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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

Kyle Hans, 24, drove his car through the front of a Target store in Fort Wayne, Ind., in January, down an aisle, where he told employees he had a gun and wanted to see his estranged wife so he could reconcile with her. When the employees informed Hans that his wife didn't work there anymore, he got frustrated and took one of them hostage, forcing the evacuation of the store and an eventual standoff with police. Officers talked Hans down, got the hostage freed and arrested him.

TODAY IN HISTORY

In 1965, Israel's cabinet formally approved establishment of diplomatic relations with West Germany.

In 1980, a Polish airliner crashed while making an emergency landing near Warsaw, killing all 87 people aboard, including 22 members of a U.S. amateur boxing team.

In 1991, a British court reversed the convictions of the "Birmingham Six," who had spent 16 years in prison for an Irish Republican Army bombing, and ordered them released.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The man who does his work, any work, conscientiously, must always be in one sense a great man."

DINAH MARIA MULLOCK CRAIK
ENGLISH NOVELIST (1826-1887)

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Nicky Five Aces/Five Aces Photo

An overflow crowd of more than 300 people attended a memorial service for Hector Bonilla, 25, and Jonathan Hernandez, 19, last night at St. Anne's Church. Both men were gunned down March 5 at Moose Lodge. During the service, more than a dozen police cars monitored the area surrounding the church.

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John MacDonald fights crime with research

BY RYAN HYATT

Daily Press Staff Writer



John MacDonald could probably break your neck in a barroom brawl before you had a chance to blink, but luckily it's not in his character.

A few inches shy of 6 feet tall, the 32-year-old, who holds a black belt in martial arts, showed up to last month's gang violence workshop at John Adams Middle School wearing a shirt, tie and slacks. He wasn't there as a reformed criminal. He was there as one of the expert panelists.

MacDonald is a behavioral scientist with the RAND Corp., the Santa Monica-based think tank. He was invited to the gang violence workshop because of research he does on crime-preven-

tion programs, which some community members feel will be key to addressing Santa Monica's problems with gang violence.

MacDonald's advice might be helpful in coming months as organizers create an action plan to reduce gang violence in the Pico neighborhood.

"Social programs come and go,

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SM City Hall sued for library asbestos delivery

BY RYAN HYATT

Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN — A major Los Angeles County industrial developer filed suit against Santa Monica City Hall this week, alleging it was responsible for providing asbestos-contaminated soil to its construction site.

Watson Land Co. is seeking unspecified damages for fill soil used to build its Dominguez Technology Center, 1535 Beachey Place, in Carson, Calif. The soil was contaminated with asbestos that originated from the Santa Monica Library, said Pilar Hoyos, a Watson spokeswoman.

"Our contractors immediately noticed bits of pipes in the soil that were contaminated with asbestos," Hoyos said. "We began the remediation process and tried to get some resolution from Santa Monica, which did not accept

responsibility. It's been difficult to recoup costs, in the millions."

Watson said in a July 2004 claim against City Hall that it received the soil in August of 2003 from Shoring Engineers, Inc., a subcontractor for Morley Construction Co., which is the general contractor in charge of building the new Santa Monica Library. The old library, located at Sixth Street and Santa Monica Boulevard, was razed in June 2003 to accommodate the site that is still under construction, said librarian Greg Mullen. The \$57.8 million project is expected to be completed in January 2006.

Deputy City Attorney Eriko Matsumoto said Morley Construction Co., which entered into a contract with the city, had an obligation under the law to provide uncontaminated soil — a

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Mystery photo



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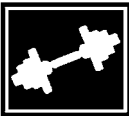
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ You swing between feeling restricted and wanting to break all restraints. If you are out of kilter, you have no idea how unpredictable others might be. Avoid trying to control, and center on solo activities. Tonight: Meet a friend halfway.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Though you might want to fly solo or keep to yourself, others have a way of upsetting your solitude. You could find some unusually controversial messages heading in your direction. You suddenly find yourself in the midst of turmoil. Tonight: Do your best to mellow out. Tomorrow is another day.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Friends have a way of upsetting the apple cart. Perhaps at the same time you are realizing that you might not have the financial strength you would like in order to keep up with your activities. This situation needs to be temporary only. Tonight: Let go of stress. Go for spontaneity.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Your grumbling or dissatisfaction might be coming through despite yourself. The end results could be disruptive to others, especially those who can impact your life. Take responsibility for your share of a problem. Tonight: Soothe the soul and relax the mind. Go to a concert or movie.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Knowing when to say "enough" can mark the quality of your day. Frustration could make you a bit hyper; use this nervous energy to clear out a project or two. Don't forget someone at a distance. He or she will be delighted to hear from you. Tonight: Follow the music.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ A partner wants to relate more intensely, but your obligations could put a downer on his or her plans. A friend could be difficult, obstructing you from doing what you would like most. Follow your passions. Tonight: A special outing.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★ No matter which way you turn, obligations and responsibilities knock on your door. You might be in a maze of frustrations and demands. Instead of reacting, just jump over obstacles. An invitation might be most appealing. Tonight: Go along with another's plans.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ A hobby or fun project could help you escape from a hassle that keeps emerging. You aren't getting the whole picture, and you won't until you distance yourself from the situation. Use care with machinery and driving. You could be distracted. Tonight: Easy does it.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ A risk could backfire. On some level, you are angry, as someone doesn't come through for you. You have come to depend on this person more than you realize. Mend bridges rather than burn them down. Tonight: Add an element of fun.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ How you present yourself could reflect your anger. Some Goats might adapt passive-aggressive behavior; others could be downright angry. Observe a tendency to give too much of yourself lately. Tonight: Quiet at home.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Keep conversations going rather than internalize your anger or frustration. You will find a way to let others know that you are tired of certain patterns. Fatigue also could play into potential crankiness. Tonight: Hang with favorite people at favorite places.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Friends could push you, or you might be pressuring yourself. You might choose to spend money in order to enjoy yourself or achieve a long-term goal. A child or loved one could be remote. He or she will only change when ready. Tonight: Treat time.



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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Olympian rows into SMC

By Daily Press staff



ANITA L. DeFRANTZ

Anita L. DeFrantz, Olympic bronze medalist and one of the most powerful women in the Olympic sports movement, is coming to SMC.

DeFrantz will give a free talk, "Women in Sports: Life Lessons," at 11:15 a.m. Tuesday, March 15, in the Santa Monica College Concert Hall, 1900 Pico Blvd. The special appearance is being held as part of SMC's observance of Women's History Month.

A descendant of slaves, DeFrantz rose from humble beginnings to be an influential figure in international athletics, and a leader and role model for all women.

In 1986, the International Olympic Committee appointed DeFrantz to lifetime membership in the organization. She is both the first African-American and the first American woman to serve on the committee. She became the first female vice president of the IOC executive committee in 1997.

DeFrantz was captain of the U.S. rowing team and won the bronze at the 1976 Montreal Games. In addition, she is a six-time national rowing champion.

