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THE DEFENDING THE ENVIRONMENT ISSUE



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TAKING IT IN: Kyle Hufnagel studies the works of artist Rachel Grynberg during the Santa Monica Airport Art Walk on Saturday.

Art takes flight at SM Airport

ZBY CHIARA CANZI

Special to the Daily Press

SM AIRPORT The six statuary figures of nude female bodies drawn on the bare wall in black paint with gray undertones, stood 10-feet-tall, isolated in a bright corner of the Santa Monica Art Studios.

Satomi Yoshimoto wanted to make an impression on people walking by.

"I wanted women to look at it and feel empowered, something that is hard to do in today's world," said the Korean-born artist. Yoshimoto, a.k.a. Rimi Yang, is just

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Chiming in

NRDC and other environmental groups call on governor to re-appoint Shriver, Eastwood

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Editor in Chief

DOWNTOWN A national environmental group is calling on the governor to reinstate his brother-in-law, Santa Monica City Councilman Bobby Shriver, and actor-director Clint Eastwood to a state parks panel, and for legislators to investigate the role of the panel and whether or not it is truly independent.

In a letter signed by Joel Reynolds of the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) in Santa Monica, as well as 10 other organizations including Environment California, Surfrider Foundation and the Sierra Club, environmentalists blast the governor for his support of a proposed six-lane toll road through a state park at San Onofre and his decision to not re-appoint Shriver and Eastwood to the California State Park and Recreation Commission.

The letter was addressed to State Senate President Pro Tem Don Perata, chair of the Senate Committee on Rules, and State Sen. Darrell Steinberg, chair of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water.

"With the state parks systems already threatened by budget cuts, park closures, and ever-increasing proposals for development, it is clear that we have reached a critical moment in the history of the parks system that threatens our natural resources heritage," the letter states. "Indeed there are currently no less than 113 proposals for development across 73 of our state parks. It is difficult to recall any time in California's history when our world-class system of parks has been more at risk from a range of threats."

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger removed Shriver and Eastwood from the commission last week, saying he wanted some "fresh legs." Shriver and Eastwood were appointed to the commission by former Gov. Gray Davis and re-appointed by Schwarzenegger. A spokesman for the governor said the decision to not re-appoint them had nothing to do with their opposition to the toll road, however, Shriver has said publicly that he believes it was.

Shriver said he didn't think it was necessary for the legislators to conduct an investigation into the governor's decision, but he believed a hearing on the state of public lands is needed given the governor's proposal to close some parks, including Will Rogers and Topanga. Before he was dismissed, Shriver scheduled a public hearing on the proposed closure of those two parks. The hearing is set for April 16 at the Santa Monica Civic Center.

"I can't understand it, but if people feel there is something there, and the NRDC is a legendary organization, it's kind of hard to argue against (an investigation)," Shriver said Friday. "I think only good things can come of it, especially if it brings more attention to our park system."

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Rolling with Ray

Westside, 1 p.m.

Novelist Raymond Chandler gravitated to sin and debauchery, so Santa Monica in the 1930s was a frequent stop for Philip Marlowe, one of his most popular characters. From shady doctors to second wives with pasts to crooked cops with a loathing for a mouthy PI, this tour has it all. Chandler's canonization of sin, wealth and sunshine on L.A.'s Westside fed the abiding myths of the American hard-boiled genre and play into the popular conception of the region. For information, call (323) 223-2767.

Story Time for Twos

2601 Main St., 10 a.m. — 11 a.m.

The Ocean Park Branch Library brings back their music and story program for toddlers aged 24 — 36 months. Registration and an accompanying adult are required. For more information or to make a reservation, call (310) 392-3804.

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Noon — 5 p.m.

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Meth seeps into popular culture

BY JAKE COYLE
Associated Press Writer

Vince Gilligan needed a character who would do something truly despicable. So he turned to the ugliest thing he could think of: methamphetamine.

The result is the new AMC series “Breaking Bad,” where Gilligan’s chemistry teacher protagonist, broke and dying of lung cancer, decides to leave his family financially secure by cooking and dealing meth.

Gilligan, creator and executive producer of the drama, said meth “seemed like somewhat untilled ground” in TV and movies. His show is evidence of how methamphetamine, the most destructive drug in the country for more than a decade, has only recently begun to seep into pop culture.

Such reticence is unusual for Hollywood, which has long been fascinated by drugs.

Think of cocaine and you’re likely to recall the 1980s TV series “Miami Vice” or the 1991 film “New Jack City.” Heroin has “Trainspotting” (1996) or “The Basketball Diaries” (1995). There are many more, going all the way back to Billy Wilder’s “The Lost Weekend,” the 1945 film that chronicled alcoholism.

Now, meth-related work is beginning to accumulate, with a trashy sensibility unique to the drug. The meth milieu is houses turned into disheveled laboratories and left reeking of toxic fumes. The common thread to portrayals of meth is depravity — it’s the lowest of lows, an unnatural, creepy fusion of toxic chemistry and back-country dirt roads.

Before “Breaking Bad,” Val Kilmer played a meth addict in 2002’s “The Salton Sea.” One of the first noteworthy novels to tackle meth, Mark Lindquist’s “The King of Methlehem,” was published last summer. In January, the Drive-By Truckers released the song “You and Your Crystal Meth,” a lamentation of a friend’s addiction. The little-seen 2001 film “Cookers” turned a meth lab into a haunted house; an episode of the IFC sketch show “The Whitest Kids You Know” includes a parody song listing meth’s ingredients. And in last year’s “The Lookout,” Jeff Daniels’ character blames the drug for his blindness.

“This was a while ago,” he says, “before meth was fashionable.”

The drug’s comeback

Methamphetamine was around for decades before a resurgence in the 1980s originated on the West Coast and swept across the country, taking firmest hold in poor rural areas.

More than 5 percent of Americans aged 12 or older have used meth at least once, according to the 2006 National Survey on Drug Use and Health.

Experts have argued that lawmakers have been slow to react. Slower still have been the filmmakers and writers of Los Angeles and New York.

“If (prevalent meth use) had been going on in Westchester County, New York, or Bethesda, Maryland,

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TAKING A BIT OF A BREAK: Rhonda Meister sits in the shade on Friday afternoon. Meister was named the National Association of Social Workers 2007 Public Citizen of the Year for her dedication to helping low-income children, families, and the homeless. For the past 20 years Meister has served as the Executive Director of St. Joseph Center where she advocated for poverty.

Last chapter yet to come

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN, SM Rhonda Meister walked up Broadway on a chilly Friday afternoon when a Big Blue Bus pulled up beside her and a familiar face stepped out.

“Rhonda!” exclaimed the bus passenger, a woman whose face was familiar but whose name escaped Meister at the moment. “I read that you were leaving St. Joseph Center!”

The woman was a former client at St. Joseph Center — a Venice-based non-profit organization that serves low-income families and homeless individuals — where Meister has served as the executive director since 1986.

Once a homeless woman, the former client informed Meister on that

chilly Friday afternoon a story that warmed her heart — she has been off the streets and living on her own for the past year and a half.

It was then when Meister had one of those career-affirming moments, knowing the value of her life’s work and the center’s mission of helping some of the neediest individuals in the county.

Today marks Meister’s last day on the job as the executive director at St. Joseph Center, handing the duties on to Va Lecia Adams, who served as the director for transitional living at United Friends of the Children. With the opening of the new state-of-the-art service center approaching, Meister felt it was time to say goodbye.

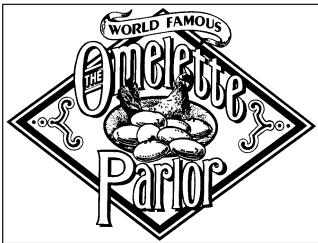
“I felt like it was the right time to step away and have someone else take over,” Meister said during an interview

on Friday.

It was in 1984 when Meister, a relatively new face to Los Angeles, joined the staff at St. Joseph Center as the case manager for the Homeless Service Center. The Western Massachusetts native was hired at the non-profit organization after serving a brief stint at the Los Angeles House of Ruth, a safe haven for homeless and battered women and children.

A year into her job, Meister met with Sister Marilyn Rudy, CSJ — who co-founded the center with Sister Louise Bernstein, CSJ — who informed that she was going on a one-year sabbatical and would hand the executive director duties to the rookie. Meister accepted the position thinking that it was an interim title and Rudy would be

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Sovereignty is being destroyed

Editor:

The United States was created by the 13 individual states that existed in 1789. They established a federal government with limited powers and very few duties. Each state was to remain independent in most areas.

The people could control federal spending because they elected the members of the U.S. House of Representatives where all money bills must originate. The state legislatures could control federal interference because they elected the members of the U.S. Senate. In 1913, 36 states passed the 17th Amendment to allow voters to directly elect their U.S. Senators.

Since then, the federal government has usurped many powers of the states. We are rapidly becoming a police state. The President is now allowing warrantless seizures and searches, torture, and many other unconstitutional activities. He also is suspending habeas corpus, our right to face criminal accusations in a court of law.

The feds also plan to merge the United States with Mexico and Canada into a sovereignty-destroying regional government with open borders called the North American Union (NAU) by 2010. Go to www.thenewamerican.com for NAU details. Americans need to demand that the feds obey our Constitution now, or we soon will be governed by officials we did not elect, just like the European Union is today.

Richard and Gloria Hampton

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Casting the first stone

Editor:

Those casting stones at Barack Obama better not live in glass houses. How many years have these same Republican corps, who are casting dispersions on Obama and holding him accountable for the words of his pastor, how many years have these same self-serving puritans been sitting in their mega-churches listening to the likes of Rev. John Hegee spew out virulent, fiery, hate-filled sermons targeting immigrants, gays and abortion providers?

Should Barack or any of us be held accountable for the words that issue forth from our pastor's mouths? No, and this is not what this latest charade is about. The Obama controversy has all the earmarks of the Republican spin machine and is a preview of the sleazy things to come this fall.

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Grow smart and avoid state parks

SMART GROWTH SANTA MONICA IS A Yahoo discussion group of "progressive" individuals who share a "Smart Growth" and sustainable vision for the city, according to the groups on-line description.

SmartgrowthSM's stated purpose is to support mass transit as an alternative to automobile use, encourage development that enhances the community, promote attractive public and open spaces and ensure safe streets that are inviting to bicycling and walking — among other goals.

I knew my column (March 17, 2008, Page 4) on the 20th Street and Cloverfield Boulevard streetscape project would generate a reaction. Members have recently been exchanging comments such as this editorial from the Brooklyn Daily Eagle which describes "complete streets."

The editorial states, "A complete street's foremost a reapportioning of road space ... On a complete street, car travel lanes are narrowed, curbside parking is reduced or removed, and that space is repurposed as broader sidewalks, protected bike lanes, secure rights of way for buses and more pedestrian-oriented intersections." One SmartgrowthSM member blogged to members, "In this is the notion that it is unacceptable to sacrifice our community's streets to automobiles."

