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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

In August, Kenneth Davis, 42, saw a wild 6-foot-long blacksnake in his neighborhood in Lawrence Township, N.J., and decided to coax it, probably as a joke, toward the residence of his friend Michael File. Michael's father saw the snake in his yard and stomped it to death, angering Davis, who knocked the father down. Michael File came to his dad's defense, but Davis picked up the snake, twirled it over his head, and began to beat Michael with it. Michael File then grabbed a baseball bat and hit Davis just as police and rescue workers arrived. (According to police, alcohol was involved.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

■ **TEN YEARS AGO:** Defense Secretary William Perry, nearing the end of a visit to China, said Beijing had agreed to brief the Pentagon on its overall military strategy and defense spending plans.

■ **FIVE YEARS AGO:** Career prosecutor Robert Ray was sworn in to replace Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr and wrap up the wide-ranging investigation of President Clinton and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton. The New York Yankees won a record 36th pennant, beating the Boston Red Sox 6-1 in Game 5 of the American League Championship Series.

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Democratic rally nets \$500K for party

By Daily Press staff

BERGAMOT STATION

— Democratic party leaders U.S. Sen. Hillary Clinton and former presidential candidate Howard Dean led a political rally here Friday night that was headlined by the Red Hot Chili Peppers.

Nearly 2,000 people turned out for the event, which raised \$500,000 for the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, organizers said.

The rally was held in an outdoor parking lot between art studios at Bergamot Station, off of Michigan Avenue in eastern Santa Monica. Speakers included Clinton and Dean, along with U.S. Sens. Barbara Boxer, Jon Corzine, Tom Harkin and Debbie Stabenow, and senatorial candidate Barack Obama, who delivered a keynote address at this summer's Democratic National Convention.

Malcolm Jamal Warner, who played the role of "Theo" in television's "The Cosby Show," emceed the rally.



John Wood/Daily Press

Renowned bassist Flea and his band, the Red Hot Chili Peppers, jam before a crowd of nearly 2,000 at Bergamot Station Friday during a Democratic fundraiser that also featured the former first lady, U.S. Sen. Hillary Clinton.

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Fred Deni: Shining under the Broadway lights

BY SUSAN TAM

Special to the Daily Press

At Fred Deni's Back on Broadway, the restaurant's entrance is adorned with numerous humanitarian awards, newspaper clippings and plaques honoring Deni's devotion to the community. Further inside the restaurant, Deni himself seems to be in a state of perpetual motion as he cheerfully moves from table to table to greet friends and regulars as they dine.

Born in New Jersey, Deni, 56, has been a long-time fixture in the Santa Monica community and is known by many for his giving nature.



"He's very generous, very ready to extend himself for community groups that support good causes and schools," said former mayor Denny Zane of Deni. "It's amazing, Fred has probably one of the biggest lists of testimonials from people who live in the com-

munity."

Deni, however, is not a California native, but an East coast transplant that landed here as a young actor looking for the silver screen. He confesses that back then he knew nothing about running a restaurant, nor did he have any experience with food — with the exception that his mother cooked often. He said he could not have worked for anyone else, which is, in part, why he chose to begin and run his own business.

Recently, Deni sat down with the Daily Press to talk about how he ended up "Back on Broadway," his secret to staying in business,

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Support grows for local college bond measure

Measure S faces minimal opposition

BY PAM WIGHT

Special to the Daily Press

SMC —Despite overwhelming support from most community groups, a movement is quietly building to defeat a ballot measure that, if passed, would give the local college \$135 million.

But how effective the efforts of a small group of residents are remains to be seen. Opponents of "Measure S" don't have nearly as much money or political clout as those who support it. With little money and political backing, their recourse has been to set up a Web site. They also plan to distribute lawn signs and fliers near election day.

Supporters of Measure S recently sent out a mailer to thousands of voters that lists more than three dozen community leaders and organizations backing the measure. And last week, the local PTA threw its support behind the measure. According to disclosure statements filed earlier this month in City Hall, supporters for Measure S had amassed \$160,000 in earnings and spent \$60,000, mostly on mailers and campaign consultants.

Fighting the measure has left resident Don Gray frustrated and angry about what he considers insider politicking.

"There's no way we can compete with their lobbying groups with lots of cash," he said. "I don't blame people for saying, 'Why should I give you \$250?' — which is a drop in the bucket compared to what we're up against."

The \$135 million bond initiative, if approved by 55

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Mystery Photo



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Wednesday, October 27

- 12:00 noon – 2:00 pm
- UCLA, Kerckhoff Hall, Student Union (use Lines 1, 2, 3, 8, 12, Super 12)

Thursday, October 28

- 6:00 – 8:00 pm
- Vera Davis McClendon Youth & Family Center 610 California Avenue, Venice (use Line 2)

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 ★★★★★ Visualize, and you'll create much more. Others pick your brain, trying to get as much information as possible. You feel that you have become a solution machine. Gather the facts before you take a stand professionally. Facts and figures will prove to be the strength of your position. Tonight: Work late.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★★★★ Relating to individuals proves to be worthwhile. People do not work with or accept your ideas. It is like there are too many cooks in the kitchen. Still, you might want to stretch and do your own research. Tonight: Explore options.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ★★★★★ Network. Throwing a concept out at a meeting helps others brainstorm and allows your creativity to bubble forth. Your popularity surges as you make others feel important. Later in the afternoon, get down to the nitty-gritty with one person. Tonight: Quality time with a loved one.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ★★★★★ Dig into work and get the job done. You might want some feedback from a family member who always comes up with a "better" idea. Take frequent breaks in order to maintain a high level of efficiency. Continue to evaluate the possibility of a home office. Tonight: Accept an invitation out.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ★★★★★ Discipline your sense of adventure and funnel the energy into creativity. Add that energy into your work, and success will follow you. Your ability to communicate helps others understand where you are coming from. Tonight: Work late.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ★★★★★ Tension from your personal life mars your ability to concentrate. Carefully check out an investment or improvement to your home. Later in the day, your creativity expands into your work. Go with the flow. Tonight: Funnel energy and originality into your work.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ★★★★★ Keep conversations going. Use your ability to help others talk and express their feelings. Together you will move ideas and projects to a new level. But don't flip-flop from your basic stand. Don't allow Libran waffling to make you appear as a yo-yo. Tonight: At home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ★★★★★ Have your figures lined up, and know where you are spending money. A new budget might be in order. Remain positive. Conversations in the late afternoon convince others of your direction and choices. Tonight: Visit with a friend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ★★★★★ You are like a steam engine throughout the morning and most of the afternoon. Don't let this energy go undirected. Know what you want. Carefully choose your direction in a money matter. Tonight: Go over facts and figures.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ★★★★★ Check out information this morning. When you make a presentation, you want to be sure of your facts and figures. In the afternoon, the Moon slides into your sign. You enter your power period of the month. Tonight: As you want it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ★★★★★ You have the wherewithal and imagination to create what you want during the daylight hours. Schedule meetings and a get-together during this period. Make key calls. Later on, you will want and need more privacy. Tonight: Curl up with a magazine, article or book.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ★★★★★ Bosses make demands, and you jump to their requests. Associates support and demonstrate the same type of behavior. Assume more self-control. Make a plan to get where you want. You can be quite a force to deal with. Tonight: With friends.

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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Hangin' 10 by the moonlight

By Daily Press staff

With 180,000 watts of light focused on the action, the Red Bull 5X made history as Malibu's first-ever night surfing event was held in reeling, shoulder-high waves at the famous First Point. Five of the sport's most talented female long-boarders, including Daize Shayne, Mary Osborne, Kassia Meador, Kim Hamrock and Schuyler McFerran, battled it out in a 90-minute expression session.



