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City Hall deploys permit police

Businesses can expect a \$500 visit from officers

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON
Daily Press Staff Writer

Business owners beware: The next time City Hall knocks on your door, you might be handed a \$500 bill.

The building and safety department is cracking down on businesses that might be violating the conditions they agreed to when City Hall gave them approval. So far, code compliance officers have conducted about 100 surprise inspections — at \$500 a piece.

The City Council authorized the fee last fall and directed city staff to begin enforcing conditional use permits this past spring, said Tim McCormick, head of the building and safety department.

"There was growing concern that there was no monitoring of commercial establishments," he said. "The policy from council is that the permit holders are benefiting from the permits, and it's appropriate that they pay ... it's the cost of doing business."

But some business owners targeted so far — most of whom are complying — don't feel it's appropriate at all.

"Not only are businesses being subjected to inspection, they are paying for it," said John Warfel, chairman of the Bayside District

Corp. board, which helps manage downtown Santa Monica. "It seems unfair — the inspections are unannounced and expensive."

Warfel said Bayside has received numerous complaints from business owners. The board plans to discuss the issue at its next meeting, Warfel said.

"There is quite a concern about it," he said. "How the program was implemented also is a problem."

Merchants associations and business district boards weren't notified by City Hall that the inspections were going to begin. As a result, many business owners were caught off guard.

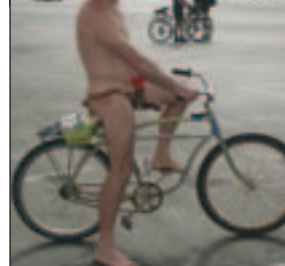
That's the point, said McCormick. However, he added that the fees and inspections were discussed during public meetings last fall.

"It's not really our intent to catch people breaking the law but to create a deterrent," he said. "There is an incentive to comply, and the program is meant to be self policing."

CUPs range from business to business. They could be related to land use approvals for the buildings, or to the businesses themselves, such as what activities are taking place at certain hours, how much alcohol is served at a restaurant versus food, or how much noise is generated at specific times.

Business owners who choose not to comply after the initial

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Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press
Scantily clad cyclists ride alongside police officers. The men were planning to ride naked this weekend to protest world oil dependency but were deterred from fully disrobing after police followed them. (Inset) Santa Monica police officers keep an eye on James Dufourd of Santa Monica in the beach parking lot north of the pier.

Planned nude cycling event foiled by police

By Daily Press staff

A small group of local cyclists took to the beach strand this weekend in hopes of riding in the nude. But when police caught wind of their plan, the male cyclists decided to keep their pants on.

As part of 'Naked Bike Riders Day,' cyclists from eight countries on Saturday attempted to ride naked through the cities of the world in order to protest oil dependency and to celebrate the power and individuality of their bodies. The event was organized through e-mail discussion lists.

At about 7:30 a.m., dozens of police officers from both Los Angeles and Santa Monica were in position, anticipating that the group would strip — it's illegal to be nude in public, a notion the group thinks is 'ludicrous.'

Officers on bicycles and ATVs followed the group from the Venice Pier to the Santa Monica Pier. At the border of Venice and Santa Monica, the SMPD had about a dozen officers, three marked units and a paddy wagon stationed.

"It's amazing how much nudity gets attention," said James Dufourd, one of the cyclists.

COMMUNITY PROFILES

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



John Wood/Daily Press
Seventy years after fleeing Nazi Germany, Sunset Park resident Alfred Benjamin is finally coming to terms with long-dormant memories — through painting.

From Nazi Germany to Sunset Park

Local Jewish man photographed Adolph Hitler in 1934

BY JOHN WOOD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SUNSET PARK — Almost 70 years have passed since Alfred Benjamin fled Nazi Germany, but only weeks ago did the longtime Santa Monica resident first allow

himself to confront the pain and anguish he carries still.

An accomplished medical photographer with a passion for painting and writing, Benjamin, 87, was prompted to reexamine his past by a group of young students seeking him as a mentor. Their questions

raised dormant memories.

"Somehow I managed to get the upper hand," Benjamin said in a recent interview. "I always looked at the room where all these bad things happened, but I never really walked into the room ... Imagine all these people that you loved dearly were tortured, burned and

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ What might be an inspiring dream could be nothing but a problem if you try to turn the concept into a reality. Your high energy allows strong choices, efficiency and a potential financial investment. Check out properties. Tonight: Balance your checkbook.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You might put someone on a pedestal, which he or she doesn't belong on. Without meaning to, you could put a lot of pressure on this person. He or she can only tumble off. Discussions could be vigorous but enlightening. Tonight: What makes you happy?



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★ Knowing when to back off could be your greatest asset, especially today. You pull the wild card financially. Play it conservatively, because the cards could tumble either way. Look toward being less dramatic about expenses. Tonight: Get as much rest as you can, because tomorrow could be very active.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Emphasize what you want, and don't take what someone says personally if he or she appears vague and somewhat touchy. Emphasize what is good. Look at your life as the cup half-full rather than half-empty. Tonight: Catch up with a friend.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Impart your strong sense of direction on others. You find that leadership becomes you. Use some inner knowledge or your instincts regarding issues and people you're dealing with. You know how to motivate others. Use that ability. Tonight: In the limelight.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ You are right on top of your game, ready to give whatever effort is needed to head down the path to victory. Your success seems inevitable as the planets cheer you on. You need to make the needed effort. Tonight: Rent a movie.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Visualize more of what you want from others, and then start asking for it. Don't throw a tantrum; be willing to take responsibility for what might be going on on your side. Investigate ways of getting more effective communication. Tonight: A meeting might go late.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Others might hold the cards, but you have the insight and perspective. Do research first before plunging in and declaring yourself 100 percent right. Your ability to work through problems emerges. Tonight: Start planning a vacation.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ You charge into work determined to enlist support or financial aid. Your strength, ability to risk and strong personality mix, declaring you a success. Just understand when you have pushed the line too far. OK? Tonight: Chat with a dear friend.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Your creativity flows, and an associate registers a complaint. Could he or she be jealous? You might need to direct more of your high libido action into flirtation and appeasing this person. A child could play a significant role. Tonight: Play away.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ If you can work from home, by all means do so. Somehow you might not be sure of your ability to handle a difficult work-related issue. You might want to take your time rather than cause yourself a problem in the long run. Tonight: Head on home.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Don't hesitate to pick up the phone or drop in on a key associate or friend. You might need to clear the air, but when you do, you will be delighted by the end results. What appears to be a hassle becomes a creative opportunity. Tonight: Follow your instincts.

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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Santa Monica in harmony

By Daily Press staff

A barbershop quartet is ready to sing in the summer.

Santa Monica Chorus is inviting the public to a summer celebration on June 26 at 2 p.m. After the show, a complimentary summer dessert will be offered. Guest performers include 2003 Sweet Adelines International Region 11 Quartet Champions.

