



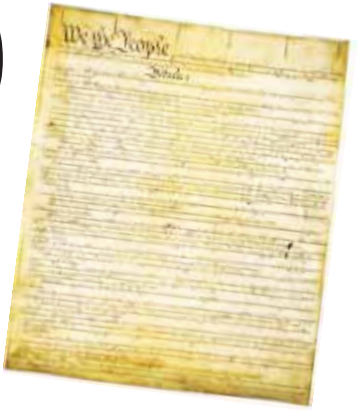
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THE VET MEDS ISSUE

Constitution turns a big 220



BY KEVIN HERRERA | Daily Press Staff Writer

MID-CITY It's the Constitution's party and it can cry if it wants to.

OK, the Constitution can't shed tears, but if it could it probably would today, it's 220th birthday. Instead of receiving gifts, the Constitution is getting the cold shoulder.

That's because an overwhelming number of Americans don't know, or could care less, about the roughly 460-word document, considered to be the most important piece of writing in U.S. history as it established the underlying framework of our government, and outlined our most sacred freedoms.

"It's the Constitution's birthday? I didn't even know,"

said Angela Finnegan, an office manager who was enjoying a cup of tea at the 18th Street Coffee House Saturday morning with some friends.

"Well, in that case, happy birthday Constitution," she said as she raised her cup for a toast. "I don't really know how I should feel about it. I mean, it's not like the (Fourth of July or Memorial Day) where you get time off and there's a lot going on around it. I don't think I would have even known if (a reporter) didn't bring it up."

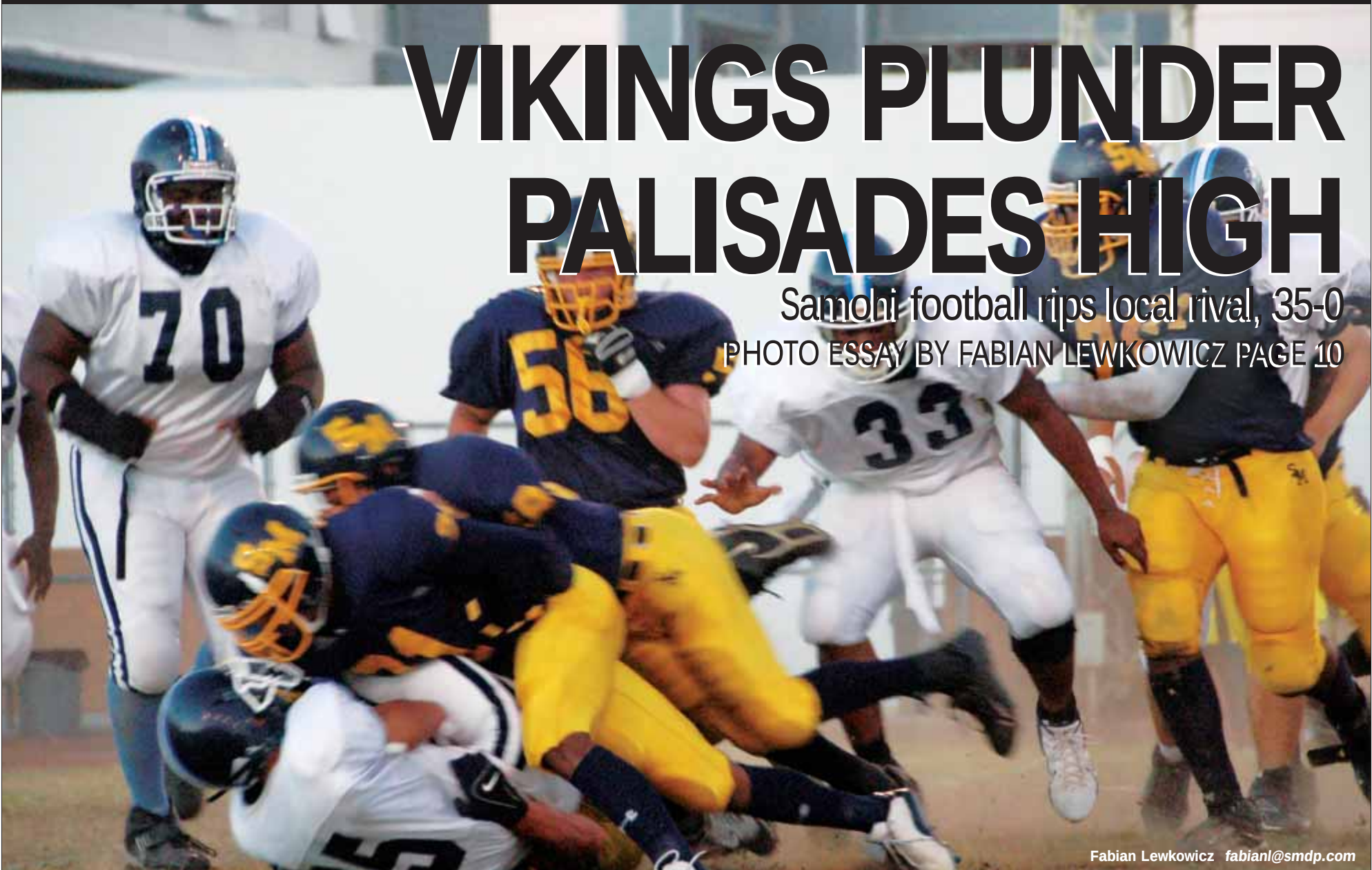
Finnegan isn't alone. Most people surveyed in Santa Monica were not aware that the Constitution, which was ratified on Sept. 17th 1789 by the Constitutional Convention, was celebrating a birthday. What may be even more shocking is that a large number of folks could-

n't name the first three words of the all important document, which are, "We the people ..."

"It's sad, but it's true," said John W. Whitehead, president and founder of the Rutherford Institute, a civil liberties organization in Virginia that provides free legal services to people whose constitutional and human rights have been threatened or violated.

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SPORTS



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Samohi football rips local rival, 35-0
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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS

Screening of 'An Inconvenient Truth'

1704 Montana Ave., 3 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.

The Montana Avenue Branch Library presents a free screening of Al Gore's Oscar-winning documentary. Beverages and popcorn will be served.

Mental health workshop

2948 Colorado Ave., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

Recovery, Inc. offers a free mental health workshop, utilizing the R.I. method to help in dealing with stress, depression and anxiety. For more information, call (310) 476-1741 or go to www.recovery-inc.org.

Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2007

Monthly Movie Classic: 'The Graduate'

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 p.m. — 5 p.m.

The Santa Monica Branch Library presents a free screening of the classic film starring Dustin Hoffman and Anne Bancroft. Seating is first come, first served in the MLK Jr. Auditorium.

Sojourn volunteer training for domestic violence

1527 Fourth St., 6:30 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.

Sojourn Services for Battered Women and Their Children will begin their volunteer training program tonight. This training is mandatory for anyone who would like to volunteer at Sojourn. For more information on volunteer training and duties, or to sign up, contact Leticia Pineda at (310) 264-6646, ext. 221 or via e-mail at lpineda@opcc.net.

Computers course

601 Pico Blvd., 6:15 p.m. — 9:45 p.m.

The Regional Occupational Program is offering a low-cost computer class in MS Office XP. The registration fee is \$50. Pre-registration is required. Call (310) 395-9493, ext. 457 or 456 for more information.

Fly Fishers Show & Tell 2007

11301 W. Olympic Blvd., L.A., 6 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.

Members of Wilderness Fly Fishers will share photos and tales of their far-flung fishing exploits. Admission is \$28 in advance or \$33 at the door. For more information, and to register, visit www.wildernessflyfishers.org or call (310) 280-3459.

The way to a book signing

1201 Third Street Promenade, 7:30 p.m.

Costantino Delli, author of "The Way," will be discussing and signing his book at Barnes & Noble. The book encourages readers to reconnect with their inner wisdom and live a greater life.

Floral design and sales course

601 Pico Blvd., 6:30 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.

The Regional Occupational Program is offering a semester course on floral design. Instruction includes principles of floral design, basic sales, customer relations, and basic business practices. The registration fee is \$50. Pre-registration is required. Call (310) 395-9493, ext. 457 or 456 for more information.

Rapid dating

4499 Admiralty Blvd., Marina del Rey, 7 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.

Meet 12 or more single people for 5-minute dates in two hours. Admission fee is \$39. Event is open to women, ages 30 — 42, and men, 32 — 45. To register, visit www.RapidDating.com or call (310) 827-1100.

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.





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INTERESTING SLANT ON ADVICE: It's hard to tell where 'Ask a Ninja' creators Douglass Sarine ends and Kent Nichols begins.

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What would a ninja do?

Dear Abby has zip on this pair of ninjas

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

MAIN LIBRARY If you've got questions, the ninja's got answers.

That's right, a ninja is not only a highly skilled warrior specially trained in the art and science of assassination, espionage, guerilla warfare and combative martial arts. It turns out that they're also pretty good when it comes to giving advice, that is if you're willing to take a stab at the unconventional.

That's what Kent Nichols and Douglas Sarine did when they created the immensely popular Web site, www.askaninja.com, which draws an estimated 3 million viewers each month and has earned the two comedic

writers with backgrounds in improv the 2007 People's Choice Podcast Award from the Blubrry Podcast Community, as well as the Webby Special Achievement Award for Best Actor, two Podcast Peer awards, and the YouTube award for Best Series.

Through their site, which is part Dear Abby, philosophical Web blog and social commentary, Nichols, 31, and Sarine, 34, have changed the face of comedy, literally, by putting a ninja front and center.

"This whole thing has been really weird and unexpected," said Nichols, who joined Sarine for an interview Friday at their favorite place to write, Santa Monica's Main Library. "We had been trying for so many years to make these grand stories and produce these cinematic visions and then we decided just to try something different, something we thought would be easy and kind of keep us entertained. We had no idea that it would take off in such a way."

Now the two are raking in the dough,

having signed a six figure advertising deal that has allowed them to pay back — with interest — the \$60,000 they borrowed from friends and family to create the site. They're also selling DVDs and merchandise, affording them the opportunity to focus on other projects, such as the ninja survival guide they plan to release in the coming months.

"We're kind of pissed that this has taken off," Nichols said sarcastically, but yet with a tinge of truth. "It's like man, we could have been doing this years ago."

Essentially, "Ask a Ninja" is a series of roughly three-minute comedy sketches in which a ninja, dressed in a black gi from head to toe, answers questions posed by viewers. So far 52 episodes are available, covering topics such as global warming, ninja baby sitters, a ninja's lifespan, "Pirates of the Caribbean" and film "ninjoir."

The ninja, who shall remain nameless

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Subway to the Sea gets back on track

BY GERRY SHIH
Special to the Daily Press

LOS ANGELES Whether you love it, hate it or plan to keep driving like an old-school Angeleno and just don't care — a much-debated subway line to Santa Monica could be back on track.

The U.S. Senate voted Wednesday to repeal a ban on federal funding for the construction of a subway line connecting the seaside community to the rest of the subway network centered in downtown Los Angeles. Following the decision in Washington, the political process for building the Metro Purple Line lurched forward again, representing the latest development in a tortuous 20-year, stop-and-go saga that has made I-10 rush hour traffic look fluid in comparison.

