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THE KIDS ARE SILLY ISSUE

New faces of development

Planning Commission adds a couple of new members

BY KEVIN HERRERA | Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE During their first meeting as planning commissioners earlier this month, Gleam Davis and Jim Reis didn't just sit back and watch. Davis, a corporate attorney for AT&T, and Reis, a land-use consultant for Craig

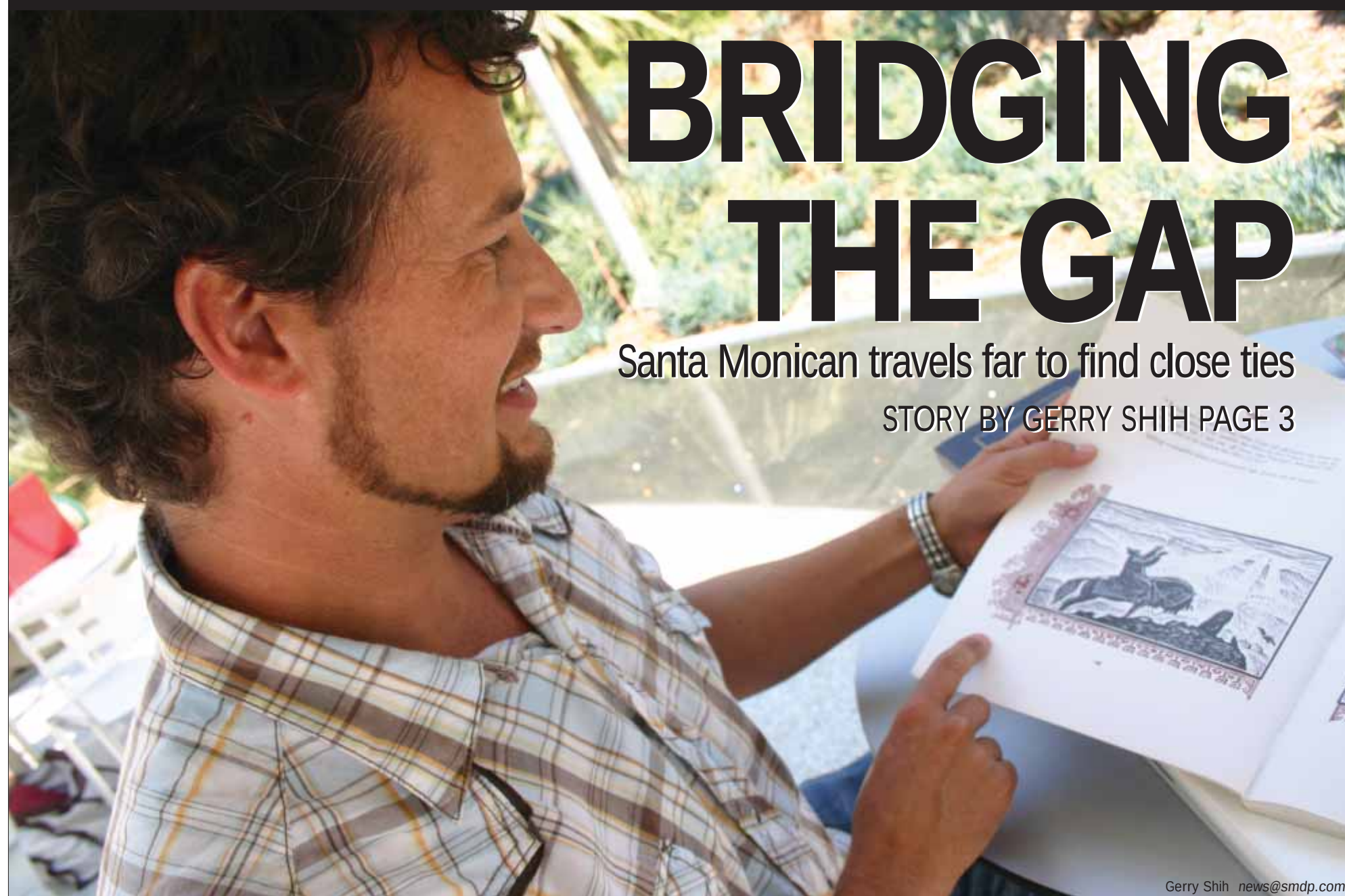
Lawson & Co., LLC, jumped right into the debate over the future of the Village Trailer Park, giving residents and developers a taste of what to expect for the next four years.

It's not in their nature to remain silent, especially when it comes to the future of Santa Monica. Davis, a 21-year-resident, is the co-chair of the committee in charge of advising the school board on how to spend \$268 million earmarked for facilities. Reis, a Pico Neighborhood resident since 1999, is the chair of the Sustainable City Task Force, helping to drive policies that protect the environment and the future of Santa Monica.

Having been chosen by the City Council — commissioner Terry O'Day was appointed to a second term — to serve the commission is an honor, both Davis and Reis said, and a responsibility they do not take lightly, given that the Planning Commission is one of the most influential bodies in the city, even more so now that Santa Monica is in the process of updating its Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE), which will dictate how land is developed over the next 20 years or more.

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'Bathroom Talk'

1404 Third Street Promenade, 7:30 p.m. — 9 p.m.

The Promenade Playhouse presents "Bathroom Talk,"
an improv sketch comedy about the unusual things that
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Tickets are \$12 at the door. For more information,
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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. 28, 2007

'Project Amoeba: Arts In Action'

1220 Second St., 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.

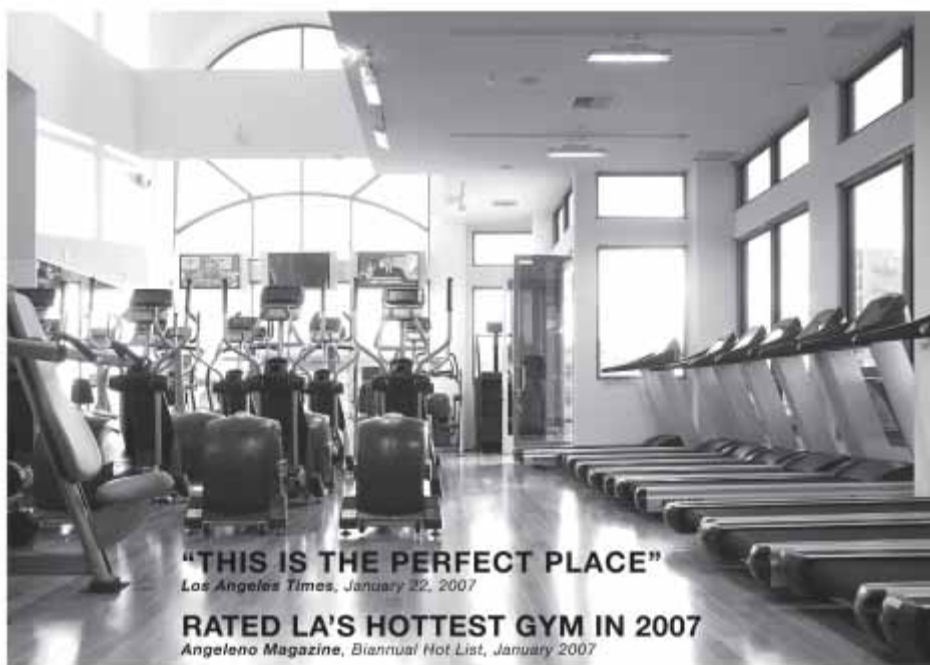
Project Amoeba is a one-evening arts fair at First
Presbyterian Church. The event showcases artists of
several disciplines. There is no charge and Amoeba
is open to the public. Parking is available
on Second Street in the city lot. For more
information call (310) 451-1303.

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
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Courtesy of Richard Hewitt

EXTRA, EXTRA! An article written in Russian about Richard Hewitt in a Kyrgyzstani newspaper details his studies in the Central Asian nation.

COMMUNITY PROFILES | RICHARD HEWITT

Searching for hidden ties

BY GERRY SHIH
Special to the Daily Press

There were times when Richard Hewitt had to choose between his parents in Santa Monica or the 12 siblings in a mountain village of four hundred yurts. Other times he had to choose between getting slammed by extremist Christians or staring down extremist Muslims.

Just like that, the 43-year-old Santa Monica native spent 20 unorthodox years, pausing at life's intersections and considering his 180-degrees worth of choices. But for a living, he has tried to convince others that between the polar extremes and mortal enemies, there perhaps exists a middle path where no one expected to find one.

Today, Hewitt is darkly tanned, lightly bearded and lean, a rugged modern day

Herodotus, amateur anthropologist, and breaks-chasing Kelly Slater rolled into one. Born into "a good Santa Monica family" with two Stanford graduates as parents, the soft-spoken Hewitt said he was a good kid and president of his class at Santa Monica High. He had a good life, good grades, surfing, sports, women, and friends. Then one day, while studying chemistry in the UC-Santa Barbara library as a biology major, he glanced at an atlas, and Kyrgyzstan caught his eye.

"As someone who grew up on the ocean, addicted to surfing, I knew I had to go somewhere landlocked," he said, shrugging off the contradiction. "I needed to just get away. I just had to go."

It was the apotheosis of spontaneity. He dropped out of UC-Santa Barbara that summer as a sophomore, packed his bags and left for Central Asia. From then on, his life would

be deeply connected to the region. He would return to America to obtain an agriculture degree from Cal Poly, but most of his life would be spent in Kyrgyzstan. He would first live in Bishkek, the capital, and teach at the university. He would casually befriend his neighbor, who he didn't know was the number one crime boss in Kyrgyzstan until a rival mob riddled his body with 30 bullets. He would eventually be adopted by a mountain family with 12 siblings. He would learn the language, build and live in yurts, and herd livestock.

Then, the Santa Monican surfer's affair with Kyrgyzstan took a dramatic turn when he studied its traditional literature and began publishing books propositioning the possibility that the people of Kyrgyzstan — now predominantly Muslim — may be the

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Promoting peace in the Middle East

Combatants for Peace seek to end conflict

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

MID-CITY Ra'ed Haddar was only 17 years old when he believed the end of life was near. Growing up in the West Bank village of Yattah, Haddar was only a teenager when he was imprisoned, punished for actions against the Israeli occupation.

He spent the first 41 days in interrogation, allegedly tortured and beaten.

"I waited for death every minute and I never thought I could go out alive," Haddar said on Friday.

Haddar spoke of his childhood and later imprisonment, growing up in the midst of conflict between the Palestinian people and the Israeli forces, during a presentation at Temple Beth Shir Shalom on Friday. The Palestinian shared his stories along with former Israeli officer Shimon Katz, the two former adversaries now combining their efforts to promote non-violent means to secure peace in the Middle East.

The two men, Haddar, 35, and Katz, 29, are members of Combatants for Peace, a non-profit organization aiming to spread the message of non-violent peace efforts to end the conflict between the Palestinians and Israelis. They have been traveling in Southern California for the past week, visiting local churches, temples and community houses to speak of their experiences.

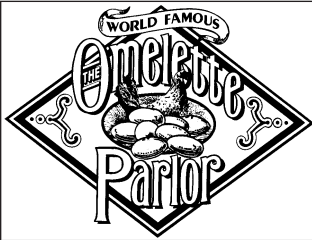
Katz, the son of an American mother and Israeli father, spent four years as an officer in the Israel Defense Force unit until 1999.

