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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

MORE THINGS TO WORRY ABOUT

■ In March, the Queenstown Lakes District Council (New Zealand), apparently really concerned about clever sex entrepreneurs, amended its recent bylaw aimed at regulating all potential prostitution in the area, including acts on airplanes, ships and ferries, because it had left out prostitution on "hovercraft" (vehicles that float above the surface by the constant downthrust of air).

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"History is a people's memory, and without a memory, man is demoted to the lower animals."

— Malcolm X

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State beach report card to be issued

Santa Monica will find out if it made the grade

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON
Daily Press Staff Writer

Californians will find out this week just how polluted their beaches and swimming spots really are.

Heal the Bay's 14th Annual Beach Report Card will be released on Wednesday and although environmentalists say many areas of Santa Monica have seen remarkable improvements, there are others that have gone from bad to worse.

One of them is the Pico storm drain, which is directly south of the Santa Monica Pier and is a popular place for swimmers and surfers, despite its high level of bacteria.

"Pico has been having some problems," said Mark Gold, executive director of Heal the Bay, a local nonprofit organization com-



Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press
The stagnant lake that forms at the Pico storm drain at Bay Street Beach is cause for concern to many environmentalists. The area is expected to receive a low grade in water quality in an annual report to be released this week.

mitted to improving water quality in the Santa Monica Bay. "There's been too much ponding, and the overflow pipe was busted."

Last week, Gold met with city officials, as well as water quality representatives from the county and state, to discuss how to

improve the storm drain.

"They are nagging, ongoing issues," said Craig Perkins, director of City Hall's environmental and public works management. Perkins described Pico's main problem as a timing issue — the county fills up the drain during the wet months, which forms a lake of stagnant, dirty water. But workers don't always time the diversion correctly and when it rains, the flow goes directly into the ocean. High tide also washes over the depression in the sand, which carries the water directly into the ocean.

That's why "no swimming" signs are usually posted on the beach near the storm drain.

"If there is a way to prevent that ponding, those signs wouldn't have to go up," Perkins said.

Part of the problem is the elevation in the sand at Pico lends itself to ponding easily. Perkins said they'll work on timing the

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Photo courtesy of Michael D. Klubock
About 3,000 Los Angeles school students took a stand in the sand Friday at Dockweiler State Beach in Play del Rey to remind Southern Californians how to treat the environment. The aerial art was part of a statewide Ocean Day beach cleanup.

Keeping environmentalism alive

By Daily Press staff

Students throughout the state spent Friday cleaning up after everybody else.

About 6,000 kids throughout the state commemorated Ocean Day at the 11th Annual Kids' Adopt-A-Beach Cleanup. Beach cleanups took place along the length of the California coast, from San Francisco to Los Angeles, Huntington Beach and San Diego.

Nearly 3,000 kids from 23 elementary and high schools showed up at Dockweiler State Beach — one of the

worst polluted areas in LA County and a popular surfing spot.

Michael Klubock, executive director and founder of the Malibu Foundation for Environmental Education, created the annual event in Los Angeles. The event is part of the Coastal Commission's Adopt-A-Beach School Assembly Program and City of Los Angeles Stormwater Program. It includes a series of assemblies that teach how urban neighborhoods are connected to the beaches

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Surviving SM streets at age 22

Community profiles is a weekly series that appears each Monday and delves into the people who live, work and play in Santa Monica.

BY JOHN WOOD
Daily Press Staff Writer

PROMENADE — Cancer Alucard wants to be a rock star and a chemist, but first he needs to get off the streets of Santa Monica.

Cancer, 22, whose real name is Jacob Wagenhals, wound up in Santa Monica by chance three years ago. Since then, he has spent less than a year living "inside." His lives down-

town, mostly on the Third Street Promenade.

A foster child who suffers from Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Cancer was constantly at odds with authority figures growing up. After earning his GED and leaving home, he found himself homeless and checked into an Ohio mental health facility.

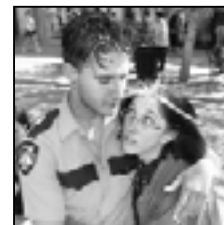
"I had checked myself into a psychiatric ward because I had nowhere else

to stay and there's a vagrancy law in Ohio," Cancer said in an interview last week. "So if you have nowhere to go, they throw you into jail."

"It's like illegal to be homeless, which is stupid."

After two weeks in the ward, Cancer decided on a whim to join a friend and venture to California on a Greyhound bus. He now sleeps on

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Cancer Alucard came to Santa Monica on a whim three years ago. He sleeps on a restaurant patio downtown with his fiancée, 21-year-old Debbie Barron.

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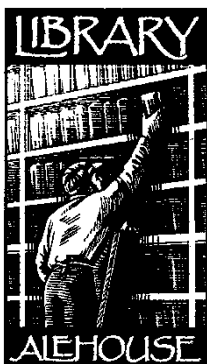
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Cancer, tonight is a must show



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The stars show the kind of day you'll have:

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You make your mark wherever you are. At a meeting, your words hold weight and direction. With individuals, you help them re-energize and take a more positive gander at their world. Take a risk if it feels right. Tonight: So what if you act like it's Friday?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Be realistic in financial dealings with others. You might want to see an associate from a different perspective. Know what you expect and want from those close to you. Build financial security through a real estate investment. Tonight: Your perspective could change.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You tell it like it is, and what you say makes a lot of sense to those around you. Your power of communication brings supporters. You can have much more of what you want — just start lobbying for it. Tonight: Enjoy a favorite spot.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You really do not need to agree with everyone. In fact, you might be seeing something that others don't. Share your feelings with the knowledge that you are heading in the right direction. Be a listener, but make your own financial decisions. Tonight: A must show.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You will want to reach out to others. In fact, you do very well in meetings and dealing with others in general. Count on associates being highly responsive to your suggestions and ideas. Working as a team does have its rewards. Tonight: Join the gang. Get into a favorite sport.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Follow your instincts, and you'll make headway. Review what might be happening with a work-related matter. Handle the boss or key associates as only you can. Decide to keep your opinions to yourself — for now. Tonight: Get some extra zzz's.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You see through someone else's motives. Your ability to understand what others want helps you direct the end results. Look to making everyone happy. Know that there is a way. The issue is simply finding it. Tonight: Talk "ideas" with friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Take charge when dealing with those at work or in positions of power. How you speak about and discuss primary issues will make a difference in the end result. Work as a team. A special partner or friend comes through for you. Tonight: Only work late if necessary.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 19)

★★★★ Others seek you out for advice. You might want to screen your calls or close your door. You, too, have a lot of thinking and research to do regarding a personal and/or business matter. Check out options. Tonight: Find other opinions. Test out your ideas.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Teaming up with a partner, especially regarding a financial or professional matter, could be the path to success. It will make your life easier and your work more successful. Check out an investment more carefully. Tonight: Brainstorm over dinner.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Others seek you out. Your unusual vitality and creativity draw many. You might need to decide where you want to put your energy. Many want your attention. You might need to screen your calls if you are to get anything done. Tonight: Play away.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Family and work need to be coordinated more carefully right now. You have a strong sense of direction. Consider a home office or bringing more work home. You might want a sense of being nested and alone. Tonight: Work till the wee hours.