Santa Monica Chorus is an award-winning chapter of Sweet Adelines International, "a worldwide organization of women singers committed to advancing the musical art form of barbershop (four-part a cappella) harmony through education and performance."

The summer celebration will be held at the Mt. Olive Lutheran Church located at 1343 Ocean Park Blvd., at the corner of Ocean Park Boulevard and 14th Street. Tickets are \$5 and will be available at the door. Tickets can be purchased in advance by calling (310) 450-8989.

John Adams granted for its garden

By Daily Press staff

A local school has seen its garden grow and is reaping the awards.

Among the latest crop of school garden grant winners announced by the California Fertilizer Foundation is Santa Monica's John Adams Middle School.

John Adams Middle School uses its garden for classroom material and food for the cafeteria. Students and teachers who participate in the school's "salad bar gardens co-op" get a free salad bar lunch for their students. The teachers also use the gardens to help illustrate lessons in math, science and literature. John Adams School proves that gardens help students feed their minds and their stomachs at the same time, officials said.

Several other schools awarded for the first quarter of 2004 range from elementary to high schools throughout the state. Through the garden program, the foundation provides direct funding to California schools for garden projects. Grant applications can be downloaded from www.calfertilizer.org and are reviewed on a quarterly basis.

Out of gas

By Daily Press staff

Is the oil era in its final days? According to professor David Goldstein, it is.

The United Methodist Women and the Social Concerns Committee have invited Goldstein to reveal his analysis on the end of the oil age, possibly in the next decade.

The event will be held on July 18 at 7 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church's Simkins Hall, located at 1008 11th St. Refreshments will be served. For information call Bernice de Leon at (310) 207-5228.

New works in play

By Daily Press staff

They've been described as bold, brave, brazen, bawdy and bad.

They're new works from Local Lit Wits spoken and played at the Powerhouse Theater. The tales produced by Stacie Chaiken, Kristi Marie Jones and Hank Rosenfeld, with the help of the Powerhouse Theater, will be presented on Monday at 8 p.m., at 3118 Second St. The series will continue on the second Monday of every month. There is a \$10 entrance fee, or pay what you can. The Powerhouse patio opens at 7 p.m. with beer and cake. For more information call (310) 392-9186.



SURF REPORT

On Monday look for primary NW wind swell to join leftover SW swell. For Northern LA County look for most spots to be checking in at or below waist high, with more consistent waist high surf at best NW breaks. South Bay spots pick up the wind swell for waist high and below waves at average breaks. Best combo breaks in the north half of the Bay see some occasional bigger sets. Look for light wind in the morning to build out of the W in the 8-15 knot range for the afternoon.

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The Q Line

City Hall has now focused its efforts on making sure business owners are complying with the rules and regulations set upon them when they were approved to open in their locations.

After the business owner is visited in a surprise inspection by a building and safety code compliance officer, he or she is handed a bill for \$500. City officials say business owners have to be charged to offset the inspection program.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know, "Should business owners pay to have their property inspected by City Hall? Why or why not?"

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Unhappy with arson mistrial

Editor:

I wasn't able to be at the courthouse (for the June 9 mistrial in the arson case against ex-Raider Anthony Wayne Smith), because we have a business to get off the ground and two of us have to be there at all times. We have not been able to be very vocal because we have been concentrating on not going broke. I don't believe that our side of the case has been reported often enough.

I am obviously disappointed that Mr. Smith was not convicted. Having 39 pieces of his mail in the numerous firebombs points to his guilt. There are no words to convey how much pain and hardship he has caused me and my family and the owners of the building. We are going to devote as much time as necessary to get a conviction of Mr. Smith. Many disturbing details of Mr. Smith's life were not presented to the jury. We are hopeful that more of the truth regarding the fire and Mr. Smith's involvement will come out in the second trial.

Marilyn Nelson
Owner, Simply Sofas

Ronnie bashing unfounded

Editor:

Thank God (can I still use that phrase)?

I had almost lost faith in my good friend, Ron Scott Smith (SMDP, June 10, page 4). It's been fully 4 1/2 days since President Reagan died and finally, finally, finally, we get to hear the oh-so-predictable, yet less-than-stimulating, anti-anything Republican or conservative, from Ronnie (Smith not Reagan). Ronnie (Smith not Reagan), it seems, doesn't recall that under President Reagan's administration, the U.S.S.R. fell and as a result millions of people are now free.

I won't go tit for tat with Ronnie (Smith not Reagan) on the subject of which former administrations have had the most positive overall effect on the world. Suffice it to say that a legacy of helping to free millions of people versus, oh I don't know, say, uh, a legacy of holding "private parties" in the oval office ... well, you get my point.

Typical for Ronnie (Smith not Reagan) and his generation, and their upbringing is that he is still unwilling and, sadly, unable to put aside his deep hatred for all things conservative and find no positive things to say about President Reagan at the time of his death.

Typical of his "it's-all-about-me" generation that he is more upset with being inconvenienced by traffic than at the passing of a former president of the United States. Sure, Ronnie (Smith not Reagan) could have simply kept silent and let those of us who simultaneously mourn the passing and celebrate the life and accomplishments of President Reagan do so without his comments. Sure, he could have — but, he didn't.

And, we should not have expected otherwise from Ronnie (Smith not Reagan). No man, or president for that matter, is perfect. Inevitably, a man's life will have its good points and its bad. However, the totality of his life must be considered when judging the impact he had on the world. For me, all things considered, the world is better off because of Ronnie (Reagan not Smith).

Tony Street
Bend, Ore.

Trying to feel comfortable in clothes out of the closet



HIP TO BE SQUARE

BY CAROLINE BODKIN

Isaac, one of my best friends from college, is a guitar player from Tennessee and the most well-read person I know. He was a true companion with whom I was equally as happy going cliff jumping or mountain biking, as I was lying on his bed late at night, finding solace, talking ourselves to sleep. He was loyal — never missed a dance concert, or a teary phone call, or a ride to the airport — and above all, he listened, didn't judge.

"Finding yourself" is a mandatory struggle, especially during the college years, but I always knew whatever I found would be safe with Isaac.

He came to visit me recently here in LA. We went to one of my favorite pizza places, and after two beers and a slice, he finally sat back, let there be a silence, and then we started to talk about life since the cliff-jumping and up-all-night days of college.

He told me about his first few months in Seattle, where he knew no one and lived in a rented room in a house of strangers. He told me about looking for work but finding none for months before finally taking a position as a waiter in a small restaurant by the university.

Then he started talking about Mike. Not the first man he'd ever been attracted to, but the first man with whom he'd shared his feelings, and the first boyfriend he'd told anyone else about.

Anyone. Which means that for the four years in school and three years since, and maybe longer, he was quiet about it — quiet about himself — and though I'd wondered if he was gay, he'd made enough reference to high school beauties and one night stands, I figured he'd tell me if and when he wanted to.