Say, what? Automobiles have been on our streets for nearly 100 years. Virtually 100 percent of us get around in private motor-driven vehicles because we have to, like it or not. Reducing the traffic capacity of major thoroughfares, by even a small percentage causes substantial congestion, delays and money. Eviscerating traffic capacity for the occasional bicyclist or bus isn't progress, it's nightmare planning and intolerable traffic management.

One only has to look at Broadway, Montana Avenue, Ocean Park Boulevard and other major thoroughfares with (empty) dedicated bike lanes and long, frustrating, single lines of cars creeping along to realize that this Utopian vision is impractical, selfish and self-serving — and decades ahead of its time.

I don't want politicians to be my mother or my nanny. I don't vote for them to tell me to eat my broccoli. Social engineers and politicians alike must realize that mass or alternative transit must provide distinct and measurable advantages over private vehicles if its going to change behavior. Removing or narrowing lanes and making it harder, more dangerous and increasingly inconvenient to drive makes people angry, at best, and kills and maims at worst.

I don't enjoy driving, but my car is really the only way to get where I need to go. When in no hurry, I'll take the Big Blue Bus, into Westwood Village for a movie, for example. It's far less costly and stressful than driving, paying for

gasoline and parking.

Most of the time, public transit is so inconvenient that it's just not viable. Neither is riding a bicycle. When desirable alternatives to the private vehicle are readily available, then planners can take underutilized portions of roadways for wider sidewalks, bike lanes and landscaping.

Memo to politicians and transit advocates: Add don't subtract. Provide alternatives before recycling streets.

ENVIRONMENT GETS SNUBBED

Two weeks ago, California Governor, Arnold Schwarzenegger "terminated" Santa Monica City Councilman, Bobby Shriver and actor, Clint Eastwood from the nine member state Parks and Recreation Commission.

In 2005, Shriver, the commission chairman, and Eastwood, the vice chairman, led the panel in opposing a six-lane toll road that would cut through San Onofre State Beach, a 3,000 acre scenic coastal park in northern San Diego County and home to a world famous surfing locale. A gubernatorial spokesman told the press their positions on the toll road did not factor into the governor's decision. Shriver's sister is Maria Shriver, the governor's wife.

Shriver and Eastwood supported a 2006 lawsuit to block the toll road and urged the California Coastal Commission to reject the project — which it did. That lawsuit is now under appeal. Schwarzenegger advocated that the toll road was "essential to protect our environment" by helping to relieve freeway gridlock in Orange and San Diego counties.

Both Shriver and Eastwood wanted to stay on for third terms. Shriver told the Associated Press, "Using parks for roads is not the intent of a park." He explained, "I had hoped to continue to do this work and continue to protect the park system from developers. It shows you how strong these developers were that were able to arm-wrestle the governor into firing us."

The commission approves planning and recommends ways to protect and develop the state park system. They do not earn salaries. The "Governator" recently proposed closing 48 state parks and eliminating half the number of lifeguards at a number of state beaches as part of his budget cuts.

Schwarzenegger has made a big mistake, here. It's just one more bad decision from the Governor and looks like he's just another cheap "politician" doing political favors for big money developers and special interests instead of caring about the people and the environment.

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Money takes the gold at the Beijing Olympics

THERE WAS A TIME WHEN THE OLYMPIC Games embodied all that was noble and worthy about sports competition: The sense of fair play, the good-natured competition, the idea that hard work and determination paid off in the end, the triumph over adversity.

Who could forget African American track and field runner Jesse Owens flying in the face of Hitler's claim of Aryan supremacy to win four gold medals at the Berlin Olympics? Or Wilma Rudolph overcoming a lifetime of childhood diseases, including polio, to win three gold medals at the 1960 Olympics?

These triumphs and what they stand for have been largely overshadowed in recent years by the rampant greed that has turned the Olympic Games into a money-making enterprise. The upcoming Games in China are no different. Corporations have already spent millions of consumer dollars to be named sponsors of the Beijing Olympics. They include some of the best-known brands in the world: Adidas, Anheuser-Busch, Coca-Cola, General Electric (parent of NBC), Johnson & Johnson, Kodak, McDonald's, Microsoft, Panasonic, Samsung, Staples, Swatch, UPS, Visa and Volkswagen, to name just a few.

What's become even more troubling for many human rights activists, however, is the extent to which corporations and governments, loath to rile China and upset the proverbial moneycart, have turned a blind eye to the rising superpower's human rights abuses and its support of the genocidal regime in Sudan.

The latest tensions between China and protesters in Tibet only underscore the concerns that were first voiced when Beijing was selected as the host for the 2008 Olympics. Yet as David Wallechinsky, the vice president for the International Society of Olympic Historians, remarked, "The International Olympic Committee asked for trouble when they put the Olympics in a country run by a dictatorship. Now it's come back to haunt them."

During the Olympic bids, Chinese officials pledged that they would improve human rights conditions by the Games' commencement on August 8, 2008. However, no such progress has been made. In fact, the staging of the Olympic Games

has exacerbated human rights violations and widespread crackdowns on political dissidence.

We're talking about a totalitarian regime notorious for its human rights violations. Within the past year alone, Chinese authorities have gone to great lengths to silence dissidence and discontent through any means possible, from the unjust imprisonment and, in some cases, disappearance of human rights defenders and activists to the extensive censorship of the media and Internet.

Li Heping, a Beijing-based lawyer known for his involvement in human rights cases, was abducted by government officials and beaten with electro-shock batons. Gao Zhisheng, a human rights defender who wrote a letter to the U.S. Congress opposing the Beijing Games in light of China's human rights violations, "was last seen in the presence of municipal Public Security Officers at his Beijing home on September 22, 2007 and has not been seen or heard of since." Yang Chunlin, a farmer who signed a petition entitled "We Want Human Rights, not the Olympics," was detained in July 2007 and "had his arms and legs stretched and chained to the four corners of an iron bed on numerous occasions. He has then been left to eat, drink, and defecate in that position."

Clearly, China has done little to clean up its human rights record. Perhaps we're even more to blame, since our consumer spending is giving them the muscle to fund their huge terror machine.

Understanding that money talks, the activist organization Dream for Darfur (dreamfordarfur.org) is urging Americans to voice their discontent over China's ongoing human rights abuses to the Olympic sponsors who stand to profit from the upcoming Games.

The bottom line is that something needs to be done. If the Olympic torch is to stand for more than economic self-interest, then we need to stop trading on people's freedoms and start doing the right thing for a change.

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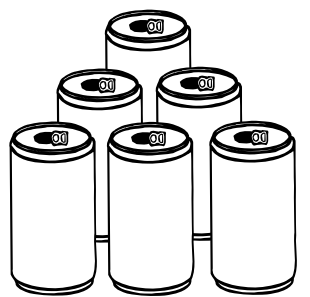
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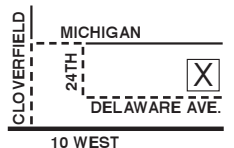
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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

"Know Before You Go" is a weekly update on construction projects throughout Santa Monica. Here is a run-down of this week's construction projects initiated by City Hall



Annenberg Community Beach Club at Santa Monica State Beach (415 Pacific Coast Hwy.)

Beach Parking Lot 10 will be closed for rehabilitation Feb. 7 through May 20. Beach patrons are advised to ride a bike or park in Lot 9 north. The self pay machine in Lot 9 allows payment for either all-day or two-hour parking. Flag persons will be in the area to ensure safe conditions and limit disruption to Pacific Coast Highway.

Annual Tree Trimming Project

City trees will be trimmed at the following locations this winter: 24th Street (San Vicente Boulevard to Montana Avenue), 14th Street (San Vicente to Montana), Fourth Street (Montana to Wilshire Boulevard), 24th Street (Idaho Avenue to Wilshire Boulevard), Cedar Street (Seventh Street to Lincoln Boulevard), 28th Street (Pico Blvd to Ocean Park Boulevard), Centinela Avenue (Santa Monica Boulevard to Nebraska Street), Georgina Avenue (Ocean Avenue to 14th Street), Ashland Avenue (Lincoln Boulevard to 14th Street), Georgina Avenue (14th Street to 17th Street), Carlyle Avenue (Ninth Street to 14th Street), Sixth Street (Idaho Avenue to Wilshire Boulevard), Douglas Park, and 14th Street (Pico to Ocean Park boulevards). There will be minimal lane closures from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Mondays thru Fridays. The annual tree trimming schedule is subject to change without notice due to inclement weather, emergencies, community events, budget conditions, street repairs or other public improvements. Residences and businesses will be notified in advance of tree trimming operations, blocks will also be posted with no parking signs.

Back On the Beach Café (445 Pacific Coast Hwy.)

Flag persons will be in the area to ensure safe conditions and limit disruption to traffic flow on PCH on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Beach Parking Lot 10 will be closed for rehabilitation Feb. 7 through May 20. Beach patrons are advised ride a bike or park in Lot 9 north. The self-pay machine in Lot 9 allows payment for either all-day or two-hour parking.

Big Blue Bus Campus Expansion (1620 Sixth St.)

No public parking at the eastside of Sixth Street (South of Colorado Avenue). Mar. 3, 2008 to Aug. 25, 2009: No parking along, and no pedestrian access to west sidewalk of Seventh Street, between Colorado and Olympic boulevards. Jan. 21, 2009 to Apr. 21, 2009: No parking along, and no pedestrian access to south sidewalk of Colorado between Sixth and Seventh streets.

Colorado Ocean Relief Sewer Project

Traffic from the I-10 Freeway will be directed to avoid Colorado Avenue by either using Pico Boulevard or East-West streets North of Colorado. Project is scheduled for completion in May 2009. Detours are as follows:

- Westbound Colorado Avenue will be closed at Second Street.
- Eastbound Colorado Avenue will be reduced to one lane between Ocean Avenue and Second Street.
- Southbound Second Street will be closed at Colorado Avenue.
- Pedestrian access to businesses and through the work area will be maintained.

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.

Second/Fourth streets Streetscape Improvement Project

Construction crews will be working on both sides of Second Street from Wilshire Boulevard to Colorado Avenue and digging potholes on Fourth Street between Arizona Avenue and Broadway. There may be occasional disruption to some parking spaces. Please follow posted detour signs.

Traffic Signal Upgrade

Fiber optic infrastructure installation and traffic signal modifications will continue in the following locations: 1) Main Street from Pico Boulevard to City Hall. 2) Colorado Avenue from Main to Lincoln Boulevard. 3) Lincoln from Pico to the I-10 Freeway. 4) Broadway from Fifth to Seventh streets. 5) Santa Monica Boulevard from Sixth Street to Lincoln. Work hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Traffic lane closures and sidewalk closures should be anticipated at these locations.

Wilshire Storm Water Diversion Structure

Construction for the installation of the diversion facility on Ocean Avenue and Wilshire Boulevard has been completed. Traffic lanes have been restored to normal operation. Park restoration work will be complete February 2008.

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Groups rally in support of law

BY JUDITH KOHLER
Associated Press Writer

DENVER Lisa Bracken, describing the experience of natural gas development near her home "as a rotten marriage," joined hunters and environmentalists Sunday to call for new regulations to protect air, water, wildlife and public health during Colorado's record-breaking energy boom.

