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Since 2001: A news odyssey



NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ A New York City housing program begun in the 1970s to encourage new construction has enabled huge reductions in property taxes on certain buildings in Manhattan, and those savings continue to this day (and at least through next year and maybe beyond). Among the beneficiaries: Yankee short-stop Derek Jeter, who saves \$130,000 a year on his \$4 million Trump World Tower apartment; designer Calvin Klein (\$134,000 savings on his penthouse); and actress Natalie Portman (saving \$26,300 a year on her \$5.8 million condo) (according to an October New York Post report).

Death by Snake

■ A 48-year-old woman died from a timber rattlesnake bite during services at the East London Holiness Church in London, Ky., in November. The church features a monthly snake-handling service, during which people can prove they are true believers by not getting bitten.

■ In Shamokin, Pa., in October, Terry Jackson, 36, distraught for an undisclosed reason, kept police at bay in a suicidal standoff in which she wielded five poisonous snakes (from an aquarium in her home). They bit her hand and face numerous times, leaving her bloody, until police subdued her with a Taser gun. She was hospitalized in critical condition but survived and will face charges for threatening police.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1818 “Silent Night,” written by Franz Gruber and Father Joseph Mohr, was performed for the first time, at the Church of St. Nikolaus in Oberndorf, Austria.

1066 William the Conqueror was crowned king of England.

1776 General George Washington and his troops crossed the Delaware River for a surprise attack against Hessian forces at Trenton, N.J.

1926 Hirohito became emperor of Japan, succeeding his father, Emperor Yoshihito. (Hirohito was formally enthroned almost two years later.)

1931 New York’s Metropolitan Opera broadcast an entire opera over radio for the first time: “Hansel and Gretel” by Engelbert Humperdinck.

WORD UP!

wassail WAH-sul; wah-SAYL, noun: 1. An expression of good wishes on a festive occasion, especially in drinking to someone.

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No time like the present

Kathleen Rawson, executive director for the Bayside District, wraps gifts along with her 8-year-old daughter Claire during the 'It's a Wrap Party' on Friday. Community leaders and volunteers wrapped more than 250 gifts that were collected during the Winterlit 'Best Gift Ever' gift drive, which were then distributed to children who might otherwise go without presents today.

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Retailers show profits from unused gift cards

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Shoppers across America have millions of gift cards tucked away in envelopes, drawers and wallets. And some of the nation's largest retailers are profiting as a result.

“It can be fun to get them, but then I forget about them,” said Deborah Cabaret, 46, who has hundreds of dollars worth of unused cards. “Or I walk into the store, I look around, I don’t know what I want, and I leave.”

Last winter, Best Buy Co. report-

ed a \$43 million gain in fiscal 2006 from cards that hadn’t been used in two or more years. Limited Brands Inc. recorded \$30 million in 2005 revenue because of unredeemed cards.

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COMMUNITY PROFILES | THOMAS STEPHENS

Survivor settles in SM

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

SANTA MONICA PIER — Gazing out at an endless sea of blue water was somewhat surreal after having left a hometown submerged in water.

Thomas Stephens felt a slew of emotions when he first stepped foot on the Santa Monica Pier after escaping a decimated New Orleans in 2005, shortly after the city was torn to shreds by a heartless Hurricane Katrina. As he glanced out to the ocean — a sight he was

seeing for the first time ever — Stephens, now 24, felt fear, excitement, anxiety and the hope of starting anew.

Two days after the hurricane hit New Orleans and changed his life forever, the survivor landed in Southern California, where a friend in West Covina had offered Stephens a place to stay until he got back on his feet. Wearing the same clothes for days, Stephens came to Santa Monica to wait for the friend to



See STEPHENS, page 8

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Santa's Little Helper

SM man answers Christmas wishes

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

OCEAN PARK — While he may not have a bushy white beard, nine tiny reindeer or a belly that shakes like a bowl full of jelly, Andrew Cabello will be in the guise of Santa Claus for a handful of children living in poverty.

For the last six years, Cabello, a Santa Monica resident who runs a legal graphics business, has made a journey down to the Los Angeles Processing and Distribution Center of the U.S. Postal Service to hand-pick letters addressed to St. Nick that were written by youngsters whose parents can’t afford to give gifts.

“I came from a poor neighborhood in Boyle Heights and made success of myself and my business, so I want to give back to the community in any way I can,” Cabello, 49, said. “I know what it’s like to be poor and, for me, there’s no better way to spread the spirit of Christmas than to help out a family in need.”

This year, Cabello grabbed 10 letters from children living in South and East Los Angeles and distributed several others to friends and family, asking them to participate as well.

“You can’t imagine the look on their faces when they wake up

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WISH LIST: Each year thousands of children send letters to Mr. Claus.



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Be sure to breath easy over holidays

BY MAYA MEINERT

Special to the Daily Press

CITYWIDE — With the cold winter air finally arriving in Santa Monica this holiday season, many will choose to stay inside and get cozy.

But don't get too cozy — your heat source could make you sick, or worse.

Carbon monoxide poisoning kills almost 500 people and sends another 15,200 to hospitals each year in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Carbon monoxide, an odorless, colorless and toxic gas, can come from fuel-burning machines, such as gas-fired appliances, charcoal grills, wood-burning furnaces and fireplaces, and motor vehicles, according to the U.S. Fire Administration.

That means your home's gas-fired heater could produce carbon monoxide if it's not properly maintained or vented. Even heat sources outside your home could produce the gas in harmful amounts.

"Self-contained fire pits might [burn] under the overhang of a patio deck, and the [carbon] monoxide builds up and seeps through your windows," said Santa Monica Assistant Fire Marshal Joe Paneno. "You have to be very cautious."

Paneno said that incomplete combustion is what produces carbon monoxide.

"Probably the most obvious [culprit] is having warming fires in a confined room," he said. "Isolated heating units — [those without] forced air — their ventilation system will be clogged, so all the [carbon] monoxide will emit into the room and back up, which is not uncommon. We do get these cases every now and then. It's a sad state when those things happen."

The last time Santa Monica had a carbon monoxide fatality was about two years ago, according to Paneno. The heating unit in the person's apartment had not been properly maintained.

Carbon monoxide poisoning symptoms are flu-like and include headaches, dizziness,

See CARBON MONOXIDE, page 10



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MR. POPULARITY: According to a recent poll, Santa Claus remains in the holiday spotlight with 86 percent of participants believing in him as a child. Even with skepticism on the rise and a multiethnic mix in the nation, Santa remains a dominate figure in Christmas celebrations.

Mark resembling Virgin Mary draws the faithful in Las Vegas

By The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — To the faithful, the Virgin Mary appears as an apparition on a retaining wall attached to Freddy Montero's garage.

"As soon as you walk up to it, you can feel her presence," visitor Stacy Veloz said as she stood in the Monteros' driveway and admired the image, half-hidden behind scrub brush at the edge of a red rock yard.

"She's trying to touch people that aren't believers, to say, 'I'm here. I'm real. What do you think now?'" Veloz told the Las Vegas Sun. "I have the chills right now."

Montero said he was washing his car early this month at his home in northwest Las Vegas when he was approached by a woman who told him that the house had burned, but the previous owners were spared a fiery death by the grace of the Virgin Mary.

Montero said he and his wife, Chilee, knew their home was once in a fire. He

shrugged off the woman's comment, but said the woman advised them to look at the wall.

"I am not religious at all, but it seems there is a shadow of her," Chilee Montero said. "You can see it best at night. I kid you not."

The couple called their Catholic friends, who visited and spread the word. Chilee Montero also posted a notice on an online message board.

The gawking peaked at midnight Dec. 11, when a small group gathered to light candles in celebration of the Virgin of Guadalupe, whose apparition is celebrated annually on Dec. 12.

Holy images that appear in mundane forms, such as on a grilled cheese sandwich or the side of someone's garage, must be formally investigated before the Catholic

See HOLY IMAGE, page 10

Poll says, Santa remains real in holiday spirit

WASHINGTON — Santa has lots going against him — school-yard rumors, older brothers who think they know the deal and tattle to the young ones, errant price tags, the tell-all Internet and so many Made in China labels it seems the North Pole has outsourced to Asia.

Humbuggers everywhere. But no worries. It's a wonderful life for Santa.

An AP-AOL News poll finds him to be an enduring giant in the lives of Americans.

Fully 86 percent in the poll believed in Santa as a child. And despite the multiethnic nature of the country, more than 60 percent of those with children at home consider Santa important in their holiday celebrations now.

That's an approval rating President Bush and most in Congress could only dream about these days. (If Santa were a politician, Catholics and the nonreligious would be his base.)

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Feeling the pain of war

Editor:

President Bush says there are painful losses ahead in Iraq. Painful for the families of our dead soldiers ... not painful for him.

Mike Kirwan
Venice

Gentile is a gentle word

Editor:

A quick look at the dictionary will show Julia Reeves ("A disparaging word," Dec. 18, page 4) that the term "gentile" has nothing linguistically to do with the term "infidel" (nonbeliever) nor is it used to express "superiority and denigration."

"Gentile" is a neutral term to describe someone who is not Jewish. (Frankly, I think it is a more polite term than defining someone else as a "non" entity — i.e. non-Jews or non-Christians). Contrary to what Ms. Reeves proclaims, religious differences don't have to be "polarizing." Diversity can also be respectful. One can uphold one's religion; one can elect to wear different clothes, eat different foods, worship in different ways and in a different language while honoring the uniqueness of other religions, as well.

Rabbi Jeffrey A. Marx
Santa Monica Synagogue

Not getting the signal

Editor:

Since Time Warner Cable took over ("Cable causing friction," Dec. 22, page 1), the signal breaks up on average once per program. The screen is pixelated for several seconds and the audio pauses. It is distracting and annoying. But to say that the franchise is not exclusive and suggest other cable systems could serve the same area simultaneously? Would they be using the same hardware? How is that likely to improve things? This is one of the earlier cable systems. Who will invest in the necessary upgrades? No one so far.

Linda Morris
Santa Monica

The greatest gift is a soldier's sacrifice



MY WRITE
BY BILL BAUER

I've been reading the "military obituaries" since Santa Monica Police officer and U.S. Marine Corps Reservist, Major Ricardo A. "Rick" Crocker was killed in Al-Anbar province in Iraq on May 26, 2005.

An "obit" in the Dec. 10, 2006, Los Angeles Times caught my eye.

"Ross A. McGinnis, 19, of Knox, PA; private first class, Army. McGinnis was killed Monday when he smothered a grenade that was thrown into his Humvee in Baghdad, saving the lives of four other soldiers in the vehicle ..."

I had to find out more about this young hero. So, I researched the Pittsburgh newspapers and the Clarion News. Knox is located in the rural Appalachians, northeast of Pittsburgh.

An article by Milan Simonich in the Dec. 16 edition of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette began: "They will gather tomorrow in Clarion County to celebrate a lackluster student, a scrawny teenager, a brave soldier and a selfless man. At 19, Army Pfc. Ross McGinnis was all of those." I was hooked.

According to the article, "McGinnis died when he threw himself on a grenade that an insurgent flung from a rooftop into the Humvee that carried five soldiers who were on patrol in Baghdad. McGinnis, who was atop the Humvee in the gunner's hatch, saw the grenade coming and tried to bat it away. He missed and the device landed inside the vehicle."

"An average man would have leapt out of the gunner's cupola to safety," the Army said in its official account of the life-or-death episode. "Pfc. McGinnis decided to stay with his crew. Unhesitatingly and with complete disregard for his own life ... he threw his back over the grenade to pin it between his body and the truck's radio mount."

It detonated, piercing Pfc. McGinnis' body armor, killing him instantly.

Even though he turned himself into a human shield, the force of the blast was still powerful enough to badly injure another soldier, who is in a military hospital facing a months-long recovery. Shrapnel hit a third soldier, tearing a ball of flesh from his shoulder. All four survived because of Pfc. McGinnis' sacrifice.

The Army already has awarded Pfc.

McGinnis the Silver Star and his captain has nominated him for the Medal of Honor (America's highest award for combat valor), which could take two years for the Pentagon to award. Amazingly, only one U.S. serviceman has received the Medal of Honor since the war on terrorism began in 2001, although a handful of others are under consideration.

Ross wasn't the best student. His parents told the local media their son wasn't an academic, but described him as "hands on." Indifferent about his studies at Keystone Junior/Senior High School in Knox, he had signed up for the Army's delayed enlistment program when he turned 17 and pledged to enlist right after graduation, say news reports.

"I know medals never crossed his mind," said his father, Tom McGinnis. "He was always about friendships and relationships. He just took that to the ultimate this time."

Although he was thinking about working on high performance sports cars and even took classes in auto mechanics at the Clarion County Career Center, the kid who liked video games and mountain biking left for basic training a week after receiving his high school diploma in June 2005.

"There were doubts about whether he would even qualify physically for service. McGinnis was a skinny kid, almost frail. He was 6 feet tall, but never filled out. He weighed only 136 pounds the day he died," said the Post-Gazette.

"His unit, Company C, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment, headed to Kuwait in July. It moved into Iraq a couple weeks later. Once in Iraq, the smalltown teenager who had always been something of a comedian, and a gangly boy with style and bite, took on a different, more serious personality as a soldier — and the youngest member of his unit."

Even after another young soldier in his company died a painful death in a military burn unit after being injured in a roadside bomb, Pfc. McGinnis continued to believe in his cause. He told his family he thought he was fighting so a society (Iraq) could be free.

