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THE PIZZA HANGOVER ISSUE

City Hall trying to unify its house

BY KEVIN HERRERA | Daily Press Staff Writer

CIVIC CENTER Having outgrown City Hall more than a decade ago, city officials are forced to lease roughly 43,000 square feet of office space at a cost of \$130,000 a month so that employees can work with each other instead of on top of one another.

The lack of adequate elbow room within City Hall — where there are over 400 employees crammed into 66,000 square feet — and the physical disconnect between departments situated outside of the Civic Center are making it difficult for employees to function at their very best, those

familiar with the situation said. This has put pressure on the City Council and the City Manager's Office to develop a plan to address growth, something which is expected to be discussed this fall.

"I don't think there is a question in anybody's mind that we need some additional space for City Hall, it's just how to best achieve it, both in the short term and the long term," said Assistant City Manager Gordon Anderson, who has been actively involved in creating options for the council to consider, which includes the construction of a temporary office building behind City Hall where the old jail once stood.

Another option could be to continue leasing space and start construction on a permanent municipal services building. The Civic Center Specific Plan identified the need for more than 40,000 square feet, and that does not include space needed to make City Hall more functional.

"We do not have the most efficient layout of space for our employees," Anderson said. "And while our employees are very productive, I think we could provide better space for them and there is a recognition on the council that they would like to see that happen."

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1423 Abbot Kinney Blvd., Venice, 11 a.m. — 6 p.m.

Tonight's opening reception presents a series of cibachrome photographic prints which are juxtaposed with Elizabeth Paige Smith's film installation of a suburban neighborhood consumed by technological hell and the resulting effort to find sanctuary within.

For more information, call (310) 392-8060.

Hatha Yoga at FPC

1220 Second St., 7 p.m. — 8:15 p.m.

Yoga instructor John Sweetman will lead in the Renaissance Room at First Presbyterian Church of Santa Monica. Cost is \$5 per class.

Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2007

Argentine Tango concert

1715 Olympic Blvd., 7 p.m. — 8 p.m.

Crossroads School presents an evening of Tango music with the Los Angeles Tango Ensemble, featuring Jose Luis "Pepe" Motta on piano, Coco Trivisonno on Bandoneon, and other special guests. The evening's program will include Argentine Tango music in its many forms, traditional (40s and 50s), modern (Astor Piazzolla, 70s/80s), and contemporary (original works by ensemble members).

\$10 suggested donation at the door. To RSVP, contact Marta Motta (818) 231-3927 or e-mail her at martamotta2003@yahoo.com

Fall prevention for Seniors

2317 Broadway, 8 a.m. — 7 p.m.

Balance Classes for Senior Citizens are available through the end of summer every Tuesday and Thursday at Clinicare. For more information or to make an appointment, call (310) 829-2225 or visit www.clinicaresantamonica.com.

Green Living Workshop #79

1744 Pearl St., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

Learn how to save \$200 a year on utilities, cut landfill waste by 50% and brush up on the latest Eco-Info in this six-week course. Suggested residential donations are \$25 for Santa Monica residents and \$50 for Los Angeles residents. For more information or to register, call the Sustainable Works office at (310) 458-8716.

Toddler Story Time for Twos

2601 Main St., 10 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

The Ocean Park Library hosts an afternoon of stories and music for toddlers, aged 24 — 36 months, accompanied by an adult. Registration is required. To register call (310) 392-3804.

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TAKING A STAND: Pastor James Boline's St. Paul's Lutheran Church welcomes parishioners of all sexual orientations.

COMMUNITY PROFILES | PASTOR JAMES BOLINE

Gay pastor takes a stand

BY GERRY SHIH
Special to the Daily Press

At the heart of this serene residential neighborhood, a few blocks removed from the Pacific Ocean and comfortably shaded by aging oaks, St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Santa Monica stands in simple, white-washed dignity. Located on an intersection where even passing cars obediently slow to a full halt at the stop signs, this church, at first glance, is the last place on Earth to find a rebel.

But to enter the sanctuary, churchgoers must pass underneath the first, and most distinct, symbol of Pastor James Boline's steadfast defiance against his own

Evangelical Lutheran Church of America: A prominent rainbow flag fluttering above the arched entrance.

Ever since Boline made an unprecedented move by publicly announcing his committed gay relationship before a hall of 2,000 ministers in 2005, he has been thrust to the forefront of a movement within a deeply divided church — America's fourth largest denomination with nearly 9.6 million self-identified Lutherans — wrestling with the issue of sexuality and partnered gay clergy. The ELCA's members nationwide convened again last weekend in Chicago. Boline, who is recovering from surgery, surely would've been a considerable presence in Chicago,

but his doctor ruled out him flying.

Boline's 15 minutes of fame occurred roughly two years ago, during an emotional open forum debate on whether or not gay partnered clergy would be permitted, at the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America's (ELCA) biennial national assembly in Orlando. Boline's speech stunned the hall, as he revealed himself to be precisely the minister that the majority of the Church wanted defrocked. A few of his colleagues glared at him, and press photographers immediately mobbed him.

Friends and family for the most part were shocked, as Boline had only ever dis-

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Construction jobs take hit during July

BY ALEX VEIGA
AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES California payrolls shed 8,600 jobs in July, with the hard-hit construction sector posting the biggest losses, the state reported Friday.

Battered by the housing slump, the sector lost 7,800 jobs. Other losses were seen in the trade, information, transportation and utilities, and educational and health services sectors.

July's decline followed a revised increase of 2,900 jobs in June, the Employment Development Department said.

Nationally, employers added 135,000 jobs in July, in line with the 132,000 positions added in June.

Job growth has been slowing nationally for several months, in large part due to the sharp downturn in the housing market.

The construction and mortgage industries thrived during the housing boom. But hiring in both areas has suffered as builders scale back new construction and many mortgage lenders struggle to stay in business amid a financing crunch.

"The housing slowdown has hit us here worse than the rest of the country because we had more people here who had bought recently and are holding loans they may not be able to handle," said Stephen Levy, senior economist of the Center for Continuing Study of the California Economy.

The impact has been partially offset by a technology sector revival, particularly in Northern California. In addition, there has been continued strength in exports flowing through the state's major seaports and logistics hubs.

Another bright spot has been wages, which are up this year on average between 4 percent and 5 percent, while inflation is running under 3 percent, Levy said.

Still, the number of people looking for work in California last month inched higher, boosting the state unemployment rate to 5.3 percent, compared to 5.2 percent in June, the state agency said. The rate was 4.8 percent in July 2006.

All told, 960,000 Californians were seeking jobs last month, up 18,000 from June and 98,000 from the year-ago period, the state said.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Work together for the homeless
Editor:

You have to understand the problems the homeless have with dealing with the different agencies located and ran by Santa Monica City. What is of most importance here is that we all take a breath and try to find out the truth. Why, after decades of failure, the problems still exist?

At first my intentions were to really tell how dishonorable the city fathers are at dealing with the number one problem in Santa Monica. But, I realized the actual problem of homelessness was many fold and the poor cities have no way of understanding or solving them. They just don't think along spiritual lines.

What I have learned from Pastor Robert at Loveland Church is simple and directly from the Bible. If you want to change, or improve your station in life, your first step is in your mind, then heart, and soon it will begin to change. The city has never aided such Hobo churches, only hindered. Just think about it: If a gathering of homeless people were taught how to improve themselves spiritually, they would soon "Want to be off the streets."

Remembering that these so-called counselors in most programs do not try to help their clients, they only work to get their paychecks. Nothing is wrong with this scenario because this is why most people in America work. But let's take a look at the only Hobo church in Santa Monica. The "only" church that accepts men and women as they are. The only church that tries its best to explain the Bible to the Hobos and in turn helps them far greater than such programs as the "Great Money Hound" of Santa Monica, OPCC. I will explain.

On December 2006 the City of Santa Monica paid approximately \$130,000 to fund a report by the Urban Institute in Washington, D.C. that was in their files all along. What this report states is that the city receives approximately \$24 million from several federal agencies for the homeless. What happens next is that the city uses this money for numerous buildings in the name of homeless becoming the largest building contractor in Santa Monica. Wouldn't it be nice to see a Federal Agency investigate where this money goes to and whom owns the properties they build on.

Also, what should be investigated is why so many city buildings sat empty while they could be of great use by volunteer agencies that help the homeless out of compassion and love and not because they want a paycheck. Maybe some of these wealthy philanthropists around the city should realize that their money could be of greater use if given to people who care.

The truth is that OPCC has an "in" with city fathers and whatever they ask for, they receive. They pout and the city crumbles to their knees. To The City of Santa Monica, OPCC is like the politicians in the Bible, they have two daughters, give me and give me more.

As of recent, the homeless community and some of the indoor volunteer meal programs are quickly coming to an impasse with the city and some of the programs that receive millions of dollars from them. The problem being that the city seems to be changing some of their promises made in contracts with the meal programs and the big money programs are trying to control the volunteer programs that do the work out of love and not money.

What I personally want from the city and the homeless population is that we ALL pull together and try our best to improve the situation. If the city can not get with the program then they should back off, hire people that are qualified and not just related to bosses and allow volunteer programs such as Hand 2 Hand and Hope to do their duty and stop interfering.

Remember guys, all you need is LOVE.

Milton Billingsley
Santa Monica



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Bill Bauer

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Planters, palms vex SM residents

WHEN I HEAR THE CITY IS PROPOSING to enhance, upgrade or "improve" a street, I get antsy.

Call me distrustful, but I anticipate this means more curb extensions, islands, speed bumps and traffic jamming designed to further City Hall's green, "discourage 'em from driving" agenda.

I joined a couple of Pico neighborhood friends last Tuesday evening in Virginia Park to review the latest street beautification proposal for Cloverfield Boulevard and 20th Streets between Pico Boulevard and the Santa Monica Freeway.

The \$3.5-million, 10-years-in-the-works project was identified as only beautification and landscaping without any traffic reconfiguration. Yet, when we looked at the presentation, one change was more than just cosmetic. One of the two northbound traffic lanes on 20th Street dead-ended into a planter containing six trees just before the intersection with Delaware Avenue. On the other side of Delaware, the missing lane magically reappeared.

"What is this?" I asked Linda Daily from AHBE the landscape architectural firm hired by the city to design and consult on the project. Why merge two busy traffic lanes into a "single" lane — for a planter? She said there was no intent to interfere with traffic. But, there it was in black and white: A classic bottleneck.

There were other traffic issues, too. At the Cloverfield and Virginia Avenue intersection, curb bumpouts or "radii" extending into the intersection eliminated the curb/parking lane for turns. Daily claimed the radii didn't interfere with Cloverfield traffic, they were contained within the curb/parking lanes.

