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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

A commander at a military conscription unit in Finland told reporters in August that some men recently have been discharged shortly after enlisting because they had become "addicted" to the Internet and longed for their computers. Said the official, Jyrki Kivela: "For people who play (Internet) games all night and don't have any friends, don't have any hobbies, to come into the army is a very big shock." (All males are scheduled for at least six months in the military, but about 20 percent get specially exempted.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

On Sept. 6, 1901, President William McKinley was shot and mortally wounded by anarchist Leon Czolgosz at the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo, N.Y. McKinley, a Republican, died eight days later; he was succeeded by Theodore Roosevelt.

■ In 1837, the Oberlin Collegiate Institute of Ohio went co-educational.

■ In 1909, American explorer Robert Peary sent word that he had reached the North Pole five months earlier.

■ In 1939, South Africa declared war on Germany.

■ In 1941, Jews over age 6 in German-occupied areas were ordered to wear yellow Stars of David.

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Memorial gives beachgoers pause

BY GENEVA WHITMARSH

Daily Press Staff Writer

SM PIER — A group of war veterans rose with the sun Sunday and slowly placed 981 small white crosses along the sandy shores of the Pacific Ocean, just steps from the tourist-heavy Santa Monica Pier.

Placing a cross on the beach for each American soldier killed in the Iraq War is a ritual the local chapter of Veterans for Peace has repeated each Sunday for the last seven months. The only difference: The number of crosses erected this week is nearly double what it was when the memorial began.

"Most people are coming out here for a picnic or a day at the beach, and they see this visual representation of the war," volunteer

April Fitzsimmons said. "People tend to kind of look at war like a video game or a movie, but this display is so real it's undeniable."

The project, dubbed Arlington West, is highly visible to the thousands of people who frequent the pier and beach. Many stop and look at the detailed list of soldiers killed, often times seeing their own hometown. They're given the opportunity to write a soldier's name on a slip of paper and place it on a cross along with flowers, pictures or personal mementos.

On Sunday, a framed picture of a soldier rested at the base of one cross, and an army-green hat lay over the top of another.

"There was a veteran from the Iraq War here who had lost 15 of



Crill Hansen/Special to the Daily Press

The local chapter of Veterans for Peace on Sunday set up 981 crosses — one for each soldier killed in Iraq — on the beach near the Santa Monica Pier. The group has been doing this every week for the past seven months.

his friends," Fitzsimmons said. "He was so bereft, he collapsed in the sand. Then, there was a woman who'd lost the love of her life in World War II and had never truly recovered. She came here, lost it and asked if she could put

his name on a cross. We let her."

The project, given the OK by Santa Monica city officials, began Feb. 15. Organizers say they plan to continue the memorial "until

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Police make four DUI arrests at sobriety checkpoint

By Daily Press staff

POLICE HDQTRS. — Four people were arrested Friday night when they were stopped at a sobriety checkpoint on Lincoln

Boulevard, as part of a holiday weekend crackdown.

The Santa Monica Police Department conducted a driver's license and sobriety checkpoint in

the 2600 block of Lincoln Boulevard, between Ocean Park Boulevard and Hill Street.

In addition to the drunk driving arrests, police issued 16 citations

for a variety of vehicle code offenses and towed seven vehicles. A total of 2,045 vehicles drove through the checkpoint, and 180 vehicles were stopped in a five-hour period.

Mystery photo



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COMMUNITY PROFILES

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

Harry Keiley: Teaching represents labor of love

BY GENEVA WHITMARSH

Daily Press Staff Writer

Walking into Harry Keiley's Santa Monica office is like cracking open a book about his life.

The 41-year-old president of the Santa Monica-Malibu Classroom Teachers Association displays a wooden name plaque behind his desk from his days as a history teacher. A painting created by a student hangs on one wall and on the opposite wall is a framed poster of lower Manhattan.

"A teacher from Malibu High School gave me that," Keiley explained. "She said, 'Never forget where you came from.'"

On the rear wall, there are



diplomas, awards and a picture of the woman he plans to marry in October.

"This is L.A., so of course we met at the Coffee Bean," he

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 ★★★★★ Hang out with friends and loved ones this Labor Day. Don't lose your temper or become frustrated as the day becomes older. You, too, might be sad to see the weekend come to an end. Add more playfulness into the afternoon. If you want to change your plans, do so. Tonight: Hang out with pals. Swap Labor Day weekend tales.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★★★★ Your frustration emerges as you try to organize yourself and your family together after a wild and woolly weekend. No one is in the mood to head home or call an end to the weekend. Don't lose your temper. Tonight: Count on yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ★★★★★ You are unstoppable, though someone might be fussing with you. Express your joy at kissing the last unofficial weekend of the summer goodbye. Someone you care about could do something strange. Tonight: Don't worry about anyone else. Relish every moment.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ★★★★★ Though you like parties, you might have had enough for now. Be careful with a loved one who wants to party and play. In this case, happiness is allowing each other to go in your separate directions. Dig into a project, if you must. Tonight: You need and want a good night's sleep.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ★★★★★ Venus in your sign allows your already charming style to transform you into a magnet. You ask, and you receive. Join friends as they kick in and celebrate Labor Day. You might go overboard, and you might not care. Say goodbye to your summer friends, and exchange phone numbers. Tonight: Play until you are too tired.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ★★★★★ Others look up to you because you are able to pull plans together. Use care with your feelings, as you could become extremely sensitive in the next few weeks. Don't let others push you too hard. You might need or want to change your plans. Tonight: Check in on an older relative.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ★★★★★ Your mind is on everything but the here and now. You still could be in Labor Day mode and not home yet, or you might have met someone who is worth daydreaming about. Don't allow anyone to rain on your parade, if you can. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ★★★★★ A partner stomps. He or she wants your attention at any cost. Be smart; make time for this person. He or she has watched you carry on all weekend. Now it is his or her time. Let this person know how important he or she is. Take him or her out on the town. Tonight: A romantic dinner for two.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ★★★★★ You might shy away from all the parties and celebration as the day becomes later. You want to make a call or connect with someone at a distance who you care about. Someone you look up to could be unusually demanding. Tonight: Vanish. Do your own thing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ★★★★★ Deal with others with your customary efficiency, whether it is cleaning up from the weekend or getting a head start on the workweek. A partner or loved one cannot do enough for you. Let this person express him- or herself. Tonight: Slow down. Think "work."

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ★★★★★ You cannot help but play away. In your fun way, you share the child in you, bringing out others' endearment. In fact, someone might suddenly develop much more interest in you. See what happens when you let go. Tonight: Don't make the first move.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ★★★★★ You're in the mood to let go and quiet down. You could wind up playing recluse. Know that after all that has gone on you need a timeout. Do something special and relaxing for yourself. Tonight: Order in.

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LOCAL



Deadhead on a BMW: Stories from the open road

EASY WRITER
NOTES FROM THE ROAD



(Editor's note: Santa Monica resident Lance Schmidt is on a road trip across America, on his way back from Grandma's house. He will be writing weekly on the people he meets, their political leanings and the environments in which they live).

NEW YORK CITY — I have been out on the road almost a month. The days seem shorter and the mornings blend into the afternoons, and the afternoons into the evenings at a much quicker pace. I know my trip across America is nearing its final conclusion.

The dog days of summer spent in the saddle riding and writing have been a unique experience. Although there were sad days and bad days, hot days and scary days, most days were filled with curiosity and wonder. The No. 1 question I was asked on my trip was if it gets lonely riding a motorcycle across country alone. My answer is the same no matter where I go: "It's not if I meet friends like you." That may sound bogus, but it's the truth.

I can't explain the feeling one gets after riding a full day in the saddle, pulling into a town and exploring a brand new environment and meeting new people. And that's my commentary on traveling in general — it expands one's horizons, forces us to look at things differently and breaks down barriers. If Americans were required to travel to a new destination for a month each year no matter where they went or what mode of transportation they used to get there, we as a nation would be a lot better off. Maybe a bit broker, but more enriched.

Aug. 23

I had planned to take the Northern route into Chicago to visit friends and then across into the Eastern seaboard, but after receiving a phone call and seeing what was in store for me weather wise, plans changed.

A friend of mine from grad school who promotes all kinds of musical talent called and said she had heard I was on a trip and asked me if I was going to be going by Nashville, Tenn. Being the road opportunist that I am, I said it might be a possi-

bility — if she would put me up. She said she would not only do that but she would introduce me to some of the country's rising stars.

I am not much of a country aficionado, but I have to admit I think legends like Merle Haggard, Loretta Lynn and Waylon Jennings have some of the sweetest voices I have ever heard. They also sing the tunes of a simpler life, of the hopeless romantic and of the solitary cowboy. As Andy Rooney would say, "I like that."

Jenny did not disappoint. She took me to some of the hottest country acts in town and let me meet some of the best young talent budding in Nashville today. I heard this one young woman that had to have been no more than 16 or 17 play the fiddle as good as I have heard Charlie Daniels or Vasar Clements play.

