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■ Life Imitates a Rodney Dangerfield Joke: In 1996, Steven Hicks, 38, and his wife, Diana, 35, were sentenced to six months in jail in Cape May, N.J., for child abandonment. They had been having trouble with their unruly son, Christopher, 13, and while he was hospitalized, they had surreptitiously packed up and moved to Inglewood, Calif.

TODAY IN HISTORY

ON AUG. 9, 1945, three days after the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, Japan, the United States exploded a nuclear device over Nagasaki, killing an estimated 74,000 people.

■ In 1842, the United States and Canada resolved a border dispute by signing the Webster-Ashburton Treaty.

■ In 1848, the Free-Soil Party nominated Martin Van Buren for president at its convention in Buffalo, N.Y. In 1854, 150 years ago, Henry David Thoreau published "Walden," which described his experiences while living near Walden Pond in Massachusetts.

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

"If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away."

— HENRY DAVID THOREAU
AMERICAN AUTHOR (1817-1862)

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Ice rink plan heats up for SM Pier

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

SM PIER — After abandoning an effort last year to build Southern California's largest outdoor ice rink in downtown Santa Monica, organizers have shifted focus and plan to open the world's first fiber-optic rink on the pier this fall.

The rink, which still needs final permits and firm commitments from lead sponsors, will measure about 100 feet by 65 feet, roughly the size of the ice rink at Rockefeller Center. It will be kept frozen by cooling pipes running beneath the ice.

Rental skates will be available for a few dollars, and an hour on the ice is expected to cost \$8. It

will likely cost more on weekends, when visitors will be able to glide with entertainment and skating celebrities, including players from the Los Angeles Kings — if a verbal agreement that was struck last week holds.

On Fridays, the rink will host champion figure skaters, and seats in the bleachers surrounding the rink will be sold off to spectators, said Todd Fraser, the rink's lead organizer. About 175 seats will be available and, if plans pan out, a big-screen television will help broadcast what happens in the colorful, fiber-optic rink.

"The ice just explodes with color," Fraser said.

Organizers, led by world cham-

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City Council passes new election reforms

Narrow defeat of living wage led to changes in campaign law

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — Nearly two years after Santa Monica's living wage was narrowly defeated at the polls, city officials have adopted a series of campaign reforms aimed

at making both sides of the issue more transparent.

Advocates of the living wage cried foul after their razor-thin defeat in November of 2002, which invalidated a city mandate that big businesses in the coastal corridor pay their employees at least \$10.50 an hour, or \$12.25 without benefits. At issue were a series of "slate mailers" they said gave voters a false impression of

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Dessie Stanich: Life at the end of the paper trail

BY SHRADDHA R. JAISWAL

Special to the Daily Press

Dessie Stanich is in the business of friendships. For more than 20 years, she has been a staple at Santa Monica's last remaining mom-and-pop stationery store.

But now, after closing the 37-year-old Santa Monica Stationers store that was more about reminiscent chats and family ties than it was about papers and pens, Dessie's smiling face, her caring demeanor and her small town ways in a much-too-big city will disappear

from the streets of Santa Monica.

Born to Serbian immigrants in 1932 and growing up in the small, Depression-era steel town of Duquesne, Pa., Dessie always worked for what she wanted.

When all the other girls were getting married out of high school, Dessie knew she wanted to make something of herself before she settled down for a family life. And she did.

From cleaning houses for 25 cents an hour to working as an executive secretary for U.S. Steel, Dessie was determined to make the most of her life. Armed with her father's extroversion and

cultural pride, Dessie never failed to enjoy people and life wherever she went.

In 1962, Dessie moved to California and married George Stanich, which in essence meant marrying the entire family. She began working for free for George's brother Nick, the original founder of Santa Monica Stationers.

When Nick fell ill with a brain tumor, Dessie and George took over the business — and ended up taking care of people for 21 years.

Not only did Dessie adopt her employees

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS The stars show the kind of day you'll have:

★★★★★-Dynamic ★★★★★-Positive ★★★-Average ★★-So-so ★-Difficult



ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★ You cannot say or do the right thing. Confusion marks communication in general. Pull back and don't react. Remember, this too will pass. Dig into what you need to do that can be done alone. Tonight: Work with surprising insights.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Your insights take you to a new level, especially with goals and long-term friendships. The smart Bull won't make decisions or commitments just yet. You cannot complain about dullness. The present chaos could be difficult. Deal with aggravation carefully. Tonight: Your treat.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ The Moon beams on you, and nearly anything is possible. Simultaneously, your ruler goes retrograde, creating a lot of hassles. Deal with others carefully, especially authority figures. Everyone is having a bad-hair day, so to speak. Take that into consideration. Tonight: Your decision.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★ Know when to head in the other direction. Whatever you say seems to hit the wrong note. Question what would be best. Confirm all meetings. Refuse to take what someone says personally. This person might have simply chosen the wrong words or made a bad move. Tonight: Huddle at home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Others act in a peculiar manner. You find that the less said, the better off you are. Keep your long-term goals in mind. Happiness surrounds those who are independent. Use care with finances, as a mistake could happen at any given moment. Tonight: Flex with others' plans.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★ You might wake up with one agenda and wind up doing something totally different. Your ruler does a backward jig, causing you a problem where you least expect it. Be very careful not to let anything slip through the cracks. Check and double-check. Tonight: Try not to make it a late night.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ On some level, you could feel jittery and uptight. Carefully review a personal matter that involves learning and understanding more. Detach from the immediate happenings. Find experts. Seek other opinions. You might see life differently because of current events. Tonight: Read a good book or do research.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Friends and associates could disappoint you. This might be a pattern for the next few weeks. Even a trusted associate could be somewhat out of kilter. Hang in your own space if possible. Detachment is the name of the game. Tonight: Take some downtime.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ You might want to vanish, but on the other hand, everything is so interesting. Everyone quickly becomes flaky. Don't think that this won't impact you. You can play it low-key if you desire. Give up the drama. Go along with others' ideas, for the most part. Tonight: Play follow the leader.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Your work and perspective might trigger a new view. Don't fight new information. Explore the pros and cons. Do your homework, which will lead to a decision. In fact, plans could change radically. Tonight: Go to the gym to work off stress.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Someone you love could do a reversal. Be creative and don't try to pin this person down. Give him or her space. In the next few weeks, an old lover or friend could become dominant in your life. Perhaps you have something you need to complete together. Tonight: Play as if there is no tomorrow.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ You mean well. Others throw boomerangs in your path. You like excitement, but perhaps not this much. Make the most of the moment. Go in where angels fear to tread. Work with chaos rather than back off. Tonight: Burn the midnight oil.

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LOCAL



Trekking across America: From the left to the right



LANCE SCHMIDT

EASY WRITER
NOTES FROM THE ROAD

(Editor's note: Santa Monica resident Lance Schmidt is on a road trip across America and will be giving weekly reports on what he sees and who he meets).

Every August for the last decade I have taken a motorcycle trip somewhere. A summer vacation that usually is more work, more rewarding, more enlightening and more dangerous than the garden variety holiday. I guess that's why I do it.

Last year I took my motorbike to Alaska, the year before to Canada and the year before that to Africa. Yes, I have explored many places on a motorcycle.

This year, I was wondering where to take the summer bike trip. Then one afternoon I was talking to Grandma on the cell phone (mine not hers). "Lance," she said, "You better come see me for my birthday, I need someone to knock away all of the men."

