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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

Government Service Is Tougher Than You Think: City council member Yvonne Lamanna, 58, filed a worker compensation claim earlier this year against the city of Penn Hills, Pa., when she suffered a severe back injury as she took her seat at the Feb. 7 council meeting. And the chief minister of the Malaysian state of Kedah ordered all members of the legislature from his party to learn how to catch snakes so they will be ready to help people in distress. "Otherwise," he said in June, "they will be standing there watching helplessly as victims cry (out)."

TODAY IN HISTORY
Today is the 276th day of 2005. There are 89 days left in the year. Rosh Hashana, the Jewish New Year, begins at sunset.

On Oct. 3, 1863, President Lincoln declared the last Thursday in November Thanksgiving Day. In 1961, Roger Maris of the New York Yankees hit his 61st home run during a 162-game season, compared to Babe Ruth's 60 home runs during a 154-game season.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Ability: the art of getting credit for all the home runs somebody else hits."
CASEY STENGEL
AMERICAN BASEBALL MANAGER (1891-1975)

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Homeless fight to be formalized

Turn, turn, turn



Lissa Hakim (middle) performs "The Misirlou," a traditional Jewish folk dance, on Saturday at the Santa Monica Pier as part of the World Festival of Sacred Music.

Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Plans to incorporate may or may not include West LA

BY RYAN HYATT
Daily Press Staff Writer

KEN EDWARDS CENTER — The bureaucrats have found themselves mired in bureaucracy.

Government officials on the Westside have failed for the last three years to formally incorporate an entity to tackle one of the region's most pressing problems, homelessness. That's because a vital section of the region, West Los Angeles, has failed to sign on.

Members from the Westside Cities Council of Governments (COG) met on Thursday to discuss the most recent projects being undertaken in the area to help the homeless secure roofs over their heads. They also discussed their hope to become a legally recognized government association by the end of the year, in order to more effectively lobby on behalf of mutual concerns.

Santa Monica City Councilman Richard Bloom, who chaired the meeting, announced that "Bring LA Home," a comprehensive county plan to fight homelessness for the next 10 years, will not be released until February because newly elected Los Angeles Mayor

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LOCAL

Altercation at pier ends in fatal shooting

By Daily Press staff

SM BEACH — A Los Angeles man was shot to death near the Santa Monica Pier over the weekend.

On Sunday, shortly after midnight, Michael Leon Gatewood, a 25-year-old male, was killed near the lifeguard headquarters south of the pier. The shooting occurred following an altercation that police believe started after Gatewood punched a teen girl in the face.

Several suspects have been arrested, including a 17-year-old male who is believed to

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COMMUNITYPROFILES |

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

Paul Hernandez: Music is his life

BY JASMIN PERSCH

Special to the Daily Press

Paul Hernandez may run a business, but he doesn't consider himself a businessman. Musicians rarely do.

Hernandez, 65, is the president of the Santa Monica Music Center, which sells and rents instruments to the majority of the music students in the city.

He didn't start off as a small business owner, but rather a music teacher.

When Hernandez moved to Santa Monica from Hollywood in

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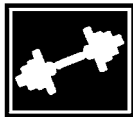
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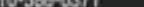
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★★★★-Dynamic ★★★★★-Positive ★★★-Average ★★-So-so ★-Difficult

 **ARIES (March 21-April 19)**
★★★ The Solar Eclipse opposite your sign could be particularly poignant if you are within a week of your half-birthday right now. Other Rams still might feel its impact in one month, three months and six months. Interpersonal ties are about to transform — ultimately for the better! Tonight: Be available.

 **TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**
★★ You might feel that your energy is off no matter what you do or what you take on. You can make this a problem or simply flow with the moment. Be sensitive to those in your daily life. The Eclipse could hit them hard. Tonight: Yes, be a coach potato.

GEMINI (May 21–June 20) ★★★★★ Whether your creativity and imagination have been high or low, today's Solar Eclipse heralds a transformation in your creative product. If you are single, a love affair could tap you on the shoulder in the next few months. Offspring could also act up. Tonight: Enjoy your life.

 **CANCER (June 21-July 22)**
★★ You are the sign of home and family. Today's Eclipse will stimulate the domestic area of your chart. You will find that much goes on within your personal life in the next few months. Some might make an investment in real estate. Tonight: Head home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Whether you realize it or not, you might be changing your daily patterns in the next few months. Some might choose a new, zippy car; others could choose a simpler item. You will ultimately feel very good with this transformation. Tonight: Hang out; swap the day's tales.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Use extreme caution with your finances in the next few months. You could experience some dramatic financial changes, from winning the lottery to having a big bill drop on you. Someone might take advantage of you. Tonight: Pay bills.

 **LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**
★★★★★ Today's Eclipse in your sign might be particularly powerful for those born within a week of today. A career change or an adjustment in a relationship becomes a strong possibility in the following months. If you feel drained, slow down. Tonight: Play it according to how you feel.

 **SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**
★★ Investigate more of your feelings. Sometimes you suppress your emotions. Get more in touch with your inner self. Think about processing things in a new way. You are more open than you realize. Tonight: Do some soul-searching.

 **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**
★★★★ Rethinking goals and long-term commitments might not be what you want to do in the next few months, but it will be one of your major concerns. You might decide to broaden your horizons and somehow change your circle of friends. Tonight: Find your pals.

 **CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**
★★★ You might want to consider how much of a commitment you would like to make to your work or to community involvement. You will make changes soon enough, either getting more responsibility or choosing more free time. Tonight: Out late.

 **AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**
★★★★ You re-evaluate your inner direction and your choices. Your sense of humor comes through, no matter who you encounter. A family member or domestic matter tests your patience. Detach. Tonight: Experiment with new ideas.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ A partnership will be changing in the next few months. You will find that this person's outlook and willingness to share transforms. You need to adjust, communicate and be open. Tonight: At another's beck and call! (Just tonight.)



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LOCAL



Mystery photo



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The first person to identify where this photo was taken will win a prize. E-mail answers to editor@smdp.com.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SMC awarded \$1 million for nursing students

By Daily Press staff

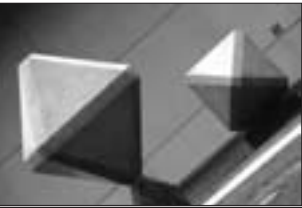
Santa Monica College has received a \$1 million grant to ensure nursing students will complete their difficult programs and state licensing exam. The grant money came from Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger’s nurse education initiative, which awarded 19 California community colleges \$30 million in total. The money will be used to offer the students tutoring, counseling and a nursing education specialist who can assist students in classes and labs, said Ida Danzey, assistant dean of health sciences. About 88 percent of the students who complete the program pass the state licensing exam, according to school officials.

Tennis anyone?

By Daily Press staff

The fall session of the National Junior Tennis League (NJTL) for children ages 8-17 began last week. The program fee is \$7 for the entire eight-week session and is held at Santa Monica’s Memorial Park, located on 14th Street between Colorado

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Donald Battle is this week’s mystery photo winner. Battle accurately described that this photo was taken outside of the science building at Santa Monica College. Battle has won a Santa Monica Daily Press baseball cap. Check out today’s edition for this week’s mystery photo contest.

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Write us at alex@smdp.com and tell us what the surf is doing today at your local break.

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The Q Line

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More than 40 residents turned out last week to voice their concerns over a recent report on future development and traffic plans for Santa Monica. They demanded that elected leaders put into effect a “zero” to “minimal” growth policy for the city over the next 20 years. In light of the controversy, city officials are urging staff to make sure the public’s comments are heard as the land-use plans move forward.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know, “How can City Hall best understand and represent the will of citizens in formulating development plans for the future of Santa Monica?”

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OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don't feed the bears

Editor:

I was reading the paper the last couple days, and I'm amazed at the lack of understanding on the city of Santa Monica's part to deal with homeless, illegal immigrants and pretty much anyone else who's an "unwanted" or a blight on the city, or cause of lowering property values, higher crime rate and on and on ... and draining the city's resources all at once with nothing in return from them.

In towns close to the mountains where there are animals that are dangerous to humans such as bears, they have strict rules that people keep the things that they like away and unattainable.

Do what does Santa Monica do? Instead of keeping things out of reach of the high crime/drain on society folks, they hand-feed it to them. They build housing for them so that more homeless will come. And my favorite, they are building toilets for the illegal immigrants so they don't s--t on your sidewalks. Rather than a simple and much more cost effective solution — one phone call to immigration.

Jesus, at least build all this stuff on the West LA border instead of around the beaches where the tourists want to come.

Santa Monica is feeding the bears. Can't wait until someone's hand is bitten off.

