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Building back confidence

Business owners vow to clean up troubled Pavilions Motel

BY KEVIN HERRERA | Daily Press Staff Writer

SUNSET PARK The owners of the Pavilions Motel here said Friday that they “made a mistake” in renting rooms to drug users and vowed to repair their relationship with the community just as they are making repairs to their rooms after being cited for numerous health and safety violations.

“We are good neighbors. We just made a mistake renting to these druggies,” said Sherry Farzam, who has owned and

operated the motel at 2338 Ocean Park Boulevard with her husband Saeed Farzam for the last 16 years. “This is the first time that something like this has happened. We are making repairs and hope to open as soon as possible. We have loan payments that we need to make. This is our livelihood.”

Police arrested 10 people Monday for a variety of narcotics-related crimes and for parole and probation violations after conducting an investigation into the motel, which has been the source of much frustration for residents, who have complained for years about illegal activity taking place there.

Saeed Farzam was arrested for purchasing stolen electronic equipment during an undercover sting, police said.



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MAKING GOOD: Pavilions Motel is undergoing improvements.

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'Pure'

1700 Ocean Park Blvd., 11 a.m. — 6 p.m.
Daniel Francisco's current exhibit, "Pure," is on display at
Kultur Books. For more information, call (310) 450-8707.

Hatha Yoga at FPC

1220 Second St., 7 p.m. — 8:15 p.m.
Yoga instructor John Sweetman will lead in the Renaissance
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Tuesday, July 31, 2007

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1332 Sixth St., 11:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.
Estee Bienstock, a nurse with over 30 years of experience, will be
the guest speaker at a free seminar on maintaining health and
functionality throughout the aging process. Group will meet in the
YMCA DeWind Room; located on the second floor. Register in
advance. For more information, call (310) 393-2721.

Book signing

1201 Third Street Promenade, 7:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Book signing and discussion with Liliane Pelzman, author of 'And
No More Sorrow,' at the Promenade Barnes & Noble.

Toddler Story Time for Twos

2601 Main St., 10 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
The Ocean Park Library hosts an afternoon of stories and music
for toddlers, aged 24 — 36 months, accompanied by an adult.
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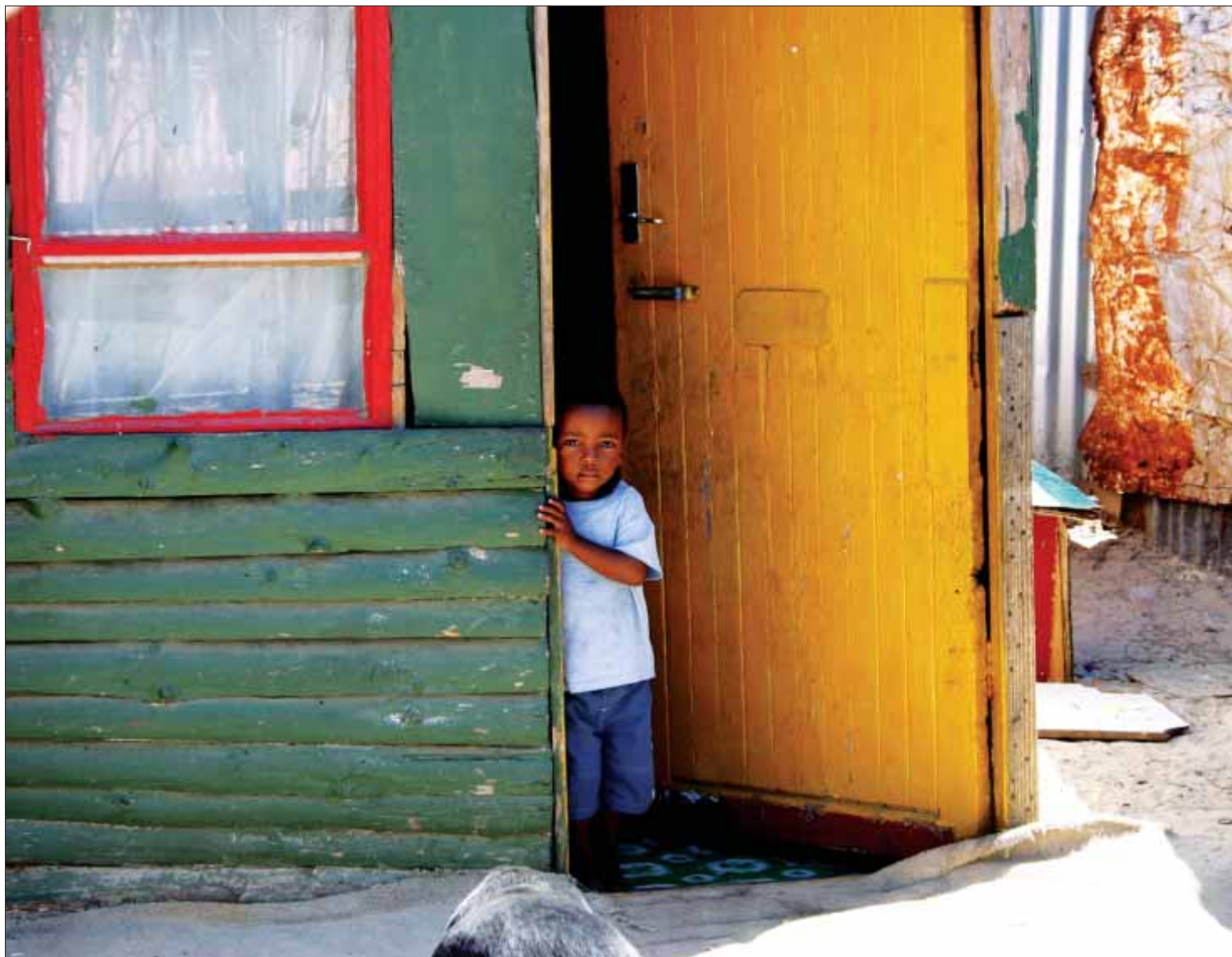


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PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE: Venice Arts is embarking on 'The House is Small but the Welcome is Big.' The project seeks to tell the story of HIV through the many eyes of those affected. Photographers will visit Maputo, Mozambique where they will train locals to use high-end cameras.

Telling the whole story

Venice Arts captures the often unseen story of HIV/AIDS

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

VENICE One of the most telling ways to learn of the tragedies of the HIV epidemic might very well be through the eyes of an orphan affected by the deadly disease.

A group of photographers hope to capture the world of an HIV orphan, told through the children themselves, as they

embark on a nearly one-month trek today to Mozambique where more than half a million children have been left without parents due to HIV.

Capturing these stories are about 10 photographers affiliated with Venice Arts, a local organization that provides programs in photography, film and digital arts for primarily low-income youth. The team will spend the next few weeks in Maputo, Mozambique, spending the first few days teaching 15 HIV orphans how to use high-end digital cameras before handing the equipment to the kids to document their lives.

It's the second trip in a two-part series documentary project called "The House is Small but the Welcome is Big." It's a project through which Venice Arts tries to raise

awareness of HIV and AIDS through the eyes and words of the African people. Last year, a team of photographers visited Cape Town, South Africa, teaching 15 HIV and AIDS affected women how to use cameras. Similar to this project, the women then proceeded to document their world, educating the world about the stigma of living with AIDS and HIV.

"The kind of conditions of the mothers we worked with were extremely poor," said Jim Hubbard, the creative director of Venice Arts. "Most live without running water in the shanty towns outside of Capetown, South Africa."

A photo exhibit — featuring works shot

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Lohan's passengers hire lawyer

BY JOHN ROGERS
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES The men who say they were unwilling passengers on Lindsay Lohan's wild ride through Santa Monica have retained a lawyer who said he hopes to resolve the case without hauling the actress into court.

Tustin attorney Randall Billington told The Associated Press on Friday he has been retained by Dante Nigro and Jakon Sutter, who say they pleaded with Lohan to stop as she raced along Pacific Coast Highway at 100 mph before dawn Tuesday. He is also repre-

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Police task force targets Westside

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES More than 120 members of an anti-gang task force swept through Culver City and the west side of Los Angeles as part of a campaign to make major one-day shows of force in communities with persistent gang problems.

The Saturday sweep included officers from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, the FBI and the Los Angeles, Culver City, Inglewood and Santa Monica police departments.

Parole and probation officers, with police backing, paid surprise visits to the homes of alleged gang members, and more than a dozen undercover officers were placed in target areas.

The group made 14 arrests for outstanding felony warrants after searching 30 homes.

"It's a reminder to both the public and the criminals that we are doing our best to make the area safe," said Sgt. Marci Reina of the LAPD's Pacific Division Station. "Even if we don't make any arrests, as long as we're out there making a demonstration of force, then it's a success."

The group was part of the Western Regional Gang Task Force, which plans to make a similar show of force in a different community every month..



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bikers are bothersome

Editor:
I am in total agreement with most motorists in that these “Critical Mass” biker gang members (I know they are not a gang but they sure do act like one, all the way down to threatening drivers and passers-by who challenge them – I have been one of those threatened) are not quite making their point correctly. If their goal is to get the attention of the powers-that-be, then why not do it in such a way that demonstrates their willingness to abide by traffic laws and general public safety guidelines. I live just off of the Third Street Promenade and encounter these hooligans once a month as they weave in and out of cars, up onto sidewalks forcing pedestrians to literally jump out of the way, screaming and yelling and generally causing commotion and terrifying some drivers. Riding on sidewalks is illegal, changing lanes without signaling is illegal, and running stop signs and stop lights is illegal, and riding on Wilshire Boulevard is... well, just plain stupid and dangerous.