The next morning, I called Spiros Lazaris, the city's project manager and Civil Engineer overseeing the project under the auspices of the city's Environmental and Public Works Department. Lazaris assured me that the offending planter on the presentation had been relocated back to the sidewalk leaving the two northbound 20th Street traffic lanes intact. He said they also reduced the extended curb radii at the Virginia and Cloverfield intersection to ease turns and traffic movement.

My friends and I wondered whether these traffic alterations would be in the finished project if we hadn't spotted them in the public presentation.

Ellen Gelbard, the manager of the Planning Division, said that the Planning and Traffic Management departments hadn't seen the final public presentation — only preliminary concepts. She added that the 20th/Cloverfield streetscape project was strictly a "greening" project and the planter location would have been corrected when the final engineering drawings were done because there was "no intention to change traffic patterns." Honest mistake? Deliberate? Either way, it explains why we have so much bad traffic, here.

However, knowing how much City Hall

likes to screw with vehicular traffic, it'll be interesting to see if the planter and overly large curb radii somehow turn up in the final streetscape plan after going before our traffic calming, gridlock-loving City Council — or, worse yet, what future lane striping schemes will pop up to vex the 18,000 motorists traveling along 20th Street each day.

CITY COUNCIL APPROVED THE CONCEPT AND INITIATED A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR A CONTROVERSIAL 325-UNIT HOUSING PROJECT ON 3.3 ACRES OF OPEN PUBLIC LAND IN THE CIVIC CENTER.

Speaking of City Council, last Tuesday's meeting didn't go well for residents. City Council approved the concept and initiated a development agreement for a controversial 325-unit housing project on 3.3 acres of open public land in the Civic Center. "The Village" will set new standards for height (96 feet) and density. Kudos to Councilmen Bobby Shriver and Bob Holbrook for voting against this ugly behemoth.

The council also voted to remove a number of mature Ficus and Palm trees on Second and Fourth streets, between Wilshire Boulevard and Colorado Avenue, as a part of a \$8.2-million redo of downtown streets parallel to the Third Street Promenade. The tree removal has angered many Santa Monicans as unnecessary and a waste of beautiful foliage. Kevin McKeown was the lone vote to save the trees.

City Council voted to reappoint Terry O'Day to a second term on Planning Commission. School advocate, Gleam Davis and sustainable city advocate, Jim Ries from the Pico Neighborhood were tapped for inaugural terms on the commission. Somehow, I sense that this body is heading toward an even more Utopian and pro-development inclination — a direction I think most Santa Monicans wish not to travel.

Considering there might be two or more possible Planning Commissioners contemplating a City Council run in the 2008 elections, you can bet I'll be watching their voting very closely.

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Tyranny's instruments seem to be everywhere

TWO YEARS AGO, IN AN ARTICLE ENTITLED "It Can't Happen Here," Congressman Ron Paul cautioned, "We are not yet living in a total police state, but it is fast approaching."

A lot can happen in two years.

In fact, a lot has happened over the past two years, most of it aimed at amassing greater power for the government while undermining the rights of American citizens. And I would venture to say that Rep. Paul's fears may have come to pass.

For example, sometime in the past two years, President Bush quietly claimed the authority to allow government agents to open the private mail of American citizens, proclaimed his right to assume control of the federal government following a "catastrophic emergency," and assumed the power to declare martial law and use the military as a domestic police force in response to a natural disaster, disease outbreak, terrorist attack or any "other condition."

Some might insist that the new face of law enforcement is warranted, a sign of the times in which we live. After all, whereas we once feared nuclear attacks by the Russians, we now fear each other and the predators that lurk in our midst: serial killers, drug pushers, home-grown and imported terrorists, perverts who prey on small children, the list goes on.

Thus, in order to better deal with these and other threats, congressional legislation now allows the U.S. military, by way of the Pentagon, to train civilian police and provide them with equipment and funding. As a result, our law enforcement agents are armed to the teeth. For example, in *Overkill: The Rise of Paramilitary Police Raids in America* (2006), author Radley Balko points out that in "Wisconsin alone during the 1990s, local police departments were given nearly 100,000 pieces of military equipment valued at more than \$18 million." Columbia County, Wisc., which only has a population of 52,468, was given more than 5,000 military items valued at \$1.75 million by the Pentagon. These included "11 M-16s, 21 bayonets, four boats, a periscope, and 41 vehicles, one of which was converted into a mobile command center for the SWAT team" — along with surveillance equipment, chemical suits and flak jackets, among other items.

Debating which came first — increased threats requiring greater fire power or heavily armed law enforcement agents in search of greater threats — might seem too much like the chicken or the egg debate, but the

numbers speak for themselves. By the early 1980s, there were 3,000 annual SWAT deployments, by 1996 there were 30,000 and by 2001 there were 40,000. Incredibly, these forces conduct approximately 40,000 "no-knock" raids annually across the U.S., some of which are tracked by the Cato Institute on an interactive map on its website.

Yet FBI agents are only a small portion of the armed federal personnel. Everyone from postal agents, the Internal Revenue Service, the National Park Service and the Environmental Protection Agency to agents of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Army Corps of Engineers are now carrying deadly weapons. In Virginia, for example, game wardens were recently renamed "conservation police officers" in an effort to clarify their role as sworn law enforcement officers who are armed and able to make arrests.

Writing for World Net Daily, Joseph Farah declared, "What we've witnessed is the biggest arms buildup in the history of the federal government — and it's not taking place in the Defense Department. The kind of arms that are proliferating in Washington these days are the kind pointed at our own civilian population and carried by a growing number of federal police forces with ever-larger budgets and ever-deadlier arsenals."

"Good grief," remarked Larry Pratt of Gun Owners of America, "that's a standing army." At all levels, federal, local and state, the government and the police have merged. And in the process, they have become a standing army.

Those who drafted the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights had an enormous distrust of standing armies. They knew that despotic governments have always used standing armies to control the people and impose tyranny. As James Madison, the Father of the Constitution, wrote, "A standing military force, with an overgrown Executive will not long be safe companions to liberty. The means of defence against foreign danger, have been always the instruments of tyranny at home."

Thus, it may very well be that we are already living in a police state — and that it's all over but the shouting. But still we have to shout.

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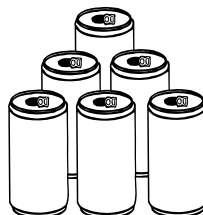
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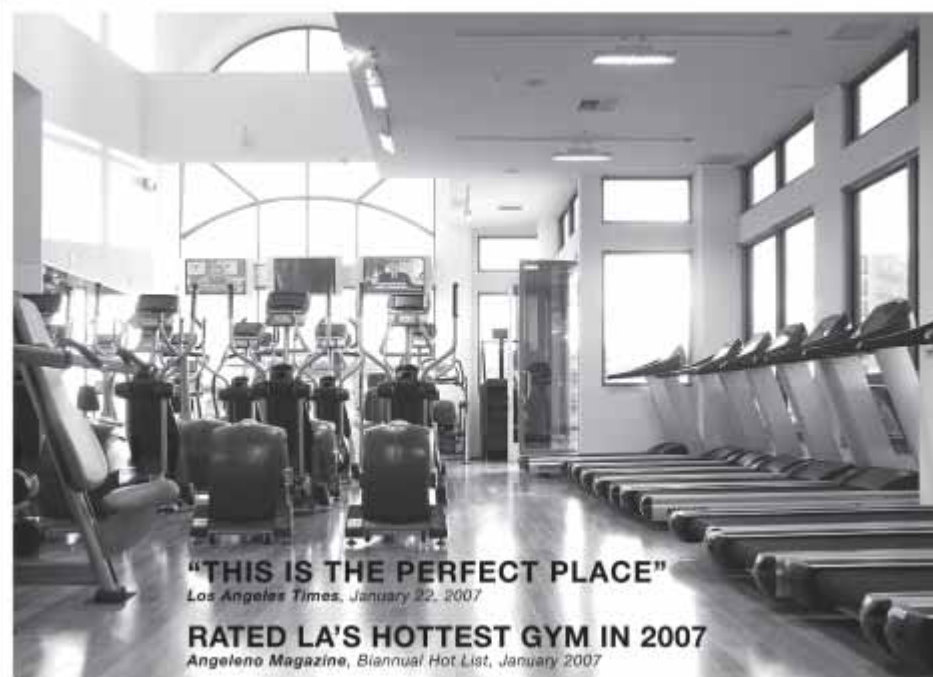
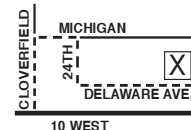
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Don't take me out to the ball game

Our sporting heroes don't seem to be made of the same stuff they used to be. Nowadays, they are either accused of abusing man's best friend (Michael Vick), suspected of cheating (Barry Bonds), or fixing games (NBA referee Tim Donaghy).

So this week's Q-Line question asks:

Which current sports debacle do you feel is the most damaging to our favorite pastimes?

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Alley Closure at 3107 Santa Monica Blvd

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

Annenberg Community Beach Club at Santa Monica State Beach

Import of soil to the construction site will continue 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays throughout the month of August. Flag persons will be in the area to ensure safe conditions and limit disruption to PCH traffic flow.

Annual Tree Trimming Project

City trees will be trimmed at the following locations this summer: Olympic Boulevard Median (10th Street to Centinela), San Vicente Boulevard Median (Ocean Ave to 26th Street), Georgina Avenue (17th Street to 26th Street), Centinela Avenue (Pico to Ocean Park Boulevard), 18th Street (Wilshire to Colorado boulevards), Seventh Street (Wilshire Boulevard to Colorado), Seventh Street (Kensington to Ocean Park Boulevard), Bay Street (Lincoln Boulevard to 16th Street), Sixth Street (Bay Street to Ocean Park Boulevard), Ashland Avenue (16th to 17th streets), California (Seventh to 14th streets), 23rd Street (San Vicente to Wilshire boulevards) and Euclid Street (Broadway to Olympic). There will be minimal lane closures from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. The annual tree trimming schedule is subject to change without notice due to inclement weather, emergencies, community events, budget conditions, street repairs or other public improvements. Residences and businesses will be notified in advance of tree trimming operations, blocks will also be posted with no parking signs.

Back On the Beach Café

Due to construction of the Annenberg Community Beach Club, parking at Lot 10 is limited, however, Back On the Beach Café remains open. Patrons are advised to carpool, ride a bike or park in Lot 9 north instead. The self pay machine in Lot 9 allows payment for either all-day or two-hour parking.

