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NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

High school basketball coach Drew Sanders, 49, was arrested in New York City in July in connection with his method of inspiring two of his summer-program players not to miss free throws. Sanders was charged with more than 20 instances of spanking the boys' bare buttocks for missed shots. And the New York Post, citing a school system investigator, reported in April that high school teacher Rhianna Ellis, 25, had gotten pregnant from an affair with one of her students but had nonetheless later graded the boy a barely passing "65" in her social studies class, due to his laziness and tardiness.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 234th day of 2005.
There are 131 days left in the year.

On Aug. 22, 1775, Britain's King George III proclaimed the American colonies in a state of open rebellion. In 1956, President Eisenhower and Vice President Nixon were nominated for second terms in office by the Republican national convention in San Francisco.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Authors and actors and artists and such never know nothing, and never know much."

DOROTHY PARKER
(1893-1967)

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Local students gaining ground

BY RYAN HYATT

Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS. — Despite continued state budget cuts to education, Santa Monica public school students continue to make overall gains in math and language proficiency scores.

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District released last week the Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) program data for 2005. The data show the district has experienced "significant improvement" in English language arts and mathematics scores for most grade levels since 2004, said John Deasy, school district superintendent. It's an upward trend the SMMUSD has enjoyed at almost every grade level since the 2000-01 school year, when the district was required by the state to begin documenting the test results for some disciplines.

Each year, students in second

See **SCHOOLS**, page 6

Reach for the sky



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Ashley Turner of Santa Monica Power Yoga leads a yoga class Saturday morning on Santa Monica Beach to support 'P.S. I Love You Foundation's Yoga 123,' an outreach program dedicated to improving the lives of children in the inner cities.

COMMUNITY PROFILES | COMMUNITY PROFILES IS A WEEKLY SERIES THAT APPEARS EACH MONDAY AND DELVES INTO THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE, WORK AND PLAY IN SANTA MONICA.

Final delivery: Richard Iding hangs up his mailbag

BY ROBERT FATURECHI

Special to the Daily Press

For the past four decades, Richard Iding has taken to the streets, striding from one block to the next, packing Santa Monica mailboxes with letters, postcards and bills.

He's been the neighborhood mailman for 44 years, but on Friday Iding hung up his mailbag for good.

Though the longtime Santa Monica resident has spent years delivering mail "rain, sleet, hail or

See **PROFILES**, page 8



Getting a head start



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Runners from LA Leggers — in training for the LA Marathon that will be held on March 19, 2006 — stride past Shutters on the Beach this past weekend.

NATIONAL

Iraq veterans' war stress blamed in shootings

BY ANGIE WAGNER
AND DENISE LAVOIE

Associated Press Writers

One was a skinny 20-year-old discharged from the Army who couldn't shake the piercing rat-at-tat-tat reminders of combat. The other, a decorated Marine family man whose job preparing bodies of U.S. soldiers for burial had caused clammy, restless nights.

Both home from duty in Iraq, they were on opposite ends of the country, but their stories have much in common.

In Las Vegas, Matthew Sepi

was on his way to get a beer, but he tucked an assault rifle inside his black trenchcoat just in case. In Lawrence, Mass., Daniel Cotnoir brought out his 12-gauge shotgun. Both pulled the trigger. Now Sepi faces murder and attempted murder charges while Cotnoir is charged with attempted murder.

In the otherwise unrelated cases, family, friends and even law officers are looking to the influence of wartime horrors on the two veterans.

Flashbacks, nightmares, a

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A night to think, Taurus

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Use your pioneering spirit and forge a new path, whether it is a home or work project. Your efficiency comes out with ease. Others not only admire your work, they also distract you. Friends surround you. Tonight: As you like it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Slow down and take your time making decisions. Others might be strongly opinionated, and the wise move is to step back and listen more. You have a strong sense of direction — but so do others! You need to funnel your energy into a project that is important to you. Tonight: A night to think.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Where your friends are might be the best place to hole up this Monday. Some might have to work, but even in that setting, you'll add a convivial note. Perhaps you want to network and enjoy yourself more. Tonight: Time for fun and friends.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ A take-charge attitude might work with many, but on the home front, an easy, nurturing manner works best. Conversations lull others into agreeing with some of your wildest ideas. Money could dribble out of your hands. Tonight: Out and about.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ You are encouraged to take an overview right now rather than get stuck in a dicey situation. You need to evaluate your spending as well as your objectives. Are they in sync? Only you can answer that question. Tonight: Do your own fact-finding.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Though the Sun moves into your sign, christening your birthday period, you still might be well-advised to defer to associates and co-workers right now. You might gain by letting others lay their cards on the table first. Tonight: Togetherness works.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Tame that self-indulgent part of you if you want to gain anything from present happenings. Others clearly run the show, and their judgments do count. Listen to feedback, whether you want to or not. You are very lucky right now. Tonight: Follow someone else's lead.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Working with groups becomes a high priority starting today through the next four weeks. You will gain through the spirit of cooperation and knowing when to step back from a dominant position. Join others in the trenches. Tonight: Go for a drive.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You'll like what comes down your path. Your high energy and enthusiasm energize those you come into contact with. Assume your natural role as leader and dip into your creativity whenever possible. Tonight: So what if it's Monday?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Take your time with basic security concerns. You might want to be more impulsive than usual. Encourage others to seek out facts. Use detachment with what comes down your path right now. Tonight: Mosey on home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Review a situation with perspective, which means tossing your rose-colored glasses in the trash. You might want to ask more questions to really ascertain the lay of the land. You will be pleased by the end results. Tonight: Catch up on a pal's news.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You might be paying too much for a service or purchase. Know when to pull back. Others will be testy right now, whether you like it or not. Buying a card can touch someone as much as a gift. Remember that it is the thought that counts. Tonight: Keep your budget in mind.



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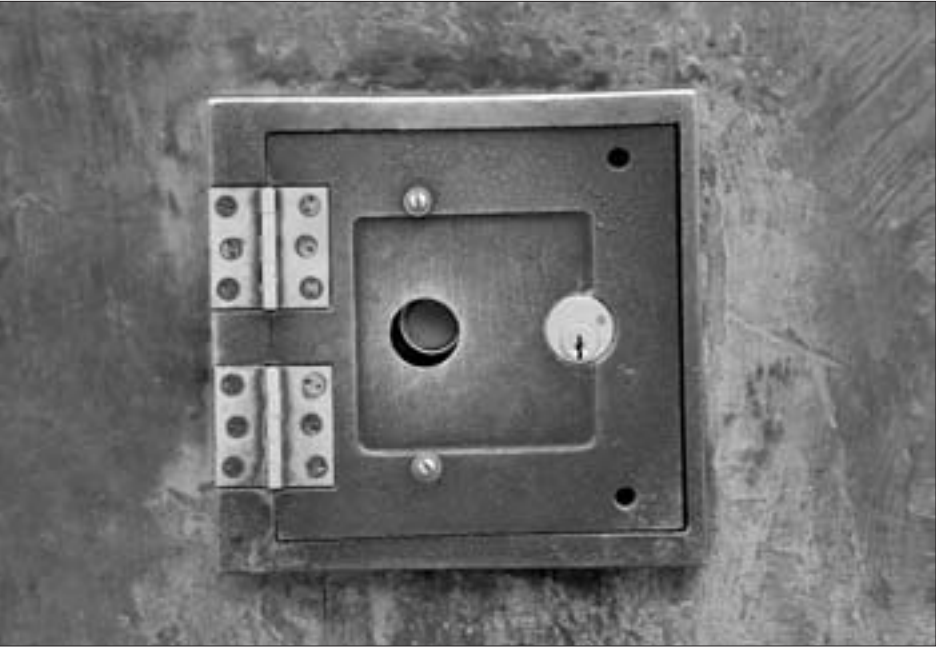
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LOCAL



Mystery photo



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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SMC to honor alum James Dean

By Daily Press staff

Santa Monica College will pay tribute to actor James Dean — one of its most famous alumni — with a screening of the recently released documentary “James Dean: Forever Young” and a talk by its maker, Michael J. Sheridan.

SMC’s “James Dean: A 50th Anniversary Tribute” will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30, the 50th anniversary of the actor’s death in a car accident in central California.

