friday, relatives set up a makeshift memorial with candles, flowers and black balloons. A picture of Laboy, round-faced and smiling, was also on display.

Rivera, speaking for the family, said Laboy's life had been filled with struggle. When he was 17, he was shot in the spine and paralyzed during a drive-by shooting, she said.

Court orders Vernon to hold election

By The Associated Press

VERNON, Calif. — A judge ordered the city to hold its first election in a quarter-century, ruling that the tiny industrial town acted illegally when it stripped voter registrations from three men and canceled an April election.

The ruling Friday marks a milestone for Vernon, located just south of downtown Los Angeles. The municipality has only 93 residents, and it has long been criticized for its closed political system.

Most City Council members have served for decades and rarely face opposition at the polls.

But this year, three men moved into a converted commercial space and filed papers to run for Council. Within days, city utility trucks turned off the newcomers' power and city inspectors slapped the property with violations.

The men were evicted, and the city canceled their voter registrations and the election.

Attorneys for Vernon argued that the men were not residents and could not run for office.

But Superior Court Judge David Yaffee ruled that the men were not disqualified from running for office after the city evicted them.

"Maybe they're living on the streets, in their cars," Yaffee said.

As it turned out, Don A. Huff, 41, David Johnson, 24, and Alejandro Lopez, 20, have been living for a week in tents and cars outside the converted commercial building.

"I thought they were actually going to get away with what they were doing," Johnson said.

Vernon officials declined comment.

In the past, Vernon has regularly canceled elections because no one challenged the incumbents. People who have announced their candidacy have been evicted from city-owned homes.

Zoo calls for elephant housing despite budget crunch

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles Zoo proposed building a \$39 million, 3.5-acre exhibit to house its three elephants, despite a city budget gap estimated at nearly \$300 million.

Critics called it a pachyderm-sized bungle during a severe budget crunch. Animal-welfare activists, who'd won a campaign promise from Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa to close the zoo's elephant exhibit, vowed to continue their campaign to have the animals sent to a sanctuary.

The Elephants of Surin exhibit, once forecast to cost \$19 million for two acres, was put on hold for more than a year while the mayor commissioned a study of the zoo's elephant quarters. The study, released in December, recommended that the zoo enlarge the elephant quarters from a half-acre to three acres.

In a letter sent Friday to the mayor, Los Angeles Zoo General Manager John Lewis outlined plans for an elephant exhibit that would be among the largest of any urban zoo in the nation. The proposed exhibit would create a grassland with water holes, waterfalls and natural surfaces for walking and standing.

"We're going to come up with the money because the children of Los Angeles deserve it," said Councilman Tom LaBonge, whose district includes the zoo.

The mayor said he had not reviewed the proposal, but reiterated his concerns about keeping elephants in zoos.

Villaraigosa has pledged to eliminate the city's nearly \$300 million budget deficit within five years.

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Earthquake tributes extend well beyond San Francisco

BY LISA LEFF
Associated Press Writer

SANTA ROSA, Calif. — San Francisco may be the figurative epicenter of the 1906 earthquake and its upcoming centennial, but communities up and down the San Andreas fault want to make sure they aren't overlooked in the commemorative hoopla.

Take Santa Rosa, a former farm town where 119 of the 7,500 citizens were killed on April 18, 1906. The loss of life gave the city the highest quake-related death toll per capita of any American city before or since, a fact few people who live here now know.

The city's solution? Recruit 119 volunteers to dress in vintage garb and walk by candlelight behind a horse-drawn hearse to the cemetery where 15 earthquake victims were buried in a mass grave. For those who don't relish rising before dawn for a faux funeral march, a band playing dirges along the route will provide a wake-up call at 5:13 a.m., the time the notorious temblor struck.

"We thought it would make something kind of dramatic and interesting," said Bill Montgomery, a former city parks director who is helping to organize the event.

Bay Area residents and tourists will find plenty of opportunities — parochial, commercial and artistic — to participate in next month's centennial. From San Jose, which plans a geology exhibit called "It's Our Fault, Too," to the Exploratorium science museum in San Francisco, where an artist will render a sculpture of a quivering San Francisco neighborhood in Jell-O, the observances range from the slimy to the humorous.

Other anniversary activities include a new work by the San Francisco Ballet in which a dancer improvises her movements to real-time seismic data conveyed to the stage via the Internet and a city library exhibit about a lesbian doctor who traveled to San Francisco from Portland, Ore., to treat the injured in '06.

The Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History, more than 100 miles south of the city, hopes to remind people that the next "Big One" could strike anywhere in Northern California. The museum recently opened an exhibit called "Collateral Damage," showing photographs of the impact 1906 had on cities far from San Francisco.

To get enough pictures, archivist Esther Trosow said she had to extend the call for entries to three neighboring counties, since Monterey County, where Pacific Grove is, didn't suffer a whole lot of damage.

"We have made the exhibit more theatrical and dramatic by having a faux painter come in and paint the wall so it looks like bricks are falling down," Trosow said.

The hospitality industry is getting on the act, too. Guests who sign up for the Orchard Hotel's "once-in-a-century" overnight package will receive an emergency preparedness kit along with a copy of "1906," a new novel set amid the aftermath. Restaurants and bars, meanwhile, will be promoting mixed drinks with names such as Earthquake Cooler, Trembling Martini and the Quake and Fire cocktail — a mix of sparkling wine, orange juice and raspberry liqueur.

The Great Quake and the firestorms that followed leveled 28,000 buildings and left 225,000 of San Francisco's 400,000 residents homeless.

Stephen Becker, executive director of the California Historical Society, said some of the events seem to trivialize the horrific event. He likens it to efforts by city fathers a century ago to deceive the public about the disaster's scope so as not to scare off investors, a fact exposed in several recent published accounts.

"What I see is another round of boosterism," Becker said of the upcoming events, including his own organization's free public "sing-along" of San Francisco-themed tunes the night before the actual centennial.

"It's one more round of being able to use this moment that defined us and do that kind of celebrating of how great San Francisco is, how swell we think we are," he said.

San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom was mindful of the inevitable "taste" question when he instructed a committee charged with organizing city-sponsored observances that the goal of the centennial should be "to commemorate, educate and celebrate," said P.J. Johnston, a spokesman.

The city plans to observe the anniversary the same way it has for decades, with a 5:13 a.m. wreath-laying at a downtown fountain that served as a meeting point for those trying to find relatives after the disaster.

As in years past, remaining survivors (organizers say more than a dozen will attend) have been invited to take the stage and dine on the same breakfast the St. Francis Hotel served the morning of the quake.

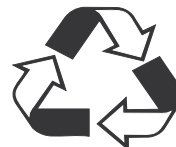
New this year are a \$500-a-plate fundraising dinner benefiting the San Francisco Museum and Historical Society and the Chinese Historical Society of America, as well as a four-day fire expo that will include hose-cart and bucket races, a fire truck parade and disaster awareness demonstrations.

"While we are certainly trying to walk the line of appropriateness here, this is San Francisco," Johnston said. "This is looking at our history and is looking at the Paris of the West's recovery over the course of the years following the earthquake, the decades and the century itself."

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Subdivision proposal draws skepticism

BY RUFFIN PREVOST

Associated Press Writer

BASIN, Wyo. — The scene has played out many times before across the West — a real estate developer facing pointed questions about plans for a housing development that would encroach on rural farmland.

But this time, the proposed 137 tightly clustered homes weren't part of suburban sprawl near Denver or Salt Lake City. These were planned for the wide-open spaces of Big Horn County, which has a population density of four people per square mile.