Big Blue Bus Transit Store

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

Marine Street Utility Undergrounding

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

Stewart Park Restroom Project

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

Traffic Signal Upgrade

This project includes the modification of existing traffic signals and installation of a fiber optic communication system. There will be lane and sidewalk closures on Lincoln Boulevard from Olympic Boulevard to Wilshire Boulevard from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Monday- Friday). For the week of August 20, there will be continuing work on Lincoln from Olympic to Wilshire with lane closures. There may also be lane closures on Wilshire between Seventh Street and Ninth Street for work at the Lincoln/Wilshire intersection.

Water Main Replacement Project:

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

Wilshire Storm Water Diversion Structure

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

For more information, log on to santaonica.org/engineering/projects/kbug_project_list.asp or call (310) 458-8721.



Still waiting for a budget

BY AARON C. DAVIS

Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO California is the only remaining state in the nation without an enacted budget, but few could probably tell.

Seven weeks into the new fiscal year, road crews continue to work, state parks swarm with tourists and lines for new driver's licenses inch along as usual.

It's not that California lawmakers have authorized emergency summer spending or that the state's bank accounts are functioning normally while Senate Republicans hold out on a \$145 billion spending plan. To the contrary, billions of dollars in payments to colleges, clinics and countless other groups have been cut off.

The state keeps humming along, however, largely because thousands of people, from hospital administrators to school officials in all parts of the state, have learned to prepare for California's chronically late budget deals. They know either to have cash on hand or which banks to turn to for short-term loans when budget negotiations bog down.

"It used to be that late budgets were a crisis, that's not the case any more," said David Hitchcock, a credit analyst for Standard & Poor's in New York who has tracked California finances for more than a decade. "On some level, this is expected and anticipated in California every year."

A report published Friday by Hitchcock predicted that California's budget impasse — which enters its eighth week on Sunday — will only threaten to cause serious financial problems if it eclipses the state's longest-ever stalemate, which ended when former Gov. Gray Davis signed a budget on Sept. 5, 2002.

Anything earlier, budget officials say, they've learned to weather before. Many nonprofits supported by the state, for example, now have lines of credit designed to carry them into September. The approximately 500 of the state's 100,000 workers who don't get paid during a budget standoff also have learned to take advantage of low-interest cash advances on their paychecks offered by banks in the state capital. And under state law, small businesses that continue supplying goods, such as food for prisons, get paid back with interest if they're stiffed for payment during a budget impasse.

Bob Stern, president of the Center for Governmental Studies in Los Angeles, said the situation is far different from past budget crises when employees weren't cer-

tain they would ultimately get paid. "There doesn't seem to be as much pain or outcry as years ago," he said.

Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez disagreed.

"You have to look at the poorest sectors in California," he said. "This has been an impact first on those communities — health clinics, senior citizen centers — they are being hurt," Nunez said. "For the middle-class folks, it's true, our lives mostly haven't been hit by this yet."

Still, in a state of more than 36 million people, it is hard to find more than a handful of local social service centers that have been forced to close because of the state budget stalemate.

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David Hitchcock, Credit analyst for Standard & Poor's in New York

To show the impact of the Republicans' holdout, Democrats this week circulated a list of nine clinics in the Central Valley they said were forced to close because they hadn't been paid. But some of them had already received loans and reopened their doors.

In his report, Hitchcock said part of the reason few seem worried about handing out loans this year to cover the budget stalemate is because he and other credit analysts expect lawmakers to ultimately pass a budget with a small operating deficit.

Senate Republicans have been holding out to bring the state's operating deficit down to zero, as well as to include language in the budget that would limit the state attorney general's ability to sue cities and counties over growth that can increase greenhouse gas pollution.

H.D. Palmer, a spokesman for Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's finance department, said Hitchcock's report came with an implicit warning that if California doesn't pass a fiscally sound budget similar to the one the Assembly passed and the governor has endorsed, the state could face a credit downgrade.

Whether that turns out to be true or not, Hitchcock said the state's annual budget rollercoaster is already built into the state's poor credit rating.

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Lawsuit against AT&T proceeds

Suit alleges that cell phone customers received bad service

BY JORDAN ROBERTSON

AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO A lawsuit alleging that AT&T Inc.'s cell phone customers received inferior service after the company's wireless division was sold to Cingular Wireless can proceed as a class action, a federal appeals court ruled Friday.

At issue was a clause in old Cingular contracts that forced customers to litigate their grievances independently, instead of grouping together for a class action lawsuit.

A three-judge panel in the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled Friday that the contract was a violation of California law.

The ruling is further condemnation of so-called "class action waivers," which other courts have ruled illegally shield companies engaged in potentially harmful conduct.

The court took a "clear position protecting consumers and their right to pursue class action relief," said Bill Weinstein, one of the plaintiffs' lawyers.

The case was filed as a national class action lawsuit in 2006 by Kenneth Shroyer of Porterville, Calif. Shroyer had switched his AT&T cell phone accounts to Cingular after Atlanta-based Cingular's \$41 billion acquisition of AT&T Wireless Services Inc. in October 2004.

Shroyer claimed Cingular let AT&T's service deteriorate in a scheme to force AT&T customers to switch to Cingular under less favorable contract terms.

The U.S. District Court for the Central District of California ordered the case into individual arbitration last year because of the class action waiver in Shroyer's contract.

AT&T — whose \$86 billion acquisition of BellSouth Corp. last year gave it full control of Cingular — has since rebranded the cell phone provider under the AT&T name.

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AT&T statement

The company said Friday that the ruling is based on language in an old contract, but didn't provide details as to how its new contracts differed.

"We have significantly improved that clause to make it even more consumer friendly," the San Antonio, Texas-based company said in a statement. "We believe arbitration is the best course for resolution for our customers."

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STATE BRIEFS

LAGUNA NIGUEL

Piano teacher accused of molesting students

An Orange County piano teacher who allegedly fled the country after being accused of fondling an 8-year-old student was ordered held without bail Friday.

Daniel Peter Gaudin, 68, made his first court appearance since he was arrested on May 17 in Canada after he arrived on a plane from Germany.

Gaudin had pleaded not guilty to charges of committing lewd acts on a child under 14 and continuous sexual abuse. He is believed to have fled the country last fall before trial could begin. An arrest warrant was issued.

Prosecutors later added additional charges that he molested two other girls, ages 8 and 9, while giving them lessons.

The girls contended that Gaudin touched them on their thighs or elsewhere and told them that he loved them.

The molestation took place between 2004 and last April, prosecutors contended.

Gaudin faces up to 56 years in prison if convicted of all charges, said Farrah Emami, a spokeswoman for the district attorney's office.

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MORENO VALLEY

Thief makes off with pet shop's prized parrot

Hercules the macaw wasn't strong enough to fight off a kidnapper.

The South American military macaw, worth about \$4,000, was stolen Tuesday from the store where he'd been a pet for 13 years.

"All I heard was a squawk," Nicole Bergeman, an employee of Prehistoric Times Reptiles & Fish, said Wednesday.

"I turned around and all I see is the back of the guy's head shooting out the door," Bergeman said.

A witness at a tattoo parlor next door said she saw a man get into a dark green Toyota Camry that had its rear license plate covered.

The man had the bird concealed beneath a shirt, with tailfeathers showing, and was holding it like a football, Tony Majringer said.

About 30 minutes earlier a man and woman with a Chihuahua had entered the store and asked about the macaw's value, Bergeman said.

Hercules is bright green with turquoise-tipped feathers and has a red band above its bill.

AP



CITY OF SANTA MONICA NOTICE INVITING REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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RFP: Desktop Computer Equipment and Related Maintenance Services

- The City of Santa Monica is requesting proposals from vendors concerning a program to purchase desktop computer equipment and related maintenance services. The City is interested in Dell, Gateway, HP/Compaq and IBM manufactured equipment. The selected vendor's responsibility will include installation, de-installation and end-of-life processing of existing desktop computers, and on-site maintenance and repairs. A copy of the RFP can be downloaded at www.smgov.net/isd.
- Please submit five (5) copies of your entire proposal and one (1) electronic copy in Microsoft Word format or Adobe PDF format to Phil Tong, Sr. Administrative Analyst, at 1685 Main Street, Room 110, Santa Monica, CA 90401 by 5:00 PM on September 24, 2007.

For further information, please contact Mr. Tong at (310) 458-8381 or phil.tong@smgov.net.



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BID# 2921: PROVIDE ON-SITE SECURITY SERVICES AT THE BIG BLUE BUS

- A **mandatory** job walk will be held on **Thursday, August 30, 2007 at 10:00 AM** Pacific Daylight Time (PDT). Bidders are to meet Al Davis at 1660 7th St., Conference Room 1 (1st Floor), Santa Monica, CA.
- **Submission Deadline is September 21, 2007 at 3:00 PM PDT.**

BID# 2936: PROVIDE LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES AS REQUIRED BY THE WOODLAWN CEMETERY

- A **mandatory** job walk will be held on **Thursday, August 30, 2007 at 2:00 PM** Pacific Daylight Time (PDT). Bidders are to meet Virgil County at Woodlawn Cemetery (in front of the Mausoleum), 1847 14th St., Santa Monica, CA.
- **Submission Deadline is September 20, 2007 at 3:00 PM PDT.**

Request for bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the Purchasing Agent, City of Santa Monica, 1717 4th St., Suite 250, Santa Monica, California, by calling (310) 458-8242, or by e-mailing your request to diane.howell@smgov.net. Bids must be submitted on forms furnished by said Purchasing Agent.

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Dear EarthTalk:

What tax or other government incentives are there out there for buying green – for individuals as well as businesses?

Sarah Rafferty
New York, NY

THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A BETTER TIME than now to tap into a laundry list of tax rebates and other financial incentives designed to encourage individuals and businesses to go the greener mile.

At the federal level in the U.S., individuals can reap the rewards of no less than eight different financial incentives ranging from tax credits and home loans for replacing windows and installing insulation around the house to tax rebates for purchasing a hybrid car or hooking up a solar hot water heater.

Besides these federal incentives, nearly every U.S. state has additional state or local incentives available. Many require utilities to rebate consumers who save electricity.

Some utilities even offer “net metering,” whereby consumers who generate some of their power through rooftop solar panels or other technologies can sell electricity back to the utility, thus reducing or zeroing out their electric bill — even earning money.

Many financial incentives are in place

for businesses, as well. At the federal level, examples include an energy-efficient commercial buildings tax deduction, a business energy reduction tax credit, an energy-efficient appliance tax credit for manufacturers, and a new energy-efficient tax credit for green-savvy builders.

At the state level, many are eager to attract renewable energy companies to their region, and offer tax breaks to get them there. Washington State, for example, charges no sales tax on renewable energy equipment produced or sold there.

And some forward-thinking cities are beginning to offer “density bonuses” and green building incentives to developers and builders to encourage sustainable land use.