Art Haynie
Venice

Honor our vets with a roof over their heads

Editor:

I would like to thank everyone who in the past weeks have come out by the hundreds in support of our nation's veterans when the series of public meetings were called to discuss the disposition of the West Los Angeles VA on Wilshire Boulevard.

For decades, since I returned from Vietnam, it has been my sadness to see so many veterans destitute on our streets knowing that there is a branch of the government whose charter mandates that this should never be — homeless veterans on our streets. That's why the "Old Soldiers Home" was deeded by the settling families DeBaker and Jones, and conceived the site to begin with in the 1800s.

Since then however, the intent of the gift has been diluted to include other uses, and today developers are lining up to utilize land that was set aside for all time. It would be easier to accept the notion that these efforts will benefit the veteran population and their families, but when one stops to consider that a recent survey puts the number of homeless veterans at some 18,000 on the streets of LA, then one might ask why should we trust anyone else now?

I see a great potential for benefits to veterans and their families when companies like Genentec and Amgen are considered for operations at these sites — one, because they are strong financially and two, because their pioneering technology in health care give hope for those gravely injured in the line of duty in VA care. I am torn in half to say that I oppose any further parceling out of West LA VA land, yet say we need better care for those most affected by the cost of war, when these companies might some day alleviate the suffering of veterans in their pioneering work should they direct their science to the VA health care system.

Today it is not enough to say that during this reassessment period, there will be an increase of 100 or 200 beds and room for 500 homeless. What needs to be said is the construction and renovation at the VA will not stop until the site is at peak occupancy and programs are in place to see to it that those who can will indeed stand on their own because of the VA, not in spite of it.

I know there are very dedicated people who work and learn at the VA throughout the country, and to them I for one am eternally thankful for what they do. Together we must continue to do more. Not in the spirit of "it's the least we can do," but in the spirit of "we will do all that is in need of being done."

There is a war on, the numbers of the injured are steady and increasing it seems. There are families at home who are collateral victims of the conflict, and recently the VA ran out of money for its budget and emergency appropriations were allotted. That must tell someone something — that there is greater need than before. Let's begin fixing that by saying we will all work together.

So let the word go out, "this land is my land, this land is your land" but this land is the place where "he who has borne the weight of battle" may seek refuge and calm, and his widow and his orphan.

Stewart Resmer
Santa Monica

Where's the separation of church and state?

Editor:

After reading the community briefs column (SMDP, Sept. 23, page 3), I was both amazed and upset with two articles printed, one about SMC openly offering "free" ESL classes to anyone in the greater LA area, and SMC offering free seminars on Buddhist life. First of all, any school should first offer free classes to its taxpaying citizens, who provide the district with its so-called "scarce" budget funding, and not to non-contributing outsiders, regardless of whether or not school officials feel that they are worthy of extra consideration because they cannot speak or read English. They should pay for their education like anyone else in our society, or get it somewhere else. SMC's Buddhist program, on the other hand, is a total insult to all of us, by offering a class on Buddhist life exclusively at a state-funded school, clearly a violation of the strict church and state doctrine, and further offensive to all others who are not Buddhist, such as Jews, Christians, Protestants, Lutherans, Catholics, etc.

Cancel the classes.

Jane Wright
Santa Monica

Quality of life in Santa Monica is one big sham



MY WRITE

BY BILL BAUER

There is no question that many of the city's policies are based on some kind of fuzzy think, pro-Utopian, let's-change-society mindset.

Santa Monica is going to solve the world's social problems and show the rest of the world "how it's done." If you disagree with the way things are done, City Hall knows how to deal with you.

City Hall's vision of Santa Monica is a friendly, sustainable city that's here to serve humanity — maybe not us, but definitely everyone else. Traffic management discourages use of the family car for light rail, bus and bicycle modes of transportation.

When it comes to development, more housing is imperative. Mixed-use projects — a combination of both affordable and market rate housing with small retail — are desirable.

Sprawl is bad so extra height and added density is desirable, as long as a project is pedestrian or street friendly. And because we don't want to encourage private cars, less on-site parking is de rigueur.

You'll notice City Hall doesn't seem to mind that these policies add more people, increase traffic and exacerbate crowding in an already dense city.

Unfortunately everything City Hall tries to "social manage," fails. Take the homeless problem. Hundreds of millions of dollars have been spent over the last quarter century for homeless services, and we have more vagrants than ever.

Affordable housing encouraged and built by City Hall has, for the most part, gone to non-residents and foreign nationals. Some of these projects also have well-earned reputations for illegal activity, ranging from drug dealing to gang activities.

When City Hall doesn't want the pesky public to get in the way, politicians and city staff employ all kinds of games to make sure that their agenda goes forward.

Just recently, Lincoln Boulevard merchants complained they weren't informed of a City Council meeting wherein City Hall was planning to remove their parking lanes for bus and bicycle lanes. Failing to publicize controversial issues is one way they try to keep us in the dark. Then, they can "sneak something by" and hope we

don't notice.

Only one posting is required to meet the public notice requirement. Here in Santa Monica that one "official posting place" is on a clipboard hanging in the lobby of the new public safety facility.

I can think of a dozen issues when public notice was suspect. But nothing beats the back-room dealing between city officials and Macerich Co. about the redevelopment of Santa Monica Place. That took a court order filed by a citizen's group to force City Hall to surrender public documents related to the massive project.

How about the meetings held to get public input on matters? Having attended dozens of them, they're almost always used by city staff and interested council persons to propagandize their position and sell us on how wonderful their project is.

Public task force members are made up of political cronies and politicians. Whether it be the Civic Center Task Force or the recent Downtown Parking Task Force — it's always a couple of council persons, a couple of planning commissioners and a few representatives from vested interests. Believe me, they don't want to hear from the average citizen, either.

And when a controversial issue finally gets before the City Council, special interest buddies are recruited to show up and praise the project. When an unpopular project is approved, they say, "Everybody was for it" and if you complain, they say, "You'll get used to it and learn to like it."

A much maligned proposed community park on the 1500 block of Euclid Street was almost universally despised by neighbors. It was still forced through a few months ago by an arrogant City Council and smug staff who knew best for the neighborhood.

New city-wide design standards and updated street and zoning codes are in the works for the revised city general plan. Watch for secret deals, back room bargaining and more lack of public disclosure.

There are big bucks at stake. And, the new general plan will define the cityscape 20 to 40 years into the future.

Keep your eyes open, watch out for the wool and be ready to speak your mind, or you might get stuck with something you don't want to live with for the rest of your life.

(Bill Bauer, a Santa Monica resident, is a volunteer for the Santa Monica chapter of the American Red Cross and is currently deployed in the Gulf region.)

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Bike hike



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

About 200 cyclists arrived in Santa Monica Saturday, ending their eight-day ride from San Francisco. The group rode as part of an effort to raise \$1 million for the Arthritis Foundation.

COG to explore ways to become more action-oriented

COG, from page 1

Antonio Villaraigosa wants to be certain the plan is comprehensive enough to ensure success, he said.

Meanwhile, officials expressed concern that a proposal they support to convert some of the Veteran Administration's under-utilized buildings at its West LA campus into a full-service homeless shelter could fall on deaf ears in Washington, perhaps because their group has no legal clout to endorse the plan.

"How are we best going to deal with Washington, so we're not ignored?" Culver City Councilwoman Carol Gross asked the COG on Thursday.

The VA is re-evaluating the use of its facilities nationwide in order to modernize its health care system, according to officials. They are concerned the VA leadership in Washington may be tempted by developers to put the West LA campus on the auction block as a way to create revenue for the VA's struggling health care system.

However, hundreds of concerned citizens, veterans and elected leaders from across Southern California showed up at Wadsworth Theatre earlier this month to express their hopes that the VA's sprawling 387-acre campus be used for veteran services. In particular, a vast majority of participants at the meeting urged local VA officials to endorse a plan by Santa Monica City Councilman Bobby Shriver, who is calling for the VA's abandoned buildings to house 300 to 500 homeless veterans.

COG members asked Santa Monica city staff, which organizes the meetings, to look at ways the informal group may be

able to promote the Shriver plan in Washington.

Also, while indicating they would prefer West LA to join their organization, COG members said steps needed to be taken to incorporate by their next meeting. West LA has taken years to make its decision on whether to join the group, and officials said this delay has been limiting the organization's efforts as a result.

"Technically, we're not able to act as a group, and to some extent that's to LA's benefit," said West Hollywood Mayor Pro Tempore John Heilman. "We are powerful Westside cities and must continue on the path (to incorporate), otherwise we will not be effective."