"This is a great victory for Los Angeles

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Tough times for all renters

BY DAVID CRARY
AND RACHEL KONRAD
Associated Press Writers

STAMFORD, Conn. This isn't how Simon and Jennifer Morris envisioned married life — sharing a charity-subsidized suite with four other hard-up families, abiding by a curfew and other rules that make them feel they are back in high school.

But for a working-class couple with two small children, trying to stick it out in their pricey hometown, housing options are few.

They abandoned their previous one-bedroom apartment when the rent rose from \$1,200 to \$1,425. Public housing has long waiting lists, so they moved into a shelter for dislocated families in a converted YMCA. The goal: Save enough money to move south and buy a home where costs are lower.

Around them, southwestern Connecticut's Fairfield County is boom-

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Mulch ado about nothing

Editor:

If our city leaders truly intend to use the Second and Fourth street ficus trees identified as diseased for mulch ("Hard to Say Good-bye," SMDP, page 1, Sept. 14), they should be made aware that the use of diseased plant material for mulch is not a recommended gardening practice. Surely they do not wish to spread disease?

Beverly Reichel

Santa Monica

Read his Spanish-speaking lips

Editor:

Julia Reeves writes on Sept. 14 ("Sick of Spanglish," SMDP, page 4) that she is fed up with the "rampant" use of Spanish "everywhere." She strikes me as poorly educated with a negative attitude to other cultures and languages. There are 300 million Americans of all kinds and most are not narrow minded as she is. Ms. Reeves sounds like a typical know-nothing West Coast American. She knows nothing and she wants to know nothing.

Spanish is a beautiful language, possibly the most beautiful with the exception of Italian. It has a very regular grammar and very easy unambiguous pronunciation. English is a mongrel language and, as it is used (and much abused) in America, it has a steadily degenerating grammar and is not beautiful. I wonder how many Americans, including Ms. Reeves, could pass, right now, grade 12 English grammar tests. Maybe one percent? How well read is Ms. Reeves? Does she have a good command of the English language? Is she a credit to the English language as a speaker? I have a suspicion that those who are bothered most by Spanish are those whose command of English is poorest. Perhaps Ms. Reeves would like to contradict me.

One of the most attractive things about California is the extent to which evidence of Mexican/Spanish culture has survived the Anglo-Saxon onslaught. So many places have beautiful names like Marina del Rey, Santa Monica, La Jolla and of course California.

Has Ms. Reeves ever thought of improving herself by learning another language? Or is she such a philistine that she is incapable of appreciating the beauty of another language and culture. Has she ever thought of learning salsa, an intelligent dancing form vastly superior to the lame wriggling which passes for dancing with most anglophones? Has she ever thought of listening to Julio Iglesias In Spanish? She has no idea what she is missing because she is not equipped to appreciate Mexican/Spanish culture. Is she, when abroad, a typical American tourist who goes all over the world expecting everyone else to speak English and shouting more loudly until they do?

In Europe, Japan, Canada and most of the other former British colonies, most people become competent in two languages or three. They can see beyond their own culture. Almost all the Spanish speakers in California are bilingual. Many of them probably have a better command of English than does Ms. Reeves!

It seems to me that the American education system produces too many narrow minded, uni-lingual, culturally introverted people.

There are six billion people on this planet and they don't all speak American English, eat hamburgers and dress like beach bums.

Me gusta la cultura Mexicana. La paz.

Neil Macaulay

Santa Monica

Breaking up City Hall

Editor:

I cant see spending money on impeachment. President Bush will be out of office in a little over a year. I could see spending money on a recall of that gang of twits at City Hall. That gang works hard every day at destroying this city. Council member Kevin Mckeown is the only one you can trust. He rides his bike all over the city. You can stop him and talk to him.

Ron Martin

Santa Monica



My Write

Bill Bauer

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Letter writers do a disservice to the cause

IT'S ALWAYS GOOD TO RECEIVE READER

comments on controversial topics — both positive and negative. My two recent columns on transients and homeless services attracted a big reaction.

I want members of the community to intelligently discourse on vital local issues whether it be about traffic, the homeless, development or any number of topics. I always hope that somehow, whatever I write about, the ultimate outcome is a more responsive municipal government and a better, more livable community for residents.

After reading letters from some Daily Press readers about my most recent columns, I'm wondering if the authors comprehend what they read, understand the issues or are just picking a fight.

I'd written (Aug. 27, Page 4) I'd heard rumors that homeless services provider, OPCC was planning to bus people here to enroll in programs. I e-mailed Julie Rusk, the city's Human Services Manager, and quoted her response — that bussing people here for intake was not happening. I thought that settled the issue.

Readers, including OPCC's executive director, John Maceri, still accused me of spreading rumors about OPCC bussing people here. Strangely enough, another reader wrote "services outside Santa Monica are the ones doing the bussing by giving free tickets and tokens to those who have caused trouble in their particular area." In any case, my assertion that Santa Monica's cornucopia of services is a carrot that attracts transients here in large numbers (bussing aside) hasn't been refuted.

A couple of frustrated letter writers sunk to name calling. Labeling anyone a "homeless hater," "attack dog" and "bigot" is pathetic. One reader suggested I should live on the streets for a few weeks before expressing opinions about homelessness. How ridiculous. Does this person also think that everyone must serve military duty in Iraq before opining about the Iraq war?

Some readers made things up. One reader said I was for "more police enforcement as a way to deal with poor and mentally ill people." Maybe in that reader's mind, but I never wrote it. With the exception of West Coast Care, the Santa Monica Police are doing more homeless outreach in this city then the rest of the service providers combined. How about that?

I was accused of "lying" when I wrote "there are 3,000 homeless in Santa Monica" The City's Urban Institute report, "Ending Homelessness in Santa Monica ..." (Dec., 2006, Highlights, page xiv) says that the number of homeless in Santa Monica is "between 2,300 and 3,000" individuals." Note: The 3,000 figure includes 2,800 people in city funded assistance agencies including in supported housing and at the Brentwood Veterans Administration and approximately 200 who aren't in services. Liar? Tell the Urban Institute.

The opinion columnist from surfsanta-monica.com also got into the act. After attending the opening of OPCC's new Access Center, he posted: "In recent years the candidates for City Council who have proposed simplistic solutions to homelessness in Santa Monica don't receive many votes. The names Jenna Linnekens (2006), Bill Bauer, David Cole and Kathryn Morea (2004) come to mind."

How droll. You'd think the Lookout's columnist would know the "fact of political life" in Santa Monica is: "Those with the mostest and biggest bucks get elected." Bobby Shriver's landslide City Council win in 2004 probably had more to do with his name and \$500,000-plus in backing as opposed to campaign rhetoric about "constructive solutions" for homeless problems — whatever that means. For the record, my 2004 Council campaign raised \$7,699.

I WANT MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY TO INTELLIGENTLY DISCOURSE ON VITAL LOCAL ISSUES WHETHER IT BE ABOUT TRAFFIC, THE HOMELESS, DEVELOPMENT OR ANY NUMBER OF TOPICS.

Speaking of politics, Planning Commissioner, Terry O'Day might have shot himself in the foot when he proposed at the August 29th Planning Commission meeting that parking requirements be reduced in future developments downtown and along transit corridors.

His proposal met stiff opposition from fellow commissioners and members of the public who didn't want less parking written into the city's zoning codes. Many developers would love to see parking requirements reduced because building and maintaining parking space is expensive and doesn't generate return on investment that sales or rental of housing or commercial space does.

O'Day is widely expected to run for City Council next year. While alienating some potential voters, his proposal was a way of attracting developer and real estate lucre for his campaign's war chest. It seemed as if O'Day was saying, "Help me out. I'll work for you."

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Guest Commentary

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Hello Time-Warner, I demand my C-SPAN!

SHAME ON TIME-WARNER CABLE. UPON buying Adelphia Cable in Santa Monica early this year, it dropped C-SPAN 2 from basic tier channels and replaced it with ... a blank screen.

Sure, Time-Warner is a private company. And though cable systems have long lobbied government for the power to violate others' property rights (such as by forcing landlords and property owners to grant easements inside their buildings and across their lands), I suppose Time-Warner has a right to drop C-SPAN 2 from basic tier. But that doesn't mean I have to like it.

Why should you care? Because most "news" outlets are partisan and dummed-down. Consider Neocon Radio, where blowhards confuse supporting the troops with supporting the war, supporting America, and supporting President Bush (four distinct issues, sometimes overlapping, sometimes not). Nor are complexities clarified on Air America Radio, whose hosts simultaneously bash Bush for fighting an "immoral and illegal war" and for not fighting it effectively; for busting the budget and for not spending enough.

Amid this idiocracy, C-SPAN shines as a stark example of unbiased, intelligent, in-depth political coverage. (Not that I dispute Time-Warner's right to stifle unbiased, intelligent, in-depth political coverage.)

C-SPAN stands for Cable-Satellite Public Affairs Network. There are three of them: C-SPAN 1, C-SPAN 2, and C-SPAN 3. If you're not watching, you should be. You should hope your neighbors are watching, too. To pull off their dirty deeds, politicians, lobbyists, and pundits require an uninformed electorate. C-SPAN keeps you informed. Sure, Washington insiders lie on C-SPAN, just as they lie on other networks. But at least C-SPAN provides balanced coverage. All candidates — even from minor parties — are given time to voice their message.

Contrast that with Fox "We Report, You Decide" News, which censored Republican presidential candidate Ron Paul's victory over both Thompsons (Fred and Tommy) and Giuliani in an Iowa straw poll last August. Maybe Fox News feared that if it reported Paul's victory, you might decide "wrongly."

Unlike Fox News, C-SPAN does report, letting you decide. (Not that I deny Time-Warner's right to favor censored "news" over unbiased news.)

In addition to covering the House and Senate, C-SPAN produces intelligent and respectful political talk shows. Their hosts

don't argue with callers, or insult them, or twist their words. Their hosts listen with deadpan faces, letting you, the caller, have your full say — uninterrupted. C-SPAN hosts never interject their own opinions. Even when a caller asks, "What do you think about X?" the host only replies, "What do you think about X, caller?"

You don't get that respect on most cable talk shows, where discussions quickly degenerate into heated, vapid, sound bite battles. (Not that I challenge Time-Warner's right to foster idiocy and disrespect.)

Like most companies, Time-Warner trumpets its commitment to public service. That should include public access TV (an early form of YouTube) and C-SPAN, as those were among the services the cable systems promised long ago, when they first sought the monopoly privilege to wire neighborhoods. (Not that I contest Time-Warner's right to renounce public service.)

Ironically, Time-Warner in Santa Monica dropped C-SPAN 2 from basic tier just as it (and other cable monopolies) beat back an attempt by broadcasters to push "multicast, must carry" through the Federal Communications Commission. This proposed regulation would have forced cable systems to give additional free space to local broadcasters, leaving less space for the three C-SPAN channels.

According to a February 2, 2007 C-SPAN statement, "Unlike broadcast stations, the C-SPAN networks have no government mandated guarantee of the right to be distributed by cable operators." A September 5, 2007 statement indicates that the danger of "multitask, must carry" has passed for now, but remains a potential future threat. (For details and updates, see www.MustCarry.org.)

So it seems Time-Warner doesn't have to surrender additional channel space to broadcasters. It's free to leave channel 68 (C-SPAN 2's former home) a pretty, blank, blue screen. But Time-Warner must still contend with consumer opinion.

