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NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ **Bad Water/Good Water:** Some churches in Canada have begun actively condemning commercial bottled water (except where no other sanitary water is available), either as environmentally destructive or as the commercialization of God's gift of life (according to a September report in Toronto's Globe and Mail). At the same time, in Mumbai, India, as many as 1 million Hindus once again this year ritually dunked hand-made idols of the elephant-headed Ganesha, thus worsening the hopelessly polluted waters around the city.

■ **Frank Williams, 48,** filed a lawsuit in Pittsburgh in August, accusing the state Department of Corrections of improperly punishing him four years ago when he was immediately ordered back to prison for missing a parole appointment. Williams said he was not able to contest the decision then because he was hospitalized, unconscious, having been shot on his way to the appointment, and in the intervening years, his medical condition has worsened because of inadequate medical care in prison.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 338th day of 2006.
There are 27 days left in the year.

1783 Gen. George Washington bade farewell to his officers at Fraunces Tavern in New York.

1816 James Monroe of Virginia was elected the fifth president of the United States.

WORD UP!

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A SALVE FOR SORES, BURNS, OR THE LIKE; AN OINTMENT.

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Walk this way

California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and his wife, Maria Shriver, greet children along Montana Avenue on Friday during the annual Montana Avenue Holiday Walk.

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Cops searching for shooter

Shots fired on Saturday night in alley

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

PICO NEIGHBORHOOD — Police officers are searching for two suspects wanted in connection with a shooting here Saturday night in an alley near Woodlawn Cemetery.

No one was injured in the attack, said SMPD Capt. Alex

Padilla on Sunday.

Witnesses described the shooter as a male Hispanic, 18 years of age and wearing a black, hooded sweatshirt. The driver of the car involved was described only as Hispanic. He was driving a 2000 black or green Honda, according to police.

Officers responded to the 1900

block of 17th Street around 9:45 p.m. Saturday after receiving calls of shots fired. The police were unable to locate any victims on scene, but spoke with several witnesses, Padilla said.

During their investigation, officers were able to identify and make contact with the victim, who said she was driving in an alley when she noticed another car stopped

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COMMUNITY PROFILES

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

Leaving the Hollywood scene to empower women a world away

BY MAYA MEINERT

Special to the Daily Press

DOWNTOWN — It's not the Hollywood ending most people envision, where helping those in need in Africa usually centers around the latest celebrity adoption of a baby there. Santa Monica resident Kristen

Kosinski is one of those rare breeds, having left behind a life as a studio executive to pursue a passion — supporting women's empowerment in Kenya. The Pittsburgh native worked for 10 years at Paramount, casting and overseeing primetime televisions

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SELF STARTERS: Kristen Kosinski (at right), seen here with Rebecca Lolosoli of Kenya, left her job as a Hollywood executive to help empower women in Africa.



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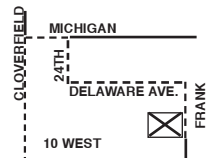
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Balance, a day spa, 9 a.m. — 2 p.m.

Winterlit Best Gift Ever gift drive
Third Street Promenade, 10 a.m. — 6 p.m.

Enchanted Lunchtime Theatre
Santa Monica Playhouse, 11:30 a.m. — 1 p.m.

Kundalini Yoga
Santa Monica, 2 p.m. — 3:30 p.m.

Santa Monica Fitness
Group For Women,
6:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.

Co-opportunity Monday Night Food For Thought
Sha'arei Am- The Santa Monica Synagogue, 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

English and Citizenship Classes at Santa Monica Adult Ed Center
Santa Monica Adult Education Center, Morning, Afternoon and Evening

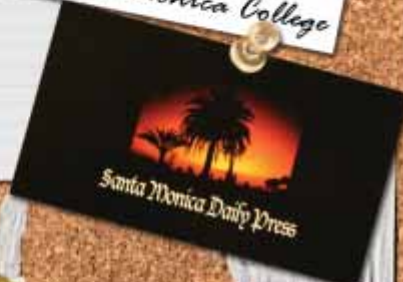
Santa Monica Lions Club
Best Western Hotel, 12:15 p.m.

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SoCal cities tangled in corruption

Public officials are being noted for their illegal scheming

BY MICHAEL R. BLOOD

AP Political Writer

LOS ANGELES — Handcuffed and led away to 10 years in prison, the former treasurer of South Gate became the latest in a growing parade of officials from the gritty suburbs south of Los Angeles jailed for government corruption.

The area abutting Los Angeles and the coastal pearls of Manhattan Beach and Rancho Palos Verdes is known for clotted freeways and fading neighborhoods, but the tally of charges has generated unwelcome notoriety for thieving, bribe-grabbing public officials.

Illegal schemes on a scale usually associated with big Eastern cities have devoured tens of millions of taxpayer dollars, prosecutors say, paying for everything from a seaside condo to massages.

South Gate Treasurer Albert Robles aspired to build a "power machine" to secretly control cities throughout the economically struggling area, according to trial testimony. One now-jailed former mayor sought to steal \$6 million by steering city contracts to a shell company he owned.

With little civic involvement by local residents and only glancing media scrutiny, the cities "essentially laid themselves open for corruption, not through any fault of anybody's, but more or less through some sense of benign neglect," said Jennifer Lentz Snyder, an assistant head deputy in the Los Angeles County district attorney's public integrity division.

She believes the corruption is more pervasive than prosecutors have uncovered.

The cities that dot the area — South Gate, Lynwood, Bell Gardens, Maywood, Huntington Park, Vernon and others — don't get boldface listings in tourist guides. Postcard California is nowhere in sight.

Once blanketed with cauliflower and berry fields, the area was marketed decades ago as a suburban refuge where homes were affordable, the weather mild and opportunities rich.



Bring me a dream

Jenny Graham (foreground), 23, sculpts a likeness of Santa Claus out of sand on Saturday during the KOHL's Holiday Sandman Building Competition at the beach. The winner received a \$1,000 shopping spree to KOHL's.

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Crisis management

In light of a possible teacher salary raise, officials prepare to formulate a fiscal plan

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS — School officials are going to receive a lesson of their own today.

In light of recent news that the district could be in financial trouble if a 5-percent teacher raise is ratified, school officials will receive a briefing today from county officials on how to formulate a proper fiscal management plan.

Ken Shelton, a senior official at the Los Angeles County Office of Education, will give school board members a lesson on the AB1200, a plan specifying how a collective bargaining agreement would affect district finances.

"There's been some concern and some anxiety in our community about the

AB1200 document that was filed, and what I'm trying to do is get as many experts in as possible to share how an AB1200 is put together," said Superintendent Dianne Talarico on Friday. "There is always a series of assumptions made when putting a document together. I want another person, an objective person [to give their input]."

When school districts reach tentative agreements with a collective bargaining party, officials are required to submit an AB1200 to the county. The district reached a tentative agreement with the Santa Monica-Malibu Classroom Teachers Association in October to grant teachers in the district a 5-percent pay raise, retroactive to July 1 of this year.

The district submitted an initial AB1200 in October to the Los Angeles County Office of Education, showing that the 5-percent pay raise would leave only \$7 million in the special reserve fund, which is used to finance emergencies. The state requires that districts keep at least 3 percent of its unrestricted general expenses in the special reserve fund, or \$3.6 million in SMMUSD's case.

The AB1200 also showed that the 5-percent pay raise would result in the special reserve fund being emptied out within three years.

"The board has indicated that it believes there is more flexibility in the budget than this preliminary AB1200 suggests," said Financial Oversight Committee Chairman Paul Silvern on Friday.

Talarico is also working with the Fiscal Crisis Management Assistance Team (FCMAT), a group under contract with the state Department of Education to offer services to educational agencies concerning financial matters, to help officials think of ways to replenish funds.

FCMAT possesses a software that can

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pass the Kibbles 'n Bits

Editor:

Did I just read that (LA City Councilman) Bernard Parks said we owe \$2.7 million to the black firefighter who was given dog food by his white co-workers?

I'll tell you what, I'll eat a pound of dog food, and you can have the entire membership of the NAACP standing around watching me eat it, without saying a word. Give me a break.

How absolutely ridiculous! How fearful we are, we evil, white, guilt-ridden folk, to offer this prior hazer himself, such a bizarre amount of money because he claims this action was racially motivated. I am personally sick and tired of every incident involving someone whose skin is black being inferred as "racism." As Juan William's book expresses with it's title, "Enough."

How about the very real possibility that this black firefighter was being hazed by his fellow coworkers, who happened to be white (gee, so sorry about that) out of a brotherhood camaraderie that is a long-lived tradition within fire departments all over this nation? Is this such a far-fetched idea?

If anything, this man's desperate attempt to become rich from evoking fear in the city's not wanting to look biased toward white people is going to worsen the conditions between whites and blacks.

If this guy wins this decision, I for one will be sickened. Guess what, my mother worked three jobs to put food on my table too, and I never ate dog food either, but if you want to serve me up a nice juicy check, pass me the salt baby, (because) that sounds like good eats to me!

Bruce Marcotulli
Santa Monica

Discrimination surely still exists

Editor:

The (Los Angeles) mayor should learn to think first or get some help, before he takes action. Dog food is not meant for human consumption, because, there are ingredients in dog food that may be harmful to humans, especially, if there is a allergic reaction. The firemen get wet all the time, playfully, just like football coaches who, after a championship victory, is drenched in Gatorade. No consideration for the safety of people is a sure sign of a problem, and if the mayor can't see the error of his veto then he is showing insensitivity to the health and well-being of the city's black firemen.

The mayor should resign, period. We all know the struggles and abuse taken by the black man in this country. Let's forget about slavery for now. Would he have made the same decision if it was a Mexican-American firefighter? I, being an African American, (have gone) through the same disrespect on the job.

Raphael Hameed
Santa Monica

Animals' rage is justifiable

Editor:

Sea World has so profoundly and perversely impacted marine mammals it's no surprise that some — like the orca who dragged her trainer to the bottom of the tank at the San Diego park recently — are starting to snap. The largest pool in the world cannot come close to the vast open oceans where the orcas and dolphins at Sea World should rightfully be swimming. In the wild, these whales live in tight family units. Both male and female offspring typically remain with their maternal family for life. Orcas can swim up to 30 mph and can travel 75-100 miles or more per day. At Sea World, orcas perform tricks for food and swim endless circles in small, barren concrete tanks. They often die far short of their natural lifespan.

Animals don't deserve to be treated like giant wind-up toys that do tricks, which is why many people refuse to give their money to aquariums that use captive whales and dolphins.

Jennifer O'Connor
People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals

Public merits a voice on development plans



MY WRITE
BY BILL BAUER

You'd think that after the furor over 1826 Pearl Street, City Hall would get a clue.

When Step Up on Second announced plans to purchase residential property in a multi-family Sunset Park neighborhood to use as a transitional living facility for young adults suffering from mental illness, neighbors put up a stink.

Neighbors were shocked to find out that congregate housing, group living homes, hospice facilities, senior housing, transitional housing and 100 percent low income housing projects are permitted in almost all multi-family neighborhoods without public review (SMDP, Nov. 20, Page 4).

Many developments are already approved administratively behind closed doors because they meet city zoning codes. Many multi-family housing projects are not subject to public input unless they go before Architectural Review Board for approval of cosmetic issues like exterior wall color, landscaping or signage. Substantial architectural changes in code-compliant projects are not in the public purview. Further, city planning staff can even make substantial changes to cosmetic alterations approved by ARB after public input.

It's surprising how much, over the last few years, the people have been denied review and comment on all development here in Santa Monica, not just affordable housing projects.

The planning commission is holding a public meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 6, on a proposal to replace an interim ordinance with a permanent ordinance that would exempt "affordable housing projects consisting of not more than 50 residential units from any requirement to obtain Development Review permits and/or Conditional Use Permits."

Three examples of these overly large, "affordable housing projects" currently under construction and permitted under an interim ordinance are up for review before the planning commission this Wednesday — 26th Street and Santa Monica Boulevard, the 1400 block of Broadway and at Main and Pacific streets.

Exemptions attached to affordable housing projects are in place to make it easier (and more profitable) for developers to build low income housing. The exemptions allow greater massing, higher density, reduced setbacks and reduced on-site parking. They mirror state-mandated

standards for low income housing and permit larger buildings with more housing units than in buildings where occupancy is not income restricted.

The reason why we have so much "low income" housing here is because City Hall says it's addressing the critical shortage of "affordable" housing. But, being that 99 percent of these units are apartments, it's impossible to ignore the fact that the hundreds of rental units opening annually ensures that the city's dominant political power — Santa Monicans' for Renters' Rights — maintains, even builds, its voter base ... but that's another column.

Presently, low income or "affordable" structures must not exceed the code-specified height standard for the zoning area where the project is to be built. Nevertheless, the size and scale of these projects has many residents concerned. And continuing to restrict public input when making the interim ordinance permanent will further exclude all of us from participating in development issues that affect our neighborhood.

By eliminating public input, development review and the CUP process, the construction of low income apartment projects can be "fast-tracked." But, are we in such a rush to erect cheap housing that we'd deny public input? Considering the potential size and scale of these projects, why the big hurry to cut off discourse? What must be considered here is community livability and a process wherein neighborhood character is protected and preserved by full public participation in its future.

Zina Josephs, chair of Friends of Sunset Park, said (speaking personally and not for the neighborhood group), "Projects including transient, congregate and hospice housing, low income apartments and homeless shelters should have to go through a review process including notification of neighbors, hearings with public input and require a CUP."