When he joined the military at the age of 18, Katz said he had little knowledge of the politics involved in the conflict. He was led to believe that Israel was trying to defend itself from terrorist attacks from the Palestinians, he said during an interview on Wednesday.

The region has been plagued by car bombs and other retaliatory acts by extremists over the years.

Katz said it wasn't until he was sent to South Lebanon to defend against

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don't medicate the water

Editor:
How sad it is when the people are left out of the process of medicating their water supply. ("Fluoride becomes standard," page 1, Aug. 23) In light of the fact that last year the National Research Council found that fluoride creates health problems, and at Harvard University it was proven that fluoride causes bone cancer in adolescent boys, this step to force fluoride on the people without their right to choose is abominable.
Hesh Goldstein
Honolulu, Hawaii

Dang blasted crows

Editor:
Something has got to be done about the crows. ("To kill mocking birds," page 1, Aug. 17) The city does not seem to care about finding a way to control them. Why? Months ago we had them here, the 18th Street and Wilshire Boulevard area, all over – telephone poles, roofs, wires, lawns, etc. – seems Sunset Park area is out of control! We still have them here, though not as many. Anyway, thank you for a fine story. More people are now aware of the problem.
David A. Kruzek
Santa Monica

Mayor needs his head examined

Editor:
Sounds to me like the so-called Mayor of Los Angeles, Antonio Villaraigosa, has a mental problem. He never does anything good for the city. He is only interested in protecting illegals and getting paid by the city. He is up to nothing. We need to recall him. He is a disgrace and I have no idea how he got there. We need somebody more responsible, who puts non-smoking signs in parks and all over. He is doing nothing. He is spending city money. Well, wake up people.
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New portal for the Westside's homeless

FOR MONTHS, I'VE HEARD RUMORS OF a major expansion in homeless services centering on the new access/drop-in center the city is erecting on Olympic Boulevard for OPCC (formerly the Ocean Park Community Center).
I'd been told by reliable sources that the new 10,000-square-foot building at 503 Olympic Blvd. would triple the size of the old OPCC access center at Seventh Street and Colorado Avenue, and act as a portal for services for the entire Westside. Transients would be bussed here to enroll in services and return from whence they came or stay to utilize local services, according to these sources.

Last week, I e-mailed City Human Services Manager Julie Rusk to ask her what was going on.
"I do not know of any OPCC expansion plans nor a 'homeless services portal' planned for Santa Monica," Rusk responded. "Nor would we support any new regional efforts which rely on Santa Monica programs as an intake/entry point or new programs outside of Santa Monica which rely on services and residential beds within the City of Santa Monica."

Still, the rumors seemed to gain validation when I received an invitation to the Sept. 6 dedication of OPCC's new Annenberg Access Center. The invite says: "This building is the primary entry point into the homeless services system on the Westside." Maybe Rusk hadn't seen OPCC's invite.
Approval of a record \$3.2 million in this year's homeless budget and recently created programs such as the Chronic Homeless Project, Serial Inebriate Outreach Program, Downtown Outreach Team, Serial Inebriate Housing Program and the Homeless Court are testament to a growing roster of services catering to transients. A "portal" would open the door for funding even more services from a plethora of nonprofits.

Rusk wrote, "Providing assistance (treatment and housing) to those people who have been on the streets of Santa Monica for many years and stopping the inflow of homeless people to Santa Monica is our key focus."
Nearly two years ago, former L.A. County Supervisor Ed Edelman went on the city payroll as a "Homeless Czar" to get other communities to "share our burden." We were promised he'd work to help neighboring communities set up their own services. With this promise largely unrealized, services are expanding here instead of being initiated there. The medical and mental health suite in OPCC's Annenberg Access Center is just one more magnet to attract and keep 'em here.
I was surprised to read "stopping the inflow of homeless people to Santa Monica" is a key focus of the city's efforts — especially since I've seen no evidence of this. On the contrary, more programs attract more clients. Build it and they'll come. I see absolutely no desire to "stop construction."
Rusk's key focus of "helping people who've been on Santa Monica streets for many years" is only half the story. While the city asserts "long term Santa Monica homeless" have priority in obtaining housing, the

truth is that anyone coming here (from everywhere in the world) gets hand-outs. It's why we see the same poor souls on our street corners, year after year.
Between their new Cloverfield facility, subsidized to the tune of \$7.4 million, and their Annenberg Access Center, representing another city gift of \$3.3 million, OPCC — a city contractor — is the prime beneficiary and keystone of Santa Monica's homeless services effort.
For years, OPCC has been the subject of much criticism. The most conspicuous complaint is of dirt, filth, encampments and squats on sidewalks and streets outside OPCC's current access center at Seventh Street and Colorado Avenue. Obviously, the nonprofit takes no responsibility for the area around its drop-in center. On the other hand, the public rights of way around St. Joseph's and other service providers are kept squeaky clean, devoid of encampments and trash.

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The Santa Monica Police Department's Homeless Liaison Program (HLP) Team routinely enforces the law at OPCC's Seventh and Colorado facility and offers outreach and social service referrals. Because of numerous public complaints, a separate, highly conspicuous, uniformed detail is periodically deployed to deal with drug dealing, aggressive behavior, public intoxication and other illegal activity conducted there. Despite these complaints, the cozy relationship between the city and OPCC continues.
Despite all Santa Monica has done and the tens of millions of dollars spent, our homeless population has tripled since 1999, according to city research. Santa Monica and it's exploding homeless services industry are obsessed with reaching as many people as they can — after all, high numbers mean more and bigger donations and grants. The city's claim that they're "stopping the inflow" is little more than wishful thinking because more transients (potential clients) are coming our way.
With the contradictions, the city slips deeper into the abyss, the homeless service industry grows along with their revenues, and residents are forced to deal with more crap, crime, dirt and nastiness.

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Guest Commentary

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Can't afford a house? Pay for someone else's

IF HOME PRICES ARE TOO HIGH FOR your budget, don't feel bad. You can still enjoy the vicarious thrill of paying for a stranger's house, thanks to pending state legislation.

Maybe you've wanted to buy a house for many years now, but you've seen prices skyrocket. Especially in California. You might have gotten a zero-down, subprime mortgage, but mortgages must be repaid. And although you're on a tight budget, you're a responsible person. You don't want to buy property only to default on the loan, much less declare bankruptcy. You're an ant, not a grasshopper. You work hard and save for tomorrow. You don't borrow money you can't repay.

Instead, you've waited for prices to come down. Everyone said they would. All that easy mortgage money was driving up home prices to artificial levels. The houses weren't worth all that. Bad loans were distorting the market. A market correction was inevitable. It's not like current homeowners have any right to complain when reality hits.

And reality has hit. On April 2, 2007, the Associated Press reported: "More than two dozen subprime lenders have shut down in recent months and others are scrambling to stay in business as a spike in defaults caused by borrowers unable to make payments has rocked the mortgage industry. Now, as lenders tighten credit standards, the housing market will likely see further declines in price and output, senior economist David Shulman wrote in the quarterly [UCLA] Anderson Report."

Did he say "further declines in price?" That means houses will become more affordable — good news for "responsible" lower- and middle-income people who don't borrow more than they can repay. Nice to see the market works for them too.

Here's more good news. Alex Spillius reports in the "London Telegraph" (April 6, 2007): "The mortgage crisis in America has deepened so much that family homes can now be bought for less than £15,200 — the price of a new car. A four-bedroom home near the original Motown recording studio in Detroit recently sold for £3,700 (\$7,000), less than most used cars. A boarded-up bungalow fetched £685, and a three-bedroom house listed for £276,000 attracted just £69,000. ... Up to 1.5 million Americans could lose their homes in the next two years, while repossessions rose by 42 per cent in 2006."

In other words, up to 1.5 million homes will suddenly become available to new home-buyers at sharply reduced prices. Since when is affordable housing a bad thing?

Of course, there are losers. Among them are irresponsible mortgage lenders who threw money at irresponsible home buyers. Wealthy homeowners not in default will also see their artificially inflated home prices fall to true market levels. (Easy come, easy go.) But the winners will be the responsible lower- and middle-income people who've waited patiently for the free market to provide affordable housing.

Yet just as the ants are about to reap the rewards of their patience and thrift, state governments are stepping in to bail out the grasshoppers — with the ants' tax money — and keep home prices artificially high. Gilbert Le Gras reports for Reuters (March 27, 2007): "A growing number of state housing agencies are developing or considering issuing bonds to assist subprime mortgage holders to refinance their obligations at fixed rates." That is, they will issue taxpayer-subsidized loans to people already proven to be a bad risk. Le Gras cites Ohio, Maryland, Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Virginia as states that already have or are developing mortgage refinancing programs. Colorado, Washington, Wisconsin and California are considering such programs.

The political pressure comes from homeowners in risk of default and from those in no such danger but who would like to keep their home prices artificially high. Helping the first group is "welfare for the irresponsible." Helping the second is "welfare for the rich," because market interventions to keep home prices high benefit those who "have" houses at the expense of those who "have-not" houses.

Think about it. The free market was all set to make houses more affordable for greater numbers of responsible lower- and middle-income people. Instead, government will distort the market to keep prices artificially high for the rich and irresponsible.

So if you can't afford a house, don't blame the free market.

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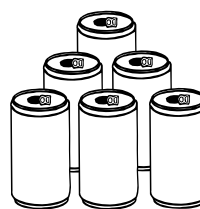
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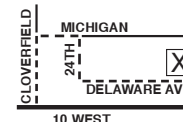
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Alley Closure at 3107 Santa Monica Blvd
Construction crews are working in the alley behind 3107 Santa Monica Blvd. The alley will be closed to traffic. Detours will be posted at various sites during construction.

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.

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

The installation of the fiber optics infrastructure will continue on Lincoln Boulevard from Olympic Boulevard north to Wilshire Boulevard; and on Wilshire from Lincoln west to Ocean Avenue. Work hours are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday. There will be lane closures and sidewalk closures throughout the construction zones. No construction will occur on Labor Day, Sept. 3.

Water Main Replacement Project:

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

Wilshire Storm Water Diversion Structure

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

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Diocese faces multiple trials

BY ALLISON HOFFMAN
Associated Press Writer

SAN DIEGO A federal bankruptcy judge on Friday ordered immediate jury trials in 42 sex-abuse lawsuits pending against the Roman Catholic Diocese of San Diego.

Trials scheduled in state court in San Diego for five cases were suspended in February when the diocese abruptly filed for bankruptcy protection, the night before the first trial was slated to begin.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Louise DeCarl Adler's ruling is a victory for about 150 people who claim they were sexually abused by priests as children.

Their lawyers argued that re-activating those trials was the only way to get the diocese to settle after more than three years of fruitless negotiations in state and federal courts.

"This just ratchets up the pressure on everyone to get the cases settled," said Irwin Zalkin, who represents 54 alleged victims. "Everyone understands it could go any way in a jury trial."