McGinnis was cremated and will eventually be buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

"Instead of doing something for us, do something for a soldier or for a veteran. Tell them it's from Pfc. Ross McGinnis," his father said.

And pray for peace.

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GUEST COMMENTARY BY JOE COBB

'Santa Claws' is coming

In this season of holiday joy and gifts, the image of Santa Claus is everywhere. The jolly old elf and his reindeer-drawn sleigh, his oversized bag of toys and his "ho ho ho" are passed on by parents to children as part of our cultural tradition.

Since the 1930s, the U.S. government has gotten into the Santa Claus game by increasing the generosity of welfare and subsidy programs. The Congress in recent years has increased government spending to \$2,654 billion — doubling the size of government during the Clinton and Bush administrations. Politicians run for re-election on the record of how much of other people's tax money they have captured for spending back home, just like 535 little Santa Claus elves cheerily making gifts to the happy voters. The Santa Claus spirit is shown by infamous spending earmarks such as the "bridge to nowhere" in Alaska and thousands of other special pork projects, and expensive new entitlements like the Medicare prescription drug benefit.

In the Santa Claus story, however, the toys and gifts he brings are made by magic, so they are free. In the real world, parents have to crowd into stores during the busy retail season and pay real money for those things. Yet, magical thinking still dominates our nation's political philosophy, at least in regard to government spending.

But the Santa Claus story should be taken seriously as an example of political reality in the United States today for other reasons, too. There are increasing examples of how our government is more closely resembling the mythical figure, and not in a good way. Santa Claus is becoming "Santa Claws."

Remember the lyrics of the famous song:
He knows when you are sleeping;
He knows when you're awake.
He knows when you've been bad or good,
So be good for goodnessake!

In the past six years, if not for as long as memory will serve, this is now the story of our government. The idea that Americans have some constitutional rights to private property and personal freedom are becoming mere historical footnotes. "Santa Claws" has come to town, and he is gathering information about every aspect of our lives. "He knows when you've been bad or good, so be good for goodness sake."

The new Military Commissions law,

passed earlier this year, has given the president the power to order the indefinite detention of any person, anywhere in the world — including U.S. citizens in the United States — without the right to a trial and without the historic right of habeas corpus. The president, or his officers, need only certify that one is an "enemy combatant," which is a term not defined in the law.

Of course, this power will never be used by our president for bad purposes; no, of course not. Only terrorists will be imprisoned and tortured, but environmental activists should be careful, too. Right-to-life activists who protest outside abortion clinics need to watch their step. If the military draft is established again, as Congressman Charles Rangel (D-NY) wants, be careful not to protest or resist the draft, as millions of Americans did in the 1970s.

The Patriot Act adopted a few years ago provides for warrant-less searches of our homes and businesses, along with spying on our library records, our Internet activity and our bank accounts. The Real ID act provides for a nationwide system of photo identification, and Congress is seriously looking at a national data bank of DNA and other biological identification measures. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 2004 that Larry Hilbel did not have the right to refuse to show identification to a police officer, even though he was not suspected of any crime.

A national computerized data bank is being set up to identify everyone who can be legally authorized to work in this country, as part of the new focus on illegal immigration. Medical records are being computerized and centralized, for greater efficiency in emergency treatment of accidents and illness. Pets are being implanted with radio frequency identification chips, and some serious proposals have been made to use these devices on children, who are at risk of abduction and abuse.

How did we manage to transform this "land of the free" into a modern totalitarian state? Perhaps we just invited Santa Claws to come to town and he "knows when we've been bad," or at least when we are thinking about the freedom we have lost.

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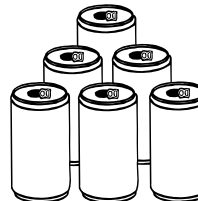
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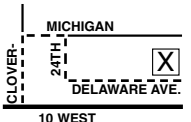
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Hopes of starting anew ...
As this year gives way to the next, many are happy to bid adieu to 2006. With each new year comes a fresh perspective, new dreams and the once-a-year opportunity to take a mulligan in life. The year has been a very transitional one, with changes in positions of power on both the local and national levels. The stage is set for '07. This week's Q-Line question asks:
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The first person to accurately describe where this week's Mystery Photo was taken will win a prize, courtesy of the Santa Monica Daily Press. E-mail answers to editor@smdp.com.



Phil Brock was the winner of last week's Mystery Photo contest, being the first to correctly identify that the shot to the left depicts the light towers in front of the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium. Brock has won a prize from the Daily Press. Look for a new Mystery Photo in each Monday's edition.

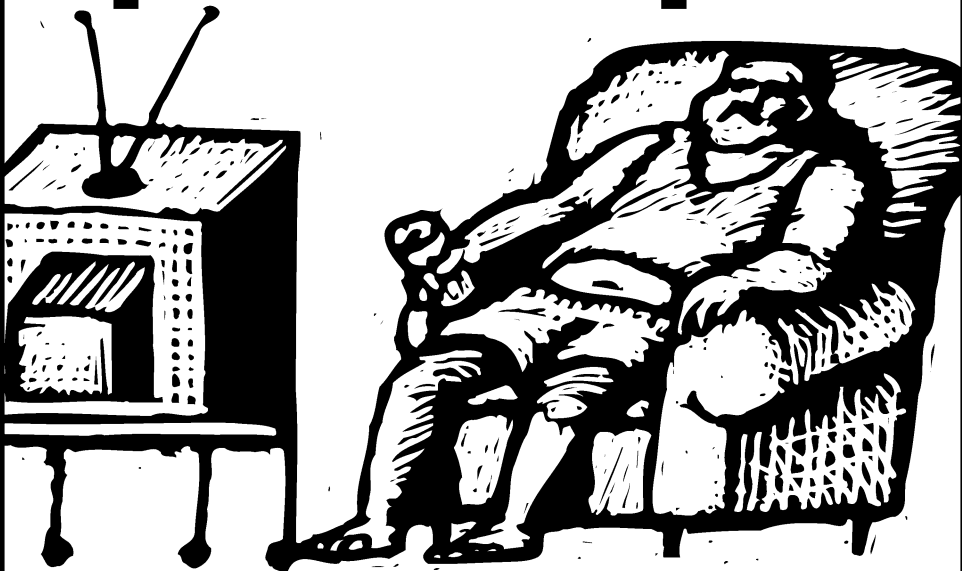
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Judge overturns decision to reject tiger salamander protection

BY TERENCE CHEA

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SAN FRANCISCO — A judge has overturned a decision by state wildlife regulators to reject a petition to give protected status to the California tiger salamander.

Sacramento Superior Court Judge Lloyd G. Connelly ordered the Fish and Game Commission to conduct a 12-month review to determine whether to list the yellow-and-black amphibian as an endangered or threatened species.

Connelly said the commission "misstated or ignored substantial evidence" and "relied on conflicting information of doubtful scientific value" when it voted 3-2 two years ago to reject the petition to list the salamander under the California Endangered Species Act.

In the Dec. 14 opinion released Wednesday, Connelly wrote that "all competent scientific evidence in the record supports a finding of a substantial possibility that (a salamander) listing could occur."

During the yearlong review period, the salamander will be given protected status that makes it illegal to harm or kill the species.

The Center for Biological Diversity, which sued the commission in February 2005 after its petition to list the salamander was rejected, hailed the judge's decision Wednesday.

"The decision holds the commissioners accountable to base their decisions on science rather than political considerations," said Kassie Siegel, an attorney for the conservation group, which filed petitions to list the salamander in 2001 and 2004.

Officials at the Fish and Game Commission had not seen the ruling Wednesday and could not comment, said Jon Fischer, the commission's assistant executive director.

The tiger salamander, which lives in woodlands, grasslands and vernal pools, has been in decline throughout California for years with the expansion of urban and agricultural development. Environmentalists say the amphibian has lost 75 percent of its original habitat.

Facing multiple lawsuits, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in recent years has listed salamander populations in Sonoma and Santa Barbara counties as "endangered" and populations in Central California as "threatened."

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Local post offices received over 3,000 Santa letters

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Christmas morning to find presents," said Cabello. "The kids and their parents are just so grateful and choked-up. They are just so grateful and it really feels good to be able to help someone who is less fortunate than you are."

"That's what Christmas truly means to me."

Cabello isn't alone. Every year, thousands of letters are answered by major corporations, churches and other non profits as well as postal employees who often know the children writing to the North Pole because they live along the postal workers' routes.

This year, the Los Angeles facility that processes mail for the entire Westside, including Santa Monica, received more than 3,000 letters addressed to Santa's workshop.

"We've been doing this for over 50 years," said Larry Dozier, a spokesman for the Postal Service. "It's a longstanding tradition to fulfill these children's wishes."

Despite what people may think after watching films such as "Miracle of 34th Street," the Postal Service does not just sit on Santa's letters.

"We try to distribute as many as we can to those who are interested in helping out," Dozier said.

So what happens to all the missives full of hope and wishes that do not make their way into the hands of a giving individual?

At least some of them have become part of

a project called Arctic Phenomenon, designed by the University of Lapland to study the letters written to Santa. Some are saved for posterity, like the letter written on birch bark by two Polish schoolboys that is now proudly displayed in the wall of the Santa Claus Main Post Office, located on the Arctic Circle in Lapland.

Of course, most of the letters written to Santa are wish lists itemizing the gifts the writer would love to find under their tree on Christmas morning.

There are exceptions, however. Many people write simply to wish Santa well. And some write for other reasons. One couple wrote wishing Santa would respond so they could tell their unborn baby that Santa really existed. Others discuss their hopes and fears. Some bring tears to the eye, like the one from a homeless 7-year-old who wanted nothing for himself, just diapers for his infant sister.

"Some of the letters just really tug at your heart strings," Cabello said. "A lot of them are asking for the bare necessities. I had a child write that they didn't need any toys and hadn't asked for anything from Santa except a coat because it was cold. Both his parents had just lost their jobs."

While it is too late to give gifts this year, those interested should contact their local post office next year, Dozier said.

"We're here, the letters are here, so come on down and look through them," Dozier said. "There really is a need."

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Card sales up from last year

GIFT CARDS, from page 1

Even so, this holiday season is likely to see record sales of gift cards. The National Retail Federation, a trade group, estimates that shoppers will buy \$24.8 billion worth of cards, up 34 percent from last year.

More places offer gift cards these days, including drugstores, jewelers, spas and even supermarkets. Shoppers are buying cards with higher dollar values, and more stores are packaging the cards with accessories to make them look less like plastic money.

About 6 percent, or \$4.8 billion, of this year's gift cards will go unused, estimated Laura Lane, vice president of unclaimed property services for Keane Co., a compliance and risk management consulting firm.

Consumer Reports put the figure even higher, estimating that 19 percent of those who received cards last year had not used them because the cards were lost or expired.

"It can add up to significant dollars," Lane said. "I think the message to consumers

is: use it or regift it."

Some gift cards get spent faster than others. Supermarkets and gas stations have close to 100 percent redemption rates, said Bob Skiba, who runs the gift card division of Ceridian Corp.'s Comdata gift card division, based in Louisville, Ky.

"You don't have to buy a sweater every day, but you do have to eat and fill up your car," Skiba said.

Retailers say they would rather see customers use the cards.

"They have money in their pockets that's pointed to our store," said John Fleming, Wal-Mart Stores Inc.'s marketing chief and a former Target Corp. executive.

In addition, a retailer can't report revenue from a gift card when it is sold. The revenue is recognized as the card is used or after it has gone a long time without being used.

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COMMUNITY PROFILES

THOMAS STEPHENS

Recording Katrina

STEPHENS, from page 1

finish classes at Santa Monica College.
“There were a lot of things I had never seen before,” said Stephens, now a Santa Monica resident. “Santa Monica Pier really caught my attention.
“I go to the lake all the time, but the ocean, it’s different.”

WHY IS THE WATER STILL RISING?

Stephens thought Hurricane Katrina would be just like any other hurricane.
“I’m from the projects and the project housing is made out of brick,” he said. “I lived through hurricanes and I was always all right.”
Rather than leave town like the rest of his family, he decided to await the hurricane at home, snapping photos of and recording the storm as it progressed. Following the storm, Stephens stepped outside, stretching his arms and grinning. He had weathered another storm.

But the grin slowly disappeared as he realized the water was constantly rising. At this point, Stephens was unaware that the levees had failed the city.

After assessing that the situation was worse than anticipated, Stephens left his house, walking through water that went as high as his neck until he arrived at a bridge.

He witnessed the chaos that ensued as people began killing each other, running down the streets with weapons and breaking into stores. With his trusty camera, Stephens began snapping photos, documenting as much as he could. One photo he took was of a dead man who lay at the bottom of a bridge. Half of his face was smashed.

Stephens managed to escape the city when he got word that there was a bus, reserved for the bus company employees and their families, departing the city.

“I just came back from the supermarket with food and I hadn’t eaten in two days. Since I had food with me, they didn’t say anything,” Stephens said.

The bus arrived at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, where Stephens stayed overnight in a hotel. Holding his last paycheck from his job, Stephens made his way to the Golden State.

BEGINNINGS OF A ‘REVOLUTION’

When Stephens arrived in Santa Monica, he walked over to the arcade on the pier, where he met his first local friend.

Cruz Rodriguez, 24, of Westchester, was playing Dance Dance Revolution, a popular game where the video gamer has to follow certain dance steps that pop up on a television screen, when Stephens, a video game fanatic himself, joined.

