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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The child pornography collections allegedly belonging to two men were inadvertently exposed in separate incidents in October. Robert Medvee was arrested in Frederick, Md., on 96 counts after workers spotted a stash as they were making repairs on his home following recent tornado damage. And part of the collection of the late Todd Darow was spotted by police, who had gone to his home in Livonia, Mich., to inform his widow that Darow's body had been found (at a church where he was a part-time custodian). (A search of the house turned up a more extensive holding, including videotapes of children being molested in the church restroom.)

■ In August, a pilot, cruising over Forest Grove, Ore., on assignment, reached out the window to scatter the cremated ashes of a man over the Mountain View Memorial Gardens, but the 4-pound bag slipped out of his hand, eventually crashing through the roof of Barbara Vreeland, who lives near the cemetery. The deceased's family paid for the damage, but Vreeland later told a reporter, "I think some of (him) is still in our attic."

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I feel about airplanes the way I feel about diets. It seems to me they are wonderful things for other people to go on."

JEAN KERR

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NFL player takes stand in arson trial

Anthony Smith bursts into tears while discussing fire

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

LAX COURTHOUSE — A former LA/Oakland Raider and alleged arsonist burst into tears on the witness stand Friday while recounting how a house fire claimed the lives of his stepmother and stepsister.

"I'm sorry," said Anthony Wayne Smith, 37, on trial for allegedly setting fire to a Santa Monica antique and furniture shop last year in a rage-filled act of revenge.

The earlier house fire was par-

ticularly emotional for the soft-spoken Smith because his stepfather also was badly injured. Smith never knew his biological father, and his biological mother died when he was 3 years old.

Smith became a suspect in the February 2003 fire that gutted Simply Sofas on Lincoln Boulevard after investigators found his name and address printed on partially burnt documents stuffed inside the firebombs used to ignite the blaze. Smith has maintained his innocence but has not been able to explain the documents.

Defense attorneys hope the earlier house fire will help explain Smith's emotional response to the

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It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas

BY HUNTER JAMESON

Special to the Daily Press

A fixture in Santa Monica for more than 50 years, the nativity scenes along Ocean Avenue once again are a tell-tale sign that Christmas is right around the corner.

The opening ceremony of the 51st year of the nativity scenes was held on Sunday in Palisades Park.

For the first time in a quarter-century, a procession of young

people singing Christmas carols and carrying lights in a cross formation made its way through the gathering darkness to the opening ceremony for the scenes.

The singing cross was introduced in 1960. For nearly 20 years, a citywide youth choir annually marched from Seventh Street along Wilshire Boulevard to the opening ceremony of the nativity scenes.

Kari Czer, an organizer of this year's singing Christmas cross,

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Anabella Large: Coming full circle

BY SUSAN TAM

Special to the Daily Press

A long road has led Anabella Large, who was recently named as a Teacher of the Year by the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, right back to where she started. Large, who has been teaching for almost two decades, now

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Walking the walk



Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

Children walk down the Third Street Promenade on Sunday as they sing Christmas carols. The children made their way to Palisades Park to open the ceremony for the 51st annual nativity scene display of the 'Christmas Story.'

Homeless man assaults two people on Montana

By Daily Press staff

A homeless man is now in jail after he allegedly assaulted an employee at Starbucks Coffee and an elderly man on Montana Avenue Friday.

A regular transient on Montana Avenue, Christopher Grant Williams, 44, allegedly jumped over the counter at Starbucks at Seventh Street and Montana Avenue and struck the employee with his fist, and left the store. Williams apparently attacked the employee after he told him to leave because he was creating a disturbance.

While Santa Monica Police officers were en route to the call, they received additional information regarding a second assault

and battery that occurred in the area of Lincoln and Montana Avenue.

Within minutes of fleeing Starbucks, Williams allegedly approached an 80-year-old man and struck the victim several times.

Williams was stopped by officers within minutes after the second assault. He was positively identified by the victims and witnesses. Williams was booked for elder abuse, and assault and battery. His bail has been set at \$50,000.

The Starbucks employee received a small laceration to his lip and didn't require medical treatment. The elderly man received a laceration above his eyebrow, which required four stitches at a local hospital.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You cannot back off or delegate. The ball lands in your hands. Fortunately, others are cooperative, even if they might be slightly distracted. Review different concepts with the possibility that you might have missed an option. Tonight: A must appearance.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Think past the obvious. Investigating and finding new solutions produces A-1 results. A partner or an associate provides a completely different outlook. Take his or her opinion into consideration. Brainstorm away. Tonight: Put on some Christmas music.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Listen to an associate, especially concerning work, finances and a joint project. You might discover that someone will willingly change his or her opinion or attitude as a result of what he or she learns or hears. Tonight: Snuggle in.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Others run with the ball, and you might as well step back. In fact, by observing, you'll learn a lot about the people around you. Dive into work and revamp your schedule or approach. Tonight: Accept an invitation.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You could get fed up with all work and no play. Somehow the resourceful Lion manages to squeeze in a fun lunch or midday call. Still, don't lose your focus. Get as much accomplished as you can, allowing for more free time later on. Tonight: Get some exercise.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Listen to someone you care about. He or she proves to be unusually resourceful and encourages a period of ingenuity and creativity for you. A relationship strengthens with some flirtation. A friendship might be changing before your very eyes. Tonight: Pretend it isn't Monday.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Pressure continues to build on the home front. You might need to rethink your ideas or expectations. An expenditure might be hard to avoid, but in the long run, it will increase the value of your home or an investment. Tonight: Cuddle in at home.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Reach out for others. You find that key information falls into your hands. Follow your instincts when dealing with those around you, especially during meetings and phone calls. Revamp your budget if need be. Tonight: Stroll through a favorite neighborhood.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Your finances could cause you to change plans or revamp your thinking. Something could cost much more than you had anticipated. Be willing to say "no." You might be irritated by another's demands. Tonight: Take a hard look at your budget.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ You are the cat's meow, as you can nearly dictate your terms today. The smart Goat will use diplomacy and charm to achieve the necessary results. Others find you to be a magnet, and might not be able to stay away. Tonight: As you like it.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★ Keep information and opinions close to your chest. You have a lot to think about, especially involving an authority figure. Use your instincts, especially if he or she is being touchy. Your perspective of what you want and who you want to be around could change dramatically. Tonight: Vanish.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ A boss could reverse his or her position. Work with this person and find out what he or she expects. Try to understand where this decision might be coming from. You'll succeed because of your willingness to adjust and work with others. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

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LOCAL

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Firefighters fire up families for Christmas

By Daily Press staff

Continuing a 21-year tradition, Santa Monica Fire Fighters Local 1109 announced their "Holiday Gift Program" for the city's low-income families.

Once again they will give Santa a hand and award gift certificates to help families in need complete their holiday shopping. More than 100 children will receive presents this year.

The pre-selected families have been invited to pick up their gifts on Third Street Promenade and Broadway Sunday, Dec. 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A fire engine will be on display, and many volunteers will be out to greet the families and wish them a happy holiday.

For further information call (310) 458-8664.

Service organizations send care packages to soldiers

By Daily Press staff

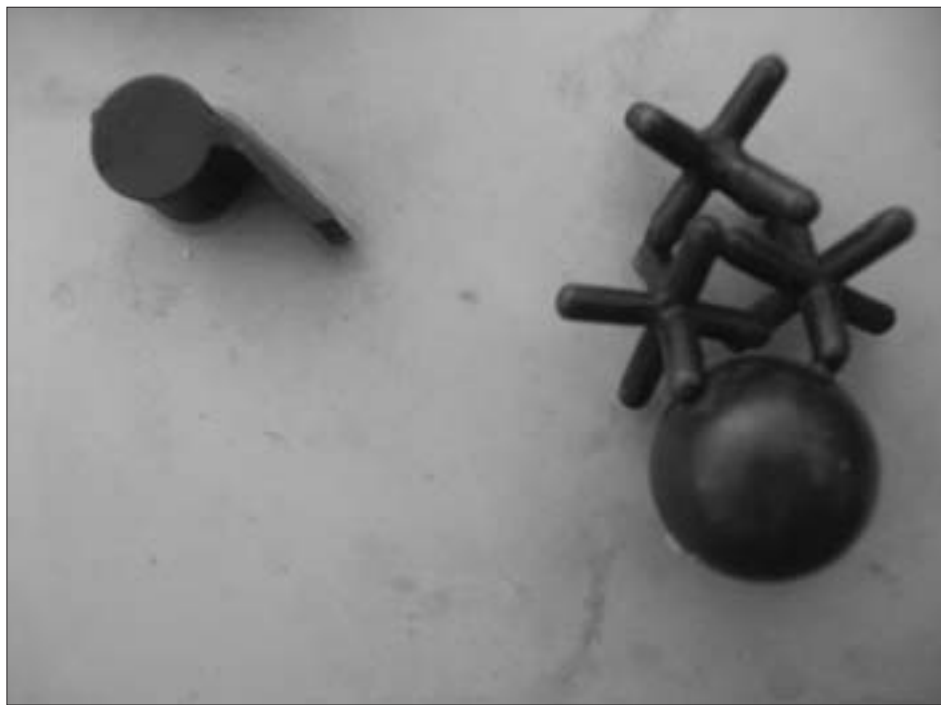
American soldiers abroad should feel a little more at home, thanks to local service groups.

