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## NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

**Clumsiest** Surviving Artist-Bombmaker: Chris Hackett, 33, built a small functional bomb that he was set to exhibit in the Lower Manhattan Cultural Council in New York City around the time of the Sept. 11 remembrances, but tried to assure worried exhibitors that it was only an art project and would not explode. Hackett is the artist who in January 2004 blew up part of his face when a propane tank exploded as he was hooking it up to fire a confetti cannon.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 283rd day of 2005.  
There are 82 days left in the year.

On Oct. 10, 1845, the U.S. Naval Academy opened in Annapolis, Md.  
In 1938, Germany completed its annexation of Czechoslovakia's Sudetenland.  
In 1943, Chiang Kai-shek took the oath of office as president of China.  
In 1964, the 18th Summer Olympic Games opened in Tokyo.

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The imperceptible process of age has a point which, once passed, cannot be retraced. I knew I had passed that point and was getting old the day I noticed that all the cops looked so young."

HARRY LEWIS GOLDEN  
AMERICAN AUTHOR, EDITOR AND PUBLISHER

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## That's some pig



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First Lady of California Maria Shriver (right) and Anne Sweeney (middle), co-chair of the Disney media networks and president of the Disney-ABC television group, honor internationally renowned actress, model, author and diva Miss Piggy (left). Miss Piggy was recognized Sunday during the 2005 Pier del Sol Special Olympics Benefit as a role model for her courage and perseverance.

## Employee wanted: New city manager

BY RYAN HYATT

Daily Press Staff Writer

**CITY HALL** — One of the most important jobs in Santa Monica is up for grabs, and elected officials say the best candidate will win.

But who the best candidate is has yet to be determined. The Santa Monica City Council will soon be screening applicants, whose resumes are due today.

While the City Council has initiated a process to fill City Manager Susan McCarthy's shoes, much of it so far has been behind

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## Church downsizes but stays downtown

JASMIN PERSCH

Special to the Daily Press

**DOWNTOWN** — A downsized church and a new residential building with retail stores on the first floor will replace the Christian Science church that's being torn down here.

The preliminary design of the new 47,000-square-foot building at Fifth Street and Arizona Avenue is

fitted for the church's shrinking congregation with a sanctuary that seats 40 to 80 people. It's significantly smaller than the old building, which had space for 500 or more churchgoers, said project manager Doug Singletary, whose architecture firm, P3, was chosen by the church's building committee.

JSM construction, a local

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Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

The Christian Science church on the corner of Fifth Street and Arizona Avenue is being torn down to make way for a new development, which will include a smaller church and a private residential and commercial development.

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

## Viola White: Homeless to helper

BY JASMIN PERSCH

Special to the Daily Press

Formerly homeless and seeking help from a Santa Monica shelter, Viola White now sits on its board and advises her colleagues on how to improve the program.

A month after she left Upward Bound House in May 2003, ending her eight-month stay there

with her daughter and son, White opened her own flower shop, Viola's Original Zeal, which is run out of her home in Central Los Angeles.

Upward Bound House, operated by the First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica, offers shelter and a program aimed at

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**WESTSIDE** - According to industry experts, there are over 33 physical problems that you will come under scrutiny during a home inspection when your home is for sale. A new report has been prepared which identifies the eleven most common of these problems, and what you should know about them before you list your home for sale.

Whether you own an old home or a brand new one, there are a number of things that can fall short of requirements during a home inspection. If not identified and dealt with, any of these 11 items could cost you dearly in terms of repair. That's why it's critical that you read this report before you list your home. If you wait until the building inspector flags these issues for you, you will almost certainly experience costly delays in the close of your home sale or, worse, turn prospective buyers away altogether.

In most cases, you can make a reasonable pre-inspec-

tion yourself if you now what you're looking for. And knowing what you're looking for can help you prevent little problems from growing into costly and unmanageable ones. To help homesellers deal with this issue before their home is listed, a free report entitled "11 Things You Kneed to Know to Pass Your Home Inspection" has been compiled which explains the issues involved.

**To hear a brief recorded message about how to order your FREE copy of this report, call 1.888.465.4534 and enter ID#1003. You can call anytime, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Call NOW to learn how to ensure a home inspection doesn't cost you the sale of your home.**

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# HOROSCOPE

## How ‘bout sleep, Aquarius

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**JACQUELINE BIGAR’S STARS** The stars show the kind of day you’ll Have:  
★★★★-Dynamic    ★★★★★-Positive    ★★★-Average    ★★-So-so    ★-Difficult

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**  
★★★★ You might feel pressured by circumstances and people. The good news is that you find the time and energy to handle what drops on your plate, which is a lot. Think about what you’d like to do to treat yourself, for a change. Tonight: Work late; order in dinner.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
★★★★ Others don’t seem to be able to see the big picture. You can explain; you can draw pictures — but no matter what your message, it doesn’t seem to get through. Avoid seeing red. Try again later. Enjoy your detached perspective. Tonight: Rent a movie.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
★★★★★ Working with individuals on some level could be stressful. As you see, not everyone sees eye to eye with you. Your ingenuity helps you make your point. Tap into your subconscious for solutions. Tonight: Keep conversations and socializing on an individual level.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
★★★ Face facts: Others are running with the ball. You might be tempted to trip them up. Don’t. Stay on course, following someone else’s lead. You might want to duck home early. A meeting is lively. Tonight: Cater to a friend or loved one. You do it so well!

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
★★★★ You certainly are focused. You handle the many phone calls you get quite well considering various possibilities. Still, you seem to set a certain course and will not be veered off of it. A boss or authority figure proves to be very demanding. Avoid a conflict with this person. Tonight: Find your favorite chair.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
★★★★★ Your creativity might be necessary with a challenging money matter. You might also discover that someone is pushing you very hard to have something his or her way. Avoid flagrant spending. Tonight: Get into a hobby.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
★★★★ If you can work from home, do so. You might want to deal with basic issues, but others might disagree and let you know it in no uncertain terms. Some might be uniquely demanding. Work on saying no — as hard as that might be for you. Tonight: Happiest at home.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
★★★★ How you say something, the words you choose and your expression can make or break a conversation. Understand that someone might be testy or overly assertive. Know when to pull back. A power struggle or disagreement is not worth it. Tonight: Swap the day’s tales with a pal.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
★★★ Handle spending. You have many talents. If need be, use them. Others respond in strange ways. In fact, you might decide to do the job yourself, though others might not want you to do it alone. Tonight: Time to treat yourself.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
★★★★★ You know exactly what you want, but might find that others have very different ideas. Be direct with those you deal with. Ultimately, your creativity and sense of humor win someone over. Tonight: Just ask.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
★★★ You might be more in your head than you realize. You might want to write down some of your ideas to look over at another time. Someone might be quite contentious. Step back and don’t get involved. Tonight: How about some sleep?

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
★★★★ You might be more forceful than you realize. If you would like to get someone to agree with you, tap into his or her imagination. Be careful around machinery and other equipment. You could be careless. Tonight: Join friends.

