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## NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The Nigerian government began recently to warn its citizens traveling to Europe that those countries are full of scam artists. (The travel advisory mentioned pickpocket schemes, but apparently European e-mail scams are less of a problem.)

■ General Motors executives, trying to explain the dwindling stock market value of the company, have repeatedly complained of oppressive pension benefits owed under United Auto Workers contracts; however, according to a June Wall Street Journal investigation, GM's fund for worker pensions is "overstuffed with cash," while its fund for executive pensions is \$1.4 billion in the red and getting worse.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 212th day of 2006.  
There are 153 days left in the year.

On July 31, 1777, the Marquis de Lafayette, a 19-year-old French nobleman, was made a major general in the American Continental Army.

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Hell, there are no rules here, we're trying to accomplish something."

THOMAS A. EDISON

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## Woman's curb appeal is catching

BY NORA SORENA CASEY

Special to the Daily Press

**NORTH OF WILSHIRE** — Valerie Hiss loves to stroll through the varied neighborhoods of Santa Monica, she just wishes she didn't have to do the two-step in order to avoid dirtying her shoes.

That's why the owner of a 4-year-old Labrador has taken it upon herself to keep neighborhoods free of "doggie debris" — as she refers to it — in lieu of more consistently, conscientious dog owners.

Hiss, a local real estate agent who lives north of Wilshire Boulevard, has placed about 60 "doggie house" dispensers from San Vicente Boulevard to the Ocean Park neighborhood so pet owners can pick up after their companions. The houses contain plastic bags so those strolling by can grab one and take with them what normally might be left behind by their canines.

Three years and thousands of dollars later, it appears Hiss' passion for clean neighborhoods has gained steam.

"I give one box to someone and then all of a sudden I get calls for three or four more houses," she said.

The idea was born in 2002, when in the course of walking her new Labrador puppy dog, Lily, Hiss realized that the neighborhood had gone to the dogs. Then, on a trip to Sausalito in Northern California, she noticed in a park that the city government had made available bag dispensers so clean-up would be easier for pet owners.

Hiss decided to make it happen in Santa Monica, since City Hall wasn't.

She ordered a box of plastic bags from a manufacturer and a few doggie houses. Then she put the house on a tree outside of her home, with the plastic bags inside. On the front, she posted a small white sign that read: "Thank you for picking up after your pet," with the side of the house listing her phone number if they were interested in acquiring a similar house, free of charge.

Hiss noticed that people took baggies every day and her block suddenly became doggie-debris free.

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## Across the universe



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Hare Krishnas pull three fully decorated, four-story chariots ahead of a parade from the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium to the Ocean Front Walk Plaza in Venice on Sunday during the 30th Annual Festival of Chariots. The day included a free vegetarian feast, dancing, exhibits and entertainment. The festival celebrates Lord Jagannatha, the Lord of the Universe.

## COMMUNITY PROFILES

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**GOOD TIDINGS** Surf champion Mary Setterholm founded Surf Academy, now the city's official surf school.

## The truth is out there

BY MILOS BLAGOJEVIC

Special to The Daily Press

**SM BEACH** — When Mary Setterholm looks at the ocean, she sees more than an endless expanse of mystic blue.

She sees comfort. She sees relief. It helps her fight anger and pain.

Setterholm, a surfer who won the 1972 Women's U.S. Surfing Championship at 17, has been through a pattern of abuse and trauma in her life. She was abused by a baby-sitter and Catholic clergy growing up. She was abused by her

husband after getting married and having children, which led her to seek help at a shelter for battered women and children. Her father was a drug-dealer.

But Setterholm, who grew up in nearby West Los Angeles, not only turned her life around through the crashing waves of Southern California's lush beaches, but has also helped others in tough situations find salvation via the beach.

Setterholm, 51, is the founder of the non-profit LA Surf Bus, which

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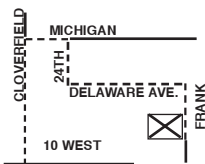
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### ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ You could be amazed by the options that head your way. Though you might need to struggle through mis-information to get the whole story, you do succeed. Re-evaluate your judgments. Tonight: Go with an unusual suggestion.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Knowing how to handle a full plate can and will make all the difference in the end results. You might want to rethink a situation more clearly. If you think you have strong feelings, discuss them before acting on them. Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ If you allow yourself to quell the constant inner conversation and instead tune in to your feelings, you'll draw strong results. Others are far more present and willing than they have been in the past. Curb a tendency to chase your tail. Tonight: Do only what is constructive — for your sake.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Though you might not be a living dynamo, you can get a lot done quickly. Think in terms of security and basics. If someone confuses the situation, look at what is really going on. Focus on getting the job done. Effectiveness counts. Tonight: Easy does it.

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Speak your mind and clear up confusion. You could be uncomfortable with your decisions and what is happening. Realize you have the ability to transform yourself and thus, the events around you. Tonight: Smile and enjoy a friendship.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Expenses could have you awestruck and sitting on your haunches. Perhaps you need to rethink what you are doing. You aren't getting the results you want. Think carefully about what you want. Emphasize the positives. Tonight: Balance your checkbook.

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You are personality plus. Still, you could draw an adverse reaction or be walking through a haze of confusion. You might want to rethink and reorganize your day. Do what works. Walk away from problems. Tonight: All smiles.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Take your time with a decision. Look beyond the obvious. How you see someone at a distance could change because you are able to detach. Not getting plugged in is your strength. Use it to the max. Tonight: Treat yourself.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ You are able to react differently. What is going on helps you zoom in on a priority. Meetings and group reactions will draw much more of what you want if you ride with the moment. Investigate your options. Tonight: Whoop it up, even if it is Monday.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You are far more in control than you realize. Understand what is going on with a partner. Others' information and attitudes could be offbeat. You could be thrown off by another's reaction. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Definitely take the high road and don't get triggered by individual events. You have a way of seeing life from a new perspective. Your nerves or instincts could be off, though your intellect is right-on. Tonight: Relax to a movie or a favorite TV show.

### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You might want to deal with each individual one at a time. Consider your options carefully. You are able to make a difference despite an immediate haze around actions. If you aren't sure of yourself, stop and pull back. Tonight: Togetherness needs to be the theme.

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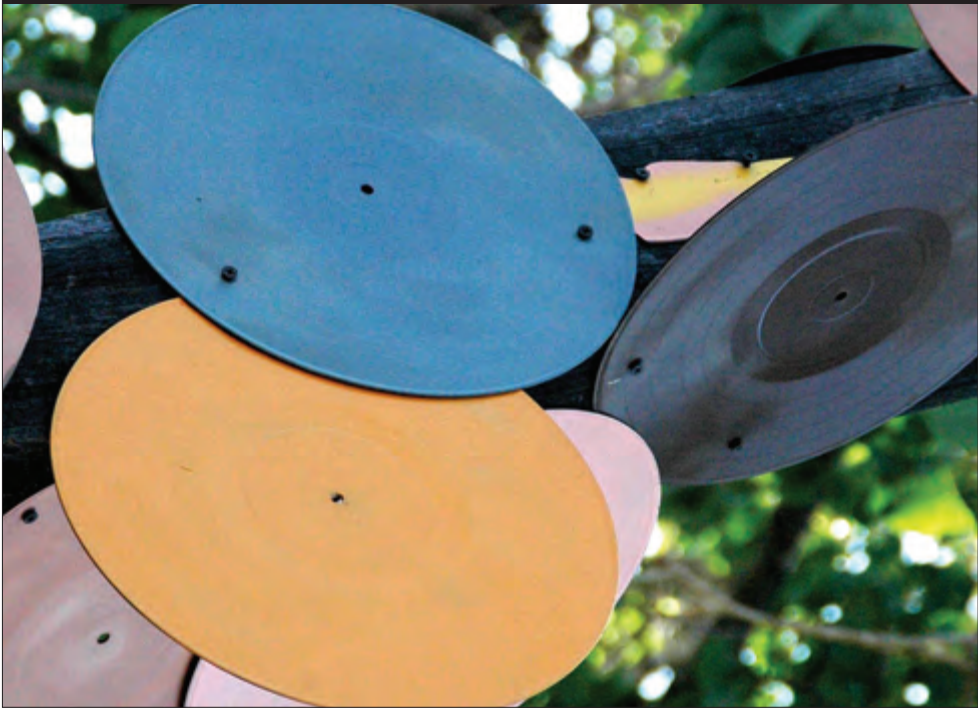
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IN RECORD TIMING



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The first person to accurately identify where this Mystery Photo was taken will win a prize from the Daily Press. E-mail responses to [editor@smdp.com](mailto:editor@smdp.com).

MYSTERY PHOTO WINNER



Kristina Andresen is the winner of last week's Mystery Photo contest. Andresen correctly identified the picture of RAND Corporation's headquarters on Main Street and has won a prize from the Daily Press. Look for a new Mystery Photo in each Monday's edition of the SMDP.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SMC's Currey wins leadership award

By Daily Press staff

Veteran Santa Monica College Trustee Carole Currey has been chosen as the recipient of the 2006 Pacific Region Trustee Leadership Award from the national Association of Community College Trustees.

Currey is one of five community college trustees nationally to be selected for a regional award. The regional winners are nominees for the national M. Dale Ensign Trustee Leadership Award.

In their nomination of Currey for the award, SMC trustees noted that Currey has "steered the college through tumultuous periods that have included budget crises, a devastating earthquake and two presidential transitions. Under her leadership, SMC has developed into one of the finest community colleges in the state, if not the nation, boasting the highest transfer rate to the University of California, USC and other four-year institutions, thriving and ever-evolving professional training programs, and a host of innovations that have been copied throughout the state."

Trustees also noted Currey's long involvement in state community college organizations and work as a host of Santa Monica-area community groups. Currey is a member of the Santa Monica Historical Society Museum Board of Directors and she served many years on the Advisory Board of Family Service of Santa Monica. She is also a member of the National Women's Political Caucus and the League of Women Voters.



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SMC Trustee Carole Currey has won a regional leadership award.



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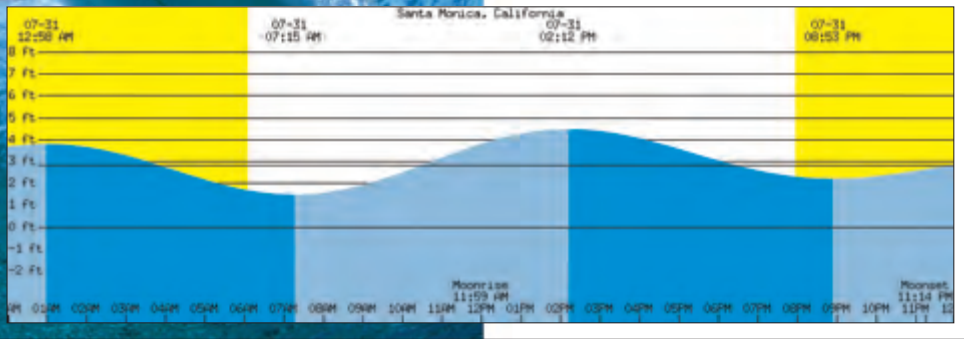
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### The Q-Line

**Chiming in and butting out ...**  
The City Council is expected to adopt in the coming weeks a far-reaching smoking ban that, for all intents and purposes, will render it illegal to light up just about anywhere outside of a residential street. By a 5-1 vote, elected leaders have chosen to make Santa Monica a national leader in efforts to remove smokers from all public places — parks, beaches, outdoor dining patios, Third Street Promenade, downtown sidewalks.

**So this week, Q-Line wants to know:**  
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**Kids up to no good**  
**Editor:**  
 I have always loved taking my children to Virginia Park. Unfortunately, I have witnessed first-hand an increase in the foul language and inappropriate actions of un-chaperoned teenagers that ruin the park for other families. I absolutely agree with Bill Bauer (SMDP, July 24, page 4) that the parents of these teenagers have no idea what their kids are up to. Asking them politely to stop the spitting and foul language in the presence of young children only encourages them more. I wish these parents would actually parent their children. I strongly recommend an increased police presence in Virginia Park so that all families can enjoy it to the fullest.

**Dr. Lisette Bauersachs**  
*Santa Monica*

**Too much firepower**  
**Editor:**  
 Police presence won't protect anyone because they are outgunned. We are all at risk because of the massive amount of guns in our society.  
 We have a public health epidemic because the NRA and gun lobbies have consistently blocked even the most minuscule of meaningful gun control legislation.  
 President Bush and his administration even killed the assault rifle ban. So we are afloat in a massive arsenal of firepower like ducks in a shooting gallery.

**Ruth Rosen**  
*Santa Monica*

**Homeless old news**  
**Editor:**  
 I have been reading with a certain bemusement the letters from your readers regarding local homelessness. Thanks to my mom, a resident of Santa Monica for over four decades, I receive her clippings, like the recent letters from Stephen Baker and Josh Epstein, expressing their alarm at the homeless problem and the city's fecklessness at addressing it. An uninitiated reader might get the impression that this is a recent phenomenon affecting the town. But let's get honest about it — the homeless problem is a quarter-century in the making, the unfortunate result of Socialist politics combined with a bureaucracy designed to enforce "tolerance," even toward criminal behavior. (And let's understand that such "tolerance" is really a cover for a proportionate "intolerance" toward the law-abiding citizen. But I digress.)  
 I have fond memories of growing up in Santa Monica, but that city has been replaced with something vulgar and embarrassing. I now avoid the Cesspool-by-the-Sea at all costs. I left some years ago, and now reside in Culver City, which has managed to retain much of the middle-class charm and sense of community that Santa Monica once had, but lost somewhere back in the 1980s. It's also where the police and city hall take their jobs seriously, and dole out the tolerance on a sliding scale, giving very little to those who don't deserve it. I can only hope that Santa Monica can regain some of what it lost after its leadership experimented so tragically with policies that have left the city with such a rotten reputation. It's a glaring example of how good intentions can go so terribly wrong.

**Brian Timm**  
*Culver City*

# Hold on to your political hats



Eighteen people have "pulled papers" to run for City Council.

As expected, all three incumbents have obtained documents required for filing as a candidate for office. Kevin McKeown is seeking a third term, Pam O'Connor is going for four and Robert Holbrook is running for five. The election is November 7.