"This is driven by the concept that you can preserve farmland while creating housing, instead of just taking the land and chopping it up," said Bob Elliott, who is proposing the development. He is an organic cattle rancher seeking to subdivide his Dorsey Creek Ranch.

Elliott's 750-acre property is situated along the banks of the Greybull River six miles west of Basin on a mostly flat expanse of wind-swept valley in the shadow of northwest Wyoming's Bighorn Mountains. Home to about 1,300 people, Basin is an agricultural community and the county seat for Big Horn County.

More than 30 people crowded into a cramped courthouse basement meeting room in mid-February for a tense and emotional public hearing on Elliott's proposal.

The issues that came up — housing density, water rights, wastewater treatment, wildlife habitat and property values — are hardly new to the West. But they are new to some in Big Horn County and reflect a growing trend of development reaching into isolated communities whose zoning regulations don't address such complex issues.

"We've never had any kind of proposal this big, ever," said county planner Jim Waller. "Just to give you an idea, in the last 18 months, we approved only two major subdivisions. One was 10 lots on a

40-acre parcel, and the other was four lots on a six-acre parcel."

An earnest and soft-spoken man with a professorial manner, Elliott grew up in upstate New York and started organic farming in Virginia in 1972.

He strikes an odd figure in a part of Wyoming where taciturn beet farmers and ranchers live in tight-knit but spread-out communities, places where outsiders are rare and most folks are relatives or life-long friends.

His idea of creating rows of closely spaced homes, each on a lot of about one-third acre, has been met with quizzical indifference from some and outright hostility from others.

"I think it's a very good concept," Elliott said before Tuesday's hearing. "It requires homeowners who really want to be part of something, instead of having their own enclave."

"This is housing within a community where people want to be surrounded by working farmland," he said. "Instead of keeping a few acres of their own, they'll have use of a 750-acre ranch and hundreds of square miles of adjacent public land."

But after listening to Elliott's proposal, many at the meeting remained unconvinced.

Some expressed concern about lot density, traffic and dust along unpaved county roads.

Others had concerns about the impact on wildlife, particularly near an existing 3,400-foot dirt landing strip that Elliott, a pilot, said some homeowners might use.

A few didn't think buyers would ever be interested in small lots amid the sprawling properties nearby.

"I'd be very careful about this if I were you," said Andy Dowling, who warned Elliott of developments around the region that have failed.

"This is a very difficult area, where everybody has a large piece of ground," Dowling said. "We have 80 acres, and we're the small guy on the block. I think

you're pushing very hard with this many houses in this type of area."

Adjacent landowner Tom Anderson had concerns about the site of the proposed wastewater effluent leach field, which would be about 1,000 feet from his water well.

"That's right on top of us," Anderson said. "It would be right in our backyard." County regulations require a minimum of 100 feet between septic systems and wells.

In an effort to explain his vision for the project, Elliott passed around a bag of edge sage seed, explaining that he didn't anticipate yards on the lots, but saw instead xeriscapes of drought-tolerant native grasses.

"It's not a gated community," he said. "It's not 'McMansions.' It's going to be modest-sized homes for people who want good views and a nice atmosphere."

At one point, Elliott handed out copies of a landscape by painter Paul Cezanne, saying it was the inspiration for arranging the rows of homes in his development to face the Bighorn Mountains.

"I think it is a model for saving farmland," Elliott said. "I got the idea in when I was in Fort Collins, Colo. When farms there were going to be chopped up, this was a way to have housing and keep the farm."

Clustered development has been promoted around Fort Collins for about seven years, said Larry Timm, planner for Larimer County, Colo.

"It makes a lot of sense for a lot of folks because if you own 35 acres, you have to maintain it," Timm said. "Sometimes it might be better to have smaller parcels but also have an open area owned and maintained by the whole group."

Timm said the concept is to locate homes along the edges of the property, as Elliott's plan generally calls for, leaving open space for agricultural use.

Though it's been practiced for more than 20 years in other parts of the country, Timm said the concept is relatively new in Colorado and the West.

"Sometimes we get some adverse public reaction from people that live on adjacent property, close to where you are going to put the clusters," Timm said. "But it seems to be working pretty well here."

Though Colorado's Larimer County offers zoning incentives for clustered developments, Big Horn County has no such provisions.

The county has essentially no zoning restrictions on much of its rural land, including Elliott's property, Waller said.

"There are no zoning controls in this area," Waller said. "This whole thing could be busted up into 150 five-acre lots. But as it is, he's only taking up 20 percent of the area for housing."

Not everyone in attendance was opposed to Elliott's vision. Rod Collingwood chastised his neighbors for failing to see the opportunity in a development like Dorsey Creek.

"I don't understand it," he said. "I've heard nothing but negatives. I've heard some valid concerns, but nobody has looked at the positives."

The Planning and Zoning Board voted to advance Elliott's proposal to the state for environmental review, the next step in the approval process.

"You've got a man willing to put a lot at risk to hopefully develop something and make the community better, and you have to admire him for even thinking about it," said Reed Williams, board chairman. "How many of us are willing to lay it on the line in the same proportions he is?"

"If you can look on the positive side a little bit, stretch your imaginations a little bit, you'll see this type of thing is coming no matter what," he said. "Now do we want to just sit back, or do we want to help things along a little bit?"

With that, Williams turned to Elliot and said he should prepare to move forward in the subdivision approval process.

"You've got a lot of work to do," he said.

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Workplace tattoos are posing culture clash

BY BRANDY DELLAVEGA
Associated Press Writer

RENO, Nev. — Jason Lordon started to worry after he ran out of long-sleeve shirts to wear to work. Part of Lordon's six-month-old tattoo covering his left arm from elbow to shoulder was visible from under his short-sleeve dress shirt.

"I forgot that a San Francisco partner was in town and would be able to see part of my tattoo," Lordon said from the law office of Curiale, Dellaverson, Hirschfeld & Kraemer in Reno. "I asked my boss if I should go home and change."

Because the 21-year-old college student wasn't seeing a client that day, his boss said he didn't believe it was inappropriate.

"Given the labor shortage, it's important to look toward diversity," said Devon Reese, an attorney at CDHK. "But sometimes looking beyond appearances can be hard."

Not all companies share his philosophy, and sometimes management is stuck in the middle by trying to adopt more flexible dress codes while protecting a professional image.

While a Gen-Xer in the office might not look twice at exposed ink or metal, a baby boomer might find it offensive to display body art at work.

"At least in northern Nevada, there is a lot of talk that the problem of generational differences is starting to rear its ugly head," Reese said. "Younger folks are into body art and have a good work ethic, but older employers can be turned off by it."

In a 2001 study done by Vault.com, a research and employment information services company that profiles U.S. companies, almost 60 percent of employers said they would be less likely to hire someone with visible tattoos or piercings. Almost half of those surveyed said they would have a lower opinion of someone they work with or meet who has visible body art.

The key word in the tattoo issue seems to be "visible." Forty-five percent of the same employers said they had a tattoo or piercing other than pierced ears. When body art is concealed, only 11 percent of employers said it would affect their decision to hire someone.

A 2003 online Harris Interactive poll showed that 36 percent of people 25- to 29-years-old have at least one tattoo, and more than a quarter of those 30 to 39 had a tattoo.

Randy Berger, a 25-year-old electrician in Reno, lost count of how many tattoos he has.

"I get them because I like them," he said as he was getting a "Reno" tattoo by Jesse Martynuik at Body Graphics Tattooing.