Photo by Christian Pondella and Jorge Salas/Special to the Daily Press
Kim Hamrock rides the waves at Surfrider Beach Saturday night in Malibu.

Instead of the normal surf competition in which each surfer's performance is critiqued by judges on the beach, the competition allowed the surfers to push the limits of performance without the constraints of typical contest formats. A full film crew recorded all the action in the water, and the surfers themselves determined the winner during a playback session.

Despite the impossibly long nose rides and graceful footwork on display, it was the unique night surfing format that caught the attention of the surfers.

"It was so beautiful on the water," said veteran pro Kim Hamrock of Huntington Beach, Calif. "Actually it was kind of hard to surf at times because I was just mesmerized watching the bottom and the fish."

The complete session will air on the FUEL network later this year.

Neighborhood group keeps eye on development

By Daily Press staff

If you want to chime in on a proposal to build one of the tallest buildings to hit downtown Santa Monica in decades, you might want to attend a neighborhood meeting tonight.

The Wilshire/Montana Neighborhood Coalition (also known as Wilmont) will host its monthly board meeting today at 7 p.m. in the Ken Edwards Center, 1527 Fourth St., and one of the topics will be the Fairmont Miramar Hotel's proposal to redevelop its property, which includes a tower.

This month's board meeting will include an update on the "Garden of Angels" proposed conditional use permit and the Fairmont Miramar's development agreement, as well as exploring a possible discount program for Wilmont members at local businesses. Wilmont also is trying to organize a public forum on homelessness. Wilmont's board meetings are open to the public.

"We met with both the Garden of Angels' neighbors and the school itself last month and made our recommendations to the Planning Commission. Now that the Planning Commission's decision has been appealed, we wanted our board to get a

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CORRECTION — In an article in the Oct. 15 edition, Mayor Richard Bloom was misquoted in his quote taken from Shakespeare. It should have read "Methinks he doth protest too much," in regards to City Council candidate Bobby Shriver's complaint that the press is focusing on his family ties rather than local issues.



SURF REPORT

Monday will see a mix of holding to slowly fading SW swell and leftover NW swell. Northern LA County spots see mostly SW swell for inconsistent waist- to chest-high surf for many areas. Best breaks get bigger sets in the morning up to shoulder high. South Bay spots pick up leftover WNW swell for mostly waist-high and below waves. Winds are light onshore in the morning and build out of the SW to W in the 8-15 knot range for the afternoon.

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MONDAY	5:28	2.7	8:06	0.0	1:35	3.4	12:08	5.9
TUESDAY	6:14	3.2	9:35	0.1	3:42	3.3	1:13	5.5
WEDNESDAY	8:28	3.5	10:56	0.0	5:41	3.7	2:47	5.2
THURSDAY	10:51	3.2	11:58	-0.1	6:26	4.1	4:29	5.1
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The Q Line

As election day draws near, voters are increasingly being inundated with political scare tactics, confusing campaign literature and promises from candidates — on the local, state and national levels.

Although many people might have made up their minds long ago on the presidential race, it is often much harder to make meaningful distinctions among local and state candidates and issues.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know,

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OPINION



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Examples of liberalism

Editor:

With regards to Ron Scott Smith's speculative article (SMDP, Oct. 14, page 4), yes, liberal means being generous ... with other people's money. Ron's spin would have you believe that conservatives are against funding libraries, public education and welfare. What we are against are ineffective programs that only put Band-Aids on problems instead of solving them.

What good is public education if there are no standards? Why promote a student if they can't read or do basic math? The liberal solution is to throw other people's money at the problem. Our capitalist society has become nearly as socialist as China. The liberals/socialists would have us believe that we are the land of "opportunists." Capitalism does not mean "dog eat dog." It means that all of us have sovereignty over our lives. That is what sets us apart from socialism and makes us the land of "opportunity."

Democrats love to invoke F.D.R.'s legacy — yet he is as far from the current Democratic Party as Pat Buchanan. F.D.R. never intended 30-year-old men to be living on Social Security, yet I personally know three able-bodied individuals who are doing just that. I see one of them watch Monday Night Football every week at Barney's Beanery while I can't afford to. Another recently used his General Relief money to buy a new bike. Others just buy good old-fashioned pot and malt liquor. I'd speculate that there are several more abusing our welfare system. This is what I see with my own two eyes.

Also, back in the 1940s, people weren't living nearly as long as they are today. It is an antiquated system that needs reform. Bush will do it, Kerry stated bluntly that he will not. However, he will throw lots of our money at it. A liberal indeed.

Bush is criticized for wanting people to be fiscally responsible by giving them a say in their retirements and health care. Liberals like Kerry believe that the government should do it for you. Is it any wonder that credit card debt exceeds our national deficit? Is it any wonder that ghettos remain ghettos?

As far as an increase in minimum wage, my employer told me flat out, "If they raise it, I'll have to fire people." What good is a higher wage if you don't have a job? That's OK, just get on unemployment.

Ron also made light of the relief Bush sent to hurricane victims, insinuating that it wasn't a conservative policy. To that I can only say that you are ignorant and have the mentality of a racist perpetuating false stereotypes. Also a very liberal policy.

Thomas Kenney
Los Angeles

Fisher an asset builders need

Editor:

When at Fisher Lumber, as often I am, I don't ask the personnel what seems like a very personal question, "Where will you go?" when Fisher closes down, after 81 years. It's a touchy topic. That some of the staff have been there as long as they have is enough to indicate that the place is as acceptable to them as it is to the many contractors, handymen, apartment managers and builders whose trucks come and go for hours on most mornings and throughout the day. True, house holders also feel comfortable under the do-it aegis that Fisher adopted some time ago. But Fisher is a top professional-level materials mecca. Lumber sheds and stacks, not shelves of home center gimcrackery, fill most of the three acres the City Council is planning to possibly turn into a park, a surprise to those of us led to believe that parent Weyerhaeuser was selling to developers who were to create more condos.

Selfishly, I read my own dilemma into the comments of vice-chairwoman of the Recreation and Parks Commission, Susan Cloke, who said that the city does not have enough park space. "We can't accommodate youth, we can't accommodate

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GUEST COMMENTARY BY HARRY BINSWANGER

The Ten Commandments vs. USA

Now that the Supreme Court is going to hear two cases about government displays of the Ten Commandments, we can expect a continuation of the loud debate about the legal and constitutional issues. But this debate needs to go deeper than that. We need to ask more challenging questions, questions of a fundamental nature. We need to ask: What are the Ten Commandments? What is their philosophic meaning and what kind of society do they imply?

Religious conservatives claim that the Ten Commandments supplied the moral grounding for the establishment of America. But is that even possible? Let's put aside the historical question of what sources the Founding Fathers, mostly Deists, drew upon. The deeper question is: Can a nation of freedom, individualism and the pursuit of happiness be based on the Ten Commandments?

Let's look at the commandments. The wording differs among the Catholic, Protestant and Hebrew versions, but the content is the same.

The first commandment is: "I am the Lord thy God."

As first, it is the fundamental. Its point is the assertion that the individual is not an independent being with a right to live his own life but the vassal of an invisible Lord. It says, in effect, "I own you; you must obey me."

Could America be based on this? Is such a servile idea even consistent with what America represents: the land of the free, independent, sovereign individual who exists for his own sake? The question is rhetorical.

The second commandment is an elaboration of the above, with material about not serving any other god and not worshipping "graven images" (idols). The Hebrew and Protestant versions threaten heretics with reprisals against their descendants — inherited sin — "visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation ..."

This primitive conception of law and morality flatly contradicts American values. Inherited guilt is an impossible and degrading concept. How can you be guilty for something you didn't do? In philosophic terms, it represents the doctrine of determinism, the idea that your choices count for nothing, that factors beyond your control govern your "destiny." This is the denial of free will and therefore of self-responsibility.