The incumbents have served eight, 12 and 16 years, respectively. The big question this year is: "Do the voters want change?"

Nothing has really changed much the last four years. The issues are the same -- homelessness, traffic, parking and development. While there's grumbling and complaining, I don't see many residents clamoring for new blood.

There are nagging issues such as violence in the Pico Neighborhood, but the predominant thinking is the city and the Santa Monica Police are doing all they can to make Pico safer and more livable. Short of an all-out gang war, major incident or nasty scandal, I predict all three incumbents will ultimately be reelected.

The major pre-election event is the annual Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights congress, scheduled for Sunday, August 6. SMRR always runs strong candidates and this year will be no exception.

McKeown's a lock. Rumors abound that Pam O'Connor will get dumped, but I say "no way."

A female councilperson is good for at least 5,000 votes at election time. SMRR leadership is too smart to blow off thousands of votes by not supporting O'Connor. If she isn't endorsed, she said she'll run anyway and pull votes away from SMRR's slate.

Nevertheless, there are two challengers who could make for a rousing congress. Gleam Davis, who ran unsuccessfully for School Board in 2000 has already received an endorsement from Community for Excellent Public Schools (CEPS). Davis, a Harvard graduate and corporate attorney

for telecommunications giant AT&T, is bright and articulate. With the backing of CEPS and potential election day votes from thousands of school supporters in her pocket, she should receive SMRR's blessing.

Detractors say she's a "one-issue person" and that issue is school funding. I'm willing to bet she gets up to speed on the other issues and it's going to be interesting to hear her points of view.

If O'Connor is booted, SMRR could endorse old favorites such as Maria Loya or Patricia Hoffman, who both ran unsuccessfully in 2004, but who have not pulled papers for 2006 (as of this writing).

Planning Commissioner Terry O'Day has already benefited from a "get out your checkbooks" business community meet-and-greet at Shutters Hotel two weeks ago. Although press reports say that O'Day will seek SMRR's endorsement, I can't see them supporting anyone enthusiastically supported by their avowed enemy — the "anti-living wage" business community.

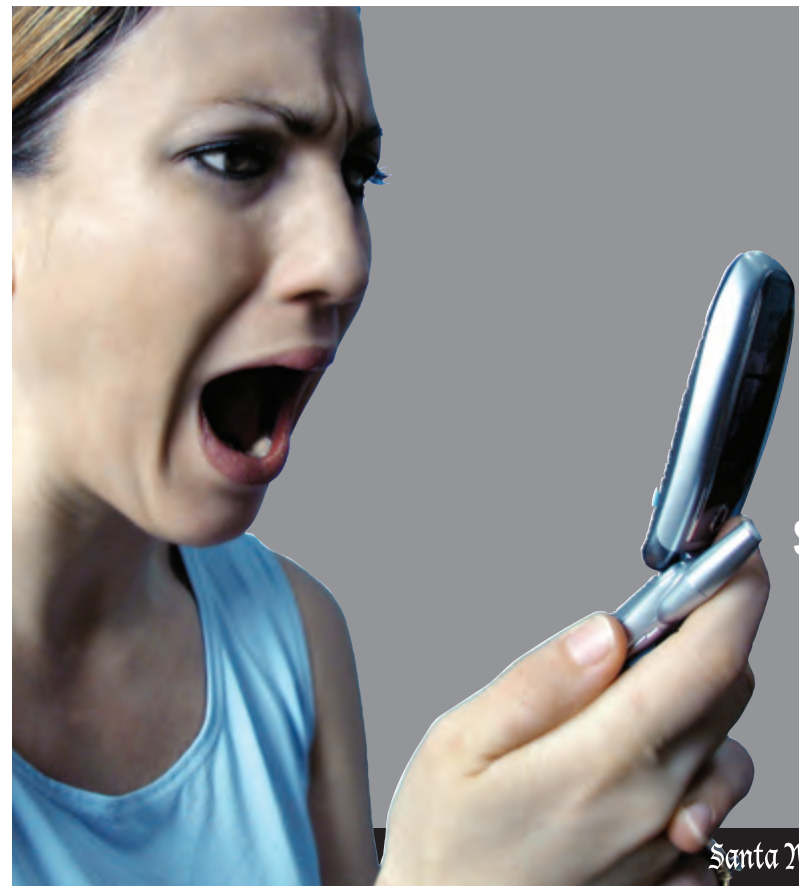
Also, O'Day is tight with former City Councilman, Michael Feinstein. Both are both strong pro-environmentalists. Feinstein's squabbles with McKeown and SMRR Co-chair, Denny Zane will not help O'Day in SMRR's arena.

O'Day will be the flag-bearer for the business interests. Members of the Chamber of Commerce Political Action Committee and the owners of Shutters and Casa Del Mar hotels, via their front, "Santa Monicans for Sensible Priorities," are banking everything that O'Day will unseat McKeown.

O'Day and Holbrook promise to run their own independent races. Still, special interests will spend hundreds of thousands of dollars on glossy mailers promoting O'Day and Holbrook, just as they did two years ago for councilmen Bobby Shriver and Herb Katz.

Two political newcomers — real estate broker Mark McLellan, and Daily Press columnist and event planner Jenna Linnekens — are also seeking business interest support, although it's unclear whether the business interests will even back a third candidate. Hold on to your political hats, the race is just beginning.

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# Passing on the 'PC' keeps it interesting



## COMMON SENSES

BY CAROLE ORLIN

As I reviewed my last column in the SMDP, "L.A.'s panties in twist due to a few bikinis" (July 10, 2006, page 5), I realized that the Hooters for Neuters Scandal made me tired.

My focus on "political correctness obliterating common sense" was not my first encounter with the issue of political correctness.

Back in November 2004, I wrote a column titled "Political correctness: The euphemism treadmill" (SMDP, November 8, 2004, page 6), which I would like to share with those readers who were too tired, or for some other reason missed reading this column:

Lately, I realize that my endless attempts at being "politically correct" ("PC") require a whole lot of energy. Something has to go, and I have decided it is being politically correct. I won't really miss it. It is so time-consuming. I see it, at best, well intentioned, but inadequate, and at worst, a form of verbal tyranny like Orwellian newspeak or cultural Marxism. It's a virus that has swept the nation. Political correctness has reached the point where I can predict what people are going to say before they open their mouths. I have noticed lately I would rather stay at home and read a book than spend a "PC" evening out.

As I look back, the seed of my authenticity was planted early in my brain. It could be my Bronx upbringing. In the Bronx, you knew where you stood and where everyone else stood. I miss the old, authentic, but not necessarily politically correct me. Besides, being politically correct does seem to change with the people you happen to be with at the time: pro-life people or pro-choice people; conservatives or liberals; vegetarians or carnivores. I'm getting tired just thinking about it. I don't know how I came to be so politically correct. I know that I don't want to hurt anyone's feelings, and I want everyone (including me) to feel included. But, somewhere along the way I (and almost everyone I know) have become "Stepfordized."

Of course, being politically correct, I didn't discuss this with other people. I heard a reporter discuss the fact that a serial rapist had been apprehended and referred to the suspect as "the gentleman". As in, "The 'gentleman' broke into the victims' homes in the early morning hours before brutally assaulting them". That is PC going too far!

After doing some Internet research, I came to realize political correctness really is complex. The definition from Wikipedia states that political correctness is "the alteration of language to redress real or alleged

unjust discrimination or to avoid offense." It was created for two purposes. One was to prevent the exclusion of people based upon differences or handicaps. The other was to remove language that was offensive to many. A rule of thumb to determine whether a term is "PC" is to question whether one is identifying an individual by an uncontrollable attribute, rather than by his or her unique accomplishments. A typical example is calling Stevie Wonder a blind black man, implying that his handicap and race are more important than his significant musical influence. However, virtually from its inception, political correctness has been extremely controversial.

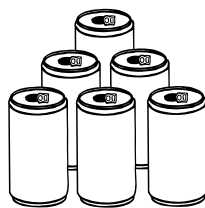
Some believe the use of specialized politically correct terminology creates a separate status for the referenced groups and actually prevents integration and acceptance and further perpetuates stereotypes. One example of this comes from an article by Dr. Kenneth Jernigan. He is blind and a member of the National Federation of the Blind. Dr. Jernigan observed that "as civilizations decline, they become increasingly concerned with form over substance, particularly with respect to language". He is quite angered over the "pretentious euphemisms" that characterize almost everything we do and say. He feels these euphemisms are more than prissy, ridiculous and tiresome. At worst, they obscure clear thinking and damage the very people and causes they claim to benefit. The policy (adopted at the National Federation of the Blind convention in 1993) reads: "We believe that it is respectable to be blind, and although we have no particular pride in the fact of our blindness, neither do we have any shame in it. To the extent that euphemisms are used to convey any other concept or image, we deplore such use. We can make our own way in the world on equal terms with others and we intend to do it."

Other critics believe that the use of specialized politically correct terms creates a separate status for referenced groups, which further perpetuates stereotypes and separation. One interesting example is using the word variant "poetess", which could be interpreted as meaning male poets are the norm and this, arguably, perpetuates what some see as male dominance in society. Political correctness is a minefield. Despite good intentions, it has created more problems than it has resolved. But take heart, we are not alone. Japan has kotobagari, their form of political correctness, and they are struggling with similar problems.

I will end this PC (or not) column with a poignant quote by Bertrand Russell: "In a democracy, it is necessary that people should learn to endure having their sentiments outraged."

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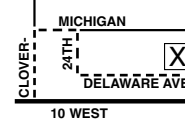


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Sea students

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offers free ocean safety and surf lessons to inner-city children. She also is the founder of the Surf Academy, which became the city of Santa Monica’s official surf school in 2002.

Setterholm, a resident of Hermosa Beach, gives lessons in the morning while attending classes at Loyola Marymount University in the afternoon. She also continues to mentor her five children, ages 19-29.

Besides winning the 1972 Surfing Championship, Setterholm also won the U.S. Triathlon Series in Oceanside in 1997 — three years before the triathlon became an Olympic sport. The victory qualified Setterholm, a recent YWCA Woman of the Year, for the national championship before she faced more adversity, getting struck by a car while bicycling one day.

So what did Setterholm do while recovering? She went down to the beach and prayed for inspiration.

And with that, the Surf Academy was born.

Last week, Setterholm took some time out of her packed schedule to discuss the triumphs and tribulations in her life with the Daily Press.

**WHAT’S THE BEST WAY TO DESCRIBE THE SURFING PROGRAMS YOU’RE INVOLVED IN, SPECIFICALLY THE SANTA MONICA SURF ACADEMY AND LA SURF BUS?**

“We’re all about beach fun, taking your surfing to a whole new level. We’re beyond what you expect. It’s about getting back a connection you were born with, in my opinion. I think we’re all born with a nature connection and everyone’s looking for it. Surfing is one way to connect. It’s more than a sport, way more than a sport. It’s a life, any surfer will tell you that, same thing with a skier. All the nature sport people will tell you that.”

**BESIDES THOSE PROGRAMS, YOU ALSO TAUGHT A SURFING CLASS AT SANTA MONICA COLLEGE FOR FOUR SEMESTERS. WHAT ARE YOUR FEELINGS ON THAT EXPERIENCE?**

“I actually started the program there. Maggie (LeDuc), who was a (physical education) professor, approached me and said, ‘Could you put together a surfing class for us?’ She didn’t surf. I put together the whole program. It was huge, we had about 70 students and we had to turn away about 50. It was an enormous success. I thoroughly enjoyed teaching it and it was a great program. I think college surfing has arrived.”

**AS FAR AS THE SURF ACADEMY IS CONCERNED, WHAT MAKES IT DIFFERENT FROM OTHER SURFING SCHOOLS?**

“I would say it’s our graduated approach to teaching. We separate the girls from the boys, and there’s a different approach with each gender that seems to accelerate the individual in their progress. Also, we take children that don’t know how to swim, because our approach is we want to make every child, swimmer or non-swimmer, wave-ready. A child who may know how to swim really good in a pool is not necessarily

any safer than a child who can’t swim in the ocean. It’s really all about teaching the children, and even adults, how to be wave-ready and what to do when a wave comes, even with or without a board, and how to read the surf. We build on ocean awareness. We probably spend more time on ocean awareness than on other programs, on currents and what makes the waves.”

**IS THERE ANY CONCERN OR DANGER IN TAKING KIDS WHO CAN’T SWIM?**

“I’ve been really impacted by the drownings that have happened at the beach. We’ve not had any situations nearly remotely like that in our surf school. I had a reporter once ask me, ‘You had a kid drown?’ and I said, ‘No, children drown at the beach sometimes, they’re not mine.’”

**WHAT’S THE IMPORTANCE OF THE LA SURF BUS PROGRAM CONSIDERING THAT IT IS DESIGNED TO HELP INNER-CITY YOUTH?**

“I think that it’s going in a direction that I think the surfing culture itself should be going. I think the culture of surfing should be more responsible to the at-risk population. When I say at-risk, I mean at-risk not exposed to the sea, whether you have money or not. Now, we go after the ones that don’t have the money. A kid in Beverly Hills that’s never been to the ocean is just as much at-risk as a kid that’s on welfare that’s never been to the ocean, there’s no difference between them — none. I take the at-risk at-risk.”

**WHAT’S THE RESPONSE FROM THESE INNER-CITY KIDS WHO MIGHT NOT BE FAMILIAR WITH SURFING?**

“There are other surf schools that do ‘one-day specials,’ where they’ll bring kids down to the beach, but it’s one time. It’s not enough to show the children the landscape of the sport and the surprises you see in one day. Children need to spend a continuum of time in the water. What we do is, just as an example, the children from MacArthur Park, they come every Friday all summer long. That’s their beach day. We send a bus to pick them up and we bring them down, at our expense, and they get a day at the beach and they’re surfing, bodyboarding. A lot of times these kids from these neighborhoods, a lot of them the first day they don’t get in the water that much, they’re just in awe. But the second and third visit, they’re all over it, they’ve brought friends, the bus is packed. It’s just nuts. The kids sell it to their friends. By the end of the summer they get eight visits total, it’s an eight-week program. They’re surfing, they’re picking up the boards, we don’t have to watch them like we’re scared to death. They’ve been through it and they’re surfing. I see a lot of them when I’m driving around town and they say, ‘Hey, I got a board.’ It’s just gnarly. It’s just insane when that happens and you’re in downtown LA.”