If there were more to it, I'd know when he wanted me to know.

It's hard to say why Isaac didn't "come out" during college — a time I'd believed was created for exploration, when people are more forgiving of other people's differences, which makes becoming "who you are" a safe endeavor, if a sometimes clumsy one. But maybe that's just too

easy a description. Maybe our school was more closed-minded than I could have realized, never having had to test the boundaries myself.

Maybe that's what I think because I'm run of the mill from the outside. Becoming who I am didn't entail coming out amongst a conservative population so I have no idea how that must have felt.

Mike, Isaac's first real-world lover, was a couple years older and had been openly gay for years. Isaac, then, was the one playing catch-up when it came to being gay in the world. He'd felt "wrong" for so long, he said, the idea of allowing himself to feel "right" about himself was foreign. I'm OK? I'm OK like this?

Mike became impatient with him, he said, and drifted away, breaking Isaac's heart almost casually. And so Isaac was depressed, and somewhat lost. And from that place, he rebuilt himself.

Our LA reunion was six months after that. He was on a road trip, on his way home to Tennessee to see his parents and, he said, to tell them everything for the first time. He needed distance and a breath. He needed to leave the place where he'd fought to survive long enough so that he could return feeling right again.

Falling asleep that night, with Isaac on my couch, I felt heavy. I remembered the numerous times I'd found comfort in his understanding, and I regretted miserably the equal number of times he must have felt alone even with me there. I thought when he leaves tomorrow, I want to get into the car and drive with him to Tennessee or back to Seattle so that everywhere he goes there's someone beside him who loves him no matter what, so that every doubt will have a reassurance to counter it. So that next time he meets a Mike, he'll love freely. I thought these things until I fell asleep.

These thoughts were sobered by the morning, and I knew I couldn't go with him, but I was still worried and he saw it in my face. He took a long look at me and said, "It's fine. Just your having been there was enough." And I saw that he had found for himself how to be himself by himself.

And simultaneously he knew he was no longer alone. And wouldn't be.

(
Caroline Bodkin lives in LA and hopes to make it out alive. You can e-mail her at hiptobesquarebybodkin@yahoo.com
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LOCAL



Inspection program expected to last a decade

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inspection — when they are made aware of the infraction — will be fined.

“It’s a flat fee of \$500 for the inspection and if we have to come back, then it’s an additional \$300,” McCormick said. “But we are not assessing the \$300 unless they have a chance to fix it ... we want to give them a chance to do the right thing, and I think people really want to do the right thing.”

However, the building and safety department projected in next year’s budget that it would increase revenue by \$325,000 as result of the program — \$250,000 with the \$500 flat fee and \$75,000 in fines.

McCormick said costs of program will match the revenue. The inspection fee was based on an hourly rate of \$100 for a code compliance officer, who will spend an estimated five hours reviewing the conditions of the business, inspecting it and following up with the merchant.

“The idea is that it would pay for itself,” he said. “The city is not making any money on it. We are simply trying to pay for our costs.”

The building and safety department has hired one inspection officer and plans to hire two more, plus a staff support person, within three months. McCormick estimates that 500 inspections will be done this year.

He added that eventually the building and safety department will give business owners advance warning of the inspections and conduct a public outreach campaign to educate merchants on the law.

“Some new business owners may not be aware of the regulations on a particular site,” McCormick said. “We’re willing to allow the new business owner to learn the regulations before we fine them.”

But for now, business owners can expect to be surprised. The City Council apparently wanted an idea of how many business owners were complying, which is why it ordered surprise inspections. Of the

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Tim McCormick
Head of the building and safety department

businesses inspected, McCormick said about 75 are complying. He expects to give the City Council a report in three months.

The CUP crackdown is part of an overall effort by the building and safety department to have all codes be obeyed throughout the city. It has hired 10 new code compliance officers — at the direction of the City Council — to monitor the numerous codes in Santa Monica. Most recently, businesses have been targeted for illegal signs outside of their stores and residents have been scrutinized for the height of their hedges.

Kathy Dodson, president and CEO of the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, said her office hasn’t received any complaints from business owners yet, but she expects that it will.

“I expect this summer to be full of problems, they have 10 bodies now,” she said, adding City Hall should first focus on its notorious inefficiencies. “There are so many problems with that department, and they are spending all of this time and money on code compliance.”

The CUP inspection program is expected to last 10 years.

“If you are doing a good job and following the approvals, you won’t see us for a couple of years,” McCormick said. “If you are found in violation, you’ll see us sooner.”

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STATE

Despite wildfire losses, insurers reluctant to restrict their policies

BY ANGIE WAGNER
Associated Press Writer

Wildfires that burned thousands of homes in California last year were the most expensive in history for the insurance history, and other wildfires have burned hundreds of homes in Arizona and Colorado.

With another bad fire season predicted this year, insurance companies are nervously watching forecasts and urging forest-dwelling homeowners throughout the West to clear brush, trim trees and take other steps to protect their homes.

So far, though, most insurance companies haven't raised rates or restricted homeowners. Instead, they are largely hoping that the massive fires were a fluke.

"It was an anomaly of sort," said Bill Mellander, spokesman for Allstate, of the California fires. "A fire event of that size you think is not going to be an everyday event."

In California alone, insurers processed more than 19,000 claims and paid out \$2.04 billion in damages from last October's Cedar and Old fires, according to the Insurance Services Office Inc. That number was almost half of all the premiums collected in California the year before.

Another bad fire season is expected this year, with dry conditions in southwest Arizona, New Mexico, Southern California, Washington and Oregon making them susceptible to fires, said Rick Ochoa, national fire weather program manager for the Bureau of Land Management in Boise, Idaho.

"I think it's going to be worse this year in the Northwest," he said. "This year we're seeing larger areas of dryness."

Insurance companies are paying attention to the forecasts, and they are encouraging homeowners to clear brush, trim trees, remove firewood and re-evaluate roofs. But they are not making those steps a requirement of coverage. Safeco insurance is re-examining its risk in some areas, but says the review is routine and not related to wildfires losses.

Some Colorado insurers, however, take the precautions a step further.

State Farm last year began requiring 24,000 homeowners in fire-prone areas of six Western states — Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming — to fix hazards on their property. The move was prompted by drier conditions and wildfires like the 2002 Hayman fire in Colorado that destroyed 133 homes.

Policies could be dropped if homeowners don't cooperate.

So far, the response has been good, with the majority of homeowners cooperating, said Maria Taylor, spokeswoman for State Farm.

"I think it protects everybody," she said.

Colorado Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Co. has always required homeowners in fire-prone areas to clear brush around their homes, said Bill Benedetti, underwriting vice president.

"We do have a heightened awareness to it, but it's nothing different than what we've been doing," he said. The insurer has about 1 percent of the Colorado market.

Diane and John Bengé of Woodland Park, Colo., who lost their cabin to the 2002 Hayman fire, were required by the insurer to clear trees within 30 feet of their new house. The couple also got a discount for building a stucco and siding house with a metal roof.