The nation of the self-made man cannot be squared with the ugly notion that you are to be punished for the "sin" of your great-grandfather.

The numbering differs among the various versions, but the next two or three commandments proscribe taking the Lord's name "in vain" and spending a special day, the Sabbath, in propitiating Him.

In sum, the first set of command-

ments orders you to bow, fawn, grovel and obey. This is impossible to reconcile with the American concept of a self-reliant, self-owning individual.

The middle commandment, "Honor thy father and mother," is manifestly unjust. Justice demands that you honor those who deserve honor, who have earned it by their choices and actions. Your particular father and mother might or might not deserve your honor — that is for you to judge on the basis of how they have treated you and of a rational evaluation of their moral character.

To demand that Stalin's daughter honor Stalin is not only obscene, but also demonstrates the demand for mindlessness implicit in the first set of commandments. You are commanded not to think or judge, but to jettison your reason and simply obey.

The second set of commandments is unobjectionable but common to virtually every organized society — the commandments against murder, theft, perjury and the like. But what is objectionable is the notion that there is no rational, earthly basis for refraining from criminal behavior, that it is only the not-to-be-questioned decree of a supernatural Punisher that makes acts like theft and murder wrong.

The basic philosophy of the Ten Commandments is the polar opposite of the philosophy underlying the American ideal of a free society. Freedom requires:

- a metaphysics of the natural, not the supernatural; of free will, not determinism; of the primary reality of the individual, not the tribe or the family;

- an epistemology of individual thought, applying strict logic, based on individual perception of reality, not obedience and dogma;

- an ethics of rational self-interest, to achieve chosen values, for the purpose of individual happiness on this earth, not fearful, dutiful appeasement of "a jealous God" who issues "commandments."

Rather than the Ten Commandments, the actual grounding for American values is that captured by Ayn Rand in *Atlas Shrugged*:

"If I were to speak your kind of language, I would say that man's only moral commandment is: Thou shalt think. But a 'moral commandment' is a contradiction in terms. The moral is the chosen, not the forced; the understood, not the obeyed. The moral is the rational, and reason accepts no commandments."

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OPINION



Lessons are learned when you come too close to the line



HIP TO BE SQUARE

BY CAROLINE BODKIN

My last major “who am I?” identity crisis began during the fall of my sophomore year in college. In the company of my friends, their talents and vibrant personalities, I began to feel plain. I saw the things they did and wondered why I didn’t do any of those things. I was missing something.

I asked myself: Why don’t I play a sport? Why aren’t I majoring in political science? Why did I give up my radio show and the saxophone and horseback riding? What makes me special? What is my talent, my “thing?” I must not have one, because if I did, wouldn’t it be obvious? If I had a “thing,” I’d know where to fit in.

And if I fit in, I’d feel accepted. If I felt accepted, I’d believe I was worth knowing. What makes me worth knowing?

Because I didn’t have any idea what my thing was, I decided I’d adopt other peoples’. I tried out and did not make the JV soccer team. I bought a mountain bike and rode constantly until the bike was stolen. I borrowed hairstyles and catch phrases from people I thought were cool.

And finally, when none of those things were able to define who I was, and I was still self-conscious and confused, my best friend said to me, “Caroline, you’re not like everyone else because you’re you. You are your thing.”

She said it, but I couldn’t hear it at the time. It was the kind of wisdom you must learn for yourself.

So I kept looking for acceptance. And since I wasn’t getting it from myself, I was desperate to get it from someone else.

That spring, I fell in love with a senior

nicknamed Shakes. He was handsome but sullen, brooding, tall and smart. And though he loved me too, we broke up before the school year ended. He was feeling that way that graduates tend to feel — unwilling to be responsible to anyone for the decisions they’re about to make. It’s understandable.

Needless to say, though I understood the reasoning, I was devastated. And for the rest of the school year I behaved like a complete idiot. I drank too much. I became quiet and insular. I cut off all my hair. I danced a lot and wrote a lot, which was good, but I was a bitch to be around.

And finally, the last week of school, I hooked up with one of my best friends’ crushes. The guy she’d talked about all year.

The morning after, I walked out into the common room of my suite, and the room fell silent. None of my friends knew what to say to me. I can’t remember a time I felt that hollow.

That summer, once I reclaimed some of my senses and realized how horrible I felt, I apologized profusely to my friend. I tried to explain to her that it wasn’t an act of malice, that I didn’t mean to hurt her, that it wasn’t personal, that I was just in a dark, dark spot.

There are probably a lot of psychological explanations for why I chose that as a remedy to my problems: Finding accep-

tance from men excuses you from accepting yourself, or something of the sort.

Regardless, it hurt me and my friendship, and failed to remedy anything else.

I got a phone call from that friend yesterday. She was returning the “Happy Birthday” message I’d left her. We chatted and laughed, and we made plans to visit each other in our respective cities, and it was great. We’re over it. It took time, but we got over it. We got over it, but I’ll never forget it.

I think about it almost every time I think about her. Still. Because remembering an instance when you were such a bad friend is a hard thing to forget.

That seems like a long time ago. I don’t know how I became comfortable with myself after all. Maybe it just took years of being the adult version of myself, or pursuing things that interest me, being a better friend — the kind of friend who wouldn’t betray someone like that again.

I don’t know.

Maybe it took coming that close to losing a friendship to realize that there was a better self in me worth knowing.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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anybody.” (SMDP, Oct. 14, page 1). So while I worry about where the familiar retail staff at Fisher will go, I wonder, too, who will accommodate me — where will I go as one of the best supply outlets around goes the way of many Santa Monica fixtures in the past few years?

Michael Jondreau
Santa Monica

Home Depot a long way from home

Editor:

I have lived at my address in Santa Monica since 1977. Fisher Lumber has been the single most useful Santa Monica business in all those years. Councilman Genser calls the closure of Fisher Lumber, “A wonderful day for the people of Santa Monica.” (SMDP, Oct. 14, page 1). I call it a sad loss of a truly useful business and the start of a lot of wasted time driving out of town to get products that could be available here. Too bad Weyerhaeuser apparently decided to let the whole thing go.

Of course, no Santa Monica City Councilperson would ever consider lowering themselves to actually repair something. First of all, it would take three months of meetings to decide whether to use a 1” or a 2” nail. Then they would have to spend \$300,000 on a study about how to use a hammer. However, lots of good and smart people do all kinds of projects with materials available at Fisher.

In the years that I have lived here, I and many others have done so much house repair, plumbing, auto repair, gardening, painting, etc., all with products and expert advice from Fisher and its employees. I’ve learned a lot there. When you go there, there are always lots of people getting useful products for their lives. Often, when working on a project, several trips to Fisher are needed, as one finds other bits needed to complete the project.

Just last week, we decided to make a custom fitted set of bookshelves for our living room. I made the measurements, went to Fisher where they cut all the pieces of wood perfectly, I got the nails, stain, etc. and came home and assembled our form-fitted shelves. Now I will have to drive to Home Depot to buy a piece of wood — and just try getting wood cut there.

When my daughter was about 6, she was into Barbies. We designed and built a two-story house for her dolls, with two bedrooms, living room, bathroom, staircase, backyard, garage, trees, interior lighting, a lighted fireplace, etc. About 95 percent of the materials were right up the street at Fisher Lumber. My daughter learned so much from this: How to imagine a building and what it needs, how to draw it, how to make scale ratios to show the shapes, how to measure and cut the wood, construction techniques, patience, math, etc. She and her friends played with this house for years and we added many touches as time went by, with materials from Fisher Lumber. Now, I don’t think I would have the time to deal with it, because multiple trips to Home Depot just take too much time.

