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THE HEARTS GO OUT ISSUE

Samohi teacher drowns in Panama

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

PANAMA The body of a popular Santa Monica High School teacher was found on Sunday after he was reportedly swept away into sea while on vacation in the Bocas del Toro region of the Central American country last week.

Joseph Lutz was at a Panama beach on Thursday when he was engulfed by a wave and pulled out to sea by a rip tide, struggling to stay afloat. Several acquaintances whom the victim had befriended during his solo trip e-mailed the bad news to his family on Thursday. The Culver City native's father and brother left to join the search effort on Friday when it was still considered a missing person's case.

"He was a great kid, a wonderful human being," his mother, Freda Lutz, said. "He was very loving, a beautiful soul."

The news came as a shock to the Samohi community where Lutz had taught English for three years, well-liked and respected by both his peers and students.

"He was always looking to help anybody who needed help," Samohi Principal Dr. Hugo Pedroza said. "He was creative with

what he put out as a teacher with his classes and lectures and activities.

"He was just a great guy."

It was during Lutz' own schooling years at Culver City High School where he cultivated a love for education, serving as the student body president. That enthusiasm for the high school experience carried over into his

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District's drop-out figures inflated by faulty information

BY MELODY HANATANI
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SMMUSD HDQTRS Statewide public school drop-out data released last week by the Department of Education included incorrect figures about the situation in Santa Monica and Malibu, inflating the rate in a district that prides itself on its academic reputation.

The statistics, based on the 2006-07 year, indicated that the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District saw a student drop-out rate of 24.3 percent, including 23.9 percent at Santa Monica High School and 73.8 percent at Olympic High School where pupils attend to catch up on credits needed to graduate.

The numbers overstate the actual picture and the problem could be attributed to complications in translating district information to the state, according to Chief Academic Officer Sally Chou.

"We're working to make sure the data are reflecting the actual drop-out rates," Chou said.

This year's report marks a shift in the data-gathering methodology used by the Department of Education, utilizing the Statewide Student Identifier (SSID), which tracks each student's course through school, distinguishing the actual drop outs from the ones who transfer to another institution or leave the state. Previous numbers were based on a reported aggregate count of students who had left school, leaving out information as to whether the student had moved onto private school or just given up.

The issue that caused the mix-up in SMMUSD was in the exit codes for the students, which identify when they left and

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SPOTLIGHT

Lillian 'Bouncy' Nedwick, a local who attended Glow on Saturday night, entertains passersby with a hula-hoop. Glow featured works of art that utilized various forms of light. The event was a free, interactive art and music experience designed to showcase the city's cultural diversity.

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Library games

2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 1 p.m. — 3 p.m.

Challenge your mind, meet new people, and ultimately have fun at the Fairview Branch Library as they host games of bridge and Scrabble every Monday through Oct. 5. Game days are open to the public. For more information, call (310) 450-0443.

A roaring Rotary

1250 Capri Dr., 12 p.m. — 1:30 p.m.

The Rotary Club of Santa Monica has long enjoyed a reputation as being the hub for Westside men and women who are dedicated to improving their local and worldwide communities. This club, which meets every Monday, is a melting pot for cultural ideas from the diverse ethnic makeup of its members. Those interested in attending their regular lunch should contact June M. Doy at (310) 917-3313.

Workouts for teens

3026 Nebraska Ave., 3:30 p.m. — 5 p.m.

Max offers two daily classes teaching teens how to exercise and eat properly in a cool and fun environment. They get to hang out afterwards in the wi-fi lounge, play Nintendo Wii, or simply surf the Internet. For information, call (310) 867-1650.

Tuesday, July 22, 2008

Calling all gymnasts

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Broadway Gymnastics School offers youth, kinder, special education and competitive team camps every weekday through Aug. 29. Sign-ups are available for the day, week or entire summer. The spectacular gymnastics and sports camp incorporates exercise and education into a fun-filled day program. Gymnastics paired with other sports as well as art, drama, fieldtrips, and swimming ensure children will get the most out of each day. Camp is filled with an exciting array of activities to captivate all ages. Before and after care is available and can be arranged at registration. Visit www.broadwaygym.com/summercamps2008.php or call (310) 450-0012 for more information.

Write away

2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 12 p.m. — 2 p.m.

Inspiration, guidance, direction, and support are offered for all writers every Tuesday at the Fairview Branch Library. For more information, call (310) 450-0443.

'Summer Adventure' time

Multiple locations, 8:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.

Franklin Elementary School, Lincoln Middle School, and Point Dume Marine Science School are offering the Summer Adventure program from June 30 through July 25. This program is a fun and educational summertime experience which includes reading, writing, computers, science, math, drama, and sports. For more information, view the online brochure at www.smmpta.org.

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



One less Starbucks

Coffee powerhouse to maintain 14 stores in Santa Monica

NORA SORENA CASEY
Special to the Daily Press

MONTANA AVE The nationwide closing of over 600 Starbucks coffee shops will impact Santa Monica and reduce the total number of the company's stores in the city from 15 to 14.

The location at 732 Montana Ave. will close as part of the nationwide changes, leaving only two Starbucks between Seventh and Ninth streets on Montana.

Customers noted that this location was usually less crowded than others, and for that reason many preferred the store.

Jim Curley, a Santa Monica resident who has patronized the site almost every day for the past two years, said that the location had spacious indoor seating and prompt service.

"As strange as this may seem, [the closing] will have a big impact," Curley said. "I'll have to search for another one that's as comfortable."

Diane McGee said it will be easy to find another Starbucks in the area.

"There's one right there, there's one up the street" she said, gesturing out the window to the familiar green circular logos up and down the block. "Obviously they just made a decision to open and open and open."

Beginning this month, the coffee giant will begin its nationwide closings. California has the greatest number of locations being slated closure. Roughly five percent of California's 2,500 stores will close — a total of 88. Approximately 24 are in Los Angeles and Orange counties.

Patron Lisa Clendenen first chose the store for purely pragmatic reasons and she felt that the loss of any individual Starbucks would not be missed.

"I don't think it's gonna change Santa Monica any," she said. "But the economy is definitely in a downturn and that affects people's lives and habits."

Jane Walker, manager of Three Bags Full on Montana and a board member of the Montana Avenue Merchants Association, said that while

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COMMUNITY PROFILES | ALEXIS CORNEJO

Hard work really pays off

BY ALEXANDRA BISSENETTE
Special to the Daily Press



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SERIOUS DISCIPLINE: Alexis Cornejo (left) stands at attention with fellow members of the Santa Monica Police Department Explorer Post 709. She currently attends Santa Monica High School.

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY While some 16-year-old girls spend their summer afternoons at the Third Street Promenade willing away the hours shopping and talking about school yard crushes, Alexis Cornejo is working up a sweat with the Santa Monica Police Department Explorer Post 709 — and that hard work is paying off.

Cornejo, the only female member of Post 709, took second place among all females in an obstacle course at the Channel Islands Explorer Competition in late June. She was competing against explorers representing 30 posts from five states.

"I wasn't nervous," Cornejo, dressed in her neatly pressed, light blue uniform, said last week during an interview at the Public Safety Facility. "I was anxious to do the course. I have been waiting two years to do it."

The obstacle course included push-ups, pulling a 150 pound dummy, hurdles, army crawls, and many more physically challenging events.

In addition to Cornejo's second place victory, her team took third place in three events: bus assault, relay race, and hostage rescue. The team's success in the bus assault challenge was particularly impressive as they had no prior knowledge of the event and had only a few minutes before the competition to practice, Cornejo said.