“Normally, I keep to myself, but there was something about his character that made me want to talk to him and be friends,”



Thomas Stephens Special to the Daily Press

WATERS RUN DEEP: Stephens snapped photos and recordings following Hurricane Katrina. As the waters rose, he caught a bus to escape the devastation and moved to the West coast.

Rodriguez said on Friday.
The two started talking and Rodriguez learned about Stephens’ story.
“Come back sometime and hang out with my friends,” Rodriguez said.
And so he did.
“He’s a cool guy,” said Olivia Banegas, 19, of Santa Monica. “I met him the next day [after Stephens met Rodriguez]. He treats me like I’m his little sister.”

After living for a month in West Covina and realizing the living situation with his friend would not work out, Stephens decided to move to Santa Monica since his friends lived in or around the city.

But it was hard for Stephens to get back on his feet. After expending all his FEMA money, the unemployment insurance, which provided \$200 a week, kicked in.

In May, Stephens decided to start working and contacted a temp agency, which placed him in an administrative assistant position at Booz Allen Hamilton, a strategic management and technological consulting firm in El Segundo.

But the work at Booz Allen Hamilton provided inconsistent hours, with Stephens being called on as needed. With the disaster relief funding set to expire in two months, Stephens was becoming desperate.

The full-time job hunt began. Stephens sought help wanted signs and advertisements, but whenever an opportunity would present itself, Stephens would freeze from fear, unable to take the next step, and would fall back into his shell.

It’s a fear that he believes was caused by the trauma of Hurricane Katrina.

Luck finally turned Stephens’ way two weeks ago when Booz Allen Hamilton

offered him the administrative assistant job full-time.

Sam Porgess, managing partner for Booz Allen Hamilton, met Stephens at a holiday party a few weeks ago and learned about his story. Hiring Stephens was a no-brainer, Porgess said.

“Here is someone doing a good job and needs help,” Porgess said. “I wish I would’ve known earlier.”

LOOKING FORWARD

The past year would have even been more unbearable had it not been for the emotional and familial support provided by Stephens’ friends.

“I’m really happy that he was able to come out here in LA and make friends so quickly,” Rodriguez said. “A lot of us helped him with his troubles. He was holding in a lot.”

Stephens is not sure whether he wants to return to New Orleans. He now has a permanent job and a great place to live in a city he could only dream of before.

Thoughts of New Orleans and how much he misses his hometown keep Stephens awake at night sometimes. He misses the food, his family back home and his friends.

But it’s time to start anew. He’s considering attending Santa Monica College and exploring his options in photography, Japanese or engineering.

“There are different things here, different cultures and different races,” Stephens said. “I actually feel more comfortable here than back at home. It’s like this is where I should be.”

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NATIONAL

The quest to identify two who died in the tempest

BY RUKMINI CALLIMACHI

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NEW ORLEANS — Water is unforgiving to the dead and by the time the crews arrived, the men were missing their eyes.

Carefully, the workers slipped them into black, zippered bags, placed them inside a van and drove them 70 miles to an emergency morgue which had been set up inside a refrigerated tent. Over the months that followed, investigators cut them, prodded them, photographed them, X-rayed them and removed pieces of their DNA, all in an attempt to coax their bodies into spitting out names.

In neat rows beside them are the coffins of 27 other anonymous souls, their bodies stuck in a forensic purgatory — unknown, unclaimed and unable to be buried more than 15 months after Hurricane Katrina made landfall.

There were those among Katrina’s dead who succumbed alongside people they knew; slips of paper or damp cardboard, inscribed with their names, were tucked into their clothes. But many more drowned alone, their bodies drifting in the black water, getting snagged on fence posts, coming to rest beneath freeway overpasses, in the rubble of uprooted homes.

It’s a fate which continues to torture the living as they struggle to give the dead what the dead are owed.

A body can only say so much about itself. It can tell its sex, for instance, its height, a race. Bones can speak of past accidents.

But the elements and simple decay can erase much of the rest. More than a week passed before the first crew arrived to retrieve the more than 1,300 people who died in Louisiana and by that time, many of the bodies were bloated beyond recognition.

Besides their eyes, the two men were missing their finger- and toenails. Soaking in the coarse water, their skin color changed; the workers who retrieved them couldn’t tell if the men were black or white.

The two bodies had been lying in the mud inside the locked apartment at 224 De La Ronde Drive for at least 16 days when the white, unmarked van pulled up.

With orders to save the living, the National Guard had already searched the building, but could do little more than mark it with the words “2 dead” and a spray-painted X. They painted a red arrow over the muddy weeds, pointing to apartment 4D, before moving on.

Then the rescue crew from Kenyon International Emergency Services arrived, slipping into white Tyvek suits and strapping on respirators. They broke down the door.

With their gloved hands, they lifted the two bodies from a carpet of wet mud and placed them into two plastic body bags.

Then they carried them out feet first, as they walked in life, said Kenyon CEO Robert Jensen, a veteran of the U.S. Army’s mortuary service, where he learned the ritual.

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Deep in disaster

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we can to give them a little bit of their dignity back,” he said.

Under police escort, they were driven out of the disaster zone to the tiny town of St. Gabriel on the winding banks of the Mississippi River.

In the Bible, the archangel Gabriel stands at the gates of heaven. Here, Blackwater guards greeted the dead, ushering them into a refrigerated tent where the fresh, cold air was not enough to disperse the odor of death — a fruity smell, like that of a distorted, stinking peach.

“I always knew how fragile life is. But I had never seen so many people in that terrible condition before,” said Dr. Frank Minyard, 77, Orleans Parish’s coroner since 1973. “They were bringing them in by the truckload. All in body bags. All badly deteriorated. As tough as I am — and I think I’m tough — it affected me. I lost the joy in my heart.”

In a loading bay, the bags containing the two men were lifted onto two aluminum tables and unzipped. The mud was washed from their bodies, and the investigators recorded what few details were apparent, starting with the men’s personal effects.

The first man had on a fancy, short-sleeved dress shirt. On it, a pattern of red, single-stem roses. In his pocket, \$60. On his shoulder, a blue tattoo of a sailing ship.

He was 6 feet tall and at least 65 years old. Several weeks would pass before his skull and facial bones were measured and investigators could say with certainty that he was white.

When they opened the second bag, they found a naked man. He was also over 65 and around 6 feet tall. Measurements would show

that he, too, was white.

In the bag with him was a single packet of Sweet’n Low.

Each man was tagged with a number, their name in the afterlife until their real ones could be found. Then they were wheeled to different compartments in the tent, each one with a different identifying function.

At the X-ray booth, morgue workers took full-body images of the corpses. They hoped to find a pacemaker or a hip implant — a piece of steel inserted inside the body that might yield a serial number.

The men had none.

They also looked for evidence of trauma, a healed fracture, perhaps, that could be pinned to a relative’s memory of a car accident or bad fall.

There were none.

At another station, investigators tried to lift their fingerprints, but their skin slipped off like a glove.

They took X-rays of their teeth in the hope that dental records salvaged from New Orleans could help them attach a body to a name.

(Back in the submerged city, Doug Cross, a dentist whose own practice was underwater, donned a Hazmat suit and ventured inside flooded dentists’ offices. It would take him an hour or more to open a bloated filing cabinet and meticulously pull apart each crusty folder. Files crumbled in his hands. Others remained stuck together like a child’s botched paper mache project.)

In another compartment of the tent, a piece of each man’s right tibia, or shinbone, was extracted, and from the inner core of the bone, his DNA.

The specimen was put on ice, but the men would have to wait three more months, until the state finalized a contract with a DNA lab,

before their genetic code could be unraveled.

Like the living, the dead would learn early on to wait.

In December, the bone fragments were cut into halves and carefully rewrapped.

The first piece was sent to a DNA lab in Virginia. The second to a lab in Bosnia, set up to unravel the identities of people retrieved from mass graves.

In Baton Rouge, a family assistance center was fielding calls from the relatives of the more than 13,000 people initially reported missing. More than 1,000 mouth swabs were collected from the families of those presumed dead and a database of their DNA was established. Back in New Orleans, investigators were venturing into the rubble, retrieving hair brushes, nail clippers, socks, anything that might offer specks of the genetic barcode of the missing. Almost all of it was contaminated by the floodwaters.

Relatives were asked to bring Christmas and Mother’s Day cards in the hope that a trace of saliva could be found behind the crusty stamp.

It would be spring before the two labs returned their findings: Their DNA didn’t match any of the samples donated by families of the missing. But it turns out, the genetic material distilled from the four tiny pieces of thigh bone was nearly identical.

The two men from apartment 4D are brothers.

In April, the bodies of the two brothers made the 70-mile trip back to New Orleans in another refrigerated truck.

The warehouse which was to become their temporary home is on a street of flowering weeds not far from Interstate 10, in a deserted, industrial corridor downtown. Its yellow, corrugated metal doors are sealed shut. It’s a

place that might store two-by-fours, or PVC pipes, an anonymous product, sold in bulk.

For the first time, they were laid to rest in handsome, silver coffins. Inside, the brothers still lie in their body bags, but the bags now rest against the silken, ivory crepe that lines the caskets. Priests and ministers of different faiths came to bless the coffins lying in the warehouse, murmuring prayers.

“It kills me that we can’t identify them,” says Julia Powers, chief of the forensic identification unit handling the Katrina deaths.

When she got word that the men were brothers, Powers could barely contain her excitement: “I mean, how many people are missing two white, elderly brothers?” she asked.

At her desk inside the New Orleans Forensic Center, she searched the database. For keywords, she tried variations of “white,” “brothers” and “over 65” — but got no hits.

No one, it appeared, has been looking for two brothers from a street of flooded 1970s-era apartment buildings in the white, blue-collar community of Chalmette, La.

From the beginning, the identification of the dead, like every aspect of the post-Katrina recovery, was marred by bureaucratic red tape. Eventually, a state-of-the-art morgue, nicknamed the “forensic Taj Mahal,” would be erected inside the shell of a building in Carville, not far from St. Gabriel.

But as federal dollars dried up, it would be packed up, and the forensic team disbanded. The remaining dead were shipped back to New Orleans. Relief agencies that had collected information on the missing packed up, too, and some took their databases with them.

By spring, only a few scientists remained. New employment contracts, unlike their previous agreement, specified that they could do only analysis, not field work.

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(Left to right) Frank Cornejo, 19, volunteer coordinator, Jeremiah Washington, director of volunteer and youth services and Arthur Rojas, director of health and safety services, sort through hundreds of toys at the Red Cross in Santa Monica during their 'Share the Holiday — Toy Drive' on Friday. The Red Cross gathered 2,600 toys which they will be distributing throughout the holidays.

Caution advised for gas-fired appliances

CARBON MONOXIDE, from page 3

disorientation, nausea and fatigue.

While there have been no reports of Santa Monica residents being overcome by carbon monoxide, there have been two recent Los Angeles-area incidents. Earlier this week, two Long Beach women used a barbecue to heat their home, and a Pomona family was poisoned by a faulty furnace, according to the Associated Press.

No one died in either case, and all parties are expected to make a full recovery.

A WARM WARNING

To avoid carbon monoxide poisoning, the Fire Administration advises people not to use stoves or ranges to heat homes, and people should not use a barbecue of any kind inside. Never keep a car running in a garage — even with the garage door open, there will not be enough fresh air to prevent dangerous carbon monoxide buildup.

Paneno also recommends having a licensed professional maintain all heating and ventilation systems.

“Any type of gas-fired appliance should be maintained properly, should be cleaned [and] should be unobstructed,” he said.

A carbon monoxide detector, which works much like a smoke detector, could

help save a life. The Fire Administration recommends installing one with an audible alarm near sleeping areas and outside bedrooms.

“I love those types of devices,” Paneno said. “When people are sleeping, they’re not thinking about it. [Carbon monoxide detectors] do all the worrying for you.”

If you have such a detector and its alarm goes off, what you do next depends on whether you or a family member feels ill, according to the Fire Administration. If no one is feeling sick, turn off all heat sources, and open windows and doors to ventilate. If someone is feeling ill, then evacuate immediately and call 9-1-1. Do not re-enter the building.

“Only 35 percent of homeowners have a carbon monoxide detector in their home — leaving more than half of families exposed to this silent killer,” said Meredith K. Appy, president of the Home Safety Council, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to preventing home related injuries, in a press release.

For more information on carbon monoxide, go to the Santa Monica Fire Department’s Web site at www.santamonicafire.org or to the U.S. Fire Administration’s site at www.usfa.dhs.gov.

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Church will offer any official endorsement, said the Rev. Bob Stoeckig, a Las Vegas Diocese official and pastor at St. Joseph, Husband of Mary Church in Las Vegas.

“These things happen every once in a while,” Stoeckig said. “If it ultimately leads people to a deeper faith in Christ, it’s probably not harmful. But if it takes them off in another direction, it could be.”

Not everyone is certain the image is divine.

Mark Chambers, president of Skeptics of Las Vegas, a group dedicated to promoting science and skepticism, said people are programmed to project their own interpretations of shapeless things.

“All of these different sightings are the result of us ... trying to find pattern and organization and meaning in the world around us,” said Chambers, a psychologist and former professor at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. “We are pattern-seeking animals.”

Freddy Montero decided the pattern was really dried salt residue from a long-gone sprinkler. He said he doesn’t care to look at it anymore.

