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## NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

During President Bush's recent trip to India, 17 Secret Service Labradors and German shepherds accompanying him (each with its own police "rank," such as "lieutenant") were housed in five-star hotels in Delhi, according to local press stories (but Delhi police dogs, assisting in the same missions, went home to kennels). Faring less well was one of the three teams of search-and-rescue dogs assigned to find Hurricane Katrina victims, which had to be sent home in March because of a hotel-booking snafu, for which FEMA and Louisiana officials blamed each other.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 93rd day of 2006.  
There are 272 days left in the year.

On April 3, 1860, the legendary Pony Express began service between St. Joseph, Mo., and Sacramento, Calif. In 1865, Union forces occupied the Confederate capital of Richmond, Va.

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Our firmest convictions are apt to be the most suspect, they mark our limitations and our bounds. Life is a petty thing unless it is moved by the indomitable urge to extend its boundaries."

JOSE ORTEGA Y GASSET  
SPANISH PHILOSOPHER

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# Youth is served at SAMOHI



Kevin Herrera/Daily Press

**ORIENTATION EXPRESS:** Prospective Santa Monica High School students and their parents are pointed in the right direction on Saturday during Freshman Orientation day held on campus. About 900 new students are expected this fall.

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

**SAMOHI** — Typically, incoming freshmen serve as the weakest prey in the social food chain that is modern-day high school, and are often treated accordingly, but freshmen and their families were honored like royalty here on Saturday as senior staff and upper-classmen pulled out all the stops to make the new batch of Vikings feel right at home.

Roughly 900 freshmen will flood the halls of Samohi this fall, and while some are familiar with the campus and its 33-acres, 120 clubs and sports teams, others like Delia Rodriguez and her 14-year-old daughter, Angela, are just discovering all the options the school has to offer.

Delia and Angela were but two of the hundreds of parents and children who participated in Samohi's annual freshman orientation. Families of incoming

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## COMMUNITY PROFILES

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

# Professor's novel leaving quite an imprint

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

**SMC** — With his literary debut "Attention. Deficit. Disorder," author and Santa Monica College professor Brad Listi is experiencing the kind of success most young writers can only dream of, with his novel reaching No. 8 on the Los Angeles Times' Best Seller list.

The fictional work, which has been described as both "American picaresque" and "something different, and defiantly genuine," follows a 20-something named Wayne Spencer, who like many in his generation, seems to be wandering aimlessly through life, working as "a defeated day-trader and idling pizza delivery boy with a B.F.A. in avant-garde filmmaking." Something dramatic occurs that sends the protagonist's life spinning out of control, leaving him lost and searching for meaning in a world where everyone is in a hurry to move on to the next thing.

Positive reviews are nice, but Listi, 30, is more pleased that readers are connecting with his work.

"Most writers hope that they'll have readership. You want your work to be found, people to read it and hopefully enjoy it," Listi said in an interview last week, held at SMC following one of his creative writing classes. "I never sat down and said I want to be a best seller. I think you just hope it finds an audience. And I've been presently surprised that it made any list, let alone the Los Angeles Times. It's been a big thrill."

Because of his success, Listi is close to signing a deal to publish his sophomore effort, "City of Champions." It's all happening rather fast, and Listi admits it has been hard for him to catch his breath over the last few months, what with readings in New York, San Francisco, Orange County and Los Angeles, but through it all, he has remained dedicated to teaching at SMC, and credits much of



BRAD LISTI

his good fortune to lessons he's learned from his students.

"This is my second year, and so far it's been great," Listi said of the college. "The thing about writing, and I was just telling my class this, is that when you're writing, you're by yourself. It's a very internal process and there's

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# It's chicken soup for the lonely souls

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

**CITYWIDE** — Sometimes working around the clock, paying off the Beemer and building a respectable nest egg can leave an upwardly mobile professional hungry for more. Fear not, Charles Tran never wants you to have to eat lunch alone again.

In January, he quit his job and has been helping people take a bite out of life ever since.

Tran is not a lunch companion for hire, but rather the creator of a new Southern California-based online community called LunchSpark ([www.lunchspark.com](http://www.lunchspark.com)), which helps workaholics reach out to likeminded individuals to see if

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



ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ You have vavoom and get-up-and-go. You could come off a lot tougher than you really are. Gather more information, especially if you have a hunch that something is off. Explore rather than commit. Tonight: Hang out with a friend.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Expenses demand your attention. You might not have much choice about spending or where you are heading with someone else. You might want and need to rethink a partnership, especially if it is causing you angst. Tonight: Gather your bills.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Your energy could blow others away without you intending to. You could think that a problem might be getting the best of you. Trust that someone else is more bugged than you. Be sensitive to others. Tonight: As you wish.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★ Please note how irritated you could be getting with someone you care about. You need to take your time making decisions involving your day-to-day life. You could be more tired or out of sorts than you realize. Tonight: Early bedtime for you!



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ What you want and what you can do might be in direct conflict with each other. Think about your choices carefully. Aim for your highest good, but don't minimize what can happen if you let go and relax. Tonight: Hook up with your friends.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ You might want to think before you leap into action. Once you go down a certain path, it could be close to impossible to reverse gears. You might want to rethink a decision carefully. Openly discuss the issue. Tonight: A must appearance.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ You might want to rethink a decision, especially as it could involve travel, a trip and/or your in-laws. A strong decision made today could help clear the field. You could find that a lot changes as a result. Trust in the end results. Tonight: Reach out to someone.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Someone might push you close to your limit. The good news is that you will see exactly where this person is coming from, which is key. You might want to discuss a small change with the roles involved in a partnership. Tonight: Work as a team.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ You might not mean to, but you will test others' limits. You could discover that problems ensue when you take a strong stand. You really don't have to do anything; you will come out just fine. Let others spin their wheels -- not you! Tonight: Easy does it.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ You might want to rethink a problem and take another look at this issue. Your work, daily life and/or health could be involved. Your knee-jerk reaction could be troublesome ultimately. Slow down, or else you might regret what occurs. Tonight: At home.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ You might not always be comfortable with what goes on involving a child or loved one. Do understand that you sometimes need to pull back for your own sake. Ultimately, making creative decisions supports your choices. Tonight: Pretend it is Friday evening.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Basics count, as does being grounded. You might not like everything you hear right now. Demands come in from everywhere. Know when to say "enough," for your sake as well as others'. Honor a boss's request first. Tonight: Happy at home.



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Mystery Photo



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

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

MYSTERY PHOTO WINNER



Sabrina Sutherland is this week's mystery photo winner. Sutherland accurately described that the photo at left was taken at Lula Cocina Mexicana on Main Street. She has won a T-shirt. Check out today's edition for this week's mystery photo contest.

A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR ...

April Fool's!

If readers felt something askew in the weekend edition of SMDP, it was because something was. In our annual tradition of "fooling" our readers, the content of the "Santa Monica Daily Mess" was entirely made up. Our apologies to anyone who found it offensive, upsetting or just plain not funny. But we hope that, like in previous editions, readers managed to find the humor in the erroneous and were reminded not to take ourselves too seriously.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Going the distance for a top-rate education

By Daily Press staff

Santa Monica College will present an information meeting at 11:15 a.m. Tuesday, April 4, on its summer study tour to Costa Rica and Panama, which will include river rafting, jungle canopy adventures and city tours.

The free presentation will be held in room 151 of the SMC science complex, 1900 Pico Blvd.

The three-week study program — from July 10 to Aug. 1 — will include classes in marine biology and intercultural communication, with seven transferable academic units earned. The biology class is taught by SMC professor Garen Baghdasarian and the communication class by Professor Nancy Grass Hemmert.

The program will include excursions to the Maleku Indigenous Reservation and the cities of Fortuna, Monteverde and San Jose; snorkeling the coral reefs in Panama, a tour of the jungle canopy, river rafting and more.

The cost of the program is \$2,495, which includes round-trip airfare, accommodation, some meals, transfers and transportation by deluxe motor coach, and tours. The cost does not include registration fees, which are \$26 per unit for California residents.

For information, call (310) 434-8782 or (310) 434-8222.