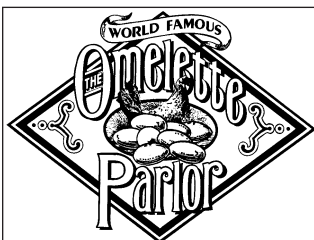
An average afternoon for the explorers includes a detailed inspection of their uniforms, marching practice, a test of their knowledge of penal codes and the department, and a meeting. While this may not sound like every teen's favorite extra-curricular activity, there is a certain appeal that keeps young people coming, said SMPD Lt. Darrell Lowe, who supervises the explorers.

"The basis of the post is to instill confidence, community involvement and pride in young people," Lowe said. "It is a way for us to give back to the youth of the community."

Cornejo credits her brother with encouraging her to join the program. He enrolled and she started attending the meetings, eventually deciding that she liked what the program had to offer. Officer Bobby Villegas has also lent a helping hand, guiding Cornejo when she needed direction.

"He has always been there for me," Cornejo said. "He explains things and helps

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Where are the cops?

Editor:

Why do we have laws in our fair city if they aren't enforced? Have you ever seen the SMPD issue a citation for public drunkenness? Bicycling on sidewalks on the Third Street Promenade? Smoking within 20 feet of a business entrance? Illegal U-turns in a business district? Camping on the beach or in our parks at night? When excessively loud street performers draw a crowd on the promenade so large that it completely blocks the entire sidewalk on a daily basis, why do we have to fight through these crowds if the police are around? Where are they? Breaking up bar fights at Hooters? Somehow I don't think so. Everyday I pass clueless adults pushing baby strollers along the Beach Bike Path while I avoid hitting them at 20 mph. Where are the cops? Stopping bank robbers at First Federal on Main Street? OK, that bank has been hit a few times, but what about all those officers on the clock the rest of the time?

The men and women who put on a police badge every day also have to go to work wearing a loaded sidearm. Protecting the community with possible deadly force is a responsibility that most people just do not comprehend nor appreciate. Police officers are never paid enough to protect us. The rest of us may be hard working, but police officers put their lives on the line every day they go to work. No one else has to do that at their job unless they're in the military. Still, this community would be a lot more pleasant and safer if the police just did their job: enforcing the law just like other cities do. Right now, people who break the law in Santa Monica aren't even getting warnings.

The message this sends to the community at large? Laws are meant to be broken, and in Santa Monica you can pretty much do what you want because the police won't "hassle" you while you push junior along the bike path.

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Election horse races:
Who's going to win?

BLAST WEEK, A NUMBER OF SANTA Monicans trekked to City Hall and withdrew paperwork necessary to run for City Council, Board of Education, Community College Board and Rent Control Board.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richard Bloom and Councilman Ken Genser pulled papers. They were both endorsed by the powerful Santa Monicans for Renters' Right political organization in 2004 and will most likely receive SMRR's endorsement this year.

Bloom was first elected in April 1999 to fill a seat vacated seat by Asha Greenberg who left the community. He has served continually since then. Genser has been on council since 1988. The two other councilpersons whose terms will expire — Mayor Herb Katz, who says he's in and Bobby Shriver, who is still undecided — have not drawn papers, yet.

Potential candidates must meet certain paperwork requirements, collect and turn in 100 signatures of registered, Santa Monica voters by Aug. 8 to appear on the ballot. Inevitably, some who've announced they're running will drop out.

I'm amazed that three current Santa Monica/Malibu Unified School District School Board members are re-upping. Jose Escarce, Maria Leon-Vazquez and Ralph Mechur must think they're doing a good job, but since 2004, we've seen two Superintendents of Schools come and go, a flap about supposedly banned confidentiality agreements and a firestorm over treatment of special education students. The board's lack of oversight includes the recent stink over district reporting policies regarding abuse of children by faculty and/or staff.

Even the state auditors chimed in by criticizing the board for its failure to understand and properly oversee district business affairs, two years ago. It's become so bad that some Malibu parents are moving to form their own school district which, if it succeeds, will not be "Santa Monica/Malibu" any more or even "Unified."

This trio may not deserve re-election but they should receive the Chutzpah Award for wanting four more years of nonsense like the last four. Former Santa Monica city employee and Santa Monica High PTSA past president, Judith Meister and two others are challenging the incumbents.

A whole lot of folks new to local politics have pulled papers. It's a mystery to me why persons who've never been particularly involved politically want to or think they can govern.

The recent "mountain-out-of-a-molehill" fiasco over the removal of "unsafe" ficus trees on Second and Fourth streets Downtown has predictably produced a couple of attention-starved council hopefuls who will go nowhere. And, it wouldn't be

Santa Monica if there weren't candidates who come out of the woodwork every two years to run again and again. They do it for their ego and waste everybody's time.

In previous elections, problems generating the most citizen complaints such as the homeless and vagrants, traffic and parking never morphed into resonating campaign issues. But, this year, the whole development/traffic thing finally has residents keyed up and pissed off.

A growing number of citizens are appalled by the massive "The Village" proposed for the Civic Center and the city's Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE) update to the general plan. Complaints about LUCE's recommendations for huge amounts of new development, extra building height and even more traffic jamming are growing.

Citywide, development is the big deal. I predict the Residents Initiative to Fight Traffic (RIFT), the initiative on the fall ballot that restricts commercial development to slow traffic growth, will be a winner.

Being the case, anybody officially supported by the activists associated with RIFT's creator, the Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City (SMCLC), and other slow-growthers should have momentum behind them. Ted Winterer, former Daily Press columnist and active with both SMCLC and the Ocean Park Association should get lots of attention.

The Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce is on record opposing RIFT. Hotel and business interests will likely endorse Katz and Shriver (if they run) as they did in 2004, and one or two others. However, candidates they support run the risk of being perceived as pro-development. With potential SMRR candidates also supporting more growth, endorsing LUCE principles and opposing RIFT, strong independent candidates have a good chance of winning council seats for the first time in decades.

Undaunted, the Renters' Rights majority on council supports LUCE's suggested reduced on-site parking requirements, more generous height and density allowances and hundreds, if not thousands, of new "affordable" rental units. All this future rental housing (no homeownership, please) reads like a clumsy attempt by SMRR to expand its voter base and maintain a political grip for three more decades.

With no pending threat to rent control that SMRR can use to scare renters this time around, the big question is whether voters will decide if the incumbents should carry on as usual or whether it really is time for a change.

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How would Jesus vote?

I'VE NEVER BEEN A FAN OF POLITICS.

By its very nature, politics is inclined toward corruption, deception and the accumulation of power. So I am always leery of religious individuals, Christians in particular, who turn presidential elections into a test of one's religiosity.

Until recently, it has generally been assumed that God-fearing Christians vote Republican (Christians counted for more than 20 percent of voters in 2004). Yet to the consternation of those on the Right, that assumption is now being challenged by the emergence of a so-called Christian Left, led by activists such as Jim Wallis, editor of the progressive evangelical journal Sojourners, and by Barack Obama's increasing popularity among younger Christian voters.

As Newsweek recently reported, young evangelicals "say they don't want to be Republican just because that's what's expected. Only 40 percent of evangelicals 18 to 29 identify as Republican, down from 55 percent in 2001, according to the Pew Research Center. This slide correlates to the recent broadening of the evangelical agenda to encompass social-justice and global-poverty issues, as well as to Bush's low popularity ratings."