The San Diego diocese has offered about \$94 million to settle the claims as part of its bankruptcy reorganization plan. Plaintiffs' attorneys are seeking a settlement of about \$200 million.

The judge rejected the diocese's argument that she could return trials to state court only under "exceptional circumstances," saying she had broader discretion.

Even if the church were correct, "clearly this tsunami of child sex abuse cases against the Roman Catholic clergy would qualify as 'exceptional,'" Adler wrote.

Some plaintiffs welcomed the renewed possibility of trial.

"My hope is that they don't settle and we go to trial," said Diane Williams, a 49-year-old mother who says she was raped as a girl by a Monsignor at a church-run orphanage. "I think these things need to get out, but I don't think the diocese will let that happen."

Lawyers for the diocese told the judge Thursday that the fastest way to resolve the claims was for a federal district judge to determine a fair payment instead of letting juries consider the sex-abuse cases one by one.

"We had hoped that the judge would agree with us that the process the bankruptcy court had set in place was the most expeditious way to get these cases settled," said Susan Boswell, an attorney representing the diocese. "She obviously didn't agree with us."

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Irwin Zalkin, Represents 54 alleged victims

Adler's ruling puts the cases back under the jurisdiction of state courts. She will decide the order in which to release each of the 42 cases for trial, likely beginning with those that were already close to being heard.

Reform is on a respirator

BY LAURA KURTZMAN
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SACRAMENTO Neither Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger nor the Democratic leader in the state Assembly is showing any willingness to compromise on health reform as the clock winds down on the legislative session.

This week, Schwarzenegger threatened to veto a Democratic health reform bill, saying his own plan would win more votes. On Friday, the Assembly Speaker, Fabian Nunez, said he would show just how wrong Schwarzenegger was by introducing his ideas as a bill and putting it to a vote.

Nunez's move was widely seen as theatrical, but it is symptomatic of the breakdown that has occurred since the governor proposed his ambitious \$12 billion reform plan in January.

As the months passed, Democrats moved further away from the governor. They rejected a key feature of Schwarzenegger's plan to make it mandatory to carry health insurance, just as drivers must have car insurance.

And, whereas the governor's plan sought funding from a variety of sources — employers, doctors, hospitals, individuals and the federal government — Democrats put most of the burden on employers.

Under the Democrats' plan, employers would pay double what they would under Schwarzenegger's plan, which is why the governor threatened to veto their bill on Wednesday. He added, in an editorial board meeting with The Sacramento Bee, that if

the Legislature failed to pass his plan, he would take it directly to the voters.

But it seems unlikely that, even if Democrats got behind it, Schwarzenegger could get his version of health reform passed.

The Legislative Counsel has determined that the charges included in the governor's plan are tax increases, and therefore require a two-thirds vote in each house of the Legislature. That is only possible with bipartisan support.

Schwarzenegger's ideas have languished without a legislative sponsor since he laid them out in January. So far, they exist only in a 10-page summary outline. By contrast, the Democrats' bill, AB8, is 152 pages long.

Nunez said he proposed putting Schwarzenegger's plan to a vote to bring the governor back to reality and accept that health reform will only be enacted this year by a simple majority of Democrats, and therefore he should accept their ideas.

The Democrats, who control both chambers, have written their bill so it can pass on a majority vote.

"We have to be practical," Nunez said. "We have to be honest with ourselves about what's possible."

He said the recent budget standoff was a good example. The state went without a spending plan for nearly two months, while Republicans in the state Senate refused to vote for it, despite plentiful urging from Schwarzenegger. They finally gave in Tuesday.

Signed, sealed ...

Gov. Schwarzenegger signs overdue budget after months of debate

BY AARON C. DAVIS

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SACRAMENTO Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger on Friday signed California's overdue spending plan after using his veto power to trim \$703 million and temporarily eliminate the state's operating deficit, with most of his cuts coming from health and social service programs.

Schwarzenegger's signature on the \$145.5 billion budget means the state can immediately begin releasing payments to schools, hospitals, state contractors and a variety of social service agencies that have had payments cut off since the fiscal year began July 1.

With his vetoes, however, less money than expected will go to mental health programs for the homeless, prescription drug discounts and clinics for the poor, and Medi-Cal, the state-federal medical program for the poor.

State parks, anti-gang initiatives, part-time college teachers, and cities and counties also will feel the pain of Schwarzenegger's line-item vetoes. Even a little political payback appeared to round out the governor's list.

He sliced millions from Attorney General Jerry Brown's budget, including \$1 million to pursue climate change litigation on behalf of the state. Brown, a Democrat, enraged Republicans for challenging city and county land-use plans if they did not adequately address the effects of local growth on global warming.

Republican demands to limit Brown's authority became one of the main obstacles to passing a budget, dragging the process nearly two months beyond the start of the fiscal year.

Friday's signing ceremony followed a bitter 51-day stalemate led by Republicans in the Senate, who sought greater cuts to

eliminate the state's operating deficit and a variety of other policy concessions.

Schwarzenegger acknowledged the holdout, but said it made the final spending plan better.

"Some things are worth fighting for, and a good budget is one of those things," Schwarzenegger said.

He repeated his oft-used refrain that the state's deficit was projected to peak at \$16 billion when he took office in 2003. Billions of that debt never materialized, however.

On paper at least, Schwarzenegger's vetoes temporarily eliminated the state's deficit. In all, he cut \$703 million in general-fund spending.

The Department of Health and Human Services took the brunt of the governor's cost-cutting efforts, losing \$527 million — less than 2 percent of the agency's overall budget.

The largest chunk was a \$331 million reduction to the state's Medi-Cal budget. Mike Genest, the governor's finance director, said the cut was not expected to affect service because the health care program has cost less than expected in recent years. He said additional funding could be authorized if the administration's calculations are off.

Schwarzenegger also eliminated about \$15 million from outreach programs designed to find and enroll children who need health care coverage.

He cut about the same amount from major new anti-gang initiatives. Agency budgets saw an across-the-board cut of \$72 million.

His decision to strike \$55 million from a program to help mentally ill homeless people drew an immediate rebuke from the Democratic lawmaker who wrote the 2000 bill authorizing the funding.

The program helps some of the state's estimated 4,500 mentally ill homeless obtain permanent housing. It has increased participation in work programs and decreased arrests, said Sen. Darrell Steinberg, D-Sacramento.

Pedestrians lose perks at busy San Diego border crossing

BY AMANDA BECK

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SAN DIEGO Pedestrians at the nation's busiest border crossing are losing conveniences in what authorities describe as measures to improve security but critics say is an unnecessary crackdown.

Last summer, U.S. Customs and Border Protection closed a special lane that whizzed bicyclists past a pedestrian line and spared them a wait that often runs more than an hour. About the same time, the agency said people with wheelchairs, canes and crutches could no longer cut to the front of the line.

This summer, it is taking aim at a popular pedestrian-only bridge that crosses 30 lanes of traffic, but has been the scene of stabbings and muggings and given smugglers a birds-eye view of what vehicle inspectors are doing below, authorities say.

"If we were living in a perfect world, we would want to close it," said Adele Fasano, who oversaw the changes as CBP's field director in San Diego.

Closing the bridge at the San Ysidro border crossing would require many of the

20,000 pedestrians who cross the border daily to walk nearly a mile longer to cross Interstate 5 on an overpass where two narrow sidewalks straddle four lanes of cars, taxis and buses.

"Traffic would be at a standstill, to say the very least," said Thomas Currie, president of the San Ysidro Chamber of Commerce.

U.S. Rep. Bob Filner, D-San Diego, who represents the area, wrote CBP that closing the bridge would pose "serious safety concerns for pedestrians, especially at night."

CBP officials have been trying to strike a compromise with business and civic leaders. One possibility is closing the bridge during the wee hours of morning when nearby trolleys and buses aren't running.

The government first raised concerns in March after a \$550-million plan to expand and redesign the aging border crossing was delayed to at least 2014.

"In the interim, it needed to be addressed," Fasano said.

Anthony Amore, 43, crosses about six times a week and confessed that he sometimes peers down from the bridge when border inspectors are using dogs to search cars.



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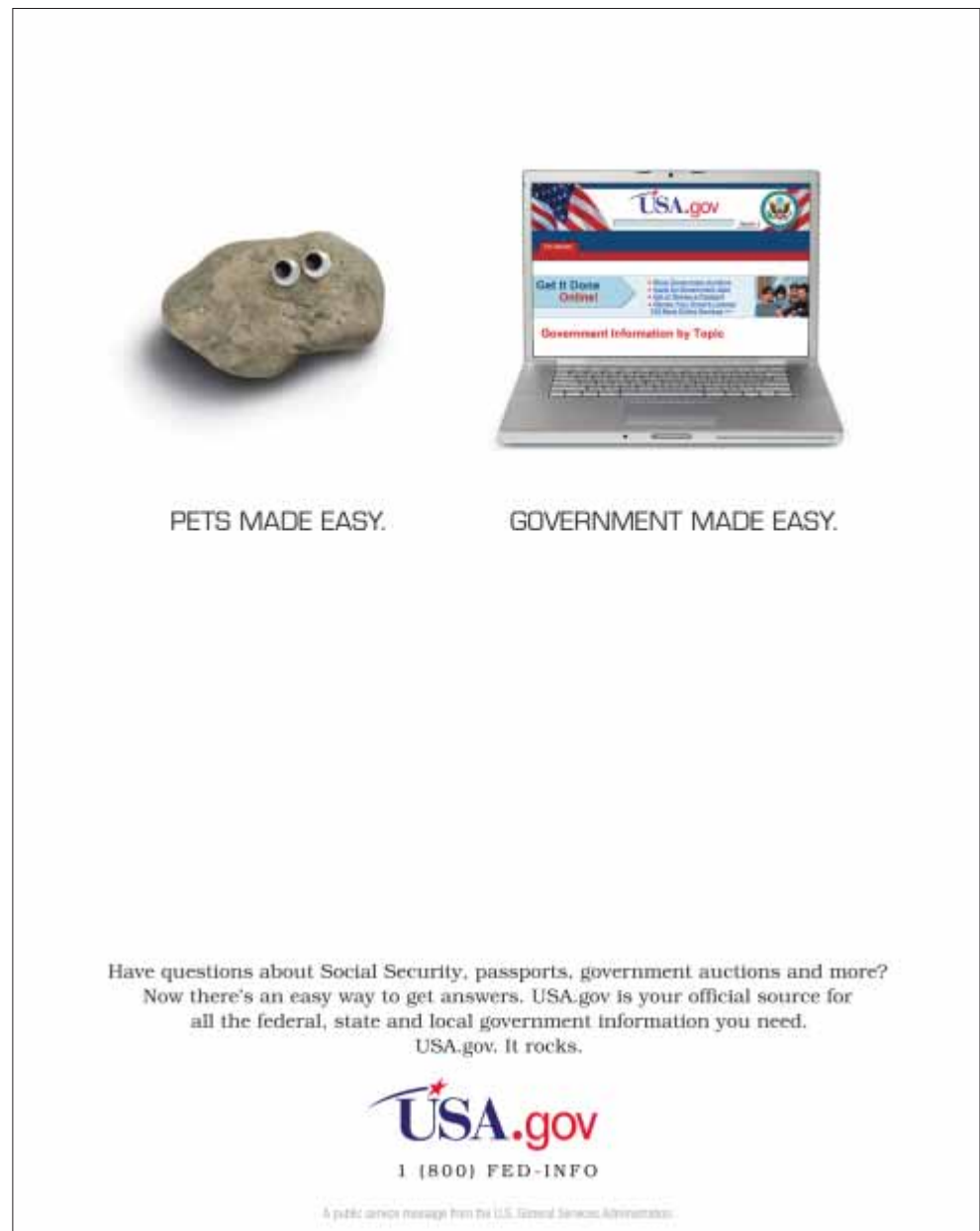


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Uncorking a fight over the planet

BY SARAH SKIDMORE
Associated Press Writer

PORTLAND, Ore. It's the main event in the battle over how to close a bottle of wine: Cork vs. screw cap.

