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THE CUPCAKES ARE TASTY ISSUE



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NICE SWING: Paul Salazar, senior, takes batting practice at Santa Monica High School on Friday. Salazar is expected to be a team leader by Head Coach Rob Duron. The Vikings have started the season 8-9 following last year's appearance in the CIF-SS finals.

Coach seeks new leaders

BY JON HABER
Special to the Daily Press

SAMOHI In case fans haven't noticed, this isn't the same Santa Monica High School baseball team that rode a hot streak to a CIF-SS finals appearance last year.

Seventeen games into the schedule, the 2007-08 Vikings are 8-9, behind last year's 11-6 pace. The only full-time starter returning from last season's team is junior left fielder Vince Lawrence. And, what might be the biggest change of all, Samohi has a new coach running the show.

Rob Duron isn't unfamiliar with baseball or Samohi. His coaching history dates back to 1978 and includes stints in Venice, Redondo, Westchester and Loyola Marymount University. Duron, who also teaches physical education at Samohi, coached the Vikings in 1991 before taking some time off to raise his children.

Now, 16 years after his first head-coaching stint with the Vikings, Duron is back in Santa Monica, taking the head coaching job in October 2007.

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COMMUNITY PROFILES

AMY BERMAN

Bake shop owner meets Martha

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN Amy Berman sat thousands of feet in the air, a thousand thoughts running through her mind as she flew aboard a red-eye cross-country flight from Los Angeles to New York City.

Sitting with her were bags containing boxes and boxes of cupcakes, the best from the Berman family recipe, each adorned with the insignia, "MS."

The flight last month led to what could some day be perceived as a defining moment in Berman's relatively young career as a pastry chef, for in the end, the Santa Monica business owner would learn that she had earned a spot on the "Martha Stewart Show," a guest appearance on the kitchen mastermind's segment, "Cupcake Week," which aired all last week.

The owner of Vanilla Bake Shop on Wilshire Boulevard, Berman's journey on her way to becoming the co-founder of one of the area's premier cupcake destinations started at a young age, spending afternoons

in the kitchen with her mother, baking cookies and delectable mini cakes.

Those experiences with her mother, who passed away when Berman was 14, stuck over the years as the Hermosa Beach resident continued to bake as a hobby, using her mother's recipes, even as she went away to college in San Luis Obispo and later began a career in the entertainment industry.

"When I'm baking, it reminds me of being with her," Berman said. "She's not around anymore, but when I'm baking, I feel like the memories of her are alive."

Berman was a writer's assistant on the "Will & Grace" television show when she felt the need to change gears. Her husband, Jeremy, who was also working in entertainment, encouraged his wife to pursue her dreams of becoming a chef, encouraging Berman to enroll in the California School of Culinary Arts in Pasadena, a Le Cordon Bleu accredited institution. Jeremy Berman also decided to make a career change of his own, going for his law degree.

After finishing culinary school, Berman started her own dessert catering business called Amy Babycakes, handling weddings



Photo courtesy Martha Stewart

BIG TIME: Amy Berman, left, earned the opportunity to appear on the 'Martha Stewart Show' recently. Berman, who owns Vanilla Bake Shop, was featured on a show about cupcakes.

and other private events. It was through this experience that Berman would fine tune her cupcake and pastry recipes, gathering feedback from the clients that she served at the private events.

Then in 2007, Berman and her husband decided to make another career jump, this

time as the owners of a retail business in Santa Monica.

On July 10 of last year, the couple opened Vanilla Bake Shop, joining the scores of other cupcake shops in the Los Angeles area, includ-

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6-8 PM (Multi-Purpose Room, 2nd Floor)
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Tuesday, April 8 UCLA (Ackerman/Viewpoint
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6-8 PM 2101 Ocean Park Blvd. at 21st St.

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WHAT'S UP WESTSIDE

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



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.

Tango with Tango

1416 Electric Ave., Venice, 8:30 p.m. — 10 p.m.

Learn Argentine Tango with Makela Tango at the Electric Lodge. No partner necessary. For more information, visit www.makelatango.com.

Kulturas anniversary

1700 Ocean Park Blvd., 11 a.m. — 7 p.m.

Transplant second-hand bookstore, Kulturas, is celebrating its first whole year in Santa Monica by having "rolling sales" around different sections of the store. Check out their "sort-of-vintage" clothing corner and the current artist exhibit. For further information, call (310) 450-8707.

'Lose Weight for Good'

1328 22nd St., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

Saint John's Health Center presents "Los Weight for Good," a comprehensive program for healthy weight management. No food to purchase, no shakes to drink - just a sound approach to lasting lifestyle solutions. Instructed by a dietitian, cost for the 13-week series is \$300. Flexible access to the Santa Monica Spectrum Health Club and Santa Monica curves is available to those without a current gym membership. Classes fill up quickly so call today - (310) 829-8453!

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

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.

Getting wild on the Westside

Noon — 5 p.m.

For the first time, the true crime archeologists of the 1947project have set their sights on points west of Robertson Boulevard, and the results are truly astonishing. In this new tour spotlighting some of the weirdest, most horrific and downright unbelievable crimes of historic West Los Angeles. Seats are \$55 a person. For more information, call (323) 223-2767.

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.



Heston left major mark on industry

BY DAVID GERMAIN | Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES Nancy Reagan was heartbroken over Charlton Heston's death. President Bush hailed him as a "strong advocate for liberty," while John McCain called Heston a devotee for civil and constitutional rights.

Even Michael Moore, who mocked Heston in his gun-control documentary "Bowling for Columbine," posted the actor's picture on his Web site to mark his passing.

Heston, who died Saturday night at 84, was a towering figure both in his politics and on screen, where his characters had the ear of God (Moses in "The Ten Commandments"), survived apocalyptic plagues ("The Omega Man") and endured one of Hollywood's most-grueling action sequences (the chariot race in "Ben-Hur," which earned him the best-actor Academy Award).

Better known in recent years as a fierce gun-rights advocate who headed the National Rifle Association, Heston played legendary leaders and ordinary men hurled into heroic struggles.

"In taking on epic and commanding roles, he showed himself to be one of our nation's most gifted actors, and his legacy will forever be a part of our cinema," Republican presidential candidate McCain said in a statement that also noted Heston's involvement in the civil-rights movement and his stand against gun control.

Heston's jutting jaw, regal bearing and booming voice served him well as Marc Antony in "Julius Caesar" and "Antony and Cleopatra," Michelangelo in "The Agony and the Ecstasy," John the Baptist in "The Greatest Story Ever Told" and an astronaut on a topsy-turvy world where simians rule in "Planet of the Apes."

"Charlton Heston was seen by the world as larger than life," Heston's family said in a statement. "We knew him as an adoring husband, a kind and devoted father, and a gentle grandfather with an infectious sense of humor. He served these far greater roles with tremendous faith, courage and dignity."

The actor died at his home in Beverly Hills with his wife, Lydia, at his side, family spokesman Bill Powers said. He declined to comment on the cause of death or provide further details Sunday.

One of the biggest box-office draws of the 1950s, '60s and '70s, Heston's work dwindled largely to small parts and narration and other voice roles from the 1980s on, including an uncredited cameo as an ape in Tim Burton's 2001 remake of "Planet of the Apes."

Shirley Jones, who co-starred with Heston in one of his last leading roles in the 1999 drama "Gideon," said his talent as an actor sometimes is forgotten because of the epic characters he played.

"To me, he was the consummate leading man. He was tall, he was handsome, he was sensitive, he was gruff when he had to be. He was a great cowboy, he was perfect for those historical roles," Jones said. "He could do everything, and there aren't many actors around today who could."

In 2002, near the end of his five years as president of the NRA, Heston disclosed he had symptoms consistent with Alzheimer's disease.

The disclosure was soon followed by an unflattering appearance in Moore's 2003 best documentary winner "Bowling for Columbine," which took America to task for its gun laws.

Moore used a clip of Heston holding aloft a rifle at an NRA rally and proclaiming "from my cold, dead hands." The director flustered the actor in an interview later in the film by pressing him on his gun-control stance. Heston eventually walked out on Moore.

Moore's Web site, <http://www.michaelmoore.com>, on Sunday featured a photo of Heston, the date of his birth and death and a note from the actor's family requesting that donations be made to the Motion Picture and Television Fund in lieu of flowers.

There was no other reaction on the site from Moore about Heston's death. Moore did not immediately respond to e-mail and phone requests seeking comment.

Jones, who worked with Heston on "Gideon" near the beginning of his tenure as NRA president, said she discussed gun control with him and came to respect his stand, even though she disagreed with it.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Jump starting education

With the school year coming to a close, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District is putting the word out about enrolling in preschool programs for 2008-09.

Free comprehensive Head Start and State Preschool services are available to qualifying families with children ages 3 to 4. The district also offers Los Angeles Universal Preschool and general child care programs with full- and partial-day options. Special needs children are welcome.

"It's our goal to serve as many families whose parents are working or going to school or are in transition, and are in need of child care," said Melissa Ebberts of Child Development Services-Preschool Programs for the district.

For more information, call Child Development Services at (310) 399-5865.

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BIG BLUE BUS

Share your thoughts about Big Blue Bus

The Big Blue Bus is holding community meetings this month that will focus on several new transit initiatives and on service improvements currently under consideration.

Topics to be discussed include:

- Sunset Ride – There'll be a discussion of Sunset Ride changes since its inception eight months ago and of the current proposal to split the ride into two routes. If split into two routes, buses would travel down 17th Street in both directions. Staff will present findings indicating a split will not optimize the route and could have a negative impact on riders.

- Tri-Annual Analysis & Five-Year Service Plan – New information on ridership, on-time performance, and passenger loads will be presented based on the most recent line-by-line analysis. Adjusting Line 7 for better performance, status of the new maintenance facility project, and ordering of articulated buses will also be reviewed.

- Increased Service to Santa Monica High School. Lines 4 and 9 will now service the campus.

- 80th Anniversary – BBB celebrates 80 years of Service and Innovation this year, which will kick off with a public party on the Third Street Promenade April 14, at 11 a.m.

- Upcoming Events – BBB will extend a public invitation to join us at community events, including: Earth Day, Santa Monica Festival, Twilight Concert Series and Alt Car Expo.