This all sounds reasonable to me.

But, the "permanent" ordinance under consideration primarily affects 100 percent affordable housing projects that can be built in or adjoining a multi-family neighborhood anywhere in Santa Monica. Maybe someone on the Planning Commission or City Council should agendize requiring a CUP and public input on all multi-family housing and these low income, congregate, transitional housing and service usage, too.

You can e-mail comments to City Planner Peter James at Peter.James@smgov.net.

If you don't speak up now, you can't complain when that lovely, single floor courtyard apartment next door becomes a housing project with 40-foot high stucco walls that block your air and light.

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Buzz (b'z) v. buzzed, buzz-ing, buzz-es
1. confusion of activity and gossip, **2.** to be noisy with activity, **3.** to talk, often excitedly, in low tones.
Slang
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Nutmeg ... it's not just for Jamaican Jerk Pork

... Proposition Y ... Proposition why not? With marijuana now at the bottom of the police priority list, Buzz felt the sinful smoke had suddenly lost that rebellious, **huddled-in-mom's-backyard-with-a-lighter-and-can-of-air freshener appeal**. Really, if anyone can do it, what's the allure? If you can't stick it to "the man," my peeps, go stick it someplace else ... In search of the next kick, Buzz turned his attention to an herb of another sort — nutmeg. Grinding up his mom's food additive, Buzz concocted himself some tea and gulped it down. Only then did Buzz read up on the effects of nutmeg, where past users' Internet confessionals speak to days, even weekends and weeks, completely lost to a buzz they can't shake. At a birthday party for the Buzzman the next day in Mid-City, **nutmeg didn't seem like such a good idea when cowering in the corner** of the room, alone. Buzz should have known — it's all about smoking banana peels this season ...

.... It was a scene ripped right out of a "Hallmark Presents" holiday flick. There, on the Third Street Promenade, was a heated discussion between a minuteman (not the

Tony Dolz variety, but a guy in a real-life, **tri-flapped, Paul Revere-esque minuteman hat**) and a conspiracy theorist. The minuteman had apparently scrambled to the scene, prepared to fight the other man's notion that the clues to the 9/11 terrorist attacks were all embedded in large number bills printed by the U.S. mint in the years preceding the attacks. Just add a pinch of nutmeg and those ugly plastic Christmas trees and water spouting dinosaurs and it's **a Christmas scene worthy of a bad James Garner made-for-TV movie**. "Two if they stand, one if they flee" ...

... Three days into the **nutmeg neurosis**, Buzz was enamored by the cleaner inside Santa Monica Place. Cleaning the transparent escalator walls, Workman Willie rides the moveable step thingies and wipes the glass as he travels up, then down, then up, then down ... **that dude's going places**, and it's clear for all to see ...

... Buzz likes to look at mannequins for an inordinate amount of time as much as the next person, but the dude chillin' outside the Equinox Fitness Club on Monday was maybe **a wee bit too obvious about his plastic perversions**. There on the street, just beneath a menagerie of mannequins in various athletic poses, was a man with nowhere else he'd rather be. Seemingly trying to catch an upskirt shot of No. 3 (who really is the looker of the inanimate bunch), **Horny Hank might've been better off standing outside a club and waiting for Britney Spears** to spread some cheer

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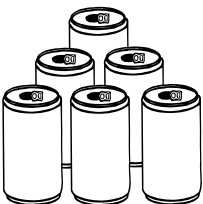
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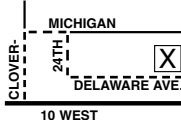
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Christmas on the comeback trail ...
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This week's Q-Line question asks:
Should businesses and communities try to encompass all religious beliefs by using generic slogans like "Happy Holidays" or is it fine to appeal to the majority with tidings of "Merry Christmas?" Is there a way to make all religions feel accepted while maintaining tradition?
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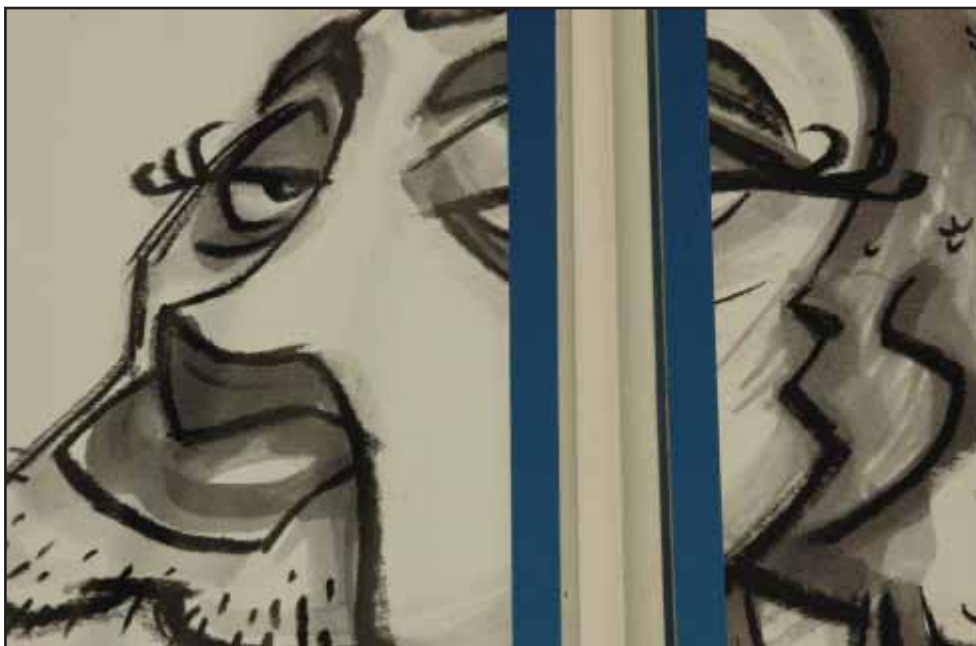
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Jaime S. Cruz is the winner of last week's Mystery Photo contest, being the first to correctly identify that the picture at left is the St. Monica statue in Palisades Park, at Ocean Avenue and Wilshire Boulevard. Cruz has won a prize from the Daily Press.



Phil Horowitz was the winner of the previous Mystery Photo contest, the first to guess that this picture depicts the installation above Crossroads School. Look for a new Mystery Photo each Monday.

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Thursday, December 14, 2006

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Monday, December 18, 2006

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Bratton attempts to recruit minorities from the air waves

Police Chief William J. Bratton is making an appeal for more recruits during a series of appearances at radio stations that targeted young minority listeners.

"We want women. We want Latinos. We want African-Americans, and right now we are struggling, to be quite frank with you," Bratton said.

Bratton made his plea as his department lags behind the sheriff's department in efforts to add new officers.

An aggressive recruiting effort has helped the sheriff's department hire 1,000 deputies this year, while the Los Angeles Police Department brought in about half that number of officers in 2006.

Bratton told radio listeners he believes the department's difficulties are tied in part to a history of mistrust of the department by minority groups.

Next week, police officials plan to meet with sheriff's department recruitment officers to determine how they've managed to boost hiring.

LANCASTER, Calif.

Woman pleads guilty after crash, daughter drowning

A woman accused of endangering her three children by driving around barricades into a storm-swollen wash, resulting in the drowning of her 2-year-old daughter, pleaded guilty to felony child abuse.

Sheshe "Tonie" Myesha Wilson, 36, of Lake Los Angeles will face 60 days in jail and be placed on four years' probation, Deputy District Attorney Valerie Little said Thursday.

In January 2005, Wilson drove her SUV around two sets of "road closed" barriers during a storm and into water flowing quickly over a desert wash, officials said.

The toddler, Jamaia Davis, fell into the flooded wash and was found dead miles downstream after a rescue crew saved other family members in the vehicle.

CARSON, Calif.

Tax credits given for clean power projects

Federal authorities awarded \$90 million in tax credits for a power plant designed to convert byproducts from the BP Carson Refinery into hydrogen and burn the gas to make electricity.

The tax credit announced this week was among other clean power projects selected by the Department of Energy and the Internal Revenue Service to receive a total of \$1 billion in tax credits.

The Carson Hydrogen Power LLC venture, which is targeted to open in 2012, will be located next to the BP refinery and would be the largest plant of its kind when built.

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"Know before you Go" is a weekly update on construction projects throughout Santa Monica. Here is a run-down of this week's construction projects initiated by City Hall

Access Center Construction

Construction of a new two-story homeless services facility begins at 503 Olympic Blvd. for the new Access Center building. The sidewalk on Olympic Boulevard between Fifth and Seventh streets will be closed to the public, except Samoshel residents.

Airport Park and Airport Avenue improvements

Site grading, constructing new artificial turf soccer fields, constructing new playground, restrooms and dog park area, and reconstructing a portion of Airport Avenue. On-site detour possible during street reconstruction.

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.

Euclid Park Project

Construction of a new public park. The project scope will consist of site grading and construction of a new play area (with swings and climbing apparatus), a new garden area, two small green lawn areas, three circular-shaped seating areas and a trellis entry. Construction is projected until May 2007.

Marine Street utility undergrounding

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

Montana/Wilshire Storm Water Diversion Structures

Installation of a Storm Water Diversion debris removal and diversion facility will begin Aug. 7 at Ocean Avenue at Montana Avenue and Wilshire Boulevard. Traffic will narrow to one lane in each direction on Ocean Avenue at Montana Avenue.

Street and parking lot resurfacing

Street and Parking Lot Resurfacing (Street Improvement Project) — Street and Park Parking Lot resurfacing, sidewalk, driveway, curb and gutter repairs. Sidewalk, driveway, curb and gutter repairs begin on Broadway, from 20th Street to Cloverfield Boulevard; Broadway, from 15th Street to Lincoln Boulevard; 17th Street, from Olympic Boulevard to Colorado Avenue; 20th Street, from Colorado Avenue to the I-10; Virginia Avenue, from Cloverfield Boulevard to 20th Street; 21st Street, from the I-10 Delaware Avenue; Michigan Avenue, from Cloverfield Boulevard to 17th Street; Delaware Avenue, from 21st Street to 17th Street; 18th Street, from Pico Boulevard to Michigan Avenue; 17th Street, from Michigan Avenue to Delaware Avenue; Michigan Avenue, from 14th Street to 9th Street; 11th Street, from Pico Boulevard to Michigan Avenue; Bay Street, from Euclid Street to 11th Street; Grant Street, from 10th Street to Lincoln Boulevard; Pearl Street, from 14th Street to Euclid Street; Pearl Street, from 11th Street to Lincoln Boulevard.; Hill Street, from 14th Street to Lincoln Boulevard; Oak Street, from 14th Street to Euclid Street; Ashland Avenue, from 17th Street to Lincoln Boulevard; Euclid Street, from Hill Street to Ocean Park Boulevard; Pier Avenue, from 11th Street to Lincoln Boulevard; 14th Street, from Pico Boulevard to Ocean Park Boulevard, 11th Street, from Marine Street to Ocean Park Boulevard; the Airport, from the Lower South area to the Taxiway; the Airport parking lot; Paula Lane repair at Water Line; Michigan Avenue, from 20th Street to 17th Street; Delaware Avenue, from 20th Street to 17th Street; 18th Street, from Pico Boulevard to I-10; 17th Street, from Pico Boulevard to I-10; Michigan Avenue, from Ninth Street to Ninth Place; Michigan Avenue, from 12th Street to 11th Street; 11th Street, from Pico Boulevard to I-10; Oak Street, from 14th Street to 11th Street; 26th Street, from Santa Monica Boulevard to Olympic Boulevard; 23rd Street, from Arizona Avenue to Santa Monica Boulevard; 20th Street, from Arizona Avenue to Santa Monica Boulevard; Arizona Avenue, from 20th Street to 23rd Street; 19th Street, from Olympic Boulevard to I-10; 20th Street, from Colorado Avenue to Olympic Boulevard; Cloverfield Boulevard, from Colorado Avenue to Olympic Boulevard; and Seventh Street, from I-10 to San Vicente Boulevard. Lane closures around work posted as necessary.

Water main replacement

Installation of new water main complete with service connections throughout the city. Detours and lane closures may occur, and will be posted at various sites during construction.

Yale Street Improvement Project

Yale Street, from Wilshire Boulevard to Montana Avenue, will be closed to through traffic from Oct. 19 to Nov. 23. Repairs are scheduled through February 2007.

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



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Mental health care often out of reach for immigrants

BY JULIANA BARBASSA

Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Omeed Popal's parents knew the young man wasn't well. He heard voices, believed people were trying to kill him, and once falsely confessed to his boss that he'd stabbed someone.

The family of Afghan refugees kept close watch over Popal for years, and got him emergency help when he seemed to need it. They even arranged a wedding, hoping marriage would prompt the 29-year-old Popal to settle down.

But Popal escaped their guard in August and swept through the streets of San Francisco in his black sport-utility vehicle, smashing into 18 people after killing one pedestrian in Fremont. He faces a variety of charges, including attempted murder and evading police, and is due back in court in two weeks.

Like many low-income immigrant families, whose difficulty getting health care is compounded by a language barrier and a deep cultural divide, Popal's relatives were at a loss when it came to finding a doctor who understood them.

Newcomers with radically different beliefs about mental health, such as Hmong refugees from Southeast Asia, have had to reconcile their different understanding of the causes of mental illness. What set Popal's case apart is the tragedy that ensued when he went untreated.