The free event will be held in the SMC Concert Hall, 1900 Pico Blvd.

Dean attended SMC, then known as Santa Monica City College, in 1949-50 before transferring to UCLA. While a student at SMC, he also was on the basketball team.

Dean became a legendary and tragic figure who was catapulted to fame even though he made only three movies before his death at 24 years old — “East of Eden” and “Rebel Without a Cause,” both released in 1955, and “Giant” in 1956. He was nominated posthumously for two Academy Awards for “East of Eden” and “Giant.”

The documentary on Dean premiered in May at the Cannes Film Festival and was shown shortly thereafter at London’s National Film Theatre. It includes rare footage of the actor that reveals Dean’s wide range of skills as a performer.

The event is co-sponsored by the SMC communication/cinema department and the SMC Associates, a private organization that funds speakers and special events on campus. For information, call (310) 434-4303.



An unidentified person has correctly determined that this photo was taken at a frame store located at 3129 Pico Boulevard. The person, known only as “Sachiko,” has won a free Santa Monica Daily Press baseball hat. Check out today’s edition for the next mystery photo contest.

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So this week, Q-Line wants to know, “What has to be taken into consideration by local officials to make this pilot program as successful as possible?”

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OPINION



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Racial profiling sends wrong message

Editor:

I wish to express a different view of the war on terrorism and in particular the suspicious filming of Santa Monica landmarks. What I read was that Middle Eastern men were seen filming the pier, the police station and other points of interest and one person decided to take pictures of them (SMDP, Aug. 11, page 1).

Why? Were their actions illegal? If their actions were not illegal, why are they suspicious? Because of how the men looked and were judged by this onlooker?

Should we be taking pictures of all tourists who film, videotape or visit major points of interest? When I travel abroad, I frequently take pictures of police stations, fire stations and government buildings because they are new, different and unique to their regions and of interest to me as a tourist.

Is this behavior illegal or suspicious? Should it be viewed that way by their locals and my picture taken?

Until America and Americans treat individuals equally, we will not be respected around the world. By acting prejudicially — forming an adverse opinion without just grounds or having an irrational attitude of hostility directed against an individual, a group, a race or their supposed characteristics — we defeat our own arguments of representing the moral high ground.

If we appear prejudiced and bigoted, we encourage the anti-American propaganda that feeds, fuels and recruits terrorists worldwide. In America, we presume people to be innocent and equal. We must apply this view to our daily lives and lead by example in how we treat people who are foreign looking and different from ourselves.

John Brown III
Santa Monica

Bush should see soldier's mom

Editor:

The difference that one person can make has been demonstrated throughout history. Cindy Sheehan is one of those people. Through her protest she has sparked national debate, sometimes enraging people while also making them question what is going on. For the president to not take time out of his biking and fishing schedule to talk to her is just insulting, and should disgust anyone who has lost a loved one in the war.

Colin Cromwell
Santa Monica

2006 election sure to hold some surprises



A year from now, the 2006 election campaigns will be in full swing.

Three City Council seats will be up for renewal. Mayor Pam O'Connor already has announced she'll seek a fourth term. Councilmen Kevin McKeown and Bob Holbrook will surely run again — McKeown for his third term and Holbrook for his fifth term.

By this time next year, Santa Monica's powerful political organization, Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights, will have endorsed three candidates for City Council. I'd bet the family Buick that McKeown and O'Connor will be on their ticket again in 2006.

Longtime SMRR member Patricia Hoffman, who ran unsuccessfully for council in 2004, already has filed a candidate intention statement for 2006. However, I predict Maria Loya, who also ran unsuccessfully last year despite SMRR's endorsement, will run again next year on SMRR's ticket. Loya recently beat out Hoffman for SMRR co-chair. Smart money say's she'll trump Hoffman again to round out the slate.

There is speculation that Oscar de la Torre, whose school board term expires next year, might jump over to the council race. In any case, SMRR's annual congress next summer could see a lot of political maneuvering and horse trading with five strong contenders and only three candidates getting the official SMRR nod.

However, there are some big problems within SMRR that could prevent the organization from keeping its majority grip on the City Council.

Competition from business interests including the Political Action Committee of the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, beach-front hotels and the usual behind-the-scenes entrepreneurs, real estate moguls and developers will be fierce.

The business community will back Bob Holbrook if he runs again, and I say he will. And Holbrook will have strong support from City Councilman Bobby Shriver, whom he helped get elected last year. The business interests will raise megabucks, especially from the owners of Casa del Mar and Shutters. And they're all are banking on the popular Shriver to actively support their entire slate and lead them to victory.

Matteo Dinolfo, who ran unsuccessful-

ly for City Council in 2002 and 2004, has filed a candidate intention statement and a statement of organization for 2006. Business leaders I've talked to won't admit to supporting him for council again, but they're not denying it either.

Another problem for SMRR is a growing rift in its ranks. On one side there is the old guard that have controlled the organization for 25 years. Mostly white and aging, they still embrace a liberal, social engineering agenda. Denny Zane, one of SMRR's founders, is still co-chair of the organization.

New, younger members, including a large Hispanic contingent and a host of union members, have joined SMRR in the last few years. They're chomping at the bit and eager to seize power for their own social justice and labor agenda. De la Torre, Ana G. Jara and Loya have emerged as the new-blood leaders with a strong base of Hispanics and pro-labor advocates.

Zane's power might be dissipating. Many members are offended by his exploitation of SMRR to prostitute himself to personal clients, such as Santa Monica College, where he's profited handsomely by managing the community relations for various college bond proposals and projects, the latest being the controversial SMC Bundy Drive campus expansion.

Few other independent names have emerged, but rumors are that preservation advocate Tom Cleys is considering a council run.

Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education seats held by de la Torre, Shane McCloud, Emily Bloomfield and Julia Brownley are up for grabs. De la Torre will probably seek a second term on the board if he doesn't run for council.

Brownley has announced she wants Fran Pavley's State Assembly seat. Despite numerous contenders, she is the most likely to get SMRR's endorsement in her quest for it.

Other school board members, including McCloud, who ran unaffiliated in 2002, have not announced their intentions.

In the meantime, another SMMUSD multi-hundred-million-dollar school improvement bond proposal and resultant parcel tax to pay the indebtedness will most likely be on the 2006 ballot.

Having said all that, everything could change over the next 10 months and probably will.

Stay tuned.

(Bill Bauer is a longtime Santa Monica resident and a freelance writer.)

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COMMENTARY



The value of a life is not much to an HMO



THE WITNESS STAND

BY CLIFF NICHOLS

An acquaintance named Jim recently died. He was not a personal friend of mine, but certainly was a friend to some who are. Regretfully, however, the story of the events that preceded his demise is one that recently is becoming all too familiar: Jim had been a member of an HMO.

It all started one year ago in August when Jim complained of heartburn and shortness of breath. His primary care physician performed a cursory examination, told him his condition was due to GERDS and sent him home. Unbeknownst to the examining physician, however, a physician's assistant had taken an X-ray that was not noticed in the chart until a subsequent exam conducted some time later for the same condition. When it was noticed, however, the physician exploded, not because of what the X-ray indicated, but because it had been taken without his authorization. Only because it did exist, however, was the physician able to determine that Jim's problem was not GERDS, but rather was caused by the presence of a very large gallstone.

They scheduled an outpatient procedure to remove the stone and told Jim he would be fine. Then another mistake was made. It seems that someone forgot to pass certain critical information about Jim to the surgeon prior to the procedure, which caused Jim to have a heart attack during surgery that his family claims was not discovered for nearly a week after surgery. Following its discovery, however, they admitted him to the coronary care unit for awhile, but then quickly said he was good and again released him too soon.

Jim was home just a couple of days, however, before he was rushed back to the emergency room. Again, he was having trouble breathing and was seen by his HMO provider group's physician. If it hadn't been for a "real" physician from outside the group who was called in for consultation, however, I am told they would never have figured out what was wrong. Not only had he had a couple more heart attacks since being released, but it also turned out he had some type of fibrosis in his lungs. Yet even with those eventually discovered conditions, his wife relates how Jim was told repeatedly to go home by physicians from his HMO provider group. They told him he was fine, to get up and walk out. This was repeated multiple times daily, contrary to even basic common sense. Eventually it got so bad that Jim and his wife complained to someone working for the state of California, who ultimately stepped in to prevent Jim's eviction from the hospital.