My house is filled with all sorts of things from Fisher Lumber — paint, plumbing, fences, flooring, electrical, home made furniture — all kinds of useful stuff available in one place, close to home. Like so many customers I have heard grumbling about the closure of Fisher, it will make life just more difficult here in Santa Monica.

I realize a lumber/hardware store isn’t as glamorous as a park, but to the many people of Santa Monica who do all sorts of projects, it is a very hard loss. As I make the two-hour round trip to Home Depot to buy a piece of 2 by 4, I’ll think of Genser and how wonderful it is for Santa Monica.

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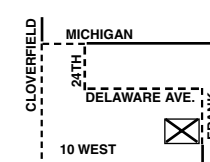
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hosting charitable Thanksgiving dinners and traveling to a war-torn country.

Tell me a little bit about your background. How old are you? Where did you grow up?

“I won’t lie, I’m 56 years old. I was born in New Jersey outside of New York City, and was an actor when I was a child from the time I was 7 to 24, on Broadway in ‘The King and I’ in 1955, and came out to L.A. to screen test for Screen Gems for a TV show, for ‘Here Come the Brides’ with Bobby Sherman, and I didn’t get the job, but I fell in love with California, and thought, ‘Oh, I’ll stay here.’ I didn’t care for film, but I just decided to stay and thought, ‘I like the lifestyle here in California better.’

“So, but then, from my savings as a child when I was working, I went through that money very quickly and had to do something, and so I found a location on the beach where I opened a restaurant in 1979.”

Did you come straight to Santa Monica from New York City?

“Via Hollywood. [laughs] Coming from the East and never being here, I thought you had to live in Hollywood, and then when I got there, I thought, ‘I don’t think I like this. I could have just stayed in New York for this,’ so in a very short amount of time, I quickly moved to Santa Monica in 1974 and loved it because it was such a nice little sleepy beach town. It sort of left the hustle and bustle of the city.

“In 1979, I went into business for myself and opened the Ocean Café, which I sublet from the Sand & Sea Club. When we had to leave that location we came to Broadway, and opened Back on Broadway, which, when I walked in it was a really little coffee shop that was very, very run down. There was nothing in this neighborhood except St. John’s Hospital, and I sort of stood here, rather defeated, because it was so much work. I looked around and thought, ‘Well, little did I know I’d go 20 years full circle and wind up back on Broadway.’ And my friend, who was with me, thought, ‘What a great name!’ And I said, ‘What?’ He said, ‘Fred Deni’s Back on Broadway,’ and I said, ‘Oh no, you’re out of your mind.’ I thought about it for a couple weeks, and I said yes, and did take the name and was really uncomfortable with it. It’s really sort of funny to have a restaurant with your name on it. Then, after a while, I sort of liked the association, and I grew to like it, and now it’s part of my name.”

Tell me about “Back on the Beach,” your other restaurant.

“We opened here (Broadway) in 1982 and thought that my life on the beach was pretty much over. And then in 1989, when there was the proposition about the hotel and the development of 415 PCH and it was voted down, the city asked me to be a temporary business operator at that location, and this is 2004 and I’m still there, and I had no problem being convinced of that name (Back on the Beach) because we returned to the same location.”

You often open your restaurant as a donation to the community, whether it be for PAL, Thanksgiving dinners or

other events. When did you start doing this and why?

“Well, it’s interesting, because the way it all started was that the restaurant wasn’t, you know, all that successful. I was raised doing charity work, my parents were very, very community oriented and were always involved in doing things for other people. I just felt that I still had to do it, so my easiest way to be able to do it, because I couldn’t just write checks for \$2,500 dollars all over town because I was still struggling so much, was that I could open the restaurant and get people to start volunteering to start feeding the homeless starting in 1979. We actually were the first to start homeless dinners because when I brought up the subject that we were going to feed the homeless for Thanksgiving, many of the people that I said it to said, ‘This is Santa Monica, there’s no homeless people here!’ And at that first dinner that we opened to them, we had like 700 people show up. Many of my volunteers just sat there and went, ‘Oh my God, where did all these people come from?’ We tried to create a real restaurant experience instead of a soup kitchen experience, with tablecloths on the table and so on. There was such great satisfaction in doing this that everyone said, ‘Well, we’re going to do this next year, aren’t we?’ And I said, ‘Well, uh....OK.’

“The point was not to become a tradition, it was just that we were doing it because it felt right, you know. I mean, every Thanksgiving prior to that I had over a lot of friends who, I called them ‘home orphans,’ because they weren’t able to go home because it was only a weekend, they lived farther away, or they didn’t have money, so I had everybody at my house for dinner, and the last year I did that, I guess this would 1978, there were like 90 people at my house. It was a great system, all of a sudden everybody got up and they left, and I’m like, ‘What a mess! I’m not doing this anymore! Next year, I’m going to make everybody work, and we’re going to do something that’s worthwhile.’ And that’s really how it started.

“We have some people who have been coming since that original dinner, and there is a corps of volunteers that literally, I don’t even tell them to, they just show up on Thanksgiving. It’s like such a choreographed situation. They all have their little duties that they’ve had all these years, and they take these responsibilities and they do them. And I just sort of stand there. Pretty much it’s out of my control now. Since then, a few homeless dinners have popped up, and the last year we did the homeless was probably eight years ago, and it was very funny because we were all competing (with the civic center, and other churches and organizations.) So I said, ‘Next year, we’re going to do something different, we’re going to take (another) group, and we’re going to feed them.’ So I contacted the Santa Monica Senior Services Center, and they loved the idea because they were combining the seniors with the homeless, and some of the seniors were a little uncomfortable. So I said, ‘Let’s make this a senior dinner,’ and no one has stolen my senior citizens.”

You gathered 5,000 bears for patients in a mental institute and for orphanages in Bosnia. What’s the story behind that?

“In 1992, I was traveling in Italy, which is where my family is from, and

decided to go to Yugoslavia. I found myself in a place where they were evacuating refugees because the war was quickly moving. The only way I could get (from one part of the country to another to return to Italy) was by bus because they had blown up the tracks for the train. We finally gathered for passage on the bus, it was about 100 miles or something like that but it took about 10 hours. The thing that really opened my eyes were people that were carrying their life’s possessions with them. There were chickens in coops. Refugees were really leaving from a war-torn area to get to a safe area. It really moved me, and I said, ‘I’m coming back here, and I’m doing something about that.’ It took me until about 1996 to get there, but I had assignment with the Red Cross, and I did unannounced inspections of orphanages in Sarajevo and Bosnia and learned an awful lot and really found great, great satisfaction that moved me to an international consciousness. As soon as the war was over and there were UN troops in there, that’s how the Teddy Bear Project started. So it just went from feeding the homeless in ’79 to finding myself in a war zone.”

You’ve been in business here so long that you’ve seen Santa Monica go through a lot of changes. What do you think of the city right now?

“Well, it’s a two-sided sword for me, because, way back when — I live in Sunset Park — I remember when I moved there, that a friend of mine that lived north of Montana said, ‘You’re living South of Pico? Nobody lives South of Pico.’ I love the neighborhood. I lived there and, a million years later, I still live there. I couldn’t move. I’m so attached to that neighborhood that I couldn’t go anywhere else. But anyway, the thing is that when you lived in Santa Monica in those days, if you wanted to go to a movie, you went to Westwood, you know, everything you went some place else for. We had very little. First-run movie houses — we had none. Restaurants were very limited. The Promenade, at seven to eight o’clock at night, it was just deserted and dark. But with the (existing Third Street) Promenade, it was very exciting to have restaurants to go to, movies that you could just go downtown and see, and so it was a great experience and that I love. But on the other hand — (now) I think twice about going downtown. So I kind of miss my sleepy beach town. I know times change, and I sort of have mixed feelings about the success of it all, but I’m also, on the other hand, very proud of it, when I have friends visiting from Europe or other countries, I take them there, and I’m proud of it.”

