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NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

According to an Agence France-Presse story from Wavrechain-sous-Denain, France, a 3-year-old mastiff named Pako, once again abusing a lamppost as he lifted his leg and relieved himself, was electrocuted when his stream hit the metal pole, which (following an act by vandals) had a loose lamp wire touching it.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 143rd day of 2005.
There are 222 days left in the year.

On May 23, 1934, bank robbers Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow were shot to death in a police ambush in Bienville Parish, La.

In 1701, Captain William Kidd was hanged in London after being convicted of piracy and murder.

In 1788, South Carolina became the eighth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1937, industrialist John D. Rockefeller died in Ormond Beach, Fla.

In 1944, during World War II, Allied forces bogged down in Anzio began a major breakout offensive.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"He who cannot rest, cannot work; he who cannot let go, cannot hold on; he who cannot find footing, cannot go forward."

HENRY EMERSON FOSDICK
AMERICAN CLERGYMAN (1878-1969)

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Airport Park moving forward

SMC plans for parking garage pushed aside

BY RYAN HYATT
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — The long-awaited Airport Park has been approved for development.

The decision by the City Council to award an \$8 million construction contract comes after Santa Monica College offered to

pay for the park, in exchange for permission to build an underground parking garage beneath it.

The City Council awarded the contract earlier this month to Los Angeles Engineering, Inc., to develop the Airport Park, an eight-acre site at the southeast corner of the Santa Monica Airport. In addition, Black & Veatch has been awarded \$500,000 for construction management services associ-

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SM production company aggressively eyes industry

BY RYAN HYATT
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN — Backers of a small Santa Monica production company are hopeful that they're going to be a part of the first big movie studio of the 21st Century.

The Vine Entertainment has just completed its first full-length feature, "Taking Charge," and with it, the company's creators said they have taken the first steps in a business plan intended to resurrect the class and prestige of the original studios that pioneered the heydays of Hollywood.

"We're a throw back to the old

days," said Gino Cabanas, Vine's chief executive officer. "We'll be producing feature films and television shows from conception to completion, under one roof."

The Vine Entertainment is a two-year-old production company that has raised \$60 million from private investors in order to make movies. Vine's headquarters is a large white house with a pool. The rooms serve as office space. The firm is one of several entertainment-related businesses located in a quaint artistic village on the 1300 block of Ocean Avenue.

"Taking Charge," directed by Cabanas and produced by

Down on the farm



Fabian Lewkowicz/Special to the Daily Press

Children visit the farm animals in the petting zoo at the Erase Illiteracy Carnival that was held in Santa Monica Heritage Square on Saturday.

Matthew Fisher, is described as a cautionary tale of a spoiled girl named Patricia (played by Amanda Brooks) who takes matters into her own hands after she is cut off by her billionaire father (Malcom McDowell). She talks her boyfriend (Thomas Ian Nicholas) into robbing a check-cashing business. Things don't go as planned, however, as the couple is forced to take an ambulance hostage and end up being chased by the police across Tucson, Ariz.

Filmed for \$10 million, "Taking Charge" is one of six full-

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Ryan Hyatt/Daily Press

Matthew Fisher (left) and Gino Cabanas lead Vine Entertainment.

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Koubek passes Duke b-ball principles to Santa Monica

BY RYAN HYATT
Daily Press Writer

The first person in NCAA basketball tournament history to play four times in the Final Four has brought the skills learned from his college career at Duke University to Santa Monica, where he now lives.

Greg Koubek, 36, was born in Clifton Park, N.Y. Raised Catholic in a family of 11, Koubek was the youngest of four brothers who learned early in such a large household the importance of paving your own way in life. Playing basketball

since the age of 5, Koubek realized by high school that his favorite sport might be his ticket to a free college education. Graduating from Shenendowa High School in 1987, he and his family were visited by top recruiters from around the country, who talked up their great collegiate basketball programs. Koubek decided to attend Duke University, where he believed coach Mike Krzyzewski, also known as "Coach K," offered him the best opportunity for a suc-

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Mystery photo



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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ Your talent as a juggler emerges, or certainly needs to. Listen to everyone, but see if you can find a way to bring opposing sides together. Break past obvious thinking and seek new concepts. Tonight: Listen to some music.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Others need to listen and study their financial potential. You might not have the answers. Others might not either, but a brainstorming session will open up new possibilities. Find someone with a novel way of thinking. Tonight: Work as a team.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Others want your feedback and ask for your ideas. Although you might be contradicted, don't take differing opinions personally. You are in a process of seeking out a workable situation. Tonight: Go along with another's thoughts ... for now.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ You might be overly tired or dragged down. You might need to cover many different bases. Know that answers don't come easily. Actually, solutions come through conversation. Some of you haven't thought of the answer yet. Tonight: Remember, you don't have to do everything at once.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You see what others don't. Conflict or differences of opinion run high. Instead of getting into a black-or-white situation, use the many different thoughts to find a new path. Use your innate ingenuity. Delightful ideas pop up. Tonight: Let your hair down.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Don't think that anything is written in stone. You will discover just how much can happen or go in another direction. Be flexible and see the reasonableness in others' ways. You can turn a conflict into a solution at the end of it all. Tonight: At home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You say a lot very quickly. Still, choose your words with care. Misunderstandings come from out the blue. If you keep a broad outlook, you will find answers. Stay open and inquisitive. The outcome could surprise you. Tonight: Swap ideas over dinner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Sometimes you should let go of a need to control. Establish your personal boundaries, and then don't worry. Remember, you have the final say in an investment or expenditure. Check out different money options. Tonight: Pay bills.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ The Full Moon tosses you into the limelight. Whether you like it or not, your decisions and actions are pivotal. Others push to get answers. Know when to say you've had enough. Claim your power. You will need to. Tonight: Just ask.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Pressure builds during this Full Moon, adding to your fatigue and sensitivity. Let others make major decisions. Defer as much as you can. Recognize that you could be overly emotional right now. Take a walk to clear the air. Tonight: Get some extra sleep.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ This Full Moon tosses you into a position of gaining and growing. Friendship plays an important role in achieving your goals. The feelings and opinions of others lead you in the right direction. Don't forget that special person. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Others dump more than your fair share of responsibility on you. Assume this responsibility, and you'll achieve a lot more than many. Why do you think so many people throw their work on you? Tonight: Every hour counts.

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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS



Photo courtesy of the Boys & Girls Club of Santa Monica

Game room fun brings prizes, trophies

By Daily Press staff

It's all fun and games at the Boys & Girls Club of Santa Monica. Youth from around Los Angeles converged in Santa Monica earlier this month for the club's "First Annual Gamesroom Tournament."

The youth, ages 7 to 18, were split into various age groups and competed in nine-ball pool, bumper pool, foosball and ping-pong. The competition brought together kids of different backgrounds and from different communities as they played and competed together.

Participating clubs were Boys & Girls Club of Malibu (MAL), Boys & Girls Club of Burbank (BUR) and Variety Boys & Girls Club (VAR). The afternoon was hosted at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica and coordinated by Edwing Villeda, the club's social recreation director. In all, 52 kids reached for the prize: 1st through 3rd place individual medals and 1st through 3rd place team trophies. Each participant received a goody bag and was entered into a raffle.

The 7 to 10 age group winners were:

Nine ball — 1. Deseri Hernandez (VAR), 2. Dominic Aguas (BUR), 3. Diego Soto (MAL)

Foosball — 1. Kevin Sanchez (VAR), 2. Perry Watson (BUR), 3. Armondo Gomez (VAR)

Ping-pong — 1. Deserie Hernandez (VAR), 2. Jesse Vasquez (SM)

Bumper pool — 1. Anthony Zapeda (SM), 2. Diego Soto (MAL), 3. Javier Nores (BUR)

The 11-13 age group winners were:

Nine ball — 1. Julio Jaramillo (VAR), 2. Basil Barkas (SM), 3. Joel Farias (BUR)

Foosball — 1. Julio Jaramillo (VAR), 2. Jesus Alvarez (VAR), 3. Krys Savina (BUR)

Ping-pong — 1. Nicholas Hernandez (VAR), 2. Julian Rivera (SM), 3. Steven Zapeda (SM)

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SURF REPORT

NW wind swell diminishes in the next couple of days, with smaller surf on tap as we enter the coming holiday weekend. Monday the NW wind swell continues with a slight increase in SW ground swell. Not much change is expected from Sunday.

Today the water is:

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	Morning	Height	Evening	Height	Morning	Height	Evening	Height
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SUNDAY	3:18	-0.6	2:26	1.7	9:33	3.8	8:47	6.3
MONDAY	4:00	-1.0	3:00	1.9	10:23	3.7	9:22	6.5
TUESDAY	4:44	-1.3	3:37	2.1	11:16	3.6	10:02	6.6
WEDNESDAY	5:33	-1.4	4:18	2.3	12:14	3.5	10:46	6.5
THURSDAY	6:25	-1.3	5:08	2.6	1:17	3.4	11:36	6.2
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The Q Line

Santa Monica College is looking for a new president to replace Dr. Piedad Robertson. A search committee has been formed to find the best candidate. Meanwhile, Tom Donner is serving as interim president until the end of this year.

SMC in the past has had a tumultuous relationship with City Hall, with many elected leaders and community members accusing the college of disregarding the fact that the institution is growing at a rapid rate, therefore

negatively affecting residents' quality of life here.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know, "What qualities should the next president of SMC possess and what issues will he or she need to address?"