Aug. 26

In sports they call it simply, the Zone. Other variants include being totally ON or being connected to a higher source in some fashion that allows you to let go and tap into something not fully of oneself.

I have been in the Zone only a few times in my life. I have experienced that type of connection in a few sports and in some special places but never on my motorcycle. I experienced it today.

I left my Blue Ridge Mountains campsite and was planning to deadhead through Virginia and on into D.C. when, even with two maps and a GPS, I somehow got lost. I found myself on this two-lane tarmac engulfed in tunnels of green, and sporting brand-spanking-new asphalt. I was generally headed in the right direction so I decided just to follow it. What ensued was a two-hour race of man and machine through the most incredible twisted piece of road I have ever been on. As my speed increased, so did my confidence. I was riding out of my mind. And then it happened. As I came out of a high speed chicane and around a fully banked turn, turning clockwise back into the straight-away, I barely had time to brake let alone avoid hitting it. What "it" was, was a huge mule deer, and I was headed right for it. I grabbed a handful of brakes and prayed that the ABS system wouldn't let me down.

I would estimate that I struck the deer about 10 miles per hour. The impact threw him straight in front of me, about 10 feet,

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SURF REPORT

We'll see fading SSE swell on Monday mix with small NW energy and a touch of Southern hemi surf. Northern LA spots will continue to be partially shadowed from this swell by both Catalina and San Clemente Islands so it won't be as big as the better exposed spots of Orange and Ventura Counties. You can still expect waist- to chest-high surf at the good breaks in the morning, with a few bigger sets at standout spots to shoulder high+. South Bay breaks will miss out on the SE swell...expect mostly small NW energy on Monday with most spots at or under waist high. Winds are light Monday morning and build out of the W to NW in the 8-12 knot range for the afternoon.

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SUNDAY	6:57	2.7	10:23	1.4	3:02	3.1	2:05	4.8
MONDAY	N/A	N/A	11:57	1.1	N/A	N/A	3:20	4.6
TUESDAY	10:24	3.4	N/A	N/A	8:14	3.5	4:52	4.7
WEDNESDAY	12:57	0.8	12:11	3.3	8:21	3.8	6:03	5.0
THURSDAY	1:38	0.4	1:02	3.0	8:35	4.0	6:54	5.3
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A plan to end homelessness in Los Angeles within a decade will be unveiled on Sept. 23. The plan has taken several months to develop and has taken into consideration the input and opinions of hundreds of people.

The planning panel of about 80 people — consisting of everybody from politicians to business leaders to homeless advocates — hopes to end the problem that has plagued this city for decades. It's considered the largest effort ever by community leaders to tackle a problem that some say stands as the biggest

facing the country.

In Santa Monica, homelessness is one of the most hotly debated issues in the community.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know, "What must be included in the panel's plan? How can homelessness most effectively be eradicated in the next 10 years?"

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OPINION

GUEST COMMENTARY BY JOHN LOGAN

Wal-Mart teaches all of us a Labor Day lesson

This Labor Day, it's worth recounting a recent news story that many Americans might have missed. Last month, employees at a Wal-Mart store in Saguenay, Quebec (a city about 100 miles north of Quebec City known more for its skiing than labor activism) became the first among the retail giant's 1.3 million employees to gain union representation.

Not one other of the company's 4,800 North American stores has a union. But Quebec does not boast the continent's only unionized Wal-Mart store because Canadian employees like unions more than their counterparts in the United States. Indeed, a recent book by the renowned social scientist, Seymour Martin Lipset, argues that the opposite is true: The Paradox of American Unionism demonstrates that approval for unions is significantly lower north of the border. Rather, the Quebec employees succeeded

where U.S. Wal-Mart employees have failed because, unlike its U.S. counterpart, Quebec labor law provides real protection for the right to choose a union.

The Saguenay employees were able to form a union by signing authorization cards indicating that a clear majority wanted independent representation, thereby limiting the ability of the company to influence the outcome. In the United States, employees are forced to go through lengthy and bitter election campaigns, and companies like Wal-Mart spend millions of dollars during these campaigns attempting to "persuade" their employees to reject the union.

But this is not just a story of how U.S. law fails to protect employees against the actions of aggressively anti-union employers. It is also about how the company profits at the taxpayers' expense. As a result of its low-wage, anti-union

business strategy, Wal-Mart's employees earn about 30 percent less than unionized retail employees and are much less likely to be covered by employer-sponsored health insurance.

In 2001, Wal-Mart sales clerks earned an average of \$13,861 — almost \$1,000 below the federal poverty line for a family of three. But Wal-Mart's ruthless employment practices don't only affect its own employees — they hurt all taxpayers, who, more often than not, are forced to pick up the tab.

A recent study by the UC Berkeley Labor Center estimates that Wal-Mart's employment practices cost California \$86 million per year in public assistance to company workers. California's 44,000 Wal-Mart employees rely on state assistance for about \$32 million per year in health-related services and \$54 million in other services, such as sub-

dized school lunches for their children, food stamps and subsidized housing. And as other retail employers struggle to compete with Wal-Mart (an issue that was at the heart of the recent supermarket strike in southern California), the financial burden on taxpayers is likely to increase substantially.

If Wal-Mart employees in California and the rest of the United States enjoyed the same legal rights as their Quebec counterparts, taxpayers might no longer be forced to subsidize the "low-road" employment practices of world's largest corporation, which posted \$245 billion in revenues in 2002. Now, that would be worth celebrating next Labor Day.

(The author teaches industrial relations at the London School of Economics).

Stuffed animals take the stress out of traveling



HIP TO BE SQUARE
BY CAROLINE BODKIN

Traveling has never been stressful for me. My father's a pilot and my mother an adventurous type, so I grew up going to foreign countries, eating weird ethnic foods and learning how to travel stand-by.

Maybe it's because of my upbringing, maybe it's because I love the freedom that comes with exploring new places, but I just don't worry about going from here to there. This, I've noticed, is not the case for most people.

Nowhere do I see people behave more poorly than when they're en route.

People get ugly.

Whether they're cutting you off while throwing you the finger in their car, yelling at some poor ticket agent — who, I promise, did not create the weather that's causing delays — or packing tightly around the luggage carousel, ignoring the fact that if we all took a step back, we could all get to our bags, they're ugly.

And shamelessly so.

I don't think you can behave so terribly without also feeling terrible. Which makes me think there must be ways people deal with the anxiety of traveling that I just don't see: little tricks, tactics, quirky behaviors, coping mechanisms that make traveling manageable.

So the other day, while stopped at a stoplight, I had a thought about these tricks for travel stress.

I noticed that the '95 Civic stopped in front of me had a row of small stuffed animals shoved in the back of the car to line the crease where the rear window meets the back seats. This is a phenomenon that I see a lot and have never understood. If you love these animals so much, why do you let them sit in the hot sun, with no air? So my thought was this: Maybe the animals are one of these coping mechanisms. Maybe the stuffed animals help the driver with traffic, you know, by alerting them, "Fast driver coming up on your right!" or whatever. Maybe they create a calm atmosphere in the car that keeps the driver from becoming a road-rager. Maybe they whisper soothing words.

I think it's weird, sticking stuffed animals under your windshield, and I've often thought the people who do it are the sort who might also lock their children in

closets. But I thought while stopped at the red light, if it keeps people from being assholes on the road, then so be it.

I started to think about all the other seemingly odd behaviors I've seen while traveling and wondered if they too are actually people's tools for travel survival.

Like car-wash massage chairs. I've always wondered why anyone would pay \$1 to sit in a grimy, sticky, sun-stroked leather chair, where other people have pleased themselves.

It's hard to believe the chairs relieve tension, but, I guess, if they take the weary cross-country-road-tripper to a happy place with their automated pulses, then so be it.

Or I've wondered why, when people return from their vacations to foreign countries, they refer to the small towns they visited as "little villages?" For example, "We rented a car in Rome and found this great little fishing village down south."

Little village? Give me a break.

When do you hear that in real life? We don't say, "I'm from Wellesley, a little village just outside Boston." It sounds so innocuous, "little village." Hmm. Nothing bad happens in little villages. It's almost as though they're trying to rewrite history,

turning what we know was their super-stressful summer vacation in stinking, hot Rome and the boring surrounding area into the thing of which "Sound of Music" was made.

But hey, if it helps them believe that the vacation was fun, that traveling is fun, then so be it.

And the more I thought about it, I thought maybe I should find my own trick. So if I stress about tickets, connections or the woman on her cell phone who's driving like an idiot, I'll go to my special place, where I was a young girl in a foreign country, drinking Fanta, unworried about anything, secretly hoping I wouldn't get on the plane so we could stay on the beach.