Hey, Time-Warner! I want my C-SPAN! All three of them! On basic tier!

If you want your C-SPAN, tell your cable operator. And if it dropped C-SPAN, tell C-SPAN at www.c-span.org/about/access/index.asp?code=LOSS. You may also wish to visit www.CSpanJunkies.org.

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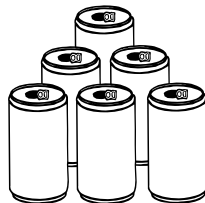
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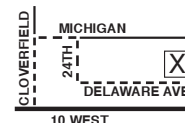
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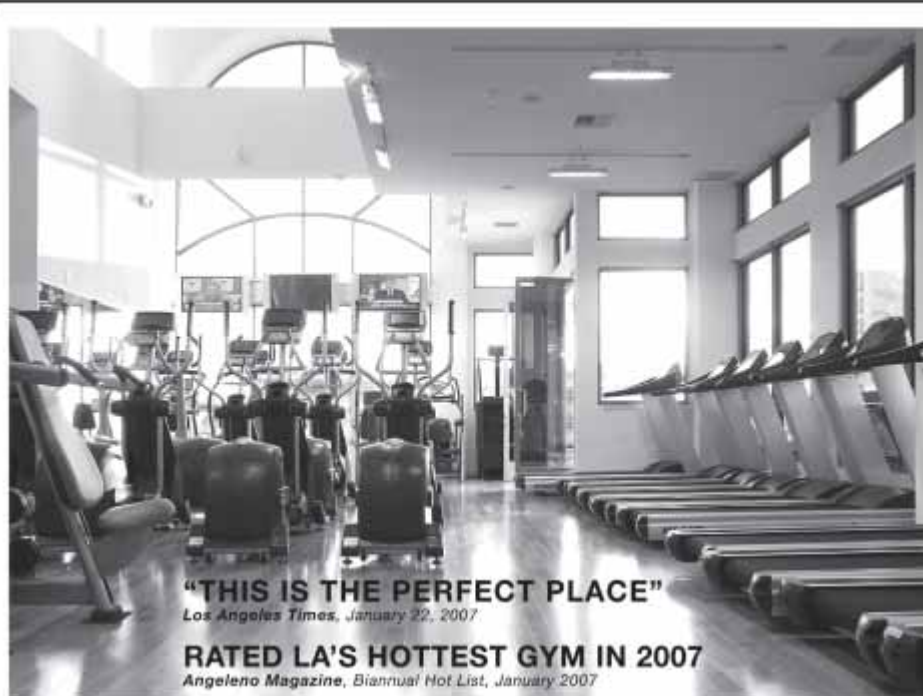
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Construction crews are working in the alley behind 3107 Santa Monica Blvd. The alley will be closed to traffic. Detours will be posted at various sites during construction.

Annenberg Community Beach Club at Santa Monica State Beach

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

Annual Tree Trimming Project

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

Big Blue Bus Transit Store

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

Marine Street Utility Undergrounding

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

Stewart Park Restroom Project

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

Traffic Signal Upgrade

Installation of the fiber optics infrastructure will continue on Lincoln Boulevard from Olympic north to Wilshire; Wilshire from Lincoln west to Ocean Avenue; and Ocean from California south to Colorado Boulevard. Work hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Lane closures and sidewalk closures can be expected throughout the construction zones.

Wilshire Storm Water Diversion Structure

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

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



Some parolees could be freed

BY DON THOMPSON
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO Thousands of nonviolent ex-convicts could soon be freed from supervision after six months of parole instead of the usual three years under a policy aimed at ferreting out those least likely to commit new crimes, prison officials told The Associated Press Friday.

The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation is to announce the new policy Monday, a day before the state Board of Prison Terms considers the new regulations at its meeting in Sacramento.

The politically risky policy would first be tested in mid-November, in a single parole district in conservative Orange County. If it works as expected, the policy could be adopted statewide by mid-2008, officials said.

A spokesman for Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger argued that selectively freeing low-risk ex-convicts from parole is better than risking the release of more dangerous inmates. A special federal three-judge panel is considering whether to cap the state's prison population, potentially forcing inmates to be released before they have completed their full sentences.

"If we don't make significant reforms, the public safety dangers are grave," said Adam Mendelsohn, Schwarzenegger's communications director.

Currently, nearly 70 percent of ex-cons in California commit violations during their three-year parole. Last year, about 68,000 parolees were sent back to crowded prisons for violations.

Ex-convicts who are no longer under supervision can't be sent back to prison for parole violations.

Corrections Secretary James Tilton said the goal of the new policy is to select ex-cons who are unlikely to re-offend anyway, and to encourage them to complete programs that make it even less likely they will commit new crimes.

Weeding out the low-risk offenders would let parole agents concentrate on dangerous ex-convicts such as sex offenders and gang members, Tilton said.

Criminologists have for years recommended easing California's parole policy. In 2004, a Schwarzenegger-appointed advisory committee chaired by former Gov. George Deukmejian recommended releasing "very low risk" parolees after three months.

The proposed policy would allow what the department is calling "earned release" after six months. Officials projected that less than half of parolees would be eligible.

Sex offenders, gang members or those with a history of violent or serious offenses going back to their juvenile record would be ineligible. Those in the two lowest supervision categories — about 87,000 of the state's 127,000 current parolees — would be given a new questionnaire to gauge their criminal and drug-use history, job and housing status, relationships with family and the community, and other factors.

The questionnaire, modeled on one used in Washington state, is designed to predict whether parolees are likely to commit new crimes. Parole agents could still overrule an assessment and keep ex-cons under supervision, with the final decision

made by the Board of Prison Terms.

Similar risk assessment tools have been used successfully in 33 other states, said Joan Petersilia, a criminologist who heads the Center on Evidence-Based Corrections at the University of California, Irvine. She has been adapting the questionnaire for use in California.

"California is about a decade late in getting into the risk-prediction business," Petersilia said. "We're actually being much more conservative than the other states."

Studies show that parolees who stay clean for their first few months are unlikely to re-offend, Tilton said. Under a separate policy, the department already ends parole early for about 14,000 parolees each year if they stay clean for 12 months.

The new policy would first be used in the Orange County parole district that oversees about 4,100 parolees. Ex-cons who are released from supervision early would be tracked to see how many commit new crimes.

If the program proves successful after a few months, the procedure will gradually be introduced statewide.

A group of Orange County law enforcement officials and legislators will help evaluate the experiment.

"The arguments seem to make sense. Some people aren't being supervised enough. Some people, they're arguing, don't need to be supervised as much," said Assemblyman Todd Spitzer, R-Orange, who represents the trial area and heads a prison oversight committee.

While he and other local officials have been briefed on the policy change, they haven't seen the proposed regulation or risk assessment questionnaire, Spitzer said, so "we haven't bought off on anything yet."



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Among other things, the questionnaire grades whether parolees completed educational, vocational and other rehabilitation programs that currently aren't widely available. Tilton said that's one reason he expects a relatively low percentage of parolees to initially win an early end to their supervision.

Under current policies, most low-risk offenders rarely have contact with parole agents, merely checking in occasionally by mail. However, agents still retain the right to search parolees' homes without a warrant if they suspect wrongdoing, said Ryan Sherman, spokesman for the California Correctional Peace Officers Association, which also represents parole agents.

"It will ultimately threaten public safety by allowing thousands of parolees to avoid monitoring by law enforcement officials," Sherman said.

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Clinton courts black voters in California

Democratic candidate hopes to take votes away from Obama

BY MICHAEL R. BLOOD
AP Political Writer

LOS ANGELES Hillary Rodham Clinton pursued votes Friday in the city's historical black heartland with basketball legend Earvin "Magic" Johnson at her side, less than a week after rival Barack Obama banked \$3 million at a fundraiser at Oprah Winfrey's seaside estate.

For the two leading Democratic presidential contenders, the dueling events just six days apart highlighted the stiff competition for support and dollars within one of the party's key voter groups — blacks.

Johnson, the former Los Angeles Lakers star whose sprawling business interests range from movie theaters to health clubs, was also holding a fundraiser for Clinton at his Beverly Hills home Friday night. It was expected to be considerably smaller than the lavish event staged by Winfrey for Obama, an Illinois senator, on Sept. 8, which attracted 1,500 people.

Johnson's fundraiser was co-hosted by music industry heavyweights Quincy Jones, Berry Gordy and Clarence Avant, and scheduled guests included Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, who is a co-chair of the Clinton campaign. Guests at the Obama event included Sidney Poitier, Forest Whitaker and Chris Rock.

The divided loyalties among blacks show "the community just isn't going to go lockstep behind any candidate, even a black one," said University of California, Los Angeles, political scientist Franklin D. Gilliam Jr.

When it comes to competing celebrity endorsements, "I don't know if anybody stands equal with Oprah," Gilliam said. But Clinton is not conceding the black vote to Obama and "she can compete for it in a legitimate way."

On Thursday, the California Legislature's black caucus endorsed Obama — but one of its eight members is backing Clinton. And independent polls in California suggest the black vote is divided, largely between Clinton and Obama.

Obama, whose late father was Kenyan, gives blacks a chance to put one of their own in the White House for the first time. But Clinton benefits from the strong relationship her husband, former President Bill Clinton, maintained with blacks for years.

"People in the black community love Bill Clinton; she's seen as comfortable in the community," Gilliam said. And "there's concern about Obama being electable, period, because he's black."

The rivalry between Obama and

Clinton also showcases the clout of black political influence and money.

Obama has predicted that black voter turnout would swell by at least 30 percent if he wins the presidential nomination, giving Democrats victory in Southern states that have been voting Republican for decades.

Asked last month why she would be a better candidate for blacks when Obama was in the race, she cited her years of public service and advocacy, and described herself as the more experienced candidate.

"My attitude is, I don't deserve anyone's vote. I have to earn everyone's vote," Clinton said.

At an event earlier Friday at a school in a heavily minority neighborhood near the Watts section, Clinton shared a stage with Johnson, Villaraigosa and other local leaders. She told a largely minority crowd thickened with students and supporters that she would bring a new style of leadership to Washington to take on issues like health care, education and ending the Iraq war.

"When I'm president, there will not be any invisible Americans," she said.

Several people in the audience said they were comfortable with Clinton, in large part because of her long record in the public eye and efforts in her husband's administration.



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John Bruce, 45, a Democrat from Los Angeles who works in security, said the black community was looking for leaders and Obama "seems to be heading in the right direction." Bruce, who is black, said race was not an issue in picking a candidate.

He said he remains undecided on 2008 but added, "I'm an all-Clinton Democrat."

Black community activist "Sweet Alice" Harris, who is backing Clinton, said she worked closely with the New York senator during her days in the Clinton White House.

What about Obama?

"I don't know him, but I know her," Harris said.

Earlier in the day, Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez, D-Los Angeles, held a private fundraiser for Clinton at a Mexican restaurant in Lynwood, a Los Angeles suburb.



CITY OF SANTA MONICA REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites proposals for:

Consulting services for a City-wide community education and anti-panhandling campaign

The City of Santa Monica desires to implement a City-wide community education and anti-panhandling campaign. Strategies are sought for community education about homelessness and the implementation of a campaign regarding the negative effects of giving money to panhandlers, including the establishment of alternative giving opportunities.

