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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ **Are We Safe?** In October, the federal Department of Homeland Security announced a \$36,300 grant to the state of Kentucky, earmarked to prevent terrorists from using charity bingo and other games of chance to raise money. (One astonished bingo worker in Frankfort told the Associated Press that the need to protect bingo parlors from terrorists "would never even enter my mind.") Also in October, the Tampa Tribune reported that two lower-tier Florida tourist attractions (the Weeki Wachee Springs mermaid show and Dinosaur World in Plant City) were on Homeland Security's list of sites that the state had to "harden" against terrorist attacks, even though officials complained that major sports venues and more popular entertainment sites were not on the list.

■ Performance artist Tomoko Takahashi, 39, working on a British government grant of the equivalent of about \$8,600, gave an exhibition of inebriation in October at the Chapter arts center in Cardiff, Wales. Dressed in business suit and high heels, Takahashi drank a large amount of beer over a three-hour period, periodically checking to see how far she could walk across a narrow beam about two feet off the floor without falling. A Chapter spokesman called the demonstration a "powerful piece of art."

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 353rd day of 2005.
There are 12 days left in the year.

On Dec. 19, 1843, "A Christmas Carol," by Charles Dickens, was first published in England.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I never could see why people were so happy about Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol' because I never had any confidence that Scrooge was going to be different the next day."

DR. KARL MENNINGER
AMERICAN PSYCHIATRIST (1893-1990)

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Legends in flight



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Aviation legend Bob Hoover was a guest at the party held Saturday at Santa Monica Airport to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the first flight of the Douglas Aircraft DC-3. The event, hosted by the Museum of Flying, also celebrated the groundbreaking of the Spirit of Santa Monica DC-3 Monument Park. Following the ceremony, guests enjoyed a large display of World War II equipment and planes, including a look at the restored DC-3, "The Spirit of Santa Monica." More photos can be seen on page 9.

Gates at SMC Bundy campus opened

Officials: Safety, traffic issues addressed

BY RYAN HYATT

Daily Press Staff Writer

BUNDY CAMPUS — The gates that sealed off this satellite campus from the rest of the city and epitomized a decades-long cold war between City Hall and Santa Monica College have finally been lifted.

On that note, officials from both institutions hope for warmer days ahead.

The Santa Monica City Council, after meeting twice behind closed doors on Tuesday, voted unanimously in favor of lifting the gates that have blocked vehicular access at SMC's Bundy campus since June.

The motion to do so, initiated by City Councilman Kevin McKeown and seconded by City

Councilman Herb Katz, will allow SMC students and staff to exit Bundy Drive from the north and head west on Airport Avenue to the turn signal at Bundy Drive.

It's a move intended to thaw relations between City Hall and

the college, which have battled over the college's growth in recent decades.

"Both the council and (SMC's) board struggled to fairly represent

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COMMUNITY PROFILES

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



Jared Simons brings flare to fare

BY RYAN HYATT

Daily Press Staff Writer

At age 27, Jared Simons has a lot he could be smug about.

However, the young entrepreneur — who started as a busboy 11 years ago — has learned to take success, but fortunately not his commitment to it, in stride.

Simons burst onto the LA dining scene in September of 2004 when

he opened Violet, a restaurant located at 3221 Pico Boulevard.

"I'm excited to be in Santa Monica, and I think my customers here are excited to see someone young running the show," Simons says. "It has its moments, but I wouldn't trade it."

Simons, like many young businesspeople out to make a name for

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ Build on an important bond. Your playfulness comes out. You will feel that you need to make a choice; you really don't. Understand your limits more clearly, and you will be much happier as a result. Tonight: You feel pulled between friendship and love. A child might be involved.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ You come from a secure point of view. Evaluate what you want to do. You will be able to mobilize the support of others if you agree with or affirm their opinions a bit more. Give someone the space to express his or her wild ideas. You can and probably should play devil's advocate. Tonight: Happy at home.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Express exactly what you think and feel. The ability to free-associate or be imaginative could take you down a new path, whether you are ready or not. Listen to others, as they could add to your moment. Tonight: Catch up on others' news.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ A money risk might not be the best, but is very tempting. A yellow alert flashes with money and love. Be very careful before stepping into high-risk areas. Play the day conservatively. You might not see an association clearly. Tonight: Stretch your budget.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Jump over a barrier or two, and you will have a lot to smile about, as you will see. Sometimes others act up in confusing ways. Your sense of direction and magnetic personality make you a sure winner. Tonight: As you wish.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Listen well to what is being shared. Take your time making a decision. Keep talking and sharing. Your perspective could change distinctly if you allow others to give you feedback. Are you inspired in your life? If not, make adjustments. Tonight: Take some daydreaming time.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Gather the troops (your supporters) and head down the appropriate path. You will find that others work with you — finally. Let the creativity flourish; your imagination points to a new direction. Tonight: Ever playful.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ You might feel pushed by someone, and reasonably so. Take the lead in a situation that involves your reputation. You are on top of your game, though you might have a little too much energy for others to handle. Tonight: Could be a late night.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Work on gaining a long-term perspective before jumping. You are subject to faulty information or gossip. You need to get the facts. Seek out news. Read between the lines and note what is not being said. Tonight: Stop and rent a movie on the way home.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Money is always a prime issue, especially if you feel as if it is vanishing. Friends mean well but could give faulty advice. An associate could feel like he or she is right. Let this person sound off, if nothing else. Tonight: Let someone else treat.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ You might be confusing a situation far more than you need to. Think in terms of clarity, and perhaps let others make the final decision. You're full of ideas, but working them into a practical framework might be someone else's skill. Tonight: Be easygoing.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Your imagination and sensitivities could distract you from what is important. Be careful to focus and concentrate. You also might want to schedule some dream time. You cannot suppress an innate characteristic like this. Tonight: Dream away while taking a walk.



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Mystery photo



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



Sabrina Sutherland is last week's mystery photo winner. Sutherland accurately described that this photo was taken at the water treatment plant near the Santa Monica Pier. Sutherland has won a T-shirt. Check out today's edition for this week's mystery photo winner.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SM Elks host flag funeral

By Daily Press staff

Have a soiled, worn or tattered flag?
The Santa Monica Elks are asking community members to give any old flags to the Elks club instead of throwing them into the garbage.
The Santa Monica Elks will be hold a flag retirement ceremony in early February where the flags will be burned or cremated.
If you or your neighbor has such a flag — U.S., POW or California — drop it off at the Elk's Lodge at 1040 Pico Blvd.