Thus, determined to maintain their tenuous ties to power, a number of Christian Right leaders have done what they insisted they would never do: they have thrown in their lot with John McCain. Just recently, 90 of the movement's leading activists met in Denver to confer their support on the Republican presidential candidate and urge him to choose former preacher and conservative Mike Huckabee as his running mate. The tenor of the meeting may be best expressed by Phil Burrell, president of an Ohio organization affiliated with Focus on the Family: "The only evangelicals that will support Obama are the ones who haven't read their Bible."

Now both sides are heatedly vying for the Christian vote, with news reports of McCain cozying up to Christian leaders and Obama trotting out the Jesus-talk at every opportunity. Yet in their eagerness to sell voters on their Christianity, the politicians have forgotten one critical fact: you cannot truly practice what Jesus taught and be successful in politics.

After all, it was the politicians of his day who killed Jesus.

Jesus was a politician's nightmare. He never ran for political office, but he had quite a platform, and these were his campaign slogans: Love your foes. Help those who hate you. Praise those who curse you.

Pray for those who abuse you. If someone punches your cheek, offer the other cheek. If someone steals your coat, offer him your shirt as well. If someone asks you for something, give it to him. Treat others exactly as you would wish to be treated. Love your enemies and treat them well. If you lend money, do it without any expectation of profit. Show favor to ingrates and scoundrels. Do not sit in judgment of your fellow human being. Always forgive.

What politician today could be elected on such a platform? Not even Jesus.

Indeed, the Jesus of the New Testament was about as far from being a politician as one could get. He refused to play power politics. Instead, he challenged the political and religious belief systems of his day. He refused to compromise on his principles, and he preached a message of unity and love, as opposed to the divisiveness that politics relies on.

Jesus was anti-political. He stood against such things as empires, controlling people, state violence and power politics.

Jesus advocated love, peace, nonviolence and helping the poor. And he spoke truth to power, uncaring of who he offended, even when all the odds were against it. He constantly inveighed against the rich, the powerful and the exploiters. And his egalitarian treatment of women was so shocking in the patriarchal society of his time that his own male followers could not understand it.

In short, Jesus was a radical.

As author Garry Wills writes in What Jesus Meant, anyone claiming to practice a "Christian politics" other than the kind practiced by Jesus is a usurper. You can't speak truth to power, as Jesus did, and be the power, because as Jesus showed us, how you change the world is not through government or politics but by raising up communities, bringing people to peace, eschewing power, speaking out against injustice, helping those in need, and loving those around you, even your enemies.

This isn't to say that religious people should abstain from voting or vote a particular ticket. But if you're a Christian, you should be doing more than voting for a candidate who promises to be a political savior. As history makes clear, there is no such thing.

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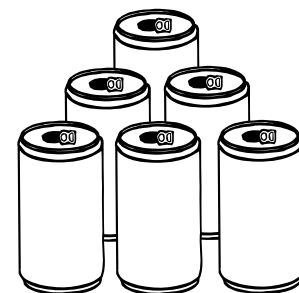
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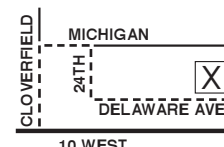
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The Q-Line

Empty cups

Coffee giant Starbucks has decided to close one of its 15 locations in Santa Monica. The company has plans to close 600 locations nationwide.

So this week's Q-Line question asks:

Do you think there are too many Starbucks in the city?

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Applications are invited to fill 5 vacancies on the Measure V Citizens Oversight Committee. All persons who reside in Santa Monica are invited to apply regardless of race, sex, age, disability, religion, marital status, national origin, sexual preference, or ancestry. Appointment will be made at a City Council meeting in September or October, 2008.

The Oversight Committee is being assembled to audit the use of the proceeds of the Clean Beaches and Ocean Parcel Tax (also known as Measure V) adopted by voters in November, 2006.

The State Political Reform Act requires Commission (Committee) members to disclose their interest and income which may be materially affected by their official action by filing a Statement of Economic Interest (Form 700) with the City Clerk's office upon assuming office and annually thereafter.

Application forms and information are available on the internet at www.smepd.org. Applications are also available at the Office of Sustainability and the Environment, 200 Santa Monica Pier, Suite J, Santa Monica, CA 90401. Applications may be received and/or submitted by mail, email or fax. Disability related assistance and alternate formats of this document are available upon request. Contact information: phone: (310) 458-2213; fax (310) 393-1279 or email: environment@smgov.net.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

"Know Before You Go" is a weekly update on construction projects throughout Santa Monica.



Annenberg Community Beach House (415 Pacific Coast Hwy.)

Beach Parking Lot 10 will be closed for rehabilitation until project completion in early 2009. Beach users are advised to use the beach bike path or park in Beach Lot 9, just south of Lot 10. The self-pay machine in Lot 9 allows payment for either all-day or two-hour parking.

Annual Tree Trimming Project

City trees will be trimmed at the following locations: 30th Street (Pico Boulevard to Ocean Park Boulevard), 31st Street (Pico to Ocean Park), 12th Street (Montana Avenue to Wilshire Boulevard), Sixth Street (Wilshire to Colorado Avenue), Grant Street (Lincoln Boulevard to 16th Street), Ocean Avenue (Adelaide Drive to Pico), 17th Street (Broadway to Pico).

Back On the Beach Café (445 Pacific Coast Hwy.)

Flag persons will be in the area to ensure safe conditions and limit disruption to traffic flow on PCH on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Beach Parking Lot 10 will be closed for rehabilitation until project completion in early 2009. Beach users are advised to use the beach bike path or park in Beach Lot 9, just south of Lot 10. The self-pay machine in Lot 9 allows payment for either all-day or two-hour parking.

Big Blue Bus Campus Expansion (1620 Sixth St.)

No public parking at the eastside of Sixth Street (South of Colorado Avenue). Mar. 3, 2008 to Aug. 25, 2009: No parking along, and no pedestrian access to west sidewalk of Seventh Street, between Colorado and Olympic boulevards. Jan. 21, 2009 to Apr. 21, 2009: No parking along, and no pedestrian access to south sidewalk of Colorado between Sixth and Seventh streets.

Colorado Ocean Relief Sewer Project

Traffic from the I-10 Freeway will be directed to avoid Colorado by either using Pico Boulevard or East-West streets North of Colorado. This work will start in January 2008 and is scheduled for completion in May 2009.

■ Two-way traffic on Colorado Avenue will be maintained.

■ Eastbound Colorado Avenue will be reduced to one through lane and one left turn lane between Ocean Avenue and Second Street. There will be a lane reduction for Northbound Ocean Avenue at Moomat Ahiko (just south of Colorado). All travel directions will be maintained.

Second/Fourth Streets Streetscape Improvement Project

Construction crews will be working on both sides of Second and Fourth streets from Wilshire Boulevard to Colorado Avenue. Work on drilling underground conduits will also begin on Fourth Street that may temporarily block sidewalk travel and parking locations between Wilshire and Colorado. On July 21 and 21 contractors will be replacing the sidewalk on Colorado from Ocean Court to Second Street (adjacent to McDonalds). Access will be maintained to McDonalds main entry on Monday and Tuesday afternoon. Access to McDonalds via their alternate door from the parking area will always be available. There may be occasional disruption to some parking spaces and walking detours around sidewalk work. Please follow posted detour signs.

Traffic Signal Upgrade

Traffic signal repairs and upgrades will take place at various times of the day during the week of July 21 at the following locations: Intersection work at Sixth Street and Pico Boulevard. Intermittent parking lane disruption on Lincoln Boulevard from Pico Boulevard to Marine Street and Ocean Avenue from Pico to California Avenue. Work hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Traffic lane closures and sidewalk closures should be anticipated at these locations.