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Samohi parent looking for answers

Editor:

As the parent of two Santa Monica High School students, my questions are very different from those posed by Marlene Herrera (SMDP, May 18, page 4). When I attended the meeting for parents on April 18, I heard school administrators speaking so very carefully that I still don't have a clue as to what actually transpired on April 15, although I was on campus and witnessed some of the melee.

Here is what I would like to know:

What are the names of those students who were involved? I'd like to be able to advise my children to stay as far away from them as possible.

What were the students fighting about? Why were there no arrests? What about charges like assault and/or public intoxication? The Santa Monica Police Department thought the incident was serious enough to warrant bringing in officers from Beverly Hills and Culver City; surely it was serious enough for students to face the severest of consequences.

Violation of discipline policy? The biggest violation of discipline was that of the offending students' self-discipline.

Parents' rights? Parents had any rights trampled by their own students. Their students should have been representing themselves, their families and their school honorably, instead of committing gross violation of Samohi rules. Their actions on April 15 put themselves, other students and adults at grave risk. It's easy to vilify school personnel and make claims of abuse of authority; perhaps parents should look instead toward an upgrade of their own parenting skills.

Ms. Herrera and I agree on at least one thing: Security for graduation and Grad Nite needs to be the highest priority. Samohi should plan and assure students and parents of this ASAP.

Pamela Henstell
Santa Monica

Dogs won't chase snowy plover away

Editor:

People who have negative fantasies about the dog beaches are using many reasons to say a well-regulated and monitored pilot program — which is all dog lovers are asking for — is not even worthy of a trial run. They claim that dog owner/guardians are a fringe group. And the beach will be polluted, etc. We have heard this litany over and over, and it is always the same unfounded arguments.

It is an error to believe that dog lovers do not love and want to look out for other animals, too.

The latest mistaken idea is the snowy plover. Let us look at the facts. Current research shows that zero to 18 birds have been observed wintering on the Santa Monica beach between lifeguard stands two and six during the months of November through April. The 1996 National Park Service study of Ocean Beach in San Francisco indicated disturbance of the snowy plover by humans and/or dogs occurred when they approached within 50 feet of the plover.

We have seriously considered this factor and do not want to disturb the snowy plover. As evidence of this, it is important to note that the proposed location for the dog beach is approximately a half mile, or approximately five city blocks away, from the identified wintering site of the plover.

The primary threats to the western snowy plover on our beaches include: people, crows, gulls, shrikes, kite flying, fireworks, mechanized sand raking and pollution such as trash left on the beach. Crows, ravens and shrikes are the natural predators of the snowy plover. No current studies have found dogs to be predators of the snowy plover.

So please, let's stop using dogs and dog lovers as scapegoats. We are a sizeable group, taxpayers, and as a group at least as responsible as any other group of people within the population. We are environmentalists as well as animal lovers, and they do go hand in hand.

Those who are so concerned about wildlife should work to prevent the hazing of the old growth forests which are occurring as we speak. They should work for cleaning the storm drains and the corporate pollution, which are real factors destroying our environment.

Georja Umamo Jones,
President, Unleash The Beach

Get real about the mall redevelopment

Editor:

We need to get realistic about Santa Monica Place, or the mall will just stay put and gradually get dumpy.

What's been proposed gets at some key needs — improving traffic flow, putting parking underground, opening up the space to the surroundings and making everything more user-friendly.

Ah, but what about the tall buildings? Isn't that the most horrible thing that could happen? Well, no it isn't. A higher but skinnier building blocks less view and opens up the sky more than a shorter but squatter building.

Can't the mall be replaced by a low-rise development? Sure, but what would entice someone to invest zillions of dollars tearing down a mall and building a low-rise development? I don't think they do that anymore.

How the new space will feel and work, how we experience being there, how it integrates the Civic Center, Promenade and Pier — that's so much more important than the outside dimensions.

Gerry Wacker
Santa Monica

City could take lesson from Santa Barbara



I'm back. Long time readers of the Daily Press may remember some of the 101 columns I'd written prior to taking a leave of absence last July to run for City Council.

"My Write" had its fans and detractors. Elected officials, city staff, so-called neighborhood activists and, especially, the political machine that dominates the city politic: Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights were frequent targets of my umbrage.

And, there's a special place in my heart for those well-meaning social engineers in the cabal that really run the city from behind the scenes — the SMRR steering committee. It's filled with political consultants out to line their own pockets, wannabe office holders and persons with "social justice" and "social services" agendas designed to change the world while ignoring community needs.

Across the political battlefield are the business interests: secretive, almost anonymous entrepreneurs who spent tens of thousands of dollars last year complaining about the number of transients on our streets and an inefficient City Hall then spent hundreds of thousands of dollars more to re-elect a three-term councilman who favored a beachside tent city for vagrants.

With all the monkeyshines, chicanery and downright crap, it's a wonder that more people aren't cynical, intolerant and fed up. Maybe that's why a writer for a local online news service referred to me as "Mr. Cranky." But, I look at this column as a voice for common sense and practicality. So hang on. We're going to have a fun ride.

When I go out of town, I can't help but realize how goofy things are here. I spent a day in Santa Barbara last week. As with most places I visit, the first thing I noticed was the dearth of drunks and street transients.

The lack of clutter was a refreshing change. You don't see junky merchandise carts on State Street — Santa Barbara's equivalent of our Third Street Promenade. Plantings between the street and the sidewalk are especially attractive. They provide a touch of green and separate pedestrians from motor vehicles.

Adjacent parking garages are directly

accessible, eliminating scurrying through stinky, filthy alleys or walking around the block. If Santa Barbara can do it, why can't we create a downtown that's attractive, pleasant and well conceived?

Their oceanfront neighborhoods are not "walled off" from the community by high rise hotels and condos. They're open, charming and low-key — a delightful mix of older, light industrial businesses, skateboard and surf shops, art galleries, crafts stores, apartments, family restaurants, and tourist- or recreation-related enterprises such as bicycle rental shops.

All of this is because of very restrictive building codes that reflect the desire for neighborhood preservation and low-scale development the citizenry favors. Their city government apparently listens. Here, City Hall seems to be favoring Macerich's redo of Santa Monica Place into a mega-big and mega-swanky regional shopping center and housing development, which is unfortunate and the wrong way to go.

Santa Barbara's pier, Stearn's Wharf, is clean and friendly without the seedy, swap-meet atmosphere we've cultivated on our own pier and in downtown. And, their beach front skateboard park is free to anyone and everyone.

Back here, the homeless still take precedent for City Hall's attention and resources. Recent City Council actions have included seeking a \$1 million federal grant for homeless housing and a development of a plan to hire a "homeless czar" — a person "with a nationally known reputation" who will convince surrounding communities they should "do their share" to solve the problem of vagrants and transients living on the region's streets. Yeah, right.

Keep in mind that a prospective sobering center near Brotman Memorial Hospital on the Culver City/West LA border and partially financed by Santa Monica, was recently scuttled after nearby residents complained. Wanna bet it'll wind up here — most likely in the Pico corridor?

In West LA/Culver City, elected officials listen to and respond to citizen concerns. Here, City Hall really believes we want more vagrants and services for them in our community.

Tell me there isn't something out of whack with a city that spends millions of our dollars annually on drunks, bums and transients, and then charges our youth \$3 a day or \$70 per season to use a public skate park. Unbelievable.

(Bill Bauer is a longtime Santa Monica resident.)



COMMENTARY



How gauche to be left out of everything

COMMON SCENTS

BY CAROLE ORLIN



When I met my husband, I knew we were meant to be together. Was it because we saw each other across a crowded room and lightning struck? Was it because we shared many similar interests? Was it because he was the cutest guy I knew? Although all that was true, that is not why I knew we were meant to be together. The reason we were really meant to be together is ... we are both left-handed.

Meeting another lefty in a right-handed world is like coming home. Having someone who understands how hard it is to write in a spiral notebook, use scissors, golf clubs, corkscrews, serrated knives, power tools, boomerangs and baseball mitts is heaven. Having someone who understands our special seating arrangements at the dinner table is quite refreshing. One of us always sits at the left end, so we will not bump elbows with a righty. (It's usually me, as I get there faster than my husband.) We truly understand when our poor left hands ache after hours of contorting to conform to everything right-handed. We can share left-handed jokes with each other that we will not share with our right-handed friends. We fantasize about the day left-handedness will be accepted, when left-handed compliments no longer mean veiled insults, when the saying "that came out of left field" will be a positive. We are not happy that the French word for left is "gauche." Nowadays, can you think of a bigger put down than saying someone is "left lean-

ing?" But we are making progress. Did you know that Aug. 13 is International Left Handers Day?

I remember my grandmother telling me that when she was a child, left-handed children were hit on the knuckles, teased and forced to use their right hand. Left-handedness was thought to be everything from a sign of "mental inferiority" to actually being evil. There was a time when lefties were even kept from reproducing. At one time, being a left-handed woman in Japan was grounds to be rejected. This was because of the intricate Japanese script, which could only be mastered by the right hand. Even today, less than 2 percent of Japan's population is left-handed, while the rest of the world's population has approximately 10 percent left-handed. Hmmm ... Is it not an incredible phenomenon that almost every population, through almost every era, has held steady with 90 percent right-handed and 10 percent left-handed?