**OUT OF THE TWO PROGRAMS (SANTA MONICA SURF ACADEMY AND LA SURF BUS), WHICH ONE PUTS A BIGGER SMILE ON YOUR FACE? WHICH ONE ARE YOU MORE PROUD OF?**

“I will say the child puts a smile on my face. Programs are benign. I would say seeing a child connect is what thrills me. Hearing their questions, their innocent questions, too. You have a responsibility on

both sides of the fence. I will say that I feel the sense of great satisfaction doing the surf bus program because not only do we get the kids from LA, but we get the kids from Santa Monica as well. Therefore, the city of Santa Monica would take all the kids they’ve wanted us to take as well. I don’t want any accolades for surf bus, although I’ve gotten them. I’ve got Woman of The Year, all that kind of stuff. I really feel it’s what surfing should do. It’s getting to a level point, and this is just a bare beginning of what I think surfing should be doing. The thing is I got the business far enough to where we have the means to do it, and now, it’s like, ‘Let’s go after grant money.’ Oh my God, could people please go on my Web site and donate, this is a big nut to carry, it cuts into my tuition, you have no idea. It’s basically my tuition money, I hold that out.”

**HOW HAS THE HISTORY OF ABUSE IN YOUR LIFE AFFECTED YOU TODAY?**

“It’s personal, but my God it sure is out there. I’m labeled a trauma survivor, that’s what my label is. I would say that for some of us who’ve been through a lot of trauma, the one incredible calming resource that helps you wrestle some anger or pain and helps relieve and comfort is the sea. Surfing took me when I just was a wild child, so to speak, and taught me lessons, because, especially after the clergy abuse, authority was meaningless to me. It was just meaningless. The church meant everything to me. Now I work with the Catholic Church helping other survivors and I’m a theology major, so I’ve come full circle. But until then, I was just a wild thing. I would not listen to anybody. The only thing that I listened to was the sea. The sea was like a metaphor for life. If you weren’t ready, the chance passed you by, and that would be a wave. If you weren’t paying attention, you would get slammed. There was a natural authority that I paid attention to and I was able to bring that into life over-all and re-approach things. Every bad day does have its end like a bad wipeout.”

**HOW DOES THE HISTORY OF ABUSE IN YOUR LIFE HELP YOU CONNECT WITH THE AT-RISK INNER-CITY KIDS INVOLVED IN LA SURF BUS, WHO MIGHT HAVE SIMILAR SITUATIONS AT HOME?**

“Without a doubt because I knew what the sea could do. There has been an unspoken bonding, and I don’t understand how it works, but if there’s a bunch of kids in the group and I want to pick one, I end up almost invariably picking one that went through a lot of stuff like I did. I know what it’s like to be waiting for business to be done as a kid. There seems to be a connection with the kids who’ve come from rough homes that there were some drugs because my dad was a dealer. Violence in the home, there just seems to be a resonance there.”

**BETWEEN YOUR TWO BIGGEST COMPETITIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS (THE 1972 WOMEN’S U.S. SURFING CHAMPIONSHIP AND THE 1997 U.S. TRIATHLON SERIES), SEPARATED BY MORE THAN TWO DECADES, WHICH ONE ARE YOU MORE PROUD OF?**

“I would say the surfing. I was surprised by both, but I’m always more proud of the surfing. I miss triathlon, I’d like to get back into it. But I know that my first love without

a doubt is surfing. I really appreciate the discipline that triathlon gave me. I feel like I’ve brought it back to the sport. I would say if I had to pick between the two sports, it’d be surfing.”

**WHY THE EXPERIMENTATION WITH TRIATHLON WHEN SURFING WAS YOUR TRUE LOVE?**

“I wasn’t ready to come back to surfing at one point. In 1997, I never thought I’d be surfing. I love the sport. Because of my dad being a dope dealer and he sold to all the top pros, you can only hang around so long when that kind of stuff is going on. I didn’t know my dad my whole life, he wasn’t in the picture, but when he came back in my life it was hell. I love the sport of surfing, I just couldn’t handle the whole social scene. Coming back, I was going to make sure that a difference was going to be made. I was going to go against the stereotypes, which is if you surf you’re going to be a tweaker, which is not the case. It has a big rebel image and I’m not sold on it, not at all. That’s all for marketing. Yes, maybe there are some rebels. There’s rebels in every sport. But it doesn’t have to be the main image. It’s a family sport. I know most people croak when I say that, but it is. It brings families together and keeps them together.”

**HOW DO YOU BALANCE THE TRIFECTA OF SCHOOL, FAMILY AND BUSINESS VENTURES?**

“Thank God they’re not all happening at once now. The kids are older, but of course they’re still coming around. I don’t feel the weight of being a mother like I used to at a younger age. School was really heavy before the summer season hits. I will say that in the whole off-season I’m busy, I’m really busy. I got all A’s last semester, 16 units at LMU. It was not easy.”

**WHAT DO YOU LIKE AND DISLIKE MOST ABOUT SANTA MONICA?**

“The most, I love the diversity I love the class diversity and ethnic diversity. The least is that it’s not homogenous, sometimes these classes, these differences, can have divisions, estrangement. Sometimes you see that, other than that, I love Santa Monica. I love the old Santa Monica. I remember coming down, it’s getting so gentrified, but some of the old charm is getting squeezed.”

**WHY DO YOU CHOOSE SANTA MONICA FOR YOUR SURFING LESSONS?**

“Santa Monica’s urban setting is right up to the water line and I can’t think of a better place to help release stress than to just walk out of hotel buildings and go straight into the sea. Santa Monica is just like L.A., it’s just a jump into the water. I love looking at the landscape after hitting a wave. It’s breathtaking, the view from the water.”

**IF YOU WEREN’T SURFING AND BEING INVOLVED IN ALL THE SURFING VENTURES NOW, WHAT WOULD YOU BE DOING?**

“I’d be doing something with water, that’s for sure. I’d be getting people to play, it’s a big place, it’s so therapeutic. I would probably be doing stuff like inner-city outreach work, social work, more with women than with men, that’s for sure. I do that anyway right now. I work with a lot of women. I’d be paddling out in the water on my board or something.”

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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

**Airport Park and Airport Avenue improvements**

Site grading, constructing new artificial turf soccer fields, constructing new playground, restrooms and dog park area, and reconstructing a portion of Airport Avenue. On-site detour possible during street reconstruction.



**Civic Center parking structure**

Construction continues on a new 900-space Civic Center public parking structure, located on Fourth Street next to the Public Safety Facility. Construction will require the closure of Avenida Mazatlan and the Fourth Street sidewalk. One lane on southbound Fourth Street is subject to closure while work is occurring. There also may be delays entering the Civic Center parking lot from Fourth Street. Use the Main Street entrance.

**Fire serve installation**

The Santa Monica Water Resources Division is in the process of construction work on Main Street, between Pico Boulevard and Bay Street. Work conducted is for the purpose of supplying water for fire protection to the 150 Pico Blvd. property that is located at the southwest corner of Main Street and Pico Boulevard.

**Gas main installation**

The Gas Company will install a new 2-inch gas main on the east side of 23rd Street from Carlyle to Georgina avenues. Detours and lane closures may occur, and will be posted at various sites during construction. Work hours will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**Los Angeles County Department of Public Works Storm Drain Repair**

Installation of a low-flow diversion unit on Ashland Avenue, between Main Street and Neilson Way. There will be detour signs posted around the work area.

**Marine Street utility undergrounding**

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

**Street/park lighting retrofit program**

Installation of a new light standard and circuit conversion from series to multiple and all other apparatus to provide a complete and operational street and park lighting system. Occasional traffic slowdown at the following locations Wilshire Boulevard and Yale Street Virginia Avenue and 21st Street; and Delaware and 22nd Street.

**Street and parking lot resurfacing**

Street and parking lot resurfacing: Street and park parking lot resurfacing, sidewalk, driveway, curb and gutter repairs. Repairs are scheduled through October 2006. Sidewalk, driveway, curb and gutter repairs begin on Oak Street, from 14th Street to Lincoln Boulevard; Hill Street from 14th Street to Lincoln Boulevard; Ashland Avenue from Lincoln Boulevard to 16th Street; and Pier Avenue from Lincoln Boulevard to 11th Street. Lane closures around work posted as necessary.

**Water fluoridation system project**

Installation of a fluoridation system at 19th Street at San Vicente Boulevard. Street closures will occur on 19th Street and on San Vicente, traffic will narrow to one lane in each direction.

**Water main replacement**

Installation of new water main complete with service connections throughout the city. Detours and lane closures may occur, and will be posted at various sites during construction.

**New water main installation**

Installation of new water main complete with service connections at 17th Street between Pico Boulevard and the 10 Freeway. Detours and lane closures may occur, and will be posted at various sites during construction.

**Emergency Southern Cal. Edison Vault Repair**

On 2nd St. all lanes are now open to traffic at all times. There will be steel plates on the roadway, so please use caution. On Tuesday, August 1, 2nd St. will be reclosed so Edison crews can remove the steel plates. The time for this closure is to be determined. On Broadway, all lanes are now open to traffic at all times. There will be steel plates on the roadway, so please use caution. Beginning Monday, July 31, Broadway will be reclosed between 2nd & 4th Streets from 7am to 7pm to complete repairs. Further work is anticipated so the steel plates will remain in place for this purpose. On Santa Monica Blvd between 2nd and 4th Streets one lane will be open to traffic at all times. Parking is prohibited on the north side of the 200-300 blocks for traffic. Court 2 (alley) is closed between Santa Monica Blvd and Broadway to all traffic, vehicular and pedestrian, until Sunday, August 6. Updates and changes will be posted as improvements continue. Please see posted link above for additional information.

**Montana/Wilshire Storm Water Diversion Structures**

Installation of a Storm Water Diversion debris removal and diversion facility will begin August 7th at Ocean Ave at Montana Ave and Wilshire Blvd. Traffic will narrow to one lane in each direction on Ocean Ave at Montana Ave.

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## Another fine mess



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Valerie Hiss and her 4-year-old white Labrador 'Lilly' take care of business, cleaning up after themselves by virtue of one of Hiss' doggie houses, which she stocks with disposable bags in efforts to urge fellow dog owners around town. to curb their dogs.

# Waste not, want not

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It took a year for someone to call, asking for their own doggie house, but then the idea took flight. She gave them out willingly, and all they had to do was call her for more baggies.

Today, Hiss estimates that she has handed out more than 20,000 baggies and 60 doggie houses. They are placed from the northern tip to the southern end of the city. She keeps a careful list of where they are located, so no one area is over-crowded.

But as her doggie house empire grows, Hiss' personal expenses grow accordingly. Over the past three years, she has spent \$5,000 on supplies. The doggie houses are \$25 each, ordered from Illinois. Hiss buys baggies in packs of 2,250 for \$80 a box. Although she is concerned about the growing cost, Hiss feels the service needs to remain free to pet owners.

"Keeping the neighborhood as good as it can be is really important to me," she said. "I've felt that it's been a worthwhile investment."

Other cities provide the resources to help dog-walkers clean up after their pets, and bear the financial burden as well.

The city of Sausalito, which so inspired Hiss, provides 30 stations for its citizens in an effort to help clean up dog waste. The stations cost \$167 each, and require six rolls of baggies every month, at \$39 a roll, according to the city's public works department. The stations are restocked twice a week.

Aspen, Colo., is another such city, where the dog clean-up program has really taken off. Aspen Parks and Recreation Manager Jeff Woods said their program was "fairly successful. We still have some problems with dogs, but not nearly on the scale we did prior to this program."

Aspen began providing dog bags and dispensers in the mid 1990s, and placed approximately five boxes throughout town. The program has expanded rapidly since 2000 — there are now 85 dispensers located throughout the downtown area, as well as trails and parks.

The city of Aspen has spent \$15,000 in bags and an additional \$10,000 in labor for the program. Most recently, they have begun to use biodegradable baggies.

Santa Monica tried a similar program about two years ago,

when the parks department placed dispensers filled with baggies at Clover Park. But the program was shut down after two years because the baggies were being stolen.

"Unfortunately, people took handfuls of the bags, so we were constantly out of bags, and there's no point in having dispensers without bags," said Elaine Polachek, City Hall's open space manager.

The need to keep restocking meant that a \$100 case of bags would be gone in a day, when it should have taken a month to use those supplies, Polachek said.

The bags taken in large numbers "were not being used for the purpose intended," said City Hall spokeswoman Judy Franz.

Polachek said city officials do believe that keeping Santa Monica free of doggie debris is important, even if they have not been able to create an effective program.

Heal the Bay, a nonprofit organization dedicated to cleaning up Santa Monica Bay, stresses the importance of cleaning up dog waste, which flows through storm drains and into the ocean.

"Dog waste is one of the major sources of fecal bacteria," said Heal the Bay Executive Director Mark Gold, who added a program like Hiss' is extremely valuable.

Hiss said she feels her program has made its mark on the community — she has received a lot of positive feedback for her community effort. She hopes that her followers will inspire those who leave their pets' mark on front lawns across the city.

"I've taken bags out of there before and I've put one in before, when I had extra bags," said Santa Monica resident Kathryn Hansen, while walking her dog on Seventh Street and Idaho Avenue. "I'm sure it encourages people to be more responsible."

And it makes Hiss feel satisfied knowing that she is giving back to the community she has called home her entire life.

"It puts people in a good mood if you give them something and I like that," she said. "It makes me feel good."

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## Bayside members irked by consultants' first day of meetings

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tive director of Bayside District Corp., a non-profit organization that manages downtown and is funded by City Hall through assessments paid by property and business owners.

Hired by the Bayside board and City Hall for \$59,920, Segal said he began the process with face-to-face conversations with his employers — City Manager Lamont Ewell, City Hall's Finance Director Steve Stark and members of the board.

Segal also met with members of the Greater Promenade Association, a group of property owners, commercial real estate interests and business leaders in downtown Santa Monica. The turn of events seemed to concern some Bayside Board members, who said they were unaware of the meetings and felt they should have been notified.

"I'm a little peeved about the meeting with the Promenade Association without telling Bayside first," board member Kelley Wallace, co-owner of the Promenade newsstand Above the Fold, told Segal.