Representatives for West LA, speaking on behalf of officials including Los Angeles Fifth District Councilman Jack Weiss and 11th District Councilman Bill Rosendahl, said they wanted to join the COG, but the size of the city to which they belonged required a level of bureaucracy that made the process leading to their participation seem slow.

"We're the big elephant," said Debbie Dyner, Weiss' district director.

The explanation wasn't sufficient for other COG members, who decided to have legal paperwork prepared in time for their next meeting. At that point, they plan to proceed with incorporation with or without West Los Angeles.

West Hollywood Mayor Abbe Land also asked Santa Monica city staff to investigate how the COG can focus less on re-hashing reports and more on developing a work plan that will make the group more action-oriented.



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Police believe suspect fired a warning shot

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have been the shooter.

On Oct. 2, at 12:08 a.m., Santa Monica police officers responded to the Santa Monica Pier regarding a fight. Additional information indicated a subject was seen firing a gun in the air.

Numerous officers immediately responded to that initial call. A responding supervisor arrived and heard three to four shots coming from the 1600 block of the beach. He and other officers observed several people running from the beach east-bound toward Ocean Front Walk. These people were detained.

Witnesses came forth, including a friend of the victim, saying a man had been shot and was lying on the sand. Officers went to that location to find the victim, later identified as Gatewood, a 25-year-old male from Los Angeles. Gatewood was transported to a local hospital, where he died at 1:05 a.m. He appeared to have been shot about six times, mostly grazing wounds, but apparently suffered one fatal wound underneath the armpit.

Police say information from witnesses and associates indicate Gatewood belonged to the Los Angeles-based gang known as the "Playboy Gangsta Crips." Police say this information coincided with a "PGC" tattoo observed on his body. It is unclear, however, whether the altercation leading to his death was gang-related. Police believe the suspects and victim all knew each other.

Two of the suspects seen fleeing the sand were detained in the 1670 beach parking lot. One of these suspects, a 17-year-old male, was identified as the suspect seen shooting a firearm into the air while on the pier. The second suspect, a female juvenile, was running off the sand with the shooter. A handgun was found beneath a car in the 1670 beach parking

lot in close proximity to their detention and arrest.

At the jail, the male suspect was found to have an empty holster tucked into his pants.

Two other individuals were arrested for possibly collaborating with the male and female suspects. Both were male adults. A decision to seek criminal charges against these two subjects is pending.

None of the suspects are from Santa Monica.

Police sealed off the area to conduct their investigation. A bullet casing matching the caliber of the recovered firearm was found on the pier in the area where the witness said he heard a shot fired and observed the suspect with a handgun.

Following the preliminary investigation, police say they believe the victim had a fight with the male and female suspects. The victim of the shooting reportedly punched the female in the face, after which a struggle ensued with the suspected shooter.

During the fight, police believe the male suspect pulled out a handgun and fired a round in the air to intimidate the victim. Police say the dispute made its way down onto the sand, near lifeguard headquarters, where the male suspect shot the victim.

Police report the two primary suspects are believed to know each other, although their exact relationship is undetermined. A total of 14 associates of both the victim and suspects were present at the beach and interviewed by police. The investigation is ongoing.

The primary male suspect was booked for murder and was transported to a juvenile facility.

Anyone with additional information is encouraged to contact the robbery/homicide unit of the Santa Monica Police Department at (310) 458-8451 or the watch commander's office at (310) 458-8426.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Avenue and Olympic Boulevard. Classes are held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The program is made possible with the support of the Southern California Tennis Association and the Amateur Athletic Federation.

For more information call (310) 358-3393. Information and registration forms also may be obtained by visiting www.SantaMonicaTennis.com. Late registrants are welcome as there are still spaces available.

Make a break for it

By Daily Press staff

Want to learn how to break into the "industry?"

The Santa Monica College Academy of Entertainment & Technology's entertainment industry speaker series continues in October covering acting, writing and voice-overs.

SMC's Mary Pickford Speakers Series features free lectures that are held at 7 p.m. Mondays at SMC's Academy of Entertainment & Technology's screening room, 1660 Stewart St. The lineup for October is:

■ Oct. 3: "The Business of Acting" featuring Brad Lemack, founder and president of Lemack & Company Public Relations/Management and author of "The Business of Acting."

■ Oct. 17: "How a Writing Team is Born," featuring Matthew Federman & Stephen Scaia, writers for "The West Wing" and "Judging Amy."

■ Oct. 24: "How to Become a Voice-Over Actress," featuring Michelle Roth, whose credits include "Toy Story," "Frasier" and "The Nanny," as well as the Care Bear cartoon characters.

Seating is on a first-arrival basis. Call (310) 434-3777.



KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

“Know before you go” is a weekly update on construction projects throughout Santa Monica. Here are the government-initiated projects for the week of Oct. 3:

Pier structural rehabilitation, phase II

About a 150-foot-long stretch of the westbound lane, just west of Bubba Gump Shrimp Co., will be inaccessible to pedestrian and vehicular traffic from Oct. 3 until Oct. 17. Eastbound lane will be available for use — with caution.



Diversion unit installation

Installation of low-flow diversion unit on Ashland Avenue, between Main Street and Neilson Way. There will be detour signs posted around the work area.

Montana Avenue storm drain repair

Repair of an existing outlet structure, several drainage facilities and approximately 200 square feet of asphalt near the 1550 beach parking lot. The project will include construction of 24-inch and 63-inch reinforced concrete pipes. Portions of the bike path will be used during construction. Follow posted detour signs.

Marine Street utility undergrounding

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

Cingular telecommunications lines

Cingular is installing telecommunication lines on San Vicente Boulevard from 17th to 19th streets; San Vicente Boulevard from Fourth Street to 100 feet west of Fourth Street; and Fourth Street from San Vicente Boulevard to the alley south of San Vicente Boulevard. There will be detours around the work areas.

Civic Center parking structure

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

Electrical vault installation

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

Gas company main replacement

Southern California Gas Co. is replacing a 4-inch main on San Vicente Boulevard, between 17th and 16th streets; 17th Street, between San Vicente Boulevard and Georgina Avenue; Georgina Avenue, between 17th and 16th streets; and 16th Street, between San Vicente Boulevard and Georgina Avenue.

Main Library

Construction is underway on the new main library, located at 601 Santa Monica Blvd. There is currently no sidewalk access on Santa Monica Boulevard, Sixth and Seventh streets, adjacent to the project.

Memorial and Los Amigos parks building replacement

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

On-Fiber telecommunications lines

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

Street and park lighting project

The work is currently scheduled to occur on 23rd Street from Santa Monica Boulevard to Arizona Avenue; California Avenue from Second to Seventh streets; and Ocean Avenue from Montana Avenue to California Avenue; as well as Marine, Clover and Douglas parks.

Traffic signal upgrade

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

Virginia Avenue Park

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

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



ANNA'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT-Celebrating its 36th anniversary, Anna's has become a landmark in West LA with its famous pastas, pizza, veal, prime beef, chicken, seafood, appetizers and salads all at surprisingly reasonable prices. A must try is the minestrone soup, considered the best around. Owners Andy and Tony are always on hand and many of their friendly staff have been with them since their opening in 1969. Come and experience the best in Roman cuisine (Southern & Northern Italian). Full selection of beer, wine and cocktails. Lunch: Monday-Friday 11:30-4pm, Dinner: 4:30pm nightly. 10929 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles. (310) 474-0102.

BENIHANA-For more than 40 years Benihana chefs have been cooking up a feast on the hibachi grill. Steak, chicken, seafood and vegetables are all prepared teppan-style "right before your eyes". Start your meal with a sushi appetizer, then relax and enjoy the show while sipping exotic cocktails served in collectible ceramic mugs. Open every day for lunch and dinner, valet parking nightly at the corner of 4th and Broadway. 1447 4th St., between Broadway and Santa Monica Blvd. (310) 260-1423.

BIG DEAN'S CAFE-Where the 'locals' meet and the 'fun-loving' tourists always return! Come enjoy our highly acclaimed beach fare, beer, and wine at the best people watching place on the beach. Music, satellite sports, 2 outdoor patios, and smoking allowed. This nostalgic eatery has been here since 1902! The prices are reasonable and children are welcome. Now serving breakfast. Also serving lunch and dinner. 1615 Ocean Front, Santa Monica. (310) 393-2666.