Martynuik, whose father, Guy, owns Body Graphics, is a third-generation tattoo artist.

"Tattoos are a lot more accepted now, especially on women," he said. "I get doctors, police officers, executives coming in to get large pieces."

But he conceded that negative attitudes about people with tattoos still exist. "In the summer, I will have cops ask me if I'm in a gang," he said. "Older women will pull their children away."

As a result, some employers won't hire someone with body art, even if it is hidden.

"It is an issue," said Pamela Tsuji, branch manager of Staffmark in Reno, a company that matches job seekers and potential employers.

"Clients used to tell us not to send people with tattoos. 'But because of what we're learning in the community and in training, we try to keep more of an open mind.'"

Tsuji agreed the appropriateness of body art at work depends on the company and job position. "It doesn't really matter if they are not interacting with the public," she said. "Many companies enforce dress codes due to the fact that their employee is the first person a customer sees."

Stephen Hirschfeld, CEO of CDHK and the Employment Law Alliance, said employers can legally restrict body art unless individual states have additional legislation.

"Employers want their employees to look a certain way to create a certain ambiance," Hirschfeld said. "The reality is tattoos, piercings, body art can be restricted by dress codes or uniform requirements."

That isn't stopping lawsuits filed against companies with restrictions on body art. The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission enforces discrimination laws regarding age, disability, equal pay, national origin, pregnancy, race, religion and retaliation. Several employees have used these laws to sue employers.

An employee sued Costco Wholesale Corp. in federal court for religious discrimination, arguing her facial jewelry was required by her religion, the Church of Body Modification. A judge dismissed the suit, ruling that Costco attempted to make reasonable accommodations for her and that her religion did not require she wear piercings at all times. The decision was upheld by the 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Guy Martynuik, owner of Body Graphics Tattooing, is careful about who sees his ink. "I have been tattooing for 35 years and I have nothing below my wrist," he said. "I have to deal with the Health Department, the city, and they just immediately look at you."

Lordon said he isn't worried about his business prospects. "Whatever I do in the future, it will be in a formal environment," he said. "I won't make a big deal of it and can wear long sleeves."



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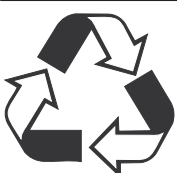
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Bush popular, but Republicans fret

BY RON FOURNIER
AP Political Writer

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — After a full-throated defense of President Bush’s policies on Iraq, Iran and even port security, Sen. John McCain shrugged his shoulders and explained why: “It’s easy to be loyal when the guy is at 65 percent.”

“I’m not going to kick him while he’s down.”

His message echoed throughout a weekend convention of GOP activists and potential 2008 presidential candidates who rallied behind the embattled Bush, mostly for his wartime leadership. But a second theme was less forgiving, and it was aimed at the White House and the entire Republican leadership:

Get your acts together.

Several speakers accused their own party of drifting from conservative values, especially the promise to control government spending, and warned of defeats in November if dispirited GOP voters stay home.

Outside the convention hall, several delegates to the Southern Republican Leadership Conference said they were shaken by a string of White House mistakes and suggested Bush may need a new team.

“I am sorry for letting you down when it comes to spending your money,” Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina told several hundred delegates Saturday. “We’re going to turn it around and if we don’t, we’re going to be in trouble” in November.

He apologized for the lobbyist scandal that has tarnished the Republican majorities in Congress.

He apologized for Republican-run Washington failing to stand up to China and India on trade matters.

And, finally, Graham urged activists to make sure the party returns to its roots before Election Day.

“We’re not going to win by being Democrats,” he said. “Conservatism sells.”

Gov. Mike Huckabee of Arkansas, forced by state law to balance his budgets, chastised Congress for runaway spending at the federal level. “It’s hard to tell which party is which,” the potential 2008 candidate said.

Even an architect of Congress’ fiscal record denounced it. Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist of Tennessee said there was “no justification for a one-way ticket down a wayward path of wasteful Washington spending,” which seemed to be an indictment of the institution he leads.

McCain, the early front-runner for 2008, epitomizes how Republican candidates are judiciously handling their approach to Bush.

While praising the president for the fight against terrorism, the Arizona senator criticized the free-spending habits of Congress and noted that President Reagan vetoed a bill with 152 special spending projects. Without mentioning Bush or the president’s unused veto pen, McCain told delegates in his Friday night address that a spending bill recently was signed into law with more than 6,000 such project.

“My friends, that’s your money. We cannot do that with American tax dollars,” McCain said, slashing the air with his finger as he raised his voice to a shout. “We cannot do that!”

Delegates praised McCain on Saturday for being both fiscally conservative and loyal to Bush who, despite sagging poll numbers, is still supported by three-fourths of Republicans. McCain has been trying to curry favor with conservatives since his failed 2000 campaign against Bush.

“You don’t hear McCain defend the president very

often and I found that very encouraging,” said Adair Schippers, a delegate from Cheatam County, Tenn.

Graham, who backed McCain in 2000 and would again in 2008, suggested that McCain wants Republican voters to view him as Bush’s heir in fighting terrorism, but his own man on fiscal responsibility.

“If you believe the party has drifted from fiscal conservatism, you’ll have no greater advocate than John McCain,” Graham told reporters.

Though supportive of Bush, delegates here said they were shaken by a spate of White House miscues, culminating with the collapse of a vastly unpopular deal to allow a Dubai company to run six U.S. port terminals. Several delegates urged Bush to clean house at the White House.

“The president is a good man,” said Jim Frazier of Memphis. “But you’ve got to wonder how well served he is.”

Some ambitious party leaders wrapped themselves in the memory of another president. “I am Sam Brownback and I am a Ronald Reagan Republican,” said the Kansas senator, perhaps the most conservative potential 2008 candidate.

Conference delegates were taking part in an informal poll of the 2008 presidential field.

Sen. George Allen of Virginia, one of those on the “straw poll” ballot, repeatedly mentioned Reagan and echoed Bush’s position on the war in Iraq.

“The strategy is we win, they lose,” Allen said. “There’s no substitute for victory.”

The same could be said about November, when Republicans must defend their majorities in Congress and state capitals. Huckabee urged the delegates to knock off the “hand-wringing” and dismiss talk of “the ultimate and imminent decline” of the GOP.

“If we think we are in trouble,” Huckabee said, “then we are in trouble.”

Research shows islands settled later than thought

By The Associated Press

HONOLULU — The first immigrants from the Polynesian islands to reach Easter Island arrived more recently than previously thought, according to research by a University of Hawaii archaeology professor published last week in the journal “Science.”

The study helps bring perspective to the way humans migrated to the eastern islands of the Pacific, said lead author Terry Hunt on Friday.

Easter Island, also known as Rapa Nui, was not settled until around the year 1200, according to the study. That’s

between 400 and 800 years later than researchers originally estimated.

It’s still believed that the Hawaiian Islands were settled between A.D. 800 and 1000, Hunt said.

“Somehow Hawaii got discovered early, even though it’s on the outskirts,” Hunt said. “Maybe the winds were more favorable.”

The research suggests that Hawaii was part of a regional eastern Polynesian homeland connected by canoe routes and trade patterns. The islands included Hawaii, the Marquesas, the Tuamotus, the Society Islands, the Cook Islands and New Zealand.

Hunt conducted an extensive dig at the sand dunes of Anakena, the best canoe-landing spot on Easter Island.

His team tested charcoal samples and rat-eaten palm nuts. The date came back as A.D. 1250. Polynesians are believed to have brought the rats to the island.