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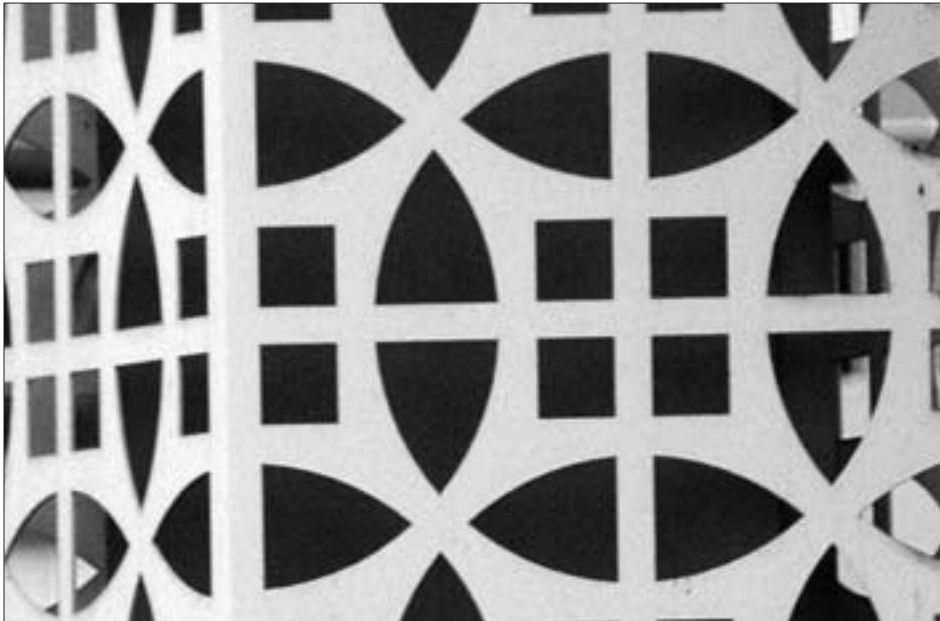
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# LOCAL



## 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](mailto:editor@smdp.com).

## Local groups tackle animal disaster along Gulf Coast

BY JASMIN PERSCH  
Special to the Daily Press

Local veterinarian Jennifer Conrad returned last month from an animal-rescue mission in Louisiana where she found an overwhelming amount of animals roaming the streets. Others were trapped in their homes for nearly a month, or dead.

Conrad, 39, rounded up animal lovers she's met throughout her career to volunteer their services to help pets abandoned by evacuees who escaped Hurricane Katrina. She went to New Orleans on Sept. 16 and returned Sept. 21 with the first group of volunteers. Her group, affiliated with her veterinary clinic, General Animal Hospital, brought 14 animals to Santa Monica from Louisiana by car.

The group had to leave many animals behind because their resources were limited, but they left several packs of food and plenty of water for the animals they couldn't take with them.

Since Conrad returned from Louisiana, she's had one case etched in her mind: As she was walking past one of the many abandoned homes, she heard a tiny yelp.

"I found a dog lying on the ground, almost dead," she said at a benefit to raise money for Katrina canine victims held in Santa Monica on Sept. 28. "He couldn't lift his head. I did emergency care on him in my hotel room and saved his life."

Conrad was able to get in touch with the dog's owner through contact information on his collar. She will reunite the two in Florida in the next couple days.

Apparently the dog and its master were separated when the dog ran back into the

See **ANIMAL HELP**, page 9



Ivan Martinez, 12, was last week's mystery photo winner. Martinez accurately described that this photo was taken at the Police Activities League. Check out this week's mystery photo contest in today's edition.

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# SURF REPORT

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| MONDAY    | N/A       | N/A    | 11:10   | 0.2    | N/A        | N/A    | 2:42    | 5.2    |
| TUESDAY   | 10:35     | 3.4    | 12:09   | -0.1   | 6:50       | 3.9    | 4:29    | 5.2    |
| WEDNESDAY | 12:09     | -0.1   | 12:01   | 2.8    | 7:09       | 4.3    | 5:49    | 5.5    |
| THURSDAY  | 12:55     | -0.3   | 12:58   | 2.0    | 7:33       | 4.8    | 6:52    | 5.7    |
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## The QLine

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The City Council has initiated the process to fill the position of city manager, one of the most important jobs in Santa Monica. Thus far, much of the discussion in regard to the hiring process has been behind closed doors. City Hall has hired a headhunter to help in the search, and the City Council hopes to interview the candidates in coming weeks.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know, "What kind of qualities and abilities would you like to see in the person who runs Santa Monica?"

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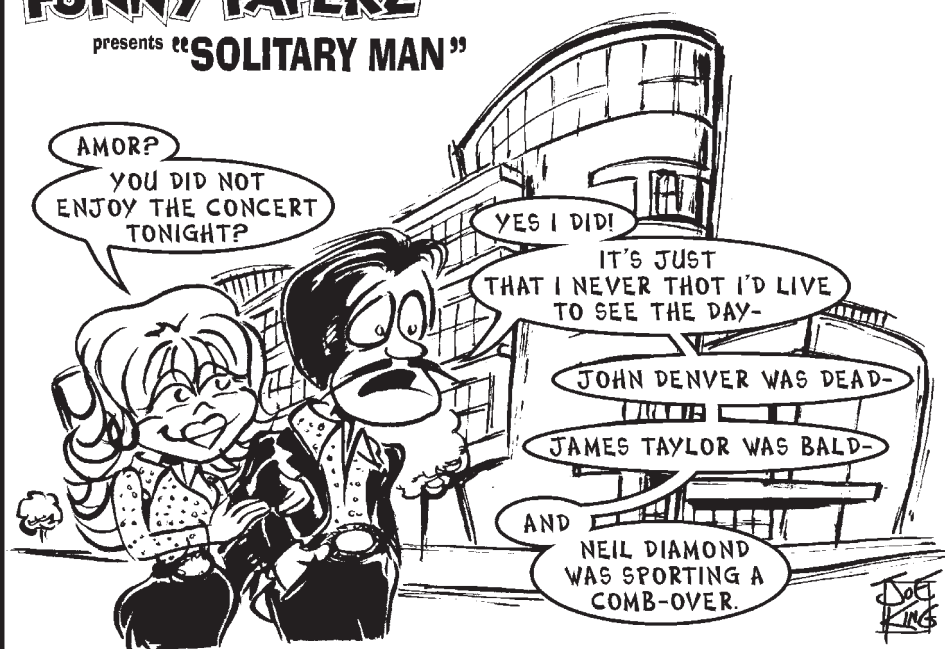
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Prop. 74 is all about the kids

Editor:

There was a time in our educational system when good teachers were in abundance. Our high school exit exams were among the highest in the nation, and we were producing some of the best minds in the country. Sadly, those days are now nothing more than a memory. The main goal of teaching was to shape and mold the impressionable minds of our youth, but now it seems that teachers have strayed from their former goals. It seems like teachers today are more interested in having job stability than having the best interests of our children at heart. There are teachers that use derogatory remarks in class, ignore the basic needs of their students, and have a complete disregard for education. As it is, teachers have to teach for only two years and then are granted tenure regardless of their teaching performance. That's it. Continuing with this practice will surely lead to more of a downward spiral in our education achievement and scores. That is why I believe that we should all rally behind Prop. 74. Given our historically low high school exit exam scores, it is apparent that some teachers are not doing their job. Prop. 74 weeds out unqualified teachers that teach only for job stability. Prop. 74 rewards the teachers that are sincere about their work. I understand that teachers have low salaries and at times are not appreciated, but we have to do something about the ones that just don't care about the children anymore. By making it harder for teachers to get tenure, we will guarantee that the right people are teaching. We will guarantee that our children get the chance that they richly deserve. We have to understand that Prop. 74 is not "against the teachers" as some political ads might say but instead for the kids.

Dean Keshavarz  
Malibu

### Equality essential for democracy

Editor:

I've got to confess, I occasionally yell helpful driving suggestions to others on the road. I often talk back to newscasters and politicians on TV, and I always wish I could add my comments online to the letters to the editor. Polite people say that opinions are like elbows, everybody's got one or two. While it's good to be passionate, small, differing opinions can divide an otherwise cohesive populace. Wedge issues are used by political strategists to splinter us into opposing groups and divert our attention from the big issues that most of us would agree on.

For example, Americans generally believe in fairness at the polls. Almost everyone would agree that all registered voters should be allowed to vote, their votes should be counted, and there must be a paper trail for verification. Or, how about this: Both sides of a proposition must be allowed to present their case to the voters. That's pretty much a no-brainer too, but Proposition 75 was put on the November ballot simply to silence some of Governor Schwarzenegger's harshest critics: our nurses, teachers, police and firemen, by cutting their political contributions. When you slash funding from only one side of a debate, the other side has a distinct, unfair advantage. Money buys votes.