**Bitch!**  
**Whine!**  
**Complain!**

Check Out the Question of the Week on Page 3 and let us hear what you have to say

The Q Line

SNOW AND SURF REPORTS

CONDITIONS

DATA PROVIDED BY ONTHESNOW.COM

BEAR MOUNTAIN

| NEW SNOW<br>(24 Hrs) 0"                       | BASE DEPTH<br>36" - 72" | LIFT HOURS<br>8:30 am - 4:30 pm | RUNS OPEN<br>27 | LIFTS OPEN<br>11/12 |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| CONDITIONS: Machine Groomed, Hard Packed, Wet |                         |                                 |                 |                     |

JUNE MOUNTAIN

| NEW SNOW<br>(24 Hrs) 0"                            | BASE DEPTH<br>120" - 144" | LIFT HOURS<br>8:30 am - 4:00 pm | RUNS OPEN<br>50 | LIFTS OPEN<br>6/6 |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| CONDITIONS: Powder, Packed Powder, Machine Groomed |                           |                                 |                 |                   |

MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN

| NEW SNOW<br>(24 Hrs) 0"                            | BASE DEPTH<br>180" - 204" | LIFT HOURS<br>8:30 am - 4:00 pm | RUNS OPEN<br>100 | LIFTS OPEN<br>20/28 |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| CONDITIONS: Powder, Packed Powder, Machine Groomed |                           |                                 |                  |                     |

MOUNTAIN HIGH

| NEW SNOW<br>(24 Hrs) 0"                         | BASE DEPTH<br>12" - 36" | LIFT HOURS<br>8:30 am - 4:00 pm | RUNS OPEN<br>30 | LIFTS OPEN<br>8/16 |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| CONDITIONS: Packed Powder, Machine Groomed, Wet |                         |                                 |                 |                    |

MT. BALDY

| NEW SNOW<br>(24 Hrs) 4"                                               | BASE DEPTH<br>12" - 36" | LIFT HOURS<br>8:30 am - 4:30 pm | RUNS OPEN<br>22 | LIFTS OPEN<br>4/4 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| CONDITIONS: Packed Powder, Machine Made, Machine Groomed, Hard Packed |                         |                                 |                 |                   |

SNOW SUMMIT

| NEW SNOW<br>(24 Hrs) 0"                       | BASE DEPTH<br>36" - 72" | LIFT HOURS<br>8:30 am - 6:00 pm | RUNS OPEN<br>26 | LIFTS OPEN<br>14/14 |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| CONDITIONS: Machine Groomed, Hard Packed, Wet |                         |                                 |                 |                     |

SNOW VALLEY

| NEW SNOW<br>(24 Hrs) 0"             | BASE DEPTH<br>30" - 66" | LIFT HOURS<br>8:30 am - 4:00 pm | RUNS OPEN<br>30 | LIFTS OPEN<br>7/11 |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| CONDITIONS: Machine Groomed, Spring |                         |                                 |                 |                    |

CONDITIONS

WATER TEMP: 57°

DATA PROVIDED BY WETSAND.COM

SWELL FORECAST (3-6 FT)

Today the SW will increase a bit towards waist to chest, possibly increasing more by late morning to a more consistent chest high. AM sessions around south facing breaks are looking best condition-wise as today should be void of NW wind swell, and the morning should be the calm before our next springtime storm.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS

SW picks up Today into Tuesday but...  
Significant NW midweek...  
Smaller SW for end of week with NW...  
SW due 9th-10th...  
South swell due 11th into 12th...  
Weather and issues this week...

TIDE FORECAST FOR SANTA MONICA

| MONDAY    | LOW TIDE  | 8:39AM  | 0.8FT  | 6:21PM  | 2.8FT |
|-----------|-----------|---------|--------|---------|-------|
|           | HIGH TIDE | 12:41AM | 5.2FT  | 4:32PM  | 2.8FT |
| TUESDAY   | LOW TIDE  | 10:14AM | 0.3FT  | 8:21PM  | 3.2FT |
|           | HIGH TIDE | 1:37AM  | 4.7FT  | 7:23PM  | 3.2FT |
| WEDNESDAY | LOW TIDE  | 11:40AM | 0.2FT  | 11:29PM | 3.1FT |
|           | HIGH TIDE | 3:08AM  | 4.3FT  | 7:31PM  | 3.5FT |
| THURSDAY  | LOW TIDE  | 3:40AM  | -0.7FT | 3:32PM  | 0.4FT |
|           | HIGH TIDE | 9:49AM  | 4.8FT  | 9:46PM  | 6.1FT |
| FRIDAY    | LOW TIDE  | 4:28AM  | -0.7FT | 4:03PM  | 1.1FT |
|           | HIGH TIDE | 10:41AM | 4.2FT  | 10:21PM | 6.0FT |

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The Q Line

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The streets of Santa Monica and across the Southland rang out with the cries of protesters last week, decrying efforts by the U.S. Government to enact stricter legislation against illegal immigrants. Many of last week's protests were spearheaded by high school students, who staged a series of walkouts — leaving school to march and make their voices heard.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know: **Should students be excused from school to exercise their freedoms of speech, or does this open the floodgates for all students to skip out on classes for any causes?**

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

City is under assault and we turn to our leaders

**Editor:**  
SMDP's Friday, March 31, edition contained a letter and an editorial about just how dangerous our city is. As the writings state, the transient problem continues to be first on the list of residents, businesses and tourists, but last on the list of our community leaders. Many thanks to David L. McCammon for writing in and sharing about his horrific experience in our little urinal by the sea. There is no record of the assault that occurred March 25 in the SMDP's weekly transient arrest blotter. That's probably because the victim did not have the time to wait for the police, to make a report, and then to have nothing accomplished by making it. (i.e. no arrest). If everyone assaulted by a vagrant made a police report, maybe statistics would provoke change.

Maybe the hours spent by the police on transient issues would be more noticeable by a record being made of each incident. Our city leaders might respond to numbers, since they don't respond to their constituents.

How scary, upsetting and life threatening does a stroll down the Promenade or a visit to a library have to be for our city leaders to wake up?

Now we have visitors that would have brought commerce to our community refusing to come back. And the City Council still does nothing? We have librarians that are afraid to go to work and we have the administrator of the library system saying everything is going to be OK when nothing substantial has been done to vamp up security. We have the husband of a victim writing in to clarify the seriousness of an attack on his wife who sustained serious injuries that were apparently downplayed. The icing on the cake is that now we have Melvin Winston Hardy, a proven criminal, probably chomping at the bit to get out of jail so he can come back and resume his haunting of his victim and our community.

Just what else has to happen before the City Council will give the green light for our police force to actually enforce the laws and get rid of the crazy, impaired and dangerous bums? They are not homeless, they live here. It is incredible that no one in charge cares to make good on any previous election promises or community pleas for change. Council members continue to invite more bums to our city while directing the police to go easy on them by selectively enforcing laws that residents and businesses fought to get on the books.

Clearly city leaders are fine with the status-quo. They are fine with the proven increase in the transient population and using taxpayer dollars to aid and abet the criminal activity that comes along with the masses, with no end in sight. How sad is it to know that it is only a matter of time before someone else in our community is severely injured or worse because of the unwillingness of our leaders to protect the community that elected them?

Election time is coming up again soon. Since our leaders have decided to prevent the police, residents and businesses from creating and maintaining a safe community, we can at least evict a couple of council members that do nothing but warm chairs, eat pricey snacks and talk about the need for more taxpayer dollars to support the criminal element that lines our streets, doorways and business locations. In the meantime, walk quickly, carry a big stick and watch your back if you are near the Promenade, a library or anywhere in Santa Monica. If you are assaulted, please file a police report.

Lori Emerson  
Santa Monica

When you're Right, you're Right

**Editor:**  
I take issue with the message from Cliff Nichols ("When Diversity starts to become too diverse", SMDP, March 29, Opinion).

This Christian Evangelical (a.k.a. Right-Wing) attitude of intolerance and bigotry has no place in a progressive newspaper such as ours.

Perhaps Mr. Nichols should consider writing for a paper in Wisconsin, where he can protect those young impressionable Christians he is so worried about.

Thomas Stewart  
Santa Monica

OPINIONS EXPRESSED are those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect those of the Santa Monica Daily Press staff. Guest editorials from residents are encouraged, as are letters to the editor. Letters will be published on a space-available basis. It is our intention to publish all letters we receive, except those that are libelous or are unsigned. Preference will be given to those that are e-mailed to editor@smdp.com. All letters must include the author's name and telephone number for purposes of verification. Letters also may be mailed to our offices located at 1427 Third Street Promenade, Suite 202, Santa Monica, 90401, or faxed to (310) 576-9913. All letters and guest editorials are subject to editing for space and content.