At a recent meeting at the Santa Monica Elks Lodge, men and women from The American Legion Post 123, Santa Monica Elks Lodge, Santa Monica Red Cross, and eight school children prepared gift boxes to be shipped to soldiers in Iraq, Afghanistan and Bahrain. An assembly line was set up in which volunteers filled each box with a writing pad, cassette tapes, AA batteries, playing cards, cookies, candy, a book and a letter from a student from San Mateo Elementary School.

As all items, including postage, were purchased, which required large donations, furnished by American Legion Posts Santa Monica 123 and Pacific Palisades 283, and the Santa Monica Elks, as well as numerous individual contributions. Doug

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Mystery photo



Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

The first person to accurately describe where this photo was taken will win a prize. E-mail responses to sack@smdp.com.



SURF REPORT

On Monday look for fading WNW swell to mix with a new dose of W wind swell. The better-exposed Northern LA spots see waves in the knee- to waist-high range, with occasional bigger sets at best breaks on the best tides. South Bay beaches see waist-high surf at many breaks with occasional plus sets, while top breaks through the north half of the bay reach shoulder-high levels. Light winds in the morning turn moderate onshore WNW'erly for the afternoon.

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

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MONDAY	2:50	2.3	4:42	-1.6	9:12	7.1	11:27	3.9
TUESDAY	3:42	2.5	5:35	-1.4	10:02	6.8	N/A	N/A
WEDNESDAY	4:42	2.6	6:29	-0.9	12:27	3.9	10:56	6.2
THURSDAY	5:59	2.8	7:26	-0.4	1:30	4.0	1:57	5.5
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The Q Line

It's been suggested that the vacant RAND building across from City Hall should be converted into a homeless shelter instead of being torn down, and made into a park and other governmental facilities.

City Hall owns the property and spends about \$2 million on homeless services each year. Some have suggested that City Hall should redistribute that money into its own shelter. The idea is that the shelter would provide

transitional housing and would be tied to work and educational programs, as well as addiction and mental illness programs.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know, "Is this a good idea? Why or why not?"

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RAND an ideal locale for homeless

Editor:

What we have in the Friday, Dec. 10, edition of the Santa Monica Daily Press is a serendipitous confluence of ideas.

On page one, the second headline down proclaims that a two-year moratorium on new development in Santa Monica may be in the works.

On page four, Ted Winterer, in his “Our Town” opinion piece suggests using the empty RAND building as a homeless shelter.

How about a two-year (or longer) moratorium of the demolition of the RAND building? Mr. Winterer is right — use of this structure could quickly and easily reduce the number of homeless sleeping in our city streets by a substantial amount. Since the city already owns the land, it could save millions of dollars buying property to convert into homeless shelters, as it did in its recent acquisition of the Cloverfield Boulevard property.

Two years may not seem to be a long enough time to consider, but it’s nearly forever to most of our homeless who now live day-to-day with no future hope in sight. Certainly, it’s more than enough time to train and return to the workplace and productive society those who just need a helping hand up.

It would allow Santa Monica’s service providers space for counseling offices and could become the answer for the City Council’s often-stated desire to feed the homeless indoors. There must be at least one big room which can be used as a cafeteria. Smaller offices lend themselves to dorm-style living accommodations. Conference rooms can be turned into classrooms, teaching both interpersonal social skills and work skills. Even as it stands now, RAND is probably still wired very adequately for teaching computer skills, a requirement of today’s job market. Other unused dooms, closets, etc., could provide safe, secure storage while allowing the homeless an opportunity to move about and look for work during the day without needing to drag all their possessions along with them.

Councilman Shriver has suggested the use of federal government land to shelter the homeless. Instead of swimming upstream in molasses though government red tape, I suggest that he instead commit himself to establishing a moratorium on RAND’s destruction and its immediate conversion to a safe haven for Santa Monica’s most needy.

Ken McCrae
Santa Monica

RAND site a center for caring?

Editor:

Amen. I am in full agreement with the article I read by Ted Winterer (SMDP, Dec. 10, page 4) suggesting that the RAND buildings become a housing project for the homeless with on-site support and services to help the homeless find a measure of success in their lives.

I believe the city of Santa Monica can do this in a honorable way — perhaps lighting the way for other cities to copy and propose for their homeless individuals. In Santa Monica there are approximately 2,700 homeless in a city of 80,000 residents. In Los Angeles there are 254,000 homeless, with 80,000 homeless having no bed to sleep in at night — the entire resident population of Santa Monica would not have a bed to sleep in on any given night if they were homeless. Think of that and have the courage to take the RAND buildings and create a center for true caring.

Linda Milo
Santa Monica

Give the homeless a home

Editor:

Let me start by saying I hope this isn’t one of those inboxes where people are encouraged to write in(to) while lawmakers and such having knowledge that no one will ever respond to or for that matter, even read what constituents like myself attempt to offer suggestion on.

If so, this is just another example of Band-Aid government, the type we must uproot and deconstruct.

I read an interesting article by Mr. Ted Winterer this morning on my way to work (SMDP, Dec. 10 , page 4). I ride the bus each day, and it helps to have something to read while I wait the half hour or so before I reach my transfer point at UCLA. I could transfer somewhere else but being close to the college reminds me of my own days as an undergrad and the sense of nostalgia consumes me. It is also a welcomed reminder that the Pac-10 is prospering as evidenced by the enumerate Tudor-Saliba development sites drawn up in and around campus. Yes, the Westside of Los Angeles, on the whole, is ripe and fertile land poised for development. I see it day in and day out. On one level it makes me proud to know that I have chosen a community where life is ever expanding, wealth is abundant and, for the most part, harmony exists.

Then I am jolted back to reality by the hard-core truth living just beyond the facade, the other side of the Santa Monica, Westwood, Venice and their neighboring sublet communities. What lives, or more to the point, doesn’t live, brings out a sad truth and an almost immediate sense of repose — the sight of a homeless person panhandling from the median section of some random intersection or freeway entrance. It’s as constant as the white picket fence or flashy luxury sedan pushing its way towards the city’s more northern sections of town. I don’t always give, nor

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Have faith, life will continue as we know it



HIP TO BE SQUARE
BY CAROLINE BODKIN

I grew up surrounded by faith, in the shadow of the Mormon temple. Everyone seemed to have been born with it or had found it, shared it, relied upon it, lost or regained it, preached it or practiced it or honored it privately. Though not a member of that church or any other, I assumed that being faithful was a human condition. I still believe that is true.

We have faith.

Two nights ago I had a terribly difficult conversation with a loved one. I guess it was a fight. I hate fighting.

Fighting is like being stuck in traffic on the freeway. It makes you want to kick and scream and lie down and give up all at the same time, and no matter how badly you beg for it to stop, it doesn’t. And even though it appears endless, you refuse to take the nearest exit because you must get where you’re headed and you don’t believe the surface streets, which are usually slower and quieter, are any better.

The right amount of faith will allow you to stop being stubborn and get off the freeway as soon as possible. It will tell you that even if you end up where you were going, where you’ll end up will be better. It will tell you to heed the warning of the endless stream of red lights.

Faith comes in all brands.

Faith in God, faith in love, faith in humanity, faith in religion, faith in yourself, faith in your family, faith in friendship, faith in luck, faith in destiny and faith in goodness are commonly used terms that help us categorize what keeps us ticking when our ticker’s tocked. It helps us measure our strength.

“I’m losing faith in humanity,” says the individual who hears of an abandoned child. And the child who was saved says, “It gave me faith in God.” It is the life all around us that gives us faith.

Or, “I have faith in love,” says the lover who won’t give up. Knowing that even though this time is hard, there is a world of strength around her.

The hardest thing about faith is this: It’s easy to say you have it when things are good. It’s hardest to muster when you need it the most.

This Christmas, I head back to my hometown of Salt Lake City, where faith abounds, feeling low on faith myself.

So I am asking for a pick me up. Like a little girl who asks for a pony, every year, with endless optimism, I put faith on my list. I’m not suggesting it’s something you can wrap. Also, I know it will not be handed to me in the form of a story or a lesson, written and sensible a la the fable of finding faith.

I am asking it of myself.

I am asking for the sensitivity to see it all around me, like I know that it is, even as my stress or anger obscures it.

I plan on finding it. Plucking it out of the air and the ambiance. Assigning meaning to the world so that there is meaning for me. This is what we do. We look in other people, in acts of goodness and miraculous events, in words and poems, in images and music and stories. And the exteriors of things fall away, leaving reasons to believe standing naked.

By giving voice to the thing that is most needy, that need might be addressed. I will conjure faith. The very act of saying I need it will help me find it. I think it works like this: The moment you decide to look, you are able to see.

Things that warm hearts do so for a reason. They whisper that there’s reason, hope, love. That’s how we know, even when our world is difficult, stubborn, sad, or seemingly endless, that it is not without reason or relief. That’s how we see faith.

Merry Christmas. May you share love and joy with your kin, your friends and those you haven’t yet met.