How do you feel about being such an integral part of the community? Do you feel like you personally make a difference? What do you think is your impact on Santa Monica?

“I’m glad I’m here, I mean, I sometimes wonder — I think it’s a compliment when people say, ‘You’re an institution,’ I feel like the Smithsonian Institute or something when they call me that. But it’s wonderful being thought of as not just a place to get a quick donation for a cause, but part of a cause. On many occasions people have said to me, ‘This is about Santa Monica. We couldn’t think about having it anywhere else, you have to be involved.’ And I say, [pause] ‘OK.’ So

it’s an honor, actually, it really is very much an honor. I would not be here today or be able to do anything that I’ve been able to do if I didn’t have the support of the people who live in Santa Monica or the City of Santa Monica. They both have been very supportive.”

I’ve been told that it’s difficult to do business in Santa Monica, or at least hard to start an operation in this city.

“In my day, it wasn’t difficult. Again, we were a small town, a sleepy beach town. You knew people at City Hall on a first-name basis, and you could get things done. But I think growth happens, and has to be, I mean, I don’t want it to be, but there has to be a little more bureaucracy. Sometimes, (there’s) too much, and I think you could expedite faster. . . like I said, I love it and I hate it.”

You see SMRR and related organizations and the Chamber butting heads. Any thoughts?

“I think that the Chamber has taken on some scare tactics. I know there was one mailing that was very tasteless about the homeless.

“I take the candidates at face value on what they say and what they believe, and not that they are a member of SMRR, or backed by the Chamber, or whatever it is. But when you talk about the Chamber, I really think it needs to enhance — part of what I define as the Chamber of Commerce is enhancing the city, and not fighting the city. It’s not a political group. I mean because the City has been here a long time, and they’re going to (stay) here. I mean the Chamber’s been here a while, and I think it just needs to be aware that they (need to) coexist in a way without it being such a fight.”

At the end of the day, how do you spend your free time? What do you enjoy doing?

“Well, I’ve been back to acting. I work at the Ruskin Theater based at the Santa Monica airport. I just finished a show not long ago which ran for 16 weeks which was terrific. So I have such a blessed life, I leave my garage door, my house, jump in my car, and five minutes, I’m at the theater, 10 minutes and I’m at this restaurant, and 10 minutes from my house I’m at another restaurant, and I sort of live in a bubble. I also own a catering company, which gives me the opportunity to stage events and large functions. When King Hussein and Queen Noor come to town, I’m lucky enough to work with them. So it’s definitely exciting. I study voice, I plan on studying piano. Also, I travel, I love traveling.”

Do you have a whole lot of time to do all this?

“Well, the way I get to do it is, I don’t get somewhere for a month. I take 10 days. . . three times a year. Just the other day, I was running out the door for a voice lesson, and someone asked me, ‘How do you have time to do this?’ And I’m going to do a show in March, and a show at another theater, and I like to keep active. I mean, I get up in the morning, and I want to start doing something until I have to go to bed at night.”

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SMC bond would pay for facilities, open space

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percent of city voters, will provide money to be used to build and upgrade several buildings at Santa Monica College, buy new open space in Santa Monica and Malibu, and develop other properties owned by the city. The bond might also partially fund a 500-seat performing arts theater at SMC's Madison Campus, located at 11th Street and Santa Monica Boulevard.

Those who oppose the bond proposal are the usual critics of SMC and have fought against other school funding measures in the past.

Opponents of Measure S question if SMC really needs more money because it is still spending the \$160 million it received in March of 2002 when voters passed Measure U.

Also, opponents complain that Measure S was passed by the SMC board of trustees four days after rejecting an earlier \$175 million proposal, which they say left not enough time to allow for substantial public input. Also, the original proposal was introduced only this summer, which city officials said at the time was a surprise, and they felt rushed into making a decision of whether to support it.

City Council candidate Bill Bauer said that SMC officials said the new Madison Theater project would be paid for by private funds. But after falling short of their projected budget, part of Measure S would now fill that gap.

"They broke their promise," Bauer said. "They promoted the Madison Theater project as a private enterprise and made a lot of claims about it. But then they failed to raise their target \$15 million so they're passing it on to the taxpayers."

The Madison Theater project is managed by Denny Zane, the current manager of the Measure S campaign. He also is co-chair of Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights, one of the supporters of Measure S and a powerful lobbying group in city politics. His salary to manage Measure S campaign is \$30,000, Zane said.

Bauer objected to Zane's involvement in all of the interconnected campaigns.

If approved, Measure S would be the second SMC bond proposal approved in 2 1/2 years, and cost the average Santa Monica homeowner \$77 in the first year. The average renter would pay \$13 in the first year.

"I'm a senior on a semi-fixed income, and I'm being nickel and dined to death," Bauer said.

He also says that past earthquake safety improvements supposed to be funded by Measure U were never completed and have now been added to Measure S.

SMC Senior Administrator Don Girard said Measure S was supposed to fund two buildings on campus. The parking structure was on schedule, but the liberal arts building had to be re-bid and is no longer on schedule, Girard said.

Mat Millen, an attorney in Santa Monica, also opposes Measure S because it would raise taxes on senior citizens without an exemption. Like Bauer, he said the SMC trustees should not be asking for more money when there is money left over from the last bond.

"I can't see giving them more money when they haven't spent the last \$160 million," said Millen, who created a Web site listing his objections to the measure at notaxhike2004.com.

Some critics say given SMC's financial troubles — the college last year was put on the state's fiscal watch list — it isn't prudent for another multi-million dollar bond measure to be passed for facilities. Instead, money should be directed toward faculty, staff and programs.

But Girard said that by definition, a bond is slated only for such things as new buildings, repairs and land acquisition — not for salaries.

Gray said there is no checks-and-balance system in place to see if the money is spent as promised.

But Girard said all bond measures are held to the same requirements as any proposition in the state — they must be subject to an independent audit, an independent performance audit and a citizens oversight committee.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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full update on this project," said Rob Rader, chair of the Wilshire/Montana Neighborhood Coalition.

"There is also news on the Fairmont Miramar and its proposed development agreement. Wilmont has aggressively sought to make sure that public input is heard on this project," Rader said.

"Wilmont appeared at City Council meetings and took the initiative in scheduling public meetings with the hotel's ownership, including at our annual meeting in July. We will continue to be proactive in issues that affect our neighborhood," he added.

In other business, the board will try to organize a public forum on homelessness as an issue for the entire neighborhood.

"Hopefully, we will be able to coordinate with the Bring LA Home project in order to educate all community members on what we can do to address the problems of homelessness," Rader said.

A proposed local business discount program for Wilmont members is also in the planning stages.

The Wilshire/Montana Neighborhood Coalition is a non-profit 501 corporation and has the largest population within its boundaries of any neighborhood organization in the city. It has more than 200 paid members. The boundaries are: Montana Boulevard to the north (both sides); Ocean Avenue to the west; 21st Street to the east; and Wilshire Boulevard to the south (north side only). Board meetings are the third Monday each month at 7 p.m. in the Ken Edwards Center on Fourth Street. Annual membership dues are \$10 per person, \$15 per family. For more information, go to Wilmont's Web site at www.wilmont.org or call (310) 840-2257.