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Bruce Gelvin/Special to the Daily Press  
Navy Seabee Nick Bascue receives congratulations from Lion's Club President Mike Cveyich.

Roar of approval for a service organization


MY WRITE  
BY BILL BAUER

There are plenty of service organizations in Santa Monica that do a lot of good but you rarely hear much about them. Rotary, Kiwanis, Elks, JayCees and Masons all contribute immeasurably to making this a better community.

The Santa Monica Lions Club has been around for 84 years and is part of a large international organization with 45,300 chapters in 197 countries.

The Santa Monica Lions routinely support local nonprofits such as the Salvation Army, Police Activities League, Boys and Girls Club and the Santa Monica Family YMCA, to name a few. The club is especially active with charities that work with the blind and partially sighted such as the Foundation for the Junior Blind, Braille Institute, Southern California Lions Eye Institute and the Center for Partially Sighted.

Money for their philanthropic activity comes from member contributions and fundraising events such as the annual Lions Club pancake breakfast.

The Santa Monica Lions recently initiated an "Adopt a Solider" program. Lions President Mike Cveyich and fellow Lions wanted to honor Major Ricardo "Rick" Crocker, a Santa Monica Police officer and Marine Reservist killed in Iraq last year.

So, they adopted Nicholas Bascue, a 20-year-old Santa Monica native, former Eagle Scout and Concord High School graduate. Nick is in year three of a six-year tour of duty as a Navy Seabee. His unit just returned from Fallujah and Ramadi in northwestern Iraq and he's based at Port Hueneme in Ventura — hopefully — for the next 10 months.

The Lions' "Adopt a Soldier" program sends care-type packages to military people deployed overseas. Lions members box up a wide range of items including snacks, candy and special requests such as "anything with caffeine" including hi-energy bars or Red Bull energy drink to "keep us

awake and alert," Bascue said. "They have this stuff at the big bases, but it's hard to get when you're out at some remote outpost. It's a little reminder of what home is like — real food instead of military MREs."

Nick also requested AT&T phone cards for calling home, according to his mother Santa Monica Superior Court Judge Jacqueline Connor.

"We communicated via e-mail and instant messenger when possible," he said, "usually in the predawn hours after we returned from assignment and before sleeping — the best time to get on a computer."

The Lions prepared six packages in all and shipped three of them. "We'd ship one package," said Cveyich, "and wait until Nick confirmed he had received it. Then, we'd ship another."

A third box is still making its way through the postal system. With Nick back in the U.S., he asked that the three unshipped packages be sent to Seabees still in Iraq.

Bascue was honored at the weekly Lions Club luncheon this past Thursday. He's a polite and soft-spoken young man who was reluctant to talk about specific wartime experiences. He disclosed that his unit was responsible for building roads and did convoy security as well as provide back-up support for the Marines.

Nick had mixed feelings about his time in Iraq and felt that he and his fellow Seabees "had done something good." He said that although some Iraqis appreciated their work, some threw stones at them. He also added, "You can't trust anybody over there."

What in Bascue's future? Finish his military obligation which might include assignment in Japan. Then he's planning on college, a career, to come back to Santa Monica and join the Lions Club.

It doesn't take much to do good for your fellow man. Just sending something comforting and familiar to a soldier risking his life in a remote, hostile land brings much joy and happiness.

My hat is off — way off — to the good members of the Santa Monica Lions for their humanitarian work.

It's good to know we still have local heroes: Nick Bascue and the Santa Monica Lions.

(Bill Bauer is a freelance writer.)

LOCAL



# For whom bell tolls, it tolls for freshmen

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freshmen are treated to doses of school spirit along with a tour of the campus and a light breakfast, followed by a heavy question-and-answer period in which parents and their children are encouraged to ask both the routine questions — “What electives are offered?” or “When’s lunch?” — and also address some pressing concerns, including safety and racial tensions on campus.

“I’m a bit scared for my daughter because I didn’t go to school here and we really are unfamiliar with the campus and what goes on here,” Rodriguez admitted. “We came here hoping to see what is offered here and to just take a walk around and get her (Angela) familiar with things.”

The day began with a pep rally, held inside Barnum Hall, the school’s auditorium. The capacity crowd was treated to performances from the cheerleading squad, school choir, hip-hop dance team and the school mascots, giving kids a taste of the many programs Samohi offers.

“There is so much more to be involved in than in middle school,” Samohi principal/CEO Ilene Straus said. “This is an opportunity for you to really explore what you’re interested in ... We have over 50 sports, 120 clubs. All that we ask is that you become involved in something. That is our call to all ninth graders — find something to be involved in.

“If we don’t have it, then create it.”

Some of the more interesting and fun clubs have been created by Samohi students, Straus said, including the Bread Making club, Animal Lovers and Samohi Solar Alliance. There are also traditional associations such as the Black Student Union or Political Science Club.

Following the pep rally, the crowd was separated into classrooms where they spoke informally with teachers and students. Many seemed concerned about the usual, such as where to drop off kids in the morning before school or how do students choose which “house,” or small learning community, they will be in when they start this fall.

Then there were those who wanted to know about security on campus, in light of

recent reports of racism and violence. The campus has been rocked this year by the death of a popular student, Eduardo “Eddie” Lopez, 15, who was shot and killed by a suspected gang member while walking with friends less than two miles from school.

Straus said parents and prospective students have a right to be concerned, as she is about conditions on campus, but she wanted to emphasize that the good far outweighs the bad.

“We have our issues just like any other school, but there are a lot of great things going on here that are important to highlight,” Straus said. “We are a big campus and people can become overwhelmed, but the point here is to make people feel comfortable and feel that this is their home, because it is.”

Cindy Barlese and her son, Daniel Redick, feel as if they are visiting a relative when on campus. That’s because Barlese has watched two of her other children graduate from Samohi.

“Even though we’ve done this before, we were still excited to come out today because it’s great just to see everyone here and to get a little taste of school spirit,” Barlese said, as a group of cheerleaders strolled in uniform down a hallway in the History Department. “There is some anxiety, but this really helps to eliminate it.”

Redick said he was “excited” about starting school in the fall once he leaves John Adams Middle School. He already has his sights set on baseball or soccer.

“It was fun,” Redick said of the pep rally. “It kind of gets you looking forward to going to school, maybe makes it so you don’t worry as much about the first day, finding your classes and stuff.”

Lynn Leavitt, whose son Miles will attend Samohi and most likely play in the school band, said the orientation is not only beneficial for her son, but for parents as well.

“It’s nice to check out all the classes, learn the layout and everything so that when you have that end-of-the-day discussion, you’ll have a better idea of what your kids are talking about.

“It’s nice to see them in their own element.”



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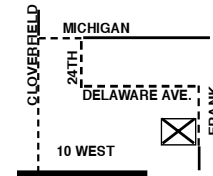
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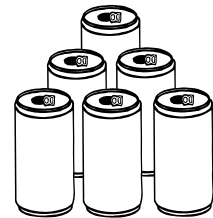


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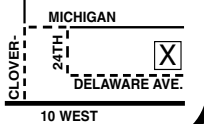


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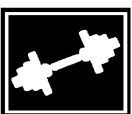
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LOCAL

# Site for workaholics serves afternoon delights

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they'd like to grab a bite to eat — and possibly more.

A quick search for Tran's Web site will soon have respondents creating a brief profile that includes a picture, a short blurb of information, likes and dislikes, and a list of three favorite restaurants. Once that's completed, the search for other lonely professionals with similar tastes in food, and life, begins in earnest.

"It's really about getting people to meet for lunch, discover new foods and new people," said Tran, 25, who built the site after watching too many people eat alone at lunchtime. "Often, I would have meetings during lunch and would miss out on eating with the regular lunch crew, so I would run to grab some fast food or something, and every time I went into a restaurant I saw at least half the tables with just one person sitting by themselves, looking kind of depressed.

"As kids, there wouldn't be a problem of just hopping in and joining another table, but as adults there is this barrier."

After receiving a job promotion, loan specialist and LunchSpark member Dani Birch had to relocate to Laguna Hills. Her only option for lunch was eating with co-workers who often wanted to talk shop.

To her surprise Birch discovered LunchSpark, and within five minutes of creating her profile, she said she met a companion who worked less than five minutes away. The two exchanged e-mails and a few phone calls before deciding to meet at a Vietnamese restaurant near their offices. The two hit it off and plan to get together again for lunch.

Birch said she has also met four other potential lunch mates.

"It's nice to build a network of people who can actually become friends outside of work," she said.