The HMO physicians then apparently re-channeled their energies to sending him to Los Angeles for rehab. But, then even that option was withdrawn and, ultimately, he was dismissed from the hospital and was yet again characterized as "doing fine." Twelve hours later, however, Jim's family again had to call 911 as he couldn't breathe. Once more, they took him to the hospital where he wound up in coronary care. This time, however, they

told him he also had kidney failure.

His family maintains today that was when the HMO sent in their "Terminator" doctor who told them there was no longer a choice — he had to leave the hospital and go home for hospice care, as he had now been designated as a terminal patient. Conveniently, that designation also just happened to relieve the HMO of any further responsibility and/or liability for his future medical care. And so, Jim's HMO dropped him as soon as the terminal diagnosis was given by his group's "Terminator" doctor, leaving hospice care as his only chance for life. Jim died within two weeks at home.

Needless to say, these events caused his family to have questions. Was he really terminal all the time and this was just his time to go, or was his death caused in large part by a lack of competent medical care provided by his HMO's physicians due to cost concerns? Were they so worried they'd have to pay a bill arising from competent medical care that the HMO wanted to get rid of him? Would rehab or an earlier proper diagnosis of his medical condition have cured him or, at least, prevented his condition from worsening? Who knows? Certainly his family never will.

When members of Jim's family attempted to get copies of his medical records, they were told that certain critical portions of them seem to have been misplaced and couldn't be found. They also discovered that certain physicians who were directors of the HMO's provider group also were on the boards of the hospitals involved in treating Jim. Convenient, some would say. Then malpractice attorneys were eventually consulted. But they declined the case. The family was told that because there was a low dollar limit for general damages in malpractice cases and because of Jim's age there weren't likely to be sufficient special damages such as lost wages, it wouldn't be worth pursuing.

The conclusions drawn by Jim's family from this experience are the following: Without lawyers to corral them, some doctors seemingly have free reign to determine the course of your medical treatment based on economics rather than medical ethics. And why shouldn't they? The way our medical/legal system is structured, after a certain age human life has been predetermined to have no value, with the result that any malpractice visited upon the aged has no practical adverse consequence for the physicians involved.

The result? It would seem that under some HMO care, if the HMO's assigned physicians decide it's cheaper for the HMO for an elderly person to die rather than live, so shall that patient's fate be determined, regardless of the efforts and pleas of both the patient and his loved ones to obtain a more favorable result that may be medically feasible and available.

Others, however, may be left angry and wondering if physicians are permitted to practice in this manner with impunity. Why was Kevorkian ever imprisoned?

(Cliff Nichols is an attorney practicing criminal defense/entertainment law in Santa Monica. He may be contacted regarding this editorial at either 310-917-1083 or www.cliffnicholslaw.com, or you may join his blog at www.thedailystand.com.)



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Ninth graders show greatest leap in scores

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through 11th grades take the California Standards Test in English language arts and mathematics. History and science also are tested at some, but not all, grade levels, Deasy said. Students attain one of five levels of performance on the CST, ranging among “advanced,” “proficient,” “basic,” “below basic” and “far below basic.”

California’s state board of education has established the “proficient” level as the standard by which public school students are measured. It’s a point of some contention with Deasy, who said that while the state expects much from its students, California continues to cut the K-12 education budget.

“It’s interesting to note that while the

state continues to abandon the funding of public education, California’s academic goals are higher than most states,” Deasy said.

In the 2004-05 school year, 72 percent of Santa Monica-Malibu district students reached the proficiency level for the fourth grade, while 48 percent of the district’s 11th grade students were able to do the same. Student proficiency grew by as much as 7 percentage points for fourth graders and 8 percentage points for 11th graders, compared to the previous year.

Overall, the district has continued to see an increase in student proficiency in nine of 10 grade levels since 2001. The greatest improvement has been among ninth graders, 48 percent of whom were proficient five years ago, when the results started to be

measured. The most recent results show that 65 percent of ninth graders have met proficiency requirements since then, a 17 percent increase.

Deasy attributes part of the academic improvement to changes in teaching methodology and curriculum at the ninth grade level. He also said Santa Monica High School’s “house system” has provided freshman with more one-on-one interaction with teachers.

By redesigning the large campus into smaller, individual ones, schools have higher attendance rates, higher grade point averages, lower dropout rates, and students and teachers report being more satisfied with the experience, studies show.

However, despite the changes, similar achievement has not been seen among 10th graders, a group that has experienced a 4 percent drop in proficiency over the past five years. Performing at 53 percent in 2001, last year they were only performing at 49 percent proficiency.

Deasy said the decline in performance for 10th graders is one the district is aware of and is working to correct. Although students have been experiencing a slight decline in achievement in recent years, they are doing better at both grade levels above and below.



JOHN DEASY

Students considered to come from economically disadvantaged backgrounds have made substantial gains in the past five years at all grade levels, except for sixth graders, whose improvement was negligible.

The greatest improvement for economically disadvantaged students was among ninth graders. In 2001, they were performing at 15 percent proficiency. Last year, they were performing at 40 percent proficiency, meaning more than a quarter of that grade level is performing better than it was five years ago.

GROUPS LAPPING UP LANGUAGE ARTS

Students categorized along racial lines generally improved at all grade levels in a one-year period in English language arts.

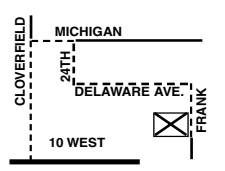
African-American students improved at all levels, except third grade, which had a 5 percent drop in proficiency from the 2003-04 school year. That grade level is currently at 25 percent proficiency. Ninth grade African-American students jumped from 25 percent to 40 percent proficiency.

African-American students, as well as other groups, show a long-term decline in proficiency performance on a year-by-year basis. While they peak at more than 60 percent proficiency as fourth graders, they attain the lowest level of student performance by 11th grade — 18 percent proficiency in 2005.

Latinos, like African-American students, also had an impressive spike in

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“Know before you go” is a weekly update on construction projects throughout Santa Monica. Here are the public works-initiated projects for the week of Aug. 22:



Cingular lines

Cingular is installing telecommunication lines on San Vicente Boulevard, between 17th and 19th streets. There may be detours around the work area.

Civic Center parking structure

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

Electrical vault installation

Southern California Edison will be installing an underground vault at Santa Monica Boulevard at Seventh Court. There will be detours around work areas. Follow posted signs.

Gas company main replacement

Southern California Gas Co. is replacing a 4-inch main on Ocean Park Boulevard, between 14th and 18th streets. There will be detours around work areas. Follow posted signs.

Main Library

Construction is underway on the new main library, located at 601 Santa Monica Blvd. During construction, visit the temporary library at 1324 Fifth St. or any of the branch libraries. There is currently no sidewalk access on Santa Monica Boulevard, Sixth Street and Seventh Street adjacent to the project.

Memorial and Los Amigos parks

Demolition of existing park buildings and construction of new restrooms, concession stands and storage buildings. Park buildings will be inaccessible during construction. Memorial Park is located at Olympic Boulevard and 14th Street, and Los Amigos Park is located at Fifth Street and Hollister Avenue.

On-Fiber telecommunications lines

On-Fiber is installing telecommunication lines on 26th Street from north of Colorado Boulevard to Pennsylvania Street. There may be detours around the work area along Pennsylvania Street, from 26th Street to Stewart Street.

Street and park lighting project

Work continues on upgrading street lighting with new fixtures and circuits. The contractor is installing new poles and lights. Construction for this project occurs in the sidewalk areas and may impact pedestrians, vehicles and park visitors. Parking restrictions also will be in place immediately adjacent to the work areas. This work is currently scheduled to occur on Colorado Boulevard between Ocean Avenue and Sixth Street; Fifth Street from Colorado Boulevard to Santa Monica Boulevard; California Avenue between Seventh and Euclid streets; Santa Monica Boulevard from Sixth to 12th streets; and Wilshire Boulevard from Seventh to Euclid streets; as well as Marine and Clover Parks.