"You got it Grandma," I said, not knowing then that I would be taking my motorcycle across the country and show-

ing up for Grandma's 97th birthday bash in Advance, Mo. My cross-country trip had been hatched.

My adventure will take me across the United States on old Highway 50, the oldest contiguous transcontinental road in the country affectionately dubbed, "The Loneliest Road in America." We will see about that. I will be visiting old friends who I haven't seen in a while, making new friends along the way, and of course, convincing those that will have nothing to do with me that it really is OK to share a cup of coffee with me or let me buy them a beer. I will be camping out, staying in cheap motels and hostels, and occasionally treating myself to a steak dinner and a Ramada Inn.

For the next month or so, in between here and there, I will be sharing with you the dots that connect the Left and Right coasts. In this election year, I will try to give you a sense of how the folks who live in between view the election, the presidential candidates and the issues that are important to them.

I also will share with them the perspective we on the Left Coast have on the issues while giving you the funny side of America.

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Bosses sought for TV show swap

By Daily Press staff

ABC is looking for managers in Santa Monica who would like to swap jobs with someone else for a new TV reality show called "Boss Swap."

Bosses from a wide range of sectors with very different views on management will be asked to swap places and apply their skills in a new environment — and TV viewers will observe the results.

In each program, two bosses from different companies swap places for 12 days and run each other's firm. Neither boss knows where he or she is going or who will be his or her replacement. After a week, the new boss must introduce at least five changes to improve the company.

Award-winning British TV production company RDF Media — the people behind the TLC show "Faking It" — is looking for bosses with flair to take part in the series. They want to find people with strong ideas about management who are

willing to take part in the experiment.

In "Boss Swap," you'll find out what it's really like to be a boss, and just how much difference a change of boss can make to a company.

The series will be broadcast on the ABC Network later this year.

Working life is about so much more than the task at hand. It's about the relationships between you and your colleagues, it's the hours you're expected to put in, the "face time," the lunch options, the office with the nice views or "cubes" with no windows. And workplace culture is almost always determined by one person — The Boss.

There are almost as many management styles as there are managers. And being on top of all the skills that a manager needs is extremely difficult. "Boss Swap" plans to explore what it takes to be an effective manager.

Managers interested in taking part should contact Sam Kivi at (818) 432-4720 or e-mail: sam.kivi@rdfusa.com.



SURF REPORT

Monday will see mostly NW wind swell with some small, fading SSE swell. Northern LA county will see waves in the 1-2' range, with a few bigger sets at best NW/combo breaks. South Bay breaks will pick up the wind swell for knee-high surf at many breaks and sets up to waist high at best exposed locations. Look for mostly light wind in the morning with building W winds in the 8-10 knot range through the afternoon.

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TUESDAY	1:27	0.6	12:04	3.1	8:31	3.5	6:28	5.3
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A group of Malibu residents is spearheading a formal push to break away from the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. What it boils down to, supporters of the breakup say, is Malibu isn't connected to Santa Monica by land, and there's no longer any need for the two cities to share their schools. They also point out that if the district did split, Santa Monica wouldn't have to share a \$6 million annual contribution from City Hall.

A similar attempt to form a separate

district was made in 1990, but apparently the plan lacked enough students or a sound economic plan.

So this week, Q-line wants to know "Is it time for Malibu to have its own school district? Why or why not?"

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as family, but her customers became family as well. The place to go where everybody knew your name was Santa Monica Stationers. And the woman behind it all was Dessie Stanich.

The Daily Press sat down in an interview with Dessie to talk about life, friendships and serving her adopted Santa Monica family for 37 years.

Where did the idea for a stationary store come from?

"The business was started by my brother-in-law, and in 1967 he opened up a small stationery store on Montana Avenue. George's and Nick's father owned a small mom-and-pop-type running tabs store in Globe, Ariz.

"After both my husband and his brother served in World War II in the Navy, my husband went off to college in Flagstaff, and his brother did not like school. He was a high school dropout. So his dad said, 'Well, if you're not going to college, then well it's time for me to retire.'

"So he sold the business to his son for I don't know what. And his son knew people. He knew how to sell. He enlarged his father's store. After X amount of years, I forget exactly how many it was, he decided to head to California.

"He had business sense, and he had a personality. He loved people, he was a hard worker, and in those few years he never even took a penny out of the store to build it up."

How did you become the store's president?

"When Nick developed the brain tumor, I took care of him. I took him to our house and everything, and he used to say to me, 'My life's blood, sweat and tears are in that store, Dessie. Don't sell it. You work it.'

"And I said, 'I'm not going to work

it.' And he said, 'You'll do it. I'll pump your head up.' That's the way he used to talk. 'I'll pump your head up before I go.'

"We had a unique relationship too. My husband was the only one that was married, so he used to tell the sisters, 'When Dessie married George, she married the whole Stanich Family.'"

Have you ever had any competition?

"At one time, there were at least six or seven. There was American Office Products. They moved out. They closed down their retail store and moved to commercial. There was Forest Stationers, there was Century Stationers, there was Westwood Stationers. And each one just kept closing up completely if they were smaller...but that was it, you could see it. I could see it eventually coming to us. In fact, we lasted the longest, let's put it that way. We just hung in there. Now there are outside salesmen, and things have changed. It got to the point where every manufacturer delivered direct to you at better prices, but you have to have a minimum. So when you don't have the minimum, they tell you to go to a wholesaler, which we do. But, the wholesaler has his markup in this, so that you cannot give a discount. You cannot match the super-store pricing, or online pricing. So it's just evolution. What goes around comes around, but I doubt if it'll ever come back."

What is the best memory of Santa Monica that you'll take with you?

"The people. The people that patronized us. The people. They became our friends, we became their friends. It actually became a personal relationship with the people that remained true to us. I have a lot of very happy memories here in Santa Monica. I spent most of my time here in Santa Monica.

"It was really such a unique place because people would come in and reminisce. Like with my husband, he's a World War II veteran, and of course there are a lot of the old timers that would

come in, and they would discuss the war. It was really unique. And they would spend like an hour and half maybe just to do three or four copies on the Xerox machine, which is eight cents, right, and spend an hour and half just reminiscing.

"Those are the memories. I take with me a lot of happy memories of the people here in Santa Monica that supported us."

Do you have one memory that specifically stands out?

"Not really. Just many. Many, many happy memories. I mean to think that literally, I was the voice over the telephone, and they'd say, 'I thought you were the order taker.' I'd say, 'Yeah, I am.'

"Well, we just found out you were the president when you signed that letter!"

"And I'd say, 'But that doesn't matter.'

"People actually came down to wish all of us good-bye. Actually, meeting sometimes for the first time face to face. Isn't that something? 'Oh is that what you look like? I pictured you differently.'

"One time, I wasn't here, but Stephen (the manager) was. A couple that came in periodically to buy odd and ends came in with their little boy and (Councilman) Mike Feinstein was here. And they were talking about how the store was going to close July 31. The little boy took out his wallet and put 38 cents on the counter to try and help keep the store open. He wanted to do his part, and Steve (the manger) didn't take the money and said, 'No, honey you have to buy something.' So he bought a little eraser. But can you imagine that? Thirty-eight cents to help keep the store open. He wanted to give it, but isn't that something?"

What has changed the most about Santa Monica?