BBB takes positive and realistic affirmative steps to ensure that all persons and/or firms wishing to benefit from its services and participate in its programs are given equal and equitable opportunity to do so. To this end, Big Blue Bus makes every effort to ensure meetings are held in accessible venues and will provide translation services if requested at least 72 hours prior to each meeting. You may also submit written comments to the Big Blue Bus customer relations manager, 1660 Seventh St.

Meetings will be held at the Main Library, UCLA's Ackerman Viewpoint Community Room and Fairview Branch Library.

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Bookworms unite

Santa Monica Citywide Reads, a community program that invites everyone in the city to read and discuss the same novel in book clubs and other related events, kicks off this month with "The Highest Tide," a novel by Jim Lynch.

The work follows 13-year-old Miles O'Malley during a transformative summer, as he navigates the mysteries of his beloved Puget Sound surroundings and his relationships with family and friends.

An engaging coming of age story with interesting characters and vivid descriptions of marine life make this appealing to young and old readers alike.

"I am honored and delighted that 'The Highest Tide' will be featured in your Citywide Reads program this year," Lynch said. "The novel I wrote was inspired by the same ocean you marvel at. I hope you find 'The Highest Tide' to be a fun and thoughtful read that perhaps reminds you of the time in your life when the world first came into focus."

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Touting smart growth

Editor:

The Daily Press reported ("Chiefs ask for personnel," page 1, March 13, 2008) that Police Chief Jackman and Fire Chief Hone has requested funding from our City Council for additional staff "to better respond to a population whose needs have grown in the past few decades, all the while the number of personnel has remained relatively stagnant."

I trust our council will provide the funding the chiefs have requested. Public safety is one of the paramount missions of municipal government.

But why does Santa Monica need more fire and police personnel? We know that our resident population in 1980 was about the same as it is today.

Chief Hone notes that today his department has the same number of firefighters as it did in 1980 yet responds to twice as any emergencies as it did 28 years ago. Chief Jackman observes that while Santa Monica's population is roughly 88,000 residents, his department serves about 250,000 per day because of commuting workers and tourism.

So what's caused the additional stresses on police and fire services? It's largely the explosive growth in the past 20 years of over nine million square feet of commercial space, creating twice the number of emergencies calls to the SMFD and a larger daytime population for the SMPD to serve.

How did we get into this mess? Through a vicious cycle in which commercial development required more city services, which in turn begat more commercial development to pay for those services, which begat the need for more services, etc. And you can be sure that City Hall will want more traffic-generating commercial development to fund the latest increase in police and fire staffing.

But here's the reality: All commercial development doesn't necessarily generate net revenues to the city once the cost of providing new services required by a project is subtracted from gross revenues. Yet currently City Hall can't discriminate between those projects which would augment revenues and those which merely create more traffic and more government.

The Residents Initiative to Fight Traffic (RIFT) would cut the growth of traffic-producing commercial development in half while providing City Hall the tools to approve only those commercial projects that substantially boosted its tax base. Does 50 percent less growth and almost the same amount of revenue sound good to you?

Ted Winterer
Santa Monica

Reaching a win-win solution

Editor:

The City of Santa Monica, specifically the City Manager's Office spent thousands and thousands of taxpayer dollars to mail to virtually every resident and business their one-sided spin on the Second and Fourth Streets Pedestrian and Streetscape Improvement Project, mostly the ficus tree removal aspect of the plan. The problem is by not joining with Treesavers months ago to reach a business and environmentally friendly win-win solution the city is sending out many misrepresentations, half-truths and misleading information now that the overwhelming majority of residents and visitors don't want. The people, who the city should be listening to have so far been for the most part ignored and disrespected. There is still hope for a win-win solution, regardless of what the court rules.

Jerry Rubin
Santa Monica Treesavers



My Write

Bill Bauer

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Can't trust city on development?

THERE'S ONLY A COUPLE WEEKS LEFT for registered Santa Monica voters to sign the Resident's Initiative to Fight Traffic (RIFT) to qualify it for the November ballot. RIFT calls for a limit in future commercial development to a maximum of 75,000 square feet, annually, for the next 15 years.

Over the last 25 years, the city has approved over nine million square feet of new office, retail and industrial space — far in excess of city projections. This runaway development has substantially contributed to the traffic congestion and other quality of life problems we have here today.

The city seems to be pushing for expanded development, especially on major traffic corridors in its update of the general plan. And, there are already a number of larger commercial and mixed use projects in the pipeline — mostly in the mid-city area along the Broadway, Colorado Avenue and Olympic Boulevard corridors.

When City Council refused to impose the temporary moratorium on new commercial construction urged by some neighborhood groups last year, activists stepped up their game. RIFT, the brainchild of members of the Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City, was created and is now being circulated to qualify for the ballot. In other words, the people are taking control where city government has refused to intervene.

In the meantime, it's business as usual. Tuesday night, Council will discuss approving a development agreement being proffered by a developer who owns the corner of Colorado Avenue at Stewart Street.

The 1.76 acre property is currently home to single story, mom-and-pop type industrial, repair and service shops with garage bays. The developer proposes replacing them with a three-story, 115,200-square-foot entertainment production building over a two-level subterranean parking garage with 412 parking spaces. The project was unanimously approved by the Planning Commission at its Dec. 12, 2007, meeting.

Two other sizable developments are under consideration in the immediate vicinity including at 2930 Colorado Ave. where a development agreement involving the Village Trailer Park is pending. That development is a mixed-use project with 240 condominiums, 109 single-room rental units, commercial and retail space and below grade parking for 503 vehicles. One block away at Olympic Boulevard and Stewart Street, a 300,000-square-foot, multi-story, mixed use/production facility is proposed for the former Paper-Mate property.

Based on the historical record and observing how the public Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE) process has been manipulated to "push" more development with increased heights and densities, there seems to be little confidence that the city has a real desire to slow the cur-

rent pace of growth. Maybe that's why all five neighborhood groups have endorsed RIFT.

However, the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce has gone on record opposing the initiative. The Chamber's board of directors voted unanimously to oppose RIFT claiming "it will do nothing to reduce traffic ..." I'm curious. Does the board know how much more development is needed to reduce traffic?

SMCLC Chair, Diana Gordon, reports, "SMCLC volunteers have collected over 6,000 signatures so far and are shooting for 10,000 which we expect to have by the April 23rd filing deadline." For more information: www.smclc.net

ANOTHER EATERY, LESS PARKING

Wednesday evening, the Planning Commission will consider granting a conditional use permit for beer and wine service and a parking variance for Corso Italia, a 113 seat full service, sit-down restaurant at 606 Broadway. This site is under construction and even though it's a totally new building, it apparently doesn't have enough on-premises parking as required by code. The code says the eatery must have 30 on-site parking spaces yet it has only 13 spaces.

Although the staff report for this item says La Botte at 620 Santa Monica Blvd. (with the same owner as Corso Italia) had no complaints on record, two complaints were filed against La Botte in the last couple years, both about its insufficient on-site parking.

A similar lack of on-site parking at Juliano's Raw, 609 Broadway, was the subject of a couple of my columns in 2006. The granting of on-site parking variances for one Downtown restaurant after another does nothing but exacerbate a critical shortage of street parking and moves us closer to the "Manhattanization of Santa Monica."

MORE OR LESS CARS. WHICH IS IT?

John McColgan seemed confused in a letter to the editor (April 2, Page 4) because, last Monday I criticized the "grow smart" proposal to make streets smaller (to accommodate less cars) while castigating Governor Schwarzenegger for wanting to build a tollway to accommodate more cars."

I only suggested we not reduce street vehicular capacity here and make our traffic even more intolerable. I'd normally support a new tollroad to accomplish reducing congestion such as in Northern San Diego County where remedies are desperately needed — but not through a beach front state park. So, No contradiction, John, but glad you asked.

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The millionaires who rule us all

"THE VERY RICH," OBSERVED F. SCOTT Fitzgerald, "are different from you and me." And nowhere is this so-called difference more apparent than in the growing divide between poor and working class Americans and the rich who rule over us.

While working class Americans are getting poorer (there are five million more poor people today than in 2005), studies show that the rich are indeed getting richer. According to the Center for American Progress, 37 million Americans, a size roughly equivalent to the population of California, live below the official poverty line. Thus, in a nation of almost 297 million people, 12.6 percent are poor (for instance, a family of four that makes less than \$19,971 is considered poor). And one out of every three Americans is considered low-income.

At the other end of the spectrum, 19 percent of the nation's income is held by the richest one percent of Americans who, according to former New York Times reporter David Cay Johnston, have gotten richer as a result of taxes, subsidies and regulatory policies that "take from the many to give to the already superrich."

In his latest book, "Free Lunch: How the Wealthiest Americans Enrich Themselves at Government Expense and Stick You With the Bill," Johnston explains that the trend of government policies favoring the superrich began when Ronald Reagan became president and has continued through the Clinton and Bush administrations.

A number of America's wealthy elite are also on the government's payroll, serving in the U.S. Congress. For example, the Center for Responsive Politics reported in 2006 that about half of the Senate's 100 members are also millionaires and their average net worth is \$8.9 million.

Even those members of Congress who do not belong to the so-called "Millionaire's Club" enjoy a host of congressional perks. In addition to their six-figure salaries, our representatives also receive millions to maintain offices in their home state and in the nation's capital, as well as other benefits such as free life insurance, a generous retirement plan for life, 32 fully reimbursed road trips home a year, as well as travel to foreign lands.

Little wonder with such entitlement that elected officials who have, and have in abun-

dance, are ill-equipped to relate to the struggles of those who have little to nothing at all. We see this in a multitude of ways, from hastily passed laws that infringe on our rights to pork barrel legislation that primarily caters to special interest groups. How else to explain the fact that taxpayers who live from paycheck to paycheck have, in years past, found themselves paying \$50 million for an indoor rainforest in Iowa?

This disconnect became particularly evident in 2005 when those in Congress who had no trouble voting themselves pay increases rejected a minimum wage hike from \$5.15 an hour to \$6.25 for blue-collar workers.