And another point, I have often encountered cyclists that blast right through the four-way stop sign at the intersection of Third Street and California Avenue. Question: If I reach the stop sign first, come to a full and complete stop and then proceed and a cyclist runs through a stop sign and runs into the side of my car, is that cyclist not liable for any damage he or she’s head and bike does to my car? After all, cyclists are required to come to a full and complete stop and obey all traffic signs much the same as a car does. Even further, if a cyclist comes blasting across Wilshire at one of the PEDESTRIAN crosswalks, and heaven forbid, I hit them, then I would be taking that person to court to repair any damages they had done to my car, even if the accident leaves them severely injured. The very word “Pedestrian” means those traveling on FOOT; WALKING! You are required to walk your bike across those crosswalks, not ride across recklessly and dangerously.

I hope the day never comes when someone runs into me, but the bottom line is, if you are asking for the city to make accommodations for cyclists in the form of better bike lanes and pedestrian-restricted paths, which in turn is asking taxpayers to make such accommodations, shouldn’t you show us all that you are responsible enough to be on the road? As far as I am concerned, I will not vote for a fraction of a cent increase in taxes for ANYTHING bicycle related until I see that it will not just put more cyclists on the road that do no obey traffic laws.

Alex Fieglein
Santa Monica

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Every day, children are sexually solicited online.



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Big brother’s eyes are not a welcome visitor

“THERE WAS, OF COURSE, NO WAY OF knowing whether you were being watched at any given moment.... You had to live — did live, from habit that became instinct — in the assumption that every sound you made was overheard, and except in darkness, every movement scrutinized.”-- George Orwell, 1984

We live in a surveillance age. From the biggest city to the smallest town, we have succumbed to the siren-song promise that surveillance cameras will not only stop crime, they will actually make us safer.

New York City, for example, is estimated to have over 4,000 surveillance cameras. Other big cities using these cameras include the District of Columbia, Boston, Baltimore and Chicago. The Mayberry-size town of Bellows Falls, Vt., with its eight full-time police officers, plans to install 16 surveillance cameras. Even the quaint college town of Charlottesville, Va., where I live and work, is considering installing 30 surveillance cameras in its small downtown mall area to monitor its citizens.

Peering at passersby from their mounted positions on street poles, closed-circuit television systems (CCTVs) are the most common type of surveillance cameras. These pole cameras are usually monitored by police officers, retired police officers and sometimes private citizens. Although less common, Portable Overt Digital Surveillance Systems (PODs) are much more mobile and recognizable by their flashing blue lights. Often referred to as “footballs” for their easy mobility, PODs are monitored via transportable devices that look like briefcases.

In an era of webcams and reality TV shows, the presence of surveillance cameras on public streets may not seem like much of an intrusion. After all, having already given up so much ground when it comes to our privacy rights, it might seem almost unreasonable to expect it in public. And as I’ve had pointed out to me countless times, constant surveillance shouldn’t make a difference to a law-abiding citizen with nothing to hide.

Yet whether or not you’ve done anything wrong, when you’re the one being watched, life suddenly feels more oppressive. And it won’t stop with surveillance cameras on the streets. As Rob Selevitch, president of the security company CEI Management Corp., predicts, “Cradle to grave, you’re going to be on camera all the time.” Imagine having every conversation you’ve ever had or every place you’ve ever visited tracked by someone behind a camera. It’s a chilling thought — or at least it should be to anyone who values their privacy.

Under such constant surveillance, you will find yourself becoming painfully conscious of being observed, recorded and judged. Without realizing it, you will begin to censor your own actions — in regard to even the most innocuous of things.

What reason would be compelling enough to cause a nation of people who claim to value their privacy to relinquish it without a fight? Is it because these cameras are effective at fighting crime? Or is it because they make

us feel safer? Bruce Schneier, founder and Chief Technology Officer of Counterpane Internet Security, seems to think it’s the latter.

Since the September 11th terrorist attacks, Americans have become easy targets for almost any scheme that promises to make us safer. Kept in a state of constant unease by color-coded terror alerts and vague government reports of foiled terror plots, we have been primed to meekly accept that government officials have our best interests at heart and are doing their best to keep us safe.

YET WHETHER OR NOT YOU’VE DONE ANYTHING WRONG, WHEN YOU’RE THE ONE BEING WATCHED, LIFE SUDDENLY FEELS MORE OPPRESSIVE.

We have been sold a bill of goods.

A 2005 study by the British government, which boasts the most extensive surveillance camera coverage in the world at approximately 4 million cameras (one for every 14 people), found that of all the areas studied, surveillance cameras generally failed to achieve a reduction in crime. Indeed, while these snooping devices tended to reduce premeditated or planned crimes such as burglary, vehicle crime, criminal damage and theft, they failed to have an impact on more spontaneous crimes such as violence against the person and public order offenses such as public drunkenness.

And while a surveillance camera might help law enforcement identify a suicide bomber after the fact, as Marc Rotenberg of the Electronic Privacy Information Center notes, “Cameras are not an effective way to stop a person that is prepared to commit that kind of act.” Rotenberg points to the 2005 terrorist subway bombings in London as an example. He explained that surveillance cameras “did help determine the identity of the suicide bombers and aided the police in subsequent investigations, but obviously they had no deterrent effect in preventing the act, because suicide bombers are not particularly concerned about being caught in the act.”

Human nature being what it is, no amount of technology will completely prevent people, especially terrorists, from doing evil. And, in the end, it’s the law-abiding citizens who will suffer because in a society where there is no right to privacy and surveillance cameras are the eyes and ears of government, we are all suspects.

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City politicians stall traffic improvements

TRAFFIC CONGESTION HAS PEOPLE IN a dither. It'll take creative thinking and a lot of money to deal with it, long term. The sooner we start, the better.

Leave it to our legislature to jam the wheels of progress. Once again, they've diverted transit funds to everything but transit. Last week, the Sacramento Bee reported, "The state Assembly adopted a \$103 billion state spending plan after Democrats agreed to shift more than \$1 billion from local transit agencies for other purposes..."

I e-mailed Julia Brownley, and asked our 41st Assembly person why she voted to divert funding from transit. She responded, "One of my biggest disappointments this year was this shift of critical transportation dollars to balance the General Fund. This shift allowed us to fully fund K-12, higher education, and public safety; to protect SSI/SSP and CalWorks recipients; to maintain foster care transitional housing; and to fund programs for the homeless mentally ill. Given the hard choices before us, I reluctantly agreed with my colleagues that this shift was the fiscally right thing to do."

I disagree. If we're ever going to improve traffic after decades of neglect, we've got to stop robbing gasoline sales tax monies to pay for welfare, foster care and homeless programs. This looting delays projects like the Expo Line, freeway enhancements (including car pool lanes) and other transit improvements — and increases their construction costs.

Local politicians, planners and misguided "enviros" must stop backing schemes that reduce street capacity. It'll be a long time before mass transit (light rail, monorail, busses and subways) serves a sizable percentage of the public. In the meantime, streets should be configured to move traffic efficiently, safely and expediently — not impede it.

Los Angeles Mayor, Antonio Villaraigosa opted to fight congestion with a plan that's simple, low cost and immediate: Prohibit parking on curb lanes during rush hour and use them for traffic. Villaraigosa has turned his "Tiger Teams" loose on major Los Angeles thoroughfares where parking enforcement officers write citations and tow parking violators. Guess what? It works and fine revenues go into city coffers. In Santa Monica, we should do the same. But, instead of using parking lanes on Lincoln

Boulevard to ease congestion, City Council declared them exclusive "bus and bike only" lanes for the eight hourly busses and handful of bicyclists using the street.

Gridlocked Lincoln Boulevard substantially contributes to congestion throughout Sunset and Ocean Parks (SMPD, July 16, Page 1, "Road danger in Sunset Park") Not relieving it now is inexcusable. With private vehicles still transporting over 95 percent of those on the road, it's putting the cart way before the horse. I'd laud the move if this were 2037 when the subway, light rail and expanded bus fleets will be (hopefully) operational.

With the "one-way" proposals for Pico and Olympic boulevards officially dead, another long-term solution for reducing congestion — extending the MTA Purple Line to Ocean Avenue — is alive and kicking. The project will cost billions of dollars and take years to build. Organizations are forming to make the Purple Line to the blue Pacific a reality.

According to the Los Angeles Times, July 14, 2007, subway backers are "not giving up on a sales tax increase" as a way to pay for it. The Times reports, "Former Santa Monica Mayor, Denny Zane is organizing a nonprofit group tentatively called Subway to the Sea and said that raising the sales tax could possibly provide enough money for construction."

Zane, who is co-chair of the powerful Santa Monica for Renters' Rights group, makes a good living managing ballot propositions for regressive taxes such as the recent college bond, wastewater and school parcel taxes. In addition, he also managed Julia Brownley's run for 41st Assembly, last year.

Zane's Renter's Rights group postures as defenders of the poor, renters and the disenfranchised while Zane himself hires himself out as promoter of tax initiatives that burden the lowest income groups the most. If the politicians in Sacramento would stop absconding with transit monies, maybe a sales tax increase wouldn't be needed.

We must stop robbing Peter to pay Paul. And, it's time to relieve traffic congestion especially since Villaraigosa has shown how cheaply and easily it can be done,

Here, it means putting "Utopia" on hold. I doubt the pipe-dreamers in charge will do that.

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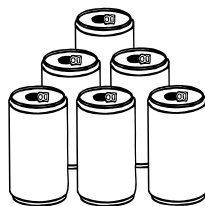
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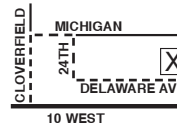
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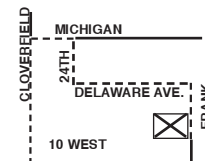
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Showtime in the slammer

Paris Hilton did time. Pal Nicole Richie is getting ready for her stint behind bars, too. Lindsay Lohan, fresh off her most recent drug- and alcohol-related arrest may soon be added to the growing list of celebrities who have been to the big house.