I agree that we need to reduce the big buck contributions that fuel our politicians, but let's be fair about it. I would fully support a proposition limiting the total dollar amount contributed by any individual, corporation or union to \$1,000 per year. With a level playing field, maybe our politicians would start to care more about us, their constituents, than the corporations currently bankrolling their campaigns.

Arizona, New Mexico, North Carolina, Vermont, Maine and Massachusetts have all passed clean money legislation and the difference is astounding: In 1998, before clean money, 79 percent of Arizona's political races were decided simply by the number of dollars raised. In 2002, after clean money legislation, that number was reduced to 2 percent. (Google "clean money.")

While the perennial argument from the rich is that limiting political contributions limits their freedom of speech, I seriously doubt that our founding fathers wanted our First Amendment to be used as an pretext so that their children's children could be subjugated by this aristocracy based on wealth when they fought so hard to free themselves from an aristocracy based on heredity. I think most Americans — past and present — would agree: Equality is essential for democracy.

Mike Kirchubel  
Fairfield



## OPINION

# Politicians' agenda more important than SM needs



## MY WRITE

BY BILL BAUER

Almost everyone I talk to in Santa Monica just shakes their head in disbelief when the subject of city government, the City Council or related topics come up.

Many Santa Monicans have horror stories about dealing with City Hall. Others in the community are unhappy and seriously disenfranchised. Problems such as homelessness, traffic, parking and other issues never get resolved. And complaints get louder and louder.

Some of you might be thinking, "How do these people keep getting reelected if they're doing such a bad job?"

One of the reasons that government does not serve the majority of the community is because this is a "one-party town" and one organization has ruled the roost for 26 years.

Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights is a well organized, well financed and well entrenched political machine. Last election, I ran into neighbor after neighbor — renters who were going to vote the SMRR ticket because mailers and flyers told them who and how to vote. There are about 30,000-plus renters eligible to vote the "party line."

Because the local news media, including four daily and weekly newspapers and one online news service, only reaches a small part of the total population, more than half of the people are not up on issues, haven't a clue, or don't care about what's going on.

Even in local elections, money talks. If you can mail a couple of glossy, color flyers to voters (at about \$40,000-plus per mailing), you can get your word out. That's how candidates who've helped gridlock streets and perpetuated our vagrant population can claim "I've helped deal with the homeless problem" and "I'll get traffic moving again" and still receive 15,000 or more votes. The average voter has no idea what an incumbent's record really is.

A friend recently said to me, "This City Council has never supported a project that I wanted, or voted for anything I supported."

The majority of our elected officials have their own agenda. Self-interests propel the school board, as well as the City Council. Nowhere is this more true than in the educational community. Two years ago, school supporters with Community

for Excellent Public Schools (CEPS) begged City Hall to increase its subsidy of the school district. When the City Council balked and refused to take action, CEPS organizers forced the issue.

They held meetings, twisted arms and thousands of good people spent hundreds of thousands of hours walking streets and circulated petitions for a ballot measure that would bypass the City Council and change the city charter to mandate municipal support for schools.

The City Manager struck an agreement that resolved the issue. Just a few short months later, those same council persons up for reelection — Ken Genser, Richard Bloom and Herb Katz — were enthusiastically endorsed by the very same CEPS group that had bitterly denounced their lack of support for public education months earlier.

Voters didn't know that CEPS was equally controlled by SMRR, whose co-chair, Denny Zane, was a CEPS leader. CEPS also was run by members of the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce Political Action Committee.

CEPS endorsed eight candidates for four City Council seats last year. The entire SMRR slate, including councilmen Bloom and Genser, as well as the entire Chamber PAC's slate, including Katz and a candidate who had refused to sign the CEPS pledge of support for schools, all received their endorsement.

There is no organized opposition to the SMRR machine. While business groups, including Casa del Mar and Shutters hotel management and members of the Chamber PAC are capable of raising hundreds of thousands of dollars, they've failed to connect with residents while offending "real" community activists.

Their inability to build bridges, connect with citizens and shed their mantra as a secretive, non-inclusive, anti-renter, special interest group has rendered them ineffective at mounting a serious challenge to SMRR for the hearts and minds of most voters — so far.

SMRR leaders know that in the end they'll prevail. That's why politicians backed by SMRR don't have to answer to us or be accountable to anyone, except the SMRR steering committee.

So, onward with their own utopian agenda of a new society built on social justice, with affordable housing and mass transit for all.

Karl Marx would love it.

(Bill Bauer, a Santa Monica resident, is currently volunteering his services for the Red Cross in the Gulf region.)

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## COMMENTARY



# Hybrid search driving U.S. consumers mad

## COMMON SCENTS

BY CAROLE ORLIN



I last wrote about possibly purchasing a hybrid automobile during November 2004 in the Santa Monica Daily Press. Since then, my husband and I have patiently looked at new alternatives brought to us by Ford Motor Company (Ford Escape SUV), and Toyota Motor Corporation (Lexus RX400h and Highlander SUVs).

You would think with these limited choices, added to those few hybrids already for sale (Honda's Civic and Accord and Toyota's Prius), it would be a rather uncomplicated process to make a decision. It certainly was neither simple nor easy. The auto manufacturers seem to have done a terrific job of making very few hybrids available to their dealers. This limited supply has been sent to the dealers with a "loading" of extras to maximize profits on most of these vehicles. Pricing the cars at a premium of \$3,000 to \$5,000 more than the same or similar models with gasoline engines is not very consumer-friendly.

The consumer's increasing demand for more efficient engines has been spurred on with the march of gas prices at the pump moving past the \$3 per gallon price. The large sport utility vehicle market has seen a severe drop. Industrywide, sales were down 43 percent last month from a year earlier, according to Ward's AutoInfoBank. Ford saw its sales of Explorers, Expeditions and Lincoln Navigators fall more than 50 percent. General Motors revealed that its sales of Chevrolet Suburbans and Tahoes also dropped more than 50 percent. As no surprise, a late August survey of approximately 2,000 adults by Kelley Blue Book and Harris Interactive revealed that gas prices had either changed people's minds "or strongly influenced purchase decisions."

With all of the building pressures in the marketplace pushing consumer demand overwhelmingly in the direction of fuel efficient vehicles, why does it continue to be so difficult and expensive for the consumer to purchase a hybrid? After more than 10 months of persistence in finding the right hybrid for my family, I was finally able to succeed. This required my willingness to pay for extras that I was not seeking — like a navigation system and Lo Jack, costing thousands of dollars. It also required waiting for an acceptable

model and color to show up at the dealer, and being reachable by phone and in person when the car arrived at the dealer's showroom. Since the dealers have only been receiving a few hybrids each month to sell, it is partially about timing to be really ready to make a quick decision before another anxious hybrid consumer drives off with this vehicle.

Perhaps the most amazing part of the process is the fact that it is almost impossible to test-drive a hybrid at your local dealership. First, there is usually not one waiting at the lot that is available to drive. Second, they do not want to have you put miles on the car by having numerous consumers take test drives and not purchase it. I was lucky and was allowed to take a test drive around the block. With the way supply and demand has existed for hybrids, you can well imagine that price negotiations are almost nonexistent. The premium price that goes with the hybrid is likely to mean that you are going to have to wait a number of years to recoup the additional cost in savings at the gas tank. Sadly, our friends at the oil companies seem to be doing everything in their power to reduce that break-even time by pushing prices higher and higher.