The best place to look for what’s available is to steer your web browser to the free online Database of State Incentives for Renewables and Efficiency (DSIRE), a comprehensive source of information on state, local, utility and federal incentives that promote renewable energy and energy efficiency. DSIRE is a federally funded project of the Interstate Renewable Energy Council, whose membership includes state and local government agencies, national laboratories, renewable energy companies and advocacy groups.

In Canada, the Office of Energy

Efficiency at Natural Resources Canada offers a slate of federal grants and incentives under its ecoENERGY Retrofit program to homeowners, businesses, large industries and public institutions to help them invest in energy- and pollution-saving upgrades. The agency also administers the High Efficiency Home Heating System Cost Relief program, which will contribute up to \$300 to homeowners who upgrade their old oil or gas furnace or boiler to a new high-efficiency model.

And low-income households might qualify for additional federal financial assistance for energy retrofits.

Another Canadian program, the Vehicle Efficiency Incentive (VEI) rewards those who buy fuel-efficient cars or trucks with rebates of up to \$2,000 each. Beyond these federal programs, selected provincial and municipal entities across Canada also offer incentives to those looking to save energy and the environment.

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Firefighters demobilize from fire

BY BOB MOEN
Associated Press Writer

CHEYENNE, Wyo. Cars, campers and RVs were traveling in and out of Yellowstone National Park through the park's east gate again Sunday after road crews worked overnight to clear a mud slide outside the park. Meantime, firefighters who had been battling a wildfire that closed the park's east gate last week and threatened various resorts near the park were being reassigned to other fires in the West after more than an inch of rain all but doused

the Columbine fire over the weekend. "It's got it parked, and we don't anticipate it will dry out to get active again for at least a week," fire incident commander Mark Grant said Sunday in a telephone interview. Grant said while firefighters and equipment were being pulled out, sprinklers and other measures taken to protect area resorts and other buildings would remain behind until the fire was declared out. There was still some smoldering within the fire, which began Aug. 9 with a lightning strike and burned 18,225 acres, or about 28 square miles. Firefighters were never able to

gain any containment until timely rainstorms hit the fire Friday and Saturday. The fire forced Yellowstone to close its east gate twice last week, causing a 29-mile detour for park visitors. The rain allowed the entrance to open on Friday but then caused a third closure at 2 p.m. Saturday when a mud slide occurred outside the fire area about 7 miles east of the gate on U.S. 14-16-20. State road crews worked through the night, and the highway was reopened by sunrise. So far this busy summer tourist season,

Yellowstone's east gate has been closed four times. The entrance was temporarily closed in late July by another mud slide inside the park near Sylvan Pass. Through July, more than 208,000 visitors passed through the park's east entrance this year. The rainy weather kept other, smaller fires burning in the park in check. None of the fires posed any threat to visitors, and all park roads and services were open. However, a few backcountry campsites were closed and fire restrictions remained in effect.

Reid opposes additional coal-fired power plants

BY MARTIN GRIFFITH
Associated Press Writer

RENO, Nev. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said the threat of global warming should preclude the construction of new coal-fired power plants anywhere in the world. The Nevada Democrat last month came out against three proposed major coal-fired plants in his home state, but on Saturday extended that opposition to any such new plants worldwide. He said each coal-fired plant burns 7 million tons of coal every year, spewing out pollutants that contribute to global warming. "There's not a coal-fired plant in America that's clean. They're all dirty," Reid told reporters after speaking at a conference on renewable energy. "Unless we do something quickly about global warming, we're in trouble." Reid said the U.S. should rely on renewable forms of energy in an effort to curb emissions of greenhouse gases blamed for climate change. Nevada and other Western states have an abundance of such renewables as wind, solar and geothermal power. "It can be done. We can change this

voracious appetite we have for fossil fuels," Reid told the conference. "Sadly, the sun, the wind and the geothermal energy we see is being wasted every day." In July, Reid pledged to do "everything I can" to stop construction of the proposed coal-fired power plants in White Pine and Lincoln counties in eastern Nevada. Michael Yackira, president and chief executive officer of Sierra Pacific Resources, said his company "respectfully disagrees" with Reid's position. His company is seeking approval to build one of the plants. "We believe what we'll be building is the cleanest, coal-fired plant in the world" because of new technology, Yackira said. "We must also have fossil fuel plants for reliability because wind and solar power is variable. We need all sorts of energy supplies to meet the needs of our customers," he added. About 600 government officials, industry representatives and activists attended the inaugural Nevada Clean Energy Summit. The conference featured presentations by public and private sector officials on efforts under way to make Nevada a national leader in tapping renewables.

Officials: Lack of bear hunt not a factor in invasions

By the Associated Press

DURANGO, Colo. The lack of a bear hunt is not a factor in the seeming invasion of every nook and cranny of the state by bears, wildlife officials say. It is a shortage of natural food, the Durango Herald reported. Bears need 20,000 calories daily to prepare for hibernation and a shortage of berries caused by drought and late frosts is sending them into urban areas in larger than normal numbers. Total bear deaths in Colorado were virtually the same in the five years (1988-1992) that preceded the elimination of the spring bear hunt and the first five years without a spring hunt (1993-1997), Division of Wildlife statistics indicate. Bears are put down if they are caught in urban areas twice. "About the first of August, black bears shift gears," said Jerry Apker of the Division of Wildlife. "They're eating 20 to 22 hours a day at this time of year and they need 20,000 to 25,000 calories a day."

The vast majority bears will be in their winter dens by late September or mid-October and they should all be tucked away by mid-November, he said. He said bears can handle one or two catastrophic food years in a decade. The outlook for natural fall foods isn't good, said Bryan Peterson with Bear Smart Durango, a program that educates people about living with bears. "Acorns are spotty. I see oak brush, but I see acorns very, very rarely," Peterson said. Serviceberries were small and dried early, when they came out at all. The chokecherry crop looks fairly decent. "But bears are going for garbage and birdseed because it's available," Peterson said. "Human food is high-calorie. A seven-pound tube of birdseed has 11,000 calories. Pitkin County commissioners were expected to vote Tuesday on a proposed ordinance that would impose fines of up to \$1,000 on homeowners who don't have bear-proof their garbage bins or enclosures.

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The City of Santa Monica is seeking proposals from non-profit organizations to relocate, rehabilitate and operate the historically significant Shotgun House (House) for a public benefit purpose. The house is currently stored at 1601 Olympic Boulevard and is to be relocated to the northwest corner of Second Street and Norman Place.

This Request for Proposals (RFP) contains the background, scope of services, submittal requirements and selection criteria. To download the RFP, please go to <http://smgov.net/ccs/projects> or contact Libby Carlson at (310) 458-8310 to request this package.

A site visit of the House may be scheduled upon request. Please contact Libby Carlson at libby.carlson@smgov.net, or call 310-458-8310 to schedule.

Proposals are due no later than 5:00 pm on Monday, October 1, 2007.

Salvia divinorum gets banned

Hill Air Force Base officials fear unchecked abuse of herb

By the Associated Press

HILL AIR FORCE BASE, Utah A legal herb called salvia divinorum that is sometimes ingested or inhaled has been banned at Hill Air Force Base.

Col. Scott Chambers, installation commander, issued the order earlier this month, banning its use among civilian employees, contractors, military dependents and all other “guests” to the base. Possession and use by members of the military was banned in January.

Chambers said salvia use on the base is not a problem, but the ban is an effort to keep it from becoming one.

The Drug Enforcement Administration isn’t quite sure what to do about salvia divinorum, which is sometimes called “magic mint.”

“It’s something we have under analysis right now to see whether it can or should be controlled,” said Rogene Waite, spokeswoman at the DEA headquarters.

Waite said salvia divinorum abuse and its effects, including medicinal ones, are being researched. The dried leaves, ingested or inhaled, can cause hallucinations.

“I want to emphasize, just because something isn’t illegal doesn’t mean that it isn’t dangerous,” she said. “And people should be extremely careful about what they experiment with and put into their bodies.”

There are hundreds of types of salvia, including three azurea, nemorosa and officinalis common to gardens in Utah. Many salvia plants produce a stalk of purple or violet flowers.

“None of these are hallucinogenic, to my knowledge,” said Heidi Kratsch, a Utah State University professor who specializes in ornamental horticulture.

If anyone tried to smoke one of the three common Utah varieties, it would likely cause serious lung irrita-



Photo courtesy United States Air Force

SAGE ADVICE: Officials at Hill Air Force Base in Utah have banned the use of the hallucinogenic salvia divinorum.

tion and provide no kind of high, she said.

Some salvia plants are native to Utah, grow in the wild and are drought-tolerant.

At Hill Air Force base, use or possession of salvia divinorum could result in disciplinary action, including being banned from the base, Chambers wrote.

“Such use could also seriously undermine our mission and negatively impact the morale and discipline of the installation and national security,” he wrote.

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Struggling for choice

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cussed his sexual orientation with his parents. Boline recalled that a closeted cousin saw a picture of him at the microphone, Holy Bible in hand, in an Associated Press article on an Internet portal the next day and called to say, "Guess what? I'm gay too."

After Boline became the first, 82 ministers in the Lutheran Church have followed his example and announced that they are in a committed same sex relationship. All have been evaluated for discipline; a few have been tried in the church and defrocked. With an ally in the sympathetic bishop overseeing the greater Los Angeles area, Boline barely avoided his own removal.

All of Boline's life has been a struggle to reconcile his identity and a faith that runs deep.

Vermillion, tucked into the southeastern tail of South Dakota, was like so many other Midwestern college towns: Predominantly white, quiet, safe, an oasis of civilization amid flat, endless fields of corn and soybean. Remove the University of South Dakota's compact campus, and there would be little left. In this deeply religious and staunchly conservative town of less than 10,000 people, Boline was born and raised by a farmer father and a nurse mother, an All-American family of modest means. Two generations of Lutheran ministers preceded him on his mother's side, and since birth there was little choice but to be close to God. He wasn't pushed unwillingly. He too believed it was his calling, and a career in the church seemed inevitable.

It was during his mid-20s spent at a Minneapolis seminary when he painfully came to terms with his sexuality and came out quietly to himself, a seeming contradiction to the religious cornerstone of his life. He considered removing himself from the liturgy, perhaps to sing and play church music instead. To find answers, Boline turned to the one constant in his life: Faith.

"I heard in seminary the Lutheran teachings of grace," he said. "For the first time I heard about a God who loved me unconditionally, so much that I was free to be who I was. It was Lutheran theology that paved the way."

He decided to stay in the ministry and went to Yale Divinity School. Before heading to New Haven, he told his mother he was gay. It went terribly. To this day, as he puts it, "We're civil, but there's still tension."