Board member Rob Radar also expressed displeasure with the meetings, saying he felt "disenfranchised" and "cut off" from the process.

Others came quickly to Segal's defense.

"I don't feel I need to know every single group that they are going to meet with," said John Warfel, vice chair of the board. "I assume they will meet with merchants, community groups, property owners ... They've only been here one day. I think we're jumping the gun."

Rawson said the meetings Thursday were fairly informal and comprised of "broad, open-ended questions not meant to skew one way or the other."

Radar said he wasn't going to assume anything and that he felt the board should give some direction as to which groups to meet with and when.

Board member Patricia Hoffman, who also expressed concern about the lack of information provided about the meetings, said she didn't want to seem like she was attacking Segal, "but I just want to make sure that this is an open process and that the residents feel they are represented in what is the management of a public space."

Segal said his only intent is to create a unified front supporting the process, which ultimately includes speaking with as many people as possible.

But in doing so, Segal said no one group will be given more weight than another, except for his clients — Bayside and City Hall.

"Part of the fun in doing this work is that every community's sensibilities are different," Segal said. "We are trying to balance everyone's goals as best as we can ... We do need the community to have ownership of this plan for it to succeed."

That could prove to be a challenge as there are many who are frustrated with the way downtown is currently managed, some pointing the finger at Bayside, Segal's boss.

In February, property and business owners gathered at Santa Monica Place and expressed displeasure that the millions of dollars they pay in assessments annually are not enough to keep the area competitive. They said maintenance on and off the Promenade is lacking, redevelopment is costly and City Hall's funds are limited.

Segal agreed at that meeting that Bayside's revenue stream and the management of it isn't as equitable as it should be. In addition, it doesn't generate enough money for the downtown's needs. A public/private venture may be needed.

Warfel suggested Segal provide a list of groups he will speak to and then if the board feels more should be added, they will instruct Segal to do so. With that, Warfel asked Segal to speak with employees in downtown to gather their perspective.

Having not received a significant makeover in 15 years, the Promenade is in need of some work, however, Segal said his focus will be on all of downtown, and could include bringing Santa Monica Place into the fold. Currently, the property is just outside of downtown's boundaries.

Over the next five to six months, ideas and suggestions will be brought to the attention of community stakeholders. Segal and his team said they will begin by studying the current structure of downtown's management plan and review past plans and market studies.

That is when the bulk of the community meetings will take place. While that is underway, Lowell will refine the Bayside

## No quit in this team



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Cancer survivors kick off the 5th Annual Santa Monica Relay for Life on Saturday by walking the first lap at Santa Monica College's Corsair Field. Relay for Life is a 24-hour event whereby participants camp out on the field and take turns around the track in efforts to raise awareness and money for cancer research.

## Other downtowns get look

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District's property database to make sure all are made aware of the process. Lowell will also comb over past budgets of Bayside as well as review the performance of former directors to assess the strengths and weaknesses of the management framework. Surveys will be distributed to assist in this work.

Segal will look at other downtowns such as Denver, Seattle, San Diego, Sacramento and Pasadena. Each city has a different management plan, some of which include several layers of assessments to pay for specific improvements for residents, businesses and public transit. Denver does more than tax, Segal said. Their business improvement district, or BID, applies for grants and has an events production company to drive revenue.

Bayside members suggested looking at West Hollywood as well.

Once that work is completed, Segal and his team will conduct a series of up to six roundtable discussions with stakeholders in downtown. In these sessions, Segal said he hoped to identify priorities for downtown and see the willingness of participants to put their money where their mouth is. Each roundtable will consist of eight to 15 participants from particular segments of downtown, such as retail, food service and residents. Fifteen one-on-one meetings will also be held.

If all goes well, a management plan will be drafted, complete with initiatives for the promotion of special events, parking management, environmental improvements, business attraction retention and incubation. Budgets will also be devised along with revenue streams.

The plan will undergo a legal and engineering review to ensure compliance with state law, Segal said. That will be completed by Lowell, who has 17 years of experience in public financing.

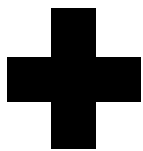
"I'll be more on the technical end of things," Lowell said.

"I'm the therapist," Segal added. "This process is very much going to feel as if we are going through therapy together. We want to hear from you what your dreams are for Bayside. We want to hear from you about what you like and don't like."

The management plan, which is expected to be completed by the end of the year, will still need to be adopted by the City Council and community stakeholders before it goes into effect.

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# China's growth presents pollution problem

BY TERENCE CHEA

Associated Press Writer

**MOUNT TAMALPAIS STATE PARK** — On a mountaintop overlooking the Pacific Ocean, Steven Cliff collects evidence of an industrial revolution taking place thousands of miles away.

The tiny, airborne particles Cliff gathers at an air monitoring station just north of San Francisco drifted over the ocean from coal-fired power plants, smelters, dust storms and diesel trucks in China and other Asian countries.

Researchers say the environmental impact of China's breakneck economic growth is being felt well beyond its borders. They worry that as China consumes more fossil fuels to feed its energy-hungry economy, the U.S. could see a sharp increase in trans-Pacific pollution that could affect human health, worsen air quality and alter climate patterns.

"We're going to see increased particulate pollution from the expansion of China for the foreseeable future," said Cliff, a research engineer at the University of California, Davis.

He has monitoring stations on Mount Tamalpais, Donner Summit near Lake Tahoe, and Mount Lassen in far Northern California. Those sites see little pollution from local sources, and the composition of the dust particles matches that of the Gobi Desert and other Asian sites, Cliff said.

About a third of the Asian pollution is dust, which is increasing due to drought and deforestation, Cliff said. The rest is com-

posed of sulfur, soot and trace metals from the burning of coal, diesel and other fossil fuels.

Cliff is studying whether transported particulate matter could affect climate by trapping heat, reflecting light or changing rainfall patterns.

Most air pollution in U.S. cities is generated locally, but that could change if citizens in China, India and other developing nations adopt American-style consumption patterns, researchers say.

"If they started driving cars and using electricity at the rate in the developed world, the amount of pollution they generate will increase many, many times," said Tony Van Curen, a UC Davis researcher who works with Cliff.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates that on certain days nearly 25 percent of the particulate matter in the skies above Los Angeles can be traced to China. Some experts predict China could one day account for a third of all California's air pollution.

Dan Jaffe, an atmospheric scientist at the University of Washington, said he has detected ozone, carbon monoxide, mercury and particulate matter from Asia at monitoring sites on Mount Bachelor in Oregon and Cheeka Peak in Washington state.

"There is some amount of the pollution in the air we breathe coming from halfway around the world," Jaffe said. "There ultimately is no 'away.' There is no place where you can put away your pollution anymore."

China's environmental problems are severe and getting worse. Nearly 30 years of

relentless industrial expansion has fouled the country's rivers, lakes, forests, farmland and skies.

The World Bank estimates that 16 of the world's 20 most polluted cities are in China, and air pollution is blamed for about 400,000 premature deaths there each year.

Coal-fired power plants supply two-thirds of China's energy and are its biggest source of air pollution. Already the world's largest producer and consumer of coal, China on average builds a new coal-fired power plant every week.

Meanwhile, car ownership is soaring as the country's economy grows about 10 percent a year, contributing carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases linked to global warming.

If current trends continue, China will surpass the U.S. as the world's largest emitter of greenhouse gases in the next decade, said Barbara Finamore, who heads the Natural Resources Defense Council's China Clean Energy program, which is helping the country boost its energy efficiency.

"China's staggering economic growth is an environmental time bomb that, unless defused, threatens to convulse the entire planet regardless of progress in all other nations," Finamore said.

Even Chinese environmental officials warn that pollution levels could quadruple over the next 15 years if the country doesn't curb energy use and emissions. Beijing plans to spend \$162 billion on environmental cleanup over the next five years, but the scale of the country's pollution problems is immense.

"When you look at China's population growth and industrial growth, it's hard to imagine how air quality could improve in the near future," said Ruby Leung, a researcher at the Energy Department's Pacific Northwest National Laboratory in Richland, Wash., which collaborates with Chinese government scientists on atmospheric research.

Earlier this year, Leung and her colleagues published a study that found particulate pollution has darkened China's skies over the past 50 years by absorbing and deflecting the sun's rays.

China's pollution also regularly dirties the air in neighboring South Korea and Japan, but until recently researchers didn't think it had much effect on North America.

U.S. scientists have recently found that Asian pollution is consistently transported across the Pacific on air currents. It can take anywhere from five days to two weeks for particles to cross the ocean.

Some scientists predict that global warming could change those circulation patterns, either speeding or slowing the transport of pollutants from Asia.

China's environmental challenges are daunting, but the country is taking action to reduce its energy use and air pollution, said NRDC's Finamore. Beijing has set ambitious goals for increasing energy efficiency, fuel economy standards and use of renewable power sources such as wind and solar, she said.

"There are tremendous opportunities for China to slow the amount of pollution it pumps in the air," Finamore said.



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# Shear delight in form of alpacas for couple

BY SARAH SKIDMORE

Associated Press Writer

**HOOD RIVER, Ore.** — Standing in the green grass, with Mount Hood's snowcapped peak on the horizon, it's hard for Marcus and Cathryn Whitman to imagine life any other way: the peace, the quiet — the alpacas.

Like thousands of other Americans, they ditched their former lives for the bucolic experience of raising the easygoing shaggy animals.

A relative of the llama, alpacas originated in South America and were first introduced to the United States in 1984. They were initially popular in the Northwest, primarily among llama farmers wanting to diversify. But the alpaca has since generated a following among nonagricultural types nationwide looking for a tax-friendly business and lower-stress lifestyle.

"For not knowing what an alpaca was six years ago, it's now everything," Cathryn said.

The Whitmans wanted to make a change after weathering a few too many hurricanes working as dive instructors and yacht captains in the U.S. Virgin Islands. At their accountant's suggestion, they looked into farming for the tax breaks.

They picked the alpacas because they "didn't want to raise something that we had to kill, or that would kill us" Cathryn said.

Cathryn works for a diving magazine from her home but Marcus works full-time on the alpaca business. After six years running Good Fortune Farms, they were able to pay off the debt incurred to start it. The Whitmans now have more than 30 alpacas, a shearing business and an alpaca store on their property.

The animals look like a cross between a teddy bear and a llama. Owners say they are easy to care for: their annual food costs rival those of some dogs and they can fit in the back of an SUV. And, they say, the animals are adorable.

The Alpaca Owners and Breeders Association said the animals are an easy entree into an agricultural lifestyle.

Membership in the association spiked after 9/11, when some people opted for a simpler life, and it has continued rising steadily since then. The association now has

more than 4,000 members, primarily in Western states. But interest has grown nationwide — the largest presence of alpacas in the nation is in Ohio.

The animals only have one offspring a year. Imports from South America are limited and a national registry used for breeding and lineage tracking are closed to imports, further driving interest in breeding.

The price of a nonbreeding alpaca can be a few hundred dollars but the high-end breeding stock, with top appearance and lineage, can sell for as much as \$100,000, according to the association.

The alpacas' soft fiber, which resembles cashmere, is sold — but the market is small. There is limited demand and there are no large-scale processing facilities, which prevents the fiber from being readily available.

"We would never tell anybody it's a get-rich-quick scheme," said Bob Black, who runs Black Acre Alpacas with his wife Val from their home in Beaverton, Ore., a Portland suburb.

Both continue to work full-time, he as an information technology manager and she as an attorney. They have 24 animals now and they said they hope to transition into farming full time when they retire.

Breeding can be lucrative. The tax rules favor full-time rather than hobby farmers, and include the ability to write off some farming expenses and benefit from depreciation of property.

But most say it was as much a lifestyle as an investment decision.

"I wanted to retire, or semiretire," said Lorraine Heinauer, who runs Almost Paradise Farms in Forest Grove with her husband, who continues his work as an engineer. "I liked the idea of puttering around a farm."

But the surging interest, and selling prices, for alpacas has some critics saying the industry is showing clear signs of a speculative bubble ready to pop.

Richard Sexton, a professor of agricultural and resource economics at the University of California at Davis, co-authored a study this year that found the pricing of alpacas cannot be justified because of the lack of value of their fiber.

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# Web is latest weapon in fight against wildfires

BY BECKY BOHRER

Associated Press Writer

**BILLINGS, Mont.** — For Jack de Golia, the idea of issuing updates on wildfires by fax seems almost quaint. These days, the Forest Service spokesman prefers using the Web to post maps, fact sheets and anything else he thinks will help explain — as quickly and as often as possible — what a wildfire is doing and how firefighters are responding.

“There’s been an evolution of information, and you have to keep up,” said de Golia, who, from assignments in Montana and Wyoming this summer, has posted frequently to a new, experimental government fire information Web site, [www.inciweb.org](http://www.inciweb.org).

“There’s a need for people to have ready access to information on fires,” he added. “I think it’s important, when people are very frightened or concerned, that they have as much information on an event as they need to make decisions.

“Once they hear there’s a Web site, our phones stop ringing.”

The demands of today’s information-now culture are changing how news about wildfires spreads.

Some Web sites hosted by government agencies or teams trained to manage wildfires feature important news on blazes, as well as cool photos of flames or air tankers that double as public relations tools. E-mail makes it easier for businesses in fire-affected

communities to stay up-to-date. And webcam shots have provided occasional looks at fire in Yellowstone National Park.

But the rise of the Internet is also creating challenges for those who are the public faces of emergency and charged with delivering timely, accurate news, sometimes from remote locations and in environments where rumors can fly faster than hot embers. Errors — from wrong contact information to the mistaken alert that nearly one-third of a small Montana town’s population was being evacuated because of a fire — have made it online in the past month.

“Things change so fast. It’s hard to keep up — I don’t care how many people you have — it’s hard to keep up with all the information,” said Maureen Oltrogge, a spokeswoman at Arizona’s Grand Canyon National Park, where a wildfire earlier this summer cut off access to the canyon’s North Rim. “No sooner than you push the button to send something out, it’s already dated.”

While the Internet has played some role in disseminating fire information at least since 2000, agency officials this year began to more aggressively push its use — in part recognizing what one information officer in Montana called “the reality of the world we live in.”

It’s not that community meetings, phone calls and face-to-face discussions with displaced homeowners, business operators, reporters and others will go away; officials say

those are key in outreach efforts. But the Internet is also important for reaching a broad and possibly growing audience, they say.