I noted a few months ago that Victor Wouk, a pioneer in the development of hybrid technology, died at the age of 86. Mr. Wouk (brother of novelist Herman Wouk), who shared my heritage of growing up in the Bronx, was an electrical engineer and entrepreneur. His efforts at funding and developing a full-size version of the modern hybrid car in the 1970s gained him the title of "the father of modern hybrid programs." I feel like thanking Mr. Wouk for enabling myself and others to have a choice — albeit limited at the moment — and to make a statement in purchasing a hybrid. We can and must significantly decrease our dependence on foreign oil. We have to break this addiction on a much larger scale, through a variety of alternative energy sources.

I really like my new Toyota Highlander hybrid. Besides the improved gas mileage and the marked improvement in reducing pollutants emitted by the engine, one of the other significant benefits of this electric/gas technology is the elimination of noise when the hybrid is running on the electric battery. The total lack of any noise is almost scary, but wonderful. I plan on quietly going to the gas station much less frequently in the coming months and years.

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## LOCAL

# City manager's salary starts at \$225K annually

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closed doors, they admit. That process will open up for public discussion on Tuesday, when the City Council is expected to get a briefing from city staff on the recruitment process so far.

The City Council agreed in September to authorize the service of a headhunter, Lisa Mills, to help fill the vacancy.

Mills has a background in recruiting for public service positions. She came highly recommended from city staff. Mayor Pam O'Connor said what she liked about Mills is her hands-on approach.

"Tasks do not get delegated in her organization," O'Connor said. "She oversees them herself."

City Councilman Bob Holbrook said the decision to go with Mills, which the City Council decided in closed session, also was a reasonable one from an economic standpoint. Mills is charging City Hall a flat fee of \$17,000. Other fees, such as advertising costs, also are expected to be passed on to City Hall, but Mills intends to keep those close to \$4,000, Holbrook said.

Mills said as of last week she has received interest from 30 individuals for the position. She has prepared a brochure, which includes the salary and benefits, and mailed it to 150 people in California, primarily to managers of cities with populations of more than 65,000.

Mills also has sent an e-mail to the city managers with the brochure attached as a PDF file, to be certain they are aware the position is available.

The brochure advertises a salary range of \$225,000 to \$250,000 per year, with perks that range from free health care to 12 holidays and one vacation day accrued per month.

Mills also has advertised the position on the Web site and a monthly publication issued by the International City Managers Association, a group that is well-regarded in the area of public service, she said.

"I've also been targeting city managers that would meet the city's criteria, making phone calls to people who may fit the profile to see if they're interested," Mills said. "Sometimes people aren't looking for a job and are happy where they are at, so we want to make sure we catch them on that basis, so they are at least aware of the opportunity."

Members of the public also will have an opportunity at the meeting — and in coming weeks — to say what qualities they would like in a new city manager.

They're also invited to offer suggestions and drop some names.

"There are many formal and informal ways to advise the council," said O'Connor, who has helped organize the recruitment effort along with Holbrook. "A good way is to send us or the consultant an e-mail or letter, since she's compiling the information."

"But if you see one of us strolling down the street, your welcome to talk to us about it, too."

O'Connor said interested candidates will have a leg up on the competition if they tune themselves into a City Council meeting.

"They will likely be watching us, as we begin to notice them," O'Connor said.

McCarthy, who has held her position since 1999, informed the City Council in July that she will retire in November. She has worked for City Hall for 24 years. Responsible for the "belt-tightening" that enabled City Hall to ride out the post-9-11 economic downturn, she intends to spend more time with her husband and aging parents in the coming years.

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LISA MILLS  
Headhunter

Through McCarthy's efforts, Santa Monica has maintained its triple A bond rating while supporting big-ticket capital improvements that have been in the works since the 1990s. Some of those projects are expected to open this year, including the \$55 million Main Library, the \$13 million Virginia Avenue Park expansion and the new \$722,000 skatepark at 14th Street and Olympic Boulevard. She garnered support for the recently increased hotel room tax in order to strengthen Santa Monica's present and future financial base.

McCarthy will be leaving her successor to complete a two-year overhaul to the city's planning and traffic plan, which will set policy for development and transportation in Santa Monica for the next 20 years. The \$120 million Civic Center complex, a \$90 million downtown parking plan and the redevelopment of Santa Monica Place Mall are further undertakings she has helped manage, which will be carried on by other leaders.

Holbrook said Assistant City Manager Gordon Anderson has expressed interest in the position.

The City Council hopes to interview the candidates in coming weeks and have a new city manager signed on by December, when Holbrook is expected to become mayor.

The City Council anticipates a possible one-month lag during which it may appoint an interim city manager.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Macerich Inc., owner of Santa Monica Place Mall, had a one-year return of 46.9 percent on its stock.



## 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. 10:*

### Fourth Street fiber optic communication

Fiber optic cable and conduit installation and splicing termination on Fourth Street, between California Avenue and Olympic Drive.



### Pier structural rehabilitation

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

### Ashland Avenue storm drain repair

Installation of a 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. 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.

### Cingular telecommunications lines

Cingular is installing telecommunication lines on San Vicente Boulevard from 17th to 19th street; 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.

### 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 under Santa Monica Boulevard at Seventh Court. There will be detours around work areas. Follow posted signs.

### Gas Company main replacement

Southern California Gas Company is replacing a 4-inch main on San Vicente Boulevard, between 16th and 17th streets; 17th Street, between San Vicente Boulevard and Georgina Avenue; Georgina Avenue, between 16th and 17th streets, between San Vicente Boulevard and Georgina Avenue. There will be detours around work areas. Follow posted signs.

### Main Library

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

### Memorial and Los Amigos Park building replacement

Park buildings will be inaccessible during construction. Memorial Park is located at Olympic Boulevard and 14th Street. Los Amigos Park is located at Fifth Street and Hollister Avenue.

### On-Fiber telecommunications lines

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

### Street and park lighting project

Work continues on upgrading street lighting with new fixtures and circuits. The work is currently scheduled to occur on 23rd Street from Santa Monica Boulevard to Arizona Avenue; California Avenue from Second to Seventh Street; and Ocean Avenue from Montana Avenue to California Avenue; as well as Marine, Clover and Douglas parks.

### Seismic retrofit of parking structure No. 5

Seismic retrofitting is underway on the parking structure on Fourth Street, between Broadway and Santa Monica Boulevard. There may be some added congestion around the entrances and exits.

### Traffic signal upgrade

The transportation management division is upgrading traffic signals on Ocean Park Boulevard at Cloverfield Boulevard and at 23rd Street. For information, call (310) 458-4982.

### Virginia Avenue Park

Renovations are expected to continue through the fall. The park is closed.

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



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## COMMUNITY PROFILES

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self-sufficiency to homeless families and seniors. Participants are required to take parenting and life-skills classes, as well as learn to budget and save their money. The program has a 95 percent success rate, White said.

A career woman, White became homeless when she couldn't handle life's challenges — her mother's death, raising two children, suffering through two divorces and financial uncertainty.

"When I left here, I didn't have the desire to return to corporate America," White said. "I went to the flower mart with \$50, and the rest is history."

White also is a volunteer at Upward Bound House. She focuses much of her time with children — doing homework or just spending time with them, she said.

She gained the reputation of a trusted mother when she was living at Upward Bound House and was often relied on to watch the children. She said young mothers can especially use help from volunteers.

White was a devoted mother for about two decades while she pursued her career. She said she worked for several Fortune 500 companies before she became homeless.

She has mainly worked in sales and media — K-EARTH 101, United Press International, WJBO, to name a few.

She excelled in school, studying sociology at Louisiana State University and Southern University, but dropped out to get started working.

Originally from Louisiana, White uprooted to Nashville, Tenn., with her first husband before moving to Santa Monica in 1985 because, as a producer, her husband wanted to live closer to Hollywood.

White has gone through two divorces and had a child with each husband since she relocated to California.

She went home to Louisiana while living on the West Coast to care for her father and mother before they died. It was at the time of her mother's death that White became homeless even though she

had a sales job at a computer company in Torrance.