This brings me to the 2008 bid for the White House, where the leading contenders are no strangers to wealth. Indeed, John McCain boasts an individual net worth of \$29.21 million, while Hillary Clinton's personal fortune is in the \$10 million range (combined with her husband, her assets are between \$10 million and \$50 million). And Barack Obama, the "poor man" of the lot, has assets valued up to \$1.1 million.

So what does this mean for "we the people"?

It means that the once-cherished idea that any American citizen, no matter their station in life, could someday become president of the United States has been reduced to little more than a pipedream. Only the wealthy, or those connected to great wealth, have much chance of holding high office anymore.

But it is the common person — you and I — who, by participation in government, not just voting, should determine governmental policy. As Abraham Lincoln observed, "Wise men established these great self-evident truths, that when in the distant future some man, some faction, some interest, should set up the doctrine that none but rich men, or none but white men, were entitled to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, their posterity should look up again at the Declaration of Independence and take courage to renew the battle which their fathers began."

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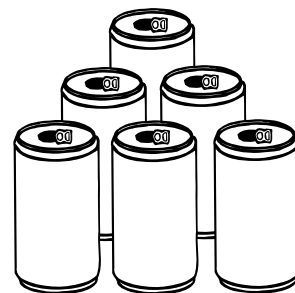


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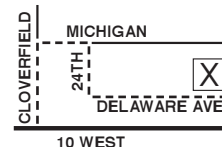
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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

"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 and Fourth Streets Streetscape Improvement Project

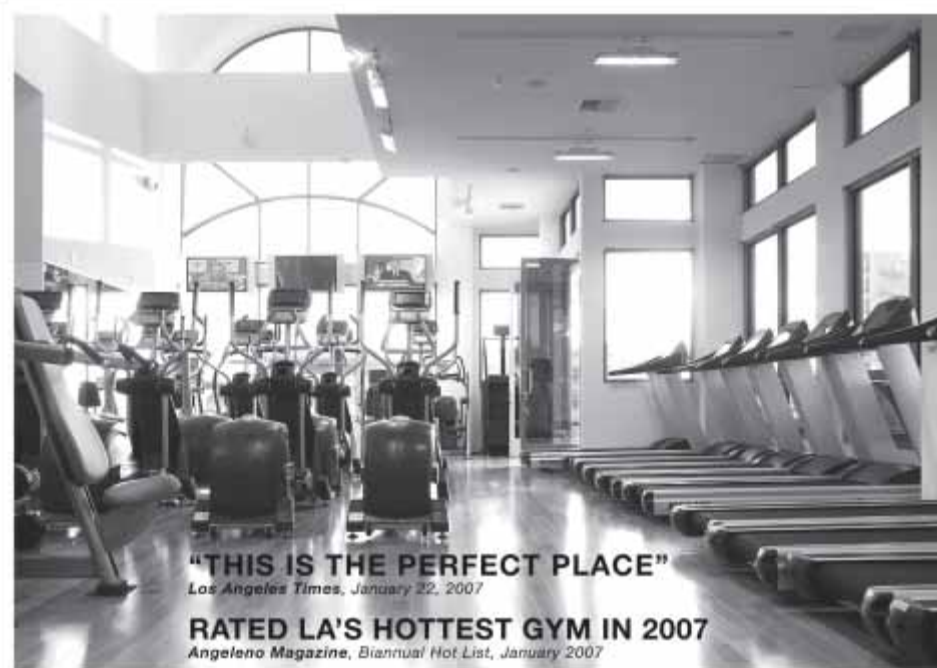
Construction crews will be working on both sides of Second Street from Wilshire Boulevard to Colorado Avenue and digging potholes on Fourth Street between Arizona Avenue and Broadway. There may be occasional disruption to some parking spaces. Please follow posted detour signs.

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.

Citywide Sidewalk Repair Project

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Freighter pilot will not testify

BY PAUL ELIAS

Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO The attorney for the pilot of the freighter that spilled 53,000 gallons of oil into San Francisco Bay is blaming the Coast Guard and others for the mishap and said his client will refuse to testify this week at a government hearing investigating the crash.

Federal prosecutors charged Capt. John Cota last month with environmental crimes stemming from the Nov. 7 incident, when the Cosco Busan sideswiped a support tower of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge in heavy fog. The crash fouled the fragile bay with sludgelike fuel, killing or injuring thousands of birds and temporarily closing several beaches.

Cota's lawyer Jeff Bornstein said the Coast Guard had the responsibility to track the ship and warn the pilot a crash was imminent.

"They had the last clear chance to avoid the accident," Bornstein said outside court Friday after a May 27 trial date was set for his client. "To put all the blame on Captain Cota is unfair and unjust."

Cota also has said the radar on the Cosco Busan was unreliable and there was confusion about symbols on at least one of the navigational charts.

Bornstein said Cota would refuse to answer questions from the National Transportation Safety Board next week at a two-day hearing in Washington because of the pending charges. He has written a letter to the board saying Cota will invoke his 5th Amendment right against self incrimination.

"This is not to suggest that Captain Cota has 'anything to hide' and his cooperation up to now clearly demonstrates that is not the case," Bornstein wrote.

Cosco Busan's master Capt. Mao Cai Sun and a "handful" of crew members are also refusing to testify, said NTSB spokesman Peter Knudson.

Knudson said the ship's operator, Fleet Management Ltd., will testify.

Cota is the only person charged in the incident. He is accused of killing migratory birds and illegal dumping, and faces up to 18 months in jail and more than \$100,000 in fines if convicted. He has pleaded not guilty.

Prosecutors have suggested they may revise or add charges, which would delay Cota's trial. Assistant U.S. attorney Stacey Geis declined to elaborate outside court Friday.

Also on Friday, a judge unsealed court documents that prosecutors filed to bar six Chinese crew members dubbed "material witnesses" from leaving San Francisco, including master Capt. Sun. Cota's job was to pilot the ship out of San Francisco Bay,

where Sun would take over.

Sun told investigators that on the morning of Nov. 7 the fog was so thick he could not see the bow of the ship and that "in other countries, the port would have been closed," according to the court documents.

Sun also told investigators that Cota stopped using the ship's radar system and instead relied on an electronic chart viewer to navigate under the Bay Bridge.

"The ship's radar is the primary tool of navigation," the documents state.

Crew members also said the ship was traveling too fast, and prosecutors allege that Cota forgot that the tugboat Revolution was tied to his boat. Then Cota ordered a sharp turn before crashing into the bridge.

"As a result of the sudden and sharp turn, the ship created five to six foot waves in its wake," the documents state. "The tugboat Revolution had to release all of its lines as an emergency measure to avoid being capsized by the speed and height of the waves."

The documents further state that the "government has evidence that the pilot has taken certain prescription drugs" and that the crew members can testify about Cota's "physical appearance and condition."

The ship's owners have been paying the six crew members' salaries and hotel bills since the seamen were ordered held in town.

In Bornstein's letter to the NTSB, the attorney raised eight issues that investigators should look into, including the Coast Guard's failure to issue a fog warning.

Coast Guard officials have adamantly defended their traffic officials, who questioned Cota about his course — but didn't advise him of danger — as he steered parallel to the bridge instead of toward the appropriate span opening. The Coast Guard says their Vessel Traffic Service is an advisory system unlike air traffic control and that their officers fulfilled their duty.

Coast Guard spokesman Dan Dewell said that it was customary for the ship's master and the pilot to make their own determinations on weather conditions and other issues.

"It's the captain and, in the case where a pilot's required, the pilot who are responsible for knowing where they are, knowing where they're going, and safely navigating the ship," Dewell said. "The VTS is an advisory system. We provide information to ships and did so in this case."

The letter from Cota's attorneys also raised a series of questions about the Cosco Busan's master and officers, including whether they were properly trained and sufficiently skilled in use of instruments on board the ship. A spokesman for Cosco Busan's owner, Hong Kong-based Regal Stone Ltd., did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

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Violence sheds light on overcrowding

BY DON THOMPSON
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO The stabbing attack on four guards at one overcrowded state prison last week and a racially sparked brawl at another mark the type of violence that guards, inmates' attorneys and Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger have been worried about for years.

The violence comes at a critical juncture for the nation's largest state prison system.

Later this year, a panel of federal judges will consider whether the crowding has become so severe that the state must cap the inmate population or release some prisoners early. Meanwhile, lawmakers are considering a Schwarzenegger proposal to save money for the deficit-ridden state by releasing more than 20,000 inmates before their sentences end.

"For the last two years, we've said something worse than this was inevitable," said Chuck Alexander, executive vice president of the California Correctional Peace Officers Association, referring to this week's prison unrest. "It's just a matter of where and when it's going to hit. In our view, it's a precursor of what's to come."

On Thursday, two inmates armed with homemade knives attacked guards at the California Correctional Institution about 40 miles southeast of Bakersfield. One of the guards remained hospitalized Friday with a skull fracture and stab wounds.

A second attack erupted Friday. A dozen inmates were injured during a brawl in a crowded dormitory at the California Institution for Men in Chino, about 40 miles east of Los Angeles. Prison officials

described it as an attack by Hispanic inmates on white prisoners. Five were sent to hospitals, including two with puncture wounds.

"There's more violence. The prisoners are unsafe, and there is less safety for the officers, as well," said Don Specter, director of the nonprofit Prison Law Office in San Rafael.

He is among inmates' rights attorneys asking the panel of three federal judges to order the state to reduce the prisons' population. In an unusual alliance, the prison guards' union has joined the push.

Schwarzenegger opposes a federally mandated population cap. But the Republican governor is proposing the early release of some 22,000 inmates and eliminating about 4,500 prison guard positions to help shave \$400 million from the budget of the state corrections department.

Michael Bien, whose San Francisco law firm also is seeking a reduced inmate population, said the early release plan is irresponsible because guards already are working large amounts of overtime and are under mounting stress.

Schwarzenegger spokeswoman Lisa Page said the governor's plan would retain the current guard-to-inmate ratio while freeing space for rehabilitation programs.

"We'll continue to see further reductions in our prison population as we do more to rehabilitate the state's current prisoners and make sure they stay out of prison once they're released," Page said.

In October 2006, Schwarzenegger declared an emergency to allow 8,000 inmates to be sent to private prisons in other states. It was part of an effort to relieve over-

crowding that eventually led to a \$7.8 billion prison and jail building program.