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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Seeing green

By Daily Press staff

Going hand in hand with City Hall's green theme, a collection of eco-friendly materials will be on display next month.

The Alternative Building Materials Expo will take over the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium June 2 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Admission is free, and residents will see more than two dozen manufacturers of green building materials and learn how functional green building materials have become.

More information is available at <http://greenbuildings.santa-monica.org/main-pages/whatsnew.htm>.

The gift of music benefits St. Joseph kids

By Daily Press staff

College students gave their gift of sound to at-risk children earlier this month, stressing the importance of music in life.

Five students from the UCLA School of Music brought their woodwind quintet to the patio of St. Joseph Center's Infant Toddler Development Center in Venice in order to give 15 toddlers and six infants a taste of music for all ages.

Known as the Gluck Fellows, students Kendra Wittreich, oboe; Evan Geiger, French horn; Alaina Bercilla, flute; Amy Gillick, bassoon; and Bret Hembd, clarinet, played various pieces of music for the children and showed them the differences in the sounds of the individual instruments.

"They've played everywhere," said Maria Alderete, coordinator of volunteer services at St. Joseph Center, of the UCLA group. "They just call up and offer to come. It's a gift of the spirit, bringing music to inspire the children of the working mothers."

Last year St. Joseph Center provided more than 8,000 homeless and low-income men, women and children with emergency services, child care, job training and senior services.

Also at St. Joseph's, seven Ticktockers from the National Charity League of Los Angeles were volunteers on Mother's Day eve, when the center held its 19th annual dinner dance and auctions at the Beverly Hills Hotel. The event help raise more than \$360,000 to aid homeless and low-income men, women and children on the Westside.

The NCL is a national non-profit organization of mothers and daughters, who join together in community involvement to foster a sense of responsibility in the girls, as well as to strengthen the mother-daughter relationship.

"These 12th grade girls have volunteered at the center on the grassroots level for five years," says Maria Alderete, SJC volunteer coordinator. "And this event gives them the opportunity to see yet another side of social services."

Previously NCL Ticktockers, grades 8 through 12, have done child care, served meals, mentored fifth and sixth graders after school, and painted faces at the center's annual Christmas party.



(Above) National Charity League Ticktockers (left to right) Katy Dolle, Hannah Schley and Saxon McClintock. (Below) UCLA School of Music's woodwind quintet.



On Monday look for a mix of NW wind swell and modest SW swell. For Northern LA that means surf in the knee-waist high range at many breaks and some occasional bigger sets at best breaks. South Bay spots see mostly below high surf off the swell mix, while best SW/combo breaks in the north half of the bay see some waist high/occasional plus sets. Winds are mostly light early in the morning but build rather quickly out of the W, reaching the 8-15 knot range by the afternoon.

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MONDAY	8:06	0.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TUESDAY	9:03	0.3	8:26	3.3	12:4	14.5	5:13	3.5
WEDNESDAY	9:57	0.4	10:28	3.0	1:53	4.1	5:36	3.8
THURSDAY	10:45	0.5	11:42	2.3	3:24	3.9	5:56	4.2
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City Hall has been putting a new emphasis on code enforcement in recent months. New pushes for compliance include the regulation of signs in front of businesses and hedge heights around homes. Although both these issues have safety concerns associated with them, they also deal with the beautification of Santa Monica, which is an important issue in a city with a large focus on tourism. But many people are arguing that City Hall is going too far with its code enforcement

and needs to refocus its efforts.

So this week's Q-line question is: **Do you agree with the emphasis City Hall is putting on code enforcement? Why or why not?**

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OPINION



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

City Hall biting the hand that feeds

Editor:

The city has recently begun implementing a program requiring building owners who received conditional use or other discretionary permits to submit to an inspection by code compliance officers to determine if all conditions set forth in the permit have been satisfied. While there is nothing untoward about enforcing compliance with applicable zoning and building codes, this procedure has two distinct problems.

First, there are at least two United States Supreme Court cases holding that a municipality cannot force a building owner to permit an inspection unless there is some emergency, or the inspector has obtained a warrant permitting the search. Because this program involves routine inspections without special cause, issuance of a warrant would seem unlikely and the owner should be fully justified in refusing to permit the search.

Second, the notion that an owner should be required to pay for the search is remarkable, particularly if the original permit did not impose such a requirement. Imagine, if you will, being arrested and, while being handcuffed, being handed a bill by the officer to compensate the city for the officer's time and trouble, whether or not you are ultimately convicted. It's one thing for the city to impose a fee for a service, such as issuance of a conditional use or building permit. It is quite another to bill for an inspection designed to determine whether the owner has violated the law — and requiring payment even if no violation is found.

The city really ought to rethink this program. The notion that this is a "fee for service" system is ludicrous. Instead, it's nothing more than a creative source of free money that could easily be extended.

Why not have the hedge police send bills to homeowners whose hedges and fences are inspected, whether or not violations were found? After all, by having a hedge or a fence, they required compliance officers to expend their precious time measuring them. (And, by the way, let's force the owners to allow the inspectors to have access to their backyards — what's a little thing like the Fourth Amendment in a progressive city like ours?) Let's have the low-flow police inspect recently remodeled homes to make sure they have complying toilets and shower heads and then bill the homeowners, even if they do. Whee!

Of course, no one would suggest doing any such thing. However, the current program is equivalent from the perspective of a building owner, and it is no fairer there than it would be in the residential context.

Tom Larmore
Santa Monica

Constituent grateful for councilman

Editor:

Oh, come on, Bob Abernethy (SMDP, May 21, page 4) and David Pissara (SMDP, May 18, page 5). One can certainly agree or disagree with (City Councilman) Ken Genser on the issues (I have done both), but give the guy some credit. He works hard for the princely compensation we give our council members, and he does listen to the concerns of those around him — although he may disagree, as is his right. And he is honest, so he won't hesitate to tell you that he disagrees, something many politicians won't do.

He is also whip smart, has the institutional memory mentioned by both of you and, despite a disability and kidney dialysis, has not slowed down an iota. I've personally seen him doing city work on a cell phone while on a kidney dialysis machine.

Kudos. And thanks from this constituent.

Michael Klein
Santa Monica

Santa Monica suffering from an identity crisis



COMMON SENSES

BY CAROLE ORLIN

I recently read a moving article about an impoverished farm worker who accomplished amazing things in his and others' lives by adhering to his simple philosophy: *Sigue adelante*, move forward.