I recently learned the most amazing thing. Of course, you would have to be left-handed to appreciate it. You know how we lefties kind of hook or twist our wrists to conform to the page when we write? Well that's because the paper is slanted left to right. All we need to do is slant the paper right to the left, so our left hand is below the line of writing. Very simple. Why didn't I think of it back in the days before computers? Speaking of computers, the computer mouse is set so that the main button is the index finger for righties. If you want to use the mouse in your left hand, the main button ends up under your less-agile ring finger. Also, the most commonly used keys on the keyboard (such as enter, delete, etc.) are, guess where? By the way, you can even download a left-handed cursor. I haven't

tried it, so I can't vouch for it. I guess I'm used to my right-hand cursor, but it's nice to know that Dr. Steve Bell, who offers this choice, was thinking about us.

In his book, "Right-Hand, Left-Hand," Chris McManus, professor of psychology at University College London, who has studied left-handedness, sees it as an advantage in certain sports such as tennis, fencing, boxing, baseball and cricket. I'm not exactly sure how to play cricket, but I'll take any advantage I can get. Did you know that 27 percent of all baseball pitchers since 1900 have been southpaws? I could give you a long list of left-handed athletes, but I'll just mention a few. For starters, we have baseball with Babe Ruth, Randy Johnson, Sandy Koufax, Whitey Ford; football with Steve Young, Ken Stabler, Boomer Esiason; basketball with Bill Russell, Willis Reed, David Robinson; tennis with John McEnroe, Martina Navratilova; boxing with Marvin Hagler; track and field with Bruce Jenner.

Since the right brain is dominant with lefties, we tend to have the lion's share of artists and creative geniuses. Michelangelo, Mozart, Beethoven, Peter

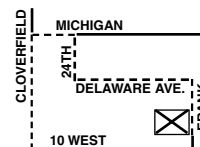
Paul Rubens, M.C. Escher, Jimi Hendrix, Sting, Jim Carrey, Matt Groening and Bart Simpson are a few. There are many more, but my hand is getting tired. Also, several studies show that lefties have the upper hand in combat. I can guess why that is. On the other hand, lefties supposedly have a shorter life span. If this is true, the logical solution is to party harder: Life is short. But seriously, this shorter life span is understandable when you consider how much energy it takes to navigate the right-handed world with all those crazy right-handed power tools in it.

Well, I have given you a window into my left-handed world. Yes, it would have been easier to have been born right-handed, but we must play the cards we are dealt. I play the same game, just left-handed. And, if I wasn't left-handed, I might have never connected with my husband on our special level. My southpaw and I revel in our little left-handed world. But don't think that we are exclusive — some of our best friends are right-handed.

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Street and park lighting project

Work continues on upgrading street lighting with new fixtures and circuits. Construction for this project occurs in the sidewalk area and may impact pedestrians, vehicles and park visitors. Parking restrictions also will be in place immediately adjacent to the work areas. This work is currently scheduled to occur on Colorado Avenue between Ocean Avenue and Sixth Street; Fifth Street between Colorado Avenue and Santa Monica Boulevard; Santa Monica Boulevard between Sixth Street and 12th Street; Wilshire Boulevard between Sixth Street and 12th Street; and in and around Douglas Park (at Wilshire Boulevard and 24th Street); Marine Park (at Marine Street and 16th Street); and Clover Park (Ocean Park Boulevard at 25th Street). There will be lane closures, turning restrictions and detours around the work area.

Cingular telecommunications lines

Cingular is installing telecommunications lines on San Vicente Boulevard between 17th and 19th streets. There may be detours around the work area.

Beach pedestrian access

Due to the rains and the saturated conditions of the bluffs, the Montana and Idaho avenue stairs are closed between Palisades Park and PCH. This closure is expected to last until early summer. A final geotech evaluation will be made at that time.

Civic Center parking structure

Construction of a new 900-space Civic Center public parking structure located on Fourth Street, next to the Public Safety Facility, has begun. Parts of levels one and two along the north and east elevations of the building will be dedicated for retail and office use. Construction will require the closure of Avenida Mazatlan, and portions of the west side Fourth Street sidewalk. Crews will continue working on Fourth Street and Civic Center Drive. One lane of southbound Fourth Street is subject to closure while work is occurring. There also is added truck traffic on Fourth Street for the week. Access to East Interstate 10 is available from Main Street via Olympic Drive.

Franklin Reservoir roof-strengthening project

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

Main Library

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

Memorial and Los Amigos parks

Demolition of existing park buildings and construction of new restrooms, concession stands and storage buildings. Access to Los Amigos Park bleacher areas and baseball field has been restored. Pedestrian and disabled access through Memorial Park has been restored. Park buildings are still under construction and inaccessible to the public. Memorial Park is located at Olympic Boulevard and 14th Street. Los Amigos Park is located at Fifth and Hollister streets.

Memorial Park skatepark

Construction of a new skate park facility at Memorial Park is underway. During construction there will not be access to the previous site of children's playground, which has been relocated northerly within the park.

Virginia Avenue Park

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

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COMMUNITYPROFILES

PROFILES, from page 1

cessful basketball career and college education.

After playing forward on a championship Duke basketball team his senior year, Koubek graduated in 1991 with a degree in sociology. Not sure a professional basketball career was in store for him, he worked for a Tokyo trading company for four years and continued to play basketball in the Japanese league. Then he traveled the world and worked for three more years in parts of Asia and Africa.

He returned to the United States in 1997 and took a position as the director of the Albany, New York YMCA. There he met his future wife, Dr. Natalie Shum, who was pursuing her medical degree.

Koubek and Shum directed a weekend, evening co-ed recreational program at the YMCA. Koubek taught the youth — mostly young men — basketball skills. Shum taught a group of young women how to dance. Although they spent every weekend together, Koubek said he didn't muster the nerve to ask Shum out until three months after having met her.

"Finally, I asked her out," he said. "She said, 'Sure, I'll see you this weekend at the Y.'"

Koubek and Shum have been living in Santa Monica for two years, the time in which they've been married. Shum is pursuing her residency at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center. Koubek works as the YMCA's executive director in Gardena. He also is an assistant coach for Brentwood School, a private high school.

In June, Koubek will be directing a basketball camp at Brentwood School, along with others he runs with his family in New York.

How did you get started playing basketball?

"We had a hoop in our driveway. I'd go out there and shoot. I used to play with my older brothers, and they used to always kick my butt. My goal was always to be able to kick their butt, and I think I was able to do so by seventh or eighth grade.

"Basketball was always something I could do on my own. I played other sports, like baseball, but basketball is one of those great sports where you can practice and improve by yourself, go out and shoot by the driveway and work on your shot and get better. You don't need someone else to practice with you. You can recognize your improvements in basketball, and you start to fall in love with it. It becomes addictive. You think, 'I want to get better and better and better and keep working on it.

"I played against Kenny Anderson for the state championship against Archbishop Malloy, a school in New York City. I was 6 feet, 6 inches tall in high school and weighed 185 pounds. A suburban team never won against a team, even in their section, until in 1985. My brother Tim was on that team. Then in '87 we won the section again and went all the way to the state championship, a pretty big accomplishment for a small-town school."

Tell us about the recruitment process.
"Duke, Georgia Tech, Maryland, Wake Forest, Syracuse, Villanova, Northeastern and Stanford were some schools that wanted me.

"Some of the coaches had awesome personalities. They came over, talked, but they didn't talk a lot about basketball. They were more concerned about just

having fun, getting to know you, and very entertaining. My mom didn't like basketball, and she didn't want me to go to Duke because we're Catholic and they're the 'Blue Devils.' But my dad thought Duke was a great school, and that motivated me.

"My four visits were to Villanova, Georgia Tech, Syracuse and Duke, but it was Coach K at Duke who really narrowed it for me. There is a part of you that wants to believe anything he says. If he said we were going to win the Final Four, or win the championship, he spoke with such passion you believed him. When he got excited about something, he'd get goose bumps talking to you. The hairs would stand up on the back of his head. You knew that if you did what he said, you were going to win.

"And what was different about him was that a lot of other coaches would kind of promise you something. 'You're going to be a starter, you're going to be this, you're going to be that.' Coach K never did that. He said from the start 'you're going to have to earn every minute you get.' I knew if I went to Duke I was going to be learning from a guy who didn't just care about me as a basketball player. He cared about me as a person. I knew it was a good move to go to Duke University.

"So when I started out at Duke as a freshman, in '87 and '88, I show up for conditioning, and all of the former Duke players who were playing in the NBA showed up to scrimmage with us. Talk about competition. That was the best competition I ever faced in my life. That was in a gym with no air-conditioning. A sweat box."

What were rivalries like?

"When I played, I never hated Carolina. I hate them now. I think I was too young then to realize that they had something we wanted, or vice versa. The games were these huge battles, and you wanted to kick each other's ass. It was a whole other level of competition, some of those games, with the fans screaming at you, they put all of the fans right there on the court, and they were all ready to kick your ass. Dennis Scott at Georgia Tech had a weight problem, so when they announced his name, the crowd would throw Twinkies at him.

"In 1991, Duke won the national championship for the first time. I was a senior. We were matched up with UNLV, who we lost to by 30 points the year before. When UNLV walked on the floor, they were like a pro team. They had that kind of aura about them. When they walked on that floor, you knew they were going to kick your ass and had no respect for you. Seriously, those guys were in a whole other league. But when we came on, Grant Hill had the first five points, and we knew right there we were going to take that game.

"When Grant Hill was a freshman, I was a senior. I thought I had the starting job lined up. I had heard when he was coming in he was highly talented, but I was thinking, 'So? He's a freshman. I'm going to get the starting job, and he's going to have to wait his time.' I can remember one of the first times guarding him at Duke. We were going to try to force him baseline. He had one fake baseline and turned around me and dunked it. I couldn't even move. He was so quick and so good. The country didn't know how good he was, but we knew in practice seeing him compete every day what a great, great player he was."