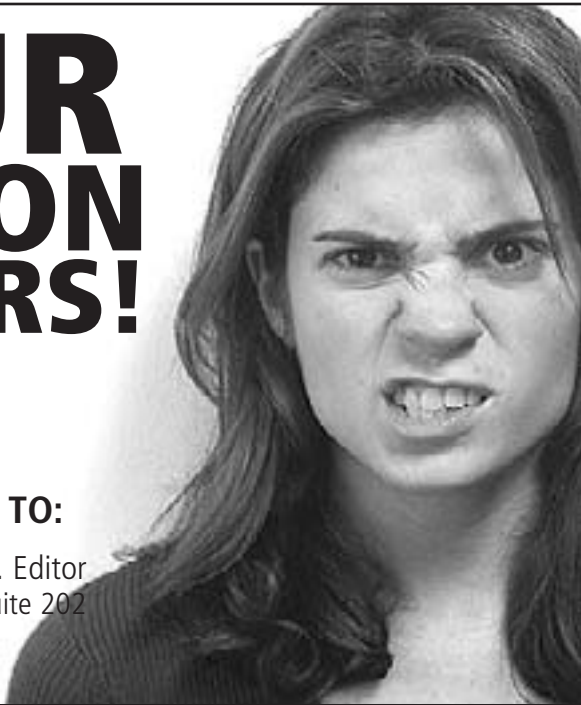
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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do I feel compelled to, but sometimes I help out. And while I feel a dollar here or a quarter there may not solve the problem, it may be the “over the hump” gesture a homeless person might need to get a decent meal for the day, or better yet, a night’s rent. Which leads me to the next question. Where? I often wonder where most homeless people sleep when it’s raining out or when the temperature dips below 50 degrees. Is there a place they can go for a nominal fee, one that could be earned by performing a duty that will allow for a person to feel a sense of accomplishment for a job well done? Alas, there doesn’t seem to be. The all-day struggle to clutch but a paltry sum more suited to finance a bottle of whiskey to aid in withstanding yet another restless, cold night on the urine-stained concrete of the princely city by the sea.

Some feel throwing money out the window of their cars or donating clothing to the local shelter is the way to cover up the problem. I’m sure their efforts are very much appreciated, but the real issue here is restoring the faith of the downtrodden and giving a person a chance to redeem themselves in the eyes of themselves. I’m not naive, and I do see the very real possibility there may not be a solution to 100 percent of the problem but a plan — a substantial and comprehensive plan to help all of the citizens of Santa Monica and its neighboring communities to bring an end to this plague. I don’t mean the homeless themselves but our inability to come face to face with our fears. Homeless people are not the problem more than — and I mean this — it is the fault of us all, a community filled with creative, smart, aware, humane and affluent (though some not so much) people, that we have not taken on this challenge.

Mr. Winterer touched on something that sparked an idea that could at least, for the moment, kill two birds with one stone. The Veteran’s Administration’s property pre-

sents a viable opportunity to begin the process of identifying who, of our homeless, are willing to work their way towards habitation. The property needs some overhauling and for the most part it is vacant so why couldn’t we start a work-to-live program where our homeless could enroll much the way an employment agency has people do and based on their ability and relative contingencies be placed in a temporary home situation in exchange for an assignment on the site that will allow for the city to offset some of the costs. A program could be put in place to rehabilitate people. I think most of the homeless just need to be reintroduced to society as someone worthy of acceptance. There could be a credit reform program and labor force recruiting program established on-site. Of course there would no drinking or drug use allowed, and those admitted who have had trouble in the past will need to enroll in a corresponding program. Essentially, it will be a community sustained by the homeless for the homeless, with help of administrators. Yes, this will cost and part of the \$2 million being spent by the city per year would be a good place to start, but I also feel taxpayers would support a program like this if it were well organized.

I think we could also put in place a fund that the homeless could support that would be used to finance themselves so that at some point the project would be in and of itself, thus empowering the homeless even further. You could think of it as a halfway house for the homeless because at this point it is more than an epidemic. This may all be very convoluted but the point is to give the city’s homeless a chance to build a life for themselves without having to succumb to the streets, and as idealistic as it sounds, there will be shortcomings, but an effort attempted far outweighs perpetual denial.

Rodney R. Itier
Los Angeles

GUEST COMMENTARY ON BEHALF OF THE SANTA MONICA POLICE OFFICERS’ ASSOCIATION

Police department disconnect? POA doesn’t think so

We would like to respond to your front page article on Nov. 12, titled, “Police department put under scope; Chief Butts taken to task for perceived disconnect from residents.” The lack of balance of the article and the inaccurate televised statements made by two current council members is disappointing.

The Santa Monica Police Officers’ Association (SMPOA) represents 202 sworn Santa Monica police officers. We also work closely with our colleagues, 268 non-sworn police department employees. The SMPOA supports Chief James T. Butts, and know him to be an involved and concerned public servant, who has implemented, as well as personally pioneered innovative and effective community safety programs.

We value community feedback as an integral tool by which we measure our department’s performance. By the same token, employers (City Council members) owe their hardworking employees (police department personnel) the consideration of making the effort to check their information for accuracy before publicly and erroneously criticizing them. In this case, two council members made sweeping assumptions that the Santa Monica Police Department suffers a disconnect from the public we serve.

From our perspective, the contents of the article and the opinions expressed by those in attendance gave no balance to the manner which reflects the efforts, dedication and commitment of the men and women of the police department to all of our citizens, nor did it — or the comments of the two councilmen — represent the positive community and police relationship painstakingly built over many years. The article was void of any mention of the many programs and resources the city and the police department provides our Pico neighborhood and Sunset Park residents, as well as the entire community. We hope that in the future, these councilmen will provide members of our community with the ability to voice their concerns,

followed by an honest assessment that allows for input from the involved city department, department head, employees and community members before making public and televised conclusions. Hardworking employees deserve the respect to be heard before their employers publicly criticize them.

In the article, councilmember Kevin McKeown stated, “The Public Safety Building’s right across the alley. We’re not hearing from the chief, and I’d like to hear from the chief on this.” He went on to say, “I think it’s time to say, ‘OK, what is community policing? How is it really working?’” Councilman Ken Genser claimed to have no knowledge of the Neighborhood Centered Policing program until reading about it in the paper. These statements are difficult to understand given the fact that each council member receives a copy of our Neighborhood Centered Policing quarterly reports. In addition, Chief Butts outlined the program at last year’s police budget hearing.

At the core of our Community Policing strategy is our Neighborhood Centered Policing program. Neighborhood Centered Policing allows community members to speak directly with police lieutenants specifically assigned to areas of the city. Three police lieutenants with the latitude to deploy police resources represent the Pico neighborhood and Sunset Park areas. Additional lieutenants are assigned to other parts of the city. These lieutenants, along with the employees assigned to them, meet frequently with the residents and stakeholders of the Pico neighborhood and Sunset Park. The chief and his command staff respond daily to e-mails addressed directly to them off of the police department’s Web site. We encourage everyone to visit our Web site at www.santamonicapd.org. The site includes many references and resources including our Neighborhood Centered Policing quarterly reports. In addition, a police department annual report chronicling crime, safety and note-

worthy technology advances is published by April, following the close of the calendar year. Each councilperson is provided with an annual report.

We also feel that it’s important that the council familiarize themselves with the many police department programs, and the men and women that make them successful, particularly before engaging in public critique. Unfortunately, it is a rare occasion that a council member visits the police department to familiarize them with our work environment and take a moment to meet the men and women who are so proud to work here. We are, after all, right across the alley.

Each member of the police department takes ownership for the department’s successes and failures. We are very proud of our department and the services we provide to our community, and we continue to work very hard to earn the very high 80 percent approval rating from our community, always striving to improve. All of us at the department feel a very “connected” relationship with our community. We are proud to be a part of a 62 percent drop in violent crime in the both the Pico neighborhood and the city as a whole during the last 10 years. Another 10 percent drop has been achieved so far this year.

We are in complete agreement with Chief Butts’ 13-year efforts to develop the Neighborhood Centered Policing community policing model that places the input and pro-active engagement of community-defined neighborhoods at its core. While there is much work to be done on the topic of gang violence in our city, Santa Monica’s progress in reducing crime and gang violence are manifest and notable. Under Chief Butts’ leadership, and the hard work of 470 employees, by the end of this year, there is a strong likelihood that crime will be at its lowest level since 1957 and will have fallen 10 of the last 11 years. Such accomplishments are not the result of a police department “disconnected” from the people it serves.

We do far more than keep the peace,

prevent crime and arrest criminals. The million dollars-plus investment by the city and police department in the Police Activities League (PAL) Center at Olympic Boulevard and 14th Street benefits hundreds of at-risk youth from the Pico neighborhood and other areas of the community. We maintain a Police Cadet program and Explorer Post that exposes young teenagers to discipline, structure and police operations. Many of our Explorers and Cadets have been Pico neighborhood residents. Many go on to careers in law enforcement and public service. The PAL Halloween Carnival held annually at Barker Hangar provides a safe and uplifting Halloween experience for children across Santa Monica. The department’s Citizen Academy offers an opportunity for anyone residing in Santa Monica to learn the inner workings of their police agency. The department has conducted nine Spanish-speaking citizens’ academies and 30 in total. We would like to extend an invitation to all citizens including Councilmen Genser and McKeown to attend our 12-week Citizens’ Academy. It would be an honor to add them to an alumni list of more than 500 graduates.

The Pico neighborhood is a thriving and culturally rich community that deserves more respect than stereotyping the community by the isolated acts of violence of a few sociopathic individuals. In closing, while we strenuously disagree with Councilmen Genser and McKeown that there is a disconnect between the community and the police department, we look forward to working with the council and the community we proudly serve, as together we address all public safety issues in our ongoing efforts to provide the best law enforcement services and the highest degree of safety for our residents, guests and visitors.

(Santa Monica Police officers Greg Smiley, Jay Trisler, Shane Talbot, Bob Almada and Doug Theus prepared this on behalf of the Santa Monica Police Officers’ Association).



LOCAL

COMMUNITY PROFILES

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stands in front of the very class in which she herself was a student — the English as a Second Language course taught at Malibu High School.

Large, a kindergarten teacher at Juan Cabrillo Elementary School in Malibu, was one of five teachers honored in a ceremony last week for their contributions to education.