At the time, he warned that California's overcrowded prisons could explode into violence, leading to the kind of riots that killed 43 in Attica, New York, in 1971.

Senate Majority Leader Gloria Romero, D-Los Angeles, faulted Schwarzenegger for not doing enough since then to reduce crowding, end labor unrest with the prison guards union and increase rehabilitation programs.

"This is the beginning of the long, hot summer," said Romero, one of the Legislature's experts on prison reform. "It does take, sadly and unfortunately, something like this to snap people's necks around to say these are the consequences of overcrowding."

California's 33 prisons have a capacity of roughly 100,000 inmates but hold about 170,000. A commission headed by Republican Gov. George Deukmejian advised Schwarzenegger in 2004 that the prisons could safely hold about 135,000.

Overcrowding means more tension, less opportunity for recreation, education and other rehabilitation programs, less interaction with guards, counselors and visitors, and more difficulty in monitoring inmates. Many bunks are set up in converted gymnasiums and classrooms.

The conditions are blamed for a variety of problems, including poor inmate medical care and mental health services, that have prompted inmates and advocacy groups to file numerous lawsuits.

Some of those lawsuits eventually led to federal court oversight and the three-judge panel that will consider how to address the

array of difficulties this summer.

Chino Mayor Dennis Yates said the dilapidated prison dormitory where Friday's fight between inmates took place was built to house 60 men but holds nearly 200.

"It's a ticking bomb down there," he said.

The California Correctional Institution, where Thursday's attack on the guards took place, was built in 1933 and has been expanded to hold about 2,800 inmates. It currently has about 4,700 inmates but held about 5,500 just a few weeks ago.

Assaults on inmates and staff increased statewide, along with the size of the prison population, from 6,225 in 1997 to 9,090 in 2006, corrections department spokeswoman Terry Thornton said. At the same time, the number involving weapons declined from 2,123 to 1,869.

For 2006, the most recent year available, there were 3,873 assaults on prison employees. Of those, 938 involved weapons.

Out-of-state inmate transfers and improvements in parole and rehabilitation programs have helped reduce the prison population from a record of 173,479 in October 2006 to 170,371, as of this week. The number of inmates in makeshift dormitories has dropped from 19,618 last August to 15,111.

"We've made a lot of progress," Thornton said. "We're definitely moving in the right direction."

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Samohi starts slow

FROM BASEBALL PAGE 1

“Expectations are always high,” Duron said. “I never shoot for anything less. We’re looking for 20 wins, taking league and winning (the California Interscholastic Federation title), and I think every coach in the state is thinking the same thing [coming into the season].”

Things haven’t gone exactly according to plan for the new coach. The team had to give up some practice time on the field due to the success of Samohi’s boys’ soccer team. Also, because Duron took the job so late, the coach never got to get a feel for the team during summer league.

These problems have put the Vikings behind schedule compared to the other teams in the Ocean League. Still, Duron says it’s unfair for fans to think that Samohi should return to the finals because the team made it last year. However, the coach does feel it’s very realistic for fans to expect the team to be competitive.

Throughout the first half of the season, the Vikings have had their share of struggles playing a tough schedule. Samohi has suffered preseason losses to baseball powerhouses such as Crespi of Encino and Notre Dame of Sherman Oaks.

“Obviously in the preseason, we played some good teams,” Duron said. “It was kind of like get in there and get going right now, and we weren’t ready for it. We battled well, but there’s a whole mindset we need to develop, and that’s my job.”

The team’s poor play has had more to do with its cold bats than anything else.

“Pitching is probably our biggest strength, but everybody is behind on hitting right now. All the other coaches [around the

Ocean League] are pretty much saying the same thing about their teams, too,” Duron said.

While the team has showed glimpses of a contender, Samohi lacks the consistency that makes teams elite. The head coach blames himself for the team’s failure to focus at times.

“I need to do a better job in preparing them,” he said. “That’s all it comes down to ... we need to bring intensity every time we step on the field for games and practice.”

However, the team has played better as of late, racking up two straight wins against Hawthorne to open its league play with a 2-0 record. Thursday’s game, a 4-3 come-from-behind victory, showed the team may be developing some resiliency at the right time of the season.

“We were happy to sneak out of there with a win,” Duron said. “These are programs that can play the game. We’re not looking past anybody. We need to compete.”

Still, the coach said he would like to see some of the older players step up into the leadership roles that were vacated when last year’s seniors, including pitching ace Joe McGrew and star sluggers Bryan Eyler and David Castellanos, graduated.

“We’re still searching for leaders,” the coach said. “(Seniors Paul) Salazar and (Zach) Rodriguez are possible, but it’s still a search. We’re still trying to get things sorted out. But as I tell my kids at home, it’s all about the journey.”

Samohi’s journey continues Wednesday in Bell Gardens against Bell Gardens High School. First pitch is set to be thrown at 7 p.m.

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I GOT IT: A group of Samohi ball players converge to catch a fly ball during practice last week.



Photo courtesy Martha Stewart

PIECE OF CUPCAKE: Local bake shop owner Amy Berman was selected to appear on the ‘Martha Stewart Show’ to show-off one of her recipes for cupcakes. Her tasty creation was picked from thousands of entries. Stewart personally chose Berman’s Meyer Lemon Raspberry cupcakes.

Hanging out with Martha Stewart

FROM CP PAGE 1

ing Yummy Cupcakes located across the street.

The bake shop immediately attracted national attention, having write-ups in bridal magazines and trend sites like the Daily Candy, the store became known for its unique old-bakery meets 21st century design.

“I had a man come by the store one day and he said it reminded him of the bake shops in the ‘30s,” Berman said.

Cupcakes have experienced a resurgence in popularity the past few years and entrepreneurs have taken notice, opening specialty shops across the country, including Yummy Cupcakes and Sprinkles in Beverly Hills.

Berman doesn’t believe that cupcakes are a trend that will die out, but rather sees it as something that Americans have rediscovered, tapping into their childhood joys.

“It’s like when Mrs. Fields came out and the cookie shop thing blew up, but there are still cookie shops,” Berman said.

The producers of the “Martha Stewart Show” apparently took notice of the cupcake craze, dedicating a whole week to the lovable treat.

Berman received a message in March from the show asking if she could send over a batch of her best cupcakes. The show’s producers had looked at several hundred cupcake boutiques across the country and Vanilla Bake Shop had caught their eye.

Afraid of the potential damage that could be inflicted on the cupcake’s design, which is part of the treat’s marketability, Berman decided to deliver the baked goods herself, canceling existing travel plans and booking a red-eye out to New York City.

She flew back to Los Angeles that same day and a few days later, heard the good news from the show’s producers.

According to Greta Anthony, the food producer on the Martha Stewart Show, bakers mailed, drove and flew their cupcakes to the studio for a series of tastings by Stewart.

“After tasting hundreds of cupcakes, we selected our favorites, including Amy Berman of Vanilla Bake Shop,” Anthony said. “Not only were Amy’s cupcakes delicious, they were beautifully decorated.”

Stewart’s favorite from Vanilla Bake Shop was the Meyer Lemon Raspberry, Anthony added.

Berman flew back to New York with her husband last Monday, spending the week with her family and filming the show last Wednesday, which aired the same day. The couple flew back on Friday.

She admitted to being nervous about going in front of a camera, after working behind the scenes in television for so many years.

“It was thrilling to meet her,” Berman said of Stewart. “I love Martha Stewart and for us, it was a complete honor.”

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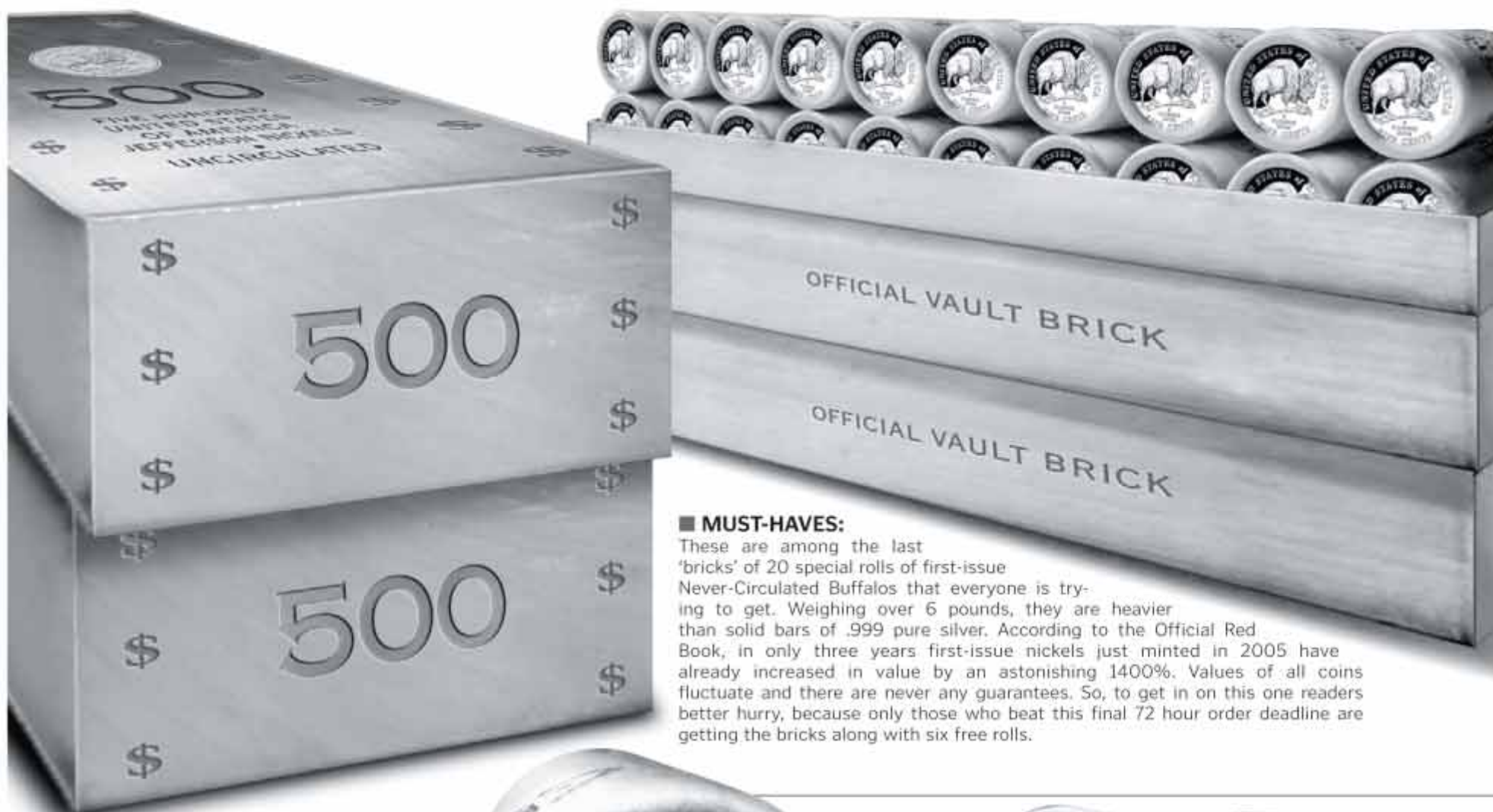
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By Brandon Daily
Universal Media Syndicate

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Mojave Desert tortoises being relocated

By the Associated Press

FORT IRWIN Scientists have begun moving the Mojave Desert's flagship species, the desert tortoise, to make room for tank training at the Army's Fort Irwin despite protests by some conservationists.

