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Where's the party at?



Brandon Wise brandonw@smdp.com
WINE TIME: The drinks will be flowing at Zanzibar tonight.

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff

DOWNTOWN While the gregarious types will be hitting the local hot spots to ring in the New Year, undoubtedly spending wads of cash on dinner and drinks, Stacey Smythe will be cuddled up on her couch watching Dick Clark count down from 10 as the giant Waterford Crystal ball drops on New York City's Times Square.

"I just want to have a relaxing New Year's this time around," said the 28-year-old retail manager. "Ever year it seems like people want to make a big deal out of it. They get all excited,

spend so much time trying to find the perfect outfit, the perfect party, and then they spend all this money only to be disappointed."

Smythe said she will be "just fine" with spending the night with two of her girlfriends at home with some hors d'oeuvres, a little champagne and some board games.

Collin Pickering is on the opposite end of the spectrum. The 24-year-old college student has been planning his New Year's celebration for weeks. He's hired a limo driver, bought a new suit and has saved up more than \$200, which he intends to spend on drinks at a nightclub in Venice so cool it's called Air Conditioned.

"It's a lot of money to spend, but it's New Year's Eve, man. You've got to do it up," Pickering said. "I look at it like this: It's kind of like saying good-bye to all the crap that happened in your life over the past year and celebrating all the great things you have to look forward to. It's like you get a clean slate so why not celebrate."

Then there's people like Ravi Kannan, who is going for something in between. He plans to throw a party at his home in Westwood, complete with a valet, finger foods and a full bar,

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This New Years Eve Gala will be hosted by
BET Comedian Shawn Harris and will feature
a night of smooth jazz and R & B. For more
information, visit

www.myspace.com/renereyesentertainment.com

New Year's Eve Revue

1211 Fourth St., 6:30 p.m. & 9:30 p.m.

The Santa Monica Playhouse hosts a family-
friendly New Year's Eve celebration with
audience favorite songs, dances, comedy
and a complimentary buffet supper with
champagne and sparkling apple juice.
For tickets, call (310) 394-9779, ext. 1 or
visit SantaMonicaPlayhouse.com.

Blues Ball

Harvelle's is celebrating tonight with a 20s
and 30s-themed ball with guest performers
2000 Lbs of Blues. Tickets are \$30. For more
information, visit www.harvelles.com.

Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2008

Happy New Year!

Marx your calendar

1328 Montana Ave., 7:30 p.m.

The Aero is screening a Marx Brothers dou-
ble feature with "Duck Soup" (1933) and
"Horse Feathers" (1932). For information on
tickets, call (323) 466-3456.

Ice, ice, baby

1324 Fifth St., 10 a.m. — 10 p.m.

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new ones — as you slice through the ice.
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Brandy avoids charges

BY ROBERT JABLON
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES Grammy winning singer-actress Brandy will not face criminal charges for a deadly freeway crash last year, the city attorney's office said Friday.

Prosecutors decided there was "insufficient evidence" for a jury to find her guilty beyond a reasonable doubt of vehicular manslaughter, spokesman Nick Velasquez said.

The decision runs counter to a recommendation from the California Highway Patrol that Brandy be charged for the crash last Dec. 30.

Prosecutors had a Sunday deadline to decide whether to charge Brandy with the misdemeanor, which carried a maximum sentence of a year in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

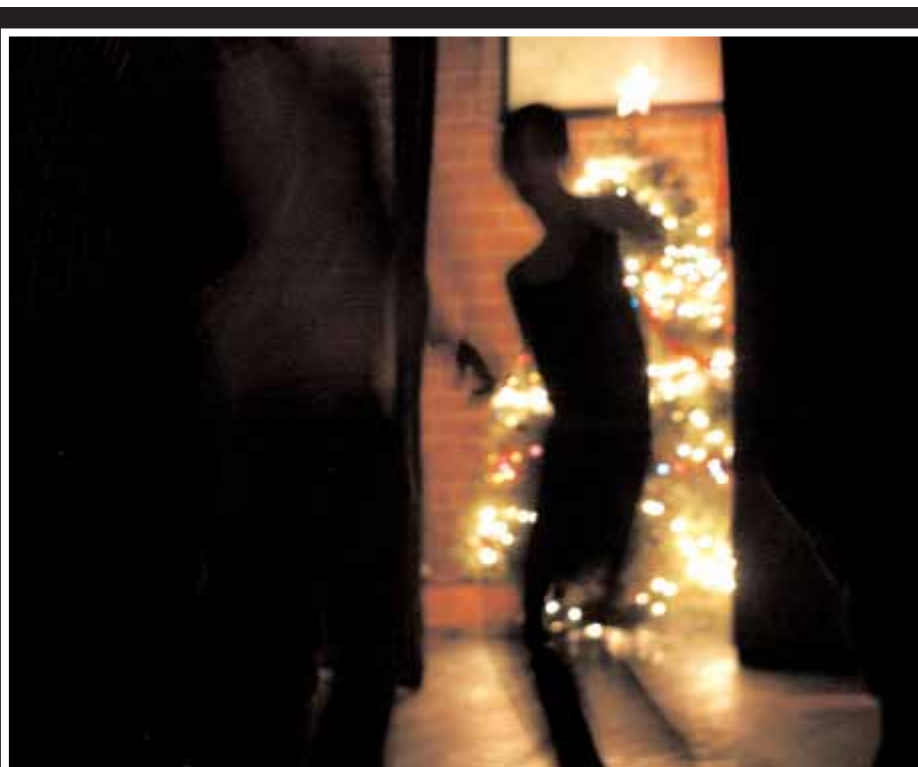
The investigation took nearly a year because the crash was complicated and involved several cars, Velasquez said.

Top accident reconstruction experts were consulted, he said. The entertainer, whose full name is Brandy Norwood, was driving her Range Rover on Interstate 405 when cars ahead of her slowed. She failed to slow and hit the back of a Honda at about 65 mph, according to a CHP report.

The Honda hit another vehicle, slid sideways and struck the center divider, then was hit by an oncoming car, the report said. The accident killed the Honda's driver, Awatef Aboudihaj, 38, of Los Angeles.

Brandy's attorney, Blair Berk, said "we are extremely pleased" with the decision not to prosecute.

"These past 12 months have been extraordinarily hard for Brandy and her family, who were unfairly forced to live under a cloud of suspicion initially caused by an ill-advised and premature press release sent out by the California Highway Patrol accusing Brandy of wrongdoing before the police investigation was even finished," Berk said in a statement. "However, Brandy continues to be mindful that she was extremely fortunate."



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READY FOR SOME ACTION: Revelers dance the night away at Zanzibar on Thursday night. The popular Fifth Street night spot will host a wild slate of events on New Year's Eve.

Neuheisel returning to UCLA

Former star player takes over Bruins

BY KEN PETERS
AP Sports Writer

WESTWOOD Rick Neuheisel is returning to college coaching at the school where he first found fame and success.

Neuheisel, a quarterback who was the MVP in UCLA's 1984 Rose Bowl victory and later served as a Bruins assistant under Terry Donahue, was hired Saturday as his alma mater's 16th coach.

His five-year contract is for \$1.25 million annually, plus incentives.

The 46-year-old Neuheisel succeeds Karl Dorrell, who was fired Dec. 3 after five seasons on the job. Dorrell, who caught two of Neuheisel's scoring passes in UCLA's 45-9 victory over Illinois in the 1984 Rose Bowl, had no head coaching experience before taking the Bruins' job.

Athletic director Dan Guerrero said Neuheisel's experience and success as a head coach were significant.

"In the end it was all about 66 collegiate wins, a percentage that places him among the top active coaches in the country, and an opportunity for Rick to start anew with a clean slate at his alma mater," Guerrero said in a conference call.

"He brings an energy, enthusiasm and a swagger that we needed."