Vermillion, and the Midwest, became too suffocating, and he quickly substituted the ocean of corn for the Pacific.

"I felt drawn to the margins of the country," he mused. "I think the margins is where the marginalized often feel more welcome."

He was sent to a church in Hollywood after Yale, before joining St. Paul's in 2000. In 2002, St. Paul's voted to officially welcome gay and lesbian members by joining the Reconciling in Christ Program, an ironic echo of Boline's personal life. Boline estimated that 10 percent of his current congregation is gay or lesbian.

His own church in traditionally liberal Santa Monica does in fact contain members who disapprove of homosexuality, but Boline says its a "quiet" disapproval and that "not everybody has to think alike to be welcome here because our main point is to worship."

Now settled in Culver City, the Vermillion, South Dakota Lutheran roots still tugs firmly. He doesn't believe in gay marriage. Nearly every claim he makes is based on Lutheran teachings. He said he approached the floor microphone two years ago because he felt a calling by God. When critics among his colleagues labeled him a rebellious drifter, a shameful Lutheran, he replies that his Lutheran convictions are profoundly deep, that he believes in Protestantism's essential tradition, like Martin Luther himself nailing his famous theses to a Wittenberg church, catalytically setting off the Reformation and Protestant Christianity.

"Luther pounded those 95 theses and declared 'here I stand,'" Boline said. "He stood up to the religious and societal powers of his day. He was ecclesiastically disobedient and an inspiration as a reformer."

Then there are times when a darker mood seems to dwell amongst his childhood memories.

He acknowledges that the issue is often considered a city versus rural debate. It shouldn't be like that, he insisted wryly: There are gay pastors out in the cornfields as well. A man who usually speaks with measured evenness, Boline noted with faint scorn that one farmer stood up at



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WELCOME: St. Paul's Lutheran Church Pastor James Boline extends an open welcome to gays and lesbians at his church.

the national assembly last weekend in Chicago to say, "As much as I love my children, I needed to build a fence so they wouldn't stray too far, for their own protection."

He is frustrated by politicians "cloaking themselves" in right wing religious fundamentalism and tapping into the religion-fueled fervor and fears of certain constituencies for political gain.

"It's religious terrorism," he said, stone-faced. "Fundamentalism in any religion is a threat, whether its Christian, Jewish, or Muslim."

"It's always dangerous when it's black or white, our way or the highway," he added. "We can be civil and have disagreement, but our society has not been served well by an administration in terms of civility. But it's not surprising — it wins votes in society and it wins votes in the church."

His national church, incidentally, is locked in debate, and the LC/NA has had difficulty gaining the votes to make much headway. Boline had hoped that with the massive steps forward made since that fateful 2005 assembly, the LC/NA could push the church to pass a positive, sweeping statement of its position on sexual orientation last week in Chicago or at least lift the ban on clergy entering same sex relationships. That failed, but the church did decide that bishops were no longer compelled by church law to discipline gay partnered clergy — hardly a shield of protection, but a step forward nonetheless to Boline.

"Unfortunately the policy still stands. It didn't happen in '05 in Orlando, and again in '07 in Chicago," he said. "But we're targeting '09, and if that fails then 2011 is coming. I'm hopeful, and there's no question whether or not this discriminatory policy will eventually fall. It's simply a matter of time."

Boline had hung the rainbow flag over the entrance for Gay Pride weekend, and then left it in support of some colleagues who were on church trial for entering into gay relationships. Now that those pastors were indeed removed, and considering the disappointing news that LC/NA did not make as much progress in Chicago at he had hoped, Boline said he wasn't sure when he would take down the flag.

For now, he's comfortable with just leaving it alone, maybe indefinitely.

"I think it's just a good symbol of welcome from this church because Santa Monica is a good place for the gay and lesbian community," he said. "The church should be constantly reforming in the spirit of Luther and be at the forefront of social change. That means struggle. That absolutely means struggle."

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MEETING OF THE MOMMIES: Surf moms gather with children in tow at Santa Monica Beach on Friday. The club was created to allow moms the opportunity to hit the waves.

Babies, boards and moms

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

SANTA MONICA BEACH The next hottest diet trend amongst new moms to remove baby fat might just be to hang ten.

While shopping and yoga might be a nice relief from the stresses and demands of motherhood, a group of women from the Westside are finding their own therapeutic exercise by hitting the waves.

Every Friday and Saturday, a group of four to five women head to Santa Monica Beach in Ocean Park with their surfboards, children and a big bag of toys.

It's a new brand of play dating — the mostly young moms swap surf times and baby-sitting duties, allowing the women to surf at ease knowing their child is in good hands.

"You can just forget about everything and be in the water ... If I started out the day surfing, it makes the rest of the day so much better, especially if I get good waves," said Lauren Arborio, who founded the Surfmoms group in March. "It's a good way to get off the baby fat."

After giving birth to her son, the surfing enthusiast was exploring ways to bring her favorite activity back into her normal routine. With her son just 8 months old, Arborio knew she would have to find a baby-sitter of sorts, but also understood she wouldn't be able to pay for one all the time.

Arborio learned how to surf about five years ago and became hooked. She herself got back to the waves about five weeks after child birth, but wanted to see if there were any other mothers who wanted to join in.

"I (wanted) to find other surfing moms that have other same interest as me and we could watch each other's kids while we took turns surfing," Arborio said. "I was panicked at how I (was) going to do this."

She started sending out e-mails to mothers on the Westside, many of whom she knew from the Peachhead Families group, an organization connecting families in Los Angeles.

The Surfmoms club now has more than 50 members, but only about five mothers hit the waves on a regular basis. A few of the members are learning how to surf for the first time.

"A lot of them need a lot of encouragement," Arborio said.

Leigh Spencer sees it as type of "Mommy and Me" club. The 11-year surf veteran found out about Surfmoms in May from a surf shop owner in Venice. Though she wanted to participate right away, she initially found it difficult to coordinate the club's meetings with her work schedule. She wondered how it would even work out once she got to the beach with her 1-year-old son, Scout. Would he be able to follow her while she carried the board?

"Now that I have gone a few times and I know how much fun Scout and I have, I always post to see if anyone is up for a weekend session and usually someone can," she said.

One of the newest members of Surfmoms is Stefane Wetherholt, a California native who recently moved back to the area from Waikiki Beach where she still co-owns a surf shop for girls.

Wetherholt has been an avid surfer for about seven years, surfing twice a day before she became pregnant.

Considering that her daughter, Daisy, is still only 2 months old, Wetherholt hasn't participated in the baby-sitting arm of the club, leaving her child at home with her mother instead.

"She hasn't even picked up her head yet,"



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LEADER OF THE PACK: Lauren Arborio, founder of Surf Moms, hits the beach on Friday.

Wetherholt said. "I'm looking forward to being able to do the (baby-sitting portion)."

Knowing she has only a limited amount of time in the waves, Spencer tries to get as much out of the experience as possible, trying to get over her fears of whether another surfer would be upset if she fell in their path; if she could catch a particular wave.

"In a half hour, I get more waves than I used to in a two-hour session because I don't waste anyone's time," Spencer said. "I just go for it more."

"That is therapeutic because it is confidence building," she added.

While the moms may be on the surfboards alone now, they foresee another benefit of the club a few years down the road.

"A lot of people think it's a good exercise and things they can do with their kids when their kids are older," Arborio said.

If you're interested in joining Surfmoms, send an e-mail to surfmoms-subscribe@yahoo.com

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CENTER OF IT ALL: City Hall currently does not house all of the city government's different departments. Officials are attempting to acquire additional office space to better connect everything.

Officials attempting to reorganize offices

FROM CITY HALL PAGE 1

Built in 1939 by architect Donald Parkinson, City Hall was originally meant to accommodate a city of 53,000. Over 40 years of growth has forced city officials to convert areas of the building that were originally meant for storage or other uses into offices, forcing some taller workers to duck when walking under a doorway.

There have been attempts to expand City Hall, the most recent being the addition of the mezzanine level in 1991, which is currently occupied by staff from planning, community development, and community and cultural services.

Mayor Pro Tem Herb Katz, who has been vocal about the need for more space, has expressed some concern about the cost of a temporary office building, one which

would have to be around for more than 20 years in order for the city to reap the full benefits of the investment.

But as rents for downtown offices rise dramatically — the base being somewhere around \$5 a square foot, the highest in Los Angeles County — Katz said he is leaning heavily towards building a temporary building and using it until it's deemed obsolete.

"We need to move on this now," Katz said. "We have departments like planning and environmental that need to be adjacent to one another because they are working so close together ... We've got to make it a one stop shop."

Currently, departments located outside of City Hall include finance, which rents space next to the Doubletree hotel on Fourth Street; environmental programs, which has an office on the Santa Monica Pier and in

downtown; and housing and economic development, which is located at the airport.

When leasing space, city officials obviously look for the best deals available, but they also want a lease that provides them with the most flexibility possible so that they can move employees to other locations depending on service needs, Anderson said.

While leasing provides an immediate solution, it isn't the best option since the space is not under the city's control.

Ramona Gandara, president of the Municipal Employees Association, said employees have complained over the years about the conditions of some buildings rented by City Hall. She recalls one situation in which there was a severe rodent problem. The problem got so bad, Gandara said the employees "became extremely unhappy and they didn't stay there that long."

"We prefer to be working at a city-owned site if at all possible because the city controls that [maintenance]," Gandara said. "If we have complaints, we can go to each other and get it solved quickly, whereas if it's a lease, it works differently."

Gandara said there is also the issue of security. Several months ago, the finance department was robbed by someone who was familiar with the building and could gain entrance fairly easily.

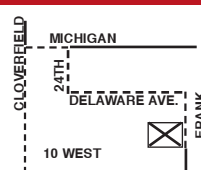
"When you own something, you just have more control over who's coming and going," said Gandara, who has worked outside of City Hall for more than 20 years as a member of the public landscaping division.

"It's really rough at times," Gandara added. "We really have outgrown ourselves."