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CONDITIONS

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BEAR MOUNTAIN

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 12"-12"	LIFT HOURS 8:30am - 4:00pm	RUNS OPEN 5	LIFTS OPEN 6
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CONDITIONS: Packed Powder, Machine Made, Machine Groomed, Hard Packed

JUNE MOUNTAIN

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 12"-24"	LIFT HOURS 8:30am - 4:00pm	RUNS OPEN 35	LIFTS OPEN 6
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CONDITIONS: Packed Powder, Machine Groomed, Obstacles

MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 12"	BASE DEPTH 24"-36"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 4 pm	RUNS OPEN 150	LIFTS OPEN 19
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CONDITIONS: Powder, Packed Powder, Machine Groomed

MOUNTAIN HIGH

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 12"-12"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 10:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 10	LIFTS OPEN 18
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CONDITIONS: Machine Made, Hard Packed

MT. BALDY

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 0"-1"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 4:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 0	LIFTS OPEN 0
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CONDITIONS: N/A

SNOW SUMMIT

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 12"-12"	LIFT HOURS 7:30 am - 9:30 pm	RUNS OPEN 6	LIFTS OPEN 4
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CONDITIONS: Packed Powder, Machine Made, Machine Groomed, Hard Packed

SNOW VALLEY

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 12"-12"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 4:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 5	LIFTS OPEN 11
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CONDITIONS: Packed Powder, Machine Made, Machine Groomed, Hard Packed

CONDITIONS

WATER TEMP: 59°

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SWELL FORECAST (3-10FT)

Today is looking similar in size as yesterday: chest to head high with some sets running a couple feet overhead at standout west facing breaks.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS

NW remains today, Tuesday...
Big westerly swell hits coast Wednesday...

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A momentary lapse of treason

Editor:

Much like your paper, I am a person with issues. Sometimes it seems that even my issues have issues, but I’ve got one issue that keeps all my other issues up at night, and that issue’s name is ... Flight 77.

Flight 77 is the plane that supposedly hit the Pentagon. That’s right, I said “supposedly” hit the Pentagon. You see, I have come to believe that something other than Flight 77 hit the Pentagon on 9-11. But that’s crazy talk.

Think about it. Have you ever actually seen a plane slam into the Pentagon? No you haven’t, and neither has anyone you know, right? Am I crazy or is that insane?

I think we can all agree that no building in the world has more cameras on it than the Pentagon and yet we “the people” have never seen one image of Flight 77 crashing into it. I’m sorry but to me that’s kind of a big deal.

I noticed right away on 9-11 that the media never showed a plane hitting the Pentagon. Nothing. So I kept my eyes open and time went by. Then on March 8, 2002, the cover of the Los Angeles Times had three still pictures of an explosion on it.

These three pictures were not officially released by the Department of Defense, but according to the LA Times, “officials said the images were authentic.” They supposedly show Flight 77 crashing into the building. The only problem is that they don’t. There is no object in any of the pictures that looks remotely like a Boeing 757.

Look for yourself. Even the writer of the article could only bring himself to say that “The first photo shows a small, blurry white object near the upper right corner — possibly the plane just a few feet above the ground.” Possibly the plane. That’s not evidence. In fact “officials” were unable to explain why the time and date typed at the bottom of each picture said, 5:37 p.m., on Sept. 12. The 12th. The plot thickens.

Then, last year I came across a Web site called “Hunt the Boeing.” This French Web site showed civilian photographs of the Pentagon immediately after the explosion. It had pictures of the impact zone before the outer ring collapsed. It had pictures of the damage once the fires had been put out, and much to my dismay it had pointed out that there didn’t appear to be the wreckage of a Boeing 757 anywhere.

You look at the pictures and you decide. I sure found them unconvincing, and I continued to look into the matter. Here is a short list of some of the issues I have with Flight 77:

- There is no photographic or video image in the public domain that shows Flight 77 hitting the Pentagon.
- The Pentagon is acting suspiciously guilty by not releasing proof of their innocence. They have “classified” a major moment in world history.
- The FBI immediately confiscated the surveillance videos from local civilian businesses that would have captured the event. They also seized the videos from adjacent freeway traffic cameras.
- There was no wreckage of a Boeing 757 found.
- The few photographs that escaped the cover up clearly show that something other than Flight 77 hit the pentagon.
- The scope of the damage done at the Pentagon is inconsistent with the damage done to the World Trade Center.
- The fire damage done to the Pentagon is inconsistent with the ignition of 5,300 gallons of jet fuel.
- There were no wing or tail marks on the Pentagon’s facade before the outer ring collapsed.
- The physical width of the hole in the Pentagon, even after the outer wall collapsed, is smaller than the width of a Boeing 757.
- The object that struck the Pentagon did not demolish it, it penetrated it. A 10-foot hole was punched through three rings of the Pentagon. Supposedly a plane that disintegrated on impact so as not to leave a trace also managed to puncture six steel reinforced walls.
- The secure airspace above the Pentagon was so easily breached. How could the boys at the Pentagon have been caught with their pants down? (OK, that one was too easy.) What I mean to say is, how could the Pentagon have been so defenseless? Flight 77 supposedly hit the Pentagon 50 minutes after it was hijacked, and yet our zillion dollar Department of Defense was unable to stop the attack.
- The so-called genius hijackers decided to attack the part of the Pentagon that was under renovation instead of the other side of the building where Rumsfeld’s office is.

And through it all, the Pentagon pleads the Fifth.

The list goes on and on. All I’m asking you to do is look into it yourself. That’s exactly what the Pentagon doesn’t want you to do. There is no proof that what they say happened really happened. And since these are the same guys that started a war based on lies, I’m gonna need a bit more than their word for what they say happened on that terrifying day. Take a proper gander at their propaganda. Google Flight 77 or Hunt the Boeing and see for yourself, and then tell a friend. But beware gentle reader, Flight 77 is just the tip of an iceberg of lies. Looking into the fate of that flight has left me with a frightful feeling that something’s not right. I believe something other than Flight 77 hit the Pentagon on 9-11. But that’s crazy talk. Or is it?