Neuheisel spent the last three seasons as an assistant coach for the NFL's Baltimore Ravens, and will conclude his duties with them when they face Pittsburgh on Sunday. He served as quarterbacks coach in 2005-06, and was promoted to offensive coordinator last January.

"This is something that has been my blood," Neuheisel said of the college game. "I've missed it the last five years."

"It's a thrill for me to return to my alma mater and take over a program that I think can and should be one of the best in the country."

He had a 66-30 record as a head coach at Colorado from 1995-98 and Washington from 1999-2002. He hasn't been in the college game since Washington fired him.



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The need to heal old wounds

Editor:

How interesting it is to read a reader's letter to the editor (Nov. 14) rationalizing a desire for the exclusive use of English in our melting pot, multi-ethnic nation. One would think that because of the polyglot make-up of our population, hearing a language different from one's own would be something taken for granted. After all, in most advanced countries people are not offended or paranoid when a language they do not understand is spoken in their proximity. All over the European Union different languages are spoken and the reaction is not "they are talking about me." That is a USA thing. We are still living with the heritage from our era of slavery. Slaves were severely punished for speaking in their own tongues. Not only did the slave owner feel the slaves were prone to make uncomplimentary comments about the master but that they could be plotting a revolt. Slave rebellion was always a present danger and bloody possibility and slave owners took any steps they deemed necessary to nip such a possibility in the bud. Consequently, "English only" was mandatory. This was described to house slaves as simply bad manners to speak in a language the master's family did not understand. Whites rationalized they were only teaching proper manners to their slaves. Today, when slavery and the fear of slave rebellions are long gone, the fear and paranoia of foreign languages is still alive and well. When will we be able to rid ourselves of the down deep psychological scars of slavery that breed fear and distrust among us? Wake up, America! It's 2007. The world has changed.

Luis Valdez

Santa Monica

Stop the name calling

Editor:

It is sad when a column is written on an important subject like emissions and clean air and the writer just puts forth heat and political cant.

Mr. Anthony Gregory ("Emissions guidelines and double standards," page 5, Dec. 10) sheds no light on the problems he puts forth, but instead throws out terms such as "leftist environmentalists." He is not looking for a discourse, but is sadly showing his inability to discuss a problem.

For his information, environmentalists come from across the political spectrum; it is much too important a subject to just be left to the so-called leftists. Some evangelical ministers are now lending their support to the environmental cause.

It is sad Mr. Gregory that you did not use the column given to you for some valuable purpose instead of low level political diatribe.

You might have looked at your own example of 19th century England and the businesses there obtaining new laws enabling them to pollute the air and thus increase profits rather than doing something for the "common good" and still increase profits. You would see that such corporate greed two centuries later is one of the contributors to our present air problem. Yes, part of the solution has been to attack the problem with both federal and state laws and regulations, but have the companies again not brought it upon themselves.

You, Mr. Gregory, and those who follow your brand of "thinking" see the solutions forced on the people as the problem, rather than seeing the problem – air pollution – as the one that has brought about double sets of guidelines.

Bob Wolff

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The Sammie Awards punctuate wild year

Editors note: The "My Write" Sammie Awards are not to be confused with the Service to American Medals, Sam Adams Alliance & Foundation, or British Sandwich Association awards.

IT'S NEW YEAR'S EVE. WHAT BETTER time to award 2007 Sammies for the good, bad and downright disgusting — starting with downright disgusting. C'mon, that's what you all were waiting for, wasn't it?

The architects, developers, City Hall bureaucrats and politicians responsible for "The Village" truly deserve the "How Ugly Is It?" Sammy. This proposed development would put 325 units of housing in the Civic Center across from City Hall. Reminiscent of the "stacked shipping container" style of architecture, it's disgusting on every level.

The "Cry Baby" Sammy goes to those bicycle riders who ride around without helmets and safety gear, whose bikes lack lights and reflectors and who think they can violate the California Vehicle Code and other ordinances at will, then whine and cry when cited by the police.

Transportation Management staff, whose mid-street islands, curb bumpouts, removal of traffic lanes and other "fixes" have created some of the worst traffic congestion in the Westside, is the only choice for the "We Love Gridlock" Sammy.

Councilwoman Pam O'Connor earns the "Potty Mouth of the Year" Sammy for still muttering under-the-breath invectives and rude comments during council meetings.

The "Prudes of the Year" Sammy goes to Big Blue Bus management who removed "America's Top Model" bus ads featuring attractive, bikini-clad ladies after "one or two" people complained. "We're sensitive to public taste" was the reason given for the censorship. Attractive women in bikinis? This over the top protection of public morals may play in Tupelo, Miss., but here it's just silly and stupid.

Moving on to the "Bad," the "Free Lizzie Borden" Sammy goes to Santa Monica Treesavers who want to "save" 53 ficus trees on Second and Fourth streets in downtown. Twenty-three ficus are to be chopped down because they're unsafe, the rest will be moved and replanted. This was and still is a non-issue but the egos involved will draw this out as long as you can say "publicity," "run for office" and "can't find a real issue."

The Santa Monica/Malibu Unified School District Board of Education deserves the "Who's In Charge?" Sammy — again. After a budget-busting pay raise to teachers, the resignation of the district's chief financial officer and the revelation of "gag orders" imposed on special education parents and others, all school board members could do is duck for cover. An independent auditors report said the board acted irresponsibly in

tentatively approving a classroom teachers raise without any strategy for covering its additional cost. The auditors advised the board to remedy its decade long pattern of deficit spending and criticized them for "their inability to understand how the use of one time only reserve funds for recurring salary and benefit increases contributes to ongoing debt."

The "There, I'll Do It Again" Sammy goes to former SMMUSD Board Chair Kathy Wisnicki, who recently announced she's running for Malibu City Council where the same questionable management skills she brought to the SMMUSD board will be put to use in Malibu City Hall — if elected.

Now for "Good" Sammies. The city's Farmers' Markets are one of the best things about Santa Monica. Pico Farmers' Market Manager Ted Galvan gets this year's "Thumbs Up" Sammy for running a tight ship. The Saturday morning market with its great vendors, no-hassle neighborly atmosphere and easy parking is my favorite. The Old Town Baking Company's mouthwatering breads, cakes and rolls and fresh nuts from Avila & Sons Farms are particularly enticing.

For the second year in a row, the Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City wins the "Best Civic Group" Sammy for being a voice for responsible development and traffic management. If only somebody in City Hall would take heed.

The "Doing Something About Homelessness" Sammy goes to West Coast Care for relocating over 200 homeless individuals "back home" this year where they receive support from family, friends and local services. The program utilizes extensive outreach and has resulted in fewer vagrants on our streets while achieving a high level of success in improving the lives of the homeless.

City Councilman, Kevin McKeown earns the "Year's Biggest Loser" Sammy for dropping an amazing 125 pounds and maintaining his weight at a svelte 200 pounds.

The Sammy for "Unsung Hero" goes to Darrell Goode, director of the Pico Partnership, a nonprofit collaboration between City Hall, Virginia Avenue Park and Santa Monica College. PP assists and motivates young residents of the Pico area by providing financial aid, counseling and support for deserving students pursuing either vocational or higher educational goals.

To all the local politicians who unwittingly provide an endless amount of good material for this column, you've earned my personal "Make My Day" Sammy.

Lastly, for all you readers who've stayed with me another year, give yourselves a "Gold Star" Sammy.

Happy New Year!

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True meaning of resolutions

EVERY NEW YEAR'S EVE MILLIONS OF Americans make New Year's resolutions. Whether the resolution is to get out of debt, to spend more time with loved ones, or to quit smoking, these resolutions have one thing in common: They are goals to make our lives better.