The groups rallied a day before the planned release of the state's proposed, comprehensive rewrite of rules for the industry. The rules would implement new laws requiring that decisions about oil and gas development give additional weight to public health, wildlife and the environment.

Bracken and other speakers at the news conference at a downtown Denver hotel said the state is relying on outdated regulations while going through an unprecedented energy boom.

Bracken said about 40 gas wells are planned within a mile radius of her home near Rifle in western Colorado. She said area landowners already have had problems with just a few of the wells in production.

"It's like being in a rotten marriage. You're stuck with it, you just have to make it work," Bracken.

The problem, she added, is that existing regulations give landowners little leverage with an industry that wields great financial and political clout.

"They're capitalizing on very old codes that are written in their favor," Bracken said of the oil and gas industry.

Complaints like those led to last year's passage of two laws revamping the regulation of the industry. One law expanded the number of members on the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, the main regulatory body, and required

more members come from outside the industry.

The laws also require input from state wildlife, health and environment experts.

A preliminary proposal implementing the laws has fueled intense debate since its release in January. State officials unveiled what they called "pre-draft" rules in five public meetings across the state. Various interest groups, including several oil and gas companies, hashed out the proposals during more than 30 sessions intended to help shape the draft rules.

The Colorado Oil and Gas Association, a trade group, has assailed the preliminary proposals as flawed and a one-size-fits-all approach that will drive up costs, create delays and dampen the industry's interest in Colorado. The association didn't immediately return requests for comment Sunday.

With hunters in blaze-orange vests and caps standing behind her, Sen. Gail Schwartz, D-Snowmass, said during the news conference that everyone should wait to see what the state proposes before condemning it. She and other speakers pointed out that regulators will review the draft rules and hold more public hearings before approving anything.

Ivan James of the Colorado Bowhunter's Association said it's important to protect the state's wildlife and habitat.

"Colorado's hunting and fishing heritage runs deep," James said. "Hundreds of thousands of state residents and visitors participate in these sports every year."

Preliminary proposals included restricting drilling in some spots during some animals' mating and birthing seasons. The largest impact likely would be in western Colorado, home to some of the country's largest deer and elk herds and the greater sage grouse.

San Xavier angel emerges

By the Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. Crews restoring the 211-year-old San Xavier del Bac mission have uncovered a painted angel on the north wall of the baptistry that was covered and forgotten years ago.

Restoration workers Tim Lewis and Matilde Rubio said the painted angel was found this month in the narrow baptistry, which is under the mission's west tower.

The angel, draped in a red cloak, had been hidden for years, covered with dirt and a thin coating of plaster.

"It's always exciting to see something that has been there for a couple of hundred years and no one in the recent century has noted it. Then all of a sudden, there it is," said Bernard L. "Bunny" Fontana, an ethnohistorian who lives near the mission and has made a lifelong study of its art.

The angel is part of a wall painting of John the Baptist baptizing Christ. It appeared when Lewis and Rubio began cleaning the painting. It joins another painted angel floating on a cloud beneath a blue sky.

The cleaning process also revealed colors: red and blue cloaks on the angels, flesh color and red lips on John the Baptist and a green-

ish-brown object that looks like a seashell. A tail of what appears to be a dove also emerged.

"We never expected it," said Lewis, who grew up on the Tohono O'odham Reservation where the mission is located. He continues to live there with Rubio, his wife.

"When we got up high and looked at it from that angle, looking down, it was clear," he said. "We'd always been looking at it straight. But they are two separate angels, each with one wing showing."

No one knows who did the baptistry artwork, but Fontana believes it dates to 1797, when the mission was completed.

Fontana guesses that the artists weren't local and probably hailed from Queretaro, Mexico, near Mexico City, which was like a headquarters for the Franciscans, who took over the administration of San Xavier from the Jesuits in 1768.

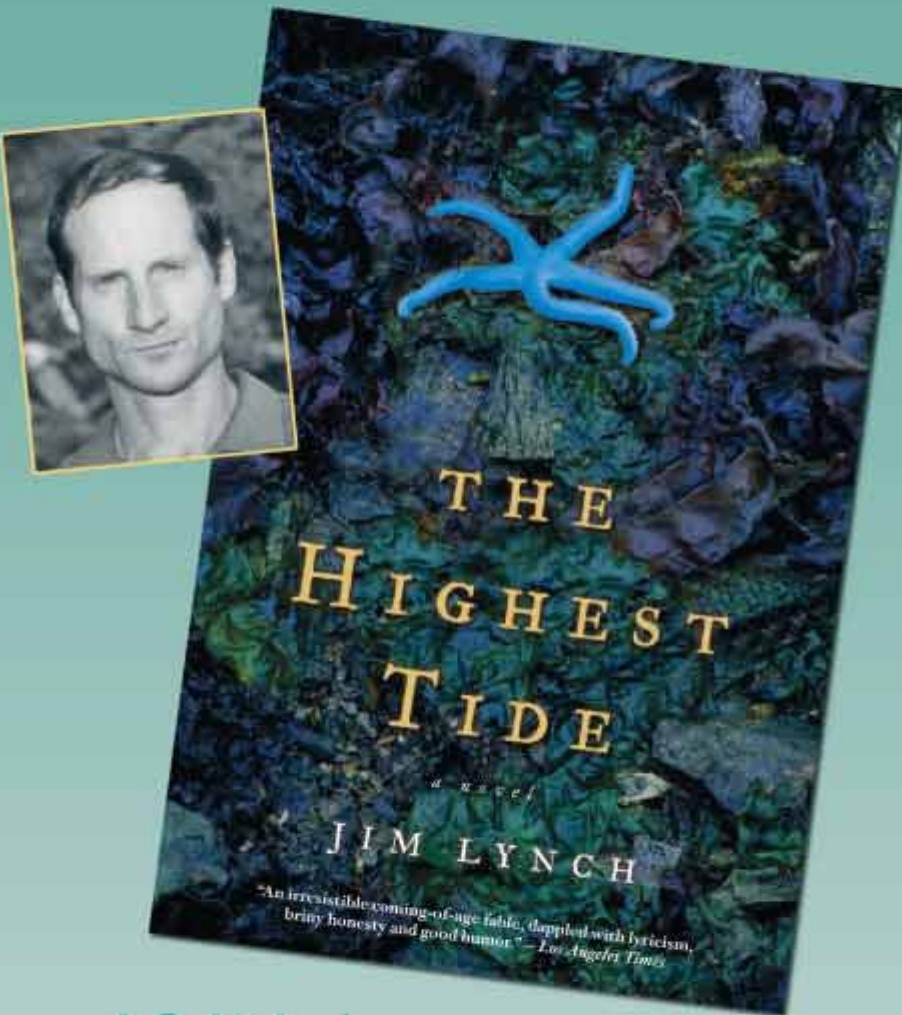
Lewis and Rubio have been working on the mission's interior restoration since 1992. Their conservation work won't be complete for another two to three years.

When the restoration work isn't going on, a wooden door is typically open and will allow the public to have a peek, said the Rev. Stephen Barnufsky, pastor at San Xavier.

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Close finish would force tough choice for Dems

BY CHARLES BABINGTON

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON For all their delight in soaring voter registration and strong poll numbers, some Democrats fear the contest between Sens. Barack Obama and Hillary Rodham Clinton might have a nightmarish end, which could wreck a promising election year.

The chief worry is that Clinton may carry her recent winning streak into Pennsylvania, Indiana, North Carolina and other states, leaving her with unquestioned momentum but fewer pledged delegates than Obama. Party leaders then would face a wrenching choice: Steer the nomination to a fading Obama, even as signs suggested Clinton could be the stronger candidate in November; or go with the surging Clinton and risk infuriating Obama's supporters, especially blacks, the Democratic Party's most loyal base.

Some anxious Democrats want party elders to step in now to generate more "superdelegate" support for Obama, effectively choking off Clinton's hopes before she can bolster them further. But many say that is unlikely, and they pray the final 10 contests will make the ultimate choice fairly obvious, not excruciating.

Barring a complete meltdown by Obama, Clinton has almost no chance of surpassing his number of pledged delegates, even if she scores upset wins in states such as Oregon, which votes May 20. But such victories would encourage her to keep criticizing Obama — her only hope for the nomination — and thus heighten doubts about Obama's

ability to defeat Republican Sen. John McCain in the fall.

That scenario troubles many Democrats, especially those who feel Obama's nomination is all but inevitable.

"This is going to give Republicans a chance to try to destroy everything we've been trying to work for for eight years," said Ken Foxworth, a Democratic National Committee member from Minnesota and superdelegate who backs Obama.

Superdelegates are party officials, including members of Congress, who can back any candidate they wish. With neither Obama nor Clinton able to secure the nomination with the pledged delegates they win in primaries and caucuses, the superdelegates ultimately will decide the outcome.

Many undeclared superdelegates express confidence that all will be well. Democratic voters will unite in the fall, they say, and the injuries that Obama and Clinton inflict on each other this spring will heal.

Privately, however, some party insiders worry that these superdelegates may be blithely marching toward a treacherous crossroad, where they will have to choose between a deeply wounded Obama and a soaring Clinton whose success was built on tearing down the party's front-runner in terms of delegates.

A senior Democratic Senate aide, who would speak only on background because most members of Congress bar their staff members from being quoted by name, called it a nightmare that's getting worse.

The Democrats' optimism of February has been replaced by fear, this aide said, referring to the widely held view last month

that Obama was coasting to the nomination after winning 11 straight contests. Clinton halted the skid in Texas and Ohio on March 4 and is favored to win the Pennsylvania primary on April 22.

If the New York senator also tops Obama in Indiana and North Carolina on May 6, West Virginia a week later, and Kentucky and/or Oregon on May 20, her supporters will argue that the dynamic has sharply changed in ways party leaders cannot ignore. Obama is no longer the sure-footed campaigner who piled up wins and delegates in February, they will say, and the superdelegates' obligation to the party is to nominate the sprinting Clinton, even if it angers Obama backers.

Of course, Obama could practically extinguish Clinton's final hopes by winning one or more of those states. Many Democrats believe he will, suggesting Clinton's continued campaign is a hopeless, albeit potentially harmful, endeavor.

Obama's nomination is "a foregone conclusion," Sen. Chris Dodd, D-Conn., told National Journal. Dodd endorsed Obama after trying for the nomination himself.

He's ahead of Clinton in delegates, popular votes, states won and fundraising. Obama seems nearly certain to finish the primary season far ahead of Clinton financially. At the end of February his campaign had \$30 million on hand, while Clinton's had only \$3 million more in cash than in debts.

Some Obama supporters question Clinton's motives: They suggest she is counting on a stunning gaffe or shocking revelation to cripple Obama and hand her the nomination. Others float a more sinister

possibility, which has found its way into mainstream news accounts: Clinton hopes to damage Obama so severely that he loses to McCain this fall, clearing her path to challenge McCain in 2012, when he will be 75.

Clinton scoffs at such suggestions, and calls on voters to support whomever is the Democratic nominee in November.