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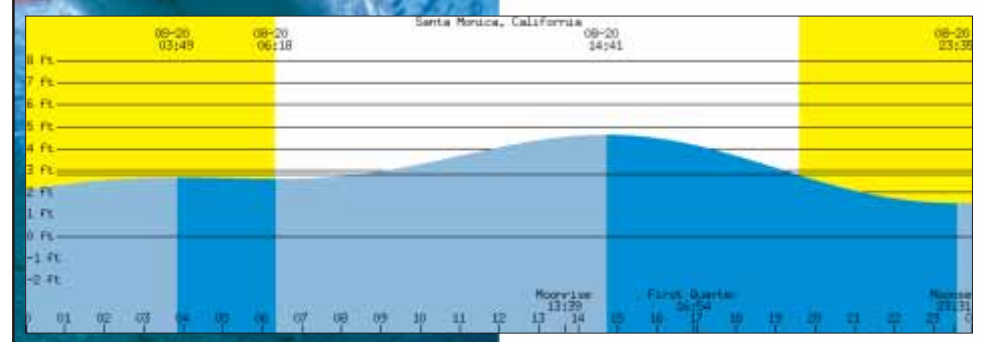


SURF CONDITIONS **WATER TEMP: 67°**

SWELL FORECAST (1-2 FT)
Today is when our next southern hemi swell is due. As you may recall from my reports last week, this surf is not likely to fill into many south facing breaks as the storm that whipped up this swell formed near Chile, angled steep from 160-170 degrees.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS
NW WIND SWELL LATER IN THE WEEK...
LIGHT SW NEXT WEEKEND...

TIDE FORECAST FOR TODAY IN SANTA MONICA





SLAMMING DAY

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Jimmy Wang Yang (in the white tank top) flies off the ropes and lands on Chavo Guerrero during the WWE SummerSlam Weekend in Venice on Saturday. Guerrero pinned Yang and won the bout. There were a total of three bouts held on the beach.



BEACH REPORT CARD



NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous four weeks up to the posting date of **August 14, 2007**

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QUICK STATS
(for the last 28 days)

Number of sewage spills -- 2
Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
Number of wet days -- 0
Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 42/40
Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 4/10

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Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for 2 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state's Beach Closures and Health Warning Protocol.

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sepul Creek mouth	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachua and Los Aliso creeks	A+	ns
Enchanted Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns
Dread Beach at Trabancas Creek mouth	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
Escalante Creek, just east of Escalante State Beach	A+	ns
Lariga Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
Selkirk Canyon at San Blas County Beach	A	ns
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns
Malibu Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	ns
Sunridge Beach at Malibu Canyon fence	A+	ns
Sunridge Beach (beach location)- daily	A	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A+	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (joint zone)	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 15943 PCH sides	A+	ns
Pine Creek at Los Toros County Beach	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	ns	ns
Tapanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns
Castroville Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	B	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17280 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A	ns

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Palga Canyon storm drain	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	F	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauque)	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	A	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Venice storm drain	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurant)	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A	ns
Venice Beach at Breaker Ave. drain	A	ns
Venice Beach at Woodward Ave. drain	A	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- Knapwood tower	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	D	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of GWW jetty)	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyattman Treatment Plant	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	ns

LEGEND
DRY -- each location is graded on an A -- F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
ns -- no sample taken

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New trick ‘Harry Potter’ author working on a thriller

J.K. ROWLING has been spotted at cafes in Scotland working on a detective novel, a British newspaper reported Saturday. The Sunday Times newspaper quoted Ian Rankin, a fellow author and neighbor of Rowling's, as saying

the creator of the "Harry Potter" books is turning to crime fiction. "My wife spotted her writing her Edinburgh criminal detective novel," the newspaper, which was available late Saturday, quoted Rankin as telling a reporter at an Edinburgh literary festival. "It is great that she has not abandoned writing or

Edinburgh cafes," said Rankin, who is known for his own police novels set in the historic Scottish city. Rowling famously wrote initial drafts of the Potter story in the Scottish city's cafes. Back then, she was a struggling single mother who wrote in cafes to save on the heating bill at home.

Now she's Britain's richest woman – worth \$1 billion, according to Forbes magazine – and her seven Potter books have sold more than 335 million copies worldwide. In an interview with The Associated Press last month, Rowling said she believed she was unlikely to repeat the success of the Potter

series, but confirmed she had plans to work on new books. "I'll do exactly what I did with Harry – I'll write what I really want to write," Rowling said. The office of Rowling's literary agent, Christopher Little, was not immediately available to comment late Saturday.

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GARTH BROOKS ANNOUNCES GREATEST HITS ALBUM

GARTH BROOKS may be retired from touring, but he's not slowing down. Brooks announced Saturday that a greatest hits package called "The Ultimate Hits," with four new songs and a DVD full of videos, will be released on Nov. 6. Brooks, 45, retired in 2001 to be a stay-at-home dad. He said he has no plans to tour, but he assured more than 200 radio execu-

tives and music retailers that he will be promoting the album. "You're going to see us everywhere," said Brooks. "It's my job to let people know it's out there. And then after February, I'm going to go back to whatever I was doing before this." Brooks' hits include "Friends in Low Places," "Shameless" and "Longneck Bottle."

AP

Senator Leahy to appear in the next Batman movie

Holy Beltway, Batman! **SEN. PATRICK LEAHY** has a part in the next Batman movie. "I don't wear tights," the Vermont Democrat said. Leahy's scene was filmed this summer for "The Dark Knight" and involves Batman, played by Christian Bale, the Joker, played by Heath Ledger, and Alfred

Pennyworth, played by Michael Caine. The longtime Batman fan would reveal little about his role other than he is called the "distinguished gentleman." "It's a pretty tense scene," said Leahy, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee. "It's going to be a very interesting one." He's done voice-

overs on Batman cartoons, written the preface for a Batman book and had small roles in the last two Batman features. He said he will donate his earnings from the film to the Kellogg-Hubbard children's library in Montpelier, where the senator got his first library card.

AP

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

Lighten up the week, Cancer

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Born Today

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Author H.P. Lovecraft (1890)
Singer Fred Durst (1971)

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ Others have expectations that might force you into a corner. Deal with a partner directly and effectively. Allow someone else to fight the battles; back off and opt for a better sense of balance. Tonight: Let someone else carry the weight of a situation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★ You tend to listen with insight and directness. Still, you might want to shrug off others' concerns that try to force your hand. Consider news that heads in your direction. Evaluate but don't act impulsively. Tonight: Allow others to run the show.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Think in terms of positive influences instead of getting knocked off your pedestal while dealing with negativity. Realize that you might want to reverse directions and approach a work or daily matter differently. Tonight: Go as late as necessary.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Creativity quickly makes up for a problem. How and what you decide to do could vary, as others could be tight or critical. Know when to put your foot down and declare that you have had enough. (You have, you know.) Tonight: Lighten up the week.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★ Above all, understand your priorities. You might not be sure of your choices. Anchor those goals, and the process of creating them will begin. Don't just decide that an idea is impossible; it isn't. Tonight: Rethink your strategy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Listen to what is being said rather than what is implied. You might need to ask a pointed question or two in order to get a response. Fulfill your curiosity and don't make a decision. Avoid negativity too. Tonight: Easy does it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ You might want to approach a situation differently. If you think before you leap, you will be a lot happier. Someone might be pushing you much harder than you would like. Consider your options. Tonight: You could easily go off the deep end with spending.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Push yourself in the right direction. You know what to do and when to step back. Someone who you feel frequently judges you lets you know once more where he or she sits. Could this person be judging him- or herself harshly too? Tonight: Your call.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Step back and don't take any action at the moment. Listen to others and digest information that heads your way. Investigate, knowing that there is much more than the obvious. Use your ability to move a project forward. Tonight: Take leave if need be.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ You might be on the verge of hitting a home run, though if you look for feedback or others' support, you won't find it. Stay on top of what you feel. Support yourself in determining the necessary end results. Tonight: Step out.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Your ability to see others in a different light might be needed, as many are downright disagreeable. If you see what is happening and understand the person's angst, you will be able to forgive him or her. Tonight: A must appearance.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Defer to someone else. Realize what could be possible if you give him or her that extra feedback. Understanding helps you see life with renewed interest. Listen to your inner voice. Opt for liberal. Tonight: Try a movie.

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2:15, 4:35
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2:25, 5:00, 7:35, 10:00
Simpsons Movie, The (PG-13)
1:35, 3:35, 5:45, 8:00, 10:10
Transformers (PG-13)
7:00, 10:05

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The Bourne Ultimatum (PG)
1:40, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30
Hairspray (PG)
1:45, 4:40, 7:35, 10:20
I Now Pronounce You Chuck & Larry (PG-13)
7:50, 10:25
No Reservations (PG)
2:00, 4:35, 7:25, 10:00
Ratatouille (G)
2:10, 4:45, 7:10, 9:50
The Simpsons Movie (PG-13)
1:55, 4:25, 7:05, 9:30
Stardust (PG-13)
1:50, 4:50, 7:40, 10:35
Underdog (PG)
1:15, 3:25, 5:35

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Death at a Funeral (R)
12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
Talk to Me (R)
1:00, 7:00
This Is England (NR)
4:00, 9:45

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2 Days in Paris (Deux jours a Paris) (R)
12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:55
Becoming Jane (PG)
1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45
Delirious (NR)
1:45, 4:25, 7:10, 9:50
La Vie en Rose (La Mome) (PG-13)
1:20, 4:45, 8:10

MANN'S CRITERION THEATRE
1313 3rd Street
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Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (PG-13)
12:10, 3:10, 6:30, 9:50
The Invasion (PG-13)
11:10am, 1:50, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30
Rush Hour 3 (PG-13)
11:40am, 12:20, 2:10, 2:50, 4:40, 5:20, 7:10, 7:50, 9:20, 10:00
Superbad (R)
11:00am, 12:00, 1:40, 2:40, 4:30, 5:30, 7:30, 8:30, 10:30

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Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from Bronze (easiest) to Silver to Gold (hardest).

Difficulty
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There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

9	5	2	1	7	6	3	4	8
6	7	8	5	3	4	2	9	1
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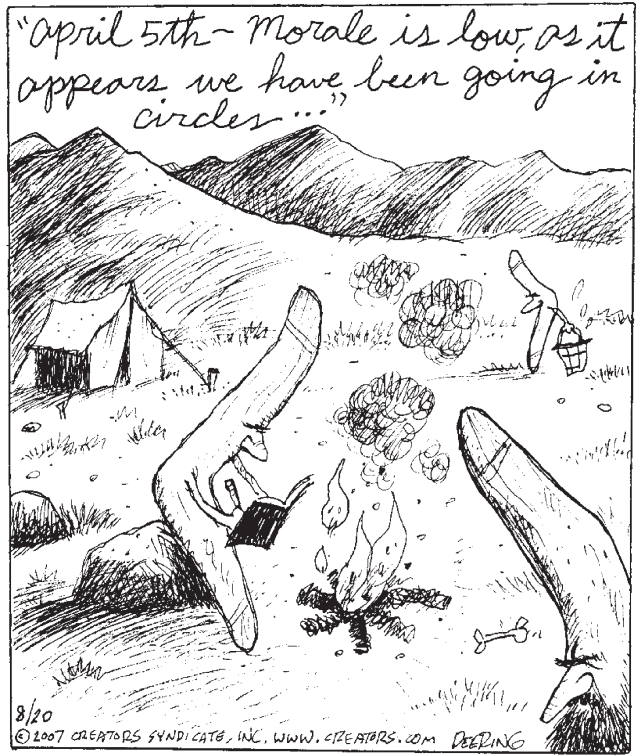
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■ As the result of a January car crash in Nebraska, Shannon Malloy, 30, had her skull separate from her spine ("internal decapitation"), but she remained alive until doctors could stabilize her with screws into her neck, and her recovery is progressing at Denver Spine Center, according to a May KMGH-TV report.