Unfortunately, this ritual commitment to self-improvement is widely viewed as something of a joke — in part because New Year's resolutions go so notoriously unmet. After years of watching others — or themselves — excitedly commit to a new goal, only to abandon the quest by March, many come to conclude that New Year's resolutions are an exercise in futility that should not be taken seriously. "The silly season is upon us," writes a columnist for the Washington Post, "when people feel compelled to remake themselves with new year's resolutions."

But such a cynical attitude is false and self-destructive. Making New Year's resolutions does not have to be futile — and to make them is not silly; done seriously, it is an act of profound moral significance that embodies the essence of a life well-lived.

Consider what we do when we make a New Year's resolution: We look at where we are in some area of life, think about where we want to be, and then set ourselves a goal to get there. We are tired of feeling chubby and lethargic, say, and want the improved appearance and greater energy level that comes with greater fitness. So we resolve to take up a fun athletic activity — like tennis or a martial art — and plan to do it three times a week.

Is this a laughable act of self-delusion? Hardly. If it were, then how would anyone ever achieve anything in life? In fact, to make a New Year's resolution is to recognize the undeniable reality that successful goal-pursuit is possible — the reality that everyone at one time or another has set and achieved long-range goals, and profited from doing so. Indeed, not only is it possible to achieve long-range goals, it is necessary for success in life. To make a New Year's resolution is also to recognize the undeniable reality that rewarding careers and romances do not just happen automatically — that to get what we want in our lives, we must consciously choose and achieve the right goals. We must

be goal-directed.

Unfortunately, a goal-directed orientation is missing to a large extent in too many lives. It is all too easy to live life passively, acting without carefully deciding what one is doing with one's life and why. How many people do you know who are in the career they fell into out of school, even if it is not very satisfying — or who have children at a certain age because that's what is expected, even if it's not what they really want — or who spend endless hours of "free time" in front of the TV, since that's the most readily available form of relaxation — or who follow a life routine that they never really chose and don't truly enjoy, but which has the force of habit?

Too often, the goal-directedness embodied by New Year's resolutions is the exception in lives ruled by passively accepted forces — unexamined routine, short-range desires, or alleged duties. It is the passive approach to happiness that makes so many resolutions peter out, lost in the shuffle of life or abandoned due to lost motivation. More broadly than its impact on New Year's resolutions, the passive approach to happiness is the reason that so many go through life without ever getting — or even knowing — what they really want.

The solution to failed New Year's resolutions is not to abandon the practice, but to supplement it with a commitment to a goal-directed life.

This New Year's, resolve to think about how to make your life better, not just once a year, but every day. Resolve to set goals, not just in one or two aspects of life, but in every important aspect and in your life as a whole. Resolve to pursue the goals that will make you successful and happy, not as the exception in a life of passivity, but as the rule that becomes second-nature.

If you do this, you will be resolving to do the most important thing of all: To take your happiness seriously.

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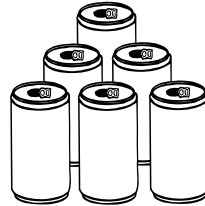
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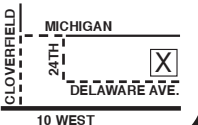
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Addition by subtraction

Sometimes the best thing about a year coming to an end is the chance to start over anew. Whether it was a job you weren't crazy about or a significant other that was weighing you down, there is always something best left in the past.

So this week's Q-Line question asks:

What negative thing happened to you in 2007 that you would like to leave in the past?

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Annenberg Community Beach Club at Santa Monica State Beach (415 Pacific Coast Hwy.)

Material delivery to the construction site will continue 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays. Flag persons will be in the area to ensure safe conditions and limit disruption to Pacific Coast Highway.

Annual Tree Trimming Project

City trees will be trimmed at the following locations this winter: 24th Street (San Vicente Boulevard to Montana Avenue), 14th Street (San Vicente to Montana), Fourth Street (Montana to Wilshire Boulevard), 24th Street (Idaho Avenue to Wilshire Boulevard), Cedar Street (Seventh Street to Lincoln Boulevard), 28th Street (Pico Blvd to Ocean Park Boulevard), Centinela Avenue (Santa Monica Boulevard to Nebraska Street), Georgina Avenue (Ocean Avenue to 14th Street), Ashland Avenue (Lincoln Boulevard to 14th Street), Georgina Avenue (14th Street to 17th Street), Carlyle Avenue (Ninth Street to 14th Street), Sixth Street (Idaho Avenue to Wilshire Boulevard), Douglas Park, and 14th Street (Pico to Ocean Park boulevards). There will be minimal lane closures from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Mondays thru Fridays. The annual tree trimming schedule is subject to change without notice due to inclement weather, emergencies, community events, budget conditions, street repairs or other public improvements. Residences and businesses will be notified in advance of tree trimming operations, blocks will also be posted with no parking signs.

Back On the Beach Café (445 Pacific Coast Hwy.)

Flag persons will be assisting with parking lot and Pacific Coast Highway traffic flow, weekdays between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Big Blue Bus Campus Expansion (1620 Sixth St.)

Public parking at the corner of Sixth Street and Colorado Avenue is now closed. There is no parking or pedestrian access to the south sidewalk of Colorado Boulevard, between Sixth and Seventh streets. West sidewalk of Seventh Street, between Colorado Avenue and Olympic Boulevard will also be closed to pedestrians.

Marine Street Utility Undergrounding

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

Stewart Park Restroom Project (1819 Stewart St.)

Construction of new restroom facilities at Stewart Park. Temporary restrooms are on-site for public use.

Traffic Signal Upgrade

Installation of the fiber optic infrastructure will continue on Pico Boulevard from Ocean Avenue to Lincoln Boulevard. Fiber optic infrastructure installation will begin on Lincoln between the I-10 Freeway and Marine Street. The traffic signal modifications at the 26th Street/Pennsylvania Avenue intersection and at the Neilson Way/Ashland Avenue intersection will continue. Work hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Traffic lane closures and sidewalk closures should be expected throughout the construction zones.

Wilshire Storm Water Diversion Structure

Construction for the installation of the diversion facility on Ocean Avenue and Wilshire Boulevard is in process and is scheduled for completion in December . Traffic will be narrowed to two lanes north, one lane south on Ocean Avenue at Wilshire.



Feeling better

At New Year’s, drink (and eat) wisely to prevent hangovers

BY LINDA A. JOHNSON
Associated Press Writer

TRENTON, N.J. OK, we all know the best way to prevent a New Year’s Day hangover is to not drink lots of alcohol the night before.

Still, plenty of people will choose to ring in the holiday with bubbly and other booze. They’re courting a hangover, but experts say a little planning can help prevent misery the next day or at least ease the symptoms, from headache and nausea to fatigue and the shakes.

Even before the party starts, being smart about what you drink and eat will improve your chances of a hangover-free New Year’s Day.

“The major thing is prevention, rather than treating it when you have it,” said Dr. Loretta Mueller, director of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey’s headache center in Stratford.

At the top of the list: Avoid dehydration and drink on a full stomach, per conventional wisdom. Also, some folklore hangover remedies actually can help some people.

Besides drinking in moderation, Mueller urges avoiding straight alcohol in favor of mixed drinks, which are diluted and help with hydration.

Experts also advise alternating booze with water or other nonalcoholic, caffeine-free drinks, a strategy favored by Rose Matson, a clerk at Martin’s Liquors in Mount Laurel who works as a bartender at night. But she said that can be tough to do.

“Once I start drinking, I don’t want to drink water,” she said.

Drinking tomato juice or eating some honey on crackers, because of the high sugar content, can help the body eliminate alcohol quicker, Mueller said. And fatty foods slow alcohol’s absorption into the bloodstream, preventing quick intoxication.

Geri Brewster, a registered dietitian and nutritionist with Northern Westchester Hospital in Mount Kisco, N.Y., also said people should eat before they start drinking, but disagreed on what’s best.