So this week's Q-Line question asks:

What should Lohan receive as punishment for her numerous brushes with the law?

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

"Know Before You Go" is a weekly update on construction projects throughout Santa Monica. Here is a run-down of this week's construction projects initiated by City Hall

Access Center

Construction of a new two story homeless services facility begins at 503 Olympic Blvd for the new Access Center building. The sidewalk on Olympic Blvd between 5th & 7th Streets will be closed to the public except Samoshel residents.

Alley Closure at 3107 Santa Monica Blvd

Construction crews are working in the alley behind 3107 Santa Monica Blvd. The alley will be closed to traffic. Detours will be posted at various sites during construction.

Annenberg Community Beach Club at Santa Monica State Beach

The historic Marion Davies Estate and former location of the Sand & Sea Club will be rehabilitated into use as a public beach facility. The 5.5 acre project at Santa Monica State Beach will consist of rehabilitation of the historic pool and guest house and construction of new structures including an entry pavilion, pool house, event building, and public restroom building.

Annual Tree Trimming Project

The historic Marion Davies Estate and former location of the Sand & Sea Club will be rehabilitated into use as a public beach facility. The 5.5 acre project at Santa Monica State Beach will consist of rehabilitation of the historic pool and guest house and construction of new structures including an entry pavilion, pool house, event building, and public restroom building. Import of soil to the construction site will commence Tuesday, July 31 and continue 9am to 4pm weekdays until Friday, August 17th. Flag persons will be in the area to ensure safe conditions and limit disruption to PCH traffic flow.

Back On the Beach Café

Due to construction of the Annenberg Community Beach Club, parking at Lot 10 is limited, however, Back On the Beach Café remains open. Patrons are advised to carpool, ride a bike or park in Lot 9 north instead. The self pay machine in Lot 9 allows payment for either all-day or 2-hour parking. Flag persons will be assisting with parking lot and PCH traffic flow weekdays, between the hours of 9am and 4pm, beginning Tuesday, July 31 and ending Friday, August 17.

Big Blue Bus Transit Store

Tenant improvements begin at the site of the Big Blue Bus Transit Store located at 223 Broadway. Improvements include a new building façade and construction rehabilitation. Construction is scheduled until August 2007.

Marine Street Utility Undergrounding

Relocation and undergrounding of electric, phone, and cable facilities on Marine St., between Lincoln Blvd. and Prospect Ct. Parking limitations will be posted daily and detours may be announced as necessary

Stewart Park Restroom Project

Construction of new restroom facilities at Stewart Park. Sidewalk is closed on the west side of Stewart Street (between Exposition and Delaware). Please use east sidewalk.

Water Main Replacement Project:

The contractor will be installing new water main on Franklin Street between Santa Monica Blvd. and Arizona Avenue. There will also be water main work on Ocean Front Walk, under the Santa Monica Pier. The pedestrian/bike path will remain open during construction.

Wilshire Storm Water Diversion Structure

Construction for the installation of the diversion facility on Ocean Avenue and Wilshire Blvd. is in process and is scheduled for completion November 2007. Traffic will be narrowed to 2 lanes north/1 lane south on Ocean Avenue at Wilshire Blvd.

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Electronic voting report is scathing

BY LAURA KURTZMAN

Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO Secretary of State Debra Bowen released the first part of her review of California's voting systems Friday, seven days before she must decide whether to decertify any of the systems for the presidential primary.

It found that computer experts were able to breach all the systems they studied and change the machines' results. But the experts did that under artificial conditions, with unimpeded access to the equipment, a situation that ordinarily would not occur.

Matt Bishop, a computer scientist at the University of California, Davis, who led the team, said the findings must be evaluated in light of the security systems that county election officials have in place before any conclusions can be reached about whether the machines are reliable.

Bowen, who has made electronic voting security the centerpiece of her administration, said she needed to spend the weekend reviewing the reports before commenting on them.

"I am still in analysis mode," she said during a conference call with reporters, "and do not have any conclusion based on reports I have not read."

The review has been rushed because of the earlier-than-ever primary on Feb. 5. It did not include voting systems used in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Contra Costa counties.

Bowen said that was because the company that makes the machines, Election Systems & Software, had refused to give her

the information she needed in time. A company spokesman said they delayed because they wanted more information about how the review would be conducted.

By law, Bowen must let counties know six months before the election that she is going to decertify their equipment. That means she must decide by Aug. 3, too soon to complete reviews of Election Systems & Software's equipment.

Instead, a spokeswoman for Bowen said she could subject that equipment to higher standards.

County elections officials see Bowen's "top-to-bottom review" as unnecessary. They say their equipment already meets federal standards and was approved by Bowen's predecessor, Bruce McPherson.

Steve Weir, president of the state association of registrars, said it was not news that voting systems could be breached under ideal conditions.

"They were given permission to get into the systems," he said. "It's not a real world test."

Experts examined systems built by Diebold Election Systems, Hart InterCivic and Sequoia Voting Systems.

One team tried to breach the machines' security. Another tested to see how accessible they were for voters with disabilities. A third group looked at the source code used in the machines. That report was withheld Friday because of concerns that it might contain proprietary information.

The Secretary of State's office will hold a public hearing on the reports on Monday.

Real wedding crashers

Cruise, Holmes photo plot leads to criminal charges for two men

BY JACOB ADELMAN

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES Two men were charged in alleged plot to extort more than \$1 million from Tom Cruise for the actor's stolen wedding photographs, federal authorities announced Friday.

David Hans Schmidt, known for brokering deals involving compromising celebrity photos and videos, was charged with sending communications for purposes of extortion, according to a criminal complaint.

Marc Lewis Gittleman, who authorities say helped recover photos from a computer hard drive, was charged with conspiracy to commit extortion.

Federal agents arrested Schmidt, 47, Tuesday and Gittleman, 33, Thursday night, officials said.

It wasn't immediately clear whether Schmidt or Gittleman had retained attorneys. Schmidt, who lives in Phoenix, was released on \$100,000 bond. If convicted, Schmidt faces up to two years in prison and Gittleman up to five years.

A message left with Cruise's publicist was not immediately returned.

The plot began after Gittleman, of West Hollywood, obtained photos of the actor's

Italian wedding last year to Katie Holmes from the event's official photographer, according to a criminal complaint.

The photographer, identified as Joshua Bobrove, reportedly had taken a damaged computer hard drive containing the wedding photos to Gittleman to employee his services as a data recovery expert.

Gittleman then made copies of photos on the drive and kept them for himself, authorities said. He contacted Schmidt after finding a Web site touting his abilities to broker celebrity photos.

In the last two months, Schmidt had repeated contact with Cruise representatives and threatened to shop the photos around if he didn't receive between \$1.25 million and \$1.35 million, officials said. At one point, he allegedly e-mailed the actor's representatives about 7,600 wedding photos as proof he had them.

"He said that the client would turn to the black market and find a buyer for the photos," said Peter Brust, a special agent in charge in the FBI's Los Angeles office.

Schmidt was arrested after an undercover FBI agent attended a meeting in West Hollywood between Schmidt and Cruise's representatives.

Federal agents were led to Gittleman by a license plate number they discovered on a slip of paper in Schmidt's car.

Schmidt also has tried to auction off Paris Hilton's diaries, along with photos of her in various stages of undress and other personal items that had been locked away in a Los Angeles-area storage locker until a few months ago.



Earth Talk

By the editors of E Magazine

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Tapping into the value of water

Dear EarthTalk:

Bottled water companies would have us all believe that tap water is unsafe to drink. But I've heard that most tap water is actually pretty safe. Is this true?

Sam Tsiryulnikov,
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TAP WATER IS NOT WITHOUT ITS PROBLEMS. THE nonprofit Environmental Working Group (EWG) in 2005 tested municipal water in 42 states and detected some 260 contaminants in public water supplies, 140 of which were unregulated chemicals, that is, chemicals for which public health officials have no safety standards for, much less methods for removing them.

EWG did find over 90 percent compliance on the part of water utilities in applying and enforcing standards that exist, but faults the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for failing to establish standards on so many of the contaminants—from industry, agriculture and urban runoff—that do end up in our water.

Despite these seemingly alarming stats, the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), which has also conducted extensive municipal as well as bottled water tests, says: "In the short term, if you are an adult with no special health conditions, and you are not pregnant, then you can drink most cities' tap water without having to worry." This is because most of the contaminants in public water supplies exist at such small concentrations that very large quantities would need to be ingested for health problems to occur.

NRDC does caution, however, that pregnant women, young children, the elderly, people with chronic illnesses and those with weakened immune systems can be especially vulnerable to the risks posed by contaminated water." The group suggests that anyone at risk obtain a copy of their city's annual water quality report (they are mandated by law) and review it with their physician.

As for bottled water, it is first important to know that 25 to 30 percent of it comes straight from municipal tap water systems, despite the pretty nature scenes on the bottles that imply otherwise. Some of that water goes through additional filtering, but some does not. NRDC has researched bottled water extensively and has found that it is "subject to less rigorous testing and purity standards than those which apply to city tap water." Bottled water is required to be tested less frequently than tap water for bacteria and chemical contaminants, and U.S. Food and Drug Administration bottled water rules allow for some contamination by E. coli or fecal coliform, contrary to EPA tap water rules which prohibit any such contamination.