I interpret this to mean keep focusing forward towards your goal, no matter what. I have found myself using that phrase over and over again in my thinking — for everything from little frustrations to big decisions, and I can't help but apply it to my adopted home, Santa Monica. Santa Monica is moving, and doing so at an extremely rapid pace. But are we really moving forward? Are we focused on where we are going? Are we focused on our goals, the end results? What are our goals? How are we, as the residents of Santa Monica, able to participate in ensuring that the majority of our community is heard and our desires followed? What system of local, representative government is best suited to the Santa Monica of 2004 and beyond?

Santa Monica, like other cities has undergone many transformations. We have not been simply a beach community for decades. The congestion, noise and endless construction attest to that. Also, let's face it — the homeless have the beaches in the morning, evening and night. (The taxpayers have it afternoons, but unfortunately that is when we are working). My neighbor, who has lived here for 50 years, remembers when this was a town of cowboys and movie stars. My doctor remembers growing up here when it was the wrong side of the tracks. We were once a quaint beach community ... a port ... the home of aviation, etc. Did you know that the first pilots to fly around the world took off from Clover Field Airport in 1921? Since 1960, when our population reached 83,000, we became a metropolis. We need to acknowledge that. We need to be governed as such.

When I arrived in Santa Monica in 2000 and began looking at the moving forces that were "shaping" Santa Monica, I was quite surprised. I found our local government was created through its city charter, adopted in the mid 1940s, as a "Council-Manager" form of government. We have been governed under our charter for nearly 60 years by a City Council of seven residents who are elected citywide to a part-time position that has evolved over time to wield very powerful and unique control over a city that now has nearly 100,000 people.

By virtue of the city charter, the City

Council selects a city manager to be the city's full-time chief executive officer and head of the administrative branch (and the council selects the city attorney). The City Council also appoints a "ceremonial" mayor for the city from its own body. By the charter of nearly 60 years ago, the salaries of the council members were set at \$750 per month and the mayor at \$900 per month. With adjustments, these amounts have increased now to approximately \$863 per month (City Council) and \$1,035 per month (mayor).

Keep in mind that a majority of the City Council prioritizes a rather impressive annual budget of approximately \$377 million. The council is able to dictate how tens of millions of dollars of revenues are spent each year (public safety, community and cultural services, planning and community development, etc.). Furthermore, the City Council is able to control the current and future direction of the city through its ability to pass ordinances and resolutions, and to be the final arbiter of appeals from the Planning Commission and zoning administrator. While wielding all of this control, the part-time City Council, whose members received slightly more than \$10,000 per year, has its policies implemented on a day-to-day basis by a full-time city manager (currently earning more than \$219,500 per year) and a full-time city attorney (earning more than \$187,000 per year).

Has the time come to make a structural change to our city government that would permit our City Council members to devote their full time and attention to the problems and issues that confront their city? I would suggest that our city has, over the last six decades, outgrown the type of governing authority that its charter created. Our local government appears to be structured in a way that isolates and bifurcates decision-making and power. Perhaps it is time to look at something more responsive to the demands of a city of Santa Monica's size (both population and budget). Perhaps it is time to have a full-time City Council that is elected by wards, or districts by individuals that live in those areas and earn salaries commensurate with their responsibilities. The position of city manager could be replaced by a chief financial officer, responsible for handling the significant demands and complexities of daily oversight of our budget. Perhaps it is time that each of us can approach our represented councilperson to discuss problems that might be unique to our particular residential or business areas, as well as citywide problems and issues. Perhaps it is time to *sigue adelante*.

(To reach Carole, e-mail her at Caroleorlin@yahoo.com).

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OPINION

The lights dim all the way to the bitter end



HIP TO BE SQUARE

BY CAROLINE BODKIN

In one week I will, once again, be out of a job. You know this. I will be out of a paycheck, out of this office, away from the chocolate bowl in the lobby, unlocked from a 1-1:30 lunch slot and far, far away from the rudest person with whom I have ever worked.

You know when you sit in a room, and you're reading in dim light, but you don't realize how dim it is until someone else comes in and turns on the overhead for you? Or when you're completely unaware of the annoying buzzing sound that's coming from the stereo until someone flicks off the amp and the buzz disappears?

This co-worker is that buzzing noise. She is the dim light. She is the irritating Chinese water torture that I have been forced to endure and from which I will be relieved come Friday and after that day, I never, ever want to deal with her again.

She works for one of the principals of our company. A strange thing happens to people who work for "important" people: After a while, they think they're important, too. They assume the arrogance brought by their bosses' fame or fortune, and then use it to justify being hideous to other people. Entitlement is, apparently, contagious. If their boss can treat people poorly, so can they. If their boss yells, they'll yell louder.

Yesterday, for example, she called our co-worker Cara to bitch about something, but began bitching so quickly she didn't realize she'd dialed the wrong extension. When Cara told her she had the wrong person, the evil one hung up on her without another word, redialed the right extension, and just kept on bitching.

Or this morning, she marched into my office and without a hello, without a "how are you," without a breath, she started to yell at me for putting three-holed paper into the copier. Which I didn't do. But before I had time to defend myself (which I wouldn't have, because it's not worth it),

she was gone, injecting her foul-smelling venom elsewhere. Three-holed paper? Who cares? Is life so trivial we need to yell about such small, stupid things? Who does that? In an office? In real life?

I am not an angry person. I'm a lover, not a fighter. I take yoga and do not like to be reactionary. But this person is so consistently rude, so aggressive about and secure in her rudeness, there are days I cannot breathe her venom out of me. There are days I fail to be the better person, and instead sit in my office, after a run-in, and recount all the miserable aspects to her lonely, unfulfilled, 30-years-old and desperate-to-be-married-but-doesn't-have-a-boyfriend, nobody-likes-her, must-not-be-able-to-function-outside-of-this-office sort of life.

Mentally, I take my revenge. I imagine her treating her supermarket checker the way she treats her co-workers, and I picture the checker putting her detergent and her ice cream in the same bag. I imagine her barking orders at the flight attendant and the flight attendant turning up the AC and then forgetting to bring her the blanket she demanded. I imagine her (with some trouble) on a first date that concludes at 9:30 with her letting herself out of his car and walking unescorted to her apartment. I imagine her eating today's edition of the South Beach diet at work, but binge eating left-over Christmas chocolate. For her sake and mine, I imagine her human.

The thing is, I know I'm being small. I know she's in pain and her pain is the reason she treats people like worm excrement. The truly pathetic thing for me is that not so deep down I just wish she'd come into my office and, I don't know, ask me for advice about something. I'd like her to want to show me Christmas photos of her family, tell me the story of her weekend, or share news of her girlfriend's promotion, and then candidly admit that she's jealous — thereby displaying some semblance of the humanity that I know she longs to embrace. People need people. Even those who bite like animals.

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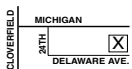
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LOCAL

Report card monitors water quality throughout the state

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diversion better and improve the system so the debris trapped in the filter will be pumped directly into the city's recycling treatment facility underneath the pier a few hundred feet away.

Pico also has had problems with sand and debris clogging the pump, and recently the 24-inch pipe broke. County workers are currently fixing it, Perkins added.