Increasingly, people seem to be using the Web as their primary source of information, in contrast to just a few years ago when phone calls and e-mails seemed more in demand, said Jackie Denk, a spokeswoman for an Arizona-based firefighting team and the Kaibab National Forest.

She believes people aren’t hesitating to cruise the Web for updates on their own, and points to higher-than-normal traffic so far this year to her team’s Web site — [www.nazteam.com](http://www.nazteam.com) — as proof.

Traffic on the U.S. Forest Service’s experimental, interagency site also has been high, given that only select fires have been posted so far, said Jon Holden, the agency’s California-based specialist who developed [www.inciweb.org](http://www.inciweb.org).

The site, touted as a possible one-stop source for national fire news in the future, had about 120,000 visits in June, and about 219,000 for July by July 26, he said. Some of the entries have been updated more regularly than others.

Holden said the site, tested the past few years in California, was borne largely of his frustration with a lack of a centralized, standard reporting site for fires. He said he also was embarrassed by “abandoned” incident sites he found online, frozen in time.

The goal, he said, was to develop a user-

friendly site that could handle photos and maps and wouldn’t require the expertise of a webmaster.

On some fires, high-speed Internet access, even dial-up, is a luxury; on others, a long distance phone line or cell phone coverage is.

“When the computers work, it’s great. When they don’t, it’s a struggle,” said Pat Cross, a spokesman for a fire management team recently assigned to a 92,000-acre blaze northeast of Billings.

For Terina Mullen, the flow of information from a large fire burning in ruggedly rural eastern Montana often depended on how long it took her to get to town — some 30 miles from camp — or to a hill within reach of a cell phone tower.

When fire threatened subdivisions near Columbus, Mont., this summer, it wasn’t the news online that brought some comfort to two homeowners living out of state. It was the community they found through the World Wide Web after sharing their situations in the comments section of The Billings Gazette’s online edition.

Barbara Beach, who was in California when the Saunders fire started, said she received dozens of e-mails from people similarly looking for answers or willing to share information.

“We almost became like a little chain,” she said, adding: “The intimacy, the friendliness of people, we joined together as a community.”

# Tech company gives farmers an earful about cattle health

BY JEFF DEMOSS

By The Associated Press

**NORTH SALT LAKE** — As a third-generation livestock producer in Utah, Bret Smith knows firsthand the “joys” of checking cattle for disease and illness.

“The old way of sickness protection is to simply walk through the herd looking for signs of sick animals, then taking those animals’ temperature with a rectal thermometer to find out the truth,” he said.

As well as being an experienced cowhand, Smith is chief executive of TekVet LLC, a fledgling company near Salt Lake City that has developed what he calls a breakthrough in tracking the health of livestock.

TekVet has created a wireless ear tag that contains a digital thermometer and computer chip that allows livestock managers to continually monitor their animals’ location and core temperature to determine which animals might be sick, and which others they have been in contact with.

The sensors transmit an identification

number and core temperature to a computer for each animal within range every hour. Managers use software, also developed by the company, to get their updated readings.

The system uses transmitters placed strategically on feedlots or ranges to send signals between the animals and computers used to monitor them. Each transmitter has a range of 300 to 500 feet, Smith said.

Richard Keene, the company’s chief technology officer, said the purpose of the system is twofold: To help livestock producers improve their bottom line by reducing the amount of downtime due to sick or diseased animals; and to provide healthier meat products to consumers.

“A big concern with meat consumers these days is antibiotic usage,” Keene said. “We believe that by detecting illnesses more quickly, we can help producers use fewer antibiotics in the cows.”

Producers using the TekVet system can access their information over the Internet, allowing an investor in Chicago to check on a herd in Wyoming at the touch of a button.

The technology is just now being released into the commercial market, Smith said.

“We’re transitioning from an R&D (research & development) company into a full-fledged marketing, manufacturing and distribution company,” he said. “We’re right on the cusp.”

TekVet outsources its manufacturing to Nationwide Electronics Inc., a Florida-based company that will produce more than 5 million of the sensors in a six-month period.

Nationwide helped simplify the design of the sensor and its plastic housing to make it more durable and waterproof, President Dave Robbins said.

“Our design modifications also reduced the steps in the manufacturing process, which helps us to be more productive here at our facility,” Robbins said.

Unlike humans, cattle have body temperatures that can safely vary from 99.5 degrees to 103.5 degrees Fahrenheit. Anything outside that range is cause for concern, Keene said.

TekVet technology allows users to single out suspect individual animals as well as entire groups that may be affected.

“We track the average location and temperature over a certain range, and compare that to the rest to see if one unit is a lot hotter than the others,” he said.

The company is looking to partner with several universities and research institutions to explore potential applications of the product, and has already entered such a partnership with Utah State University.

USU will use the devices on both dairy and beef cattle beginning in September, said Dale ZoBell, associate professor and beef extension specialist at the university.

“We hope to be able to monitor individual cattle, record their temperatures and correlate that to their sickness record,” ZoBell said. “We expect to use this data in our research to track animal health that much more specifically.”

He said the ability to check on livestock from home or any other location is a major

improvement over existing manual methods.

“That could save a lot of time and inconvenience,” he said.

Created earlier this year, TekVet was formerly known as Colt Technologies Inc., founded in 2003 in Salt Lake City for the purpose of developing the high-tech tags, supporting software and other infrastructure that makes the TekVet system tick.

“We wanted to simplify the company name and have it directly correlate with our product name,” Smith said.

The company could help restore international confidence in a domestic market shaken by concerns over mad cow disease, or bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), and other illnesses that have stricken livestock in recent years, Smith said.

“With BSE and other diseases out there, there’s a lot to being able to say that we in the U.S. are taking a proactive approach to monitoring the condition of our livestock,” he said.

From a business perspective, Smith said the biggest challenge will be persuading livestock producers to make the initial investment in the system. The sensor tags cost between \$10 and \$20 apiece, in addition to the cost of the data-transmitting and receiving equipment.

“There is an initial cost they haven’t had to incur before,” he said, “but we’re really trying to make this affordable. Once they realize the value of this device and the data it provides to production and management, they’ll wonder how they ever lived without it.”

DeeVon Bailey, a Utah State University economics professor specializing in agriculture, said more knowledge is needed about the economic efficiency of the system for individual producers, but added that it shows considerable potential for market success.

“We’re encouraged that a Utah company is involved in this particular field,” Bailey said. “Animal identification and tracing is an area with substantial promise, and firms that are able to provide good information at a cost that provides good returns will have some great opportunities.”



# Lavender lovers lapping up herbs in Enchanting land

**BY KIERA HAY**  
Associated Press Writer

**ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.** — Lavender, that colorful and fragrant herb, has long had a pull on the popular imagination. Native to the Middle East, it was originally brought to New Mexico by Spanish settlers in the 1600s, and has recently experienced something of a resurgence in the Land of Enchantment.

An increasing number of commercial lavender growers have sprung up, along with markets featuring locally made lavender products and several lavender festivals. In fact, some lavender lovers think the herb could play a significant role in the future of New Mexico's agriculture and tourism industries.

Charles Martin, an agriculture specialist at New Mexico State University's Sustainable Agriculture Science Center in Alcalde, is one of them.

"We think there is a tremendous amount of potential throughout New Mexico for lavender," he said.

Martin has spent the last four years investigating the herb as part of his research into which organic and sustainable crops can produce profits for small-scale growers in the state.

It's a question New Mexico's agriculture industry has had to take seriously. According to the most recent Census of Agriculture conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in 2002, almost 95 percent of the ever-shrinking number of New Mexican farms are considered "small," meaning they have annual sales of less than \$250,000. While size doesn't necessarily correlate with revenue, Martin said most farms in northern New Mexico are no more than a few acres.

Martin said small-scale farmers need low-maintenance crops that make more money on a per-acre basis. As it turns out, lavender fits these requirements.

A relatively high volume of lavender can be produced on a small parcel of land, and some of New Mexico's biggest lavender farms are no more than a few acres.

In addition, certain types of lavender, such as the grosso and super varieties, tend to thrive in New Mexico's high desert climate.

Mountainous regions, typically over 7,000 feet, are best for the herb. Taos and the Gila River area are prime examples of areas where lavender can grow well.

Lavender is also drought tolerant. It also grows well in alkaline soil, which New Mexico has plenty of, and tends to be pest and disease resistant.

"That makes it an ideal plant for small and organic growers," Martin said.

Perhaps because of these reasons, commercial lavender cultivation in the state is on the rise. Martin estimates there are at least a couple dozen commercial growers in the state right now, and says he gets one or two phone calls a week from parties interested in adding to that number.

The initial investment of planting a lavender crop can be expensive, with most money going towards the plants themselves and developing a good irrigation system. Once in the ground, however, a crop can yield returns for 10 or 15 years.

A fall planting can produce a marketable yield by the following summer, Martin said.

"They can return a pretty steady profit over a number of years," he said.

Elizabeth and Roger Inman, owners of Purple Adobe Lavender Farm in Abiquiu, planted their first crop in October 2004. Almost two years later, they've added a greenhouse, created a product line and purchased additional acreage to accommodate the growing business.

"There is such a buzz about lavender. People love lavender and they're becoming educated," Elizabeth Inman said.

While it can be profitable to sell lavender plants — Los Poblanos Inn and Cultural Center in Albuquerque sold bundles of lavender for about \$7 each during that city's recent Lavender in the Village Festival — most growers derive the bulk of their revenue from products created from the lavender, everything from soap to jam.

Randy Murray of Tesuque sells more than 100 lavender products through his "For the Love of Lavender" business. He grows his own plants but often has to purchase additional lavender to keep up with customer demand.

# Tourists miss the boat

**BY LAURA WIDES-MUNOZ**  
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**SEWARD, Alaska** — The two-story chunk of blue ice crashed into the bay, showering its shards across the water. Seconds later, the roar of the calving glacier thundered across the canyon walls.

But few of the 50 or so tourists on our boat were paying any attention. Instead, they were captivated by a black bear bounding along a cliff above an unsuspecting mountain goat. Would the bear see the goat? Could the goat escape in time?

Alaska is a place where nature still rules, even in urban settings, where soaring bald eagles are a common sight, jagged mountain peaks outline the sky and a rare bear attack is shrugged off.

Yet Alaska's range of attractions and its size — nearly as wide as the Lower 48, with the Arctic Circle cutting through the top — make planning a visit a daunting task. That's why many tourists opt to see Alaska by cruise ship. But by doing a little homework, we were able to create our own unique, affordable vacation — without the big ship.

Our group consisted of my energetic 65-year-old mother, my city-slicker husband, and me, a rusty camping enthusiast. We wanted to experience the wilderness but were nervous about going off alone, so we initially sought to join a hiking and kayaking tour. After some Internet research, we realized most tours use the same few guide groups. We'd have more flexibility if we booked directly with the guides and found cheaper places to stay on our own.

We bookmarked our nine-day vacation around three adventures — a day of kayaking, a night in a state park cabin and a daylong boat tour of Kenai Fjords National Park. We used two towns as a base for our trips — Homer and Seward. Homer is an artists' community on the southern end of the Kenai Peninsula on Kachemak Bay. Seward, a quaint harbor town with plenty of gift stores, is a hub for glacier tours, hikes and the southern terminus for Alaska's famed railroad. Both towns are easy to get to with or without a car, and offer plenty of ways to see what the state is famous for — big animals, big mountains and big ice.

We had one rule about lodging: no bed-and-breakfasts with crocheted covers on the toilet paper. We managed to find simple, clean B&Bs to suit our taste, with innkeepers who even e-mailed trip-planning advice and let guests use their kitchens to prepare meals.

While many of the better-known lodges fill up during the summer, we saw hotels, B&Bs and even private homes with rooms to rent almost everywhere we went. Camping was available even in downtown Seward.

We flew to Anchorage and then grabbed a 45-minute flight over the mountains to Homer. The last leg offered an affordable version of Alaska's famed flight-seeing trips, while actually getting us to our destination.

At the Homer airport, the car rental desks were all unmanned, but one agent suggested over the phone that we grab the keys on the desk, take a company car and return to sign the paperwork after we'd settled in. Alaska may be famous for its natural wonders, but the small-town hospitality of its human inhabitants was equally impressive.

Just outside Homer, the Good Karma Inn boasted sweeping views of snowcapped mountain peaks from every room. The two-story log cabin was airy, modern and filled with classic Alaskan art. The cozy library was perfect for rainy days or watching a moose and her twins amble by. Downtown, inns and camping were abundant, with pricier remote spots across the bay.

Mako's Water Taxi's offered easy transport from Homer

across Kachemak Bay for a four-mile round-trip hike to a glacier lake. The hike was remote enough that bear bells were recommended, but the trail was easy to navigate and close enough to civilization that an occasional human passed by. On the return, the captain treated passengers to a stop at Gull Island, where thousands of murres — birds that look like minipenguins — make their home.

True North Kayaking Adventures proved an excellent choice for novice kayakers. The attentive guide shared a kayak with my mother, easing her worries about keeping up as the group paddled around Yukon Island. The leisurely island picnic and up-close viewing of bald eagles, curious otters and an occasional seal more than made up for the evening's sore muscles.

We wanted to drive as little as possible, so we left the car at the Homer Stage Coach station and hopped the coach to Seward. Actually a minivan, it felt like the Pony Express, bringing fresh mussels to one lodge, picking up mail at another and dropping off a backpack for a forgetful hiker. The trip may have been longer than a car ride, but the low-down on Alaskan history, wildlife and dining spots from the friendly driver made the time fly.

We stayed at the historic Ballaine House in Seward, a stand-out for its central location and the innkeeper's hospitality and local knowledge. She lent us rain ponchos, binoculars, even her car. She helped us get discounts for the glacier boat tour. Best of all, she took us to one of the most enjoyable meals of our trip — at Le Barn Appetit, where the Belgian owner and his daughter whipped up smoked salmon and reindeer crepes as they regaled us with stories of life in Alaska.