Similarly, NRDC found that there are no requirements for bottled water to be disinfected or tested for parasites such as cryptosporidium or giardia, unlike more stringent EPA rules regulating tap water. This leaves open the possibility, says NRDC, that some bottled water may present similar health threats to those with weakened immune systems, the elderly and others they caution about drinking tap water.

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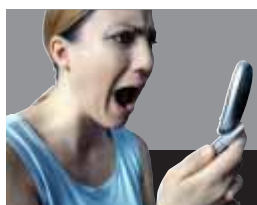
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Prudhoe Bay begins recovery

BY STEVE QUINN

Associated Press Writer

PRUDHOE BAY, Alaska It sits, still unused, on supports about 7 feet high and it lies 4 miles long.

And depending on who's talking, this new section of transit pipeline on Prudhoe Bay — the nation's largest producing oil field — is either a daily reminder of past maintenance neglect or it represents a decades-long commitment to the future of North Slope oil production.

It's been a year since the pipeline shutdown and few have forgotten the event that sent oil prices inching toward \$80 per barrel, stirred fears of escalating gas prices, and sent companies searching for other supply sources.

Some nerves remain frayed with state and federal lawmakers still question how BP PLC failed to adequately address concerns raised by its own employees, arguing that BP placed profits ahead of safety and proper care.

The company says it understands the criticisms remain fresh, but argues progress is strong with new accountability practices in place and a \$250 million pipeline upgrade on schedule for completion next year.

"We are the operator and we take accountability for what happened," said Tony Brock, BP Exploration Alaska Inc.'s technical director.

"We'd like to be seen as a company in North America that is trusted and respected," he said. "I would say we've got a long way to go before we can make that request, so we will establish that over time."

BP has a 26 percent stake in the field it shares largely with ConocoPhillips and Exxon Mobil Corp., which hold 36 percent interest each.

Federal and state lawmakers, watchdog groups and Wall Street say they are pleased with progress, but still seek answers to what truly led to the leaks and a 10-week long partial shut down that began Aug. 6, 2006.

On that day, BP began reducing Prudhoe Bay opera-

tions after discovering its second leak in six months, ultimately cutting the field's daily production by about half. At the time, it was producing more than 400,000 barrels of oil per day, or about 8 percent of the nation's production.

By mid October the company had returned to the level before the shutdown. By then about 13 million barrels of oil had been kept from the market. It also contributed to a 12.5 percent drop in average daily production for the entire North Slope that includes Prudhoe Bay.

Daily average in the state's fiscal year, ending June 30, fell from 844,000 to 738,000 barrels per day. Fields, however, are already in natural decline and production was also affected by poor weather at the Valdez Marine Terminal where tanks are loaded.

WE ARE THE OPERATOR AND WE TAKE ACCOUNTABILITY FOR WHAT HAPPENED."

Tony Brock

BP Exploration Alaska Inc.'s technical director

Since last year's shutdown, Brock says changes to BP's management structure have removed bureaucratic layers and helped the integrity of the company's operations. This means getting to problems quicker before they become serious and enhanced communication with front line employees.

David Totemoff, a 30-year employee who was in Prudhoe Bay when the first barrel of oil was being shipped in the summer of 1977, said the work environment has changed from last year when public criticism wore thin with some of the proud workforce.

"What we see now is a way better positive deal for all of the people working here," he said "We've had lots of ups

and downs, but it's easier to ask questions and raise issues.

"Last year was tough because I didn't know how to take some of the stuff that was said, knowing all the work we do up here."

Additionally, BP chose to replace 16 miles of the transit line rather than continually doing patchwork.

So far, 8 miles have been built but none of it will be used until the entire line is complete. For now, bypass lines serve as temporary conduits to the field's gathering centers where oil, natural gas and water are separated before being shipped on an 800-mile trans-Alaskan pipeline to the Valdez Marine Terminal.

"I think by putting in new facilities, this is a good statement what we are doing is we are going to be here producing oil for another 50 years," said James Fausett, a 25-year employee who serves as BP's area manager for Prudhoe Bay.

Upgrades and management changes are half the battle for BP.

Federal and state lawmakers still are dogging the company and that scrutiny could spill over to the company's partners, Exxon Mobil Corp. and Conoco Phillips.

In recent committee hearings, legislators in Alaska and Washington, D.C., have questioned whether cost-cutting measures were a higher priority than maintenance and safety.

"I'm very, very unhappy; in fact, I'm downright mad," said state Rep. Carl Gatto, a Republican who co-chairs the House Resources Committee. "Is this neglect? Absolutely. Does it go all the way to criminal? I have trouble with that, but I don't have trouble saying it's egregious."

Gatto said he has requested more information from BP, Exxon and ConocoPhillips about the decisions made behind the lax maintenance practices that led to the leaks.

He and other lawmakers also are struggling to decide whether BP should be allowed to deduct a portion of the \$250 million new pipeline costs under the state's new petroleum tax laws.

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Environmental groups defend wolf legislation

BY MATT MYGATT

Associated Press Writer

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. A federal court has been asked to strike down an ordinance that asserts Catron County's right to trap wild Mexican gray wolves that the county deems a threat to people.

"The U.S. Constitution says federal law trumps state and local law when the two deal with the same issue," Melissa Hailey, an attorney for Forest Guardians, said Friday.

The Santa Fe-based environmental group and Sinapu, a Boulder, Colo.-based carnivore activist group, sued the county commissioners Thursday in U.S. District Court in Santa Fe.

The lawsuit alleges the county ordinance violates the federal Endangered Species Act and that the ordinance is invalid.

The lawsuit seeks a court order halting the commission from taking any further action under the ordinance.

"Pragmatically, we're trying to remove this looming threat from the county that they're going to go out and harm wolves," Hailey said. "Very few are left on the ground and they're already being aggressively managed by the federal government."

Catron County Attorney Ron Shortes said the county had not been served with the lawsuit, but called it "a gross misrepresentation made in bad faith which distorts the facts and law."

"These organizations aren't suffering

from the problems with the wolf program — we here in Catron County are," Shortes said. "Even the wolves here are suffering more from this poorly managed program than the Forest Guardians and Sinapu are."

Bill Aymar, county manager, said, "My personal opinion is that these groups continue to try to turn the ESA (Endangered Species Act) into a super statute, and I just don't see that," Aymar said.

The commission voted unanimously Feb. 8 to adopt the ordinance that would allow a designated county officer to trap or remove the endangered wolves if federal authorities fail to act first.

The ordinance limits the trapping to wolves that are accustomed to people or have a high probability of harming children or defenseless people — physically or psychologically.

The federal government has been reintroducing the wolves to the Blue Range Wolf Recovery Area — 4.4 million acres of the Gila and Apache Sitgreaves national forests in southwestern New Mexico and southeastern Arizona plus Arizona's 1.6 million-acre White Mountain Apache reservation, interspersed with private land and towns.

The program began March 29, 1998, when the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service released 11 wolves that were bred in captivity.

The recovery area had 59 wolves as of January 2007, and that number has fluctuated with wolf deaths and removals and the births of pups, said Elizabeth Slown, a Fish and Wildlife Service spokeswoman.



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TAGGED: Notices hung on every door at the Pavilions Motel in Sunset Park indicating that nobody can stay in the establishment's rooms until owners make city-ordered improvements.

Owners begin improvement work

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He was booked for receiving stolen property and his bail was set at \$20,000. Sherry Farzam said her husband was out of jail and was working every day to make repairs.

City Hall's Building and Safety Division, along with the Santa Monica Fire Department and the county Health Department conducted an inspection of the motel and found several code violations, prompting them to post a "Yellow Tag" notice prohibiting people from renting rooms or staying at the motel until the violations are repaired.

Officials with the Health Department ordered the Farzams to repair, repaint and renovate walls and ceilings, provide smoke

detectors, clean carpets and repair a damaged door jams.

The motel is known in the community as a place where transients often stay because of the low cost of a room. Sherry Farzam said that many customers are homeless and some do not respect their rooms, constantly damaging walls, fire extinguishers and other items.

"It seems like every day we are fixing things," she said.

Residents praised the police for conducting the investigation. The neighborhood group Friends of Sunset Park made it a priority to discuss the motel with Police Chief Timothy Jackman during their annual meeting in June, said Zena Josephs, president of friends.

"Residents are very relieved about the arrests and

about the motel being shut down, at least temporarily," Josephs said. "We've received a lot of complaints about illegal activities going on there. Some people were afraid to go passed there and were afraid to complain because of retaliation."

Deputy City Attorney Linda Mills said she should have more information on the violations recorded by city inspectors today or Tuesday and will better be able to tell whether or not criminal charges will be filed. City inspectors in charge of the investigation could not be reached for comment.

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Organization travels to Africa

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by the affected women — followed the first trip, traveling to 10 venues worldwide. A similar traveling exhibit will come from the second trip, as well as a book.

"That was an anticipation of this project — to speak of the reality and to get the images out there, especially to people in the western world," said Lynn Warshafsky, the executive director of Venice Arts.

Two of the affected women that participated in last year's trip really blossomed in the program. Neal Baer, one of the project's founders, sponsored the two women to attend a photography school in Cape Town.

The photos from the first exhibit show the conditions of the shanty towns, but gave a very positive perception of the women's lives, showing that despite all negative odds, their spirits were high.

"They're very zealous about being happy and trying to overlook some of the obstacles they have in life," Hubbard said. "They were so joyful that a group like us would come

along and spend time with them and they loved the opportunity to take pictures."

The project is a collaboration with the African Millennium Foundation — one of the sponsors — and UNICEF. It was developed after Mozambique President Armando Guebuza began addressing the issue of the increasing number of HIV and AIDS orphans in the country, announcing he wanted to seek solutions.

Many of the children in Africa who are HIV and AIDS orphans, are stigmatized by society, even if they do not carry the strain themselves.