BRITANNIA PUB-This English pub has a traditional charm with a Californian flair. Traditional British breakfast is served all day along with all your American favorites. Fish & Chips (our biggest seller) is a must try along with Bangers & Mash and Shepherds Pie or go American with our assortment of appetizers, burgers, salads, soups and sandwiches. We also serve our own hand cut fries. Join us after the restaurant closes for Quiz night, Karaoke, and DJ nights. We now have a late night menu available 10pm-1:30am. Outdoor patio, pool table, full bar, Gold Award from Guinness. Hours: 11am-10pm Monday-Friday, 9:30am-10pm Saturday and Sunday. 318 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica. (310) 458-5350.

BUCCA di BEPPO-gets to the heart of Southern Italian cooking with authentic, family-style recipes like Chicken Parmigiana, Shrimp Scampi, and Tortelloni. Dishes are available in Buca Small portions for 2 or more people, and Buca Large for 4 or more. The full menu is available for curb-side take out; we'll deliver your order right to your car! Located one block off the Promenade at 1422 2nd St, Santa Monica. Call 310-587-EATS for reservations and take out.

CASA ESCOBAR-This family owned institution in Santa Monica has been serving excellent food since 1965. A friendly bar and dinner house frequented by the "locals" and tourists alike. We feature the best Mexican dishes in town. Among the favorites are the crispy beef tacos, spinach enchiladas and our house-cut NY Strip steaks on the grill. Our full bar is home of the famous Casa Escobar Margarita-a winner! While at the bar, enjoy our classic piano bar along with cable TV. Valet Parking available. All major credit cards. Open lunch and dinner. 2500 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica. (310) 828-1315.

GLADSTONE'S MALIBU-One of SoCal's busiest seafood restaurants; a million visitors each year. A landmark known for its fresh seafood, live lobsters and crab, and its famous Mile High Chocolate Cake. Gladstone's ocean-front location offers diners huge portions and a casual atmosphere. Dine inside or on the outside deck with unbelievable views and waves of fun. Gladstone's "Good Vibrations" Live Music, 6pm-8:30pm every Friday night, all summer long. Lunch, dinner daily; Saturday and Sunday brunch. 17300 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu. (310) GL4-FISH.

JOHNNIES-The Best Little Neighborhood Italian Restaurant. Come in to our new location and enjoy Traditional or Stuffed pastas, Mile High Salads, Grinders, Roman Style Sandwiches, Hearty Calzones, and New York Style Thin Crust Pizza, in a relaxing neighborhood setting. When you're looking for a reasonably priced, traditional Italian meal with authentic New York attitude, Johnnies delivers. Hours: Sunday-Thursday 11am-10pm and Friday and Saturday 11am-11pm. Dine In, Take Out and Delivery. 1456 Third Street Promenade, Santa Monica. (310) 395-9062.

OVERUNDER SPORTS GRILL-Located on the corner of 14th Street and Santa Monica Blvd., OVERUNDER features 12 draft beers and a fine selection of wine making it a great place to watch any and all of your favorite teams. The house specialty is the Philadelphia cheese steak. OVERUNDER also offers great burgers, salads, Mexican food and more. OVERUNDER is the viewing home for the Cleveland Browns and strongly supports the Lakers, Clippers, Dodgers, and Kings. Frequent food and beer specials are also offered at OVERUNDER Sports Grill. All football, baseball, and basketball games are televised via satellite for every team. 1348 14th Street, Santa Monica. (310) 576-9913.

PANINI GARDEN-This authentic European eatery serves traditional Italian and French style food. Panin style sandwiches grilled on a cast-iron panini grill that seals all the savory flavors inside a bread envelope of your choice, from very soft and thin like the tramezzini, soft and crispy for the al forno and crusty for the rustico. A large selection of meats and cheeses, organic produce, fresh and healthy combinations of menu items to enjoy everyday have made PANINI GARDEN the local's favorite. In addition, delicious crepes are served all day, for breakfast or just dessert, it is always a treat. The setting is quiet in the lavender garden with the bubbling fountain. Hours: 8am-9pm Sunday-Thursday, 8am-10:30pm Friday and Saturday. 2715 Main Street, Santa Monica. (310) 399-9939.

THE GALLEY-Rediscover Service - Rediscover The Galley. Visit Captain Ron at what Zagat Guide refers to as the place to go for "marvelous" steaks and "stiff drinks". NOW OPEN FOR LUNCH ON THE WEEKENDS AT NOON featuring 1/4 lb. Kosher hot dogs with fries served at the bar for \$2.00 until July 31st. GREAT PATIO DINING. All fresh fish from Santa Monica Seafood and the best tuna salad sandwiches you will ever get at any restaurant! Capt. Ron will walk the plank if you don't agree! Hours: 5pm-until Capt. Ron gets tired Monday-Friday, noon until the party stops Saturday and Sunday. 2442 Main Street, Santa Monica. (310) 452-1934.

THE OMELETTE PARLOR-For 28 years The Omelette Parlor has been offering the finest in breakfast fare. With high fluffy omelettes, super sandwiches, and the freshest of salads, it's more than breakfast. Enjoy your day on our garden patio and experience the friendliness of service. Quality and value prevail forever at The Omelette Parlor. We open everyday at 6am. Come early! Hours: 6am-2:30pm Monday-Friday, 6am-4pm Saturday and Sunday. 2732 Main Street, Santa Monica. (310) 399-7892.

THE SLICE-A true neighborhood pizzeria serving authentic New York pizza & buffalo wings. We also offer a selection of hot & cold subs, pastas and salads. You can also create your own calzone. Eat in, take out, or delivery. Catering is available. Hours: open daily 11am-9pm. Visit one of our three locations: 915 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica (310) 451-7542, 1622 Ocean Park Blvd., Santa Monica (310) 399-4060, 13151 Fountain Park Drive, Playa Vista (310) 437-7499.

VIOLET-At Violet restaurant the atmosphere is casual, comfortable, and, like its cuisine, is uncluttered. Chef Jared Simons' flavorful small plate fare has something to suit everyone, from light eaters to those with a taste for a more robust fare. The Braised Short Ribs with Shallot Potatoes (\$14.50) melt apart while the Multi-Colored Beet Salad with Eel delights with Kumquat and Ginger Vinaigrette (\$9) and the favorite among the regulars is the Baked Macaroni and Gruyere Cheese with Serrano Ham (\$7.50). Unique selection of new and old world wines by the bottle, glass or flight as well as an impressive list of domestic & imported artisan beers. Hours: Lunch: Tuesday-Friday, 11:30am-2pm. Dinner: Tuesday-Friday, 6pm-10pm & Saturday and Sunday, 5:30pm-10pm. 3221 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica. www.violetrestaurant.com (310) 453-9113.

COMMUNITY
PROFILES

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1969, he taught 50 drum students on the second floor of someone else’s music store on 50th Street and Crenshaw Boulevard.

The music store eventually went out of business, and he was sucked into taking over in 1971 even though it wasn’t what he wanted. He pulled his brother, Victor Hernandez, into the business three years later to manage the accounting.

It wasn’t until 1980 that Hernandez founded the Santa Monica Music Center, which moved from Lincoln Boulevard to the corner of Santa Monica Boulevard and 19th Street nearly seven years ago.

The focus of the center has always been on youth. It offers special classes to toddlers and even babies as young as three months to introduce children to music as early as possible. The center also gives students special deals such as “rent to own,” which allows their money for renting an instrument to go into buying one.

Hernandez is a strong believer that music can help reduce violent tendencies in children because it teaches them cooperation, he said.

As financial support for youth learning music, the center donates \$4,000 in free music lessons to underprivileged children each year.

The center has also attracted children of stars including John Travolta, John Candy and British comedian and singer Tracey Ullman. Some of its celebrity customers have been Tim Meadows from “Saturday Night Live” and Don Cheadle, the main character in the movie “Hotel Rwanda.”

Hernandez has been a jazz drummer for a majority of his life. He played in numerous jazz bands, including The Village Stompers in the 1960s; on the Vegas Strip in the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s; and in his own band, the Chico Hernandez Big Band, a play on his nickname “Chico,” he said.

Hernandez started drumming when he was 4 years old and still performs today.

He lives with his wife in an Ocean Park apartment building, where his brother and his wife and his daughter and her husband live as well.

Hernandez said he has only been able to live in Santa Monica because his building is rent-controlled.

The rent of his storefront has been rising, but overall, he said business has treated him well in Santa Monica.

Even the schools taking music educa-

tion out of the curriculum doesn’t affect the health of his store.

“It’s a win-win situation,” Hernandez said. “If schools abolish music programs, we are inundated with people who want to take lessons. If they have strong music programs, students need instruments and private lessons.”

Hernandez said students come for private instructions because they don’t get one-on-one instruction at school, where they mainly practice with the entire orchestra.

Music may be his passion, but Hernandez also is a photographer and has dabbled in politics. He was a board member of the chamber of commerce in 1992 and is currently on City Hall’s performing arts commission, he said.