Morgan Bennett
Santa Monica

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Council votes to exacerbate 18th Street parking woes



MY WRITE
BY BILL BAUER

One mid-city neighborhood, heavily impacted by traffic and parking problems, was dumped on again by the City Council who voted (4-3) last Tuesday to allow the Unitarian Universalist Community Church to expand without providing 12 on-site parking spaces required by zoning codes.

Although the church, located at 18th Street and Arizona Avenue, is already short a total of 84 on-site parking spaces, it was only the 12 additional spaces required by the proposed new construction that was at issue. With activities throughout the week and on Sundays, the church is the major consumer of limited neighborhood on-street parking.

Neighbors had appealed Planning Commission approval of church expansion and a variance that waived the required 12 parking spaces. The City Council heard presentations from church representatives, the neighbors and the general public at its Nov. 29 meeting. The City Council continued the deliberation and a decision phase until its Dec. 13 session.

Because the church came in with a last second “miracle” deal — tentative permission to use parking spaces at the Seventh Day Adventist Church of Santa Monica a block away, Mayor Bob Holbrook unexpectedly and without notice reopened public input.

Church administrators presented their new parking proposal and supporters seized the opportunity to extoll the value of the church to the community. Unfortunately, the appellants, not informed of a whole new parking proposal and thinking that public input had closed, were not present in council chambers to comment. This generated some buzz from the sidelines that dirty tricks were employed that allowed church supporters to unfairly promote their cause after public input had closed — and without objection from Mayor Holbrook.

I had written (SMDP, Aug. 22, page 6) that this was strictly about zoning requirements, not about the quality or amount of community good or noble causes espoused. City Councilman Ken Genser, quoting from the zoning codes, said the parking variance — even with a potential parking deal with a neighboring church — still had no “approved parking plan” and did not meet the conditions required for a variance. City Councilman Kevin McKeown agreed with Genser and

expressed concerns about neighborhood quality of life. City Councilwoman Pam O’Connor didn’t comment but voted for the appeal.

The rest sitting on the City Council just didn’t get it. Using “community good” as a condition for granting variances is a slippery slope — one that opens up all kinds of knotty issues based on nonspecific value judgments about “just how good is your community good?” And from comments it seems as though some council members thought granting the appeal meant shuttering the church.

City Councilman Richard Bloom described the church as “an important community resource” and ignored the conditions issue entirely. City Councilman Herb Katz put on his architect/developer hat. Totally unconcerned about the neighbors, he sympathized with the church — arguing that because their property couldn’t easily accommodate parking, a variance was appropriate.

Bloom and Katz, who both live in Sunset Park with its exclusive resident-only parking, also clung to vague assurances by church administrators that off-street parking would be found to make up for shortfalls.

The truth is that the church’s agreement with the Seventh Day Adventists is tentative and unenforceable — even if consummated. Bloom insisted that parking arrangements be on a 24/7 basis for 30 years, or as long as the churches exist. What happens after the expansion is complete and parking deals are terminated? Nothing. Because the city has no recourse and will neither close or fine the church for code violations. The church knows it and so do Bloom and Katz.

Mayor Holbrook voted to allow the variance. Earlier in the day, in a posted interview he told surfsantamonica.com that parking was a major problem and as mayor, “My priorities reflect my vision of our future ... Reduced traffic and improved neighborhood parking.” Apparently, Mayor Holbrook’s vision appears to be nothing more than insincere and meaningless political rhetoric because his vote made this neighborhood’s nightmare parking problems even worse.

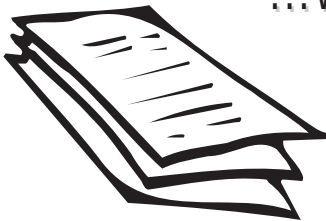
City Councilman Bobby Shriver voted against the neighborhood despite being annoyed by litigation threats from church attorney Chris Harding if the appeal were upheld.

I’ve been critical of Genser, O’Connor and McKeown in the past, but this time they hit the nail on the head. They understood the issues and voted intelligently, despite criticism from church supporters and their political allies.

(
Bill Bauer is a longtime Santa Monica resident and a freelance writer.
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COMMON SENTS

BY CAROLE ORLIN



As this year quickly comes to a close, my husband and I have been taking stock of our personal financial matters before the New Year arrives. It allows us to prepare a personal "state of the union." I know our president is probably working on the traditional "State of the Union" address scheduled for January before the

U.S. Congress. For some reason, this time has also led me to think about the state of my hometown of Santa Monica.

The first thing that strikes me as a bit strange relates to the size of Santa Monica by population: approximately 84,000, and the size of Santa Monica by annual budget: approximately \$396 million. Although I readily admit that statistics can be manipulated to justify many differing views, I decided to look at a few cities of similar size — more 75,000 and under 100,000. My choices got me to two cities in California: Santa Barbara and Mission Viejo, and one in Florida: West Palm Beach. Based upon the 2000 Census, and the 2005-2006 annual city budgets, here are the numbers:

CITY	POPULATION (2000 Census)	BUDGET (2005-06)
Santa Monica	84,000	\$396 million
Santa Barbara	85,000	\$220 million
Mission Viejo	93,000	\$ 94 million
West Palm Beach	82,000	\$315 million

The next thing that caught my attention in recent times involves several high-level appointments in the administration of our city. First, a new city manager, Lamont Ewell, is coming to town with considerable baggage from San Diego. Mr. Ewell starts work next month at a base salary of \$245,000 plus significant benefits, including relocation expenses. Then, last Tuesday, the selection of a new "homeless czar," Edmund Edelman, was hired under a one-year contract for \$200,000. Finally, the announcement last week of the recruitment of a "consultant" to analyze Santa Monica's homeless services — where City Hall is now spending in excess of \$2 million annually for homeless-related programs — a job that is expected to take nine to 12 months for yet-to-be determined compensation. I cannot help but question as to whether any or all of these changes will be the catalyst to change Santa Monica's image, referred to in an LA Times article last Wednesday as a "... city where patience with panhandling and public urination has worn thin" (Dec. 14, p. B1).

My deeper concern relates to the fact that we allow ourselves to be governed by a part-time City Council that holds regular Tuesday evening meetings, often until after midnight. As reported in the SMDP last Thursday (Dec. 15, page 1), the story discussed the mostly ceremonial mayoral change: "Santa Monica has a strong city manager form of government, meaning that the city's seven councilmembers, who are elected into office, appoint a mayor and are charged mostly with helping City Hall shape its policies, according to officials."