The controversial project, billed as the largest desert tortoise move in California history, involves transferring 770 endangered reptiles from Army land to a dozen public plots overseen by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

Fort Irwin has sought to expand its 643,000-acre training site into tortoise terri-

tory for two decades. The Army said it needs an extra 131,000 acres to accommodate faster tanks and longer-range weapons used each month to train some 4,000 troops.

Desert tortoises are the longest-living reptiles in the Southwest with a potential life span of 100 years and can weigh up to 15 pounds. Their population has been threatened in recent years by urbanization, disease and predators including the raven.

Weeks before the relocation, two conservation groups threatened to sue Fort Irwin. The Center for Biological Diversity and Desert Survivors contend that the land set aside for the desert tortoises is too close to

an interstate highway and is plagued with off-road vehicles and illegal dumping that would disturb the animals.

The groups served Fort Irwin with a 60-day notice of intent to sue and plan to file the lawsuit after the desert tortoises have been moved.

"There's still a lot of work that needs to be done to make the relocation site more habitable ... so the animals would survive better there," said Ileene Anderson, a staff biologist with the Center for Biological Diversity.

Fort Irwin lawyers and federal wildlife officials determined the claims were unfounded and decided to go ahead with the \$8.5 million project. The process began last weekend and will last two weeks. The tortoises, including about 67 babies, are being moved into habitats approved by the U.S. Geological Survey and other experts.

"The translocation of tortoises is a very complex process," Fort Irwin spokesman John Wagstaffe said in a recent interview. "You have to move them gently and make sure they don't get stressed during the move."

About a year before the transfer, biologists tagged desert tortoises living in the pro-

posed training expansion area with radio transmitters and took blood tests to make sure they were healthy.

Scientists have a short window to relocate the animals, which recently awakened from winter hibernation and will return to their burrows in the summer.

Last weekend, a group equipped with receivers scanned the desert for signs of the tagged tortoises, placed them in plastic containers and hauled them to their new home. They were given water and released.

Scientists will continue to monitor the relocated tortoises for signs of stress.

Research studies show relocated tortoises typically spend the first year roaming. Over time, they settle down and survive as well as tortoises that stayed put, said Roy Averill-Murray, desert tortoise recovery coordinator with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Reno, Nev.

"We're plopping them down in a new area that they're not familiar with so they spend the first year or so learning their surroundings and where the good burrow sites are," Averill-Murray said Thursday.

Averill-Murray helped plan the Fort Irwin project, but is not involved in the actual move.



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Federal judge blocks uranium firm's test near Grand Canyon

BY BOB CHRISTIE
Associated Press Writer

PHOENIX A federal judge has blocked a mining company from exploring for uranium near the Grand Canyon, agreeing with environmental groups which sued the U.S. Forest Service for approving the plan without full environmental reviews.

The Sierra Club, Grand Canyon Trust and Center for Biological Diversity sued the Forest Service last month for allowing British mining company VANE Minerals Group to drill at up to 39 locations on seven sites on the Kaibab National Forest.

The company is seeking commercial quantities of uranium, which has soared in price in recent years and resulted in a wave of new development.

U.S. District Judge Mary Murguia in Phoenix issued a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction stopping the drilling late Friday after a hearing, said Sandy Bahr, conservation outreach director for the Sierra Club's Arizona chapter.

The Forest Service approved the drilling in December, using a so-called categorical exclusion, a decision which required only minimal environmental review.

Murguia rejected that analysis, Bahr said.

"She basically told the Forest Service that uranium mining and exploration near the Grand Canyon, two miles from the park, is not routine, not non-controversial and they misused the categorical exclusion," Bahr told The Associated Press Saturday.

VANE had begun exploratory drilling at three test sites since the suit was filed, but the judge's order immediately halts operations.

A restraining order does not permanently stop the exploration, but Murguia indicated that the groups were likely to prevail after a full hearing. If that happens, the Forest Service could be required to conduct the full assessment the environmental groups are

seeking.

Forest Service spokeswoman Jackie Denk declined comment Saturday, citing the ongoing litigation.

When it approved the exploration, the Forest Service said the 1872 Mining Law specifically authorizes mining on public lands and it couldn't prohibit the activity. It said it restricted the test bores to areas near existing roads and placed other restrictions on the company's activity.

The environmental groups' suit says federal officials should have considered the proximity of the Grand Canyon, the controversy surrounding uranium mining and the combined effects of four other uranium exploration projects in the area.

"The judge's decision reinforces our belief that the current uranium boom poses the most significant threat that Grand Canyon has faced in many years," the Grand Canyon Trust's Richard Mayol said in a statement. "Grand Canyon isn't the place for new uranium development."

U.S. Rep. Raul Grijalva, D-Ariz., is sponsoring a bill to ban mineral exploration under the 1872 Mining Act from a million acres near the Grand Canyon.

He held a field hearing in Flagstaff on March 28 where Indian leaders, scientists, local business interests and the superintendent of the Grand Canyon National Park warned of dire consequences if uranium mining is allowed to proceed.

Mining proponents, including VANE Minerals' director, sought to assure congressional panelists that uranium mining today is far safer than it was a half-century ago.

The 1.6 million-acre Kaibab National Forest is broken up into three districts and extends both north and south of the Grand Canyon National Park. The test drilling was immediately south of the canyon. There are about 1,600 mining claims on the district where the exploration is planned.



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EarthTalk

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Responsibility is key word for fish

Dear EarthTalk:

How can I find out which seafood to avoid if I am concerned about lessening my impact on the environment and avoiding consuming unhealthy pollutants?

— Pat Kelly, Seattle, WA

SEVERAL DECADES AGO A FISH-CENTRIC diet was considered to be not only healthy but also environmentally friendly. But today those of us who eat a lot of fish may not be doing ourselves or the environment any favor. The two major concerns are overfishing and pollution.

Demand for low-calorie, protein-rich fish has grown tremendously alongside increases in world population. At the same time, the technologies employed for catching seafood have improved to the point that the commercial fishing industry has essentially stripped the ocean of its once teeming fish populations. One recent analysis concluded that only 10 percent of the large predatory fish that once roamed the world's oceans are left, due to overzealous sport and commercial fishing. Another study concluded that three-quarters of the world's fisheries are either fully fished or overfished.

Pollution from industrial, agricultural

and other everyday activities like electricity generation and automobile driving has also taken a serious toll on the health of the remaining fish species. Scientists routinely find unsafe levels of mercury, PCBs, dioxins, pesticides and other harsh toxins in the fat, internal organs and even muscle tissue of many different kinds of fish.

According to Seafood Watch, a project of the Monterey Bay Aquarium that works to educate the public about the seafood crisis, consumers can make a difference by getting educated so as to make smart choices about what seafood to avoid. Consumers can download and print out free Seafood Watch pocket guides to the "best choices" across six different regions of the U.S. — after all, what's abundant and sustainably harvested in your area may not be the same for someone across the country.

Another convenient way to get the low-down on the fish you may be contemplating buying at the grocer or a restaurant is to text "30644" with the message "FISH," followed by the name of the specific fish in question. In a few seconds, an automated response will come back from the non-profit Blue Ocean Network's FishPhone service with informa-



Photo courtesy Getty Images

BAD CATCH: The commercial fishing industry has essentially stripped the ocean of its once teeming fish populations. Pollution from industrial, agricultural and other everyday activities has also taken a serious toll on the health of the fish that remain.

tion on the status of the fish in question — and alternatives, should Blue Ocean consider the fish an undesirable choice.

The basic skinny on fish consumption is that if you like it, you should eat it, but responsibly — that means in moderation and armed with the proper knowledge of which types of fish to buy and which to avoid.

For those looking to cut down on or eliminate seafood from their diets but still gain the health benefits of eating fish, plenty of alternatives exist. As most vegetarians know, beans, tofu and many nuts can be significant alternative sources of protein. And

walnuts, flaxseed and hemp oil/seeds are all rich in the Omega-3 fatty acids common in many fish and thought to help ward off heart disease, cancer, macular degeneration (age-related blindness), arthritis and inflammatory disorders.

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Investigators review VA credit situation

BY HOPE YEN

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON Veterans Affairs employees last year racked up hundreds of thousands of dollars in government credit-card bills at casino and luxury hotels, movie theaters and high-end retailers such as Sharper Image and Franklin Covey — and government auditors are investigating, citing past spending abuses.

All told, VA staff charged \$2.6 billion to their government credit cards.

The Associated Press, through a Freedom of Information request, obtained the VA list of 3.1 million purchases made in the 2007 budget year. The list offers a detailed look into the everyday spending at the government's second largest department.

By and large, it reveals few outward signs of questionable spending, with hundreds of purchases at prosthetic, orthopedic and other medical supply stores.

But there are multiple charges that have caught the eye of government investigators.