To some, it's a matter of style. To others, it's an issue of quality. And now, it's a question of what is best for the environment.

Cork was the standard closure for ages. But winemakers began moving to alternatives in the past decade because of problems with cork that were ruining wines. Screw caps became a popular option and are now seen topping many fine wines, such as some bottles from Napa's PlumpJack winery that sell for \$100-plus.

But some winemakers and environmental groups are urging wineries to return to basics — saying cork is the best choice for the environment.

"This is one of those things where something we have done for years that is traditional is actually the sustainable choice," said Jim Bernau, owner and founder of Willamette Valley Vineyards in Turner, Ore. "How often can you say that for anything we've done in the past 50 to 100 years?"

Cork is a renewable material — made from the fiber stripped from cork trees that can then regrow. The largest and most profitable use of this harvested cork worldwide is for wine stoppers.

Several environmental groups say the growing popularity of alternatives like screw caps are threatening Mediterranean cork forests, where cork is mainly grown. Cork oak covers about 6.7 million acres in the region and provides income for more than 100,000 people, according to the World



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DEBATE: Wine lovers everywhere are debating whether it is better to pop the top or screw it on.

Wildlife Fund.

Cork forests are predominantly privately owned, which puts them at greater risk for neglect or sale for development if the popularity of cork lessens.

Cork producers say they have seen the overall production of wine stoppers drop in the past decade. And last year, The World Wildlife Fund estimated that if winemakers continue their move away from cork, three-quarters of the western Mediterranean's cork oak forests could be lost within the decade, threatening jobs and ecosystems.

The Rainforest Alliance recently jumped into the fray, offering a certification system for wineries to verify that their cork comes from cork forests that meet Forest Steward Council's social, economic and environmental standards — lending assurance to winemakers and consumers that the cork was properly handled.

The issue is complicated for winemakers, who are often swayed by issues of sustainability but have been burned by cork's quality issues in the past.

The primary problem that drove vintners

away from cork was "tainting" or "corking." Cork taint is actually a chemical compound called TCA, which results from an interaction of mold, chlorine and other organic compounds that produce a moldy or musty smell and flavor that makes wine undrinkable.

Estimates vary, but some wineries say as much as 15 percent of their wine has been tainted in the past. Screw caps, by comparison, don't have issues with tainting and are a fraction of the cost. However, they are usually made from nonrenewable material — typically aluminum with a plastic insert. That also makes them difficult to recycle.

The debate is particularly hot in Oregon, where sustainability is a badge of honor among winemakers. Several wineries boast the use of solar panels, biodiesel-fueled tractors and organic farming practices. There are salmon-safe wines, which ensure the winemakers' practices don't harm water that feeds into salmon waterways. And 16 Oregon wineries recently pledged to go carbon-neutral in the next 18 months.

"I think all of us are paying a lot more attention to (the environment)," said Bernau, whose winery got the first Rainforest Alliance sustainable cork certification this year. "When you start seeing the temperature change in your vineyard, you start to pay more attention to it."

But environmental concerns are not enough to sway some winemakers.

Willie Lunn, senior winemaker with Argyle Winery in Dundee, Ore., said his business became solely screw caps in 2002 and will be staying put for the time being.

"The reason we went to screw cap was purely a quality point of view," Lunn said.

Central Idaho firefighters brace for tough day

BY KEITH RIDLER | Associated Press Writer

BOISE, Idaho Firefighters in central Idaho braced for a second day of high winds on Sunday that have fanned a wildfire and forced the evacuation of more than 1,000 homes.

The Castle Rock Fire burning near the mountain town of Ketchum surged past predetermined points late Saturday, but on Sunday officials said no structures have been lost and no one has been seriously injured.

"Today is a critical day for the fire," said Julie Thomas, fire information officer for the Sawtooth National Forest. "If those winds do what they're predicted to do, our concern is the fire will burn down to Highway 75."

The lightning-caused fire had grown to 40 square miles. Thomas said the main concern was embers blown ahead of

the blaze that can start new fires. She said engines stationed at homes have put out such fires within 200 yards of buildings.

Some of the evacuated homes near the tony mountain town are worth millions of dollars, but the latest evacuation orders also include mobile home parks.

Highway 75 runs north-south down the center of the Wood River Valley, and so far the fire has been kept to the west of the highway.

Thomas said fire managers are staying alert for any spot fires on the east side of the highway. She said spot fires will be immediately attacked with helicopters and whatever crews are available to prevent the start of a second large blaze.

"It would be bad," Thomas said. "There are a lot of homes over there. It could go a long ways. Our goal is to keep this fire on the west side of Highway 75, to do our best to get

through this day."

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter, who had been in Oklahoma visiting Idaho troops being deployed to Iraq, cut short his trip Sunday to return to Idaho. His spokesman, Jon Hanian, said Otter was flying straight to central Idaho Sunday afternoon.

Authorities in Blaine County, where the fire is burning, announced Sunday that most schools will be closed Monday and Tuesday.

Before Saturday's high winds, firefighters had three days of relative calm and created backburns as barriers to advancing flames.

"Those days of hard work, putting in burnouts, really have paid off with this wind," Thomas said.

Another 100 homes remained under a mandatory evacuation order from last weekend.



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OTTER DISAPPOINTMENT: Hundreds of sea otters have been found dead on California beaches in recent years with no obvious external injuries. Scientists think that parasites from cat droppings flushed down the toilet by cat owners may be the cause.

Picky about cat litter

Dear EarthTalk:

How is it that flushing cat litter down the toilet has negatively affected sea otters? What is the responsible way to dispose of cats' waste?

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ACCORDING TO DR. MELISSA MILLER OF THE California Department of Fish and Game, cat feces can contain *Toxoplasma gondii*, a parasite that gets into feline systems from the eating of infected rodents, birds or other small animals. When cats later expel these parasites in their droppings—sometimes hundreds of millions at a time—each can survive in soil for over a year and also contaminate drinking water.

Most municipal sewage treatment systems are not designed to filter out *Toxoplasma*, and so the parasites also get into storm drains and sewage outflows that carry them out to near-shore ocean waters. Here, researchers have found, sea otters prey on mussels, crabs and other filter feeders that can concentrate *Toxoplasma*. Hundreds of sea otters have been found dead on California beaches in recent years with no obvious external injuries, and Miller and other scientists think that *Toxoplasma* may be the cause.

There are other possible culprits, too, including toxic algae blooms caused by urea, an ingredient in fertilizer, and the plethora of other man-made pollutants that end up in ocean waters. But California's legislature last year nonetheless passed a bill to protect sea otters, in part by requiring that all cat litter sold in the state carry a warning label advising cat owners to not flush cat litter or dispose of it in storm drains.

Toxoplasma can also cause health problems for people, especially those with compromised immune systems (such as AIDS patients). While not typically fatal in humans, *Toxoplasmosis*, as the disease is called, can also cause birth defects, blindness and/or brain damage in children born to infected mothers.

The best way to avoid the infection is to use plastic gloves when changing the litter box and to wash hands thoroughly afterwards. It is also advisable to stay away from raw or undercooked meat and uncooked or unwashed vegetables that may have been contaminated by manure (although felines are the parasites' primary host, other warm-blooded animals and birds can also be carriers). *Toxoplasmosis* doesn't normally spread from person to person (with the exception of pregnant women, who can pass it on to their fetuses), but in rare instances it has contaminated blood transfusions and organs donated for transplantation.

So what's a responsible cat owner to do about dumping the contents of their cat's litter box? According to Dr. Patricia Conrad, a veterinarian and parasitologist at the University of California at Davis who has studied *Toxoplasma* contamination in sea otters, cat owners can start by keeping their cats inside, where they are not able to hunt the small animals that can pass *Toxoplasma* along to them in the first place. (Bird lovers have been requesting this for years.)

Those cat owners unwilling to keep their cats inside should do their part by at least not flushing cat litter or cat feces down the toilet. Cat fecal material should be placed in double plastic bags and included in the household trash. As such it will end up in the landfill where precautions are taken to prevent environmental contamination.

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No sign of life three weeks later

Officials continue search for trapped Utah coal miners

BY CHELSEA J. CARTER | Associated Press Writer

HUNTINGTON, Utah Despite three weeks of drilling and digging that have revealed no signs of life from six men trapped inside a coal mine, an attorney for families of the miners said Sunday the search would continue.

Colin King, lawyer for the families, said federal and company officials told him and the miners' relatives that a robotic camera was going to be lowered into a hole drilled during previous efforts to find the men.

The camera, similar to one used at the World Trade Centers in New York after the Sept. 11 attacks, can take images from about 50 yards away.

The announcement was made a day after crews pierced the mine shaft with a sixth borehole to find a debris-filled area too small for the men to survive, according to King and the Web site of the federal mine safety agency.

Federal and company officials said they would hold a news conference at 3 p.m. MDT Sunday to discuss the search efforts.

King said the robotic camera was to be dropped into the fourth borehole, which was drilled more than 1,500 feet into the mountain. That was done after mysterious vibrations were detected by aboveground monitors for about 5 minutes Aug. 15. But when the drill broke through three days later, there was silence. Crews spent at least four hours banging on the drill steel and setting off explosives in an effort to get a response. A microphone picked up no noise.

Air monitors sent into that area of the mine showed insufficient oxygen to support life.

King said Sunday that a mine company lawyer also told families that a seventh borehole was under consideration. That one might be drilled into the kitchen area of the mine, an area where miners are trained to flee in case of collapse.

The Crandall Canyon miners were last heard from about 3 a.m. Aug. 6, just before a thunderous shudder inside the mountain cracked the ribs of the mine, cutting off an exit route and filling the shaft with debris. It's

never been clear if they survived the cave-in.

Earlier bore holes showed hazy images and some air samples so depleted of oxygen as to be unable to support life. Repeated efforts to signal the miners have met with silence.

Horizontal digging through the underground mine shaft to reach the six was halted after a second collapse killed three rescuers and injured six others Aug. 16.

Federal Mine Health and Safety Administration officials say the instability of the mountain makes it too risky to resume underground digging or to drill a hole wide enough to send a manned rescue capsule more than 1,500 feet into the mine.

Seismologists describe the mountain as crumbling in upon itself, bursting support pillars as it shifts in phenomena known as mountain bumps.

Despite promises made to the men's families to find the six miners dead or alive, mine co-owner Bob Murray had said the sixth borehole drilled more than 1,700 feet deep would be the last before sealing the mine.