The day-to-day operations of the government are handled through an appointed city manager, an individual who we recently have secured through the use of a headhunter. This individual has oversight authority of approximately 1,900 employees and a budget that now approaches \$400 million.

Perhaps the form and size of our government, the size of our budget, and the specifics of salary expenditures, in comparison to the size of our city, could be more easily tolerated if our very visible city was running smoothly. We have not been a quaint and quiet beach community for quite some time. We have grown into a small but influential urban center — for residents, workers and tourists. I can think of no city of a similar size (fewer than 90,000 people) that gets the national media exposure of Santa Monica. My true concern relates to the "urban" issues that our city seems to be confronting without implementing successful strategies in spite of spending enormous sums of monies. What would a poll of our citizens of Santa Monica reveal on how the local government is handling many of our quality of life issues: Vagrants and homelessness? Crime and gang-related violence? Traffic and congestion? Planning and development? Business opportunities?

I know that it is easy to sit back and criticize government. Have we not, however, reached a point where we need to consider a change to the city charter that created our form of local government in the mid 1940s? Perhaps we need an elected City Council and mayor that devote their full time and attention to our problems and come up with solutions that are responsive to the needs of the citizens of Santa Monica. How about changing the mind set of part-time elected officials to full-time professionals? Would it not be refreshing to have meetings held during a normal business day rather than at midnight on Tuesdays? A lot has changed in Santa Monica over the decades, and it can't be effectively governed the same way it was 60 years ago.

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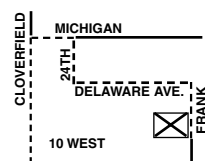
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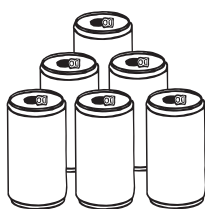
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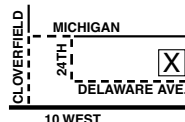
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The I-10 off-ramp at Lincoln and Olympic Boulevard was closed at 7:30 a.m. Sunday when a '57 speedster replica, built from a 1973 Volkswagen body with a Porsche engine, burst into flames. Its driver, Avihay Novel of Brentwood, was uninjured.

Former gangsters now have hope

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spiraled him into a lifestyle of organized crime that led to jail time.

"Death and prisons are no choice, they're consequences," McCaster said. "Would I do it all over again? No. But I believe it's important people listen to each other and give each other another chance."

"I'm glad people have given me one."

Steven Luciano — raised in Santa Monica and now a counselor at the Pico Youth and Family Center, which organized the event — said a lack of family support had helped contribute to a sense of hopelessness at an early age. Luciano relayed how, by the time he was in middle school, he used to get drunk and high. Soon, small crimes, such as stealing bubble gum, led to bigger and bigger entanglements with the law.

"I continued to lose," Luciano said. "I was locked up for most of the '90s, and in prison nothing was going to make me change my ways. I became intrigued by it, the lifestyle, and wanted to see how far I could go."

"Then I started to realize I was going to kill myself, or someone else and end up in prison for the rest of my life. I had enough."

Luciano — 38 and a father of two — said he has been sober for four years. Although he understands and supports the need for law enforcement and the penal system, he also believes there needs to be better programming in place to give struggling youth support systems and options that will allow them to make better choices and pursue a positive lifestyle.

Mando Garcia agreed. Garcia said he was raised by a supportive single mother who did a good job raising him under difficult family circumstances. However, the lack of a male figure prompted Garcia to seek acceptance — and guidance — from older males in his neighborhood.

"I looked up to the homies," Garcia said. "I wanted to be like them, and I wanted to do whatever I could to get their attention, so I was crazier than everyone else."

Garcia said he dabbled in baseball as a youth but that his mother, often working, didn't always make it to his games. Having his father attend may have done more to keep him on a path that acknowledged the need for responsibility.

"It would have been good to have my father there, yelling at me to square up or

keep my glove to the ground."

Garcia said his mother told him growing up she would never stand by his side if he were sent to jail. However, when he was sent to jail, she kept in touch with him and visited him, always providing support.

"You think the homies from your neighborhood will be there for you, write you and send you money when you're in prison, but it's all lies," Garcia said. "Lies, lies, lies. Your family is the only family you've got."

Still, another panelist, Arturo Arce — a PY&FC counselor — said he came from a good family background, but that didn't stop him from taking part in a lifestyle of drugs and gangs. However, Arce acknowledged that other influences, such as peer pressure, are powerful. He said it's important that youth realize they're better off not succumbing to it.

"Not everyone needs to be a leader, but that doesn't mean you have to be a follower either," Arce said.

Lisa Diaz, another Santa Monica resident, was the panelist who has most recently begun to turn her life around. Speaking candidly to the audience, she described how she willfully began causing trouble at an early age, and later, in prison, had enjoyed it.

"I was dealing and doing drugs on the inside and listening to the radio," Diaz said. "I liked prison."

Diaz said she began to spend more and more time in jail, which became comfortable in its routine.

"I started to see in black and white, and when I wasn't in jail, I saw color, and it tripped me out," Diaz said.

Diaz said it became difficult for her to cope with life being out of jail. She said she stayed home a lot, and despite the fact that she wasn't a lazy person, she feared applying for jobs because she had little confidence.

Diaz said she is still wrestling with personal problems. However, a discussion with a Santa Monica police officer about her life made her realize, years ago, that what she really wants to do is help others.

With the help of the officer, Diaz said she has been able to start a local baseball team, giving youngsters an opportunity to enjoy themselves in a positive way.

Diaz said she has a long way to go to be the person she wants to be, but she's glad she's at least on the path.

"There's a lot of work to do," she said.



KNOW BEFORE YOU GO



'Know before you go' is a weekly update on construction projects throughout Santa Monica. Here is a schedule of construction projects initiated by public agencies for the week of Dec. 19:

Airport Park and Airport Avenue

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

Pier structural rehabilitation

Structural upgrade of Municipal Pier roadway and miscellaneous repairs on Newcomb Pier.