Overwhelming life pressures and a lack of budgeting led to White's bout of homelessness. Every paycheck at that point went to living costs. Yet White and her children never went without a roof over their heads because friends took them in.

After a friend directed her to Upward Bound House, White took her children there and got her life organized again.

White is now an entrepreneur, and a mother of a college-going daughter and a skateboarder son. She volunteers at Upward Bound House to give back to the place where she learned to build herself from the bottom up.

White recently sat down with the Daily Press to talk about being homeless in Santa Monica.

### What do you think about the homeless problem in Santa Monica?

"I think this program is a model program and I'd like to see more programs like it. The Katrina and Rita hurricanes have been so devastating, but we have people right here in this city and all of Los Angeles that have their personal Katrinas and Ritas and tsunamis on a regular basis. And the good news about Family Place (the program focused on families at Upward Bound House) is that we are able to give them skills to sustain them other than just giving them a check. And I'd like to see more programs available that will give families and people an opportunity to live on a long-term basis as opposed to a soup line that only sustains them for that moment.

"I think the homelessness situation is growing. People are really not aware of how very close being homeless is to their neighbor or to their former college roommate. We actually have family members here from the hurricane. Our numbers here are growing as a result of disasters in another part of the country. I think it's not just a personal journey. I think that there needs to be more of a concerted effort including funding for Katrina and Rita. I think the only way to end it is to prepare for it. Only a percentage of the population has the chance to excel when another por-

tion of it is going to fail. The economy is large and more expensive, and it's almost impossible for a one-parent household to support children."

### What is your most memorable recollection of helping someone else?

"I had a neighbor who lived above me (in Upward Bound House) at the time. She had a child with special needs. There'd just be days where she'd be on overload, and I would always make myself available to play with them (her kids) and we created a little program called the 'star program.' And I made a chart and I would give them colorful stars every time he would make an achievement. And she was able to take that and work it into her home so she was able to see some difference in him and not be as impatient. She had him and a baby. If I could, I would help. My children were a little bit older so I didn't have the challenges she did."

### What inspires you to help the homeless?

"I'm probably just a product of my parents. You know, my parents reached out. They helped and that's how I was raised. That's what you do, you help, you be a neighbor. People need people. My mother was very involved in our church. It was ironic that I was raised a Methodist and as much as we did within our own church that the entity that gave me help in the crisis of my life came from the First Methodist Church. (My mother) was secretary of the church, she was in the choir, she did a lot. And my father was always helping to make improvements around the church. My family was well known in the community, and my mom worked for the school board. They got me involved. I did a lot a good stuff when I was a child."

### How did you become homeless?

"I was working in sales and I was good at it, but you're only as good as your last pay check. And those numbers kept coming and kept coming and kept coming. And the pressure grew. But, as I came closer and closer to my 40s, at that stage where women change and the stress became unbearable and the mood swings

grew. It was just really hard to manage work, marriage, children, quotas and life. It was a very difficult time for me."

### How do you feel about where you are today?

"Fantastic. Life is good. I couldn't be more ecstatic. I work for myself in my own house. I used to sell hundreds of thousands of dollars for clients and for businesses. I can now do it for myself. It's always been a goal for me. And I can grow my business and hire people and help people in that way. When it was time for me to leave Upward Bound House, I often tell this story, you have to go out and seek affordable housing and the first house that was offered to me was the house where I am. And I applied for numerous places, and I was either next on the list or didn't make it or didn't qualify or whatever the reason was I didn't get it. It came time for me to move, and this house was still available to me. And I prayed, 'God give me a house as nice as the one I had or nicer.' And little did I know that my prayer was answered from the very beginning. The house had one extra bedroom. It had been completely refurbished. When I walked in the house it had naked floors, and I thought, 'They are going to put down a beautiful carpet.' They put down an indoor-outdoor carpet, and I just hated it. Little did I know I was going to need an indoor-outdoor carpet (for my flower shop)."

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## New church might be open next year

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developer, bought two lots where The First Church of Christ, Scientist of Santa Monica used to be located. JSM will build a six-story, 49-unit apartment complex with three-levels of underground parking, and 28,000 square feet of retail space, said city planner Paul Foley.

After 10 years of discussion, church members decided to sell half of the property and build a smaller church because they no longer wanted to pay for the ongoing maintenance of the larger building, which was built in 1964, said Eileen Fraser, a member of the building committee.

"If you look across all churches, they continue to have less people attending," Fraser said. "We decided to build a church more suited for our needs."

The building committee still awaits city approval of the new design. It is uncertain when the new church will be

ready for its parishioners, although the hope is it will be open next year.

Singletary said the new church also will have a Christian Science reading room, a Sunday school and a nursery.

The church got the permit to demolish the building in March, Foley said. But it didn't start tearing down the building until Aug. 1.

Fraser said giving up part of the land makes it easier for church officials to pay for the construction of the new building. She declined to disclose the amount for which church officials sold the property, or how much the new facility costs.

Church officials decided the church should stay in its current location because its members are used to going there and the church had been downtown since 1889, making it the first church of its kind on the Pacific Coast, Fraser said.

This is the third time the church has been rebuilt on its current location since its original construction in 1924.



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Construction workers bulldoze the Christian Science church at the corner of Fifth Street and Arizona Avenue in downtown Santa Monica. A smaller version of the church will be built on one half of the site.

## Volunteers share stories at Unleash the Beach benefit

ANIMAL HELP, from page 3

house after the crate that was attached to an airlift rescue cable broke. The helicopter took off after shots were fired at them, which was widely reported throughout the area.

Conrad said the owner was physically fragile and suffered a heart attack while being rescued from his home. He was flown to Miami, where he still remains.

The man is the only owner Conrad and her team have been able to contact — but it hasn't been without a lack of trying, she added.

In an effort to reunite them, the makeshift animal rescue team puts photos and detailed descriptions of the pets found on [www.petfinder.org](http://www.petfinder.org) and leaves notes on homes.

Conrad said she is expecting a \$1,400 donation to continue her efforts. The money was raised from a benefit for the animal victims of Hurricane Katrina held at the Edgemar Center last month.

Georja Umano, the benefit's organizer and president of Unleash the Beach, said another \$1,400 will go to Kim Finger from Much Love Animal Rescue, which flew 100 animals from the hurricane-struck Gulf Coast to California. The group has reunited three animals with their families, Finger said. Much Love volunteers are putting together a catalogue of the animals they find and plan to keep it at a New Orleans library so pet owners who don't have Internet access have a way to reunite with them.

Finger and Conrad both shared their animal rescue stories from Louisiana at the benefit thrown together in a week by

Umano.

Unleash the Beach is an organization that is attempting to secure a section of the Santa Monica Beach between Montana and Arizona avenues. Animals are not allowed on the beach in Santa Monica.

"A part of our mission is to raise the level of animals in our society," Unleash the Beach board member Risa Freeman said. "We're not just simply owners, we're guardians (of our pets)."

David Kaplowitz, who also spoke at the benefit, reported what he saw in New Orleans not from the perspective of a volunteer but from that of a documentarian.

Kaplowitz has been in Katrina-ravaged Louisiana shooting a documentary on the animal-rescue movement.

He has followed the stories of volunteers and explores what impels teachers, graduate students and professionals to leave their jobs to help animal victims, he said.

"They need more people down there," he said. "There are still dogs, cats standing in the streets."

"People are trying to keep the animals alive, but only the sickest and dying are brought to the shelter," he said.

Kaplowitz often found himself helping the search and rescue mission with a camera in his hand, he said.

People who attended benefit gasped in horror when they heard the three speakers tell what they saw.

Unleash the Beach board member Susan diRende said she wouldn't have been able to leave her dog behind.

"I would not go, I would have to see the tidal wave coming," diRende said. "Love is love, whether it's for a dog or a human."