She said many foods served at parties are high in the sugar, salt and fats that can exacerbate a hangover. Before heading out, she advised eating a healthy meal — lean protein and complex carbohydrates such as vegetables, brown rice and whole wheat pasta — to prevent big fluctuations in your blood sugar level while still slowing absorption of alcohol.

“The faster and the quicker the buzz, the more likely you’re going to feel it the next day,” Brewster warned.

So, just what causes a hangover? It’s not fully understood because there’s been limited research, according to Dr. Robert Swift, associate director of the Brown University Center for Alcohol and Addiction Studies.

One theory holds that a hangover is a mild form of the withdrawal alcoholics endure when they stop drinking. During a binge, the brain becomes more excited to counteract alcohol’s sedative effect, so later on, the person doesn’t sleep well and feels tired, anxious and shaky the next day.

“That’s why noise and bright lights bother people who have a hangover. Their brain is overstimulated,” Swift said.

Another theory is that a hangover starts after the body breaks down the main type of alcohol in booze, ethyl alcohol. It then starts breaking down the other smaller amounts of alcohol, particularly methanol, which is converted to formaldehyde, the toxin in embalming fluid. That process kicks in about the time the drinker wakes up, causing nausea and headache.

“It could explain why ‘the hair of the dog’ helps,” Swift said. The expression refers to consuming more alcohol as a remedy for a hangover, because the new dose temporarily stops the formaldehyde production and allows time for the body to excrete some more methanol.

Some drinkers believe a Bloody Mary helps the next morning.

Swift sees the alcohol infusion helping, and Brewster noted the celery and tomato juice replenish sodium, potassium and B vitamins depleted by alcohol.

Experts recommend against the once-popular raw egg “cure,” because of the danger of salmonella.

They agree hydrating before bed and in the morning — whether with water, sports drinks or vegetable or fruit juice — is crucial. A little caffeine and aspirin or anti-inflammatory pills in the morning can cut a headache and should be followed by a light meal.

“Protein and complex carbohydrates, like egg and (whole-wheat) toast, will help bring your blood pressure up and sustain you during the day,” Brewster said.

Anti-inflammatory drugs also can help if taken before going to sleep.

“Before I go to bed, I take a couple of Advil so I don’t wake up with a headache,” said Adrienne Bilotta, 57, of Burlington Township, near Philadelphia. But she joked that strategy only works “if you’re awake enough and not passed out.”

And if none of that works? “Just rest,” said Swift. “Don’t tax yourself — and (swear) ‘Never again!’”

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Chicago, NYC see fewer homicides

BY COLLEEN LONG
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK Chicago and New York are about to close out 2007 with the lowest number of homicides in more than 40 years, while cities such as Baltimore, Atlanta and Miami have seen killings go up because of what police say is a surge in guns and gang violence.

New York City reported 488 slayings as of Friday, versus 596 for all of 2006. The city is on track to have the lowest number of killings since reliable record-keeping started in 1963.

Homicides in New York reached an all-time high of 2,245 in 1990, making the city the nation's murder capital. Since then, the numbers have plummeted, and experts attribute the decline in part to computerized tracking of crime trends and the practice of strategically flooding high-crime areas with police officers instead of spreading them evenly through the precincts.

Chicago is on track to have the lowest homicide toll since 1965, when police reported 395 killings. The city had logged 435 slayings through Dec. 26. In the early part of the decade, police often reported more than 600 a year.

Chicago officials credit the improvement to their tough stance on gangs, guns and drugs.

"Those three ingredients, so to speak, are what we're focused on," said police spokeswoman Monique Bond. "That's really what leads to random violence."

Those factors were blamed for increases in murders in other cities.

Atlanta had 126 homicides as of Dec. 26, compared with 111 for the same period a year ago. Police attributed some of the increase to a New Orleans-based gang that moved into town after Hurricane Katrina.

Members of the International Robbing Crew are accused of killing at least seven people in Atlanta.

In Miami, authorities say the proliferation of assault weapons led to an increase in killings, from 56 in 2005 to 79 in 2006 and 86 so far in 2007.

"You just pull a trigger and 20 or 30 rounds come in a second and in those 20 rounds you're sure to hit your intended target and some innocent bystanders, totally unlike a firearm that is just one bullet every time you pull the trigger," Miami Police spokesman Willie Moreno said.

Earlier this year, Baltimore was headed for its bloodiest year in nearly a decade. But the bloodletting eased up after a new police commissioner took office.

The bloodshed in Baltimore is blamed on entrenched poverty, widespread drug addic-

tion, failing schools and easy access to guns.

Through Dec. 26, there were 280 homicides in Baltimore — four more than in all of 2006. Things looked even grimmer in mid-July, the day Police Commissioner Leonard D. Hamm resigned. At that point, Baltimore had 178 homicides, putting it on pace for a total of 325. The city has not topped 300 since 1999.

The new police commissioner, Frederick H. Bealefeld III, and Mayor Sheila Dixon have gone after repeat violent offenders more aggressively, flooded high-crime zones with officers, and revived a unit that traces illegal guns. Also, repeat gun offenders are being sent more frequently to the federal court system, where they face stiffer sentences.

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"They have become more focused, appropriately, on getting illegal guns off the streets and violent gun offenders off the street," said Daniel Webster, co-director of the Center for Gun Policy and Research at Johns Hopkins University.

It has been a particularly bloody year for children in Baltimore: Twenty-seven of this year's homicide victims were under 18.

In Philadelphia, killings dipped this year after reaching a nine-year high of 406 in 2006. Through midnight Tuesday, the city had 390 slayings, or 11 fewer than at the same point a year ago.

Like Baltimore, Philadelphia is dealing with a rash of illegal handguns that officials believe are being used to resolve minor disputes.

In other big cities, Phoenix reported 207 killings at the end of November, just shy of last year's total of 214 for the same period; Boston had 66 slayings as of Dec. 28, compared with 71 by the same point in 2006; Dallas was on track to finish considerably higher, with 200 homicides as of Dec. 26, versus 175 last year.

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NOT VERY HIP: Recycling has not caught on the way many have hoped it would, largely because landfills are still plentiful and have considerable capacity. But as the cost of landfills rises, recycling begins to make more economic sense and more locales will likely mandate recycling as a result.

Still catching on

Dear EarthTalk:

I can't understand why it is not mandatory to recycle in the U.S. In my home we recycle 80 percent and toss 20 percent and I am trying to improve those percentages. What needs to happen to make recycling the law of the land?

Vicki

Geneva, NY

MANDATORY RECYCLING IS A HARD SELL IN THE U.S., where the economy runs largely along free market lines and landfilling waste remains inexpensive and efficient. When the research firm Franklin Associates examined the issue a decade ago, it found that the value of the materials recovered from curbside recycling was far less than the extra costs of collection, transportation, sorting and processing incurred by municipalities.

Plain and simple, recycling still costs more than landfilling in most locales. This fact, coupled with the revelation that the so-called "landfill crisis" of the mid-1990s may have been overblown — most of our landfills still have considerable capacity and do not pose health hazards to surrounding communities — means that recycling has not caught on the way some environmentalists were hoping it would.

However, many cities have found ways to recycle economically. They

have cut costs by scaling back the frequency of curbside pickups and automating sorting and processing. They've also found larger, more lucrative markets for the recyclables, such as in developing countries eager to reuse our cast-off items. Increased efforts by green groups to educate the public about the benefits of recycling have also helped. Today, dozens of U.S. cities are diverting upwards of 30 percent of their solid waste streams to recycling.

While recycling remains an option for most Americans, a few cities, such as Pittsburgh, San Diego and Seattle, have made recycling mandatory. Seattle passed its mandatory recycling law in 2006 as a way to counter declining recycling rates there. Recyclables are now prohibited from both residential and business garbage.