The following day, the rusty camper and city-boy husband set off on a 4.5-mile hike to a log cabin in Caines Head State Recreation Area, also reachable by boat from Seward. We'd reserved it over the Internet as our one night in the wilderness. My only regret was that we didn't spend more time there or camp elsewhere, as it was much easier than we'd imagined. The one-room cabin — with a nearby outhouse — was set in the woods a quarter-mile from Resurrection Bay; a stream with a waterfall ran out front. After a hike and an afternoon on the beach watching the seals and otters swim by, we had dinner by campfire. With nearly 24 hours of sunlight, there was no need to worry about a chilly night.

Back in town the next day, we boarded a Major Marine Tours boat to see glaciers. Our guide, a ranger, was an expert on Alaska's outdoors and skilled at spotting wildlife. We'd been promised whale sightings, but we knew it was an unusual day when even the ranger grabbed her camera to snap photos of a mother humpback and her baby leaping through the air. Orcas swam under our boat, eagles flew above and black puffins nodded their orange-tipped beaks as they floated by.

While in Seward, we also stopped at the dog sled camp run by the 2004 Iditarod champion Mitch Seavey. It turns out real sled dogs aren't Hollywood's plush huskies but small, lean creatures that look like they just slunk out of an alley. We rode the wheeled dog sled and cuddled the pups, but families with kids might enjoy this place more than grown-ups.

Last on our list was Exit Glacier, where you can get 50 feet from a glacier or — if you choose to ignore danger signs, common sense and chunks of falling ice — touch one.

The train back to Anchorage trudged through the snowy mountains high above the highway and past the blue-tinged glaciers, an occasional bear only feet from the windows. Two upper-deck cars offered sweeping 360-degree views of the countryside. Like most things in Alaska, what might have been a mundane ride, proved a breathtaking trip unto itself.



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# A slap on the wrist is a poker player's dream

BY RYAN NAKASHIMA

Associated Press Writer

**LAS VEGAS** — When Jeff Madsen called home to tell his parents he won an event at the World Series of Poker, he didn't mention the hundreds of thousands of dollars he'd collected.

Instead the 21-year-old college student, whose family staked his entry fees, talked about the piece of jewelry given to event winners, a prize that confers fame, respect and even fear at the felt.

"He said he got his bracelet. So yeah, it just tells you the kind of kid he is," said his mother, Harriet, in Los Angeles. "The bracelet to him represents everything."

World Series of Poker bracelet winners are among the few in the world who can claim to have mastered an art and, nowadays, a growing profession.

For multiple winners it stands as proof that poker is much more than just the luck of the draw.

"To me, the bracelets have always been a really huge deal, to me more than the other guys, because I knew that they represented history," said Phil Hellmuth Jr., who won his 10th early Wednesday. "This is how they measure greatness."

Hellmuth's win over 1,690 players in a no-limit Texas Hold 'em event placed him in a tie

for most bracelets ever won with poker legend Doyle "Texas Dolly" Brunson, who won his first two bracelets in 1976, and Johnny Chan, who began his winning run in 1985.

Bracelets are to poker players what Super Bowl rings are to NFL stars and majors are to golfers — barometers of success against the best competitors in the world.

And they've become more valuable over time.

The first World Series of Poker winner in 1970 got nothing but the cash in the game. A year later, organizers added a "corny trophy," said Becky Behnen, the 61-year-old daughter of the event's founder, Benny Binion, who started the tournament at what was then Binion's Horseshoe hotel-casino.

In 1975, winners received sterling silver plates — Billy Baxter, a seven-time event winner, has one.

The next year, the Binions gave out bracelets for winning the main event as well as the various other poker games played in the days leading up to it, Behnen said. That year Brunson beat 21 players in the main event to win \$220,000.

"The band looked like gold nuggets kind of hammered flat," she said.

Las Vegas jeweler Mordechai Yerushalmi, 60, began making the bracelets for the tournament in the 1980s and continued until Harrah's Entertainment Inc. bought the

rights to it in 2004.

"Gold was lower, too, at that time, so I think that they probably started at about the \$500 price," he said. The winner of the now-famous \$10,000 buy-in main event received a bracelet encrusted with diamonds.

"With the diamonds they went up to about \$5,000," he said.

But the bands then still didn't have the cachet that they do today.

Brunson said when he won in 1976, "it didn't mean anything to me." Then he began winning more.

"I didn't even go pick two of them up because they didn't have any real significance before. And I gave the rest of them away to family members. I've got one bracelet, the one I won last year."

Hellmuth gave nine of his 10 to family members, and keeps only the main event bracelet from his 1989 win.

Chan keeps his in a vault. It's not the value of the jewelry itself, he contends, but the recognition that goes with having the most.

"If you've got 10 gold bracelets, you're the No. 1 player in the world and you get the opportunity to get a lot of endorsements," he said.

How much are they worth? "Millions, millions, yeah."

Not only are today's bracelets worth more in material, they're tougher to come by.

This year's 44 event winners receive

bracelets of 14-karat gold rope chain and a center plate with 66 diamonds — but have often to plow through fields of 1,000 or more to win.

"These tournaments get harder and harder," Brunson said. "You've got to be very lucky to come down through these fields these days because there's not only so many players, there's so many good players."

The winner of this year's main event, from July 28 to Aug. 10, will have to conquer an expected field of 8,000.

The top prize, aside from an expected \$10 million, is a bracelet with 120 grams of white and yellow gold, 7.2 carats of diamonds and 259 stones, including rubies for the heart and diamond suits, a sapphire for the spade and three black diamonds for the club.

"Based on feedback from players today, the bling is the thing," said Ty Stewart, the director of marketing for Harrah's sports and entertainment division. "It had to be bigger and better than ever."

Brunson said he got a look at the piece "and it is awesome."

"Whoever gets that, they won't be giving that away."

Jeweler Jonathan Goldman, the chief executive of this year's bracelet maker, Frederick Goldman Inc., refused to say how much it cost to make.

"It's priceless. There's only one."

# 'Green streets' are designed to reduce water runoff

BY BETH CASPER

By The Associated Press

**SALEM, Ore.** — Imagine a flowerpot filled with marbles glued together. Pour water over the top, and watch the water trickle through to the bottom.

That's how the streets in a new development in South Salem will work to eliminate storm water runoff.

The "green streets" are just another part of the environmentally conscious Pringle Creek Community development, where 180 homes are planned on a 32-acre property. Only 10 percent of the normal runoff from roofs, sidewalks and patios will make it to Pringle Creek.

The development's streets will be soaking up water instead of moving it away.

"Ninety percent of the rainwater that falls

on Pringle Creek Community will be returned to the aquifer," said developer Don Myers of Sustainable Development Inc. "This is a wonderful way to manage rainwater."

The key to green streets runs contrary to typical road building, in which the goal is to push water away from the road quickly. The traditional surface is slick to repel water, curbs direct the water along edges of streets and deep gutters capture it just before it is dumped in a waterway.

"All rainwater hits the road, runs to the curb and goes somewhere," said Chuck Gregory of W&H Pacific, which created the asphalt mix. "As long as the water is not in the street or the driveway, people don't care where it goes."

Green streets are narrower to eliminate unnecessary pavement. The porous asphalt soaks in the rain, where it drains to the soil

below. Large swaths of land — called bioswales — next to the roads will be planted with grasses, bushes and mosses that absorb water and filter contaminants, such as oil that leaks from cars.

"It's not only very attractive landscaping, they are also functioning," Myers said.

It's the first large-scale use of permeable asphalt in Salem, said Mark Becktel, the city's transportation services manager.

The 5,400 feet of green streets and 2,300 feet of green alleys are all private — the city will not permit these materials for public roadways because the materials are relatively new.

"We've made it pretty clear that we are willing to see how these things work," Becktel said. "We aren't opposed to the green street concept, but we want to protect any public investment in streets."

The state permits about 50 projects per

year that involve porous materials, which typically are used for undertakings that have lighter loads such as sidewalks or parking lots. It also permits about 1,000 bioswale projects per year.

The fact that these projects aren't mainstream is part of the point for people involved in the Pringle Creek Community. They hope others use these unique ideas for other developments.

"Pringle Creek is the state-of-the-art example of what residential people can do with water before it leaves their yards and goes into the streets, creeks and ocean," said Sally Miller, who plans to live in Pringle Creek Community. "All of the things that Pringle Creek is doing costs society a lot less money because there are no pollutants in the creek, so the fish are safer to eat. ... If we all did that as a society, we would all be more healthy."

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MOUNTAINBOARDING

# Carving a niche

## Proponents of mountainboarding get kicks carving year-round

BY DOUG ALDEN  
AP Sports Writer

**SALT LAKE CITY** — Imagine a small snowboard rigged with tires that look like they belong on a monster truck. Then hop on — and hang on — and let gravity take it from there. Mountainboards are more than just souped-up skateboards. They’re big air, speed and one rad ride.

“A lot of people are intimidated by mountainboarding at first. It is an extreme sport and it is very, very gnarly,” said Van DeWitt, founder of the Dirtstar Army mountainboarding team.

Translation: Hold on to your handbrake. Mountainboards are high-tech machines that allow riders to go for big air like their cousin skateboards and BMX bicycles, sheer speed or just a leisurely — albeit bumpy — ride down a hill.

The boards are outfitted with four 8- or 9-inch inflatable tires, available in various treads for different terrains. The wheels are mounted on the board, complete with shocks and springs for added stability.

The boards, a composite of a wood core and synthetic shell, are long and wide like snowboards and beveled at both ends. Riders stick their feet in open-ended bindings, which the feet can slip out of in the event of a wipeout.

And for beginners or riders taking the long way down the mountain who don’t want to constantly carve back and forth to keep in control, there is a braking system on the rear wheels.

“For going down single-track trails, you can’t really do that without a brake,” said Jason Lee, creative director and co-founder of MBS Mountainboards in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Lee started making mountainboards in the early 1990s, hoping to find some way to keep carving the hill during the summer when snowboarding wasn’t an option. The idea has caught on, and although mountainboarding remains on the fringe of the extreme sports scene, it is growing.

“I’ve been doing it a long time. I still love it. It’s awesome,” Lee said. “Seeing all the new people getting involved in it,

that’s the best part of it right now.”

Riders — or “dirtheads” — can go as slow or as fast as they want if they have a brake. Still, the idea of rumbling down a steep slope or a gravel mountain road is a pretty scary one, especially given the landing pad.

While mountainboarding is like snowboarding, a face full of powder is preferable to grinding to a stop on dirt, gravel and rocks. Mountainboarders wear helmets and armor up with hard plastic padding on their knees and elbows.

“I’ve never broken a bone. I have torn ligaments and I’ve had concussions and I’ve had a lot of road rash,” said DeWitt, who also wears heavy gloves to protect his palms.

Although it’s still gaining acceptance, mountainboarding gives ski resorts another option to offer customers during the slow summer season. Ski lifts have been carrying mountain bikers to the top for years and some have started allowing mountainboarders, too.

Sue Way, children’s director for the Aspen Skiing Co. in Colorado, said mountainboarding was added to the curriculum at Camp Snowmass about five years ago and was an immediate hit with the kids.

“On the right terrain it is probably easier than on a bike,” she said. “If you were to take a mountain bike up the hill and you had never really rode it before, you’d probably be going over the top.”

Snowmass, which is run by Aspen Skiing, is the annual site of mountainboarding’s U.S. Open, which was held at the Colorado resort last weekend. The competition included boardercross, a free-for-all between four riders who try to beat each other to the bottom of a dirt course full of twists, turns and jumps, and slopestyle — a competition for the biggest and boldest air.

Casual riders have a choice of terrain. The beginner ski area provides a gentle, grassy surface for the newcomers. More advanced mountainboarders can tackle the gravel roads higher on the mountain or take on the boardercross and freestyle courses.

“People need to recognize it’s not a reckless activity,” Way said. “You can control what’s happening out there and be at one with the mountain.”

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BY JAMES COSTELLO AND JOHN MCCORMACK

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# Nelson still digs Chicks

By The Associated Press

## NEW YORK



NELSON

Willie Nelson says the Dixie Chicks “got a raw deal” from a disapproving public following their criticism of President Bush.

“I think the fact that they were overseas and onstage had a little bit to do with it because you’re speaking to other people about our business,” the 73-year-old country crooner said in an interview in this week’s Time magazine.

The trio caught harsh criticism after lead singer Natalie Maines told a London audience in 2003 that the group was “ashamed” Bush was from their home state of Texas.

Nelson said he was surprised his remarks about Bush a year earlier during an overseas news conference didn’t incite a similar controversy.

“I said ‘He’s not from Texas and he ain’t a cowboy, so let’s stop trashin’ Texans and cowboys.’ It got a little chuckle, but I didn’t get run out of the country,” Nelson told the magazine.

Nelson recently launched his own XM Radio channel and published “The Tao of Willie,” in which he offers his philosophy on subjects ranging from marijuana to war.

## CHICAGO

### Dancing on by in Windy City



WARWICK

Dionne Warwick received a rare treat — hearing her hit songs performed in a musical devoted to her career.

Warwick, 65, was in the audience as the Black Ensemble Theater performed “Don’t Make Me Over.”

The show features four actresses singing Warwick hits including “Walk On By,” “Do You Know the Way to San Jose,” “I Say a Little Prayer,” and “I Know I’ll Never Love This Way Again.”

Warwick received a standing ovation Friday night when she entered the theater, clapped and smiled through much of the show, and even laughed at a joke about her role as host of the “Psychic Friends Network” in the 1990s.

After the curtain call, a visibly moved Warwick took the stage to speak to the cast.

“My babies, you were magnificent. Truly magnificent,” she said. “I cannot thank you enough for caring that much about me.”

The show treads lightly on Warwick’s personal life. Instead, it focuses on her family’s roots in gospel, her beginnings in the music industry as a backup singer, and her legendary partnership in the 1960s with the music/lyrics team of Burt Bacharach and Hal David.

One of the show’s themes is whether Warwick would have been successful without Bacharach, and vice versa. At a reception after the show, Warwick said some earlier retrospectives of her career only focused on the work she did with Bacharach and David.

“Don’t Make Me Over,” is scheduled to run through Oct. 1.

## HONG KONG

### Ms. mojito rising



LI

Chinese actress Gong Li said Colin Farrell, her co-star in “Miami Vice,” taught her how to drink beer but she introduced him to a stronger drink, a Hong Kong newspaper reported Sunday.