Whatever her motives, many Democrats fear that Clinton's continued criticisms can only hurt the man they see as their all-but-certain nominee. They point to a recent Gallup poll, in which 28 percent of Clinton's Democratic supporters said they would vote for McCain if Obama is the party's nominee. Nineteen percent of Obama's supporters said they would vote for McCain if Clinton gets the nod.

Faced with such disturbing trends, some Democrats want party elders either to persuade Clinton to drop out, or to orchestrate enough superdelegate endorsements of Obama to make her defeat inevitable. But high-profile Democrats, including former president Jimmy Carter, former vice president Al Gore, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and Democratic National Committee Chairman Howard Dean, have refrained from such moves so far.

"My job is to make sure the person who loses feels like they have been treated fairly so that their supporters will support the winner," Dean told The Associated Press.

Indeed, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi drew objections from Clinton backers when she approached the issue by saying she shared Obama's view that superdelegates should be guided by the vote for pledged delegates.

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Iraq's army still a work in progress

BY CHARLES J. HANLEY
AP Special Correspondent

Iraq's new army is "developing steadily," with "strong Iraqi leaders out front," the chief U.S. trainer assured the American people.

That was three-plus years ago, the U.S. Army general was David H. Petraeus, and some of those Iraqi officials at the time were busy embezzling more than \$1 billion allotted for the new army's weapons, according to investigators.

The 2004-05 Defense Ministry scandal was just one in an unending series of setbacks in the five-year struggle to "stand up" an Iraqi military and allow hard-pressed U.S. forces to "stand down" from Iraq.

The latest discouraging episode was unfolding this weekend in bloody Basra, the southern city where Iraqi government forces — in their toughest test yet — were still struggling to gain the upper hand in a five-day-old battle with Shiite Muslim militias.

Year by year, the goal of deploying a capable, freestanding Iraqi army has seemed always to slip further into the future. In the latest shift, with Petraeus now U.S. commander in Iraq, the Pentagon's new quarterly status report quietly drops any prediction of when homegrown units will take over security responsibility nationwide, after last year's reports had forecast a transition in 2008.

Earlier, in January last year, President Bush said Iraqi forces would take charge in all 18 Iraqi provinces by November 2007. Four months past that deadline, they control only half the 18.

Responsibility for these ever-unfulfilled goals lies in Washington, contends retired Maj. Gen. Paul D. Eaton, who preceded Petraeus as chief trainer in Iraq.

"We continue to fail to properly resource and build the very force that will enable a responsible drawdown of our forces," Eaton told The Associated Press.

Retired Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey, a West Point professor and frequent Iraq visitor, also sees insufficient "energy" in the U.S. effort. "Even now, there is no Iraqi air force;

there's no national military medical system; there's no maintenance system," he told a New York audience on March 13.

The current chief trainer counters that his Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq, known as MNSTC-I, has made "huge progress in many areas, quality and quantity."

"But we're not free of difficulties," Lt. Gen. James Dubik told reporters on March 4.

A look back by the AP, as the Iraq conflict enters its sixth year, finds the \$22 billion training effort has been a story of uncertain steps and policy reversals, corruption, questionable numbers and distrust, ending with an Iraqi military with narrow capabilities and years more "standing up" ahead.

The first reversal came even before the 2003 U.S. invasion, when the Pentagon discarded prewar plans that called for restructuring the 400,000-man Saddam Hussein-era army into a postwar force of 150,000 to 200,000.

Instead, U.S. occupation chief L. Paul Bremer ordered the old army disbanded, and the Bush administration opted for a token military force to guard Iraq's borders — an "afterthought," said Eaton.

"President Bush declared 'mission accomplished' on 1 May, and on 9 May I get a phone call, 'Get thee to Iraq and rebuild the Iraqi army.' I looked at my wife and she said, 'A little late for that.' You would have expected this to be an ongoing program," Eaton recalled.

The makeshift plan envisioned putting one 700-man battalion at a time through a nine-week training course — a rate that would have produced a mere 8,000 troops over two years.

Eaton persuaded Defense Department officials to raise that target to 40,000 troops by late 2004, but even that was a "patently inadequate force," says Ali Allawi, later Iraq's defense minister.

"Deep suspicions began to be harbored as to the true intentions" of the Americans, Allawi writes in his memoir, "The Occupation of Iraq."

Abdulwahab al-Qassab, a retired Iraqi

major general who observed developments from a post at Baghdad University, contends the Americans never wanted to rebuild a solid Iraqi army.

"It wasn't welcomed by the Israelis, the Kurdish factions that used to fight the Iraqi army, and some of the Shiites," al-Qassab said in an interview.

Walter B. Slocombe, who was Bremer's chief defense aide, denied to the AP that Israel's interests influenced U.S. actions, but he and other U.S. officials have acknowledged that the animosity of Iraq's Kurds and Shiites to the old Iraqi army helped shape those early decisions.

As 2003 wore on, Vinnell Corp., the U.S. military contractor hired to do the training, proved unequal to the task. The first Iraqi battalion, graduating in October, quickly fell apart because of desertions, and the second battalion refused to fight against insurgents in Fallujah in April 2004. The Jordanian army, meanwhile, was asked to take over training Iraqi officers.

As of June 2004, when Bremer's occupation authority gave way to a sovereign Iraqi government, the military still numbered only 7,000 men, as the focus shifted to fielding Iraqi police. Paul Wolfowitz, deputy defense secretary, predicted — incorrectly — the Iraqis could soon "take local control of the cities."

The evolving training program, now a mixed U.S.-Iraqi effort, was plagued with problems. Petraeus' new MNSTC-I was slow to be staffed. Meanwhile, top Defense Ministry officials, including the minister, Hazem Shaalan, were methodically looting the procurement budget of at least \$1.3 billion, Iraqi investigators allege. Shaalan, who denies the accusations, and most of the others left the country by mid-2005.

By then the Pentagon was reporting 60,000 "trained and equipped" Iraqi troops available, a number achieved only by integrating lightly armed national guard units into the army. American commanders "do not report reliable data" on training and equipping Iraqi forces, U.S. government auditors complained. By late 2005, the U.S. command had to acknowledge that only one

of 86 Iraqi army battalions was ready to fight on its own.

The Iraqis still were not given artillery, big mortars or other heavy weapons. Iraq's political unpredictability and dangerous sectarian-political divides clearly made the Americans wary that heavy weapons might be turned against them, concludes Arab military analyst Nizar Abdul Kader.

"This could have been one of the fears that Americans had to take into consideration," said Kader, a retired Lebanese major general.

Auditors also found that the training command kept such poor records on distribution of personal weapons to Iraqi soldiers that some may have been passed on to insurgents or anti-American militias.

When Sunni-Shiite hostilities exploded into a bloodbath in 2006 — up to 60 civilian killings a day in Baghdad alone — it exposed the unreliability of the Iraqi military, some of whose units, paralyzed by desertions and reluctant officers and troops, failed to back up U.S. operations.

The U.S. command's goals for a home-grown takeover of most Iraqi security slipped — from spring 2006, to late summer, and then beyond. In November 2006, the Pentagon forecast that all 18 provinces would come under Iraqi security control "in 2007."

Reviews in 2007, by a congressionally mandated commission, by Government Accountability Office analysts, by the Pentagon itself, found that Iraq's sectarian animosities had permeated and weakened army units, heavily Shiite and Kurdish. A civil war among Kurdish, Shiite and Sunni factions could shatter the military.

Last November, GAO auditors again sharply questioned Pentagon claims on the number of Iraqi battalions able to operate "independently," since such units often depend on U.S. fuel, ammunition and other supplies, American advisers and intelligence, and U.S. air support.

Desertions persisted. In its latest quarterly report, in early March, the Pentagon says some 197,000 military personnel have now been trained.

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Monk-led protests continue to rage

BY DENIS D. GRAY
Associated Press Writer

BANGKOK, Thailand Buddhist monks hurling rocks at Chinese in Tibet, or peacefully massing against Myanmar's military, can strike jarring notes.

These scenes run counter to Buddhism's philosophy of shunning politics and embracing even bitter enemies — something the faith has adhered to, with some tumultuous exceptions, through its 2,500-year history.

But political activism and occasional eruptions of violence have become increasingly common in Asia's Buddhist societies as they variously struggle against foreign domination, oppressive regimes, social injustice and environmental destruction.

More monks and nuns are moving out of their monasteries and into slums and rice paddies — and sometimes into streets filled with tear gas and gunfire.

"In modern times, preaching is not enough. Monks must act to improve society, to remove evil," says Samdhong Rinpoche, prime minister of the Tibetan government-in-exile and a high-ranking lama.

"There is the responsibility of every individual, monks and lay people, to act for the betterment of society," he told The Associated Press in Dharmasala, India, discussing protests in Tibet this month that were initiated by monks.

In widespread protests over the past three weeks, crimson-robed monks — some charging helmeted troops and throwing rocks — have joined with ordinary citizens who unfurled Tibetan flags and demanded independence from China. Beijing's official death toll from the rioting in Lhasa is 22, but the exiled government of the Dalai Lama says 140 Tibetans were killed there and in Tibetan communities in western China.

Bloodshed also stained last fall's pro-democracy uprising in Myanmar, dubbed the "Saffron Revolution" after the color of the robes of monks who led nonviolent protests against the country's oppressive military regime.

In Thailand, followers of a Buddhist sect took part in street demonstrations which led to the ouster of Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra two years ago.

In Sri Lanka, the ultra-nationalist Jathika Hela Urumaya party, led by monks, has pushed for using brute force against the country's Tamil rebels. In 1959 a monk assassinated a prime minister over a law giving some protection to the Tamil language.

Indeed, the activism reflects another side of Buddhist history. Despite the faith's image of passivity, an aggressive strain has long existed, especially in the Mahayana school of Buddhism, practiced in Japan, Korea, China and Tibet.

The sohei, monks in Japan, fought pitched battles with one another and with

secular clans for over 600 years until around 1600. China's Shaolin Temple, a martial arts center to this day, was allowed to retain warrior monks from the 7th century by emperors who sometimes used them to put down rebellions and banditry.

The monk Saya San became a national hero in the 1930s in Myanmar — then Burma — by leading a revolt. The British colonials hanged him after fielding 12,000 troops to suppress his peasant army.

The self-immolation of monk Thich Quang Duc on a Saigon street became an iconic image of protest against the Vietnam War.

Before China's takeover of Tibet in 1959, warrior monks sometimes wielded more power — and weaponry — than the army. Lhasa's Sera monastery, a hotbed of the recent protests, was particularly noted for its elite fighters, the "Dob-Dobs," who in 1947 took part in a rebellion that took 300 lives.

"Use peaceful means where they are appropriate, but where they are not appropriate, do not hesitate to resort to more forceful means," said the previous, now deceased Dalai Lama when Tibet fought the Chinese in the 1930s.

Christopher Queen, an expert on Buddhism at Harvard University, says the new trend among some of the world's 350 million faithful is expanding from individual spiritual liberation to attacking problems such as poverty and environmental blight that affect whole communities or nations.