And it might bother people when I'm sucking on my imaginary bottle, taking deep breaths, spacing out, but if it helps me from smacking the security guard who looked for a nail file in my bra, then, well, so be it.

(Caroline Bodkin lives in Los Angeles. If you put stuffed animals in the back of your car, e-mail her at hiptobesquareby-bodkin@yahoo.com).

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OPINION



Crosses draw some criticism, some tears

CROSSES, from page 1

the killing stops," and — due to the lack of space — might eventually have to paint a cross red for every 10 soldiers killed rather than erect new ones.

The crosses do not reflect those American soldiers who are wounded in combat and then later die, Fitzsimmons said. The number of wounded soldiers is at 6,690, according to a sign near the memorial. There are also pictures of wounded soldiers undergoing rehabilitation for missing limbs and other injuries.

Another sign at the memorial reads: "If we were to acknowledge the number of Iraqi deaths, the crosses would fill the entire beach."

"There is human cost," said volunteer Charles Nixon, a Vietnam veteran. "It's hard to show the emotional cost that goes along with that."

There are a few political pamphlets available for a small donation, but the area is void of campaign signs. There are no anti-Bush slogans or Kerry for President signs.

"The point of this is simply to honor the fallen and give people a place to mourn," Fitzsimmons said.

Organizers estimate that there is at least one person a week who vocally disagrees with the display. But, Nixon said, many people who pass by are emotionally

affected and many ask how they can help.

"There was a young couple out here in their 20s," he said. "They were looking at the names, and then they walked out and put a name on one of the crosses. There were tears coming out of her eyes — she was very moved."

"I went up to them and asked if they were leaving the name of a friend or family member, and they said no, that they never met this soldier. That's pretty amazing to see that kind of response from someone who wasn't related in any way."

Beth Simmons of Burbank said she was taken aback when she first saw the crosses.

"I was planning to ride the roller coaster and eat corn dogs," she said. "To be hit with the fact that this war has killed these people ... It's overwhelming. It's sad. It basically stopped me in my tracks."

When the sun begins to set, the volunteers slowly remove the crosses and place them in storage until the next Sunday. They carefully and deliberately pack up the mementos left by mourners. Next week, Fitzsimmons said, the death toll will have likely risen, and the number of crosses on the beach will increase.

"It's sad every time we go to put the crosses up," she said. "It's still hard for me. But this is important too. It has to be done."

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Colliding with a deer, old friends in Washington

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and I swerved left headed for the embankment. Fortunately, the embankment was grass, and I rolled right up on it without a scratch on me. I got off the bike and swung over to where the deer was. To my amazement he was still standing up in almost the exact position as before — only 10 feet further. Not a scratch on him either. We stared at each other for a few seconds as I tried to get my camera, then he snorted at me as if to say, “Slow down idiot,” and trotted off. For the remainder of the day I did just that.

Aug. 29

After meeting my friend Michel in Washington D.C., we went to Arlington National Cemetery to visit his father's grave. Mike's father, like my father, is a highly decorated Marine colonel. His father was buried in Arlington in 1998. We visited various gravesites of prominent Americans and caught a glimpse of a rare wreath lying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns.

I hung in the District for a few days, dropped in on some old friends and went up to take a look at the house in which I used to live in Arlington. My old house was built in

the early 1900s and like many brick homes in and around the Beltway, it is still in great shape. Many of the new houses springing up around them are much larger and not made from brick, which is kind of sad for that neighborhood. As one might guess, the property values also have increased dramatically.

Aug. 30

Before heading up to New York, I thought I'd give my friend Gerry one more try on his cell phone. Gerry, who lives in Annapolis, Md., had invited me to swing by if I was in the area. Gerry finally answered the phone and told me to come by the house immediately. I did, and ended up staying in his fully green and energy independent house along with one of Jerry's friends, Frank, and his wife, Mary, and the congo-playing Charles, for four relaxing days right on the Chesapeake Bay. This was a welcomed respite before heading into NYC for the RNC and the coronation of W and the Puppet Master.

Next week: The RNC, and deadheading back to Santa Monica.

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Lance Schmidt/Special to the Daily Press

(Above) The grave of John F. Kennedy. (Below left) Arlington National Cemetery. (Below right) The Tomb of the Unknowns.



COMMUNITYPROFILES

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jokes. “She said I was aloof enough for her to be interested.”

Keiley, who is the first child in his family to graduate college, is starting his third and final term as president of the teachers' association — a job that requires an intimate knowledge of the hardships facing today's teachers.

What is your background?

“I was born and raised in Forest Hills, N.Y., which is in Queens. I'm one of six children. My mother was a housewife; my father was a worker for the New York telephone company. I was the first from my family to graduate from college. I graduated from St. Joseph's College in downtown Brooklyn — political science major, secondary education minor.

“Interesting thing is that when I was going to college in Brooklyn, I worked as a janitor during the summer months. I cleaned bathrooms, and I got a real sense of what it's like to do that type of manual labor.

“I did my student teaching with Paul Kaufman at Brooklyn Tech High School from 1985-86. I'll never forget Mr.

Kaufman. In a lot of ways, he reminded me of my father. He was the same generation as my dad — Korean War veteran. He had been teaching about 30 years at the time, and he was an excellent teacher. He never raised his voice in the entire year I student taught with him. He told me it'd take about five years to find my own way as a teacher.

“I was a good teacher — am a good teacher. I love kids. I think public education is the cornerstone of democracy in our free world. Quality public education is the great equalizer for all of us.

“I was offered a job right out of college, and I wanted to leave New York and see another part of the country, so I moved to Southern California and fell in love with Santa Monica. I had an ice cream down at Swenson's on Ocean Avenue, looked at Palisades Park, looked at the Pacific Ocean and said to myself, ‘This is the city I want to live in.’

“I was very fortunate to be hired by the school district in 1991-92 at John Adams Middle School. I took a leave of absence, then came back and taught at Malibu High School and summer school at Samohi.

“And since I've been in California,

obviously I've gone back to school a couple times. I got a master's degree from Loyola Marymont in special education, and about four years ago, I received a master's degree in educational policy leadership administration from Cal-State Northridge. So, I have a lot of education behind me.

“I've taught for a total of about 12 years, and four years ago, I was elected the president of our local teachers' union. Now, I'm a full-time release president, which means I am not in the classroom. I'm now entering my final two-year term.”

How do you think your background helps you with the role you're in now?

“Well, I think the skills I have — my background as a high school government teacher, my appreciation for the political process and my commitment to teachers in public education — make this a natural fit. And it's a tremendous honor and responsibility to be president of this local union, and I say that because of the quality of the teachers that I get to represent everyday.

“These are remarkable people, dedicated, giving of themselves everyday to try and make a difference in the lives of children. And they do it remarkably well and against great obstacles, such as large

class sizes. They deal with not having adequate resources, and they're teaching in a time of tremendous accountability. There's a lot of pressure and expectations placed upon our teachers, and those expectations and external pressures are often from people who know very little about what it means to be a classroom teacher. There's a reason why we're one of the best school districts in this state, and it's because teachers and classified employees have provided amazing services to the kids.”

Are you able to regularly connect with teachers?

“It's a good day when I meet a lot of teachers. It's a real good day for Harry Keiley when he's in schools, listening to teachers, meeting with teachers or speaking to parents. Schools that work really well — where kids are served well — I'm convinced are places where teachers feel supported and parents are actively involved and engaged in their child's education.

“A parent/teacher/student partnership is essential. Fortunately, the larger community as well has been unwavering in

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their support for our public schools — from the elected officials and business community to the parents and the people who don't have children — their support, and the city's contributions to our school is simply remarkable. It's a model for all communities to look at."

What is your typical day like?

"What's great about this job is that it's different everyday. This morning, for example, I had the opportunity to speak at the district's opening for employees, and that's always a great, great opportunity to meet with all of the teachers and classified employees. There's probably only one group of folks more anxious about coming back to school than the kids, and that's the teachers and employees."

"There's always the work in the office, but leadership doesn't happen from behind a desk. Leadership happens when you're out with people, listening to what they have to say. I believe my job is really leadership and serving others and it's been instilled in me — part of who I am and how I was raised — that doing for others is a great way to live one's life."

"So, when I'm out of the office, it's a good day. I'll meet with the superintendent, I'll meet with elected officials, I'll write letters and negotiate contracts. But let me be clear about my role as president: I have the title of president, but our association is effective and powerful because of all of the teachers that serve in a leadership capacity in our union. We have executive board members, we have negotiation team members, we have reps from each school site, we have a human rights committee, we have a communications committee ..."

You were voted into this position four years ago. What changes have you seen during that time?

"Possibly the greatest change from my perspective is that the association has been able to build bridges with the larger community. We've been able to find ways to allow for disagreement to exist between management and ourselves and still find ways to work on those issues that we agree on."