He recently sat down with the Daily Press to discuss his passions in life.

What sets your music store apart from others?

“Basically because we are a small business and operated in that manner, in other words, close, personal relationships with our students and our teachers and customers that come into the music store. And people sense that and appreciate it. We have quality instruments and quality music lessons with teachers that are all qualified. We have been doing this a long time in Santa Monica, for 32 years. People who know that, it also tells them something, that we must be doing something right to be around that long. Most of the people that come here, because we are in music, we are musicians. Myself, I have a good sense of humor. It’s kind of a fun atmosphere. People enjoy their lessons and just the camaraderie. The attitude is kind of a fun, non-uptight way of operating our business. Operating the business in that way has its pluses and minuses, but mostly pluses. The fact that our business is for musicians and run by musicians (is different from) someone who’s come into the business from another line of work and run a music school and music store like you’d run a shoe store or something.

“People who are musicians, who buy music, who are music lovers, we tend to feel sympathetic with them (and) understand exactly what their interests are. We know how to communicate our ideas to them and vice versa. Most music stores that have lessons, they are a music store that’s interested in marketing and selling at retail level instruments, and the music instruction part of it is almost an afterthought. We’re just the opposite. We always have been

from the start. We were a music education facility first. And the only reason why we got into the retail region gradually was because of the demand from our students and also to meet the demands of the school system to rent quality instruments. We’re first of all an instructional institution, and that’s why our studios are in such good shape as they are in and the store is the second part of the business.”

How does your music center give back to the community?

“In actuality, we do a lot of things. No. 1: We help parent organizations raise money by auctions. We give gift certificates for lessons and/or instruments for them to auction off. We donate that. We deal with a couple of organizations that help underprivileged children obtain music lessons, and we work with them in that manner too.”

Why do the majority of students buy instruments from your store?

“People trust us and the teachers recommend us because they’ve known us for many, many, many years because we’ve been around a long time. So they know we have integrity, no. 1. No. 2: Most other music stores around sell guitars, drums and keyboards. We are, I don’t know if I can say only, but yeah, the only real, well-supplied, quality band and orchestra instrument store on the Westside. And, with our Culver City store, we do that over there too.”

Why is music education important?

“Sports can be a real good thing in a child’s life if something is wrong with it, but generally speaking, it teaches competition, which I suppose is good to be well-versed in America, but opposed to music, which really teaches cooperation more. To be in an orchestra or even to be in a band, it’s all about cooperation. You cooperate with the other musicians to make music. Whereas with a football game, as an example, it’s really set up as a mini-war game. There’s the offense, and there’s the defense. You charge at one another and bang into one another. I think that we’re a little out of balance with that in our education system. Not in Santa Monica, but in the rest of Los Angeles County. They need more music and perhaps less emphasis on contact sports. And also, with my experience in teaching children in general and especially at-risk kids in other communities. If there’s more music and parental involvement in a child’s life at an early age, then they’ll be

less problems later on. That’s one of the reasons why we focus on the ‘Mommy and Me’ classes at such a young age, ’cause the earlier you teach a child the good things in life, the better you have them absorb it at that time and helps to develop their core personality.”

What do you think about the schools in Santa Monica?

“The school system here is desirable. People try to come here from other cities. There is an excellent system here. There is great parental support for extracurricular activities, especially how it relates to music. They have a band-booster parent organization at Samohi that helps to fund the students when they travel to Europe for different contests. Of which, by the way, the Santa Monica High School orchestra usually wins top honors at these world events. The Samohi orchestra is one of the finest orchestras in the world, not just this country. They won in at least two European countries in the past years that I know of for sure. There’s a lot of support, even the City Council, when the schools got into trouble, they came up with a million dollars or something. I would say Santa Monica makes education a priority.”

What do you like most about Santa Monica?

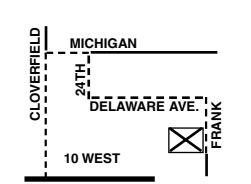
“The fact that it’s conducive to the arts, creative thinking, creative people. They have a creative community here. I like the fact that it has a liberal bend to it. The City Council basically has a compassion for the homeless and a compassion for small business. Sometimes what they do can be confusing. But generally speaking, people like (Councilman) Ken Genser are really states people, not just a politician.”

What is your least favorite thing about the city?

“Homelessness is a problem here in Santa Monica because Santa Monica has a big heart and because it doesn’t come down on them really hard because it’s not (the homeless people’s) fault. But the downside is when we get inebriated people sleeping in our doorway, but we take care of it, we help them ourselves if we can. If they become belligerent or if there’s a health issue with them coming into the store, occasionally, we have to call the police. I have to admit, this happened just a little while ago. The police are very compassionate when they have to come by and deal with these people.”

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'Cave Dog' on quest to hike 50 states in 100 days

BY ANNE M. PETERSON

AP Sports Writer

PORTLAND, Ore. — Ted Keizer is slight, softspoken and bespectacled — nothing you'd expect from a guy known in hiking and running circles as Cave Dog.

Keizer — who got his nickname because he once slept in caves to save money — is an ultrarunner, or ultrahiker, or ultramountaineer. Some call him a speedhiker. Even he finds his sport hard to classify.

"It really is hard to put labels on me, but mountaineer, probably, is best. Hiking is my passion," he said.

Basically, Keizer goes on long run-hike-climbs through wilderness areas, and up and down mountains, to break records that others have established.

Last summer in New England, Keizer completed the 273-mile Long Trail after four days, 13 hours and 15 minutes.

The time was 2 hours, 3 minutes faster than the mark set by Ed Kostak in 2000 for the nation's first long-distance hiking trail, which spans Vermont north to south along the Green Mountains.

It wasn't easy: Keizer collapsed and promptly fell asleep at the finish line.

Keizer, 34, is on a new quest to hike at least 50 kilometers (31 miles) of all 50 states in 100 days in honor of a founder of the Wilderness Society, Bob Marshall, who lived from 1901 to 1939 and was a recreation and lands director for the U.S. Forest Service.

The quest, sponsored by performance apparel maker Duofold, started recently in Portland and wraps up in New York state at the end of November. It takes Keizer through the streets of San Francisco, to a portion of the old Iditarod Trail in Alaska, the Appalachian Trail and ends in the Adirondack Mountains.

Keizer first came to Duofold's attention about a year ago, when he was spotted wearing the brand in a magazine article. Later, a proposal was made for a 50-state hike to celebrate the company's 100th anniversary.

"We thought, 'Hey, what about that Cave Dog dude?'" said Jeanne Wilkinson, Duofold's director of marketing. "It was really two separate things that came together."

Keizer was raised in Coos Bay, Ore., a town on the state's southern coast best known as the birthplace of the late runner Steve Prefontaine. He went to Brown University, where he was student body president and appeared on track for a political career in Washington, D.C.

"I had some friends who sat me down and said,

'You're going off to D.C. and you're going to be influencing laws that tell other people how to live their life, and you haven't lived your own,'" he said.

So Keizer took off, living in and out of his car for the next 10 years. At one point in his post-Brown ramblings, Keizer was a ski bum in Crested Butte, Colo., and he cut corners by sleeping in a rock cave in the mountains for two months. Eventually, he learned to just make snow caves wherever he was for a night's rest.

"It caused a bit of a sensation in this little town," he said.

Keizer was pals with a local cook nicknamed Scurv E. Dog, so people started calling him Cave Dog, and the name stuck.

It was about that time that Keizer discovered the Colorado 14ers, the state's 55 peaks that are more than 14,000 feet.

"So I thought, well, maybe one day I'll go out and find somebody to drive me around and I'll run up and down them," he said. "I just had no idea how incredibly involved it was. It was 4 1/2 years between that moment and when I felt I was ready to challenge the record."

Cave Dog studied about endurance, nutrition, mountaineering, hiking, running, and just about anything else he thought would help him. He trained tirelessly.

"If you want to break records you've got to really know your routes — so you don't need a compass or a map — you've got to know it like the back of your hand," he said. "You have to be able to do it in foul weather, day or night. And when you're tired, you've got to still keep moving."

Dubbed the Mighty Mountain Megamarathon, Keizer completed the task in 10 days, 20 hours and 26 minutes, breaking the record by 43 hours. That was five years ago.

"I thought, well, if I don't break the record and I don't have a good time, I'll move on to something else," he said. "I had no idea how incredibly fantastic it was going to be. It was amazing, it was the highlight of my life."

Since then, Keizer has tackled, and conquered, many of mountaineering's speed records.