But family friend Gabriela Krozel and others still want to stare.

Krozel brought her 4-month-old baby to the Monteros’ house on a recent evening and stood, smiling and shivering in the chilly air.

“I want it. I believe in her,” Krozel said. “I want it.”

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The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) seeks the assistance of 1,500 volunteers to support the nation's largest enumeration of homeless people. The 2007 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count will begin with a three-day count on the nights of Jan. 23, 24, and 25, 2007. Teams of two or more enumerators will count homeless individuals and families currently residing on the streets and other outdoor

locations. Additionally, there will be a count of people in shelters, in motels that accept vouchers, and in institutions such as hospitals, jails, and in alcohol and drug residential treatment centers. For eight weeks following the enumeration, a representative sample of homeless residents will be surveyed throughout the county to gather more in-depth information. The homeless count is critical to planning for and receiving funding for homeless services.

Volunteers will be asked to attend one 90-minute training prior to participation. The training sessions will take place Jan. 16-18, 2007, throughout the county during daytime and evening hours.

"Volunteers are critical to the success of the Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count," said LAHSA Executive Director Rebecca Isaacs. "This effort would not be possible without their participation."

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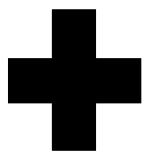
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Eight Marines charged

BY THOMAS WATKINS

Associated Press Writer

SAN DIEGO — Eight Marines are charged in the deadliest criminal case to arise from the Iraq war, but it was the actions of just one that prosecutors say led most directly to the deaths of 24 unarmed civilians and a subsequent attempted cover-up.

According to charging documents, Staff Sgt. Frank D. Wuterich, killed 12 people and was responsible for the deaths of six others in the Iraqi city of Haditha, telling three other Marines under his command to “shoot first and ask questions later, or words to that effect.”

After the killings, Wuterich lied about the circumstances, prosecutors say. Besides Wuterich and his men, four officers have been charged with failure to properly investigate the incident.

Wuterich's lawyer, Neal Puckett, said prosecutors are eager to get a conviction in this high-profile case and have set their sights on his 26-year-old client. Though all four Marines charged with unpremeditated murder say they acted properly in a combat situation, it's likely prosecutors will seek to pressure those who served under Wuterich to blame him for the killings. In return for their cooperation, charges could be reduced or dropped.

“They work really hard on the lesser actors to try to get them talk about the greater actors,” Puckett said. “It's a common practice to flip the little guys against the big guys.”

That is what happened recently in a separate case at Camp Pendleton, when seven Marines and a Navy corpsman were charged with kidnapping and murdering an Iraqi civilian in the town of Hamdania. Four pleaded guilty in return for reduced charges and prison sentences of less than two years. They have agreed to testify against the others, who are awaiting trial.

Military prosecutors are not discussing the Haditha case, which has created a firestorm of controversy in Iraq. Friends

and relatives of those killed say the Marines indiscriminately killed men, women and children. They want the troops to face harsh penalties, with some calling for death.

The four Marines charged with unpremeditated murder could face life in prison if convicted.

Prosecutors say Wuterich, 26, of Meriden, Conn., showed a “wanton disregard for human life,” murdering six people in a home after “disregarding the requirement to have positive identification prior to engaging a target.”

Afterward, they say, he told his men to lie to investigators and himself gave a false statement when he said his squad came under fire from four men in a car.

Through their lawyers, Wuterich and the others they say followed rules of engagement after a roadside bomb killed one of their comrades. They say they came under small arms fire from nearby houses and responded appropriately, using approved tactics to eliminate the threat.

Lawyers for two of the men charged with Wuterich said their clients have no intention of cooperating with prosecutors.

“We're not seeking any negotiations with the prosecution,” said Jack Zimmerman, who represents Lance Cpl. Stephen Tatum. “He will not become a government witness, because there's nothing to become a government witness about. We don't think a crime was committed.”

Attorney Gary Myers, who represents Lance Cpl. Justin Sharratt, offered a similar assessment. The attorney for the fourth enlisted man charged, Lance Cpl. Sanick P. Dela Cruz, could not be reached for comment.

Prosecutors have their work cut out because all the Marines seem to agree about the circumstances surrounding the killings, said Gary Solis, a former Marine Corps prosecutor and judge who teaches law of war at Georgetown University Law Center.

“I still foresee the possibility for one of the accused offering to testify in return for immunity, but in this case there isn't as much to reveal,” Solis said.

Tiger attacks trainer at zoo

BY TERENCE CHEA

Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — A 350-pound Siberian tiger attacked and injured her trainer shortly after a public feeding Friday at the San Francisco Zoo, according to zoo officials.

The unidentified woman may lose one of her arms as a result of her injuries, and was in surgery Friday at San Francisco General Hospital with injuries to both of her arms, Fire Chief Joanne Hayes-White said.

“My understanding is the injuries are not life-threatening, but perhaps limb-threatening,” Hayes-White said.

The 3-year-old tiger, Tatiana, reached through the iron bars of her enclosure and grabbed the trainer with both front paws shortly after 2 p.m., zoo officials said.

At least 50 visitors were at the zoo's big cat exhibit, called the Lion House, when the tiger attacked, said Robert Jenkins, director of animal care and conservation at the zoo. They were quickly evacuated following the incident.

The trainer has been an animal keeper at the zoo since 1997. Her main job is taking care of the zoo's four lions and three tigers, Jenkins said.

“No matter how familiar you get with these animals,

they're still wild animals,” Jenkins said. “You have to have a healthy respect for them and be aware of what can happen.”

The zoo houses two types of tigers, Sumatran and Siberian. The tigers are fed fortified horse meat at the so-called Lion House facility. The Sumatran tigers can weigh up to 350 pounds, while the Siberian males can weigh up to 600 pounds.

The indoor portion of the Lion House will remain closed pending an investigation of the attack, Jenkins said. Visitors will still be able to view the zoo's lions and tigers, including Tatiana, in the outdoor portion of the exhibit.

Tatiana arrived at the San Francisco Zoo from the Denver Zoo more than a year ago. There were no previous incidents of aggression against humans involving the tiger, said Ana Bowie, a Denver Zoo spokeswoman.

The mauling was the first tiger attack against a human at San Francisco Zoo, Jenkins said.

The zoo conducts tiger feedings six days a week, a popular attraction for hordes of children, parents and nannies who visit daily.

According to its Web site, San Francisco Zoo is one of the only zoos in the U.S. where visitors can see big cat feedings.

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Airport backlog could take all weekend to clear

BY KIM NGUYEN

Associated Press Writer

DENVER — Officials opened two more runways Saturday at Denver's airport after a two-day blizzard as airlines struggled to move thousands of holiday travelers stranded across the country.

Some people had given up hope of spending Christmas with loved ones, however, as airlines were running at near-full capacity with little room for the people whose earlier flights were canceled.

The busiest carrier at Denver International, United Airlines, planned to operate a full schedule of 900 departures and arrivals Saturday for the first time since the storm blew in Wednesday, spokeswoman Robin Urbanski said. Flights were running "close to on schedule," she said.

The airport, the nation's fifth-busiest, expected to have all six runways cleared by Sunday, but there was no telling when the

backlog of passengers would be cleared out.

"We don't know," Urbanski said.

The jam in Denver backed up flights around the country heading into one of the busiest travel times of the year, with 9 million Americans planning to take to the air during the nine-day Christmas-to-New Year's period. An estimated 64.9 million people will travel more than 50 miles from home by air, rail and road during the holidays, according to AAA.

In addition, flights were delayed by low visibility Friday in Atlanta and by wind in Philadelphia.

Overseas, fog had grounded flights for most of the week at London's Heathrow Airport, stalling tens of thousands of people who had planned on taking flights at Europe's busiest airport. The fog finally started to lift on Saturday, and British Airways pledged to operate 95 percent of its scheduled flights.

In South America, flight cancellations

and hours-long delays caused by overbooking and equipment problems had haunted Christmas travelers across Brazil since Tuesday. Even the Brazilian air force was called in to help move passengers with its fleet of eight passenger jets.

At Chicago's O'Hare International Airport, Army Spc. Nicholas Silva, of Aurora, curled up on a bench Friday for a third night in a terminal. He said he just hoped he could board a plane for home Saturday evening.

"I've slept in worse areas so this doesn't bug me all that much," said Silva, who spent last Christmas stationed in Iraq and was heading home for the first time in two years. "I'll be home for Christmas. I can see my family. Does it really matter after that?"

Denver International closed to all flights Wednesday when the blizzard buried the city in 2 feet of snow, closing schools, offices and stores at the height of the Christmas rush. More than 3,000 incoming flights alone were canceled or

diverted during the 45-hour shutdown.

An estimated 4,700 travelers camped out at the airport that night, and close to 2,000 spent a second night on the hard floors and a few cots, hoping to get a place at the front of long lines at ticket counters.

Airport officials did not have an estimate of how many people were still there Friday night.

As planes began taking off again at noon Friday, passengers with long-standing reservations filled most of the outbound flights. That was bad news for those waiting to rebook flights canceled during the storm.

Airline officials tried to explain to unhappy travelers at the airport that they cannot simply bring in extra planes to clear the backlog, and those stranded learned it could be Christmas — or later — before they can catch a plane at DIA.

"When we get an airplane, we run it 10 hours a day every day," Frontier spokesman Joe Hodas said. "It's not like we can decide Dayton's not important and just pull some planes from there."

Hawaiian group launches Obama for '08 presidential election

BY TARA GODVIN

Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU — His name may not immediately tip off anyone he's a local, but a group that wants to draft Illinois Sen. Barack Obama to run for president says his island roots and aloha spirit single him out as the best choice for 2008.

"The United States at this point in time needs someone as president who can see the whole world as it is, not just the European view — not just what NATO does and this kind of stuff," said state Sen. Clarence Nishihara, D-Waipahu.

Growing up in Hawaii — with its melting

pot of mostly Asian, Polynesian and European cultures and religions — and Indonesia would have provided the Illinois senator with a wider world view than had he been reared on the mainland, Nishihara said.

The son of a black student from Kenya and a white mother from Kansas, Obama was born in heavily Democratic Hawaii where his father had come to study. Obama graduated from the prestigious Punahou high school in Honolulu, then went on to Columbia University and has a Harvard law degree.

A group of a dozen or so Hawaii Democratic leaders gathered at the state Capitol Thursday to announce their effort to

collect local signatures on a national petition to "respectfully request and encourage" a Hawaii native son to run for the presidency.

"For the last six years we've been governed by fear — fear of terrorists, fear of other countries, even fear of the other party ... everyone is governing by fear and Barack Obama changes all of that. He wants to govern the United States by hope," said Brian Schatz a former state representative, congressional candidate and now the state director of Hawaii's effort to urge Obama to become an official presidential candidate.

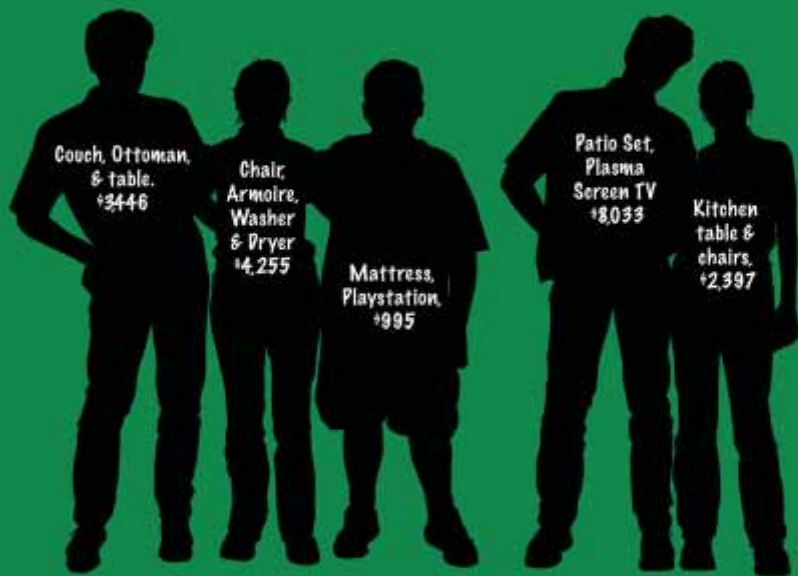
A telephone message left by The Associated Press at Obama's Washington

office for comment was not immediately returned Thursday.

His advisers have said he would consider his choices over the holidays, after his annual Christmas trip to Hawaii to visit his grandmother. He does not have any scheduled party appearances during the trip.

But Obama attracted big crowds at two appearances last weekend during his first visit to the early presidential primary state of New Hampshire, where he spoke about health insurance for all Americans, alternative energy sources and developing the nation's diplomatic power to match its military might.

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Dig against drought

Arizona farmers, ranchers fight to maintain against the elements

BY SHAUN MCKINNON

The Associated Press

PHOENIX — The tawny flats of Warbonnet Ranch shivered as a stiff wind rummaged through grass coaxed from the ground by summer rain.

The grass and the rain, scant though they were, bought Larry Todd another season, maybe two. And on the parched ranges of southeastern Arizona in the middle of a drought, a rancher and his cattle can't ask for much more. Unless it's just more.

"This is good country if you get the rain," said Todd, who bought the Warbonnet in 1980 after fleeing the cooped-up Montana winters. "We had a pretty good summer, but it's getting pretty daggone dry again. If we don't get something this winter and spring ... it's gonna be tough."