An attorney, she has been outspoken and active in international Olympic issues and is considered a potential for president of the IOC.

DeFrantz was listed in 2003 among the "101 Most Influential Minorities in Sports" by Sports Illustrated and named one of "Southern California's Most Influential Executives in Sports" by the Los Angeles Business Journal in 2004.

DeFrantz's appearance is sponsored by the SMC Athletics Department and the SMC Associates, a private organization that funds speakers and special programs on campus.

Fighting cancer with your feet

By Daily Press staff

Now you can fight cancer all day long.

The American Cancer Society invites cancer survivors, anyone affected by cancer, community leaders, team captains and volunteers to the kick-off party for the 2005 Santa Monica Relay For Life. Each year, a kick-off party is held a few months before the actual relay. This year's kick-off party will be at the Sheraton Delfina hotel on Thursday, April 7, at 6 p.m. This year's chair of the event is Santa Monica Police Lt. Frank Fabrega. Jean McNeil Wyner, physician and community liaison with Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center, will serve as the honorary chair.

Relay For Life is a fundraising event that allows participants from all walks of life including patients, health care professionals, businesses, civic organizations, churches and community volunteers to join together in the fight against cancer. Relay For Life is a team event where participants walk around a track relay-style for 24 hours. Teams of cancer-fighting enthusiasts will gather at Santa Monica College's Corsair field from 9 a.m. Saturday, July 23, to 9 a.m. Sunday, July 24, to show their support and dedication.

Volunteers from the Santa Monica community are needed to recruit and form teams, seek community support and underwrite, coordinate logistics, find refreshments and prizes, plan entertainment and lend their support.

If you would like to join the Santa Monica Relay For Life as a volunteer or team participant, call Karen Rubenstein at the American Cancer Society at (818) 905-7766 Option 3.

When school's out, what will they do?

By Daily Press staff

Lots of things, if it were up to the American Camp Association (ACA). The

See BRIEFS, page 8



SURF REPORT

On Monday expect some SW to fill in from the southern hemisphere, and a burst of NW is expected as well. The SW will increase more on Tuesday, but for Monday, south-facing breaks can expect some waist-high+ sets while west-facing breaks see chest-high+ conditions.

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MONDAY	6:03	0.4	5:10	1.7	12:20	3.2	11:44	5.0
TUESDAY	7:11	0.6	5:19	2.3	N/A	N/A	1:41	2.7
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The Q Line

The city council recently passed a \$11.50 minimum wage for city employees and employees of contractors doing at least \$50,000 worth of business with the city. Officials say the wage will make it possible for employees to live as well as work in Santa Monica. Others say the measure will cost taxpayers a bundle and provide no noticeable benefits to them.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know, "Do you support an increased minimum wage for these employees? Why or why not?"

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OPINION

GUEST COMMENTARY BY DR. MICHAEL GRUNING

A free lunch for workers is a costly meal for taxpayers

That long sought after and until now quite elusive concept has finally been realized in — you guessed it — Quixotic Santa Monica, where one can live in a \$3,000 a month apartment for \$700 and be paid 50 percent more per hour than the state mandates, all due to the largesse of our city fathers. They recently decreed that you and I will be subsidizing workers so that they will have a chance for that almost unattainable dream — living in Santa Monica.

When the Santa Monica City Council recently passed an \$11.50 an hour minimum wage for workers of contractors who do \$50,000 in business with the city, Councilman Kevin McKeown used this rationale “Either taxpayers pay, or taxpayers subsidize.” This is a specious argument. He contends that since \$11.50 an hour (\$25,000 a year) is the amount (neutral point) below which a family of four qualifies for food stamps, therefore we must pay an entry-level worker \$25,000 a year. First of all, how can he divine that these workers, most of whom are parking lot attendants and groundskeepers, have families of four, or three, or even two? What if most of them are single? Second of all, why should I and my fellow Santa Monica taxpaying residents subsidize people who haven’t shown the fiscal discipline to wait until they can afford to have a family, to have one? Third of all, if some of these workers do have a family of three or four, why would we assume that their spouses/partners aren’t also gainfully employed? Lastly, instead of spending money on this “minimum wage” boondoggle that still would not enable these workers to live in Santa Monica (Councilwoman Pam O’Connor noted that it takes an income of \$50,000 to afford to live in Santa Monica), why not use the extra money to set up training programs so that these workers could rise up the economic ladder and not be forever relegated to “entry-level jobs,” which by definition should pay entry-level salaries? Incidentally, 80 percent of these workers don’t live in Santa Monica, and by the way, where is it written that it is one’s innate birthright to live and work in Santa Monica? Most people in LA County commute over an hour each way to work. That’s reality. Even as a Santa Monica business owner and eye doctor, I wasn’t able to purchase a small condo until six years ago and that was with the help of my hard-working fiancé.

Councilman Bob Holbrook, the soul

of common sense and reason, rhetorically asked his fellow council members, “Why would we ask our taxpayers to potentially spend 15 percent more for the same work as other cities pay?” The current state minimum wage is \$6.75 an hour and LA County’s minimum wage, for the same type of contractors, is \$9.46 an hour. At \$11.50 an hour we would be the highest in LA County. Why? Mr. McKeown’s response was, “We’re not asking taxpayers to pay more, we’re asking contractors to pay more” and that “historically contractors don’t pass on the added costs, they simply become more competitive.” Really? If that’s the case, and contractors can always become more competitive, then aren’t we paying too much now? Business 101 dictates that if an employer’s costs rise, then either service and products suffer, or he charges more. Mr. McKeown’s alleged logic flies in the face of common sense, but then again I don’t think Kevin has ever had to make a payroll.

If, as we are so often told, we live in an era of ongoing budget crises, then why would we spend the extra \$500,000 to \$3 million that city staff has said it would cost annually, with no increased benefit in services delivered? Do any of us when shopping look for the highest priced goods or service if quality is comparable? I don’t think so. Even Bobby Shriver’s contention that it would be simple enough to do an analysis of costs at the end of the first year, I find perplexing. Why follow a business model where you opt to throw money at a non-existent problem without a clear and precise understanding of what the probable costs are? So we spend the money first and then see if we can afford it?

This entire exercise is a red herring — it is actually creeping incrementalism. It is simply a prelude to the main act of again trying to impose a minimum wage/unionization ultimatum on the non-unionized hotels in Santa Monica. Doesn’t anyone remember that the voters defeated that attempt just two years ago? It’s about time our council became more fiscally prudent and less socially experimental. After all, they are supposed to be the stewards of our hard earned tax dollars. And about that “free lunch,” what do you suppose it costs each of us every day?

(Dr. Michael Gruning is a Santa Monica resident and a board member of the Chamber of Commerce.)