Sri Lanka's Sarvodaya Shramadana, or "Mundane Awakening," provides everything from safe drinking water to basic housing in more than 11,000 poor villages. And in India, Buddhist groups are fighting for the rights of "the untouchables," the lowest caste.

Global and loosely affiliated, originating at the grass roots rather than atop religious hierarchies and more muscular than meditative, this movement is widely known as Engaged Buddhism.

"Engaged Buddhists are looking at the social, economic, and political causes of human misery in the world and organizing to address them. The role of social service and activism is clearly growing in all parts of the Buddhist world," Queen said in an interview.

While not immune to spilling blood, Queen says "the Buddhist tradition is rightly known for the systematic practice of nonviolence." That leads scholars to doubt it will turn to terrorism or sustained violence other than occasional spontaneous outbursts. They note that Buddhism doesn't advocate killing heretics or otherwise spreading the faith by force.

Indeed, the Dalai Lama has decried the recent violence while supporting peoples' rights to peaceful protest. And Samdhong, the prime minister-in-exile, adds: "If (monks) want to fight, they have to disrobe and join the fighters."

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Cities share \$2.4M for solar initiatives

CATHERINE TSAI
Associated Press Writer

DENVER The nation must diversify its supply of clean, sustainable, secure energy, Energy Secretary Samuel Bodman said Friday in a city newly chosen to receive funding to help integrate solar technologies.

"The national focus must remain on increasing the energy options available to us," Bodman said at the third annual energy summit by Sen. Ken Salazar, D-Colo. He said the country needs diversity in types of energy, suppliers and routes as both energy prices and demand rise.

Meeting the challenge will require collaboration from academic, private industry, and state and local governments, he said.

At the summit, Bodman announced that Denver is among 12 U.S. cities chosen this year to share in \$2.4 million from the Department of Energy to advance solar energy.

The selection of the 12 cities as Solar America Cities supports an initiative by President Bush to make electricity from solar photovoltaics cost-competitive with conventional power by 2015.

Each city will receive \$200,000 to integrate solar energy technologies. They are Denver; Houston; Knoxville, Tenn.; Milwaukee; Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minn.; Orlando, Fla.; Philadelphia; Sacramento, San Jose and Santa Rosa, Calif.;

San Antonio; and Seattle. Thirteen other cities were chosen last year.

The cities also receive technical assistance estimated at \$3 million to integrate solar power into energy planning, zoning and facilities and to promote solar power to residents and businesses.

Even as renewable energy develops, the economy will still depend on fossil fuels, Bodman said. That will push the drive for research on oil shale and clean coal technologies as well as carbon sequestration, he said.

He said nuclear power will also be needed to provide clean energy.

Salazar said conservation and raising energy efficiency will also be key.

In December, Bush signed the Energy Independence and Security Act. It includes mandates for fuel producers to supply at least 36 billion gallons of renewable fuel in 2022 and to phase out the use of incandescent light bulbs by 2014.

Bodman also spoke of growth in wind power, which was responsible for more than 20 percent of new electrical generating capacity in the U.S. last year.

Colorado, where Gov. Bill Ritter has been promoting an economy built on "new energy," in recent months has marked the official opening of Vestas Wind Systems' turbine-blade manufacturing plant and the relocation of wind farm developer Renewable Energy Systems Americas Inc.'s headquarters from Texas to Broomfield, Colo.

Salmonella scare nears end

By the Associated Press

ALAMOSA, Colo Officials were planning to reopen the city's high school, middle and elementary schools Monday as crews continued a multiday flush of the city water system to purge salmonella bacteria.

The schools have been closed since Tuesday, when officials began pumping high concentrations of chlorine into the towns' water system to flush the system. Adams State College closed on Wednesday.

Chlorine levels in parts of the city have dropped to where residents can take quick showers, but it is still unsuitable for drinking. In other parts, city water could only be

used to flush toilets.

The flush of about 50 miles of water lines was being conducted in sections.

On March 19, after several reported cases of salmonella and tests that showed bacteria in the water, state health officials warned residents not to use water straight from the tap for brushing teeth, washing dishes, drinking and cooking.

The disinfection of the city water system began after officials confirmed the presence of salmonella in the water. The source of contamination is unknown.

As of Saturday, 315 people had become ill, with 85 cases of salmonella confirmed, the city said.



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Energy drinks are far from healthy

Dear EarthTalk:

There are so many energy drinks on the market, but they all seem very high in sugar, coloring and preservatives. Are there any natural versions that offer a healthier kick-start?

— John

Hwang, Cambridge, MA

ENERGY DRINKS CONSTITUTE ONE OF THE fastest growing sectors of the soft drink market across the U.S. and around the world, with some 500 new varieties introduced in recent years. But it's true that most are far from healthy. Besides containing excessive amounts of sugar and caffeine, which alone can be dangerous to those with diabetes or heart conditions, many also feature a battery of supposedly beneficial herbal supplements (taurine, guarana and ginseng) that are not proven to increase energy and may actually sap energy, being detrimental to bodies overloaded with new and unfamiliar stimuli.

"Most of the energy drinks contain high-tech-sounding ingredients that are not controlled substances, of no value, and potentially harmful" in large amounts, says sports nutritionist Cynthia Sass. "The amount of the stimulants is not always listed on the label,

and even when the information is listed, it is hard for consumers to interpret because we are not familiar with these ingredients."

Sass recommends good old fashioned water as the best alternative to energy drinks. Re-hydrating is a great way to stay alert and to move other nutrients through the body. Other tried and true ways to increase energy include maintaining a healthy diet, regular physical activity and, of course, a good night's sleep.

But what about those times when you really need a boost? Yerba mate tea, which is derived from yerba mate plants that naturally contain caffeine as well as other natural stimulants, is a popular choice. Perhaps part of the reason some people swear by it is that its brewed leaves contain theobromine—also found in cocoa—an alkaloid known to help elevate the mood. Boosters of the drink say it also helps strengthen the immune system, relieve allergies and aid in weight loss.

Not a straight tea drinker? Brewed yerba mate, which has an earthy flavor that some call an acquired taste, is sold commercially not just as tea but also blended in lattes, coffees and energy drinks. Guayaki (available at Safeway, Wegmans, 7-Eleven and elsewhere) is one of a handful of companies paving the way for yerba mate in the U.S. The company



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QUICK PEP: Some 500 new varieties of so-called energy drinks have been introduced in recent years. Most contain excessive amounts of sugar and caffeine and are far from healthy.

sells flavored versions with a hint of cane juice to sweeten it up for otherwise sugar-addicted American consumers.

Another take on healthy energy drinks comes from a handful of companies selling products with vitamins and nutrients instead of caffeine to give drinkers a kick. Zipfizz is a powder that can be mixed in with water and contains a combination of vitamins and minerals that provide the body with electrolytes, antioxidants and vitamin B-12, among other natural, immune-strengthening nutrients. Eniva Vibe, also packed with vitamins and minerals, is another popular new entry into the healthy

energy drink market.

As with anything you consume, mileage may vary, so to speak, so experts advise going slow at first to make sure it agrees with you. And if all else fails, remember you can always just go take a nap.

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Artwalk showcases local artists



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CAPTURED BY THE BEAUTY: Hank Adams (left) said he was captivated by the work of artist Ellie Riley during the Santa Monica Airport Artwalk on Saturday. 'Her work is filled with energetic movement, it makes my eyes move,' said Adams.



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SHARING WITH THE PUBLIC: Standing in front of her art, Rachel Grynberg (center) peruses prints with John Vasey (left) during the Artwalk on Saturday.



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PUTTING IN THE NECESSARY TIME: Artist/surfer Gus Harper shares the inspiration behind his work, 'Torn Rose Grid,' during the Santa Monica Airport Artwalk on Saturday. Harper said that he has been making art in his unique style for the past eight years.

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one of the artists who is showcasing their work at the Second Annual Santa Monica Airport Artwalk.

Set in one of the oldest operating airports in Los Angeles County, the artwalk provided an opportunity for people to view the work of local artists and explore the studios where ideas, dreams and spontaneity meet to create masterpieces.

"This is the birthplace of the DC3 during World War II," said Hamp Simmons, Cultural Affairs supervisor for the City of Santa Monica.

After the Douglas Aircraft ceased operating in the city, local artists started renting spaces in leftover hangars.

"They are perfect spaces for art with very high ceilings and they were really cheap because nobody wanted them," said Simmons.

The Airport Artwalk is co-sponsored by the City's Cultural Division and the Santa Monica Airport in an effort to showcase the cultural and artistic aspect of the area.

"There has been a wave of artists here since the '50s, but nobody knows it's here," said Simmons. "It's been terrific since we opened it up to the public."

Last year more than 4,000 people ventured into the multiples hangars and galleries to feast their eyes on both innovative and traditional art. This year, Simmons expects the same or better turnout.

"We got everything from internationally renowned artists to more amateur painters and then we have a lot of people who have a job and they rent a space here and work," he said.

Although the artwalk was not intended as an art sale, many of the artists made their best work available to potential buyers.

"It's nice to have the opportunity to show your work and to have the option to sell it," said Yang.

Yang's petite size conceals a bursting personality and strong ideas about humanity's purpose on Earth.

"I wanted to celebrate the body of a woman because I feel we need a female-inspired mentality in this world," she said.

Yang was a librarian for most of her life and said her background helped her think of art in a very philosophical way. Yang called the larger than life portrait of female bodies "One Second of Eternity." She wrote a note about what people should feel when looking at it.

"If you forgot everything else even in one second, then I think this wall might have given you one second of eternity in your mind and that state could be the ultimate Nirvana. But the question is how to maintain such a state. If you know the answer, please let me know."

Yang's studio is a small, space in the Santa Monica Art Studios. This building was designed and renovated in 2004 as a reusable space. The hangar is currently the refuge and creative home to 29 artists and two of the most innovative art galleries in the city.

The Cultural Affairs Division requires an application process to rent studios at the Santa Monica Airport.

"At the moment, the process is frozen, because there are so many good artists needing a space," Simmons said. "We want them to be affordable for artists in the middle of their career and you have to demonstrate that you are a very professional artist."

Making a living as an artist has its hardships. Rachael McCampbell opened up her studios and put all of her artwork up for sale.

"For this event, there are a lot of people that come through and they want to look at the smaller pieces," she said. "My most expensive piece is about \$8,000 but these prices are low compared to what you'd find in galleries. I lowered all my prices for this event."

McCampbell paintings exhort peace and tranquility. "Life Dance," one of her displayed paintings, depicts two seemingly weightless cranes taking flight. Her soft color palette matches her soft-spoken personality.

"I work in an emotive way and I am more of a process-oriented artist," McCampbell said. "I put paint down and pick up a sander and scrap it all down, and put it down again and pick up other paint and draw and drip and throw until it takes on a life of its own."

A self-described throwback artist, McCampbell gathers her inspiration from her surroundings and paints in an old-fashioned way.

"When I see the paint, I like to touch it, I like to see it," she added.

McCampbell's long-time friend Gus Harper is an internationally renowned artist who works in New York and Santa Monica. At age 5, Harper fell in love with the idea of being an artist. His mother, Fielden Harper is a well-known artist herself. This exposure to art circles influenced him greatly.