Their surviving family members are usually the first ones to shun the children, said Malena Ruth, the co-founder of the African Millennium Foundation.

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Writer has a fresh palate

Local resident writes book about SM Farmers' Market

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN A well-harvested vegetable grown to exemplify its natural and unique flavors needs very little attention from the salt and pepper shaker.

It's the fundamentals of cooking with Santa Monica resident Amelia Saltsman, who has an appreciation of fruits and vegetables in their most naked form, the goodness of produce grown for its natural flavor.

For Saltsman, she finds these vegetables at the Wednesday Santa Monica Farmers' Market.

"I think the everyday foods that tastes amazing on their own, that is what is life-changing to those who end up shopping at the market," Saltsman said.

The self-taught chef preaches her devotion to the Santa Monica Farmers' Market in a recently released

cookbook, teaching that one doesn't have to be Bobby Flay or Paul Deen to prepare an exceptional meal. Instead, with the right combination of well-grown vegetables, cooking can be simple and delicious, and most importantly, accessible to the amateur home chef.

"The Santa Monica Farmers' Market Cookbook" is a compilation of recipes of simple-to-cook meals that require very little added ingredients.

"That's what's exciting to me," Saltsman said. "When the every day is just magical."

Throughout the book, Saltsman shares the stories of the many farmers that supply produce every week — the very same farmers she has gotten to know personally in the 22 years she has patronized the market. While many of the recipes were Saltsman originals, some were inspired by the farmers themselves.

One such recipe came during a visit to the Coleman Family Farm in Carpinteria last year when family patriarch Bill Coleman cooked an unforgettable yet simple meal of fish and green tomatoes. From this dish, Saltsman created a similar recipe included in the cookbook.

The supervisor of the Santa Monica Farmers' Market, Laura Avery met Saltsman at the market about 10 years ago. In the approximately 25 years she's been with the farmers' market, Avery has been approached by a number of people suggesting that someone should write a cookbook based on the farmers' market, as had been done in several other markets nationwide.

Avery, who wrote the cookbook's introduction, said she has read the book three times and believes it's a testament to how much the Santa Monica Farmers' Market means to the people who live and work here.

"I spent sleepless nights to put into words what it meant to me and how I felt about it," Avery said on writing the introduction. "It was harder than (I thought) it was going to be."

Saltsman spent two straight years focusing her efforts solely on the book, but the cookbook is actually a product of many years spent in the kitchen writing recipes based on meals she prepared for her family, and visiting and getting to know the farmers.

"I've come to have tremendous respect and awe for those who choose to grow our food," Saltsman said. "I wanted to share their stories."

SETTLING ROOTS IN SANTA MONICA

Saltsman and her husband first moved to Santa Monica in an apartment on Yale Street 35 years ago.

Third Street back then — preceding the promenade — was home to mom and pop stores, the anchor tenants being a JC Penny and Woolworth's.

"It was very cozy," Saltsman said. "There was nothing chic about it."

The Santa Monica Farmers' Market was brought in to revitalize the Downtown area where the first market opened in 1981 on Arizona Avenue, Saltsman said. That was followed by the opening of the Saturday market in the same location in 1991, the Saturday Pico market in 1992, and the Sunday Ocean Park market in 1995.

Saltsman and her family moved back to Santa Monica in 1985 when she discovered the market.

"It ultimately completely changed the way I cooked, shopped, thought about food and wrote," said Saltsman, who is also a food writer.

Rather than shopping at a grocery store and stocking up for weeks, she started buying most of her perishable products at the farmers' market, keeping her pantry

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"The Santa Monica Farmers
Market Cookbook"



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GOOD READ: Produce buyer Rhonda Rago looks through Saltzman's new cookbook.

Saltzman's cookbook first about SM Farmers' Market

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smaller and spending less time cooking.

The attraction with the farmers' market is the freshness, since the produce is picked for same or next-day sale. To Saltzman, that's a big deal.

"They're able to pick the produce...at peak ripeness," she said. "They don't need to stay under refrigeration somewhere or shipped elsewhere in the country."

Saltzman has a long resume filled with food related jobs, including food writer, food stylist and cooking teacher. From 1980 to 1985, she ran a cooking school in Malibu, hiring teachers, planning the menu and assisting in the classes.

Saltzman also hosted a cooking show on CityTV called "Fresh from the Farmers' Market."

"It's in the blood," Saltzman said, referring to the fact that both her grandmothers were highly-regarded chefs. "I've always been interested in flavor and taste and food memories."



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FRESH PICK: Amelia Saltzman buys fresh vegetables at the Farmer's Market.

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HEAVENLY HELP

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From left to right; Angie, Cyndy Lunn and Jessica Slayback from the Garden of Angels School's team walk laps wearing angels' wings during the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life at John Adams Field on Saturday. It's an international event, organized to raise money for cancer research and education. The Santa Monica Daily Press co-sponsored the event.

Lawyer hopes to avoid court

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senting Ronnie Blake, who says Lohan drove Nigro's SUV over his foot as she raced off with the vehicle.

"Some people think a discussion should begin with 'I'll see you in court.' I don't believe that," said Billington, adding he hoped the incident could be resolved amicably. He also expressed concern for the well-being of Lohan, who was arrested for investigation of driving under the influence and cocaine possession at the end of the ride.

"From my clients' point of view, they want to see a good outcome to that story for her," he said.

Lohan's attorney and publicist did not respond to calls and e-mails, and Santa Monica police officials declined to comment.

"At this point we have no new information to report," said Lt. Alex Padilla, a police spokesman.

Billington declined to make the three men available for an interview.

In a video interview posted on the celebrity Web site TMZ.com before they retained an attorney, the three said they crossed paths with Lohan when they saw her traveling in a car with a friend and waved to them. Nigro said the friend responded with a text message saying the 21-year-old actress was inviting them to a party.

At the party, Nigro said, he saw Lohan drinking heavily. Sutter and Blake, who weren't allowed inside, said they waited for their friend in the car.

Shortly before the chase began, Nigro said, Lohan's personal assistant got into an argument with her boyfriend and then with the actress. When Lohan told her to be quiet

she announced she was quitting and left, Nigro said.

At that point, he said, Lohan snatched his keys, which were still in the ignition of his SUV, jumped into the driver's seat and gave chase. As the car accelerated, Blake said, he managed to jump out but the vehicle ran over his foot.

He was limping and walking with a cane Friday, his attorney said.

As Lohan raced after her assistant, Nigro and Sutter said, her car reached speeds of 100 mph on Pacific Coast Highway.

"So we start pleading with her, 'Can you please stop the car,'" Sutter said.



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Dante Nigro, Lohan's passenger

"She says, 'I can't get in trouble, I'm a celebrity, I can do whatever the ... I want,'" Nigro said.

"I was honestly terrified," Nigro added. "I really thought we were going to crash and I really thought we were going to get severely hurt or all of us were going to die."

After Lohan's assistant got away, Nigro said, the actress

raced to the Santa Monica home of the woman's mother. The mother, seeing a strange car arrive as she was returning home, fled in a Cadillac Escalade and called police.

"At this point the Escalade's flying, we're flying, we're probably going 80 miles per hour in residential Santa Monica," Nigro said.

The chase ended when the woman stopped near the Santa Monica police station and Lohan was arrested.

As she spoke with police, Nigro said, Lohan tried to implicate Sutter.

"We can hear her saying, 'No, no, I wasn't driving, the black kid was driving,'" he said.

Sutter and Blake are black and Nigro is white.

It was the second driving arrest in two months for Lohan, who was also arrested over Memorial Day weekend after crashing her car into a curb. She was released from a rehab program earlier this month.

In separate developments Friday, Lohan's estranged parents, Michael and Dina Lohan, appeared in a New York court to fight over child-support payments and a lawyer for Lohan appeared in a Los Angeles courtroom in connection with a traffic accident the actress was involved in two years ago.

In New York, a judge chided Lohan's father for failing to make child-support payments for the actress' younger brother and sister. Michael Lohan was ordered to return to court Aug. 10 with proof he is looking for a job.

In Los Angeles, Lohan was granted her request to have a new judge hear a lawsuit brought against her by a man whose van collided with her Mercedes-Benz in 2005 as the actress was fleeing dozens of paparazzi photographers.

LEGAL NEWS

Examiners call wounds strange

BY MARTHA MENDOZA
AP National Writer

SAN FRANCISCO Army medical examiners were suspicious about the close proximity of the three bullet holes in Pat Tillman's forehead and tried without success to get authorities to investigate whether the former NFL player's death amounted to a crime, according to documents obtained by The Associated Press.

"The medical evidence did not match up with the scenario as described," a doctor who examined Tillman's body after he was killed on the battlefield in Afghanistan in 2004 told investigators.

The doctors — whose names were blacked out — said that the bullet holes were so close together that it appeared the Army Ranger was cut down by an M-16 fired from a mere 10 yards or so away.

Ultimately, the Pentagon did conduct a criminal investigation, and asked Tillman's comrades whether he was disliked by his men and whether they had any reason to believe he was deliberately killed. The Pentagon eventually ruled that Tillman's death at the hands of his comrades was a friendly-fire accident.

The medical examiners' suspicions were outlined in 2,300 pages of testimony released to the AP this week by the Defense Department in response to a Freedom of Information Act request.

Among other information contained in the documents:

— In his last words moments before he was killed, Tillman snapped at a panicky comrade under fire to shut up and stop "sniveling."

— Army attorneys sent each other congratulatory e-mails for keeping criminal investigators at bay as the Army conducted an internal friendly-fire investigation that resulted in administrative, or non-criminal, punishments.