Consumers have checked out at chain grocery stores



COMMON SENSES

BY CAROLE ORLIN

The last weekend of February marked the one-year anniversary of the end of Southern California’s calamitous grocery strike and lock out. It was the longest lasting strike of its kind, over four and a half months, with more than 59,000 employees on strike, 70,000 affected, and nearly 20 million customers impacted. The strike is history, but the fallout is far from over. There continue to be many angry customers and many distrustful workers. Reports have surfaced of tense relations between employees who struck and strike breakers who were hired back. There has been high staff turnover, employee resentment towards customers who shopped at the stores during the strike, acrimonious feelings between management and returning workers. Workers have voiced dissatisfaction with the few short-term gains that were achieved, and there has been criticism directed at the union for being out of touch with its members. UFCW Local 770 President Rick Icaza had predicted the strike would last no more than two weeks.

It is not reasonable to expect people to give up job security and benefits without a fight. I also realize that the chains were trying to win concessions in order to stay competitive against competitors like Wal-Mart. The entire process was a complicated situation, and there were no apparent winners. It caused me to reflect on what it is like to be a customer at these stores now. One thing that stands out because of the fallout from the strike: It is no longer a pleasant experience to shop at these grocery stores. I am evidently not alone in this view. The combined losses during the actual dispute from the three chains involved, Safeway, Inc. (which owns Vons), Albertson’s, Inc., and Kroger Co. (the parent company of Ralphs) have been estimated at anywhere from \$700 million in sales to more than double that amount. Since the dispute ended, the chains have seen their gross profit margins decline allegedly as a result of discounts offered to win back their customers. The LA Times reported last week (“Kroger’s Recovery Is in Slow Checkout Line; Loss Widens,” March 9, 2005, page C1) that Kroger Co., which has been more successful at drawing customers back than its two rivals, had a net loss for the quarter ending Jan. 29, 2005, of more than \$675 million. That loss did include a charge of \$884 million to write down the value of its Ralphs and Food 4 Less chains.

At the start of the strike, I did not cross the picket line. My action was partially out of loyalty to the workers, and partially out of the desire to not be given dirty looks by the striking workers. Within a short period of time after the strike began, I was not crossing the picket line for

another reason. I found that I could get everything I needed, and even some new and interesting items, at other stores. At first, I resented having to drive all the way to Trader Joe’s for cereal, but I soon discovered new cereals there that were more appealing than the ones I could get at the chain stores. What I could not get at Trader Joe’s, I supplemented at Whole Foods, Costco, and even in an emergency, The Farms. Yes, it seems like a lot of stops, when I could just be making one at the chain store, but I have gotten it down to a science. Now, on occasion, I will go to the chain stores for something I cannot get anywhere else.

One negative outcome of the consumer shift away from the chain stores is the fact that business at other stores, like Trader Joe’s, has picked up significantly. Unfortunately, this means longer lines and more difficulty parking. I recently found myself at Trader Joe’s waiting in a long line, starting to feel frustrated, when a staff member came by offering all of us some chocolate peanut butter cups. That little gesture changed our attitudes. It showed the customer that management was aware of our frustration, and although the peanut butter cups did not speed the line up, at least it showed some concern for the customer.

The strike forced me to change my routine, but it was definitely for the best. Was I willing to go back to the chain stores after the strike? Absolutely. However, the atmosphere there now is completely different. The checker whom I had known for three years was kind of cold to me. Has she seen me sneak in on the few occasions I shopped there during the strike? Had they all seen me? I wanted to explain the reason for my transgressions, but I did not know if I would or could be forgiven. One year later, I see this strike as a lose/lose/win situation. I see it as a lose/lose for the chains and the employees, and a win for this consumer.

I would not want to open up old wounds, but the wounds have not yet healed. I would like to see the chains survive, but whenever I shop in one, I get the feeling that survival might be a real issue in the long run. From my limited shopping experiences at the chains since the strike, the stores often seem almost empty. They are now a vast, cold, uninviting, unfriendly place. They seem anachronistic. It is not business as usual there, and attempting to operate as if it is, is not working. People shop at stores for more than the products they sell. We go there for the whole experience, the employees, the energy, the gestalt. Ask any first-year marketing student. I know the grocery stores and their employees are dealing with a lot of varied issues now, but if this issue is not addressed, anything either side might have hoped to gain from the strike will be irrelevant, and grocery chains will go the way of the dinosaurs.

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COMMENTARY



Embracing the fear and freedom of choice



HIP TO BE SQUARE

BY CAROLINE BODKIN

The day after I graduated from college, I packed everything I owned into my 4-Runner and took off with a group of 18 Nordic and Alpine skiers. We took nine cars and four books on tape between us across the country, from Vermont, headed West. I would take leave in Salt Lake City, while the rest of them continued to their now annual destination of Bend, Ore., where they planned to train all summer.

Bend is a mecca for mountain bikers, skiers, hikers, runners, golfers and outdoorsy people of all breeds. The trip and the summer was a yearly pilgrimage they'd come to call "The Great Adventure."

I had no plan for the summer. Ending the road trip in Salt Lake was as far as I'd gotten. I did have plans for fall, though. I was going to Los Angeles to do ... something.

There was a space in my life, and space means opportunity.

I don't know how I came to the decision to join them. I'd guess it was somewhere in Ohio, where vast plains leave room for broad thinking. I feel lucky now, thinking back on it, that I hadn't filled my summer with some sort of important internship or post-grad program. The Great Adventure was undoubtedly one of the most memorable summers of my life and is still probably the best.

The point of this story is not to wax nostalgic. Nor is it just to illustrate, as I often do, how sometimes having no plan leaves room for the better plan you never considered. The reason I've been thinking about that decision I made in Ohio is this: I'm in Ohio again.

And being in Ohio again is scarier this time because I'm convinced I have more to lose.

I've been living away from Ohio for more than three years, working, paying dues, making friends and building a life. In my new home, I had no friends, yet now I have a bunch. I learned the streets and have favorite restaurants. It hasn't been easy, but it's finally working. I mean, I'm in a freaking book club.

And after nine years slugging away in

the insanity of the entertainment industry, my boyfriend's undeniably succeeding.

However, last Sunday, instead of doing the Sunday things we had to do, my boyfriend and I found ourselves in front of the computer, looking at commercial real estate. Last night, Saturday night, instead of going to a party, we were at Borders Bookstore, browsing in the "Dummies Guide to" business and investment opportunities section, looking for our new-plan inspiration.

And when we got home from the bookstore, we stayed up until 2 a.m., filling out the quiz on www.findyourspot.com, hoping to find the town that would become our town.

After that summer in Bend, I did pursue my intended path. I didn't know quite how it would look — I just had a hunch to follow.

But now we find ourselves back on that metaphorical road in Ohio. We've been headed in one direction, and now there's all this space around us, and so many other places we can go. So we're wondering if this is right and guessing there's something else, somewhere else.

We're listing what we love and hate about what we have here or could have elsewhere in terms of a life. And, finally, we see again that every day is another opportunity to join The Great Adventure.

It's hard to see around corners. And so although every day offers us an opportunity to go left or go right, to take a new direction, for the most part, we continue straight ahead.

But I believe just because you start on one road doesn't mean it has to be the only one you travel. Just because you can see where it leads doesn't mean that's the direction you should be heading.