"I go for the simple things in life," he said. And his art reflects that. One of his staple techniques is the rose grid, neatly aligned and stacked panels whose contours meet to create torn roses and petals. In his artist statement, Harper stresses the fact that each of his paintings are a reaction to the previous one. In a sense, his art is in continuous motion.

"Bell peppers became mountains, citrus became lava flows," he wrote. "The original subjects were mere launching pads for a series of paintings fueled by the simple joy of creating."

Harper creates art to please his senses, he says, but the most humble and reassuring experience is when someone is so taken by his work that they make it part of their life.

"These types of events are a big introduction to the community," said Harper. "New York is the center of the art world, but having been in both I like the vibe here much better, it's more accessible."

Santa Monica resident Camma Barsily walked into the studios with an open mind.

"It's such a wonderful opportunity for the public to see (the artist's) thought process," she said. "And it's pretty high quality for what I have seen."

"You get to see the art and talk to the artist and I am sure people may even purchase something."

As part of the Airport Artwalk, the Santa Monica College Ceramics and Art Mentor Program showcased the work of aspiring artists. Stephany Price works with paint and paper. The Santa Monica Art Mentor Program is designed for gifted students and provides highly-talented aspiring artists the opportunity to work one-on-one with mentors.

"This event really means a lot to me," she said. "I can show people the finished product and develop a good sense of who I am."

Meister considers next steps in life

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back the following year.

"I thought it would be challenging but very interesting," Meister said. "All of us work together well and I wasn't the big boss. We were all in it together."

After Rudy returned from her sabbatical, the sister sat Meister down during lunch and told her she was leaving for good, Meister would become the permanent executive director.

It was a not-so gradual ascension to the top, Meister said.

"I had a great deal of respect for (Rudy and Bernstein)," Meister said. "I wanted to make sure I didn't disappoint their vision."

The center was founded in 1976 in a small storefront on Rose Avenue in Venice, starting out small with just two programs and a modest staff of about 12 people. The organization has grown in the past three decades, now staffed with 110 people who oversee about 10 programs housed in seven different Westside locations, including several in Santa Monica. The center serves about 7,000 people every year.

"We've certainly kept the mission alive," Meister said.

One of the biggest population of clients for St. Joseph Center is the homeless, running several programs including the Homeless Service Center, the Affordable Housing Program and the Bread & Roses Cafe, which provides hot meals for homeless individuals. While the center serves the entire Westside, a sizable population is from Santa Monica.

Meister complimented the city of Santa Monica as being at the forefront of addressing the issue of homelessness for more than 20 years, a model for the city and county of Los Angeles.

"They can look to the commitment Santa Monica has made and use it as a model and step up their game," she said.

Meister stressed the need for more hous-

ing for homeless individuals and more work to be done not only on the part of the government, but by the community.

She often remembers the lives that have been changed because of the work of employees at the center. She recalls a former homeless client who in 1998, amidst the struggle over the development of a new community center on Fourth Street and Rose Avenue, decided to make a better impression on the community, cleaning up the alley behind Rose from Fourth to Seventh streets.

It wasn't a one-time routine, but something that continued every day, Meister said.

Today, that individual is now the owner of a car detailing business and keeps in touch with Meister.

"That particular person said 'hey, we can show the community that we are responsible,'" Meister said.

SMALL-TOWN ROOTS

Meister grew up on a farm in Central Illinois before she moved to Western Massachusetts.

She attended Newton College just outside of Boston and received her divinity degree in policy and ethics from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago before making her way west, hoping to escape the frigid weather for good.

She's worked exclusively for non-profit organizations.

"It's the biggest privilege to get up for work every day and know what you're doing is having a big impact not only on individuals, but on the community as a whole," she said.

While Meister said she isn't retiring and cutting off all ties with St. Joseph Center, she has yet to figure out her next step, perhaps working in consulting or for foundations. What she does know is that she wants to take some time off.

"I'm going to walk out with an open heart and wait and be surprised," she said.

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Telling the story of meth

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methamphetamine would have been a national priority 15 years ago," said Rick Rawson, associate director of UCLA's integrated substance abuse programs. "It just hasn't hit the media centers where generally something like that gets attention."

Patterson Hood, one of the singers and songwriters in the Drive-By Truckers, witnessed the effects of meth firsthand in his Alabama hometown, which "really got hit hard a few years back." He penned "You and Your Crystal Meth" in response.

"At the time, nobody was talking about it," said Hood. "There wasn't songs about it; it wasn't getting much attention from the press."

Hood finishes the song with a haunting verse: "Indiana and Alabama, Oklahoma and Arizona/ Texas, Florida, Ohio, Small town America, right next door/ Blood soaked your pillow red; You and your crystal meth."

Rock 'n' roll has been connected with drugs nearly since its inception. Simply the names of drugs suggest a tune: "Cocaine," by Eric Clapton; "Heroin," by the Velvet Underground.

One of the few songs about meth was written by Bruce Springsteen more than a decade ago. "Sinatra Cowboys" tells the story of a Mexican immigrant who dies in an explosion at a meth lab. Singer-songwriter James McMurtry, son of author Larry McMurtry, has also sung about "cooking speed."

"It's not a very romantic thing to sing about," said Hood. "There's nothing really cool or hip about it like some drugs have been at various times in our culture."

It's not hard to recall those times: psychedelia in the '60s, cocaine flashiness in the '80s, heroin chic in the '90s.

"When you think back on shows like 'Miami Vice' and movies like 'Scarface,' cocaine sort of inadvertently became glamorized," said Gilligan. "It became associated with fast times and high living."

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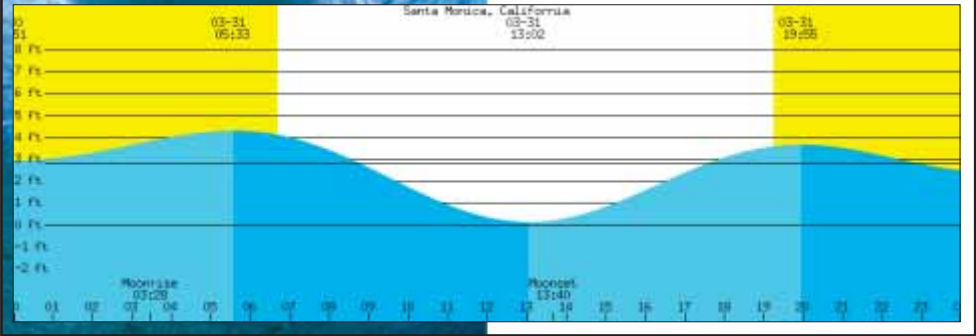


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LOCATION	DRY	WET	LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	B	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	F
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El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Aliso creeks	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	A	F
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Dodgers place trio on the disabled list

BY JOHN NADEL
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES As expected, the Los Angeles Dodgers placed third basemen Nomar Garciaparra and Andy LaRoche and right-hander Jason Schmidt on the 15-day disabled list Sunday. Tony Abreu, another third baseman, is sure to join them before Monday's season opener against the San Francisco Giants.

Although first-year manager Joe Torre provided the answer to one pressing question, saying Andre Ethier will play left field rather than Juan Pierre, it was still unclear as to who will play third in the opener.

Blake DeWitt, a 22-year-old non-roster player who split last season between Single-A Inland Empire and Double-A Jacksonville, was the likely opening-day third baseman as of Sunday.

"He hasn't been told he's going anywhere," Torre said. "We're within regulation right now. We'll have guys show up tomorrow that may not be eligible. You're going to have all teams doing what we've done today."

What the Dodgers did was reassign catchers Danny Ardoin and Rene Rivera, right-handers Chan Ho Park, Brian Falkenborg, Mike Koplove and Greg Jones, left-hander Clayton Kershaw and infielder Ramon Martinez to their minor league camp.

"There may be other people that become available through the course of today," general manager Ned Colletti said. "No reason not to use every day. Nothing may happen, chances are nothing will happen. There's always a chance something will happen."

Colletti said the 20-year-old Kershaw would start the year at Double-A after an impressive spring.

"I'm sure Ned is not shutting any doors anywhere," Torre said. "We stayed late last night, we were here early this morning. We don't know if anything's going to happen."

The Dodgers are keeping 11 pitchers including reliever Ramon Troncoso, a 25-year-old right-hander who has never played above Double-A. Torre said Park would go to Triple-A Las Vegas as a starter.

"If we were going to go with 12, he would have been the one," Torre said, adding the team might add a 12th pitcher in the coming weeks.

The Dodgers are going with 11 pitchers for now to keep an extra infielder due to Jeff Kent's status. Kent started the final three exhibition games after sitting out more than three weeks because of an injured right hamstring, but said Sunday he's healthy enough to be in the lineup on a regular basis.

"Running is the biggest issue," said the 40-year-old Kent, baseball's career home run leader as a second baseman. "I don't doubt there will be something out there that will hinder me. You don't want to reinjure it. You definitely don't want to hold the team back. You play smart, especially as you get older. You're in it for the long haul."

Pierre entered spring training with an edge in left field, but Ethier was far superior during the exhibition season.

"I just feel that I want to start that way," Torre said. "I know sometimes you don't make enough of spring training and other times you make too much of spring training. But just from the at-bats I watched him have and the defense he played, I'm curious and I want to see him out there."

"He's had a real good spring. He's hit a number of home runs, he's hit lefties, he's hit righties, and I want to see more."

Torre said Pierre took the news as well as could be expected.

"He's a professional, and before it's all said and done, we're going to get contributions from a lot of people," the manager said. "He said OK, but obviously he's disappointed. I wouldn't want anybody sitting on the bench who certainly was accepting of it. I'd much rather have players who want to play and aren't playing than the other way around."

The 30-year-old Pierre, in the second year of a five-year, \$44 million contract, hit .293 with no homers, 41 RBIs and 64 stolen bases last season. Ethier, who turns 26 next month, hit .284 with 13 homers and 64 RBIs.

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★★★★ Others certainly command the field. Look around; see what you cannot change. Then decide if you would like to head in another direction. At least others can understand and follow your chosen path. Stay open to suggestions. Tonight: Be with a favorite person.

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★★★★ You might get an opportunity to rethink a difficult decision. That opportunity will come through the openness of another person. Tonight: Weigh your options.

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★★★★ "Easy does it" would be the best approach. You have a lot on your plate, and if that perfectionist trademark appears, you might have a hard time. Just do one task after another. Try a more rote approach. Tonight: Take it easy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Your ingenuity not only saves the day but also adds to the validity of the moment. Don't wonder about what is happening; just become part of it. Tonight: Give up any rigid thoughts you might have about it being Monday!