Todd knows tough. Drought forced him to sell nearly all of his cattle five years ago and take a job in town to keep groceries in the pantry. But he refused to sell the ranch and has rebuilt the herd to about 250 head, still only about half of what he had owned.

His story rings true to most Arizona ranchers, battle-weary veterans of an 11-year-old drought that has bruised their billion-dollar industry, pushing another of the vaunted "5 C's" of the state's traditional economy (cattle, citrus, climate, copper and cotton) closer to extinction. But more have weathered the drought than have surrendered, and despite mounting losses, many insist they won't quit.

"It's gonna have to get a lot tougher than it is before we'll sell," Todd said. "I'm not sure where a person could go anyway ... There's drought everywhere."

The Warbonnet Ranch compound crouches in a ragged box canyon 18 dust-choked miles from town.

Snow falls in the highest reaches during the winter but not enough to shut down the ranch, and that's why Todd uprooted his family from Montana 26 years ago to scratch out a life in Arizona's low desert.

"I got tired of the cold, windy winters," he said. "I was spending too much time haying or irrigating. I wanted to spend more time riding."

In the cold country, cattle graze the range during the spring and summer while the

ranchers tend crops — growing, cutting and storing hay. Before the snow flies, ranchers bring the cattle back, corralling them in pastures, where they will be fed all winter.

Without snow, cattle can graze all year, moving from pasture to pasture. It works as long as the summer rains and mountain snows keep the forage growing. When drought strikes, so do the realities of ranching in the desert.

Warbonnet Ranch encompasses about 17,000 acres, but Todd owns just a fraction of that. In Arizona, almost no rancher can afford to own all of the land that ranching requires. Forage — the brush, grass and trees that cows eat — grows sparsely and cattle can chew through an acre quickly.

So ranchers lease grazing rights from the state and the federal government under the 1934 Taylor Grazing Act. Ranchers pay \$1.56 a month for each cow and calf on federal lands and \$2.52 a month on state trust lands. Environmentalists have long complained about grazing fees, arguing that they amount to welfare for ranchers.

But what federal rules can give, drought and poor range conditions take away. The federal agencies that oversee grazing pastures, the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management, assess the range each year and determine how many cattle the land can support.

Arizona's ongoing drought reminded ranchers of that reality. In 2002, the driest year of this cycle, the Tonto National Forest sharply reduced the number of cattle allowed to graze, and by fall, the herds had shrunk to barely 8 percent of normal capacity, according to University of Arizona livestock specialist Robert Kattnig.

When the government cuts grazing rights, ranchers face two choices: Buy hay and food supplements or reduce the herd. Few ranchers can afford to buy hay on the market for a large herd, so most sell, often for prices far below what they could have gotten normally.

The economic effects of the drought could take years to measure, but in his study, the UA's Kattnig predicted huge losses. In 2000, he said, calves and yearling cattle sales in Arizona generated more than \$600 million. During the worst years of the drought, only about one-third of the typical herd

numbers remained, resulting in a loss of \$400 million in revenue. Using a formula to measure the effects on the total economy, Kattnig said the real loss to the state was closer to \$2.8 billion.

Ranching has suffered losses in the state even without the extended drought. Since 1986, the number of beef cattle dropped from about 293,000 head to an estimated 190,000 this year, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The number of cattle operations fell from 3,000 to about 1,900 in the same period.

Some effects do not translate well to statistics. Cattle raised and grazed on the range know the country and they teach it to their calves.

"They know where the water is, the trails," Todd said. "The new ones don't." That makes more work for ranch hands, who chase down more strays and spend more time guiding the animals to watering holes.

Wilma Renken is a rangeland management specialist in the Willcox office of the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service. She spends many of her days out with ranchers, helping them learn how to keep cattle in an impossible environment.

Renken's job is to help monitor the land. She takes ranchers out and shows them what to look for.

"You have to listen to what the soil tells you," she said. "When you lose the soil, you lose it all."

Todd listens to what Renken tells him. He has adopted conservation measures and has spent money installing pipelines to keep waterholes full. He can't hide his love for the land.

"If we didn't take care of the land, it wouldn't pay us," he said. "If you don't protect the resources you have, after a while, they're gone."

He said he believes he can make it through to spring. A decent winter will get him past summer. Continued drought will push him toward decisions he'd rather not consider. But he has made one decision already.

"We're planning on staying here as long as we possibly can," he said. "This is a good ranch. The good Lord is going to send us some rain sometime. We have to trust in him and do what we can until it comes."

New study says ocean's ecosystems are safe

BY TARA GODVIN

Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU — Could Hawaii's beloved ahi poke soon be a dish of the past? A new study by a University of Hawaii researcher and other scientists says "no," challenging earlier findings that the ocean's ecosystems face collapse within a few decades.

Dire predictions for such seafood delicacies as the marinated raw tuna side dish made headlines last month when a study appeared in the journal Science warning that unchecked overfishing and pollution could destroy most global fishing industries by 2048.

"I think that our main point is that the impact of fisheries on the ecosystem is not as extreme as portrayed in the popular press," said John Sibert, manager of the University of Hawaii's Pelagic Fisheries Research Program.

"We understand what's going on and we have the tools to fix it," said Sibert, lead author of the new study published Friday, also in Science.

The latest study was prompted by a report published in 2003 in the journal Nature that said that over the course of the last 50 years commercial fishing has cleared the world's oceans of 90 percent of the populations of large tuna, swordfish, marlin and other fish species.

"For us that just didn't pass the common-sense test," Sibert said.

A telephone message left Friday for Boris Worm of Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, an author of both the 2003 and November studies, was not immediately returned.

Using models based on data from Pacific tuna fisheries from 1950-2004, the scientists completing the latest study compared the current populations of four major species of tuna as well as the North Pacific blue shark to what they might be if they weren't fished.

The authors concluded that the species' populations were between 36 percent to 91 percent of what they would be without fishing — all within most fisheries management standards.

"I'm not saying that's a good thing. But as a society that's the choice we have made," Sibert said.

Sibert said he had just recently returned from an international meeting in Apia, Samoa, where he tried to help devise conservation measures for bigeye and yellowfin tuna, which the study had both cited as being on the verge of overexploitation.

"We know what to do to allow these stocks to recover. The hard part is getting the political will among the 26 countries that depend on these fish populations to reduce their fishing activities," he said.

Generally, there is an unwillingness to make those sacrifices, he said.

Janet Larsen, director of research at the Washington-based Earth Policy Institute, said Friday she would be more inclined to agree with the conclusions of the earlier studies.

Catch data from the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization show that three-quarters of oceanic fisheries are exceeding their sustainable yields — meaning more fish are being taken through fishing than can naturally be regenerated, she said.

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Lynx released to wild

By The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Two wayward Canada lynx have been captured in Utah after being treed by dogs, Utah wildlife officials said.

The animals, which are listed as threatened on the Endangered Species List, were caught Dec. 7 and Dec. 12. Both were tranquilized by wildlife officers and transported to Colorado for release.

The first lynx, a female, was caught on the north end of eastern Utah's Book Cliffs by federal wildlife officers. A male lynx was caught a week later in the Mineral

Mountains between Beaver and Milford.

Both animals were in good condition, said Kevin Bunnell, mammals coordinator for the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources.

The animals migrated to Utah from Colorado's San Juan Mountains, where a lynx reintroduction program was started in 1999. Animals in the program are fitted with tracking collars, although some kittens may wander undetected out of Colorado.

In the past, Colorado officials notified Utah wildlife offices when animals migrated west, but that didn't happen this time.

"They had been in the state, and we were not aware of it," he said. "Once we realized they were in some vulnerable places, we decided we better move them. There was some miscommunication; it won't happen again."

Utah officials moved quickly to capture the lynx because they feared the animals could be mistaken for bobcats. Trapping season for bobcats, which are not federally protected, opened Nov. 16 in Utah.

The last lynx captured in Utah was in November 2004. Prior to that no lynx had been seen in the state since the 1970s.

Travelers may spend holiday in Denver

BY CHASE SQUIRES
Associated Press Writer

DENVER — Thousands of frustrated holiday travelers queued up at the ticket counters, desperate for a flight out as Denver International Airport prepared to reopen its runways after a two-day blizzard shutdown.

Airline officials weren't offering much cheer: It could take days to clear out the backlog, and some passengers might not make it home for Christmas.

"We're asking for their patience as we work to get people where they need to be as soon as we safely can," said United Airlines spokesman Jeff Kovick.

More than 2,000 flights were canceled Wednesday through Friday at Denver, the nation's fifth-busiest airport, causing a ripple effect that disrupted air travel around the country just as the holiday crush began. Rain east of the Mississippi river added to the mess, causing delays in Chicago, Cleveland and Washington, among other cities.

Many of the travelers stranded in Denver found themselves on standby Friday morning, hoping to get on another flight at a time when open airline seats are scarce.

"It's like the movie '(The) Terminal,' except it's real," said Joanna Snyder, a teacher from Jackson, Wyo., referring to the 2004 moving starring Tom Hanks as a European stranded at a U.S. airport.

Next year could be a wet one for Texas

BY BETSY BLANEY
Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK, Texas — Texans are about to bid farewell to a dry, hot year that had the nation's No. 2 agriculture state reeling from the worst single-year losses for crops and livestock.

"We're going to have to start to sell cows if we don't get some rain," said rancher John Welch, who manages up to 10,000 head of cattle on Spade Ranches across West Texas.

The forecast through April could improve conditions. A weak to moderate El Nino weather pattern shows increased chances for above normal rainfall statewide.

As much as 20 percent of the state remains in exceptional drought and a simi-

lar percentage is enduring extreme drought, Texas Cooperative Extension drought specialist Travis Miller said.

The first 11 months of 2006 rank as the 31st driest January-through-November stretch since 1895. Average rainfall for that period was 23 inches, down from the normal of 26.02 inches, the National Weather Service said.

Compounding the lack of rainfall is a statewide average temperature of 68.9 degrees, the second warmest January through November on record.

"You put those together and it's not good," National Weather Service meteorologist Victor Murphy said.

The drought, now in about its 20th month, also sparked deadly wildfires and

dropped lake levels to their lowest point for this time of year since 1978.

Lake levels fell 1 percent from October to November and are down 7 percent from a year ago, according to the latest Texas Water Development Board report.

The drought cost the state — the nation's leading producer of cotton and cattle — \$2.5 billion in lost crops and \$1.6 billion in livestock losses.

The cotton crop, coming off a record 8.5-million-bale harvest in 2005, was projected to be down 32 percent for 2006. About three-fourths of the state's hay crop didn't make it, forcing cattle ranchers to pay more for what remained or pay higher prices for hay trucked in from out of state.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ Whether you touch base with the spiritual meaning of this holiday or choose to keep your feelings to yourself, many Rams might be unusually quiet or reflective. Someone might fuss, and you could lose your temper. Ouch! Tonight: Do what you need to do for yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Somehow the magic of the holiday, whether you celebrate it or not, seeps through your actions and words. Share your feelings with those you care about. Resist letting someone's bad mood become yours! Tonight: Just wish upon a star and see what could happen!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You might be quite pivotal to the quality of others' days, and you might not like the responsibility. You also might not be able to buck the present status. A partner or loved one might growl, as you aren't there for him or her more. Tonight: A must appearance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ If you think about others and stay focused on the spiritual interpretation of this holiday, caring will infuse your life. If you are exhausted, be smart: Take a nap rather than take out your mood on someone else. Tonight: Touch base with someone at a distance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Though you understand the nature of the holiday, it might not always be easy to give endlessly or conform to others' needs. Give to others without worrying about receiving. Be less focused on "things" and gifts. Tonight: Spend special time with a loved one.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Others call the shots, and you are on the receiving end. Quite clearly, this position might not be bad. When someone throws a tantrum, look to what is behind the behavior. He or she might have bad memories of this day. Understand that others might be overwhelmed. Tonight: Go along for the ride!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Your energy and efforts are in demand. Pitch in and help. Others might be so exhausted by holiday preparations that they can do no more. Offer a back rub to a loved one who seems to be stalling. Avoid nasty comments. Tonight: Be helpful.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Your creativity comes out, even if you forgot someone. A last-minute purchase might be necessary and costly. Worry less and let others know how much you care. Work with individual foibles rather than make any judgments. Tonight: Find the mistletoe.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Stay close to home. If you find yourself irritated or brusque, stop. No one needs to hear about your bad mood. Remember, someone might not be as fortunate as you. Tonight: Work with surprises.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Express yourself, but try to think about what you say and how you say it. Others easily could be overly sensitive and reactive. Drop in on a neighbor or call some friends. Don't isolate yourself. Tonight: Catch up on others' news.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ You could go to extremes without realizing it. Someone's desires might be pushing you and making you a bit uncomfortable. Remember, you have limitations. The unexpected lifts your spirit. Share good news. Tonight: Catch up on calls. Don't make any wild money decisions.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Use your energy to please others. The Moon in your sign makes you the focal point. Unexpected actions might feel like a relief to you but could shock others. Let an older relative have a tantrum. Tonight: Ask for that special wish.

Born Today

Singer Annie Lennox (1954)

Singer Dido (1971)

Former Egyptian president Anwar Sadat (1918)



Happy Birthday!

Playing the recluse is not your act this year. You are a force to be dealt with. Be responsive to the many people in your life, and be willing to open up and look at issues through others' eyes. Often, the unexpected runs riot through your plans as a reminder to not get stuck in patterns and routines. You will be happier. Expressing negative, or what you see as negative, feelings becomes important if done properly. If you are single, you will meet prospects with ease. Picking the right person might be another issue.