Large has an easy way with her students, who sat rapt with attention on Friday when she showed them her trophy: a dense apple-shaped sculpture with a plaque bearing her title. For Large, the award was a great honor, and she sat down with the Daily Press on Friday to share the story of how far she has come.

You did not start out in California. Tell me a little bit about your background and what your journey was like.

"I was born in Guatemala City, and I have been in the United States for 24 years. I'm 43. I had my teaching credential from Guatemala, and it's always been my dream (to teach). When I came to the United States, I thought I was going to be able to just take a few classes and continue teaching, but to my dismay, my teaching credential was the equivalent of a high school

diploma here, so I had to start all over again. At that time it was a lot more difficult because I had a family and two small kids. But nevertheless, I persevered and finally accumulated enough units to transfer to Pepperdine, and graduated from there and got my teaching credential as well.

"My ex-husband was in the Navy, so wherever we went I just went to school. I just wanted to continue taking classes and taking English lessons because English is not my native language. But I had enough units to transfer when it was time for me to go full-time to Pepperdine. So it's almost like a complete circle that my life has made, because I started taking English as a Second Language from everywhere, (wherever we moved, every three or four years), and we finally decided to stay in California, and I started to find some ground. It's exciting because about eight years ago I started teaching the adult ESL class that I took. Also I've also been an adjunct professor at Pepperdine, so it's been really exciting that wherever I go, I've been able to go back and give something back to the community. I have been at Cabrillo for eight years. It's quite an honor because there's so many wonderful teachers here, to be chosen among your peers, it means a lot to me."

Did you teach elementary school before teaching at Cabrillo?

"My whole career. I've been teaching for 18 years, my whole career has been from pre-school to elementary and eight years ago, adults, and last semester, at Pepperdine."

No high school students?

"No [laughs]. There's one area I don't go. I don't go there."

You prefer the younger ones?

"Yes, yes. Mainly kindergarten. I just feel like I can make a connection a lot better with them, and these are my skills, they are geared more toward the younger kids."

How many students do you teach?

"This year, there are 18. . . my class is so diverse that it's wonderful, and I try as much as possible to incorporate Spanish into the program. I would say 12 out of 18 are native speakers. It's such a part of our routine, we have students who go home that just rattle on in Spanish, and their families are so excited, and I try — they are really excited by another language. It's my contribution to them because I have it. I would feel like I would not have given them all I can give them if I didn't include that component because it's such a big part of my culture as well."

What would you consider the greatest obstacle you've faced along the way?

"I think the biggest challenge was to have to start from scratch, my whole educational career. Like I said, it was not that I didn't want to do it, just that it wasn't expected to have to do everything again."

You left Guatemala, and you already had a teaching credential. You came from a different system where you begin to specialize earlier than students do here.

"By the time you get onto your career track, you're already in a profession. By the time you're in high school, you're taking your high school courses along with your career path. At that time, they (officials in California) only had one foreign evaluation office, and it was not even an office, it was a P.O. box. There wasn't a person when I had to get my transcripts evaluated, and it was so expensive because we had to pay for translators . . . I could have done it, but they wouldn't have accepted them, so that was the biggest challenge. And because I already had children and a husband, it made it that much more difficult. Also, a few years later, getting divorced, having to complete it as a single mother too, was pretty difficult. But it's always been my passion. I can't see myself doing anything else that I'd be so fulfilled with. I'm also very lucky to be doing what I love to do."

Do you have any memorable experiences or keep in touch with past students?

"I think the most memorable has been the student that just invited me to her wedding. [Laughs]. That's when you start realizing, 'I've been in this for way too long!'"

"I started teaching her when she was three years old, and just out of chance our families became close friends. I didn't see her for a few years, and then going back, I just noticed that the same qualities that she had at three years old have been retained to the time she was an adult — the creativity, the artistic nature that she had — and it was pretty amazing to see that a lot of the foundation from the beginning you carry on throughout your life. So it was very amazing to be part of her wedding. And those connections, the connections that you make throughout your career, are wonderful."

What do you enjoy about living in the area?

"I live in Woodland Hills (now), but the reason I was attracted to this area — we used to live down the street — is that, especially the school, feels like a family. And when you connect with the family, it's more than just a job. It's such a small community that you really get to know people in a much more intimate way, then the city. We have such an open-door policy and so many parent volunteers that really get to know who we are as people, not just teachers."

Can you tell me about the award you just received?

"Every school selects a teacher every year that's by a secret ballot. You have a choice of three or four people that you nominate, and within those nominees, then they select the one that gets the most."

Why do you think you were chosen this year after being here for a while?

"Actually, eight years is not very long. . . I feel very privileged. . . but it's [pause] but I don't know why they chose me. It's something we don't do very well is brag about ourselves."

How is teaching adults different from what you normally do?

"It's so wonderful being able to relate so well, and I totally understand their struggles and also a lot of families are families from my school."

So you've seen and taught whole families? Parents in one classroom and kids in the other?

"Yes. Yes, and I try to really make it a community feel, not that they're there just to learn English, but they're there to support each other. And I feel pretty good that I've created that atmosphere, that they feel very comfortable with each other."

What do you do in your free time?

"Now that my children are older — my daughter will be 21 (this) week and my son 18 — they are very independent, so it gives me a lot more free time, and right after I finished all my school and also obtained my master's a year and a half ago, I was able to just take some time to relax, and I enjoy dancing a lot. I like any kind of dance, but the one that I've been introduced to lately that I've found very interesting is contra dancing. It's so much fun, it's such a great exercise and such a community atmosphere. And we've done salsa dancing also lately, [and I] have been interested in learning West Coast swing. And I love bike riding and hiking and anything — if I had more time I'd love to do more gardening."

Do you have any future plans?

"I'm hoping to be able to save some money and travel. My focus has been my family and my career, and it's time for myself now."

Where in particular would you like to go?

"I would like to travel around Europe."

Have you been there before?

"No, I've been to a couple places in Mexico and a few states, but I haven't traveled that much. I think there's just so many wonderful places to go. I would love to go to Africa sometime and just learn about other cultures."

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Jury to begin deliberating in arson case today

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Simply Sofas fire.

Santa Monica Police Department Sgt. Robert Almada has testified that after showing Smith the partially burnt papers found inside the firebombs, Smith hung his head, began to cry and said, "I'm sorry, I'm so sorry." Smith claims he responded that way because Almada told him firefighters were hurt battling the blaze.

However, no firefighters were hurt while containing the fire, which consumed an estimated \$1.2 million in merchandise and caused \$900,000 in structural damage.

Lawyers are expected to make closing arguments in the case today before handing it to the jury of 11 women and one man. A jury trial in the case ended in mistrial last summer after jurors split 7-5 in favor of Smith, with many saying the evidence wasn't sufficient for a conviction.

Prosecutors maintain Smith set the fire

in a rage-filled act of revenge after arguing with store owner Marilyn Nelson over the value of items he left at the store to be sold on consignment. Smith, who retired from the NFL in 1999 to work on a wholesale liquidation company he started, said Nelson told him an item had been broken when in fact she had sold it, but he denied fighting with Nelson.

Although defense attorneys haven't provided a clear explanation for how Smith's documents wound up inside the firebombs, they have suggested a possible alternative explanation: Hired day laborers working for Smith mistakenly threw away a box of Smith's documents while making space in his car to pick up unsold consignment items from Simply Sofas. The real arsonist could then have used the personal documents to start the blaze, lawyers suggested.

Though Smith didn't offer investigators that alternative when he was initially questioned, taped police interrogations

taken before Smith's arrest show he did offer to take a polygraph test, on the condition he be released if he passed the test. Almada refused, saying he couldn't guarantee Smith's release.

Smith was arrested in July of 2003 after the second interrogation and has been in custody ever since. Smith, a former defensive end who said he earned \$13 million playing in the NFL, is being held in lieu of \$1 million bail.

Michael Evans, Smith's attorney, has raised questions during the trial about the financial motives of Nelson, who was quickly dropped as a suspect in the fire. The security system was not set the night of the fire, and a manager for ADT security on Friday testified there had been no calls for service on the system in more than a year. Nelson had said she didn't set it because it wasn't working properly.

Also testifying Friday was Smith's wife, Teresa, who provided an alibi for Smith. In the first trial, she said Smith

normally slept with her through the night, and she didn't believe the night of the fire was any different.

On Friday, Teresa Smith said she remembered the night of the fire specifically, because she woke the next morning, Feb. 13, 2003, to take her son to a music class and go with her husband to her hair appointment in preparation for Valentine's Day. She said she woke three or four times the night of the fire to breast feed the youngest of her three children and each time Anthony Smith was in bed with her.

Teresa Smith began to weep at one point during her testimony when Evans asked her if she loved her husband and her family. Evans went on to ask Teresa Smith, a lawyer, if she was lying to protect her husband.

"As an attorney, as an officer of the court, I know what it means to commit perjury," she said. "I would not testify for my husband if I had to lie."

Nativity enters 51st year

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said the interdenominational sponsors of the nativity scenes "wanted to bring back the tradition" to mark the start of the pageant's second half-century. The lights in the procession provide a "symbol of Christ, who is the light of the world," she said. "How wonderful (it is) to have that message brought through the children."

A new gateway arch, modeled after the famous Santa Monica Pier arch, will greet visitors to the scenes this year. The new arch proclaims Santa Monica the "City of the Christmas Story." The interdenominational display stretches along Ocean Avenue from Arizona Avenue to Santa Monica Boulevard and includes 14 displays with life-size figures depicting events surrounding Christ's birth as told in the Gospel of St. Luke.