"We've also built bridges to really garner the support and confidence that we need from the community if they're going to support our schools into the future. That's been critical. We're really trying to transform a culture where there was great distrust, animosity and conflict and, in the last four years, find common ground to promote the needs of our students and employees and to make this school district a better place."

"I think we've been able to survive the tremendous cuts in state funding —

almost \$9-10 million in state and federal funding in the last three to four years, the doubling of health care cost, and the ongoing cost of generally just doing business. The fact that the organization has been able to survive that, and not only survive but thrive — students are achieving at levels never seen before in this district — that speaks volumes about who we are as teachers, and who we are as the union."

What is the union's membership?

"Our membership is about 800. We represent librarians, counselors, teachers, child development teachers, adult education teachers and substitute teachers. If you're a certificated employee, you're a member of SMMCTA, and we're affiliated with the California Teachers Association, which is the largest association/union in the state. We have over 300,000 state members and are also affiliated with the National Education Association."

"We have a great challenge locally, and that is the changing face of our membership. So many of our members are in their first five to seven years of teaching. We have very interesting demographics. The needs of those teachers are in many ways much the same — the need for a professional wage, health care, professional working conditions, and a say on decisions that impact them — as they are for veteran teachers. But then you have separate needs and issues those teachers have that our veteran teachers don't have. So keeping membership unified regardless of the work you do in the district is important. Whether they're a kindergarten or adult education teacher, they're someone with a very difficult job who doesn't receive the wage they actually deserve. But they work extremely hard, and when we work together our unity is our greatest strength."

"When the veteran teachers retire and new teachers come in, where is this union going to be in five years and what are the needs of our membership? We always have to keep a pulse on the needs of the membership."

The district has had some tough times financially in the last few years. How does that affect you?

"It's not only Santa Monica and Malibu. At the state level, estimates are K-12 funding in the last 30 months has been either cut or deferred at upwards of \$9 billion. This year alone, K-12 schools are going to achieve \$2 billion less than what we're entitled to under Proposition 98. Locally, state and federal cuts over the last couple years have been close to \$9 million. That's a big, big number. And, simultaneously, there's been a tremendous spike in health care cost. Clearly, that's made our job that more difficult because our teachers deserve better wages, they deserve to be the best-

paid teachers in the state of California, and they deserve to have the best health care that we can provide. But if the resources aren't there, you can't print the money."

"One of the most difficult parts of this job is when we get a call from a member and there's very little we can do other than just listen. We want to find solutions, but the fact of the matter is that public education in our state is simply under funded."

Is it a matter of getting the word out?

"I think so, but at the same time, we've done that and done a good job at it. I think that's why we've been able to get some money from taxes and been able to convince city council that funding of public schools should be a top priority. Quality public schools equal good communities."

How closely do you work with city government?

"It's not that I work very closely with them, but our organization advocates and promotes the need to work with parent groups, the superintendent and the business community to have the city increase its contribution to public schools. We're forever grateful for what they have done for us, but we also have to be very realistic. In the last three years in the state of California, we have seen the worst economic downturn in our history. We had to be realistic about the fact that public education was going to feel the pain of that downturn, and we have. But as I said earlier, we've either seen cuts or deferments of about \$9 billion in funding for our schools, so we have paid the price. And in this upcoming fiscal year and in the years ahead, I think the governor and legislature cannot afford anymore cuts to our schools. If we are to provide all kids with the quality education they deserve, we need them to support the schools in a way we deserve."

What is the best aspect of this job? The worst?

The aspects of the job I enjoy the most is when we're able to help a teacher. When they have a problem or challenge and we can find a solution, that's great. On bit larger scale, it's when we're able to advance the needs of our membership through negotiations and improve their wages and protect their benefits and make their work environment an even better place for them to be. Being with and listening to teachers is the highlight of the job."

The most difficult part of the job is when we're not able to solve a teacher's problem. Say a teacher contacts us looking for a solution and the best thing we can do is simply listen to them — that's tough. Seeing some of the obstacles placed in a teacher's path on a daily basis

is very difficult. High school teachers, for example, are working with 175-180 kids a day. Ask any adult what they'd least like to do, and ask if they want to spend a day with 180 teenagers ... That's a tough job. And middle school teachers — ask any parent about the challenges of raising a middle school child."

What's in your future?

"There's a part of me that'd like to continue in public service. I may pursue some elected office, but I also believe some of that will be made known to me. I'm a person of spiritual belief, and service and working for others is something I'm interested in pursuing. Where that will be, what that will be, I have no idea."

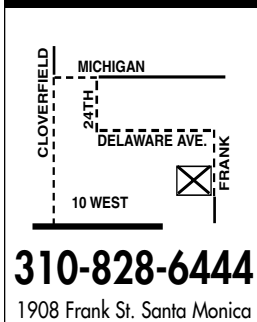
"In a lot of ways I've worked really hard — first person in my family to graduate from college, I've earned two master's degrees — but I've also had a few breaks along the way. I'm very fortunate and blessed to be where I am."

What will you be doing for Labor Day?

"Labor Day ... two million American jobs lost in the last four years, five million Americans have lost their health care. The reports that have come out nationally should be a wake-up call to all Americans. An excess of 40 million people without health care, an excess of 30 million people living in poverty — and that's not to speak of the working poor."

"I will pause on Labor Day. I'll think about the workers, and I'll think about the direction we're taking as a country and a state. One of the reasons I love Santa Monica so much is because it's a very progressive, pro-labor, pro-employee community. That's one of the reasons I choose to live here — the politics, community involvement and activism that is here."

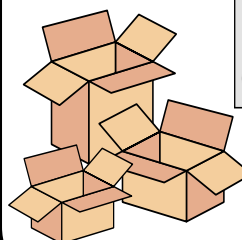
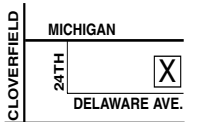
"Labor Day 2004 is a very critical time, I think. I spoke about this this morning with the teachers. I'm not sure we should be celebrating Labor Day this year when you look at all the statistics. Maybe it should be a day of mourning for the American workers when you think about the struggle that is taking place. We're the wealthiest country on the face of the earth, and we have 30 million Americans living in poverty. That's not even to mention the number of American working poor. There used to be a time in America that if you worked hard and played by the rules you could get ahead and pursue the American dream. That's not the case today. There are far too many Americans that are working hard, playing by the rules and being left behind. Far too many Americans that went to school, dedicated their lives to a corporation and have been abandoned because their jobs were shifted overseas. It's time for us to realize the heart and soul — that which makes America great — is the American worker."

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Massive LA development unearths Indian remains

BY CHRIS T. NGUYEN

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — It was inevitable that crews building a massive housing development near west Los Angeles wetlands would unearth American Indian remains.

The ground had yielded bones before, but the extent of the latest find turned one corridor of a multibillion dollar project into a multimillion dollar archaeological dig.

Now about 400 remains of Gabrielino-Tongva tribal ancestors, the original inhabitants of the Los Angeles basin, are packed in boxes in a locked trailer near where they rested for hundreds of years. Delayed for 10 months by the excavation, the just-completed drainage channel built through the burial site will carry runoff from 6,000 properties to the Pacific Ocean less than a mile away.

Disputes over tribal remains play out regularly across the nation, and may only become more frequent as new subdivisions sprawl across undisturbed land. What's different here is the scale: one of the largest Indian burial sites ever unearthed in California and a \$4 billion project pitched as a crucial new development in the nation's second largest city.

The developer of Playa Vista consulted with the landless tribe following the discovery in October, but ultimately rejected a demand that the channel — not the remains — be relocated. The path was the only one the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers would permit, the developer said, and rerouting it would likely unearth other remains anyway.

Playa Vista officials promise a reburial near the original site as well as cultural tributes to the tribe.

"We've gone the extra mile to comply," said George Muhlsten, an attorney for the developer. "This is a very sensitive issue and there's just no easy way to do this."

The decision to bulldoze ahead was immoral, says Robert Dorame, one of the Gabrielino-Tongva selected by a state commission to offer guidance about how to treat the remains.

He successfully insisted that archaeologists sketch pencil images of the skeletons, rather than taking pictures. But state law didn't let him halt the project.

"Why as Indians are we being excluded from being treated as human beings?" asked Dorame, 55, with a calm that belied his bitterness. "Why can't we receive equal human rights as someone else?"

Lawmakers are aware of the conflict between development and Indian grave sites, though it's too late to make a difference at Playa Vista.

The Legislature has sent Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger a bill that would require cities and counties to consult with tribes before approving building projects on what could be sacred sites. If signed into law — Schwarzenegger must decide this month, but hasn't announced his position — tribes could buy land and create a cultural easement patterned on the way conservationists preserve open space.

Current state law allows excavation of Indian graveyards on private property, but requires that the remains be reburied under the nonbinding guidance of a tribal descendant. That standard gives Indian burial grounds less protection than pet cemeteries, according to Rob Wood of the state Native American Heritage Commission.