The requirements, Mrs. Bengé said, "should be a given."

"I think if you're going to live in the forest, it's probably a good idea for safety more than anything," she said.

Foresters have encouraged insurance companies for years to require homeowners to clear brush and trees and to use fire-resistant building materials, especially on roofs.

John Garamendi, California's insurance commissioner, doesn't understand why more companies don't require those precautions.

"It should be that way," he said. "Some companies do it that way and other companies just look at maps and don't bother looking at the house. They don't have a clue where the house is or what the risks are. I think that's wrong."

More companies are looking at the requirements, said Pete Moraga, spokesman for the Insurance Information Network of California.

"If the homeowners haven't kept up the clearance, there may be changes in the way that policy is drafted for the following year," he said.

Companies may not be as strict about policy requirements as State Farm, but "the trend for most companies is moving in the same direction," said Carole Walker, executive director of the Rocky Mountain Insurance Information Association, a trade group that represents the insurance industry in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming.

"Each company is going to take their own look at their risk," she said.

New Mexico's insurance superintendent, Eric Serna, isn't sure making brush clearing mandatory would work.

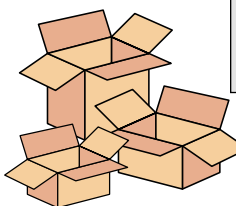
"Where do you draw the line? What does it mean, put concrete around your house, clean your yard every three days? Believe me, insurance adjusters perhaps would find a way not to have to provide that coverage for a loss," Serna said.

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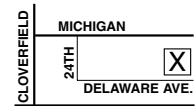


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STATE



Woman keeps promise to send disadvantaged children to college

BY MICHELLE LOCKE
Associated Press Writer

HAYWARD — Michael Tatmon stood on the outdoor stage of the community college, a brand-new diploma in his hand, his eyes raking the crowd.

Standing at the front of the audience, an elegantly dressed woman waved madly.

"Yeah!" she yelled.

The hundreds of people sitting in the wind-swept courtyard of Chabot College didn't know they were watching a dream come true.

Seventeen years ago, Tatmon didn't look like college material.

He was a student at an inner-city Oakland elementary school with some of the lowest test scores in the district, living in a neighborhood beset by temptation and transgression.

Tatmon, now 23, only vaguely remembers the day real estate agent Oral Lee Brown walked in and told his first-grade class she would pay for them to go to college — if they got that far.

It wasn't until much later that he realized what that meant.

"I just know a lady came and said that she was going to end up paying for us to go to school," he says. "In high school, it started to come to reality. I started really understanding more."

Brown had been moved to make her unusual promise after a chance encounter with a hungry little girl skipping school. At the time, 1987, she was making about \$45,000 a year selling houses to working-class couples and the idea that she could set aside \$10,000 a year in a trust fund as promised seemed about as far-fetched as the hope the children would be able to live up to their part of the bargain.

Still, Brookfield Elementary officials were soon won over as Brown became a fixture, meeting with children, meeting with parents, drumming home her message: You can do better.

"It has been a job," Brown says simply. "It's something I have to do as long as I am able to do it."

Brown wasn't the first to shepherd strangers to college. In 1981, businessman Gene Lang was moved to guarantee college funding when he gave a speech at his old elementary in Harlem, an effort publicized by "60 Minutes" a few years later.

Today, the "I Have a Dream" Foundation, founded by Lang has seen 180 projects in 27 states and has served more than 13,000 students, says Marina Winton, president of the New York-based organization.

Not all the sponsors are wildly rich, but the endeavor does require a significant financial commitment. Just telling a child that college is an option isn't enough. The key is daily contact and mentoring by a caring adult, either the sponsor or a hired project coordinator, Winton says.

The investment is substantial, the payoff enormous, she says.

"Essentially, we're taking kids where they're typically graduating at a rate

of 20 to 40 percent and we're converting those rates to 60 to 100 percent," Winton says.

Over the years, Brown has become an established fund-raiser, creating the Oral Lee Brown Foundation and holding an annual dinner, this year it's August 6, that has helped swell the college fund to about \$375,000. She keeps the money in a trust — "I can't afford to put the kids' future on Wall Street."

Brown saw three of her Brookfield students graduate college last year — "They've reached the mountain," she says — and this year three more are graduating. She'll be at the third commencement, at the University of California, Davis, later this month.

Meanwhile, she is sponsoring 89 new students from Oakland schools, selecting them by soliciting applications districtwide two years ago from grades 5 and 7. "The need is still there," she says.

The foundation has a small office with a tutoring center for all interested students, not just those in her college program. The program includes computer training two Saturdays a month geared toward high schoolers preparing to take the SAT and fill out college applications.

When she meets a new group of students, she asks them the same thing she asked Tatmon and his classmates: "What are your dreams? Do you want to go to college?"

Typically, every little hand goes up, so Brown tries to explain what it's going to take.

They have to get up every morning excited to go to school. They have to ask questions and not be afraid if they don't understand something. Ask, it's OK. You won't feel like a dummy, and even if you do, so what? Dummies need answers, too.

Of the original 23 Brookfield students, 19 went to college and many are taking longer than four years to finish, often because they must take care of turmoil at home. Some decided to take a different path, which Brown doesn't count as a failure; she's proud of the young man who dropped out of college to follow his dream of becoming a firefighter.

But even having "Ms. Brown" in their corner wasn't always enough.

One student will never walk across a commencement stage. Tracy Easterling was shot as she walked down a street in Oakland, the city's 95th homicide of 2002. She was 21 years old.

"She was so bright," Brown says wistfully. "Tracy was a kid that, from day one, always had a mind of her own. It was going to be done Tracy's way."



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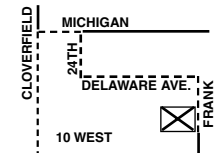
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Benjamin's great uncle and aunt committed suicide to avoid Nazi concentration camps. Another uncle killed himself in front of Benjamin after being shunned for being Jewish.

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gassed. Even to talk about it, it's not easy."

Faced with difficult questions from students about the family and friends he left behind, Benjamin said he opened his mind and pored over his memories. Some startled him in the middle of the night, others came back slowly. Benjamin began to paint — portraits of starved and desperate Jews, of beastly Nazi soldiers.

The 32-year resident of Sunset Park is perhaps best known for a 1934 photograph he took of Adolph Hitler, which appeared in the *Hamburgerfremdenblatt*, Hamburg's major daily newspaper. Benjamin, who is Jewish, said he was paralyzed with fear when Hitler stepped from his limousine just a few feet away from him.

Benjamin fled Germany in 1936, spent some time working with German youths separated from their parents, married, was sent to an internment camp, was released, worked briefly at a munitions factory, had two daughters and took a job as the chief photographer for the Queen Mary, a top hospital in London.