Neither of us is going to give notice at work tomorrow morning. I'm not going to stop moving just because I'm not sure where I'm going.

But man, I'm glad to have been reminded of choice.

It feels damned good to step outside my little spot here, onto the sidewalk next to the cars and the chaos of this city, and then close my eyes, take a breath, and be transported once again to a decision I made in Ohio, where the wide open plains wait for you to move in any direction you please.

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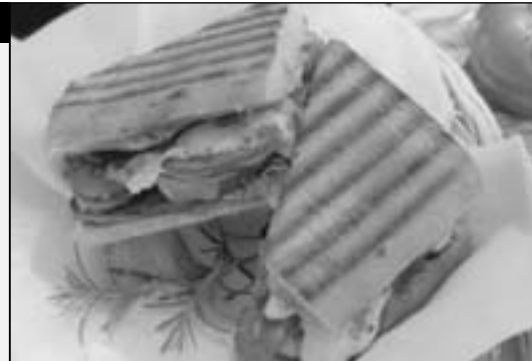
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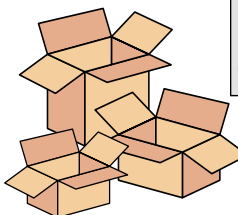
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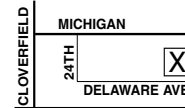
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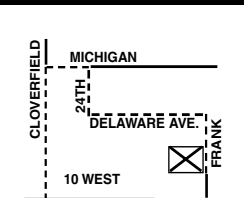
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COMMUNITY PROFILES

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but community involvement can be lasting," MacDonald said. "There was once a program that gave gang members money to change their life. No surprise, the gang members spent the money on guns and drugs. A lot of programs out there are like this. They are based on a pie-in-the-sky philosophy. It's important to look at programs and see what works."

The RAND Corp. name is based on an acronym for research and development, according to a company profile. The non-profit organization was started in the aftermath of WWII to connect military planning needs with the private sector. The company headquarters was based at the Douglas Aircraft plant at the old Santa Monica municipal airport, later moving to its current location across from City Hall.

MacDonald moved to Santa Monica in September when he began his position at RAND. Originally from Northern California, he was raised in Evanston, Ill., and did his undergraduate work in political science at Vassar, in New York. He completed his graduate work at the University of Maryland, where he worked at the Justice Department's Institute for Justice while earning his doctorate in behavioral science, which he did at the age of 26. MacDonald spent five years as a professor at the University of Florida before moving to Santa Monica.

There is economic and cultural diversity, and I think that's a big draw for the city."

Are you here with any family?

"No. I'm single. But I'm optimistic. Santa Monica has its share of women."

What kinds of activities do you enjoy?

"I'm into martial arts. I have a black belt. I also lift weights, but I actually get enough of a workout with the martial arts that I don't feel the need to lift weights. I also have been doing yoga since I moved out here."

What do you like about yoga?

"It's a great way to relax. Also a way to meet people, and it's not as aggressive as martial arts."

How did you get interested in crime?

"I was a political science major and planned on becoming a lawyer. Then I took a class in criminology and realized I preferred studying crime more than studying the law."

Why are you involved in criminology?

"My whole goal has been to work on research that could affect social change, to look at the way the criminal justice system works and make it more effective. It's not always easy because of the political dynamic, but I believe we're making headway."

How is RAND funded?

"RAND is funded through foundations, and research and development money. Half of it comes from military, and the other half comes from social program sources, such as the National Institute of

John MacDonald

Age: 32

Occupation: Behavioral scientist

Employer: RAND Corp.

Marital status: Single

Residence: Downtown

Hobbies: Martial arts, yoga

Salary: Declined to reveal

Health and the Justice Department."

What are you working on now?

"I'm working on several projects right now, but one of them is called Projects for Safe Neighborhoods. It's a federal program to reduce gang violence in inner-city communities."

What are you doing for Safe Neighborhoods?

"We're looking at what's going on with community crime-prevention programs. We're working with the U.S. Attorney's Office to try to help identify areas with particularly high levels of gun crime in Los Angeles, to organize with other law enforcement agencies to come up with strategies to help solve crime problems. One of the problems is that a lot of law enforcement agencies do a poor job communicating with each other, and we're trying to help."

How does violence in Pico compare to other neighborhoods in Los Angeles?

"The level of violence in Pico is much lower than some parts of Los Angeles, such as the 77th District. There were 40 homicides there last year. Pico will never have 40 homicides, unless someone went on some kind of killing rampage or something. The scope of the problem in other parts of Los Angeles is much greater, so you need a much heavier criminal justice intervention."

Does that include Santa Monica?

"No, I do not think we need a bigger criminal-justice intervention in Santa Monica. I think the police here are doing a good job. My conversations with Chief James Butts indicates clearly the Santa Monica Police Department has some progressive things going on. What Santa Monica needs are the appropriate social services and continued community

involvement."

Why are some programs ineffective?

"It's a difficult topic, but people often want to go with their gut, what sounds like a good idea, without it being evaluated to see what works. It ends up wasting resources. A lot of times programs are passed through the grapevine, without even a scientific study. A lot of times the programs in place are simply marketed programs without ever being evaluated. People's hearts are in the right place, but sometimes programs do not get implemented effectively. They do not target the right people. They lack a scientific model that measures effectiveness objectively."

What about gang violence programs?

"The key with gang violence is to find programs that make the most sense. Programs do not need to be taken away, but they may need to be modified. New programs are like a corporation in that they always have huge start-up costs that have to be considered."

What did you think of the gang workshop?

"The thing that impressed me most was the turnout. Often times at meetings like that you have a few of the elderly attending, or a few active individuals in the community. But with the 400-plus people who were there, it shows there is a lot of positive energy in Santa Monica."

What are your thoughts on the double homicide last week?

"Tragic."

What can you say about Santa Monica's future?

"The level of poverty and social disorder in Santa Monica is not on a level that is not intractable."

What's it going to take to help the crime problem?

"I think it is important for people to know that city government is not going to solve the violent crime problem. The key is for people to stay engaged, to not blow off the issue after the initial excitement. Staying positively engaged is not just a way to keep the politicians engaged, but it is also the way for people to shape their future."



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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

“Know Before You Go” is a weekly series that highlights construction projects throughout Santa Monica for the upcoming week, provided by the city of Santa Monica.



Beach Pedestrian Access

The Broadway stairs reopened Friday, March 11, providing access between Palisades Park and the beach. The construction project on the Montana Avenue stairs also is complete. However, due to the recent rains and the saturated conditions of the bluffs, the Montana Avenue and Idaho Avenue stairs are closed between Palisades Park and the PCH. This closure is expected to last until early summer. A final geotech evaluation will be made at that time.

Civic Center parking structure

Construction of a new 900-space Civic Center parking structure located on Fourth Street, next to the Public Safety Facility, has begun. The structure will serve some of the parking needs of the public, as well as parking for both city and county employees. Parts of levels one and two along the north and east elevations of the building will be dedicated for retail/office use. Construction will require the closure of Avenida Mazatlan, and portions of the west side Fourth Street sidewalk. Completion is scheduled for summer of 2006.