Los Angeles County storm drain repair

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

Montana Avenue storm drain repair

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

Marine Street utility undergrounding

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

Cingular telecommunications lines

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

Civic Center parking structure

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

Electrical vault installation

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

Gas company main replacement

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

Main Library

Construction is near completion on the new main library, located at 601 Santa Monica Blvd. During construction, visit any of the branch libraries. Vehicular traffic patterns and parking availability have been restored on Sixth and Seventh streets, between Santa Monica Boulevard and Arizona Avenue. However, temporary no parking will be permitted on the northwest side of Santa Monica Boulevard, between Sixth and Seventh streets.

Memorial and Los Amigos Park building replacement

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

On-Fiber telecommunications lines

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

Traffic signal upgrade

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

Water main replacement project

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

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



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themselves, puts in long hours to be his own boss. He recently scaled back to working 70 hours per week, and he says he has no time for a girlfriend.

“My lifestyle isn’t really conducive to it right now,” he said.

Some of Simons’ customers, familiar with the city’s cuisine scene, say the chef and restaurateur has been successful in embodying the sophisticated aspects of urban life in an unpretentious style.

Violet-colored banquettes throughout the dining room are complemented by chocolate-colored wood tables. An amber glow of candles helps provide an intimate setting for friends.

A graduate of the California Culinary Academy, Simons takes an honest and simple approach to his cooking, creating refined versions of casual favorites. The dozens of menu items include a grilled chicken sandwich with brie, apples and greens; seared scallops with vanilla risotto and caramelized squash; or baked macaroni with gruyere cheese.

The fare is also the least expensive items you will find on the menu, most of which cost less than \$10 a plate. The same, however, isn’t true of the drink. New and old world wines, averaging \$30 a bottle, are offered, as well as domestic and imported beers. There’s no hard liquor here.

Born in San Diego, Simons said he has always had a passion for food.

“I was a heavy kid,” he says. “I was always in the kitchen, cooking myself something to eat. My passion for food used to really show, believe me.”

Simons began working as a busboy at age 16. His father, a pharmacist, had reservations about his son going into the dining business.

“I was expected to go to college, like he did, so I threw my parents for a loop when I told them I wanted to be a chef.”

After completing high school and the

Culinary Academy’s two-year program, Simons returned to San Diego. He worked as a cook for two years at a restaurant called Millefleurs, where he learned more about the business before he embarked on his first dining endeavor with a partner.

Their first endeavor was a French restaurant called Le Passage. Wanting to move from San Diego, Simons said he started putting his feelers out for Los Angeles.

He said what drew him to Santa Monica was not only its familiar beachside feel, but also the urban taste the city offers, which he says San Diego doesn’t.

What brought you to Santa Monica?

“I was looking for something new. I was looking for a place where people are a little more interested in dining out, because San Diego’s a little too laid back, maybe a little too suburban. My old restaurant was a local place; you passed through the main kitchen to get to the patio. I wanted something with a little more of a city feel. The guy I worked for as a busboy when I was a teenager became my business partner. He’s sort of been my mentor, showing me the day-to-day operations. Still is. My family doesn’t know much about the restaurant business.

“I started looking for space in LA and found it in the classifieds. When I came to this spot to check it out, I got a good feeling, so I actually took over the space for months before I moved here.

“This used to be a restaurant called Sabor. I did a lot of remodeling, clean up. The decor is quite different now. A lot of my customers who used to also come to Sabor said they didn’t recognize it when they walked in here.

“This is a good, growing area, and I wanted to create something that was nicely lit and inviting.”

Where did the name of Violet come from?

“I had a hard time coming up with the name of my last restaurant, so I was looking through an encyclopedia late at night,

Sweatshop holidays



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Sweatshop Watch, a California-wide coalition, protests in front of Levi Strauss & Co.’s flagship store at the Third Street Promenade on Saturday. The group objects to the working conditions of the company’s garment producers.

and I saw a violet, the flower, and I thought, that’s a nice name, something people will remember, and a nice color, too.”

Supposedly the restaurant business doesn’t have a high profit margin. Can you say anything about that?

“In the past, I believe there was a little more money in the restaurant business. Unfortunately, there are rising costs, especially in California. It’s definitely tough to make money. People don’t go out and spend money like they used to.

“But I’ve always been into building and creating, and cooking has always been a great outlet for me because of it. So it’s good business, even when business isn’t always good, you know what I mean? For me, if I wasn’t here dealing with a little stress, I don’t know what I’d do. I definitely need a little bit of it in my life.

“Every day, there are so many problems that arise in the restaurant business. It’s a big juggling act. Between the customers’ and the staff’s feelings, the food,

the creating and the re-making.

“I go to sleep and wake up at night, and the problems start all over again. Every day’s a little like going into battle. It can be stressful, sure, but it’s also wild and fun.”

Are you enjoying Santa Monica?

“Yeah. It’s nice. The Westside is nice. A little bit like home. Makes it a more comfortable business.

“Unfortunately, restaurant business doesn’t give me much time outside of it. I’m kind of a one-man show. The same goes with dating, not enough time.

“It’s even the same with friends. People who work in a restaurant are often only friends with people who work in a restaurant. Others don’t understand why you don’t have time for them. You’re always working when they’re off, and vice versa. Days off, holidays, you’re constantly working. All of those kinds of things aren’t conducive to relationships outside of the business.”

Gate opening marks end of decades-long conflict

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both the separate institutions for which we set policy and the shared interests of the community as a whole,” McKeown said. “The city has successfully protected Sunset Park from unacceptable traffic increases, and the college has successfully provided safe access to students for educational opportunities.

“We are mutually extending hopeful trust in each other’s good intentions, and look forward to a more cooperative relationship.”

City Hall and SMC have been close to litigation in recent months regarding the Bundy campus, a 10.4-acre site at 3171 S. Bundy Dr., just south of the Santa Monica Airport.

City Hall’s decision to lock the gates and stop vehicular access to Bundy along Airport Avenue, in Santa Monica, was intended to limit campus-related traffic from traveling west to and from the site through local neighborhoods, city officials said.

However, SMC officials have contended City Hall’s move has been disruptive to college classes and dangerous for stu-

dents. Students have been entering and exiting Bundy through a driveway at the southern end of the campus, located in Los Angeles. They have been making risky left-hand turns out of the campus and into heavy traffic onto Bundy Drive, college officials said.