Seismic retrofit of parking structure no. 5

Seismic retrofitting is underway on parking structure no. 5 on Fourth Street, between Broadway and Santa Monica Boulevard. The project will bring the structure to current code requirements and enable it to better withstand future earthquakes. Additional work will improve access for those with disabilities. During construction, the parking structure will remain in full operation, and plenty of parking will be available. However, there may be some added congestion around the entrances and exits.

Traffic signal upgrade

City Hall’s transportation management division is upgrading traffic signals on Ocean Park Boulevard at Cloverfield Boulevard and at 23rd Street. There will be detours around the work area. However, the contractor will maintain at a minimum one lane in each direction on all streets. For information, call (310) 458-4982.

Virginia Avenue Park

Major renovations at the park, located at the corner of Pico and Cloverfield boulevards. Renovations are expected to continue through fall of 2005. The park is closed at this time. The project also includes construction of new turning lanes, traffic signals, striping, and irrigation and landscaping on Cloverfield and Pico boulevards, adjacent to the park.

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



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COMMUNITY PROFILES

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snow,” the 77-year-old has decided to finally take a break.

And take in some sun.

“I want to go to Hawaii, and I’ve got plenty of little things to go to, the fairs to go to, the museums to see,” Iding said. “I’ll maybe go to Europe.”

Iding arrived in Santa Monica in 1956, 10 years after he began his decade-long tenure in the Navy, where he worked in finances on the mighty Baltimore, a ship he describes as large and beautiful.

The Milwaukee native watched the city of Santa Monica take shape, from a small factory town to a bustling and affluent beachside community.

“Everything has changed — a lot more people, a lot more vehicles,” Iding said. “They want the small-town feeling, but they don’t have it anymore.”

Though the father of one is glad he’s finally getting a chance to relax with his wife, who also is retired, he says he’ll miss the everyday exchanges he enjoyed with the residents he served.

“It was a good job. Things have changed, but it was nice,” Iding said. “You get to know the people you serve, and you have a very good relation with almost all of them. I miss them, and it was always a pleasure serving them.”

A day after his retirement bash, the Daily Press caught up with the longtime

mailman to talk about the past and his plans for the future.

How has Santa Monica changed in the last 40 years?

“There are about 40 or 50 percent more people. There are more big businesses. Small businesses are going out. Things change with the times; we have so many more people, and the land is becoming so much more valuable. Not too many people can afford it anymore for small businesses.

“It wasn’t as crowded, you had more houses all over instead of big apartment dwellings. Before you had very good relationships with everyone whose stores or bakeries you went to. You got to know them, they got to know you and your families, and that’s more or less a thing of the past.

“It’s got a lot of traffic now, but that’s a thing that goes with life.”

How has mail carrying in Santa Monica changed over the course of the last few decades?

“Things have changed because you are getting more automated mail in now. You are getting more mail in that is already routed for house-to-house delivery, which you never had before.”

What’d you do before you started work at the post office?

“I was in the military, in the Navy for 10 years. The last service I had I was aboard the Baltimore, and I (worked in the

finance department) from ’46 to ’56. The military is not bad. I was aboard small destroyers mainly. My last duty was aboard the Baltimore, a large, beautiful ship. It must have been five times bigger than a destroyer.”

Why’d you leave the military?

“I was working 14 to 15 hours a day behind a desk, and we were short on help and we had a very good team, but the pay and service was not that good. (After I left the military) I came to Santa Monica and worked at Douglas for a couple years in the missile section.”

Talk about your days as a newbie mail carrier.

“Ten, 12 hours a day, making a dollar and 10 cents an hour. If you worked on Christmas or New Year’s that was straight pay. Jobs were a little tough to come by years ago, so people wanted a good solid job, and the demand was there at the post office.”

As you aged, was it tough making the daily rounds as a mail carrier?

“I have problems with my one knee now, but the walking is maybe the best thing a person can have. I still walk, but I don’t walk anymore like I used to. But it’s not that bad. You meet your same people everyday, little things happen everyday that are nice.”

What do you like about Santa Monica?

“Santa Monica is not a bad city. We got used to everybody, we got used to the stores. I had a good relationship with the people I served. I would meet them on the street, and everything was always nice.”

Why’d you decide to retire?

“I was old enough. I’m ready for retirement. I’m older, you get a little bit tired afterwards. When you get older you can’t push so much anymore. It’s time to relax a little bit.”

Will you miss the day-to-day hustle at the post office?

“I had a good relationship with almost everybody in the office. I will go back and I will see them, and I’ll have to bring some food when I see them again.”

What are your post-retirement plans?

“I’ve got a lot to do around the house, and then also I’ve a lot of time to go through all my old stuff and get rid of a lot of stuff. (My wife and I) both have bus passes, and transportation is good for older people so we can use the bus system.”

Any travel plans?

“Right now not too far, we’ll stick around the county. We’ll be going to Hawaii eventually.”

Will you miss the work?

“I won’t miss it too much now, but I will miss naturally the people I serve.”

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LOCAL



Deasy: Some groups still have long way to go

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their ninth grade performance level. It's a change from 22 percent proficiency in 2003-04 to 40 percent in 2004-05, an increase of 18 percent. The group's decline within grade levels was only statistically significant once, with 10th graders performing 4 percentage points below their level in 2003-04. Otherwise, Latinos generally improved within their grade levels.

However, on a year-by-year proficiency basis, Latino students continue to struggle. Like African-American students, they peak in fourth grade, with more than half of them proficient. By 11th grade, their proficiency is less than 30 percent.

White students had substantial gains in the English language arts at all grade levels. Eighth graders seemed to have the biggest boost. Approximately 50 percent proficient in 2003-04, whites were 75 percent proficient by 2004-05 in eighth grade, an increase of 25 percentage points. However, their performance level seems to waver on a year-by-year basis, beginning to dip in ninth grade by more than 12 percent.

Special education students continue to struggle over the one-year performance period, all of whom performed at less than 30 percent proficiency at every grade level. While there has been little change in their performance from one year to the next, a few grade levels stand out.

Tenth graders have had the most difficulty. They dropped from 18 percent proficiency in 2003-04 to nearly 2 percent in 2004-05. However, 11th graders had a 10 percent increase in proficiency.

MATH NOT ADDING UP FOR SOME STUDENTS

Overall math proficiency continues to hover around 50 percent proficiency or above for elementary school students.

There were no district math statistics provided after eighth grade.

It becomes difficult to interpret the statistics for middle school math students, Deasy said, where students begin to differentiate among the kinds of math they are able to perform. In particular, 600 of approximately 1,000 Santa Monica eighth graders took the algebra CST, 50 percent of whom scored at the proficient or advanced levels.

Seventy-two eighth graders took the geometry CST, of whom 96 percent scored at or above the proficient level.

More than 300 eighth graders took the general mathematics CST, and a little more than 20 percent of them scored at a proficiency level.

More than half of eighth graders who are economically disadvantaged took the algebra CST. Of those 122 students, 39 percent scored at or above the proficiency level.

Focusing on elementary schools, math results for African-American students show general improvement, peaking at fourth grade with a 55 percent proficiency level. After that, there is a significant drop in proficiency, by as much as 20 percent in fifth grade. However, fifth, sixth and seventh grade students are seeing improvement within all of their grade levels. The most significant are the sixth graders, who went from 15 percent math proficiency in 2003-04 to 30 percent last year.

Focusing on elementary schools, math results for Latino students peak in second grade, when last year students were 55 percent. Then in sixth grade there is a noticeable drop, a change in 20 percentage points. That picks up in seventh grade, although not returning to previous plateau levels. Last year, Latino seventh grade students achieved 32 percent math proficiency.

White students in elementary school continue to have higher proficiency compared to other groups. They tend to decline between second and seventh grade. In second grade, whites students peak at 82 percent proficiency. By seventh grade, their proficiency decreases to 68 percent, a difference of 16 percentage points compared to second grade. However, whites at all grade levels averaged nearly 20 percent improvement last year.

Special education students peak in second grade with nearly 50 percent proficiency. Their biggest improvement was in second grade. Last year, they were 50 percent proficient, an improvement of 10 percent from 2003-04.

Deasy, who took the helm of the local school district five years ago, said he's pleased with this year's overall test results because it shows students are generally achieving better during the time his staff has been in place. However, he said, there is a long way to go in bringing up general proficiency levels for some groups.