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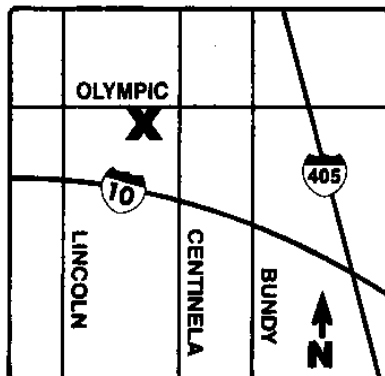


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Officials at California college duped in pledge scam, report reveals

By The Associated Press

MORAGA — The pledge sounded almost too good to be true: An anonymous donor promised a series of contributions totaling \$121 million to St. Mary's College.

Based on that expected windfall, the liberal arts school in the eastern San Francisco Bay area built a \$26 million science center.

Turns out, it was too good to be true. A report issued Friday said St. Mary's officials were duped into believing the college would receive the historic pledge.

The money hasn't materialized, leaving the college stuck with the bill for its new science center and embarrassed about how it was scammed over a number of years.

The school was so taken in that it even arranged a papal blessing for the man whose real estate transaction was supposed to be the source of the money, John Banker. Authorities now believe Banker has fled the country.

The scandal has consequences beyond the spending for the science center. The board of trustees for the Christian Brothers school has accepted the resignation of one member, Barbara Ageno, whose family has been a major financial contributor to the college. The report made public Friday said Ageno had learned as early as 1992 that Banker had a criminal past but never alerted the college administration.

The board also removed an associate of Banker, Conrad Colbrandt, from its board of regents. And the college's president, Brother Craig Franz, announced he will resign in January.

"It was an incredibly elaborate scheme that was meticulously played," Franz said. "And all to the detriment of St. Mary's and other investors."

Officials announced in August that the gift was not real and began an investigation. The 77-page report, by former U.S. Attorney Neal Stephens, said the deal had grown out of a "serious act of deception" against the college.

The college's board of trustees hired Stephens to determine why St. Mary's had maintained faith in the pledge even when the money failed to materialize. His report states that college officials could have avoided disaster had they simply asked more questions about the pledge and not honored Colbrandt's insistence on anonymity.

The scandal began in 1997 when a few St. Mary's officials were introduced to

Colbrandt, who promised the money, through a trusted benefactor whose reputation gave Colbrandt instant credibility.

Colbrandt's pledge was tied to a real estate scam that investigators believe bilked about 120 investors out of \$9 million by persuading them to buy land that would be leased to PepsiCo. The pledges supposedly were dependent on the PepsiCo. transaction.

St. Mary's never invested in the deal, and PepsiCo has said it was never part of such a transaction. The company said its name was used fraudulently.

According to the report, college officials took the proper steps to document the pledges in writing. Banker, however, warned St. Mary's officials that if they contacted PepsiCo to confirm the deal, the company would kill the transaction to prevent speculation on its stock price.

At one point, St. Mary's then-chief financial officer asked for proof of the PepsiCo deal's legitimacy. In response, Colbrandt gave the college a letter, signed by a former senior vice president and treasurer of PepsiCo, that read in part: "This letter is to assure you that the closing of these transactions will be completed as soon as practicable."

The report states that the person whose signature appears on the letter did indeed work for PepsiCo at one time but never wrote that letter.

The PepsiCo scam is being investigated by the Contra Costa County district attorney's office. The office considers Banker, 83, a prime suspect and believes he has fled to Mexico with the \$9 million.

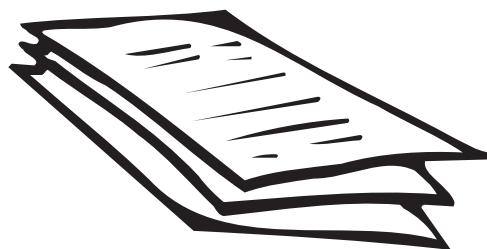
The college's report also detailed Banker's criminal past. It said he had his real estate license revoked in 1980 after being convicted and sentenced to five years in prison for trying to sell restaurant properties he did not own.

What remains unanswered is why Colbrandt made the pledge in the first place. Although the pledge was believed to be \$112 million, Stephens determined that it actually was a series of pledges between 1997 and 2003 totaling \$121 million.

Colbrandt's attorney said his client had been duped along with St. Mary's officials and exposed the scam when he went to Walnut Creek police in August.

"He was completely deceived," attorney Rick Madsen said. "He worked diligently and in good faith to perfect the investment strategy that had presented itself."

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Election might turn on which side does better at getting out the vote

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WASHINGTON — With the televised debates behind them, President Bush and Sen. John Kerry have little opportunity to shape further the presidential race except by waging an intense effort in the home stretch aimed at getting out the vote.

Voters have a pretty good idea now what Bush and Kerry are all about. There isn't much room for either one to "define" his opponent or himself.

At this point, getting out the vote is equally — if not more — important than winning over the dwindling number of undecided voters, strategists in both parties agree.

With just two weeks to go to the election, polls showed Bush and Kerry in a dead heat — back where they were at the beginning of the summer before the party conventions.

"If anything, there's a little tail wind for Kerry coming out of the debates," said pollster Andrew Kohut, director of the Pew Research Center. "Just as there was a little tail wind for Bush in August. But when would you rather have a little tail wind, in August or in mid-October?"

Kohut said how successful each side is in getting out its vote "is one of the most important elements in the end game. I think there is a fair number of votes still up for grabs. And some people aren't going to get any real convictions until we get right up to Election Day."

Both the Democrats and the Republicans, along with well-financed activist groups on both the left and the right, have spent months pouring resources into registering voters after the near deadlock of the 2000 presidential race and polls showing an extremely tight race again this year.

There has been an avalanche of new voter registrations at election boards across the nation. Now, with most registration deadlines passed, political activists for both candidates are pounding the pavement to ensure voters get to polling places on Nov. 2.

Particular efforts are being directed at minorities, with a big effort on the fast-growing bloc of Hispanic voters.

Most indications are that voter turnout will be high, given the high viewership of the debates and polls showing a larger-than-usual number of voters saying they're following the campaign closely.

Turnout could mean the difference between victory and defeat in closely contested states.

Democrats are turning widespread concern about the war in Iraq and worry over the economy into voter recruitment lures. Meanwhile, Republicans are investing far more in get-out-the-vote drives

than ever before, with an assist from religious and socially conservative advocacy groups.

Despite huge amounts spent by both sides on negative advertising, the three presidential and one vice presidential debates allowed Americans to see the candidates as they are, up close and unvarnished, supplanting campaign-generated caricatures.

"These debates have essentially undone what amounts to \$100 million in negative attacks," said Kerry senior strategist Mike Donilon.

Since the nation already had a pretty good measure of Bush, Kerry benefited the most from the debates that showed him more than holding his own with the president, polls suggest.

Marc Racicot, Bush's campaign chairman, said Americans now have before them "the central issue of the campaign: who are these two people, what will they bring to the office?"

Campaigning in a dwindling number of battleground states, both Bush and Kerry will try to energize their political base with red-meat attacks, even as they keep reaching out for undecided voters.

"There is a small number out there to fight for. Neither guy at this point has totally closed the sale," said Bruce Buchanan, a political science professor at the University of Texas.

Kerry will build on his debate performances by emphasizing differences between himself and Bush on taxes, Social Security, health care, abortion rights, stem cell research and Supreme Court appointees, advisers said.

Bush and his surrogates will continue to paint Kerry as indecisive, despite his self-assured debate performance, and on the "far left bank" of American politics, as Bush charged in the final debate.

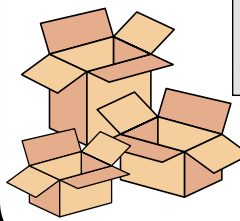
Republicans hope to both fire up their troops with such attacks and to continue to sow doubts about Kerry, perhaps in hopes of persuading fence-sitters to stay home rather than going to the polls and voting for the Democrat.