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GOLF
Tiger ends his year in style

BY DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. — Tiger Woods has two trophies he can use as bookends for a year like no other.

It started 322 days ago down the coast at Torrey Pines when he won his first tournament of the year in a playoff at the Buick Invitational. It ended at the Target World Challenge with a 6-under 66 that allowed Woods to blow past U.S. Open champion Geoff Ogilvy and win his tournament for the third time in eight years.

In between came a massive loss with the May 3 death of his father, a missed cut for the first time in a major, then six months of golf that Woods considers his best ever.

The benchmark always has been 2000, when his nine PGA Tour victories included three straight majors. He won 53 percent of his PGA Tour events this year — eight of 15 — including the final two majors.

“I think if you compare the two years, I think this year would have to be better because of, obviously, things I’ve been dealing with off the golf course,” Woods said. “In 2000, I didn’t have to deal with that. Hey, life is full of mysteries and you’ve got to deal with things as they come. Who’s to know that if Dad didn’t struggle and end up passing that I wouldn’t have played that well in the summer.”

The question for the 16-man field he beat: How much better will he get?

Since missing the cut at the U.S. Open, Woods hasn’t finished worse than second in stroke play, winning his final six PGA Tour events of the year, and closing out 2006 with a victory that doesn’t count in the record books, but means plenty to Woods.

He finished at 16-under 272, and again donated his prize money — \$1.35 million — to the Tiger Woods Foundation, with the money distributed between the Tiger Woods Learning Center and his Start Something program for kids.

Starting the day one shot behind Ogilvy, Woods made up ground quickly. He holed a 10-foot birdie putt on the par-5 second hole and chipped in for birdie from 20 feet on the par-3 third. Ogilvy got unlucky with a clump of mud on his ball at No. 2 that led to bogey, and he was never able to recover.

“I knew starting the day I would have to shoot 5 or 6 under to win,” Ogilvy said after his 71. “Maybe that’s why you never play well when he’s there, because you try too hard to shoot a score. Golf is very hard when you’re trying to shoot a low score.”

Chris DiMarco closed with a 71 to finish another shot behind in third.

Woods had said Saturday evening that pars would not be good enough, and he played that way.

NFL
Chiefs hold slim playoff hopes heading into game against Raiders

BY JOSH DUBOW
AP Sports Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. — The scenarios existed for the Kansas City Chiefs to make the playoffs. A loss by Denver, another by Jacksonville, two for Cincinnati, and it goes on.

Three straight losses have dropped the Chiefs to .500 and taken their playoff hopes out of their control. With so much help needed to make it to the postseason, the Kansas City players have pretty much given up hope even if they can win their final two games.

“Oh, 9-7 in the AFC, I don’t think that’s going to get it done,” defensive end Jared Allen said. “To tell you the truth, we’re pretty much counting ourselves out. Mathematically, I guess there’s still a chance, but that’s not really a focus around here. Just get to 9-7.”

To finish with a winning record the Chiefs (7-7) must start by beating the Oakland Raiders (2-12) on Saturday night.

If they do win, they can settle down on their couches and try to figure out which teams to cheer for on Sunday and Monday. But none of that will matter if they can’t beat the Raiders.

A month ago in Kansas City, Oakland quarterback Aaron Brooks was intercepted in the end zone by Jarrad Page in the final minute of a 17-13 loss.

There’s also been Larry Johnson running for the winning score on the final play of a game last year, game-winning field goals by Lawrence Tynes and Morten Andersen, and a Monday night game in 2003 that ended with Tim Brown being tackled at the 1-yard line to preserve a 17-10 Kansas City victory.

“They tend to always commit a foul or do something to mess something up at the end of the game,” Allen said. “Yeah, we’re confident. We know we can beat them at the end of the game because we’ve done it the last seven times.”

The Chiefs are playing with heavy hearts following last week’s death of team owner Lamar Hunt, a longtime rival of Raiders owner Al Davis dating back to their days in the AFL. Hunt was also one of the league’s biggest proponents of expanding the playoffs from 12 to 16 teams, a move that would be a great benefit to the Chiefs this season.

Kansas City coach Herm Edwards is in favor of adding more teams because with the expansion to four divisions in 2002, only two teams can qualify as a wild-card participant.

“Really we have more teams in the league so it’s more competitive,” Edwards said. “It wouldn’t water it down at all, in my estimation.”

It would take all 32 teams making the playoffs for Oakland to have any chance. The Raiders’ season was lost weeks ago and now they’re just playing out the string hoping to accomplish a few small goals.

“I think we kind of have to put the whole playoff thing out of the picture and just win a game,” quarterback Trent Green said. “We’ve lost three in a row and we’re frustrated by that, and it’s been tough how it has unfolded the last month.”

If the Chiefs are going to get back on the right track, they picked the perfect opponent to do it against. Of late, Kansas City has dominated its longtime rival, winning the last seven meetings. The Chiefs are looking to become the first team ever to beat the Raiders eight straight times.

Despite the recent success and Oakland’s poor record this season, Kansas City isn’t taking this game for granted. The seven wins in the streak have all been decided by seven or fewer points, with often one play at the end deciding the game.

They’d like to avoid their second straight winless season in the division and snap a 13-game losing streak to AFC West rivals; get their first road win next week against the New York Jets; and finish with the No. 1 rated pass defense and one of the top three defenses in the NFL.

But even accomplishing that won’t erase all that went wrong in Oakland this season.



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SURF CONDITIONS

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Today is looking quite similar to Sunday with west facing breaks seeing chest to at times head high sets; although, sets will likely be a bit more consistent. Winds and tide are looking ideal.

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NW INCREASES TUESDAY, BUT WEATHER ON THE WAY...
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NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous four weeks up to the ending date of **December 5, 2006**

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QUICK STATS
(for the last 28 days)

Number of sewage spills -- 0

Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 8

Number of wet days -- 4

Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 37/31

Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 10/13

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Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for 3 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Aliso creeks	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	F	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A+	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A	F
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach	A	A+
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily	A	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A+	A+
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	F	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon	ns	A+
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	A+
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	A+

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone

WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days

ns -- no sample taken

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua)	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	F	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	D	D
Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)	A	A+
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A	A+
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A	A+
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A	A+
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	B
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	A+
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	A+
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	C	A
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	A	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	D
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	F
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	D
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	A+



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WORLD BRIEFS

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.

Space shuttle Discovery lands at Cape Canaveral after some last-minute suspense

Space shuttle Discovery and its seven astronauts safely returned to Earth on Friday after some last-minute suspense over which landing site to use, closing out a year in which NASA finally got construction of the international space station back on track. Its arrival announced by its signature twin sonic booms, the spaceship touched down on a floodlit runway in the early evening darkness after a smooth, 13-day flight during which the astronauts rewired the space station and delivered U.S. astronaut Sunita "Suni" Williams to the orbiting outpost for a six-month stay. "We're just really proud of the NASA team that put it together," said Discovery commander Mark Polansky. "We think it's going to be a great holiday." The shuttle brought home Williams' predecessor aboard the space station, German astronaut Thomas Reiter, who felt the pull of gravity Friday for the first time since July. It was not until about an hour before the landing that NASA decided where to bring the shuttle home. There were showers over Florida, and crosswinds at the usual back-up landing site, Edwards Air Force Base in California's Mojave Desert.

DAILY PRESS

WASHINGTON

President, first lady visit wounded soldiers at Walter Reed in annual pre-Christmas tradition

President Bush presented Purple Hearts to wounded troops on Friday at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, an annual holiday tradition of comforting soldiers that he began after the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq in 2003. "We owe them all we can give them, not only for when they're in harm's way, but when they come home to help them adjust if they have wounds, or help them adjust after their time in service," Bush said after visiting the wounded and presenting medals to 14 men and women in the Army, Marines and Air Force. "Every time I come to Walter Reed, I am moved by the courage and bravery of the people I meet," he said. Bush and first lady Laura Bush visited 38 patients among those being treated there for injuries suffered mostly in Iraq, but also in Afghanistan. "It's a remarkable experience to go through the hospital," Bush said. "It's remarkable because of the unbelievable compassion and care of the people who work at Walter Reed. And it's also remarkable to me, these men and women who have volunteered to serve our country, who've received terrible wounds, but whose spirits are strong, their resolve is strong, and their dedication to our country remains strong."

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BEIJING

Failing to get what it wants, blustery North Korea could raise stakes further

When North Korea doesn't get what it wants, it prods the world into paying attention the only way it knows how: raising the stakes, doing everything from launching missiles to its recent nuclear test. The failure this week of the latest arms talks with the communist nation opens the door for the North to increase tensions once again, possibly by setting off another atomic explosion deep beneath the mountains that dominate its rugged landscape. The main U.S. envoy on Friday warned the North against such a move, as he criticized the country for failing to send negotiators into the nuclear talks with the authority to seek any compromise. "To explode a nuclear weapon is obviously going to do rather severe damage to the diplomatic process, and I would argue it would bring severe damage to (North Korea) as well," U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Christopher Hill said. The negotiations in Beijing that ended Friday after five days appeared doomed from the start, with other delegates saying the North Koreans refused even to talk about nuclear weapons or a September 2005 pledge it made to disarm.

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BAGHDAD, Iraq

Insurgent attacks kill 5 more American troops

Insurgent attacks killed five more American troops west of the Iraqi capital, the military said Friday, making December the second deadliest month for U.S. servicemen in 2006. So far this month, 75 American troops have died in Iraq, the same number that were killed in all of April. With nine days remaining in December, the monthly total of U.S. deaths could meet or exceed the death toll of 105 in October. As American deaths in the war pushed closer to 3,000, Iraqis continued to fall victim to sectarian violence between Shiites and Sunnis. Police recovered 21 more bodies in the cities of Baghdad, Baqouba and Kut. With 140,000 U.S. troops now in Iraq, President Bush is considering whether to send thousands more to control the bloodshed. Defense Secretary Robert Gates flew back to Washington on Friday to give Bush his advice on transforming U.S. policy in Iraq after holding three days of talks in the war zone with military and political leaders. Gates was scheduled to see the president at the mountain retreat of Camp David, Md., on Saturday. The White House said Bush would meet with his full National Security Council next Thursday during a stay at his ranch in Crawford, Texas. That session is designed to whittle down the options rather than make final decisions, said Dana Perino, a White House spokeswoman.

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Like father

ANNA NICOLE SMITH was ordered Thursday to bring her infant daughter to California for paternity tests sought by a former boyfriend who claims he is the father of the child, the man’s publicist said in a statement.

“Los Angeles Superior Court has ruled today that Anna Nicole Smith and 3-month-old baby daughter Dannielynn are ordered to submit to paternity testing,” read the statement from Luck Media & Marketing Inc.

Smith’s ex-boyfriend, Larry Birkhead, welcomed the ruling.

“Christmas has come early, and I thank God that I will soon have the opportunity to prove that I am the father ... and eventually hold her in my arms,” Birkhead said in the statement.

Smith’s attorney, Ron Rale, would not deny or confirm the ruling.

A Superior Court spokeswoman declined to confirm the order, saying paternity cases are confi-

dential.

“I believe there is not an issue about Anna’s willingness or unwillingness to submit to testing,” Rale said. “Any kind of allegation that she’s blatantly refusing DNA tests is off the mark and not an accurate depiction of the legal process at this time.”

Smith, 38, was in San Francisco on Dec. 15 for a hearing in her battle for a share of the fortune left by her late husband, oil tycoon J. Howard Marshall III. It was the first time the reali-

Smith ordered to bring daughter for paternity test

ty TV star and former Playboy playmate had been back in the United States since the death of her son, Daniel, and the birth of her daughter in September.

Birkhead, a Los Angeles photographer, filed a lawsuit in October claiming he is the father of Dannielynn Hope Marshall Stern, who was born in September in the Bahamas. If Birkhead is confirmed to be the father, he could receive visitation or custody rights and possibly a large amount of child support.

The birth certificate lists Dannielynn’s father as attorney Howard K. Stern, Smith’s current companion.

The lawsuit demands that Smith and the baby come to California for genetic testing.

Last week, Rale denied Birkhead’s claim and said paternity proceedings are confidential under California law. He said parts of the case are hidden from the public and accused Birkhead’s attorney, Debra Opri, of spinning the facts.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mattel picks Duff to be the latest doll

HILARY DUFF is a real doll. A real Barbie doll.

Duff is the latest Hollywood star to take on 12-inch proportions as the world’s most popular fashion doll. She joins other famous (doll) faces such as Reese Witherspoon, Beyonce

Knowles and Lucille Ball.

The Red Carpet Glam Hilary Duff Doll, which shows the 19-year-old’s likeness in a polka-dot dress with a red satin sash, hits stores this month.

Duff, a singer, actress and fashion designer best

known for playing TV’s “Lizzie McGuire,” has also designed clothes for Barbie.

The iconic blonde doll and the young Hollywood beauty are “great role models to girls and the perfect design duo,” Jamie Wood, Mattel’s vice presi-

dent of Barbie marketing, said in a statement.

“Not only are they two of the most stylish entertainers, actors and fashion designers, but they also show girls there are no limits to what they can do.”

AP

DiCaprio and Maguire’s hidden ‘Plum’

A producer’s lawsuit claiming actors **LEONARDO DICAPRIO** and Tobey Maguire blocked the release of a movie made before they became stars has been dismissed.