"If we don't find anybody alive, there is nowhere else that anyone in MSHA or our company would know anywhere to drill," Murray said last week.

Leaders doubt repeat of Elian Gonzalez fight

BY LAURA WIDES-MUNOZ

Associated Press Writer

MIAMI A Cuban father allowed his young daughter to emigrate legally to the United States with her mother to find a better life. But months later, the mother has become incapable of caring for the girl and the father wants to take the child home.

It would seem a simple case, especially since the mother agrees her daughter should return to Cuba.

Yet on the eve of the trial, a judge has warned that it could "inflammate the community," where the battle over Elian Gonzalez nearly eight years ago divided the city and became an international incident.

Testimony is to begin Monday over whether 32-year-old Cuban farmer Rafael Izquierdo can regain custody of his 4-year-old daughter — whose name is being kept secret — or whether she should remain with a wealthy Cuban-American and his wife who want to adopt her.

Until now, unlike Elian's case, this custody battle has moved quietly through family court.

But on Thursday, Miami-Dade Circuit Judge Jerri B. Cohen reluctantly lifted a gag order at the request of the girl's foster father, Joe Cubas, 46, a former sports agent who has represented the New York Mets' Orlando "El Duque" Hernandez and several other ballplayers who defected from Cuba. Cubas said he asked that it be lifted because he said he was getting many

questions about the case.

The judge warned that allowing the parties to speak to the media "could have the possibility to inflame the community."

Still, civic leaders, many of whom fought hard to keep Elian from returning to Cuba, say they don't believe this case will spark similar reactions. The facts are different and neither the U.S. government nor the Cuban-exile community, burned by its negative portrayal during the Elian case, have a desire to repeat the past.

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Efforts to overhaul insurance stalled

BY BEN EVANS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON Despite promising changes, Congress has shown little enthusiasm for taking the unpopular steps that experts say are necessary to fix the nation's main flood insurance program.

Recent flooding in the Midwest has brought the issue back to the forefront. Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, back-to-back storms in 2005, dispelled any notion that the insurance program was self-sustaining. They threw it roughly \$20 billion into debt and called attention to major structural flaws.

Nearly everyone acknowledges it cannot pay off the debt, much less pay for losses in future storms. But so far, Congress has done little more than raise the program's borrowing limit, essentially handing taxpayers a series of shaky IOUs.

A failure to act could leave the public vulnerable to large bailouts of the program and help perpetuate a false confidence among some property owners that they do not need coverage.

"The early rhetoric was, 'We're going to fix this. We're not going to tolerate this continued exposure of taxpayers to unlimited subsidies,'" said Robert Hunter, a former director of the flood program who now oversees insurance issues for the Consumer Federation of America. "They've done nothing to fix it. It's just unbelievable."

The National Flood Insurance Program was created in 1968 to protect homeowners and reduce federal costs from natural disasters. Run by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, it provides nearly all the flood coverage in the United States. Private agents sell the policies. Homeowners can get up to \$250,000 in structural coverage and an additional \$100,000 for contents.

On average, residential premiums are about \$400 per \$100,000 of coverage. The rates typically do not reflect the real risks

and therefore shift costs from policyholders to taxpayers generally.

After the deadly 2005 hurricane season, the Government Accountability Office added the program to a short list of "high risk" areas in the government that the agency believes deserve urgent attention.

The starting point for an overhaul, experts say, is raising rates for the more than 5 million policyholders, particularly those with high-risk coastal properties or vacation homes who pay heavily subsidized rates. Other recommendations include requiring coverage in more areas, enforcing tougher building and land-use policies, and updating old flood maps so homeowners know their true risks.

DELAY MAKES IT A NO-WIN SITUATION FOR THE TAXPAYER."

David John, An expert on insurance policy at The Heritage Foundation.

"To really fix the program doesn't include a great deal of good news," said David John, an expert on insurance policy at The Heritage Foundation. "For a politician, this is a no-win situation. But unfortunately, delay makes it a no-win situation for the taxpayer."

Legislation addressing some of the issues stalled last year.

This year, the House has made some progress. But critics say a bill passed by the House Financial Services Committee last month barely tackles the problem.

The bill includes only modest rate increases, allowing premiums to rise a maximum of 15 percent per year instead of the current cap of 10 percent.

Nevada senator urges probe in a number of horse deaths

By the Associated Press

LAS VEGAS Nevada Sen. Harry Reid is calling on U.S. Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne to conduct a "full and thorough investigation" into the nitrate contamination deaths of 71 wild horses in July at the Tonopah Test Range.

"There are strong concerns in southern Nevada that these deaths are the result of serious negligence in the management of the test range and the wild horse herds in the area," Reid wrote in a letter sent Friday to the secretary.

"In light of this unfortunate event, I believe that this is also an appropriate time to take a close look at the land and wildlife management practices used on the larger Nellis Air Force Range," Reid, the Senate majority leader, suggested.

The horses' carcasses were found at a watering hole about a mile from the Tonopah Test Range airfield, about 210 miles northwest of Las Vegas.

A former Air Force tech sergeant told

the Las Vegas Review-Journal earlier this week that when he worked at the airfield in the 1990s deicing compounds high in nitrogen routinely ran off the runway into the desert. The watering hole is on land restricted from public access.

"I can't imagine that we can just turn a blind eye on this stuff being dumped illegally," Reid told the newspaper. "I think its something we need to take a look at."

While the Air Force oversees operations at the range, the Bureau of Land Management is responsible for managing the horse herds in the areas.

A spokeswoman for the BLM's Las Vegas field office said the bureau is developing an environmental testing strategy that includes additional water and soil sampling "to see if we can identify the source of the nitrates."

Capt. Justin McVay, a spokesman for Nellis Air Force Base, which uses the Nellis range for aircraft testing and air combat exercises, deferred comment to Secretary of Defense Robert Gates' office.

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COMMUNITY PROFILES | RICHARD HEWITT

Local claims to have found tribe

FROM CP PAGE 3

descendants of the so-called Lost Tribes of Israel. Although he quickly found himself in a dangerous ideological no-man's land, he became convinced that Kyrgyzstan could be an example of how two religions locked in centuries of conflict could, and should, peacefully coexist.

His evidence rested in the Manas epic, a traditional pre-Islamic epic poem of the Kyrgyz people describing the exploits of the ancestor hero Manas, who united the Kyrgyz tribes and fought for independence in the ninth century. At nearly a half a million lines long, the massive epic is considered the centerpiece of classical Kyrgyz literature, but scholars have offered differing opinions about the time of its origin. Islam was first introduced to the Kyrgyz tribes relatively late, and despite roughly 70 percent of the modern country claiming to be Sunni Muslims today, few are devout worshippers and the religion has remained a superficial element of the culture.

Hewitt claims that there are an overwhelming number of passages in the Manas epic that resound in the Judeo-Christian scriptures. For example, the name of Manas's father, Jakyb, sounds eerily similar to Jacob, the grandfather of Manasseh and Joseph's father in the Torah. But according to Hewitt, in modern Kyrgyz and ancient Hebrew tradition, the grandfather often adopts the grandson as a son, making him a brother to his biological father and therefore explaining the father-son relationship between the Kyrgyz analog of Jacob and Manasseh. Furthermore, having lived in Kyrgyzstan for nearly two decades, Hewitt knew that many of the Kyrgyz traditional customs are curiously similar, if not identical, to those written about the ancient Israelites. Hewitt said the Kyrgyz customarily gather to eat a whole sheep in one night, like what Moses instructed in the Book of Exodus. He noted that the Kyrgyz also treat visitors by washing and giving cakes like



Courtesy of Richard Hewitt

SAY CHEESE: Kyrgyz children posing outside a yurt in Kyrgyzstan.

Abraham in Genesis.

"Time and time again we see these little similarities," he said. "I've come across over 100 of these pieces and bit by bit I think it really adds up."

Hewitt's ultimate theory is that either the Kyrgyz people came into close contact with ancient Semitic culture, or more intriguingly, they are in fact the direct descendants of the Tribe of Manasseh.

His claim to have discovered a Lost Tribe is hardly new.

For centuries, countless peoples, from Afghanistan to Japan to Ireland, have claimed descent from the Israelites. The Bnei Menashe people in Northern India continue to claim the Tribe of Manasseh as ancestors. Spanish and Portuguese travelers around the time of Columbus argued that Native Americans are descendants of Israelites, and

that assertion remains a controversial bedrock of the Mormon Church. As featured on a PBS "NOVA" documentary, University of London professor Tudor Parfitt recently linked a group of southern Africans to the ancient Hebrews mostly through the same — although perhaps more rigorous — methods as Hewitt: Analysis of oral and written history, literature, and cultural customs and traditions. Hewitt doesn't have the resources to conduct DNA testing like university faculty, but he is quick to remind that the worldwide DNA testing project conducted by National Geographic several years ago concluded that the Kyrgyz people indeed originated from the Middle East, although the time frame differed from Hewitt's theory.

Rarely, however, has a wide swath of people in a Muslim country been put forward as a candidate.

To confirm his theory, Hewitt set about traveling around the country. He tells the story of approaching one mountain village and asking to speak to the "the person who knows Kyrgyz tradition best." So he was taken to the yurt of an elderly "whitebeard," who granted an audience. Hewitt quickly ran into an obstacle.

"When I took out the Bible, he refused to touch it or read from it," Hewitt recalls. "He said he didn't want to contaminate himself with that polluted and cursed book."

So Hewitt begged the elder to at least listen to him read a few passages from the Old Testament that he knew was echoed in pre-Islamic, Kyrgyz literature. Within 20 minutes the Whitebeard's curiosity was piqued. Another twenty minutes and several passages later, Hewitt said the man asked "Can I have this book?" and upon receiving Hewitt's approval, snatched it out of his hands and began reading with a pair of old Soviet-era eyeglasses.

"His whole world view had changed in forty minutes," Hewitt said. "At funerals, the village Mullahs [Muslim clergy] tell everyone that Torah or Bible readers cannot be buried by their people because it's polluted. But the book they're taught to hate has so many similarities to their culture."

The more Hewitt traveled and introduced his theory to locals, the more he felt like the Kyrgyz seemed like a people "without an identity." They were a nation that was nomi-

nally Muslim, but completely different from the neighboring Uzbeks and Tajiks in native traditions. He said he was offering an alternative explanation of Kyrgyz history, a relief for many Kyrgyz hoping to identify with a more grounded heritage.

"They don't want to side with just either the American God or the Arabic God," he said, explaining that many Kyrgyz felt uncomfortable being pulled into a global conflict of only two sides, framed in only black or white.

"There were times when I spoke to the people furthest from the city, who loved their traditional culture, and they broke down in tears and thanked me because I shared with them these passages from the Torah," Hewitt said. He appeared on Kyrgyz national television, and his first book was immediately accepted by a publisher who was trying to track him down for a book offer anyway.

After personally convincing conservative Kyrgyz elders in village after village to give the Judeo-Christian scriptures a chance, Hewitt began to see a glimmer of hope and tried to look at the bigger picture.