What did Bobby Hurley do to get so fast, so quick and so good?

Name: Greg Koubek
Height: 6'6"
Age: 36
Occupation: YMCA executive director
Residence: Santa Monica
Wife: Dr. Natalie Shum
Kids: Not yet

"I know in the off-season he used those strength shoes. He always wanted to dunk, so when he came in as a freshman he was in unbelievable condition, and I think that had a lot to do with his work ethic off the court. And his competitive nature was above and beyond anything I had ever seen.

"I think Christian Laettner was the only person who was more competitive. I've heard Michael Jordan is the most competitive person in the world, but I'd like to see how he compares to Christian Laettner. I mean he'd compete with the way you dress, the girls you dated. He'd compete with you at ping pong. I think he is the best player to ever play college basketball.

"They were both unbelievably competitive. When you're competitive, you're going to go out there and work on your weaknesses. Bobby worked on his shot, and by the time he was a senior he was unbelievable."

What did you do after college?

"I worked and played basketball in Japan. Took several hours of Japanese a day. Learned the language. I love Japan, Japanese people and sushi. There is so much order in Japan, and the public transportation system is incredible. I loved riding my bike to work. The people were accommodating and interested in learning about me.

"Every place I went I started up basketball camps. I opened up the first overnight basketball camp in South Africa. We had 60 kids there.

"It was great to see people in different countries with a desire to learn the game and not take things for granted. They had a real hunger and desire to learn, and I loved being in that atmosphere. At the same time, I'd go back to my camp in New York, which I have been running since 1991 and help the people in my hometown. My dad and brothers help.

"Then in Albany I got a job as the director for the YMCA, and I started a weekend night program to help those kids who needed it get some opportunities to learn more about the game.

"Then my future wife came in and started teaching the girls to dance. We had 150 kids come in every Saturday night. It was amazing."

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Bumper pool — 1. Nicholas Hernandez (VAR), 2. Jesus Alvarez (VAR), 3. Basil Barkas (SM)

The 14 and up age group winners were:

Nine ball — 1. Aveen Chowdhury (BUR), 2. Anthony Stewart (SM), 3. Jonny Lopez (MAL)

Foosball — 1. Nathan Gonzalez (VAR), 2. Angie Santillan (VAR), 3. Aveen Chowdhury (BUR)

Ping-pong — 1. Chris Peck (MAL), 2. Jonny Lopez (MAL), 3. Anthony Gonzalez (VAR)

Bumper pool — 1. Richard Knickerbocker (MAL), 2. Michael Rivera (SM), 3. Anthony Gonzalez (VAR)

Team trophies went to:

- 1. Variety Boys & Girls Club
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- 3. Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica

"It was great to see kids of diverse backgrounds come together and forget their differences for the afternoon," said M. E. Raco, associate executive director of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica. "Each showed tremendous sportsmanship and represented their clubs and communities well."

The Boys & Girls Club of Santa Monica has played an integral role in the Santa Monica and West Los Angeles community for 60 years, providing daily programs and services to more than 4,000 young people, club organizers say. The club is currently open Monday through Friday 2:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with programs in academics, computers and technology, athletics, the arts, character and leadership building, and skateboarding and rollerblading in the club's skate park.

For more information, call (310) 393-9629.

Public comment sought for SMC president search

By Daily Press staff

Local college officials want input from the community on who will lead the institution in the future.

Santa Monica College will hold a public forum to seek input on the qualifications and characteristics that candidates for a new college president should possess. Also discussed will be the key issues, opportunities and challenges that will face the new president.

The SMC Board of Trustees has created and appointed members to a president search committee with representatives of all internal and external constituency groups. The committee is charged with assisting in the recruitment of a new president and recommending three to five candidates to the board for final selection.

SMC is currently looking for a successor to Dr. Piedad F. Robertson, who retired from the presidency January 31 to take the chief executive position at Denver-based Education Commission of the States. Thomas J. Donner is serving as interim president through the end of 2005.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 24, at 4:30 p.m. in room 111 of the business building, 1900 Pico Blvd. Parking will be available in parking structure A, located at the 17th Street entrance. For more information, contact Lisa Rose at (310) 434-4402.



Airport Park will feature synthetic turf

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ated with the project.

City officials said the Airport Park was envisioned in 1997, but budget concerns in recent years have put the project on the backburner.

Meanwhile SMC — which suggested a last-minute proposal to pay for the park — will now have to figure out how to accommodate its students who have been using the property as a shuttle lot to the Pico Boulevard campus.

SMC's lease expires in June for the surface parking lot that has 1,700 spaces, which the college has been using since 1998. That's why SMC officials offered to pay for the park, knowing they would be short on parking once the park was under construction.

Critics of the college say the money SMC was offering was part of a \$135 million bond measure passed by local taxpayers last November with the assumption that a significant amount of it would be used for public parks projects — with no strings attached.

College officials in the past have said

they will have to consider parking alternatives — such as building underground parking on the new Bundy campus site, or purchasing land near the Santa Monica Freeway to build parking structures — both of which would be last resorts.

SMC board of trustee member Rob Rader said although the joint Airport Park proposal didn't take off, SMC might continue to engage the city of Santa Monica with similar proposals in the future.

"The college is hopeful for finding other city-owned property which we can jointly develop to create parking," Rader said. "For all buildings we construct in the future, we're going to have to make sure parking is incorporated."

SMC plans to open its Santa Monica Airport campus this summer. SMC has a 10.4-acre satellite campus at 3171 S. Bundy Drive, which it purchased from BAE Systems in December 2001 for \$30 million.

A number of site improvements, including the removal of a 100,000-square-foot building, a new sound wall and landscaping were completed in 2004 with neighborhood consensus, according SMC officials.

An existing 64,000-square-foot building is currently being renovated to house nursing, teacher training and professional development programs.

SMC officials say the shuttle lot relieves parking and traffic conditions in residential neighborhoods around the college's main campus. Greg Brown, SMC's facilities development director, said SMC's Airport campus site, close to the proposed Airport Park, might be able to provide 429 parking spaces temporarily for SMC students.

"We're looking at all options," Brown said.

One parking option Brown said SMC is shying away from is building a permanent parking structure below the Bundy campus site.

"We have not explored any major (permanent) parking structure at the Bundy site," Brown said. "We're trying to be sensitive to community concerns."

The Airport Park design will include two lighted youth soccer fields, a one-acre off-leash dog area, a park restroom and storage building, open space, picnic areas, a children's playground, and two parking

lots with a total of 116 spaces for park guests.

The City Council awarded a contract to Calvin R. Abe Associates in June of 2000 for the design of the Airport Park and the associated improvements along Airport Avenue. Since approval of the design, state grant funding in the amount of \$1.5 million has been awarded for the installation of synthetic turf fields at Airport Park.

Councilman Richard Bloom said the synthetic turf on the soccer fields will allow for year-round use with minimal upkeep.

"The synthetic turf is more expensive on the front end, but because of long life span and dramatic use, the numbers kind of even out," Councilman Bloom said. "It also helps we were able to get that grant."

Bloom, who has long supported the site for a park, said he is glad to see the plan moving forward.

"This represents a major expansion for dedicated field space mostly for youth sports, something that we have a serious lack of in Santa Monica and that I have been pushing for since I was elected in 1999," he said. "I feel like Mr. T. It's nice to see a plan coming together."

Vine seeking a distributor

VINE, from page 1

length features Vine is budgeted to produce in the next few years, Cabanas said. By June, the firm hopes to screen the film and have a contract for distribution with the "majors," such as Warner Bros. Independent or Paramount Classics or Lion's Gate.

Since "Taking Charge" has been created on a small budget, Cabanas said Vine does not have the same pressure of larger studios to make movies immediately profitable.

"We can start out in a 100 screens, do a slow roll out and be patient," Cabanas said. "We don't have the same pressure to make all of our money back on the first weekend, like some of these ridiculous, high-salaried, big-budget movies. We can be patient, make our money back slowly, over time."

Cabanas said because Vine is financed to make several movies on small budgets, the risk investors face in the movie business is minimal.

"We are removing the unpredictability from our business plan, removing the fear," Cabanas said. "Yes, we think there's a niche for us, a budget range for movies not too many people address. Our goal is to have a slate of good, diverse films. Not a lot of companies are like that."

City Hall records indicate there are more than 168 film, television and commercial production companies licensed in Santa Monica.

David Carr, City Hall's treasurer, said

"I would say the only common theme our movies have is a rock 'n' roll energy."

-Gino Cabanas, CEO, The Vine Entertainment

year-to-date taxes accumulated from local production companies has provided the city with \$584,000, an amount likely to increase as business taxes are still filed. In addition, City Hall earns an average of \$200,000 per year from film permit fees.

Rob Rader, an entertainment lawyer, said production companies coming to Santa Monica spurn the city's high quality of life.

"Artists, executives, they all like the atmosphere and quality of life that you get from Santa Monica," Rader said. "Yahoo, CBS and HBO are all coming here for the same reason: People want to work and live here."

Cabanas said he looks forward to Vine making movie history in Santa Monica.

"I would say the only common theme our movies have is a rock 'n' roll energy," Cabanas said. "You rarely see it in films, but it happens all the time at concerts. You're so passionate, you're so into it, you stand up and cheer."

"That's a rock 'n' roll atmosphere. We want to bring that kind of energy to our audience."