"Businesses. Take a look at the Promenade. And the thing is, they're in and they're out. The same thing with Montana Avenue, they're in and they're out.

"Take a look at the Santa Monica

Place Mall, how the businesses on the Promenade and on Montana Avenue have even affected those stores. And we don't have the Newberry's Five and Ten anymore. You don't have Penny's anymore.

"Maybe there are a lot of wealthy people in Santa Monica now, but the thing is, there still are the originals who are still living on probably pensions and where do they go? That's the change."

Has anything stayed the same?

"Not really. I don't think so. I really don't. You know, having started on Montana Avenue, the whole street has changed. You have more coffee shops and more things like that there than you have businesses. And then the business are in and out."

Do you think things have changed for better or for worse?

"Being my age? For worse. You don't have the atmosphere anymore. It's different. It's completely different. So, I take with me the best part. We still had the best part down here. Those are the ones that kept coming. The best parts kept coming."

Do you ever miss a particular time period like the 1950s?

"What was my best era? I don't know. I've enjoyed life, no matter what part I was in. I should say, no I really didn't enjoy high school, but I was an honors student and I received a scholarship for college, and do you know what my father said to me?

"He said, 'Well, we don't have money. Even though you have a scholarship, you still need money to go to school and everything like that. But I need you to go to work.' At that time my father had gotten ill. He had three surgeries, heart problems and that. And my sister had married, in those days they married young, right out of high school, you mar-

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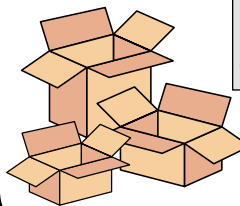


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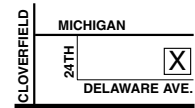


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LOCAL



Pier ice rink still needs permits

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pion skaters Tai Babilonia and Randy Gardner, decided on the pier after city officials couldn't guarantee them a site at Second Street and Santa Monica Boulevard would be available this winter. Fraser, Babilonia and Gardner nearly opened the rink in that location last year but failed to secure adequate funding. So they immediately started fundraising for this year.

Intended to become an annual draw, the ice rink will sit on the western edge of the pier's parking lot, in the same space used by the Twilight Dance Series and other events. About one-quarter of the parking spaces on the pier will be used.

Officials are banking on the ice rink as an added attraction for Santa Monica Pier and also a revenue generator that will earn three times the \$6 daily parking rate for each space used, said Ben Franz-Knight, executive director of the Pier Restoration Corp., the nonprofit organization that manages the pier.

"That was one of our requirements,

because parking down here is precious," he added.

Fraser said he hopes to time the ice rink's opening with downtown's Winterlit, a marketing effort that includes five weeks of holiday-themed activities on the Third Street Promenade and in Santa Monica Place, the indoor mall. In previous years, Winterlit has included artificial snow storms, celebrity appearances, live music performances and other events. Also part of Winterlit are towering, 22-foot illuminated trees and plastic icebergs installed along the Promenade. The rink will be open until Jan. 3.

Gardner, who grew up in Los Angeles and lives in Marina del Rey, said in an interview last year he was eager to make the rink a reality.

"It's like, 'Wow, right up the street I can go (skate),'," he said. "It's kind of unique having a rink in Santa Monica, where there are beaches and palm trees — but it's a great holiday thing, I think, for the community."

Changes target mailers

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the group that spent millions to defeat the measure.

The mailers inferred that the Democratic Party, women favoring abortion rights, education activists and some candidates for office all opposed the living wage. They also indicated with an asterisk that a campaign favoring a school tax also on the November ballot and advertised on the mailer helped pay for them.

However, November 2002 filings with the California Secretary of State's office revealed the anti-living wage campaign was the only group who paid for the mailers. The group maintains that a third party paid for the advertisement with a small contribution that fell below the state's disclosure requirement.

Although the practice might be deceptive, it's unclear whether it's illegal.

Backers of the living wage formed a panel to investigate the alleged foul play and make suggestions to keep history from repeating itself. That group delivered its findings last June, and City Hall acted on some of them Tuesday by voting to adopt a series of campaign disclosure reforms.

According to city documents, the following changes were made, among others: The municipal code definition of "committee" was repealed so state law

applies; slate mailer organizations must now file copies of statements required by state law with the City Clerk; committees making expenditures of \$1,000 or more must report them to the City Clerk, except in the case of direct contributions; and the City Clerk must post campaign statements within 24 hours, or as soon as possible.

Tom Larmore, a local attorney who championed the fight against the living wage, said he had no qualm with the added measures regarding slate mailers, which he said made Santa Monica the most heavily regulated city to his knowledge. Still, Larmore questioned the motives of city officials.

"I think what their goal would be is to try to fashion a set of regulations to make it so nobody can compete with (Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights), that's what they'd like to be able to do," Larmore said. "They'd like to be able to keep any competition from expressing their point of view."

Mayor Richard Bloom, a living wage advocate who is endorsed by SMRR for re-election this November, disagreed, saying, "There was a lot of people upset in the community over some of the heavy-handed tactics coming out of the living wage camp, and this was an effort to try and curb that in the future."

On the way to Grandma's house

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The ride also has a more serious element to it. About five years ago my father was diagnosed with Alzheimer's. Since his diagnosis, it has been quite an ordeal for our family, particularly my mother who has been at his side for more than 40 years. Her unwavering fortitude during this time amazes me. It also has brought to light the incredible need for more research in the field. I believe that stem cell research and its derivatives appear to be the most promising. Next year, I am planning an around-the-world motorcycle trip to raise money and garner awareness for stem cell research. This coast-to-coast ride is a tune-up.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Quit whining

Editor:
I am someone who attended Santa Monica Community College some time ago, and remember it fondly. But I tire of reading all the recent whining and sniping coming from the employees’ union representatives, its administrators, faculty and politicians. The problem with SMCC is really simple. It is no longer a community college, but a commuter college. And it’s gotten too big.

Katherine Marie Anderson
Santa Monica

Stairway to the pits

Editor:
Have pet owners completely lost sight of the line that divides humans from animals? Albeit, it is hard to tell a dog from its owner when one uses behavior as a benchmark these days, but there really are certain limits to everything. As a pet owner myself, I am more than sympathetic to the needs of our furry friends. Unless this is the latest recommendation from the veterinarian community, I can’t think of one good reason that a dog should be marched up and down the stairs on Adelaide in the scorching mid-day summer heat in Santa Monica. Tongues hanging, dry, long, and observed once even dragging on the ground, these small victims pant for mercy as they accompany their masters on the road to compulsion for better defined hindquarters. A bowl of water never awaits poor Fido at the top. Instead, he is simply backed into reverse and sent down to make the brutal ascent once more. If that isn’t enough to make a grown man cry, perhaps the mere idea that a pit bull

is lurking dangerously close to your heels might. Or that you have to pass him in either direction, hoping and praying that his loosely held leash will hold him back when he decides to lunge toward you. How many times have your heard someone say “Oh, I KNOW my dog. He would NEVER do that.” For the sake of your animal, leave Fido at home in his yard with some water and a place in the shade. He doesn’t need that type of exercise and those of us who do want our hearts to pound from exertion, not from the fear that close proximity to your dangerous animal brings. This is a potentially lethal situation, and the city of Santa Monica should take a proactive approach to protect its citizens. As we’ve learned from experience, you cannot rely on most people to be either considerate or prudent. This should be prohibited and punishable by a fine.