One day near the war's end, Benjamin said he was filled with optimism as he headed to a Red Cross office, where officials had said they would help him find the many aunts, uncles and other family members he could not convince to flee with him.

Once there, a bombshell: All of them had been killed by the Nazis.

Benjamin moved to America in 1947. Here he has had a successful career as a photographer, especially in medicine, and has dabbled in writing, painting and teaching. But it wasn't until April, when he first began meeting with a handful of students through the Holocaust Museum, that Benjamin looked in detail at his troubled past.

Here, the Daily Press asked Benjamin about the life he started when he left Germany, and about the loved ones he left behind.

Tell me about the picture you took of Adolph Hitler. What was that experience like?

"That was when I was an apprentice. I had a leica camera. In those days, only few people had cameras, especially leica cameras. And because of that the studio owner had an order from the paper, like the LA

Times, the *Hamburgerfremdenblatt*. They wanted a picture of Hitler's visit — first visit in Hamburg, in 1934.

"What happened is when, in the morning, when I got to work he said, 'Are you ready to take a picture of Hitler?' I was flabbergasted. First, because I am Jewish, and I was thinking maybe he doesn't know, and because that is one of the biggest things for you to do — once I grasped at what was going on, I was thinking it was such a wonderful moment of history that I don't want to miss.

"I went up there with my camera, and there were thousands of people in front of the town hall, the square was filled up with people. They were announcing on the loudspeaker, 'He's at the airport, he's in the car, he's on the way.

"I pushed my way to the front, and I could see the limousine drive by. He slowly moved forward, there was the limo and it was stopping in front of me, about eight feet away. He was standing there in the open limousine, with all the big shots... In those days they weren't afraid of being shot.

"He was standing there with the outstretched hand with the heil-Hitler salute. He turned right toward me with a very stern look. I wanted to take the photo — it was an ideal photo, and I was trying to take it.

"I was trying to trip the shutter — the leica camera, like all the other cameras, you have to push the button down — and he looked at me, and I was really paralyzed, because this guy wants to kill us ... I couldn't trip the shutter. He turned on in the limousine and went on to the town hall.

"When I got back to the boss, I said, I couldn't take his face, the close-by face, and he was mad at me, but he said he was going to send the picture in anyway, and it was a hit. That's as close as I could get ... It was a very far, far away picture."

You mentioned that when you moved to London you spent some time as a teacher and guardian for children that had moved from Germany without their parents. What was that experience like?

"It was heartbreaking because they missed their parents. Also, at that time in Germany, before they heard about these things, people were turning up in ashes in boxes. It was unbelievable. It took about six years, the whole thing. Hitler became the chancellor in '36 and then by '39 it was full

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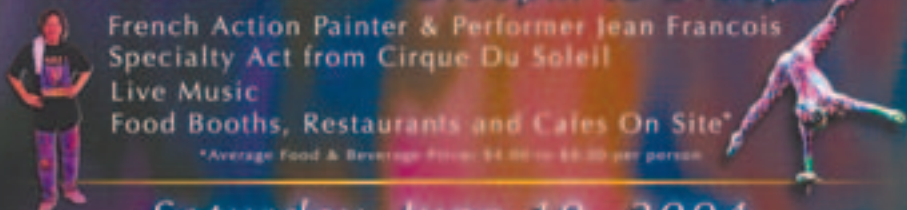
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program to exterminate the Jewish race.”

Your recent work with high school students has helped you to deal for the first time with difficult memories. How?

“The students, I met them first in February, and they asked — it was not just me telling them about my experiences in Germany. I told them a story about how my uncle was returned in a box and one of the uncles jumped down from the roof (to avoid being taken by Nazis) and they asked, ‘Are you very angry?’

“And then, by asking the penetrating questions, I started wondering, ‘Am I angry?’ And I started having dreams, and I started thinking about it.

“I got ideas and then all of a sudden, now, I am alive and very, very happy here and somehow it made it possible to look back and allow myself to have those feelings of terrible agony and anxiety.

“My turn could have been next, and my father could have been next ...

“I just didn’t allow myself to actually paint these things. When the class asked these questions and then thinking about it, to describe it, that allowed me to actually visualize it again, and then I felt I want to express them, I want to put it down and let all the emotion come out in my brush stroke — and the color, the non-color.

“By them confronting me and by me being forced to visualize, again and again, these events at a much later point in my life ... that allowed me to really express my feelings. Not in words, but in colors, and maybe the expressions of these people in the pictures.”

Some of the people in the paintings are your family members. Did you lose a lot of your family in the concentration camps?

“My father’s family was all wiped out. I implored them to leave Germany, because in the first few years you could

still go to Palestine, but they said they didn’t want to. They said, ‘It will pass.’

“They had wonderful homes, and somebody would tell, you know, ‘You have to leave because you’re either going to be killed or transported.’ It’s very difficult, and people didn’t believe it would happen.

“They had, in the first World War (been awarded) the Iron Cross. They said, ‘They won’t touch me, I am fighting for Germany.’

“It was done gradually, very methodically.”

Were you able to keep in touch with your family while in London?

“Once I left, before the war of course, in letters. Then they couldn’t move out, because there was no more money and nobody wanted them. And then, during the war, there was no more correspondence.

“After the war I was hoping to meet them again. I went to the Red Cross, and they were then trying to find out what happened to these people, and then I got the answer.

“They gave me a report that tells me exactly what happened to each of these people. The Nazis were very methodic. They kept book keeping of each one they killed and when they killed them ...

“There is a book that I have which tells you which date my aunt and my uncle, for example, were picked up, and then it will say when they went to the concentration camp and when they died.

“Mother’s side, thank God, as I say — everybody got out.”

What about your “Act of Defiance” painting, where a Jewish man is jumping from a building while Nazi soldiers stand on the street below with their rifles drawn — where did the inspiration for that come from?

“That’s a great uncle of mine. He was 80 years old. The Nazis in those two years, ’41 or ’42, they instructed the people to be ready the next morning, whenever it was, to have a little box with their belongings — like washing, a tooth-

brush, whatever — so they could transport them to the concentration camp ...

“He was also told in the morning to be down there to be picked up, but instead of going down there to be picked up, he walked up to the roof, and he jumped down. The Nazis down on the street were waiting for him to come out the door, and they were pointing their guns to make sure he didn’t flee. They didn’t expect him to jump from the roof, but that’s what he did — and his wife did it too.”

You mentioned that another uncle of yours committed suicide in front of you, before you fled Germany, after being shunned for being Jewish. What advice do you have for others wading through traumatic memories?

“It’s very individual. Some people probably never can. In my case, I had psychotherapy years ago and somehow that made you come a little bit more in touch with your subconscious ... to allow yourself to really think about it again — to write about it or talk about it, to really express yourself.

“All writing is a great relief. I’m very convinced about psychotherapy. The only good thing is that I saw Freud once. I didn’t talk to him, but I saw him in front of his house, and I wish I had my camera with me.