If Pico's system could be improved like it was at Santa Monica Canyon — just south of Will Rogers State Beach — it would be safe to swim and surf nearly all of the time, officials say.

Gold said Santa Monica Canyon's runoff system is a success story and will be highlighted in this year's report — it went from a D grade to a B in one year.

Operated by the city of Los Angeles, the Santa Monica Canyon system is able to divert virtually all of the dry weather flow away from the ocean.

"Our overall goal is to have zero dry weather flow into the bay, which is basi-

cally May to October," Perkins said.

Millions of dollars of improvements are being made to storm drains off of Wilshire Boulevard, as well as Montana and Ashland avenues. The projects should be complete in the next 18 months.

"Once those projects are complete, I think we will meet that goal," Perkins said. "There should be no contamination in those areas."

In Malibu at the popular Surfrider Beach, contamination is the norm. Last year, it made the "California Beach Bummer" list for the fourth consecutive year. And this year will be no exception.

"Surfrider was just brutal," Gold said. "It was ranked as third worst in the state."

But Gold said some significant strides are being made to improve water quality there.

"The momentum up there has gone through the roof," he said. "This summer, the game is going to completely change."

Last year, Surfrider received an A grade during the summer months, a first in Beach Report Card history. The renowned beach had excellent water quality from April to October, thanks in part to the

drought and the successful prohibition of discharge from the Tapia Sewage Treatment Plant, which limited the frequency of breaches at Malibu Lagoon.

Although many environmentalists agree that Santa Monica continues to lead the way in improving water quality along its shores, much more needs to be done.

"You may have the best of intentions, but so many things are a challenge," Gold said.

Heal the Bay's Annual Report Cards provide a 12-month summary of the dry and wet weather water quality for all monitored beaches in California. The grades are calculated from data collected from April 1 through March 31 of the following year.

The Beach Report Card is based on the routine monitoring of beaches conducted by local health agencies and dischargers. Water samples are analyzed for bacteria that indicate pollution from numerous sources, including fecal waste. The higher the grade a beach receives, the lower the risk of illness to ocean users. However, the report is not designed to measure the amount of trash or toxins found at beaches.

Last year's report card graded more than 300 year-round locations and 400 locations in dry weather from April to October on an A-F scale, which is based on the risk of adverse health effects to

swimmers and surfers. The program covers the entire state of California, stretching to the Mexican border. The program has evolved from an annual review of beaches in Santa Monica Bay to weekly updates of all monitored beaches throughout California. All of the information is available in print and at www.healthebay.org.

Students lead state beach cleanup effort

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and oceans through storm drains, and addresses the need for recycling and litter reduction in all communities so that neighborhood trash does not end up at the coast.

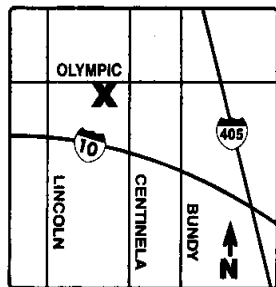
John Quigley, the famed environmentalist who sat in the tree "Old Glory" in Santa Clarita for months before it was cut down by developers, was the designer of a human aerial photo with the kids at Dockweiler State Beach. He has produced human aerial art messages around the world, which include recent reproductions of three Picasso art pieces in Santa Monica and Miami.

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STATE



Budget deal hurts cost, accessibility of colleges

BY RYAN PEARSON
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Mashaal Majid is heading to a community college after high school graduation next month, leaving behind a spot on the tennis team and the pain of a huge broken promise.

Majid was denied admission to three University of California campuses after the system was forced to cut new enrollment and raise student fees because of the state budget crisis.

At Taft High School, Majid scored an 1,120 on her college entrance exam and had a 3.7 grade-point average after taking seven advanced placement classes. In the past, that should have been enough to get into a UC school.

"I did feel like my four years were wasted taking all honors and AP classes," said Majid, 17, who has decided to attend Moorpark College for two years then transfer to a UC school. "And I let down my parents. ... That kind of hurt to let them down."

More than 300,000 students will graduate from California high schools this spring in a state long known for its accessible and affordable public universities and colleges. Many of those denied entrance to UC or CSU schools must turn to already overcrowded community colleges, where there are no guarantees they can get the courses they need.

The situation conflicts with the state Master Plan for Education, which has been hailed nationwide as a model guide to public higher education. First written in 1960 and last updated in 2002, it promises that public universities and colleges will be accessible and affordable to students.

Based on grades and test scores, the plan calls for UC admission for the top one-eighth of state high school graduates and CSU acceptance for the top

one-third of students.

It also requires community colleges to be open to anyone who can benefit from them.

"The reality is, the money hasn't been there to be able to keep the promise," said Mark Drummond, chancellor of California Community Colleges.

The problems were spotlighted this week when the UC and CSU governing boards passed 14 percent increases in students fees that go into effect this fall. That would leave resident undergraduates paying total average fees of about \$2,800 annually at CSU and \$6,200 at UC.

As part of the deal with Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, the systems also agreed to 10 percent cuts in new enrollment for the coming year.

In return, the agreement promises state money for enrollment growth starting in 2005, adding 5,000 students a year to the nine-campus UC system, which serves about 200,000 full- and part-time students, and 8,000 a year to CSU, which has about 400,000 full- and part-time students.

CSU Chancellor Charles Reed called the fee hike a difficult decision but said "when California is in a deep budget hole, everybody has to be part of the solution."

CSU fees are still less than those at 15 comparable institutions nationwide, he said. At a town hall meeting Friday in Long Beach, Assemblyman Alan Lowenthal, D-Long Beach, said he and other lawmakers are pushing for additional money beyond the governor's funding request in the upcoming state budget.

"We are starting from the point that if there's any play at all (in the budget), it's got to go to higher education," he told more than 100 people who turned out for the meeting.

To soften the blow, the systems are

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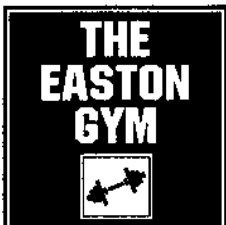


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STATE

State officials trying to soften blow to students

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offering guaranteed admission to UC and CSU schools if applicants keep their grades up during two years at community colleges. Schwarzenegger has even proposed fee waivers for those two years.

Some school guidance counselors said the situation may actually help students. The guarantee of admission to a UC or CSU campus is better than a flat-out rejection and allows the students to take advantage of cheaper tuition and smaller classes, said Debbie Cuzens, a counselor at Foothill High School in Tustin.

"Community college is the way to go to your first-choice college," Cuzens said. "Once students become more aware of that, they are excited. It's a wonderful alternative."

Others argue that this year's cutbacks and unkept promises will have lasting consequences.

"This is a precedent-setting move," said Charles Ratliff, president of the nonprofit group California Education Master Plan Alliance. "We've told students who've done everything we told them to do: 'There's no room at the inn.'"