Businesses must sort for recycling all paper, cardboard and yard waste. Households must recycle all basic recyclables, such as paper, cardboard, aluminum, glass and plastic. Businesses with garbage containers "contaminated" with more than 10 recyclables are issued warnings and eventually fines if they don't comply. Household garbage cans with recyclables in them are simply not collected until the recyclables are removed to the recycling bin. Meanwhile, a handful of other cities, including Gainesville, Florida and

Honolulu, Hawaii, require businesses to recycle, but not yet residences.

In perhaps the most famous case of a city putting recycling to the economic test, New York, a national leader on recycling, decided to stop its least cost-effective recycling programs (plastic and glass) in 2002. But rising landfill costs ate up the \$39 million savings expected. As a result, the city reinstated plastic and glass recycling and committed to a 20-year contract with the country's largest private recycling firm, Hugo Neu Corporation, which built a state-of-the-art facility along South Brooklyn's waterfront.

There, automation has streamlined the sorting process, and its easy access to rail and barges has cut both the environmental and transportation costs previously incurred by previously using trucks. The new deal and new facility have made recycling much more efficient for the city and its residents, proving once and for all that responsibly run recycling programs can actually save money, landfill space and the environment.

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A new state takes shape

In California, climate change transforms the land, lifestyles

BY NOAKI SCHWARTZ
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES Where celebrities, surfers and wannabes once mingled on the sands of Malibu's world-famous beaches, there are now only sea walls defending fading mansions from the ever-encroaching Pacific.

Abandoned ski lifts from Lake Tahoe to the fire-ravaged mountains of Southern California dangle above lonely trails that are now more suitable for mountain biking during much of the winter. The Joshua trees that once extended their tangled arms into the desert sky by the thousands have all but disappeared.

And in Northern California, tourists must drive farther north or to the cool edge of the Pacific to find what is left of the region's signature wine country.

Such is a possible peek into the Golden State's future under scenarios put forth by scientists trying to gauge what the nation's most geographically diverse state might look like by the end of the century, if not sooner.

As the global climate warms, California's one-of-kind geography and the lifestyle it has made famous will not escape the consequences. From the misty redwood forests of the North Coast to the snow-fed waterfalls of the Sierra Nevada, from Southern California's sunbather-jammed beaches to the temperamental wildflowers of the inland deserts, the changes could be profound.

Concern about the future already is being voiced on California airwaves.

In a marketing blitz to promote increased energy efficiency, the state government has produced a series of haunting television and radio commercials featuring parents and grandparents explaining what kind of state the next generation might inherit because of global warming.

One foretells of endless drought and barren farms. In another, a montage of voices warns, "To my children ... I leave floods and homes under water, and a landscape that isn't the same."

Many of the scientific predictions are gloomy. Some already are coming true.

"We need to be attentive to the fact that changes are going to occur, whether it's sea level rising or increased temperatures, droughts and potentially increased fires," said Lisa Sloan, a scientist who directs the Climate Change and Impacts Laboratory at the University of California, Santa Cruz. "These things are going to be happening."

Among the earliest and most noticeable casualties is expected to be California's ski season.

The snow is likely to continue but is expected to fall for a shorter period of time and melt more quickly. That could shorten the ski season by a month even in wetter areas and perhaps end it in others.

In Southern California, where skiing in a region parched by sun and cursed with the

hot, dry Santa Ana winds might seem an oxymoron to outsiders, the region is ringed by mountain ranges that cradle several winter resorts. Three peaks within an easy drive of downtown Los Angeles exceed 10,000 feet.

The ski season here has begun to shrivel, whether from short-term drought or long-term changes. Over the last few years, as winter rainfall and snowfall have declined markedly, the resorts have suffered.

"There's always plenty of snow, but you may just have to go out of state for it," said Rinda Wohlwend, 62, who belongs to two ski clubs in Southern California. "I'm a very avid tennis player, so I'd probably play more tennis."

Throughout California, residents will have to adapt in similar ways to warmer temperatures.

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Because California is a coastal state with myriad microclimates, predicting exactly what will happen across a land mass a third larger than that of Italy by the end of the century is a challenge.

But through a series of interviews with scientists who are studying the phenomenon, a general description of the state's future emerges.

By the end of the century, temperatures are predicted to increase from 3 degrees to as much as 10 degrees Fahrenheit statewide. That could translate into even less rainfall across the southern half of the state, which already is under pressure from the increased frequency of wildfires and relentless population growth.

The deserts east of Los Angeles are home to small mammals, lizards and colonies of wildflowers that are accustomed to periodic three-year dry spells. But their populations may not be able to withstand the 10-year drought cycles that could become commonplace as the planet warms.

A near four-year drought already has snuffed out certain local habitats for the fringe-toed lizard, a sand-skimming reptile that once was common in the Palm Springs area. Nearby, scientists are considering relocating Joshua Tree seedlings to areas where the trees, a hallmark of the high desert and namesake of a national park, might survive climate change.

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COMMUNITY PROFILES: YEAR IN REVIEW

People are what make a community

A unique group of individuals made '07 a year with flavor

By Daily Press Staff

Editor's note: Our weekly Community Profiles feature strives to focus attention on some of the most interesting individuals in our midst and has profiled some of the area's best and brightest this year. Some entertain the masses, others save the community. There are even those who just make the world a more beautiful, thought provoking place to live. Here are our choices for best profiles of the year that was 2007.

A WHALE OF A GUY

Conducting interviews and photo sessions with the ever so elusive Peter Wallerstein is no easy task.

An hour before a 9 a.m. scheduled interview with the Daily Press, this longtime animal lover had to cancel as he was called to an impromptu press conference at the Bird Center in San Pedro.

Wallerstein's presence was requested to present footage of a rescue he conducted the day before on Santa Monica Beach of a pregnant sea lion suffering from domoic acid.

Caused by an algae bloom, domoic acid accumulates in fish at a high level and is eventually passed on to its predators, including sea lions. As a result of consuming the infected fish, sea lions often experience seizures as legions appear on their brain.

The victim lying on Santa Monica Beach on Tuesday was suffering similar neurological effects from the domoic acid.

Following the press conference, Wallerstein zooms back to his headquarters in an RV park on Dockweiler Beach, in time for a noon interview, but his ear close to a cell phone, which could ring at any time with another sea animal rescue call.

Averaging six to eight calls a day, such is the life for the founder of the Whale Rescue Team, which has saved thousands of marine mammals up and down the Santa Monica Bay over the past 22 years.

Born and raised in Norwalk, Conn., Wallerstein left his home immediately after high school, spending years soul searching as he traveled the world, living in a small log cabin in an isolated area of the mountains of New Hampshire, creating his own habitat in the islands of the West Indies and the Caribbean before packing his bags and heading out to California.

"I wanted to lead a meaningful life," said Wallerstein, 55, of Playa del Rey. "I didn't want to just settle for a job I would be bored with after 20 to 30 years and feel like I missed out on something in my life."

If it's one thing Wallerstein was certain, it was his love for nature, animals and respect for all life. He became an ethical veg-

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Peter Wallerstein, Playa Del Rey



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COMMUNITY HEROES: (Above) Peter Wallerstein has based his sea mammal rescue operation at Dockweiler State Beach in Playa del Rey. The City of Santa Monica is one of his earliest clients. (Right) Steve Meltzer brings over 14 years of experience as a puppeteer to his show 'Puppetolio!' and other marionette musicals at his theater.

etarian 30 years ago, which led to becoming a vegan 25 years ago.

One of his first friends in California would steer Wallerstein toward an area that would come to consume his life for the next two decades — marine life protection. It was the late 1970s and Wallerstein had just met Paul Watson, the founder of the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society, an organization advocating for marine life protection and conservation and demanding the shut down of illegal whaling.