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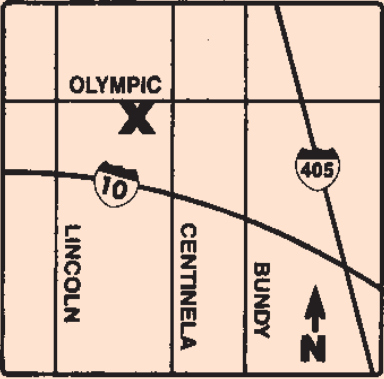
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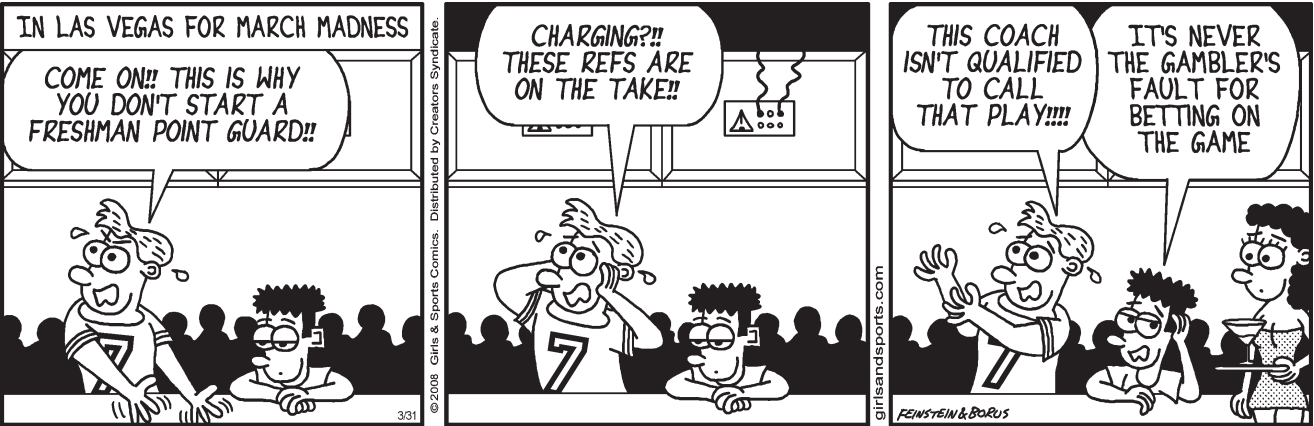


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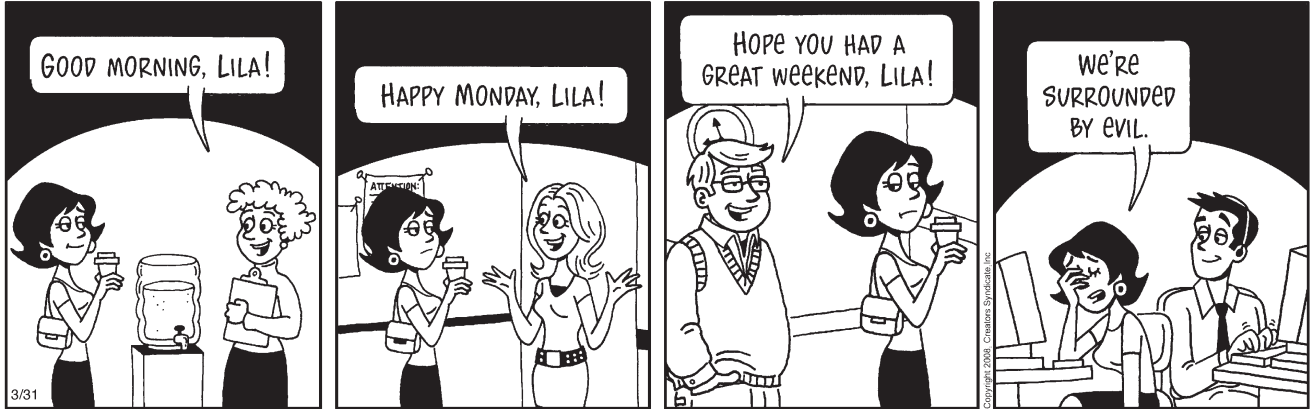
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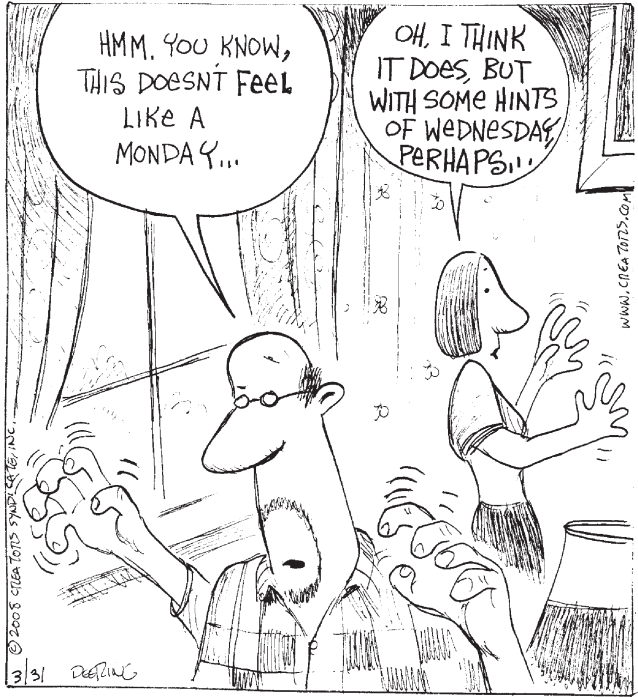


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BY CHUCK SHEPARD

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. BS113619
Superior Court of California, County of Los Ange-
les
Petition of WALTER JUNIOR NEUBAUER for Change
of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner or Attorney: WALTER JUNIOR NEUBAUER
filed a petition with this court for a decree of
changing names as follows: WALTER JUNIOR
NEUBAUER to WALTER NEUBAUER, JR.. The court
orders that all persons interested in this matter
shall appear before this court at the hearing indi-
cated below to show cause, if any, why the peti-
tion for change of name should not be granted.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: 05/01/2008 Time:9:00 am, Dept.A., Room
548
The address of the court is 111 N. HILL ST. LOS
ANGELES, CA. 90012
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be pub-
lished at least once each week for four succes-
sive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the
petition in the following newspaper of general
circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica
Daily Press.
Date: March 11, 2008
MURRAY GROSS, COMMISSIONER
3/24/2008, 3/31/2008, 4/7/2008, 4/14/2008

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO SELL ALCO-
HOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE(S)**
Date of Filing Application: March 12,
2008
To Whom it may concern:
The Name(s) of the Applicant(s) is/are:
CHANNEL ROAD ASSOCIATES
The applicants listed above are applying to
the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control
to sell alcoholic beverages at: 219 W
CHANNEL RD. SANTA MONICA, CA.
90402-1105
Type of License(s) Applied for: 67 –
ON-SALE WINE BED AND BREAKFAST
INN.
Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control
INGLEWOOD.
SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS
3/24/2008, 3/31/2008, 4/07/2008

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. LS017124
Superior Court of California, County of Los Ange-
les
Petition of LAQUANTAS ROCHELLE SMITH for
Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner or Attorney: LAQUANTAS ROCHELLE
SMITH filed a petition with this court for a decree
of changing names as follows: LAQUANTAS
ROCHELLE SMITH to LAQUANTAS SHASE SIRI
SMITH. The court orders that all persons inter-
ested 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: 05/05/2008 Time:1:30, Dept. A, Room 510
The address of the court is 6230 SYLMAR AVE.
VAN NUYS, CA. 91401
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be pub-
lished at least once each week for four succes-
sive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the
petition in the following newspaper of general
circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica
Daily Press.
Date: MAR. 12, 2008
PATRICIA M. SCHNEGG, JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR
COURT

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CHANGE
IN OWNERSHIP OF ALCOHOLIC BEVER-
AGE LICENSE(S)**
Date of Filing Application: 3/26/2008
To Whom it may concern:
The Name(s) of the Applicant(s) is/are:
JUMIN INC.
The applicants listed above are applying to
the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control
to sell alcoholic beverages at: 201
ARIZONA AVE. SANTA MONICA, CA.
90401-1203
Type of License(s) Applied for: 41 –
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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 3/11/2008. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 3/17/2008, 3/24/2008, 3/31/2008, 4/7/2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20080425909 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CAL TEX PRECISION INC. , CPTI, 15521 VERMONT AVE. PARAMOUNT, CA 90723. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : CAL TEX PRECISION INC. 15521 VERMONT AVE. PARAMOUNT, CA 90723 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/: CAL TEX PRECISION INC.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20080426928 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as AR & AR GROUP, INC., 12604 E. WHITTIER BLVD. WHITTIER, CA 90602. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : AR & AR GROUP, INC. 12604 E. WHITTIER BLVD. WHITTIER, CA 90602 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/: AR & AR GROUP, INC.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20080426930 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ZARZA CONSTRUCTION, 2194 ZATICOY ST POMONA, CA 91767. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ALFONZO GONZALEZ 2194 ZATICOY ST 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/: ALFONZO GONZALEZ

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20080464385 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SHOES BEST BUY, 2142 E. 10TH ST. LONG BEACH, CA 90804. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : KAUV VANHAN 1716 E. 53RD ST. LONG BEACH, CA 90805 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/: KAUV VANHAN

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 3/18/2008. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 3/31/2008, 4/7/2008, 4/14/2008, 4/21/2008

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20080428430 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as BEST INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CO., 16141 CASTILE DR. WHITTIER, CA 90603. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : XAVIER AMAYA 16141 CASTILE DR. WHITTIER, CA 90603 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)2/1/2008. /s/: XAVIER AMAYA

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 3/12/2008. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 3/17/2008, 3/24/2008, 3/31/2008, 4/7/2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20080445873 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ROCK NATION, 211 ARIZONA AVE. SANTA MONICA, CA. 90401. LOS ANGELES. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ROCK SKOOL, INC. 211 ARIZONA AVE. SANTA MONICA, CA. 90401 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)3/14/2008. /s/: ROCK SKOOK INC. PRESIDENT, JOHN GIAMMARRUSCO

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20080482433 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as DURLEY PARK MANAGEMENT, 1517 LINCOLN BLVD. SANTA MONICA, CA. 90401. LOS ANGELES. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : DURLEY PARK MANAGEMENT CORPORATION, 1517 LINCOLN BLVD. SANTA MONICA, CA. 90401 This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: DURLEY PARK MANAGEMENT, IRENE HOWARD, SECRETARY

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 3/20/2008. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 3/24/2008, 3/31/2008, 4/7/2008, 4/14/2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20080502822 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as EL WAMMPO INVESTMENTS, 2632 HIGHLAND AVE. SANTA MONICA, CA. 90405 I.A.. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ANTHONY CHRISTOPHER LANNI, 2632 HIGHLAND AVE. SANTA MONICA, CA. 90405, WILLIAM RANDOLPH RAYMOND LANNI, 5109 FINDLAY ST. SEATTLE, WA. 98118, MICHAEL MATTHEW LANNI, 1538 FILBERT ST. #1, SAN FRANCISCO, CA. 94123 This Business is being conducted by, a general partnership. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)4/1/2003. /s/: ANTHONY LANNI, GENERAL PARTNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 3/24/2008. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 3/31/2008, 4/7/2008, 4/14/2008, 4/21/2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20080494333 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SEVENTH HEAVEN DATING, BOLD VISION MULTIMEDIA OPERATIONS, BOLD VISION BUSINESS AND CAPITOL SOLUTIONS, BOLD VISION POLITICAL CONSULTING, 3732 MENTONE AVE. UNIT 3, LA, CA. 90034, LOS ANGELES.. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : BOLD VISION ENTERPRISES, INC. 3732 MENTONE AVE. UNIT 3, L.A. CA. 90034, CALIFORNIA 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/: BOLD VISIONS ENTERPRISES, INC. PRESIDENT & CEO, DAVID RUBIN