Tedi Greenleaf, 17, a senior at Ramona High School in Riverside, was disappointed with her college options after working hard for a 3.7 average and a score of near-

ly 1,100 on her college entrance exam. Her extracurricular activities included soccer, cheerleading and serving as editor in chief of the school yearbook.

Still, it wasn't enough to get her into her dream school, UC Santa Barbara.

Instead, she got a letter telling her that while she met the university's requirements, there was no space for her in the fall. She was offered a guaranteed transfer after community college.

"I worked hard to achieve what I did and it didn't get me where I want to go," said Greenleaf, who chose instead to attend CSU San Bernardino.

"Any other year, I would have most likely gotten in," she said.

Many students who find the doors closed to UC and CSU may have to attend private colleges or head out of

state. Others could be disappointed when they try to register at community colleges.

Drummond expects the colleges to be even more crowded this fall than last year, when his office estimates 90,000 potential students were turned away from full classrooms.

"We're sort of like at the picnic," he said. "We brought lunch for 10 people, and here comes 30. What are you going to do? Well, I guess you share the lunch, but it's not that easy when all the classes are already filled."

Alberto Salinas, a senior at Raoul Wallenberg Traditional High School in San Francisco, was rejected by five UC campuses. He believes the cuts were partly to blame.

"I don't think it's supposed to be that way," said Salinas, who is appealing his rejection by the Santa Cruz campus. "We put such a big emphasis on education, and yet we're denying people from going to college."

A closer look at the budget's impact on California's education systems

By The Associated Press

Here's how California higher education systems are affected:

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

■ Overall enrollment to drop from 190,200 full-time student slots in 2003-04 to 187,000 under governor's proposal in 2004-05. The decrease includes a drop of 10 percent in new enrollment.

■ Budget from state to drop from \$2.86 billion in 2003-04 to \$2.69 billion under governor's proposal in 2004-05.

■ Annual full-time resident student fees will rise 14 percent from

\$4,984 in 2003-04 to \$5,684 in 2004-05, following vote by regents. Individual campuses impose additional fees, bringing total average fee to about \$6,200.

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY

■ Overall enrollment to drop from 334,900 full-time student slots in 2003-04 to 318,200 under governor's proposal in 2004-05. The decrease includes a drop of 10 percent in new enrollment.

■ Budget from state to drop from \$2.649 billion in 2003-04 to \$2.409 billion under governor's proposal in 2004-05.

■ Annual full-time resident student fees will rise 14 percent from \$2,046 in 2003-04 to \$2,334 in 2004-05, following vote by trustees. Individual campuses impose additional fees, bringing total average fee to about \$2,800.

CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

■ Overall enrollment was 490,610 full-time student slots in fall 2003. The governor's proposed budget for 2004-05 provides funding for 3 percent growth but CCC officials expect even larger demand. Exact figures were unavailable.

■ Budget from state, fees and local property taxes to rise from \$4.967 billion in 2003-04 to \$5.353 billion under governor's proposal in 2004-05.

■ Annual full-time resident student fees would rise from \$540 in 2003-04 to \$780 under the governor's proposal in 2004-05. Full-time students with prior bachelor's degrees would pay \$1,500. Individual campuses impose additional fees.

Sources: UC and CSU budget presentations, CCC Web site.

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LOCAL



Community Profiles

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the patio of a restaurant downtown with his fiancé and three friends. The group of "street punks" rely mostly on the same services offered to local homeless — they take advantage of the feedings in local parks, and shower at the various shelters around town.

Cancer's aspirations are to become a rock star with his musician friends, or live inexpensively in Ohio and study to become a chemist. He also wants to get off the streets — but he said that's not likely to happen until at least six months from now, when his friend's fiancé is freed from a mandatory drug program.

Here, the Daily Press caught up with Cancer and asked about life on the streets as a young man with a group of young homeless friends.

How'd you end up in Santa Monica?

"My friend called. He said he had two Greyhound tickets to California. He had been pondering this for four years and I had never even considered it, and I'm an Aries so I'm naturally very spontaneous. I thought about it for about two minutes and then I said, 'Yes.' Two weeks later we were on our way.

"He randomly picked out Santa Monica on the map. For some reason he just pinpointed it, which is really weird because it's the perfect place. It's hard to be homeless here. I'm not going to say it's easy, but there's a lot of organizations here that help you. You have to be stupid to starve, or really lazy ... It made it easier to be on the street, since we had never really been on the streets before."

Where do you sleep?

"I'm not really going to disclose that because, you know, maybe somebody will get in trouble by it, but we have permission to sleep by the owner of the place. We've been sleeping there for about two weeks ...

"It's a transitional phase so we can better ourselves. We don't want to be on the streets, but we know we kind of have to right now ... It's really hard to get a job when you're on the streets, seriously."

Can you describe the place where you sleep?

"It's a restaurant-type place, and we're sleeping on their patio. It's nice and closed in, so people don't really see it, and we keep it nice and clean.

"We're not like other people who just trash the place. We respect the place. They're letting us stay there. They don't have to."

How many people?

"The maximum that we told the guy would be staying there is five people. Me and my fiancé, and Zig and his fiancé, and now our friend Pupils. As soon as his fiancé gets out of jail we're all getting married at once.

"We're doing some weird binding marriage where we're all married to each other ... We don't know how it's going to work out, but it's going to be awesome."

What do you do for food?

"Say on Thursdays there's no feedings, and it's really hard to get food. Sometimes we'll sit there and we'll do a sign, and we hate asking people for money. People think we enjoy doing it — people think we're just lazy and we want to sit back and take money from you ... That's not the people I hang out with."

How much do you earn when you do panhandle?

"Oh man, it's unpredictable. Sometimes you can sit there for the whole day and not make anything, literally nothing at all. Other days you can sit there for 20 minutes and, depending on how clever your sign is ... it's limitless. I say, at max, like \$300 in like three hours, but the odds of that happening are really rare."

What are some of your more clever signs?

"The one I used for a couple days, I thought it was really clever — some of them are too clever — but this one said, 'SOS,' you know everybody knows what SOS means, but I changed it so it said, 'SOS — Stranded On Streets.'"

"Anything helps. Even though I don't believe in God, I say 'God bless' because it's polite. At least 75 percent of the U.S. is Christian."

Where do you shower?

"Wherever we can. There's a Dream Center place and in my opinion it's seriously a cult, in my opinion. They're like severe Christian ... We force ourselves to go there just so we can shower and get some clean clothes and everything. We have to sit in a cramped bus all the way up to Echo Park and then ride all the way back. And we appreciate it, we really do, but it's really hard to deal with.

"We go to like the OPCC — there's like different places that offer showers. If it were up to me, I'd shower three times a day. I love showers. I don't like being

dirty, which I think is a big misconception people have about homeless.