What the Gabrielino-Tongva lack in legal recourse the tribe couldn't make up for in political clout.

Tribal leaders estimate there are about 1,000 Gabrielino-Tongva members in the Los Angeles region, split into several factions. When Europeans arrived, they found the Gabrielino-Tongva from the Catalina islands to the mountains east of the current metropolis.

Studies of the remains show some of the villagers in the burial grounds died of diseases, including measles and smallpox, according to lead archaeologist Donn Grenda. Many skeletons were stacked on top of each other. Scattered among them were hundreds of artifacts including beads, arrowheads and a wedding ring fashioned from fish vertebrae.

The burial grounds were probably about 200 years old, though Grenda said a rich array of artifacts suggests Indians inhabited the area 6,300 years ago.

Construction on the drainage channel was suspended when the first bones were discovered. Playa Vista officials said they spent an estimated \$10 million excavating the remains with a team of 40 archeologists and 35 helpers armed with shovels, small chisels and brushes. The teams concentrated on a sliver of the overall 460-acre development — a 75-by-40 foot plot, less than one-tenth of an acre.

In January, tribal member John Tommy Rosas filed a federal lawsuit against Playa Vista and local and federal agencies, demanding an injunction against the construction and \$525 million in punitive damages. The suit, which attorney Muhlsten dismisses as baseless, is one of several against Playa Vista.

So far, about 1,500 of the community's residences have been finished. By 2010, it will consist of nearly 6,000 apartments, condominiums and single-family homes about a mile north of Los Angeles International Airport. Properties range from \$300,000 one-bedroom condos to 3,500-square-foot homes that will run \$1.5 million.

The development is rising near protected wetlands on property that for decades was commercial terrain.

Oil rigs peppered the land before billionaire Howard Hughes built an aircraft plant in the 1940s that operated until the 1980s. It was the site where his famous flop the "Spruce Goose" was assembled.

Former owners found Indian remains decades ago, but no one knows what happened to them. Before a 1982 state law, property owners could dispose of remains however they liked.

Federal laws governing Indian remains apply only to land or projects that receive some federal subsidy. They establish guidelines that let descendants reclaim remains.

Since 1990 passage of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, the federal government has catalogued more than 27,000 remains and made them available for heirs or tribes to claim. The government retains an estimated 200,000 remains.

According to the state heritage commission, whose members repeatedly asked the developer to stop the excavation, several hundred Indian remains are discovered each year in California, home to 107 federally recognized tribes and dozens of landless tribes.

In Alameda County, about 470 remains belonging to the Ohlone Indians were recently relocated to accommodate a housing development. The tribe protested, but didn't sue. Another developer scaled back construction of homes after Indian remains were discovered on an Orange County hillside.

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Natural gas pipe dreams come true in Colorado

BY STEVE RAABE
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DENVER — Two new natural gas pipelines in Colorado will be a boon for consumers — as long as they live in the Chicago, Detroit or Kansas City areas.

Rocky Mountain natural gas is increasingly transient: The more they produce, the more pipelines they build to ship it away.

Yet residents of the Rocky Mountains are paying a price for the pipeline surge, with the laws of supply and demand working to their disadvantage. As natural gas is shipped out, Rocky Mountain customers pay higher prices for a commodity that formerly sold at bargain rates.

For natural gas producers, pipelines are advantageous because they help boost gas prices, leading in turn to near-record profits for the industry over the past year.

Energy experts are divided on the impact of the two new pipelines.

All agree, however, that building new pipelines makes it unlikely that Colorado will return to the era — as recent as two years ago — when Rockies gas sold for significantly lower prices than national averages.

The new projects:

The \$393 million Cheyenne Plains pipeline under construction in Colorado and Wyoming is set to whisk natural gas away from its production fields in the Rockies to consumers in Midwestern markets.

The proposed \$500 million Entrega pipeline will funnel gas from the rich Piceance Basin in western Colorado to Cheyenne, where it could be shipped either to Colorado's Front Range customers or eastward to other states.

Energy analysts say the pipelines are a vital development in the Rockies' stature as the nation's fastest-growing natural gas region. Almost every other gas-producing area in North America is experiencing gradual-to-moderate declines.

Yet Rocky Mountain natural gas production hasn't reached its potential during the past decade because not enough pipelines were built to carry the gas to other markets.

While the region has an estimated 26 percent of U.S. natural gas reserves, it accounts for only 20 percent of domestic production. The new pipelines will boost transport capacity by about one-fifth.

The dearth of pipelines has created a phenomenon known in the energy industry as "basis differential" — where local natural gas prices are lower than national

averages because the Rockies are awash in supply.

As recently as 2002, the price gap was huge. The national average price was about \$4 per thousand cubic feet; Rocky Mountain gas sold for just \$1 per unit.

Then came the \$1.3 billion expansion of the Kern River pipeline, sending Rockies natural gas westward to Nevada and Southern California. Soon after the line's 2003 opening, Rockies prices soared, and the differential narrowed to just 27 cents.

Xcel Energy said the price rise from Kern River was a contributor to the 72 percent increase in heating bills last winter for Colorado customers.

The impact of the two new pipelines is less clear because not all of the gas they carry will leave the Rocky Mountain region.

In total, their initial capacity of 1.06 billion cubic feet a day will add about 17 percent to the 6.3 billion cubic feet that is carried daily in existing Rocky Mountain pipelines.

Of the existing total, about 1.55 billion cubic feet a day is consumed in Colorado, Wyoming and Utah; the rest is sent out of the region.

The Entrega line, developed by Canadian energy firm EnCana Corp., will ship some gas toward Midwest markets, but will also funnel more gas into Colorado's Front Range. The split between exports and gas that remains in Colorado and Wyoming won't be known until closer to the line's 2005 opening.

EnCana officials say the pipeline will stimulate more gas production from western Colorado, increasing supplies and potentially helping keep a lid on price increases.

El Paso Natural Gas Co.'s Cheyenne Plains pipeline also could help increase production, said Don Zinko, vice president of marketing and business development.

Analyst John Harpole of Littleton, Colo.-based Mercator Energy noted that because of delays in issuing federal drilling permits in parts of Wyoming, the Cheyenne Plains pipeline might open with unused capacity.

Natural gas industry officials are sensitive to criticism from consumers upset by higher prices from shipping Rockies gas to other markets.

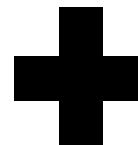
"It's really kind of ludicrous," said Greg Schnacke, executive vice president of the Colorado Oil and Gas Association. "It's like saying Kansas shouldn't ship any wheat to Colorado, or that Coors beer shouldn't be sent out of Colorado."

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NATIONAL

Tax pressures await the White House's winner

BY TOM RAUM

Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — At their national convention, Republicans were short on specifics on how to pay for an economic agenda in a second Bush administration.

One reason is that President Bush could end up having to back a tax increase, just as his father did.

But nobody wanted to spoil the Madison Square Garden party by mentioning such unpleasanties. After all, Republicans are insisting that Democrat John Kerry is the candidate who will increase taxes.

"To those critics who are so pessimistic about our economy, I say: 'Don't be economic girlie men!'" said California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, reprising a phrase he used to scold state Democratic legislators.

That drew hearty laughter from the convention audience. Yet there is little humor to be had from a close look at budget realities.

"Taxes are going up next year no matter who wins the presidency in November," concluded conservative economist Bruce Bartlett, who advised both Ronald Reagan and the first President Bush.

"It's out of the hands of politicians," Bartlett said.

The annual \$400 billion deficit leaves little room to maneuver. The shortfall was exacerbated by two earlier tax cuts that Bush pushed through as well as rising costs for Iraq, Afghanistan, homeland security and a major expansion Medicare.

Furthermore, the Federal Reserve has embarked on a course of raising interest rates from their recent 40-year lows. Higher interest rates combined with a continued weak dollar will put more pressure on the government's balance sheet.

Kerry has said he would roll back tax cuts for higher-income people and use the savings to pay for an ambitious health care program rather than to lower the deficit.

Both Bush and Kerry have said they would cut the deficit in half in four years; neither has spelled out that would happen.

In his acceptance speech at the convention, Bush said that in a second term he would lead a bipartisan drive "to reform and simplify" the federal income tax. He said it was "a complicated mess filled with special interest loopholes."

The president gave no hint of what path he would follow. Many conservatives are pushing for a shift away from income and toward consumption taxes.

But Bush's offhand comment this summer that a national sales tax warranted serious consideration drew howls from Democrats and many Republicans. The idea was dropped.

Since taking office in January 2001, Bush has been burdened with a lackluster economy.

Friday's eagerly awaited unemployment report by the Labor Department did nothing to change the outlook. It showed that 144,000 jobs were created in August. That was somewhat better when compared with the previous two months, but slightly below what economists were forecasting.