Undecided voters usually break for the challenger by two or three to one.

Democrats suggest any attempt, no matter how indirect, to get certain voters to stay home as part of a get-out-the-vote effort is doomed to fail.

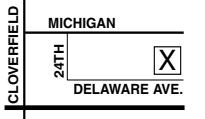
"Every bit of evidence in this campaign is that the country is intensely interested in this election," said Democratic pollster Stan Greenberg. "People are following it very closely, they're taking in enormous amounts of information, they're treating it very seriously. So I think betting on keeping people home is not a good bet, and not a particularly good approach."

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Voters' concerns dominated by national security

BY WILL LESTER

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — National security issues such as the war in Iraq and terrorism are dominating voters' attention in the final weeks before Election Day, Associated Press polling found.

Along with security issues like war and terrorism, the economy and health care were near the top of the list of the nation's most important problems in an AP-Ipsos poll.

National security issues were picked by 55 percent of Americans as the most important problems facing the

nation, according to the poll taken in early October — up from 43 percent who named national security issues in an April poll.

When asked in an open-ended question to identify the most important problems facing the United States, 27 percent mentioned war. That number has tripled since the summer of 2003 in the aftermath of the invasion of Iraq. An additional 18 percent named terrorism.

Economic problems — including the overall economy and unemployment — were named by four in 10, far behind national security issues. Two in 10 specifically mentioned the economy, and 13 percent said unemployment.

About one-fourth of those questioned mentioned other domestic issues, especially health care, according to the poll conducted for the AP by Ipsos-Public Affairs.

WAR IN IRAQ

Concerns about war have grown steadily since July 2003, tripling since the aftermath of the Iraq invasion. Violence by a strengthening insurgency has been increasing since then.

Strong supporters of Democrat John Kerry were far more likely than strong supporters of President Bush to name "wars" as a top problem, according to the AP-Ipsos poll. Those who see the Iraq war as a top issue are slightly more inclined to support Kerry, other polls suggest.

"I think we should get out as quick as we can. We never, never should've got in," said Art Van Moorelehm, a retired farmer from Arlington, S.D.

Still Bush gets more saying they trust him with Iraq.

William Alexander, chief executive of a Vermont mental health center, said Bush "has done about as good a job as anyone could do."

TERRORISM

Terrorism continues to be a top concern, though it has not increased as a worry in recent months. Nearly two in 10 — 18 percent — called it a top problem.

Those who name terrorism as a top problem are far more likely to support Bush. Likely voters are more inclined to trust Bush than Kerry on that issue.

Sue Crawley, a foster care adoption worker from Crestview Fla., said she's supporting the president because of the terrorist threat: "I think he's doing the best he can with what he walked into and what he needs to accomplish here. You know sometimes you just can't do it in four years."

Terrorism is the most important problem, said Jim Whitmore, a salesman from Reinholds, Pa. "It doesn't matter what the economy is doing if it keeps getting wrecked by terrorism," he said.

ECONOMY/JOB

The economy has edged higher in the public's thinking over the last three months. Two in 10 — 22 percent — called the economy a top problem and another 17 percent said unemployment. Strong Kerry supporters were more likely to name it as a top issue than strong Bush backers in the AP poll. Kerry has an advantage over the president on which candidate people trust more to handle the economy and jobs.

Anne Flagg, an administrative worker at a college in Emporia, Kan., says her biggest concern is the local economy, which she feels is in trouble after losing two major employers.

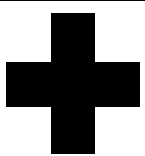
"I can see it in a lot of different ways," she said of the town's economic problems. "I see the kids in the school, hear about the money they don't get to buy things. As of last week, our Salvation Army had no food left."

HEALTH CARE

About two in 10 — 21 percent — named health care as a top issue, up from 14 percent who said that in April. Bush supporters and Kerry supporters were about equally likely to mention it as a top problem. Those who name health care as the top issue are more likely to support Kerry. And voters generally trust him more to handle it.

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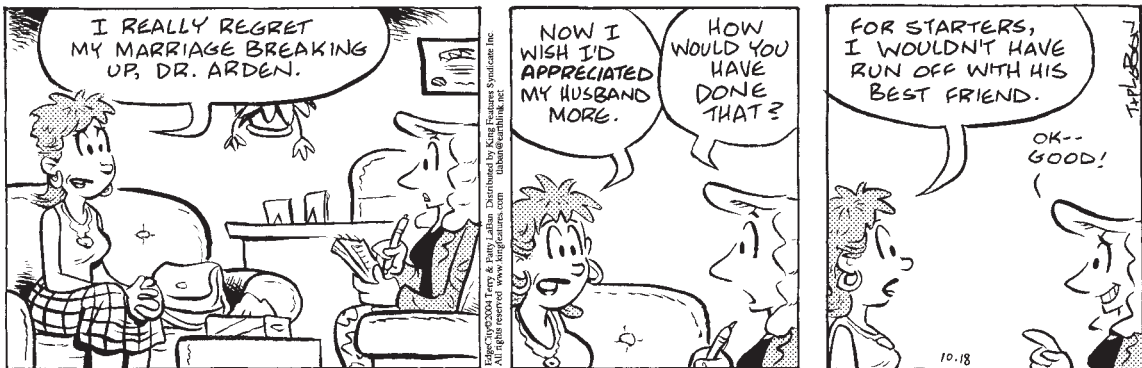

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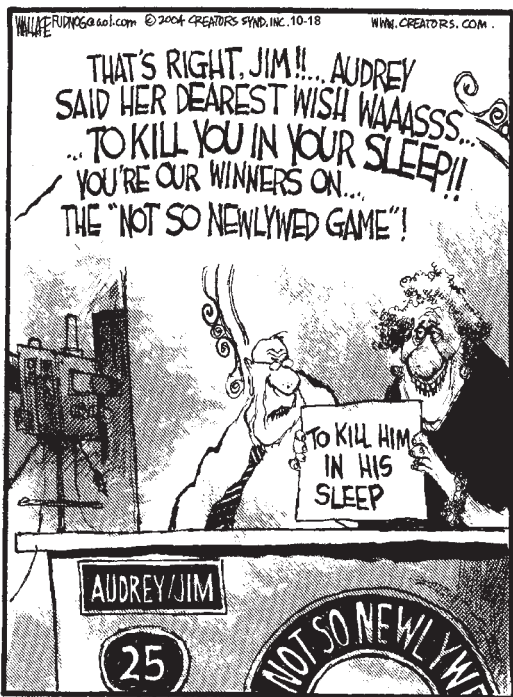
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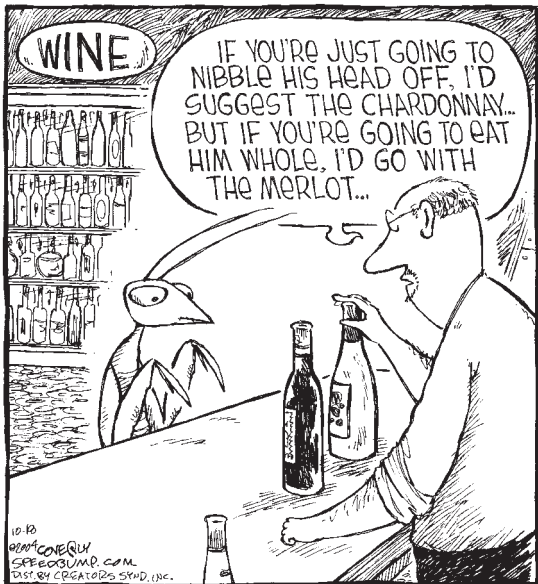
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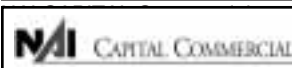
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2566056 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as New Image Photo Studio, 911 W. 127th Place, Compton, CA 90222. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Leticia Gastelum Lozano, 911 W. 127th Place, Compton, CA 90222, Jose Luis Martinez, Alvarez, 2222 E. Huntington Dr., Duarte, CA 91010 This Business is being conducted by, co-partners. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)9/25/2004. /s/: Leticia G. Lozano, Jose Luis Martinez