Doctors and others who work with immigrants say being in a new country, without the support of family and surrounded by a foreign culture can be a real psychological hardship.

The National Latino and Asian American Study, concluded by December 2003 with funding from the National Institute of Mental Health suggested that recent Hispanic and Asian immigrants had a lower incidence of mental disorders than

Americans, but accessed help far less often.

Not speaking English or having health insurance presented the most obvious stumbling blocks, according to "Mental Health: Culture, Race, Ethnicity - Supplement," a report issued by the Office of the Surgeon General at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services five years ago.

Studies reviewed in the report showed that 37 percent of Latinos are uninsured, and suggested that fewer than 1-in-20 Hispanics with mental disorders used the services of specialists.

Although insurance rates vary widely within the Asian-Pacific Islander population, taken as a whole the report found them far less likely than whites to seek care for a mental disorder, or even to mention their problems to friends and family.

Refugees like Popal's family, who fled during the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan in the 1980s, might arrive suffering post traumatic stress disorder, depression or anxiety. These are conditions that require long term care, and that can make it particularly difficult to meet new people and hold down a job — the very things that might anchor lives in flux, Khalil Rahmany, a clinical psychologist who works primarily with Afghan immigrants.

"Very often, they've left their home, their hearts, their belongings," said Rahmany. "And often family members left without knowing if their relatives were even living or dead."

Many cultures also harbor time-honored biases about psychological problems.

"There are other ways of seeing things out there," said S. Reshma Yunus, director of SEMAH, a domestic violence prevention organization focusing on immigrant Muslim women. "If somebody comes in and they believe they're possessed, they need someone to help them get unpossessed."

Such beliefs can keep people from seeking help even when they know it's available.

Immigrant children find shelter a comfort from life struggles

BY PETER PRENGAMAN

Associated Press Writer

FULLERTON — Life in a government-run shelter for illegal immigrant children might not sound very inviting, but for 16-year-old Sandra it's a vast improvement from what she left behind in Guatemala.

For starters, she has enough to eat and nobody beats her. She even gets to study, a luxury she hasn't had since leaving school in third grade.

She's been on her own since she was 10, when she fled an abusive home in Guatemala. She was picked up by U.S. immigration authorities two months ago while trying to enter the country illegally through the Arizona desert. She's among two dozen children at the shelter in Fullerton, about 35 miles southeast of Los Angeles.

"I feel more protected here than I've ever felt. It's like I'm a young girl again," said Sandra, whose last name could not be disclosed because she is a minor in government custody.

What happens when unaccompanied children are picked up varies by their country. Mexican children generally are sent straight back to their home country. Those not from Mexico are housed in shelters while the government decides whether to release them to family living in the United States, deport them or

put them in foster care.

The shelters, meant to be a temporary refuge, resemble college dorms, where the children take English classes, receive medical care and play soccer at local parks.

"This is like a hotel," said Edwin, a 17-year-old Honduran detained while trying to cross the Arizona-Mexico border.

Before 2003, the children were often put in juvenile detention centers. They lived more like criminals than schoolchildren, and the conditions prompted lawsuits. Congress intervened and assigned the care of unaccompanied children to the Office of Refugee Resettlement, which revamped and expanded a sparingly used shelter system.

While day-to-day life is better, civil rights and legal groups criticize the system for not preparing children for the legal process awaiting them.

After being released, thousands don't show up to their immigration court hearings because of confusion about the process or fear they'll be deported. Many who don't show up would be eligible for U.S. residence because they were abandoned or abused in their homeland.

Sandra, who says her father beat her so often that she fled her home, could get a green card if she is able to convince a judge of the abuse and years on her own.

Scientists unveil land-based dinosaur fossils

BY RYAN NAKASHIMA
Associated Press Writer

LAS VEGAS — Nevada's state fossil, the giant ocean-roaming fish-reptile known as the ichthyosaur, will have to share the scientific stage after researchers this week unveiled the first fossils of land-based dinosaurs ever found in Nevada.

The discovery expands the known range of the prehistoric beasts and offers a new understanding of life in the state some 100 million years ago.

Put on display for the first time Thursday were the femur of the raptor, dromaeosaur, the teeth of a sauropod, a tyrannosauroid and an iguanodont and unidentified dinosaur eggshell fragments.

The remnants, found at secret excavation sites in southern Nevada, pushed the known range of the ancient reptiles about 250 miles farther west, said Joshua Bonde, a graduate earth science student at Montana State University who is leading the dig.

"Most of these groups of dinosaurs are known from other places in the United States," he said. "What we're able to do is push the ranges of these animals all the way up to Nevada now, where previously the farthest west they've been is east-central Utah."

The find was presented in a tent on the site of a future state museum where they will be housed.

It marked a breakthrough in a state that had only turned up marine fossils until now, said Eugene Hattori, the state's curator of anthropology.

The state was largely underwater or non-existent when the ichthyosaur swam the seas more than 200 million years ago. While the seas receded and the area became land about 145 million years ago, evidence of ancient land-based animals in Nevada previously did not exist.

"We were getting seashells, ammonites and crinoids and that sort of thing, and ichthyosaurs, the big fish, but we have not

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had the terrestrial fossils until Josh did his work," Hattori said.

Geology professor Stephen Rowland of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, said the scientific community once didn't expect to find evidence of dinosaurs in Nevada even though there were dry-land rocks here from the Mesozoic age.

"Now we can put animals on the land. It helps us understand the whole landscape much more clearly," he said.

Bonde and his supervisor, Montana State paleontologist Dave Varricchio, discovered the site while prospecting in an area that had rock formations dating to the dinosaur age.

They found fossils of turtle shells and dinosaur teeth on the surface of what later became an excavation site in March 2005.

"If you find fossils on the surface, it's kind of like smoke, like there's something else," Bonde said. "Hopefully this is the tip of the iceberg."

The area is believed to have once been a flood plain where the creatures lived and died for many generations from 99 million to 112 million years ago, Bonde said.

"When it floods you get all this mud on the surface outside the river channel. Those muds are what we find most of these fossils in," he said.

Bonde said he plans to publish the findings in a leading paleontological journal. The beneficiary of some of the artifacts will be the new Nevada State Museum, which is expected to open in July 2008 at the Springs Preserve site in Las Vegas.

The public won't be see the items until then, when they will likely be part of a larger exhibit, museum director Greta Brunschwyler said.

"It's just fantastic for the people of Nevada, because we didn't even think we had dinosaurs here," she said.

Baucus says beef policy is critical for trade support

By The Associated Press

GALLATIN GATEWAY, Mont. — The next chairman of the Senate Finance Committee sliced into a T-bone steak here Sunday and said he cannot support a free-trade agreement between the United States and Korea, if Korea does not lift restrictions on imports of U.S. beef.

"I have a beef with Korea," Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., told Korean reporters who came to Montana for the fifth round of negotiations toward a U.S.-Korea trade agreement. "Our beef is the safest, highest quality in the world and Korea should open its market fully as soon as possible."

Earlier this year, Baucus invited trade negotiators to meet in Montana. He has said a free-trade agreement stands to boost the state's agriculture.

"Montana cattle producers are ready to do business," Baucus said Sunday. The Finance Committee, which he will chair starting next month, has jurisdiction over

international trade agreements.

Korea closed its markets to U.S. beef in 2003 after reports of mad-cow disease in cattle originating in Canada. Restrictions eased in September. Korea now accepts beef from cattle under 30 months of age but continues to prohibit beef containing bone material.

"We will have more U.S. and Montana beef in Korea," Korean Ambassador Tae Sik Lee said Sunday without going into specifics.

He said the Korean government is determined to obtain a trade agreement, and he vowed to step in if negotiations stall.

Lee also thanked the United States for financial, political and military support given Korea. "We owe you a lot," he said.

The trade negotiations are scheduled to open Monday in the Montana resort community of Big Sky and end on Friday.

Baucus dined on the steak at a news conference.

"This is very delicious," he said in Korean after taking a bite of the Montana-raised beef.

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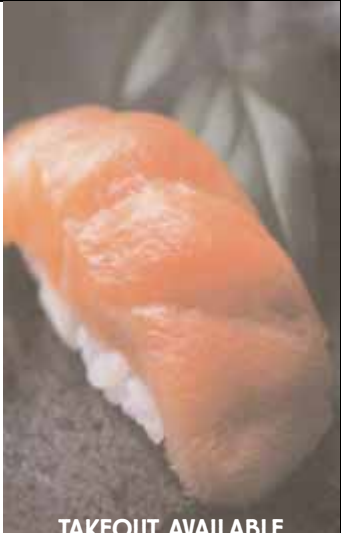
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Objections raised to the computerized terrorist screening of American travelers

BY MICHAEL J. SNIFFEN

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — A leader of the new Democratic Congress, business travelers and privacy advocates expressed outrage Friday over the unannounced assignment of terrorism risk assessments to American international travelers by a computerized system managed from an unmarked, two-story brick building in Northern Virginia.

Incoming Senate Judiciary Chairman Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont pledged greater scrutiny of such government database-mining projects after reading that during the past four years millions of Americans have been evaluated without their knowledge to assess the risks that they are terrorists or criminals.

"Data banks like this are overdue for oversight," said Leahy, who will take over Judiciary in January. "That is going to change in the new Congress."

The Associated Press reported Thursday that Americans and foreigners crossing U.S. borders since 2002 have been assessed by the Homeland Security Department's computerized Automated Targeting System, or ATS.

The travelers are not allowed to see or challenge these risk assessments, which the government intends to keep on file for 40 years. Some or all data in the system can be shared with state, local and foreign governments for use in hiring, contracting and licensing decisions. Courts and even some private contractors can obtain some of the data under certain circumstances.

"It is simply incredible that the Bush administration is willing to share this sensitive information with foreign governments and even private employers, while refusing to allow U.S. citizens to see or challenge their own terror scores," Leahy said. This system "highlights the danger of government use of technology to conduct widespread surveillance of our daily lives without proper safeguards for privacy."

The concerns spread beyond Congress.

"I have never seen anything as egregious as this," said Kevin Mitchell, president of the Business Travel Coalition, which advocates for business travelers. It's "evidence of what can happen when there isn't proper oversight and accountability."

By late Friday, the government had received 22 written public comments about its after-the-fact disclosure of the program last month in the Federal Register, a fine-print compendium of federal rules. All either opposed it outright or objected to the lack of a direct means for people to correct any errors in the database about themselves.

"As a U.S. citizen who spends much time outside the U.S., I can understand the need for good security," wrote one who identified himself as Colin Edmunds. "However, just as I would not participate in a banking/credit card system where I have no recourse to correct or even view my personal data, I cannot accept the same of my government."

Privacy advocates also were alarmed.

"Never before in American history has our government gotten into the business of creating mass 'risk assessment' ratings of its own citizens," said Barry Steinhardt, a lawyer for the American Civil Liberties Union. "We are stunned" the program has been undertaken "with virtually no opportunity for the public to evaluate or comment on it."

The Homeland Security Department says the nation's ability to spot criminals and other security threats "would be critically impaired without access to this data."

And on Friday as the normal daily flow of a million or more people entered the United States by air, sea and land, the ATS program's computers continued their silent scrutiny. At that Virginia building with no sign, the managers of the National Targeting Center allowed an Associated Press photographer to briefly roam their work space.

But he couldn't reveal the building's exact location. None of the dozens of workers under the bright fluorescent lights could be named. Some could not be photographed.

Ultrasound method could mean fewer biopsies for women

BY CARLA K. JOHNSON

Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO — An experimental ultrasound technique that measures how easily breast lumps compress and bounce back could enable doctors to determine instantly whether a woman has cancer or not — without having to do a biopsy.

In a small study of 80 women, the technique, called "elastography," distinguished harmless lumps from malignant ones with nearly 100 percent accuracy.

If the results hold up in a larger study, elastography could save thousands of women from the waiting, cost, discomfort and anxiety of a biopsy, in which cells are removed from the breast — sometimes with a needle, sometimes with a scalpel — and examined under a microscope.

"There's a lot of anxiety, a lot of stress, a lot of fear involved" with biopsies, said Susan Brown, manager of health education for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. "And there's the cost of leaving work to make a second appointment. If this can be done instead of a biopsy, there would be a real cost reduction."

Up to 1 million biopsies are performed each year, but as many as eight out of 10 of these biopsies find that the lumps are benign.

Biopsies can cost \$200 to \$1,000, depending on whether some fluid or an entire lump is removed, and it can take days or weeks to get the results. The cost of elastography is not yet clear, but some experts said the procedure might run \$100 to \$200. And it can yield results in minutes.

When checked against biopsies of women's breast tissue, the ultrasound technique correctly identified 17 out of 17 cancerous tumors, and 105 out of 106 harmless lesions.

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City of Spokane celebrates 125th birthday

BY NICHOLAS K. GERANIOS

Associated Press Writer

SPOKANE, Wash. — Happy 125th birthday, Spokane. You don't look a day over 100.

The state's second largest city achieved this milestone last Wednesday, and took time to celebrate.

In truth, age becomes Spokane. Downtown is booming, filled with new stores, hundreds of new condominiums, and a massive urban village proposal to add more than 2,000 new residents to the city center.

Real estate prices have soared. The arts scene is vibrant. The streets roll up at 11 p.m. instead of 10 p.m. (just kidding).