I’m a believer in it. Through therapy, I could be a happy man again. But also the thinking you learn in therapy makes it easier when you are trying to get in grips with it ...

“Some people don’t like to change. They like to be angry. They like to be the way they are. When you have an emotional pain you suffer, you are miserable. You see people smiling, happy, and you are miserable. And you think maybe someone can help me.

“Some people do yoga, some people do drugs ... it’s a quick way of doing it, but it can be a very destructive way. But therapy is very positive. You don’t lose anything, maybe money. But it is really a wonderful tool. Because once you have a tool to yourself then nobody can take it away.”

You’ve been married to your wife, Selma, for 64 years. What is the secret to your longevity?

“The secret of good marriage is really to be able to compromise, really. You want a certain way, she wants a certain way — either you have the friction, or you say, ‘Where is the middle?’ It’s compromise and sleep it over, let it cool down if you really get upset at something in the younger years. Later on you don’t need it, because you know it can be done. Maybe I should become a marriage counselor.”

Alfred Benjamin

Alfred Benjamin’s father, a lawyer, died when he was seven. One year later his mother remarried a medical doctor who Benjamin said was as good a father as one could desire. It was his stepfather that urged Benjamin to try photography.

Born: Aug. 14, 1916, in Hamburg, Germany.

Family: Married to Selma for 64 years. Two daughters — Roberta is 59, Wendy is 57.

Hobbies: All types of photography, writing, painting.

Background: Benjamin fled Germany in 1936, when Hitler was still allowing Jews to leave if they had the resources to do so. Since then, he has lived in London, New York, San Francisco and, for the last 30-plus years, a house in Sunset Park.

Career: Since moving to Santa Monica, Benjamin, a photographer for more than seven decades, has worked as the chief medical photographer for the Orthopedic Hospital, done work for Cedars Sinai and partnered with the Rand Corp. He also taught photography for 33 years to adult students at Hollywood High School, and has worked on projects with Santa Monica College and the Holocaust Museum.

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From NASCAR dad to soccer mom, campaigns drawn to political labels

BY GENARO C. ARMAS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — NASCAR dad, meet soccer mom. She could give you some pointers on what it's like to be part of a voting bloc the political parties are eager to woo.

Each election year, pollsters, political scientists and media pundits come up with catch-phrases to coin a demographic group they think might influence the outcome — voting blocs also known as "swing voters."

"Soccer moms" — mainly suburban, white women — helped President Clinton win the 1992 and 1996 elections.

"Waitress moms" were chic in 1998. The profile: white, under 50 with no college degree, living in the suburbs or rural areas and sometimes working two jobs.

The 2000 campaign brought attention to "wired workers" — mainly young, upwardly mobile, high-tech types.

This year, political observers are talking about the "exurbs," areas well outside of city centers and populated by white, highly educated, well-paid families who abandoned the suburbs for better schools and more land. Exurban voters, concerned with taxes and the economy, have been critical to GOP victories in recent elections.

While a catchy label typically won't sway the vote of someone who fits a category, says Charles Bullock, a political science professor at the University of Georgia, they can help guide mailings and phone calls from campaigns desperately trying to attract more swing voters.

Labels also give campaign operatives and rank-and-file staffers a visual of exactly who is being targeted. A term like "waitress mom" is more descriptive than a dry, demographic definition of a possible voter.

"Political campaigns put resources not in people who have a persistent and stubborn voting patterns, but into people who agree with them and who are likely voters," says Ruth Mandel, director of the Eagleton Center for Politics at Rutgers University.

However, Ed Goetas, a Republican pollster who has worked with Democratic colleague Celinda Lake on bipartisan polls, says he tries to avoid labels in part because they could have multiple definitions among people in the same campaign.

"NASCAR dads" is one example. Coined by Lake, the term describes blue-collar workers and auto racing fans generally considered to be social conservatives. These dads are "pretty Republican," Lake says, but could be swayed by economic issues to vote Democratic. "They are concerned about where the jobs are going," she says.

Yet the sport, which has its roots in the South, is growing in popularity nationwide and among both men and women, making the demographic less specific.

Some campaign strategists might think efforts to target NASCAR dads should be based in the South, while others might think they should be national in scope. Others might want to expand strategies to target women, and still others might believe more research would develop a better description of whom to target.

"Then by the time you get to who you are talking about, it's a pretty small group," says Goetas, adding that he prefers to talk in

wider strokes with terms like "union voters" or "white conservative Christians."

This election year, NASCAR dads don't seem to be getting as much attention as broader blocs like the "exurban" voter, or Hispanics, who generally vote Democratic but are being targeted by Republicans.

Many Democrats increasingly look at single women as a crucial group. Exit polling from the 2000 presidential election shows they preferred Democrat Al Gore over George W. Bush by more than 30 percentage points.

Their challenge is getting these women to the polls. In 2000, nearly 22 million unmarried women who were registered to vote did not, and another 16 million did not register.

A Democratic poll conducted in part by Lake's firm found that one reason these women didn't vote was that they thought their concerns about education, jobs and health care were being ignored.

'Mexican made' not good enough

The Associated Press

PHOENIX — Some agents for the U.S. Border Patrol are irate at what they see in their new uniforms: a "Made in Mexico" label.

"I just received a half-dozen new shirts, pants and the labels all say they are made in Mexico," said Rich Pierce, a Tampa-based agent and executive vice president of the 16,000-member National Border Patrol Council, the agents' union. "Why can't we have uniforms made in the U.S.? ... The other agents I've talked to all think this is some bad joke."

U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials told The Arizona Republic in a Washington-dated story published Friday that they are trying to get as much as they can for their money.

Customs and Border Protection spokesman Jim Mitchie said, "We are buying American. But we're also buying elsewhere."

The agency contracts with VF Solutions of Nashville to supply 30,000 border agents and customs inspectors with uniforms for the current fiscal year. The \$30 million contract allows the company to subcontract work to plants in the United States, Mexico, Canada and the Dominican Republic.

Officials at VF Solutions would only say that their contract allows them to manufacture in Mexico.

Mitchie said the agency is simply trying to get as much as it can for its money.

He added that the bottom line is, "Our Border Patrol agents are very well-dressed, well-uniformed and neat and clean. And that's how it should be."

But T.J. Bonner, president of the National Border Patrol Council, noted that the agency might be saving money, but the cost of the uniform has gone up slightly for agents, who get a uniform allowance.

Having agent uniforms made in Mexico is just the wrong thing to do, he said. "It's the wrong message."



WORLD BRIEFLY

Al-Qaida boasts U.S. captive

By The Associated Press

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — A purported al-Qaida statement Saturday claimed the terror group had kidnapped one American man in the Saudi capital and killed another American. It threatened to treat the captive as U.S. troops treated Iraqi prisoners.

The U.S. Embassy confirmed an American was missing but would not identify him.