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2566002 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Ace Capital Realty, Ace Capital Financial, Ace Capital Properties, 4027 Maine Ave., Baldwin Park, CA 91706. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Paul P. Ghassemlou, 4027 Maine Ave., Baldwin Park, CA 91706 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/: Paul P. Ghassemlou

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2565837 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Tommy The Clown, Tommy & The Hip-Hop Clowns, 3125 W. Adams, #2, LA CA 90018. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Thomas Johnson, 3125 W. Adams, #2, LA CA 90018 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/: Thomas Johnson This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on . NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 10/18/2004, 10/25/2004, 11/1/2004, 11/8/2004

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2553773 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as El Monte Produce, 2732 Santa Anita Ave., El Monte, CA 91733. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Marcelina Garcia, 1853 N. Summit Ave., Pasadena, CA 91103 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)10/4/2004. /s/: Marcelina Garcia

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2554470 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as RNRM Nursing Services, 12350 E. Del Amo Blvd., Apt #1302, Lakewood, CA 90715. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Ricardo N. Roxas, 12350 E. Del Amo Blvd., Apt #1302, Lakewood, CA 90715 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Ricardo N. Roxas This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on . NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 10/18/2004, 10/25/2004, 11/1/2004, 11/8/2004

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2554468 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as JFAP Nursing Services, 11256 Taddy St., Norwalk, CA 90650. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Jose Flor A. Pineda, 11256 Taddy St., Norwalk, CA 90650 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)3/15/2004. /s/: Jose Flor A. Pineda

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2553750 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Longers Nails, 14607 Ramona Blvd., #E, Baldwin Park, CA 91706. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Yen T. Chau, 14607 Ramona Blvd., #E, Baldwin Park, CA 91706 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)2/4/2000. /s/: Yen T. Chau This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 2/4/2000. 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 10/18/2004, 10/25/2004, 11/1/2004, 11/8/2004

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NO. 04 2551533 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as The Plumber Guy, 1300 Cobblestone Rd., La Habra, CA 90631. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Christopher Martinez, 1300 Cobblestone Rd., La Habra, CA 90631 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)2/1/2004. /s/: Christopher Martinez

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2595114 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as EAB Computer Auctions, AION #1173947, 1160 Centre Dr., Walnut, CA 91789. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : DTR Business Systems, Inc, 1160 Centre Dr., Walnut, CA 91789 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/: DTR Business Systems, Inc.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2593419 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Colin's Warehouse, 1433 E. 21st Street, LA CA 90011. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Alonso Colon, 1433 E. 21st Street, LA CA 90011 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/: Alonso Colon

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2593450 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Karin Cassano Logistics, 22503 Meyler St., #19, Torrance, CA 90502. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Karin L. Gill, 22503 Meyler St., #19, Torrance, CA 90502 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)10/8/2004. /s/: Karin Gil An-tun

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2593449 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Roger F. Rodriguez Logistics, 3540 Maricopa #30, Torrance, CA 90503. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Roger F. Rodriguez, 3540 Maricopa #30, Torrance, CA 90503 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)8/7/2004. /s/: Roger F. Rodriguez

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2595100 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Bar Restaurant Centenario, 10720 Inglewood Ave., Lennox, CA 90304. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Alonso D. Jesus Palacio, 17532 Allenghney Dr., Santa Ana, CA 92705 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious

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name or names listed herein.. /s/: Alonso D. Jesus Palacio

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2579919 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Amigos Verdaderos, Inc., AION # 2585573, 1456 E. 107th St., LA CA 90002. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Amigos Verdaderos Inc., 1456 E. 107th St., LA CA 90002 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/: Amigos Verdaderos, Inc This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on . NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 10/18/2004, 10/25/2004, 11/1/2004, 11/8/2004

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2578506 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Hernandez Trucking X-Press, 207 E. 118st, LA CA 90061. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Juan E. Hernandez, 207 E. 118st, LA CA 90061 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)8/1/2004. /s/: Juan Hernandez

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2577720 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Cole Consultant, 13204 Sutton St., Cerritos, CA 90703. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Dorothy Cole, 13204 Sutton St., Cerritos, CA 90703 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/: Dorothy Cole

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2579505 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Zussio, 809 Yorktown Ave., Montebello, CA 90640. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Omar Tahamarzouk, 809 Yorktown Ave., Montebello, CA 90640, Juan C. Ramirez, 1632 South Menlo Ave., LA CA 90006 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/: Omar Tahamarzouk, Juan C. Ramirez

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Statement of Abandonment of Use of Fictitious Business Name Document Record # 04 2468804 State of California, County of Los Angeles

The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious Business name: Brandon Crawford LLC, Casualty of War, (1549925) located at 505 N. Figueroa, LA CA 90012 The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on June 17, 2004 in the county of LOS ANGELES. Brandon Crawford LLC, 505 N. Figueroa Ave., LA CA 90012. This business is conducted by: a limited liability company. 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: 10/11/2004, 10/18/2004, 10/25/2004, 11/01/2004

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2579209 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Prevail Books, 11301 W. Olympic Blvd., #492, LA CA 90064. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Melissa L B Worthington, 11415 Rochester Ave., #5, LA CA 90025 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)9/1/2004. /s/: Melissa L. B. Worthington

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2581602 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Nick Ashton's Hair Studio and Boutique, 8620 Crenshaw Blvd., Inglewood, CA 90305. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Cinder Eller-Gardner, 3510 w 85th Street, Inglewood, CA 90305 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/: Cinder Eller-Gardner

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2581121 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as National Fraud Investigative Agency, AION# 1025809, 14340 Arrow Hwy, Baldwin Park, CA 91706. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Statewide Recovery Services, Inc., 14340 Arrow Hwy, Baldwin Park, CA 91706 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)10/1/2004. /s/: Statewide Recovery Services, Inc.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2579924 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Minicrew, 404 S. Shatto Pl. #346 A LA CA 90020. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Seung Taek Lee, 404 S. Shatto Pl. #346 A LA CA 90020 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/: Seung T. Lee

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2539663 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Insane Boat, 9245 La Docena Ln, Pico Rivera, CA 90660. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Jeffrey Michand, 9245 La Docena Ln, Pico Rivera, CA 90660 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)8/25/2004. /s/: Jeff Michand This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 8/25/2004. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 10/18/2004, 10/25/2004, 11/1/2004, 11/8/2004

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2579528 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Coco Georgie's Mobile Car Wash, 3627 N. Mills Ave., Claremont, CA 91711. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Jorge A. Herrera Alviso, 3627 N. Mills Ave., Claremont, CA 91711, Rogoberto Chaves, 3627 N. Mills Ave., Claremont, CA 91711 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/: Jorge A. Herrera Alviso, Rogoberto Chaves, Rosa Chavez

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2605234 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Best Yellow Cab VANM, 10512 Plainview Ave., Tujunga, CA 91042. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Vahagn Azakelyan, 10512 Plainview Ave., Tujunga, CA 91042, Napine M. Kharatian, 10512 Plainview Ave., Tujunga, CA 91042 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/: Vahagn Azakelyan, Napine Kharatian

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2605233 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Cool Beans Distubution, 1424 26th #3, Santa Monica, CA 90404. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Greg Nigro, 1424 26th #3, Santa Monica, CA 904

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