At least 13 purchases totaling \$8,471 were charged at Sharper Image, a specialty store featuring high-tech electronics and gizmos such as robotic barking dogs. In addition, 19 charges worth \$1,999.56 were made at Franklin Covey, which sells leather totes and planners geared toward corporate executives.

Government reports in 2004 said these two companies, by virtue of the types of products they market, would "more likely be selling unauthorized or personal use items" to federal employees.

Many of the 14,000 VA employees with credit cards, who work at headquarters in Washington and at medical centers around the nation, also spent tens of thousands of dollars at Wyndham hotels in places such as San Diego, Orlando, Fla., and on the riverfront in Little Rock, Ark. One-time charges ranged up to \$8,000.

On at least six occasions, employees based at VA headquarters made credit card charges at Las Vegas casino hotels totaling \$26,198.

VA spokesman Matt Smith the department was reviewing these and other purchases as part of its routine oversight of employee spending. He noted that many of the purchases at Sharper Image and other stores included clocks for low-vision veterans, humidifiers, air purifiers, alarm devices

and basic planner products.

Smith said all the casino hotel expenditures in 2007 were for conferences and related expenses. He said the spending was justified because Las Vegas is a place where "VA is building a new medical center and an increasing number of veterans are calling home."

"The Department of Veterans Affairs, like many public and private groups, hosts conferences and meetings in Las Vegas due to the ease of participant travel, the capacity of the facilities, and the overall cost associated with hosting a conference," he said.

According to VA policy, purchase cards may be used at hotels to rent conference rooms or obtain audiovisual equipment or other items for VA meetings. They should not be used to reserve lodging. Auditors long have urged the VA to adopt policies to encourage use of free conference rooms. Auditors previously faulted the agency for booking rooms at expensive casino hotels without evidence it first had sought free space.

In the coming weeks, auditors at the Government Accountability Office and the VA inspector general's office are to issue reports on purchase card use and spending controls at the VA and other agencies. The reports are expected to show lingering problems at the VA, which auditors cited in 2004 for lax spending controls that wasted up to \$1.1 million.

The list of charges provided to the AP gives the vendor, amount purchased, location and employee name; in most cases it does not indicate the specific item purchased. Requests by the AP for lists of the additional data in a timely manner were repeatedly declined on privacy and proprietary grounds.

The VA list shows that some credit-card holders took a modest route. VA employees in locations such as Portland, Ore., Gainesville, Fla., and Sheridan, Wyo., had charges for Motel 6 and Travelodge inns. One VA headquarters employee appears to have passed up casino hotels by booking at a Holiday Inn Express in Las Vegas for \$787.75.

"For government travel and other spending, you have to be mindful of the appearances you're creating," said Steve Ellis, vice president of the watchdog group Taxpayers for Common Sense.

Nation's lawmakers heavily invested in defense industry

BY ANNE FLAHERTY

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON Members of Congress have as much as \$196 million collectively invested in companies doing business with the Defense Department, earning millions since the onset of the Iraq war, according to a study by a nonpartisan research group.

Not all the companies in which lawmakers invested are typical defense contractors. Corporations such as PepsiCo, IBM, Microsoft and Johnson & Johnson have at one point received defense-related contracts, notes the report by the Washington-based Center for Responsive Politics.

The center's review of lawmakers' 2006 financial disclosure statements suggests that members' holdings could pose a conflict of interest as they decide the fate of Iraq war spending. Several members earning money from these contractors have plum committee or leadership assignments, including Democratic Sen. John Kerry, independent Sen. Joseph Lieberman and House Republican Whip Roy Blunt.

The study found that more Republicans than Democrats hold stock in defense companies, but that the Democrats who are invested had significantly more money at stake. In 2006, for example, Democrats held at least \$3.7 million in military-related investments, compared to Republican investments of \$577,500.

Overall, 151 members hold investments worth \$78.7 million to \$195.5 million in companies that receive defense contracts that are worth at least \$5 million. These investments earned them anywhere between \$15.8 million and \$62 million between 2004 and 2006, the center concludes.

It is unclear how many members still hold these investments and exactly how much money has been made. Disclosure reports for 2007 aren't due until this May. Also, members are required to report only a general range of their holdings.

According to the report, presidential hopefuls Barack Obama and John McCain did not report any defense-related holdings on their filings; Hillary Rodham Clinton did note holdings in such companies as Honeywell, Boeing and Raytheon, but sold the stock in May

2007. All three candidates are members of the Senate.

Earning dividends from companies tied to the military "could be problematic" for lawmakers who oversee defense policy and budgeting, noted the center's Lindsay Renick Mayer. Avoiding every company with a military contract, however, would not be easy for an investor.

"So common are these companies, both as personal investments and as defense contractors, it would appear difficult to build a diverse blue-chip stock portfolio without at least some of them," Mayer wrote.

Kerry, D-Mass., a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, is identified as earning the most — at least \$2.6 million between 2004 and 2006 from investments worth up to \$38.2 million.

Spokesman David Wade said Kerry, who staunchly opposes the war in Iraq, is one of many beneficiaries of family trusts that he doesn't control. Wade also noted that Kerry does not sit on the Appropriations Committee, which has direct control of the defense budget.

"He has a 24-year Senate record of working and voting in the best interests of our men and women in the military, not of any defense contractors," Wade said.

Lieberman, I-Conn., chairman of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee and a member of the Armed Services Committee, held a considerably smaller share at \$51,000. A spokesman said the senator, who supports continued operations in Iraq, is "careful to make his policy decisions based only on what is best for the country."

A spokesman for Blunt, R-Mo., a senior member of House GOP leadership who held at least \$15,000 in Lockheed Martin stock in 2006, said the insinuation that lawmakers' votes might be affected by their portfolios is "offensive." Like Lieberman, Blunt has been a fierce supporter of the war.

"I don't pretend to speak for other offices, but I am fairly certain that no member would consider their personal finances when voting on issues as important as sending our men and women in uniform into harm's way," said Blunt spokesman Nick Simpson. The Lockheed Martin stock was given to Blunt's wife by her mother, he said.

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Town braces for influx of Canadians

BY SHANNON DININNY

Associated Press Writer

OROVILLE, Wash. A string of new, '50s-style cottages with cheerfully shaded shingles line the southeast shore of Osoyoos Lake, a long finger lake straddling the U.S.-Canada border. The vacation village brings to mind nostalgic days of beachside leisure. Even the screen doors slam.

The cottages have all been sold, and more are being built to meet demand from Canadians, who are snapping up vacation homes in the U.S. as Americans watch their wallets and sell their second homes amid a housing crunch.

For Oroville, a sleepy border town that hasn't experienced growth like this in decades, the development means big changes ahead. Longtime residents wondering what the future holds worry they need only look to Canada's side of the lake for a clue: crowded condominiums, sprawling resorts and a wine region touted as Canada's only desert hotspot.

"Probably 80 percent of the inquiries I get are Canadian," said city planner Chris Branch, who previously split his time between two rural north-central Washington towns but has gone full-time to accommodate Oroville's growth in the second-home market.

The city has seen an 80 percent increase in construction in the past 10 years. Probably 80 percent of that construction is by Canadian developers, Branch said.

And the developers say upward of 80 per-

cent of the home buyers are Canadian.

"The Canadians are just running out of space, and affordable space at that, so it's driving them across the border," he said.

Last fall, the "loonie" reached parity with the U.S. dollar for the first time since 1976. The falling dollar has put all foreign buyers at a significant advantage, giving them a discount of about 30 percent on U.S. property, said Walter Molony, spokesman for the National Association of Realtors. And in terms of vacation property, "sites that are on the water command the best price."

Even if they are in rural sagebrush with warm days and cool nights.

Oroville started out as a service point for area miners, then evolved into a heavy agriculture town surrounded by acres of apple orchards. Many of those fields have since been pulled out, though, as the apple industry wilted. Six of the 11 fruit warehouses now sit empty.

City officials have been trying to recruit businesses to an industrial park for years, with only limited success. While the population of 1,600 has remained steady for 20 years, it's likely to decline if more businesses and jobs aren't drawn to the area, said Chuck Spieth, mayor for eight years.

"It's not like these are high paying jobs, but it's better than nothing. We've been stagnant for too long," he said. "I want to see the growth. I definitely do. We need that to survive. But we need to really step back and make sure it's for the longer term."

Not everyone is thrilled to see Oroville become a tourist town. City Councilman Jon

Neal, born and raised in Oroville, fears local residents will be priced out of their homes.

Property prices around the lake have skyrocketed — from just \$200,000 for a single-family home several years ago to \$1 million today. Real estate offices are booming.

Osoyoos, Canada's resort town, also goes from a ghost town in the winter, with about 3,500 year-round residents, to more than 20,000 people in the busy summer season.

"Which is one of the things I don't want to see Oroville do," he said. "Change is inevitable. It's the nature of things.

"But you don't have to like it," he said with a laugh.

Jim Bankson, who handles rental sales for the new resort Veranda Beach, said he doesn't hear much resistance thanks to the windfall many residents saw by selling property.

"The tourism industry is the one saving grace for Oroville," Bankson said. "It's pretty much been proven that people are pulling out orchards because they can't make money growing apples here."

And despite the detractors, he said, some residents have seen opportunity in the growth.

One man started a landscaping business and has garnered the resort's business. In town, some women started a grocery shopping service, stocking cupboards and refrigerators for vacationers who are renting houses for only a week or two.

The lone remaining apple co-op that

entered the wine business in 2000, hoping to capitalize on the 50-plus wineries in Canada's Okanagan Valley just 5 miles to the north, now enjoys competition on the U.S. side. Recently, three new wineries opened.

"We'd love to see more wineries. Who wants to drive all this way for one tasting?" said Mike Buckmiller, winemaker for Okanogan Estate and Vineyards. (The Americans spell Okanogan with an 'o').

Acidity in the region's soil, so perfect for tomatoes grown for a local canning plant decades ago, also lends itself well to wine grapes, Buckmiller said. And even as local grape growers experiment with new varieties, wineries to the north haven't been shy to share advice.

"They were wide open with information and how to get it. My hat's off to them, because they never tried to keep anything under their belts," he said. "And I don't think there's anything wrong with riding on their shirttails."