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## NATIONAL

# Zero energy, lots of pluses get attention for solar home

BY K.C. HOWARD

Associated Press Writer

**LAS VEGAS** — Whoever buys the house at 7387 Howell Mill Court will have a tough time keeping up with the Joneses. Like a jealous twin, it sits next to a replica dwelling that probably will receive far more attention.

The neighboring house is a zero energy

home, meaning that it should, over the course of a year, produce as much energy as it consumes. Ideally, it will tally up an annual energy bill of zero dollars.

The University of Nevada, Las Vegas Center for Energy Research will monitor the two homes, which Pinnacle Homes constructed as part of a 146-home community called The Vinings in southwest Las Vegas.

"There are two houses together that started life on the architect's drawing board as exactly the same house. One of them has been modified to be the better performance house, hopefully," said Bob Boehm, the UNLV center's director.

The homes will be heated in the winter and air conditioned during the summer. The study will last 18 months before the model homes go on the market.

The zero energy home is equipped with a photo voltaic electric system that receives energy from roof-integrated solar panels.

The system is connected to the Nevada Power Co. grid, which will provide the home with energy when it's not producing enough.

"If it generates more energy than what you need it turns the meter backward so you basically sell power to Nevada Power for the same cost they sell it to you," Boehm said. "When it's hot and sunny outside, that's when Nevada Power has the biggest drain on their grid and that's the time you're helping out with it the most."

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, Hurricane Katrina, a blistering hot summer and tight world oil markets set the stage for escalating energy costs this winter. The department estimated electricity expenditures will be up 11 percent compared with winter 2004.

Residential buildings use more than 20 percent of the energy consumed in the United States annually, and the average southern Nevada household currently pays about \$127 a month to Nevada Power.

But what zero energy home saves in energy, it lacks in cost-savings.

"We didn't get the greatest deal on some of this stuff," said Frank Wyatt, Pinnacle Homes president. The conventionally built model is on the market for \$341,990, but he declined to say how much the zero energy home would sell for

or cost to build.

It was as part of a study, a "one-time deal," he said "It's unfair to compare."

But in five years, Boehm said, there should be a price decrease in the solar panels.

"When that happens, you're going to find the payback period is going to be fairly short on a house like that. Right now I don't think there is a payback period on this particular house," he said.

The home also has a water-cooled air-conditioning condenser that uses evaporating water, similar to a swamp cooler.

"The efficiency, depending a little bit on particular conditions, might be nearly twice as high," Boehm said. "That means your bill will be nearly one half."

The windows, lighting, air ducts and walls — thick concrete slabs that sandwich foam — are especially tailored for energy efficiency.

A tankless water heater in the garage is connected to a solar water heater on the roof. The system, Wyatt said, can provide limitless hot water.

The National Renewable Energy Laboratory, which provided technical support for the project, will review the results.

In California, where zero energy homes enjoy larger state subsidies, they have become more popular.

David Springer, president of Davis Energy Group, a California mechanical engineering firm, said making a zero energy home typically adds about \$20,000 to the price.

He's worked with several California developers, including Centex Homes and Clarum Homes, to design such dwellings and recently installed a photo voltaic system on his own house for \$5,500 with the state rebate included. With installation, he estimated the system runs about \$12,000.

"It's a drop in the bucket compared to the million-dollar homes we're seeing on the market," Springer said.

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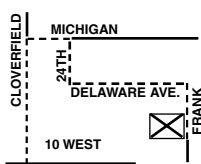
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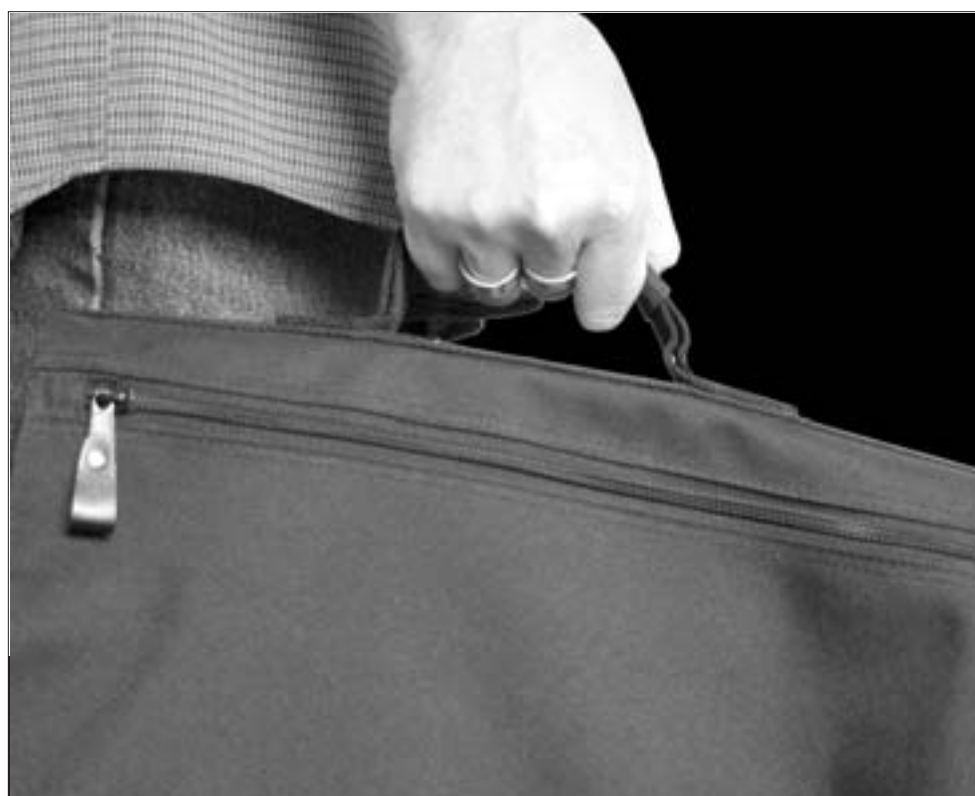


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## NATIONAL



# Navajo Nation officers move into computer era

BY JOHN CHRISTIAN HOPKINS

Associated Press Writer

**WINDOW ROCK, Ariz.** — Navajo Nation law enforcement welcomed a new member to the force last month. But “Cody” won’t carry a gun, or eat dog chow.

Cody is the nickname of the new computer system that will soon make life on the reservation easier. Unless you’re a bad guy, that is.

The state-of-the-art computer system will allow nearly instantaneous interaction between the reservation police departments, help to manage crisis situations and keep enormous amounts of data at an officer’s fingertips. It will also cut down on writing time.

In the old days, an officer had to write on traffic citations and check each box that applied, said longtime police officer Bobby Sandoval.

“Now you won’t have to wait so long to get your traffic citation,” he added.

That’s because an officer will only need to swipe a driver’s license across a hand-held device and that driver’s information will come up on the screen. The hand-held scanner is integrated into a portable computer mounted in the officer’s vehicle which, in turn, is connected to the main computer system.

Public Safety Director Samson Cowboy is bringing Navajo Nation law enforcement into a new era, Sandoval said.

Recalling his own beginnings nearly 28 years ago,

Sandoval said the police department began with about 20 people, and they carried three-channel radios and old six-shot revolvers.

“Those radios wouldn’t work once you got out into the canyons. We used to say 50 Hail Marys every time we headed out there,” Sandoval said. “Then we got 12-channel radios and were amazed. Then we got Beretta’s guns that could hold nine shots.”

Change can be good, but sometimes people are slow to accept it, he said.

“I believe in the new way of doing things, in the faster way of doing things, in the better way of doing things,” Sandoval said.

Cody is all of those things.

It is made to operate on solar-powered batteries. “But if we have a week of cloudy days, it can run by generator,” said David Stephens, chief executive officer of OnSat, one of the companies involved in bringing the project to fruition.