■ Creme de la Weird (1) Robert Theriault, 49, a courthouse security officer in Concord, N.H., was convicted in April of persuading a couple that he was a tester for an insurance company and would pay them \$20 to have sex in front of him so he could evaluate a certain bedsheet and condom. (2) Aaron Meinhardt, 37, was arrested in Riverside, Mo., in July after a municipal swimming pool employee saw him expose himself. The arresting officer said Meinhardt asked him, "Am I (not) allowed to satisfy myself? It has been a long time since I have. What am I supposed to do, just keep it in?"

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1900 Japan's primary school law is amended to provide for four years of mandatory schooling.

1938 Lou Gehrig hits his 23rd career grand slam - a record that still stands.

1940 Exiled Russian revolutionary Leon Trotsky is fatally wounded in Mexico City by an assassin's ice axe. He dies the next day.

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1969 All four Beatles were together in the recording studio for the final time as they finished the Abbey Road LP.

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NEGATIVE DECLARATION

MARINA DEL REY SEWER UPGRADE

PHASES 1, 2, AND 3

The County of Los Angeles Department
of Public Works has prepared a Negative
Declaration to assess the proposed
project impacts on the environment
and the community. The proposed pro-
ject is located in Marina del Rey.

The proposed sewer pipeline will be
constructed in three phases. Phase 1
consists of the installation of approxi-
mately 1,270 linear feet of 8-inch-di-
ameter relief sewer pipeline in the vi-
cinity of Marquesas Way. Phase 2 is
the construction of 3,200 linear feet of
sewer pipeline consisting of upgrading
700 linear feet of 8-inch sewer to a
10-inch-diameter sewer pipeline and
constructing 2,500 feet of relief sewer
in the vicinity of Mindanao Way, Admi-
ralty Way, and Fiji Way. Phase 3 con-
sists of the installation of 1,660 linear
feet of a 10-inch-diameter relief sewer
pipeline in the vicinity of Via Marina
and Tahiti Way.

The purpose of the project is to provide
sewer capacity to meet flow demands
and prevent sanitary sewer overflows
thus protecting people's health and the
environment.

The draft Negative Declaration and Ini-
tial Study are being circulated for a
30-day public review period. The re-
view period will end on September 17,
2007.

A copy of the document is available for
public review at the following locations:

County of Los Angeles
Department of Public Works
Sewer Maintenance Division, 4th floor
1000 South Fremont Avenue, Building
A-9 East
Alhambra, CA 91803-1331

Lloyd Taber-Marina del Rey Library
4533 Admiralty Way
Marina del Rey, CA 90292

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Interested parties may submit their
comments to:

County of Los Angeles
Department of Public Works
Attention Norman Cortez
Sewer Maintenance Division
P. O. Box 1460
Alhambra, CA 91802-1460

The final Negative Declaration will in-
corporate responses to written com-
ments received during the public re-
view period and will be considered by
the Board of Supervisors for approval.
Questions regarding this notice should
be directed to Mr. Cortez at (626)
300-3388, Monday through Thursday,
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ACCESS, 4706 S. GRAMERCY PLACE LOS ANGE-
LES, CA. 90062. The full name of registrant(s)
is/are : TWANDA BE0, 4706 S. GRAMERCY PL. LOS
ANGELES, CA. 90062 This Business is being con-
ducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant
commenced to transact business under the ficti-
tious business name or names listed on
(Date)6/4/2007. /s/: TWANDA BE0
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE
NO. 20071687042 FIRST FILING. The following
person(s) is (are) doing business as SOUTHERN
CALIFORNIA SAFE SWIM, 10945 ROEBLING AVE.
LOS ANGELES, CA. 90024. The full name of regis-
trant(s) is/are : RICHARD LAWRENCE POTOMAC,
10945 ROEBLING AVE. LOS ANGELES, CA. 90024
This Business is being conducted by, an individ-
ual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to
transact business under the fictitious name or
names listed herein.. /s/: RICHARD POTOMAC
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE
NO. 20071768004 FIRST FILING. The following
person(s) is (are) doing business as THE FINIS-
HER'S TOUCH , 2103 LINCOLN BOULEVARD, SANTA
MONICA, CA. 90405. The full name of
registrant(s) is/are : AVI HEFEC, 2103 LINCOLN
BLVD. SANTA MONICA, CA. 90405 This Business
is being conducted by, an individual. Signed:
Registrant has not yet begun to transact busi-
ness under the fictitious name or names listed
herein.. /s/: AVI HEFEC
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE
NO. 20071768005 FIRST FILING. The following
person(s) is (are) doing business as ENVIRO
PLUMBING, 2633 LINCOLN BLVD. #606, SANTA
MONICA, CA. 90405. The full name of
registrant(s) is/are : DANIEL'S PLUMBING SANTA
MONICA, 2633 LINCOLN BLVD. #606, SANTA MON-
ICA, 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/: DANIEL BEAT-
TIE
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE
NO. 20071763119 FIRST FILING. The following
person(s) is (are) doing business as EAGLE TIDE
FILMS, 1112 MONTANA AVE. #712, SANTA MON-
ICA, CA. 90403. The full name of registrant(s)
is/are : CHARLES WESLEY, 1112 MONTANA AVE.
#712, SANTA MONICA, CA. 90403 This Business is
being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Regis-
trant has not yet begun to transact business un-
der the fictitious name or names listed herein..
/s/: CHARLES WESLEY
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE
NO. 20071680369 FIRST FILING. The following
person(s) is (are) doing business as BIG RIGGS
TRUCKING, 17004 KOMORI CIRCLE, GARDENA, CA
90247. The full name of registrant(s) is/are :
SHAUN HENRY RIGGS, 17004 KOMORI CIRCLE,
GARDENA, CA 90247 This Business is being con-
ducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has
not yet begun to transact business under the fic-
titious name or names listed herein.. /s/: SHAUN
RIGGS
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE
NO. 20071669665 FIRST FILING. The following
person(s) is (are) doing business as ESPARZA
DESIGNZ, 1360 VOLNEY DR., L.A., CA 90063. The
full name of registrant(s) is/are : DANIEL POR-
FIRIO ESPARZA, 1360 VOLNEY DR., L.A., CA 90063
This Business is being conducted by, an individ-
ual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to
transact business under the fictitious name or
names listed herein.. /s/: DANIEL ESPARZA
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE
NO. 20071668097 FIRST FILING. The following
person(s) is (are) doing business as FRANCO'S
CARPET CLEANING, 1540 W. 145TH ST., #10,
GARDENA, CA 90247. The full name of
registrant(s) is/are : WILFREDO FRANCO, 1540 W.
145TH ST., #10, GARDENA, CA 90247 This Busi-
ness is being conducted by, an individual.
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listed herein.. /s/: WILFREDO FRANCO

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NO. 20071871154 FIRST FILING. The following
person(s) is (are) doing business as YES WATER,
BRANCH WATER, FIRE WATER AII#ON 070794672,
2800 28TH ST. SANTA MONICA, CA. 90405. The
full name of registrant(s) is/are : ROBORANT LLC,
DELEWARE, 108 WEST 13TH STREET, WILMING-
TON, DE. 19801 This Business is being conducted
by, a limited liability. Signed: Registrant has not
yet begun to transact business under the ficti-
tious name or names listed herein.. /s/: ROBO-
RANT LLV, MANAGING MEMBER, FRANK A. BOW-
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE
NO. 20071771857 FIRST FILING. The following
person(s) is (are) doing business as KETTLEBELL
BOXING, 1901 OCEANFRONT WALK #1, VENICE,
CA. 90291. The full name of registrant(s) is/are :
ALEXANDER AERILL STOWELL, 1901 OCEANFRONT
WALK #1, VENICE, CA. 90291, EDIZEN STOWELL,
1901 OCEANFRONT WALK #1, VENICE, CA. 90291
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)6/27/2007. /s/:
ALEX STOWELL, EDIZEN STOWELL

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person(s) is (are) doing business as VENICE PA-
PARAZZI, 1901 OCEANFRONT WALK #1, VENICE,
CA. 90291. The full name of registrant(s) is/are :
EDIZEN STOWELL, 1901 OCEANFRONT WALK #1,
VENICE, CA. 90291, ALEX STOWELL, 1901 OCEAN-
FRONT WALK #1, VENICE, CA. 90291 This Busi-
ness is being conducted by, husband and wife.
Signed: The registrant commenced to transact
business under the fictitious business name or
names listed on (Date)6/27/2007. /s/: EDIZEN
STOWELL, ALEX STOWELL

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person(s) is (are) doing business as ADVANCED
NETWORK MANAGEMENT, 1400 VENICE BLVD.
#307, VENICE, CA. 90291. The full name of regis-
trant(s) is/are : RYAN OLSON, 1400 VENICE BLVD.
#307, VENICE, CA. 90291 This Business is being
conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant
has not yet begun to transact business under the
fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: RYAN
OLSON

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person(s) is (are) doing business as CAMP SOULI-
CIOUS, 229 16TH ST. MANHATTAN BEACH, CA.
90266. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : PE-
TER JAMES BLOOMFIELD, 229 16TH ST. MANHAT-
TAN BEACH, CA. 90266 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/: PE-
TER BLOOMFIELD