Spieth, the mayor, said the trick will be attracting businesses and jobs that last year-round, not just in the warm summer months.

"It's an exciting time for our little area," he said. "We share the same lake, the same opportunities, the same climate. We should benefit, too."

As to whether Oroville wants to be a tourist town, he said, "I don't think we have a choice at this point."

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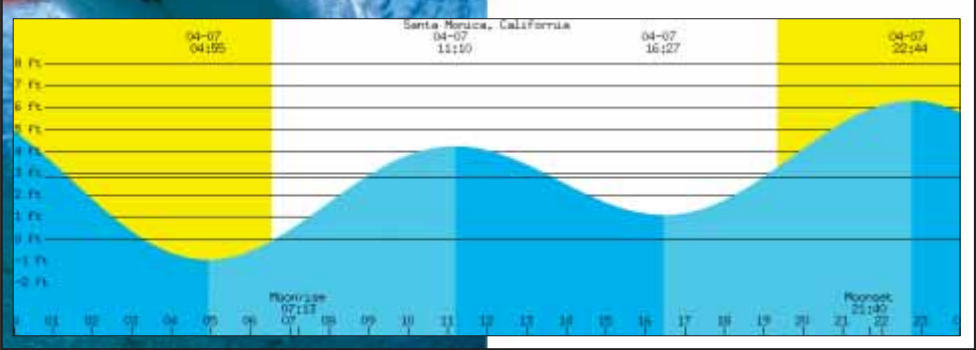


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Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Aliso creeks	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	A	ns
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Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	ns	Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	F	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	A	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	F	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	D	ns	Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach	B	ns	Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	ns
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	ns	Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	ns	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	ns
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Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	A	ns	North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A	ns
Tuna Canyon	A	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	ns
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NCAA BASKETBALL

UCLA feeling the pain — yet again

BY BETH HARRIS
AP Sports Writer

SAN ANTONIO Defense has carried UCLA to three consecutive Final Four appearances. It has yet to earn them a national championship under coach Ben Howland.

The Memphis Tigers spent Sunday talking about playing in Monday night's title game against Kansas. The bummed-out Bruins flew home to Los Angeles, still feeling the pain of a 78-63 clawing by the Tigers in the semifinals.

Two years ago, Florida played stifling defense and forced the Bruins into 36 percent shooting from the floor and 12 turnovers in the championship game. Last year, the Gators again trumped the Bruins in the semifinals.

This time, UCLA was stymied by Memphis' speed-up offense and athletic bunch of players. They caused the Bruins to shoot 37.5 percent and commit 12 turnovers. The 15-point loss was their worst of the season.

"We did what we have been doing all year, but it just wasn't enough," Josh Shipp said. "We had a good season, but for UCLA standards it was disappointing."

Asked what has to change for the Bruins to win at the Final Four, Howland replied, "Every year's different. I don't know if there's some sweeping change that we need. It's very difficult to get here. Unfortunately for us, we've run up against now three really good teams."

The Bruins finished 35-4, a school record for victories and three more than the old mark set by the 1995 national championship team and tied in 2006.

They brought a 14-game winning streak into the national semifinal, including a 51-49 comeback victory over Texas A&M in the second round and an 88-78 win against Western Kentucky in the regional semifinal after frittering away most of a 21-point half-time lead.

But Memphis' backcourt of freshman Derrick Rose (25 points, nine rebounds) and Chris Douglas-Roberts (28 points) overwhelmed the Bruins' Darren Collison and Russell Westbrook. Rose also proved the better rookie against UCLA freshman phenom Kevin Love, who had 12 points and nine rebounds while double-teamed.

"I thought this was our best team, our best chance," said Howland, the first coach since John Wooden to take the Bruins to three consecutive Final Four appearances. "I told our team after the game, 'Only one team is going to leave San Antonio completely satisfied.' I'm just sorry it's not going to be us."

The Bruins will lose center Lorenzo Mata-Real, their only senior who gave up his starting spot without complaint after Love arrived and then played solid defense off the bench.

"This is tough to finish like this, but I thank the guys for the ride we have had," he said.

Now, the question is how many of UCLA's five starters will return or jump to the NBA draft.

Love was forecast to be a one-and-done before he arrived in Westwood. He scored in double figures in all 39 games and posted 23 double-doubles.

"I'll be in class on Monday," he said. "I haven't given any thought about if it's my last college game."

Collison has dictated the Bruins' offense and defense through the three Final Four appearances, but the point guard slumped in the tournament. The junior went 1-for-9 with two points and fouled out against Memphis. He had more fouls (11) than baskets (nine) in his final three tournament games and also fouled out against Western Kentucky.

"To get here three times in a row and not to win all those three times, it's really frustrating," Collison said. "You're always thinking how I can get over that hump. Last year, it was painful. This year, it's even more painful."

Westbrook had a career game against the Tigers, scoring 22 points. Shipp was mired in a shooting slump for the most critical stretch of the season. The junior forward hit two 3-pointers early in Saturday night's game, then cooled off again.

Luc Richard Mbah a Moute played through the postseason with a sprained left ankle and provided valuable scoring while averaging 10.3 rebounds in the tournament. He had 12 points and 13 rebounds against the Tigers and became the first player to start a Final Four game for the third straight year since 1999-01.

"I want to win a championship. Coming here three years in a row and losing really doesn't feel good," said Mbah a Moute, whose parents traveled from Cameroon to see their son play a college game in person for the first time. "Hopefully, I have a chance to do it again next year."

Besides Mata-Real, reserves Alfred Aboya and James Keefe contributed valuable minutes. Keefe emerged when Mbah a Moute hurt his ankle during the Pac-10 tournament, and the sophomore forward scored a career-high 18 points against Western Kentucky. Michael Roll, a consistent 3-point shooter, will return from his medical red-shirt next season.

But the Bruins almost need one of their guards to leave because of the glut of players coming in at that position. Jrue Holiday, Jerime Anderson and Malcolm Lee, a trio standing 6-foot-plus, are signed for next season. Also arriving is Drew Gordon, a 6-8 forward-center.

Holiday can guard three different positions, run the point or play shooting guard.

"He's a nightmare matchup for people," Howland said. "He's a very good defender and is unbelievably competitive."

Lee can play point or at the off-guard position because of his shooting abilities.

"I've already threatened him that I'm going to pull him out of the game if he doesn't shoot more once he gets to UCLA because he's such a good shooter," Howland said. "Malcolm can be a lock-down defender because he has very quick feet."

Knowing who the Bruins have and who's coming in, Shipp looked ahead.

"I think that the majority of the guys will be back," he said. "We're definitely thinking about another try. Being at UCLA, that is our goal to win championships, and we are going to try to get back next year."

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★★★ Sometimes the less said the better. Today is a prime example. Gather facts. A partner plays a very important role in your decisions. Tonight: Mull over your options.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Sometimes giving in to your innate moodiness proves to be effective, but not right now. Move with certainty as you notice that others are far more willing to bend than they have been in a while. Tonight: Out and about.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Don't even think you can escape the limelight. Responsibilities might be heavy, but others are watching your ability to perform to the max. Tonight: A must show.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ You might want to take an overview, even if you think everything is moving just as you'd like. Don't hesitate to rethink a problem or concept. Seek out someone at a distance. You'll both enjoy a long-overdue chat. Tonight: Take in new vistas.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Working with one other person comes naturally. You like relating to others, and you do it well. A very serious tone might be hard to deal with. Your sense of humor lightens up the moment. Tonight: Chat over dinner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ You might think that others are rather full of themselves, and you are not far from wrong. Each person must discover his limits on his own. Tonight: Why not go out for dinner?

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★★★★ Accomplish your to-do list. Focus and concentration come naturally. You listen to feedback from others, but you also understand a situation from your unique perspective. Listen to news openly. Tonight: Get some exercise.

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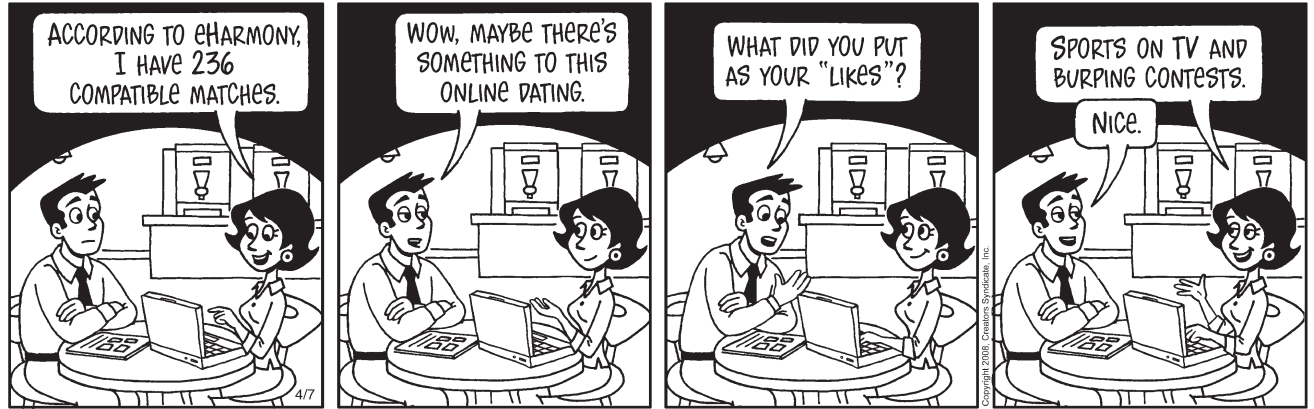
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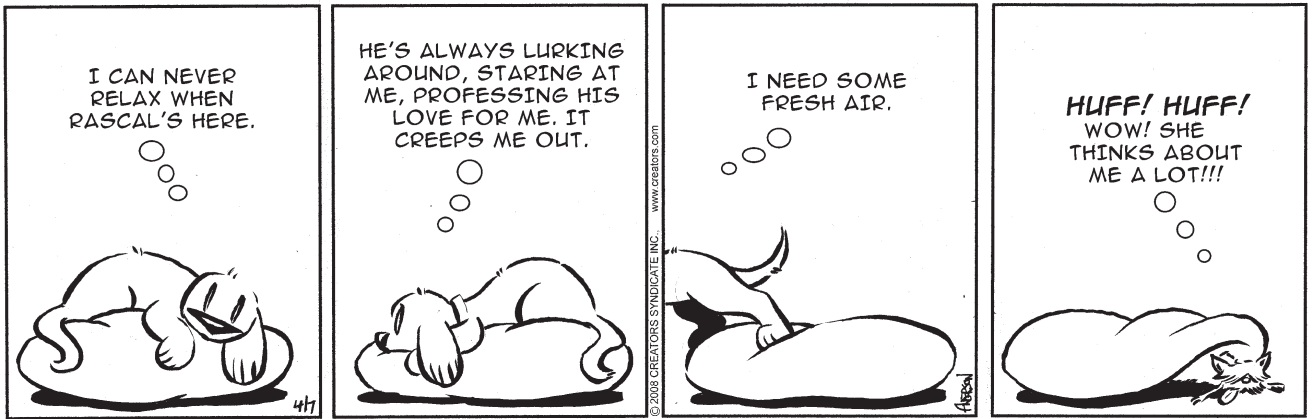
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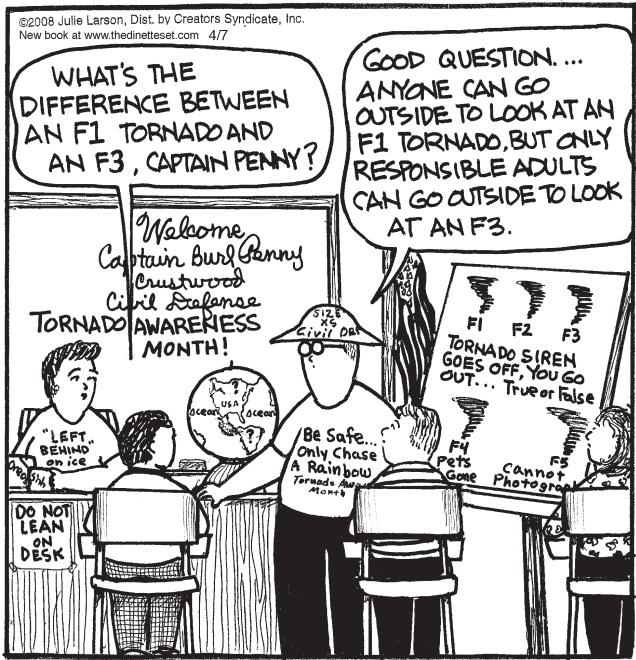