Spokane will always be the ignored little brother to glamorous Seattle in the larger Washington family, but if you live in Colfax, Colville, Kellogg or Kalispell, this city might as well be New York.

The unchallenged capital of the Inland Northwest (or, if you prefer, Inland Empire), Spokane dominates a swath of mountains and plains in eastern Washington, northern Idaho and western Montana. Those who need specialized medical care, a trip to Nordstrom, a direct flight to Chicago or some Moroccan food have few other options.

Not even the new city slogan, "Near Nature, Near Perfect," has dimmed the appeal.

Bill Stimson, a local historian and journalism professor, said the 125th birthday is much better than the 100th, which came at a time the city was struggling.

Spokane boomed after it was founded in 1881 and grew quickly into a good-sized city, Stimson said. As a major railroad hub, Spokane had 100 to 150 trains passing through each day, many filled with passengers.

But as its core logging, mining and farming industries matured and the boom times ended, Spokane struggled for most of the 20th Century.

"From 1920 to about 2000, Spokane was constantly searching for what was supposed to be its role," Stimson said.

In recent years, the new economy has turned into a savior, as people who can live and work anywhere are drawn to places with much outdoor recreation, little traffic and superior quality of life, Stimson said.

"Our isolation out here is not the great drawback it used to be," Stimson said.

On this momentous occasion, much that is old in Spokane is new again.

Favorite son Bing Crosby will be honored with "A Wing Ding for Bing" on Dec. 8, when The Met Theater downtown is renamed in his honor.

Also, Kevin Coe, the notorious South Hill Rapist who terrorized the city in the 1970s and early 1980s, is eligible to be released from prison, and a hearing on whether he should be begins Dec. 18 in Spokane.

Spokane, with an estimated 201,600 residents, is the second largest city in Washington and the biggest city between Seattle (pop. 578,000) and Minneapolis, or — as some local wags like to note — the second biggest city on a line between Tokyo and Minneapolis. It is the 101st largest city in the nation.

Below is an abridged history of Spokane, which is an Indian word that means "Children of the Sun."

Indians were first drawn to the site by the Spokane River and its spectacular falls. White settlers built a sawmill and gristmill at the falls in the 1870s, and families began to arrive.

Spokane became an incorporated city on Nov. 29, 1881. It was known as Spokan Falls and had less than 1,000 residents. The "e" was added in 1883, and "Falls" was dropped in 1891.

The biggest event in securing the future of the city was the completion of the Northern Pacific Railroad in 1881, with Spokane as a major hub, said David Nicandri of the Washington State Historical Society.

"When the NP, and then later the GN (Great Northern), made Spokane a major section point on their lines, sub-regional hegemony shifted from Walla Walla to Spokane, cementing its place as the state's second largest and arguably second most important city," Nicandri said.

The discovery of gold, silver, lead and zinc in the region, coupled with agriculture and logging, poured wealth into the new city.

A fire on August 4, 1889, destroyed much of the city center. Many of the buildings were insured and were quickly replaced with brick or stone structures. By 1900, Spokane had a population of almost 40,000.

The Spokane Stock Exchange, formed in 1897 to trade mining stocks, operated until 1991.

An immigration boom between 1900 and 1910 pushed Spokane's population to more than 100,000.

Among the people who moved in was the family of Harry "Bing" Crosby, who grew up and honed his performing talents in Spokane.

When he performed in the Gonzaga Dramatic Club's play, "It Pays to Advertise" on Nov. 8, 1923, a reviewer for The Spokesman-Review wrote: "Mr. Crosby bursts over with spontaneity in getting his amusing lines across the footlights."

Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane came up with the idea for Father's Day after listening to a Mother's Day sermon in 1909. Raised by her widower father, William Jackson Smart, Dodd wanted to show him how special he was. Her father was born in June, so she chose to hold the first Father's Day celebration in Spokane on the June 19, 1910.

Former President Theodore Roosevelt laid the cornerstone for Lewis and Clark High School in 1911 and pronounced Spokane a "bully" place.

The arrival of automobiles made the area's many lakes accessible to the public, and "going to the lake" became the standard summer activity here.

During World War II, Spokane was home to the Velox Naval Supply Depot, the massive Galena Army Air Corps supply and repair depot (which became Fairchild Air Force Base), Geiger Field, Fort George Wright, and the Baxter Army Hospital. In addition, two aluminum plants built the skin for thousands of warplanes.

Many veterans returned to attend local colleges, bought houses in new developments, and raised children in "a good place to raise a family," which remains Spokane's unofficial slogan.

In 1964, a young Spokane attorney named Tom Foley was elected to Congress. He became Speaker of the House in 1989, but was defeated in the 1994 GOP takeover of Congress.

In the 1960s urban sprawl developed — particularly with the completion of Interstate

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90 in 1967 — and downtown declined.

The Spokane River area, long a polluted eyesore, crisscrossed by railroad trestles, became the focus of attention. An ambitious plan to restore the river and surrounding area took shape. It would lead to Expo 74, a world's fair with an environmental theme. Spokane is the smallest city to ever host a world's fair. More than five million people attended.

The first Bloomsday, billed as the largest road race in the world where all runners are timed, was held in 1977 and eventually grew to more than 50,000 participants.

The nationwide slump of the 1980s resulted in high unemployment and a stagnant real estate market in Spokane. Many of the city's best-educated young people left.

But the picture changed in the 1990s, when the Spokane Arena was built, downtown was revitalized and dwindling manufacturing jobs were replaced by service and technical industries. The landmark Davenport Hotel was refurbished and reopened in 2002, and is such a success that a 20-story addition is being built, the first significant high-rise downtown in two decades.

The rise of Gonzaga basketball put the city on the national sports map, and now Spokane draws events like the NCAA basketball tournament, the U.S. Figure Skating Championships and the Olympic wrestling trials.

But Spokane's biggest splash in the national pond in recent times came last year, when the local newspaper outed Mayor Jim West as a closeted homosexual who offered perks to young men in exchange for sex. West was recalled from office and died of cancer in July.

In an interview earlier this year with PBS' Frontline for a documentary on the scandal, West still waxed poetic about growing up in Spokane.

"You can imagine being a kid and having this as your backyard," West recalled. "You can go out there and play forts and army and basically get lost in your imagination for a few hours."

Despite warnings, Border Patrol agents take ammo into Mexico

BY ARTHUR H. ROTSTEIN

Associated Press Writer

TUCSON, Ariz. — Prominent signs spell out the warning on roads leading to ports of entry into Mexico: "Weapons and Ammunition Illegal in Mexico."

But despite the postings, each year a number of careless or forgetful Americans fail to see the signs or to heed the advice and wind up under arrest in Mexico for days or even months.

Even U.S. Border Patrol agents. A week ago, an off-duty agent from the Yuma sector was arrested and held for more than a day after driving his personal car across the border at the San Luis Rio Colorado port of entry. Mexican customs inspectors found a bag containing 650 rounds of .40-caliber ammunition in his sedan.

Arturo Santana, a San Luis police spokesman, said the unnamed agent was released on bail. The Mexican federal prosecutor's office will decide whether to file charges, but it's likely the agent will only pay a fine, Santana said.

The agent gave a statement that he either forgot or did not know that the bullets, which were for work, had been in the car, Santana added.

Cynthia Sharpe, U.S. consul for northern Sonora, said she could not provide information about the case because of U.S. Privacy Act rights. But she said it's not the first time she's had to lobby to get a U.S. citizen out of a Mexican jail for carrying weapons or firearms across the border.

"It is not uncommon," she said. "We have instances of (weapons) violations several times a year."

In the spring of 2005, two agents assigned to the Border Patrol's El Centro, Calif., sector, did the same thing. They drove across the border into Mexicali with a box in the back seat of a private car that contained 1,286 .40-caliber handgun and 10 .223-caliber rifle bullets.

Agents German Verdugo and David Allen Navarro were released from a Mexican prison after paying fines of \$1,963 each. Charges of smuggling ammunition were dropped.

Border Patrol spokesman Xavier Rios in Washington said agents are reminded during quarterly firearms proficiency training about Mexico's weapons prohibition — and of the need to empty their vehicles before driving across the border. It's not uncommon to go to Mexico for dinner or to visit family or friends, he said.

But sometimes they forget about the ban on weapons or bullets, Rios said. "It happens. We're all human. And we all make mistakes."

"I think it's just a matter of a person, an agent forgetting about the fact that he had those materials in his vehicle, and next thing you know he's crossing into Mexico."

Still, Rios, a 21-year Border Patrol veteran, added, "It doesn't happen very often." He said he could count on one hand incidents involving agents stopped by Mexican customs officials for weapons or ammunition violations.

"Mexican authorities have to take the measures they have to take," he said. "When they occur, we always work with our Mexican counterparts to resolve them in the most expeditious manner possible," Rios added.

Numerous arrests of Americans ignorant of or oblivious to the Mexican law have been occurring for more than 10 years.

In August 1996, there were nearly 20 Americans imprisoned in the Mexican states of Sonora and Sinaloa for bringing firearms or bullets into the country.

That same month, Mexican authorities freed a 64-year-old Phoenix man after nearly two months in jail for bringing two unloaded hunting rifles into Agua Prieta. Meanwhile, they held another Phoenix man

who drove into Naco, Mexico, with an unloaded 9 mm semiautomatic pistol in the trunk of his car.

In August 1998, Jim Brunen of Scottsdale tried to declare a box of 9mm cartridges to Mexican authorities as he crossed into Nogales, Sonora. He was hauled off in handcuffs and held for 47 days.

In all, about 125 U.S. citizens were arrested throughout Mexico from January through late September 1998 on charges including illegally possessing or importing weapons — including pistols, rifles and ammunition.

By March 1999, Mexico took steps to cut down on the number of Americans imprisoned under its strict anti-firearms laws by liberalizing its law to minimize international incidents.

The new law allows a one-time exemption for accidental entries so Americans can avoid prison on weapons charges. Instead, the law imposed a \$1,000 fine for anyone with a .38-caliber or smaller handgun or .22-caliber or smaller rifle and no criminal history in Mexico.

But Americans who run afoul of the law can still end up in a Mexican jail, at least for a time. The two Border Patrol agents arrested in April 2005 spent more than a week behind bars before being released on bail.

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Railroads recruit young workers as business thrives

BY DAVID PITT

AP Business Writer

BOONE, Iowa — The hours are irregular and the work means long days away from home, but 22-year-old Brady Foster is following in his father's footsteps and signing on with the railroad.

The need for young workers like Foster is enormous, as thousands of baby boomers retire at a time when railroad companies are seeing a surge in business. The companies are stepping up recruitment, targeting Iraq war veterans and laid off factory workers.

"I saw one of my dad's paychecks and I decided that was for me," said Foster, who chose a career with Union Pacific Railroad Co. over teaching.

The pay is good — up to \$40,000 at Union Pacific in the first year.

But workers also must endure never-ending traveling as well as night, weekend and on-call schedules.

Omaha, Neb.-based Union Pacific, the nation's largest freight carrier, will hire about 6,000 new employees this year, said Roy Schroer, assistant vice president for human resources.

"Our hiring needs have grown dramatically," Schroer said. "I think, generally, forecasts would say assuming a level economy or a strong economy, we're going to have the need to hire at least 5,000 people a year for the next several years."

The hiring is a marked change from the 1980s, when the railroad industry was in a rapid consolidation, combining the work forces of many railroads and prompting layoffs of some employees, usually on the basis of seniority. Union Pacific, for example, is the product of seven mergers in the last 27 years.

As a result, many railroad companies haven't hired many people until the last few years as demand increased and workers neared retirement. They now find themselves with lots of employees in their 40s, 50s and 60s, said James Barnes, a Union Pacific spokesman.

BNSF Railway Co., the nation's second largest freight railroad based in Fort Worth, Texas, faces a similar problem.

"The whole rail industry is an early precursor of the retirement wave baby boomers will cause in many segments of the U.S. economy," said Steven Forsberg, a BNSF spokesman.

By the end of 2006, BNSF will have hired more than 14,000 people over the past four years, he said.

Overall employment has increased from about 36,500 in 2003 to a little over 40,000, he said in a statement.

Most of those hires replaced retiring workers, but some were needed due to record volume on the rail line, Forsberg said. Business has boomed for railroads as many companies shifted transportation from trucks to the more efficient rail, largely due to fuel price increases. In addition, an expanding economy always boosts the need for moving more goods, including coal, food and consumer goods, Schroer said.

The American Association of Railroads said freight demand is expected to drive the need for more than 80,000 new workers over the next six years.

The jobs typically pay well. At Union Pacific, an employee can become a train engineer within three to five years at a salary of \$75,000. The unionized industry also offers good benefits, and workers with 30 years of service can retire at age 60.

Many rail workers are hired with little or no education beyond a high school diploma, so many start young and retire early.

Just a few months into his new job with Union Pacific, Foster was training at the company's rail yards in Boone, where 500 of the company's 49,500 employees work.

Training has included several weeks of classroom work and memorizing a 500-page book that includes federal regulations, company rules and safety standards.

To be a conductor, new employees must complete 14 weeks of classroom and on-the-job training. The conductor is the train supervisor, overseeing its crew and ensuring air hoses, braking systems and car couplings are properly attached. The engineer drives the locomotive.

Pat McGovern, a conductor and former manager in Chicago, moved to central Iowa to be an instructor.

He said the work isn't for everyone.