Submission Deadline is October 30, 2007 at 5:00 PM PDT.

The request for proposals may be obtained from the Human Services Division, City of Santa Monica, 1685 Main St., Room 212, Santa Monica, California 90401; by calling (310) 458-8701; TTY: (310) 458-8696; by e-mailing your request to danielle.noble@smgov.net; or by visiting the Human Services Division website at <http://www.smgov.net/hsd>.



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City of Santa Monica RESOLUTION NUMBER 10228 (CCS) (CITY COUNCIL SERIES)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2007, TO HEAR ANY PROTESTS OR OBJECTIONS TO THE CONFIRMATION OF ASSESSMENT OF COSTS FOR THE STREET AND PARKWAY IMPROVEMENTS ON YALE STREET WITHIN THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Engineer filed a report of work pursuant to Section 5882 of the Streets and Highways Code of the State of California, relating to the construction of street and parkway improvements completed in the following districts:

District 'A' -Yale Street from Wilshire Boulevard to Montana Avenue

SECTION 2. Pursuant to Streets and Highways Code of the State of California, the City Council does hereby order and declare that on the 25th day of September, 2007, in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California 90401, it will hear and pass upon the report by the City Engineer, of the cost of street and parkway improvements together with any objections or protests, if any, which may be raised by any property owner subject to an assessment for the cost of such improvements and by any other interested persons.

SECTION 3. All protests or objections must be in writing and filed with the City Clerk on or before the time set for the hearing of the protests and objections.

SECTION 4. The City Clerk is hereby directed to mail notices, pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.6, in the manner and form prescribed by law, of the cost of street-light improvement and of the adoption of this Resolution to all persons owning commercial, industrial, or residential real property in the herein before described assessment district whose names and addresses appear on the last equalized assessment roll for the City taxes or as known to the City Clerk.

SECTION 5. The City Clerk is directed to publish this Resolution, in accordance with Government Code Section 6066 in The Santa Monica Daily Press once a week for two successive weeks, with at least five days intervening between the first date and the second date of publication. The first publication is to be made not less than 15 days prior to the date of the above public hearing.

SECTION 6. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution, and thenceforth and thereafter the same shall be in full force and effect.

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Super skyscrapers dot U.S. cities

BY LISA LEFF | Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO The rivalry between Los Angeles and San Francisco permeates life in California, infiltrating debates on everything from sports and weather to cuisine and water consumption. When it comes to competing for the West Coast's tallest building, though, few would expect this city to enter the fray, much less end up on top.

Yet here in the land of earthquakes and cafe culture, plans are unfolding for not just the loftiest skyscraper on the coast, but the three highest high-rises west of the Mississippi River. All are part of a proposed downtown neighborhood to be built around a regional bus and train terminal — a Grand Central Station of the West — that is being promoted as an environmentally sensible magnet for development.

“What it will mean for San Francisco to have its tallest building be the Transbay Terminal tower is a statement that our highest value is ecology,” said Gabriel Metcalf, executive director of the San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association, a local public policy think tank. “It will be this exclamation mark saying the most important location in our city is the transit center.”

Six years after many architects and urban planners predicted the indelible images of Sept. 11, 2001, would stifle Americans' enthusiasm for iconic skyscrapers, San Francisco is not the only U.S. city where the landscape is moving up. Instead, fueled by high land costs, disenchantment with suburban sprawl and urban one-upmanship, the nation is experiencing its biggest high-rise construction boom in decades.

From Miami and Las Vegas to Chicago and New York, buildings that would either eclipse or stand spire-to-spire with the 1,250-foot-tall Empire State Building are promising to reshape skylines. The 1,200-to-1,375-foot-tall tower that is supposed to help finance and attract riders to San Francisco's new public transportation hub is one of 11 buildings nationwide either planned or under construction that, if completed, would make the list of the 20 tallest buildings in the United States.

“Many people thought 9-11 would sound the death knell for tall buildings, and it's been the opposite,” said Antony Wood, executive director of the Chicago-based Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat. The collapse of the World Trade Center “probably induced the largest introspective analysis of the whole typology that has ever happened — is this a viable part of our cities or is it not? And like it or not, that has resulted in a resounding yes.”

Compared to the high-rises that were erected in the 1970s, the new crop of super skyscrapers are more likely to be residential or government-supported expressions of civic or even national pride than symbols of corporate wealth, according to Wood. The 150-story, 2,000-foot-tall Chicago Spire rising near the shores of Lake Michigan, for example, would be both the tallest skyscraper in the U.S. and the world's tallest residential building.

“Tall buildings are being used to project a certain status for a city on a world stage. That's undoubtable,” Wood said. “For a city to be taken seriously on a local or domestic or international scale, they want to be seen to be keeping up with the times, and tall buildings are part of that.”

Planners, real estate agents and sociologists say the trend shows that Americans are willing to trust recent engineering advances conceived to help buildings stand up to earthquakes and terrorist attacks — and that their fascination with all things oversized outweighs their fears of disasters, both manmade and natural.

That especially became true as developing countries in the Middle East and Asia started putting up super-tall skyscrapers that made the World Trade Center look average in comparison.

“Everybody can be forgiven for having reactions after 9-11 that they want to reconsider today,” said Miami Art Museum Terence Riley, who as the architecture curator of New York's Museum of Modern Art put together a 2004 exhibit on skyscrapers.

“Many people who had opinions like that saw the push to invent ever more technologically sophisticated, ever more

high, tall buildings pass away from the United States, or at least appear to,” Riley said. “One of the things that really bothered people was that it was evident that other people in Taiwan and Malaysia were going to take off where we left off, and in the end of the day they weren't going to let terrorists be that successful.”

Brenda Calvin, a Las Vegas real estate agent who specializes in high-rise living, said customers who visit the city often but are tired of staying in hotels and want the convenience of 24-hour concierge service are snapping up condominiums like the ones under construction at the seven-tower MGM Mirage City Center. At up to 60 stories, the project's residential buildings would be nearly twice as tall as the condos considered high by current Strip standards.

“I have never heard anyone say, ‘You know, now that I've been in this building I don't think I can do this,’” said Calvin, who lives on the eighth floor of a 21-story building. “I guess you can live your life and not fly on an airplane and not experience all the great things in the world out of fear, but that just doesn't make sense.”

Last month, an Australian gaming company submitted plans for a 1,888-foot hotel/casino that would rank as the nation's second-tallest building. The Federal Aviation Administration is opposing the Crown Las Vegas, saying its height would pose a hazard to planes flying in and out of McCarran International Airport.

Supporters of the taller, denser neighborhood that has been proposed in San Francisco, a city known in architecture circles as much for its anti-development attitudes as its skyline, know they also have a future fight on their hands.

A regional transportation agency is scheduled to pick the winning design for the tower that would anchor the transit center on Thursday. The shortest of the three finalists would rise 350-feet above San Francisco's own Transamerica Pyramid. It would outreach the West's reigning top story, the 1,018-foot U.S. Bank Tower building in downtown L.A.

Anti-skyscraper sentiment has a long history in the city; voters passed a ballot initiative 21 years ago.

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Earth Talk

By the editors of E Magazine

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CLEAN MACHINE: Ford last year unveiled a prototype of its popular Escape Hybrid SUV that can run on E85, a blend of 85 percent ethanol, derived from corn and other crops, and 15 percent standard gasoline. What's holding up mass production, says Ford, is a lack of E85 fueling outlets - only 1,200 exist across the U.S.

Hybrid automobiles take to the highway

Dear EarthTalk:

What would be the feasibility of having hybrid cars run on E85 or biodiesel? Wouldn't this solve multiple problems?

Bob Pendergrass

Broken Arrow, OK

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCATES WOULD LOVE to see carmakers mass-produce a biofuel-electric hybrid. From a technology standpoint, it's a no-brainer: Major automakers already turn out vehicles that can run on E85, a blend of 85 percent ethanol, derived from corn and other crops, and 15 percent standard gasoline. Ford's light duty F-series pickups are examples of such "flex fuel" vehicles. And gasoline-electric hybrids, like Toyota's Prius, are all the rage and beginning to be ubiquitous on the roads.

Cost, however, is an issue, says Jim Kliesch of the website greencars.org. Traditional cars and trucks powered by diesel, biodiesel or ethanol cost more to manufacture than equivalent gasoline-power vehicles. And gas-electric hybrids also cost more than conventional cars, largely because their market share is still small and economies of scale have not yet kicked in. Thus combining two costly technologies in a biofuel-electric hybrid would constitute "a double-whammy," says Kliesch, "limiting the vehicles to a very small slice of the market."

Nonetheless, Ford last year unveiled a prototype of its popular Escape Hybrid SUV that runs on E85. Like the gas-electric hybrids now on the road, the E85-electric hybrid Escape maximizes fuel economy by alternating between its internal combustion and electric engines. And it never needs to be plugged in because its high-capacity batteries store electricity generated from braking and other processes in-car.

Ford estimates that if only five percent of U.S. vehicles were powered by ethanol-electric hybrids oil imports could be reduced by 140 million barrels a year. Such vehicles would also produce about 25 percent less

carbon dioxide (CO2) — a chief contributor to global warming — than traditional cars and trucks. What's holding up mass production, says Ford, is a lack of E85 fueling outlets — only 1,200 exist across the U.S.

Not to be outdone, General Motors (GM) has its own ethanol-electric hybrid in the works via its Sweden-based Saab subsidiary, which unveiled a prototype in 2006. The company claims that, whereas Toyota's gas-electric Prius emits 104 grams of CO2 per kilometer, their E85-based hybrid should emit just 15-20 grams. Industry insiders don't expect to see such a vehicle available to the public until 2010 or later.

With regard to diesel-electric hybrids, though diesel spews particulates and other nasty ground level pollutants into the environment, it contributes significantly less CO2 to the atmosphere than gasoline. And biodiesel, a form of the fuel derived from plants, is both carbon-neutral (burning it contributes no additional carbon to the atmospheric balance of the pollutant) and cleaner burning in regard to particulates. It can be used interchangeably with regular diesel in most diesel engines. Thus combining biodiesel with an electric motor in a hybrid car or truck would yield one of the cleanest burning engines on the road.

GM and Chrysler have already collaborated on developing a diesel-hybrid platform that combines dual electric motors with a diesel engine to offer unparalleled fuel efficiency. But whether such vehicles ever see the showroom floor — and whether consumers will be able to even afford them — is anybody's guess.

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Bear problems up this year

By the Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont. Bears have been causing an unusual amount of trouble in the area around Yellowstone, raiding cabins, tents, cars and backpacks in search of food.

In recent weeks, at least 15 problem bears have been euthanized and more than 30 have been relocated in Wyoming, Montana and Idaho.

Bear problems also have been reported in Colorado and Nevada.

Biologists point to a variety of causes ranging from people moving into bear habitat and leaving food out, to less natural food for bears.

Problems with bears typically worsen as fall approaches and the animals hurry to fatten up before hibernating for the winter. But this year, problems have been ongoing.

"We've had a very busy summer," said Sam Sheppard, warden captain for Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks in Bozeman.

Around Big Sky, Sheppard said, bears haven't been able to resist partially eaten lunches left in garbage cans, trash bags left in garages and windows left open. One bear climbed through an open window to get to some freshly cut peaches.