Susan Marraffa
Santa Monica

Bed tax is a rip-off

Editor:
The Santa Monica City Council that can’t balance its budget wants to steal even more money from our visitors through an increase in the “Transient Occupancy Tax” (SMDP, Aug. 3, page 1). Whatever happened to “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you?” Do you want to be gouged 14 percent by some other city when you go on your family vacation? If not, then don’t do it to our visitors. What does a visitor to Santa Monica get for the 12 percent they pay now? Nothing. What would a visitor get for a 14 percent tax? Nothing, plus an additional one sixth

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GUEST COMMENTARY BY ANDREW BERNSTEIN

The Olympics represent the best of western civilization

The return of the Olympic Games to the country of their birth is an appropriate reminder of their deeper meaning. The Ancient Greeks founded the games because they valued the spectacle of a great athlete striving for victory. But the veneration of athletic achievement is not a quality one finds in all human cultures. Why did the games begin in Ancient Greece as opposed to, say, Ancient Egypt? And why were they revived in 19th-century Europe, rather than, say, Medieval Europe? The answer lies in a rarely recognized aspect of the Olympics — and of major athletic competitions more broadly: their moral significance. Most admirers of the Games can name a particular Olympic moment they found especially inspirational: Michael Johnson in his gold shoes dominating both the 200 and 400 meter sprints in 1996, Nadia Comaneci’s historic perfect “10” in the 1976 Montreal Games, among numerous others. But few recognize the cause of that inspiration: the crucial value of the sight of human achievement. Those of us who, physically, cannot run the 100 meters in 9 seconds, high-jump 8 feet or even pick up a discus can still aspire to significant achievements.

Watching a great athlete perform remarkable deeds engenders in the best of us the question: What might I accomplish in my field and in my life if I embodied the same degree of dedication? The great athlete is inspiring because he reminds us how much is possible to a human being. He is living proof that an individual can reach great attainments and that profuse exertion in pursuit of a daunting goal need not be fruitless. But to derive this sort of value from the sight of human achievement requires that one deem human success and individual achievement important moral values. Classical Greece was the birthplace of the Olympic Games because it was a culture that admired individual human greatness. Greek sculpture, for example, depicted the human form as clean and proud. The Greek gods and goddesses were anthropomorphic beings — they were conceived as powerful and beautiful men and women. In the Olympics, the athletes competed naked in order to better exhibit the perfection of their bodies. This was a culture of man worship, a culture emphasizing the power of man’s mind and the value of human life and happiness on this earth. By contrast, the Olympics could not

have arisen in a culture focused not on living life, but on preparing for death—a culture dominated by obedience to authority and the enslavement of the individual. Compare the Greek legacy of monuments exalting man’s life on earth with the most enduring monument of the Ancient Egyptians: the pyramids—tombs of tyrants built by the decades-long effort of slaves. Likewise, medieval Christians were similarly focused on suffering and death. They regarded man as a depraved being riddled with Original Sin, who belonged on his knees begging forgiveness. This world, in their view, was a mere testing ground of one’s faith in a supernatural being, where earthly success was proof of vice and suffering was proof of virtue. If there had been some kind of Olympic Games among medieval Christians, of what would it have consisted? A competition to see who could flagellate themselves most brutally, or who could endure the most painful hair shirt? The glorification of man’s highest potential and his achievement of this-worldly success would certainly not have been on the program. The Olympics were then reborn only in the 19th century, during the full fruition of the Technological and Industrial Revolutions — an era in which man’s mind, finally liberated from bondage to Pope and King, succeeded in bringing enormous prosperity and increased life expectancies to millions of human beings. Dominated by a commitment to individual freedom and material

prosperity, Western Civilization in the 19th century, too, was a culture of reason and individualism. Pierre de Coubertin, the founder of the modern games, selected Athens as the site of their revival in 1896 to highlight the reverence for man’s proper stature that his era shared with Ancient Greece. He stated: “The Olympiads have been re-established for the rare and solemn glorification of the individual athlete.” The Olympics were born, and then reborn, in essentially secular, man-worshipping societies. The reverence for the physical accomplishments of superb athletes, and the inspiration such hero worship provides to individuals aspiring to significant achievements in their own lives, rests on a deeper philosophy upholding the value of human life on earth, reason as the means by which men further their lives, and the potential nobility of the individual human spirit. In the face of current Middle Eastern religious fanaticism that hates every virtue embodied by Western Civilization, it is well that the Olympics remind us of the secular values embraced by the cradle of that Civilization — Classical Greece.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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of nothing. The tax increase provides nothing for the hotel guests, just the City Council that is too lazy to balance the budget. The hotels already pay tax on the land and the building.

A 12 percent bed tax is stealing. A 10 percent bed tax is gouging almost one fifth more than the California sales tax. At 14 percent, the City Council should be required to have the word "thief" tattooed on their foreheads. Maybe they should collect tax from the transients that sleep in the park and pay no tax at all. Or, maybe have them check out of Santa Monica altogether and then there would be no need for a bed tax at all.

Bunnie Meyer
Santa Monica

Democracy has left the building

Editor:

The same day an Iraqi delegation of civic and community leaders was refused entry into the Memphis City Hall, I had the privilege of hosting a group of Haitian civic and political leaders in my West LA office.

Both groups of leaders were invited and sponsored by our State Department. My Haitian visitors set aside any preconceptions they may have had and asked insightful questions about my work as a community organizer, as a leader for women's and consumers' rights and as a Democratic Party activist. They had just visited with Green Party leaders and were on their way to meet a Republican political consultant. I was proud to represent my country and our democratic process.

Imagine my disgust to read an AP brief that Memphis City Council Chairman Joe Brown decided it was too dangerous to let the Iraqi leaders tour his community's City Hall and that he would "evacuate the building and bring in the bomb squads" if the group entered.

Seems to me, Chairman Brown, if we expect our democracy to work in other countries, we have to work democracy in our own.

Kelly Hayes-Raitt
Santa Monica

Enough is enough

Editor:

I see that Mayor Bloom has taken last week's lead role in detailing the laws that are on the books regarding transients, all the while defending this city's refusal to enforce them.

The fire on the bluffs, (SMDP, Aug. 5, page 1), which was started by his "guests" living in an illegal homeless encampment, not only cost this city thousands of dollars for fire fighters and emergency services, businesses took yet another hit. In particular, my employers lost over half of the workday as a result of the closure of the PCH.

How many thousands of commuters were stuck in the traffic jam that was directly caused by the city of Santa Monica refusing to enforce laws pertaining to transients? By blatant negligence, indifference and incompetence, Mayor Bloom and his partners in crime advocacy, are solely responsible for too many people and businesses losing time and money. Mayor Bloom and his partners have now forced the costs of their "pet keeping" onto not only residents, but onto everyone driving by or through Santa Monica.

Enough is enough. This city's residents, businesses and tourism industry have paid quite enough for this City Council's "social engineering" agenda that has done nothing but degrade this city. This November, these double-talking carpetbaggers have got to go.

Lori Emerson
Santa Monica

Longing for comfort and a gentle stroke



HIP TO BE SQUARE

BY CAROLINE BODKIN

It's raining here. After the long summer, and long after I'd given up hope that the heat would end, the sky opened up and gave cool relief. Last night I slept with the window open — as I do all summer, with the fan on high — but this time it made the sheets cool and the down comforter was just warm enough if I curled myself up and made sure the cold didn't get in.