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A third of returning troops develop some stress problem

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struggle to reconnect to an old life — these are all signs of post-traumatic stress disorder that many soldiers suffer from. The Army's surgeon general has said 30 percent of U.S. troops surveyed have developed stress-related mental health problems just months after returning home. A New England Journal of Medicine study found almost 1 in 6 soldiers showing symptoms of mental stress.

Sepi and Cotnoir both reportedly sought help. Some question whether the military is doing enough to aid soldiers.

Just 5-feet-3 and 120 pounds, Matthew Sepi was small but tough and disciplined, a great soldier, his old Army roommate said.

After joining the Army in May 2002, Sepi, a Navajo Indian, left for Iraq in April the following year. Along with his company from Fort Carson, Colo., the specialist was on the front lines, going on missions and raids and doing traffic control.

"Every day you're trying to dodge 'winning the lottery,'" said former Army Spc. Shay Price, Sepi's roommate at Fort Carson. "It wasn't a constant battle every day, but you know, it's like a terrorist war. It's very tactical out there. There's no army to fight."

If the grinding war bothered Sepi, he didn't let on. He seemed fine and never mentioned any problems to his colleagues. But that was Sepi's way. He kept his feelings to himself.

"I was with him every day," said former Army Pfc. Justin Nelson, Sepi's "battle buddy." "Being with someone that long you never notice a slow, progressive change. You never know if they're changing or not."

When he was honorably discharged in May, Sepi eventually moved to Las Vegas and struggled to find a job. He worked as a day laborer, but told police that when a pallet fell to the ground, he was so bothered by it he could not function for an hour.

"He was nervous," his sister Juli Sepi said from her Winslow, Ariz., home. "If there were loud noises he would definitely look around and make sure every area was secure. When I was with him, I slammed a door and he kind of was freaking out."

His mother reportedly said her son sought counseling, but was put on a waiting list, though that could not be confirmed.

Sepi talked to his sister about the rundown neighborhood he lived in, how people would eye him in the alley

by his apartment complex.

"He just didn't feel safe," she said.

On July 31, just after 1 a.m., with the temperature near 90 degrees, Sepi picked up his trenchcoat and assault rifle and made his way down the alley to a convenience store. A man and a woman said something to him, but he doesn't remember what, Sepi told police. After drinking a beer, he walked back through the alley and saw the same couple.

They yelled for him to get out of the alley, he told police. What happened next is unclear, but Sepi claims the man fired a gun at him, so he pulled out his rifle and started shooting. In an ambush, that's what he was trained to do, he said.

The woman, 47-year-old Sharon Jackson, was shot dead; 26-year-old Kevin Ratcliff was injured.

"Who did I take fire from?" Sepi asked a detective.

Police found a 9 mm pistol and three bullet casings in the alley, which they believe belonged to Jackson or Ratcliff. They haven't said who they think fired first; Ratcliff has also said he fired in self-defense.

When police caught up to him, Sepi had gone back to his apartment for more ammunition, and loaded it and his rifle into his car.

"You walk around with a weapon in your hand every day, you get kind of accustomed to it," Price said.

Two weeks after the Las Vegas alley shooting, in another place far removed from Iraq, another veteran snapped.

Daniel Cotnoir was just a boy of 5 or 6 when he began working in his father's funeral home, at first dusting chairs in the sitting rooms, then learning how to embalm and eventually mastering restorative techniques.

So when the Marine shipped off to serve in Iraq, his commanders decided to put his mortuary skills to use.

Cotnoir helped recover the remains of soldiers blown up by roadside bombs. He picked up body parts from battlefields and trained other Marines to do the same. He even helped cut down the burned bodies of civilian contractors hanging from a bridge in Fallujah — a scene that horrified the world.

When Cotnoir returned home last October to Lawrence, he went back to working in the funeral home and back to his wife and two daughters. Friends said he seemed a little quieter, but still the same nice guy who helped them plow their driveways and handed out toys at

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Veterans often are reluctant to seek needed psychological help

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He was even named "Marine of the Year" by the Marine Corps Times, a national award.

That was the surface. Cotnoir told longtime friend Shaun Hamilton he suffered from nightmares, shakes and cold sweats.

Sometimes in traffic, he looked at other drivers suspiciously.

"I just get a little jittery, a little nervous," Cotnoir told The Boston Globe in November. "I try to take deep breaths and let it go and remember this is Lawrence. Car bombs don't go off here."

Then, just before 3 a.m. on Aug. 13, Cotnoir pointed a 12-gauge shotgun out his second-floor window and fired a single shot into a crowd of noisy revelers leaving a nightclub and a nearby restaurant. Witnesses said someone had thrown a bottle through Cotnoir's window, shattering the glass, before Cotnoir fired.

Cotnoir, 33, known as a hard-working, straight-laced family man, told police he was afraid for his wife and two daughters, who were asleep in the house. He had complained repeatedly for six years about the noise from the weekend crowds. Last year, a shooting left three bullet holes in the side of his house.

Cotnoir's lawyer said he meant the shot to be a warning to the crowd, but fragments from the blast ricocheted off concrete and struck Lissette Cumba, 15, and Kelvin Castillo, 20. Both have been released from the hospital.

Now Cotnoir's friends and fellow Marines are rallying around him, calling the shooting an obvious case of post-traumatic stress disorder.

"He was the person who went out and picked up the soldiers who got blown up," said Bruce Reynolds, a friend who runs an auto repair shop next to Cotnoir's funeral home. "I have sympathy for him."

Cotnoir sought psychological counseling at a nearby veterans hospital, according to his lawyer, Robert Kelley.

Citing cases like those of Sepi and Cotnoir, along with numerous suicides and a bank robbery by Iraq veterans, some believe they need more help.

U.S. Rep. Martin Meehan, D-Mass., has filed legislation that would require every returning veteran to undergo a thorough psychological and physical examination. Meehan also seeks to increase funding for treatment of veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder.

"If you look at how much money we're spending in Iraq and the increase in the defense budget, surely a small portion of that could be used to take care of these kids coming back from Iraq," Meehan said.

Part of the reason for the mental stress when soldiers return could be the nature of this war, in which U.S. troops aren't fighting an army. Soldiers never know whether a civilian is the enemy. Troops rotate in and out

of Iraq and return home to a country less accepting of the war.

"It's one thing to hunker down in one area, but it's another to move around to a new unsecured area all the time," said Staff Sgt. Robert Davis, a mental health technician with the Army's 883rd Combat Stress Control Company, a unit that offers psychological counseling to troops on the front lines in Iraq.

"There's anxiety, battle fatigue, lack of sleep and they're miles from home. Any of those is difficult, but all of them together is bad," Davis said.

David Spiegel, a psychiatrist at Stanford University and expert in PTSD, said soldiers are immersed in a brutal environment, then just dumped back home among people who don't understand.

"You have a society not prepared to deal with what these people have been through and done. It isolates them when they come back."

Many are reluctant to seek help. Veterans worry that getting counseling could hurt their careers or alter relationships, said a study last year in the New England Journal of Medicine by the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research.

"A lot of the younger guys won't do that," said National Guard Staff Sgt. Joseph Nelson of Bloomingdale, N.Y. "They think it makes them into wimps."

Nelson, who served in Iraq from February 2004 until last December after he was injured, suffers from PTSD and sees a psychologist once a week even though he's leery of what people think of him.

"People see me coming out of the shrink's office and say, 'What's wrong with him?' I think about it. What would they say? What's going through their minds?"

Even Cotnoir had talked about the stigma attached to asking for help.

"A lot of guys don't want to 'fess up to needing help because they want to get back to civilian life," he told The (Lawrence) Eagle-Tribune newspaper in November, about a month after he returned home.

"Of course, you don't want to be labeled. You don't want to be that guy under a bridge talking to a rock ... because you've seen it in the Vietnam era. And you don't want to be that guy walking around in a flak jacket."

Even one of the victims is supporting Cotnoir.

"We both think he needs help, not jail," Cumba's mother, Naida Cumba, told The Eagle-Tribune.

Sepi's friend Price agreed: "Maybe the system, maybe they need to get on the ball a little faster."