Hunt said earlier dating work may have been flawed because it was based on items like old wood, which can skew dates too old.

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TERRY HUNT
University of Hawaii archaeology professor

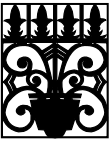
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Spill largest ever on Alaska's North Slope

BY RACHEL D'ORO

Associated Press Writer

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — A massive oil spill discovered earlier this month at Prudhoe Bay is the largest ever on Alaska's North Slope, officials said late last week.

Between 201,000 and 267,000 gallons of crude leaked from a ruptured transit line onto the snow-covered tundra, according to an official estimate of the spill. That amount far surpasses the 38,000 gallons spilled in 2001, officials said. By comparison, the Exxon Valdez spilled 11 million gallons when it ran aground in Prince William Sound in 1989.

"I can confirm it's the largest spill of crude oil on the North Slope that we have record of," said Linda Giguere with the state Department of Environmental Conservation. She said the state began comprehensive record keeping on spills 10 years ago, following years of cursory record keeping since the trans-Alaska oil pipeline was built in the 1970s.

The estimate was based on a survey conducted this week at the site operated by BP Exploration (Alaska) Inc. where the leak was discovered March 2. Workers took measurements by probing the snow covering much of the crude that leaked from the 34-inch line.

The spill covers two acres of remote and unpopulated land on Alaska's north coast near the Beaufort Sea. Richard Fineberg, a former state oil analyst, said it's too early to determine environment consequences, but said this area near the start of the trans-Alaska pipeline is not the image most Americans have of the state.

"That area is not pristine. It's industrial," he said.

More importantly, Fineberg said, the spill is the latest result of the oil industry's failure to properly maintain the North Slope's aging infrastructure. That failure, he said, potentially hurts a public that is heavily reliant on the 800-mile pipeline, which carries nearly 17 percent of domestic crude oil production.

"In my estimation, this chronic phenomenon has its roots in cost-cutting pressures and places Alaska's environment and a major portion of the West Coast oil supply at significant and needless risk," he said.

The source of the spill was a quarter-inch hole apparently caused by internal corrosion in the three-mile line that leads to the trans-Alaska oil pipeline.

It's not known when the leak started. It was located deep inside insulation of the transit line in a low-lying section designed to let caribou pass.

To date, workers have recovered 52,920

gallons — or 1,260 barrels — of crude. The effort has been slowed in recent days by wind-chilled temperatures that dipped to more than 70 degrees below zero.

"It's a significant spill. The volume is large, but the footprint is small," Giguere said. "It's contained and controlled, which is the really good news. Morale is high, despite the cold temperatures and harsh conditions."

The plant, 650 miles north of Anchorage, usually processes 100,000 barrels of oil daily — slightly less than 10 percent of the daily flow through the 800-mile trans-Alaska pipeline. For now, a six-inch pipeline is being used for production of 5,000 barrels daily.

Production is not expected to resume for at least two weeks, BP spokesman Daren Beaudou said Friday.

For now, the company is working on repairs and two plans to resume production: evaluating the integrity of the entire line and looking at rerouting the crude through another pipeline, Beaudou said.

"We're being prudent to make sure we have options," he said. "We're covering all the bases."

The company — which will investigate whether a leak-detection system on the line was working — has come under scrutiny by regulators in other incidents.

In 2000, a federal judge sentenced BP

to five years probation and ordered it to pay more than \$15 million for failing to immediately report that hazardous waste was dumped by a contractor at the slope's Endicott oil field. In 2004, then-DEC Commissioner Ernesta Ballard called for elevated federal oversight of the company, saying BP failed to promptly report a 6,000-gallon spill the previous year and in 2001 illegally pumped spilled liquids underground without permission from state regulators.

Meanwhile Friday, officials reported another leak on the North Slope, this time in a 24-inch diameter pipeline carrying water with a trace of crude from wells to a processing plant operated by ConocoPhillips in Kuparuk, the slope's second-largest oil field after Prudhoe Bay.

The spill was discovered by a ConocoPhillips operator Thursday afternoon who noticed an icicle forming on the line, said company spokeswoman Dawn Patience. She said the drill site has been shut down, affecting 15 wells.

Neither the cause nor volume of crude spilled in this leak was immediately known, but it was not expected to be as large as the other spill, said DEC spokesman John Dixon.

"I'd be surprised if it even exceeds 500 gallons," he said.

Fisheries announce options for Western salmon fishing

BY JACKSON HOLTZ

Associated Press Writer

SEATTLE — Fishery managers announced three options for West Coast salmon fishing last week: One option would close the season in California and Oregon, and the others would impose deep reductions in the catch.

"Whatever scenario is adopted — zero or otherwise — will be the most cut-back season we've ever had," said Dave Bitts, a California fisherman.

Fishery officials were struggling for a tricky calculus that would allow some fishing but not harm declining populations of chinook and coho salmon.

The problem is especially acute in the Klamath River in southern Oregon. Chinook populations there have dropped dramatically in recent years, and scientists say even if the season is closed, federal fish-count minimums would not be met.

The situation is so bad, the Pacific Fishery Management Council recommended closing the early — March and April — salmon season in California and Oregon, a move federal officials likely will approve.

Seasonal options for the rest of the year were outlined at the end of a council's weeklong meeting here.

During the week, the council proposed a federal ban on krill harvesting and loosened rules to allow drift gillnet fishing, which environmentalists say put endangered leatherback turtles at risk.

But the main topic was salmon.

After several days of study and public testimony, the council produced a 22-page document that outlined three options for two general fishing regions: waters north of Cape Falcon, Ore., at the mouth of the Columbia River, and waters off California and Oregon. There were similar scenarios for sport and commercial fishing.

The southern options range from no season, at worst, to a severely limited season, at best.

The outlook is not much better for Washington state, though no seasonal closures are threatened.

Earlier in the week, the National Marine Fisheries Service recommended closing the season south of Cape Falcon.

In a letter to the council delivered Friday, U.S. Reps. David Wu and Peter DeFazio, both D-Ore., attacked that rec-

ommendation, calling it bad policy. They contend the salmon problem is caused by poor water management, not overfishing.

"Because the federal government failed to manage properly water flows in the Klamath River, the fall chinook salmon run is dwindling," they wrote. The agency's response "is to completely close all sport and commercial fishing, rather than to request other federal agencies to restore adequate water flows and to take other necessary steps to restore salmon runs in the Klamath River."

They suggested the agency address systemic problems causing the salmon decline, rather than restrict fishermen. Their sentiments were echoed in a separate letter from U.S. Rep. Mike Thompson, D-Calif.

Federal officials at the council meeting declined to comment on the letters and referred questions to officials in Washington, D.C., who could not be reached for comment after business hours Friday.

If a salmon-fishing ban were imposed, consumers accustomed to buying fresh, wild salmon may find it scarce and expensive, said Jim Seger, a council economist.

Fishermen from Oregon and California

said a closed season would put them and related businesses out of work. They're hoping the council will invoke an emergency measure to save the season — reducing the number of fish that must make it to the Pacific.

But in a letter to released Friday to the council, NOAA Fisheries said "it will be difficult to justify approval of an emergency rule to allow additional fishing in 2006."

The council will choose a preferred option when it meets again next month in Sacramento, Calif.

After that, NMFS will make a final determination on catch limits. The agency has overruled council recommendation in the past, but rarely.

Bitts said he's holding out hope for at least some fishing. It will be a tough year with the limits, he said.