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NO. 20071907578 FIRST FILING. The following
person(s) is (are) doing business as ERIN RUN-
NER, 420 S. SEPULVEDA #5, LOS ANGELES, CA.
90049. The full name of registrant(s) is/are :
ERIN LEE, 420 S. SEPULVEDA #5, LOS ANGELES,
CA. 90049 This Business is being conducted by,
an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet be-
gun to transact business under the fictitious
name or names listed herein.. /s/: ERIN LEE
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NO. 20071884205 FIRST FILING. The following
person(s) is (are) doing business as URBAN
TRANSPORTERS, 9461 CHARLEVILLE BLVD. #350,
BEVERLY HILLS, CA. 90212. The full name of reg-
istrant(s) is/are : FREDI HEIMBERG, 9461 CHAR-
TEVILLE BLVD. #350, BEVERLY HILLS, CA. 90212
This Business is being conducted by, an individ-
ual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to
transact business under the fictitious name or
names listed herein.. /s/: FREDI HEIMBERG
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NO. 20071927081 FIRST FILING. The following
person(s) is (are) doing business as MINARC,
2324 MICHIGAN AVE. SANTA MONICA, CA. 90404.
The full name of registrant(s) is/are : TRYGGVI
THORSTEINSSOU, 3044 GREENFIELD AVE. LOS AN-
GELES, CA. 90034, ERLA DOGGINGJALDSDOFFIR,
3044 GREENFIELD AVE. LOS ANGELES, CA. 90034
This Business is being conducted by, co-partners.
Signed: The registrant commenced to transact
business under the fictitious business name or
names listed on (Date)8/16/2007 /s/: TRYGGVI
THORSTEINSSOU, ERLA DOGGINGJALDSDOFFIR
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NO. 20071927082 FIRST FILING. The following
person(s) is (are) doing business as TAILFISH
PRODUCTIONS, 2005 WASHINGTON AVE. SANTA
MONICA, CA. 90403. The full name of
registrant(s) is/are : TAYLOR VAN ARSDALE, 2005
WASHINGTON AVE. SANTA MONICA, CA. 90403
This Business is being conducted by, an individ-
ual. Signed: The registrant commenced to trans-
act business under the fictitious business name
or names listed on (Date)5/1/2007. /s/: TAYLOR
VAN ARSDALE
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE
NO. 20071927082 FIRST FILING. The following
person(s) is (are) doing business as TAILFISH
PRODUCTIONS, 2005 WASHINGTON AVE. SANTA
MONICA, CA. 90403. The full name of
registrant(s) is/are : TAYLOR VAN ARSDALE, 2005
WASHINGTON AVE. SANTA MONICA, CA. 90403
This Business is being conducted by, an individ-
ual. Signed: The registrant commenced to trans-
act business under the fictitious business name
or names listed on (Date)5/1/2007. /s/: TAYLOR
VAN ARSDALE

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE
NO. 20071873980 FIRST FILING. The following
person(s) is (are) doing business as REDLINE
TRANSPORT, 3671 WALNUT AVE., LYNNWOOD, CA.
90262. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : VIC-
TOR TORRES JR., 3671 WALNUT AVE., LYNNWOOD,
CA. 90262 This Business is being conducted by,
an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet be-
gun to transact business under the fictitious
name or names listed herein.. /s/: VICTOR TOR-
RES JR.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE
NO. 20071874490 FIRST FILING. The following
person(s) is (are) doing business as ROUTE 66
2000, 2256 PACIFIC AVE. #306, LONG BEACH, CA.
90813. The full name of registrant(s) is/are :
DEXTER KNOX, 1011 PINE AVE. #306, LONG
BEACH, CA. 90813 This Business is being con-
ducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has
not yet begun to transact business under the fic-
titious name or names listed herein.. /s/: DEXTER
KNOX

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE
NO. 20071859922 FIRST FILING. The following
person(s) is (are) doing business as SARAJEF ART
& MUSIC SCHOOL, 7111 WINNETKA AVE., UNIT 7,
CANAGO PARK, CA. 91306. The full name of regis-
trant(s) is/are : TAGUHI LUSIKYAN, 1140 WIN-
CHESTER AVE., GLENDALE, CA. 91201 This Busi-
ness is being conducted by, an individual. Signed:
Registrant has not yet begun to transact
business under the fictitious name or names
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE
NO. 20071858375 FIRST FILING. The following
person(s) is (are) doing business as TOBARA,
4630 WHITTIER BLVD., LOS ANGELES, CA. 90022.
The full name of registrant(s) is/are : RAMON
LUIS VILLALOBOS, 11811 PIONEER BLVD., NOR-
WALK, CA. 90650 This Business is being con-
ducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant
commenced to transact business under the ficti-
tious business name or names listed on
(Date)1/1/2007. /s/: RAMON LUIS VILLALOBOS
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STATEMENT OF WITHDRAWAL FROM PARTNER-
SHIP OPERATING UNDER FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME
Document Record # 20071873606
Current File No. 20070654330
The following person(s) has/ have withdrawn as a
general partner(s) from the partnership operating
under the fictitious business name of INSIGHT
SCREEN located at (street address of principal
place of business) 5001 S. SANTA FE AVE., LOS
ANGELES, CA. 90058-2123.
.The fictitious business name statement for the
partnership was filed on 02/01/07 in the County
of Los Angeles.
The full name and residence of the person(s)
withdrawing as a partner(s):
OLEGARIO ESTEVES, 4022 TRINITY ST., L.A., CA
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/s/: OLEGARIO ESTEVES
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of
Los Angeles County on 08/09/2007. Published:
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE
NO. 20071871133 FIRST FILING. The following
person(s) is (are) doing business as MACEO CON-
STRUCTION, 12601 BEVERLY BLVD., WHITTIER, CA.
90601. The full name of registrant(s) is/are :
DAVID MAGALLANES, 15433 CIRCLE RIDGE LANE,
HACIENDA HEIGHTS, CA. 91743 This Business is
being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Regis-
trant has not yet begun to transact business un-
der the fictitious name or names listed herein..
/s/: DAVID MAGALLANES

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE
NO. 20071872849 FIRST FILING. The following
person(s) is (are) doing business as HILAND MO-
TEL, 1441 WEST PACIFIC COAST HWY., LONG
BEACH, CA. 90810. The full name of registrant(s)
is/are : MOHANAL & PATEL, 1441 WEST PACIFIC
COAST HWY., LONG BEACH, CA. 90810; PADMABEN
M. PATEL, 1441 WEST PACIFIC COAST HWY., LONG
BEACH, CA. 90810 This Business is being con-
ducted by, husband and wife. Signed: The regis-
trant commenced to transact business under the
fictitious business name or names listed on
(Date)4/1/2007. /s/: MOHANAL G. PATEL; PAD-
MABEN M. PATEL

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE
NO. 20071876623 FIRST FILING. The following
person(s) is (are) doing business as GREAT DEAL
AUTO SALES, 13325 BEATY AVE., WHITTIER, CA.
90605. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : JU-
LIO GUILLEN, 3212 CANAL POINT RD., HACIENDA
HEIGHTS, CA. 91745 This Business is being con-
ducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant
commenced to transact business under the fic-
titious business name or names listed on
(Date)8/9/2007. /s/: JULIO GUILLEN

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE
NO. 20071852531 FIRST FILING. The following
person(s) is (are) doing business as BANKERS IN-
TERNATIONAL; BANKERS INTERNATIONAL REALTY
& MORTGAGE; BANKERS INTERNATIONAL REALTY
& INVESTMENTS, 13710 E. WHITTIER BLVD. #102,
WHITTIER, CA. 90605. The full name of
registrant(s) is/are : SUSANNE B. MENDOZA, 8427
LINDANTE DR., WHITTIER, CA. 90603 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/: SUSANNE B. MENDOZA
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE
NO. 20071860891 FIRST FILING. The following
person(s) is (are) doing business as ANAIT FASH-
ION; ANAIT COUTURE, 1022 E. COLORADO ST.,
GLENDALE, CA. 91205. The full name of regis-
trant(s) is/are : ANAIT ARAKELYAN, 318 GRIS-
WOLD ST., GLENDALE, CA. 91205 This Business is
being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Regis-
trant has not yet begun to transact business un-
der the fictitious name or names listed herein..
/s/: ANAIT ARAKELYAN
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE
NO. 20071928338 FIRST FILING. The following
person(s) is (are) doing business as WEST COAST
APPRAISAL SERVICE, 5452 ALFONSO DRIVE,
AGOURA HILLS, CA. 91301. The full name of reg-
istrant(s) is/are : WEST COAST APPRAISAL SER-
VICE, 5452 ALFONSO DRIVE, AGOURA HILLS, CA.
91301 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)8/16/2007. /s/:
RICHARD HECHTL

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE
NO. 20071871113 FIRST FILING. The following
person(s) is (are) doing business as JEFFREY'S
KITCHEN, 5010 ECHO ST. L. LOS ANGELES, CA.
90042. The full name of registrant(s) is/are :
MARIA MUNDO DE ELIAS, 4940 1/2 GRANADA ST.,
LOS ANGELES, CA. 90042; JOSE MAURICIO ELIAS,
4940 1/2 GRANADA ST., LOS ANGELES, CA. 90042
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/: MARIA M. DE ELIAS;
JOSE MAURICIO ELIAS

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE
NO. 20071873026 FIRST FILING. The following
person(s) is (are) doing business as LARA'S
TRANSMISSIONS, 2001 N. MARIANNA AVE., LA. CA.
90032. The full name of registrant(s) is/are :
TERESA GUTIERREZ, 3209 GARNET ST., LA. CA.
90023 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)8/15/2007. /s/:
TERESA GUTIERREZ

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE
NO. 20071873979 FIRST FILING. The following
person(s) is (are) doing business as LAW OFFICE
OF ADRIENNE J. QUARRY, 5752 CEDROS AVENUE,
VAN NUYS, CA. 91411. The full name of
registrant(s) is/are : ADRIENNE J. QUARRY, 5752
CEDROS AVENUE, VAN NUYS, CA. 91411 This
Business is being conducted by, an individual.

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Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact
business under the fictitious name or names
listed herein.. /s/: ADRIENNE J. QUARRY
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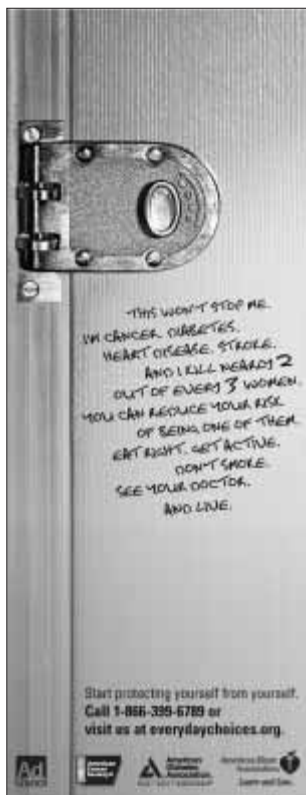
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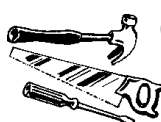
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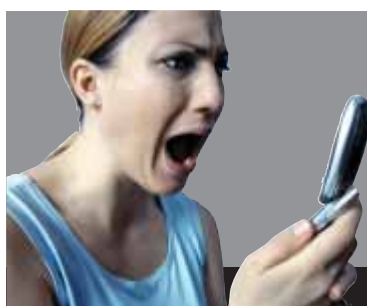
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