"Sometimes I think 'What could be a better place on Earth to discuss the Middle Eastern conflict than an Islamic country with Hebraic background?'" he said. "People on both sides hate without even knowing what the other's holy books are saying. The two religions don't have to clash. Why does it need to?"

Then he laughed and added, "They should just have a peace conference there, with the world leaders sitting around in a yurt."

Hewitt's attempts to relate the modern Kyrgyz to the ancient Israelites have not been universally appreciated. Despite Islam's superficial presence in Kyrgyzstan, a wave of fundamentalist fervor has seemingly gathered strength steadily since the fall of the secular Soviet Union, and some extremists immediately decied Hewitt's work.

A Kyrgyz newspaper called for a Jihad against him in January of 2000, and a friend who worked in the Kyrgyzstani presidential offices advised him to leave the country and never return. In America, he has also been slammed by white supremacist Christian groups who have claimed that Anglo Whites, not Central Asian shepherds, are the true sons of Joseph. And despite winning the respect of many Kyrgyz scholars, he is also dismissed by Western academics who often see the Lost Tribes as a subject saturated with cultic fascination.

"It is more common to hear the Pathans of Afghanistan making that assertion about the Lost Tribes of Israel," UCLA anthropologist Nancy Levine skeptically wrote to the Daily Press when asked about Hewitt's theory. "I don't believe there is any support for that idea either."

Toward those who labeled him a Christian missionary, Hewitt firmly refused to be categorized.

"I usually let others decide if they want to call me Christian, Muslim or heretic," he said. "Sometimes my world view is closest to Christians because of the value I place on the sacred writings and Jesus, but other times our beliefs diverge terribly because I value the Qur'an and 'pagan' epics or traditions. I often worship in a mosque or a church, but I'd rather worship on a mountain or in the surf."

Despite authoring a few small books in Kyrgyzstan, Hewitt never managed to make much money. He has now found himself

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SPREADING THE WORD: Palestinian Ra'ed Haddar shares his life story as a member of Combatants for Peace on Friday at Beth Shir Shalom in Santa Monica.

Former combatants become close allies

FROM PEACE PAGE 3

Hezbollah that he began to realize that his actions were counter productive.

"We're actually creating more and more problems and more and more reasons for us to be attacked as Israelis," he said.

For Haddar, the conflict was the world he knew, even as a child when his mother would use threats that the Israeli soldiers were coming to get him as a way to get her son to behave.

It wasn't until a friend was shot in the head by an Israeli soldier that Haddar grew increasingly hostile and bitter.

"The violence starts building at a young age," Haddar said. "When you see Israeli soldiers come into territories of town, demolishing ... that does build something inside of us to resist the attacks; the daily attacks on our daily lives."

He was arrested and tortured and released three years later.

It was his cousin's murder that prompted Haddar to reconsider his stance toward the situation plaguing both sides.

"It was the murder of one of my cousins that gave me encouragement to go ahead for non violent resistance," he said during an interview on Wednesday. "The daily violence and the people getting killed daily from both sides also gave me encouragement to go ahead and start thinking of ways to change the situation."

Haddar went on to become one of the first members of Combatants for Peace, which formed in 2005.

He recalls the first meeting between the two groups, sensing a mutual feeling of distrust, the Palestinian and Israeli men staring strangely at one another.

Distrust slowly turned to understanding.

The organization is now growing with about 300 total members — roughly 150 Palestinians and 150 Israelis.

The stories of how Haddar and Katz came together left the audience of mainly Beth Shir Shalom members shocked, some shaking their heads as they heard of heartbreak and loss.

"Seeing each other as human beings is the first step toward communication," said one member, who asked to remain anonymous. "What they do is a micro-

cosm, a template for world peace."

Tova Baba came to the presentation with her friend, who is a temple member.

"It takes all the good will of people like that (to make change)," she said.

I WAITED FOR DEATH EVERY MINUTE AND I NEVER THOUGHT I COULD GO OUT ALIVE."

Ra'ed Haddar
Combatants for Peace

SPREADING A MESSAGE OF PEACE

Part of the reason why Combatants for Peace is campaigning in the United States is because its members believe that Americans will have a major role in salvaging the situation as an outsider, Katz said.

"We like Americans to be unbiased, to be neutral in this situation and be involved," he said. "Americans need to know it's their tax money paying for the separation wall and ammunition and security budget."

Palestinians see Americans as never helping to build peace, stirring violence more than anything else, Haddar said.

They're looking at the conflict from one perspective, he said.

"It doesn't balance," he said. "We hope that ... something will happen from America."

The organization believes in dialogue and reconciliation as a means to establish a Palestinian state alongside the state of Israel.

"We want Israelis who never met Palestinians to speak to other Palestinians and ask each other hard questions," Katz said. "We want Palestinians to meet Israelis in regular clothes, in face to face talks. I think that will make a big difference."

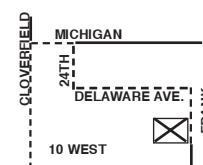
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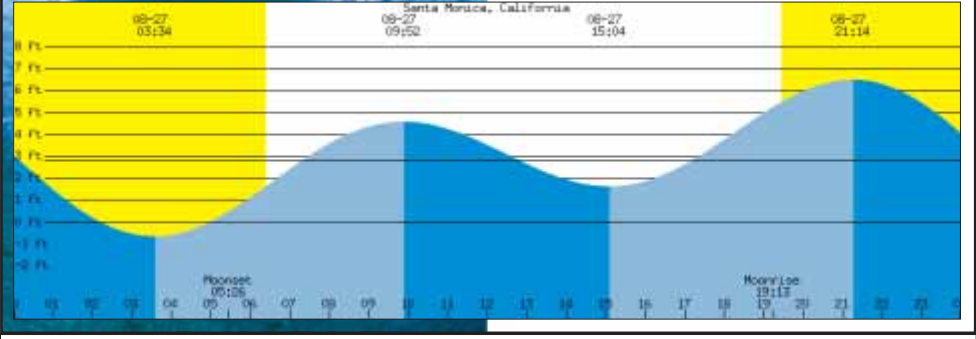


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LOCATION	DRY	WET	LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Camillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth (Juncamilla)	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Palen Canyon storm drain	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Luchana and Los Aliso creeks	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Tennessean Canyon drain	F	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chimneyway)	A+	ns
Bread Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	A	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	A	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	ns	Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	B	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Venice storm drain	A	ns
Escandido Creek, just east of Escandido State Beach	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)	A+	ns
Larigo Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns	Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A	ns
Selkirk Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach	D	ns	Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A	ns
Panero State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A	ns
Marin Canyon storm drain at Panero Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	ns	Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A	ns
Serfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	ns	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A	ns
Serfrider Beach (beach location) - daily	A	ns	Venice Beach - projection of Topsail St.	B	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A+	ns	Marina del Rey, "Mothers" Beach - lifeguard tower	A	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	F	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 18948 PCH stairs	A+	ns	North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	ns	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns	Dockweiler Beach - opposite Hygienic Treatment Plant	A+	ns
Castroville Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	B	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	ns			
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A	ns			

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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Commission adds pair of new faces

FROM PLANNING PAGE 1

As the city experiences a significant increase in development, more emphasis is being placed on LUCE, with more attention directed at the commission.

Both Davis, 51, and Reis, 42, said they are up to the challenge and are passionate about community service, both wanting to play a greater role in how the city evolves. They also said they are extremely concerned about finishing the LUCE process and protecting the city's diversity.

"We can't stop development, but we do need to be able to control it," said Reis, who like Davis, does not subscribe to the "slow growth," "no growth," or "smart growth" philosophies; instead looking to keep an open mind and do what's best for Santa Monica. "We need to set up development guidelines that everyone in the city can support. I want to be able to have a community where my children have a chance of living."

The mission of the commission is to "promote the health, safety and general welfare by encouraging the most appropriate use of land; provide adequate open spaces for light and air; prevent undue concentrations of population; lessen congestion on streets; facilitate adequate provisions for community utilities and facilities such as transportation, water, sewage, schools, parks and other public requirements; and, designate, regulate and restrict the location and use of buildings, structures and land for residents, commerce, trade, industry and other purposes."

Davis believes that her experience working with city staff to resolve planning and zoning issues that affect child care centers and schools will be beneficial to the commission. In her work with the schools, she has interacted with city planners, architects and residents, providing her with real experiences that she can use as she moves forward with the commission.

"I think I can be a bridge between the school district, (Santa Monica College) and the city and help them go through the planning process," Davis said. "I think

sometimes hostility between those bodies would have been minimized if someone could have been the bridge."

Davis said she is not shy about asking questions, and as an attorney, looks to use her analytical mind to work through what will certainly be some difficult decision that lie ahead.

"I'm not going to be bashful about getting the facts," said Davis, who ran for City Council last November and lost, but feels the experience made her stronger. "I want to preserve the wonderful sense of community in our neighborhoods and I have a made a commitment to sustainability. Those are the things I will be looking for in every project. I will want to know what the affects are on residents, on the environment and on the quality of life here in Santa Monica."

Reis said that he will make an effort to link housing to mass transit and jobs as he looks to reduce congestion, a major complaint of residents, along with parking.

"I think that if we are going to incentivize cars, we should be incentivizing buses and bicycles," said Reis, who graduated with a master's degree in urban planning from UCLA. "I'm not saying we get rid of cars completely because that is not practical. But we certainly could do a better job of moving people with mass transit."

Reis is married with two kids, a 3-year-old and a 6-year-old who attends Edison Language Academy. In addition to serving on the Sustainable City Task Force, Reis was a member of the Community Corp. of Santa Monica-sponsored Home Ownership Study Group and was a board member of the Pico Neighborhood Association for two years.

Davis is married with a 10-year-old son. In addition to serving on the school district's Measure BB Committee, Davis is also chair of the District Advisory Committee on Child Care & Development and is a member of both the Community for Excellence in Public Schools and Santa Monica's for Renters' Rights steering committees.

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Hewitt's studies have found many similarities

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back in Santa Monica after stumbling into an intersection of converging misfortune several years ago.

He caught his ex-wife cheating red-handed and divorced. Soon after, he was stunned by the news that his business partner, who unknowingly lost all of their joint investments in the infamous "Nigerian scam," had fled Kyrgyzstan, leaving behind his wife and children, and much less any intentions of paying back Hewitt.

He said the dual betrayal left him heartbroken and destitute by Santa Monica standards, but re-married a Swiss doctor working in Kyrgyzstan and has now temporarily returned to his hometown, hoping to make some money by writing screenplays. But first, he had to get over the culture shock and learn

about America after years in the mountains.

"After I came back this year I set out to learn about MySpace and YouTube," he said. "That was a kick that lasted about two or three weeks."

On Aug. 29, Hewitt will speak about his extensive traveling experiences at the Santa Monica Public Library. Besides the small achievement of becoming an expert on Kyrgyz culture and wading into one of the most hotly debated issues in all of religious studies, what else did he learn in his travels that he could share?

"When I'm traveling, I don't say I'm from the U.S.," he said. "I tell them I'm from California and they immediately say 'The Terminator!' It takes away some of the harshness of Bush and America."