Three bears have been euthanized in the Big Sky area.

"Every single one early on could've been prevented, but they habituated to the point where there was no hope," Sheppard said.

Dozens of black and grizzly bears have been moved this summer in Wyoming, mostly in Teton County near Grand Teton National Park.

"Every couple of years it seems like we have similar activity," said Mark Brusolino, bear management officer with the Wyoming Game and Fish Department. "I can't put my finger on it exactly, but it's probably a combination of things."

Grand Teton rangers have euthanized four black bears and sent two cubs to a zoo.

"It's been one of our most busy years as far as human-bear incidents," park spokeswoman Jackie Skaggs said. "A very active year, a very frustrating year."

Yellowstone National Park doesn't face the same nearby development pressure as Grand Teton and has had fewer bear problems, said Yellowstone spokesman Al Nash.

"We certainly don't have the same urbanization issues as they have," Nash said.

On Friday, however, a grizzly injured a bow hunter west of Gardiner.



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BIG WIN

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(From top left clockwise) Santa Monica High School's cheerleaders rooted the team on during a 35-0 blowout win versus Palisades High on Friday night at SMC's Corsair Field. The Vikings dominated the ball at both ends of the field in helping the team improve to 2-0. Fans had much to cheer about considering that Samohi did little wrong on the night. The band took to the field at halftime. This was one of the few occasions that Pali High figured out the Vikings' attack. The victory even had the Viking mascot in the mood to tip his hat to his victorious football team.



Tough times for renters on both coasts

FROM RENT PAGE 3

ing, due partly to an influx of investment banks. New housing projects routinely cater to the affluent.

“But everybody forgets the poor guy — the one who pumps your gas, who builds your hotel, who bags your groceries,” said Simon Morris, a 35-year-old carpenter. “The cost of living is driving us out.”

On both coasts of the United States, and many cities in between, hundreds of thousands of renters face comparable plights. The home mortgage crisis has received far more notice, but experts say the ranks of renters with dire housing problems are growing faster than the ranks of defaulting homeowners.

The Center for Housing Policy reports that the number of working-family renters paying more than half their income for housing has soared from 1 million to 2.1 million since 1997. Overall, advocacy groups say there are 9 million low-income renter households and only 6.2 million units they can reasonably afford.

“These people spend huge portions of their income on their housing,” said Sheila Crowley, president of the National Low Income Housing Coalition. “They don’t do things that we all would like to do — save money to buy a house, or for college or retirement. It’s a very day-to-day existence.”

In the Stamford area, a breadwinner needs to earn more than \$30 an hour to afford the rent of a typical two-bedroom apartment, the highest figure in the nation. San Francisco ranks a close second — placing immense burdens on residents such as schoolteacher Meagan Devine and retiree Jose Morales.

Devine, 30, lives with her sister, who is eight months pregnant, and brother-in-law in a one-bedroom apartment in San Francisco’s Sunset district. She sleeps on the couch and spends weekends at her parents’ house in a distant suburb, where she keeps her clothes and books.

In October, she’ll begin housesitting for family friends in Berkeley, who will be on sabbatical until Jan. 1. After that? She isn’t sure.

Devine isn’t an itinerant hippie or recent college grad trying to map a career path. She’s a professional with a master’s degree in math, and could likely command a six-figure salary at a Silicon Valley engineering firm.

But since college, she has yearned to be a teacher. After getting her master’s, she taught the children of crop pickers.

Since 2002, she’s been a math instructor at Balboa High School, once a hard-scrabble school on the city’s south side. Test scores and morale are on the rise, and Devine feels she’s making a big difference by teaching pre-calculus and algebra to the diverse student body.

“I don’t ever want to leave Balboa — I’d love to retire from here,” Devine said as she stacked papers following the afternoon bell. “The only problem is I can’t afford to live here on a teacher’s salary.”

After taxes and a \$350 deposit into a retirement fund, she takes home about \$2,500 per month. One-bedroom apartments in desirable neighborhoods — near friends and public transit — start around \$2,000 per month. Studios start around \$1,500.

Devine said she’ll likely settle for roommates — a fate she didn’t envision for herself after college, and a far cry from her dream of home ownership.

Technically, she could afford her own modest apartment — but she wants to heed the standard advice and not spend more than a third of her income on housing. That’s not easy; experts say nearly a quarter of San Francisco renters spend more than 50 percent of their household earnings on rent, and the market has grown tighter as the mortgage crisis deters some young adults from home-buying.

Devine rarely goes out to eat or buys new clothes, but despite a frugal lifestyle has been unable to whittle down \$3,000 in credit card debt.

“You have to make big sacrifices — not just whether to buy a house or not,” said Devine. “I want to have kids — but what would I do with them? I can’t even afford

my own place.”

Devine works at least 50 hours a week, including several hours each weekend grading quizzes. Some of her colleagues moonlight as waitresses, bartenders and weekend nannies.

One option would be moving to a suburban school district, where pay scales range up to \$10,000 higher than in San Francisco. A public school teacher in the city starts at \$43,000.

Losing teachers like Devine should be a top concern for residents, said Matthew Hardy of the United Educators San Francisco. Teachers who stay have to be either “crazy or dedicated,” he said.

Jose Morales, now 78, moved into a modest Victorian house in San Francisco’s working-class Mission District in 1965, shortly after emigrating from Peru. The rent was \$80 a month, and he used leftover earnings to travel, buy nice clothes and eat well.

The rent is now \$864 — a bargain by local standards but an unmanageable fortune for Morales. A former tennis instructor, he hurt his back last year and now relies entirely on a Social Security payment of \$900 per month.

After paying the rent, he has \$36 a month for expenses, including food and medications. He eats at city-sponsored senior centers, which charge \$1.50 per meal, buys cut-rate produce from local bodegas and takes freebies from friends.

He never travels. He doesn’t own a television or radio. Among his few new clothes are tennis sweat shirts that pro shops sell him at a discount.

“I’m skin and bones — it’s a miracle I’m still here,” said Morales, who’s lost 20 pounds since last year and developed osteoporosis.

Stooped but sinewy, with wavy white hair and vintage Wilson sneakers, Morales has received numerous eviction notices from a landlord hoping to convert the two-unit flat into a luxury house. Morales refuses to leave; a court showdown is imminent.

“If more people don’t try to fight for their rights, then only rich people would

live in this city,” he says.

Morales’ apartment is ramshackle. Door frames lean at improbable angles. Paint peels from walls, and a gaping crack splits the kitchen ceiling.

But the beautifully restored Victorian next door has golden cornices and fresh paint, and other nearby homes are getting high-end renovations. The neighborhood is rife with homeless people and illegal immigrants, but white-collar workers are moving in to commute to lucrative jobs in Silicon Valley or downtown.

Morales knows he might live better in Peru, where relatives could help and the cost of living is a fraction of California’s. But that would end his quest for American citizenship.

“I came here because the U.S. was a great country,” Morales said. “But housing has become a big injustice. ... The story of my apartment is the story of my block and the story of my city and the story of all of California and the United States. You have to fight for it, and that’s what I will do — all the way to the end.”

Back in Stamford, Simon and Jennifer Morris have seen the city’s economic boom firsthand but, like many working-class families, haven’t shared its fruits.

Simon has irregular earnings as a carpenter; he can make \$1,000 in a good week but often has no work at all. Jennifer, 27, worked in the past at local pet stores, but took time off this year following the birth of Layla, who’s now 7 months old. Their other child, Ethan, is 3.

Since February, they’ve been living in a “family emergency” shelter on the edge of downtown, part of a multipurpose social-service center run by St. Luke’s LifeWorks.

They have two bedrooms of their own, but share bathrooms and a combination kitchen-common room with four other families in a setup resembling a college dorm. There’s an 11 p.m. curfew on weeknights, no drinking or smoking in the unit, and a rotation of chores.

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Subway project appears ready to roll

FROM SUBWAY PAGE 3

that moves us closer to building a subway to the sea to help get the city moving again,” said Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, a longtime proponent of extending the subway system to Santa Monica.

If built, the subway would effectively compete for riders with the proposed light railway. Local officials recently approved funding for the light rail from downtown Los Angeles to Culver City, but the final leg from Culver City to Santa Monica is still under environmental impact review.

After much debate, plans to build the subway line stopped dead in 1985, when a funding ban was enacted after Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Los Angeles, argued that the threat of methane explosions made tunneling in the area too dangerous.

The tide began to turn in 2005, when an independent peer review panel determined the area was indeed safe for tunneling. The Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority further advanced planning efforts by agreeing to spend \$3.6 million to study the feasibility of the project.

Kate Vernez, assistant to the City Manager in Santa Monica, said the plans would extend the old Red Line between Union Station and the intersection of Wilshire Boulevard and Western Avenue to downtown Santa Monica, possibly with a terminal station on Wilshire or Santa Monica boulevards.

While City Hall supports the subway plans, Vernez said the above-ground transit option from Culver City to a station next to Santa Monica Place mall is a higher priority.

“The City Council is supportive of the project, but

after the Expo Light Rail Phase Two is built,” she said.

The subway’s controversy extends beyond the practical dangers of tunneling. Besides relieving the county’s notorious traffic congestion, proponents have suggested that the proposed subway would encourage business and serve as a direct conduit between the two tourist hot spots in downtown LA and Santa Monica. Meanwhile, opponents have questioned the feasibility of any attempts to cover the vast county with a subway network, and further argue that one particular appeal of Santa Monica — the community’s relative exclusivity and distance from the bustle and chaos of the urban center — might be lost with the installation of a direct line with relatively cheap fare. The LA Metro currently charges \$5 for a one day unlimited bus or rail pass.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael Antonovich, whose Fifth District would not be covered by the subway line, remains a staunch opponent to the construction plans.

“Instead of spending nearly \$10 billion of scarce county resources on a subway that serves just three cities,” he said, “we need cost-effective, environmentally-sensitive light rail projects that relieve congestion countywide and expand the transit network for the rest of the county’s 88 cities and unincorporated areas.”

A Senate-House conference committee will now reconcile some minor differences between the Senate and House versions of the funding bill. Washington lawmakers appear generally supportive of the subway construction, however, as both Congressional versions contain an element that removes the original funding ban.

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Celebrating the birth of a nation

FROM CONSTITUTION PAGE 1

"Most Americans have never read the Constitution," said Whitehead, an enthusiastic supporter of the Constitution who is all too happy to send out pocket-sized versions of the document to anyone who asks for one — and even those who don't. "Studies show that Americans are Constitutional illiterate. Most high school seniors don't even know what the First Amendment is."

For the record, it states that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religions, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people to peaceable assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

The Constitutional Convention convened in Philadelphia 220 years ago in response to dissatisfaction with the Articles of Confederation and the need for a strong centralized government, according to the Library of Congress. After four months of secret debate and many compromises, the proposed Constitution was submitted to the states for approval. Although the vote was close in some states, the Constitution was eventually ratified and the new federal government came into existence in 1789.

At no time in the last 30 years have Americans needed to know the Constitution more than they do today, what with the federal government, and in particular, the Bush Administration, reaching further into the private lives and freedoms of the people, Whitehead said.