I laughed at myself for being cold in such mild weather when I come from a place where snow's already fallen. It was at this moment of laughing and remembering when I found my curled-up self, longing for comfort. I realized what that quiet ache was I'd been feeling for days beforehand. I was homesick.

I was born and raised in the same town, and my parents still live in the house they bought when I was 5 months old. My room still has my childhood bed in it, positioned in the same spot as it was when I was 5, so I'm still viscerally aware of the way in which each season's sun shines through the windows and onto it as it rises. And curled up in my bed this morning, still waiting for comfort, I ached to be back in that place of familiarity.

I don't think this feeling ever goes away. My parents have been talking for years about moving: out of the state, out of the house, even out of the country at times. I always nod, "yes," you should move into your dream house after all these years, you should go somewhere you truly love, you should live in that small town of your youth. You should do whatever you want, because you've fulfilled your duty as parents, you've sent your children off into the world, and you deserve to do as you please again. I say all

this, and I believe it. So maybe the homesickness is not about the home, or the way the sun comes in through the windows, or the town itself.

I was a difficult teenager. I came home from school, went straight into my room, shut the door, turned on Pearl Jam, never wanted dinner, talked on the phone to none-of-your business. I'd pick at my parents — especially my mom — over nothing and yell without reason. There were as many silences as there were fights.

But also, there were always as many reconciliations.

I don't know why we'd fight — over what, I mean — other than that at some point I'd hurt my mom's feelings and she'd hurt mine and both of us were too proud to see we were going through the same thing. We'd fight ourselves to sleep, sometimes never fully understanding what over.

But my mom had this habit. In the morning, while I lay there, curled in my blankets and awaiting the sun I'd grown so aware of, she'd open my door slowly, and come over and sit on my bed, and start to talk. As though she'd woken up at 4 a.m. thinking about everything we'd said the night before, she'd come in with a package of words for me that were comforting. She'd stroke my hair, and I'd be able to smile and for that minute I was fine again.

It's been years now. We have a wonderful friendship, and we almost never fight, I almost never yell, and we tell each other almost everything.

But I still find myself curling up in bed, longing so greatly for her hand to stroke my hair. Even if it's not to fix the fight from the night before, but to fix any of the other things that I fear or am sad over.

Then she'd tuck the covers in all the right places to make sure the cold wasn't coming in, and I'd wait for the sun to rise.

(Caroline Bodkin lives in LA now. She can be reached at hiptobesquarebybodkin@yahoo.com).

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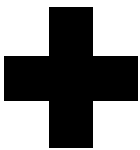


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ried someone from the steel mills and things like that.

“And for some reason or other it wasn’t meant to be for me. As I said, I got married when I was 30, but I had made up my mind. I wanted to do something before I got married and settled down. I was probably one of the first girls in Duquesne who bought her own car.”

Many people criticize City Hall for being anti-small businesses. Would you agree with them?

“I have no problems with the city. I’ve accepted...as I’ve said I use the terminology, evolution. It’s a sign of the times. It wasn’t just Office Depot, Staples and all that. You have all this online ordering. You have all of these other companies that are out there that are doing the same type of business. You have Quills, you have Reliable, you have Boise Cascades. They have outside salesman. I have never had outside salesmen.

“We have always been like a mom-and-pop-type store. We knew all our customers. We watched our customers who had children, when we were on Montana Avenue, their children would get all of their school supplies from us, and then those children grew up and then we watched their children buying the school supplies.

“And then after a while it was like every store started. I mean Savon was carrying school supplies, Von’s was carrying school supplies. So we kind of lost that line. It’s a progression of things, the way things were going.”

Are you upset at having to leave Santa Monica after serving the city for such a long time?

“I’m not bitter because I think, my very last comment to our customers was, ‘It was our pleasure serving you and the Santa Monica community for 37 years.’ It was more like friends. You knew everyone that would come in that was faithful. It was just little things that they needed. They knew that they could get one or two pen refills or they could buy three refills.

“At the tail end, some of the customers would come in and say, ‘Well we stopped off at Staples and we have to buy a dozen, and we only need the three so we came back.’ But we didn’t say anything and I’d say, ‘Well, we still have the three.’ It was not a problem. I can tell you I enjoyed the customers. That was the whole thing. That’s the hardest part for all of us. It’s to leave the customers.”

After being in Santa Monica for 37 years, what made you decide this was the time to move on?

“Well, when you don’t have the sales. Business just kept going slower and slower...I live in Downey and we travel everyday. We leave home every morning at 7:15 to be sure we get here in time with that freeway traffic.

I’m 72, my husband is 80, and we’ve kept the business going.

“But the thing is, I’m closing with a clean record. I don’t owe anybody any money, and I don’t want someone to close me. It’s on my own terms and everything.

“Like I said, the landlords have been very kind to me. They have not raised the lease payments in several years just so that I could still be here to serve Santa Monica.”

What have you told your faithful customers?

“I told my customers, ‘I’m taking all of your records home with me.’ I’ll keep the computer alive until the end of the year...I have to tell you how they would order over the phone.

“We would have these young girls, they’d say, ‘You know Dessie that paper that we like that has fish on it,’ and I say, ‘Yeah the great white whale, the recycled paper.’

““You know the other one that we like with the red and white package?’ And I’d say, ‘Yeah, I know that number too.’

“So I actually downloaded history usage files and told them these are the right numbers, whoever you get to deliver, you have to order by that number and not say, ‘You know those pens that we like, the ones with the grey barrel.’”

Now that you have all of this free time, what do you plan on doing with it?

“Plan on doing? At 72? I do a lot of volunteer work. I just plan on devoting more time to church work. Actually, I’ve even been offered a job from one of our customers, but I said no simply because I live in Downey. She said, ‘You know so much about offices and organizing, maybe you should start a business called Office Overhaul.’ You know, just go in and work a couple of months, and I said no.

“I do volunteer work and...I think work and activity keep a person young. It definitely does. I’ve worked since I was 13 years old. I’ve enjoyed wherever I was involved or what I’ve done.

“I actually do a catering service for the church, fundraisers for the church. I don’t do all the hard work, but I do the organizing, the ordering, and I get the workers and we have 85 year olds peeling 100, 200 pounds of potatoes. But see, that keeps them active and involved. And we usually make around \$25,000 - \$35,000 a year for the church.

“Actually I’ve already received phone calls from one of my members at church asking when am I going to be available to make poppyseed rolls that we’re going to take to our church camp up in Jackson.

“So see, everyone has plans for me...I’ll just wait and see where I’m supposed to be. I definitely won’t be overhauling offices. I just want to do something where I can give back. Like I said, I love people.”

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A sharp-eyed scout spots something in the water

(Editor's note: This is the final installment of a three-part serial narrative on an abandoned scuba diver off the California coast. The first article ran in the Aug. 4 edition, and the second one was printed in the Aug. 6 edition).

BY CHELSEA J. CARTER

AP National Writer

NEWPORT BEACH — After zigzagging across the busy shipping lanes, the tall ship Argus was heading back toward its home port. Although the fog was beginning to lift, lookouts scanned the waters for hazards.