— The three-star general who kept the truth about Tillman's death from his family and the public told investigators some 70 times that he had a bad memory and couldn't recall details of his actions.

— No evidence at all of enemy fire was found at the scene — no one was hit by enemy fire, nor was any government equipment struck.

The Pentagon and the Bush administration have been criticized in recent months for lying about the circumstances of Tillman's death. The military initially told the public and the Tillman family that he had been killed by enemy fire. Only weeks later did the Pentagon acknowledge he was gunned down by fellow Rangers.

With questions lingering about how high in the Bush administration the deception reached, Congress is preparing for yet another hearing next week.

The Pentagon is separately preparing a new round of punishments, including a stinging demotion of retired Lt. Gen. Philip R. Kensinger Jr., 60, according to military officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because the punishments under consideration have not been made public.

In more than four hours of questioning by the Pentagon inspector general's office in December 2006, Kensinger repeatedly

contradicted other officers' testimony, and sometimes his own. He said on some 70 occasions that he did not recall something.

At one point, he said: "You've got me really scared about my brain right now. I'm really having a problem."

Tillman's mother, Mary Tillman, who has long suggested that her son was deliberately killed by his comrades, said she is still looking for answers and looks forward to the congressional hearings next week.

"Nothing is going to bring Pat back. It's about justice for Pat and justice for other soldiers. The nation has been deceived," she said.

The documents show that a doctor who autopsied Tillman's body was suspicious of the three gunshot wounds to the forehead. The doctor said he took the unusual step of calling the Army's Human Resources Command and was rebuffed. He then asked an official at the Army's Criminal Investigation Division if the CID would consider opening a criminal case.

THE MEDICAL EVIDENCE DID NOT MATCH UP WITH THE SCENARIO AS DESCRIBED."

Unnamed doctor
From military document

"He said he talked to his higher headquarters and they had said no," the doctor testified.

Also according to the documents, investigators pressed officers and soldiers on a question Mrs. Tillman has been asking all along.

"Have you, at any time since this incident occurred back on April 22, 2004, have you ever received any information even rumor that Cpl. Tillman was killed by anybody within his own unit intentionally?" an investigator asked then-Capt. Richard Scott.

Scott, and others who were asked, said they were certain the shooting was accidental.

Investigators also asked soldiers and commanders whether Tillman was disliked, whether anyone was jealous of his celebrity, or if he was considered arrogant. They said Tillman was respected, admired and well-liked.

The documents also shed new light on Tillman's last moments.

It has been widely reported by the AP and others that Spc. Bryan O'Neal, who was at Tillman's side as he was killed, told investigators that Tillman was waving his arms shouting "Cease fire, friendlies, I am Pat (expletive) Tillman, damn it!" again and again.

But the latest documents give a different account from a chaplain who debriefed the entire unit days after Tillman was killed.

The chaplain said that O'Neal told him he was hugging the ground at Tillman's side, "crying out to God, help us. And Tillman says to him, 'Would you shut your (expletive) mouth?'"

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

VENICE

Dogtown's makeover

A dedication ceremony announcing the completion of the Venice Beach Refurbishment Project is set for August 2 at 10 a.m. at the Venice Beach parking lot at 2700 Ocean Front Walk located off North Venice Boulevard.

The \$6.2 million refurbishment project includes reconstruction and expansion of restrooms. The project includes the refurbishment of the parking lots at Rose Avenue and Washington Boulevard and the reconstruction of the Venice Boulevard parking lot including new entry kiosks. An existing gazebo was removed and a new picnic area was constructed at Washington Boulevard along with the construction of three permanent bike/skate rental concession buildings at Rose Avenue, Venice and Washington Boulevard.

These new improvements will enhance the appearance and use of these facilities offering new recreational opportunities to over 5.5 million beach patrons that visit Venice Beach annually.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Third District, and other dignitaries will be speaking at the dedication ceremony.

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Ms. Frosch will read from and discuss "Coming of Age Around the World," a collection of 24 stories that chronicle the global quest for identity, and demonstrate the personal and political importance of sharing our stories. Editors Mary Frosch and Faith Adiele encourage the reader to consider whether coming of age is a Western — or Universal — concept. Mary Frosh has taught at The Spence School in New York, where she designed a world literature program, for 23 years. A book sale and signing will follow the event, courtesy of Barnes & Noble.

This program is free and open to the public. Seating is limited and on a first arrival basis. For more information, contact the Santa Monica Public Library at (310) 458-8600; or visit the Library's web site at www.smpl.org.

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Number of sewage spills -- 2

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Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 42 / 15

Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 4 / 15

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Canillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechase and Los Aliso creeks	A+	ns
Escorial Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns
Dread Beach at Trazacas 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	A+	ns
Escalante Creek, just east of Escalante State Beach	A	ns
Lariga Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at San Blazquez County Beach	A+	ns
Puerto Santa Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24672 Malibu Rd.	D	ns
Surfside Beach at Malibu Canyon Inlet	A+	ns
Surfside Beach (beach location) - daily	A	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
Pena Creek at Los Toros County Beach	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	B	ns
Castroville Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	ns

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Del Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Palga Canyon storm drain	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Teneased Canyon drain	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauque)	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	A	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kentner storm drain	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurants)	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A+	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsoil St.	A+	ns
Morins del Rey, Mothers' Beach- Shogard tower	B	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballena Creek mouth	C	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hypertex Treatment Plant	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. 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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Robots serve as mine defenders

BY MELISSA NELSON
Associated Press Writer

PANAMA CITY BEACH, Fla. As it slowly moves in the shallow water along a beach, the robot splashes its fins like a small child playing in the surf.

But the prototype device has a serious mission: destroying mines that could kill Marines and Navy SEALs as they come on shore. Such technology is considered the future of underwater bomb detection.

"It's a kamikaze vehicle, a suicidal robot," said Mathieu Kemp, a scientist with Durham, N.C.-based Nekton Research, LCC, which created the Transphibian.

The 3-foot-long device, which will some day carry 14 pounds of plastic explosives and attach itself to an underwater bomb before igniting, can be maneuvered by a joystick, which Kemp demonstrated last month at the Autonomous Underwater Vehicle Fest, an annual two-week gathering of researchers who design robots for military use.

Experts with the Panama City Beach-based Naval Surface Warfare Center say such robots eventually will replace minesweeping ships and perform dangerous jobs now done by specialized divers.

A 2003 mine-clearing operation in the port of Um Quasar, Iraq, was a major test for autonomous underwater vehicles. The technology helped the U.S. Navy clear a path for a British ship carrying 200 tons of food and emergency supplies. It took the AUVs about 16 hours to search nearly a square mile and help divers locate an undisclosed number of mines — a task the Navy says would have taken 21 days for divers working without the technology.

In the future, scientists plan to put explosives on the AUVs to destroy the mines. Meanwhile, they are using them to quickly and accurately differentiate ocean clutter from mines.

"The closer in you get to any port or harbor, the greater amount of clutter you will encounter — tires, rocks, coral reefs — there can be so much clutter you would not believe it," said Daniel Broadstreet, a spokesman for the Naval Surface Warfare Center, which specializes in neutralizing underwater mines.

"To screen out all that clutter is a huge job and it takes some very, very technologically advanced sensors," Broadstreet said.

The Um Quasar operation was a milestone for AUVs because it marked the first wartime use of the technology, said Tom Swean, team leader of the Office of Naval Research's Mine Warfare Science and Technology Program.

Swean joined the Office of Naval Research in Arlington, Va., in 1981, but his work took off in 1997 when the Navy SEALs got involved. They tailored the systems for missions including surveying the seabed, finding channels near the shore and locating mines.

"It was important that they have underwater vehicles that could not be seen very easily," Swean said. "Their missions are near shore and are very dangerous."

A decade later, wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have pushed advances in unmanned and robotic technology, especially on land and in the air where robots routinely inspect improvised explosive devices and drones conduct air reconnaissance.

"It's gone from zero to 60 pretty fast," said Jeffery Bradshaw, a scientist at the Pensacola-based Institute for Human and Machine Cognition, which is working with the warfare center on a project to use robots for port security.

The military is expected to spend more than \$50 million on the acquisition of AUV technology in the next five years, Swean said. At the same time, more than \$12 billion is expected to be spent on unmanned aircraft.

Man accused of making Hill AFB threat still jailed

BY DEBBIE HUMMEL
Associated Press Writer

SALT LAKE CITY An employee charged with threatening to blow up buildings at Hill Air Force Base and kill hostages in Idaho had conflicts with his family and a history of mental-health problems, his attorney said Friday.

A judge ordered aircraft mechanic William Stiffler, 39, to remain in jail while he faces a charge of threatening to kill and injure people.

Stiffler was arrested Tuesday after sending e-mails to the FBI, claiming he would detonate explosives at Hill and kill six hostages if the U.S. did not remove all troops from Iraq and Afghanistan, authorities said.

Nearly 1,000 employees in five buildings at the base were evacuated, about 30 miles north of Salt Lake City, but the bomb threat turned out to be false. There also were no hostages.

Attorney Robert Steele told a judge that Stiffler has a good work record but had run up against family problems and men-

tal-health issues that previously required treatment.

Stiffler has worked at Hill for 10 years, on active Air Force duty and as a civilian. Steele said his client's personal problems and the demand that troops be pulled from Iraq and Afghanistan were "incongruous."

Stiffler lives in Clifton, Idaho, near the Utah border, and was arrested Tuesday in Malad, Idaho, as he prepared to board an employee shuttle bus.

Steele said Stiffler was convicted of violating a protective order this month. Assistant U.S. Attorney Carlos Esqueda said he also had outstanding warrants on a stalking charge in Caribou County, Idaho.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Samuel Alba ordered Stiffler to remain in jail and scheduled an Aug. 3 hearing with U.S. District Judge Paul Warner.