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For the birds: Funding cuts for Catalina possible

BY GILLIAN FLACCUS
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — A program that restored bald eagles to Santa Catalina Island after they were wiped out there 40 years ago is in danger of losing its funding to breeding sites on an island further north.

For nearly two decades, biologists have worked to get the adult eagles on Santa Catalina to reproduce without human assistance after contamination from chemical dumping caused their eggs to weaken and dehydrate.

Now, a council that funds the project with money from an environmental settlement says the program will never succeed because toxin levels are too high. It wants to shift the funding to a similar program on Santa Cruz Island about 60 miles to the north, where chicks may have a chance without human help.

The proposal has infuriated environmentalists who have dedicated years to trying to save the popular Santa Catalina bald eagles and haven't given up on them yet.

"Catalina is the site where the damage was done, it was at the epicenter" of the chemical dumping, said Ann Muscat, executive director of Catalina Island Conservancy. "Just walking away doesn't seem acceptable."

The breeding effort on the rugged island off the Los Angeles coastline is currently funded by a series of set-

tlements with Montrose Chemical Corp. and others that dumped millions of pounds of toxic chemicals in the ocean from the late 1940s to the early 1970s. The settlement totals more than \$140 million, with Montrose agreeing to pay about \$75 million in 2001.

The chemicals — DDT and PCBs — wiped out bald eagles on Santa Catalina and did tremendous damage to coastal fisheries and seabird populations on the chain of eight Channel Islands off Southern California.

Thirty years after the dumping stopped, there are now 20 bald eagles on Santa Catalina, including five nesting pairs.

Biologists had hoped DDT levels would drop enough on Santa Catalina to eventually allow eagles to breed unassisted — but that hasn't happened.

About \$1.25 million has been spent on Santa Catalina since 2001, said Greg Baker, program manager for the Montrose Settlements Restoration Program.

Now, the restoration program trustees want to stop funding for work on the island and invest \$6.2 million in a similar program on Santa Cruz Island, a smaller and more remote island off Santa Barbara, about 60 miles to the north. It's further from the pollution hot spots so biologists believe the eagles have a better chance of success there.

Baker acknowledges that the proposal is controversial

but says it's the best solution under difficult circumstances.

"The trustees are trying to find a place for a stronghold for the bald eagles somewhere in the Channel Islands, and Santa Cruz seems to be the best place for that right now," he said. "Catalina Island just isn't working."

Biologists have been introducing juvenile bald eagles to the island for three years; the oldest birds should be ready to mate within two years.

The Santa Cruz proposal is the most favored among three alternatives put forth in a restoration plan that grew out of the 2001 settlement. It includes \$12 million for damaged fisheries, \$6.5 million for seabirds and \$300,000 for peregrine falcon restoration.

Public comment on the restoration plan ends Monday. The council will consider all the input and make a final decision sometime in the fall, Baker said.

Opponents worry that if the breeding pairs on Santa Catalina can't hatch chicks, they will leave the island — depriving the public of a valued natural resource.

More than 1 million visitors see bald eagles in the wild each year on the island, while Santa Cruz is so remote that only a handful of people visit, said Muscat, with the Catalina Island Conservancy.

"What if the program in the northern Channel Islands doesn't succeed?" she said. "We don't know what the loss of this predator will do to our ecosystem."

Beatty says governor needs to work on his body politic

BY MICHELLE LOCKE
Associated Press Writer

BERKELEY, Calif. — Warren Beatty challenged fellow thespian Arnold Schwarzenegger on Saturday, telling University of California graduates that the governor should raise taxes and drop plans for a special election.

"Cancel it, Governor. Call it off," said Beatty as he gave the commencement address to graduates of UC Berkeley's Goldman School of Public Policy.

Beatty, who has been involved in politics for years, played a senator in the 1998 movie "Bulworth" and entertained the idea of running for the presidency six years ago.

He told graduates he doesn't want to be governor, although he thinks he could do a better job than Schwarzenegger and believes there are other Democrats who would be better still.

After the speech, Beatty said he isn't ruling out ever running. "I don't think anyone should ever rule public service out," he said. "It's a way of saying, 'Take me out of the mix and don't listen to me any more.'"

In his speech, Beatty said he has "a real soft spot for actors even if they are right wing," and has always liked Schwarzenegger. But the former action star is a politician who should "rise to the higher level of that calling," and not denigrate fellow politicians by mocking them as "girlie men," as the governor did of Democratic lawmakers last summer, Beatty said.

"Can't we accept that devotion to the building of the body politic is more complex and a little more sensitive than devotion to body building?" Beatty asked.

Beatty, who first challenged the governor at a March awards banquet in Beverly Hills, contends that should raise taxes on the rich. On Saturday, he also argued against the special election that the Republican governor plans to call for November to consider measures aimed at restricting state spending and curbing the influence of public employee unions.

Critics have questioned why Schwarzenegger is forcing such a high-stakes showdown over issues that appear less than urgent, especially because the state's next regularly scheduled election is little more than a year away.

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American Indians protest tribal leaders

BY CHRIS T. NGUYEN

Associated Press Writer

TEMECULA, Calif. — More than 100 American Indians ousted from their casino-owning tribes joined hands Saturday to protest what they called the growing problem of money grabs by tribal leaders through disenrollment.

It was the first such large-scale organized gathering for people who contend they have been excised from tribal rolls by leaders seeking a larger share of gambling profits. As tribal gambling grows into a \$17 billion industry, disputes over disenrollment have flared nationwide. More than 1,000 people are fighting their ouster in California alone.

“There needs to be a healing in Indian country and we’re going to start it,” said John Gomez Jr., who was removed from the local Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians. “From this day forward we’re not going to play the victim any more.”

Gomez was joined at a public park in this Riverside County community by former members of 16 tribes from California, Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma and New York. They planned another meeting in Nevada and said they were asking Congress to hold hearings on

disenrollments. Many noted the growing political power and formidable finances of the tribes that ousted them.

Bob Foreman, 68, was ousted from the Redding Rancheria tribe in Northern California in January 2004, along with 65 members of his family. In an effort to prove his ancestry, he even exhumed the bodies of his grandmother and mother to collect DNA evidence. Still, he said, tribal leaders refused to reinstate him.

“I don’t think I could forgive or forget,” said Foreman, who had served several terms as tribal chairman and had received about \$2,500 a month in casino revenues before he was ousted. “Sovereignty — it’s given tribes the power to do anything they want. It’s greed.”

Vicky Schenandoah, 43, a former member of the Oneida Nation of New York, led a prayer in which the crowd held hands in a circle, representing the continuity of life. “We could have peace. We will all be happy in our minds,” she said in the Oneida language.

It has been 10 years since she was denied tribal status after protesting what she called the tribe’s secret deal to build a casino. Following the protest, she said she was labeled a terrorist and arsonist.

“This is not about money for me. It’s about integrity,” said Schenandoah, who sued the Oneida Nation in feder-

al court in 1996. Judges have thrown out the case, ruling U.S. courts have no jurisdiction.

Disputes over tribal status have also played out in state courts. In California, 11 former Pechanga Band members sued in March 2004, representing an extended family of 130 adults and about 70 children who claim ancestry to the tribe. They claimed to have lost about \$120,000 a year in profits from the tribe’s popular casino.

Four months later, Superior Court Judge Charles D. Field declined to dismiss the suit, ruling that courts have authority over legal matters that arise from tribal disputes. The case is currently being heard in an appellate court.

Among those ousted from the tribe was Stella Alvarez, 35, who said her disenrollment came while she was in a coma following a severe asthma attack. The tribe didn’t cover the more than \$1 million in medical bills she incurred while being hospitalized for nearly a month — though expenses were covered by a private insurer.

Still, Alvarez is struggling with being cut off from her family.

“My main thing is I’ve always been told we’re Pechangans, so how could they take that from us?” she said.

Golden warming: Record heat grips Southern California

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Record temperatures left Southern Californians sweltering on Saturday as thousands flocked to parks, beaches and malls to beat the heat.

After a record-setting wet winter, scorching temperatures have fire officials on guard. Several brush fires ignited during the week, including a 120-acre blaze that threatened 40 homes near the Cajon Pass in San Bernardino County on Saturday. It was expected to be fully surrounded early Sunday.

Another brush fire Saturday afternoon spread into a boat yard in Hesperia, destroying 15 small, recreational boats, authorities said.

The heat didn’t surprise forecasters.

“It is a little early, but it’s not unusual,” Bill Hoffer, spokesman for the National Weather Service.

Looking to cool off, William Sanchez, 25, of North Hollywood, accompanied his sister and her three daugh-

ters on a picnic at Echo Park northwest of downtown.

“We were looking for pools, but there weren’t any near us,” he said. Instead, his nieces fed ducks and seagulls by the edge of the pond, while Sanchez rested in the shade.

In Temecula, where temperatures reached about 100 degrees, Kirby Nilsson grilled burgers at a local park.

“This is not where you want to be right now, in front of a grill,” he said.

As the mercury rose, nearly a dozen records fell.

At Los Angeles International Airport, the thermometer hit a record high of 78 degrees for the date, breaking the previous high of 75 degrees set in 1988, said NWS forecaster Mark Moede.

In eastern San Diego County, temperatures reached 110 degrees at the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. The previous record for the date was 107 degrees.

The mercury reached triple digits inland, with 110 degrees in Palm Springs and 112 degrees in Needles.

Temperatures rose to 88 in downtown Los Angeles

and remained in the 70s at the beach. More hot weather was forecast Sunday.