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Close to home

Gloria Estefan debuts new album '90 Millas'

GLORIA ESTEFAN brought tears to the eyes of older Cuban-Americans who gathered Saturday to hear the first live performance of songs from her new album, "90 Millas."

Amid frenzied, unsubstantiated rumors that ailing Fidel Castro has

died, Estefan performed "Esperando (Cuando Cuba Sea Libre)" – Waiting (For Cuba to be Free).

The title of her new album is Spanish for 90 miles – the distance from Key West to Cuba. Her performance with the

Miami Sound Machine was taped Saturday at the Westin Key West Resort, just blocks from the city's famed concrete buoy proclaiming it the southernmost point in the continental United States.

The segment will air

Sept. 17 on Univision's morning news program, "Despierta America," about a week before "90 Millas" hits stores.

After the performance, Estefan recalled the seeds of her passion for Cuban music.

"My grandmother

would shanghai pilots at the Havana airport so they'd bring me cartons of mango baby food – the only kind I'd eat. I learned to eat peach later. And in every carton, she'd slip a Cuban record," Estefan said.

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WEAVER HONORED

A new park that features fly-fishing, scenic trails and a huge bronze eagle was dedicated Saturday to the late "Gunsmoke" actor **DENNIS WEAVER** on 60 acres of land his wife donated to the town.

Weaver moved to Ridgway in 1988, building a home made up of recycled tires and cans on 175 acres along the Uncompahgre River.

The centerpiece of park opened in his name is a 2,800-pound bronze eagle with a 21-foot wingspan.

"The eagle is a sign of power. He was a very quiet, strong, powerful person," said Gerry Weaver, widow of the actor-environmentalist.

AP

Brangelina and brood hit New York for shopping and some 'street meat'

Hot dogs from a Times Square street vendor? Helicopter to a Hurricane Katrina benefit in the Hamptons? All part of **BRANGELINA** whirlwind New York weekend.

Megastars Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie were spotted Friday with kids Maddox, Zahara and Pax shopping at Lee's Art Shop in midtown Manhattan. Baby Shiloh was not there.

According to the New York Post, the family then headed toward Times Square, where Pitt ordered five hot dogs from a street vendor, three with ketchup and mustard, two with just ketchup.

"I didn't know who he

was," said vendor Mahmoud Omer, who added that Pitt wanted relish but he didn't have any.

The "Mr. and Mrs. Smith" stars enjoyed a culinary upgrade Saturday when they attended a fundraiser at the home of Tribeca Film Festival co-founders Jane Rosenthal and Craig Hatkoff in Watermill, N.Y.

The Daily News reported that Pitt and Jolie left the kids with nannies and helicoptered to the Hamptons for the event, where they were joined by model Christie Brinkley, actress Ellen Barkin and Jimmy Buffett.

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Nap and then decide, Pisces

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This year you will make many strong decisions. Just be careful that you're not coming from a place of negativity. If you stop and relax, your subconscious will become an enormous resource, providing an armload of strong answers. If you are single, a relationship easily stars in your year. Curb a tendency to be overly serious. If you are attached, a new beginning becomes possible, especially if you are willing to center around your intimate or personal life. PISCES can often challenge you.



Born Today

Actress Tuesday Weld (1943)

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ What seems like a pie-in-the-sky wish could develop into reality with a little help. You might be shocked by the ramifications. Your high creative energy earmarks events. Don't be discouraged if someone becomes negative. Tonight: You need some private time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ A strong sense of direction evolves into new ways of acting, understanding and manifesting. You might not be realistic about a boss, or if you are a boss, there might be an element of indecision. Tonight: A must appearance dissolves into a happy event.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Be willing to take in the big picture. Listen to what isn't being said, and you might gain tremendous insight. An inspired, special thought will go very far if you choose to run with it. Much happens. Tonight: New vistas.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Review a situation with care. What appears to be OK right now might not be later. There is a haze around a situation, and much might not be revealed. Trust your instincts. If you want to back off, you need to. Tonight: In the whirlwind of life.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Could you be raining on someone's parade? You might not understand the implications of your attitude. Review a situation with an eye to creativity and change. Transform your attitude, and you'll transform a friendship. Tonight: Go along with another's ideas.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ If you can stay even while others flip back and forth, you'll be one step closer to what you want. If you have an inspired idea, look to manifesting it. A change in attitude draws different results. Don't push. Tonight: How about doting on yourself?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Let your hair down. Someone might let you know quite clearly what he or she thinks. You are ahead of the game because of your adaptability and willingness to change gears. Your imagination plugs up a problem. Tonight: Fun and games.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ You might want to transform a situation by being more forthright and positive. Your view of what's possible could change substantially in the near future as new information lands on your plate. Tonight: Head on home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Don't back off, but rather speak your mind. Your vision or perception could be subject to change. New information heads in your direction, as well as a possible change of plans. Know that you only have control over yourself. Tonight: Make a difference.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Your possessive side emerges, allowing great fluidity and change. Investigate and understand what is at the basis of a fear of powerlessness. Someone could be pulling back. The reason, however, might have nothing to do with you. Tonight: Treat yourself!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Smile, and the world smiles with you. The caliber of a friendship or two could change radically. Listen to what a partner or associate might be saying, but you don't have to take on his or her opinions. Tonight: As you like.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★ You might want to approach a situation in a totally different manner. Realize what someone's expectations are, and you will be able to decide if it is feasible for you to meet his or her demand. Tonight: Nap and then decide.

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10:00
No Reservations (PG)
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2:00, 4:50, 7:45, 10:20
The Simpsons Movie (PG-13)
1:55, 4:35, 7:00, 9:30
Stardust (PG-13)
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12:15, 2:45, 5:10, 7:40, 10:00
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Becoming Jane (PG)
1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45
Delirious (NR)
1:45, 4:25, 7:10, 9:50
No End in Sight (NR)
11:00am
Sicko (PG-13)
11:00am

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11:50am, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
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12:40, 3:00, 5:20, 7:50, 10:10
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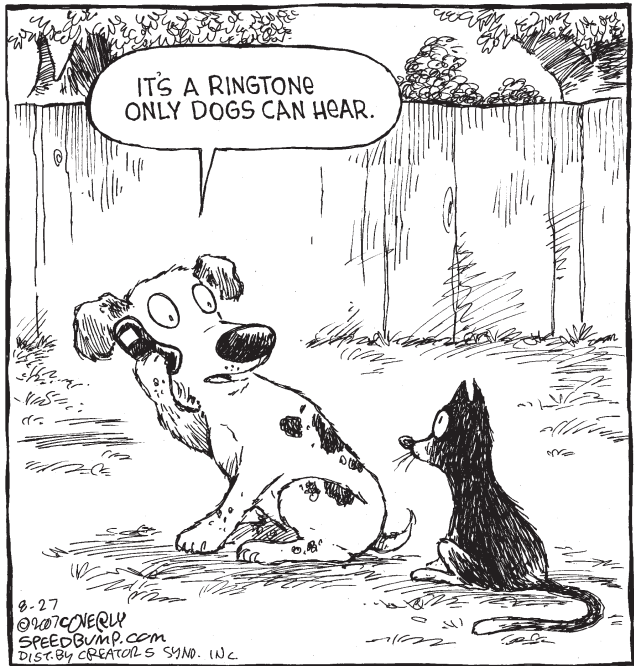
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 - 6 Killer whale
 - 10 Sedimentary rock
 - 11 Castle surroundings
 - 13 Hit, on a 45
 - 14 Hitter's turn
 - 15 Nest item
 - 16 College cheer
 - 18 Diamond stat
 - 19 Nicole Kidman movie
 - 22 Ruby of "Do the Right Thing"
 - 23 Do magazine work
 - 24 Exhausted
 - 27 Boat bottoms
 - 28 District
 - 29 Came together
 - 30 Nicole Kidman movie
 - 35 B & B
 - 36 Friend of Harry and Hermione
 - 37 Gender
 - 38 Librarian's bane
 - 40 Cheer up
- DOWN**
- 42 "— Tag!" (German greeting)
 - 43 Reason
 - 44 Head, to Henri
 - 45 Lets stand, in copy

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Saturday's answer

- 9 Seething
- 12 Work periods
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- 20 Perfect
- 21 Take care of
- 24 Job for Petruchio
- 25 Resolve
- 26 Get together again
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ **Community Policing:** One traditional opportunity for police in the United States to mediate problems occurs when they facilitate the exchange of driver information (identification and insurance) in traffic accidents. Similarly, in Braunschweig, Germany, in June, police were called to a legal brothel to mediate a prostitute-client dispute following the rupture of a condom during their encounter. Police were successful in encouraging the prostitute, and the reluctant customer, to exchange information, in case of future health problems.

■ **Public Urination and Drug Law Enforcement:** (1) Authorities in Doylestown, Pa., arrested 34 people after a seven-month police investigation of drug-dealing, which began last December when a man on probation gave the police information about the ring in order to avoid going back to prison. He had been facing a charge of public urination. (2) Chicago police arrested three alleged dope-sellers in June after casually spotting one of them inside a garage with the door open, bagging \$670,000 worth of marijuana. The police came upon the garage while chasing a man who had been urinating in public.

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1962 Mariner 2 launched to Venus.
1979 An IRA bomb kills Lord Mountbatten and 3 others on holiday in Sligo, Republic of Ireland. Another near Warrenpoint, Northern Ireland kills 18 British soldiers.
1983 Marietta, GA wins 1983 Little League World Series
1991 The European Community recognizes the independence of the Baltic states: Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.
1993 The Florida Department of Transportation decides to cease producing its distinctive colored U.S. Highway shields so that it can make use of Federal funds for those signs.
2003 Mars makes its closest approach to Earth in nearly 60,000 years, passing approximately 34,646,416 miles (55,758,006 kilometers) from Earth.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071759796 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as BELLY MATTERS DOULA SERVICE, 555 ROSE AVE. #3, VENICE, CA. 90291. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : CAROLANN BRAUN, 555 ROSE AVE. #3, VENICE, CA. 90291 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)4/19/2005. /s/: CAROLANN BRAUN
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071768523 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CATALYST AT LARGE CONSULTING, 130 OUTRIGGER MALL, MARINA DEL REY, CA. 90292. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : SUZANNE BIEGEL, 130 OUTRIGGER MALL, MARINA DEL REY, CA. 90292 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)1/1/2007. /s/: SUZANNE BIEGEL
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071823756 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CREATIVE EDGE DESIGN, 1041 LINCOLN BLVD. #7, SANTA MONICA, CA. 90403. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : DAAREK SZETO, 1041 LINCOLN BLVD. #7, SANTA MONICA, CA. 90403 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)1/1/1995. /s/: DAAREK SZETO
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071757181 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MICHAELSON MARKETING GROUP, 1141 19TH ST. #5, SANTA MONICA, CA. 90403. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ADAM MICHAELSON, 1141 19TH ST. #5, SANTA MONICA, CA. 90403 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: ADAM MICHAELSON
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071759796 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PSYCHIC READING'S BY EVA, 11544 ROSECRANS AVE., NORWALK, CA 90650. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : SHIRLEY UWANAWICH, 17072 LA KENICE WAY, YORBA LINDA, CA 92886 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/: SHIRLEY UWANAWICH
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071735617 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LOS AVENTADO'S DE EMILIANO RIOS, 7553 HAPPY ST., PARAMOUNT, CA 90723. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : EMILIANO RIOS, 7553 HAPPY ST., PARAMOUNT, CA 90723; ERIC RIOS, 7553 HAPPY ST., PARAMOUNT, CA 90723; ORLANDO RIOS, 7553 HAPPY ST., PARAMOUNT, CA 90723 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/: RIOS; RIOS; ORLANDO RIOS
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071690433 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as FORNAX INTERNATIONAL, 879 W. 23RD STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90007. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : RAKSHIT BIPIN PAREKH, 2108 MISSOULA AVE. APT #1, HELENA, MT 59601 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/: RAKSHIT PAREKH
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071749137 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as EAGLE JUMPERS, 5810 S. NORMANDIE AVE., RM 2F, LOS ANGELES, CA 90044. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : CRENCENCIO SANCHEZ, 5810 S. NORMANDIE AVE., RM 2F, LOS ANGELES, CA 90044; REY-MUNDO RIOS, 5810 S. NORMANDIE AVE., RM 2F, LOS ANGELES, CA 90044 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/: LARRY INFANTE
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071760384 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as DA UPHOLSTERY, 4128 W. 59TH PL., L.A. CA 90043. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : DENNIS WELLINGTON, 4128 W. 59TH PL., L.A. CA 90043 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/: DENNIS WELLINGTON
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071759792 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CHRISTY'S BEAUTY STUDIO, 3004 E. CHARLINDA ST., WEST COVINA, CA 91791. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : CHRISTY CATANO, 3004 E. CHARLINDA ST., WEST COVINA, CA 91791 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..