The opening ceremony included songs and the recital of the Christmas story by members of the singing Christmas cross. The Calvary Baptist Church Choir, Santa Monica Sweet Adelines, Saint Monica High School Chamber Choir and Charles Hall Family Singers also sang. The Santa Monica High School Chamber Orchestra performed instrumental music.

Individuals and churches help sponsor the scenes through the nonprofit Santa Monica Nativity Scenes Committee. City Hall does not pay for the scenes.

Donations defray the approximate \$15,000 to \$17,000 cost, which includes insurance, maintenance, storage and replacement of revenue lost by the city due to the covering of parking meters along Ocean Avenue.

The lighted scenes will be on display until the end of the year.

A RICH HISTORY OF NATIVITY

In 1953, Joan Wilcoxon, an actress and the wife of Henry Wilcoxon, an associate producer for Paramount Studios, approached Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce manager and Mayor Herb Spurgin with the idea of a city nativity scene. Wilcoxon set out to gain community support for the event with the help of Ysidro Reyes, another businessman and active Chamber member. Reyes' great aunt, Mrs. Arcadia Bandini Baker, had donated the Palisades Park property to the city in the 1890s. Reyes' great-great-

grandfather, also named Ysidro Reyes, had built the first house in Santa Monica at Second Street and Adelaide Drive in 1838.

Spurgin conferred with the churches while Reyes approached the businesses. In a ground-breaking cooperative effort, eight churches and the Chamber each adopted a scene.

"At first I couldn't get to first base," Ysidro recalls. "There was a hesitation by Chamber members to support the idea because of the different faiths. In those days going to a different church to attend a friend's funeral was frowned upon, let alone having churches work together."

A TRADITION IS BORN

The initial pageant in 1953 opened in the evening, when lights flashed on to illuminate the tableaux. By 1958, the scenes had increased to 14. The Annunciation, the birth of the Savior, the visit of the wise men, and the boy Jesus at work in Joseph's carpentry shop — these and other events that surround the birth of the Christ child are featured.

In the late 1950s and the 1960s, the nativity scenes developed into a major Santa Monica attraction. Drove of people visited the city to see the nativity scenes. At the same time, city government, businesses and churches partnered to support the scenes. Financing and construction were jointly sponsored by the Women's Council, the Chamber of Commerce and the city of Santa Monica. By 1960, the City Council voted to call Santa Monica the "City of the Christmas Story" during certain dates in December.

The singing cross became part of the opening ceremony in 1960 and was one of the most inspirational parts of the pageant. Each year an audition was held for a children's chorus that would parade down Wilshire Boulevard in the evening from Seventh Street to Ocean Avenue in the shape of a cross. Each child wore a white cape and red tie, and held a twinkling candle.

TIDE TURNS AGAINST THE NATIVITY

A major shift in financing the nativity scenes started in 1978 after passage of the Proposition 13 property-tax limitation ini-

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LOCAL

SM nativity scenes have endured many challenges

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tiative. Although the city had never given any direct funding to the nativity scenes, it had paid for electricity, had helped erect the booths and had underwritten revenue lost by bagging the parking meters in front of the scenes. After Proposition 13 passed, the tide shifted away from the city's ability to fund the pageant. The first casualty from the lower budget was the singing cross. To avoid the expense of shutting down Wilshire Boulevard, the singing cross was dropped from the opening ceremony after 19 years.

ATHEISTS, ACLU THREATEN SUIT AGAINST THE CITY

In 1979, the next bomb came from outspoken atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair and her American Atheists. After she visited Santa Monica, she and the American Civil Liberties Union threatened to sue Santa Monica over its involvement in helping fund the religious pageant. Eventually, the city totally withdrew its involvement for fear of incurring legal expenses. Expenses were left completely in the hands of the Chamber of Commerce, whose resources had also declined.

THE FINANCIAL CRISIS AND THE DARK DAYS

The financial crisis struck in 1979 just before the opening ceremony. The city officials announced at the 11th hour that local government wouldn't underwrite the revenue loss for bagging the parking meters and would require reimbursement in advance. Bob Gabriel, a chamber member and nativity supporter since 1955, remembers thinking of the importance of the pageant for Santa Monica families.

"When my wife, Louise, heard that they could not open, she said, 'Shall we advance the funds?'" Gabriel donated the necessary money for the pageant to open, and others, such as Lawrence Welk, partnered when they were made aware of the need.

In 1980 and 1981, several local churches and the Chamber attempted to fill the gap left by the city. In 1981, the Chamber took on the responsibility for all the financing. Only five booths were erected, huddled in the center of the park. The booths were dilapidated. Money was scarce. Some talked of not holding the display the following year. Then in 1982, due to excessive burdens on the Chamber, manager Jerry Jackson disavowed all direct involvement by the Chamber as an organization after nearly 30 years. This was the darkest hour for the nativity scenes.

AN OUTPOURING OF SUPPORT

When the participating churches learned that the displays were in jeopardy, many made special donations. A meeting of the churches was called in 1982 to determine how finances could be raised to continue the pageant. It was subsequently decided to start the nonprofit Santa Monica Nativity Scenes Committee to raise funds and oversee the pageant. Monsignor Cyril J. Wood of St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church and the Rev. William Doty of First Baptist Church were elected co-chairmen. After Wood's death, Doty continued as chairman through 1991. Pastor Clarence Crites of the Santa Monica Church of the Nazarene became chairman in 1992. Because of the close cooperation among the sponsoring churches through the committee, members agreed that the financial crisis that brought about the organization had been a "blessing

in disguise."

SUPREME COURT DECISION 1984

In Pawtucket, R.I., a nativity scene had been presented since 1944. The ACLU persuaded two lower federal courts that the city's official sponsorship of the creche was unconstitutional. In 1984, however, the Supreme Court ruled that cities could include nativity scenes in their Christmas displays without violating the First Amendment ban on any official establishment of religion.

The decision that nativity scenes could be displayed on city property validated the importance of the nativity scenes to Santa Monica. 1984 was like a year of resurrection as all 14 scenes were presented. It was a confirmation to many of a return to the more conservative and traditional values held by many in the city.

ANOTHER CHALLENGE

Another threat to the nativity scenes arose in 2001, when the city of Santa Monica passed a new special events ordinance that the city attorney said would prohibit displays in city parks. The city allowed the 2001 display, however, under a grace period. After protests from the committee and other scenes supporters, including some City Council members, the city again allowed the display in 2002, pending a revision of the ordinance. In 2003, the Nativity Scenes Committee, led by Pastor Crites, supported the city attorney's efforts to draft a new ordinance that put the scenes on firm legal ground. After discussion and fine tuning, the City Council passed the ordinance without a dissenting vote in September 2003.

"The people are the important thing, because they have kept the story alive and have kept it a part of our community," said long-time supporter Toni Miller. "The nativity scenes continue to show the important relationship between the community and the church, and also the camaraderie between the churches.

"Some of my fondest memories are when we were setting up the booths. So many young couples come by with their children and say, 'I remember when my parents walked along the nativity scenes and told me the story of Christ's birth.' I have heard that so many times."



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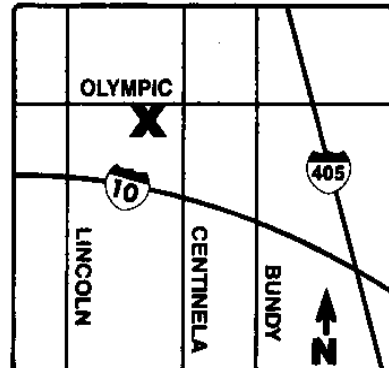
 

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Randall, exalted ruler for Santa Monica Elks, presented a check for \$1,000.

Bob Jacobs, chairman of the project, gave special thanks to Ken Lady of the Santa Monica Elks, who volunteered his truck and made two trips to haul the 36 cartons to the post office.

Parties extended to those down on their luck

By Daily Press staff

Colored lights and scented candles will burn brightly at 11 holiday parties for homeless, and low-income individuals and families at St. Joseph Center throughout December.

Business owners, professionals, community leaders and celebrities will join the center to support its life-building programs for the working poor by donating their time, energy and resources.

"It's the one time of the year when clients, staff, volunteers, board members and donors can get together to truly celebrate," said Rhonda Meister, executive director of the human services agency. "Everyone is welcome at St. Joseph Center."

There's a holiday party for each St. Joseph's program. Neutrogena sponsored a party this past Tuesday for the Veterans Representative Payee Program on the VA grounds. On Dec. 15, they will hold a party for the Monetary Advisory Program at the Bread & Roses Café in Venice. Volunteers will serve food, play games and give door prizes.

At the Early Learning Center in Santa Monica on Dec. 15, the Village School will throw a party for the preschoolers in childcare. And on Dec. 21 the family center will make its "Adopt-A-Family" distribution to close to 500 families.

STATE



Latinos mine market for all things Mexican

BY SAM QUINONES
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — When hundreds of immigrants celebrated Mexico's Independence Day at an Anaheim parking lot, they transformed the tarmac into a boisterous village carnival.

Vendors sold T-shirts with images of revolutionary Emiliano Zapata and his latter-day namesake, the Zapatista Revolutionary Army. Food stands hustled tacos and churros, sugary fried dough. The crowd cheered as an announcer called out the names of Mexican states.

On that Orange County street corner, everything was cien por ciento Mexicano — 100 percent Mexican. Everything, that is, but the man staging the event.