"It means hanging on by your fingernails and praying the ice dock is there next year," he said, referring to the need for ice to keep the catch fresh.

Recreational fisherman Dan Wolford also longs to fish this year. But if the season's closed, he'll stay off the water.

"I guess I'll take up reading," he said.

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Connery recovering from surgery

By The Associated Press

LONDON — Sean Connery has undergone surgery for a kidney tumor and is recovering at his home in the Bahamas, his spokesman said Sunday.

The 75-year-old Scottish actor underwent the operation a few weeks ago in New York, spokesman James Barron said.

“He’s very fit — he’s 100 percent plus,” Barron said of the former James Bond actor.

Connery told *The Sunday Times* that he "was sliced open in five places."

Connery, an ardent Scottish nationalist, is scheduled to record a voiceover for a political program for the pro-independence Scottish National Party. He also plans to attend Tartan Day festivities in New York in April, party leader Alex Salmond said.

LOS ANGELES—Cult idol Bettie Page is getting more attention now than she did 50 years ago when she posed in thousands of seductive pinup photos that appeared in magazines.

Her Web site — www.BettiePage.com — has received 588 million hits in the last five years, according to her agents at CMG Worldwide.

"I'm more famous now than I was in the 1950s," she told the Los Angeles Times.

From 1949 to 1957, Page posed in seductive nurse, teacher, cowgirl, and jungle costumes, her hair styled in kitschy bangs.

“Being in the nude isn’t a disgrace unless you’re being promiscuous about it,” the 82-year-old said, reflecting on her career. “After all, when God created Adam and Eve, they were stark naked. And in the Garden of Eden, God was probably naked as a jaybird too!”

A film about her, "The Notorious Bettie Page," is scheduled for release in April.

ASPEN, Colo. — Goldie Hawn says she's never doubted herself, even when she made an audience laugh during a production of *Romeo and Juliet*.

"I liked myself ... and trusted in the universe," she said after receiving the American Film Institute's Star Award during the 12th U.S. Comedy Arts Festival.

“Comedy is like catching lightning in a bottle,” she said. “You’re trying to catch that moment and it’s all about timing.”

The 60-year-old cover girl for this month's American Association of Retired People's mag-

azine wore furry boots, an off-the-shoulder sweater and snug jeans.

Hawn also has a more serious side — she wrote a script for her next project, “Ashes to Ashes,” which focuses on an aging woman who is questioning her life choices.

WARSAW, Poland — Oscar-winning Polish film director Andrzej Wajda rallied the crowd Sunday at a Warsaw rock concert, part of an event organized by Polish and Ukrainian artists in support of Belarus's opposition a week ahead of a presidential election there.

“You are doing the right thing,” Wajda, 80, told some 5,000 youths at the concert where Polish and Ukrainian bands sang songs of Ukraine’s Orange Revolution and from Poland’s Solidarity freedom movement of the 1980s.

In the March 19 election, Belarus' authoritarian President Alexander Lukashenko is seeking a third consecutive term but is challenged by three other candidates, including Alexander Milinkevich's main pro-democratic opposition.

Poland, which shed communism in 1989 and is now a European Union member, supports Belarus' pro-democracy forces, which draw some of their strength from the Polish minority there.

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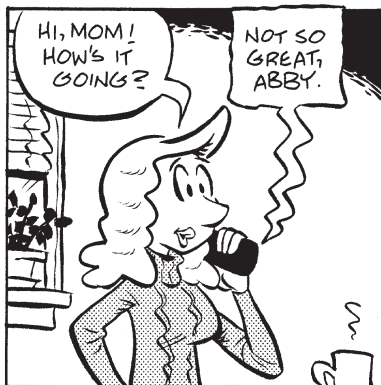
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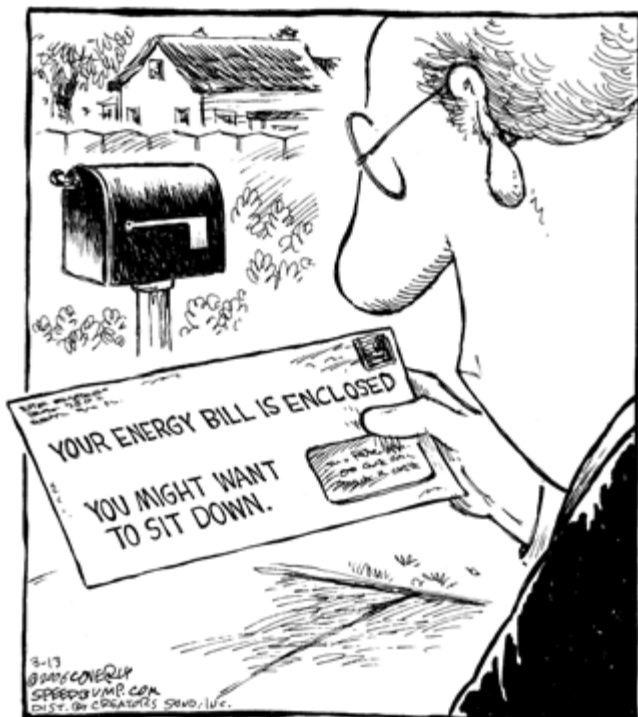
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE(S)
Date of Filing Application: FEBRUARY 16, 2006
To Whom it may concern:
The Name(s) of the Applicant(s) is/are: CA WILSHIRE LLC.
The applicants listed above are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages at: 3001 WILSHIRE BLVD. SANTA MONICA, CA 90403.
Type of License(s) Applied for: 47 - ON-SALE GENERAL EATING PLACE.
Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control INGLEWOOD.
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: BENITO A. OLIVA CASE NO. BP097164

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of BENITO A. OLIVA.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by WILLIAM MAGOON in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that WILLIAM MAGOON be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act . (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on 04/10/06 at 8:30AM in Dept. 11 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

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YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code Section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner
BURSTEIN, MICHAEL I.,
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0244154 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Jay Lenyo, J Lenyo, Jay Leno, 2211 6th Street., Santa Monica, CA . The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Jeffrey S. Ruiz, 2211 6th Street., Santa Monica, CA 90405 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein../s/: Jeff Ruiz
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0285468 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Crave Brazil Imports, 1745 Beloit Ave, #216, LA, CA 90025. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Danielle Campello Albuquerque, 1745 Beloit Ave, #216, LA, CA 90025 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)2/7/2006. /s/: Danielle Campello Albuquerque
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0284953 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Stringless, 26677 Whitehorn Drive, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA . The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Jeff Kaing, 26677 Whitehorn Drive, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein../s/: Jeff Kaing
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0275043 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as M.G.A WELDING SERVICES, 926 N. Avenue 49, Los Angeles, CA 90042. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Mario Amrira, 926 N. Avenue 49, Los Angeles, CA 90042 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein../s/: Mario Amrira
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0307548 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Trust Number One, 848 Molino Ave, Long Beach, CA 90804. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Kevin Pugh, 848 Molino Ave, Long Beach, CA 90804 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein../s/: Kevin Pugh