Outside court, Steele said he plans to try to get Stiffler released pending further action in the case.

The maximum penalty for threatening to kill and injure people is five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

Immortalized

Oklahoma museum unveils statue of 'The Duke' Wayne

JOHN WAYNE has been honored on the 100th anniversary of the year of his birth with a larger-than-life bronze statue at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum. Two of Wayne's grandchildren, Anita LaCava Swift and Nick Kuhle, attended the unveiling Saturday of the 8-foot,

8-inch statue depicting the actor in cowboy boots, spurs, chaps and a hat, holding a rifle in his left hand and wearing a gun belt and holster. "It's always an amazing thing for our family whenever we get to be out among his fans because he's almost been dead for 30 years, but there are 3-

year-old children who come up to me and tell me how much they love him," Swift said. "It's just incredible. It was great to have an icon like that as your grandfather," Kuhle said. Wayne was a leader of the museum and served as a trustee from the museum's opening in 1965

until his death in 1979. "He believed in what this place could be about, and he invested himself in it. ... He was here for our groundbreaking, here for many of our early events, bringing this place out of the ground because he believed in the message we were going to deliver

here," said Chuck Schroeder, the museum's executive director. Sculptor Edward J. Fraughton said he modeled the statue after the middle years of Wayne's career and tried "to portray him in a real epic form rather than as an individual in a particular film." ASSOCIATED PRESS



'Wonder Years' actress tells girls to be smarter

DANICA MCKELLAR has a message for girls: Cute and smart is better than cute and dumb. McKellar, who played Winnie on the 1990s television show "The Wonder Years," is coming out with a book, "Math Doesn't Suck," to encourage girls to get into math. "When girls see the antics of Paris Hilton and Lindsay Lohan, they think that being fun and glamorous also means being dumb and irresponsible," the 32-year-old McKellar told Newsweek for editions to hit newsstands Monday. "But I want to show them that being smart is cool," she

said. "Being good at math is cool. And not only that, it can help them get what they want out of life." McKellar should know. The actress once struggled with the subject around the seventh grade, but a teacher helped her through. McKellar eventually majored in math in college. The book includes tips to avoid mistakes on homework, ways to overcome test-day anxiety and profiles of three beautiful mathematicians. "I want to tell girls that cute and dumb isn't as good as cute and smart," she said.

IKE ISN'T HOLDING A GRUDGE
Music legend **IKE TURNER** said he holds nothing against St. Louis' mayor for a decision not to issue a City Hall proclamation in his honor. Mayor Francis Slay has turned down a request from organizers of the Big Muddy Blues Festival to make Sept. 2 "Ike Turner Day." Turner, 75, is scheduled to perform that day at the blues festival in St. Louis. Turner says he never asked for the honor. He notes he already has a star on the St. Louis Walk of Fame, and said he doesn't worry about honors.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★ Dynamic ★★★★★ Positive ★★★ Average ★★ So-So ★ Difficult

Friends surround you, Aries

Happy Birthday!
You have a dynamic and creative year ahead of you. Your resourcefulness comes forward, and you deal with others directly. Never back off from what is workable, though you might need to fine-tune the possibilities. You have the ability to jump over barriers and solve problems. If you are single, many people will enter your life, including someone quite significant. If you are attached, your bond warms up considerably. **AQUARIUS** understands basic concerns. Listen to their advice.



Born Today
Singer, musician **Paul Anka** (1941)
Actress Hilary Swank (1974)
Author Emily Bronte (1818)

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Naturally aiming high is a byproduct of your high-energy sign, though breaking down a project into small increments does work as well. Meetings support your actions. Tonight: Don't stop, please. Friends surround you!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You take charge and follow through on what needs to happen. Others' perspectives might change because of your insight and vision for the future. Now act on those qualities in order to maximize your abilities. Tonight: Others know who's boss!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Zero in on the big picture as you begin a project or during the process of an endeavor. Choices and projects could change substantially. You like what you see happening. And why not? Tonight: Kick back and allow your mind to meander.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Working closely with others suits the warm, caring Moon Child. However, often you are too vested in having a situation work out your way. Invest in greater understanding. Tonight: Try the same theme in a personal relationship!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Others might seem to be in control. Be smart and don't let fellow comrades know that you are simply along for the ride. The impossible could occur when you least expect it. Tonight: Say "yes" to one, and a diplomatic "no" to the many other invitations.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Knowing that all good things have to come to an end sooner or later will help you maximize the moment. Don't try to break down a door, rather walk through open and accessible areas. Tonight: Time to kick back and play great music.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Your creativity emerges, allowing more growth and doors to open. Communication could be abundant. You might want to rethink your options. Understanding encourages ingenuity. Tonight: So what if it's Monday when approaching your personal life?

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ You might want to revise your thinking concerning an investment or domestic matter. Real estate and security play an abnormally heavy role in your choices. Think positively, and you'll come up with solutions. Tonight: Kick back and spend time at home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You are optimistic and gregarious. What a combo! Listen to someone you care about. He or she has a lot to share. Let your imagination and sixth sense come forth. You are far more on the ball than you realize. Tonight: Listen well.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Your instincts serve you well, especially financially. Still, keep a firm handle on spending and limits. You might not believe what will come up if you simply flow mentally and don't overthink. Tonight: Your treat.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Aim for more of what you want. Listen to someone who really is a friend and who comes through for you over and over. The obvious comes forth; read the signs and signals clearly. Tonight: Let your imagination speak.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Take a step forward and listen to what is necessary. Understanding will emerge if you can go with your instincts. Take charge of a situation that could impact your life. In the long run, you must. Tonight: Soul-searching time.

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The Simpsons Movie (PG-13)
1:00, 3:20, 6:05, 8:20, 10:35
Transformers (PG-13)
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Knocked Up (R)
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No Reservations (PG)
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Ratatouille (G)
DLP-Digital Projection
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The Simpson Movie (PG-13)
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Rescue Dawn (PG-13)
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Saturday's answer

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17 That woman
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ It is increasingly difficult these days for a girl to go through the stage of "plain old kid," according to a June Arizona Republic story, because clothing fashions seem to move from "toddler" directly to some form of "teen" (including "tween" and now "pre-tween"), with spaghetti-strap dresses and "ultra miniskirts," but in tinier-than-ever sizes. In fact, reported the newspaper, GapKids recently offered a "white, crocheted string bikini you'd likely see Anna Kournikova wearing on the cover of the Sports Illustrated swimsuit issue (except that it) was for a 12-month-old."

■ Exciting New Products: (1) a washing machine with a built-in MP-3 player and speakers (U.S. patent applied for in June, from the South Korean firm LG Electronics) and (2) Liver Love, Carob Crunch, Honey Hearts and other dog treats that are marketed as snacks that owners can enjoy along with their dogs (from Britain's Alldog Bakery), but with the principal drawback that they are more expensive per gram than lumpfish caviar or the priciest of gourmet chocolates.

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1502 Christopher Columbus lands at Guanaja in the Bay Islands off the coast of Honduras during his fourth voyage.

1608 At Ticonderoga (now Crown Point, New York), Samuel de Champlain shoots and kills two Iroquois chiefs.

1733 First Freemasons lodge opened in what will become the United States.

1866 New Orleans's Democratic government ordered police to raid an integrated GOP meeting, killing 40 people and injuring 150.

1932 Walt Disney's Flowers and Trees, the first Academy Award winning cartoon and first cartoon short to use Technicolor, premieres.

1954 Elvis Presley makes his debut as a public performer.

1965 US President Lyndon B. Johnson signs the Social Security Act of 1965 into law, establishing Medicare and Medicaid.

1974 Watergate Scandal: US President Richard M. Nixon releases subpoenaed White House recordings after being ordered to do so by the United States Supreme Court.

2006 World's longest running music show Top of the Pops broadcast for the last time on BBC Two. The show had aired for 42 years.

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Date of Filing Application: July 10, 2007
To Whom it may concern:
The Name(s) of the Applicant(s) is/are: CW HOTEL L-PSHIP
The applicants listed above are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages at: 1740 OCEAN AVE, SANTA MONICA, CA 90401-3214
Type of License(s) Applied for: 47 – ON-SALE GENERAL EATING PLACE.
Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control INGLEWOOD.
SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS 7/30/2007

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071316282 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SJP DESIGN SOLUTION, ALGEBRA AI#/ON 200713210325, 920 NORTH ALFRED STREET #101, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90069. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : HARRISONPHAM LLC, 920 NORTH ALFRED STREET #101, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90069 This Business is being conducted by, a limited liability company. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: JAMES CHARNE
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 5/31/2007. 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 7/9/2007, 7/16/2007, 7/23/2007, 7/30/2007

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071580507 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MOD CREATIVE, 4121 VIA MARINA #307, MARINA DEL REY, CA. 90292. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : RICHARD LESLIE UMBERGER, 4121 VIA MARINA #307, MARINA DEL REY, CA. 90292 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)6/25/2007. /s/: RICHARD LESLIE UMBERGER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 6/25/2007. 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 7/9/2007, 7/16/2007, 7/23/2007, 7/30/2007

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071556149 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ADVISORS AUCTION GROUP, 12424 WILSHIRE BLVD. STE. 700, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90025. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ADVISORS LENDING GROUP, INC. 12424 WILSHIRE BLVD. STE. 700, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90025 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/: DAVID G. WESTLEY
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 6/28/2007. 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 7/9/2007, 7/16/2007, 7/23/2007, 7/30/2007