What prevented City Hall and SMC from resolving the dispute was a threat by the college to sue Santa Monica if its leadership refused to grant the college vehicular access to Bundy from Airport Avenue, city officials said.

Under the terms of Tuesday’s agreement, SMC will let its statute of limitations run out for any possible lawsuit related to campus traffic, as long as City Hall opens the gates in time for classes to resume at the Bundy campus for the spring, city officials said.

Meanwhile, Los Angeles City Councilman Bill Rosendahl — whose jurisdiction includes areas around the Bundy campus — is trying to have a turn signal placed at the intersection where Bundy meets the site’s southern driveway.

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(Top) The 40s Fly Girls, backed up by the Gregg Elliott orchestra, perform at the groundbreaking ceremony for the Spirit of Santa Monica DC-3 Monument Park on Saturday. (Middle) Santa Monica Mayor Bob Holbrook looks at an artist's rendition of the new park. (Bottom left) Astronaut Buzz Aldrin, the second man to step on the moon and a guest at the party, autographs a poster. (Bottom right) The event featured a plane display and formation flyover.

Agreement smoothes way for new leaders

BUNDY CAMPUS, from page 8

The turn signal also would help ease traffic tensions and may come as early as June. But it will likely not be ready in time for the second semester, Rosendahl said.

On Dec. 5, Dr. Nancy Greenstein and Dr. Susan Aminoff were unanimously elected as chair and vice chair, respectively, of SMC's board of trustees for 2006.

Their nominations were intended, in part, to help improve relations with Santa Monica City Hall, college officials said. Greenstein is on good terms with several Santa Monica city councilmembers, and both Greenstein and Aminoff are generally regarded for their diplomatic approach to solving problems, college officials said.

Also, City Hall and SMC both have new top administrators. Lamont Ewell, new city manager, and Dr. Chui Tsang, SMC's new president, will both embark on their local careers after the holidays.

Greenstein said she is optimistic City Hall's move is a step in the right direction, but was hesitant to speak on the issue until the agreement is finalized.

"It's a relief," Greenstein said. "It will help our new leadership get started on a good note."

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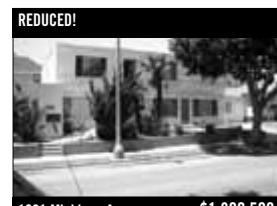
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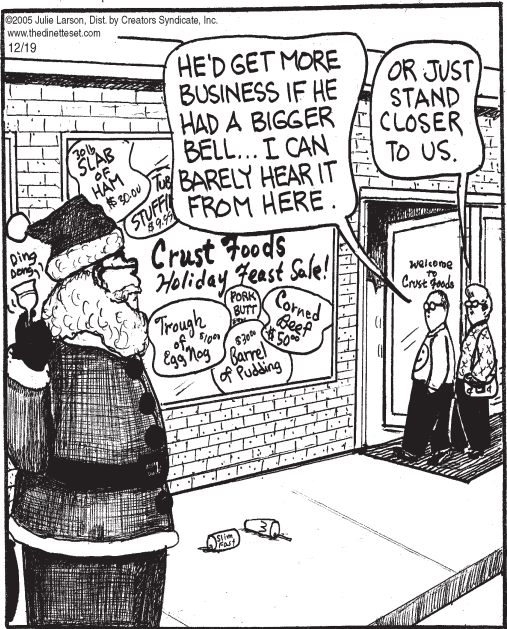
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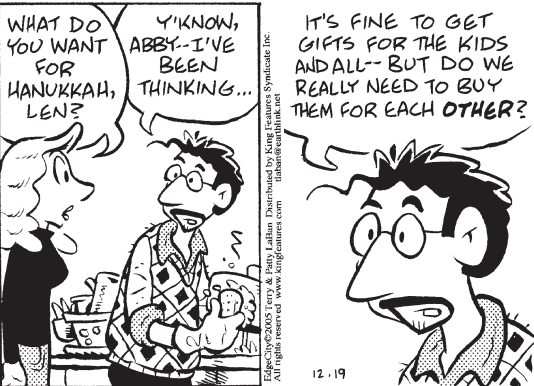