However, meeting a stranger can be dangerous. The FBI recently released a bulletin reminding people to be careful when they join free, Internet communities like LunchSpark and Santa Monica-based MySpace, which has come under fire from police and child advocates who have seen pedophiles use the sites to locate potential victims. Some have tried to arrange meeting with underage girls by using the site.

Authorities warn those who join these sites to not use their real names or give personal information, including where you work.

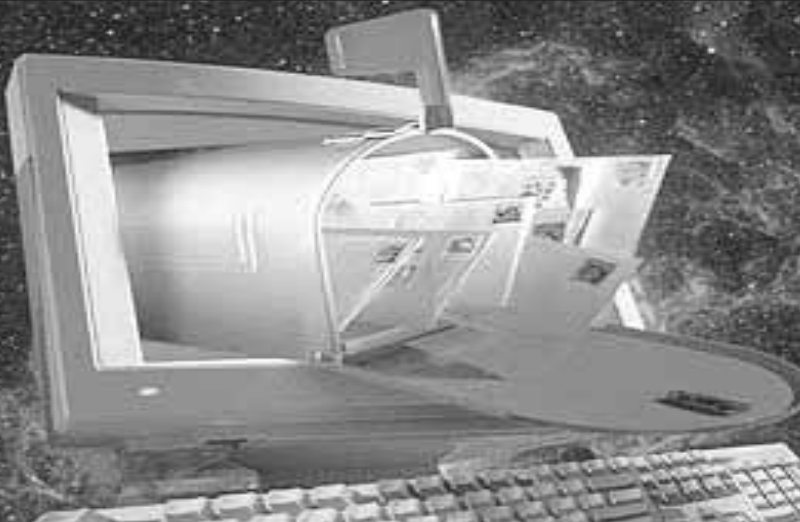
Tran said members who do not meet criteria set by those they are trying to contact are not allowed to send private messages, but still need to use discretion when it comes to how much information they want to post.

Tran, who said he has not heard from any users about bad experiences and hopes more people will join the site, claims he isn't making any money on it and is even offering restaurants free advertising.

"I just did this for fun," he said. "My other job was building financial applications, and that can be kind of numbing, so I decided to take a year off and build stuff I like. My friends think I'm crazy to do this, but I don't care about the money. I'll just get another job."

As for Santa Monica, Tran thinks the city is a great place for LunchSpark to grow.

"You have so many businesses in a small area with so many great places to eat, it seems like a perfect fit," he said. "All you have to do is just go online."



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# LOCAL



## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

'Know before you go' is a weekly update on construction projects throughout Santa Monica. Here are the government-initiated projects for the week of April 3.



### Fourth Street Pedestrian over crossing bridge demolition:

Removal of an abandoned pedestrian over-crossing bridge. Fourth Street road closure between Ashland and Raymond avenues between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily. A 48-hour consecutive closure date on Fourth Street will be between Monday, April 10 and Thursday, April 13. Exact dates on consecutive closure will be announced.

### Airport Park and Airport Avenue improvements:

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

### Cingular telecommunications lines:

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

### Civic Center parking structure:

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

### Electrical vault installation:

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

### Storm drain repair:

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

### Marine Street utility undergrounding:

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

### On-Fiber telecommunications lines:

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

### Street and parking lot retrofit:

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

### Street and parking lot resurfacing:

Street and parking lot resurfacing: Street and parking lot resurfacing, sidewalk, driveway, curb and gutter repairs. Repairs scheduled through October. Sidewalk, driveway, curb and gutter repairs begin April 3 on 14th Streets from Hill Street to Oak; 16th Street from Oak Street to Ocean Park Boulevard; 17th St. from Oak Street to Ocean Park Boulevard; 18th Street from Hill Street to Pier Avenue; 21st Street from Oak to Pier; 17th Street and Marine intersection; and closure to the westbound lane on Airport Avenue from Donald Douglas Loop South to 23rd Street. Lane closures around work posted as necessary.

### Traffic signal upgrades:

There will be detours around the work area. However, the contractor will maintain at a minimum one lane in each direction on all streets. Upgrades to the location will be on Ocean Park Boulevard on Cloverfield Boulevard and 23rd Street.

### Verizon Wireless facility installation:

Installation of wireless antenna/pole and Myers box installation and utility undergrounding. Daily closures of the east-erly lane on Moomat Ahiko Way from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

### Water main replacement:

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

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seclusion to a certain extent, and I think sometimes as an artist or a writer you get to the point where you are spending too much time by yourself, on yourself. Teaching is a nice counter to that ... I enjoy writing. I like to be alone. I like the introverted aspects, but I also enjoy people, and for my work it is important for me to stay in contact with people. Working at SMC, I'm so fortunate to work with so many people with so many backgrounds, walks of life, that ultimately it helps the work that I do on my own."

So what's "Attention. Deficit. Disorder." all about?

"It's sort of a road novel, very picaresque ... Each word in the title — attention, deficit, disorder — all stand alone and are thematically relevant. People always say attention deficit disorder, or ADD, and in a way the book is about that. A lot of people come up to me and say, 'Hey, I have that,' but most don't. They think they do and that's because we live in a world where information is flying at us from all directions, whether it be billboards, cell phones, the Internet, advertising on the side of a bus. We live in an age of information that is so readily available, but at the same time it's become harder and harder to find meaning. That is what this book is about, a guy who is living in an age of information, in a vulnerable state of mind, wandering around a bit, trying to get to the bottom of it all. It's a real journey, both external and internal."

How did you find out about making the best seller list?

"I actually got an e-mail from one of my students as I was lying in bed on Sunday morning. I had my laptop next to me, checking my e-mail, and I saw this message saying, 'Congratulations on hitting No. 8 on LA Times Best Seller's list.' I was like, 'what?' I looked over at my girlfriend and I just couldn't believe it."

How long did it take to write the novel, get it published and place it on the shelves?

"Well, you know, it took a lot of years for me to learn how to do it. I started out by doing what most writers do — I read a lot, sat down and practiced writing every single day or as close as I could to it, taking as much time as I could possibly get. I wrote the original manuscript in about six months, but it's misleading to say six months because it actually took me several years to get to the point where I could write it in six months. From the age of about 21 to the age of 28, I consider those my apprentice years. I was working pretty hard to get to the point where I could write something someone would want to read."

How does it feel to finally have a work published?

"It's been a real thrill. I've had a lot of help along the way. A lot of friends,

family, my parents were particularly supportive. I don't think any writer makes it to the point of publication, especially at a young age, unless they've had some support somewhere along the way. It's exciting. I worked really hard and to see the success and know that people are enjoying it feels great.

When did you become interested in writing?

"I've always been writing, since I was young. I didn't really get serious about it, in terms of writing fiction, until I was in the latter stages of undergrad. When I was 21 years old, I started to tune in. Before that, I was a fairly disinterested student. I think to be a writer you have to sort of be autodidactic — teach yourself — so it's very difficult to teach someone how to write fiction. You sort of have to teach yourself, ultimately. Give them the tools and they'll run with them or not. It's different for every person. I'm still trying to figure it out and I'm learning more and more as I go. It's like learning how to play a musical instrument. Because people know how to write, they know how to express themselves, they've read books, so they think writing should be easier than it actually is. A good analogy to use is teaching someone to play a guitar. Often when people sit down to write they get frustrated because they're not able to play Hendrix right away. You have to practice consistently, learn the chords, learn the scales, and eventually start playing songs, then ultimately start writing your own. There is a huge chain of events to get to that point. Some reach it quicker than others, they practice more than others."

What is your process like every day?

"I work pretty much every day, and when I'm working on a book, it's first thing in the morning. Most writers I know or have read about usually write first thing in the morning or late at night, when things are quiet — the phone's not ringing. I'm an early bird and I just get up in the morning and work, anywhere from 4 to 12 hours depending on what I'm doing that day."

What are some of the things you like about SMC?

"I've had such a positive experience since I've been here. The faculty in my department are great, the faculty chair is very supportive. Everyone's been good to me since the day I showed up. They gave me a great opportunity at a fairly young age to come in here and teach college and I've been really grateful for that. On the other side of things, working with the students has been an incredibly rewarding experience, and the diversity on campus, the enthusiasm of most of my students and the opportunity to come in and lend my experience to help them advance a little bit, improve their skills, is an honor. It's a privilege to be able to work with them and help them in some way, make some small difference along the way."

Do you have any time to enjoy other

aspects of Santa Monica?