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shows, including “JAG,” “Girlfriends” and “Becker,” before the opportunity to go to Africa presented itself.

“I had been dreaming of going to Africa to work with tribal women since I was 6 years old,” Kosinski said. “I had traveled a lot in the developing world and had done a lot of work in terms of women’s empowerment, but had never been to Africa. I really followed my heart.

“I left Paramount the same day I went to Kenya,” she said. “I was packing up my boxes and had my good-bye lunch and flew out that afternoon. It was pretty intense. It was maybe the most intense week of my life.”

Kosinski wasn’t looking to go on safari once on the continent. She was more interested in connecting with people. In the summer of 2005, she found a village in the Samburu district of Northern Kenya, run by women for women who had been victims of domestic violence and rape, and widows without property rights. The village was started by Rebecca Samaria Lolosoli, who had been born and raised in Samburu.

“She offered to take me around to meet these women,” Kosinski said. “I spent a lot time going from village to village meeting women, and I kept hearing the same story over and over again — ‘I don’t have water.’”

And so The Samburu Project was born.

Upon arriving back in Santa Monica, where Kosinski has lived for the last eight and a half years, she started a project to drill wells in Samburu villages. So far, the project has drilled and installed four wells, each of which takes two to three days to complete and costs about \$10,000.

“It’s so funny because people call me the water girl now,” Kosinski said.

As founder and executive director of The Samburu Project, she has spoken at schools, including USC, and to Peace Corps groups to get the word out. She and her friends have held fundraisers all over the country, and there is a documentary in the works.

Last week, Kosinski sat down with the Daily Press to talk about the hardships the Samburu villagers face and the goals of the project.

What did the Samburu women say to make you want to start this project?

“These women said, ‘Kristen, tell us how to make money. We want to have incomes and have empowerment.’ But I don’t think it’s possible for them to do that unless they have water. I believe if we empower women, the entire community will be taken care of — the men and the children and the women. You have to fill that basic need of water first, as a foundation.”

Your goal is to drill 25 wells, right?

“Yeah, and maybe we’ll drill 100. I just felt like I wanted to have a really concrete goal. And I feel like, in this particular community, a village called Wamba [within the Samburu district], if we drill 25 wells there, I think it would make a significant impact on the community as a whole. Instead of putting myself out and doing a lot of things in a lot of places, I wanted to concentrate on one area and know that I could really make an impact on a larger group of people and then move towards that kind of development — women’s income-generating activities, health care, education.”

So how did you first discover that the real problem there was water and not AIDS, poverty or hunger?

“It was always really open when I was there. Every single group I went to, the biggest issue was the fact that they don’t have water. And the fact that they don’t have water affects every single aspect of their life — everything. If women have to spend their day looking for water, they can’t make money. And if they can’t make money, they never have the ability to say ‘no.’ They’re always beholden to men. So there’s lots of rape, [and] women marry men they don’t want to — polygamy is part of their society. The spread of HIV/AIDS will continue because women can’t make men, who they’re married to, when they have sex with them wear a condom because women don’t have a voice at all. And they’ll never have a voice unless they make money and have independence.

That’s just one aspect. With health issues, even if you have medicine when you get sick, whether it’s malaria or HIV, if you don’t have water, how can that medicine be effective? Kids don’t go to school because they don’t have water. Young girls, especially, and young boys, too, don’t go to school because they’re going to fetch the water with their mother. Without water, there’s no possibility for development, in my estimation.

They get up at 3 o’clock in the morning, and they walk all day long in hopes to get water. And if they don’t get up early enough, the water is dry. And the water they do get is really dirty — it’s



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BUILDING STRENGTH: Kosinski, seen here with villagers in Northern Kenya aided by her water well-building program, left a job with Paramount eight years ago to help African women who had been victims of domestic violence and rape, and widows without property rights.

muddy and dirty and has animal waste. It’s not clean. And they have to carry these heavy containers back to their village, if they have the water. It’s like carrying an Arrowhead bottle on your back, and it’s miles home. And along the way, they have to deal with wild animals. And also there’s the issue of rape, which happens often with women and young girls who are going to water points because they’re out there walking in the bush. The water issue was very, very clear.”

Why do you want to make water an issue people should be aware of?

“When you talk about water issues, it’s definitely not the first thing you hear about in the media. It’s become much more topical in the last year. We’ve heard a lot about HIV/AIDS, poverty, hunger ... but water wasn’t something the media was talking about. My only estimation is that water is not a sexy topic. It’s something that we can absolutely not relate to. Even if you’re homeless on the Third Street Promenade, you have access to water. Everybody has access to water. We’re so disconnected from where the water comes from. You can just open up your tap, and you have as much water as you’ll ever need. That was a big part of my job last year, and the years to come, is to try to allow people to understand what that need might be like.

They didn’t believe they were going to have water until they actually had it. They just expect never to have access to it. It dawned on me a month after I came home, that I don’t even get it. I’ve been there, I’ve sat with these people, I’ve had so many conversations, and I don’t get what it would be like not to have water.”

What was it like when you were visiting?

“I’d bring water with me, and I’d stay in town. There’s a home that I stay in where there’s actually a pipe — a tap outside the home. And they don’t usually keep it on because it costs money. So if I come, I can pay someone to undo the tap so I can actually have water.”

Were the people there really receptive to you coming in?

“[It was] amazing. There’s such a need, that it’s like, ‘Oh my gosh, I can’t believe you’re here.’ Everyone is very excited about the idea. But there is a lot of politics. There’s chiefs in all the areas, and of course, the chief wants water where his people are because it will make him look good. So we had to deal a little bit with the politics. Fortunately, I had Mama Musa [a community leader]. She was clear about the different clans, so we don’t give all the water to one clan. That seems unfair. So she really helped it to be equitable and making sure things run smooth.

There’s a lot of politics — it’s worse than the entertainment business! Everyone’s got an agenda, everyone wants their way. It took a lot of energy to deal with that. Fortunately, I’m well trained.

The communities generally have been really grateful. Their lives are so simple. They just need day-to-day survival. It’s a lot of singing and dancing and celebrating, and you drill a well and they give you a goat — someone slaughters it, cooks it on a fire and then everyone eats it. It’s definitely a really amazing celebration of life.”

What do you do on this side of the world?

“The biggest part of the organization is about fundraising. Without money, you can’t do anything. You can talk in theory about a lot of things, but without money, it’s not possible. So the focus the first year was to raise money. We didn’t raise a ton of money, but we raised enough money to drill four wells. We raised about \$65,000. It was all through individual donors. So I really reached out to my friends and family and business acquaintances. The thought was to raise enough money to go back, drill some wells and create a really amazing template, and say, ‘Hey, look, we can do this.’ So I gave my time and didn’t make any money [personal income] for a year.

My job is about educating people and creating awareness and spreading awareness ... The Samburu Project has been my life.”

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(From top left, clockwise) (1) Sisters Melissa (left) and Jennifer Meyer take a break with their 6-month-old golden retriever on Friday during the Montana Avenue Holiday Walk. (2) The debris from the Holiday Walk lined the streets after the event. (3) Amanda Hoffhines, from Luxe Haus (an interior furnishing boutique), greets walkers in the guise of Marie Antoinette. (4) Jean McNeil Wyner rings the bell for the Salvation Army. Wyner reports that donations were significantly up this year. (5) John Kofoed, 49, holds up his 6-month-old daughter, Savanna outside the Aero Theatre.

Protecting the city's youth is a top priority

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groups and the faith-based community — as part of an overall review of an action plan adopted in April 2005, following a drive-by shooting that left two dead.

A string of shootings over the summer and the death of a 15-year-old Santa Monica High School student last year prompted city officials to re-focus their attention on gang violence.

Protecting the city's youth is expected to be of utmost interest this Wednesday, when city officials meet with residents of Sunset Park at a town hall forum to discuss crime prevention. The event will be held at Grant Elementary School at 7 p.m. and is expected to feature council members Herb Katz and Richard Bloom, Pat Brown Institute policing expert Tiffany Lim and a representative from the SMPD.

"I think what you are seeing is real grass-roots organizing and cooperation. People are really wanting to feel empowered," said Michael Gutierrez, pastor of St. Anne's Catholic Church, which is in talks with City Hall, the chamber and the school district on creating a new job training and teacher home-visitation program for at-risk youth.

"I think the city, really right now, is trying to work toward something that can be effective," said Gutierrez, who has seen six of his parishioners, ages 19 to 26, die within the last two years as a result of gang violence. "There is a sense that this is happening, that

there is momentum being built around this movement for change. I'm feeling good about that at this time.

"I'm feeling like anything can happen, like anything is possible."

THE FOUNDATION

State Sen. Sheila Kuehl sponsored a series of community meetings in 2005 to address youth violence. Out of those meetings came an action plan with three strategies, "Bring it home," "Make it work," and "Keep it safe."

As part of the plan, city officials have completed extensive reviews of social services provided so that better coordination could be established.

Along better delivery of services, City Hall enhanced programs offered to the community with the opening of Virginia Avenue Park, according to the city staff report.

Full programming at the park began in January of 2006, offering a variety of no-cost programs to youth, adults and seniors. The Teen Center there includes a recording studio and computer lab, and with the help of the Pico Youth & Family Center, teens and young adults have also been encouraged to participate in conflict resolution and job training.

This winter, city staff will unveil the Night Bridges program for older youth, following concerns about a lack of programs for those who are out of high school and at risk of joining a gang. Night Bridges is a pro-

gram funded by the U.S. Department of Justice to provide life skills training to youth and parenting classes for adults. The program is expected to compliment the host of other programs funded by City Hall, which dedicates roughly \$6.7 million each year to 28 nonprofits serving Santa Monica.

EDUCATION

A key component of the action plan is education. By keeping youth in school, they are more likely to succeed later in life and remain free of negative influences.

A youth resources team was formed in November to provide collaborative case management and support to youth who have been or at-risk of being incarcerated. That team includes the SMPD, Virginia Avenue Park staff, the Los Angeles County Probation Department, PYFC and principals at Olympic High School and the Community Day School, which was created in September 2005 and now serves 21 high school students who face expulsion or are returning from a juvenile detention center.

Santa Monica College continues to provide regular financial aid and college workshops at Virginia Avenue Park, Santa Monica and Olympic high schools, according to the city staff report. Additionally, SMC has partnered with John Adams Middle School to provide college visitation and field trips to encourage students to apply.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Looking to enhance communication between the SMPD and residents, city officials have continually promoted involvement by Pico residents in the police department's Citizens Academy. Youth from John Adams Middle School were also paired with dogs at the animal shelter as part of K-9 Connection, a program that aids teens in becoming responsible members of their community by focusing on goal setting, personal accountability and personal motivation. Students train the dogs during a three-week course.

Through Academia Comunidad, officers continue to interact with Spanish-speaking residents to help them become familiar with the role of law enforcement and how the SMPD functions. The program is intended to foster long-term relationships with Pico Neighborhood residents.

Officers have also held informal barbecues at Virginia Avenue Park and are currently working with city staff to develop protocol to better inform residents when there are incidents of violence in the community and when youth are arrested or interrogated at the park.

In addition, all officers received cultural competency and diversity training through the academy and the Museum of Tolerance. The SMPD has also responded to calls for more

See GANG VIOLENCE, page 16

Victim says suspect fired shots and fled quickly

WANTED SHOOTER, from page 1

ahead of her. That's when the shooter jumped out of the car and began shooting, the victim told police.

After firing an unknown number of shots, the suspect then ran back to his car and fled, according to the victim.

Anyone having information regarding the shooting is encouraged to contact the robbery/homicide unit of the SMPD at

WE TIP

Callers who wish to provide anonymous information may also call the We-Tip national hotline at (800) 78-CRIME (27463). Callers with information that leads to an arrest and conviction become eligible for a reward up to \$1,000, Padilla said.

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Planning is needed to avoid future financial struggles

FISCAL PLAN, from page 3

operate simulations based on different assumptions of revenues. The assumptions include whether a district receives more money from parcel tax increases, whether more funding flows in from increased enrollment and so forth.

The school district is not in financial trouble now, school officials contend, but a proper plan is necessary to avoid such a scenario.

The issue arose during a school board meeting on Nov. 16, when the board decided to postpone the ratification of the tentative agreement from its Dec. 14 meeting until January.

Silvern spoke at the meeting warning of

the findings from the AB1200 and suggested the school board postpone the vote and take a step back for review.

Those in attendance at the meeting last month criticized the way both parties reached the tentative contract, accusing school officials of failing to consider how the 5-percent pay raise would affect district finances.

The Board of Directors of the Santa Monica-Malibu Classroom Teachers Association has met since the school board meeting. Harry Keiley, president of the association, said the teachers understand that additional planning is necessary.

"We plan on having a tentative agreement fully ratified," said Keiley.

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It's a hit

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Among the attractions on Saturday at the "World's Biggest Piñata Party" at the Santa Monica Pier was the latest Viva Piñata video game. The media event was staged to promote the launch of the new game for the Xbox 360.

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Making a better appearance

GANG VIOLENCE, from page 14

minority officers to reflect the racial make-up of the community. Since 1991, the number of Hispanic officers rose from 14 percent to 27 percent, while the number of African-American officers jumped nearly 50 percent. The number of Asian-American officers tripled.