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 3/21/2008. NOTICE: THIS

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20080522125 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as REVIVAL SCHOOL, 11422 IOWA AVE. APT. # 9, W. LOS ANGELES, CA. 90025 LOS ANGELES, AI #/ON 2547435. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : LA OUTPOURING COMMUNITY CHURCH, 11422 IOWA AVE. APT. #9, W. LOS ANGELES, CA. 90025, CALIFORNIA 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/: LA OUTPOURING COMMUNITY CHURCH

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 3/26/2008. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 3/31/2008, 4/7/2008, 4/14/2008, 4/21/2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20080481710 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as KIMBERLY AEROBICS, 7222 S. BROADWAY. LOS ANGELES, CA 90003. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : WENDY E. ALDANA 1334 W. 87TH ST. LOS ANGELES, CA 90044 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/: WENDY E. ALDANA

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 3/20/2008. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 3/31/2008, 4/7/2008, 4/14/2008, 4/21/2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20080484636 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SANTA FE MEXFOODS CORPORATION, VAIL'S OUTLET DISCOUNT STORE, 720 S. VAIL AVE. STE A. MONTEBELLO, CA 90640. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : SANTA FE MEXFOODS CORPORATION 720 S. VAIL AVE. STE A. MONTEBELLO, CA 90640 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/:

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20080472907 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ALL STAR LOAN TEAM, 222 E. SHORELINE DR. LONG BEACH, CA 90802. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : WILLIAM K. HAPP 222 E. SHORELINE DR. LONG BEACH, CA 90802 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/: WILLIAM K. HAPP

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 3/19/2008. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 3/31/2008, 4/7/2008, 4/14/2008, 4/21/2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20080531048 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MARLIZETH FASHION DISCOUNT, 11857 ROSECRANS AVE. NORWALK, CA 90650. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : MARTHA A. DUARTE 12909 HICKOCK LN. NORWALK, CA 90650 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The

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registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)9/19/2008. /s/: MARTHA A. DUARTE

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20080519790 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SUIT ME UP, INC. , 876 PAVILION ST. POMONA, CA 91768. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : SUIT ME UP, INC. 876 PAVILION ST. POMONA, CA 91768 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/:

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20080495273 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as HOME SCENTS BY MAR, 1833W. 8TH ST. # 124 LOS ANGELES, CA 90057. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : MARISOL F. ROSE 3818 NEWTON ST. TORRANCE, CA 90505 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/: MARI-SOL F. ROSE

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20080504029 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LAND WALKER, 7849 CLEON AVE. SUN VALLEY, CA 91352. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : CESAR A. TORPOCO 7849 CLEON AVE. SUN VALLEY, CA 91352 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/: CESAR A. TORPOCO

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20080482916 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as AMERICAN WINDOWS, 9206 CROESUS AVE. LOS ANGELES, CA 90002. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : FE-LIPE DE JESUS GUERRERO 10738 JUNIPER ST. LOS ANGELES,CA 90059 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/: FE-LIPE DE JESUS GUERRERO

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20080483933 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CITY TEMP AGENCIES, 728 EL MONTE ST. SAN GABRIEL, CA 91776. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : RICARDO PALLARES 728 EL MONTE ST. SAN GAB-

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RIEL, CA 91776 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: RICARDO PAL-LARES

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20080491386 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as GUERRERO IMPORTS, 14542 FALCO AVE. NORWALK, CA 90650. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : MARICRUZ R. CASTANON 14542 FALCO AVE. NORWALK,CA 90650 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/: MARICRUZ R. CASTANON

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20080473694 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as EL PAISANO STORE, 10324 ATLANTIC AVE. SOUTH GATE, CA 90280. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : CARLOS A. RODRIGUEZ 5102 CECILIA ST. CUDAHY, CA 90201 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: CARLOS A. RODRIGUEZ

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20080472894 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PACIFICO DESIGN STUDIO, 5148 BUCHANAN ST LOS ANGELES, CA 90042. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ROBERT PATIN 1612 N. AVE 54 LOS ANGELES, CA 90042 IAN ROBERTSON-SALT 563 NEVA PLACE LOS ANGELES, CA 90042 This Business is being conducted by, a general partnership. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)2/14/2008. /s/: ROBERT PATIN

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20080501449 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SURGICAL & MEDICAL EQUIPMENT CORP, 10828 WOODRUFF AVE. DOWNEY, CA 90241. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : SURGICAL & MEDICAL EQUIPMENT CORP 10828 WOODRUFF AVE. DOWNEY, CA 90241 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/:

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20080531532 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as FALK AND ASSOCIATES, 2281 ADRIAN ST. NEWBURY PARK, CA 91320. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : MICHAEL D. FALK 2281 ADRIAN ST. NEWBURY PARK, CA 91320 RUTH E. FALK 2281 ADRIAN ST. NEWBURY PARK, CA 91320 This Business is being conducted by, a general partnership. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)1/1/1999. /s/: MICHAEL D. FALK

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20080531639 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CFUSA SECURITY, 9019 TELEGRAPH RD. PICO RIVERA, CA 90660. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : FRANCISCA T. ROSALES 12222 SPRLOUL ST. NORWALK, 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)3/27/2008. /s/: FRANCISCA T. ROSALES

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20080530064 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as GREEN HOUSE, 736 S. SAN PEDRO ST LOS ANGELES, CA 90014. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : LUIS F. LAVERDE 736 S. SAN PEDRO ST. LOS ANGELES, CA 90014 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/: LUIS F. LAVERDE

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20080530707 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MEDIA HAWK, 1451 E. 218 ST. CARSON, CA 90745. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : DAJUAN HAWKINS 1451 E. 218 ST. CARSON, CA 90745 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/: DAJUAN HAWKINS

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20080530335 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MAKING SOCIETY BETTER, 15147 WOODRUFF PL. 12A BELLFLOWER, CA 90706. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : RALPH E. HAYNES 15147 WOODRUFF PL. 12A BELLFLOWER, CA 90706 KIMBERLY FLETCHER 15147 WOODRUFF PL. 12A BELLFLOWER, CA 90706 This Business is being conducted by, a general partnership. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)4/23/2004. /s/: KIMBERLY FLETCHER

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20080531991 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MARTINEZ PRODUCE, 7632 PICKERING #D WHITTIER, CA 90602. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : LUCY N MARTINEZ 7632 PICKERING #D WHITTIER, CA 90602 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/: LUCY N MARTINEZ

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 200805311013 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PERCEPTIVE EDUCATION CONSULTING, 3135 MAGNOLIA AVE. LONG BEACH, CA 90806. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : JANE CHARLENE GARCIA-WITTY 3135 MAGNOLIA AVE. LONG BEACH, CA 90806 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)5/1/2007. /s/: JANE CHARLENE GARCIA-WITTY

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20080532319 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LETRA ESPACIO, 620 N. AVE 64 LOS ANGELES, CA 90042. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : GRACIELA PEREZ 620 N. AVE 64 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/: GRACIELA PEREZ

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20080531125 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as THE OLIVE BRANCH R & C, 11436 DARCY ST. SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA 90670. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : DANIEL J. CARRASCO 600 FIR WAY LA HABRA, CA 90631 JOSE L. RENTERIA 11436 DARCY ST. SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA 90670 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/: DANIEL J. CARRASCO

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20080457173 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MAKEDEA JAMAICAN CUISINE, 1276 W. 39TH ST. LOS ANGELES, CA 90037. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : MAKEDEA JAMAICAN CUISINE, INC. 1276 W. 39TH ST. LOS ANGELES, CA 90037 This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or

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names listed on (Date)1/1/2008. /s/: This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 3/17/2008. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 3/31/2008, 4/7/2008, 4/14/2008, 4/21/2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20080465348 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as JESUS BRIDAL, 6901 PACIFIC BLVD. SPC#25, #A3 HUNTINGTON PARK, CA 90255. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : YOHANNA RUBALCAVA 6320 SPECTH AVE. APT F BELL GARDENS, CA 90201 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: YOHANNA RUBALCAVA This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 3/18/2008. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 3/31/2008, 4/7/2008, 4/14/2008, 4/21/2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20080444544 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as WILMINGTON BOY'S, 3247 LEES AVE. LONG BEACH, CA 90808. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : FRANK A. FERNANDEZ III 3247 LEES AVE. LONG BEACH, CA 90808 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)6/1/2006. /s/: FRANK A. FERNANDEZ III This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 3/14/2008. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 3/31/2008, 4/7/2008, 4/14/2008, 4/21/2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20080444540 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as RAMIREZ CLEANING SERVICE, 11817 PAINTER AVE. WHITTIER, CA 90605. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : JORGE A. RAMIREZ 11817 PAINTER AVE. WHITTIER, CA 90605 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/: JORGE A. RAMIREZ

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20080445841 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as JOSE R. MANCIA CUTTING SERVICES, 8205 BROADWAY ST. # 402 LOS ANGELES, CA 90014. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : JOSE R. MANCIA 2008 VISTA DEL SOL CHINO HILLS, CA 91709 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: JOSE R. MANCIA

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20080445846 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ANGEL'S HOME CHILD CARRE, 18779 ALDERBURG DR. ROWLAND HEIGHTS, CA 91748. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : MORALBA DUH 18779 ALDERBURG DR. 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/: MORALBA DUH This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 3/14/2008. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 3/31/2008, 4/7/2008, 4/14/2008, 4/21/2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20080472899 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as HONEYTREE REALTY & LENDING, 1800 STUDEBAKER RD. STE.700 OFFICE 21 CERRITOS, CA 90703. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : OSCAR OROZCO 5225 1/2 RAMSDELL AVE. LA CRESENTA, CA 91214 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/: OSCAR OROZCO This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 3/19/2008. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 3/31/2008, 4/7/2008, 4/14/2008, 4/21/2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20080528875 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as DAVE KING, DAVE KING PRODUCTION COMPANY, 209 MONTANA AVE. #105, SANTA MONICA, CA. 90403 LA. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : DAVID K. BLUMFIELD, 209 MONTANA AVE. #105, SANTA MONICA, CA. 90403 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: DAVID K. BLUMFIELD

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 3/27/2008. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 3/31/2008, 4/7/2008, 4/14/2008, 4/21/2008

Name Changes

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. BS113751
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of BRADLEY KENT NORMAN for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner or Attorney: BRADLEY KENT NORMAN filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: BRADLEY KENT NORMAN to RACHEL BRANDINE NORMAN. 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: 05/02/2008 Time:9:00 am, Dept. A, Room 548
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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