Tens of thousands of people were expected at beaches Saturday. By mid morning county lifeguards had made more than a dozen rescues, said county lifeguard Capt. Tom Seth.

Despite the second highest rainfall on record— 37.25 inches — fire officials say high temperatures and low humidity are drying out brush that could become ripe for fires this fall.

This week, at least six brush fires erupted in communities including Burbank, Rancho Palos Verdes and San Dimas, but no homes were damaged and nobody was hurt.

Gerado Ramirez, 58, said the hot weather boosted business at his shaved ice cart, but he worried that air-conditioned malls were luring clients away.

“They just want to go inside to the big shopping centers and go to McDonald’s,” he said.

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Walden makes movies educational

BY SANDY SHORE

AP Business Writer

DENVER — Walden Media is approaching the movie business a little bit differently than some of its competitors.

While many movies draw kids to theaters with animated fish (think Nemo), unlikely superheroes ("The Incredibles") and intergalactic battles a la "Star Wars," Walden Media is making family friendly films that not only target young people but come with an educational component.

For example, James Cameron's documentary about diving to the wreck of the Titanic, called "Ghosts of the Abyss," led to a nationwide robotics contest for young people. "Because of Winn-Dixie," the story of a girl who learns about friendship through a dog named after the grocery chain, led to a children's reading program.

The company also consults teachers and librarians in its search for books to make into movies and it provides activity guides for teachers.

"Everything Walden does is really meant to create and show the relevance to kids in schools of what they're learning through the use of film media and publishing and other outlets — but mainly film," says David Weil CEO of the Anschutz Film Group, an umbrella company over Walden.

Industry observers say Walden's approach may work because its movies attract a broad demographic of kids and families and are based on books already popular with the young target audience.

Walden, with offices in Los Angeles and Boston, is the brainchild of Cary Granat, a former president of Miramax Films' Dimension label — which produced "Scary Movie," "Scream" and "Spy Kids" films — and Boston educator Micheal Flaherty.

Their premise proved to be a hard sell: They spent a year meeting with skeptical venture capitalists to no avail.

When they mentioned film and education in the same breath, potential investors would almost always ask, "Do you mean tuberculosis film strips or driver's ed videos?" Flaherty recalled. They would often ask Granat, "Why don't you make 'Scream 4'?"

Down to their last dollar, the two met Denver billionaire Phil Anschutz, who has had a knack for turning undervalued assets into moneymakers.

Soon after their pitch began, Anschutz politely said, "OK," and Flaherty figured they had been rejected again. But Anschutz started asking questions and the end result folded Walden into AFG.

"Phil was the last meeting that we had," Flaherty said. "He completely got it and also helped shape the vision, and he's just been fantastic in terms of really making sure we deliver on the education mission and mandate."

AFG also owns Bristol Bay Productions, best known for "Ray," based on Ray Charles' life. Both Bristol and Walden produce family friendly movies.

Walden produced "Holes," based on a book in which two youths bond at a detention camp after one teaches the other to read. The company arranged to have about 20,000 school children participate in an interactive program where they could hear and ask questions of author Louis Sachar, director Andy Davis and cast members.

Released in 2003, it has garnered \$71.4 million in worldwide total gross revenue.

With "Because of Winn-Dixie," from the best-selling book by Kate DeCamillio, Walden coordinated a reading program where students read the book to residents of Sunset Senior Living Centers. It has earned \$32.4 million since it was released in February.

John Kneisley, 11, and Sarah Higginbotham, 10, both students at Merritt Academy in Fairfax, Va., were among the readers.

"When I was little, my parents always used to read to me and I was reading to people even older than I was and it made me feel more grown up," John said.

Sarah said it was fun: "I think it made the residents feel good that their neighbor school was coming to read to them."

The academy's executive director, Toni Crouch, said the program supplemented her efforts to keep students in touch with the nearby seniors.

"It's good for the children to realize that people's lives cover a wide range of years, both in their lives and in world history, and (that they) can appreciate what's still here," she said.

Professional education groups say they support film- and movie-related material or cable TV in classrooms as long as education remains the focus.

"If kids come home from the movie and are talking about reading and going out to read, that's good," said Linda Hodge, president of the National Parent Teachers Association.

Walden's most anticipated film is due in December when, working with Walt Disney studios, it will release "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," the first installment from the popular children's fantasy series by C.S. Lewis.

Granat, Walden's chief executive officer and AFG president, said they look at it a years-long initiative to bring the series to film.

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Red-hot Hawaii housing market enriches some

BY DAN MARTIN
Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU — Joshua Powell bought a run-down home for \$250,000 in 2000, poured in money and sweat, and sold the renovated property in November for \$940,000.

With the profits, he traded up to a \$1.2 million four-bedroom fixer-upper in upscale Kahala and plans to repeat that success.

“I’ll keep doing it as long as the market lets me. This one’s already worth more than when I bought it,” he said.

Nearby but a world away, formerly homeless Bob Hernandez rents space in a Kaimuki transitional home while trying to put his life and family back together. But he can’t stay there forever, and the earnings from his masonry work won’t go far in today’s high-priced rental market. He’s worried that homelessness might be right around the corner again.

“I’m stressing these days. I want to be a normal functioning human being in society again, but it’s just so expensive,” he said. “I just pray and trust in God.”

Two people, two opposing perspectives, yet neither of them uncommon in an overheated housing market that means very different things to different people.

In September 2001, when the current housing boom took off, Oahu’s median single-family home price was \$250,000. By March it had more than doubled to a stunning \$550,000, creating unprecedented wealth for local homeowners and adding fuel to the state’s economic rebound.

The percentage of households that own the home they live in — a statistic linked to less crime, higher graduation rates and other positives — rose to 67 percent in 2004, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, compared with just 50 percent 20 years earlier.

Not everyone is celebrating. The buying boom has sucked up rental inventory and driven up rents, squeezing the most vulnerable sectors of society. Homeless agencies fear a swelling popu-

lation of people on the verge of homelessness.

“There are always going to be winners and losers — people who were ready and those who weren’t. It’s the nature of the game,” said Paul Brewbaker, Bank of Hawaii’s chief economist.

More winners and losers might yet be created. Home-buyers continue to pile into the market in the belief that the current boom still has legs, and they could be right.

Unlike the crash of the early-1990s “bubble” market, in which roughly 20 percent to 30 percent of home-value gains were lost, few economists expect any significant softening of real estate prices soon, citing tight supply and low interest rates that make homes more affordable than prices suggest.

Plus, there are sharp differences in the economy now.

The fickle, Japanese corporate-style investment that helped to inflate — and ultimately pop — the 1990s bubble has been replaced by longer-term local and West Coast buyers.

In the meantime, little new housing has been added to existing supply due to the weak economy of the 1990s, an economy that is on far more solid ground today.

“The odds that we’ll see (prices come back down) this time are low. There’s not a lot of downside risk,” Brewbaker said.

But for buyers today, that means the traditional delight at receiving the keys to a newly bought home is giving way to compromise, sacrifice and a desperation to buy whatever they can get before prices climb higher.

When newlyweds Donn and Nina Arizumi began home-hunting three months ago, they vowed never to join the commuting masses from West and Central Oahu.

“We thought, ‘How could anybody put up with that?’” Nina said. “The location had to be in town. We were raised in town and always lived there.”

But the high prices asked for unattractive properties gradually pushed the

Arizumis to the lower-priced west. Last month, the two medical-product salespeople became the somewhat-proud owners of an aging Mililani house that represented other compromises as well.

From an early budget in the \$400,000 range, they ended up paying \$535,000 for the partial fixer-upper, a four-bedroom with a tidy interior but that lacks a toilet in the main bathroom, badly needs a paint job outside and is dotted with other repair needs.

“In this market you have to be open-minded,” said Nina, who expects a struggle and some lifestyle changes to make the mortgage payments.

“We call it managing expectations,” said Kendall Hirai, executive director of the nonprofit Hawaii HomeOwnership Center, which counsels buyers on the ins and outs of acquiring a home.

“These days, the single-family home in Kailua that someone wants turns out to be a condo in Pearl City or Waipahu,” he said. “People are learning they have to refocus and that they may have to start off somewhere else.”

Getting exactly what you want is still possible, but be prepared for heavy sacrifice.

Alyson Borgerding and her fiance, George Helwagen, never wavered from their original plan to buy in high-priced Kailua. But to get there they first spent two years scrimping and saving, virtually eliminating dining out, and cutting back on myriad other little expenses.

Last month, they bought a Kailua house for \$998,000. But despite using significant equity from a previous mainland home, they still had to cash in their Individual Retirement Accounts and cancel plans for a large wedding in March as they deal with a monthly mortgage payment in excess of \$5,000. They plan to elope.

“This market is so tight and hot that when you get something you want and can afford, you have to rearrange everything around that,” Borgerding said.

Still, that’s a problem that many people

would like to have. Renters face rates today that are nearly double what they were in 1998, and dramatically less choice, said real estate analyst Ricky Cassiday, of Data(at)Work.

“They’re the ones that are really feeling the bite. They’ve got higher costs these days, too, but without the benefit of building equity in a home. They’re paying, but it’s all still going to someone else,” he said.

The high cost pressures are likely to result in increased stress levels for renters and home-buyers alike, said Sylvia Yuen, director of the Hawaii Center on the Family.

“When you’re spending so much on housing, that means two to three jobs in the family, less time spent together as a family, mom and dad get more tense, angry or withdrawn, and all of that naturally affects the family environment,” she said.