Ted Holcomb doesn't speak Spanish. He has never been to Mexico. Yet he has learned to put on carnivals across Southern California that mirror the annual festivals that Mexican villages hold to honor their patron saints.

"I have a closet full of (Spanish) books and tapes," Holcomb said. "I just don't have time to study them."

Over the last decade, Holcomb has carved a sizable business niche by offering an echo of home to thousands of Mexican immigrants.

He is not alone.

The buying power of Southern California's 5 million or so Spanish-speakers, most of whom are Mexican, is measured in the billions. But most of the largest enterprises selling cherished parts of Mexican culture are owned by Koreans, Lebanese, Iranians, Israelis and nonimmigrant English speakers, people who have built their own American dream on Mexican immigrant dollars.

"You have these clever entrepreneurs who have seen an opening and they've really gone after it," said Waldo Lopez, a business consultant to the Tomas Rivera Policy Center at USC.

Among the more notable examples:

El Gallo Giro, a seven-restaurant chain that resembles a typical Mexican taqueria, selling birria, atole, pozole and beef tongue tacos, is owned by Charles Bonaparte, a Frenchman.

La Curacao, the largest Southern California department store aimed entirely at Latino immigrants, is owned by Jerry and Ron Azarkman, brothers who came to the United States from Israel in the early 1970s. They started out selling electronics door to door in immigrant neighborhoods.

La Curacao also holds the West Coast franchise for Pollo Campero, a wildly popular Guatemalan fried-chicken chain that is the reason that Guatemala is one of the few countries in the world with no Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurants.

The world's largest producer of traditional Mexican cheeses, Cacique, was started by Gilberto Cardenas, a Cuban immigrant. In the 1970s, he started making cheeses from Mexico's ranchero culture, including Cotija and Poblano. Cacique, which is based in La Puente, has 600 employees, 13 regional offices nationwide and a chorizo sausage plant in Utah.

Profiting from Mexican immigrants' fear of drinking tap water, virtually all the water stores in Southern California are owned by Asian and Middle Eastern

immigrants. Wateria, the largest water-store franchise with 24 outlets, is owned by Un Soek Kim, a Korean. His office walls are decorated with census maps that show Southern California cities with populations that are 80 percent or more Latino.

With 600 stores, the shopping district around Pacific Avenue in Huntington Park has one of the highest concentrations of Mexican-oriented businesses in Southern California. Most are owned by Korean or Lebanese immigrants.

On the strip is a clothing store called Tres Hermanos, the same name as a nationally known chain of shoe stores in Mexico. The store, which also uses the same red, white and green logo, is owned by brothers from Lebanon. They have 25 branches across Southern California, all selling to Mexican immigrants.

These entrepreneurs meet a need unfilled by the largest Mexican companies, which, despite broad name recognition and capital, haven't dared enter the intensely competitive Southern California market. Only two nationally known Mexican retailers — Gigante supermarkets and Famsa furniture — have opened stores here.

Most Mexican immigrants, meanwhile, come here with little education and virtually no business experience. Many are here illegally. They are from a country where the ruling political party spent decades demonizing entrepreneurs and where banks cater only to the wealthy.

"I think that the regular Mexican guy, he just wants to work," said Ralph Hauser, a Mexican American music promoter in Pico Rivera. "They don't want to take a risk. They want to come to work, make \$300, send it back to Mexico, with the idea of eventually going back someday."

Those who do start businesses often want them to grow only large enough to employ family members.

"They start a business, but then they're afraid to try something big," said Jose Luis Solorzano, owner of Paramount-based Calzada Diana, which distributes shoes and clothing nationwide.

"I think people say, 'I have this little business. I'll just do this. If I do something else I might lose everything.'"

Thousands of local Mexicans have small businesses that serve their compatriots: bakeries, markets, restaurants, clothing shops and record stores. Mexican immigrants also own several large independent supermarket chains, Northgate Gonzalez, El Tapatio and Vallarta among them.

Yet these are more the exception than the rule, which seems to be: Immigrants from elsewhere mine the potential of one of the world's wealthiest Mexican consumer markets more effectively than Mexicans themselves.

One high-profile example is Plaza Mexico in Lynwood. Plaza Mexico attempts to replicate a traditional Mexican downtown in a strip mall formerly anchored by a Montgomery Ward department store.

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Mormon disciplined for questioning church history

BY TRAVIS REED

Associated Press Writer

SANDY, Utah — A longtime Mormon educator who wrote a book questioning the historical accuracy of church history was temporarily suspended from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at a hearing Sunday.

Grant Palmer, who published "An Insider's View of Mormon Origins," could have been excommunicated. His book questions whether founder Joseph Smith misrepresented his authority as a prophet and revised church scripture to his advantage.

Despite his questions about the church, Palmer, a fourth-generation Mormon, said he still loved it and wanted to remain a member because he believed in its fundamental message.

Palmer, 64, spoke extensively with reporters in the days preceding the hearing, but mostly declined comment afterward — except to report that he had been disfellowshipped and was pleased with the decision.

"It's in my best interest not to say any more," said Palmer, who would not elaborate on whether church leaders forbade him from talking to reporters about the six-hour meeting, which was closed to the public.

A disfellowshipped member retains church membership but loses certain privileges, such as being able to go into the temple or serve a church calling.

The length of a disfellowshipment varies by case, and Palmer wouldn't comment more specifically on the punishment.

Church spokesman Dale Bills declined to comment on Palmer's punishment.

Among other things, Palmer's book suggests that Smith didn't actually translate the Book of Mormon, as LDS faithful believe, "by the gift and power of God" from an ancient set of golden plates. The book suggests Smith wrote it himself, leaning heavily on the King James Bible, emotional Methodist tent revivals, Masonry and other personal experiences in a highly superstitious era of American history.

Palmer, now retired, has a master's degree in history

from Brigham Young University and served for 34 years as an LDS director or educator in New Zealand, Utah and California.

He says his extensive background in history and church service, and a growing inability to reconcile glaring discrepancies between the two, drew him into the study.

There have been other books with similar ideas, many used by critics to discredit the faith. But they had been written about most extensively in scholarly books and articles. Mormon scholars said Palmer's work was damaging because of his long history as a church member and educator, which gives the arguments a measure of credibility.

Others questioned how Palmer could still be a true believer, as he professed, if he had so many doubts about Smith and the Book of Mormon.

Palmer's case is similar to six others in 1993 who faced disciplinary hearings for writing about Mormon history, feminism and new interpretations of theology. Five of the high-profile writers were excommunicated, and one was disfellowshipped.

Body recovered in search for lost snowshoers

By Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Rescue crews recovered the body of a man who was buried in an avalanche while snowshoeing in Big Cottonwood Canyon. Another man was still missing when the search was called off Sunday night.

The recovery brought the death toll to three from weekend avalanches in Utah's backcountry.

Melvin Denis, 32, of Salt Lake City, and a friend were snowshoeing near the Mineral Fork area Saturday and were reported missing by family members who were worried after they didn't come home around 6:30 p.m., Salt Lake County Sheriff's spokeswoman Sgt. Rosie Rivera said.

Rescuers searched in the dark, but found nothing Saturday night before the search was halted because of unsafe conditions. The search resumed Sunday morning after some avalanche control work was done and Denis' body was recovered about 3 1/2 miles from where he and Bruce Quint had parked.

Quint remained missing Sunday when the search was stopped for the night at 4 p.m.

The U.S. Forest Service's Utah Avalanche Center issued an advisory Sunday, warning people heading into the backcountry that conditions remained strong for avalanches in areas that aren't controlled.

A skier was killed Friday when he was swept up in a snow slide in Little Cottonwood Canyon.

On Saturday, a man who was snowmobiling in

Wasatch County was buried in 4 feet of snow for an hour before rescuers could get to him. He was flown to Utah Valley Regional Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

A Bountiful man who was snowmobiling Saturday in Farmington Canyon was rescued after being buried in another avalanche. Ben Dejong, 27, was videotaping a friend whose snowmobile triggered a slide near Bountiful Peak, Davis County sheriff's Capt. Kenny Payne said.

Dejong was buried for 15 minutes before his friend and another snowmobiler dug him out of the slide. Dejong was unconscious and barely breathing, but regained consciousness and was not seriously injured. He was treated and released from University Hospital.

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NATIONAL



Gay rights activists reassess strategy after setbacks

BY WILL LESTER

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The ritual was replayed from Boston to San Francisco: Exuberant gay couples sharing marriage vows and slices of wedding cake.

After decades of seeking the same basic rights as most Americans, gay activists celebrated a long-sought achievement as the highest court in Massachusetts ruled that same-sex marriage was legal. In San Francisco, Mayor Gavin Newsom performed gay marriages even though he had no similar court affirmation.

Gays thought barriers were finally crumbling. Then came the elections.

Outraged by these images of gay couples, conservatives clamored for laws not only banning gay marriage but in some states for prohibiting civil unions and domestic partnerships. Nine of the 13 states that acted on or before Election Day on laws barring gay marriage also banned other forms of recognition for same-sex relationships.

Effects of those measures are already being felt. Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm, a Democrat, will remove same-sex partner benefits from contracts negotiated with state workers after passage of the voter-approved amendment to the Michigan Constitution that bans gay marriage "and similar unions."

Granholm has said she'll go ahead with the benefits if a court says they're allowable under the constitutional amendment.

The lack of activists' success in the United States stands in contrast to Canada where the Supreme Court ruled Thursday that gay marriage was constitutional, allowing the government there to call on Parliament to legalize same-sex unions nationwide.