"Oh, sure. I'm around quite a bit. In fact, my girlfriend and I just saw the 'Ashes & Snow' exhibit on the beach. We just did that. I usually just come to Santa Monica to party. I'm usually visiting friends, going out to eat. I go to the beach, get coffee, but honestly, I work pretty much nonstop. I'm in my office most of the time. If there's something cultural happening I like to go check that out."

Who are some of the writers who have inspired you?

"I was in Minneapolis in high school, so I was very much influenced by Kurt Vonnegut, mainly because he could be funny and heavy at the same time. His works have often dealt with some very difficult themes, but they're also laugh out loud funny and I'm more attracted to fiction that makes me laugh out loud. Not many books do. If a writer can do that, while at the same time wincing, I tend to be a fan of that person's work. So a guy like Vonnegut, Milan Kundera, Ferdinand Celine — a lot of contemporary writers. There's so many of them. I could go on and on. Anything that I've read and I've liked, somehow finds its way into my work."

What are you reading right now?

"I'm usually reading four or five books at once. I'm reading a book called 'The Ecology of Commerce.' I just finished reading a book by Chris Hedges — 'War is a Force that Gives Us Meaning.' I'm re-reading the 'Unbearable Lightness of Being' and 'The Sirens of Titan' by Vonnegut. I like to re-read a lot of things, kind of pull back the curtain and see how they did some of the things they did. ... I read a lot of magazines. I read a lot. When I'm writing I don't read as much as I like, but after I'm done I like to sort of clear my head."

There is talk that people aren't reading as much as they used to, what with state-of-the-art home movie equipment, video games. Are you concerned about this?

"You know, I ask students if they read and most of my creative writing students are avid readers because that's what they want to do. But some of my basics skills English students don't read regularly and that's why they're in basic skills English, they don't read enough and haven't developed the skills. Certain people are reading and certain people aren't, and I think that's the way it's always been in our society, because we have so many different options for entertainment, television, video games, the Internet. There's just a lot of different things for people to do, so naturally that will take people away from writers. But I believe in the book, and I think it will always be around. As writers, it's easy to sit back and point the finger at readers and say they're not reading enough, but my perspective as a writer is, maybe that's the case, but I also think it may be a situation where writing is just not doing a good enough job of reflecting the world we live in and people are getting

that in other places. It's about finding out what people want to read. My focus is just on writing the best books I can and hopefully they connect with readers. If you worry about people not reading, you're tripping yourself up at the gates. There's so much that goes into writing a book, that you have to be in it for the love of writing, regardless of anything else. You're certainly not going into it because of the money."

Who do you let read your work? Who do you trust?

"Not very many people. Some writers like to workshop their stuff, others like to get into writing groups, and whatever works for you is great. Me, I don't like to show it to anyone until I'm done with it. And then I hand it to my agent and we go out. I typically don't hand it off to 16, 17, 20 different people before I submit. For me, that just confuses the process. There are very few people who are talented at giving editorial feedback. I think a lot of people when they give you feedback they're just telling you what they would have done had they written it. I think an editor with talent actually tries to see the story from the writer's perspective and are able to see what the writer's intentions were and best help them reach the book they want to write."

So, no girlfriends reading it?

"Much to her chagrin. She's read 'Attention. Deficit. Disorder,' but not 'City of Champions.' I think there is this natural inclination to let those close to you read it because their opinions are the ones you value most, but I think it just confuses the process more and creates more trouble than there needs to be."

There was a lot of clamor around James Frey and his so-called memoir "A Million Little Pieces," which was featured on the "Oprah Winfrey Show." What are your thoughts on the criticism Frey received and the attention his book has brought to writing?

"A lot of people ask me this. At a certain level, I feel for the guy, because he's been raked over the coals, and without some justification to say the least. I'm a person who's all about gray areas. I don't see the world in black and white terms in most instances. What Frey did here and the way he reacted, he was trying to paint this gray. I heard another famous writer say that no, this is not a gray area. This is non-fiction. It's the truth. You go with the facts. So he wrote a fiction novel and called it a memoir. He then went on Oprah and I think he got more attention and media scrutiny than he ever could have anticipated. He got caught, analyzed and he wound up getting sort of crucified. To a certain extent, he dug his own grave, but I think there's a lot of writers of non-fiction out there who were shaking in their boots because there is a lot of non-truth that goes into non-fiction that make it sell very well. It's a tough situation. I don't wish him any ill will, but I think his next book should be a novel. I feel for him, but at the same time, he lied."



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## STATE



# Attorney General warns kids to honor copyrights

BY MARTHA MENDOZA

AP National Writer

**SAN JOSE** — U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales brought a simple message to middle school students on Thursday: Don't steal.

"I'm the top cop in the U.S. and I want you to know that if you illegally download a game or music or a video it's stealing, just as if you went into a store and stole blue jeans," Gonzales told 7th and 8th graders at Windmill Springs School in the heart of California's Silicon Valley.

The lesson culminated an unusual four-day lesson on intellectual property and copyright infringement during which the nation's top law enforcement official became a classroom teacher.

Most children these days are exposed to Internet safety messages, both in television and in the classroom, but curriculum has only recently been developed about software piracy, copyright laws and intellectual property.

Entertainment software corporate leaders have repeatedly said the public simply doesn't understand that there are rules when it comes to usage of the Internet and computers.

But Windmill Springs students said Thursday that they got the message.

"Most kids know it's wrong to download some movies or songs or copy games and CDs but they figure that if they can do it on a computer then they will," said Andrew Lopez, 13. "But not me. You can get a fine. You can go to jail."

Gonzales said the consequences of intellectual property theft are just starting to be understood.

"I'm not kidding myself that we have a lot of work to do, but that doesn't mean we

shouldn't try," he said.

The Justice Department's Intellectual Property task force was established just two years ago. Since then the number of people prosecuted for intellectual property offenses has almost doubled as investigators have targeted hackers and counterfeiters.

With help from Ric Hirsch, a senior vice president for intellectual property for the Entertainment Software Association, students tackled some of the trickier questions surrounding these issues:

Is it legal to copy games just for your friends?

"No, it's not," said Hirsch.

Can someone get in trouble for buying a pirated game?

"You shouldn't do it, but you probably won't get in trouble," said Hirsch.

Why do computers even have CD burners on them?

"That's complicated," said Hirsch, "but basically people want to copy their CDs."

"People think one song, one game, what difference does it make," said Hirsch. "Unfortunately the nature of this industry is that you can bleed to death from thousands of papercuts."

Jon Dudas, director of the U.S. Patents and Trade Office, joined Gonzales at the school, telling students that while everyone understands why they shouldn't steal cars, understanding the law can be a bit more complicated when it comes to games, movies and music.

"If you steal your friend's car, they don't have a car anymore, but if you take a copy of a friend's video game they still have a copy," he said. "You're not stealing the game, you're stealing ideas."

The school event was video taped by Court TV for an upcoming public affairs program on intellectual property theft.

## Judge gets up close, personal with state's execution chamber

BY DAVID KRAVETS

AP Legal Affairs Writer

**SAN QUENTIN, Calif.** — A federal judge reviewing the constitutionality of California's lethal injection method stepped inside state's execution chamber Thursday for a rare glimpse of a tiny room where 13 inmates have died since 1992.

The visit was part of a fact-finding mission ahead of May hearings that U.S. District Judge Jeremy Fogel will preside over challenging the constitutionality of the state's three-drug death cocktail.

Citing security and other concerns, the state objected to the media's presence at the tour at San Quentin State Prison, which also included testimony from an unidentified prison official who took part in nine executions. The media sued, and Fogel allowed inside two reporters from the San Jose Mercury News and The Sacramento Bee.

Outside the prison, the reporters said the judge "wanted to understand every step of the procedure."

The almost four-hour hearing was prompted by an invitation by state prosecutors defending the state's execution protocol.

The tour came three weeks after California proposed altering its lethal injection protocol amid allegations its execution method might cause prisoners too

much pain and violate the constitutional ban on cruel and unusual punishment.

The case was brought by Michael Morales, who was scheduled to be executed Feb. 21. The injection was postponed indefinitely after the prison could not comply with Fogel's order for changes in the procedure to ensure Morales would not feel too much pain.

California's chief death penalty prosecutor, Dane Gillette, said in an interview Thursday that he was confident that proposed changes in the protocol would ensure that inmates would not endure too much pain.