"There are some people that don't care, but me and my friends, most of the kids out here, we prefer to be clean, we like to dress nice. We would dress nice all the time, but say we had to 'spange' (ask for spare change) for something ... we have to keep a pair of really crappy clothes, as much as we don't want to. If we're dressed nice, people aren't going to believe we're homeless. So we actually have to dress in the stereotypical garb, so we fit the stereotype.

"People act like we don't exist. And we prefer you say 'No' than act like we don't exist, because that makes us feel very small, insignificant. That's why you have a lot of people out here, homeless people that try to commit suicide."

Where do you want to be a year from now?

"I want to be in Ohio. In Ohio, we can get, I could support, a four-bedroom house, 2.5 bath, central air, central heat, all amenities included for \$675 a month, all by myself — and that's considered expensive out there ...

"I say we're going to push it for that one. We're all going to go up there and camp out in the woods, or whatever, and try to get nice and clean, and work our asses off, basically try to sell ourselves so we can get hired and actually live."

What kind of work do you want to do?

"Basically anything I can get that pays at least, what, \$6.50. At least minimum wage."

You're not picky?

"If it's something that's repetitive it gets me after a while. I try to fight it ... but it starts showing in my performance. I'll zone out, and I won't even realize I'm zoning out — and I either quit because I can't handle it or they'll fire me because they see my performance."

"Most people just jump into college and take whatever course without ever thinking about it and end up with some crappy job. I can't consider that an existence."

"I want to be a chemist. I know I have the intelligence. I know it's a lot of school. I don't care. I know I have the intelligence to learn everything. It just seems like the perfect job for me because my drug of choice is created, is designed, by chemists and that way I could make it so it's completely safe, once I know what I'm doing."

"I can design it to where it doesn't harm any part of my body whatsoever — and indulge in it responsibly every once in awhile."

What's your drug of choice?

"DXM."

What's that?

"It's an opiate. It's a disassociative anesthetic."

What does it make you feel like?

"It all depends on the person ...

"First of all there's the power of it. People will say it's stupid because it's not a real drug, but it's more potent than anything else out there that I've tried, and it's legal, so you can do it and not get into trouble for it."

If there's one thing City Hall, the merchants or local residents could do to make life easier for you, what would it be?

"The main thing, when you're walking by, say you're the manager of some place or something and you see somebody holding a sign, and you tell them to get a job — why don't you offer them a job? Give them a chance ...

"Most of us out there, I can vouch for 75 to 80 percent, if you offer us a job and you let us know that you're serious, if you offer us a job, I guarantee that we'll take it. It's not that we don't want to work, it's that people aren't willing to hire us without a phone number and an address."

Cancer Alucard

With the summer months coming, more and more young people take to the streets. But for Cancer, who was born Jacob Wagenhals, living on the streets of Santa Monica isn't a seasonal affair. He's been here three years.

Born: April 2, 1982, in Rowan County, Kentucky.

Background: A series of incarcerations, mostly as a young boy in Ohio. Cancer has ADHD and has attempted suicide twice.

Family: Cancer is adopted and has an older sister who also is adopted. He said his parents, both teachers in Ohio, have resigned themselves to the fact that he needs to be doing what he's doing right now.

Aspiration: Become a rock star. Cancer said he and his friend hope to find a dedicated drummer and a bassist for their goth/industrial/rock/metal/emo band, "Malice in Wonderland." Cancer plays the keyboard.

Terminology: "Spange," a verb meaning to ask for spare change. "Squat," a noun describing the place where homeless people sleep.

Hobbies: Collecting crystals, helping friends, playing music.

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NATIONAL

Bush victory could bring changes in his war council

BY TOM RAUM
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush's national security team, which has stayed remarkably intact despite missteps in Iraq and his slumping approval ratings, is likely to undergo a major facelift if Bush wins a second term. Maybe even before.

Secretary of State Colin Powell is expected to be first out the door in a second Bush administration — unless Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld resigns before then amid a deteriorating situation in Iraq.

CIA Director George Tenet has weathered many controversies under two presidents, but his days also may be numbered.

National security adviser Condoleezza Rice and Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge will likely be asked by Bush to stay, although perhaps in a different capacities.

Rice is not keen to serve again as national security adviser, viewing it as a burnout job, a Rice associate said.

Attorney General John Ashcroft, the scourge of civil libertarians but a hero to conservatives, is said to be eager to serve in a second administration. He clearly relishes his role as Bush's chief domestic terrorism fighter.

Recent polls show that the Iraq war has cut sharply into Bush's approval ratings;

some polls show him lagging behind Democrat John Kerry.

Bush has completely overhauled his economic team, firing his first treasury secretary and top economic adviser. He has not held his war council directly accountable for misjudgments on Iraq.

Rumsfeld, 71, has drawn the most fire, from underestimating the enemy to his handling of the allegations of abuse at Abu Ghraib prison.

"I'm a survivor," Rumsfeld said during a visit to Baghdad after Bush publicly praised him. Yet his position could become untenable if conditions continue to worsen and if Bush concludes Rumsfeld is a political liability.

"Rumsfeld has been very effective in many respects, but he has not built up enormous reservoirs of support, either in Congress or elsewhere," said Kurt Campbell, a defense analyst with the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

Who would Bush turn to? Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz seems a natural, although his close identification with Rumsfeld could hurt him. The job could also go to Rice or Ridge, veteran Bush observers suggest.

Powell's exit seems almost certain, even though he deflects questions about his future. It is unusual for any secretary of state to serve in a second administration.

Powell, a moderate, long has been the

odd man out among Bush's hawkish senior advisers. The retired four-star general has seen his influence dwindle, first inside the administration and then around the world.

There is a buzz that he may be in line to head the World Bank, a job that would let him make the most of his foreign policy experience and devotion to humanitarian issues.

A similar move to the World Bank was made in November 1967 by Robert McNamara, who resigned as President Johnson's defense secretary as public opposition rose to the Vietnam War.

Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage and the U.S. administrator in Iraq, L. Paul Bremer, are seen as possible successors to Powell. Rice also is a possibility, but has let it be known she has little taste for the heavy bureaucracy that comes with the post.

Rumsfeld may see himself as a survivor, but Tenet has proved to be one so far. A Clinton administration holdover, he has been CIA chief for seven years — and has spent much of it dodging controversies.

He owes his tenure to showing an intense loyalty to Bush and to CIA employees, and by cultivating members of Congress. He also is said to be liked by the first President Bush, a one-time CIA director.

But Tenet chances of staying on have been hurt by his reported assurance to Bush that the existence of Saddam

Hussein's weapons programs was a "slam-dunk case" and by other intelligence lapses.

"He's developed a capacity to be of use. He's done a reasonably good job of running things and of taking heat," said defense intelligence analyst John Pike. "They may have to carry him out feet first."

House Intelligence Committee Chairman Porter Goss, R-Fla., a former CIA agent, is a possible successor.

Bush is almost certain to want Rice for a second term, even if she's reluctant to stay in her current post.

"Rice seems to be so joined at the hip with the Bushes that I'd be kind of surprised if she were to peel off," said presidential scholar Fred Greenstein of Princeton. "She's obviously enormously important for him — as a kind of constant educator, one to unscramble all the complexities."