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0284994 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as VMS Entertainment, 11115 Magnolia, 132, North Hollywood, CA 91601. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Victor Sanchez, 11115 Magnolia Blvd, North Hollywood, CA 91601 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein../s/: Victor Sanchez
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0370641 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CGDM Enterprises, 6615 S. Holt Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90056. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Calvin W. Christopher, 6615 S. Holt Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90056 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein../s/: Calvin Christopher
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0370644 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Point And Post Academy, 4326 Jasmine Ave, Culver City, CA 90232. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Lydia Strong, 4326 Jasmine Ave, Culver City, CA 90232 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein../s/: Lydia Strong
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0229991 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as em design studio, 212 3rd Ave., Venice, CA 90291. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Erin Mathis, 212 3rd Ave, Venice, CA 90291 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)4/10/1998. /s/: Erin Mathis
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0319035 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Santa Monica Wellness Group, 2428 Santa Monica Blvd, Suite 404, Santa Monica, CA 90404. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Ashkan Jalili, D.C., Q.M.E., 312 Charmwood Court, Lincoln, CA 95648 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/: Ashkan Jalili

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0295927 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Far East Home Care, 3407 W. 6th St, Suite 710, Los Angeles, CA 90020. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Josephine Tan Palang, 3407 W. 6th St, Suite 710, Los Angeles, CA 90020 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/: Josephine Tan Palang

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0284959 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as AMBL, 1200 N. Gower, Low Angeles, CA 90038. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Amber J. Cook, 1200 N. Gower, Low Angeles, CA 90038, Kyle T. See, 1200 N. Gower, Low Angeles, CA 90038 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/: Amber J. Cook, Kyle See
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0284924 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Wienerschitzel #38, 1125 W. Carson St., Torrance, CA 90502. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Maurice Perez, 2374 Harbor Blvd., 104, Costa Mesa, CA 92626, Rosa Corona, 2374 Harbor Blvd., 104, Costa Mesa, CA 92626, Rosa Corona This Business is being conducted by, husband and wife. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein../s/: Maurice Perez, Rosa Corona
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0085443 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as XXX Design Studio, 2600 West Olive Ave, 5th Floor, Burbank, CA 91505. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Michael Soriano, 1505 E. Glenoaks Blvd., Glendale, CA 91206, Michael Pitruzzella, 946 S. Ridgeley Dr, #25, Los Angeles, CA 90036, Rochelle Janae, 11333 Moorpark St, #375, Studio City, CA 91602 This Business is being conducted by, a general partnership. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein../s/: Michael Soriano, Michael Pitruzzella, Rochelle Janae

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0244153 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Starbeans, Starbeanz, 2206 Lincoln Blvd., Santa Monica, CA . The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Jeffrey S. Ruiz, 2211 6th St., Santa Monica, CA 90405 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date).. /s/: Jeff Ruiz
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0370643 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PDB Productions, 507 Raymond Ave, #3, Santa Monica, CA 90405. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Justin Brett Feldman, 507 Raymond Ave, #3, Santa Monica, CA 90405 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein../s/: Justin Feldman
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0274979 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Mini Market San Judas, 11828 Long Beach Blvd, Lynwood, CA 90262-4328. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Valentin Munoz, 1714 E. 107th St., Los Angeles, CA 90002, Rosalina Munoz, 1714 E. 107th St., Los Angeles, CA 90002 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein../s/: Valentin Munoz, Rosalina Munoz

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0284820 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as American Maintenance Co., 1205 N. Long Beach Blvd., Compton, CA 90222. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Manuel Antonio Rubio Jr., 1702 N. Acacia Ave, Compton, CA 90222 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein../s/: Manuel A. Rubio Jr.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 2/7/2006. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 2/20/2006, 2/27/2006, 3/6/2006, 3/13/2006

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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0370642 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as S&S Painting, S and S Painting, 2704 4th St, Apt 41, Santa Monica, CA 90405. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Todd Schireson, 2704 4th St, Apt 41, Santa Monica 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/: Todd Schireson
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0274804 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as First Walstreet Financial, 211 E. Ocean Blvd., Suite 234, Long Beach, CA 90802. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Frederick M. Stanton, 2552 Hayes Ave, Long Beach, CA 90810, Miguel A. Chavez, 6424 Denmead St., Lakewood, CA 90713 This Business is being conducted by, co-partners. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein../s/: Frederick M. Stanton, Miguel Chavez

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0307504 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Healthcare Billing Solutions, 224 E. Neece Street, Long Beach, CA 90805. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Leticia Velasquez Alzate, 224 E. Neece Street, Long Beach, CA 90805, Ana Velasquez Perez, 1031 Junipero Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90804, Rebeca Velasquez Tejeda, 233 N. Mesa Street, San Pedro, CA 90731 This Business is being conducted by, co-partners. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein../s/: Leticia Alzate, Ana Velasquez, Rebeca Velasquez

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0307574 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Kelly Q Tile, Belen Tile, 707 E. 104th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90002. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Ernesto Quijada, 707 E. 104th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90002 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed

herein../s/: Ernesto Quijada
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Statement of Abandonment of Use of Fictitious Business Name

Document Record # 06 0285467
Current File No. 05 1964412
State of California, County of Los Angeles
The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious Business name:
Crave Brazil Imports
located at 3025 S. Barrington Ave, #17, Los Angeles, CA 90066
The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 08/16/05
In the county of LOS ANGELES.
Danielle C. Albuquerque, 1745 Beloit Ave, #216, Los Angeles, CA 90025
Raquel A. Diefenbach, 3025 S. Barrington Ave, #17, 90066
This business is conducted by: a general partnership
/s/ Danielle C. Albuquerque, Raquel A. Diefenbach
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/07/06. Published: SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Feb. 20, 27, Mar. 6, 13, 2006

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0350698 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Simply Packaging USA, 1223 Federal Avenue, #210, Los Angeles, CA 90025. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Yenny Tjahyadi, 1223 Federal Avenue, #210, Los Angeles, CA 90025 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)2/13/2006. /s/: Yenny Tjahyadi
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 2/13/2006. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 2/27/2006, 3/6/2006, 3/13/2006, 3/20/2006

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0350702 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Satay House USA, 1223 Federal Avenue, #210, Los Angeles, CA 90025. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Mahardi Tjahyadi, 1223 Federal Avenue, #210, Los Angeles, CA 90025, Yenny Tjahyadi, 1223 Federal Avenue, #210, Los Angeles, CA 90025 This Business is being conducted by, co-partners. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein../s/: Mahardi Tjahyadi, Yenny Tjahyadi
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0339692 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Polaris Heating and Air Conditioning, 1945 Singingwood Ave, Pomona, CA 91767. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Martin Morales, 1945 Singingwood Ave, Pomona, CA 91767 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/: Martin Morales

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0327567 FIRST FILING. The following per-son(s) is (are) doing business as Love Berries, 11301 Annetta Ave, Lynwood, CA 90262. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Nellie H. Davis, 11301 Annetta Ave, Lynwood, CA 90262, Jose L. Recinos, 11301 Annetta Ave, Lynwood, CA 90262 This Business is being conducted by, co-partners. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)6/1/2005. /s/: Nellie H. Davis, Jose L. Recinos

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0319146 FIRST FILING. The following per-son(s) is (are) doing business as Janice's Cre-ations, 1319 Goodhart Ave, Whittier, CA 90601. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Janice A. Nix, 1319 Goodhart Ave, Whittier, CA 90601 This Busi-ness is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Janice A. Nix

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0350674 FIRST FILING. The following per-son(s) is (are) doing business as Advancing Aca-demic Achievement, AI #/ON 2773576, 4402 Obispo Ave, Lakewood, CA 90712. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : DMW Investment Group Inc, 4402 Obispo Ave, Lakewood, CA 90712 This Busi-ness is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: DMW Investment Group Inc, President, Damien Williams