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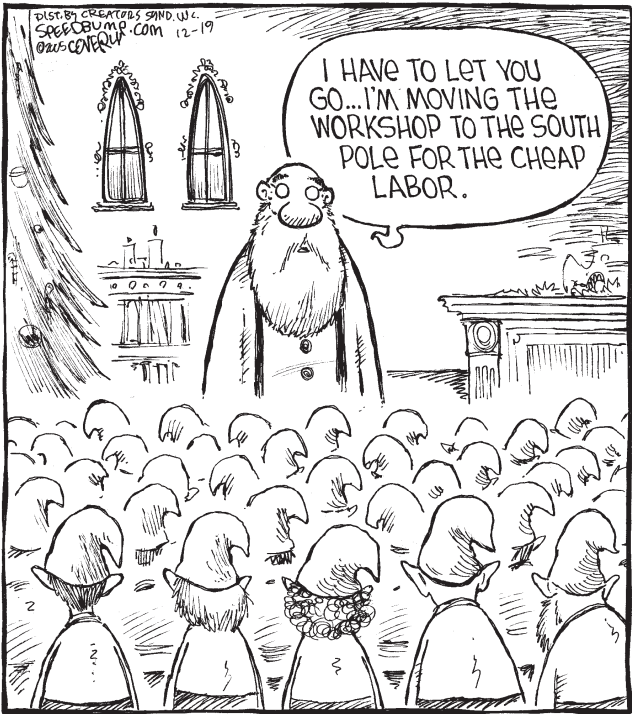
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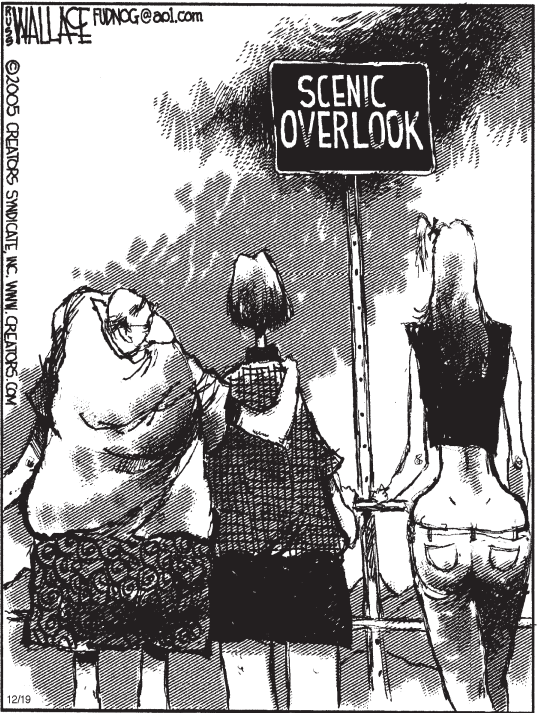
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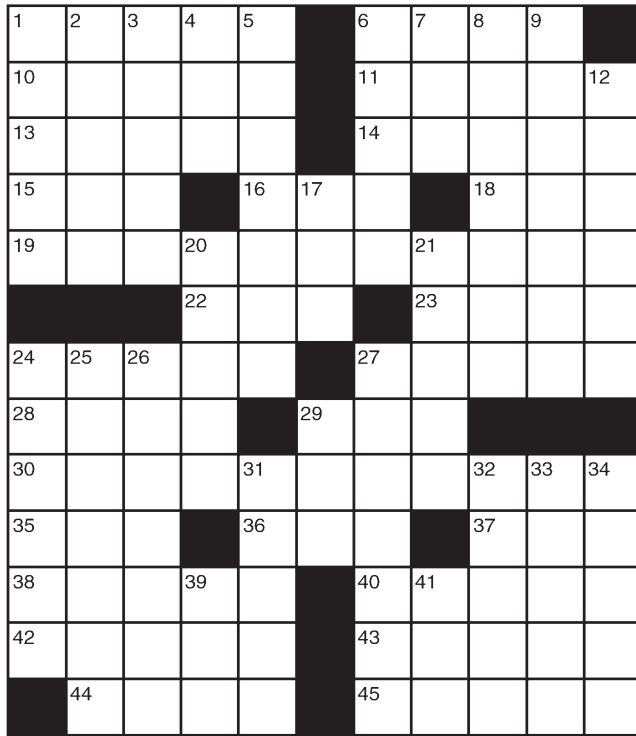
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 3004994 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Fashionistic, 4610 Densmore Ave, Unit 17, Encino, CA 91436. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Aileen D. Martinez, 4610 Densmore Ave, Unit 17, Encino, CA 91436 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/: Aileen D. Martinez

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 2998792 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as First Choice Commercial Realty, First Choice Residential Realty, LT & Associates, AI #/ON C5564-03, 2707 S. Diamond Bar Blvd., Suite 202, Diamond Bar, CA 91765. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Choice One, Inc., 1306 West Craig Road, Suite 106, Las Vegas, NV 89032 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/: Choice One, Inc, Vice President, V.F. Tordera

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 2998766 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Illusion Tattoos, 530 W. Manchester Blvd., Suite C, Inglewood, CA 90301. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Omar Medina, 4445 131st Apt. A, Hawthorne, CA 90250 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)12/6/2005. /s/: Omar Medina

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 2998750 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as M AND F HEATING AIR CONDITIONING & REFRIGERATION, 1430 Valencia Street, Los Angeles, CA 90015. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Manuel A. Flores, 1430 Valencia Street, Los Angeles, CA 90015 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: Manuel A. Flores

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 3011246 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Petra Travel & Tours, 1447 E. Colorado St., Suite B, Glendale, CA 91205. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Pambakian Enterprises, Inc., (CALIFORNIA), 1447 E. Colorado St., Suite B, Glendale, CA 91205 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/: Pambakian Enterprises, Inc., President, Meguerditch Pambakian

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 3019498 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Royalty Express Trucking, 506 S. Belmont St., #B, Glendale, CA 91205. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Manuel Tonyan, 506 S. Belmont St., #B, Glendale, CA 91205 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/: Manuel Tonyan

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 3019425 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Time Publishing, 506 S. Belmont St., #B, Glendale, CA 91205. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Manuel Tonyan, 506 S. Belmont St., #B, Glendale, CA 91205 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/: Manuel Tonyan

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 2952260 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Seven Seal Marketing, 19171 Magnolia St., #19, Huntington Beach, CA 92646. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Walter C. Staana, 19171 Magnolia St., #19, Huntington Beach, CA 92646 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/: Walter C. Staana

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 2996334 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as St. Lorenzo Medical Clinic, 111 220th St., Suite D, Carson, CA 90745. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Evelyn Ramos, 19709 E. Calle La Suen, Walnut, CA 91789, Omer A. Ramos, Lorenzo Briones, 3122 Vermillion St., West Covina, CA 91792 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/: Evelyn Ramos

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 2998749 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Stephy and Chris Purses, 4433 S. Alameda St., Los Angeles, CA 90558. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Marco A. Mora, 14632 San Jose Ave., Paramount, CA 90723, Christian del Real, 14632 San Jose Ave., Paramount, CA 90723 This Business is being conducted by, co-partners. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)12/7/2005. /s/: Marco A. Mora, Christian del Real

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 2968218 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as US Discount, Speedy Flags, 15259 Gale Ave, City of Industry, CA 91745. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Ghulam Hassan, 18216 Bellorita St., Rowland Heights, CA 91748 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/: Ghulam Hassan

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 3073887 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Gaslight Productions, 8565 S. Gretna Green Way, Los Angeles, CA 90049. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Claire Ragge, 8565 S. Gretna Green Way, Los Angeles, CA 90049 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)12/14/2005. /s/: Claire Ragge

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 2831137 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as The Tin Man, 5173 Garden Grove Avenue, Tarzana, CA 91356. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Warren Schummer, 5173 Garden Grove Avenue, Tarzana, CA 91356, Melissa Minder, 12551 Walsh Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90066, Christy Minder, 452 Carroll Canal, Venice, CA 90291 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/: Warren Schummer, Melissa Minder, Christy Minder

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 2831138 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Mirrors by The Tin Man, 5173 Garden Grove Avenue, Tarzana, CA 91356. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Warren Schummer, 5173 Garden Grove Avenue, Tarzana, CA 91356 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)11/21/2005. /s/: Warren Schummer