Vice President Dick Cheney, perhaps the most influential member of Bush's war council, has weathered speculation that he might be replaced on the GOP ticket. He has been an active campaigner and has drawn continual expressions of support from Bush.

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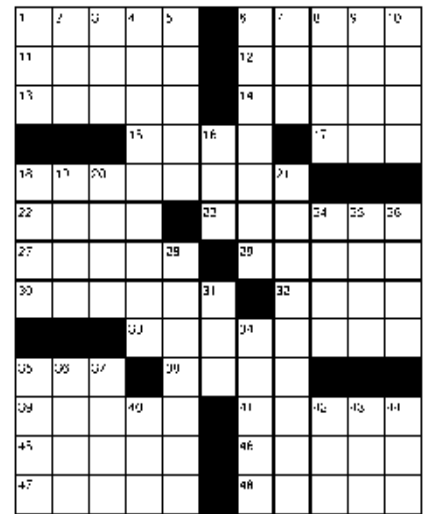


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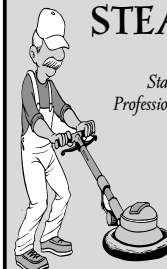
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 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENTS THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: Rockin Landscaping, 43599 Ellsworth St. Fremont, CA 94539. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Rockin Landscaping, Fremont, CA 94539
 This Business is being conducted, An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name/names listed above on: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein.

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A Registrant who declares true, information which he knows to be false is guilty of a crime)

/s/: John D. Bewall

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 04/19/04 indicated by the file stamp above.

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FILE NO. 04-1000888
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENTS THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: Controlled Havoc Innovations, 3632 Kelson Ave Los Angeles, CA 90034 The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Controlled Havoc Innovations, 3632 Kelson Ave Los Angeles, CA 90034

This Business is being conducted, ACO-Partnership. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name/names listed above on: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein.

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A Registrant who declares true, information which he knows to be false is guilty of a crime)

/s/: Marcus Roy Kaufman

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FILE NO. 04-117308
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENTS THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: European Festival Tours, 843 Yale St. Santa Monica, CA 90403 The full name of registrant(s) is/are : European Festival Tours (CALIFORNIA) 843 Yale St., Santa Monica, CA 90403

This Business is being conducted, Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name/names listed above on: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein.

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A Registrant who declares true, information which he knows to be false is guilty of a crime)

/s/: Deborah H. How

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FILE NO. 04-117107
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENTS THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: Starfire Enterprises, 2106 Glyndon Ave. Venice, CA 90291 The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Starfire Enterprises (CALIFORNIA) 2106 Glyndon Ave. Venice, CA90291

This Business is being conducted, CO-Partnership. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name/names listed above on: March 1, 2004.

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A Registrant who declares true, information which he knows to be false is guilty of a crime)

/s/: Karl VonWarkentin, Kurt Max

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 FILE NO. 04-112804
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENTS THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: Carpet 4 Less, 12639 Lakewood Blvd. Downey, CA 90242 The full name of registrant(s) is/are: Carpet 4 Less (CALIFORNIA) This Business is being conducted, An Individual Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein. I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A Registrant who declares true, information which he knows to be false is guilty of a crime)

/s/: Laura Monteleagre

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FILE NO. 04-118014
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENTS THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: OMNI Investments, 11940 McClirk Avenue, El Monte, CA 91732 The full name of registrant(s) is/are: OMNI Investments (CALIFORNIA) This Business is being conducted, An Individual Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein. I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A Registrant who declares true, information which he knows to be false is guilty of a crime)

/s/: Steven Childs

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FILE NO. 04-118015
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENTS THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: Paramount Investigative Services, 1104 Fremont Ave. South Pasadena, CA 91030 The full name of registrant(s) is/are: Paramount Investigative Services (CALIFORNIA) This Business is being conducted, An Individual Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on 5/7/04. I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A Registrant who declares true, information which he knows to be false is guilty of a crime)

/s/: Kea Childs

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 05/7/2004 indicated by the file stamp above.

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FILE NO. 04-1181524
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENTS THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: Carpet 4 Less, 12639 Lakewood Blvd. Downey, CA 90242 The full name of registrant(s) is/are: Carpet 4 Less (CALIFORNIA) This Business is being conducted, An Individual Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein. I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A Registrant who declares true, information which he knows to be false is guilty of a crime)

/s/: Carlos Castro R.

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FILE NO. 04-119048
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENTS THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: JMB Auto Sales, 3165 E. Imperial Hwy. Lynwood, CA 90262 The full name of registrant(s) is/are: JMB Auto Sales (CALIFORNIA) This Business is being conducted, An Individual Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein. I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A Registrant who declares true, information which he knows to be false is guilty of a crime)

/s/: Gustavo Camacho

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FILE NO. 04-1193501
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENTS THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: Diego's Beauty Salon 4004 S. Vermont Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90037 The full name of registrant(s) is/are: Diego's Beauty Salon (CALIFORNIA) This Business is being conducted, An Individual Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein. I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A Registrant who declares true, information which he knows to be false is guilty of a crime)

/s/: Jose Luis Pagan

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FILE NO. 04-1205038
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENTS THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: Kaizen In Action, 21038-A Victory Blvd. Woodland Hills, CA 91366 The full name of registrant(s) is/are: Kaizen In Action (CALIFORNIA) This Business is being conducted, CO-Partners Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein. I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A Registrant who declares true, information which he knows to be false is guilty of a crime)

/s/: Heather Eubanks, Erin Dov

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FILE NO. 04-1207691
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENTS THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: El Guero Body Shop, 10801 1/2 Alameda Street, Los Angeles, CA 90044 The full name of registrant(s) is/are El Guero Body Shop (CALIFORNIA) This Business is being conducted, An Individual Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein.

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A Registrant who declares true, information which he knows to be false is guilty of a crime)

/s/: Ricardo Macias

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FILE NO. 04-1208143
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENTS THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: Crystal Moon Psychic Reader, 370 Stonewood St. Downey, CA 90241 The full name of registrant(s) is/are: Crystal Moon Psychic Reader (CALIFORNIA) This Business is being conducted, An Individual Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein.

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A Registrant who declares true, information which he knows to be false is guilty of a crime)

/s/: Nicole D. Stanton

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FILE NO. 04-1218412
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENTS THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: Perfect Finish Body Shop, 9220 Long Beach Blvd. South Gate, CA 90280 The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Perfect Finish Body Shop (CALIFORNIA) This Business is being conducted, An Individual Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name/names listed above on: Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on: 5/13/04. I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A Registrant who declares true, information which he knows to be false is guilty of a crime)

/s/: Omar Garcia

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FILE NO. 04-1218413
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENTS THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: South Communications, 537 W. Manchester Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90044 The full name of registrant(s) is/are :South Communications (CALIFORNIA) This Business is being conducted, An Individual Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name/names listed above on: Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein.