Wallerstein was offered the position of the pacific director of the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society and spent the next few years at sea, confronting illegal whaling ships they would come across.

After a campaign in the Bering Sea, Wallerstein was at home watching a news program about whales drowning in fishing nets. Watching the newscast, Wallerstein automatically assumed the whales were dying in the Bering Sea.

"I was shocked that it was in our own neighborhood in Point Dume and Palos Verdes," Wallerstein said. "There wasn't a coordinated effort to go out and save them."

From the newscast, the Whale Rescue Team was born.

— Melody Hanatani

MASTER OF PUPPETS

During his more than 14 years as a puppeteer, Steve Meltzer has worked on several commercials, appeared with his dummy Fred Mingo on Nickelodeon and "The Daily Show," and worked on the cult classic "Team America: World Police" — the first feature film to use marionettes instead of real actors.

Meltzer and Mingo just recently made a cameo appearance in the upcoming film "The Great Buck Howard," starring Tom Hanks and John Malkovich.

While appearing on television and on the big screen has been fun for Meltzer, who has a masters degree in fine arts from USC, his biggest thrill derives from operating the Santa Monica Puppetry Center over the last decade.

During that time, Meltzer has performed for countless children and their parents, opening their eyes to a world that is often overlooked and underappreciated in an age of computer graphics, hand-held video games and an ever-shortening attention span.

"I think we're ready for grassroots, down-home theater," said Meltzer, sitting with his dog Zeke, his dummy and the stage where he performs "Puppetolio!" and other marionette musicals. "My mission is expanding puppetry, but it is also



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just as much about showing people that we can gather in a room and sing songs without there being any religious or political agenda. It's all just about having fun for all ages, taking people to this magical world that only exists in their imaginations."

On the walls of his modest museum and theater, Meltzer has hung scores of marionettes, puppets and dummies from the earliest days of the art in what can only be described as an elaborate shrine that pays homage to the likeminded performers that preceded him.

Each artifact comes with a unique story of its origin and how Meltzer acquired it, starting with the first puppet he purchased for \$5 at a Long Beach swap meet. It was a "spur-of-the-moment" decision — an impulse buy — but for some reason, when Meltzer saw the puppet, he knew he had to have it.

Meltzer, 53, was first introduced to the magic of puppetry as a boy growing up in New York City. Television was relatively young then, and stations were dominated by variety shows. Meltzer's favorite was the "Paul Winchell-Jerry Mahoney Show" on NBC. A 30-minute variety show for adults and kids, it captured Meltzer's attention and his imagination. He fell in love with the ventriloquist and his wooden dummy.

"The biggest thrill was to stay up late and watch his 7:30 (p.m.) broadcast," Meltzer said. "He was unlike any other ventriloquist. He was innovative. His dummy

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Steve Meltzer
Owner of Puppetolio!

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AN ARTIST WITH A PLAN: Lita Albuquerque mixes a wide range of styles into her work.

didn't just sit on his knee. It was just fantastic. I just remember thinking, 'I know that guy's not alive, but in a way, he was. It was my first dichotomy.'

Little did he know at the time, but Meltzer would eventually meet Winchell and become friends with the voice of Tigger on the "Winnie the Pooh" series. The two became so close that Winchell gave his last performance at the Puppetry Center before he died in 2005.

"It was such an honor to have him here," Meltzer said of his idol. "It was something very special ... one of the highlights."

— Kevin Herrera

SCIENCE MEETS ART

Lita Albuquerque stepped off the C-17 Globemaster military transport plane and into blinding whiteness. Welcome to Antarctica.

"She was just ecstatic," said Sophie Pegrum, a documentary filmmaker who accompanied the Santa Monica earth artist on her Antarctica art installation in December. "She was beaming with a smile across her face."

Albuquerque inhaled a breath of frozen and unpolluted air under a clear blue sky. Her eyes gazed hundreds of miles into the distance across a brilliant expanse of snow that reflected the unblocked sun.

"Where we were was completely magical," Albuquerque said. "It's a very profound experience to be in that purity of landscape, in the middle of sea ice surrounded by mountain ranges."

Albuquerque, a local artist whose Tunisian childhood inspired her to create art linking the earth and sky, flew to Antarctica for a month with a team of scientists and artists to install her "Stellar Axis" project.

The team arranged fiberglass spheres into a pattern that reflected the arrangement of stars in the winter solstice sky. The royal blue orbs ranged in size from 10 inches to four feet, their relative diameter corresponding to the brightness of the star they represented.

Albuquerque frequently collaborates with astronomers and scientists to give her art a fundamental and accurate architecture underneath, Pegrum said.

"What really impresses me about Lita is

that she's an artist but she's really concerned about the scientific validity of her work," said Dr. Simon Balm, an astronomy professor at Santa Monica College.

Balm accompanied the team to Antarctica as a scientific advisor to calculate the exact map coordinates for the spheres.

"It was absolutely amazing to see those abstract numbers turn into a thing of beauty, an artistic thing," Balm said. "I don't think I'd seen science in that light before. She made science accessible."

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The National Science Foundation funded the trip to Antarctica.

Albuquerque is heading to the Arctic Circle at the opposite end of the earth in July to assess locations and conditions for a second installation.

The idea is to install star patterns on both poles then imagine a shaft of light streaming through the earth's axis.

As the planet moves, stars appear to spiral clockwise on the South Pole and counterclockwise on the North Pole. With this spinning, the shaft of light would take the form of a double helix — the shape of a DNA strand — which Albuquerque explained as yet another connection between humans and their universe.

Pegrum called Albuquerque inspirational to the extreme, but Albuquerque doesn't always acknowledge how compelling her artwork is to others.

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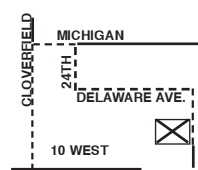
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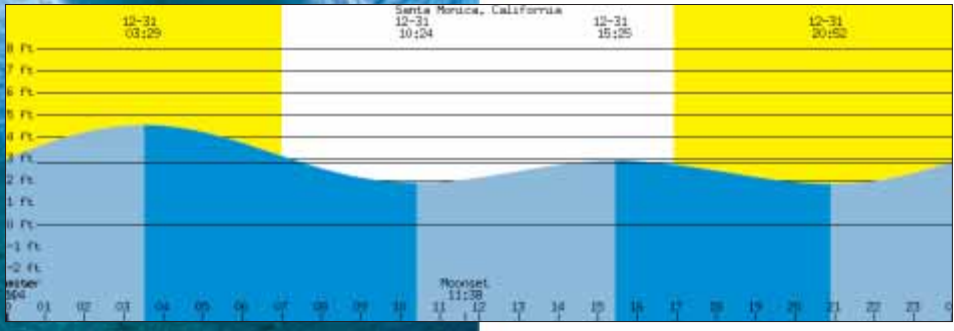
SURF CONDITIONS

WATER TEMP: 56°

SWELL FORECAST (2-2 FT)
Today looks a bit smaller as this NW energy passes and some wind swell comes into the mix. Chest high at west facing breaks with rare plus-es at standouts seems like a reasonable call. South facing breaks will of course be smaller, more along the lines of waist high max. Tide will maintain fairly even levels throughout the morning. A Santa Ana though is expected to develop on Monday, increasing in strength Tuesday.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS
SIGNIFICANT SWELLS LATE IN WEEK...
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TIDE FORECAST FOR TODAY IN SANTA MONICA





Brandon Wise brandonw@smdp.com
BODIES IN MOTION: Party-goers are in for a wild night at Zanzibar in Santa Monica on New Year's Eve. There will be a wide-array of events for locals to party the night away.

Santa Monicans set to party out

FROM PARTY PAGE 1

which will include non-alcoholic beverages for guests who don't drink. Kannan said he just purchased his home a few months ago so many of his friends have not seen it yet, so he's anxious to show it off.