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 3092274 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as HARLOW, 1425 N. Alta Vista Blvd., #108, LA, CA 90046. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Michelle Wenke, 1425 N. Alta Vista Blvd., #108, LA, CA 90046, Megan George, 1525 Cassil Place, #100, LA, CA 90025 This Business is being conducted by, co-partners.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 3106803 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as JAPANESE AUTO REPAIR, 2420 Lincoln Blvd., #A, Santa Monica, CA 90405. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Ali Sitthiso, 13165 Tonopah St., Arleta, CA 91331 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/: Ali Sitthiso

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 3106802 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as TRAILS OF LIGHT, 2419 Ocean Park Blvd., Apt H, Santa Monica, CA 90405. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Rolf Dengler, 2419 Ocean Park Blvd., Apt H, Santa Monica, CA 90405 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/: Rolf Dengler

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Statement of Abandonment of Use of Fictitious Business Name
Document Record # 05 2808149
Current File No. 03 1727003
State of California, County of Los Angeles
The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious Business name:
Ministerios Cristianos La Victoria Final located at 657 N. Glendora Ave., La Puente, CA 91744
The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 6/17/2003
In the county of LOS ANGELES.
Eduardo Sanchez, 16540 Inyo St., La Puente, CA 91744
Sonia M. Sanchez, 16540 Inyo St., La Puente, CA 91744
This business is conducted by: an unincorporated association other than a partnership
Eduardo Sanchez, Sonia M. Sanchez
The above declares that all information in this statement is true and correct.
That the notice, of which the annexed is a printed copy, has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to-wit: 12/05/05, 12/12/05, 12/19/05, 12/26/05

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ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Lloyd Leavitt shrugs off the subzero freeze that blankets the Arctic town of Barrow each winter. It's the weeks of endless night that get to him, filling him with insatiable cravings for carbohydrates and sleep and natural light.

"There comes a time when you don't know if it's morning or evening. You get confused," said Leavitt, who has lived all his 49 years in the nation's highest-latitude community.

Leavitt has plenty of company when it comes to dealing with Alaska's dark side. No matter how far south you go, the state is still way north of the rest of the country. That means abbreviated days that get increasingly short as you travel farther north — the flip side of the state's famous midnight sun.

Yes, winter brings shorter days in other states as well, along with extreme cold, so winter doldrums can fester in those places, too. But Alaska is the U.S. vortex of seasonal blues. No wonder residents here eagerly anticipate the passing of winter solstice, the psychological turning point toward spring. It's not the cold, but the darkness that makes winter so hard for many.

The sun won't rise again in Barrow for another month after the solstice, which falls on Wednesday. But for Leavitt and others in the largely Inupiat Eskimo town of 4,500, it marks the countdown to daylight, which also is celebrated in a three-

day April festival that precedes the spring whaling season.

In the meantime Leavitt floods his home with rainbow-colored Christmas lights.

"They keep the spirits up," he said.

Winter is a drag to some extent for one out of five Americans, studies suggest. A smaller fraction — mostly women and young adults — suffer from Seasonal Affective Disorder, a type of depression stemming from decreased daylight.

Nearly 10 percent of Alaskans suffer from SAD to some degree, according to a 1992 study published in the American Journal of Psychiatry; in sunny Florida, it's only about 1 percent.

SAD symptoms include lethargy, a heightened desire for sleep, cravings for carbohydrates, feelings of melancholy, fuzzy thinking and loss of libido or sociability, said Suzanne Womack Strisik, an assistant psychology professor at the University of Alaska Anchorage. She's also a practicing psychologist in the state's largest city, where daylight dwindles to 5 1/2 hours by the solstice.

"There's a feeling like you should be hibernating and carbs are very appealing," Strisik said. "It can be really hard to get up even after eight hours of sleep."

Of course, the majority of Alaskans don't feel any different, no matter what time of year.

Barbara Bowden, a real estate broker who has lived in Anchorage more than 50 years, said she never gets the winter blahs other than complaining about the cold. Only the first two years here did she feel

down, a condition she attributes to being homesick for Texarkana, Ark.

Her remedy now for coping with winter: stay active rather than merging with the sofa. Until a few years ago, she raced sports cars. There's no shortage of other activities: skiing, snowmobiling, ice skating, dog mushing, snowshoe hikes, even running and power-walking.

"I tell people coming up here to get up, get out and do something," Bowden said. "Just take advantage of living here."

Sometimes it's not that simple. Severe cases of SAD can be debilitating, even prompting thoughts of suicide. According to experts, however, suicide rates actually peak with increasingly spring light.

"You don't have enough energy to make a plan before then," Strisik said. "It's too much trouble. Once the light starts coming back, there's more energy, but reasoning is still off. There's just enough light to make false conclusions."

Many experts believe the disorder results from prolonged secretion of melatonin, a hormone that affects the biological rhythms in mammals such as sleep and reproduction. According to a leading theory, the extended melatonin secretion reflects the longer duration of darkness, said Teodor Postolache, an associate psychiatry professor and director of the mood and anxiety program at the University of Maryland in Baltimore.

"As the night becomes longer, the duration of melatonin becomes longer in SAD patients and that produces depression and behavioral changes, which are similar to those of certain seasonal mam-

mals," Postolache said. "They are less active, and the appetite and weight increase. Sweets and starches are particularly craved. As the interest in sex decreases, the interest in cookies increases."

While some Alaskans defy winter by embracing it, others cope by exposing themselves to bright-light therapy, which doctors say can be highly effective. Others install full-spectrum lighting in their homes and offices. Some people frequent tanning booths. Some take antidepressant medications. Some self-medicate with drugs or alcohol.

Then there are those who flee the state. Hawaii is the top choice, followed by Mexico, then Las Vegas, said Brenda La Sane, owner of a travel agency in Fairbanks, where the sun will scrape the horizon for three hours and 42 minutes on Wednesday. It's not unusual for La Sane's clients to run into other Alaskans on their winter vacations abroad.

"I try to get away as much as possible," she said. "The darkness gets to me terribly. I just got back from Anaheim (Calif.) and it made a huge difference visiting for 10 days. I felt so much more energetic."

"Two days after I got back, I was pushing myself to get out of bed."

That's not surprising to Kelly Rohan, an assistant psychology professor at the University of Vermont in Burlington. The travel strategy can backfire, she said.

"The problem is re-entry," she said. "It's like going to sleep on the Fourth of July and waking up on the 24th of December. That can be very jarring."

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