"Since 9/11 we have witnessed the accelerated decline of the Constitution. It really has just gone wild," said Whitehead, who has written several op-ed pieces about the Bush Administration's increased ability to control all branches of the federal government. "You need to know what's in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights because if you don't, how will you ever be able to object. You must take action and the first step is to read it."

Over at the Santa Monica Main Library, where copies of the Constitution is readily available, Greg Williams was somewhat ashamed that he didn't know the significance of today, but he did fair better than most when he was able to name seven of the first 10 Amendments that make up the Bill of Rights, as well as the 13th Amendment, which abolished slavery, the 18th Amendment, which banned the sale of alcohol, and the 19th



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UNDER ONE FLAG: The U.S. Constitution turns 220-years-old today. The nation as we know it took shape when the historic document was approved.

Amendment, which guaranteed women the right to vote.

"I have to give credit to my high school government teacher," Williams said with a grin. "He made us remember every single amendment and recite the Preamble. It was pretty grueling and at the time I didn't think it was worth the effort, but right now, I'm feeling pretty good about it."

cue, at least it would get us to maybe look it up on the Internet out of curiosity or veg out in front of the TV and watch some PBS special on it or something."

Part of the problem, people said, is that the Constitution isn't "sexy," like Independence Day where people hold large parties and there are fireworks to light up the night sky. Independence Day

It's easy, said the folks at the National Constitution Center. For starters, people can check out a two-hour film on the heated debates that took place in the sweltering summer of 1787, "A More Perfect Union: America Becomes a Nation." Others can make T-shirts or host public readings. Others can set up a mock signing and allow folks to make changes to the document to better reflect conditions today.

Or for those who are looking for a little more fun could play drinking games, such as taking a shot of booze for every amendment passed, something not suggested by the center.

Whitehead said whatever you do, just make sure it includes reading the Constitution.

"I think we need to get communities to host Constitution classes or public readings so that we can talk about what's in it and what we need to do to protect it," Whitehead said. "We are talking about the greatest document of all time. People come from around the world to study it more than 200 years after it was written. I think it deserves more respect than it gets."

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John W. Whitehead, President and founder of the Rutherford Institute

Williams said he wasn't surprised that most people aren't aware of the Constitution's big birthday. It's not something that the media focuses on, he said, and it's not a national holiday.

"Perhaps it should be," he said. "I think something as important as the Constitution should warrant a three-day weekend."

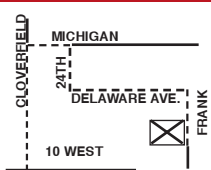
"Even if it's just an excuse for people to get out of town or sit around and barbe-

also has more drama attached to it as people think of the deadly battles fought to win our freedom.

"The Constitution just doesn't seem that cool," said Jared Rodgers, a 17-year-old from Los Angeles who believes his teachers will be doing something today to commemorate the occasion. "I mean, it's an old piece of paper sitting in a museum somewhere. How do you get up for that?"

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FUNNY BUNCH: Douglas Sarine and Kent Nichols are the creators of 'Ask a Ninja.'

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These are some enlightened ninjas

FROM CP PAGE 3

(people believe it's Sarine), delivers his often ludicrous and nonsensical thoughts at lightning speed. The production is crude, but what do you expect from two guys who use an apartment in West Hollywood for their sound stage?

The result is an underground comedic masterpiece that will either have viewers laughing out loud or scratching their heads in disbelief at what they are hearing. Either way, it's a great way to spend three minutes.

"We just try to bring a lot of energy to it because you are dealing with the Internet and there are so many other things that can grab people's attention," Sarine said. "It's not like with cable where you are competing against 500 other channels. With the Internet there are literally thousands and thousands of sites that one can go to so you have to have a real hyper deliver."

"We're just trying to grab people by the throat and not let go for three minutes," Nichols said.

The two met six years ago at the legendary Second City Training Center, the birthplace of sketch and improvisational comedy. Sarine was working as a paralegal and a dog walker while Nichols had a gig in an improvisational troupe for kids.

Using Santa Monica's Main Library as their office, Nichols and Sarine developed an animated feature about Ninjas in Orange County who were trying to live normal lives. The only problem was, the ninjas couldn't stop killing people.

Nichols and Sarine soon discovered that neither one of them knew how to draw nor did they know anything about computer animation. Instead of giving up, they decided to turn to the Internet and "Ask a Ninja" was born.

The two come from very different backgrounds. Sarine is from Chicago and holds a business degree from Appalachian State. Nichols is a college drop out from Placentia.

"I had basically resigned my self to

business for life," Sarine said. But after a bad breakup, friends suggested he enroll in Second City to "meet people," which is exactly what he did.

Nichols and Sarine naturally gravitated toward one another and began writing together. The two also worked on a really bad television show called "Touching Evil," which had a brief run on USA.

"He was always coming out with this zany, sort of off the wall things that were totally brilliant, but nobody really understood him but me," Nichols said of Sarine.

While the two do not live in Santa Monica, they spend an awful lot of their time here. Now that they have some cash, they're thinking of moving to the city by the sea, which not only is home to plenty of production companies, but is also 10 to 15 degrees cooler than North Hollywood.

"I love the Santa Monica Library," said Sarine, who can also be found munching on burgers at The Counter or dining with friends at Jack n' Jill's. "It has great Internet access, it's clean and it has water-less toilets."

The two have another Santa Monica connection. Their attorney is Santa Monica College Trustee Rod Rader, who is known to be a little wacky and off-the-wall himself.

Nichols and Sarine are not sure what the future holds for "Ask a Ninja." They plan to continue to produce more webisodes and possibly develop a cartoon series based on the idea. They both would like to do film or television, but as of right now, they are sticking with the ninja that brought them to the dance.

"As long as both of us stay amused then we'll keep on doing it," Sarine said. "When it's time to stop, it will be clear. There really isn't any pressure on us to continue. It's just all about keeping it fresh and entertaining for us. Once that's gone, we'll move on to something else."

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9/19

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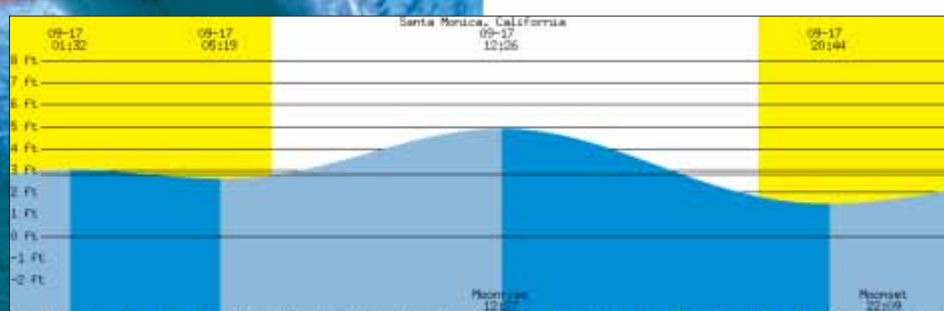
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LOCATION	DRY	WET	LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth (leocarrillo)	A	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Aliso creeks	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	D	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua)	A	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	F	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildliffe Rd. (private)	A+	ns	Santa Monica Municipal Pier	D	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	A	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns	Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach	A	ns	Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	ns	Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A	ns	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily	A+	ns	Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A+	ns	Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	A	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	F	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	D	ns	North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	ns	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns	Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A+	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	B	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	D	ns			
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A	ns			

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A - F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone

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NCAA FOOTBALL

UCLA stumbles

BY DOUG ALDEN
AP Sports Writer

SALT LAKE CITY After starting the season 0-2 and facing No. 11 UCLA, Utah was ready for any breaks the Utes could muster.

UCLA gave them plenty and Utah took advantage almost every time in a 44-6 upset on Saturday. The Utes forced five turnovers and kept the Bruins from scoring a touchdown for the first time in four years.

“Everything went right for us,” said Tommy Grady, who passed for three touchdowns and a career-best 243 yards and no interceptions.

Darrell Mack ran for 107 yards, becoming Utah's first 100-yard rusher since 2005. Safety Robert Johnson made two interceptions and forced a critical fumble that turned a sure touchdown for UCLA into a touchback that really got the Bruins' meltdown going.

Utah outscored UCLA 30-0 in the second half.

“We kept them off-balance,” Utah coach Kyle Whittingham said. “We never let their quarterback get comfortable in the pocket and get a rhythm going.”

The Bruins (2-1) committed 10 penalties and unraveled in the second half of their first-ever loss to Utah (1-2). The Utes had been 0-8 against UCLA, including a 31-10 loss in the season opener at the Rose Bowl last year.

UCLA shut out Utah in the second half of that game and the Utes hadn't forgotten.

“We prepared to win and we expected to win,” said Martail Burnett, who had one of five sacks for the Utes.

Louie Sakoda kicked three field goals and Mack became the first Ute to rush for 100 yards since Quinton Ganther gained 120 in the 2005 Emerald Bowl against No. 24 Georgia Tech, which was also Utah's last win over a ranked team.

“This whole week we practiced to be a whole different offense — something they've never seen,” Mack said. “They didn't know what to expect.”

Mack ran for a touchdown and caught

passes for two more in Utah's biggest offensive outburst of the season.

It was even a bigger day for the defense, which pressured UCLA's Ben Olson all game. Olson completed 20 of 40 passes for 290 yards and was intercepted three times during his first game in Utah, the state where he started his college career at Brigham Young.

“I take responsibility for making poor decisions and not taking care of the ball,” Olson said. “I need to play better.”

The Bruins hadn't been kept out of the end zone for an entire game since beating Illinois 6-3 on Sept. 13, 2003. That was UCLA's first win under coach Karl Dorrell, who appeared to have the Bruins bound for a top-10 ranking before they imploded Saturday.

“There is not even enough time to discuss all the issues we had today,” Dorrell said. “We did not even play close to our potential and we were never in sync.”

The Bruins' biggest blunder was in the third quarter. Behind 17-6, UCLA was on the verge of a touchdown that never happened thanks to Johnson. Marcus Everett caught a pass from Olson and was on his way to a 52-yard touchdown, but he stumbled and then lost the ball when he tried to stretch it across the goal line as Johnson hit him.

The ball bounced straight out of the end zone for a touchback.

“That really killed any momentum we had gained,” Dorrell said.

Instead of cutting the margin to four or possibly three, the Bruins fell behind 24-6. Utah drove 80 yards — getting help with a pass interference call along the way — and scoring on a 12-yard pass from Louks to Dallin Rogers.

Grady was making his second start for Brian Johnson (separated shoulder). He was 17-for-30 for 246 yards, including a 53-yard touchdown to Marquis Wilson that gave Utah a 7-0 lead in the first quarter.

The Bruins had to settle for field goals by Kai Forbath twice after penalties stalled drives deep in Utah territory.

MLB

What's next for Bonds?

BY JANIE MCCAULEY
AP Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO Now that he's the home run king, Barry Bonds' future is a Giant question mark.

Will he keep playing next year as he's insisted so many times in recent months? And will it be in San Francisco, where he would prefer to retire after spending the past 15 seasons of his 22-year big league career? Or perhaps with an American League club as a designated hitter?

“I'll deal with that when the time comes,” Bonds said. “It's up to them. I don't run the team. I'm not doing any interviews about my future.”

One thing Bonds knows is that he doesn't plan to wait until just before spring training this time around to figure out where he will be in 2008, or if he's playing at all for that matter.