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071739976 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ARNU, 3940 BRUNSWICK AVE., LOS ANGELES, CA 90039. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : JEREMY A. HARRIS, 3940 BRUNSWICK AVE., LOS ANGELES, CA 90039 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/: JEREMY A. HARRIS
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071740527 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as AC TOWING SERVICE, 13730 E. MEYER RD., WHITTIER, CA 90605. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : MARIA ELVIRA GUTIERREZ, 13730 E. MEYER RD., WHITTIER, CA 90605 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/: MARIA ELVIRA GUTIERREZ
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071689537 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as A & E MAINTENANCE, 5825 SANTA MONICA BLVD., HOLLYWOOD, CA 90038. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : WENDY ROXANA TEZOCO, 5825 SANTA MONICA BLVD., HOLLYWOOD, CA 90038 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/: WENDY R. TEZOCO
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071833266 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PEANUT BLENDERS, 8960 CYNTHIA STREET #205, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA. 90069. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : DOMINICK VILLANI, 8960 CYNTHIA STREET #205, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA. 90069 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)8/2/2007. /s/: DOMINICK VILLANI
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071699571 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as KNIGHTS-BRIDGE RADIOLOGY, 1047 4TH STREET #203, SANTA MONICA, CA. 90403. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : CHARLES C. HOO, M.D. INC. 1047 4TH STREET #203, SANTA MONICA, CA.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071872987 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as INTERNATIONAL AUTO BODY & REPAIR SHOP: AI #/ON 200721410124, 21012 S. MAIN ST., CARSON, CA 90745. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : GUINTO & WILSON INVESTMENT GROUP, LLC, 144 W. JAY ST., CARSON, CA 90745 This Business is being conducted by, a limited liability. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: GUINTO & WILSON INVESTMENT GROUP, LLC; YALE W. WILSON, MANAGER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 8/9/2007. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 8/20/2007, 8/27/2007, 9/3/2007, 9/10/2007

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. 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. 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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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071961545 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ZENVIRONMENT, 209 MONTANA AVE. NO. 307, SANTA MONICA, CA. 90403. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : JOSEPH RICARDO RUIZ, 209 MONTANA AVE. NO. 307, SANTA MONICA, CA. 90403 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: JOSEPH RICARDO RUIZ This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 8/21/2007. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 2007197763 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as BY TAYLOR, ST SANDRA TAYLOR COLLECTION A DIVISION OF BY TAYLOR, ST COLLECTIONS, ST SANDRA TAYLOR COLLECTION, ST BY TAYLOR, ST SANDRA TAYLOR, SANDRA TAYLOR COLLECTION, 5017 W. JEFFERSON BLVD. LOS ANGELES, CA. 90016. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : BY TAYLOR INC. 5017 W. JEFFERSON BLVD. LOS ANGELES, CA. 90016 This Business is being conducted by, a limited liability. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)10/9/1993. /s/: BY TAYLOR INC. PRESIDENT, SANDRA TAYLOR This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 10/9/1993. 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 8/27/2007, 9/3/2007, 9/10/2007, 9/17/2007

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071977962 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SCOP RESEARCH, 1549 11TH STREET, SUITE 209, SANTA MONICA, CA. 90401. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : VANESSA MARIE BENDETTI, 1549 11TH STREET SUITE 209, SANTA MONICA, CA. 90401 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)8/21/2007. /s/: VANESSA MARIE BENDETTI This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 8/21/2007. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 8/27/2007, 9/3/2007, 9/10/2007, 9/17/2007

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071896793 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as T COIN LAUNDRY, 4621 S. ROSEMEAD BLVD., PICO RIVERA, CA 90660. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : BUN TEA, 211 STAR BIRD DR., 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)8/8/2007. /s/: BUN TEA This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 8/8/2007. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 8/27/2007, 9/3/2007, 9/10/2007, 9/17/2007

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071896684 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LLB REAL ESTATE INVESTORS, 6774 LOS VERDES DR #6, RANCITO PALOS VERDES, CA 90275. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : LYNEL MCCAREY, 6774 LOS VERDES DR #6, RANCITO PALOS VERDES, CA 90275 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/: LYNEL MCCAREY

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071928333 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MULTISERVICIOS EXPRESS, 5037 E. GOGG AVE., BELL, CA 90201. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : MULTISERVICIOS EXPRESS, 2940 W. LINCOLN AVE., UNIT 13, ANAHEIM, CA 92801 This Business

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is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: VICTOR GOROSTIETA This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 8/16/2007. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 8/27/2007, 9/3/2007, 9/10/2007, 9/17/2007

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071916819 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as RELIABLE BROKERS; AI #/ON 2923596, 3055 W. VALLEY BLVD., ALHAMBRA, CA 91803. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : RPR MANAGEMENT INC., 8421 CARRON DR., PICO RIVERA, CA 90660; JAS REALTY, INC., 2537 VIA CAMPO, MONTEBELLO, CA 90640 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/: RPR MANAGEMENT INC.; RAMIRO REGALADO, PRESIDENT; JAS REALTY INC., JORGE A. SANCHEZ This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 8/15/2007. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 8/27/2007, 9/3/2007, 9/10/2007, 9/17/2007

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071907042 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SALON OAXACA, 2112 S. OLIVE ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90007. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : JUAN MESTAS MENDEZ, 220 W. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BLVD, LOS ANGELES, CA 90037 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: JUAN MESTAS MENDEZ This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 8/14/2007. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 8/27/2007, 9/3/2007, 9/10/2007, 9/17/2007

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071900113 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SOUTHERN CARNIVOROUS PLANTS, 110 S. ROSEMEAD BLVD, SUITE L, PASADENA, CA 91107. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : MICHAEL LU, 9414 EMPEROR AVE., TEMPLE CITY, CA 91780 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)9/1/2005. /s/: MICHAEL LU This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 8/13/2007. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 8/27/2007, 9/3/2007, 9/10/2007, 9/17/2007

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071913814 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as VICTORY TRANSITIONAL HOUSE, 855 E. 119TH ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90059. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : CARMEL ANITA BOWDEN, 1007 E. GLADWICK ST., CARSON, CA 90746 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: CARMEL BOWDEN This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 8/15/2007. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 8/27/2007, 9/3/2007, 9/10/2007, 9/17/2007

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071915869 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CROSS ROADS CHURCH, 8473 S. WESTERN AVE., LOS ANGELES, CA 90047. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : WILLIAM T. JACKSON, JR., 17642 LOGANBERRY RD., CARSON, CA 90746 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: WILLIAM T. JACKSON, JR. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 8/15/2007. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 8/27/2007, 9/3/2007, 9/10/2007, 9/17/2007

Statement of Abandonment of Use of Fictitious Business Name Document Record # 20071916818 Current File No. 20071750922 State of California, County of Los Angeles The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious Business name: JAS REALTY INC. located at 2537 VIA CAMPO, MONTEBELLO, CA 90640

The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 07/24/07 In the county of LOS ANGELES. JAS REALTY INC., 2531 VIA CAMPO, MONTEBELLO, CA 90640 This business is conducted by: A CORPORATION /s/ JORGE A. SANCHEZ This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/15/07. Published: SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS 8/27/2007, 9/3/2007, 9/10/2007, 9/17/2007

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071960758 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MISO & JJ, 7900 ALL AMERICAN CITY WAY, PARAMOUNT, CA 90723. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : JIN SOO JANG, 16315 HEARTLAND CT., LA MIRADA, 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)5/1/2000. /s/: JIN SOO JANG This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 8/21/07. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 8/27/2007, 9/3/2007, 9/10/2007, 9/17/2007

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071906157 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as WENWENNIE DESIGN STUDIO, 1084 SINALOA AVE., PASADENA, CA 91104. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : PEIWEN TSAI, 1084 SINALOA AVE., PASADENA, CA 91104 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/: PEIWEN TSAI This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 8/14/2007. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 8/27/2007, 9/3/2007, 9/10/2007, 9/17/2007

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071898078 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as AFTERSCHOOL COMMUNITY TUTORING PROGRAM & FUNDRAISER; AFTERSCHOOL TUTORING PROGRAM; AFTERSCHOOL TUTORING PROGRAM & FUNDRAISER, 1202 W. 245TH ST., HARBOR CITY, CA 90710. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : DEBORAH MONTGOMERY, 1202 W. 245TH ST., HARBOR CITY, CA 90710 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/: DEBORAH MONTGOMERY

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071916389 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ALLSTAR JUMP PARTY RENTALS, 8627 CALIFORNIA AVE., SOUTH GATE, CA 90280. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : AMPARO SANTOYO, 9337 DEARBORN 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)8/1/2007. /s/: AMPARO SANTORO This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 8/15/2007. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 8/27/2007, 9/3/2007, 9/10/2007, 9/17/2007

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071928453 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ANY DRAINS, 2321 SHERWAY ST., W. COVINA, CA 91790. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ROBERT A. HOYO, 2321 SHERWAY ST., W. COVINA, CA 91790 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/: ROBERT A. HOYO This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 8/16/2007. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 8/27/2007, 9/3/2007, 9/10/2007, 9/17/2007

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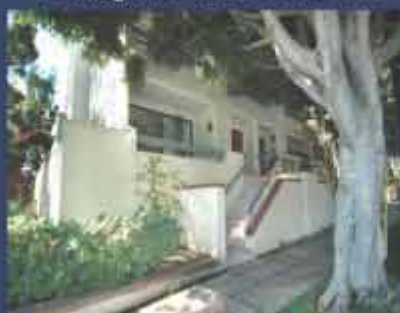


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