Gong plays the Chinese-Cuban lover of a crime lord in “Miami Vice,” and Farrell is an undercover detective who has a relationship with her. “Miami Vice” reprises the iconic 1984-89 TV cop show of the same name.

The Chinese actress said Farrell “treats everybody well and takes great interest in everyone around him — not just me, but the crew as well. As a result, it’s easy to feel relaxed around him,” the Sunday Morning Post reported.

Gong, 40, said Farrell showed her how to drink

beer, while she “taught him how to drink mojitos,” a combination of rum, lime and soda served with a sprig of mint.

## LONDON

### Writer takes stabs at feminist



RUSHDIE

British novelist Salman Rushdie has squared off against feminist icon Germaine Greer, labeling her support for a group of Bengali film protesters as “philistine, sanctimonious, and disgraceful.”

The protesters oppose the film version of Monica Ali’s book “Brick Lane,” a story about a Bangladeshi woman living in the area of east London, because of the way the book depicts people in the area. Their campaign has led to the cancellation of plans to shoot scenes for the movie in the neighborhood.

Greer wrote that locals had a right to prevent filming, and that Ali failed to realize that some residents might have found her plot outlandish. Others have supported the book and film.

Ali “writes in English and her point of view is — whether she allows herself to impersonate a village Bangladeshi woman or not — British. She has forgotten her Bengali, which she would not have done if she had wanted to remember it. When it comes to writing a novel, however, she becomes the pledge of our multi-ethnicity,” Greer wrote Monday in The Guardian newspaper.

Rushdie, who received death threats after writing “The Satanic Verses,” lashed back at Greer with a letter in The Guardian newspaper.

“At the height of the assault against my novel ‘The Satanic Verses,’ Germaine Greer stated: ‘I refuse to sign petitions for that book of his, which was about his own troubles.’ She went on to describe me as ‘a megalomaniac, an Englishman with dark skin.’ Now it’s Monica Ali’s turn to be deracinated.”



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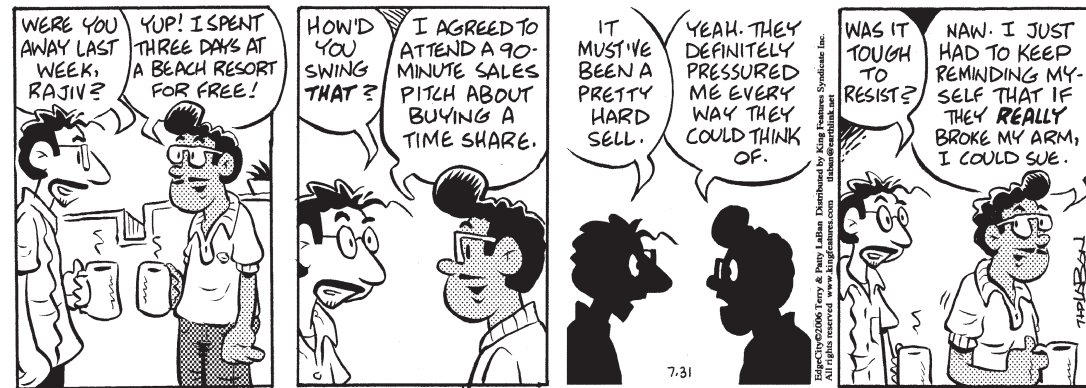
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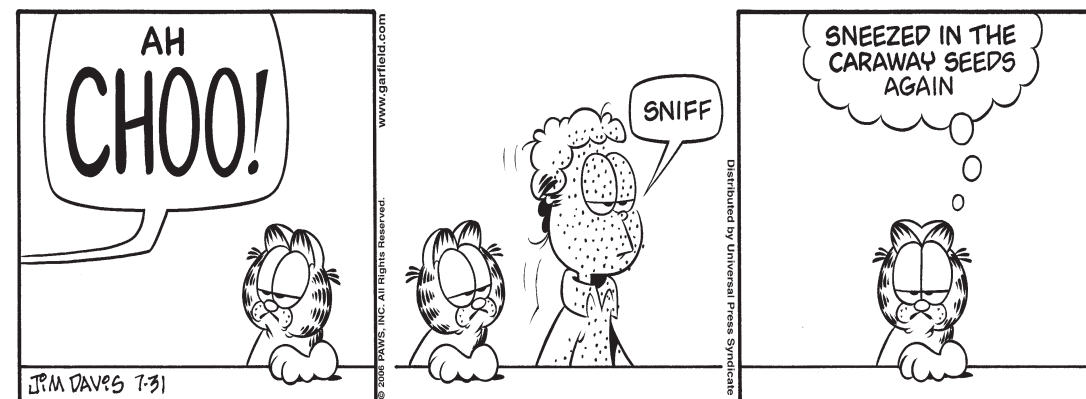
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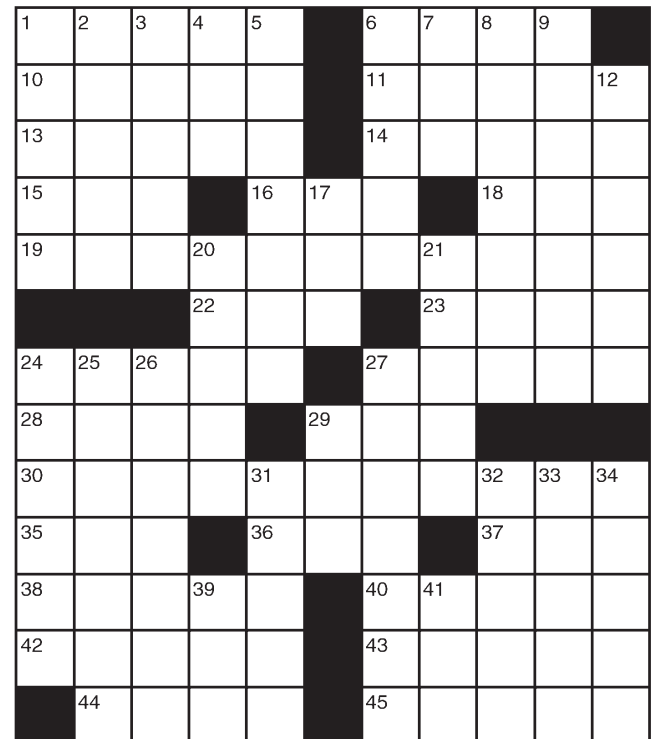
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Case No. BP099603

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of LOLA SWEITZER aka LOLA TALITHA SWEITZER, LOLA T. SWEITZER

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Mark J. Saladino, Public Administrator in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Mark J. Saladino, Public Administrator be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on September 15, 2006 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 9 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

IF YOU OBJECT to the grant-ing of the petition, you should

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ap-pear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

**Attorney for petitioner:  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 1439970 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ESPERANZA'S FASHION, 3910 SNOW DR., LOS ANGELES, CA 90063. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : MAURO FLORES RODELAS, 3910 SNOW DR., LOS ANGELES, CA 90063, FLOR ROJAS ORTEGA, 3910 SNOW DR., LOS ANGELES, CA 90063 This Business is being conducted by, husband and wife. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)2/1/2006. /s/: MAURO FLORES, FLOR ROJAS

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 1430841 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as FABIAN AUTO SALES, 3424 E. 1ST ST., LA, CA 90063. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : FABIAN CHAVEZ, 1612 PLEASANT AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90033 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/: FABIAN CHAVEZ

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 1492301 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as FTO COMPANY, 811 EUCLID ST, SUITE 55, SANTA MONICA, CA 90403. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : JOSEPH VECCHIO, 811 EUCLID ST, SUITE 55, SANTA MONICA, CA 90403 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/: JOSEPH VECCHIO

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 1388086 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as HANNOL COMPANY OF AMERICA, 9083 LAS TUNAS DR, TEMPLE CITY, CA 91780. The full name of registrant(s)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 1439952 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MYDOCUSERVE, 324 S. DIAMOND BAR BLVD., #611, DIAMOND BAR, CA 91765. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ANGLEA ICHING YANG, 17849 CRIMSON CREST DR, ROWLAND HEIGHTS, CA 91748, JOHN YANG, 17849 CRIMSON CREST DR, ROWLAND HEIGHTS, CA 91748 This Business is being conducted by, a general partnership. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: ICHING ANGELA YANG, JOHN YANG This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 6/29/2006. 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 7/10/2006, 7/17/2006, 7/24/2006, 7/31/2006

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 1439868 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ON DEMAND POWER WASH, 349 E. SMITH ST, LONG BEACH, CA 90805. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : KEVIN ZELAYA, 349 E. SMITH ST, LONG BEACH, CA 90805 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/: KEVIN ZELAYA This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 6/29/2006. 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 7/10/2006, 7/17/2006, 7/24/2006, 7/31/2006

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 1388089 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PARLIAMENT FINANCIAL MORTGAGE; RESIDENTIAL BANKERS CORP; MORTGAGE BANKERS; LOANSOEASY.COM, 9083 LAS TUNAS DR, TEMPLE CITY, CA 91780. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : MANDARIN FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. (CA), 9083 LAS TUNAS DR, TEMPLE CITY, CA 91780 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)1/1/2000.. /s/: MANDARIN FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., CORPORATE SECRETARY, LUIS C. WEI This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 6/23/06. 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 7/10/2006, 7/17/2006, 7/24/2006, 7/31/2006

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 1406701 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PEQUENA AMERICA IMPORTS, 221 ST. JOSEPH AVE, LONG BEACH, CA 90803. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : JULIE ELIZABETH FLATHERS, 221 ST. JOSEPH AVE, LONG BEACH, CA 90803 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/: JULIE FLATHERS This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 6/26/2006. 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 7/10/2006, 7/17/2006, 7/24/2006, 7/31/2006

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 1439972 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SAM ENGINEER-

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ING & CONSTRUCTION, 11600 ALONDRA BLVD., #D27, NORWALK, CA 90650. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : NASIR U. SIKDER, 16439 LONG NORTH 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/: NASIR SIKDER

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 1428375 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as W.L. DECORATIVE CONCRETE SERVICES, 18060 DORSEY WAY, FONTANA, CA 92335. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : WILSON VICENTE LOPEZ, 18060 DORSEY WAY, FONTANA, CA 92335 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/: WILSON LOPEZ This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 6/28/2006. 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 7/10/2006, 7/17/2006, 7/24/2006, 7/31/2006

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 1430867 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as WIRELESS ACROSS AMERICA, AMERICAS CELLULAR COMPANY, 1217 FOLKSTONE AVE, HACIENDA HTS, CA 91745. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : RICARDO CASTILLO CANALES, 1217 FOLKSTONE AVE, HACIENDA HTS, CA 91745 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: RICARDO CASTILLO This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 6/28/2006. 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 7/10/2006, 7/17/2006, 7/24/2006, 7/31/2006

**Statement of Abandonment of Use of Fictitious Business Name**  
Document Record # 06 1428589  
Current File No. 05 2008357  
State of California, County of Los Angeles  
The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious Business name:  
COPAWEAR INTERNATIONAL  
located at 1112 MONTANA AVE, #170, SANTA MONICA, CA 90403  
The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 08/22/2005  
In the county of LOS ANGELES.  
ANTHONY E. BAYER, 67 ESPLANADE, IRVINE, CA 92612, CHRISTINA E. BAYER, 67 ESPLANADE, IRVINE, CA 92612  
This business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP  
/s/ ANTHONY E. BAYER, CHRISTINA E. BAYER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 06/28/2006. Published: SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS 7/10/2006, 7/17/2006, 7/24/2006, 7/31/2006

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 1492300 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MOTORLOUNGE, CHOPPERCHAIRS, 125 SAN VICENTE BLVD., SUITE D, SANTA MONICA, CA 90402. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : GENE PAUL GURLEY, 125 SAN VICENTE BLVD., SUITE D, SANTA MONICA, CA 90402 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/: GENE GURLEY This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 7/6/2006. 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 7/10/2006, 7/17/2006, 7/24/2006, 7/31/2006

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 1504674 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as UNITED LENDERS GROUP, LOANCREDBLE.COM, LENDCREDBLE.COM, AI #/ON 2824683, 13101 WASHINGTON BLVD., SUITE 138, CULVER CITY, CA 90066. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : THE DOWNS GROUP INC., (CA), 4478 VIA MARINA, P93, MDR,

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CA 90292 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/: THE DOWNS GROUP, PRESIDENT, JOHN R. DOWNS II This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 7/7/2006. 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 7/10/2006, 7/17/2006, 7/24/2006, 7/31/2006

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 1385345 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as H&H ELECTRIC COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, RESIDENTIAL, 1562 LAKE SHORE AVE, LA, CA 90026. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : GABY HERNANDEZ, 251 NEWLAND ST, LA, CA 90042 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/: GABY HERNANDEZ This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 6/23/2006. 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 7/10/2006, 7/17/2006, 7/24/2006, 7/31/2006

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 1428365 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as DOWNEY, REALTORS; DOWNEY HOME LOANS; NORTH DOWNEY ESCROW SERVICES, 7340 EAST FLORENCE AVENUE, #208, DOWNEY, CA 90240. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ANGEL D. CASTRO, 10407 DOROTHY AVENUE, SOUTH GATE, CA 90280 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/: ANGEL D. CASTRO This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 6/28/2006. 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 7/10/2006, 7/17/2006, 7/24/2006, 7/31/2006

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 1430835 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CUSTOM DESING PLUS, 321 W. KELSO ST., #2, INGLEWOOD, CA 90301. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : RONALD SANCHEZ, 321 W. KELSO ST., #2, INGLEWOOD, CA 90301 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/: RONALD SANCHEZ This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 6/28/2006. 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 7/10/2006, 7/17/2006, 7/24/2006, 7/31/2006

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 1416501 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CHAKRA INDIAN CUISINE, 151 S. DOHENY DR, BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90211. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : PROGRESSIVE INVESTMENTS GROUP LLC, 1557 AVENIDA ENTRADA, SAN DIMAS, CA 91773 This Business is being conducted by, a managing partner. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: PROGRESSIVE INVESTMENTS GROUP LLC, MANAGING PARTNER, RAVI KONERU This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 6/27/2006. 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 7/10/2006, 7/17/2006, 7/24/2006, 7/31/2006

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 1491884 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SIO-ROM FURNITURE & DECOR, 626 BOXCOVE PL., DIAMOND BAR, CA 91765. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : CONCEPCION B. BUNDALIAN, 626 BOXCOVE PL., DIAMOND BAR, CA 91765 This Busi-