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A Registrant who declares true, information which he knows to be false is guilty of a crime)

/s/: Raul Davalos Jr.

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FILE NO. 04-1218415
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENTS THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: Just Wine, 9663 Reseda Blvd. Northridge, CA 91324 The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Just Wine (CALIFORNIA) This Business is being conducted, A Corporation The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein.

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A Registrant who declares true, information which he knows to be false is guilty of a crime)

/s/: Leonard Moreno

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FILE NO. 04-1218495
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENTS THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: ESP Electric, 3061 Isabel Dr. Los Angeles, CA 90065 The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ESP Electric (CALIFORNIA) This Business is being conducted, An Individual The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein. I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A Registrant who declares true, information which he knows to be false is guilty of a crime)

/s/: Stanley Joseph Dick

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FILE NO. 04-1219085
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENTS THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: Everlasting Adult Day Health Care Center, 4515 Eagle Rock Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90041 The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Everlasting Adult Day Care Center (CALIFORNIA) This Business is being conducted, A Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name/names listed above on: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein.

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A Registrant who declares true, information which he knows to be false is guilty of a crime)

/s/: Oscar L. Jorjacion

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FILE NO. 04-1221219
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENTS THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: Sun Acupressure, 14129 Van Ness Avenue, Gardena, CA 90248 The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Sun Acupressure (CALIFORNIA) This Business is being conducted, An Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein on: March 1, 2004

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A Registrant who declares true, information which he knows to be false is guilty of a crime)

/s/: Stephen A. Mitchell

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FILE NO. 04-1221516
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENTS THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: Rivas Disposal Services, 15601 S. Atlantic, Rancho Dominguez, CA 90220 The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Rivas Disposal Services (CALIFORNIA) This Business is being conducted, A Corporation The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name/names listed above on: Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein on 5/13/2004

/s/: Oscar Rivas

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENTS THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: Those Tech Guys 708 Bay St, Suite A, Santa Monica, CA 90405 The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Those Tech Guys 708 Bay St, Suite A, Santa Monica, CA 90405 This Business is being conducted, co partners. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name/names listed above on: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein.

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A Registrant who declares true, information which he knows to be false is guilty of a crime)

/s/: Chris Stanley, Brad Embree, Noah Jones

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FILE NO. 041000899
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENTS THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: Needlepoints West, 6227 W. 87th St., Los Angeles, 90045. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Joanne Bronson, 11500 San Vicente Blvd. #404, Los Angeles, CA 90049

This Business is being conducted, an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name/names listed above on: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on May 14, 2004. I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A Registrant who declares true, information which he knows to be false is guilty of a crime)

/s/: Joanne Bronson

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Superman Reeve urges graduates to take action

By The Associated Press

■ **MIDDLEBURY, Vt.** — Actor Christopher Reeve told Middlebury College's graduating class Sunday that they should not lose sight of the difference they can make in the world, adding that "inaction is unacceptable."

The crowd grew hushed when Reeve, who sits in a motorized wheelchair, was pushed by an assistant to center stage.

"We can rationalize inaction by deciding that one voice or one vote doesn't matter, or we can make the choice that inaction is unacceptable," said Reeve, who was paralyzed from the shoulders down after he fell from a horse in 1995.

"Whether or not you realize it right now, the education you have received here has prepared you to pursue your own ambitions without losing sight of the invaluable difference you can make in this world," Reeve told the class of 625 graduating seniors.

Reeve's wife, Dana, graduated from Middlebury College in 1984, and his brother, Jeffrey, is also an alumnus.

In an interview with The Associated Press after his speech, Reeve said he sees "a grassroots movement" toward more stem cell research, mentioning private research centers at Harvard University and in Cleveland.

Reeve said President Bush has a "moral obligation" to hear evidence supporting embryonic stem cell research. Bush's policy limits federal funding for such research to stem cell colonies created before August 2001.

"As president he has a responsibility to the greatest good for the greatest number of people," Reeve said.

Some scientists say stem cell research holds the most promise for helping Reeve recover.

In 2000, the actor best known for his role as "Superman" was able to move his index finger, and a specialized workout regimen has made his legs and

arms stronger. He has also regained sensation in other parts of his body.

■ **NEW YORK** — Conductor James Conlon urged graduating seniors of his alma mater, Juilliard, to pursue their passion by maintaining creativity, courage and persistence.

"Listen to your inner courage, not your fears," he said. "Be an ambassador for the arts. Remember we live in a country where still, only a fraction of our population loves and enjoys the classical arts as we do. Show by your performance and your passion that these arts are not just for the happy few, but for everyone."

The 54-year-old Conlon, who graduated from the Juilliard School in 1972, was among six distinguished artists and educators who received honorary doctoral degrees Friday. The others were pianist and Juilliard faculty member Joseph Bloch, actress Judi Dench, choreographer William Forsythe, saxophonist Illinois Jacquet and composer John Williams.

■ **MIAMI** — Shauna Pender's typical day is just as busy now as it was before the car accident that almost killed her. But instead of making personal appearances at parades and youth meetings as Miss Florida 2003, her schedule is now filled with doctors' appointments.

"My life has changed ... in a way I never wanted it to go," Pender said.

Still, she's staying optimistic and even joking about her scars and recovery, which included surgeries on her heart, chest and arms.

"I can still do hand modeling. There's nothing wrong with my hands," she quipped at a news conference Thursday beside the doctors at Jackson Memorial Hospital who saved her life.

In November, Pender was on her way to an appearance when a tractor-trailer tipped over on a Miami expressway and landed on the car in which she was riding.

The 24-year-old from St. Petersburg had just been crowned Miss Florida weeks earlier. She was runner-up in the contest, but received the tiara when the original winner, Ericka Dunlap, became Miss America. Next month, a new Miss Florida will be crowned.

A Florida State University theater graduate, Pender said she's going to focus on her dream of becoming an actress.

She has trouble moving her arms and fingers and needs help putting on makeup, washing her hair and getting dressed. And because of damage done to a nerve, she needed collagen injected into her vocal cords to be able to speak.

"I used to be a singer," she said in a raspy voice. "Now, I'm a great shower singer."

■ **NEW YORK** — Nicole Miller can tell you how to get to Sesame Street — and she can tell you what to wear when you go there.

The fashion designer is working with Sesame Workshop on "Sesame Street" by Nicole Miller, an apparel line for newborns, infants and toddlers.

The clothing, with patterns based on the television characters Zoe, Elmo, Grover and Cookie Monster, should be in department stores in spring 2005. Sesame Workshop will donate the proceeds it receives from product sales to educational projects for children around the world.

"We have translated the characters and their personalities into adorable prints that are perfect for both infants and toddlers," Miller said Friday.

The designer, who's best known for her cocktail dresses, in the past year has introduced a sportswear collection for women called Millergirl.

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