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BY CHUCK SHEPARD

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■ A 17-year-old man was arrested in January and charged with burglary in Tempe, Ariz., based on a victim's description, which included the observation that the man was wearing "monkey-printed pajamas" during the crime.

■ William Torres, 21, was arrested in Allentown, Pa., and charged in connection with two homicides; he was taken into custody after a Friday afternoon traffic stop in January, wearing a hooded sweat-shirt, pajama bottoms and fuzzy slippers with a lion's face.

■ Petty Criminals: A 43-year-old alleged shoplifter was arrested in Newburgh, N.Y., in January with 42 items under his clothes as he left a store, but the items' total value was only \$132.07.

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1966 the U.S. Navy recovered a hydrogen bomb it had lost off the coast of Spain.

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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
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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
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90402-1105
Type of License(s) Applied for: 67 –
ON-SALE WINE BED AND BREAKFAST
INN.
Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control
INGLEWOOD.
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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
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Date: MAR. 12, 2008
PATRICIA M. SCHNEGG, JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE
NO. 20080338723 FIRST FILING. The following
person(s) is (are) doing business as GBWORKS,
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full name of registrant(s) is/are : GLEN BOLDT,
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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. 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. 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. 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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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

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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

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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. 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. 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

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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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20080451713 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 names listed on (Date)1/1/2008. /s/:

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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 : KAUU 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/: KAUU VANHAN

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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

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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. 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

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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 : FELIPE 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/: FELIPE 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 GABRIEL, 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 PALLARES

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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. 20080575659 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LARRY'S SHAVER SHOP, 821 WILSHIRE BLVD., SANTA MONICA, CA 90401, LA COUNTY. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : DONALD CHARLES DILLON, 21602 SO. FIGUEROA, #30, CARSON, CA 90745 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)9/1/1998. /s/: DONALD C. DILLON

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20080552213 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as DAVE KING, DAVE KING PROUCTION 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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20080502213 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as DIGITAL ALLIANCE, 2434 5TH ST. #101, SANTA MONICA, CA. 90405, L.A.. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : KERRY GRIMES, 2434 5TH ST. #101, SANTA MONICA, CA. 90405 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: KERRY GRIMES

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20080531012 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as WESTSIDE MORTGAGE, INC., WESTSIDE REALTY INVESTMENTS, INC., 225 S. LAKE AVE. # 545 PASADENA, CA 91101. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : EQUITY PROPERTY MANAGEMENT 225 S. LAKE AVE. # 545 PASADENA, CA 91101 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)1/1/2008. /s/:

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20080559480 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as HAWAIIAN FROZEN CUSTARD INTERNATIONAL; AQUALINE LANDSCAPE & GARDENING SERVICE, 4805 COOLIDGE AVE, CULVER CITY, CA 90230, LA COUNTY. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : JEFFREY

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TERUO ONDO, 4805 COOLIDGE AVE, CULVER CITY, CA 90230 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/: JEFFREY TERUO ONDO

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20080539233 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LEMA AUTO SALES, 321 E. ANAHEIM ST. WILMINGTON, CA 90744. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : JUAN MADERA 118 W. 231ST ST. CARSON, CA 90745 ARISTIDES LEZMA 2821 DELTA AVE. LONG BEACH, CA 90810 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/: JUAN MADERA

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20080539771 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as M & T AUTO SERVICE, 9022 HEHEL ST. BELLFLOWER, CA 90706. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : MICHAEL G. HANNA 9022 HEHEL ST. BELLFLOWER, CA 90706 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: MICHAEL G. HANNA

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20080576469 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LIMON WHI-TAKER & MORGAN TAX ADVISORS, 9595 WILSHIRE BLVD. STE. 900 BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90212. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : NOREEN CENTENO 9595 WILSHIRE BLVD. STE. 900 BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90212 ROBERT L. DANIEL 9595 WILSHIRE BLVD. STE. 900 BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90212 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/: NOREEN CENTENO

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20080559212 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as EDWARD HERBST, AUTUMN ASSOCIATES, 10811 WASHINGTON BLVD. #375 CULVER CITY, CA 90232. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : EDWARD HERBST 2165 GUTHRIE DR. LOS ANGELES, CA 90034 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20080559644 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CARGO-TRANSPORTATION SOLUTIONS, 20810 TOMLEE AVE. TORRANCE, CA 90503. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : M R D ENTERPRISES CORPORATION 20810 TOMLEE AVE. TORRANCE, CA 90503 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. 20080578655 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as KINDESS TRANSLATION & IMMIGRATION CONSULTING, 199 W. GARVEY AVE. # 201 MONTEREY PARK, CA 91754. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : LING CHENG 1023 W. DUARTE RD. # 3 ARCADIA, CA 91007 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/: LING CHENG

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20080550045 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as NAILS BOUTIQUE, 6732 BRIGHT AVE. WHITTIER, CA 90601. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : THUY PHUONG TRUONG 3350 GREENDALE AVE. ROSEMEAD, CA 91770 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: THUY PHUONG TRUONG

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20080549102 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as A & J DIAZ TRUCKING, 6241 E. GAGE AVE. BELL GARDENS, CA 90201. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : JORGE A. DIAZ 6241 E. GAGE AVE. BELL GARDENS, CA 90201 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: JORGE A. DIAZ

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20080473887 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LITTLE ME COSMETICS, 1316 26TH ST, APT A, SANTA MONICA, CA 90404. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : TRACEY MCCRARY, 1316 26TH ST, APT A, SANTA MONICA, CA 90404 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: TRACEY MCCRARY

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20080576246 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as JADE STORE, 9705 GRANDEE AVE. LOS ANGELES, CA 90002. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ISAUARA MARTINON 6103 CONVERSE AVE. LOS ANGELES, CA 90001 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/: ISAUARA MARTINON

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20080576472 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LIFELINE CREDIT SOLUTION, 2850 SOUTH ST. APT 1 LONG BEACH, CA 90805. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : GREGORY PHILLIPS 2850 SOUTH ST. APT 1 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/: GREGORY PHILLIPS

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20080578037 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as NEW CONCEPT JANITORIAL SERVICE, 1590 E. 48TH ST. LOS ANGELES, CA 90011. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : MARIO M. NERI 1590 E. 48TH ST. LOS ANGELES, CA 90011 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: MARIO M. NERI

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20080559383 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as INSTITUTO DE LIDERES, 424 CLOVERLEAF DR. STE D BALDWIN PARK, CA 90640. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : VISION UNIVERSAL CORP 424 CLOVERLEAF DR. STE D BALDWIN PARK, 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. 20080549303 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as GOLDEN PACIFIC NEPHROLOGY MEDICAL CLINIC, INC., 228 N. GARFIELD AVE. STE. 201 MONTEREY PARK, CA 91754. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : PACIFIC NEPHROLOGY MEDICAL GROUP 960 WINSTON AVE. SAN MARINO, CA 91108 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)6/12/2003. /s/:

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20080543503 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as FOUNDERS CAPITAL INSURANCE SERVICES; FCIS AI #/ON A0672913, 6739 ODESSA AVENUE, VAN NUYS, CA 91406. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : KIT & DEKER, INC., 6739 ODESSA AVENUE, VAN NUYS, CA 91406, (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/: NAREG KITSINIAN, CO-PRESIDENT

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Name Changes

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. SS016623
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles

Petition of JAYNNE BELA TYLOR for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner or Attorney: JAYNNE BELLA TYLOR filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: JAYNNE BELA TYLOR to JEAN-NINE STEPHANIE SMITH. 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: MAY 22, 2008 Time: 8:30AM, Dept. A., Room 104
The address of the court is 1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401.
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press.
Date: APRIL 1, 2008
GERALD ROSENBERG, JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Judge Pro Tem
4/7/2008, 4/14/2008, 4/21/2008, 4/28/2008

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