Cotnoir is undergoing a psychiatric evaluation at a state hospital awaiting a Sept. 2 Lawrence District Court appearance. Sepi is in the Clark County, Nev., jail, awaiting an Aug. 26 Justice Court appearance, though prosecutors say they are looking at getting him into counseling.

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Charges prompt debate over inmate meetings

BY DON THOMPSON

Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — The recent arrest of a prison parolee in Southern California illustrates a potential terrorism danger that federal officials have been warning about for months — that inmates in state prison systems are particularly susceptible to radical Islamist ideology.

Prison officials across the nation say they so far have seen more potential for recruitment than real threats, but said they have been monitoring Muslim groups since the 2001 terrorist attacks.

Authorities suspect the parolee, who was arrested by local police on charges unrelated to terrorism, is connected to two other men in a possible terrorist plot against Jewish and National Guard sites. Authorities said they believe the plan originated in a shadowy group known as Jamiyyat Ul Islam Is Saheeh in California State Prison, Sacramento.

Counterterrorism officials said the danger is not in the number of adherents to radical Islam but in the potential for small groups of dedicated believers to commit terrorist acts once they are released.

They point to Jose Padilla, an American Muslim convert arrested in 2002 after authorities say he planned a “dirty bomb” radiological attack after he left jail, and Richard Reid, who was convicted of attempting to blow up an American Airlines flight in 2001 with a shoe bomb.

“Nothing I have suggests there is a widespread Al Qaida recruitment movement within the prison system,

but all you need is three or four to conduct an attack,” said Gary Winuk, chief deputy director of Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger’s Office of Homeland Security.

Prison officials nationwide “are all sort of hearing the chatter” about efforts to recruit inmates to extremist ideologies, said Martin Horn, commissioner of the New York City Department of Corrections. The department, he said, was “seeing evidence of efforts” by Islamic groups to recruit, but he declined to elaborate.

The state and city recently set up a Corrections Intelligence Fusion Center at Rikers Island to track problems, similar to another cooperative effort under way in the Washington, D.C., area: “At this point, it’s primarily precautionary,” Horn said.

Prison officials in other states, including Pennsylvania and Ohio, where Muslim inmates helped spark an 11-day fatal riot in 1993, said they have seen no signs of recruiting.

Federal antiterrorism experts said prison officials may be seeing few problems because the radicalized groups keep relatively quiet while they are incarcerated. Concern grows once they are released and their movements are no longer closely watched.

The U.S. Department of Justice’s inspector general, in an April 2004 report, found that the federal Bureau of Prisons was doing inadequate background or ideology checks on its Muslim clerics. It also found that inmates and religious volunteers had “ample opportunity ... to deliver inappropriate and extremist messages without supervision.”

Federal prisons rely heavily on volunteers or contractors recruited by Islamic groups for religious services because there is a shortage of full-time clerics, the report said.

The federal system has about 9,000 inmates, or 6 percent of the prison population, seeking Islamic religious services. California doesn’t keep track of inmates by religion.

Groups with domestic or foreign terrorism ties have been a prison phenomenon for decades, said Steven L. Pomerantz, a former FBI assistant director and counterterrorism chief who lives in suburban Washington, D.C.

He said there was “no question ... we have a problem with militant Islam and its spread into the American prison system.”

The Southern California case arose after 25-year-old Levar Haley Washington and another man were arrested July 5 by police in Torrance, a suburb southwest of Los Angeles, for investigation of robbing gas stations.

Authorities have said they suspect a list found in Washington’s Los Angeles apartment contained potential terrorist targets, although Washington has not been charged with a terrorism-related crime.

The list included National Guard recruiting stations, synagogues and the Israeli Consulate.

Washington converted to Islam in the Sacramento-area prison before his Nov. 29 parole.

A message left after hours Friday for Washington’s public defender, Jerome Haig, was not immediately returned.

Counterintelligence officials said California prisons are particularly troublesome because of their large and diverse populations. On Monday, two FBI agents from Washington, D.C., met with California prison wardens and warned about what they described as a growing national threat of Muslim extremism, said state prison and Homeland Security officials.

In California, inmates adhering to a radical brand of Islam are in every prison, officials said. But they said the problem pales compared to the danger posed by more established prison gangs such as the Mexican Mafia and Aryan Nation.

Chaplains’ clerks or other inmates lead some religious ceremonies and sometimes preach a much more inflammatory version of Islam, said Lance Corcoran, executive vice president of the California Correctional Peace Officers Association.

“Oftentimes they become offshoots, and that’s where the problem is,” Corcoran said. Yet, “I find most Muslim inmates to be very respectful, to be very easy to deal with. We haven’t seen that much militant behavior among the inmates in our system.”

Shakeel Syed, a contract chaplain with the U.S. Bureau of Prisons, disputed the idea that prisons are producing Islamic militants. He joined representatives of Muslim groups Friday at a news conference in Los Angeles to say that chaplains can be part of the solution by steering inmates away from radical ideology.

“Those of us who are on the front lines battling extremism are not being utilized by law enforcement,” said Salam Al-Marayati, executive director of the Muslim Public Affairs Council.

The California prison system has 30 full- and part-time Muslim chaplains, civil service employees who undergo background checks and are required to adhere to mainstream Islam, said Terry Thornton, spokeswoman for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

Translators are called in if prison officials have suspicions, but department spokesman J.P. Tremblay said it is up to prison chaplains to make sure religious activities remain focused on spiritual issues.

The American Correctional Association is helping prison systems and county jails across the country establish ways to monitor inmates’ religious activities while they are incarcerated, a process that started before the 2001 attacks.

“Within the prison system, while they can be recruited, they have a limited ability to do anything,” said Joe Weedon, the organization’s director of government affairs. The concern, he said, is what those inmates do once they’re released.

(Associated Press writer Jeremiah Marquez contributed to this story from Los Angeles.)

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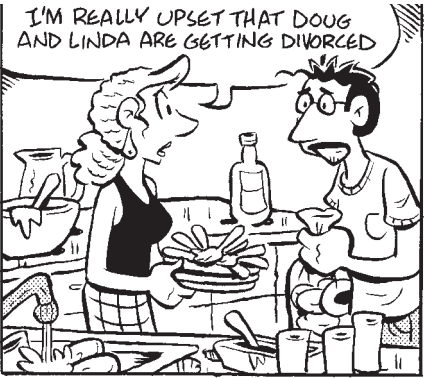
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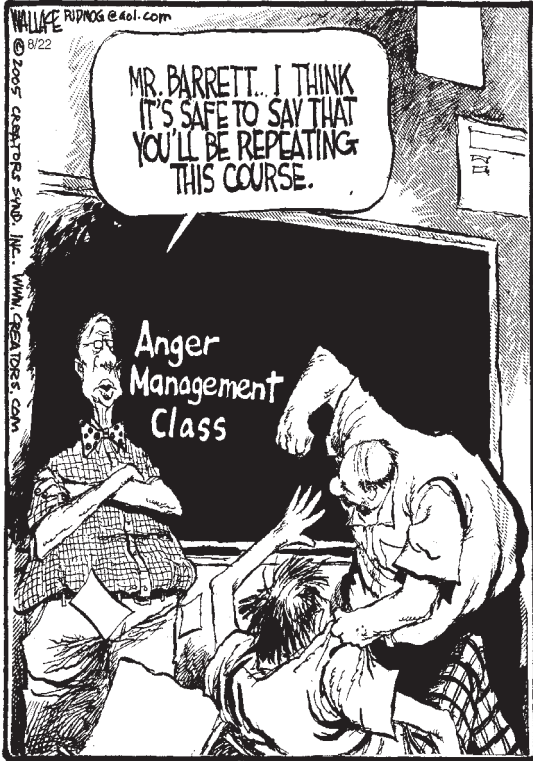


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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1701999 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as A & R Meat Co., 10414 Kauffman Ave., South Gate, CA 90280. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Arnulfo G. Ramirez, 10414 Kauffman Ave., South Gate, CA 90280 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)7/14/2005. /s/: Arnulfo G. Ramirez

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1686198 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Cindy's Hair Salon, 1409 Crenshaw Blvd., #107, Gardena, CA 90249. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Cindy Constantino, 15917 Prairie Ave., #2, Lawndale, CA 90260 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)4/2/2005. /s/: Cindy Constantino