To make neighborhoods safer, City Hall has placed greater emphasis on appearance. The City Council last year approved \$250,000 in street lighting improvements for the Pico Neighborhood, adding 90 new alley lights, and another \$200,000 for enhanced graffiti abatement and various alley and sidewalk repairs. Trash hauling has also been increased to keep alleys free of debris.

AREAS OF IMPROVEMENT

While progress is being made, obstacles remain.

A major challenge is getting other municipalities involved in a regional effort to end gang violence. Santa Monica is home to only a handful of gang members, according to police, however, the city is exposed to violence because of outsiders coming in looking for targets of their aggression.

During a town hall forum at St. Anne's earlier this fall, representatives from Culver City and Inglewood were invited to attend, but none showed up, raising concern amongst elected officials and community members about the difficulty in collaborating with neighboring cities.

"We feel very confident about the

activity to implement these strategies in Santa Monica, but the real challenge is to replicate these initiatives throughout the region," said Jared Rivera, executive director of LA Voice, an organization that works with churches across the region on issues affecting parishioners.

Communication will be key, as will the willingness to put egos aside for the sake of the youth, said Irma Carranza of the Pico Neighborhood Association, which has recently joined with Friends of Sunset Park to better coordinate efforts.

"We really have to make sure that we, the partners, talk to each other," Carranza said. "We just found out at a meeting two days ago that the chamber of commerce is starting a job development program. We had no idea. It would be more helpful for everyone if we all just talked with each other to see what we are doing and how

we can help one another."

Carranza said trust, or the lack thereof, is still an issue that needs to be addressed by both the community, SMPD and City Hall. However, with the arrival of new police Chief Timothy Jackman, who starts Dec. 11, Carranza is hopeful.

"There has been some progress, but we would like to see more consistent, institutional implementation to show the community there is respect and there is a willingness to collaborate," she said. "I think the shootings this summer showed we have a lot of work to do, and with the new police chief coming in, we are excited about the opportunity for new leadership and we are looking forward to have an in-depth dialogue around what community centered policing really means."

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FOOTBALL

UCLA knocked USC out of title game with stunning win

BY JOHN NADEL

AP Sports Writer

PASADENA, Calif. — Southern California's dejected players trudged off the Rose Bowl field, oblivious to the celebration going on around them.

Their national championship hopes had just ended with the biggest upset of the season.

UCLA knocked No. 2 USC out of the Bowl Championship Series title game with a stunning 13-9 victory over its crosstown rival Saturday. The Bruins did it with a vastly improved defense and a quarterback starting on three days' notice.

"Give credit to UCLA. They made it a difficult day," said USC coach Pete Carroll, whose team lost for just the fourth time in its last 59 games. "They kept us from doing what we wanted to do. We had no rhythm. We did not anticipate this happening."

Neither did most fans of either team. The Trojans hammered the Bruins 66-19 last season to lock up a second straight appearance in the BCS title game, and figured to win again, if not by such a one-sided score, to make it three in a row.

It wasn't to be, even though USC came in averaging 32.3 points a game.

Besides having their national championship hopes ended, the Trojans (10-2, 7-2 Pac-10) had their NCAA-record streak of 63 games in which they had scored 20 or more points snapped.

And a lot of the credit goes to UCLA's first-year defensive coordinator DeWayne Walker, a former Washington Redskins assistant. It was his schemes the Trojans were unable to solve.

"I didn't believe it until the clock hit zero," UCLA coach Karl Dorrell said. "All we wanted to do was stay close and get a chance to win. I know how important this win is for the Bruin family. I know that it's been a long time."

Since 1998, to be exact. The Trojans had beaten the Bruins seven straight times. Before that, UCLA beat USC eight times in a row.

The Bruins only sacked USC quarterback John David Booty twice, but they had him on the run throughout and forced him to throw several balls away. And they held Trojans star Dwayne Jarrett to four catches for 68 yards.

"We gave them a lot of different looks," Walker said. "If we confused Booty, that would take care of Jarrett."

The strategy worked to perfection.

"Their offensive line was real wide-eyed," UCLA defensive end Bruce Davis said. "People said we're small. That's all right. We were big enough to knock Booty on the ground."

Jarrett said his timing was affected by the Bruins' pass rush.

"They did a great job of switching up their defensive schemes and bringing pressure," he said.

TRAIL SLED DOG RACE

Iditarod Race scrambles to recoup losses from recent Web project

By The Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — The Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race is facing perhaps years in the red because of heavy investment in the Iditarod Insider Web site.

Money went into developing the Web site, which offers daily video clips and updates throughout the race. It also had live streaming of events, including the race start and finish, virtual trail fly-bys and the option to view video archives of the race for a whole year, all for \$19.95.

"We were problem solving and troubleshooting, when the effort should have been solely focused on the marketing," said Stan Hooley, executive director of the Iditarod Trail Committee. "Unless you make the public aware of it, it's pretty difficult to have a project like that break even."

The organization is facing a \$600,000 shortfall in its \$3.8 million budget, due to the costs of the Web site and too few winter raffle tickets sold, according to the Alaska Journal of Commerce.

In a normal year, the committee sells

2,000 raffle tickets for a summer drawing and 4,000 tickets for a winter drawing, bringing in \$600,000. But last winter, ticket sales fell 450 short, knocking \$45,000 off estimated revenues.

"It's still the most lucrative raffle out there in terms of what you might win," Hooley said, noting summer prizes that include two Dodge trucks, and winter prizes that include four Dodge trucks.

The committee is busy packaging the Web site for sale to individuals and schools, in particular. Classrooms can purchase a year on the Web site for \$39.95, and entire schools for \$99.95, Hooley said.

As a bonus for new and renewing subscribers, the committee is throwing in free DVDs of "Iditarod 34, Mother Natures Turn to Dance," a colorful, fast-moving recording of the race, complete with interviews with the mushers. The DVD normally sells for \$20.

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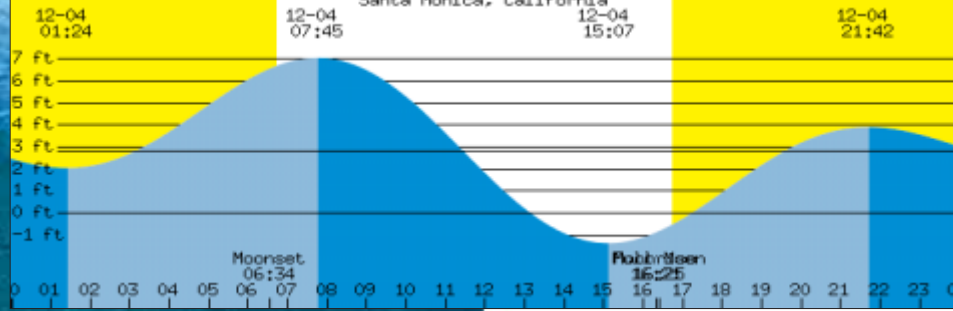
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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Carillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Luchessa and Los Aliso creeks	A+	no
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	no
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A	no
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	F	F
Escandido Creek, just east of Escandido State Beach	A+	no
Lariga Canyon Creek mouth	A	F
Selkirk Canyon at San Blas County Beach	A	no
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth	A+	A+
Marin Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	no
Serfador Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	A+
Serfador Beach (beach location) - daily	A	no
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A+	A+
Carlson Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	no
Los Flores State Beach at Los Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	no
Big Rock Beach at 19348 PCH stairs	F	A+
Pine Creek at Las Tamas County Beach	A+	no
Tuna Canyon	no	no
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	no
Castroville Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	no
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	no
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	A+

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	no
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chouzaquas)	F	no
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	F	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	D	D
Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	no
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	A	no
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurants)	A	A+
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A	no
Venice City Beach, at the Reno Ave. storm drain	A+	no
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A	A+
Venice Beach at Winward Ave. drain	A	no
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	A+
Venice Beach - projection of Topsoil St.	A+	A+
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach - lifeguard tower	B	no
Deckweiler State Beach at Bellena Creek mouth	A	no
Deckweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	no
North Westchester Storm Drain at Deckweiler State Beach	A+	no
Deckweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	A+
Deckweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	no
Deckweiler Beach - opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A+	A+
Deckweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	A+

LEGEND
DRY -- each location is graded on an A - F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
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The stars show the kind of day you'll have:

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★★★★ Average ★★ So-So ★ Difficult



ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ A lot drops on you. Rather than buck trends, work with situations. You will be happier. A child or loved one could be most difficult. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ You might feel that it's time to analyze your spending before you get yourself into trouble. Plan the holidays with your finances in mind. Others might be cranky, including you! Pull back and know that you don't have to make major decisions right now. Tonight: Gather all your bills.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Though you might be upbeat, you could feel as if others are having a Scrooge attack. Just let problems go, as they are likely to resolve themselves soon enough. You might be prone to being involved in a misunderstanding. Tonight: Just be yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★ Step back from various situations in your life. Your best bet is understanding what is going on with others and not making any decisions. Keep your opinions to yourself for now. Soon others will want to listen. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Just as you seem to be able to grab what you want, it could slip out of your hands. You might not be aware of it, but you have an attitude. Take a walk and clear out any negativity. Smile and relax. Tonight: Let your creativity flourish.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Others seem to be demanding, and they are. More than many, you could feel under siege this Full Moon. Handle responsibilities with your customary precision. A family member might need and/or want more attention. Tonight: Head home as soon as you can.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Keep your focus by eyeing the big picture. If you find that someone is difficult, pretend you are a therapist and observe rather than react. Communication could overwhelm you. Do not hesitate to screen calls or go out for a walk. Tonight: Share with a friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Let others feel as if they are in control. You will get nowhere by challenging people's views and choices. In fact, experience might help a close associate more than your words. Be supportive. Not everything has to be your way. Tonight: Togetherness.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ The Full Moon can pose interesting situations when dealing with someone. Understand that there is a way that both of you can have what you want. You just need to discover the solution. News from a distance isn't complete. Tonight: Go along with another's choices.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Go easy on yourself. You can only do your best. Some days it might not feel as if it is enough, but it is. You might be happiest staying out of any situations that deal with others. Stick to your routine. Tonight: Walk or find another stress-buster.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ While others seem bent on doing what they want even though it might not be logical, you kick back. Use your creativity when approaching the many different situations and issues. Smile, and others will relax. Tonight: Become a touch naughty.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ You might be too stressed out and unable to accomplish what you want. Laugh and relax with others, if it is possible. Don't allow any situation to become heavy. Know that in either case, this too will pass. Tonight: A must appearance.

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Tough ‘Break’ Garrison involved in a fatal car accident

A sport utility vehicle carrying LANE GARRISON of TV's "Prison Break" and three teenagers struck a tree, killing a 17-year-old boy, police said. Two 15-year-old girls inside

the vehicle were also injured, one critically, during the late Saturday night accident, police said. Garrison, 26, had minor injuries. The vehicle jumped a curb and hit a tree. Authorities were trying

to determine who drove the SUV, which was registered to Garrison. The boy was taken to Cedars-Sinai Medical Center where he died. His name was not released. The conditions of the girls were

not immediately released. Garrison, a Dallas native, plays "Tweeners" on Fox's "Prison Break." He has worked mainly in television, but appears in the upcoming film "Shooter,"

which is due out next year. Garrison's publicist, Catherine Olim, did not immediately return a phone call Sunday. ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mr. Holland begins a civic campaign

RICHARD DREYFUSS wants to show Americans how to be better citizens. "The teaching of civics presently in the United States is dismal and startling," the Oscar-winning actor said on ABC's "This Week" on Sunday. Dreyfuss is launching a cam-

paign to develop a civics curriculum for the nation's schools. When he was a child, Dreyfuss said, civics classes taught not only the checks and balances in government but also the reasons behind the creation of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. "We want to define the

necessity of civics," he said. "What is it, and is it necessary? If it's necessary, is it urgent? And if it's urgent, what do we do? And then to proceed to literally design classes. "It is time that we revive the notion that we can learn how to run the country and learn, not,

you know, for Republicans and not for Democrats, but learn how to run the Constitution," he said. Dreyfuss, who won a best actor Oscar for "The Goodbye Girl," also starred in "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" and "Mr. Holland's Opus." AP

Jean encourages development in Haiti

WYCLEF JEAN called on his Haitian countrymen to reject violence and work for a stable future during a free concert aimed at promoting development in the impoverished nation. "It's time to build a new Haiti," the Grammy-winning artist told more than 20,000 cheering fans Friday night at the waterfront pier of this resort

town. It was his first concert in Haiti in eight years. The concert capped off a weeklong film and culture festival organized by Jean's Yele Haiti charity, which promotes music and the arts as a way to reduce poverty, create jobs and improve Haiti's image. Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere and

most of its 8 million people live on less than \$2 per day. The Caribbean country is struggling to recover from a bloody 2004 revolt that toppled former president Jean-Bertrand Aristide. Jean, a Haitian citizen who lives in the United States, condemned the ongoing street violence that has followed the revolt, especially a wave of kidnappings

for ransom that have plagued the capital, Port-au-Prince. "If we don't stop kidnappings, the country can't develop," Jean said. Jean was born in Haiti but left for the United States with his family at age 9. He later achieved world fame through his hip-hop band, The Fugees. AP

Personal account of a former president

Former President GEORGE H.W. BUSH and his daughter Dorothy Koch got a standing ovation while promoting her book, "My Father, My President: A Personal Account of the Life of George H.W. Bush." For the book, released in