Morales and his attorneys complained in the lawsuit that Morales might feel too much pain if the sedative he is given doesn't make him unconscious before a paralyzing agent and the final heart-stopping drugs begin coursing through his veins.

John Grele, a Morales lawyer, said outside prison that the state should alter the procedure and solely use a sedative. That, he said, would amount to a "lawful, humane way to execute somebody."

In response to the lawsuit, California altered the amount of the three drugs to be used and, most significantly, said it would continually drip a sedative into the prisoner to make sure he doesn't become conscious once the paralyzing and heart-stopping drugs are injected.



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# Anger, disbelief spark massive protests

BY ELLIOT SPAGAT

Associated Press Writer

**SOLANA BEACH, Calif.** — Manuel Aguilar feels uneasy in supermarkets and public parks. The 22-year-old illegal immigrant from Mexico doesn't speed on the freeway, worried that a traffic stop might lead to his deportation.

The same Manuel Aguilar will soon join others at a San Diego park to protest a proposed overhaul of national immigration policy. He's even helping organize the event.

Aguilar is hardly alone in his move from the shadows to the streets. Hundreds of thousands of immigrants have demonstrated in cities from Los Angeles to Milwaukee, Denver to Washington, D.C. — a rare burst of civil disobedience that surprised even event organizers.

For Aguilar, the motivation wasn't feeling like a target in a swath of Southern California suburbia where sentiment against illegal immigration has been rising. He was moved to act by the blessings of the Roman Catholic Church and the comfort of large numbers: tens of thousands of marchers in Chicago, 50,000 in Denver, hundreds of thousands last weekend in Los Angeles where tens of thousands more students marched into the week.

What's unclear is whether the protests

will influence legislation being debated in Washington — and whether this just is a March of marches or the beginning of a social movement with staying power.

Eliseo Medina, a prominent union organizer, said the marches are a transforming moment because they draw people from all ages and economic backgrounds.

"People finally said, 'If that many people are going out, I'll go out too and make my voice heard,'" said Medina, executive vice president of the Service Employees International Union and an early leader of the United Farm Workers.

David Locher, a sociologist at Missouri Southern State University who studies crowd psychology, suspects street action will fade.

"A true social movement builds up gradually over time," he said. "As far as I can tell, this is more a spontaneous thing."

The protests have no transcendent leader, no single face.

One face belongs to Aguilar, who attends church three times a week and, like many new activists, appears uninfluenced by established politicians or immigrant advocacy groups.

Something changed Sunday at St. Leo Mission Catholic Church in Solana Beach, a small oceanfront suburb of multimillion-dollar homes north of San

Diego. It was the day after enthusiastic reports about the Los Angeles rally saturated Spanish-language media — a protest that the Catholic Church supported.

A church worker invited parishioners to stay after Mass and plan a protest against legislation that calls for a sweeping crack-down on illegal immigration. Organizers expected 20 people, but Aguilar and about 100 others decided to stay.

Many of them live in northern San Diego County, a stronghold of activism against illegal immigration. The City Council in Escondido endorsed a proposed state ballot measure that would create a police force to enforce immigration laws. A local man led a group of armed civilians known as the California Minutemen to patrol the Mexican border.

Yet the area also functions with labor of illegal immigrants.

Aguilar makes \$380 a week picking blooms at a flower nursery in the ultra-wealthy San Diego suburb of Rancho Santa Fe. He said he rarely leaves his rented apartment, except for work and worship, and has never attended a political rally or meeting.

Sitting on a church bench he spoke with quiet anger and disbelief about a House bill that would turn being in the United States illegally from a civil violation to a felony.

"It's not a crime to work," said Aguilar, who left southern Mexico five years ago. "We are not criminals."

About 100 people gathered Tuesday night for a follow-up session to plan an April 9 protest at San Diego's Balboa Park.

Some lead such isolated lives that they don't know how to get a home loan and can't converse with non-Spanish speakers. When a speaker asked how many could find an intersection at the park, only a smattering of hands went up — akin to suburban New Yorkers who wouldn't know how to get to Central Park.

Arnoldo Marin volunteered to lead a group to the April rally, though he confesses that his bona fides as an organizer consist of staging an Easter play at church. The final straw, he said, was the House legislation that would also enlist local law enforcement to help stop illegal entrants, requires employers to verify the legal status of their workers and authorizes 698 miles of fencing along the U.S.-Mexico border.

"We stayed quiet for a long time but the water rose above our necks," said Marin, a handyman who moved to the United States from the Mexican state of Jalisco in 1986 and became a legal resident. "If you feel yourself drowning, you have to do something."

## *Fish biologists flipped off by one crafty sea lion*

BY JOSEPH B. FRAZIER

Associated Press Writer

**CASCADE LOCKS, Ore.** — In his way, C404 is kind of cute, with those sea-lion whiskers, soft brown eyes and furry little head. But to many he is a sea lion either from hell — or from Harvard.

C404 has driven the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Bonneville Dam to near distraction as he and his ilk sit at the base and munch salmon gathered to continue upriver to spawn.

Numerous sea lions head for the dam each spring, but C404 is in a class by himself.

He has figured out how to get into fish ladders that help fish past the dam — where endangered salmon and other fish become his easy prey.

The engineers have used everything legal to get rid of the California sea lion, who may weigh 1,000 pounds or more. They have installed grated exclusion gates

and tried huge firecrackers, rockets, rubber bullets, and noises sea lions don't like.

But C404 has given them the flipper.

He and a handful of cohorts already are waiting for the spring run of chinook salmon, which starts in earnest in April.

Then C404, named because of a brand applied by a state and federal program, will personify a larger problem, as 100 or more of his buddies join him.

Last year they ate about 3.5 percent of the migrating run at a time when salmon numbers were down and demand was up. This year's commercial salmon season may be cancelled because of river problems elsewhere. The loss percentage is climbing.

Robert Stansell, a fish biologist at Bonneville with the Corps of Engineers, knows the lively and alert C404 all too well.

"If he were in a litter of puppies, he's the one you would pick," he said.

He said C404 has been showing up each year since at least 2003 and has

learned to rub it in. Last year he appeared in a window where fish counters keep track of salmon migrating upstream. The data helps predict the size of future runs.

"He even rolled over a little so we could get a look at his brand," Stansell said.

Other marine mammals haven't learned to pull that trick off.

Stansell says the sea lions are intelligent and can be taught. He would rather they not be taught by C404.

But he said the animals are showing up earlier and in greater numbers, and they are staying later. Now they have begun crawling onto the rocks to rest.

"They're becoming comfortable here," he said.

The run peaks in about September, but the sea lions head back to southern California breeding grounds around late May when the water temperature in the river rises.

They'll be back next year with their

friends, and maybe their friends' friends too.

The animals have always been in the river. But now that the fish mass at the base of the dam, they provide a quick and easy meal for the sea lions.

C404 and his kind aren't endangered, but they are protected under the 1972 Marine Mammal Protection Act and can't be killed.

Incorrigibles can be singled out for "lethal removal," a long, complicated process, Stansell said.

He said that nearly happened at the Ballard Locks in Seattle, where sea lions that nearly wiped out a winter steelhead run in the 1990s were marked for death.

But the Humane Society sued and then-President Clinton urged clemency. The worst of the miscreants were packed off to Sea World in Orlando, Fla.

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# Leaving on jet plane, don't know when be back again

BY JENNIFER TALHELM

Associated Press Writer

**SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador** — U.S. marshals unlock the prisoners' leg shackles, body chains and handcuffs when green jungle and turquoise sea come into close view.

As the government-owned MD-83 airliner bumps to the ground at the small San Salvador airport, the 44 men and five women being deported home to El Salvador cheer. One man belts out a few bars of a Tom Petty song: "I'm free-ee...."

For a growing number of migrants picked up in the United States for immigration violations or criminal offenses, this is the way their experience with the country ends: With a free flight home.

As lawmakers in Congress debate how to overhaul the nation's immigration system, the U.S. government is spending about \$56 million — about \$600 per person — to fly illegal immigrants home each year.

As lawmakers in Congress debate how to overhaul the nation's immigration system, the U.S. government is spending about \$56 million — about \$600 per person — on flights to move illegal immigrants within the U.S. and internationally.

Last year, the government flew 60,000 people — mostly Central and South Americans — to their home countries. Officials are exploring ways to double the number in the next 12 months as the U.S. ends its practice of allowing some illegal immigrants to go free until they can be returned to their native countries.

Less than an hour after arriving in San Salvador, the men and women on this flight were led blinking into the tropical sunshine.