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1690724 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Espi and Associates, 9312 State St., South Gate, CA 90280. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Miguel Espinoza, 9312 State St., South Gate, CA 90280 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Miguel Espinoza
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1690713 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as From CA to GA, 11120 Chadsey Dr., Whittier, CA 90604. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Kevin Sonnier, 10231 England Dr., #3, Inglewood, CA 90303, Manuel Rivera, 11120 Chadsey Dr., Whittier, CA 90604 This Business is being conducted by, co-partners. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Manuel Rivera, Kevin Sonnier
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1704069 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as JNL Label, 12267 Barringer Street, South El Monte, CA 91733. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : JNL Supply, Inc., 12267 Barringer Street, South El Monte, CA 91733 This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: JNL Supply, Inc., President, Tung-Shen Huang

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1678176 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Iris's Barber Shop & Beauty Salon, 5031 N. Figueroa St., Los Angeles, CA 90042. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Norma Iris Martinez Padilla, 4923 Granada St., Los Angeles, CA 90042 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)10/1/2004. /s/: Norma Martinez
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1726670 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Israels Trucking, 740 Orme Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90023. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Israel Navarro, 740 Orme Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90023 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/: Israel Navarro
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1731469 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Magic Travel & Tours, 816 1/2 E. Palmdale, Palmdale, CA 93550. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Jose Luis Ochoa, 3153 Fern Ave., Palmdale, CA 93550, Patricia Ochoa, 3153 Fern Ave., Palmdale, CA 93550 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/: Jose Luis Ochoa, Patricia Ochoa

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1686295 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Marvelous Tint, 8815 Clarinda, Pico Rivera, CA . The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Santiago Zamora, 8815 Clarinda, Pico Rivera, CA This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Santiago Zamora
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1731455 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MT Video Productions, 11720 Norlain Ave., Downey, CA 90241. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Mario Terrazas, 11720 Norlain Ave., Downey, CA 90241 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/: Mario Terrazas

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1690721 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as My Cabinets, 20950 South Normandie Ave., #P, Torrance, CA 90502. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Marwan E. Abu Hassan, 527 N. Azusa, #137, Covina, CA 91722 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/: Marwan E. Abu Hassan
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1701937 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Park Place Funding, 2614 W. Beverly Blvd., Montebello, CA 90640. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Annette Camacho, 556 E. Los Amigos Ave., Montebello, CA 90640, Art Jimenez, 9747 La Cima Dr., Whittier, CA 90603, Benny Juarez, 917 Record Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90063 This Business is being conducted by, a general partnership. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)7/18/2005. /s/: Annette Camacho, Art Jimenez, Benny Juarez

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1690756 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as RCM Limited, PO Box 471, 120 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Unit C, Sierra Madre, CA 91025. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Joseph J. Crews, 31 E. Bonita Ave., Sierra Madre, CA 91024 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/: Jose J. Crews
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1726676 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Ricos - 99c Up, 4244 E. Cesar E. Chavez Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90063. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Lidia D. Rico, 4242 E. Cesar E. Chavez Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90063, Magdalena Rico, 4242 E. Cesar E. Chavez Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90063 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/: Lidia D. Rico, Magdalena Rico

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FICTIONAL BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE
 NO. 05 1701962 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as The Secret Garden Floral Design, Inc., 16521 Whittier Blvd., Whittier, CA 90603. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: The Secret Garden Floral Design, Inc., 9136 Manzanar, Downey, CA 90240 This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein. /s/ The Secret Garden Floral Design, Inc., Principal, Fabian Salazar

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1675444 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as West Life, 1642 W. 12th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90015. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Jacqueline Elvira Lopez, 1642 W. 12th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90015, Frederico Dominguez, 119 W. Live Oak, San Gabriel, CA 91776 This Business is being conducted by, as co-partners. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Jacqueline Lopez, Frederico Dominguez

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1678131 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as WYG Entertainment, 1867 Temple Ave., #22, Signal Hill, CA 90755. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Willonna Yvonne Green, 1867 Temple Ave., #22, Signal Hill, CA 90755 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/: Willonna Y. Green

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 16907063 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is/are doing business as Zhong Hua Orchid Farm Stones Art Association, 1605 S. Charlotte Ave., #A, San Gabriel, CA 91776. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Earnest Tchang, 312 S. Third St., #C, Alhambra, CA 91801 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/: Earnest Tchang

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(Judge) 1/2005. /s/ John Satterfield

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herein.. /s/ Juan J. Enciso
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LOS ANGELES County on 7/22/05. NOTICE: THIS
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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 7/26/05. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 8/8/2005, 8/15/2005, 8/22/2005
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transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)7/26/2005. /s/: Samuel Franco
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of

LOS ANGELES County on 7/25/2005. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14111 let seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 8/8/2005, 8/15/2005, 8/22/2005
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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of
LOS ANGELES County on 7/28/05. NOTICE: THIS
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1778950 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is/are doing business as XX1st Century Tile Design, 17827 Sierra Highway, Canyon Country, CA 91351. The full name of registrant(s) is/are Jorge Reyes, 16300 Sierra Highway, Canyon Country, CA 91351 This Business is being conducted by an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business

name or names listed on (Date) 7/26/2005. /s/
 Jorge Reyes
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of
 LOS ANGELES County on 7/27/2005. NOTICE: THIS
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1912852 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as City Beauty, 765A S. Atlantic Blvd., Monterey Park, CA 91755. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Hau Ching Tsui, 1011 E. Hellman Ave., #31, Monterey Park, CA 91755 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)8/10/2005. /s/: Hau Ching Tsui
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 8/10/2005. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 8/22/2005, 8/29/2005, 9/5/2005, 9/12/2005

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1917318 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as EFG Vending, 15736 Hayland St., La Puente, CA 91744. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Esteban G. Fonseca, 15736 Hoyland St., La Puente, CA 91744, Maria S. Fonseca, 15736 Hayland St., La Puente, CA 91744 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)8/2/2005. /s/: Esteban G. Fonseca, Maria S. Fonseca

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1924555 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Equal Practive Lending Center, 8225 Manitoba St., #3, Playa Del rey, CA 90293. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Raymond Anthony Hinojosa, 8225 Manitoba St., #3, Playa Del rey, CA 90293 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/: Raymond Hinojosa

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1884250 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Evalyn's Beauty Salon, 11815 Orange, Suite 2, Norwalk, CA 90650. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Barbara S. Russell, 12021 Tanfield Dr., Lamirada, CA 90638 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)7/1/1990. /s/: Barbara Russell

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 08/08/05. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 8/22/2005, 8/29/2005, 9/5/2005, 9/12/2005

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1924543 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Fidelity Financial Group, AI #/ON 2211295 CA, 1111 N. Brand Blvd., Suite 203, Glendale, CA . The full name of registrant(s) is/are : The Vicken Group, Inc., California, 1111 N. Brand Blvd., Suite 203, Glendale, CA This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)7/20/2000. /s/: The Vicken Group, Inc., President, Vicken Vosgueritchian
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 8/11/05. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 8/22/2005, 8/29/2005, 9/5/2005, 9/12/2005

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1929609 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Flower Bazar, 1254 S. Glendale Ave., Glendale, CA 91205. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Anahid Minaskanian, 10129 Commerce Ave., #2, Tujunga, CA 91042 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)8/12/2005. /s/: Anahid Minaskanian
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 8/12/2005. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 8/22/2005, 8/29/2005, 9/5/2005, 9/12/2005

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1924662 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Il Capo Cafe and Deli, AI #/ON 2697920, 1001 E. Green St., Pasadena, CA 91106. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : City Capital Corp - California, 4784 N. Peck Rd., Suite A, El Monte, CA 91732 This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Il Capo

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Cafe and Deli, President, Pablo Lucanera
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1912636 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Instyle Co., 6 Lows, Blossom Accessories, 167 N. Mason Way, Suite A6, City of Industry, CA 91746. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Zion International Enterprise Inc., (California), 167 N. Mason Way, Suite A6, City of Industry, CA 91746 This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Zion International Enterprise, Inc., President (Owner) Nila Prawirawidjaja