October, Koch used personal correspondence from her father's years in the White House as well as interviews with more than 100 people, including all living presidents. She also asked everyone on the family's Christmas card list

to send an anecdote. "Writing this book was the most remarkable thing I've ever done in my life," she said Saturday. The audience laughed when Koch read aloud a section from the book about how Bush awarded the "Brent Scowcroft

Award for Somnolent Excellence" to various staffers who fell asleep during meetings. "Now you know why I lost to Clinton," Bush quipped after she finished the reading. "I was playing those games." AP

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The Departed (R) 12:30, 3:45, 7:10, 10:25
Flushed Away (PG) 1:15, 3:25, 5:30, 7:30, 9:55
Stranger Than Fiction (PG-13) 12:00, 2:45, 5:20, 7:50, 10:40
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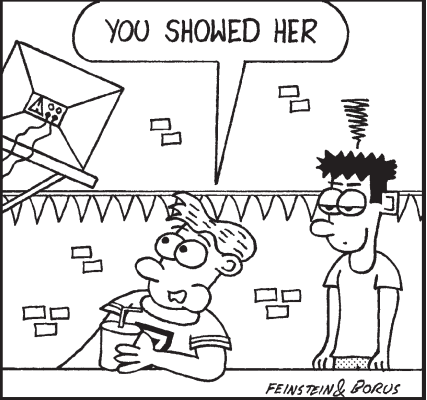
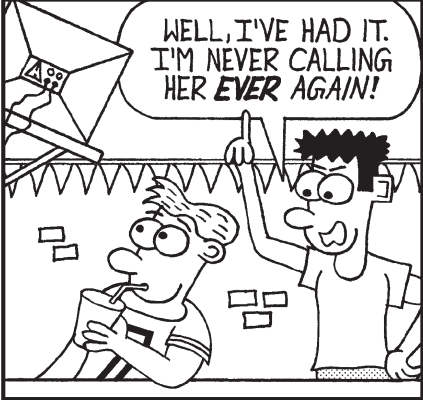
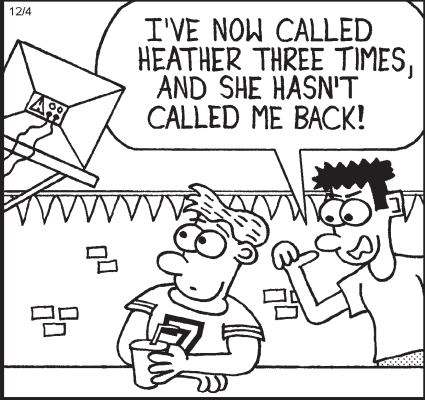
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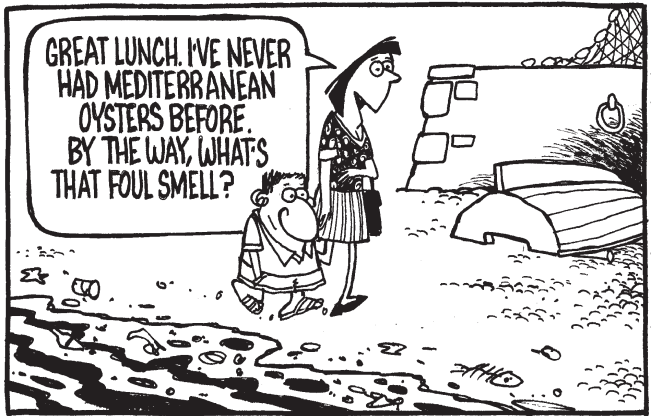
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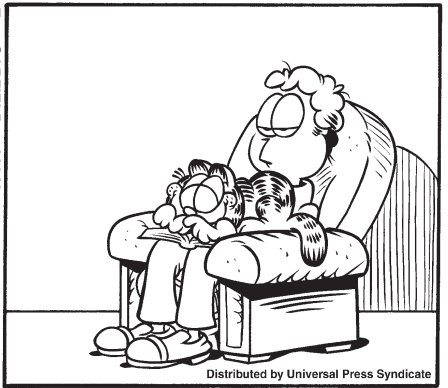
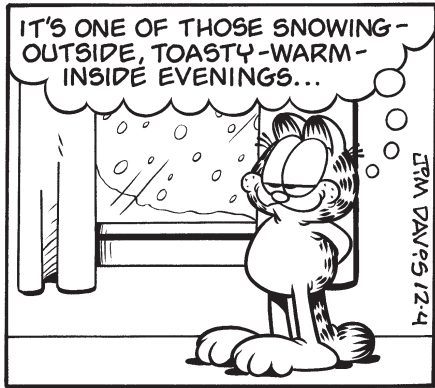
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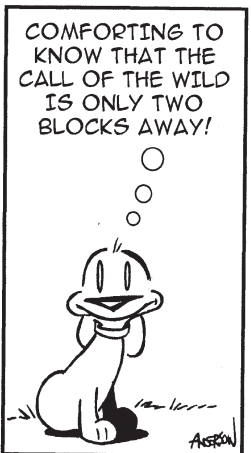
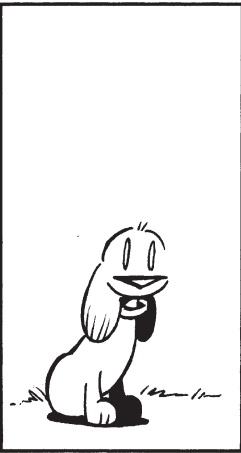
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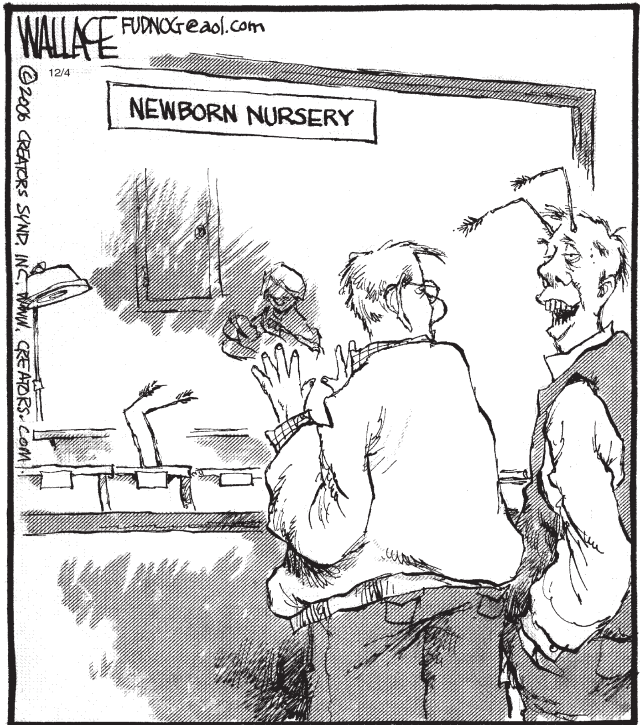
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12 Washington neighbor
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14 Colorless gas
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17 Pupil's place
18 Execute
22 Jai —
23 Solicit, as new business
27 Magic props
29 Wipe clean
30 Pitiful quality
32 Russian denial
33 Territorial struggles
35 Gift topper
38 Ark builder
39 Plant pest
41 Spats
45 Health-bar order
46 Enjoyed avidly
47 Fall flower

DOWN

- 1 Circle part
2 Penna. neighbor
3 Rap's Dr. —
4 Gee
5 Pitched perfectly
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE (UCC Sec. 6105)
Escrow No. 46503-SH
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s) and business address(es) of the seller(s) is/are: VIP PARTNERS, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, 2420 WILSHIRE BLVD, SANTA MONICA, CA 90403
Doing business as: WILSHIRE CLEANERS
All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the seller(s) within the past three years, as stated by the seller(s), is/are: NONE
The location in California of the Chief Executive Office of the seller is: SAME AS ABOVE
The name(s) and business address of the buyer(s) is/are: HEE HWA KIM SIN, 2420 WILSHIRE BLVD, SANTA MONICA, CA 90403
The assets being sold are generally described as: FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, GOODWILL, TRADENAME, LEASEHOLD, IMPROVEMENT AND INTEREST, CONTRACT RIGHTS, APPURTENANCES, LOGOS AND MISCELLANEOUS ASSETS USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE OPERATION OF ITS BUSINESS and is located at: 2420 WILSHIRE BLVD, SANTA MONICA, CA 90403
The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: UNITED ESCROW CO, 3440 WILSHIRE BLVD, #600, LOS ANGELES, CA 90010 and the anticipated sale date is DECEMBER 20, 2006
The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.
The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: UNITED ESCROW CO, 3440 WILSHIRE BLVD, #600, LOS ANGELES, CA 90010 and the last day for filing claims by any creditor shall be DECEMBER 19, 2006, which is the business day before the anticipated sale date specified above.
Dated: NOVEMBER 17, 2006
HEE HWA KIM SIN, Buyer(s)
PCTS LA124518 SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS 12/4/06

ESCROW NO. 5030186-JC
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
OF BULK SALE
(UCC Sec. 6105)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made.
The name(s) and business address of the seller is/are: JOO TAIK CHON, 2425 Colorado Avenue, #107B, Santa Monica, CA 90404
Doing business as: CAFE PRESTO aka PRESTO SANDWICH
All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the seller(s) within the past three years as stated by the seller(s), are: None
The location in California of the chief executive office of the seller is: Same
The name(s) and address of the buyer(s) is/are: MYUNG SOO LEE, 2425 Colorado Avenue, #107B, Santa Monica, CA 90404
The assets being sold are generally described as: furniture, fixtures, equipment, tradename, goodwill, leasehold interest and improvement, covenant not to compete
and are located at: 2425 Colorado Avenue, #107B, Santa Monica, CA 90404
The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: CENTRAL ESCROW, INC., 3660 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 108, Los Angeles, CA 90010 and the anticipated sale date is December 20, 2006
The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.
The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: CENTRAL ESCROW, INC., 3660 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 108, Los Angeles, CA 90010 and the last date for filing claims by any creditor shall be December 19, 2006, which is the business day before the sale date specified above.
Dated September 7, 2006
MYUNG SOO LEE, Buyer(s)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2402147 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as GLASSES & MORE, 611 W. 7TH ST., L.A., CA, 90017. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : FARSHID JANIELZEDAH, 501 W. OLYMPIC BLVD., #1431, L.A., CA, 90015 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/: FARSHID JANIELZEDAH This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 10/30/2006. 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 11/13/2006, 11/20/2006, 11/27/2006, 12/4/2006

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2402160 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as JONG JONG LIMO, 4210 VIA ARBOLADA #216, L.A., CA, 90042. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : PETER S. PARK, 4210 VIA ARBOLADA #216, L.A., CA, 90042 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/: PETER S. PARK This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 10/30/2006. 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 11/13/2006, 11/20/2006, 11/27/2006, 12/4/2006

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2428765 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as K AND R FAMOUS EVENTS AND ENTERTAINMENT, 3335 ARTE-SIA BLVD, UNIT 32, TORRANCE, CA, 90504. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : KIMBERLY LA TRICE JONES, 3335 ARTESIA BLVD, UNIT 32, TORRANCE, CA, 90504; RICO DONNELL MARTIN, 3335 ARTESIA BLVD, UNIT 32, TORRANCE, CA, 90504

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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/: KIMBERLY L. JONES; RICO D. MARTIN This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/1/2006. 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 11/13/2006, 11/20/2006, 11/27/2006, 12/4/2006

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2438355 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as KEYGROUP WORLDWIDE, 17537 CANDELA DR., ROWLAND HEIGHTS, CA, 91748. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : KEYGROUP WORLDWIDE, 17537 CANDELA DR., ROWLAND HEIGHTS, CA, 91748 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/: KEYGROUP WORLDWIDE, JEANNY LIU, C.E.O. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/2/2006. 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 11/13/2006, 11/20/2006, 11/27/2006, 12/4/2006

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2438369 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as KUNVAR INTERNATIONAL; DREAMS COLLECTIONS, 22910 ASPEN KNOLL DR., DIAMOND BAR, CA, 91765. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ANUP DOSAJ, 22910 ASPEN KNOLL DR., DIAMOND BAR, CA, 91765; SAKSHI DOSAJ, 22910 ASPEN KNOLL DR., DIAMOND BAR, CA, 91765 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)2/17/2004. /s/: ANUP DOSAJ; SAKSHI DOSAJ

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/02/06. 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 11/13/2006, 11/20/2006, 11/27/2006, 12/4/2006

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2402159 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MCT WIRELESS, 301 S. WESTERN AVE., #111, LA, CA, 90020. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : FRANKY JONG PARK, 301 S. WESTERN AVE., #111, 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/: FRANKY J. PARK This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 10/30/2006. 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 11/13/2006, 11/20/2006, 11/27/2006, 12/4/2006

Statement of Abandonment of Use of Fictitious Business Name
Document Record # 06 2438367
Current File No. 03-1137177
State of California, County of Los Angeles
The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious Business name:
FERNY'S WORLD
located at 6607 ATLANTIC AVE. #29, BELL, CA, 90201

The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 04/22/2003
In the county of LOS ANGELES.
MARLENE PEREZ, 8866 LINDEL AVE #4, DOWNEY, CA, 90240
This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
/s/ MARLENE PEREZ

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/02/2006. Published: SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS 11/13/2006, 11/20/2006, 11/27/2006, 12/04/2006