"I just felt like I wanted to do something fun for my friends and keep the cost down," said Kannan, 35. "I'm having my guests bring their favorite drinks and I'm supplying the food and, if need be, some beds for them to sleep in so they don't drive home drunk. It's going to be a small gathering, pretty intimate, which I think is better than going out to a crowded club and pay for over-priced drinks."

No matter what a person prefers, there are plenty of options out there to choose from in Santa Monica.

Many restaurants and hotels are offering dinner specials with entertainment and a free champagne toast, with prices ranging from \$40 at the Spitfire Grill, to more than \$130 at Abode, an upscale restaurant and lounge off Ocean Avenue.

Then there are the nightclubs such as the popular Temple Bar, which is partnering with KCRW to present a "psychedelic, pop, and rock New Year's Eve" with Dengue Fever, a local band led by Cambodian songstress Ch'hom Nimol. Tickets at the door are \$40.

Harvelle's, Santa Monica's "original speak easy" will be hosting a '20s and '30s ball, which promises to have 2,000 pounds of blues and party favors from the era, including boas, fedoras and tiaras, as well as a champagne toast. The night will feature Rick Holstrom. Tickets are \$30.

And at Zanzibar on Fifth Street people will be able to dance the night away with Breakestra, an orchestra that specializes in break beats from the likes of James Brown and Parliament Funkadelic. Tickets are \$40 at the door, with free champagne and party favors at midnight.

For those looking for laughs, comedians and musicians will perform for the Alliance for Survival's Celebration of Peace at the

Church in Ocean park. Tickets are \$30 per person and \$20 for those who are low-income.

The Westside Eclectic will also be throwing a New Year's Eve party featuring stand-up comedy and a "mumbly, off-key rendition, of "Auld Lang Syne." Snacks and drinks will be provided at a cost of \$25.

For those looking to throw a New Year's bash at home, party planner Jennifer Jerauld, president of Southern California Event Planning on Wilshire Boulevard, said the more simple it is, the better.

I JUST WANT TO HAVE A RELAXING NEW YEAR'S THIS TIME AROUND."

Stacey Smythe
Retail manager

"Sometimes you get so worried about making it the best party ever that you do too much and make it overwhelming for people who do come," Jerauld said.

What's best is to make the party an intimate affair with music and snacks that are easy to prepare. Jerauld recommended throwing a party with a specific theme to help with the decorations.

"The '80s are very popular," she said. "You could have people bring their favorite food from the '80s or dress up like their favorite character from the era."

Another idea is to make a ball to drop at the stroke of midnight. A host can fill it with little bottles of booze, candy or other party favors.

"It's all about staying within budget and getting guests involved," Jerauld. "The most important thing is to not worry too much about making it the greatest night ever, but just concentrate on having fun."



NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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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 — 0

Number of wet days — 8

Number of A grades for dry/wet weather — 36 / 18

Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather — 11 / 15

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LOCATION	DRY	WET	LOCATION	DRY	WET
Las Cañitas Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth (beacarrilla)	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	C	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachasa and Las Aliso creeks	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	A	A+
Escorial Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chatsaugas)	F	F
Bread Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	F	D
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	F	C
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	ns	Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	F
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kentler storm drain	F	F
Escandida Creek, just east of Escandida State Beach	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurant)	A+	F
Ladiga Canyon Creek mouth	A	A+	Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	B	F
Saltire Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach	A+	ns	Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A	ns
Puente State Beach at creek mouth	A+	A+	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	F	A+
Marin Canyon storm drain at Puente Beach, at 24572 Mulliken Rd.	A	ns	Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A	ns
Surfside Beach at Mulliken Canyon fence	A+	A+	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A	C
Surfside Beach (beach location) - daily	F	F	Venice Beach - projection of Tapsall St.	A+	C
Mallibu Pier - 50 yards east	A	A	Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach - lifeguard tower	A	D
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns	Deckweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	A	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zone)	A+	ns	Deckweiler State Beach at Calver Blvd. drain	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	F	A+	North Westchester Storm Drain at Deckweiler State Beach	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Las Torres County Beach	A+	ns	Deckweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon	A	A+	Deckweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	C	Deckweiler Beach - opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A+	A+
Cardenas Storm Drain at Cardenas Beach	F	F	Deckweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Cardenas Beach	F	C			
Will Rogers State Beach at 17280 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



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So weird Depp says ‘Sweeney Todd’ flashback was ‘weirdest thing I ever had to act

In a career that has included drunk pirates and a scissor-handed recluse, **JOHNNY DEPP** says the strangest scene he’s ever filmed is a simple flashback in “Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street.”

The movie is the sixth collaboration for Depp and director Tim Burton – and one of their riskiest. It’s based on Stephen Sondheim’s bloody Broadway musical about a murderous barber, and Depp had scant singing experience.

But it wasn’t the singing that scared Depp – or any of his character’s numerous gory murders. It was a flashback to young Sweeney’s happy life before he was sent to prison by Judge Turpin (Alan Rickman).

It’s arguably the most normal scene in the movie, and both Depp and Burton could hardly stomach it.

“I think that was the weirdest thing I ever had to shoot,” Depp told The Associated Press in a recent interview. “(Burton) literally was sobbing. He left the set of his own movie.”

Burton said the extreme melodrama of the scene was difficult to watch.

“That’s when I knew (Depp) was a great actor, because that was terrible,” the 49-year-old director said. “That was so bad.”

Depp, star of the “Pirates of the Caribbean” films and “Edward Scissorhands,” has received rave reviews for his performance, and Burton wonders if the 44-year-old actor will look back in later years and cringe at the young Sweeney flashback.

“That and having to soap up Alan Rickman’s face were two of the scariest moments, maybe of my

life,” joked Depp.

For some reason, Burton explained, preparing Rickman’s character for a shave was “quite a traumatic experience” for Depp.

“Sweeney Todd,” a DreamWorks/Paramount release, has received four Golden Globe nominations, including best musical or comedy, best director for Burton abd best actor for Depp.

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BILLY JOEL TO DEBUT WITH PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA

The Piano Man will make his Philadelphia Orchestra debut next month.

BILLY JOEL will perform with the orchestra Jan. 26 to celebrate the 151st anniversary of the Academy of Music, it was announced Thursday.

The program, led by Music Director Christoph Eschenbach, will also include the Blue Man Group, soprano Disella Larusdottir and pianist Conrad Tao.

Joel, 58, will play a selection of his own songs, and the orchestra will present the world premiere of his classical composition “Waltz No. 2 (Steinway Hall)” in a new orchestration.

The Academy of Music was the home of the Philadelphia Orchestra from 1900 to the opening of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts in December 2001.

A portion of the concert proceeds will support the orchestra’s Billy Joel Endowment Fund for Education.

Joel released “Fantasies & Delusions,” an album of classical piano compositions, in 2001.

AP

Street festival in Puerto Rico salutes Martin for his music



A decades-old street festival in San Juan’s colonial district will dedicate its 2008 celebration to **RICKY MARTIN**.

Martin’s international singing career and charitable work for children will be saluted at the San Sebastian Street Festival, which kicks off Jan. 17, organizers announced Thursday.

The popular festival, now in its 38th year, is a raucous four-day celebration that attracts thousands to the cobblestone streets of Old San Juan.