Owner Peter Magowan has had a tough time saying no to the star slugger many times before, and Magowan has acknowledged it's unfortunate Willie Mays —

Bonds' Hall of Fame godfather — retired in 1973 with the New York Mets after the Say Hey Kid spent all but the final 1 1/2 seasons of his 22-year career with the Giants.

San Francisco has done its share of celebrating this year. Bonds is their home run champ, and he was at center stage for the All-Star game in the team's waterfront ballpark as the NL's starter in left field.

“My future's in my house,” Bonds joked last week, sitting on an equipment cart before taking his batting practice cuts.

But there's also a chance Bonds could be indicted if a federal grand jury determines he perjured himself when he testified in the BALCO case that he hadn't knowingly taken performance-enhancing drugs.

Bonds would like to call it quits on his own terms and in the comfort of his hometown, the city where he used to climb on Mays and his late father, Bobby, as a boy in the Candlestick Park clubhouse. He has been stretching and socializing with his teammates more regularly lately, perhaps hoping the Giants will notice his good behavior down the stretch.

Holy lady

Madonna on visit to Israel says she is 'an ambassador for Judaism'

MADONNA toasted the Jewish new year with Israeli President Shimon Peres and declared herself an "ambassador for Judaism," local newspapers reported Sunday.

The singer, who is not Jewish, arrived in Israel Wednesday on the eve of Jewish new year to attend a conference on Kabbalah or Jewish mysticism.

Madonna met Peres at his official Jerusalem residence on Saturday evening and the two exchanged

gifts, with Madonna receiving a lavishly bound copy of the Old Testament.

She gave Peres a volume of "The Book of Splendor," the guiding text of Kabbalah, inscribed "To Shimon Peres, the man I admire and love, Madonna," the Yediot Ahronot daily reported.

A Peres aide confirmed the meeting but had no details.

"You don't know how popular the Book of Splendor is among

Hollywood actors," Yediot quoted Madonna as telling Peres. "Everyone I meet talks to me only about that. I am an ambassador for Judaism."

Madonna, who was raised a Roman Catholic, has taken the Hebrew name Esther, and has been seen wearing a red thread on her wrist in a Jewish tradition to ward off the evil eye.

But her interest in Kabbalah in recent years has been criticized by

Orthodox Jews, who say it is an abomination.

Other celebrities who flew in for the Kabbalah conference included movie star Demi Moore and her husband, actor Ashton Kutcher, Rosie O'Donnell and fashion designer Donna Karan. Madonna came with her film director husband Guy Ritchie.

The Haaretz daily quoted Kutcher as telling a group of Israeli businessmen and entertainers on Saturday that Kabbalah

had answered fundamental questions in his life and made him a better actor.

Rabbis who specialize in Kabbalah have criticized the interest by non-Jewish celebrities in the subject.

Jewish tradition holds that Kabbalah is so powerful and complicated that only bonafide students may begin to approach it and then only after age 40. Among the elements of Kabbalah are mystical revelations.

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STILL GOING STRONG

ASHFORD AND SIMPSON say they are still going strong after four decades in show biz, and find it particularly gratifying to get close to their audience at their current gig.

The husband-and-wife team are appearing at the New York cabaret Feinstein's at the Regency through Sept. 29.

"You move differently than you do when you're filling the stage at Radio City," Nick Ashford said.

AP

Clooney presents award to Weintraub

GEORGE CLOONEY praised producer Jerry Weintraub as a good friend, then presented the maker of "Ocean's Eleven" and its sequels with the Lifetime Achievement Award at a Boston Film Festival tribute dinner.

"He is more than the consummate producer, he is one of the greatest friends you could ever have," Clooney, who starred in the film franchise, said Saturday while presenting the award at the

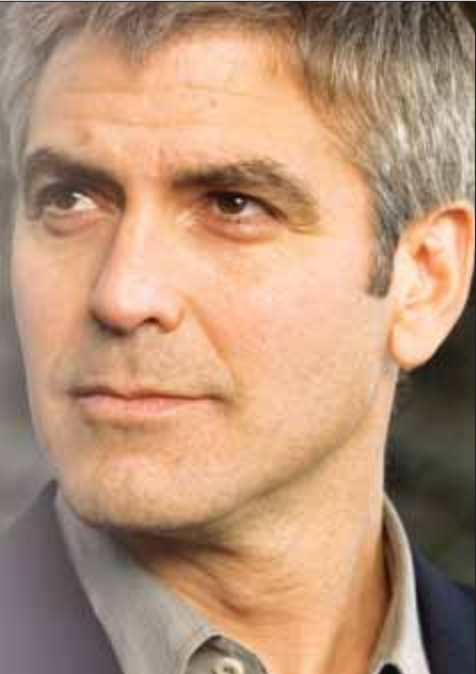
Intercontinental Hotel.

The 23rd Boston Film Festival opened Friday with John Cusack's film, "Grace is Gone." Previous festivals honored William H. Macy, Susan Sarandon and Jeff Bridges.

Weintraub, 69, said he was happy Clooney was on hand to present the award.

"I'm starting the second half of my life, so it is nice to get it now," Weintraub said.

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Take in the big picture, Aries

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Born Today
Actor John Ritter (1948)
Football player Mark Brunell (1970)
Mistress of the Dark Cassandra "Elvira" Peterson (1949)

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ How you see a situation could reflect your energy. If you feel energized, you are far more likely to tackle a situation head-on. Pressure builds, and you could spout a grumpy comment or two. Tonight: Take in the big picture.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Your creativity and ability to zoom in on a problem emerge. Don't underestimate someone in your life. Your view might need a touch of insight and enlightenment. Not everything is as you see it. Tonight: Listen to a close friend or associate.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Your perspective will change dramatically once others give you feedback. Evaluate honestly what you are hearing. At the moment, don't try to push to have your way. You certainly don't have the answers -- yet. Tonight: Say yes.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Emphasize accomplishment. Much might swirl around you like a whirlwind. Step out of the haze by prioritizing. If you are angry, try to exercise and work through the issue before approaching the other party. Tonight: Time to put your feet up.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You have more answers than you might be aware of. A situation might feel as if it is closing down on you, and it actually might be. Avoid risking, even if a friend seems to be pushing you in that direction. Tonight: Relax with a fun loved one.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ If you can work from home, please do. You have much to clear out, which you will do efficiently. How you deal with a changing situation depends on your flexibility. Don't allow others to force a decision. Tonight: Happily a couch potato.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Don't react, even though others might push you hard. More information pours in, forcing you to regroup. How you deal with a situation could change if you get some space. A brainstorming session draws diverse opinions. Tonight: Talk through an idea.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ You might want to hold back, as it appears that wherever you go, you run up more expenses. Play it conservatively, even if a partner is pushing you very hard. Tonight: Treat yourself to a CD or some other item that won't break the bank!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Though you might feel great, a fair number of hassles knock on your door. Even if you were the most diplomatic person in the world, you might have your share of run-ins. Stay centered. Tonight: Go for what you want.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Take an overview. Be the taciturn Goat and say little. Stay away from "hot" situations or volatile people. How you see a situation evolving could be different from how it appears to others. Tonight: Take time just for yourself!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Emphasize your goals, people and finding solutions. You will fight your share of challenges, as will many others. What separates you from them is your willingness to work through a problem in a novel manner. Tonight: Listen to a friend or loved one's ideas.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Togetherness might be nice but difficult. Others need you to step up to the plate. Know that whatever your choice, you will get some flak from some corner of the peanut gallery. With that in mind, relax. Tonight: A must appearance.

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1:55
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1:35, 4:25, 7:15, 10:05
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Brave One, The (R)
1:25, 2:45, 4:15, 5:30, 7:00, 8:30, 9:45
Mr. Bean's Holiday (G)
1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:10
Mr. Woodcock (PG-13)
1:10, 3:20, 5:35, 7:50, 10:15
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Nanny Diaries, The (PG-13)
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5:40, 7:50, 10:00
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OH...WELL, ANSWER THOSE PHONES.

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I'M IN DEEP, AREN'T I?

RIGHT UP TO THE GILLS, ARABESQUE BOY

Dog eat Doug

By Brian Anderson

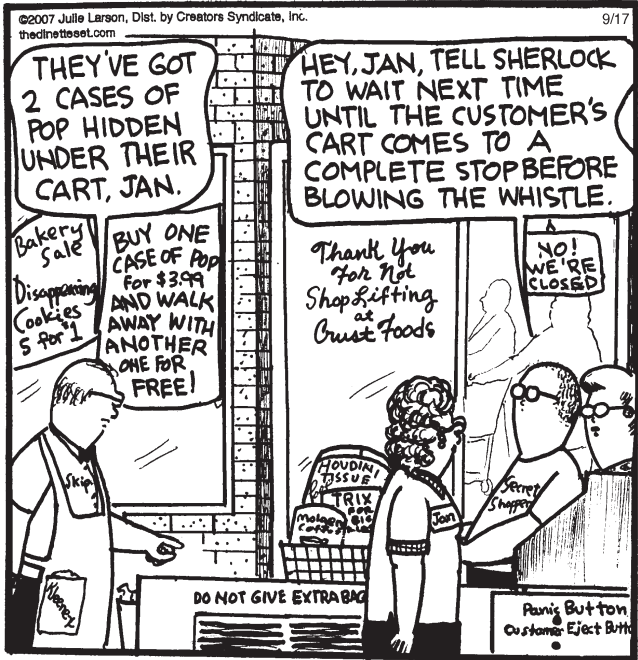
GENERAL, HOW COME I CAN'T STOP CHEWING UP DOUG'S STUFFED ANIMALS?

BECAUSE IT'S A TRAIT WE INHERITED FROM OUR WOLF ANCESTORS.