Zack Mayberry was enjoying the adventure. The tanned 15-year-old Sea Scout had been taking it in from beside the old ship's wheel, but he wanted to be more a part of it. He headed to Capt. Fred Bockmiller's quarters and asked to join in the watch.

Working on the ship's log at a wooden desk, Bockmiller sensed the kid's excitement. He set his log book aside, lifted up the desk top, and pulled out the captain's heavy black binoculars.

"Don't lose them," he barked.

It was shortly after 12:30 p.m. Other Boy Scouts were scattered about the ship.

In the galley, Tyler Underwood, 14, was on cleanup duty from lunch. Christian Clemesha and Stefan Pigorsch, both 16, were taking a nap. The two, like the rest of the scouts, were tired after having been awakened in the middle of the night to take their turn at an hourly watch.

On the quarter deck, Philip Beckman was learning to tie monkey knots. At 13, he was among the youngest on the Argus. Toward the front of the ship, Mike Cooke, 17, was "just hanging out," enjoying the warm sun that was finally burning through the fog.

At his post and peering through the binoculars, Zack called out sightings to Craig McNeill, the crew member manning the wheel. It helped McNeill keep a safe distance from other craft.

Boat to starboard, Zack called out. Boat to port. Between spottings, he and McNeill talked about the trip and the once-blinding fog.

Then, with the binoculars lowered for a moment, something caught Zack's eye off the ship's port side. Something was waving in the ocean.

A yellow balloon? Trash? He had seen both in the water earlier.

He quickly lifted the binoculars to his eyes. He blinked. Then he looked again.

Is that a person?

"Hey Craig," he said, almost too quietly, "I think it's a man overboard."

He wanted to make sure he wasn't seeing things.

McNeill took the binoculars, gave a quick look and turned back toward Zack. Together, the two began to yell: "Man overboard! Man overboard! Man overboard!"

From his cabin, Bockmiller heard the yelling.

"Why is Al pulling another drill," he thought as he climbed onto the deck. Over the years, Bockmiller had become accustomed to first mate Al Sorkin surprising the scouts with drills. But why now?

On the other side of the ship, Sorkin was wondering why Bockmiller was conducting a drill.

In the bunks below, the awakened teenagers had the same reaction and hustled on deck to find out what was going on. Other scouts came running. Soon, following Zack's lead, they began to point, most unsure what they were pointing at in the port side waves.

Then Cooke shouted: "There really is somebody out there!"

Bockmiller followed the pointing fingers — the boys' lesson from the day earlier — scanning with the binoculars.

"It's a dead man," he thought. "We're going to have to bring a corpse on board."

And yet when he looked again, the body moved.

Bockmiller grabbed the radio next to the ship's wheel and called out an Urgent Marine Broadcast:

"We have a person in the water!"

The ship in the distance, slowly coming into view, was the first Dan Carlock had seen in about four hours that he'd been bobbing in the chilly Pacific.

And yet, this was a ship from a storybook, or a dream. It had tall masts and billowing sails.

Is that real? he asked himself. Am I seeing things? He had been trying to keep himself focused and rational,

but...

No, the tall ship was real and it was coming toward him. Then it turned.

Out loud, he said: "Is it coming toward me or not?"

It turned back in his direction. He started blowing his whistle, waving a yellow-green neon tube and flailing his arms. He hadn't realized how weak he had become. His legs were like jelly.

"Do they see me? Please see me."

Over the loudspeaker at the Coast Guard operations center in Long Beach, Bockmiller's call puzzled Sandy Needle.

The Argus' captain gave a latitude and longitude that put him 10.5 miles south of the search at the shipwreck where a Coast Guard cutter was circling. This call was off the coast of Newport Beach.

Another lost diver, Needle thought.

Speeding over the waves toward Carlock, McNeill and trainee Jace Hanavan looked back from the Argus Tender to get directions from the pointing fingers of the crew and scouts standing on the deck.

"Boy, am I glad to see you," Carlock blurted as they eased up beside him, then pulled him into the tender. Within minutes he was being helped from the tender to the deck of the tall ship, with the pirate-like Sorkin barking orders: Get blankets. Warm water. Find dry clothing.

Unsteady on his legs, with a stunned expression on his pale face, Carlock settled down on the galley deck. Suddenly, there were hands helping him remove his diving gear and stripping off his wet suit. Somebody was wrapping him in blankets. Someone gave him a pair of sweat pants.

Sorkin peppered Carlock with questions.

Are there others?

Did your boat capsize?

Carlock began to answer, giving a brief glimpse of his ordeal.

He was cold, tired and emotionally drained. But, as the Argus advised the Coast Guard, "He's alive and he's talking."

"What's the name of the missing diver?" Needle

radioed the dive ship Sundiver, from which he'd been lost.

"Dan Carlock."

"What's the name of your diver?" Needle asked Bockmiller on the Argus.

"He says his name is Dan Carlock," the captain said. "He says he's been in the water for more than four hours."

He had been found drifting several miles from the oil rig. So why, Needle wondered, had the Coast Guard been sent to a shipwreck location, more than 10 miles north?

Coast Guard officials eventually pieced together what had happened: The Sundiver had left the diver near the oil rig on its first dive, then proceeded to its second diving spot, the shipwreck.

The owner of Ocean Adventures Dive Co., Steve Ladd, said in a written statement that Carlock's "dive buddy," who had only met him that morning and who has not been identified, did not report him missing.

At the end of the first dive, a dive master called roll and heard everyone answer, Ladd's statement said.

"A visual verification was not done," the statement added. And the Sundiver moved on.

The Coast Guard cited Sundiver Capt. Ray Arntz with negligence. He received a one-month suspension of the Coast Guard-issued license that allows him to transport passengers, and was ordered to perform 80 hours of community service.

Safe aboard the Argus, Carlock counted his blessings as he wolfed a ham sandwich, a fruit cup and a pudding.

After he told how he had been left behind on a scuba outing and had floated for hours unsure if he would live, Capt. Bockmiller told about the tall ship's roundabout journey in the fog to the point where their paths crossed. He introduced the Sea Scout who'd spotted him, who had just wanted to be part of the adventure.

"Thank you for saving me," Carlock said.

The lanky teen shyly shook his hand. Then he headed back to the galley deck, lay down, closed his tired eyes and dozed under the now sunny sky.



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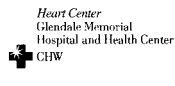
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Research notes differences in elk reaction to wolves

BY BECKY BOHRER
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BILLINGS, Mont. — Not much seems to stand in the way of some bull elk having a meal — not even, new research indicates, the threat of becoming a main course for hungry wolves.

Researchers believe that famished bull elk in the northwestern part of the Yellowstone ecosystem become so intent in the winter on bulking up after a stressful autumn that they leave themselves more vulnerable to attack by wolves. In fact, researchers believe, bull elk are at six times greater risk of falling prey to wolves than cow elk.

The research is among the work being conducted to gain a better understanding of how the reintroduction of gray wolves

has affected the Yellowstone ecosystem, especially wildlife such as elk.

Some sportsmen's groups and opponents of the federal government's wolf reintroduction program have argued wolves are responsible for what they contend is a noticeable decline in elk populations in and around Yellowstone National Park.

Ken Hamlin, a research biologist with the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks who is involved in the research, said one of its objectives is to determine if elk populations are declining, and whether wolves are a major factor.

"It's possible some of what people say is true and some is not," he said.