Bush still is on track to become the first president since Herbert Hoover in the Great Depression to lose jobs under his watch. Today, there are about 1 million fewer jobs than when Bush moved into the White House.

"It's now impossible for him to break even" on job creation, said Roger Altman, a Treasury official in the Clinton administration and now a Kerry adviser. "They don't want to talk about it (the economy) because it's their weak spot," Altman said.

Kerry aides are quick to put a negative spin on every new piece of economic data. For instance, they claim job losses under Bush total 1.6 million. But the Democrat's advisers only count private-sector jobs, ignoring the hundreds of thousands of government jobs created under Bush.

Polls do show voters are wary of Bush's handling of the economy, even as his numbers have risen recently in categories such as protecting the nation.

In his convention speech, Bush laid out an expensive economic agenda for a second term. He did not offer any bold new strokes, as some people had expected. Instead, the ideas were mostly earlier initiatives that were dusted off. His focus before the GOP delegates was on the fight against terrorism and other national security efforts.

His recycled domestic proposals included tax incentives to help people buy homes, start small businesses and get job training. Bush also would give people more say in managing their own health care and retirement finances.

Bush revived a proposal to allow younger workers to divert some of their Social Security payroll taxes into 401(K)-like investment funds.

The idea won few fans in Congress when Bush proposed it in 2001, drawing outright hostility from Democrats and skepticism from many Republicans. Bush stopped pushing it after a post-Sept. 11 dip in the stock market.

At the convention, Bush was silent on how to pay for any of his second-term proposals.

"A presidential election is a contest for the future," Bush told the party faithful. But on the economic front, most convention speakers could not help but look back to what Vice President Dick Cheney celebrated as "the greatest tax reduction in a generation."

Republicans like to suggest that Bush is following in the path of Reagan, who pushed through Congress the then-biggest tax cut in U.S. history in 1981.

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INTERNATIONAL



Putin vows tough response to terrorists

BY MIKE ECKEL
Associated Press Writer

BESLAN, Russia — A shaken President Vladimir Putin made a rare and candid admission of Russian weakness Saturday in the face of an “all-out war” by terrorists after more than 340 people — nearly half of them children — were killed in a hostage-taking at a southern school.

Putin went on national television to tell Russians that they must mobilize against terrorism and promised wide-ranging reforms to toughen security forces and purge corruption.

“We showed weakness, and weak people are beaten,” he said in an address aimed at addressing the grief, shock and anger felt by many after a string of attacks that have killed some 450 people in the past two weeks, apparently in connection with the war in Chechnya.

Shocked relatives wandered among row after row of bodies lined up in black plastic or clear body bags on the pavement at a morgue in Vladikavkaz, the capital of North Ossetia, where the dead from the school standoff in Beslan were taken. In some open bags lay the contorted, thin bodies of children, some monstrously charred.

In Beslan, other relatives scoured lists of names to see if their loved ones had survived the chaos of the day before, when the standoff turned into violence, with militants setting off explosives in the school and commandos moving in to seize the building.

Baslan residents were allowed to enter the burned out husk that was once the gymnasium of School No. 1, where the more than 1,000 hostages were held during the 62-hour ordeal. The gym’s roof was destroyed, windows shattered, walls pocked with bullet holes.

Regional Emergency Situations Minister Boris Dzugoyev said 323 people, including 156 children, were killed. More than 540 people were wounded — mostly children. Medical officials said 448 people, including 248 children, remained hospitalized Saturday evening.

Dzugoyev also said 35 attackers — heavily-armed and explosive-laden men and women who were reportedly demanding independence for Chechnya — were killed in 10 hours of battles that shook the area around the school with gunfire and explosions after 1 p.m.

Putin made a quick visit to the town before dawn Friday, meeting local officials and touring a hospital to speak with wounded. He stopped to stroke the head of one injured child.

But some in the region were unimpressed, as grief turned to anger, both at the militants and at the government response.

Marat Avsarayev, a 44-year-old taxi driver in Vladikavkaz, questioned why Putin and other politicians didn’t “even think about fulfilling the (militants’) demands to save the lives of the children. Probably because it wasn’t their children here.”

During his visit to Beslan, Putin stressed that security officials had not planned to storm the school — trying to fend off any potential criticism that the government side had provoked the bloodshed. He ordered the region’s borders closed while officials searched for every-one connected with the attack.

“What happened was a terrorist act that was inhuman and unprecedented in its cruelty,” Putin said in his televised speech later. “It is a challenge not to the president, the parliament and the government but a challenge to all of Russia, to all of our people. It is an attack on our nation.”

Including the school disaster, more than 450 people have been killed in the past two weeks in violence. Two planes crashed nearly simultaneously on Aug. 24, killing 90 people, and a suicide bomber killed eight people in Moscow on Tuesday. Chechen separatists are suspected in both attacks.

Putin took a defiant tone, acknowledging Russia’s weaknesses, but blaming it on the fall of the Soviet Union, foreign foes seeking to tear apart Russia and on corrupt officials. He said Russians could no longer live “carefree” and must all confront terrorism.

Measures would be taken, Putin promised, to overhaul the law enforcement organs, which he acknowledged had been infected by corruption, and tighten borders.

“We are obliged to create a much more effective security system and to demand action from our law enforcement organs that would be adequate to the level and scale of the new threats,” he said.

An unidentified intelligence official was quoted by the ITAR-Tass news agency as saying the school assault was financed by Abu Omar As-Seyf, an Arab who allegedly represents al-Qaida in Chechnya, and masterminded by Chechen rebel leader Shamil Basayev.

It was still unclear how exactly the standoff fell apart into violence on Friday. Officials say security forces were forced to act when hostage-takers set off explosives — some however questioned that version.

The militants seized the school on the first day of classes on Wednesday, herding hundreds of children, parents who had been dropping their kids off, and other adults into the gymnasium, which the militants promptly wired with explosives — including bombs hanging from the basketball hoops. The packed gym became sweltering, and the hostage-takers refused to allow in food or water.

One survivor, Sima Albegova, told the Kommersant newspaper she asked the militants why the captives were taken. “Because you vote for your Putin,” one militant told her, she said.

Another freed hostage said a militant told her, “If Putin doesn’t withdraw forces from Chechnya and doesn’t free our arrested brothers, we’ll blow everything up,” according to the Moskovsky Komsomolets newspaper.

Russian officials said the bloodshed began when explosions were apparently set off by the militants — possibly by accident — as emergency workers entered the school courtyard to collect the bodies of hostages killed in the initial raid Wednesday.

Diana Gadzhinova, a 14-year-old hostage, was quoted as telling Izvestia that the militants ordered the hostages to lie face down in the gymnasium as the bodies were collected.

“They told us that there were going to be talks,” she said. Others also told of how militants appeared to be confused and surprised when the initial explosions went off.

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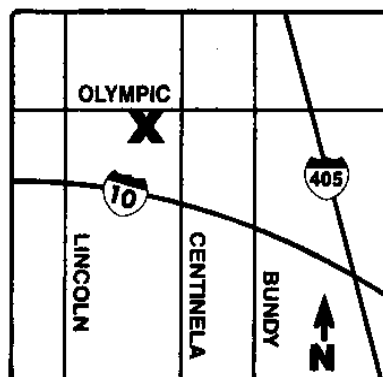
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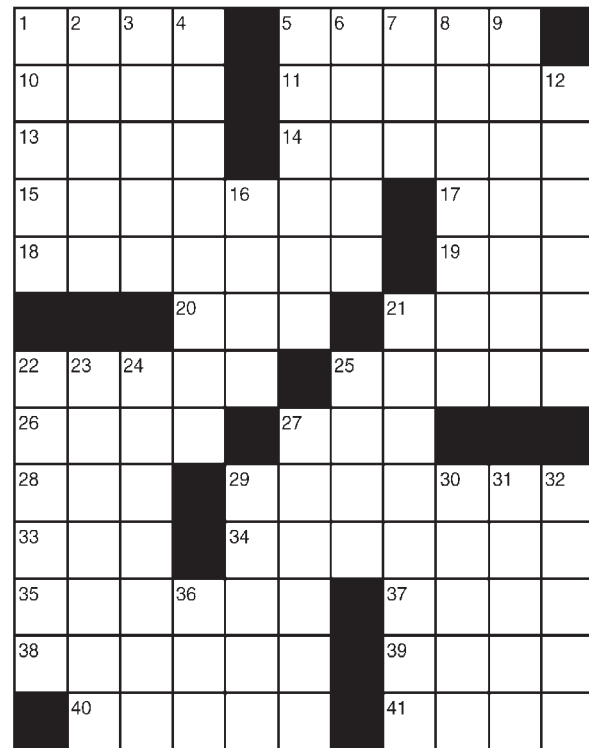
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-2031404 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Long Beach City Mortgage Investments Inc., 222 N. Sepuveda Blvd. #200 , El Segundo, CA 90245. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Long Beach City Mortgage Investments Inc., 222 N. Sepuveda Blvd. #200 , El Segundo, CA 90245 This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)6/29/2004. /s/: Gerald Duncan, CEO
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 6/29/2004. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 8/23/2004, 8/30/2004, 9/6/2004, 9/13/2004