Franklin Reservoir roof-strengthening project

This project involves the strengthening of the Franklin Reservoir roof. During the course of this project, Franklin Street will be closed to both vehicles and pedestrians between Lipton and Montana.

Gas main replacement

Southern California Gas Company is replacing a 4-inch gas main on 16th Street between Ocean Park Boulevard and Pearl Street, and on Maple Street between 16th and Euclid streets. There will be detours around work areas.

Main Library

Construction is underway on the new main library, located at 601 Santa Monica Blvd. During construction, visit the temporary library at 1324 Fifth St., or any of the branch libraries. There is currently no sidewalk or parking lot access on Santa Monica Boulevard, between Sixth and Seventh streets.

Memorial and Los Amigos Park building replacement

Demolition of existing park buildings and construction of new restrooms, concession stands and storage buildings. During construction, pedestrian traffic in Memorial Park will be rerouted through the fields, and disabled access is rerouted along Olympic Boulevard. There is no public access to park near building locations at Los Amigos Park, where portions of field are also closed for renovation. Memorial Park is located at Olympic Boulevard and 14th Street, and Los Amigos Park is located at Fifth Street and Hollister Avenue.

Memorial Park Skatepark

Construction of a new skatepark facility at Memorial Park, located at Olympic Boulevard and 14th Street, is underway. During construction, there will not be access to the previous site of the children’s playground, which has been relocated to the northern section of the park.

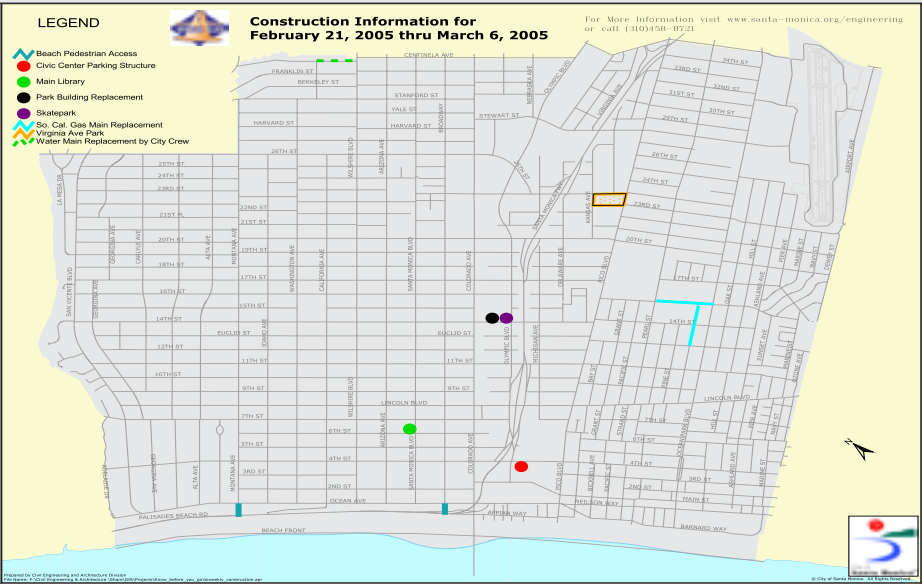
Virginia Avenue Park

Major renovations at the park, located at the corner of Pico and Cloverfield boulevards, are expected to continue through spring 2005. The park is currently closed. The project also includes construction of new turning lanes, traffic signals, striping, and irrigation and landscaping on Cloverfield and Pico boulevards adjacent to the park.

Water Main Construction

Centinela Avenue. City water crews will be working on the water main in Centinela Avenue from Wilshire Boulevard to Lipton Avenue. There will be detours around the work area.

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Attorney says city not responsible for soil at site

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point Hoyas said Watson will attempt to address in the lawsuit.

The South Coast Air Quality Management District issued a notice of violation April 30, 2004, against Santa Monica and Morley Construction Co. as a result of the soil delivery, according to a city audit.

Matsumoto said the Watson claim was rejected last year by City Hall’s risk management department, which is what prompted the company to file suit.

“The city was not responsible for what happened on site,” Matsumoto said.

Charlie Nugtillo, vice president of Morley Construction Co., said he was not aware of a claim filed against Morley or City Hall regarding the alleged soil delivery.

Shoring Engineers, Inc., didn’t return calls seeking comment.

Matsumoto said the Santa Monica Library site has been cleared of asbestos.

“The site has been fully and completely remediated,” Matsumoto said.

Assistant City Manager Gordon Anderson said the remediation occurred between September and November of 2003. He said the cost is still being tabulated, and because the issue is now in litigation, he was unable to comment further.

Asbestos is the common name for natural minerals that easily separate into dust fibers, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. Asbestos is chemically inert and heat-resistant, which makes it useful for fire-proofing and insulating. Once considered a health risk only for asbestos workers, it’s said to be a potential hazard for millions of people on and off job sites who are routinely exposed to it, according to the EPA.

Watson didn’t specify the exact amount of damages the company is seeking. However, the lawsuit seeks to recover from the loss, which includes the cost of assess-

ing the contamination; repairing and restoring the Dominquez site; increasing construction costs from the contamination delay; missed rent, financing and business opportunities; diminution of property value; future insurance costs; and damage to business reputation.

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The Watson Land Co. has master planned more than 1,000 acres of industrial and commercial property, according to a company profile. In addition, Watson has developed and now owns and manages approximately 12 million square feet of industrial, office and technology buildings and business centers.

Morley Construction Co. is one of the largest Southern California-based general contractors, specializing in projects built principally of steel and reinforced concrete, according to a company profile. Morley constructs commercial, institutional and multi-family residential buildings, as well as parking structures. Morley also protects older structures through seismic strengthening, modernization and preservation efforts.

Shoring Engineers has performed work throughout the western United States since 1964, with projects completed in California, Arizona, Utah and Nevada.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Dates and times for the fair are: Saturday, March 19, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at A.C. Stelle Middle School, 22450 Mulholland Highway and Sunday, March 20, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Crossroads School for Arts & Sciences, 1715 Olympic Blvd.

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STATE



Rise in racist incidents causes unease in suburbs

BY BEN FOX

Associated Press Writer

MURRIETA, Calif. — Like thousands of other Californians over the past decade, Crystal Farr came with her family to the booming suburbs of inland Southern California for cheaper housing than she could find along the coast.

Farr has come to question the wisdom of the move, however, following the arrest of dozens of alleged white supremacists and a series of racially charged incidents, including an attack in which two students beat her teenage son at school.

The stay-at-home mother, who is black, said the arrests added to her feeling that not everyone is welcome in the rapidly diversifying region east of Los Angeles, where whites are no longer a majority.

"I like the community ... but all this has made me have second thoughts," she said. "It's taken its toll on our family."

While the Farr family's experience may be extreme, other families also feel uneasy and would move if they could afford housing elsewhere, said Loraine Watts, president of the NAACP chapter in nearby Lake Elsinore.