He took on the Adirondack's 46 high peaks in New York in three days, 18 hours and 14 minutes, a new record. In the Catskills, he holds the record in the Crazy Catskills Ultramarathon which involves 35 peaks in the range.

In 2003, Cave Dog set the course record for the Barkley Mountains 100-mile footrace in Tennessee, which only three other people have completed. Then he took on the South Beyond Insanity Ultramarathon, climb-

ing all 40 peaks on the North Carolina-Tennessee border over 6,000 feet.

Old pal Scurv E. Dog is part of Keizer's Dog Team, a kind of extended support system and fan club. Keizer said there are 65 "Dogs" all across the country — including his girlfriend, "Sugar Dog," and brother, a radiologist nicknamed "Rad Dog."

Keizer jokes that he takes "Dog Naps" rather than catnaps on his long hikes. His motor home is The Kennel.

"It's kind of become a thing," he said.

Michael Bengé, editor of Trail Runner Magazine, said Keizer is known — his nickname draws attention — but his accomplishments are difficult to quantify because he operates independently.

"There's the classic 100 milers or 50 milers, where there is organized competition and it's easier to classify," Bengé said. "He's interesting. He's certainly motivated."

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Government, industry race for e-waste solution

BY WILLIAM MCCALL

AP Business Writer

PORTLAND, Ore. — Old cell phones, TVs and computers are beginning to pile up faster than all that “e-waste” can be dumped or recycled across the nation.

Warnings about the threat of a flood of electronic junk have been getting louder, and the recent hurricane disaster has drawn comparisons to warnings about the levees that once protected New Orleans as pressure builds on Congress to craft a national solution before the problem gets

out of hand.

“You’re looking at a hazardous stew of toxic e-waste that can poison the water, the air, the land and, most of all, the people,” said Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., who has been leading a bipartisan Senate effort to manage the problem.

So far, the efforts have been piecemeal, ranging from grassroots organizations to cities, states, retailers and electronics manufacturers.

“The states have gone forward with their own solutions because they can’t wait for a national solution,” said Denise

Griffin, spokeswoman for the National Conference of State Legislatures. “The e-waste is just accumulating exponentially.”

U.S. Rep. Mike Thompson, D-Calif., who has been pushing for e-waste legislation in the House for the past four years, says major environmental problems too often reach a critical mass before the public demands action from lawmakers.

“Four years ago, when I introduced my bill, I couldn’t even get people to talk about it,” Thompson said. “Now it’s a big problem, it’s a problem touching virtually everybody.”

He noted that old computers are the No. 1 item collected from rivers during volunteer cleanups in his Northern California district.

The problem has been accelerated by the massive shift to flat panel displays from old cathode-ray tube TVs and computer monitors, now being discarded at record rates. The rapid turnover in cell phones as wireless technology and capacity improves contributes to the waste, with an estimated 130 million old phones tossed last year.

Bernadette Mondy, co-director of environmental health and safety at Virginia Tech, says the West is certainly at risk but the problem affects all regions of the country.

“At Virginia Tech in 2003, our largest-growing waste stream was computer monitors,” Mondy said. “We went from essentially none in previous years to close to 30,000 pounds.”

She noted that older monitors can each have up to several pounds of lead in them, along with other toxic metals that landfills and other disposal sites are beginning to ban. “You won’t be able to send these things to landfills pretty soon,” Mondy said.

Some grassroots organizations have been formed to slow the flood by finding ways to keep old computers in service, such as Freegeek.com in Portland, founded in 2000 by Oso Martin.

Freegeek has a staff of 15 who work with volunteers to refurbish computers for people who cannot afford to buy them, or the revived machines are donated to schools or other agencies. The computers and components that cannot be re-used are recycled or shipped off to domestic waste handlers that do not send the material overseas, where it might be processed without environmental safeguards.

“We don’t want to turn our e-waste problems into another country’s problems,” Martin said.

Freegeek has recycled over 360 tons of electronic scrap and refurbished over 3,000 computer systems since it was founded, but Martin is the first to admit that remains a drop in the bucket by comparison to the sea of e-waste that is form-

ing.

Even bulk handlers, such as SoCal Computer Recyclers in the Los Angeles area, face daunting problems with the sheer volume of waste being generated, said founder Randy Lewis.

Yet much of it still is waiting to enter the e-waste stream because so many people and businesses are storing old monitors and computers until they decide what to do with their obsolete electronic equipment, he said.

“People can’t get over spending, say, \$1,200 on a computer four years ago, and it’s not worth anything now,” Lewis said. “And not only is it not worth anything, it’s a liability.”

Some manufacturers and retailers, such as Intel Corp. and eBay, have joined to promote recycling and re-use of old computers, cell phones and gadgets.

The “Rethink” initiative launched last year by eBay and supported by Intel promotes consumer education among the 157 million eBay computer users to extend the lifecycle of older equipment and reduce the volume of waste.

Manufacturers, meanwhile, are finding new ways to reduce the hazardous material used in electronic equipment or make it easier to recycle, said Tim Mohin, Intel’s director of sustainable development.

“We’re looking at these issues from the beginning of the product’s lifecycle,” Mohin said.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has joined the effort to coordinate e-waste management with its “Plug-In To eCycling” program that has helped safely recycle 45.5 million pounds — nearly 23,000 tons — of old electronics in the two years since it was launched.

Still, estimates for the total amount of electronic waste dumped across the country last year range around 150 million tons.

“Ultimately, we should all be shooting for one, simple goal: designing and manufacturing electronic products so the use of hazardous materials is minimized,” said Thomas Dunne, acting assistant administrator of the EPA’s Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response.

But that goal likely cannot be achieved without some kind of federal legislation to sort out the differing responses emerging among the states and the industry, said Kristina Taylor, environmental and state policy manager for the Consumer Electronics Association.

A patchwork approach will be costly for manufacturers, and discourage consumers from recycling, she said.

“The best way to show consistency across state lines and make sure no company is given a competitive advantage or disadvantage is to assure a level playing field,” Taylor said.

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Spokane center teaches hostage survival

BY NICHOLAS K. GERANIOS
Associated Press Writer

SPOKANE, Wash. — I put my head down, took off my watch and pulled out my wallet, all under orders from the hooded guy carrying a pistol. Then I made a big mistake, raising a hand when the intruders asked who was an American.

I figured they'd find out when they looked in the wallet. But experts say that during the crucial opening minutes of a hostage crisis, the worst thing to do is draw attention to yourself.

"We recommend you don't lie, but don't volunteer to highlight yourself in a stressful moment," said Randy Spivey, director of the National Hostage Survival Training Center, a private business that teaches people in government and the private sector to avoid or survive kidnappings.

In my case, the proper action would have been to keep my hand down. If challenged later by the abductors, I could say I was too confused or scared to respond to their question, Spivey said.

Thus can a hostage buy time during the chaotic early minutes of a kidnapping, the most dangerous time for a captive because the captors are also under stress, Spivey said.

The training center is located in Spokane because nearby Fairchild Air Force Base is the home of the Air Force Survival School, which trains downed pilots to elude captors, Spivey said.

"Spokane is the national leader in captivity training," said Spivey, a longtime Department of Defense hostage expert who created the center in 2004.

Working from a downtown office, Spivey and his partners run daylong seminars for clients who pay \$650 in order to learn to avoid being captured — and if captured, to have the mental tools to survive.

Spivey's clients have included members of Congress, the Justice Department, State Department, other govern-

ment agencies and numerous businesses.

This day, the eight clients include a travel agent from Seattle, a safety manager for Gonzaga University, an accountant, a woman who provides security for entertainers, and four business executives.

In the middle of an early discussion, three men in black masks burst into the conference room and began yelling orders. The minute-long disruption provided Spivey with a wealth of teaching material.

Kidnappers in the business for money would look at a person's wallet, watch and jewelry to determine if they were wealthy enough to pay a big ransom, Spivey said. Many people also carry company identification in their wallets, another source of ransom, Spivey said.

Leave expensive jewelry at home when traveling in a foreign country, and empty your wallet of unneeded information that might help a kidnapper, he said.

On an airliner, the best place to sit is a window seat in the back, where one is most removed from hijackers, he said.

The terrorist attacks of Sept. 11 have popularized the notion that airline passengers should aggressively fight hijackers, but Spivey said passengers should carefully weigh the situation before taking any action. If the pilots remain at the controls, or the plane is flying over the ocean, it's not likely the plane will be crashed into a building soon, he said.

But "if the bad guys are flying over a city, it's probably best to attack," Spivey said.

When walking, face oncoming traffic, stay to the inside of the sidewalk and try to notice if a person or vehicle is shadowing you. That will make you a "hard" target rather than a "soft" one, and might scare off criminals looking for someone to mug, he said.