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-1980784 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Joy Trucking, 13429 Morgan St. Baldwin Park CA 91706. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Oscar Martin Campa 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/: Oscar Martin Campa
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-1996532 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as B-Good Inc.,

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8306 Wilshire Blvd. #281 Beverly Hills CA 90211. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Go Daddy Inc. This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Phoeun Che This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 8/3/2004. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 8/16/2004, 8/23/2004, 8/30/2004, 9/6/2004

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-2019959 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PHO Express, 1280 E. Holt Ave. Pomona CA 91767. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Timmy Phan Nguyen 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/: Timmy Nguyen, Pamela Nguyen
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-2021362 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Cali-Oax Express & Furniture, 707 N. Western Blvd. Los Angeles CA 90029. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Natividad Ramirez 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)8/5/2004. /s/: Natividad Ramirez This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 8/5/2004. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 8/16/2004, 8/23/2004, 8/30/2004, 9/6/2004

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-2020433 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Big Elephant Wholesale Jewellery, 707 S. Broadway #612 Los Angeles CA 90014. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Magop Gaboyan 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/: Magop Gaboyan This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 8/5/2004. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 8/16/2004, 8/23/2004, 8/30/2004, 9/6/2004

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-2009028 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as J.B. Rehab, 14329 Alburitis Ave. #A Norwalk CA 90650. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Josel Pamintuan Briones 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)8/4/2004. /s/: Josel Briones This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 8/4/2004. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 8/16/2004, 8/23/2004, 8/30/2004, 9/6/2004

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-2009010 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as FIG Lending, 1274 E. Center Court Drive Covina CA 91744. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Mark Anthony Pena 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/: Mark Anthony Pena
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-2008664 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ART B Collections, 715 E. 121 Place Los Angeles CA 90059. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Yolanda M. Boykin 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/: Yolanda M. Boykin
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-2009007 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Idem News, 2020 E. Oldfield Lancaster CA 93535. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Mario E. Noriega This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Mario Noriega This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 8/4/2004. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 8/16/2004, 8/23/2004, 8/30/2004, 9/6/2004

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-2009001 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Gary's Hardwood Flooring, 1701 E. 53rd Street Long Beach CA 90805. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Edgar H. Esparza This Business is being conducted by, husband and wife. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)8/4/2004. /s/: Margarita Esparza, Edgar H. Esparza
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-2009529 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as T & J Acupuncture Center Skin Care Center, 2389 S. Hacienda Blvd. Hacienda Heights CA 91745. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : E.T. Financial Network This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Eric Tai This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 8/4/2004. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 8/16/2004, 8/23/2004, 8/30/2004, 9/6/2004

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-2009018 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Tyree Bosley Fine Catering, 1830 Redondo Ave Unit D Signal Hill CA 90740. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Rufus Tyree Bosley III This Business is being conducted by, a general partnership. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Rufus Tyree Bosley, Maria Burke This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 8/4/2004. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 8/16/2004, 8/23/2004, 8/30/2004, 9/6/2004

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-2005423 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as You're Invited, 417-B W. Foothill Blvd. #402 Glendora CA 91741. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Kathleen S. Rodriguez 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/: Kathleen Rodriguez, Rene Rodriguez This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 8/4/2004. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 8/16/2004, 8/23/2004, 8/30/2004, 9/6/2004

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-2005424 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Rene Rodriguez, Notary Signing Service, 417-B W. Foothill Blvd. #402 Glendora CA 91741. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Rene Rodriguez 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)8/4/2004. /s/: Rene Rodriguez This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 8/4/2004. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal,

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-1969237 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Sana Advertising Management Company, 822 Fischer Street Apt. 3 Glendale CA 91205. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Ara Yeghiazaryan This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)7/30/2004. /s/: Ara Yeghiazaryan This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 7/30/2004. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 8/16/2004, 8/23/2004, 8/30/2004, 9/6/2004

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-1969622 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Maid 4 You Cleaning Service USA, 3124 Josephine B St. Lynwood CA 90262. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Micaela Plata Carvajal 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/: Micaela Plata This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 7/30/2004. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 8/16/2004, 8/23/2004, 8/30/2004, 9/6/2004

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-1968559 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Ms. Rhonda Boutique, 120 W. 73rd Street Los Angeles CA 90003. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Rhonda Adams 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/: Rhonda Adams This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 7/30/2004. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 8/16/2004, 8/23/2004, 8/30/2004, 9/6/2004

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-1968521 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Letty's Travel, Insurance & Notary, 516 W. Whittier Blvd. Montebello CA 90640. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Leticia Cardenas This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)7/30/2004. /s/: Leticia Cardenas This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 7/30/2004. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 8/16/2004, 8/23/2004, 8/30/2004, 9/6/2004

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-1967732 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Living Christ Mission, 8956 South Western Ave. Los Angeles CA 90047. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Virginia Fleming This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)7/30/2004. /s/: Virginia Fleming This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 7/30/2004. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 8/16/2004, 8/23/2004, 8/30/2004, 9/6/2004

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-1983715 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Quality Brass & Wrought Iron Work, 916 Aileron La Puente CA 91744. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Ramiro Ruesga 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)8/2/2004. /s/: Ramiro Ruesga This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 8/2/2004. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 8/16/2004, 8/23/2004, 8/30/2004, 9/6/2004

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-1981828 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Toner Inko, 5520

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Owensmouth Woodland Hills CA 91367. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Doron Levit 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/: Doron Levit This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 8/2/2004. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 8/16/2004, 8/23/2004, 8/30/2004, 9/6/2004

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-1996533 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Phat Moon Inc., 8306 Wilshire Blvd. #281 Beverly Hills CA 90211. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Go Daddy, Inc. This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Phoeun Che This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 8/3/2004. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 8/16/2004, 8/23/2004, 8/30/2004, 9/6/2004

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-1996504 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as California Mortgage Center, One Shop Loan & Realty A/R#2251375, 923 N. Sunset Ave. West Covina CA 91790. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : I Own Today.com, Inc. This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Richard Kuan This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 8/3/2004. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 8/16/2004, 8/23/2004, 8/30/2004, 9/6/2004

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-1994916 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as C.T.A & Stone, 3690 Barham Blvd. #6-103 Los Angeles CA 90068. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Michael Mowery 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)8/3/2004. /s/: Michael Mowery This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 8/3/2004. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 8/16/2004, 8/23/2004, 8/30/2004, 9/6/2004

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04-1966222 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are

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91745. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Donald J. James, 15704 E. Siganm St. Hacienda Hts., CA 91745 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Donald J. James. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on . 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 9/6/2004, 9/13/2004, 9/20/2004, 9/27/2004

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2197415 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Taqueria Cervantes, 4211 N. Century Blvd., Inglewood, CA 90304. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Emigdio Cervantes, 1434 S. parlon St., Santa Ana, CA 92707 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/: Emigdio Cervantes This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on . 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 9/6/2004, 9/13/2004, 9/20/2004, 9/27/2004

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2197006 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Poala Nail Shop, 1260 South Soto St., #11, LA CA 90023. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Kient Bui, 8925 Grandville Cir., Westminster, CA 92683 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)8/25/2004. /s/: Kient Bui. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 8/25/2004. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 9/6/2004, 9/13/2004, 9/20/2004, 9/27/2004

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2184634 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Hollywood Flicks, 455 W. Florence Ave., Suite A LA CA 90003. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Salomon Sanchez, 1120 E. 69th St., LA CA 90001 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/: Salomon Sanchez. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on . 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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2195823 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Tri-Olegna, 11607 Stangate St., Lakewood, CA 90715. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Juancho Trinidad, 11607 Stangate St., Lakewood, CA 90715 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/: Juancho Trinidad. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on . 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 9/6/2004, 9/13/2004, 9/20/2004, 9/27/2004

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2210703 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Fantasy, 3219 Beverly Blvd., LA CA 90057. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Mayra Beronica Batres, 3346 E. Gage Ave., Apt #S, Huntington Park, CA 90255 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/: Mayra Batres. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on . 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 9/6/2004, 9/13/2004, 9/20/2004, 9/27/2004

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2196190 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Hilltop Trucking & Trailer Repair, 1145 West 89th Street, LA CA 90044. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : LeRoy R. Hill, 1145 West 89th Street, LA CA 90044 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)8/25/2004. /s/: LeRoy R. Hill This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 8/25/2004. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 9/6/2004, 9/13/2004, 9/20/2004, 9/27/2004