East Colorado Improvement Project

Pedestrian and neighborhood traffic improvements on Colorado Avenue between 20th Street and Centinela Avenue. Streets will be reduced to one lane both east and west bound from 20th Street to 26th Street. Some parking lanes will be removed during various construction phases. Pedestrian walkways will also be reduced during the construction period.

Citywide Sidewalk Repair Project

Repairs to various sidewalk locations Citywide. Traffic lane closures and sidewalk closures should be expected throughout the construction zones. Detours may be announced as necessary, please follow posted detour signs.

Citywide Street Repair Project

For the week of July 21, a contractor will be working on two activities: concrete sidewalks and street slurry sealing. For the sidewalk concrete removal and replacement, the boundaries of work will be between 11th Street and Lincoln Boulevard and between Ocean Park and Pico boulevards. Please use the temporary permits being handed out for parking on adjacent streets, if your property is slated for sidewalk work. In addition, contractor is preparing streets this week for the slurry seal work. The slurry seal operation will not allow parking and will block through traffic in both directions on some of the designated streets. For detailed street information, see: www.knowB4ugo.smgov.net.

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Going green up top

Dear EarthTalk

I was intrigued to hear that there were a number of ways one could modify or construct a roof on a house or office facility that would provide great environmental benefit. Can you enlighten?

Bill Teague

Menlo Park, Calif.

MOST BUILDINGS ARE DESIGNED TO shed rain, and as such are built with hard, impenetrable roofing surfaces. As a result, rainwater bounces off and collects as runoff, picking up impurities—including infectious bacteria from animal waste as well as harmful pesticides and fertilizers—on the way to municipal storm sewers, which in turn eventually empty out into local bodies of water.

Minimizing this run-off means that more impurities will remain in local soils where they can be broken down more easily into their constituent elements than if they are concentrated downstream. In order to achieve this goal, landscape architects have developed so-called “green roofs,” which utilize living plant matter and soil on top of a building in order to absorb, collect and reuse rainwater while preventing run-off. Many buildings employing green roofs are able to find abundant uses for the water they collect, from watering exterior plantings at ground level to flushing toilets inside.

According to Steven Peck of the Toronto-based non-profit Green Roofs for Healthy Cities, green roofs can play an important role in maintaining ecological integrity within otherwise paved over areas. “The roofscapes of our cities are the last urban frontier—from 15 percent to 35 percent of the total land area—and the green roof industry can turn these wasted spaces into a force for cleaner air, cleaner water, energy savings, cooling, beauty and recreation,” he says.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) encourages the creation of green roofs for mitigating the urban “heat island effect,” whereby temperatures in crowded cities can soar some 10 degrees Fahrenheit higher than in less developed areas nearby. Other benefits, says the EPA, include: providing amenity space for tenants (in effect replacing a yard or patio); reducing building heating and cooling costs due to the buffering effect of the plant matter and soil; filtering pollutants like carbon dioxide out of the air and heavy metals out of rainwater; and increasing bird habitat in otherwise built-up areas.

Beyond going all out to build a “living” green roof, certain inorganic materials can also make an existing roof greener. The non-



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GROWING TREND: Green roofs utilize living plant matter and soil on top of a building in order to absorb, collect and reuse rainwater while preventing run-off. Pictured: A green roof demonstration project at the Chicago Center for Green Technology.

profit Cool Roof Rating Council (CRRC), for instance, suggests roofing surfaces that reflect the sun's heat so as to reduce the urban heat island effect while improving residential energy efficiency. According to the group, “a cool roof reflects and emits the sun's heat back to the sky.” Builders can check out CRRC's website for a database of information on the radiative properties of various roofing surfaces so as to make the smartest choice for clients and the environment.

Another quality that makes certain roofs greener than others is how long they last. Metal roofs are known to be relatively maintenance free and last longer than shingles in most situations. Slate roofs also have an excellent reputation for lasting long, although getting work done on them can be expensive when they do need repairs. The Slate Roofing Contractors Association reports that sea green slates can last anywhere from one to two centuries, depending on where the slate is quarried and how well it's eventually installed.

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Dorm life becomes the high life

BY MEGAN K. SCOTT
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK If Chelsea Johnson wanted, she could get an automated wake-up call in the morning, leave her clothes at the concierge desk for dry cleaning, grab some free pretzels and a banana from a snack cart and then unwind in a hot tub with several of her friends.

No Johnson is not living in a high-end condo.

Rather, she is one of the 2,800 undergrad students at High Point University, "where every student gets an extraordinary education in a fun environment with caring people."

At High Point in North Carolina, that means an ice cream truck with free frozen treats, part-time valet parking, live music in the cafeteria, and a birthday card signed by the president with a Starbucks gift card tucked inside on a student's special day. Freshmen don't have to live in dorms with long corridors of bunks beds and communal baths: they live in apartment-like housing.

High Point may be the extreme when it comes to pampering students, but a growing number of schools are offering resort-like amenities: private rooms and private baths with double beds, cleaning service, free laundry, HDTV and 24-hour dining halls with bagels, pizza and fresh fruit, as students and their parents demand more.

With many millenials coming from homes with their own rooms and bathrooms, high-speed Internet, satellite/digital television — and helicopter parents who took care of cooking and cleaning — some colleges are

finding spartan dorms just don't cut it.

Parents are also seeking more bang for their buck, as the price of tuition and room and board continues to rise, says Jeannie Borin, founder and president of College Connections.

Colleges are also becoming more competitive with each other, says Dave Van de Walle, president of U Sphere, which works with students to match them to colleges and universities. Some high schoolers apply to 15 schools.

"You don't know what will give you the edge," says Van de Walle. "Harvard or Yale, that's one thing. If you're everyone else, every little edge helps."

At Purdue, there is always a waiting list for single rooms, says Tom Paczolt, general manager of a new private room, private bathroom residence hall under construction, adding that most of the university housing is shared rooms with communal baths.

The school is constructing the 365-bed residence hall for upperclass students. Students want the privacy of their own room with the benefits of campus living — secure environment, meal plans, cleaning services (the bathroom will be cleaned once a week) and social activities, he says.

Echo Montgomery Garrett, an author in Marietta, Ga., says she was blown away by the amenities at the University of Montana, Missoula. Her son is going to be a freshman there. Garrett graduated from Auburn University in 1982.

"I remember subsisting on Tab and grilled cheese sandwiches," she says. "Frankly the food choices were pretty disgusting. You had a lot of mystery meat dishes. Now the

salad bar alone at the main cafeteria, goodness gracious, it was long and expansive."

Then there was the gym.

"We had a small weight room, you could go run around the gym at the basketball court when I was at school. They had a full luxury gym, with this incredible climbing wall my son can't wait to take advantage of," she says.

Hiromi Makiuchi, 20, a senior at Soka University of America, says her parents were really impressed with the residence halls. She lives in a single, sharing a bathroom with only one other person.

"There's more privacy but you can still connect with your roommate," she says. "I like that better than sharing a room. I think I need my own space."

But while the high life is nice, experts say there is a down side.

Shared rooms, at least for the first year, are an integral part of campus life, says Susan Elsass, vice president of student affairs and dean of students at Daniel Webster College, adding that students in traditional residence halls really get a chance to know each other. The living arrangement also teaches communication and negotiation skills, she says.

Students in single rooms with private baths can become reclusive, spending their spare time talking to high school friends on Facebook, she says. Small colleges also may not be able to afford such nice amenities, she adds.