"The problem is, where do you go with the price of real estate? Your hands are tied," said Watts, who says she regularly fields complaints of racism.

Law enforcement authorities and other local officials say it's unfair to characterize the Inland Empire — as the region of more than 3 million people in Riverside and San Bernardino counties is known — as a bastion of racism.

Riverside County Deputy District Attorney John Ruiz said there are occasional flare-ups of racial tensions in schools and pockets of white supremacists, mostly in more rural areas where new subdivisions bump up against dirt roads and ranches.

"You find that some people have moved out to these rural areas because they don't like rubbing elbows with ethnic minorities," said Ruiz. "It's a small, but very vocal, minority."

Ruiz prosecuted one of the region's most notorious hate crimes — a 1999 incident in which a black man from Murrieta was chased and beaten by members of the neo-Nazi Western Hammerskins. Five men were sentenced to prison and local leaders of the group moved to Mesa, Ariz.

But the problem didn't disappear.

In January, authorities in Riverside and San Bernardino counties announced that, working with the FBI in separate investigations, they had arrested more than 40 people allegedly tied to white supremacist groups with names such as Public Enemy Number One and Angry Nazi Soldiers. The arrests, mostly on drug and weapons charges, took place over more than a year.

The California attorney general has reported that hate crimes dropped 10 percent statewide from 2002 to 2003, the latest figures available. At the same time, San Bernardino and Riverside counties reported a combined increase of 19 percent, for a total of 148 hate crime incidents, a broad category that can include vandalism, arson and assault. That number is lower than Los Angeles County, for example, but the two counties combined have far fewer people.

Authorities say southern Riverside County, which includes Murrieta, appears to have the most significant problem. Still, it is difficult to generalize about a region which is nearly the size of South Carolina and ranges from snowcapped mountains and deserts to older, diverse cities such as Riverside and newer suburbs like Murrieta, which has about 77,000 people.

The region is one of the nation's fastest growing. The two-county population increased more than 25 percent from 1990 to 2000, while the share of non-Hispanic whites declined from about 63 percent of the total to less than half, according to census figures.

That trend is reflected in the Murrieta Valley Unified School District, where the nonwhite student population grew from 28 percent in 1999 to 42 percent in 2004.

"Our community has almost doubled in five years," said Karen Parris, a district spokeswoman who said claims of racial tension are exaggerated. "Statistics show that whenever a community grows ... you get an increase in social problems."

The school district, urged on by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and other groups, last year created a human relations council to address racial issues. Following the announcement of the Riverside County arrests in January, the sheriff announced a partnership with other local agencies to reduce hate crimes at schools, which have been shaken over two years by incidents including the beating of

Farr's son and an attack on another black teen, both of which occurred in 2003 at Murrieta Valley High School.

The two teens who attacked Sam Farr were 14 and 17 at the time. They pleaded guilty to assault and making racial threats, were sentenced to juvenile hall and have since been released.

But Sam Farr, now 17, said problems persist. Last month, as he walked home from school in his ROTC uniform, he claims the elder of his two assailants yelled a racial slur at him before speeding off in a pickup truck. Crystal Farr, who moved to Murrieta five years ago, said she's afraid to let her son and 15-year-old daughter go to the movies alone.

"People should know that this is going on out here," said Crystal Farr, 51, whose family has filed a lawsuit against the district, joining the parents of two other black teens who allege they were victims of racial harassment at the school.

There has been an "uptick" in hate crimes in the Inland Empire for several reasons, according to Brian Levin, a criminal justice professor at California State University, San Bernardino who tracks white supremacists. Among the reasons, he said: cheaper housing in rural areas draws not only ex-city dwellers but also ex-convicts who may have adopted racist ideology in prison.

In addition, racist gangs that manufacture drugs such as methamphetamine need privacy to operate, said Levin.

"The number of arrests indicate a significant level of activity but it is also an indicator that the authorities are reasonably on top of it," Levin said.

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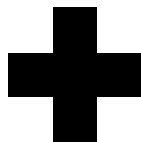
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NATIONAL

Hawaiian language enjoying revival in its homeland

BY RON STATON

Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU — “E heluhelu kakou,” Nako’olani Warrington tells her third graders — let’s read together.

But there’s no need to translate at Ke Kula Kaipuni o Anuenue, a public immersion school where all instruction for the 350 students is in the Hawaiian language.

The school represents a turnaround for the native language in the islands, which appeared 20 years ago to be fading away.

A 1983 survey estimated that only 1,500 people remained in Hawaii who could speak it, most of them elderly. Today there are probably 6,000 to 8,000 Hawaiian language speakers throughout the state, most of them under the age of 30, said Kalena Silva, professor of Hawaiian studies at the University of Hawaii-Hilo.

Everyone knows a little bit of Hawaiian, even visiting

mainlanders. “Aloha” has become an almost universally recognized greeting and expression of love. “Mahalo” often subs for “thank you.”

But there’s less understanding of the state motto — “Ua mau ke ea o ka aina i ka pono” (the life of the land is preserved in righteousness) — or the name of the state fish — humuhumunukunukuapua’a.

“Before, people would hear me speaking Hawaiian to someone and ask what language I was speaking,” said Leilani Basham, coordinator of the Hawaiian language program at the University of Hawaii’s flagship Manoa campus. “I don’t get that anymore.”

Hawaiian is recognized, along with English, in the state Constitution as an official state language. Lawmakers were trying this year to build on that status by requiring that Hawaiian be used on government signs and in government documents.

Silva remembers that when he joined the UH-Hilo fac-

ulty 20 years ago, only 10 students were majoring in Hawaiian studies and Hawaiian language. Now, there are more than 100, he said, including some from the mainland and from Germany and Japan. Hawaiian language enrollment also has increased at the university’s Manoa campus in Honolulu.

Silva, who also is director of UH-Hilo’s Ka Haka ‘Ula Ke’eliikolani College of Hawaiian Language, attributes the greater interest in learning Hawaiian to community efforts. Those efforts began in the early 1980s with parents and Hawaiian language instructors who wanted to make sure the language remained strong on Niihau, a privately owned island populated exclusively by Native Hawaiians.

As a result, Hawaiian is the only indigenous language in the United States that showed growth in the 2000 census, said Verlieann Leimomi Malina-Wright, vice principal of Anuenue school. About 200,000 of Hawaii’s 1.2 million people are of Native Hawaiian ancestry.

The university’s Hilo campus now has a doctoral program in indigenous language and culture, while the Manoa program has received preliminary approval to offer a master’s degree in the language. All sophomore, junior and senior courses in Hilo’s Hawaiian studies major are taught in Hawaiian.

Hilo also has provided curricula and materials for the public school immersion programs, where elementary and secondary students receive all instruction in the Hawaiian language.

The immersion program began in 1987 with about 16 students at two sites in Honolulu and Hilo.

“We now have 19 sites, not including four public charter immersion schools,” said Keoni Inciong, the state Department of Education’s specialist for the Hawaiian language immersion program.