The string of U.S. election defeats — and the extent of the restrictions — has forced gay activists to reassess their strategy in what they see as a protracted fight for equal rights.

"There now is a profound realization that this struggle is going to go on for a very long time," said Matthew Foreman, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. "People understand the reality of

that in a way they did not before."

Suggestions that gays would move more cautiously or bargain for certain rights prompted letters from activists to all members of Congress saying there would be no retreat in their push for equal rights or trading of gay rights for support of other measures — like changes in Social Security.

While many gays heralded the ruling in Massachusetts, several said they had mixed feelings as they watched the unprecedented developments.

"I thought what was done in Massachusetts was worth the price," Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., said of the legal success of gay couples who sued for the right to get married.

"The mistake was in San Francisco," said Frank, an openly gay congressman. Newsom's short-lived effort to allow gay marriages was "a lot of hoopla that didn't accomplish anything," Frank said.

Gay activists say their strategy will include:

■ Seeking public support for equal protection for gays and taking that message to the conservative-leaning states in the South and West won by President Bush. Activists say there are many in those states who would be sympathetic to the difficulties gays face if they had more information about the legal barriers — both in the workplace and in recognition of relationships.

■ Answering the high-profile religious leaders who are opposed to gay rights with religious leaders who are supportive.

■ Shifting resources to work with corporate leaders about the need for more protections for gays in the workplace.

"Our biggest job is education, the hard work has to take place of telling people who we are and explaining that we don't even have these rights," said Cheryl Jacques, former president of the Human Rights Campaign. The Human Rights Campaign is a gay rights group that is attempting to recruit more non-gay members and shift its focus to human rights generally.

Americans oppose gay marriage by almost 2-to-1, according to a recent AP-Ipsos poll. Other recent surveys have found that people are evenly divided on civil unions that provide many of the same legal benefits for gay couples.

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After the 2004 elections, conservatives are determined to continue fighting for a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage, which fell well short of the necessary two-thirds vote in the House and Senate.

"We'll have efforts in another eight to 12 states in the next couple of years, but also a renewed effort to get a federal marriage amendment passed," said Tony Perkins, president of the conservative Family Research Council.

Court challenges to bans on gay marriage also will continue, said Gary Buseck, legal director for Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders. But he acknowledged that winning over the public may take time.

"The younger generation is much more tolerant," said Buseck, whose group led efforts to change Massachusetts laws. "Our opponents can see where this is headed down the line."

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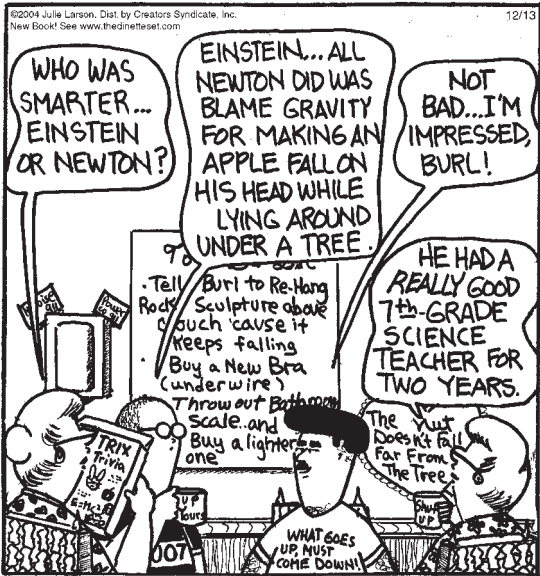


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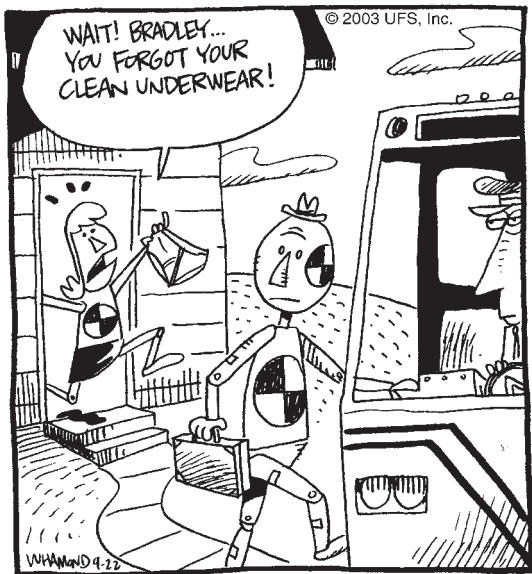
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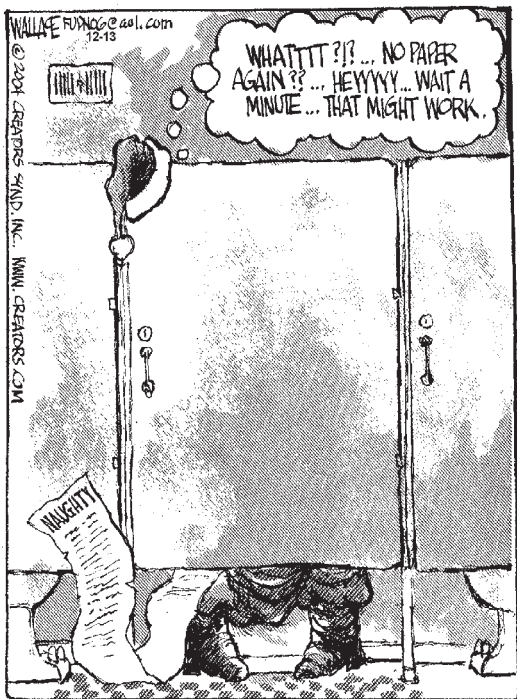
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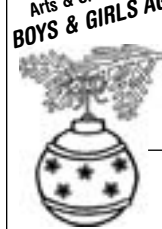
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2521247 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Zenbotico, 125 Pacific St., #6, Santa Monica, CA 90405. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Robert Duffy, 125 Pacific St., #6, 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)6/30/2004. /s/: Robert Duffy This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 6/30/2004. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 11/22/2004, 11/29/2004, 12/6/2004, 12/13/2004

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2907080 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Love Love Studio, 1403 Spruce St., South Pasadena, CA 91030. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Noelle Cespedes, 1403 Spruce St., South Pasadena, CA 91030 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/: Noelle Cespedes

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2952841 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Reemar, 422 A Ashland Ave., Santa Monica, CA 9045. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Marilyn A. Williams, 422 A Ashland Ave., Santa Monica, CA 9045 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)11/4/2004. /s/: M. Williams This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/4/2004. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 11/22/2004, 11/29/2004, 12/6/2004, 12/13/2004

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2981724 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Creative Instincts, 4641 Don Miguel Dr., LA CA 90008. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Coreyell J. Lincoln, 4004 W. 58th Pl, LA CA 90043 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/: Coreyell J. Lincoln

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2943270 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Lily's Brooms, 1505 Barry Ave., #103, LA CA 90025. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Zulma Wagnmister, 1505 Barry Ave., #103, LA 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/: Zulma Wagnmister

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2943267 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as San Clemenite, IV, 2432 Nalin Dr., LA CA 90077. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Cavour Yeh, 2432 Nalin Dr., CA 90077, John Yeh, 16924 Bollinger Dr., Pacific Palisades, CA 90272 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)11/9/2004. /s/: Cavour Yeh, John Yeh

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2938627 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Offshoot, Beam up, Longbow, 1512 Eleventh St., Ste 208, Santa Monica, CA 90401. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Charles Mason, 8306 Kirkwood Dr., LA CA 90046 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)11/15/2004. /s/: Charles Mason

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2930124 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Lazy Santa, 3604 S. Centinela, LA CA 90066. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Shane Stewart, 3604 S. Centinela, LA CA 90066 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)11/1/2004. /s/: Shane Stewart

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2921935 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Peace Love Anarchy, Little Rebel, AION # 980115000, 1716 Degemont St., #36, LA CA 90027. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Dubois, LLC, 1716 Degemont St., #36, LA CA 90027 This Business is being conducted by, a limited liability. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)11/1/2004. /s/: Dubois, LLC

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2914224 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Urban Aquatic, 1427 East Fourth St., #17, LA CA 90033. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Shawn Richardson, 1427 East Fourth St., #17, LA CA 90033 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/: Shawn Richardson

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2914202 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Team Realty, AION# 2690070, 5440 E. Beverly Blvd., LA CA 90022. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : J. N. J. Properties, 5440 E. Beverly Blvd., LA CA 90022 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/: J.N.J. Properties

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2912321 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Red Moon, Washburn Choppers, 374 Obispo Ave., #1, Long Beach, CA 90814. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Cynthia Lee Short, 374 Obispo Ave., #1, Long Beach, CA 90814, Ernest Russell Washburn IV, 374 Obispo Ave., #1, Long Beach, CA 90814 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/: Cynthia Lee Short, Ernest Russell Washburn

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2912616 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Par-Del Medical Coding & Auditing Services, 7922 Stewart & Grey #18, Downey, CA 90241. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Maria G. Del La Torre, 7922 Stewart & Grey #18, Downey, CA 90241 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)10/1/2004. /s/: Maria G. Del La Torre

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2912735 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Lee Storage, Lee Storage, LLC, Lee Drilling Storage, AION# 200426610202, 4728 Faculty Ave., Long Beach, CA 90808. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Lee Storage, LLC, 4728 Faculty Ave., Long Beach, CA 90808 This Business is being conducted by, a limited liability. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)11/1/2004. /s/: Lee Storage, LLC