At the back of the line, two young men glanced around them with curious expressions. They were teenagers when they left El Salvador. A decade later, their country is now just a memory. Family members have grown, died or moved to the U.S.

In an interview the day before in a Florence, Ariz., detention center, one of the men, Antonio Medina, 28, summarized the situation they're all in. "I don't know what I'll do when I get there," he said through a translator. "When I get to El Salvador I'll decide."

## FULL SPEED AHEAD

Immigration officials have collaborated since 1998 with the Justice Department, which flies U.S. prisoners throughout the country. But officials are stepping up the number of flights as U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement has come under more pressure to ensure all illegal immigrants caught in the U.S. are deported.

Still, hundreds of immigrants are being released each week and asked to return for a court hearing. Many are families, who can't be jailed together for lack of adequate prison space and can't be split up because of laws governing unaccompanied children.

The government hopes to completely end the practice on the Southwest border by Oct. 1 and across the country by next year. To do that, officials have been speeding up the timetable to deport foreigners who arrive without

papers.

Migrants caught less than 14 days after entering the country and within 100 miles of the border can be deported without appearing before a federal immigration judge.

As result, hundreds of people each week now need to be shuttled out of the country. The vast majority of those people are from countries other than Mexico. Almost all Mexicans caught without papers in the U.S. are driven to the border by immigration officials and dropped off. Last year, that was almost 1 million people.

The men on this flight were caught because they committed crimes in the U.S.

Medina fought with his girlfriend and was arrested for domestic violence. Another, Jose Cabrera, was arrested six or seven times for auto theft, drug possession and other crimes.

Their last day in the U.S. began when prison guards at the Florence, Ariz., detention center woke them just after midnight, returned their street clothes and possessions, patted them down and clamped on leg shackles, body chains and handcuffs.

Shuffling, because their shoelaces were still confiscated, the men took a bus to a Mesa, Ariz., airfield. As the sun began to rise over the tarmac, they boarded the plane home.

## DEPORTATIONS REALLY TAKING OFF

The immigration agency and the Justice Department stage eight to 12 flights a week, from Mesa, Oklahoma City and Alexandria, La. They fly to Central and South America, regularly stopping in Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador and occasionally in Mexico.

The Department of Homeland Security is pushing China and other countries to take back thousands of their citizens as well. In the future, the government may buy or charter larger planes and add flights to Asia.

John Torres, acting director of the immigration agency's office of detention and removal, said that for now the best way to deal with the almost 1.2 million people who are caught in the U.S. illegally each year is to send them back as quickly as possible.

"The more people we arrest and the more people we return to their country serves as a deterrent to others thinking of coming," he said.

But some fear the government is denying some migrants their rights in its rush to deal with a backlog of immigrants. And some foreign governments have refused to take back hundreds or sometimes thousands of their citizens.

Immigrant advocates say some government screeners are not following regulations, potentially meaning people with legitimate claims for asylum in the U.S. can slip through the cracks.

Speeding up removal "is not an approach that makes sense," said Donald Kerwin, executive director of the Washington-based Catholic Legal Immigration Network, who says just deporting illegal immigrants can't be a permanent solution to the problem.

Foreign governments also struggle to absorb hundreds of their own citizens — some of whom left their country years ago.

In El Salvador, migrants are placed in a "Welcome Home" program, designed to help them deal with psychological trauma and find family and — if possible — a job.

Jorge Santivanez, that nation's immigration director, said Salvadorans leave because they can't find good jobs at home, so adding hundreds of new people to the economy poses a tremendous challenge. "Obviously, we can't compete (with the U.S.) with wages," he said.

## HAPPY RETURNS, FOR SOME

The government doesn't keep statistics on how many of the immigrants they deport return to the United States. There's almost no way of knowing unless they are picked up again. But officials guess there will be many.

One man on the El Salvador flight told a guard he was on his third trip home this year. He earns \$24 an hour working as a carpenter in the U.S.

Many immigrants build lives in the U.S. and have reasons to return. Antonio Medina, for example, was injured on the job in California. He still has a claim against his employer and needs surgery to repair his knee.

A couple of years ago, he was picked up by immigration and deported for not having papers. He told officials he was Mexican, so they dropped him off across the border in Tijuana, south of San Diego. Within a year, he had found his way back into the United States.

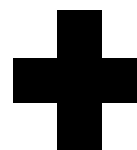
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By The Associated Press

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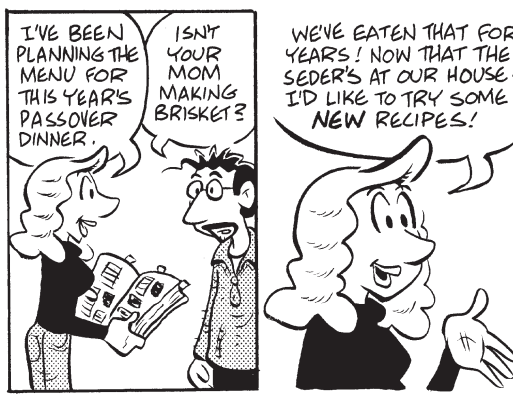


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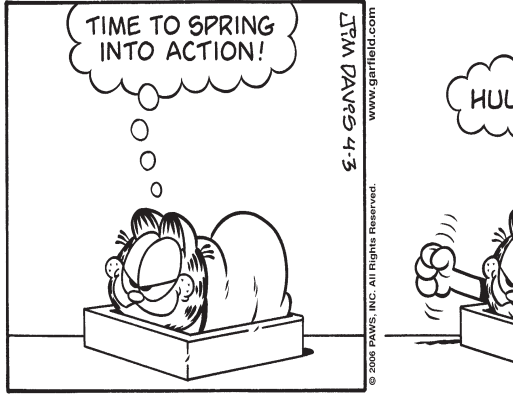
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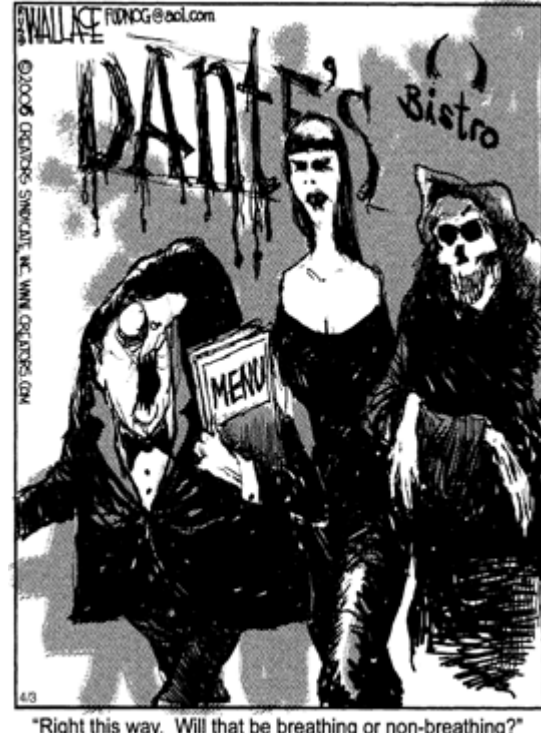
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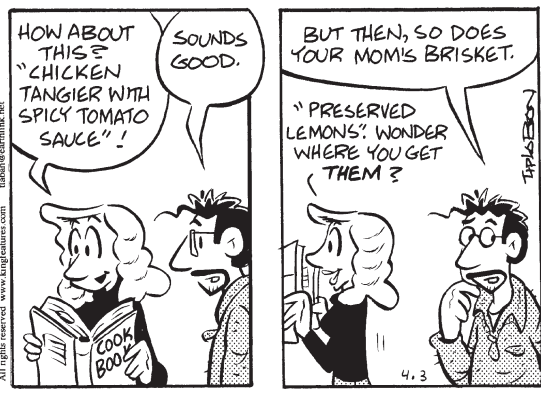
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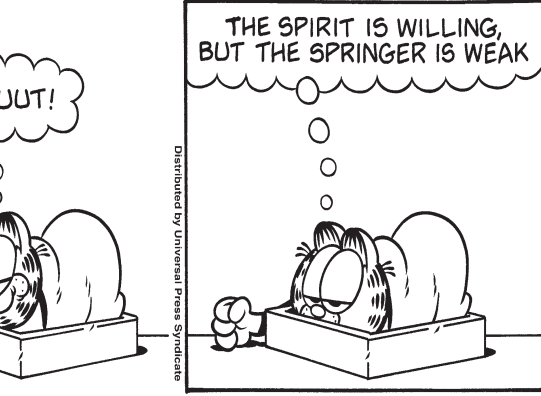
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0449522 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as EZ Breeze, 8648 Shoemaker Ave, Whittier, CA 90602. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Ephren Z. Robles, 8648 Shoemaker Ave, Whittier, CA 90602 This Business is being conducted by, co-partners. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)1/13/2006. /s/: Ephren Z. Robles, Denise L. Robles