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

Sweden's army turned down 600 draftees in July, claiming that it did not have enough officers to supervise them, but about 350 of the conscripts launched a formal protest, demanding to serve. Said one, "I was upset. What was I going to do for a year?" The National Service Administration arranged for 100 of the draftees to get into the army anyway, with 160 others re-registering for the next round. The 14 branches of the Tari Bunia Bank in the South Pacific island of Vanuatu act as traditional banks (checking accounts, loans, mortgages), but also accommodate local tribesmen by accepting tusks, woven mats, shells, giant rocks and other items for deposit into individual accounts at traditional bartered rates. An additional benefit of taking in the items, according to a July BBC News dispatch, is that bank robberies are rare, thanks to the "spirits and snakes" guarding the artifacts.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1630 The city of Boston, Massachusetts, is founded.
- 1787 The United States Constitution is signed in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 1814 Francis Scott Key finishes his The Star-Spangled Banner poem.
- 1862 American Civil War: George B. McClellan halts the northward drive of Robert E. Lee's Confederate army in the single-day Battle of Antietam, the bloodiest day in American history.
- 1900 Philippine-American War: Filipinos under Juan Cailles defeat Americans under Colonel Benjamin F. Cheatham at Mabitac.
- 1920 National Football League is organized in Canton, Ohio, United States.
- 1967 Jim Morrison and The Doors defy CBS censors on The Ed Sullivan Show.
- 1972 The first episode of M*A*S*H premieres on CBS.
- 1976 The first Space Shuttle, Enterprise, was unveiled by NASA.
- 1978 The Camp David Accords were signed by Israel and Egypt.
- 1983 Vanessa Williams becomes the first black Miss America.
- 1984 Baseball: Reggie Jackson becomes the 13th member of the 500 home run club with a home run at Anaheim Stadium in Anaheim, California.
- 1988 Opening ceremony of the Games of the XXIV Olympiad in Seoul, South Korea.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071961545 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ZENVIRON-MENT, 209 MONTANA AVE. NO. 307, SANTA MONICA, CA. 90403. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : JOSEPH RICARDO RUIZ, 209 MONTANA AVE. NO. 307, SANTA MONICA, CA. 90403 This

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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071977962 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SCOOPE RE-SEARCH, 1549 11TH STREET, SUITE 209, SANTA MONICA, CA. 90401. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : VANESSA MARIE BENDETTI, 1549 11TH STREET SUITE 209, SANTA MONICA, CA. 90401 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)8/21/2007. /s/: VANESSA MARIE BENDETTI

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071928333 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MULTISERVICIOS EXPRESS, 5037 E. GOGUE AVE., BELL, CA. 90201. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : MULTISERVICIOS EXPRESS, 2940 W. LINCOLN AVE., UNIT 13, ANAHEIM, CA 92801 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: VICTOR GOROSTIETA

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071907042 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SALON OAX-ACA, 2112 S. OLIVE ST., LOS ANGELES, CA. 90007. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : JUAN MESTAS MENDEZ, 220 W. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BLVD, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90037 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: JUAN MESTAS MENDEZ

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071916819 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as RELIABLE BROKERS; AI #/ON 2923596, 3055 W. VALLEY BLVD., ALHAMBRA, CA 91803. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : RPR MANAGEMENT INC., 8421 CARRON DR., PICO RIVERA, CA 90660; JAS REALTY, INC., 2537 VIA CAMPO, MONTEBELLO, CA 90640 This Business is being conducted by, co-partners. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: RPR MANAGEMENT INC.; RAMIRO REGALADO, PRESIDENT; JAS REALTY INC., JORGE A. SANCHEZ

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071900113 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SOUTHERN CARNIVOROUS PLANTS, 110 S. ROSEMEAD BLVD, SUITE L, PASADENA, CA 91107. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : MICHAEL LU, 9414 EMPEROR AVE., TEMPLE CITY, CA 91780 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)9/1/2005. /s/: MICHAEL LU

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071896793 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as T COIN LAUNDRY, 4621 S. ROSEMEAD BLVD., PICO RIVERA, CA 90660. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : BUN TEA, 211 STAR BIRD DR., MONTEREY PARK, CA 91755 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)8/8/2007. /s/: BUN TEA

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071913814 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as VICTORY TRANSITIONAL HOUSE, 855 E. 119TH ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90059. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : CARMEL ANITA BOWDEN, 1007 E. GLADWICK ST., CARSON, CA 90746 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: CARMEL BOWDEN

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071961524 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PARALLEL 34, 6906 CLINTON ST. LOS ANGELES, CA. 90036. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : JAMES W. TALBOT, 6906 CLINTON ST. LOS ANGELES, CA. 90036 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)7/15/2007. /s/: JAMES W. TALBOT

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071960758 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MISO & JI, 7900 ALL AMERICAN CITY WAY, PARAMOUNT, CA 90723. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : JIN SOO JANG, 16315 HEARTLAND CT., LA MIRADA, CA 90638 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)5/1/2000. /s/: JIN SOO JANG

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071928453 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ANY DRAINS, 2321 SHERWAY ST., W. COVINA, CA 91790. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ROBERT A. HOYO, 2321 SHERWAY ST., W. COVINA, CA 91790 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: ROBERT A. HOYO

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071898078 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as AFTER-SCHOOL COMMUNITY TUTORING PROGRAM & FUNDRAISER; AFTERSCHOOL TUTORING PROGRAM; AFTERSCHOOL TUTORING PROGRAM & FUNDRAISER, 1202 W. 245TH ST., HARBOR CITY, CA 90710. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : DEBORAH MONTGOMERY, 1202 W. 245TH ST., HARBOR CITY, CA 90710 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: DEBORAH MONTGOMERY

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071916389 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ALLSTAR JUMP PARTY RENTALS, 8627 CALIFORNIA AVE., SOUTH GATE, CA 90280. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : AMPARO SANTOYO, 9337 DEARBORN AVE., SOUTH GATE, CA 90280 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)8/1/2007. /s/: AMPARO SANTORO

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071906157 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as WENWENNIE DESIGN STUDIO, 1084 SINALOA AVE., PASADENA, CA 91104. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : PEIWEN TSAI, 1084 SINALOA AVE., PASADENA, CA 91104 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: PEIWEN TSAI

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071915869 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CROSS ROADS CHURCH, 8473 S. WESTERN AVE., LOS ANGELES, CA 90047. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : WILLIAM T. JACKSON, JR., 17642 LOGAN-BERRY RD., CARSON, CA 90746 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: WILLIAM T. JACKSON, JR.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071896684 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LLB REAL ESTATE INVESTORS, 6774 LOS VERDES DR #6, RANCITO PALOS VERDES, CA 90275. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : LYNEL MCCAREY, 6774 LOS VERDES DR #6, RANCITO PALOS VERDES, CA 90275 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: LYNEL MCCAREY

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071970684 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as THE AYALA'S, SALVADOREAN RESTAURANT, 10953 VENICE BLVD. LOS ANGELES, CA. 90034. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : CARLOS A. AYALA, 3753 BAGLEY AVE. #6, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90034, JUAN I. AYALA, 3722 BAGLEY AVE. #16, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90034 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/: CARLOS A. AYALA, JUAN I. AYALA

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071905528 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ZAWADI IMPORTS, 12427 W. JEFFERSON BLVD. #213, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90066. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : LESLIE ANN SIMS, 12427 W. JEFFERSON BLVD. #213, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90066 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/: LESLIE ANNE SIMS

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20072012366 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as GRANADOS PRODUCE, 207 E. 87 ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90003. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : GRANADOS EGLA, 207 E. 87 ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90003 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/: EGLA GRANA-DOS
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20072022292 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as EMPRESARIO INVESTMENTS; AI #/ON C2923485, 424 N. LAKE AVE. #101, PASADENA, CA 91101. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : EMPRESARIO ENTER-PRISES, INC., 424 N. LAKE AVE. #101, PASADENA, CA 91101 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/: EMPRESARIO ENTER-PRISES, INC.; ROBERT ZAVALA; CEO
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20072002980 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as BMT PRO-DUCTIONS, 4945 DURFEE AVE., PICO RIVERA, CA 90660. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : AN-THONY BELO, 4945 DURFEE AVE., PICO RIVERA, CA 90660; DONALD MILLER, 4945 DURFEE AVE., PICO RIVERA, CA 90660; JUAN TORRES, 4945 DURFEE AVE., PICO RIVERA, CA 90660 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/: ANTHONY BELO; DONALD MILLER; JUAN TORRES
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071990332 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as BAVETTE'S GROOMING SPA, 16071 FRANCISQUITO AVE., VAL-INDA, CA 91744. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : MARICELA DAVITO, 16071 FRANCISQUITO AVE., VALINDA, CA 91744 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The regis-trant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)8/24/2007. /s/: MARICELA DAVITO
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071990332 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ZHAO AUTO SALES, 5827 ENCINITA AVE., TEMPLE CITY, CA 91780. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : GUOQIN ZHAO, 5827 ENCINITA AVE., TEMPLE

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CITY, CA 91780 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant com-menced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)8/2/2007. /s/: GUOQING, ZHAO
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20072062842 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as VIN B & COMPANY, 14364 OXNARD ST. VAN NUYS, CA. 91401. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : VICKEY BEGLARI, 909 GREEN TREE RD. PACIFIC PALISADES, CA. 90272 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/: VICKEY BEGLARI
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20072022291 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as STONECREEK CAPITAL MORTGAGE PASADENA; AI #/ON C2923485, 424 N. LAKE AVE. #101, PASADENA, CA 91101. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : EMPRESARIO ENTERPRISES INC., CALIFORNIA, 424 N. LAKE AVE. #101, PASADENA, CA 91101 This Business is being conducted by, a corpora-tion. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: EMPRESARIO ENTER-PRISES, INC.; ROBERT ZAVALA; CEO
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071980271 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ALLISON & PARTNERS, 2001 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD, STE. 501, SANTA MONICA, CA. 90403. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ALLISON BROWN HOLDINGS, INC. 505 SANSOME STREET, 7TH FLOOR, SAN FRANCISCO, CA. 94111 This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: The regis-trant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)9/1/2001. /s/: ALLISON BRWON HOLDINGS, INC. CO-FOUNDER & CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, ANDREW HARDIE-BROWN.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20072030955 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as FAST TRACK REALTY; AI #/ON 2403631, 10074 LESTERFORD AVE., DOWNEY, CA 90240. The full name of regis-trant(s) is/are : BEST RESULTS MORTGAGE COR-PORATION, CALIFORNIA, 3642 E. FLORENCE AVE., HUNTINGTON PARK, CA 90255 This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: Regis-trant has not yet begun to transact business un-der the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: BEST RESULTS MORTGAGE CORPORATION; CARMEN GRANADENO; PRESIDENT
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20072000766 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as EDEN SPA & NAILS, INC.; AI #/ON 2923306, 136 S. BEVERLY BLVD., BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90212. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : EDEN SPA & NAILS, INC., CALIFORNIA, 136 S. BEVERLY BLVD., BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90212 This Business is being con-ducted by, a corporation. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the ficti-tious business name or names listed on (Date)8/27/2007. /s/: EDEN SPA & NAILS, INC.; DIEP-MI NGOC TONG; CEO
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071884818 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as GLAMOUR NAILS, 11925 1/2 VENTURA BLVD., STUDIO CITY, CA 91604. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : TRINETTE TRAN, 3887 DELTA AVE., ROSEMEAD, CALIFORNIA 91770 This Business is being con-ducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fic-titious name or names listed herein.. /s/: TRI-NETTE TRAN
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20072062692 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MG FASHION NET, 301 W. VALLEY BLVD., UNIT 104, SAN GAB-RIEL, CA 91776. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : MICHELLE PANG, 4832 AGNES AVE., TEM-PLE CITY, CALIFORNIA, 91780 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Regis-trant has not yet begun to transact business un-der the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: MICHELLE PANG
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20072113832 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as WHOLE HU-MAN FINANCIAL, 965 LAKE ST. VENICE, CA. 90291. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : CARENNA WILLMONT, 965 LAKE ST. VENICE, CA. 90291 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: CARENNA WILMONT
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 200721005920 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CORPS ONLY, CORPORATIONS UNLIMITED, 468 N. CAM-DEN DR. SUITE 300L, BEVERLY HILLS, CA. 90210. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : TRENT CAMERON, 4211 W. 147TH ST. LAWDALE, CA. 90260 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/: TRENT CAMERON
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20072062693 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as TRENDY FULL SERVICE BEAUTY SALON, 887 N. LAKE AVE., PASADENA, CA 91104. The full name of regis-trant(s) is/are : MUI LAM LY, 240 E. AVENUE 41, LOS ANGELES, CA 90031 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The regis-trant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)9/1/2007. /s/: MUI LAM LY
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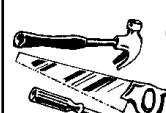
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