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2879311 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Brand Name Deals and More, 10610 Harvest Ave., Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Araceli Avalos, 10610 Harvest Ave., Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670 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/: Araceli Avalos

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2880502 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as One Stop Wireless & Video, 12506 Vanown St., N. Hollywood, CA 91605. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Arutyun Kyurkchyan, 12945 Oxnard St., #117, Van Nuys, CA 91401 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)11/5/2004. /s/: Arutyun Kyurkchyan This statement was filed with the County Clerk of

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2880612 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Luxury Nails, 302 N. Florence Ave., LA CA 90003. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Thuy-Huong Luone, 9081 Sabre Ln, Westminster, CA 92683 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)10/30/2004. /s/: Thuy-Huong Luone This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 10/30/2004. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 11/22/2004, 11/29/2004, 12/6/2004, 12/13/2004

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2928901 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Charle's Music Factory, 7800 pacific Blvd., #8, Huntington Park, CA 90255. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Carlos Gustavo Barrera, 608 W. Phillips St., Ontario, CA 91762 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)11/6/2004. /s/: Carlos Gustavo Barrera

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILING NO. 04 3065811 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Bella Designs Co. 1622 E. Redwood Ave., Anaheim, CA 92805. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Belan Morales, 1622 E. Redwood Ave., Anaheim, CA 92805, Brenda Martinez, 1622 E. Redwood Ave., Anaheim, CA 92805 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/: Belan Morales, Brenda Martinez

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 NO. 04 30590304 FIRST FILING. The following per-
 son(s) (s) are doing business as California Equine
 Rescue, Bethesda Equine Sanctuary, 1654 Hun-
 tington Dr., S. Pasadena, CA 91030. The full name
 of registrant(s) is/are : Caryn Macala Wright, 1654
 Huntington Dr., S. Pasadena, CA 91030 This Busi-
 ness is being conducted by, an individual. Signed:
 _____ The registrant commenced to transact business
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 (Date)8/15/2004. /s/ C. Wright
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 2824723 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Good Mischief, 181710 S. Normandie Ave., #C, Gardena, CA 90248. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Phillip Boutine Jr., 17427 Prondall Ct., Carson, CA 90746 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)11/1/2004. /s: Phillip Boutine Jr.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 3042729 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Wilson & Wilson, H. Wilson and Wilson H., 331 W. Wilson Ave., #202, Glendale, CA 91203. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Hartout Yun Hovaspian, 331 W. Wilson Ave., #202, Glendale, CA 91203 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: _____ The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date) 1/22/2004. /s/ Hartout Yun Hovaspian This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 1/22/2004. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 3046719 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Galaday Family Restaurant, 437 South Azusa Ave., Azusa, CA 91702. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Alicia Acosta, 15661 Rosales St., Sylmar, CA 91342 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/ Alicia Acosta

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 3067768 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as AMP Transport, 2025 W. 41st Dr., LA CA 90062. The full name of Registrant(s) is/are : Alex Priego, 2025 W. 41st Dr., LA CA 90062 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/: Alex Priego

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 30590630 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Beltran Cabinets, 2225 W. Los Angeles Ave., Montebello, CA 90640. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Jesus Armandado Beltran Garcia, 225 W. Los Angeles Ave., Montebello, CA 90640 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/ Jesus A. Beltran This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on . NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14141 et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 12/6/2004, 12/13/2004, 12/20/2004, 12/27/2004

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 3033517 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Blackchest Multimedia, 3640 Buckingham Rd., LA CA 90016. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Craig J. Atkins, 3640 Buckingham Rd., LA CA 90016 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)11/20/2004. /s/: Craig J. Atkins

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 3043851 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 21st Century Quality Mortgage Corp., AION# 2610947, 9026 E. Torrence Ave., Suite F., Downey, CA 90240. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : 21st Century Quality Mortgage Corp, 9026 E. Torrence Ave., Suite F., Downey, CA 90240 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/: 21st Century Quality Mortgage Corp

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 3049336 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Tita's Flowers & Gifts, Exclusive Flowers & Gifts, 15108 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, CA 90723. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Maricelea Sandoval, 12104 Rosecrans Ave., LA CA 90650 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/s/ Maricelea

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 3046720 FIRST FILING. The following per-
 son(s) is (are) doing business as Sunrise Show-
 rooms, 13892 Euclid #F13, Garden Grove, CA 92643-
 92843. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Steve Williams, 13892 Euclid #F13 Garden Grove, CA 92643-92843 This business is being conducted by, an in-
 dividual. Signed: The registrant commenced to trans-
 act business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date) 11/22/2004. /s/

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 3046803 FIRST FILING. The following per-

LOS ANGELES County on 12/30/1999. NOTICE THAT 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 14411(e) seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 12/10/2004, 12/13/2004, 12/20/2004, 12/27/2004

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 3112170 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 2050 consulting, 1508 Wimbledon Court, West Covina, CA 91791. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Manuel L Monge, 1508 Wimbledon Court, West Covina, CA 91791 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)9/16/2002. /s/ Manuel L. Monge

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 3124916 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as West Coast Bumpers, 415 W. 19th, Long Beach, CA 90806. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Cesar Molina, 415 W. 19th, Long Beach, CA 90806 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/: Cesar

Molina
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1/3/2005

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 3079012 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Charles Furniture Company AION# 00679934, 4500 S. Broadway, LA CA 90037. The full name of registrant(s) is/are Charles Industries Inc., A California Corp, 4500 S. Broadway, LA CA 90037 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)1/2/2004. /s/: Charles Industries Inc., A California Corp
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 1/2/2004. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14114 et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 12/13/2004, 12/20/2004, 12/27/2004/1/3/2005

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 30929359 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is/are doing business as J.J's Consultants 6223 M. Hon Avenue, Whittier, CA 90601. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Lisa Margaret Gomez 6223 M. Hon Avenue, Whittier, CA 90601 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/ Lisa Margaret Gomez This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on . NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14114.1 et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 12/13/2004, 12/20/2004, 12/27/2004/ 1/3/2005

903010 This Business is being conducted by, co-partners. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name of names listed herein. /s/ Lee Johnson, Eric McKinney, Austin Martin

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 04 3112159 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as The Montclair Collection, 1121 Montana Ave., Aanta Monica, CA 90403. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Sandra Negrete-Patel, 2258 E. Balsam Ave., Anaheim CA 92806 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name of names listed herein. /s/ Sandra Negrete-Patel This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on . NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 141141 et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 12/13/2004, 12/20/2004, 12/27/2004/ 1/3/2005

Petitioner or attorney: Michael Robert Carri, 918 North Havenhurst Ave., Apt 114 West Hollywood CA 90046; phone no: (310) 526-3044, e-mail address email: mikeboogiemi@hotmail.com , In Pro Per, Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main St Rm 101, Santa Monica, CA 90401-3299, Santa Monica Courthouse. Petition of Michael Robert Carri for change of name. To all interested persons, Petitioner for a decree changing names is as follows: Present name: Michael Robert Carri filed a petition with this court for the proposed name of Mike Malin. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: January 13, 2005 @ 9:00am in Dept. A, Room 102 Signed this day 12/01/04 by Judge Linda K. Lefkowitz, Judge of the Superior Court. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the Santa Monica Daily Press on the following dates: 12/13/2004, 12/20/2004, 12/27/2004 01/03/2005

Statement of Abandonment of Use of Fictitious
Business Name
Document Record # 04 3046368
State of California, County of Los Angeles
The following person(s) has/have abandoned the
use of the fictitious Business name:
Pelugnera Marcos
located at 15706 Atlantic Ave., Compton, CA
90221
The fictitious business name referred to above was
filed on 05/12/2004
In the county of LOS ANGELES.
Marcos Martinez, 318 E. Louise St., Apt #5, Long
Beach, CA 90805
This business is conducted by: an individual
The above declares that all information in this
statement is true and correct.
That the notice, of which the annexed is a printed
copy, has been published in each regular and en-
tire issue of said newspaper and not in any supple-
ment thereof on the following dates, to-wit:
12/06/2004, 12/13/2004, 12/20/2004
12/27/2004

STATEMENT OF WITHDRAWAL FROM PARTNER-
SHIP OPERATING UNDER FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME RECORDING/FILING REQUESTED BY AND
MAIL TO NAME Robert Duffy, 125 Pacific Street#6,
Santa Monica, CA 90405 Current File No. 03-
2741159
The following person(s) has/have withdrawn as a
general partner(s) from the partnership operating
under the fictitious business name of Zenbiotic In-
novations located at 125 Pacific St., #6, Santa Moni-
ca, CA 90405. The fictitious business name state-
ment for the partnership was filed on September
17, 2003, in the County of Los Angeles, CA
The full name and residence of the person(s) with-
drawing as a partner(s): Robert Duffy, 125 Pacific
St., #6, Santa Monica, CA 90405
I declare that all information in this statement is
true and correct. A registrant who declares as true
information which he or she knows to be false is
guilty of a crime. SIGNED: Robert Duffy. This state-
ment was filed with the County Clerk of Los An-
geles County on the date indicated by file stamp
above. Santa Monica Daily Press to publish
11/22/2004, 11/29/2004, 12/06/2004
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Thursday, December 16
10:00 a.m.
Marie Callender's
4356 Lincoln Blvd.
Marina Del Rey

Tuesday, December 21
2:30 p.m.
Junior's Deli
2379 Westwood Blvd.
Los Angeles

Wednesday, December 22
2:30 p.m.
Sizzler
5801 Sepulveda Blvd.
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