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0319031 FIRST FILING. The following per-son(s) is (are) doing business as E-Z Services, 4834 Huntington Dr. S., Los Angeles, CA 90032. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Martha Cas-taneda, 1225 W. Mariana St., West Covina, CA 91790, Everardo Castaneda, 15633 Mentz St., La Puente, CA 91744 This Business is being con-ducted by, co-partners. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Martha Casta-neda, Everardo Castaneda

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0339658 FIRST FILING. The following per-son(s) is (are) doing business as El Comalero Y Apulo Restaurant, 11819 1/2 Valley Blvd., El Monte, CA 91731. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Cipriana Mejia, 3822 W. 118th St, Haw-thorne, CA 90250, Mario A. Aquino, 11819 1/2 Valley Blvd., El Monte, CA 91731 This Business is being conducted by, co-partners. Signed: Regis-trant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Ci-priana Mejia, Mario Aquino

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0339733 FIRST FILING. The following per-son(s) is (are) doing business as Eclair Chef Ser-vices And Catering, 17355 Chatsworth St., #8, Gra-nada Hills, CA 91344. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Ricardo Angel Macchi, 17355 Chatsworth St., #8, Granada Hills, CA 91344,

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Robin Leigh Grant, 17355 Chatsworth St., #8, Gra-nada Hills, CA 91344 This Business is being con-ducted by, co-partners. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Ricardo Macchi This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 2/14/2006. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTI-TIOUS 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 2/27/2006, 3/6/2006, 3/13/2006, 3/20/2006

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0319156 FIRST FILING. The following per-son(s) is (are) doing business as CTR Properties, 8818 Clarinda Ave, Pico Rivera, CA 90660. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Elmer Oswaldo Siga-ran, 8818 Clarinda 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)2/10/2006. /s/: Elmer O. Si-garan

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0391989 FIRST FILING. The following per-son(s) is (are) doing business as PermaSoft Makeup by Jeanette, 13934 Bora Bora Way, #E327, Marina Del Rey, CA 90292. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Jeanette Roknian, 13934 Bora Bora Way, #E327, Marina Del Rey, CA 90292 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Jeanette Roknian

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0360414 FIRST FILING. The following per-son(s) is (are) doing business as Centrix Mortgage, AI #/ON 2681778, 16501 Sherman Way, #225, Van Nuys, CA 91406. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Vulcan Financial Corp., 525 East Colorado Blvd., PH Floor, Pasadena, CA 91101 This Busi-ness is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Vulcan Financial Corp, CEO, Amir Nass

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0391987 FIRST FILING. The following per-son(s) is (are) doing business as JGI Entertain-ment, AI #/ON C2481666, 11500 West Olympic Blvd, Suite 535, Los Angeles, CA 90064. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Jailed Games, Inc. (CA), 11500 West Olympic Blvd, Suite 535, Los Angeles, CA 90064 This Business is being con-ducted by, a corporation. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Jailed Games, Inc., President, Daryl Pitts

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0339656 FIRST FILING. The following per-son(s) is (are) doing business as Cazzbah Collec-tions, 5200 Premiere Hills Circle, #131, Woodland Hills, CA 91364. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : David Edery, 5200 Premiere Hills Circle, #131, Woodland Hills, CA 91364 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Regis-trant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: David Edery

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0319052 FIRST FILING. The following per-son(s) is (are) doing business as Artistic Graph-ics and Printing, 4704 Maine Ave, #B, Baldwin Park, CA 91706. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Lisle M. Wagner, 5029 N. Larry Ave., Baldwin Park, CA 91706 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/: Lisle M. Wagner This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 2/10/2006. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTI-TIOUS 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 2/27/2006, 3/6/2006, 3/13/2006, 3/20/2006

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0327616 FIRST FILING. The following per-son(s) is (are) doing business as American Relo-cators Moving Co., 1911 W. 41 Dr. LA, CA 90062. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Orville L. Crawford, 568 Macy St, San Bernardino, CA 92410, Michael Crawford, 1911 W. 41 Dr. LA, CA 90062 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/: Orville Crawford

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0339657 FIRST FILING. The following per-son(s) is (are) doing business as ZOZO Clothing Company, 5200 Premiere Hills Circle, #131, Woodland Hills, CA 91364. The full name of regis-trant(s) is/are : David Edery, 5200 Premiere Hills Circle, #131, Woodland Hills, CA 91364 This Busi-ness is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: David Edery

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0350745 FIRST FILING. The following per-son(s) is (are) doing business as SIS Auto, 11510 S. Alameda St., #5, Lynwood, CA 90262. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Norik Yesayan, 901 E. Lomita Ave, #104, Glendale, CA 91205, Jirair Ai-vazian, 1124 E. Chestnut, #34, Glendale, CA 91205 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/: Norik Yesayan, Jirair Ai-vazian

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0370956 FIRST FILING. The following per-son(s) is (are) doing business as DENIM DISTRICT INC, 1220 E. 58 St., Los Angeles, CA 90014. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : FLYLC INC, 1220 E. 58 St., Los Angeles, CA 90014 This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: Regis-trant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: FLYLC INC., President, Hristina Otton Mantzavinos This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 2/17/2006. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTI-TIOUS 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 3/6/2006, 3/13/2006, 3/20/2006, 3/27/2006

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0391989 FIRST FILING. The following per-son(s) is (are) doing business as PermaSoft Makeup by Jeanette, 13934 Bora Bora Way, #E327, Marina Del Rey, CA 90292. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Jeanette Roknian, 13934 Bora Bora Way, #E327, Marina Del Rey, CA 90292 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Jeanette Roknian

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0327385 FIRST FILING. The following per-son(s) is (are) doing business as Rolling Beat Re-cords, RB Records, 1837 9th St. #C, Santa Moni-ca, CA 90404. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Rachel Lynn Sebastian, 1837 9th St. #C, Santa Monica, CA 90404 This Business is being con-ducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the ficti-tious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Rachel Lynn Sebastian

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0370636 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Apac Realty, Allison Van Huang, 908 21 St. #6, Santa Monica, CA 90403. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Apac Realty, 908 21 St. #6, Santa Monica, CA 90403; Allison Van Huang, 908 21 St. #6, Santa Monica, CA 90403 This Business is being con-ducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the ficti-tious business name or names listed on (Date)2/15/2006. /s/: Yan Huang This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 2/17/2006. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTI-TIOUS 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 2/27/2006, 3/6/2006, 3/13/2006, 3/20/2006

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0386123 FIRST FILING. The following per-son(s) is (are) doing business as Comfort Inn Long Beach, 3201 E. Pacific Coast Highway, Signal Hill, CA 90755. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : MHW Investments, Inc., 4202 Walnut Grove Ave, Rosemead, CA 91770 This Business is being con-ducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the ficti-tious business name or names listed on (Date)2/21/2006. /s/: MHW Investments, Inc., President, Melinda T. Chow

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0370984 FIRST FILING. The following per-son(s) is (are) doing business as Elite Tan, 928-A N. San Francisco Rd., Burbank, CA 91502. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Jorge L. Martinez, 2923 N. Lincoln St., Burbank, CA 91504 This Busi-ness is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Jorge L. Martinez