Marc Scheer, author of "No Sucker Left Behind: Avoiding the Great College Rip-Off," worries that the amenities can increase the price of college. Including room and

board for students living on campus, charges for public four-year colleges were \$13,589, or 5.9 percent higher in 2007 than the previous year, according to the College Board. At private four-year schools, total charges rose by the same percentage to \$32,307.

And students are footing more and more of the bill with private loans from banks and student loan companies.

"Rather than spending lots of money on new amenities, I'd like to see schools lower their costs and debt," says Scheer. "To be fair, some wealthy schools are both adding new amenities and lowering student debt, and that's wonderful. But too many schools are not."

Nido R. Qubein, president of High Point, says the school has invested \$250 million, most of it in academics: constructing new academic buildings, renovating classrooms and the library, introducing new majors and fields of study. The University has hired 36 faculty members for the 2008-09 school year.

Johnson, a sophomore, says she's getting more than just creature comforts for her \$31,000-a-year bill.

"HPU is no ordinary University by any shot of the imagination and that is why I love it here so much," says Johnson, 19. There are top notch academic programs, a low student teacher ratio (14:1) and lessons in generosity and service, she says.

"Those amenities are the things that grab the attention of visitors to campus," she says. "But when you are here you realize that there is so much more and it makes you go 'wow.'"

That's the point, Qubein says.

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SMPD explorer trains hard, takes second

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me out. He actually got me into the program.”

Becoming an explorer takes a significant commitment that many teens aren't ready to give. Cornejo had to enroll in initial training at the South Bay Regional Law Enforcement Explorer Academy, which consists of 20 consecutive Saturdays and includes over 90 hours of instruction in demeanor, firearms safety, police procedures, first aid, criminal law, and community relations. Upon completion, explorers earn their uniforms.

And just like her older brother, Cornejo is influencing her young sister, who recently enrolled in the academy to train along side her siblings.

It's that camaraderie and a sense of community that is of a particular interest to Cornejo, who enjoys giving back. It has kept her focused on what is important in her life.

“I really like the activities, and it is something for me to keep with,” she said, recalling her time working with the community at the PALoween Carnival, which is held every year, catering to families by providing a safe and fun atmosphere for trick-or-treating.

The explorers also help with missing persons investigations by handing out flyers and joining search parties. They can also be seen at Farmers' Markets and on the promenade performing traffic control.

Although Cornejo enjoys her time working with the police department, she is not certain at this point whether she will pursue a career in law enforcement. In an effort to be well-rounded, she has become involved in a wide range of other activities. She plays junior varsity basketball at Santa Monica

High School and dances ballet florico, a Mexican folk dance.

Cornejo also has high hopes for college and has set her sights set on UCLA, but she has yet to decide what she wants to study.



WHEN I FIRST CAME, I HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT. I KNOW A LOT NOW AND I HAVE ENJOYED HELPING THE COMMUNITY AND GETTING THE HANDS ON EXPERIENCE.”

Alexis Cornejo

Santa Monica Police Department explorer

Regardless of what she chooses to pursue, Cornejo knows that being an Explorer has changed her for the better.

“It has shaped me a lot,” she said. “When I first came, I had no knowledge of law enforcement. I know a lot now and I have enjoyed helping the community and getting the hands on experience.”

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ONE, TWO, THREE: Santa Monica Police Department Explorer Alexis Cornejo grimaces as she does a set of push ups.

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Lutz was a well-liked teacher at Samohi

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teaching, his mother said.

Lutz graduated from the University of California, Santa Cruz.

He arrived at Samohi in 2005, teaching English and serving as adviser to numerous student clubs, including the Improv Club and Invisible Children.

"He represented that energy that new teachers bring into the educational world," Pedroza said.

Officials with the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District said they will arrange for grief counselors to be available on site for students. Summer school is currently in session at Samohi.

"We know that any tragic loss brings permanent pain to those who love him the most," Oscar de la Torre, the president of the Board of Education, said. "We'll do what we can to support the family at this point."

Parents and students were saddened to learn of the news.

"As parents, we are devastated to think of what a loss this must be," Elizabeth Stearns, the PTSA President at Samohi, said.

Brittany Carriger, who recently graduated from Samohi in June, reflected on her experience as a student in Lutz' English class her junior year, calling him one of the few teachers who could actually relate to students, treating them as equals instead of as children.

She recalled being nervous about making the switch from AP English to the regular course with Lutz, unsure of how she would fit in.

"He cared so much about his students and he supported all of our dreams," she said.

By the end of the school year, the two became friends, Lutz even showing up at Carriger's first professional musical gig to provide moral support.

"He took an interest in people," she said. "He was genuine."

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ON THE WAY OUT: Andrew Troia and Jeff Sarafia exit a Starbucks on Montana Avenue and Lincoln Boulevard after getting their morning coffee. The location is slated to be shuttered.

Montana loses more than lattes

FROM STARBUCKS PAGE 3

the popular shopping district would certainly still have enough coffee to go around the shop helped attract customers to the street. She noted that quick services like coffee shops bring customers to the street and encourage them to walk around. It will be important for the street to bring in a new shop.

"You could go to the pharmacy, you could grab coffee," she said. "If the cheese store was there you could go get cheese — its not open yet."

However, Walker noted that nationally Starbucks suffers more from competition than it does here. Winchell's and Dunkin' Donuts are very popular competitors in other parts of the country.

"It's just in California that people are like 'I'm not gonna drink that,'" said Walker.

The employees at the ill-fated shop would not comment on the news due to company policy. According to Starbucks Public Relations, each store averages roughly 20 full and part time employees. Nationwide the store closing will affect about 12,000 employees. The company has stated that they will try to find company jobs for those employees whose shops close.

Curley was concerned for the Starbucks employees, as well as the necessary change that comes from business turnover.

"These places become little mini community places for the neighbors," he said.

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Intervention programs help keep drop-out rates down

FROM DISTRICT PAGE 1

why, Chou said.

"The problem is in the translation of our codes to their codes," Chou said.

The district will have until Aug. 29 to submit the correction.

Karl Scheff, the education research and evaluation administrator with the Department of Education, said it is the various districts' responsibilities to provide accurate information and certify it.

"There is a process for them to preview that data and certify it," Scheff said.

Several other districts have reported similar problems.

"It's a relatively complicated process and some school districts are having trouble understanding all the implications," Scheff said. "There are questions of data that perhaps should be expected in the first year of implementation."

District officials said they aren't sure what the actual drop-out rate is in Santa Monica and Malibu but believe it is drastically lower than what was stated in the report.

Regardless, the goal is to bring that figure down to zero.

The district offers a number of intervention programs offered at the high schools, paid for through a dedicated fund in the budget.

There are also a number of programs dedicated to credit recovery so that students can catch up, including the adult night

school and at Santa Monica College.

"We try to give them every opportunity to make up so they don't feel like they have to make the decision to drop out," she said.

Perhaps the most pressing stage in keeping a student in the district takes place at Olympic, the only continuation high school in Santa Monica and Malibu.

Many students arrive at the school feeling angry, upset that they are being moved from Samohi, according to Janie Gates, the principal at Olympic. The challenge is to stay on top of the new students during their first half year at the school, making sure they're staying focus and not entertaining thoughts of quitting. Every teacher at the school also acts as a counselor, calling their students at home when they begin noticing troubling behavior, including not attending class.

One of the ways in which this is achieved is by offering electives that are unique to Olympic, including jewelry making and a course on the music business.

"They get hooked on an activity they enjoy," Gates said. "When they're captivated, they're more willing to work on math and other things."