In fact, Cody relies on satellite signals, so there’s no chance of downed power lines affecting the computer system, Stephens said.

“Because wires aren’t needed, the earth didn’t have to be dug up,” said Paul Arnpriester, a national account sales manager for the nonprofit sector of Insight Technologies. “So it also helps protect the land and the culture.”

It’s not just officers on the streets who will be plugged

in, but records clerks and emergency management people, too, Stephens said.

He recalled a dilapidated building he had seen where records were literally falling out from the walls. Cody will prevent such losses of information, he added.

All 110 chapter houses will have access to some data from the system, said Chief of Staff Patrick Sandoval of the Navajo Nation president’s office. People needing copies of their accident reports would be able to get them directly from their chapter houses, he said.

In fact, programs are available that would allow Cody to produce diagrams of an accident site, said Sandoval, Bobby Sandoval’s brother.

Cowboy said Navajo Nation President Joe Shirley named law enforcement as one of his platform goals.

But Cowboy also said the officers themselves helped bring this new computer system about.

“Some of the officers took off their uniforms, put on their coveralls and repaired the walls of this building,” where Cody will be housed, he said.

The project hasn’t cost the tribe a dime. Cowboy identified more than \$6 million in unused grant money, dating as far back as 1999. He was able to use those funds to buy and install the system, and to train the officers and staff.

“Something like this doesn’t come along often, but when it does you want to be a part of it,” Arnpriester said. “The Navajos are pioneers in this technology.”

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# NATIONAL

# Colorado students tackle racism on their own

MELISSA TRUJILLO

Associated Press Writer

**BOULDER, Colo.** — It had been a good night for Andrew Sterling.

The University of Colorado senior spent the evening saying goodbye to friends before leaving for a summer internship in Wisconsin. As he walked a friend home near campus, a van pulled up and a man began shouting racial slurs at Sterling, whose father is black and mother is white. Sterling yelled back.

Sterling says he was willing to let the incident go, but the man punched him in the face. When the 22-year-old woke

moments later on the concrete, his jaw was broken, his attacker gone.

"A lot of people like to think of Boulder and Colorado as a safe haven," Sterling said. "It just goes to prove that racism can occur anywhere."

The state's flagship school has been under intense scrutiny for more than a year and a half and for all the wrong reasons — allegations of misconduct involving the football team, an ethnic studies professor who likened some Sept. 11 victims to Nazis and sharply rising tuition amid state budget cutbacks.

But there has also been a rash of racially tinged incidents, leaving minority stu-

dents outraged by what they say is the inaction of administrators. Some have taken it upon themselves to improve race relations and diversity on a campus that is overwhelmingly white.

"We're not only students, we have to be social activists, we have to be mentors," said Israel Garcia, a 20-year-old sociology and political science major.

Minority students make up fewer than 15 percent of CU's more than 29,000 students. Six percent of students this fall were listed as Hispanic or Latino, 6 percent were Asian, fewer than 2 percent — 457 — were black, and just 226 were American Indian.

By comparison, Colorado residents who say they are Hispanic or Latino make up about 19 percent of the population, according to the 2004 American Community Survey, while blacks make up 4 percent. The survey did not include group quarters, including college dormitories.

The problems began cropping up in February, during the Big 12 Conference on Black Student Affairs, when thousands of minority visitors were on campus. Students reported racist remarks, staring and poor service at an area restaurant.

"It definitely put CU in a bad light among other universities," said Nicole Houston, a senior who helped plan the event. "They had no idea that coming to the university would be leaving a piece of their pride here as well."

Last semester, campus police received five complaints of racist incidents on campus, the most serious of which was a fight in a classroom when a white student referred to a black student with a racial slur, Lt. Tim McGraw said.

"To have that number in that contracted time frame is unusual for us," McGraw said.

A report by CU's Department of Housing and Dining Services found 10 bias-motivated incidents involving race or ethnicity in dormitories between August 2004 and February, including graffiti and name calling.

A number of minority students said school officials have not adequately addressed the incidents, despite assurances that diversity is important.

"I would like to think that's true, but where is the actual action?" sophomore Armando Ruiz Alvarez asked as he sat in the office of CU's United Mexican American Students organization. "If they bring more people of color, they're going to have to put more effort toward it, put more money toward it."

Ron Stump, the vice chancellor for student affairs on the Boulder campus, said the school needs more minority students. But he said high schools must prepare and graduate more of those students.

"The problem is the pipeline," he said. "We're not graduating from high school enough students of color."

Stump said the school works with high schools and middle schools in Denver to recruit minority students. He also pointed to steps the university has taken to improve the climate for minorities, including training resident hall advisers and staff on diversity issues and setting up a committee to track the concerns of minority students.

The university also is creating a course for incoming freshman that would include discussions on topics such as diversity issues, alcohol use and violence against women.

"We want to deal with those somewhat

common problems on any campus, but talk about them in the context of the University of Colorado at Boulder," Stump said.

Students, meanwhile, have taken it upon themselves to address racial harmony. The Student Outreach and Retention Center for Equity opened more than a year ago with the goal of recruiting and retaining nontraditional students, including minorities, gays and the poor.

Garcia recently created the Shoulder2Shoulder campaign — named after a line in the school's fight song — after several racial incidents. The group has held rallies against racism, sexism and homophobia, and it has met several times with administrators and the Boulder City Council to discuss problems.

"We just wanted to make sure that whoever these individuals are that keep committing these types of acts we want to make sure that they know there are students, fellow peers, who do not agree with that behavior," Garcia said.

The recent athletics scandal in which the university was accused of using booze, drugs and sex to attract football recruits included allegations of racism. An independent panel concluded university officials did not knowingly sanction any misbehavior, but said the school sorely lacked black students and should address the disparity.

Attorney Nancy Holton represented one of two football players cleared of sexual assault allegations last year. She said police targeted her client because he is black in a "homogenous" town; last year, almost 16 percent of all black students on campus were athletes.

Christine Yosinaga Itano, vice provost and associate vice chancellor for diversity and equity at CU, said the university has an aggressive program to recruit and retain minorities.

"It's an unfortunate thing that racial issues have been pooled into this thing because it takes away from the underlying issues," Itano said. "They have to do with athletics, the role of women, abuse of alcohol, respect for women in athletics and that cuts across all ethnic groups."

Peter Roby, director of Northeastern University's Center for the Study of Sports in Society, agreed.

"I think there are factors involved in all this that can't be explained by just race alone," he said. "I would be the first to say that in campuses in general, there needs to be a commitment to diversity."

New University of Colorado President Hank Brown has made diversity a focus of his early tenure. After taking over Aug. 1, he announced a plan to expand the reporting and evaluation of diversity issues and programs, and to create a commission to examine the topic on each of CU's campuses.

"It's a critical part of our program to make sure that the university is a welcoming environment for all ethnic groups and for people of all viewpoints," Brown said.

Sterling, meanwhile, has returned to school to finish his degree in mechanical engineering.

"I personally love CU, and it's been a great experience," he said. "It's frustrating because I understand why students want to leave, but I wish they wouldn't, because they make it so much harder for the rest of us."