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1924553 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as JM Funding Group, 612 N. New Hampshire Ave., Suite 5, Los Angeles, CA 90004. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Raul Hernandez, 612 N. New Hampshire Ave., Suite 5, Los Angeles, CA 90004 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Raul Hernandez

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1852645 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Majority Transportation, Ruckus Clothing, Escape Wireless, Seduction Entertainment, Quality Made Construction, Authorized Security Company, 920 E. Colorado Blvd., Suite 418, Pasadena, CA 91106. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Jonathan Hammond, 2675 Morningside St., Pasadena, CA 91107 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/: Jonathan Hammond

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1924626 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as New Line Video Services, 6256 Temple City Blvd., Temple City, CA 91780. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Ning Guo, 6256 Temple City Blvd., Temple City, CA 91780, Xiao Ping Wu, 6256 Temple City Blvd., Temple City, CA 91780 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/: Ning Guo, Xiao Ping Wu
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1884378 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Physical Fitness Training, 7352 Bright Ave., Whittier, CA 90602. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Abel Cabral, 7352 Bright Ave., Whittier, CA 90602 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)8/8/2005. /s/: Abel Cabral
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 8/8/2005. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 8/22/2005, 8/29/2005, 9/5/2005, 9/12/2005

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1924653 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as RAD, Rodriguez Architecture Designs, 1008 E. 18th St., Los Angeles, CA 90021. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Roger N. Rodriguez, 1008 E. 18th St., Los Angeles, CA 90021 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/: Roger N. Rodriguez

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1884369 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as T&B Fantasy

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Nails, 1807 1/2 E. Florence Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90001. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Hai V. Tran, 1012 Lord St., Los Angeles, CA 90033, Hai Nguyen, 13632 McMains St., Garden Grove, CA 92844 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)8/8/2005. /s/: Hai Van Tran, Hai Nguyen

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1924561 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Unknown Element Productions, 8225 Manitoba St., #3, Playa Del Rey, CA 90292. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Christopher Flores, 8225 Manitoba St., #3, Playa Del Rey, CA 90292 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Christopher Flores

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1924658 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Vargas Trucking, 706 W. Salem St., #4, Glendale, CA 91203. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Ignacio Vargas, 706 W. Salem St., #4, Glendale, CA 91203 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/: Ignacio Vargas

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1924639 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Vicious Design Firm, 110 E. 9th St., Suite B1169, Los Angeles, CA 90079. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Steeve Bohbot, 2048 N. Cahuenga Blvd., Hollywood, CA 90068, Joanne Bienskie, 2048 N. Cahuenga Blvd., Hollywood, CA 90068 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)1/1/2003. /s/: Steeve Bohbot, Joanne Bienskie

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1964458 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Birth Announcement Onesies, 3042 Paula Dr., Santa Monica, CA 90405. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Hailey Regan Jensen, 3042 Paula Dr., Santa Monica, CA 90405 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Hailey Jensen

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1999353 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as The P.B. Group, 400 S. Beverly Dr., #318, Beverly Hills, CA 90212. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Rob Schultz, 400 S. Beverly Dr., #318, Beverly Hills, CA 90212 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/: Rob Schultz

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Statement of Abandonment of Use of Fictitious Business Name
Document Record # 05 1754496
Current File No. 04 0550889
State of California, County of Los Angeles
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Rui Multiservice located at 6222 Cahuenga Blvd., Apt. 5, North Hollywood, CA 91606
The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 03/08/04
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Ricardo Urquizo, 6222 Cahuenga Blvd., Apt. 5, North Hollywood, CA 91606
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Capitalistic 'Apprentice' to be unleashed on communist China

By The Associated Press

HONG KONG — Communist mainland China will soon have its own version of "The Apprentice" — Donald Trump's reality TV tribute to capitalism.

Trump will be the executive producer of the Chinese show, which will be hosted by Beijing property mogul Pan Shiyi, the South China Morning Post newspaper reported Sunday.

The newspaper said China's version would closely follow the U.S. original, in which contestants compete for a job with Trump. Details of the deal are under negotiation.

The show will run in direct competition with "Wise Man Takes All" — which was inspired by "The Apprentice" and backed by Trump's business partner, Vincent Lo Hong-sui. That show offers a cash prize of about \$123,400.

LOS ANGELES — Don Cheadle has finally visited "Hotel Rwanda."

The 40-year-old actor toured the Hotel des Milles Collines in Rwanda's capital Kigali last month, speaking with several of the more than 1,000 people who were sheltered there during the country's 1994 genocide.

"All of their experiences were the stuff of epic films — things they had to go through in those 100 days," Cheadle told The Associated Press in an interview this past week. "It was amazing."

Cheadle earned an Oscar nomination for his portrayal of hotel manager Paul Rusesabagina, but the movie was filmed primarily in South Africa.

During his 2 1/2-week visit in late July, Cheadle met with Rwandan President Paul Kagame, attended the premiere of "Hotel Rwanda" in Uganda and toured displaced-person camps in the country's northern provinces.

More than 1.5 million Ugandans have fled their homes to avoid a campaign of murder, rape and abduction waged by rebel group Lord's Resistance Army. Cheadle met with young girls who said they were taken as wives by rebel soldiers.

"That was amazing, to hear these stories of these kids and what they had been forced to do, and trying to imagine ... I don't have that frame of reference," he said.

Cheadle said he's writing a book with John Prendergast of the nonprofit International Crisis Group about how ordinary Americans can respond to Africa's problems.

NEW YORK — When Victoria Gotti learned she had breast cancer, she kept the news to herself — hiding her draining treatments from her three sons and the producers of their reality show, "Growing Up Gotti."

With the show set to begin its third season on the A&E network this week, the daughter of late mob boss John Gotti revealed the details of her struggle to the New York Daily News.

The 42-year-old said she learned she was sick after a mammogram in November. She told her sons about the cancer earlier this month, after going through months of cancer treatments in silence.

"I lost 25 pounds," she said. "I was so exhausted, I

could barely lift my arms. My producers were asking questions," as were her sons — Carmine, 18, John, 17, and Frank, 14.

"I wasn't able to tell them," she said. "I just wanted the boys to be OK and not get crazy and think that Mommy is dying."

She said her treatment has gone well: "They caught it early and the prognosis is good."

ORLANDO, Fla. — A 17-year-old who used two ventriloquist dummies to sing Walt Disney tunes won the inaugural Miss America's Outstanding Teen competition.

Tears streamed down Meghan Miller's face Saturday as Miss America 2005 Deidre Downs crowned her on stage. She hopes to become an attorney. As the winner, she'll get \$30,000 in scholarship money.

Miller, of Beaumont, Texas, said she was inspired to learn ventriloquism after watching a pageant contestant perform when she was 3 years old. Now she uses the method to speak in schools.

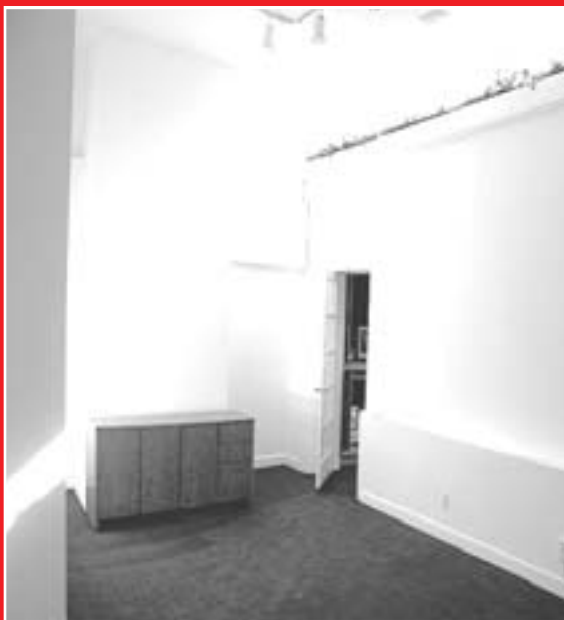
"I sat in front of the mirror for hours on end trying to figure it out. I started performing at 7, and I've been going strong ever since," Miller said.

'NSync singer Joey Fatone and Downs co-hosted the event. The pageant was not televised, though organizers hope it will find a home on CMT, the new carrier for the Miss America pageant.

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