Instruction from kindergarten through fourth grade is in Hawaiian, with English introduced in fifth grade, Inciong said. And while some secondary texts are in English, instruction is in Hawaiian, Inciong said.

Most of the students are of Hawaiian ancestry, but it’s not a requirement, and the majority come from English-speaking homes, he said.

“When we started in 1987, the main focus was on perpetuating the Hawaiian language,” Inciong said. “Now we have the equal goal of a quality education, with emphasis on culture, traditions and values.”

Thirty-eight students have graduated from Anuenue school, said Malina-Wright. At least half have gone to college — including all of last year’s class — and have done well, she said. While some continue with Hawaiian studies, “our first college graduate was an English major who hopes to become a screenwriter,” she said.

Silva and Basham hope that understanding of the language will increase.

“Our vision is that eventually Hawaiian become a language of a large bilingual population. We believe that everyone in Hawaii has a responsibility to the native language,” said Silva.

Hawaiian is already spoken in the islands in a variety of ways.

Island ceremonies usually include a chant or prayer in Hawaiian, and Hawaiian music with lyrics in the native language are making people more aware. The new Hawaiian music category for the Grammy awards requires the majority of vocal songs that are entered be sung in the Hawaiian language.

The Honolulu Star-Bulletin publishes a weekly Sunday column in Hawaiian, and The Honolulu Advertiser uses the proper diacritical markings in Hawaiian names and phrases. A Honolulu radio station broadcasts a daily newscast in Hawaiian and a “Hawaiian word of the day” segment.

Most U.S. colleges recognize Hawaiian and allow it to fulfill students’ language requirements, Basham said.

State Sen. J. Kalani English, who is of part-Hawaiian ancestry and speaks Hawaiian, also wants the language used more extensively. He introduced a bill that would require state and county governments to print letterheads and documents in both English and Hawaiian, with Hawaiian listed first.

Another bill this session would have required all state and county signs to be in Hawaiian as well as English. That was the idea of Daniel Anthony, a Hawaiian language student from Honolulu who persuaded his aunt, state Rep. Maile Shimabukuro, to sponsor the measure.

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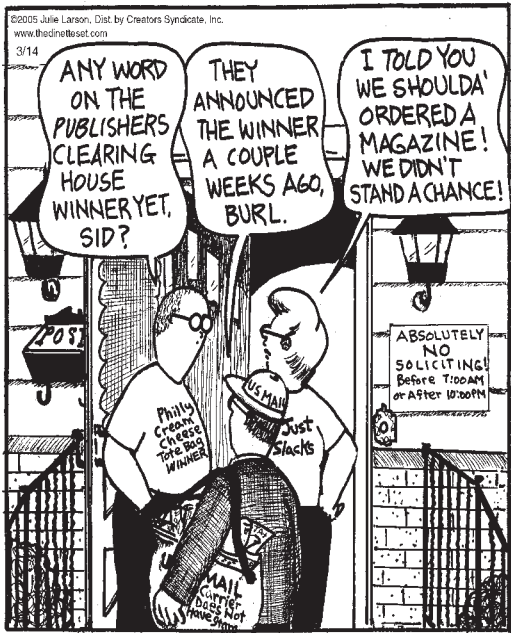
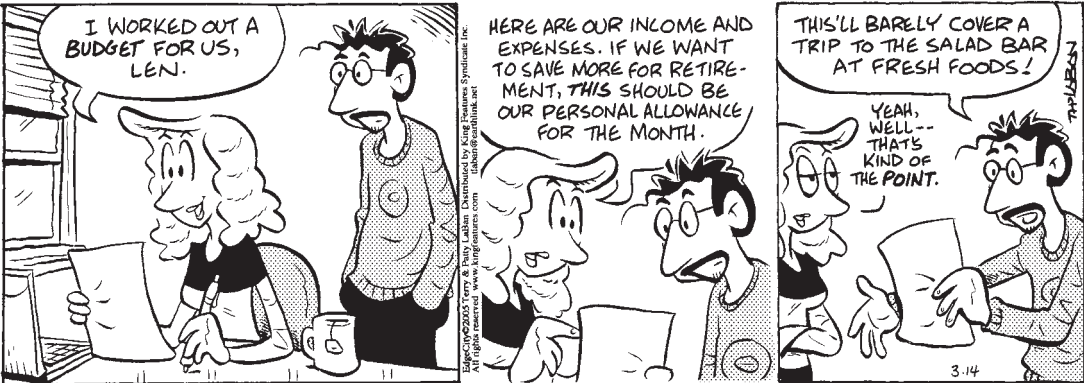
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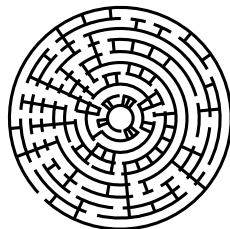
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 0337332 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Jojo G., 224 E Newburgh St., Glendora, CA 91740. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Gina Torres Richey, 224 E Newburgh St., Glendora, CA 91740 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)1/1/2005. /s/ Gina T. Richey
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son(s) is (are) doing business	as Adler Machine
Tech Corp., Al#2698795, 2310	Central Ave, Suite

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 0385343 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Ventana Multimedia, 5922 8th Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90043. The

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210 , Glendora, CA 90065. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Amarpaul Sidhu, 2545 El Rosa Dr. LA, CA 90065 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)3/15/2004. /s/: Amarpaul Sidhu

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 0451122 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Lotus Bud, 961 E. Poppyfields Dr. , Altadena, CA 91001. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Jenny Yun-Juan Lin, 961 E. Poppyfields Dr. , Altadena, CA 91001 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/: Jenny Yun-Juan Lin

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 0450357 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Fallenstarr , 2316 Palos Verdes Dr. W #8 , Palos Verdes, CA 90274. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Ericka Neumann, 2316 Palos Verdes Dr. W #8 , Palos Verdes, CA 90274 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/: Ericka Neumann

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 0438276 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as DLE Enterprises , 9809 Defiance Ave, LA, CA 90002. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Daphne Estes, 9809 Defiance Ave, LA, 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/: Daphne Estes

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Statement of Abandonment of Use of Fictitious Business Name Document Record # 05 0525226 Current File No. 04 1740656 State of California, County of Los Angeles The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious Business name: James W. Gregg, FBN Beach City Software located at 2310 6th St. #3, Santa Monica, CA 90405 The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 07/08/04 In the county of LOS ANGELES. James W. Gregg, 2310 6th St. #3, Santa Monica, CA 90405 This business is conducted by: an individual James W. Gregg The above declares that all information in this statement is true and correct. That the notice, of which the annexed is a printed copy, has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to-wit: 03/14/2005, 03/21/2005, 03/28/2005, 04/04/2005

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NO. 05 0440314 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Help-U-Sell Smart Way Realty, 18331 Gridley Rd. Suite G, Cerritos, CA 90703. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Sanpra Inc. 101 Convention Center Dr. Suite 700. Las Vegas, NV 89109 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/: Sanjiv Gandhi This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on . 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 3/14/2005, 3/21/2005, 3/28/2005, 4/4/2005