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Statement of Withdrawal from Partnership Op-erating under Fictitious Business Name
Current File No: 05 3215459
The following person(s) has/have withdrawn as a general partner(s) from the partnership operating under the fictitious business name of Gifts From The Heart located at 928 7th Steet, Santa Monica, CA 090403 The fictitious business name state-ment for the partnership was filed on 12/29/05 in the County of Los Angeles. The full name and resi-dence of the person(s) withdrawing as a partner(s): Alan Phillips, 928 7th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90403, Jeff LaCombe, 1011 11th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90403. /s/ Alan Phillips, Jeff LaCombe
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/03/06.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0392209 FIRST FILING. The following per-son(s) is (are) doing business as Emily Care Cen-ter 3, 8679 Canterbury St., Panorama, CA 91402. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Emma Aralar, 8679 Canterbury St., Panorama, CA 91402 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/: Emma Aralar

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0370955 FIRST FILING. The following per-son(s) is (are) doing business as Facility Group, 6245 Bristol Pkwy, #237, Culver City, CA 90230. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : William Ste-ven Sass, 6245 Bristol Pkwy, #237, Culver City, CA 90230 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)9/10/1995. /s/: William Steven Sass

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0379300 FIRST FILING. The following per-son(s) is (are) doing business as Choices, 15122 Inglewood Avenue, Lawndale, CA 90260. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Rajeev Kumar Malik, 13924 Panay Way, #601, Marina Del Rey, CA 90292 This Business is being conducted by, an in-dividual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Rajeev Kumar Malik This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 2/21/2006. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTI-TIOUS 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 3/6/2006, 3/13/2006, 3/20/2006, 3/27/2006

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0403158 FIRST FILING. The following per-son(s) is (are) doing business as Blue Whale Denim Co., 8635 Somerset Blvd., Paramount, CA 90723, Apt 146. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Jonah Mateus Lewis, 8635 Somerset Blvd., Paramount, CA 90723, Apt 146 This Busi-ness is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Jonah M. Lewis

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0403083 FIRST FILING. The following per-son(s) is (are) doing business as Benitez Land-scaping, 715 W. 228th St, spt 14, Torrance, CA 90502. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Juan Antonio Benitez, 715 W. 228th St, spt 14, Tor-rance, CA 90502 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/: Juan Antonio Benitez

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0392164 FIRST FILING. The following per-son(s) is (are) doing business as Perfumeria Yadis, 720 N. Lake Ave., Pasadena, CA 91104. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Yadiira Rodriguez, 2047 N. Lake Ave, Altadena, CA 91001 This Busi-ness is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)1/1/2006. /s/: Yadiira Rodriguez

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0436461 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Freight Savers Express #348, Al #/ON 2714718, 10385 Los Alamitos Blvd., Los Alamitos, CA 90720. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : EZNails Inc, 3102 Ostrum Ave, Long Beach, CA 90808 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/ EZNails Inc, CEO, Billy Load

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0449522 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as EZ Breeze, 8648 Shoemaker Ave, Whittier, CA 90602. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Ephren Z. Robles, 8648 Shoemaker Ave, Whittier, CA 90602, Denise L. Ro-

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 05200601 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Emergency Medical Response, 2102 Lincoln Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90405. The full name of registrant(s) is/are Steve Farzam, 2102 Lincoln Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90405 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein. /s/ Steve Farzam

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 3/10/2006. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 3/13/2006, 3/20/2006, 3/27/2006, 4/3/2006

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 060459207 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Project Color, 1806 S Garfield Ave, Apt. C, Monterey Park, CA 91754. The full name of registrant(s) is/are Blanca M. Garza, 1806 S Garfield Ave, Apt. C, Monterey Park, CA 91754 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)/3/1/2006. /s/: Blanca M. Garza
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 3/1/2006. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTITA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 3/13/2006, 3/20/2006, 3/27/2006, 4/3/2006

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 044029 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Mendez de Chim Family Child Care, 1443 W. 71st LA, CA. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Maria C. Mendez de Chim, 1443 W. 71st LA, CA 90047 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)2/4/2005. /s/ Maria C. Mendez de Chim This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 2/28/2006. NOTICE: THIS



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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0459185 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Materic International, 781 E. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90021. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Ricardo Sandoval Sanchez, 1506 1/2 Garfield Ave, LA, CA 90026, Martha Otero Chavez, 5430 Via San Delarrio St, LA, CA 90022, Fernando Otero Chavez, 5430 Via San Delarrio St, LA, CA 90022 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/: Ricardo Sandoval, Martha Otero, Fernando Otero
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0436468 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as La Mirada Garage Doors, 14608 Excelsior Dr, La Mirada, CA 90638. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Alfred L. Stacy, 14608 Excelsior Dr, La Mirada, CA 90638 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/: Alfred L. Stacy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0423279 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Ivory Coast Investment, 2228 Fulton Ave, Monterey Park, CA 91755. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Juan Carlos Casillas, 2228 Fulton Ave, Monterey Park, CA 91755, Rosa Casillas, 2228 Fulton Ave, Monterey Park, CA 91755 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)2/27/2006. /s/: Juan Carlos Casillas, Rosa Casillas
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0423288 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as I Candi Fashion, 678 Redondo Ave, Long Beach, CA 90803. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Shameka Robinson, 1075 Loma Ave, #205, Long Beach, CA 90804, Lashta Mohad, 1075 Loma Ave, #205, Long Beach, CA 90804 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/: Shameka Robinson, Lashta Mohad
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0440475 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Hollywood Global Entertainment, AI #/ON 2732872, 17127 Pioneer Bl, #J, Artesia, CA 90701. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Khullar International Inc, (CALIFORNIA), 30275 Jedediah Smith Rd, CA 92592 This

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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/: Khullar International Inc, President, Ashok Khullar
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0459138 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as GMF Financial DBA, GMF Associates, Celest Realty, 2822 Bullard Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90032. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Georgina Celeste Melendez, 2822 Bullard Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90032 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/: Georgina Celeste Melendez
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0436479 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Guanajuato Tires & Auto Repair, 4014 N. Figueroa St, LA, CA 90065. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Rogelio Perez, 3726 Eagle Rock Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90065, Ramon Rivera Perez, 3726 Eagle Rock Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90065 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/: Rogelio Perez, Ramon Rivera Perez
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 2/28/2006. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 3/13/2006, 3/20/2006, 3/27/2006, 4/3/2006

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0436385 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Rick Rivera's Tinting, 18114 Via Amorosa, #4, Rowland Heights, CA 91748. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Richard Rivera, 18114 Via Amorosa, #4, Rowland Heights, CA 91748 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/: Richard Rivera
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Name Changes

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. SS014146
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of JULIANA HARRISON for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner or Attorney: JULIANA HARRISON filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: JULIANA HARRISON to JULIANA MARIANTHI CHIADO
The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: APRIL 7, 2006 Time: 9:00, Dept. A., Room 104
The address of the court is 1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401.
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press.
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LINDA K. LEFKOWITZ
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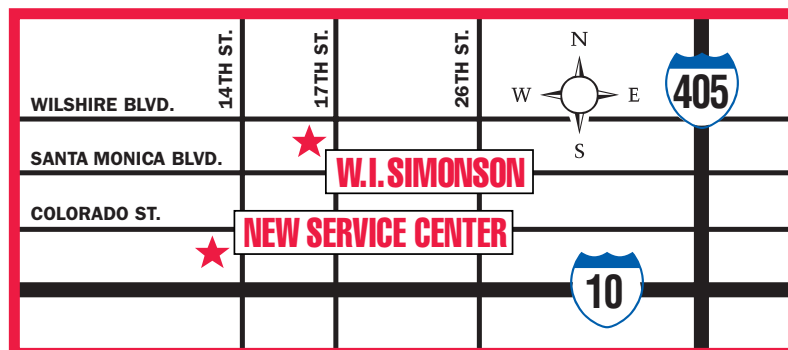
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