The al-Qaida statement, posted late Saturday on an Islamic Web site, showed a passport-size photo of a brown-haired man and a business card bearing the name Paul M. Johnson. It said he was born in 1955.

Earlier Saturday, an American identified by the U.S. Embassy as Kenneth Scroggs was shot and killed as he pulled his car into the garage of his Riyadh home.

The statement claimed al-Qaida had killed an American at his house but did not identify him.

Iraq senior official assassinated

By The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Gunmen firing from a car killed Iraq's deputy foreign minister Saturday in the first assassination of a senior official since the new interim government was announced this month. Iraqi authorities blamed Saddam Hussein loyalists.

Bassam Salih Kubba, 60, the slain minister, was Iraq's most senior career diplomat and was slated to stay on in the new administration that takes over after June 30 from the U.S.-led occupation authority.

Kubba was mortally wounded when gunmen drove up behind his car in the city's Azimiyah district and opened fire, Foreign Ministry spokesman Thamir al-Adhami said.

The assailants then passed the stricken vehicle and fired a second time, the spokesman said. Kubba's driver escaped injury, but Kubba died in a hospital.

Azimiyah is a predominantly Sunni Muslim neighborhood where Saddam took refuge as American forces overran the city in April 2003 and support for the former regime runs strong there.

Reagan's body laid to rest

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Ronald Reagan's body was sealed inside a tomb Saturday at his hilltop presidential library following a week of mourning and remembrance by world leaders and regular Americans.

Workers closed the underground crypt shortly before 3 a.m. while a handful of Secret Service agents, library personnel and mortuary representatives watched, said Duke Blackwood, executive director of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley.

Reagan's widow, Nancy, and his three surviving children had left hours earlier following a Friday night sunset ceremony.

In his second tribute in two days, President Bush on Saturday called Reagan a "modest son of America."

"Ronald Reagan always told us that for America, our best was yet to come," Bush said in his weekly radio address. "We know that is true for him, too. His work is done."

A headstone of Georgian gray granite was to be set up at the memorial site above the crypt, where an inscription from Reagan himself is set into a curved wall adorned with shrubbery and ivy.

Presidential portrait bridges racial barrier

By The Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Simmie Knox, the first black artist to paint an official presidential portrait, is preparing to unveil his oil painting of former President Bill Clinton in a ceremony Monday at the White House.

"My mind hasn't completely wrapped around it yet," Knox said in a telephone interview from his Silver Spring, Md., home. "Just imagine: I was born in 1935 in Aliceville, Alabama, a sharecropper, and now I'm painting the president. Can you imagine that?"

The self-taught artist, best known for his portraits of black celebrities like baseball legend Hank Aaron and comedian Bill Cosby, also will unveil a painting of the former first lady, New York Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton.

At the former president's request, the oil painting is set in the Oval Office. It will be the first presidential portrait in the White House collection to include the American flag.

Bush takes dive for 80th birthday

By The Associated Press

HOUSTON — More than 5,000 people were expected to help former President George H.W. Bush celebrate his 80th birthday Saturday night, part of a weekend of festivities to be topped with a skydive Sunday.

The skydive will be "very safe. It will be a thrill for me," the nation's 41st president said at a luncheon in his honor Saturday at the University of Texas.

Bush has made four parachute jumps in his life — the first as a Navy pilot shot down over the Pacific during World War II. He has made the other jumps since leaving the White House more than a decade ago, including one on his 75th birthday.

On Saturday night, President George W. Bush will be among the political leaders and other guests expected at his father's birthday gala at Houston's Minute Maid Park. Larry King, Dennis Miller and Bo Derek were among the celebrities expected to attend.

Christianity could save Nichols

By The Associated Press

McALESTER, Okla. — Oklahoma City bombing conspirator Terry Nichols may have been spared the death penalty for a second time because a jailhouse conversion to Christianity gained him sympathy from the jury, lawyers in the case said Saturday.

The state prosecution, staged in an attempt to secure the death penalty at a cost expected to soar to \$10 million, ended with the same sentence Nichols received in federal court six years ago: life.

Juror Daniel Cochran said as many as eight of the 12 jurors agreed to impose a death sentence, but declined to disclose further details of their deliberations.

"We all agreed that what went on in the jury room would stay in the jury room," he said.

But lawyers for both the prosecution and defense agreed jurors were influenced by Nichols' religious conversion. Nichols was also portrayed as susceptible to manipulation by Timothy McVeigh, the bombing's mastermind.



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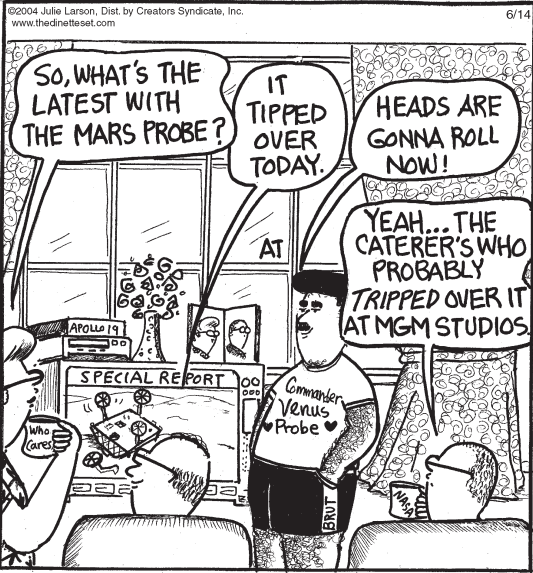
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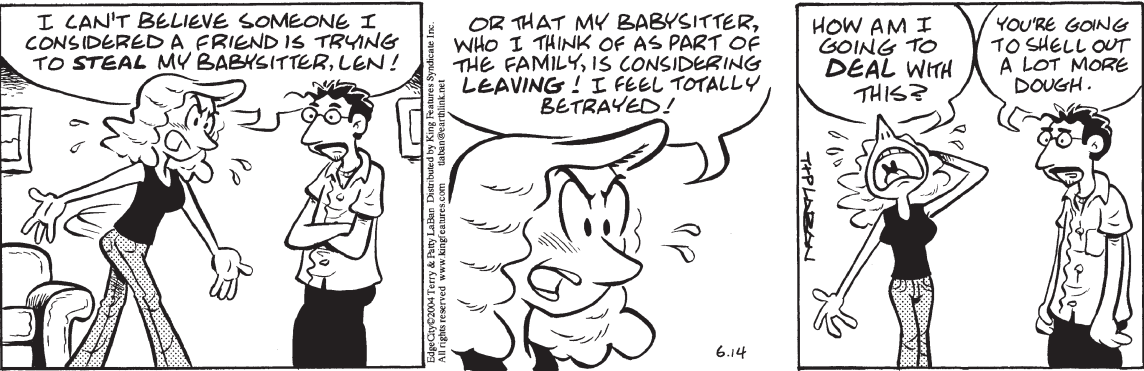