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071580005 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ASPIRE HIGHER TUTORING, 10600 EASTBORNE AVE. #1, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90024. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : CHRISTINA NATION CORRIVEAU, 10600 EASTBORNE AVE. #1, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90024. BRIAN RICHARD CORRIVEAU, 10600 EASTBORNE AVE. #1, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90024 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/: CHRISTINA NATION CORRIVEAU, BRIAN RICHARD CORRIVEAU
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 7/2/2007. 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 7/9/2007, 7/16/2007, 7/23/2007, 7/30/2007

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071517801 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as REAL FOOD DAILY, 414 N. LA CIENEGA BLVD. LOS ANGELES, CA. 90048. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : RFD, INC. 414 N. LA CIENEGA BLVD. LOS ANGELES, CA. 90048 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)9/23/2002. /s/: RFD, INC. CEO, ANN GENTRY
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071512246 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as AZTLAN FAMILY CLINIC INC, 4800 E. GAGE AVE., BELL, CA 90201. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : AZTLAN FAMILY CLINIC, INC., 4800 E. GAGE AVE., BELL, CA 90201 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)3/1/1993. /s/: AZTLAN FAMILY CLINIC, INC.; TERESA LOZANO; PRESIDENT
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 6/22/07. 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 7/9/2007, 7/16/2007, 7/23/2007, 7/30/2007

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071546566 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as BLESSED ENTERPRISES, 16221 S. VISALIA AVENUE, CARSON CA 90746. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : DAVID EIJMOLE, 16221 S. VISALIA AVENUE, CARSON CA 90746 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: DAVID EIJMOLE
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 6/27/2007. 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 7/9/2007, 7/16/2007, 7/23/2007, 7/30/2007

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071304973 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PHOTO BOOKS GALORE, 14814 SEAFORTH AVE., NORWALK, CA 90650. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : EMMA LU, 14814 SEAFORTH AVE., NORWALK, CA 90650 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/: EMMA LU
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 5/30/2007. 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 7/9/2007, 7/16/2007, 7/23/2007, 7/30/2007

Statement of Abandonment of Use of Fictitious Business Name
Document Record # 20071520844
Current File No. 06 1745990
State of California, County of Los Angeles
The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious Business name:
VIALE SYSTEMS
located at 23700 KIPPEN ST., HARBOR CITY, CA 90710-1314
The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 08/07/06
In the county of LOS ANGELES.
VAN KIEN TRUONG, 23700 KIPPEN ST., HARBOR CITY, CA 90710-1314
This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
/s/ VAN KIEN TRUONG
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 06/25/07. Published: SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS 7/9/2007, 7/16/2007, 7/23/2007, 7/30/2007.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071511431 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as WHITE CLOUDS, 400 W. CARSON ST. APT #3, CARSON, CA 90745. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : MARJORIE TIU, 400 W. CARSON ST. APT #3, CARSON, CA 90745 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/: MARJORIE TIU
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 6/22/2007. 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 7/9/2007, 7/16/2007, 7/23/2007, 7/30/2007

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071543937 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as THE NEW YOU CENTER, INC., 1030 W. FLORENCE AVE., LOS ANGELES, CA 90044. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : DELORES M. ALLEN, 4111 DON JOSE DR., LA, CA 90008 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)6/26/2007. /s/: THE NEW YOU CENTER, INC.; DELORES M. ALLEN; CEO
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 6/26/2007. 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 7/9/2007, 7/16/2007, 7/23/2007, 7/30/2007

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071546567 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as TES, 709 N. INGLEWOOD AVENUE, #3, INGLEWOOD, CA 90302. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : BERTRAM OKERENGWO, 709 N. INGLEWOOD AVENUE, #3, INGLEWOOD, CA 90302 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/: BERTRAM OKERENGWO
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071547625 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as RAUL'S GARDENING SERVICES, 729 OCALA AVE., LA PUENTE, CA 91744. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : RAUL G. LOPEZ, 729 OCALA AVE., LA PUENTE, CA 91744 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/: RAUL G. LOPEZ
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071304973 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PHOTO BOOKS GALORE, 14814 SEAFORTH AVE., NORWALK, CA 90650. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : EMMA LU, 14814 SEAFORTH AVE., NORWALK, CA 90650 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/: EMMA LU
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Statement of Abandonment of Use of Fictitious Business Name
Document Record # 20071633470
Current File No. 06 0319035
State of California, County of Los Angeles
The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious Business name:
SANTA MONICA WELLNESS GROUP
located at 2428 SANTA MONICA BLVD., SUITE 404, SANTA MONICA, CA 90404
The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 02/10/06
In the county of LOS ANGELES.
ASHKAN JALILI, 2428 SANTA MONICA BLVD. #404, SANTA MONICA, CA 90404
This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
/s/ ASHKAN JALILI
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 07/10/07. Published: SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS 07/23/2007, 07/30/2007, 08/06/2007, 08/13/2007

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071545196 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PG MORT-AGE, PG REALTY, AI #/ON: 2762696, 650 W. DUARTE ROAD, #408, ARCADIA, CA 91007. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : PROS GROUP, INC., 650 W. DUARTE ROAD, #408, ARCADIA, CA 91007 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/: PROS GROUP, INC.; HENRY HU; CFO
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 6/27/2007. 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 7/9/2007, 7/16/2007, 7/23/2007, 7/30/2007

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071533380 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LITTLE ACORN INDUSTRIES, 556 S. FAIR OAKS AVE. #334, PASADENA, CA 91105. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : K. KIRKPATRICK, 556 S. FAIR OAKS AVE. #334, PASADENA, CA 91105 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/: K. KIRKPATRICK
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 6/26/2007. 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 7/9/2007, 7/16/2007, 7/23/2007, 7/30/2007

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071534091 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as HOOKS TAVERN, 12147 SOUTH ST., ARTESIA, CA 90701. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : FRANK ORONA JR., 11107 BROADST ST., SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA 90670; MARIO HERNANDEZ, 1333 N. HAZARD AVE., LOS ANGELES, CA 90063 This Business is being conducted by, co-partners. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: MARIO HERNANDEZ; FRANK ORONA JR.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 6/26/2007. 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 7/9/2007, 7/16/2007, 7/23/2007, 7/30/2007

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071532675 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ELAS LIMOUSINE SERVICE, 359 RIVERDALE DR. #A, GLENDALE, CA 91204. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : SUSANNA SHAHINYAN, 359 RIVERDALE DR. #A, GLENDALE, CA 91204 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)7/1/2007. /s/: SUSANNA SHAHINYAN
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071623744 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as REDI AUTO SPORT, SOFT TOUCH DRIVING, MOBILITY DRIVEN, 1327 OCEAN AVE. SUITE K, SANTA MONICA, CA. 90401. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : GO TECHNOLOGIES, INC. 1327 OCEAN AVE. SUITE K, SANTA MONICA, CA. 90401 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)7/1/2007. /s/: GO TECHNOLOGIES, INC. PRESIDENT DANIEL REYES
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071545196 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PG MORT-AGE, PG REALTY, AI #/ON: 2762696, 650 W. DUARTE ROAD, #408, ARCADIA, CA 91007. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : PROS GROUP, INC., 650 W. DUARTE ROAD, #408, ARCADIA, CA 91007 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/: PROS GROUP, INC.; HENRY HU; CFO
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071533380 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LITTLE ACORN INDUSTRIES, 556 S. FAIR OAKS AVE. #334, PASADENA, CA 91105. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : K. KIRKPATRICK, 556 S. FAIR OAKS AVE. #334, PASADENA, CA 91105 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/: K. KIRKPATRICK
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071534091 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as HOOKS TAVERN, 12147 SOUTH ST., ARTESIA, CA 90701. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : FRANK ORONA JR., 11107 BROADST ST., SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA 90670; MARIO HERNANDEZ, 1333 N. HAZARD AVE., LOS ANGELES, CA 90063 This Business is being conducted by, co-partners. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: MARIO HERNANDEZ; FRANK ORONA JR.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071532675 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ELAS LIMOUSINE SERVICE, 359 RIVERDALE DR. #A, GLENDALE, CA 91204. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : SUSANNA SHAHINYAN, 359 RIVERDALE DR. #A, GLENDALE, CA 91204 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)7/1/2007. /s/: SUSANNA SHAHINYAN
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071623744 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as REDI AUTO SPORT, SOFT TOUCH DRIVING, MOBILITY DRIVEN, 1327 OCEAN AVE. SUITE K, SANTA MONICA, CA. 90401. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : GO TECHNOLOGIES, INC. 1327 OCEAN AVE. SUITE K, SANTA MONICA, CA. 90401 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)7/1/2007. /s/: GO TECHNOLOGIES, INC. PRESIDENT DANIEL REYES
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071701158 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as STEAMER CLEANERS; At #/ON 3017369, 1010 N. GLENDALE AVE., #103, GLENDALE, CA 91206. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : PATIL INC., 1010 N. GLENDALE AVE., #103, GLENDALE, CA 91206 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)7/15/2007. /s/: PATIL INC.; TALIN YERETSIAN; PRESIDENT

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071690872 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as YOB1, 4424 STAUNTON AVE., L.A., CA 90058. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : JOSEFA ZARAT DE DUQUE, 6053 OTIS AVE., HUNTINGTON PARK, CA 90255 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: JOSEFA DE DUQUE This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 7/17/2007. 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 7/30/2007, 8/6/2007, 8/13/2007, 8/20/2007

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071668097 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as FRANCO'S CARPET CLEANING, 1540 W. 145TH ST., #10, GARDENA, CA 90247. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : WILFREDO FRANCO, 1540 W. 145TH ST., #10, GARDENA, CA 90247 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/: WILFREDO FRANCO This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 7/13/2007. 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 7/30/2007, 8/6/2007, 8/13/2007, 8/20/2007

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