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ness is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: CONCEPCION BUNDALIAN This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 7/6/2006. 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 7/17/2006, 7/24/2006, 7/31/2006, 8/7/2006

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 1470387 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN CONNECTION CELEBRATION, CHRISTIAN INTERNATIONAL NETWORK ASSOCIATION INTERDENOMINATION, AI #/ON 2828443, 4450 CALIFORNIA PLACE, SUITE 285, LONG BEACH, CA 90807. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN CONNECTION CELEBRATION INCORPORATION, 4450 CALIFORNIA PLACE, SUITE 285, LONG BEACH, CA 90807 This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)6/1/2006.. /s/: INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN CONNECTION CELEBRATION, PRESIDENT/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, DOLORES GUIY

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 1491745 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ASHY'S BOU-TIQUE, 860 COLT LN, WALNUT, CA 91789. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ASYIA AHMED IMAM, 860 COLT LN, WALNUT, CA 91789 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/: ASYIA AHMED IMAM This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 7/6/2006. 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 7/17/2006, 7/24/2006, 7/31/2006, 8/7/2006

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 1470596 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as KING JAMES MEDICAL SUPPLY, 8700 WOODMAN AVE., #6, ARLETA, CA 91331. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : MILAGROS TREVINO KITANE, 2105 E. PONDEROSA DR, APT. 129, CAMARILLO, CA 93010 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/: MILAGROS TREVINO KITANE

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 1453936 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MR. C BEER & WINE CO., 5498 LINDEN AVENUE, LONG BEACH, CA 90805. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : JUAN CORTEZ, 6718 STATE ST., HUNTINGTON PARK, CA 90255, JESUS CORTEZ, 11361 LOUISE AVE, #15, LYNNWOOD, CA 90262 This Business is being conducted by, a general partnership. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: JESUS CORTEZ, JUAN CORTEZ This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 6/30/2006. 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 7/17/2006, 7/24/2006, 7/31/2006, 8/7/2006

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 1470557 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ROJAS MEAT MARKET, 2000 EASTLAKE AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90031. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : MARTIN ROJAS, 4351 HAMMEL ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90022 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)7/1/2006.. /s/: MARTIN ROJAS

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 1470391 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as WESTSIDE HOME THEATRE, 5970 GUTHRIE AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90034. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ALVARO GONZALEZ, 5970 GUTHRIE AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90034 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/: ALVARO GONZALEZ

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 1453927 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as BLACK DIAMOND TRANSPORTATION, 334 N. CENTRAL AVE, #204, GLENDALE, CA 91203. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : GAGIG GRIGORYAN, 413 N. ADAMS AVE, #132, GLENDALE, CA 91206 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)6/30/2006.. /s/: GAGIG GRIGORYAN

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 1439987 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as FAVORED FILMS, 923 OCEAN AVE., NO. 2, SANTA MONICA, CA 90403. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : AUDREY CARTER, 923 OCEAN AVE., NO. 2, SANTA MONICA, CA 90403 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). /s/: AUDREY CARTER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on .06/29/06 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 7/17/2006, 7/24/2006, 7/31/2006, 8/7/2006

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 1513699 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as HEAD ON THE SKATEBOARD, 749 MILWOOD AVE, VENICE, CA . The full name of registrant(s) is/are : TYLER GOLDEN, 749 MILWOOD AVE, VENICE, CA 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/: TYLER GOLDEN This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 7/10/06. 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 7/17/2006, 7/24/2006, 7/31/2006, 8/7/2006

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 1491786 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as D & C SPECIALIST SERVICES, (DETAILING AND CLEANING SPC. SERV.), 274 BYGROVE ST., COVINA, CA 91722.

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The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ROBERTO MORALES, 274 BYGROVE ST., COVINA, CA 91722, LILIAN VASCONCELLOS, 274 BYGROVE ST., COVINA, CA 91722 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/: ROBERTO MORALES, LILIAN VASCONCELLOS This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 7/6/2006. 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 7/17/2006, 7/24/2006, 7/31/2006, 8/7/2006

**Statement of Abandonment of Use of Fictitious Business Name**  
Document Record # 06 1548811  
Current File No. 05 3215456  
State of California, County of Los Angeles  
The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious Business name:  
MALIBU ACTORS STUDIO  
located at 2530 MONTANA AVE, APT A, SANTA MONICA, CA 90403  
The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 12/29/05  
In the county of LOS ANGELES.  
SHOSHANA KUTTNER, 2530 MONTANA AVE, APT A, SANTA MONICA, CA 90403  
This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL  
/s/ SHOSHANA KUTTNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 07/13/06. Published: SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS 7/17/2006, 7/24/2006, 7/31/2006, 8/7/2006

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 1548809 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as THE YOUNG ACTORS PROJECT, 2530 MONTANA AVE, APT A, SANTA MONICA, CA 90403. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : SHOSHANA KUTTNER, 2530 MONTANA AVE, APT A, SANTA MONICA, CA 90403 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)6/1/2006.. /s/: SHOSHANA KUTTNER

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 1548810 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MISSION MFG. & DIST. CO., 4256 S. BROADWAY, LOS ANGELES, CA 90037. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : RALPH ALTABET, 349 NORTH BOWLING GREEN WAY, LOS ANGELES, CA 90049 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)1/1/1973.. /s/: RALPH ALTABET This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 07/13/06. 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 7/17/2006, 7/24/2006, 7/31/2006, 8/7/2006

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 1548807 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CARJACKING MOVIE, CARJACKING FILM, CARJACKING ENTERTAINMENT, 132 S. MAPLE DR, #103, BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90212. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : DANNY PASSMAN, 344 N. ORANGE GROVE AVENUE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90036, DAVID PASSMAN, 132 S. MAPLE DR, #103, BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90212, KEVIN ROSENBERG, 1950 TAMARIND AVE, #130, LOS ANGELES, CA 90068 This Business is being conducted by, an unincorporated association other than a partnership. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: DAVID PASSMAN

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90405. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : MO-HAMMAD REZA BAGHERI, 835 ASHLAND AVENUE, SUITE 7, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405 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/: MOHAMMAD REZA BAGHERI  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 7/24/2006. 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 7/31/2006, 8/7/2006, 8/14/2006, 8/21/2006

**Statement of Abandonment of Use of Fictitious Business Name**  
Document Record # 06 1566270  
Current File NO. 04 2298828  
State of California, County of Los Angeles  
The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious Business name:  
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located at 539 W. BASELINE RD, GLENDORA, CA 91740  
The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 07/17/06  
In the county of LOS ANGELES.  
LAN TRUONG, 539 W. BASELINE RD, GLENDORA, CA 91740  
This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL  
/s/ LAN TRUONG  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 1577958 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as THE PAYMENT CENTER, AI #/ON 4046-97, 4435 W. SLAUSON AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90043. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ARTLEE CORP.(CALIFORNIA), 4435 W. SLAUSON AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90043 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)7/1/2006. /s/: ARTLEE CORPORATION, PRESIDENT/CEO, ARTHUR G. SMITH

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 1590446 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SANDY'S BAR-BER AND BEAUTY, 1101-A SOUTH SAN GABRIEL, SAN GABRIEL, CA 91776. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : JIMMY YAO-TSE KUO, 19559 MARKSTAY ST, ROWLAND HEIGHTS, CA 91748 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)5/15/2006. /s/: JIMMY KUO  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 1577990 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SAN PEDRO PARTY SUPPLY & FLOWER SHOP, 139 N. PACIFIC AVE, SAN PEDRO, CA 90731. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : JONATHAN M. HAWKES, 1085 W. 7TH ST, #1, SAN PEDRO, CA 90731, AMALIA M. ZOSAYA, 1085 W. 7TH ST, #1, SAN PEDRO, CA 90731 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/: JONATHAN HAWKES, AMALIA ZOSAYA  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 7/18/2006. 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 7/31/2006, 8/7/2006, 8/14/2006, 8/21/2006

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 1590448 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PHELPS HOST-ING AND DESIGN, SURPRISING DELIGHTS, 1158 KWIS AVE, HACIENDA HEIGHTS, CA 91745. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : CARLOS W. PHELPS, 1158 KWIS AVE, HACIENDA HEIGHTS, CA 91745; MELINDA S. PHELPS, 1158 KWIS AVE, HACIENDA HEIGHTS, CA 91745 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/: CAR-LOS W. PHELPS, MELINDA S. PHELPS  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 1595662 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MISSION TO VISION INC, AI #/ON 2833980, 4018 CAMERO AVE, SUITE 6, LOS ANGELES, CA 90027. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : MISSION TO VISION INC, (CA), 4018 CAMERO AVE, SUITE 6, LOS ANGELES, CA 90027 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/: MISSION TO VISION INC, CEO, SHERISE CAPLES  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 7/20/2006. 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 7/31/2006, 8/7/2006, 8/14/2006, 8/21/2006

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 1568841 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LOS ANGELES REAL ESTATE GROUP, 7819 BERGER AVE, PLAYA DEL REY, CA 90293. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : JEFFREY ELLIS STEVENS, 7819 BERGER AVE, PLAYA DEL REY, CA 90293 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to

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transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: JEFFREY E. STEVENS  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 1568800 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LNT HOME LOANS, 9145 PARK ST, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : TEODORO J. LUBRINO JR, 9145 PARK ST, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: TEODORO J. LUBRINO JR  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 1595689 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LA PROJECT TOUCH, AI #/ON A0634988, 3249 E. 15TH ST, #2, LONG BEACH, CA 90804. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : GODS FAN CLUB, 24087 VERDUN LANE, MURRIETA, CA 92562 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/: GODS FAN CLUB, PRESIDENT, ANNE UNMACHT  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 1605105 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as KENDALL GUEST HOME, AI #/ON 2832398, 4700 N. MAXSON RD, EL MONTE, CA 91732. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ANGEL RESIDENTIAL CARE INC, 8919 CALIFORNIA AVE, SOUTH GATE, CA 90280 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/: ANGEL RESIDENTIAL CARE INC, CEO, CONNIE INSUN CHUNG  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 1590484 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as J&J BEAUTY SA-LON, 2222 ATLANTIC AVE, LONG BEACH, CA 90806. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : EDDY RODRIGUEZ, 1225 ROSWELL AVE, LONG BEACH, CA 90804, ODALIS RODRIGUEZ, 1225 ROSWELL AVE, LONG BEACH, CA 90804 This Busi-ness 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/: EDDY RODRIGUEZ, ODALIS RODRIGUEZ

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 1581618 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as J AND L MOLD-INGS AND DOORS, JJ FINISH CARPENTER, 16515 S. NEW HAMPSHIRE AVE, #12, GARDENA, CA 90247. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : JUAN JOSE GARCIA, 16515 S. NEW HAMPSHIRE AVE, #12, 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/: JUAN JOSE GARCIA

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 1558742 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as INTERNATIONAL HERB COMPANY, 101 ATLANTIC AVE, UNIT 101, LONG BEACH, CA 90803. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : VICTOR CHAVEZ, 745 ORANGE AVE, UNIT 14, LONG BEACH, CA 90813 This Busi-ness is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: VICTOR CHAVEZ  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 1568852 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as HUNAN STYLE RESTAURANT, AI #/ON 2761240, 6152 N. ROSE-MEAD BLVD., #A, TEMPLE CITY, CA 91780. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : GOLDER SUN INTERNATIONAL INC, 6152 N. ROSEMEAD BLVD., #A, TEMPLE CITY, CA 91780 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/: GOLDER SUN INTERNATIONAL, CEO, YI BING HUANG

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 1590460 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 4 THE PEOPLE HOME MORTGAGE, 14132 E. WHITTIER BLVD., WHITTIER, CA 90605. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : T. MICHAEL OTTO, 1700 W. CERRITOS AVE, #119, ANAHEIM, CA 92804 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/: T. MICHAEL OTTO  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 1577960 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as AMMEX AUTO DIVISION, AI #/ON C2203247, 4425 1/2 W. SLAU-SON AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90043. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ALHEMS ENTERPRISES, INC., CALIFORNIA, 4425 1/2 W. SLAUSON AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90043 This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)6/1/2006. /s/: ALHEMS ENTERPRISES, INC., PRESIDENT/CEO, HUGH JOHNSON

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 1590662 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as BEACHSIDE COMMISSARY, 230 W. "E" ST., WILMINGTON, CA 90744. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : AND-RES MORALES, 3012 YALE AVE, MARINA DEL REY, CA 90292 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/: ANDRES MO-RALES

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 1577959 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as BEEJAM FINAN-CIAL GROUP DIVISION, CARIB PRESS & PUBLICA-TIONS DIVISION, CARIB TECH DIVISION, AI #/ON C2203247, 4425 1/2 W. SLAUSON AVE, LOS AN-GELES, CA 90043. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ALHEMS ENTERPRISES, INC, CALIFORNIA, 4425 1/2 W. SLAUSON AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90043 This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)6/1/2006. /s/: AL-HEMS ENTERPRISES, INC., PRESIDENT/CEO, HUGH JOHNSON

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 1566261 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ELITE BEAUTY PARLOR, 539 W. BASELINE RD, GLENDORA, CA 91740. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : LAN TRUONG, 3239 ADELIA AVE, EL MONTE, CA 91733 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/: LAN TRUONG

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 1558794 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as EVENTOS HEIDI'S, 6725 SALT LAKE AVE, BELL, CA 90201. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : JAIME RODRIGUEZ, 3422 HOPE ST, HUNTINGTON PARK, CA 90255 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)8/8/1997. /s/: JAIME RODRIGUEZ

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 1568851 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as HARRY'S AUTO SALES, 800 S. DATE AVE, ALHAMBRA, CA 91804. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : YI BING HUANG, 6152 N. ROSEMEAD BLVD., #A, TEMPLE CITY, CA 91780 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/: YI BING HUANG  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 1658547 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Sixth Sense Invest-ments IX, 11755 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 900, Los Angeles, CA 90025. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Mark Umenoto, 4383 Camero Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90027; Yunna Barats, 14812 Dickens Street, #201, Sherman Oaks, CA 91403 This Business is being conducted by, a general partnership. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)7/27/2006. /s/: Mark Umenoto, Yunna Barats  
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