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2196724 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as San Pedro Market #2, 6201 S. Main St., LA CA 90003. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Hasmeed O. Guzman, 4151 S. San Pedro Ave., LA CA 90011 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2195822 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as El Centenario, 1650 Santa Fe Ave., Long Beach, CA 90813. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Higinio Michel, 6890 White Ave., Long Beach, CA 90805 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)5/18/2004. /s/: Higinio Michel. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 5/18/2004. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 9/6/2004, 9/13/2004, 9/20/2004, 9/27/2004

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2197036 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Cartoon Collection, 730 N. Fonda Street, LA Habra, CA 90631. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Mark Anthony Machado, 730 N. Fonda Street, LA Habra, CA 90631 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/: Mark Machado. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on . 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 9/6/2004, 9/13/2004, 9/20/2004, 9/27/2004

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2196748 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Genuine Quality Furniture 4 Less, 226 South Pima Ave., #E, West Covina, CA 91790. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Lianne Sesanto, 226 South Pima Ave., #E, West Covina, CA 91790, Victor Rios, 226 South Pima Ave., #E, West Covina, CA 91790 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/: Kuabbe Sesabto, Victor Rios. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on . 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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2198705 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Southern League Connection, 2430 Hudspeth St., Inglewood, CA 90303. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Edward Burrus, 2430 Hudspeth St., Inglewood, CA 90303, Gail Harris, 2430 Hudspeth St., Inglewood, CA 90303, Will Vanarado, 2430 Hudspeth St., Inglewood, CA 90303 This Business is being conducted by, a general partnership. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)8/1/2004. /s/: Edward Burrus. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 8/1/2004. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 9/6/2004, 9/13/2004, 9/20/2004, 9/27/2004

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2210511 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Rowland heights School of Music & Arts, 19271 Colima Road, Ste H, Rowland Heights, CA 91748. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Yolanda J. Fresnoza, 19323 Anadrada Dr., Rowland Heights, CA 91748 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)10/5/2004. /s/: Yolanda J. Fresnoza. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 10/5/2004. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 9/6/2004, 9/13/2004, 9/20/2004, 9/27/2004

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2159021 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as East Village Church of Hope, 515 E. 3rd Street, Long Beach, CA 90802. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : William Eugene Griffin, 1074 Molino Ave, #104, Long Beach, CA 90804, Minerva Negron, 925 Elm Ave., Apt 3, Long Beach, CA 90813 This Business is being conducted by, co-partners. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)8/19/2004. /s/: William E. Griffin, Minerva Negron. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 8/19/2004. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 9/6/2004, 9/13/2004, 9/20/2004, 9/27/2004

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2159545 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CDAD Tax Services, Solid Rock Tax Services, 1713 E El Segundo

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Bldv., Gardena, CA 90249. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Carl Dotson, 705 N. Evers Ave., Compton, CA 90220, Anedra Daniels, 25577 Pine Creek Lane, Wilmington, CA 90744 This Business is being conducted by, a general partnership. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Carl Dotson, Anedra Daniels. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on . 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 9/6/2004, 9/13/2004, 9/20/2004, 9/27/2004

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2159506 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Creative Signs & Graphics, 8335 Washington Blvd F, Pico Rivera, CA 90660. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Claudio Davalos, 8335 Washington Blvd F, Pico Rivera, CA 90660 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)1/1/1993. /s/: Claudio Davalos. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 1/1/1993. 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 9/6/2004, 9/13/2004, 9/20/2004, 9/27/2004

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2182205 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as A Few Good Kids, Leadership Enrichment Camp of America, 13222 Edwards Road, LA Mirada, CA 90638. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Tyr May, 13222 Edwards Road, LA Mirada, CA 90638, Stefan Brock, 5400 Orangethorpe Ave., #19, La Palma, CA 90623 This Business is being conducted by, co-partners. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)8/1/2004. /s/: Tyr May, Stefan Brock. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 8/1/2004. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 9/6/2004, 9/13/2004, 9/20/2004, 9/27/2004

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2210557 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as M D Marine, 220 Marina Way #45, Redondo Beach, CA 90277. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Mark D. Johnson, 220 Marina Way #45, Redondo Beach, CA 90277 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/: Mark Johnson. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on . NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2210556 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as POS Equipment Auctions, 4335 Van Nuys Blvd., Suite 430, Sherman Oaks, CA 91403. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Mark Daniel Johnson, 220 Marina Way, #45, Redondo Beach, CA 90277 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/: Mark Johnson. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on . 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 9/6/2004, 9/13/2004, 9/20/2004, 9/27/2004

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2228038 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Judith Weston Acting Studio, 3402 Motor Ave., LA CA 90034. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Judith Weston, 1827 Glyndon Ave., 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)5/1/2001. /s/: Judith Weston. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 5/1/2001. 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 9/6/2004, 9/13/2004, 9/20/2004, 9/27/2004

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2261001 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as American Alliance Financial Group, AI ON 101998278074, 850 E. Ocean Blvd. #205, Long Beach, CA 90802. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Synergy Universal Development, LLC., 1935 Artesia Blvd., Redondo Beach, CA 90802 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)8/5/2004. /s/: Kapil Sud. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 8/5/2004. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 9/6/2004, 9/13/2004, 9/20/2004, 9/27/2004

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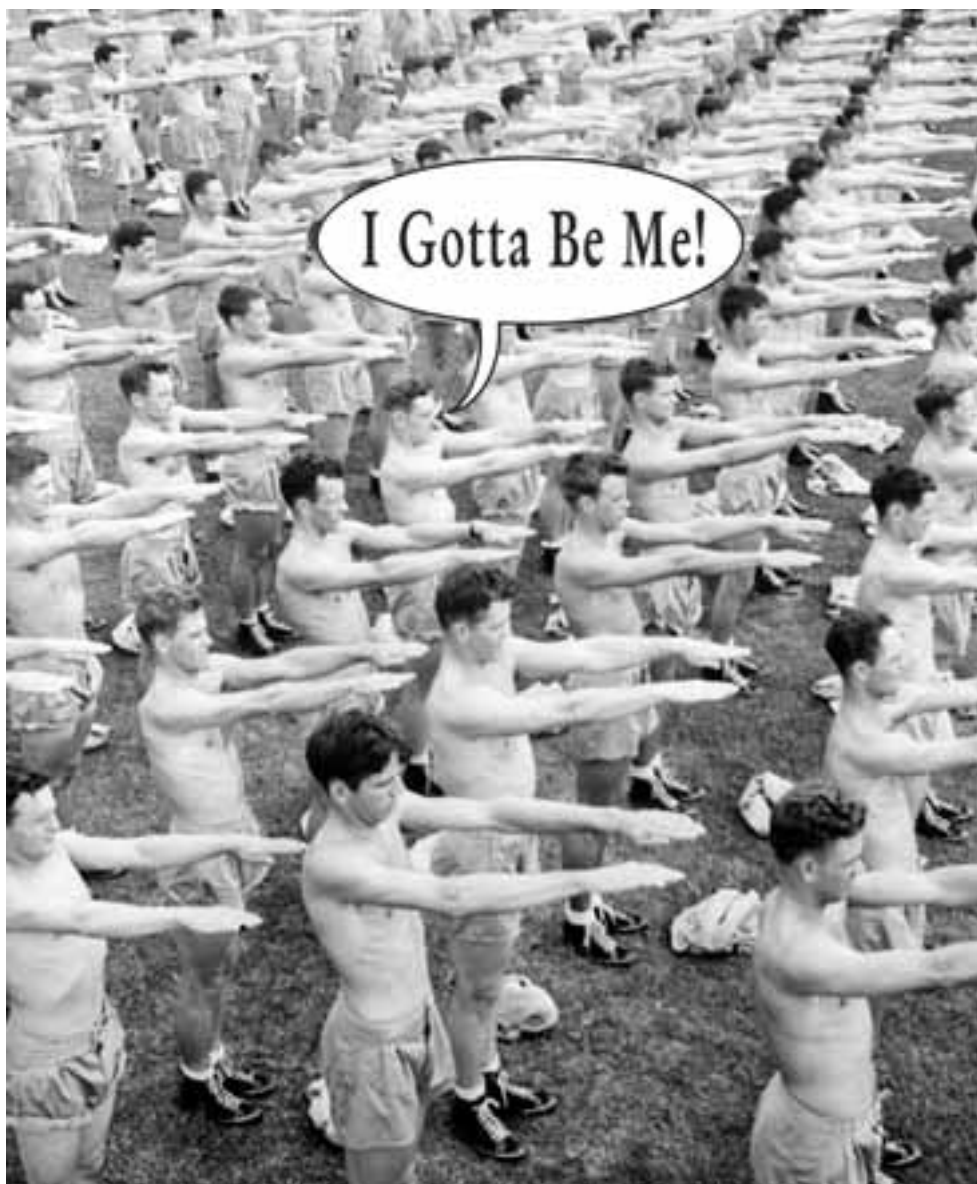
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