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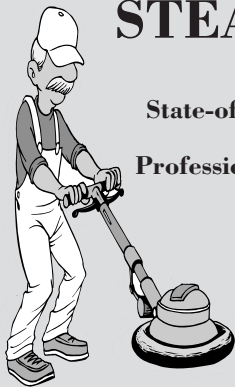
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-1402453 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Divine Auto Sales, 10202 S. Broadway #2,Los Angeles CA 90003. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Ation Jente Gilliam, 10202 S. Broadway #2 Los Angeles, CA 90003 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/: Ation Jente Gilliam, Minnie Moore
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-1401922 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Compu-Doctors, 1801 S. Ogen Drive,Los Angeles CA 90019. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Morio Oliver 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/: Morio Oliver
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-1431221 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as New Century Bancord, 10614 Pico Vista Rd. Downey CA 90241. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Jorge Larios This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Jorge Larios
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-1385912 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as McGirk Garden HOA, 12030 McGirk Ave.,El Monte CA 91732. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Linda Tang,10230 McGirk Ave. El Monte CA 91732 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)5/28/2004. /s/: Linda Tang
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-1386536 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as La Bamba Grill, 16600 Paramount Blvd. Paramount CA 90723. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Jesus Gayosso, 9238 Cord Ave Downey CA 90239 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/: Jesus Gayosso
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-1414123 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Favored Creations, 436 N. Bellflower #218 Long Beach CA 90814. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Tricia Urbaniak This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)6/2/2004. /s/: Tricia Urbaniak
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-1431059 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Vita Bella, 1010 Saga St. Glendora CA 91741. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Rick Costigliolo This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)6/3/2004. /s/: Rick Costigliolo
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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 90054 The full name of registrant(s) is/are Ricardo Macias (CALIFORNIA) This Business is being conducted, An Individual Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein. /s/: Ricardo Macias. This statement was files with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 5/12/2004. NOTICE- THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another federal, state, or common law(see Section14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code).

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-1438301 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Photo Grafica, 3110 Main Street #102 Santa Monica CA -90405. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Photo Grafica, Inc. This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)6/1/2004. /s/: Oleg De Bode
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-1431237 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as The Rubio Family Trust, 7749 Keltownview Dr Pico Rivera, CA 90660. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Salvador M. Rubio, Elva C. Rubio This Business is being conducted by, a business trust. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)6/3/2004. /s/: Salvador Rubio, Elva Rubio
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-1427976 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Casadores Mexican Food, 14916 Hawthorne Blvd. Lawndale CA 90260. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Luis Madrigal, Irma Madrigal 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/: Luis Madrigal, Irma Madrigal
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-1386717 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Independence Document Preparation, 324 W. Foothill Blvd #203, Monrovia CA 91016. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Independence Paralegal LLC 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/: Shannon Farley
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-1431284 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Alloyed Design, 1111 N. Dartmouth Ave 220 Claremont CA 91711. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Anya Smlanick 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/: Anya Smlanick, JohnSmlanick
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-1428508 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Flame Clothing, 1138-D Santee Street Los Angeles CA 90015. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Ali A. Zaghari, 2332 Bentley Ave. #207 Los Angeles CA 90064 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/: Ali Zaghari
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-1416172 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Executive Plus, 5238 Via San Delarro Los Angeles CA 90022. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Joel Nunez, 5238 San Delarro Los Angeles CA 90022 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Joel Nunez
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-1403103 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Dezeo, 4823 Mendota Ave. Los Angeles CA 90042. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Felipe Reyes 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/: Felipe Reyes
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-1481928 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Bayside Wellness Center, 2634 Wilshire Blvd. Santa Monica CA 90403. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Keith Giamo This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)6/9/2004. /s/: Keith Giamo
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-1481927 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Anthill Designs, Anthill Productions, 649 Copeland Ct. Santa Monica CA 90405. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Michael Hill This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)6/9/2004. /s/: Michael Hill
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-1481925 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Don Snips, 1111 1/2 Montana Ave. Santa Monica CA 90403. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Donald R. Bailey 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/: Donald R. Bailey
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FILE NO. 04- FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENTS THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: Anti-Warhog Press. Tribute to John Lennon, Village 1 diom, PO Box 5576, Santa Monica, CA 90409. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Tim Biancalana
This Business is being conducted by, an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)5/26/2004. I declare that all the information in this state-

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FILE NO. 04-1355401 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENTS THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: G & V Health Care, 17619 S. Pioneer Blvd. #191 Artesia CA 90701. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Vincent Legaspi This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein. /s/: Vincent Legaspi

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FILE NO. 04-1356970 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENTS THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: Master Orion Communications, 245 N. Alvarado #213 Los Angeles CA 90026. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Roy Emmanuel Cancel This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed

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herein.. /s/: Roy E. Cancel This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 5/26/2004 indicated by the file stamp above. NOTICE- THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another federal, state, or common law(see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 6/7/2004, 6/14/2004, 6/21/2004, 6/28/2004

FILE NO. 04-1367653 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENTS THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: Mision Cristiana Jezreel Internacional Inc., 540 N. Azusa Ave. Azusa, CA 91702. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Urias Hernandez This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)5/27/2004. /s/: Urias Hernandez This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 5/27/2004 indicated by the file stamp above. NOTICE- THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement

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FILE NO. 04-1370607 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENTS THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: C & C Improvement, 13086 Flor wood Ave. #11 Hawthorne CA 90250. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Aldo Daniel Osmen This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Aldo Daniel Osmen This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 5/27/2004 indicated by the file stamp above. NOTICE- THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another federal, state, or common law(see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code).SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 6/7/2004, 6/14/2004, 6/21/2004, 6/28/2004

FILE NO.04-1370620 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENTS THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS

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(ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: Passion Spa & Nails, 3736 7th Street Long Beach CA 90804. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Heinrich Vuong This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious 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/: Heinrich Vuong This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 5/27/2004 indicated by the file stamp above.

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FILE NO. 04-1370694 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENTS THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: Fitness Freakz, 15759 Imperial Highway, La Mirada, CA 90638. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : David Beard This Business is being conducted by, an individual. The registrant commenced to transact

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FILE NO. 04-1481924 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENTS THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: Coast Building Maintenance, 5371 Wilshire Blvd. #214 Los Angeles CA 90036. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Gregory Lance Harris This Business is being conducted by, an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)6/5/2004.

/s/: Gregory L. Harris This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 6/5/2004 indicated by the file stamp above. NOTICE- THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another federal, state, or common law(see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS 05/24/04, 05/31/04, 06/07/04, 06/14/04

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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.

/s/: Joanne Bronson This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 05/20/04 indicated by the file stamp above. NOTICE- THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another federal, state, or common law(see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS 05/24/04, 05/31/04, 06/07/04, 06/14/04

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