The school will offer a course on building construction starting in the fall.

"We really work hard to keep the students in school," Gates said. "Even if they dropped out before, we always take them back in."

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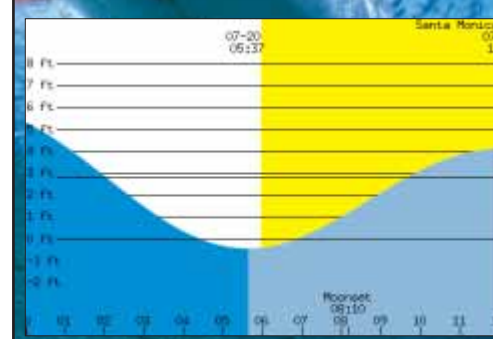


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Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous four weeks up to the ending date of **July 15, 2008**

HEAL THE BAY - 1444 9th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 - www.healthebay.org - brc@healthebay.org - 800 HEAL BAY

QUICK STATS
(for the last 28 days)

Number of sewage spills -- 0

Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0

Number of wet days -- 0

Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 40 / 50

Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5 / 50

The Beach Report Card is made possible by **simplehuman**

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Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain for 3 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state's Beach Cleanup and Health Warning Protocol.

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Canillo Beach, at Arroyo Soguit Creek mouth	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
El Pescadero State Beach, between Lachasa and Las Alitas creeks	A+	ns
Escorial Canyon at El Morador State Beach	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	F	ns
Escandido Creek, just east of Escandido State Beach	A+	ns
Lariga Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
Selkirk Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach	A	ns
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	D	ns
Surfside Beach at Malibu Colony fences	A	ns
Surfside Beach (beach location)- daily	B	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	A+	ns
Pine Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns
Castroville Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17260 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	ns

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A - F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone

WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days

ns -- no sample taken



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Call theatre for information.	Get Smart (PG-13) 1 hr 50 min 12:00, 2:30, 5:10, 8:00, 10:30	David & Fatima (NR) 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50
AMC LOEWS BROADWAY 4 1441 Third Street Promenade	Journey to the Center of the Earth - 3-D (PG) 1hr 32min 1:45, 4:10, 6:50, 9:45	Garden Party (NR) 1hr 29min 1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:15
Meet Dave (PG) 1hr 30min 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45	Wanted (R) 1hr 48min 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:20	MANN'S CRITERION THEATRE 1313 Third St. (310) 395-1599
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Hellboy II: The Golden Army (PG-13) 1hr 50min 12:30, 1:30, 3:30, 4:30, 6:30, 7:30, 9:30, 10:20	Space Chimps (G) 1hr 21min 1:15, 3:30, 5:50, 8:10, 10:15	Mamma Mia! (PG-13) 1hr 48min 10:40 a.m., 11:40 a.m., 1:20, 2:30, 4:15, 5:10, 7:00, 8:00, 9:50, 10:50
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Focus your energy, Libra

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★ Take a deep breath and think before you decide what to do. You might wonder whether you should push a key project ahead. Lie back and evaluate for a while. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.	LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Take the necessary time to find information. You could be exhausted or wondering which way to go. A nice and easy approach will reveal more, especially regarding work and those in your daily life. Be direct in your dealings, but don't be surprised by someone's attitude. Tonight: Focus your energy.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Your goals and commitments are tested. If you're as stubborn as a Bull, you could receive a lot of flak. You wonder what to do and when. Think in terms of gains and growth. Be aware of your limits, and state them. Tonight: A friend needs to air a problem.	SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ You might want to try another approach or do something very different, as you seem to be witness to a sequence of backfires. Don't get into what is happening; detach, knowing this too will pass. Tonight: Easy does it.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ You might want to verify what is happening with a boss. Though his growling does seem directed at you, it might really have very little to do with you. Unfortunately, you are simply there and are bearing the brunt. Tonight: A must appearance.	SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★ Pressure builds inadvertently. You could feel uncomfortable dealing with a boss as well as a family member. Understanding will evolve if you detach. Tonight: Happily heading home.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ When a hassle appears on the horizon, you might want to handle it. Rather than act, study it and see what is motivating the issue. Get to the root, or you might be trying to handle a recurring situation. Ask questions. Tonight: Surf the Web.	CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You must detach if you don't want to get caught in an emotional whirlwind. Messages get lost; intentions get mixed up. Anger comes in out of the blue. Ask questions and don't take someone for granted. Tonight: Hang out with a friend.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ A partner keeps challenging you. You would be well advised not to trigger and to listen to what is being tossed at you. Pull back and spend less. Don't make any commitments or test any right now. Investigate and get to the bottom of a problem. Tonight: Remain optimistic.	AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Use your ability to make someone feel good. If you want, revise your options, knowing that what you are seeing are problems or gaps in your thinking. Tonight: Gather your bills.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Fatigue earmarks your mood and decisions. Others appear to challenge you. How you react could determine how explosive or difficult things could become. Listen to news that veers in your direction. Tonight: Curb your temper.	PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ A lot of pressure bubbles up, especially when dealing with others. You might make more of someone's attitude than you need to. Listen to what is going on with a touch of cynicism. Don't make more out of someone's attitude or mood. Tonight: Let others do their thing.

Happy birthday

Learn not to react to immediate situations, as upsetting as they might be to your year. Others surround you; your popularity grows. You might feel as if anything is possible. Just the same, there could be bolts of reality that make you wonder. Sometimes reactions could be a bit strong. Make this your mantra: Detach and think. If you are single and you manage to stay footloose and fancy-free, on a deep level you want to. If you are unhappy with being single, look within and see what your inner messages are. If you are attached, the two of you might feel that relating is like being on a seesaw.

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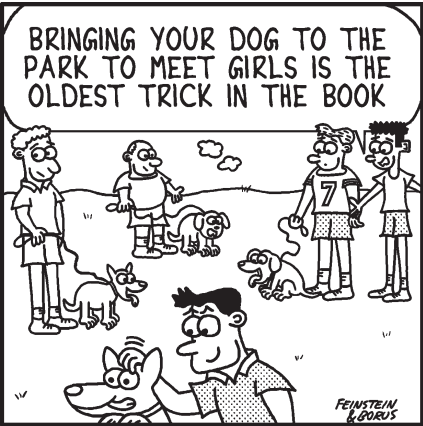
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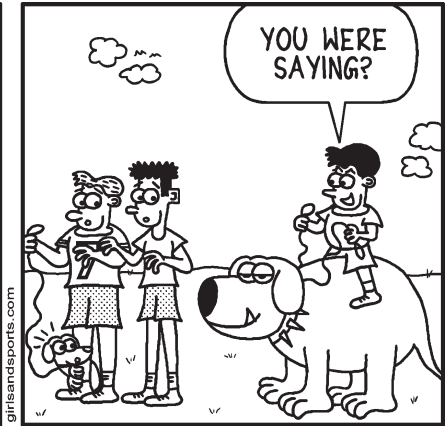
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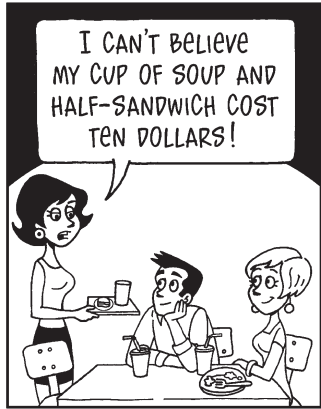
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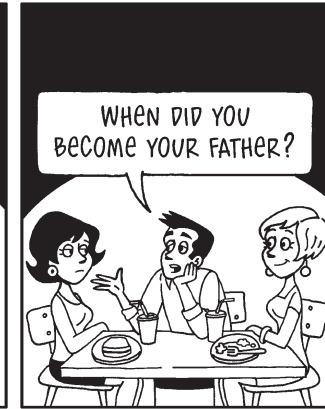
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I REMEMBER WHEN LUNCH WAS UNDER FIVE DOLLARS



WHEN DID YOU BECOME YOUR FATHER?