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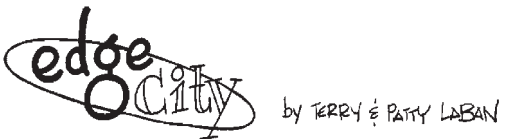
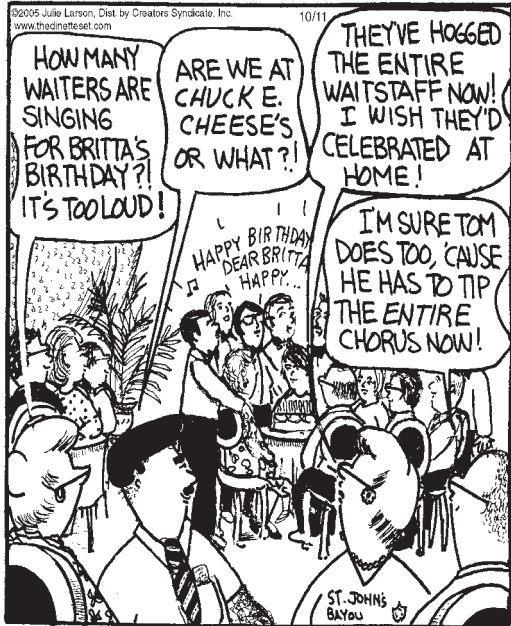


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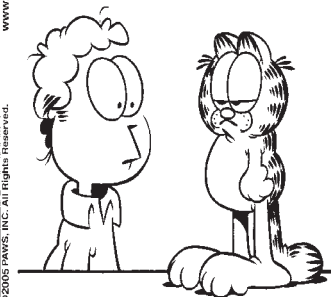
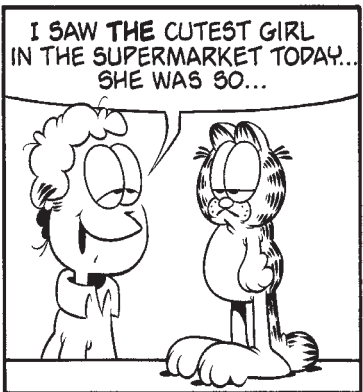
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Dated this 20th day of September, A.D. 2005

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE AND OF INTENTION TO TRANSFER LIQUOR LICENSE(S)

(Secs. 6101-6107 U.C.C.)

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.

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All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the transferor(s) within three years last past, so far as known to transferee(s), are: NONE

The name(s) and address of the Buyer(s)/transferee(s) is/are:

JAMES OVERTURF and LOMA LEE NELSON-HUSEMAN

12238 Santa Monica Blvd.

Los Angeles, CA 90025

The assets to be transferred are described in general as:

Materials, supplies, merchandise, equipment, (or) goodwill, furniture, fixtures, equipment, leasehold interest, leasehold improvements, inventory of stock in trade and On-Sale General Public Premises License No. 48-332561 and are located at:

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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).

That the total consideration for the transfer of said assets and of said license(s) is the sum of \$300,000.00, including the inventory estimated at \$18,000.00 which consist of the following:

Checks \$30,000.00, Demand Note \$70,000.00, Promissory Note \$200,000.00.

That it has been agreed between said transferee(s) and said transferor(s) that consideration for the transfer of said license(s) is to be paid only after transfer has been approved by Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control pursuant to Sec. 24073 et seq.

That the herein described transfers are to be consummated, subject to the above provision at: WILSHIRE ESCROW COMPANY

4270 Wilshire Blvd.

Los Angeles, CA 90010

and the anticipated sale date is:

October 21, 2005 on or after 10:00am

The address of where claims may be filed is:

WILSHIRE ESCROW COMPANY, 4270 WILSHIRE BLVD., LOS ANGELES, CA 90010, and the last date

**Notices**

for filing claims shall be October 20, 2005, which is the business day before the sale date specified above.

Signature of Buyer(s)

James Overtruf, Loma Lee Nelson-Huseman

Dated: September 20, 2005

Pub: 10/3/05, 10/10/05, 10/17/05

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 2013050 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ALC Entertainment, 2370 Fern Way, La Habra, CA 90631. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Alex Reynaldo Castillo, 2370 Fern Way, La Habra, CA 90631, Yesenia Castillo, 2370 Fern Way, La Habra, CA 90631 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)8/22/2005. /s/: Alex Reynaldo Castillo, Yesenia Castillo

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 2008286 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as All Electrix Company, 1701 Wabasso Way, Glendale, CA 91208. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Eddie Saryan, 1701 Wabasso Way, Glendale, CA 91208 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)5/1/1994. /s/: Eddie Saryan

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 2013056 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Black Landscaping Co., Black Nurshery Inc., CMB Land, AI #/ON 2734743, 12031 Cyclops St., Norwalk, CA 90650. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : CMB Harvest Inc., 12031 Cyclops St., Norwalk, CA 90650 This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)8/1/2005. /s/: CMB Harvest Inc., Secretary, Audrey Black

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 2008151 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Diana's Party Supplies, 4124 Broadway, Los Angeles, CA 90037. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Benito Villamar, 200 W. 55 St., Los Angeles, CA 90037 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)8/23/2005. /s/: Benito Villamar

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 2013035 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as R Lainfiesta, 4900 1/2 Live Oak St., Cudahy, CA 90201. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Ruben Lainfiesta, 4900 1/2 Live Oak St., Cudahy, CA 90201 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)1/3/1992. /s/: Ruben Lainfiesta

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 2052805 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Financial Plus Mortgage, 5701 S. Eastern Ave., Suite 630, Commerce, CA 90040. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Jose L. Lopez, 9718 Saloma Ave., North Hills, CA 91343, Juan Rangel, 7209 Shady Oak Dr., Downey, CA 90240, Javier Juanchi, 1438 E. 22nd St., Los Angeles, CA 90011 This Business is being conducted by, a limited liability. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Jose Lopez, Juan Rangel, Javier Juanchi

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 2035172 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Serenity Mortuary Transportation, 8729 Mines Ave., Pico Rivera, CA 90660. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Frank Lopez, 8729 Mines Ave., Pico Rivera, CA 90660, Frankie Lopez Jr., 8729 Mines 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/: Frank Lopez, Frankie Lopez

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 052013034 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Miles Real Estate Devel., 14626 Lemoli Ave., #5, Hawthorne, CA 90250. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Gilbert Leon Miles, 14626 Lemoli Ave., #5, Hawthorne, CA 90250, Eddie H. Miles, 6604 Springpark Ave., #9, Los Angeles, CA 90056 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/: Eddie Miles, Gilbert L. Miles

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 2154038 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Eliteffitnessequipment, AI #/ON C7686-03, 418 S. Vermont Ave., Glendora, A 91740. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Fitness Factor, Inc., 1150 W. Donington St., Glendora, CA 91741 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/: Fitness Factor, Inc., President, Dean Krekemeyer

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person(s) is (are) doing business as SK Foodmarts, 1875 W. Holt Ave., Pomona, CA 91768. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Chhuoy Yam, 512 S. Lincoln Ave., #e, Monterey Park, CA 91755 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/: Chhuoy Yam

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 2039714 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as The Payne Housing Development, 11736 Parmelee Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90059. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Carolyn J. Anderson, 11736 Parmelee Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90059 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)3/1/2005. /s/: Carolyn J. Anderson

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 2188957 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Keith Solomon Productions, Keith Solomon Photography, 2348 Kelton Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90064. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Keith Bryan Solomon, 2348 Kelton Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90064 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/: Keith Solomon

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 2413747 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 7Even Cleaning Service, 520 E. Fairview Blvd., Inglewood, CA 90302/ PO Box 1771, LA, CA 90049. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Carolyn Briggs, 520 E. Fairview Blvd., Inglewood, CA 90302, Michael Briggs, 520 E. Fairview Blvd., Inglewood, CA 90302 This Business is being conducted by, husband and wife. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Carolyn Briggs, Michael Briggs

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 2413746 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Rohan Consulting Services, 147 S. Oak Knoll Ave., #301, Pasadena, CA 91101. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Hanh Rohan, 147 S. Oak Knoll Ave., #301, Pasadena, CA 91101 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)8/15/2005. /s/: Hanh Rohan

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 2390872 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Styles By Design, 1176 Wellesley Ave., #101, Los Angeles, CA 90049. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Witkow Enterprises Inc., CA 1176 Wellesley Ave., #101, Los Angeles, CA 90049 This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)2/2/1981. /s/: Witkow Enterprises Inc., President, Elliot Witkow

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## Name Changes

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. Date: September 13, 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. 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 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

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