However, despite the vastly different worlds of those who were ready and those who were not, it’s probably premature to talk about a worsening wealth-distribution problem in Hawaii, said Carl Bonham, a professor of economics at the University of Hawaii.

“We were talking about this in the late ‘80s, early ‘90s, and then the problem went away. It reversed itself,” he said. “In time, prices will slow and incomes will rise.”

Ultimately, however, Hawaii will be stuck with head-spinning market swings unless a stifling land-use regulatory environment is reformed, Brewbaker said.

Hawaii’s peaks are higher and its valleys lower than most mainland markets because the lengthy development approval process prevents developers from adding new product to the market in time to act as a pressure valve.

“When the expectation of higher future home values takes shape, the only people to respond are buyers. The builders are all jammed up, much as they would like to increase supply. So all of that demand is funneled into higher prices,” he said.

170-mile robot vehicle race across Mojave desert on the horizon

BY BRENDAN RILEY
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SILVER SPRINGS, Nev. — An unmanned 1986 Humvee was the best performer in last year’s first-ever robot vehicle race across California’s Mojave Desert, but completed only 7 1/2 miles of a 142-mile course.

Now the race is even longer — but the skilled team working on the high-tech marvel, called “Sandstorm,” say it’s a much-improved front-runner for \$2 million in federal prize money.

The Oct. 8 competition across 170 miles of desert between Los Angeles and Las Vegas is called the Grand Challenge for Autonomous Robotic Ground Vehicles. It’s put on by the Defense Department’s Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, or DARPA.

DARPA officials have been evaluating 118 robot vehicles built for the race, down from an initial total of nearly 200, and on June 1 will cut that number to 40. By the time the race is run in October, only 25 vehicles built by a mix of backyard inventors, students and renowned robotic engineers will tear off across the desert — without drivers or remote controls.

The crew of Carnegie Mellon University’s Sandstorm cheered and applauded as it avoided blue plastic garbage cans placed in its path by DARPA staffers during recent test runs on a short course at a remote site some 12 miles southwest of this northern Nevada desert town. There were more cheers as Sandstorm completed a nearly one-mile optional run over a narrow, winding dirt road.

“We’re in it for the long run,” said Red Whittaker, a CMU professor and expert in mobile robotics who leads the Sandstorm team. “This is a growing game, and the Grand Challenge is a way to really distinguish yourself.”

“People are playing for all the marbles,” he added. “There’s no tomorrow on this one. The race is all on one day. We’re going to see autonomous ground vehicles like we’ve never seen before. It will be a very exciting day.”

A look at some of the vehicle sponsors gives a clear picture of the high interest among various industries. The list for Sandstorm includes Boeing, Caterpillar, Intel, AM General, Snap On — even Google and Wired Magazine.

Other vehicles have sponsors including General Motors, Ford, Volkswagen,

Omnistar, Toyota, Omnitech Robotics, Navcom Technology, Microsoft, Michelin, Goodyear, Honeywell, Honda, BF Goodrich, Grumman Electronic Systems — and the list goes on and on.

“The DARPA leaders tell me they’re blown away by the level of competition this year,” said DARPA spokesman Ton Goodwin. “It’s quantum leap over last year. There are many more vehicles with the capability of going all the way.”

Besides CMU, there are entries from Stanford, Princeton, the University of California-Berkeley and Texas A&M students, Caltech, University of Louisiana, University of Washington, Virginia Tech, University of Alaska, University of British Columbia and others.

It’s not just college and university engineering students either. Students from a high school in a Cincinnati, Ohio, suburb have an entry, “Robo Knight.” So do students from Palos Verdes High in Palos Verdes.

Then there are numerous private entries built by hot-rodders, gearheads, off-road racers, engineers and others who are into advanced vehicle technology.

Besides CMU’s Humvee, there are various Jeep products, a Volkswagen Touareg, a motorcycle, a Subaru Outback,

ATVs — even a 15-ton cargo truck and a 1941 military ambulance.

The route, which hasn’t been disclosed yet, will be tough, says Goodwin.

“There’s desert, dry lakes, real roads, bumpy washboard, utility roads, curving mountain roads — just about everything you would expect,” he said.

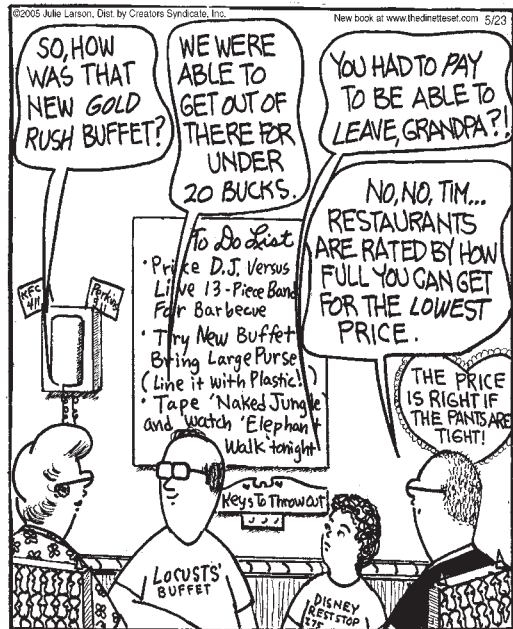
The technology includes global positioning system or GPS mapping, computerized navigation systems, laser scanners, cameras, radar sensors, on-board power generators and other high-tech gear to ensure the vehicles keep running, don’t get high-centered on rocks or slam into obstacles.

Speed is a factor — the racers have 10 hours to complete the 170-mile-long course that’s expected to be close to last year’s course that started in Barstow, Calif., and was supposed to end near Primm, Nev. While rough terrain will slow the vehicles to a crawl at times, some could hit speeds of 50 to 60 miles per hour on open stretches.

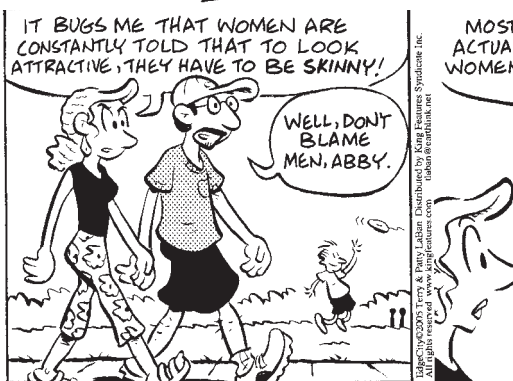
But it’s more than just a race. Ideas that work on the desert run could find their way into all sorts of applications in the future, such as unmanned vehicles that could pick up supplies or injured soldiers in war zones, or vehicles used in farming, mining and oil exploration.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 0923757 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Latino Wear, 1650 E. 46th St., Los Angeles, CA 90011. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Jorge Nunez, 1650 E. 46th St., Los Angeles, CA 90011, Cindy Jovanna Vasquez, 5021 Elizabeth St. Cudany, CA 90201 This Business is being conducted by, co-partners. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Cindy Vasquez, Jorge Nunez
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 0920977 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Lennox Car Wash, 10709 Hawthorne Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90304. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Inglewood Car Bath, Inc, 214 S. Almont Dr., Beverly Hills, CA 90211 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/: Inglewood Car Bath, Inc., President, Parham Aouna

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 0894117 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as The Basket Boutique, 2 Sexy 4 U Exotic Lingerie, 202 West 124th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90061. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Donnette Lownd, 202 West 124th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90061 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/: Donnette Lownd

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 0893845 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Dynamo Prototype, LLC, Dynamo, 1551 Hillcrest Dr., Pomona, CA 91768. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Dynamo Prototype, LLC, 1551 Hillcrest Dr., Pomona, CA 91768 This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Dynamo Prototype, LLC, President, Jon Krellwitz

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 0893738 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Jeet Kune Do Extreme Fighting Academy, 24585 Town Center dr., #4303, Valencia, CA 91355. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Christopher Jerry Gannon, 24585 Town Center dr., #4303, Valencia, CA 91355 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Chris Gannon

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 0893766 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Alamitos Auto Glass and Window Tinting, 820 E. 3rd St., Long Beach, CA 90802. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Maria R. Sanchez, 2420 E. 4th St., #5, Long Beach, CA 90814 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/: Maria R. Sanchez

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 0896557 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Apple Staffing, 333 N. Gifford Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90063. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Gustavo Valdivia, 333 N. Gifford Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90063 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/: Gustavo Valdivia

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 0896516 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as E.R. Enter & Rise, RB Enterprise, 11923 Summer Ave., Norwalk, CA 90650. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Esequiel Robles III, 11923 Summer Ave., Norwalk, CA 90650, Benjamin Encinas, Jr., 8543 Gallatin Rd., Downey, CA 90240 This Business is being conducted by, co-partners. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Benjamin Encinas, Jr., Esequiel Robles, III
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 0909954 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as On Top Electric, 1409 Lancelwood Ave., Hacienda Heights, CA 91745. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : German Ariel Giacoboni, 1409 Lancelwood Ave., Hacienda Heights, CA 91745 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/: German Giacoboni

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 0909933 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Fairy Floss, 12159 Dunrobin Avenue, Downey, CA 90242. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Vanessa Castillo, 12159 Dunrobin Avenue, Downey, CA 90242 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)4/19/2005. /s/: Vanessa Castillo

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 0893890 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Hilican & Associates, 20707 New Hampshire Ave., Torrance, CA 90502. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Ethelbert Ani, 20707 New Hampshire Ave., Torrance, CA 90502, Corazon Lamano, 13963 Carol Lane, Sylmar, CA 91342 This Business is being conducted by, co-partners. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)3/31/2005. /s/: Corazon Lamano, Ethelbert Ani