NOT SURE, BUT I COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND HIM NOW.



The Other Coast

By Adrian Raeside

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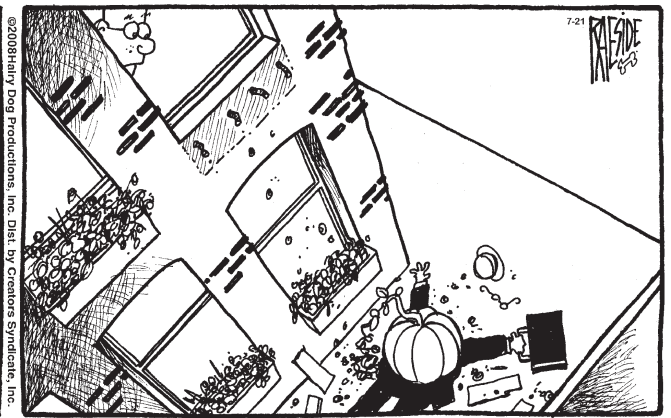
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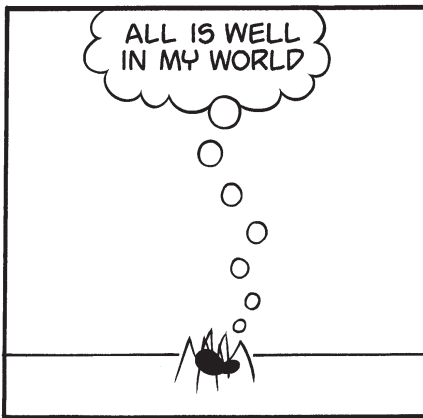




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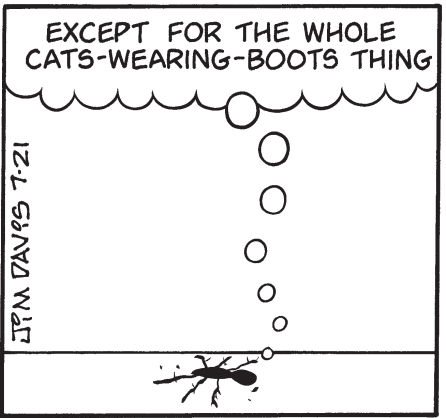
ALL IS WELL IN MY WORLD



STOMP! STOMP! STOMP!



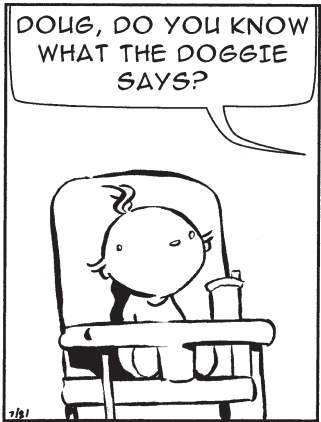
EXCEPT FOR THE WHOLE CATS-WEARING-BOOTS THING



Dog eat Doug

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DOUG, DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE DOGGIE SAYS?



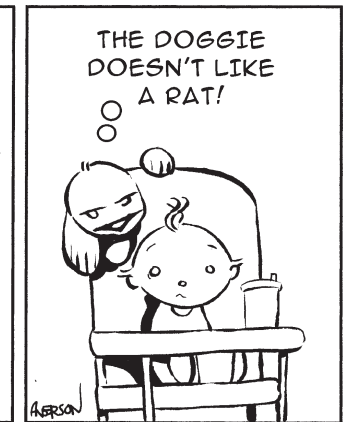
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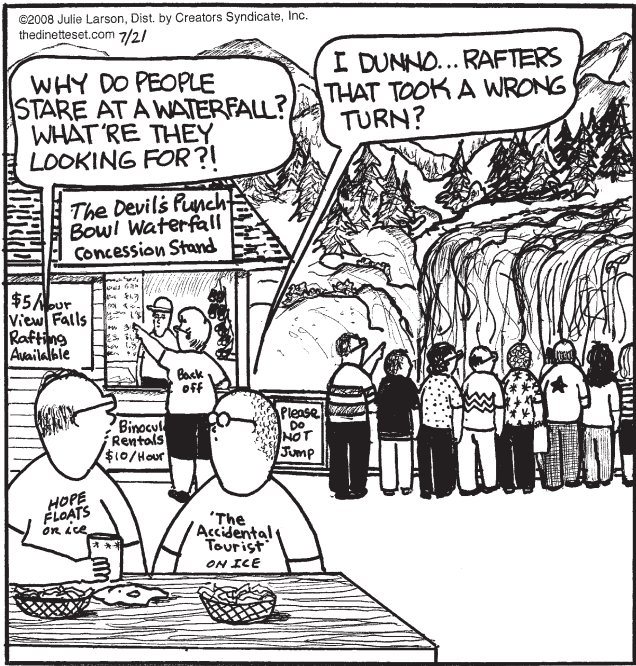
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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13 Plant with spiny leaves

14 Self-assurance

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17 Farm implement

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23 College study

24 Fiddle

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29 Messy room

30 Bike part

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32 Italian thanks

34 — of (in conflict with)

37 Stockpile

38 Like Thor

39 Binge

40 Clarinet part

DOWN

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2 Spotted cat

3 Quiver item

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5 Healthful retreat

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8 Upbraid

9 Afternoon TV

11 Some wines

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Saturday's answer

15 2008 Olympics site

19 Stratford river

20 Polite address

22 Valley

23 Swabbing tool

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

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TODAY IN HISTORY

1861 The first Battle of Bull Run was fought at Manassas, Va., resulting in a Confederate victory.

1831 Leopold I was proclaimed King of the Belgians.

1925 The so-called "Monkey Trial" ended in Dayton, Tenn., with John T. Scopes convicted of violating state law for teaching Darwin's Theory of Evolution. (The conviction was later overturned on a technicality.)

1930 President Hoover signed an executive order establishing the Veterans Administration.

1944 American forces landed on Guam during World War II.

1949 The U.S. Senate ratified the North Atlantic Treaty.

1954 The Geneva Conference concluded with accords dividing Vietnam into northern and southern entities.

1955 During a summit in Geneva, President Eisenhower presented his "open skies" proposal under which the U.S. and the Soviet Union would trade information on each other's military facilities and allow aerial reconnaissance.