“Don’s Plum” was shot over six days in 1995 and 1996, before DiCaprio made “Titanic” or Maguire became “Spider-Man.” The

low-budget, black-and-white film was about a group of Los Angeles teens who met every day at a diner to discuss their lives.

The lawsuit claimed the actors “put the word out that they were opposed to any distribution” of the film and that offers from distributors “disappeared overnight.”

Superior Court Judge Mary Ann Murphy heard arguments in the case Sept. 27 and issued her ruling Wednesday, according to court records released Thursday. Murphy said no further changes could be made to the already revised lawsuit filed by producer John Schindler in December 2004.

Phone messages left for attorneys for Schindler, Maguire and DiCaprio were not immediately returned Friday.

The actors have said they made the film as a favor to a friend, under the agreement that it would never be promoted as a feature-length movie.

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‘Class’ gets sophomore year

By BRIDGET BYRNE

BURBANK — The core cast of the freshman CBS sitcom “The Class” is crammed around a dining table on a Warner Bros. soundstage rehearsing a dinner-party scene.

Lina’s done the cooking, and Richie is apologizing sotto voce for the result.

Kat, Duncan, Kyle and Ethan, meanwhile, are trying not to gag on the Moroccan chicken dish Lina’s concocted, while Nicole has an excuse for not eating at all — she’s dieting.

Genuine laughter flows from crew members, especially after legendary sitcom director James Burrows deftly tweaks an actor’s move or timing.

It’s an example of how the CBS series about members of a third-grade class rediscovering each other in adulthood is reassembling itself, literally, to try to improve the ratings.

Last summer, co-creator David Crane told a gathering of television critics he hoped “The Class” (Mondays, 8:30 p.m. EST) would “have a different feeling from a lot of the shows we’ve seen before.”

The aim was to take a cue from reality series and follow the lives of many more characters than the normal handful of buddies on, say, “Friends” or “Seinfeld.” Characters would “intersect” at times, but most episodes would focus on their individual stories.

So after the pilot episode, where the former classmates had all met up at a party thrown by Ethan (Jason Ritter) for a fiancée who then dumped him, the characters veered off into separate story lines.

Viewers veered off, too, though. Still, CBS had faith in the creators’ successful track record (“Friends,” “Mad About You”) and the appeal of the attractive young cast. So the series has stayed on the air, even as it morphs into a more traditional ensemble format.

“I think what we are finding is what works best is when we get together as a group,” says Sean Maguire, who plays a gay school teacher, Kyle.

“It was a really great idea to try to do a soap opera in 30 minutes with all the different story lines ... but there was just too much going on,” reasons Lizzy Caplan, who plays the initially acerbic

but now vulnerable Kat, Lina’s twin sister. “We all wanted to work together, so it’s pretty awesome that we now do overlap, and there seems more time each week to really flesh out a full story.”

While the cast appreciates the creators’ effort to do something different, they welcome the show’s reconfiguration.

“We were sort of hungry to be acting with each other, so I definitely dig it,” says Jon Bernthal, who plays Duncan, who still lives with his mother and still loves Nicole (Andrea Anders), though she’s now married to Yonk, a retired football star (David Keith).

Bernthal feels that, despite the changes, the series maintains a strong “revolutionary” element because “it does deal with pretty dark topics in a very traditional, well-lit, safe sitcom world. And I find that interesting.”

The oddball character of Richie (Jesse Tyler Ferguson), who was about to commit suicide when the phone rang to ask him to Ethan’s party, is an example of the darker-themed humor. And his linkup with the equally off-kilter Lina (Heather Goldenhersh) was hardly meet-cute.

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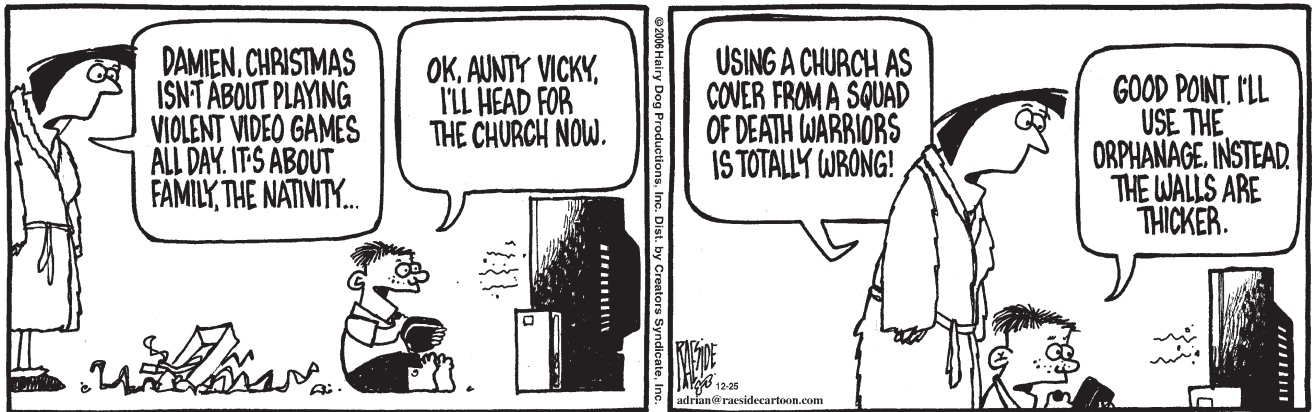
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2656300 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as BIRTH REALM, JACQUELINE DAVEY, BIRTH REALM.COM, MENSTRUAL MAMMAS, MENSTRUAL MAMMAS.COM, 1837 19TH STREET, SANTA MONICA, CA 90404. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : JACQUELINE THERESA DAVEY, 1837 19TH STREET, SANTA MONICA, CA 90404 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)1/1/2006. /s/: JACQUELINE DAVEY

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2493149 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as STECAMI GROUP, 5377 W. WASHINGTON BLVD, #12, LOS ANGELES, CA 90016. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : STELLA MOLINE, 5377 W. WASHINGTON BLVD, #12, LOS ANGELES, CA 90016 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/: STELLA MOLINE

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2601204 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LIVE ART PLANTSCAPES, INC., AI /#ON 1998599, 3351 LA CIENEGA PLACE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90016. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : LARRY TABELING, 14942 BURBANK BLVD., #205, VAN NUYS, CA 91411 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/: LIVE ART PLANTSCAPES, INC., PRESIDENT, LARRY TABELING

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2541380 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as THIRD STREET STATION, 1028 3RD ST, #9, SANTA MONICA, CA 90403. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : CORA VALLEAN MANN, 1028 3RD ST, #9, SANTA

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MONICA, CA 90403 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: CORA VALLEAN MANN

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2656301 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SKATER MADE, 994 OLD TOPANGA CYN. RD., TOPANGA, CA 90290. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : BART SARIC, 994 OLD TOPANGA CYN. RD., TOPANGA, CA 90290 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)4/12/2006. /s/: BART SARIC

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2601591 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PLUMB DISPLAY, PLUMB LINE ART AND DESIGN, PLUMB CREATIVE SERVICES, 1518 NINTH STREET, UNIT E, SANTA MONICA, CA 90401. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : RICHARD WAINWRIGHT, 1518 NINTH STREET, UNIT E, SANTA MONICA, CA 90401 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)10/1/2005. /s/: RICHARD WAINWRIGHT

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2656302 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PACIFIC PAINTWORKS, 1927 17TH ST, SM, CA 90404. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ABEL LOPEZ, 1927 17TH ST, SM, CA 90404 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)11/1/2005. /s/: ABEL LOPEZ

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2656303 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PALM WEST PROPERTIES, 423 ASHLAND AVE, E, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : HEATHER LORRAINE NESIS, 423 ASHLAND AVE, E, 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)11/28/2006. /s/: HEATHER NESIS

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2685417 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as GROOVY-T.COM, 12751 PACIFIC AVE #4 LOS ANGELES, CA 90066. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ANDREW P. MITCHELL, 12751 PACIFIC AVE., #4, LOS ANGELES, CA 90066 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/: ANDREW MITCHELL

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2656025 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as KINDER LEARNING TOOLS, 3100 SAWTELLE BLVD. APT 204, LOS ANGELES, CA 90066. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : BENJAMIN EDWARD EGLI, 3100 SAWTELLE BLVD APT 204, LOS ANGELES, CA 90066 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/: BENJAMIN EGLI

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2570419 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ORAMA, ORAMA PICTURES, ORAMA FEATURES, ORAMA FILMS, ORAMA PRODUCTIONS, ORAMA ENTERTAINMENT, 844 6TH ST. #2, SANTA MONICA, CA 90403. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : NIKOLETTE ORLANDOU, 844 6TH ST. #2, SANTA MONICA, CA 90403 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)11/17/2006. /s/: NIKOLETTE ORLANDOU

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2721726 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as FILMFLMFLM, 832 11TH STREET, SANTA MONICA, CA 90403. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : DORIS BETTENCOURT, 832 11TH ST, SANTA MONICA, CA 90403 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: DORIS BETTENCOURT

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2721725 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as IMPACT "XIX" [19], THE "SM" INDEPENDENT PICTURES <FEATURE FILMS/ICON PRODUCTIONS>, 3863 PROSPECT AVE., SUITE #7, CULVER CITY, CA 90232. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : PRINCETON HUMMINGWAY, 3863 PROSPECT AVE., SUITE #7, CULVER CITY, CA 90232 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/: PRINCETON HUMMINGWAY

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2721724 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as THE TERRIBLE FOLLY, 1211 4TH ST. SANTA MONICA, CA 90401. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : CHRISTOPHER SEAN MULLINGS, 5307 N. SEPULVEDA BLVD., VAN NUYS, CA 91411 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/: CHRIS MULLINGS

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2721727 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as VANCE WEALTH MANAGEMENT, 28494 WESTINGHOUSE PLACE SUITE #108, VALENCIA, CA 91355. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : JOHN M. VANCE, 27819 COLDSPRINGS PLACE, VALENCIA, CA 91355 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)12/1/2002. /s/: JOHN M. VANCE

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2494704 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as STRAWBERRY SUNDAYS; STRAWBERRY SUNDAY; STRAWBERRY SUNDAYS LOS ANGELES; STRAWBERRY SUNDAYS ORANGE COUNTY; STRAWBERRY SUNDAYS LA; STRAWBERRY SUNDAYS OC; SUPER STRAWBERRY SUNDAYS; CLUB STRAWBERRY SUNDAYS; STRAWBERRY SUNDAYS CALIFORNIA; STRAWBERRY SUNDAYS USA, 8818 GARVEY AVE, ROSEMEAD, CA, 91770. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : EDGAR MIRANDA, 8818 GARVEY AVE, ROSEMEAD, CA, 91770 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/: EDGAR MIRANDA

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2593135 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as NORWALK PIPE AND SUPPLY, 10622 NORWALK BLVD., SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA, 90670. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : SOUTHANONG WILLIAM VAN-NARATH, 1205 EDINBURG CT., POMONA, CA, 91766 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/: SOUTHANONG WILLIAM VAN-NARATH

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2616274 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MI PAISANO RESTAURANT, 5484 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD, LOS ANGELES, CA, 90029. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ISABEL MONTANO, 709 N. KINGSLEY DR., LOS ANGELES, CA, 90029 This Business is being conducted by, husband and wife. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: ISABEL MONTANO

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2616256 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as END ELECTRICAL COMPANY, 1677 CLIFFBRANCH DR., DIAMOND BAR, CA, 91765. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : SUKIE REISTER A.K.A. SOCORRO REISTER, 1640 RANGE CT., DIAMOND BAR, CA, 91765 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)12/13/2001. /s/: SOCORRO REISTER

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2616254 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as COAST TO COAST REAL ESTATE; UNIVERSAL MONEY, 2641 W. BEVERLY BLVD., MONTEBELLO, CA, 91765. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : SOCORRO REISTER A.K.A. SUKIE REISTER, 1640 RANGE COURT, DIAMOND BAR, CA, 91765; FERNANDO NUNEZ, 767 N. KEENAN ST., MONTEBELLO, CA, 90640; NIKOGOS KOSOYAN, 1640 RANGE COURT, DIAMOND BAR, CA 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/: SOCORRO REISTER; FERNANDO NUNEZ; NIKOGOS KOSOYAN

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2645858 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as OMAR'S STORE, 2801 S. VERMONT AVE #2, LOS ANGELES, CA, 90007. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : JESUS HERNANDEZ, 2908 RAYMOND AVE., LOS ANGELES, CA, 90007 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 HERNANDEZ

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/29/2006. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 12/11/2006, 12/18/2006, 12/25/2006, 1/1/2007

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2721777 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ITALY IN STYLE TRAVEL, ITALY IN STYLE, 1238 12TH STREET #5, SANTA MONICA, CA 90401. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : LEONORA CHIANELLO, 1238

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2697029 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SYNC WIRELESS, YOU'VE GOT MAIL; AI #/ON 279562, 18860 VISTA DEL CANON #E NEWHALL, CA 91321. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : EXETER COMMERCIAL CORPORATION (CALIFORNIA) 18860 VISTA DEL CANON #E, NEWHALL, CA 91321 This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)8/1/2006. /s/: EXETER COMMERCIAL CORP., PRESIDENT, ABHIJEET OSMAN

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 12/5/2006. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 12/11/2006, 12/18/2006, 12/25/2006, 1/1/2007