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 0440313 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Help-U-Sell Belpar Properties AI#C13092-04, 18331 Gridley Rd. Suite G, Cerritos, CA 90703. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Shagan Inc. 101 Convention Center Dr. Suite 700. Las Vegas, NV, 89109 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/: Sanjiv Gandhi

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 0554129 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as The Fitness Trainer, Fitness Trainer, 1438 W. 8th St., Suite B, San Pedro, CA 90735. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Peter Ford, 1901 6th St. Apt 301, Santa Monica, CA 90405 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 0567028 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Sheshchec, 26615 Purple Martin Court, Canyon Country, CA 91351. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Alyssa Hope Hiem, 26615 Purple Martin Court, Canyon Country, CA 91351 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/: Alyssa Hope Hiem

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 0567027 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Companeros AI#2700317, 22356 Philiprim St. Woodland Hills, CA 91367. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Navales Inc. 22356 Philiprim St. Woodland Hills, CA 91367 This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)3/3/2005. /s/: Hooshang Azimi

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 0567029 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Elan Entertainment , 816 Wilson Pl., Santa Monica, CA 90405. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Melissa Davis, 816 Wilson Pl., 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)6/8/2004. /s/: Melissa Davis

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Statement of Abandonment of Use of Fictitious Business Name Document Record # 0072158 Current File No. 05 0362982 State of California, County of Los Angeles The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious Business name: Apollo Motors, located at 665 Chaparro Rd., Covina, CA 91724 The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 1/12/2004 In the county of LOS ANGELES. Walter Richard Huhn, 665 Chaparro Rd., Covina, CA 91724 This business is conducted by: an individual The above declares that all information in this statement is true and correct. That the notice, of which the annexed is a printed copy, has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to-wit: 02/28/2005, 03/07/2005, 03/14/2005, 03/21/2005

Petition for Change of Name: Conformed Copy of original filed in Los Angeles Superior Court February 15, 2005: John A. Clarke, Executive Officer/Clerk By A. Washington, Deputy Case # SS013236 Petitioner or Attorney: Alfred Alva Weisberg-Rob-

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erts, In Pro Per. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main St Rm 101, Santa Monica, CA 90401-3299, Santa Monica Courthouse. Petition of Alfred Alva Weisberg-Roberts, for change of name. To all interested persons, Petitioner for a decree changing names is as follows: Present name: Alfred Alva Weisberg-Roberts filed a petition with this court for the proposed name of Alfred A. Darlington. 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: April 7, 2005 @ 9:00am in Dept. A., Room 104 Signed this day 02/15/05 by Judge Linda K. Lefkowitz, Judge of the Superior Court. 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 Santa Monica Daily Press on the following dates: 02/28/05, 03/07/05, 03/14/05, 03/21/05.

Name Changes

Petition for Change of Name: Conformed Copy of original filed in Los Angeles Superior Court February 25, 2005: John A. Clarke, Executive Officer/Clerk By A. Washington, Deputy Case # SS013259

Petitioner or Attorney: Babak naficy, California Bar number 177709, 1204 Nipomo St. San Luis Obispo, CA 93401; phone no. (805) 593-0926, e-mail address bnaficy@ix.netcom.com, Attorney for: Ali Getmiri. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main St Rm 101, Santa Monica, CA 90401-3299, Santa Monica Courthouse. Petition of Ali Getmiri for change of name. To all interested persons, Petitioner for a decree changing names is as follows: Present name: Ali Getmiri filed a petition with this court for the proposed name of ali Ghetmiri. 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: 4/21/05 @ 9:00am in Dept. A., Room 104 Signed this day 02/25/05 by Judge Linda K. Lefkowitz, Judge of the Superior Court. 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 Santa Monica Daily Press on the following dates: 03/14/05, 03/21/05, 03/28/05, 04/04/05



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Million-dollar Swank fined \$150 for illegal fruit

By The Associated Press

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — Hilary Swank, the Oscar-winning star of fight flick “Million Dollar Baby,” is going toe-to-toe with New Zealand authorities over a \$150 fine for bringing fruit into the country, local media reported Sunday.

Swank was fined in January for failing to declare an apple and an orange in her luggage when she arrived at Auckland International Airport, The Sunday Star-Times newspaper reported.

“It’s a pretty standard practice to issue an instant fine for a biosecurity risk,” said Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry spokesman William Minchin.

Thousands of visitors arriving in New Zealand each year are fined on the spot for not declaring products like fruit, which cannot be imported into New Zealand, and hundreds contest the fines, Minchin said.

New Zealand is largely free of pests which cause billions of dollars in damage to crops and livestock in other parts of the world and has strict quarantine guidelines.

Swank has instructed lawyers to appear in court next week to contest the fine, the paper reported. It quoted Swank’s publicist, Troy Nankin, as saying “Oh, that was the apple in the purse incident,” and declining to elaborate.

Swank won Best Actress Oscars for her roles in the 1999 movie “Boys Don’t Cry” and Clint Eastwood-directed “Million Dollar Baby.”

LOS ANGELES — Former tennis star Pete Sampras and his wife are expecting a second child.

Sampras and actress Bridgette Wilson-Sampras are due to have the child this fall, their publicist, Deborah Grimes, said in a statement Friday.

The couple married in September 2000. Their son, Christian Sampras, is 2.

In 1990, Sampras beat rival Andre Agassi in the final to become, at 19, the youngest champion in tournament history.

Sampras retired from the tournament circuit after beating Agassi at the 2002 U.S. Open. Then 31, Sampras became the tournament’s oldest winner since 1970.

YAKIMA, Wash. — One Garth Brooks fan who spent \$1,200 to buy a guitar signed by the country singer — only to find out it was a fake — has received an authentic signature.

Toby Bradley, 34, a long-haul trucker, put the guitar up for auction on eBay in January hoping to raise \$50,000 for Asian tsunami victims.

Brooks’ attorney saw the eBay listing and asked

Bradley to send it to him so the signature could be verified. It turned out to be fake, but Brooks signed the guitar and sent it back to Bradley.

Bradley was on the road when the guitar arrived at his home last week, but his wife told him the news.

“I appreciate that they made it authentic,” Bradley said in a telephone interview with the Yakima Herald-Republic.

He said he was disappointed that he had not talked directly to Brooks, but still thinks Brooks is the greatest entertainer of all time.

LOS ANGELES — Actress Rhea Perlman has agreed to a fine against the DeVito Family Trust for failing to file a major donor report on a \$10,000 contribution to Californians for Schwarzenegger in 2003.

The state’s Fair Political Practices Commission said Friday it would fine the trust \$400 for failing to disclose political donations during the 2003 gubernatorial recall campaign that put Arnold Schwarzenegger in office.

Perlman, who is married to actor and director Danny DeVito, agreed to the fine in January on behalf of the trust.

Perlman had an unlisted phone number and could not be reached for comment Saturday. There was no immediate response to a call seeking comment from a spokesman for DeVito.

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