When researchers first set out to work in 2001, the goal was simply to find out how many elk in Montana's Gallatin Canyon, which includes an area north of

Yellowstone National Park, were being killed by wolves.

But they soon found interesting behavioral patterns by elk and broadened their scope, said John Winnie Jr., a doctoral student in ecology at Montana State University.

By winter, bull elk often are famished because of stresses from the mating season and a decline in the quantity and quality of food. They routinely lose up to 20 percent of their body weight by December, Winnie said. By that point, they'll eat like it's their last meal — and for some it is.

When wolves begin to move in, he said, "bulls don't respond, at least to the extent of cows, and they're paying the price."

Since cows have more stored fat, they

don't need to eat as much and can spend more time on the lookout for danger, said Scott Creel, a Montana State University ecologist.

If bulls pulled themselves away from eating, Winnie said, it would mean almost certain starvation — "and I think they would rather take their chances."

Winnie sees no cause for alarm in what researchers have found.

"It would take a huge, huge reduction in bulls before I think we would see any real impact on the population," he said. "So far, I wouldn't feel comfortable saying we're heading for trouble or anything. I don't see that in the research yet."

But outfitter Lee Hart believes trouble arrived with the wolves. The veteran outfitter from Gallatin Gateway, south Bozeman, said he hasn't seen many elk for quite some time and puts the blame squarely on wolves. He said he's had to focus on the summer trade because the hunting business in that area north of the park has dried up.

"You cannot book return hunters without at least showing them an elk," said Hart, who's also president of the Montana Outfitters and Guides Association.

At trade shows, "when you try to recruit a new hunter, the first thing they will ask is if you have wolves," he said. "And if you don't lie to them, if you say you're in the middle of them, they keep walking down the aisle. That's what's happened to the state of Montana."

Such concerns just underscore the importance of better understanding the relationships between elk and wolves, Hamlin said.

Jon Schwedler, a spokesman for the Predator Conservation Alliance, said he had not seen the research but said his group is interested in science-based decisions for managing wildlife — elk and wolves included.

Research has been conducted in the northwestern part of Yellowstone National Park and in parts of southern Montana, between Bozeman and West Yellowstone. A major bull wintering spot lies within a piece of the study area that has also had plenty of wolf activity, Hamlin said. The study area has contained on average about 1,700 elk — it's now between 1,000 and 1,200, Winnie said — and as many as 15 wolves.

The federal government launched its wolf reintroduction program in and around Yellowstone beginning in 1995. Today, it is estimated that more than 800 wolves roam in Idaho, Montana and Wyoming.

They remain under federal protection, but wildlife managers have said they're ready to move toward handing management responsibilities for wolves to the three states, once each has a plan deemed acceptable to ensure the wolves' survival. Plans from Idaho and Montana were accepted, but federal officials rejected Wyoming's plan. That state is suing over the rejection.

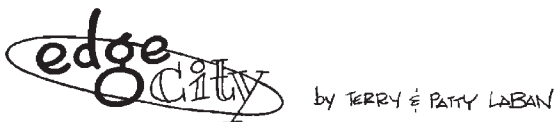
Meanwhile, research continues, exploring such topics as whether wolves' presence affects elk grazing — officials say this could also have implications for calves — and stress levels in elk when wolves are around.

"What we want to find out ultimately is, how do the direct and indirect effects affect the population as a whole?" Winnie said.

Researchers have found that elk tend to break into small groups when wolves come near them. Researchers believe the smaller groupings are meant to help reduce the odds of detection.



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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE
NO. 04-1733249 FIRST FILING. The following per-
son(s) is (are) doing business as Cristal Clear
Cleaning Services, 9863 Rosecrans Ave. Bellflow-
er CA 90706. The full name of registrant(s) is/are :
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-1932125 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Platinum Connections, 1917 20th Street Santa Monica CA 90404. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Keyla R. Bell 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/: Keyla R. Bell This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 7/23/2004. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 8/9/2004, 8/16/2004, 8/23/2004, 8/30/2004

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-1906821 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Kusina De Manile, 1559 E. Amar Road Suite C West Covina CA 91792. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Faustino A.S. Sebastian IV 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/: Faustino A.S. Sebastian This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 7/26/2004. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 8/9/2004, 8/16/2004, 8/23/2004, 8/30/2004

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-1905103 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Glamour Stars Studio, 7625 E. Rosecrans Ave. Suite#1 Paramount CA 90723. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Jorge Nava This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Jorge Nava This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 7/26/2004. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 8/9/2004, 8/16/2004, 8/23/2004, 8/30/2004

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-1908228 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Chase Logistics, 4937 Virginia Ave. Long Beach CA 90805. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Randall Carl Hodge 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/: Randall Carl Hodge This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 7/26/2004. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 8/9/2004, 8/16/2004, 8/23/2004, 8/30/2004

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-1904712 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as D.A. Rich Properties, 2473 Sunbright Drive Diamond Bar CA 91765. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Terry Rich 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/: Terry Rich This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 7/26/2004. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 8/9/2004, 8/16/2004, 8/23/2004, 8/30/2004

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-1920129 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as A Notary 2 U, 25034 Pennsylvania Avenue Lomita CA 90717. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Gabriela R. Serpa 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/: Gabriela R. Serpa This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 7/27/2004. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 8/9/2004, 8/16/2004, 8/23/2004, 8/30/2004

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-1949684 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Delux Interior Repair, 434 Vista St. Pasadena CA 91107. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Ggaik Srappyan 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/: Gagik Srappyan, Gohar Srappyan This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 7/29/2004. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 8/9/2004, 8/16/2004, 8/23/2004, 8/30/2004

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-1953400 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Gardenlamps, 13336 E. Valley Blvd. La Puente CA 91746. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Chai Network 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/: Andy Li This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 7/29/2004. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 8/9/2004, 8/16/2004, 8/23/2004, 8/30/2004

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-1937437 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Power Appraisals, Infinity Appraisals, AAA Appraisals, 221 Termino Ave. Long Beach CA 90803. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Crocodile Tears Inc. 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/: Bradley Brandon This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 7/28/2004. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 8/9/2004, 8/16/2004, 8/23/2004, 8/30/2004

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-1934336 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as The Floral & Gift Company, Covina Floral & Gift Company, Pomona Floral & Gift Company, 425 East Arrow Hwy #831 Glendora CA 91740. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : The Floral & Gift Company 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)7/28/2004. /s/: Michael J. Gagigas This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 7/28/2004. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of it-self 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 8/9/2004, 8/16/2004, 8/23/2004, 8/30/2004

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-1937431 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as California Systems Solutions, 2938 Marsh Street Los Angeles

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CA 90039. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Rayn Jerez 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)7/28/2004. /s/: Rayn Jerez, Etzel Becerra, Armando Becerra This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 7/28/2004. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 8/9/2004, 8/16/2004, 8/23/2004, 8/30/2004

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-1893605 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as A-1 Pump Inc., 423 W. Maple Ave. Monrovia CA 91016. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : A-1 Pump Inc. 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/: Brabara Martin This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 7/23/2004. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 8/9/2004, 8/16/2004, 8/23/2004, 8/30/2004

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-1868834 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Discount Connection, 67h Place Suite A Long Beach CA 90802. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : William Franceschine This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: William Franceschine This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 7/21/2004. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 8/9/2004, 8/16/2004, 8/23/2004, 8/30/2004