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2732060 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as RINASCIMENTO WINE COMPANY, 635 OZONE AVE, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : R. JUSTIN GALLEN, 635 OZONE AVE, 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/: R. JUSTIN GALLEN

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 12/8/2006. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 12/18/2006, 12/25/2006, 1/1/2007, 1/8/2007

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2707450 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as DR BRODSKY, 11050 STRATHMORE ROAD #421, LA, CA 90024. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : MARC BRODSKY, 11050 STRATHMORE ROAD #421, LA, CA 90024 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/: MARC BRODSKY

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 12/6/2006. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 12/18/2006, 12/25/2006, 1/1/2007, 1/8/2007

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2780718 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as YO MAMA YOGA, WISE YOGA, WISE WOMAN DOULA SERVICES, 1423 14TH ST. # C SANTA MONICA, CA 90404. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : KATIE WISE, 1423 14TH ST. # C SANTA MONICA, CA 90404 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on 5/25/2006. /s/: KATIE WISE

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2696256 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as KID RAP RADIO; AI #/ON: 200326710036, 20434 S. SANTA FE AVE., LONG BEACH, CA, 90810. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ASCENDANT MARKETING & MEDIA, L.L.C., 20434 S. SANTA FE AVE., LONG BEACH, CA, 90810 This Business is being conducted by, a limited liability. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: ASCENDANT MARKETING & MEDIA L.L.C.; DYLAN MARER; MANAGER

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2684780 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LA K.D. ENTERTAINMENT INC., AI #/ON: 2490651, 163 LIMESTONE ROAD, CLAREMONT, CA, 91711. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : DE NIERIS INC., 163 LIMESTONE ROAD, CLAREMONT, CA, 91711 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/: DE NIERIS, INC.; GASTON DE NIGRIS; CEO

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2684779 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MARCA REGISTRADA; AI #/ON: 2490651, 163 LIMESTONE ROAD, CLAREMONT, CA, 91711. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : DE NIGRIS, INC., 163 LIMESTONE ROAD, CLAREMONT, CA, 91711 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/: DE NIGRIS INC.; GASTON DE NIGRIS; CEO This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 12/4/2006. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 12/18/2006, 12/25/2006, 1/1/2007, 1/8/2007

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2696297 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as HEADED YOUR WAY, 4116 SOUTH ST., LAKEWOOD, CA, 90712. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : MITZI WEATHERS WILLIAMS, 4116 SOUTH ST., LAKEWOOD, CA, 90712 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)7/1/2002. /s/: MITZI WEATHERS WILLIAMS

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 12/5/06. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 12/18/2006, 12/25/2006, 1/1/2007, 1/8/2007

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2696391 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as GELATOLICIOUS, 3300 PRIMAVERA ST., PASADENA, CA, 91107. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : BEKMEZIAN & BEKMEZIAN INC., 14170 DARTMOUTH CT., FONTANA, CA, 92336 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/: GELATOLICIOUS; ARA BEKMEZIAN; PRESIDENT

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2696320 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MEDIA POSTAL MAIL, 4660 W. WASHINGTON AVE., LOS ANGELES, CA, 90016. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ADENIYI BAMIRO, 4660 W. WASHINGTON AVE., LOS ANGELES, CA, 90016 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/: ADENIYI BAMIRO

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2684682 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as RUBEN HERNANDEZ - SNAP ON TOOLS, 9504 MAXINE ST., PICO RIVERA, CA, 90660. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : RUBEN HERNANDEZ, 9504 MAXINE ST., PICO RIVERA, CA, 90660 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: RUBEN HERNANDEZ

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2696255 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SINGER'S ADVANTAGE; AI #/ON: 200326710036, 20434 S. SANTA FE AVE., LONG BEACH, CA, 90810. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ASCENDANT MARKETING & MEDIA, L.L.C., 20434 S. SANTA FE AVE., LONG BEACH, CA, 90810 This Business is being conducted by, a limited liability. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: ASCENDANT MARKETING & MEDIA, L.L.C.; DYLAN MARER; MANAGER

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2696280 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as TAK CHI WONG DBA CARNATION FLORISTS, 809 N. HILL ST. #F, LOS ANGELES, CA, 90012. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : TAK CHI WONG, 809 N. HILL ST. #F, LOS ANGELES, CA, 90012 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)12/5/2006. /s/: TAK CHI WONG

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2696257 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as KARAOKKE CLUB; AI #/ON: 200321310105, 20434 S. SANTA FE AVENUE, LONG BEACH, CA, 90810. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : IN TUNE PRODUCTS, L.L.C., 20434 S. SANTA FE AVENUE, LONG BEACH, CA, 90810 This Business is being conducted by, a limited liability. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: IN TUNE PRODUCTS, L.L.C.; DYLAN MARER; MANAGER

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2780717 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PATCH STUDIOS, PATCH #1, PATCH A, 4028 S. HOBART BLVD. LOS ANGELES, CA 90062. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ELMER DELEON, 4028 S HOBART BLVD. LOS ANGELES, 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/: ELMER DELEON

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2701606 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ALOHA DISCOUNT STORE, 14115 S. WESTERN AVE., GARDENA, CA. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : TAE HWAN PACK, 980 CAMINO CABALLO, NIPOMO, CA, 93444 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/: TAE HWAN PACK

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Statement of Abandonment of Use of Fictitious Business Name
Document Record # 06 2701607
Current File No. 06 2672131
State of California, County of Los Angeles
The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious Business name:
ALOHA MARKET
located at 14115 S. WESTERN AVE, GARDENA, CA
The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 12/01/05
In the county of LOS ANGELES.
TAE HWAN PACK, 980 CAMINO CABALLO, NIPOMO, CA, 93444.
This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
/s/ TAE HWAN PACK
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/05/06. Published: SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS 12/18/2006, 12/25/2006, 1/1/2007, 1/8/2007

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2684753 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ALPHA PROFESSIONAL AGENCY; ALPHA CARE AGENCY; ALPHA PHYSICAL THERAPY SRVCS, 3532 MEEKER AVE. #4, EL MONTE, CA, 91731. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : FELIPE P. ZEPEDA, 3532 MEEKER AVE. #4, EL MONTE, CA, 91731 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/: FELIPE ZEPEDA

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Statement of Abandonment of Use of Fictitious Business Name
Document Record # 06 2684756
Current File No. 06 2504220
State of California, County of Los Angeles
The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious Business name:
ALPHA PROFESSIONAL AGENCY, ALPHACARE AGENCY, ALPHA PHYSICAL THERAPY SERVICES located at 14022 RAMONA BLVD. STE. A, BALDWIN PARK, CA, 91706
The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 11/13/06
In the county of LOS ANGELES.
FELIPE ZEPEDA, 3532 MEEKER AVE. #4, EL

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MONTE, CA, 91731.
This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
/s/ FELIPE ZEPEDA
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/04/06. Published: SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS 12/18/2006, 12/25/2006, 1/1/2007, 1/8/2007

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2684668 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ARTURO TRUCKING, 420 S. ESSEY AVE., COMPTON, CA, 90221. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ARTURO PULIDO, 420 S. ESSEY AVE., COMPTON, CA, 90221 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/: ARTURO PULIDO
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2684693 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CABALS INTERNATIONAL, 1411 SUNSHINE CT., SAN GABRIEL, CA, 91776. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : GUANGHUO CHEN, 1411 SUNSHINE CT., SAN GABRIEL, CA, 91776 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/: GUANGHUO CHEN; ZHENDONG JIANG
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2739669 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ROUTE 3, 4119 HIGUERA ST. CULVER CITY, CA 90232. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : PHILLIP DOUGLAS LEE II, 4119 HIGUERA ST. CULVER CITY, CA 90232 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/: PHILLIP DOUGLAS LEE II
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2714014 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SADDLE PEAK PRODUCTIONS, 21801 SADDLE PEAK ROAD, TOPANGA, CA 90290, P.O. BOX 1310, TOPANGA, CA 90290. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : DOROTHY REIK, 21801 SADDLE PEAK ROAD, TOPANGA, CA 90290 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: DOROTHY REIK

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2767926 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MARYA INTERIORS, 1846 CLOVERDALE AVE. LOS ANGELES, CA 90019. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : SHAUNA MARY COUCH, 1846 CLOVERDALE AVE., LOS ANGELES, CA 90019 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/: SHAUNA COUCH
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2766459 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as UNITE CARS, AI #/ON 2856433, 1010 N. GAFFEY ST. SAN PEDRO, CA 90732. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : UNITE CARS, 154 PISMO DRIVE, CARSON, CA 90745 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)12/13/2006. /s/: UNITE CARS, PRESIDENT, RICHARD UNITE
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2731548 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as GORRILLA TELECOM, 10916 FARNDON ST. S. EL MONTE, CA 91733. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : DORA VICTORIA GONZALEZ GUERRERO, 10916 FARNDON ST. EL MONTE, CA 91733 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)8/20/2006. /s/: DORA GONZALEZ
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2753893 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as L.R.'S BARBER SHOP, A.A.'S BARBER SHOP, 11927 1/2 INGLEWOOD AVE, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : LUZ MARIA RUIZ, 4619 W 130TH ST. 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)12/12/2006. /s/: LUZ MARIA RUIZ

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2754022 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SUPER VITAMIN CENTER, 16202 A CRENSHAW BLVD. GARDENA, CA 90249. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : EVA V. CARRAL, 13102 ROSE ST. CERRITOS, CA. 90703 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)1/1/1994. /s/: EVA V. CARRAL

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2754016 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CHRISLANT FASHION, 810 KOHLER ST. 3RD FLOOR, LOS ANGELES, CA 90021. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : CARMEN BAILON, 2239 PARKSIDE AVE. APT #103, LOS ANGELES, CA 90031 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/: CARMEN BAILON

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2759504 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LA BREA CIGAR & CIGARETTE, AI #/ON A5655086, 7095 HOLLYWOOD BLVD. #105 HOLLYWOOD, CA 90028. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : MANSOUR MUTUAL CO. INC, 7095 HOLLYWOOD BLVD. #105, HOLLYWOOD, CA 90028 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/: MAN-SOUR MUTUAL CO., INC. PIERER MANSOUR, PRESIDENT

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2753887 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CITY CUSTOM LAMP SHADES, 737 N. LA CIENEGA BLVD. LOS ANGELES, CA 90069. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : CHANTHY THACH, 5490 MYRTLE AVE, LONG BEACH, CA 90805 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/: CHANTHY THACH

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2772502 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as DAILY FRESH DONUTS, 13205 OSBORNE STREET #C. ARLETA, CA 91331. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : IM TAING, 236 E AVENUE 39 APT. #06, LOS ANGELES, CA 90031 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)12/11/2006. /s/: IM TAING

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2844894 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CAMBOO, 1810 14TH ST. #210, SANTA MONICA, CA 90404. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : JULIA

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TEACHEY, 12752 ROSE AVE, LOS ANGELES, 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)12/21/2006. /s/: JULIA TEACHEY
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2772503 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as S & A ONE DOLLAR STORE, 1042 W. ROSENCRANS AVE GARDENA CA 90247. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : MONEE QUACH, 9082 BROADWAY, TEMPLE CITY, CA 91780 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)11/6/2006. /s/: MONEE QUACH
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2772504 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as HONG KONG EXPRESS, 433 S. VERMONT AVE. LOS ANGELES, CA 90037. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : HUU QUANG LY, 4157 LINCOLN AVE. EL MONTE, CA 91731, NGOC CHHAY, 4157 EL MONTE, CA 91731 This Business is being conducted by, husband and wife. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)1/1/2007. /s/: HUU QUANG LY, NGOC CHHAY
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2739660 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as HERNANDEZ NURSERY, 5501 RODEO RD. LOS ANGELES, CA 90016. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : GLORIA HERNANDEZ, 5501 RODEO RD LOS ANGELES, CA 90016 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/: GLORIA HERNANDEZ

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2759502 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as DORIAN COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION, INC., AI #/ON 2936282, 19528 VENTURA BLVD. 700, TARZANA, CA 91356. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : DORIAN COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION, INC. 19528 VENTURA BLVD. #700, TARZANA, CA 91356 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)12/1/2006. /s/: DORIAN COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION, INC. DORIAN I. SERBAN, C.E.O.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2731553 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as VIP, TRANSPORT LTD, 122-A E. FOOTHILL BLVD.#216, ARCADIA, CA 91006. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : FRED W. CHAVEZ, 4106 LYND AVE ARCADIA, CALIFORNIA 91006 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/: FRED CHAVEZ
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 06 2739670 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as VERMONT RANCH MARKET, 1420 S VERMONT AVE LOS ANGELES, CA 90006. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : MUSTAPHA RAMRAM, 9715 CHARNOCK AVE. #108, L.A. CA 90006, BACHIR CHOUGUI, 10908 ROSE AVE #3 LA, CA 90034 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/: MUSTAPHA RAMRAM, BACHIR CHOUGUI
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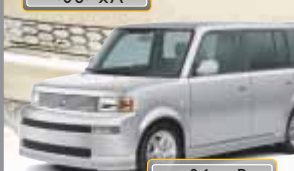
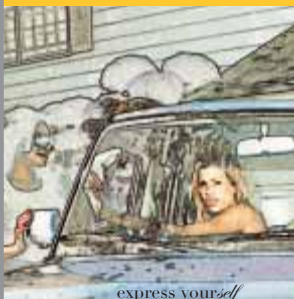
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