That is easier said than done.

In a second exercise, our group walked five blocks to a Starbucks and back, trying to spot Spivey employees who were shadowing them. Was it the guy in the black trenchcoat? The guy in the brightly patterned golf shirt

Training to survive a hostage crisis

By The Associated Press

Tips from the National Hostage Survival Training Center on how to avoid or survive captivity in another country:

■ Check government travel warnings and be aware of conflicts in countries you are visiting.

■ Create a plan to contact people back home at regular intervals, so someone will notice if you disappear.

■ Blend in with locals by wearing appropriate clothes, and avoid wearing clothes that advertise one is an American.

■ Carry a second wallet, with expired credit cards and other documents and a small amount of cash, that you can hand over if mugged.

■ In a foreign city, eat in local restaurants rather than U.S. chains, and avoid talking loudly in English.

■ Flying first class or business class identifies a person as coming from a moneyed background.

■ In hotels, stay in rooms between the second and seventh floors, where guests are above the level of the street, but low enough to be reached by fire ladders.

■ Change rooms once you arrive at a hotel, in case employees are conspiring with kidnappers to target wealthy people.

■ Rent inconspicuous vehicles.

and khaki cap? The dude lounging at the bus stop?

It turned out my group of three would be a "soft" target. We spotted trenchcoat guy, but everyone does. We missed the fellow up in the skywalks taking pictures of us. We missed the woman sitting alone in Starbucks, and the two men in casual clothes who followed us.

"Nobody gets them all," Spivey said.

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Beat picking up on bawdy Bourbon Street

BY DAN SEWELL

Associated Press Writer

NEW ORLEANS — Cajun music, live and lively, drifts onto Bourbon Street, where handfuls of people sip from tall mixed drinks or super-sized cups of beer as they stroll. Dozens of people throng the dance floor at Razzoo's Bar and Patio, singing along to "We Are Family."

A barker urges passers-by to take a look inside at nude dancers in Big Daddy's, and in the Bourbon Street Strip-Tease store, Dale Juneau sells thong underwear to a young woman. He says the adult clothing and toy store has been busy since it reopened more than a week ago, particularly with sales to military and relief workers ready to return from their exhausting duty with something for their wives and girlfriends back home.

"Bourbon Street is Bourbon Street," he says. "That's why they come here, to party, to let their hair down."

Each night, there's a little more beat to the bawdy heart of New Orleans, the stretch of bars, restaurants, strip clubs and stores specializing in T-shirts with X-rated messages that is one of the city's strongest tourist lures. For now, it's visited by locals who have returned from evacuations and out-of-towners who came to rebuild after Hurricane Katrina, a project that remains staggering in scope a month later.

Fewer than half of the businesses on the strip have reopened, but by Friday night, there were half a dozen

live bands in bars and nearly as many open strip clubs.

If such merrymaking seems incongruous in a city hit by one of the nation's worst natural disasters, one that took hundreds of lives, those who are trying to kickstart a revival welcome any signs of comeback.

"When you see some activity, that's a sign of optimism," said attorney Kim Boyle, a member of the "Bring New Orleans Back" commission announced Friday by Mayor Ray Nagin. "We can't walk around looking sad and being in the doldrums 24-7. When I see people smiling, it makes me smile."

While New Orleans has many other attractions, much of the nation thinks first of the French Quarter, and Bourbon Street in particular, said John Rodrigue, a history professor at Louisiana State University. Built on higher ground than most of the city, the French Quarter was spared the worst of Katrina, mostly suffering scattered wind and water damage.

"It's significant both for the real importance of having some businesses open and also for the symbolic importance," Rodrigue said.

The city faces massive physical reconstruction as well as the challenge of addressing social and economic issues highlighted by the disaster.

Resident Jim Perrier, checking on the Friday night activity on Bourbon, said he's been disappointed that few neighbors have returned to the Garden District.

"They opened the city, and nobody came back," he

said. He suspects many residents are like his brother, whose children have started school in Texas after evacuating last month, and won't be returning for months, if at all.

"Hopefully, it will get better," Perrier said. "I think a lot of people will come back in December."

The popular Red Fish Grill reopened Friday at noon, starting with hamburgers. It also offered ribeye steaks and some namesake hickory-grilled (farm-raised) redfish on its abbreviated dinner menu before closing for the night at 6. General manager Steve Lessing said he wanted to make sure employees had time to get home before dark.

French Quarter resident Dr. Bob Honegger said he wasn't worried, because the heavy police and military presence quelled street crimes.

"This is safer now than it ever was," he said.

Four young women from the West Bank area, beers in hand and dressed to party, hooted and waved at soldiers in Humvees driving up Bourbon.

"Can you tell we've been cooped up for a long time?" asked Tracy Knight.

Even piles of garbage and blasts of breath-stopping stench along parts of the street didn't stop them.

"It smells worse than Mardi Gras," said Nicole Todd. "But it's Friday night, girls' night out."

"They said we wouldn't come back, but we're back," Knight said.

Russian rocket takes off with millionaire U.S. scientist on board

BY MIKE ECKEL

Associated Press Writer

BAIKONUR, Kazakhstan — A Russian rocket roared into space Saturday in a burst of flame from the Central Asian steppes, launching the world's third space tourist, U.S. millionaire scientist Gregory Olsen, and a U.S.-Russian crew on a two-day trip to the international space station.

With a brief gasp from relatives and friends of Olsen, cosmonaut Valery Tokarev and astronaut William McArthur, the Soyuz craft lifted off with an earsplitting roar from the Baikonur cosmodrome just before 10 a.m. and soared north into the bright autumn sky over the steppes of Kazakhstan.

More than 150 people, including Russian and U.S. space dignitaries, tourists and relatives of the three men, watched as the rocket rose into the air. Some gave gasped at the explosive separation of the first booster segment, which sent a puff of white smoke as the rocket turned downrange. Then, as the announcement came that the spacecraft had entered its initial designated orbit nine minutes after launch, the crowd burst into applause. The crew reported that all was well aboard the craft.

Olsen, the 60-year-old founder of an infrared-camera maker based in Princeton, N.J., reportedly paid \$20 million for a seat on the Expedition 12 flight.

Olsen's daughter, Krista Dibsie, 31, videotaped the launch, craning her head skyward as tears rolled down her cheeks. Her 4-year-old son, Justin, held his hands over his ears, his mouth wide open, near more than 20 other friends, relatives and employees of Olsen's company, Sensors Unlimited Inc.

"There goes Dad," she said quietly. "Love ya' Dad."

"Now I'm nervous for him," she said. "I wasn't before but now he's up there and gosh, he's out of this world. I know that's a corny thing to say, but I can't believe it."

Olsen holds advanced degrees in physics and materials science.

"Life is good," said Cynthia McArthur, whose husband William is a three-time veteran of U.S. space shuttle flights.

McArthur and Takarev will spend six months on the station, replacing Russian Sergei Krikalev and American John Phillips, who will return to Earth on Oct. 11 along with Olsen.

In the hours leading up the launch, the trio, outfitted in bulky space suits, had tested systems in the capsule. Shortly beforehand, they lowered the clear plastic covers on their helmets and activated the spacesuits' oxygen supply.

The Soyuz TMA-7 capsule will rendezvous in two days with the station floating some 250 miles above the Earth. Olsen, Tokarev and McArthur will bring cargo aboard and perform experiments.

The cash-strapped Russian Federal Space Agency has turned to space tourism to generate money. Olsen is the third non-astronaut to visit the orbiting station. California businessman Dennis Tito paid about \$20 million for a weeklong trip to the space station in 2001, and South African Mark Shuttleworth followed a year later.

Olsen said prior to the flight that he preferred the term "space flight participant" to "space tourist."

"Tourism implies that anyone can just write a check and go up there. That's not what happened," he told The Associated Press.

Eric Anderson, whose company, Space Adventures, brokered the arrangements with the Russian agency, said allowing non-astronauts to fly to the ISS expanded the boundaries of space travel.

"People going into space is interesting no matter what. But when it's a civilian like Greg, it just shows how accessible space flight can be," he said.

With the rocket being fueled on the launch pad Friday, NASA Administrator Michael Griffin met with his

Russian counterpart, Anatoly Perminov, for talks on the future of joint space missions, with NASA's chief warning that Moscow's demands for payment could end U.S. participation.

Griffin said a 2000 U.S. law banning space station-related payments to Russia because Moscow helped Iran build a nuclear plant "could end a continuous American presence" on the station.