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-1921029 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Green Rabbit Garage, 2422 Huntington Dr. Duarte CA 91010. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Tony Nguyen Miyamoto 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/: ony Miyamoto, Cherice Miyamoto, Christopher Verpeegtoh This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 7/27/2004. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 8/9/2004, 8/16/2004, 8/23/2004, 8/30/2004

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-2030151 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Tentana Salon, 739 10th Street Suite A Santa Monica CA 90402. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Michael Mitchell 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/: Michael Mitchell This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 8/6/2004. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 8/9/2004, 8/16/2004, 8/23/2004, 8/30/2004

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-2030152 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Preppy Propaganda, 3555 Beethoven St. Los Angeles CA 90066. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Ryann Davis 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)8/6/2004. /s/: Ryann Davis This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 8/6/2004. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 8/9/2004, 8/16/2004, 8/23/2004, 8/30/2004

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-2030153 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Notary Public Westside, Income Tax Preparation & Bookkeeping Service, California Therapeutic Massage, 2048 14th Street Santa Monica CA 90405. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Dee Ostrowski 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/: Dee Ostrowski This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 8/6/2004. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 8/9/2004, 8/16/2004, 8/23/2004, 8/30/2004

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-2002473 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Dorsenne Designs, Christopher Dorsenne, 937 N. Crescent Heights Blvd. Los Angeles CA 90406. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Christopher Slevin 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/: Christopher Slevin This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 8/4/2004. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 8/9/2004, 8/16/2004, 8/23/2004, 8/30/2004

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-1875974 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Q Nails Spa, 2497 B Foothill Blvd La Verne CA 91750. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Kien Su Yang 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/: Kien Su Yang This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 7/22/2004. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 8/2/2004, 8/9/2004, 8/16/2004, 8/23/2004

FILE NO. 04-1893515 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENTS THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: The Songwriter Collective, 1831 Colorado Ave.Santa Monica, CA 90404 The full name of registrant(s) is/are : The Songwriter Collective (CALIFORNIA), Santa Monica, CA 90404This Business is being conducted, A Limited Liability The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name/names listed above on: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein./s/: Harold W. Carr, CEO This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 7/23/04 indicated by the file stamp above. NOTICE- THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another federal, state, or common law(see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code).SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Published 7/27/04, 8/2/04, 8/9/04, 8/16/04

LA BELLA Vita Event PlanningFICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-1785820 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as La Bella Vita Event Planning, 554 Canyon Hill Road San Dimas CA 91773. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Jennifer Sarzotti 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/: Jennifer Sarzotti This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 7/13/2004. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 7/26/2004, 8/2/2004, 8/9/2004, 8/16/2004

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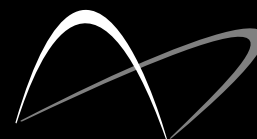
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Actor Don Johnson must pay \$6,000 grocery tab

By The Associated Press

ASPEN, Colo. — Actor Don Johnson has been ordered to pay a grocery store nearly \$6,000 for an unpaid tab.

Pitkin County District Judge Erin Fernandez-Ely said Johnson must pay \$5,470 for his past-due balance at Clark's Market, along with \$426.85 in interest and court costs of \$101.

Johnson did not file a response to Clark's lawsuit.

In May his 17-acre ranch near Aspen was put on sale amid a bankruptcy filing.

Johnson, who starred in TV's "Miami Vice" and "Nash Bridges" and appeared in the movie "Tin Cup," bought the ranch 16 years ago, said Joshua Saslove, the real estate broker listing the property.

Los Angeles-based City National Bank sued Johnson in March, seeking to force an auction of the property to recoup \$930,000 it claimed Johnson owed.

SAN FRANCISCO — San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom and his wife, television legal analyst Kimberly Guilfoyle Newsom, get the star treatment in the September issue of Harper's Bazaar.

But it's the missus who's at the top of the ticket in an opulent fashion spread headlined "The New Kennedys."

The spread features the former model posing prettily in front of a pool table, her husband in the background. Another picture shows the pair spooning on a carpet at the mansion of philanthropist Ann Getty, the mayor wearing a \$995 Hugo Boss tuxedo, the first lady dolled up in a \$1,998 gown and \$575 pumps by Ralph Lauren.

Harper's contributing editor Nancy Collins writes that the couple's union "promises to be one of the most

glamorous political unions since Jack and Jackie."

Newsom, who made national headlines this year by granting marriage licenses to same-sex couples, told the magazine he respects his wife's professional success. Guilfoyle Newsom, a former prosecutor, appears on Court TV and provides legal commentary for CNN.

"It's this wonderful combination of being in love and extraordinarily proud," he said.

PLAINS, Ga. — Former first lady Rosalynn Carter urged visitors at a health fair to monitor their minds as well as their bodies.

"There's not too much you can do if you're not mentally healthy," Carter said Saturday at the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Boys & Girls Club in their south Georgia hometown of Plains.

Carter, a longtime advocate for mental health programs, also thanked Pfizer Inc. for giving millions in free medicine to needy Georgians.

The event was sponsored by a local hospital and other organizations.

BOSTON — Boston Pops conductor Keith Lockhart has separated from his wife, Boston Symphony Orchestra violinist Lucia Lin.

The couple, who have been married nearly eight years and have an 11-month-old son, asked for privacy in a short statement issued by Symphony Hall Friday.

"Mr. Lockhart and Ms. Lin are working amicably and cooperatively together toward a joint resolution of their affairs," the statement said.

Lin is a first violinist for the BSO. The two have performed together in Lin's chamber music group, Innuendo.

Lockhart, 44, has been with the Pops since 1995. He is also music director for the Utah Symphony.

BOMBAY, India — An award-winning documentary by Rakesh Sharma that chronicles one of India's most painful episodes of Hindu-Muslim violence has been banned by state censors who said it could trigger more unrest.

Sharma said Friday he would approach the Bombay High Court to challenge the ruling on the film, "Final Solution," which has footage of sobbing women, burning homes and angry mobs along with speeches of Hindu nationalists.

"People who make hate speeches should be banned and not the filmmaker who records it," he told The Associated Press.

The film records the 2002 religious rioting in the western state of Gujarat, which killed more than 1,000 people, most of whom were Muslims. The riots broke when Hindu mobs set off a wave of revenge killings after the burning of a train that left 60 Hindus dead. The attack was blamed on Muslims, but government agencies investigating the incident have not been able to confirm that.

The censor board said in a two-page that the documentary was "highly provocative and may trigger off unrest and communal violence." Singapore also banned the film from its film festival.

Anand Patwardhan, a veteran documentary filmmaker, said the film must be released in India "as a warning against genocide because it shows how this could happen anywhere."

"Final Solution" is scheduled for release in 40 art house cinemas in Germany next month, where it won two awards at this year's Berlin Film Festival.

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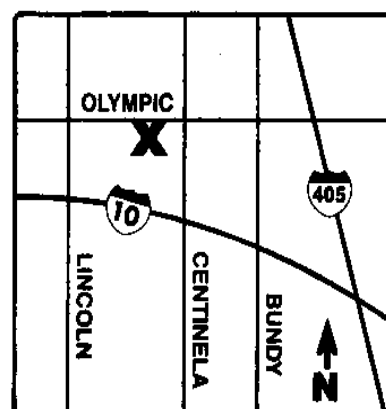
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