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2428836 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as AR FIRE PROTECTION; AR CLEANING, 1772 WRIGHT ST., POMONA, CA, 91766. The full name of registrant(s)

is/are : AUSENCIO REYES, 1772 WRIGHT ST., POMONA, CA, 91766 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)4/10/2001. /s/: AUSENCIO M. REYES This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/01/2006. 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 11/13/2006, 11/20/2006, 11/27/2006, 12/4/2006

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2310242 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ACE MOTEL, 6428 S. BROADWAY ST., LOS ANGELES, CA, 90003. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : DINESHKUMAR M. PATEL, 6928 S. BROADWAY ST., LOS ANGELES, CA, 90003; SONIYA DINESHKUMAR PATEL, 6928 S. BROADWAY ST., LOS ANGELES, CA, 90003 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/: DINESH KUMAR M. PATEL; SONIYA DINESHKUMAR PATEL This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 10/17/2006. 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 11/13/2006, 11/20/2006, 11/27/2006, 12/4/2006

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2414617 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as C & E LADIES SHOES, 7860 PARAMOUNT BLVD, PICO RIVERA, CA, 90660. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : CLARA ALVARADO, 7627 BOLLENBACHER DR., PICO RIVERA, CA, 90660 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/: CLARA ALVARADO This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 10/31/2006. 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 11/13/2006, 11/20/2006, 11/27/2006, 12/4/2006

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2391609 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as BROS. CORTEZ MEXICAN FOOD, 16100 E. OLD VALLEY BLVD., LA PUENTE, CA, 91744. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ROGELIO CORTEZ, 16109 ABBEY ST., LA PUENTE, CA, 91744 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)10/16/1974. /s/: ROGELIO CORTEZ This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 10/27/2006. 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 11/13/2006, 11/20/2006, 11/27/2006, 12/4/2006

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2402171 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ASI INTERNATIONAL WHOLESALE, 10411 LONG BEACH BLVD., LYNWOOD, CA, 90262. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : MANUELA C. FLORES ZAVALA, 2459 E. 111TH ST., 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)6/28/2006. /s/: MANUELA CRISTINA ZAVALA This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 10/30/2006. 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 11/13/2006, 11/20/2006, 11/27/2006, 12/4/2006

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2449603 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CD VINYL, 11 S. VENICE BLVD #102, VENICE, CA, 90291. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : CRAIG CATHCART, 11 S. VENICE BLVD. #102, VENICE, CA, 90291 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: CRAIG CATHCART This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/3/2006. 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 11/13/2006, 11/20/2006, 11/27/2006, 12/4/2006

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2449605 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as JAVID & ASSO-CIATES; KHORSHEED; JAVID & JAVID, 1619 BROCKTON AVE. APT #2, LOS ANGELES, CA, 90025. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : FARROKH JAVID, 1619 BROCKTON AVE. APT #2, LOS ANGELES, CA, 90025 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/: FAR-ROKH JAVID

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2449602 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SPUNKY KUNY, 9726 KLINGERMAN STREET, SOUTH EL MONTE, CA, 91733. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : BETTY LIN, 2852 SAWTELLE BLVD #29, LOS ANGE-LES, CA, 90064; SESORIA HYE KIM, 414 S. CLO-VERDALE AVE. #108, LOS ANGELES, CA, 90036 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/: SESORIA H. KIM; BETTY LIN

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2449604 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SOUTH BAY MAGAZINE; AI #/ON: C2600403, 2118 WILSHIRE BLVD. SUITE 590, SANTA MONICA, CA, 90403. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : DISCOVER MAGAZINE PUBLISHING, INC., CALIFORNIA, 20646 PCH, MALIBU, CA, 90265 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/: DIS-COVER MAGAZINE PUBLISHING, INC., CHRISTO-PHER JOSEPH LENTO, PRESIDENT/CEO

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2449601 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PANOPTICON PRODUCTIONS, 3715 MIDVALE AVE. APT #4, LOS ANGELES, CA, 90034. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : KENNETH K. DODGE, 3715 MIDVALE AVE. APT #4, LOS ANGELES, CA, 90034; ANDRE N. QUERY, 2017 ARGYLE AVE. APT #211, LOS ANGELES, CA, 90068 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/: KEN DODGE; ANDRE QUERY

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2438366 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 4THEK WIT-NESSWEAR, 3154 E. GAGE AVE., HUNTINGTON PARK, CA, 90255. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : RAFAEL BARRIENTOS, 3154 E. GAGE AVE., HUNTINGTON PARK, CA, 90255 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: RAFAEL BARRIENTOS This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/2/2006. 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 11/13/2006, 11/20/2006, 11/27/2006, 12/4/2006

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2502516 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as GGW LIVE EVENTS; AI # ON: C150706, 1601 CLOVERFIELD BLVD., SUITE 420S, SANTA MONICA, CA, 90404. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : PEPE BUS, LLC, 1601 CLOVERFIELD BLVD., SUITE 420S, SANTA MONICA, CA, 90404 This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: PEPE BUS, LLC, WILLIAM DREKER, V.P. FINANCE This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/13/2006. 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 11/20/2006, 11/27/2006, 12/4/2006, 12/11/2006

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2482665 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as I Need A Cab, 15904 Strathern Str. #25, Van Nuys, CA 91406. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Vardan Ko-syan, 15904 Strathern Str. #25, Van Nuys, CA 91406 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/: Vardan Kosyan This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on . NOTICE: THIS FICTI-TIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OF-FICE 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 11/13/2006, 11/20/2006, 11/27/2006, 12/4/2006

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2415128 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Formosa Bar-tending Academy, 7156 Santa Monica Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90046. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Dominick Villani, 8960 Cynthia Street #205, West Hollywood, CA 90069; William L Wagner, 4664 Los Feliz Blvd #306, Los Angeles, CA 90027 This Business is being conducted by, a general partnership. Signed: Regis-trant has not yet begun to transact business un-der the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Dominick Villani, William L Wagner This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on . NOTICE: THIS FICTI-TIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OF-FICE 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 11/13/2006, 11/20/2006, 11/27/2006, 12/4/2006

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2482668 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Never Take A Taxi, 15904 Strathern Str. #25, Van Nuys, CA 91406. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Var-dan Kosyan, 15904 Strathern Str. #25, Van Nuys, CA 91406 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/: Vardan Kosyan This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on . NOTICE: THIS FICTI-TIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OF-

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2482667 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Taxi Maxi, 15904 Strathern Str. #25, Van Nuys, CA 91406. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Vardan Ko-syan, 15904 Strathern Str. #25, Van Nuys, CA 91406 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/: Vardan Kosyan This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on . NOTICE: THIS FICTI-TIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OF-FICE 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 11/13/2006, 11/20/2006, 11/27/2006, 12/4/2006

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2482666 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Got Cab?, 15904 Strathern Str. #25, Van Nuys, CA 91406. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Vardan Ko-syan, 15904 Strathern Str. #25, Van Nuys, CA 91406 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/: Vardan Kosyan This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on . NOTICE: THIS FICTI-TIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OF-FICE 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 11/13/2006, 11/20/2006, 11/27/2006, 12/4/2006

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2502518 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as RED ROCK DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION, 1124 26 ST., SANTA MONICA, CA, 90403. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : EDWARD D. KORVIN, 1124 26TH, SANTA MONICA, CA, 90403 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Regis-trant has not yet begun to transact business un-der the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: EDWARD D. KORVIN This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/13/2006. 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 11/20/2006, 11/27/2006, 12/4/2006, 12/11/2006

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2502517 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as FIRSTFD IN-VESTMENT SERVICES; AI# ON: 981251437-2116 509, 401 WILSHIRE BLVD., 4TH FLOOR, SANTA MONICA, CA, 90401. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : FIRSTFD FINANCIAL CORP., 401 WILSHIRE BLVD., 4TH FLOOR, SANTA MONICA, CA, 90401 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/: FIRSTFD FINANCIAL CORP., ANN E. LEDERER, SENIOR VICE PRESI-DENT/GENERAL COUNSEL This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/13/2006. 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 11/20/2006, 11/27/2006, 12/4/2006, 12/11/2006

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2502520 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SCHEID RE-ALTY INT'L; SIGMA FINANCIAL; TERRY SCHEID RE-ALTY, 9454 WILSHIRE BLVD., BEVERLY HILLS, CA, 90212. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : PHILLIP SCHEID, 9454 WILSHIRE BLVD., BEVERLY HILLS, CA, 90212; TERRI SCHEID, 9454 WILSHIRE BLVD., BEVERLY HILLS, CA, 90212 This Business is being conducted by, a general partnership.

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Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)11/13/2006. /s/: PHILLIP SCHEID; TERRI SCHEID This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/13/2006. 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 11/20/2006, 11/27/2006, 12/4/2006, 12/11/2006

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2502519 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PRINCIPLE FINANCIAL GROUP; PRINCIPLE FINANCIAL, 229 BICKNELL AVE. #108, SANTA MONICA, CA, 90405. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : SHAKEEB KHAIRAZD, 229 BICKNELL AVE #108, SM, CA, 90405 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)9/1/2006. /s/: SHAKEEB KHAIRAZD This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/13/2006. 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 11/20/2006, 11/27/2006, 12/4/2006, 12/11/2006

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2370657 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Redhead Shopping, 900 Wilshire Blvd #118, Santa Monica, CA 90401. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Courtney Brandt, 900 Wilshire Blvd #118, Santa Monica, CA 90401 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/: Court-nay Brandt This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 10/25/06. 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 11/20/2006, 11/27/2006, 12/4/2006, 12/11/2006

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2502596 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as EZ Auctions, 11310 Santa Monica Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90025. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Jan-ell Enterprises, Inc. 11310 Santa Monica Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90025 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/: Mar-ianne Pillarella, President This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/13/06. 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 11/20/2006, 11/27/2006, 12/4/2006, 12/11/2006

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2430442 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Starmaker Me-dia, 2505 4th St. #107, Santa Monica, CA 90405. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Lesley Ann C. Bayron, 2505 4th St. #107, Santa Monica, CA 90405 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)9/1/2006. /s/: Lesley Ann C. Bayron

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2541332 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as JUDY'S SPOT-LIGHT, AI #/ON 2901824, 1425 STANFORD ST #6, SANTA MONICA, CA 90404. The full name of regis-trant(s) is/are : SPOTLIGHT CORP. INC., (CALI-FORNIA), 1425 STANFORD ST #6, SANTA MONICA, CA 90404 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)9/1/2006. /s/: SPOTLIGHT CORP, OWNER, JUDY KANG This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/16/06. 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 11/20/2006, 11/27/2006, 12/4/2006, 12/11/2006

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2541333 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as INJUN TERRI-TORY CO., THE INJUN TERRITORY CO. CAMO WEST CALI, 850 2ND ST, #106, SANTA MONICA, CA, 90403. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : LAWRENCE KOLB, 850 2ND ST, #106, SANTA MONICA, CA 90403 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/: LAW-RENCE KOLB This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/16/2006. 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 11/20/2006, 11/27/2006, 12/4/2006, 12/11/2006

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2392071 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SACRED EARTH GARDENING, SACRED EARTH GREETINGS, 2908 EXPOSITION BLVD., #2, SANTA MONICA, CA 90404. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : CHRISTINE WALKER, 2908 EXPOSITION BLVD., #2, SANTA MONICA, CA 90404 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: CHRISTINE WALKER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 10/27/2006. 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 11/20/2006, 11/27/2006, 12/4/2006, 12/11/2006

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2656304 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as BARE BODZ, 175 PIER AVE, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : STEVE MATSON, 100 27TH ST, HERMOSA BEACH, CA 90254 This Busi-ness is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: STEVE MATSON This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/30/2006. 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 12/4/2006, 12/11/2006, 12/18/2006, 12/25/2006

Statement of Abandonment of Use of Fictitious Business Name
Document Record # 06 2556098
Current File No. 06 1246068
State of California, County of Los Angeles
The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious Business name:
JUNIPER INC.
located at 9617 JUNIPER ST., STE 202, LOS ANGE-LES, CA, 90002-2635
The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 08/07/2003
In the county of LOS ANGELES.
OPHELIA ALVAREZ, 9617 JUNIPER ST., STE 202, LOS ANGELES, CA, 90002-2635
This business is conducted by: A CORPORATION
/s/ OPHELIA ALVAREZ
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2453104 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PHO HA VIET-NAMES RESTAURANT, 8766 E. VALLEY BLVD., ROSEMEAD, CA, 91770. The full name of regis-trant(s) is/are : HOANG THE BUI, 1262 SUMMER BLOSSOM CT., SAN JOSE, CA, 95122; NGOC THUY HONG VI, 614 ROSEMERE LN., POMONA, CA, 91767 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/: HOANG THE BUI; NGOC THUY HONG VI This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/3/2006. 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 11/27/2006, 12/4/2006, 12/11/2006, 12/18/2006

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2556099 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as E'CALIFORNIA CAPITAL INC.; CORTEZ CONCRETE TRUCKS INC.; AI # ON: 2834418, 9617 JUNIPER ST., STE. 202, LOS ANGELES, CA, 90002-2635. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ZER INTERNATIONAL INC., CALIFORNIA, 9617 JUNIPER ST., LOS ANGELES, CA, 90002 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)8/7/2003. /s/: ZER INTERNATIONAL INC., OPHELIA ALVAREZ; CEO This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/17/06. 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 11/27/2006, 12/4/2006, 12/11/2006, 12/18/2006

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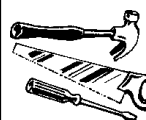
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