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Date of Filing Application: July 1, 2008
To Whom it may concern:
The Name(s) of the Applicant(s) is/are: KIKKAWA ORAWAN
The applicants listed above are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages at: 2906 LINCOLN BLVD, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405-5733
Type of License(s) Applied for: 41 – ON-SALE BEER AND WINE – EATING PLACE.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20081123884 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as WC PROPERTIES, 2130 S. TUBEWAY COMMERCE, CA 90040. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : WILLIAM L. BLEVINS JR. 2130 S. TUBEWAY COMMERCE, CA 90040 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/: WILLIAM L. BLEVINS JR. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 6/24/2008. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20081142012 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as BIONICOS LOS GUERITOS, 1903 S. MAPLE AVE. LOS ANGELES, CA 90015. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : GENOVEVA ARIAS 25207 CARSON WAY STEVENSONS RANCH, CA 91381 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/: GENOVEVA ARIAS This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 6/26/2008. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 6/30/2008, 7/7/2008, 7/14/2008, 7/21/2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20081122113 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as E&J PROFESSIONAL AUTO DETAIL, 1343 W. SAN BERNARDINO RD. #37 COVINA, CA 91722. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : EDUARDO SANCHEZ 1343 W. SAN BERNARDINO RD. #37 COVINA, CA 91722 JAVIER SANCHEZ 1343 W. SAN BERNARDINO RD. #37 COVINA, CA 91722 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/: EDUARDO SANCHEZ This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 6/24/2008. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 6/30/2008, 7/7/2008, 7/14/2008, 7/21/2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20081143546 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SECURE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, 8141 2ND ST. # 515 DOWNEY, CA 90241. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : JAIME ENRIQUEZ 7228 BENAREZ ST. DOWNEY, CA 90241 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)6/26/2008. /s/: This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 6/26/2008. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 6/30/2008, 7/7/2008, 7/14/2008, 7/21/2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20081121823 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as TVERIDITY, 1530 GLENAVON AVE, VENICE, CA 90291, COUNTY OF LA. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : MAUREEN P. HOOD, 1530 GLENAVON AVE, VENICE, CA 90291 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/: MAUREEN P. HOOD This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 6/24/2008. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 6/30/2008, 7/7/2008, 7/14/2008, 7/21/2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20081121824 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as TWIN SKIES, 655 N. LA PEER DRIVE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA 90069, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES; 8581 SANTA MONICA BLVD., #556, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA 90069-4120. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : METEOR GAMES LLC, 655 N. LA PEER DRIVE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA 90069 This Business is being conducted by, a limited liability. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact busi-

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20081045220 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MILO SHOES, 13536 LAKEWOOD BLVD. # 315 BELLFLOWER, CA 90706. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : AR-RAN CHHAY 13536 LAKEWOOD BLVD. # 315 BELLFLOWER, CA 90706 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)6/12/2008. /s/: ARRAN CHHAY This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 6/12/2008. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 6/30/2008, 7/7/2008, 7/14/2008, 7/21/2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20081122849 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as TRUE MEMORIES LOS ANGELES, 135 1/2 N. SUNOL DR. LOS ANGELES, CA 90063. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ART GUADALAJARA 135 1/2 N. SUNOL DR. LOS ANGELES, CA 90063 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: ART GUADALAJARA This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 6/24/2008. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 6/30/2008, 7/7/2008, 7/14/2008, 7/21/2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20081122938 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as TICO VACATION, 3724 W. SUNSET BLVD. LOS ANGELES, CA 90026. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ANTHONY ALVAREZ 2005 TALMADGE ST. #9 LOS ANGELES, CA 90027 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)6/24/08. /s/: This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 6/24/2008. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 6/30/2008, 7/7/2008, 7/14/2008, 7/21/2008, ,

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20081122962 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ANGELS RAGS AND CLOTHING, 861 ALAMITOS AVE, LONG BEACH, CA 90813. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ROSALBA ROMAN 861 ALAMITOS AVE. LONG BEACH, CA 90813 ROSA SANCHEZ 861 ALAMITOS AVE. LONG BEACH, CA 90813 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/: ROSALBA ROMAN This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 6/24/2008. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 6/30/2008, 7/7/2008, 7/14/2008, 7/21/2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20081114576 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PROXI TAXI, 1204 W. 161ST ST. GARDENA, CA 90247. The full

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name of registrant(s) is/are : P&G TILE, INC. 1204 W. 161ST ST. GARDENA, CA 90247 This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 6/23/2008. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 6/30/2008, 7/7/2008, 7/14/2008, 7/21/2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 2008114577 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as DOT FINANCIAL, 20813 ARLINE AVE. LAKEWOOD, CA 90715. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : DOT COMMERCIAL INVESTMENTS, INC. 20813 ARLINE AVE. LAKEWOOD, CA 90715 This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 6/23/2008. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 6/30/2008, 7/7/2008, 7/14/2008, 7/21/2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20081180221 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PACIFICCO ADVERTISING, 1151 WALNUT AVE APT 31 LONG BEACH, CA 90813. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : GEORGE JURDI 1151 WALNUT AVE APT 31 LONG BEACH, CA 90813 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/: GEORGE JURDI This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 7/2/2008. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 7/7/2008, 7/14/2008, 7/21/2008, 7/28/2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20081161541 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PHIL-A-RET MANUFACTURING, INC., 5040 CALMVIEW AVE. BALDWIN PARK, CA 91706. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : PHIL-A-RET MANUFACTURING, INC. 5040 CALMVIEW AVE. BALDWIN PARK, CA 91706 This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 6/30/2008. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 7/7/2008, 7/14/2008, 7/21/2008, 7/28/2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20081161540 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as RAW TOOLS DESIGN, 8743 CEDAR ST. BELLFLOWER, CA 90706. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : RITA WINFIELD 8743 CEDAR ST. BELLFLOWER, CA 90706 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: RITA WINFIELD This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 6/30/2008. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 7/7/2008, 7/14/2008, 7/21/2008, 7/28/2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20081181968 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ONE STOP MOTORS, 8700 LONG BEACH BLVD. SOUTH GATE,

CA 90280. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : XOCHITL SANCHEZ 760 WHITBROOK DR. LA HABRA, CA 90631 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/: XOCHITL SANCHEZ This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 7/2/2008. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 7/7/2008, 7/14/2008, 7/21/2008, 7/28/2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20081170950 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CDS CONSULTING GROUP, INC., 7847 FLORENCE AVE. STE 128 DOWNEY, CA 90240. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : CDS CONSULTING GROUP, INC 7847 FLORENCE AVE. STE 128 DOWNEY, CA 90240 This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 7/1/2008. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 7/7/2008, 7/14/2008, 7/21/2008, 7/28/2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20081172052 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as THE MIXED DRINK, 8434 LIMERICK AVE. WINNETKA, CA 91306. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : AMADA C. LINARES 8434 LIMERICK AVE. WINNETKA, CA 91306 SARA E. MORALES 20320 BALTAR ST WINNETKA, CA 91306 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/: AMADA C. LINARES This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 7/1/2008. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 7/7/2008, 7/14/2008, 7/21/2008, 7/28/2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20081172051 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LA ESPERANZA BAKERY, 252 W. FLORENCE AVE. LOS ANGELES, CA 90003. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : JOSE ASTORGA 3302 TENAY AVE. LYNNWOOD, CA 90262 IRELI ASTORGA 349 E. 59TH ST. LOS ANGELES, CA 90003 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/: JOSE ASTORGA This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 7/1/2008. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 7/7/2008, 7/14/2008, 7/21/2008, 7/28/2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20081160169 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MGV DESIGN, 4329 SALTILLO STREET, WOODLAND HILLS, CA 91364, COUNTY OF LA. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : MANUEL G. VESA, 4329 SALTILLO STREET, WOODLAND HILLS, CA 91364 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/: MANUEL G. VESA This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 6/30/2008. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 7/7/2008, 7/14/2008, 7/21/2008, 7/28/2008

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20081287721 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as YOUR 2ND CHANCE, 1015 S. GRETTA AVE. WEST COVINA, CA 91790. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : AL-FREDO VILCHIS 1015 S. GRETTA AVE. WEST COVINA, CA 91790 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/: AL-FREDO VILCHIS
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 7/18/08. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 7/21/2008, 7/28/2008, 8/4/2008, 8/11/2008

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