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 0882761 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Avila & Associates, 14409 E. Terryknoll Dr., Whittier, CA 90604. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Gerardo Avila, 14409 E. Terryknoll Dr., Whittier, CA 90604, Maria Elena Avila, 14409 E. Terryknoll Dr., Whittier, CA 90604 This Business is being conducted by, husband and wife. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Gerardo Avila, Maria Elena Avila

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 0881281 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Espinosa Logbook Auditing, 4522 1/2 So. Rosemead Blvd., Pico Rivera, CA 90660. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Mike V. Espinosa, 4522 1/2 So. Rosemead Blvd., Pico Rivera, CA 90660 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)4/15/2005. /s/: Mike V. Espinosa

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 0881208 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Just 4 Kids, 1640 W. Carson St., Unit A2, Torrance, CA 90501. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Hector Ramos, 1504 Viapalermos, Montebello, CA 90640, Ana Lucia Ramos, 1504 Viapalermos, Montebello, CA 90640 This Business is being conducted by, husband and wife. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)4/15/2005. /s/: Hector Ramos, Ana Lucia Ramos

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 0882417 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as West Coast Performance Parts, 1740 Bandita Ave., Rowland Heights, CA 91748. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Ana Marie Gandara, 1740 Bandita Ave., Rowland Heights, CA 91748 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)4/15/2005. /s/: Ana Marie Gandara

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 0882795 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Citinot Mortgage-Rowland Heights, 19153 Colima Rd., Rowland Heights, CA 91748. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : 21st Financial Solutions Marketing, Inc., 17854 Crimson Crest Dr., Rowland Heights, CA 91748 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/: 21st Financial Solutions Marketing, Inc., Secretary, Mario G. Pirng

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 0884484 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Locke Realty & Investment Group, Locke Property Management, 7257 Aloudra Blvd., Paramount, CA 90723. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Sigifredo Torres, 7432 Ira St., Bell Gardens, CA 90201 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1063029 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Cell, 959 E. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90021. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Clothing Illustrated, Inc. 959 E. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90021 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/ : Clothing Illustrated, Inc., Chief Financial Officer, Cyrus Forouzesh
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 NO. 05 1161701 FIRST FILING. The following per-
 son(s) is (are) doing business as Jaz Max USA
 22610 S. Western Ave., #215, Torrance, CA 90501
 90501. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Yukara
 Uehara Faulkner, 22610 S. Western Ave., #215
 Torrance, CA 90501, David Faulkner, 22610 S. West-
 ern Ave., #215, Torrance, CA 90501 This
 Business is being conducted by, a general partner



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ship. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Yukari Faulkner, David Faulkner
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1116701 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Jaz Max USA, 22610 S. Western Ave., #215, Torrance, CA 90501. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Yukari Uehara Faulkner, 22610 S. Western Ave., #215, Torrance, CA 90501, David Faulkner, 22610 S. Western Ave., #215, Torrance, CA 90501 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/: Yukari Faulkner, David Faulkner

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1118477 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as El Paraiso Salvadoreno, 8109 California Ave., South Gate, CA 90280. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Betty Salvadora Vasquez, 6929 Marconi, Huntington Park, CA 90255 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/: Betty Salvadora Vasquez

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1107777 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Cher's Chevron, 14240 Firestone Blvd., La Mirada, CA 90638. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Cherise Francis, 34456 Calle Potolla, Capistrano Beach, CA 92624 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/: Cherise Francis

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1104454 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as A1notaryclasses.com, 8505 Crenshaw Blvd., Inglewood, CA 90305. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Annette Young, 3159 W. 75th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90043 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/: Annette Young

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1107774 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Confianza Import Clearance, 5430 W. Rosecrans Ave., #1, Hawthorne, CA 90250. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Pete Pang, 810 W. Commonwealth Ave., Alhambra, CA 91801 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/: Pete Pang
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1105641 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Sergio Figueroa Fire Protection, 5051 Aldoma St., Los Angeles, CA 90029. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Sergio Figueroa, 5051 Aldama St., Los Angeles, CA 90029 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)1/1/2002. /s/: Sergio Figueroa

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1076102 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as West Coast General Construction, 1832 Country Club Rd., Thousand Oaks, CA 91360. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Hrach Giragosian, 1832 Country Club Rd., Thousand Oaks, CA 91360 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/: Hrach Giragosian

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1076125 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Band B Landscaping, 656 N. Hendricks St., Montebello, CA 90640. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Carlos Romo, 656 N. Hendricks St., Montebello, CA 90640, Adriana Silva, 656 N. Hendricks St., Montebello, CA 90640 This Business is being conducted by, co-partners. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Carlos Romo, Adriana Silva

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1076127 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Off Beat Films, 20812 Starshine Road, Diamond Bar, CA 91789. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Goonasekara A. Nandapala, 20812 Starshine Road, Diamond Bar, CA 91789, Sheila Nandapala, 20812 Starshine Road, Diamond Bar, CA 91789 This Business is being conducted by, husband and wife. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)1/1/2004. /s/: Goonasekara A. Nandapala, Sheila Nandapala

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1119265 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Ada's Party Supply, 1416 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90015. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Ada Zulenz Ortiz, 1019 E. Palmer St., Compton, CA 90221 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/: Ada Zulena Ortiz

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1128672 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as House of Flavors, Pal Gow Piker Supreme, 12132 Lamaida St., North Hollywood, CA 91607. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Laviora Rufus Pierce, 12132 Lamaida St., North Hollywood, CA 91607 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)5/12/2005. /s/: Laviora R. Pierce

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1129332 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Luxsa, 426 2nd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : John Yoroyama, 2509 Amelgado Dr., Hacienda Heights, CA 91745 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Reg-

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istrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: John Yokoyama
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1157363 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Inspired Gifts, 8735 1/2 Belford Ave., Westchester, CA 90045. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Kamika J. King, 8735 1/2 Belford Ave., Westchester, CA 90045 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)11/1/2004. /s/: Kamika J. King

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1169774 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Blueprint Studio, 13273 Fiji Way, Suite 321, Marina Del Rey, CA 90292. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Jennifer Lin, 13273 Fiji Way, Suite 321, Marina Del Rey, CA 90292, Art Zeigler, 13273 Fiji Way, Suite 321, Marina Del Rey, CA 90292 This Business is being conducted by, co-partners. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)5/12/2005. /s/: Jennifer Lin, Art Zeigler

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1169771 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as eleven, 8811 LLC, 8811 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : 8811 LLC, 1233 3rd St., Santa Monica, CA 90401 This Business is being conducted by, a limited liability. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: 8811 LLC, Manager, Richard Grossi
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1117041 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as C&C's Party / Florist Rental & Supply, 1716 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave., Long Beach, CA 90813. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Felix Castro, 1720 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave., Long Beach, CA 90813, Sayana Castro, 1720 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave., Long Beach, CA 90813 This Business is being conducted by, husband and wife. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Felix Castro, Sayana Castro

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1125598 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Life Sessions, 1044 4th St., #106, Santa Monica, CA 90403. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Elena Lasker, 1044 4th St., #106, Santa Monica, CA 90403, Svetlana Strom, 1044 4th St., #106, Santa Monica, CA 90403 This Business is being conducted by, co-partners. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Elena Lasker, Svetlana Strom

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Name Changes

Petition for Change of Name:
Conformed Copy of original filed in Los Angeles Superior Court April 18, 2005: John A. Clarke, Clerk By B. Rodriguez, Deputy Case # SS013382
Petitioner or Attorney: Wing Yun Grettl Yip, 141 S. Clark Dr. #325, Los Angeles, CA 90048; phone no. (310) 941-6302. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main St. Santa Monica, CA 90401. Petition of Wing Yun Grettl Yip for change of name. To all interested persons, Petitioner for a decree changing names is as follows: Present name: Wing Yun Grettl Yip filed a petition with this court for the proposed name of Grettl Young. 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: 6/16/05 @ 9:00am in Dept. A, Room 104 Signed this day 4/18/2005 by Judge Linda K. Lefkowitz, Judge of the Superior Court. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the Santa Monica Daily Press on the following dates: 05/02/2005, 05/09/2005, 05/16/2005, 05/23/2005.

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The Bids must be submitted at the Cashier's Office, located on the Mezzanine level, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, California 91803-1331, before 11 a.m. on Tuesday, June 14, 2005. The Bids will then be publicly opened and read in Conference Room A or at the location posted in the main lobby.

The Work shall be done in accordance with the Plans and Specifications on file and open for inspection at the County Board of Supervisors Executive Office and the Department of Public Works. The Work is estimated to cost between \$300,000 and \$350,000 and shall be completed in 45 working days. The Work requires a Class A or C42 contractor's license. Prebid questions regarding the Plans and Specifications should be directed to Mr. Joseph Li at (626) 458-7839.

The Bids must be submitted on the Proposal forms included in the Bidder's package of the Contract Documents, which may be purchased for \$15, if picked up at the aforementioned Cashier's Office, (626) 458-6959, Monday through Thursday between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., or for \$19, if mailed, which includes postage and handling.

Each Bid must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, or surety bond payable to Los Angeles County in an amount equal to at least 10 percent of the Bid to guarantee that the Bidder will enter into the Contract if it is so awarded.

All persons performing the Work shall be paid not less than the General Prevailing Wage Determination made by the Director of Industrial Relations pursuant to the California Labor Code. Copies of these wage rates are available at the Department of Public Works.

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