Since the 2003 Columbia disaster grounded the U.S. shuttle fleet, Russia's Soyuz and Progress spacecraft have been the workhorses of the joint space projects, shuttling crews and cargo to the space station. Discovery visited the station in July, but problems with the foam insulation on its external fuel tank have cast doubt on when the shuttle will fly again.

Russia has made it clear that it expects the United States to make payment or some sort of capital investment in exchange for future U.S. participation on Russian flights.

However, the Iran Nonproliferation Act of 2000 penalizes countries that sell unconventional weapons and missile technology to Iran. Russia is building an \$800 million nuclear power plant in Iran despite U.S. objections that this could help Tehran build atomic bombs.

The U.S. Senate agreed unanimously last week to amend the law, lifting the ban on NASA purchases of Soyuz seats until 2012. The House has yet to act on the measure.

Griffin said unless exemptions are made for NASA's work with Russia, it was possible that no U.S. astronauts would be flying on the next Soyuz mission in April.

"At issue is whether there will be future U.S. crew members and future U.S. crew missions if the congressional provisions are not granted," he said.

NASA officials in Houston said Thursday that they expect McArthur to return to Earth aboard a Soyuz in the spring, one way or another.

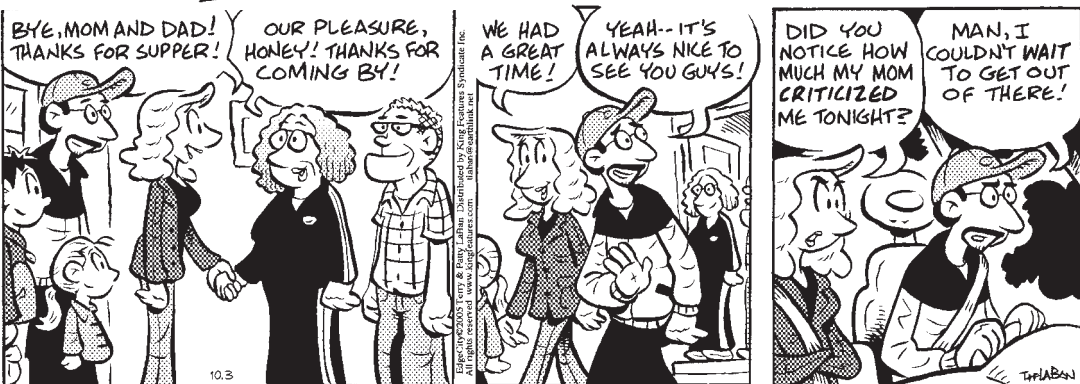
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Notices

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Dated this 20th day of September, A.D. 2005

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Escrow No. 119123
Notice is hereby given that a bulk sale of assets and a transfer or liquor license(s) is about to be made. The name(s), business address(es) to the Seller(s)/transferee(s) are:
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12238 Santa Monica Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90025
The assets to be transferred are described in general as:
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Together with the following described alcoholic beverage license(s): On-Sale General-Public Premise License No. 48-332561; now issued for said premises located at (same address).
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That the herein described transfers are to be consummated, subject to the above provision at: WILSHIRE ESCROW COMPANY
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The address of where claims may be filed is: WILSHIRE ESCROW COMPANY, 4270 WILSHIRE BLVD., LOS ANGELES, CA 90010, and the last date for filing claims shall be October 20, 2005, which is the business day before the sale date specified above.
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Pub: 10/3/05, 10/10/05, 10/17/05

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 2100655 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Covina City Realty and Mortgage, 681 E. San Bernardino Rd., Covina, CA 91723. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : David Duran, 16550 Kelwood St, La Puente, CA 91744, Alfonso Velasquez, 1521 Vine Ave., West Covina, CA 91791 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/: David Duran, Alfonso Velasquez

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 8/31/05. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 9/12/2005, 9/19/2005, 9/26/2005, 10/3/2005

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 2062142 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as All Natural Products, AI #/ON 2427908, 51 N. Fifth Ave., #201, Arcadia, CA 91006. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Letrinh Hoang, D.O., Inc., 51 N. Fifth Ave., #201, Arcadia, CA 91006 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/: Letrinh Hoang, D.O., Inc., Physician/President, Letrinh Hoang

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 2072570 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Carmen's Party Supplies, 15725 Amar Rd., La Puente, CA 91744. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Carmen R. Angulo, 380 Giano Ave., La Puente, CA 91744, Rafael Acuna , 380 Giano Ave., La Puente, CA 91744 This Business is being conducted by, husband and wife. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)8/29/2005. /s/: Carmen R. Angulo, Rafael Acuna

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 2100655 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Covina City Realty and Mortgage, 681 E. San Bernardino Rd., Covina, CA 91723. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : David Duran, 16550 Kelwood St, La Puente, CA 91744, Alfonso Velasquez, 1521 Vine Ave., West Covina, CA 91791 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/: David Duran, Alfonso Velasquez

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 2070046 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Dorados Express Taxi, Dorados Express Transportation, 137 S. Soto St, Los Angeles, CA 90033/ PO Box 331010, LA, CA 90033. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Paula Cruz Sanchez, 137 S. Soto St, Los Angeles, CA 90033, Primitivo Gomez, 16002 S. Atlantic Ave., Sp #027, Compton, CA 90221 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/: Paula Cruz, Primitivo Gomez

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 2120039 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Dynamics Education Institute, AP Education Institute, 817 S. First Ave., Arcadia, CA 91006. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Christine D. Yae, 15 Linda Rae Way, Arcadia, CA 91006 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/: Christine D. Yae

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 9/1/05. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 9/12/2005, 9/19/2005, 9/26/2005, 10/3/2005

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 2070098 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ELITE INK, 4292 Spencer St., Torrance, CA 90503. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: Jonathan C. Theis, 4292 Spencer St., Torrance, CA 90503, Adam W.

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NO. 05 2267590 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as DNZ CONSULTING, 202 E. Live Oak St., Apt. E, San Gabriel, CA 91776. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Nan Zheng, 202 E. Live Oak St., Apt. E, San Gabriel, CA 91776 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)7/1/2005. /s/: Nan Zheng
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 9/20/05. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 10/3/2005, 10/10/2005, 10/17/2005, 10/24/2005

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 2354233 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Doc's Ski Haus, AI #/ON 2758558, 3101 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90404. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : David O. Craycraft Gauge Outfitters, Inc., CA, 1247 Berkeley St., #4, Santa Monica, CA 90404 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/: Gauge Outfitters, Inc., President, David Craycraft
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 2342954 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Tony Roma's, 333 East Huntington Drive, Arcadia, CA 91006. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Tres Amigos Restaurant Group, 32142 Duclair Road, Winchester, CA 92596 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/: Fredy Vazquez
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 9/28/05. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 10/3/2005, 10/10/2005, 10/17/2005, 10/24/2005

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 2354232 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as EZfile.com, 6010 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 402, Los Angeles, CA 90036. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Keith Parker, 6010 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 402, Los Angeles, CA 90036, Rondre Jackson, 6010 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 402, Los Angeles, CA 90036 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/: Rondre Jackson, Keith Parker
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Statement of Abandonment of Use of Fictitious Business Name
Document Record # 05 2072558
Current File No. 05 1180772
State of California, County of Los Angeles
The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious Business name:
House of P.R.
located at 6034 2nd Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90043
The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 5/19/2005
In the county of LOS ANGELES.
Toni M. White, 6034 2nd Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90043
Cindy M. Irvin, PO Box 11447, Beverly Hills, CA 90213
This business is conducted by: co-partners
Toni M. White, Cindy M. Irvin
The above declares that all information in this statement is true and correct.
That the notice, of which the annexed is a printed copy, has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to-wit: 9/12/05, 9/19/05, 9/26/05, 10/3/05

Name Changes

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. SS013809
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of: Marlene Strentz for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner or Attorney: Marlene Strentz filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Marlene Strentz to Marlene Novak.
The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: November 10, 2005 Time: 9:00am, Dept. A., Room 104
The address of the court is 1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401.
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four

Name Changes

successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press.
Date: September 16, 2005
LINDA K. LEFKOWITZ
Judge of the Superior Court
10/03/05, 10/10/05, 10/17/05, 10/24/05

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. SS013790
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of Jeannine Stephanie Smith for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner or Attorney: Jeannine Stephanie Smith filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Jeannine Stephanie Smith to Jayne Bela Tylor.
The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: November 3, 2005 Time: 9:00am, Dept. A., Room 104
The address of the court is 1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401.
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press.
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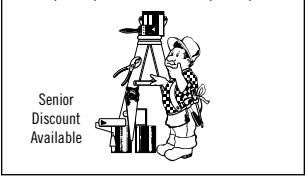
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