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0436432 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as DK Marketing Services, 1801 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA . The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Daniel Kim, 244 Micheltorena St. CA 90039 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/: Daniel Kim

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0423266 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as El Guero Camaronero, 10250 Rosecrans Ave, Bellflower, CA 90706. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Roberto Perez, 7227 Marcile St., Paramount, CA 90723, Alicia Perez, 7227 Marcile St., Paramount, CA 90723 This Business is being conducted by, husband and wife. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Roberto Perez, Alicia Perez

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0436461 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Freight Savers Express #348, Al #/ON 2714718, 10385 Los Alamitos Blvd., Los Alamitos, CA 90720. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : EZNails Inc, 3102 Ostrom Ave, Long Beach, CA 90808 This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: EZNails Inc, CEO, Billy Loard

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0449618 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Cabo San Lucas Restaurant, 5115 Rosemead Blvd., Pico Rivera, CA 90660. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Fardy Valez, 7909 Gallatin Rd, Downey, CA 90240, Jorge Valasquez, 7909 Gallatin Rd, Downey, CA 90240 This Business is being conducted by, a general partnership. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0423287 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Business, Solutions & Technology, ll: Business, Solutions, Technology & Consulting; Business Solutions Technology, 22819 Alexandria Ave, Torrance, CA 90502. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Humberto Castrillon, 4 Wayfarer, Irvine, CA 92614, Jeanette Campos, 22819 Alexandria Ave, Torrance, CA 90502 This Business is being conducted by, co-partners. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)2/27/2006. /s/: Humberto Castrillon, Jeanette Campos

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0423335 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Botanica "el cielo", 7924 Seville Ave., Huntington Park, CA 90255. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Dellanira Marban, 2625 Hope St, Huntington Park, CA 90255 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)2/27/2006. /s/: Dellanira Marban

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0449489 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Crystal Marquis, Crystal Marquis Banquet Room, 13007 Philadelphia St, Whittier, CA 90601. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Narupun Garcia, 13007 Philadelphia St, Whittier, CA 90601 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)7/1/1995. /s/: Narupun Garcia

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0423334 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Raven Termite & Pest Control, 1017 Ahern Dr, La Puente, CA 91746. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Gloria Perez, 1017 Ahern Dr, La Puente, CA 91746, Elpidio Perez, 1017 Ahern Dr, La Puente, CA 91746 This Business is being conducted by, husband and wife. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)11/6/2006. /s/: Gloria Perez, Elpidio Perez

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0423287 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Redwood Financial, 2228 Fulton Ave, Monterey Park, CA 91755. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Juan Carlos Casillas, 2228 Fulton Ave, Monterey Park, CA 91755, Edelmans Ramirez, 2228 Fulton Ave, Monterey Park, CA 91755 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)2/27/2006. /s/: Juan Carlos Casillas, Rosa Casillas, Edelmans Ramirez

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0436385 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Rick Rivera's Tinting, 18114 Via Amorosa, #4, Rowland Heights, CA 91748. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Richard Rivera, 18114 Via Amorosa, #4, Rowland Heights, CA 91748 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Richard Rivera

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0423359 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Salon X-Centric, 8031 Greenleaf Ave, Whittier, CA 90602. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Taylor Scott Pena, 3736 Moragan Field Ave, W. Covina, CA 91792 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/: Taylor Pena

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0436471 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Services Company, 2148 Ridgeway Terrace Dr, Signal Hill, CA 90755. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Steven Schrieken, 2148 Ridgeway Terrace Dr, Signal Hill, CA 90755 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/: Eric Schrieken

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0440409 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Superior Auto Sales #3, 2929 Firestone Blvd, South Gate, CA 90280. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Gabriel Alvarez, 6071 Marshall Ave, Buena Park, CA 90621 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/: Gabriel Alvarez

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0479891 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as POV Creative Agency, 608 San Vicente Blvd., No. 27, Santa Monica, CA . The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Nancy M. Esguerra, 20057 Blythe St., Winnetka, CA 91306 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/: Nancy M. Esguerra

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 041419E FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as C.T. EXPRESS, 749 SAN ANGELO AVE., MONTEBELLO, CA 90640. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : CHRIS YING TANG, 749 SAN ANGELO AVE., MONTEBELLO, CA 90640 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/: CHRIS YING TANG  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0509720 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: WWW.DIZ4BIZ.COM, 5900 SAN FERNANDO RD, GLENDALE, CA 91202. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ZARIK MEGERDICHIAN, 29541 BIG BEND PL, SANTA CLARITA, CA 91202 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/: ZARIK MEGERDICHIAN

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE#  
NO. 06 0519463 FIRST FILING. The following per-  
son(s) is (are) doing business as VIRGILIO-LOPEZ  
AUTO SALES, 13065 1/2 E. VALLEY BLVD., LA  
PUENTE, CA 91746. The full name of registrant(s)  
is/are : VIRGILIO LOPEZ, 357 SAN ANGELO AVE, LA  
PUENTE, CA 91746 This Business is being con-

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0565666 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MAGIC SEWER AND DRAINS, 11912 S. STANFORD AVE, LA, CA 90047. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : JACQUELINE R. TATUM, 11912 S. STANFORD AVE, LA, CA 90047.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 00 0611686 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as C CALIFORNIA EXPRESS TAXI, WHITTIER YELLOW CAB, ALL YELLOW CAB, 12623 E. IMPERIAL HIGHWAY, #207, SANTA FE SPRING, CA 90670. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ALBERTO QUINTERO, 725 S. HARDINS AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90022 This Business is being conducted, by an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein. /s/ ALBERTO QUINTERO  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 3/22/2006. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 141141et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 4/3/2006, 4/10/2006, 4/17/2006, 4/24/2006.

**Statement of Withdrawal from  
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Fictitious Business Name**

Current File No: 03 0186215

The following person(s) has/have withdrawn as a general partner(s) from the partnership operating under the fictitious business name of PYRAMID MACHINING located at 1935 ALPHA RD, #238, GLENDALE, CA 91208. The fictitious business name statement for the partnership was filed on 01/21/03 in the County of LOS ANGELES. The full name and residence of the person(s) withdrawing as a partner(s): KATRIN ABARCHIAN, 1935 ALPHA RD, #238, GLENDALE, CA 91208. /s/ KATRIN ABARCHIAN

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/22/06.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILED  
 NO. 06/346633 FIRST FILING. The following per-  
 sons (s) are (do) business as OXYMORON PER-  
 FORMATIONS, AI #/ON 2547833, 13428 MAXELLA  
 AVENUE, SUITE 563, MARINA DEL REY, CA 90292  
 THE full name of registrant(s) is/are : OXYMORON PER-  
 ENTERTAINMENT, INC. (CA), 13428 MAXELLA AVE-  
 NUUE, SUITE 563, MARINA DEL REY, CA 90292  
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 Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transac-  
 business under the fictitious name or names listed under  
 herein. /s/ OXYMORON ENTERTAINMENT, INC.,  
 CEO/OWNER, J. CHRISTOPHER MALLICK  
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0577895 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as COUNTRYWIDE ROOFING CO., 5023 BUCHANAN ST, LA, CA 90042. The full name of registrant(s) is/are CHARLIE VIVANCO, 5023 BUCHANAN ST, LA, CA 90042 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)3/17/2006. /s/ CHARLIE VIVANCO

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 0623680 FIRST FILING. The following person/s is/are doing business as QUEENY BEADS, AI #/ON 2770688, 6134 N. WALNUT AVENUE, LONG BEACH, CA 90805. The full name of registrant/s is/are : BRAIN HONEY EROTIC, INC., 6134 N. WALNUT AVENUE, LONG BEACH, CA 90805 This Business is being conducted by, a corporation Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name of names listed on (Date)11/22/2005. /s/ BRAIN HONEY EROTIC, INC., YVONNE WALKER, VICE PRESIDENT

Press.  
Date: FEBRUARY 15, 2006  
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