Martin, 36, said in a statement that he is thrilled to receive the honor. The ex-Menudo member has long been one of Puerto Rico’s top-selling artists.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Why on earth, you might wonder, are people crabby, especially when greeting the New Year? Be careful, because you just might be one of them. Frustration surrounds a potential misunderstanding. Tonight: Help others smile.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You have the ability to handle pressure and a touch of chaos from different sides. You will accomplish a lot if you let go of petty concerns. Expect either to be more nurturing than anticipated or to host a last-minute get-together. Tonight: Don’t push.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You have the ability to bypass problems and misunderstandings. You will need to make that choice, as you could become involved in the present squalor. Examine present circumstances with care. Tonight: Happy as can be. You find that your energy is limitless.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Don’t have great expectations for the immediate, but do look for the long term. Your relationships will become far more rewarding, packed with happiness. Mutuality remains a big theme. Tonight: As you like, but close to home!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You have a lot going for you. Knowing when to pull back and handle a matter differently can make and save the celebration. Draw those you love closer to you. Tonight: Hanging out waiting for the magic moment. A friend could be disruptive.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Examine your priorities, realizing that sometimes you need to back off. Your ability to touch others on a deep level emerges. Remain confident and direct. You know what you want; make it so. Tonight: Treat a loved one well.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ You have the ability to turn in a new direction or do what others cannot. Your magnetism sparkles despite a mishap or two. Be the instrument who allows good will to pass through him. Help others enjoy. Tonight: In the limelight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You smile, and others respond. Claim your power. Be willing to make that difference. Understanding breeds greater closeness. Listen to your inner voice with others. You might be stunned by a partner. Tonight: Vanish for the first kiss of the New Year.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ The party leads others to you. No matter what, the spirit of celebration lives on. You christen the New Year properly, with friends; you’re also busy making new friends. A partner could become feisty. It is only a phase. Tonight: Pop the cork!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Others look to you for acknowledgment and answers. If you can, stop for a nap and recharge your batteries. You could be exhausted and tired. Tonight: In the limelight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Reach out for someone with purpose. Not everyone needs to understand the hows and whys of a situation. Your creativity bubbles forth and allows you to gain insight. Focus on new beginnings. Tonight: Share resolutions.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Work with someone directly. Your ability to move a situation in a new direction adds to your happiness and ability to enjoy those around you. Don’t let edginess touch your relationship. Stay clear and direct. Tonight: Light candles. Have a romantic dinner.

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The Great Debaters (PG-13)
10:10am, 1:05, 4:00, 7:00, 9:55
P.S. I Love You (PG-13)
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The Golden Compass (PG-13)
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National Treasure: Book of Secrets (PG)
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Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street (R)
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Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from Bronze (easiest) to Silver to Gold (hardest).

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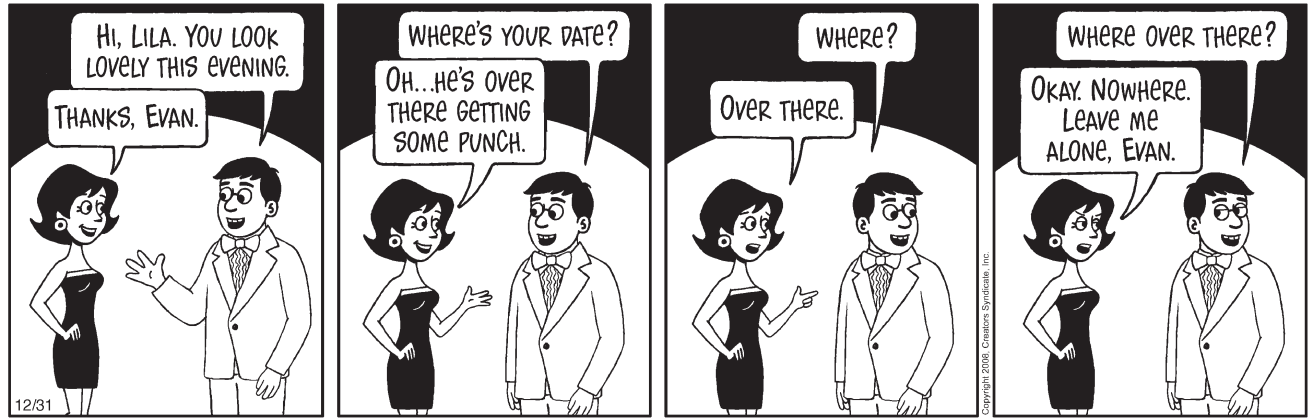
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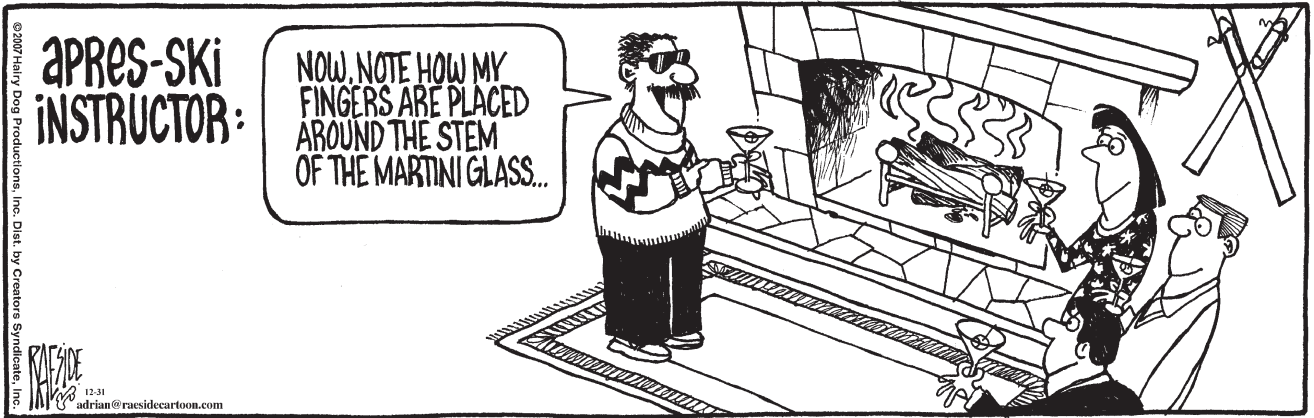
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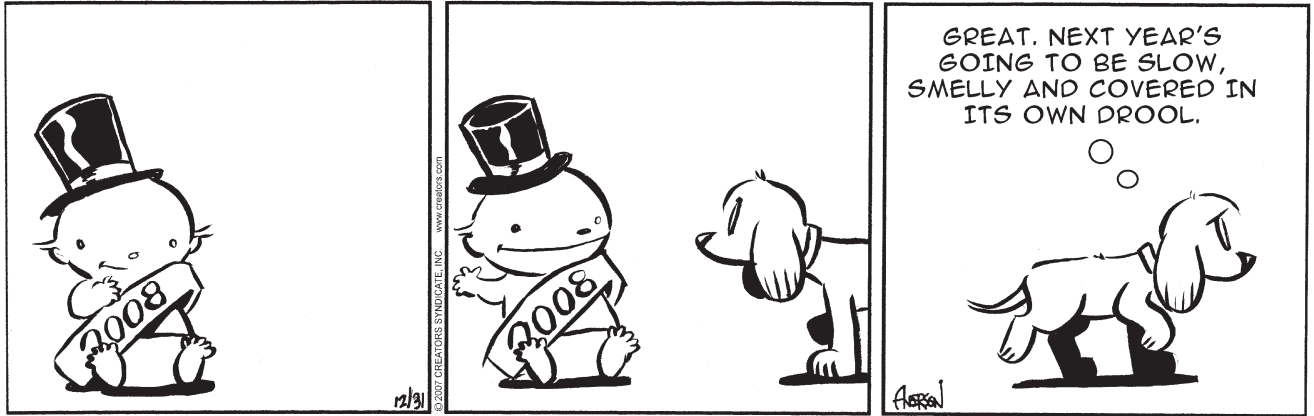
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In November, a 77-year-old man in Jacksonville, Fla., intending to help his daughter by riding his bicycle to Long Branch Elementary School to pick up her 4-year-old son (his grandson), arrived back home with a kid on the bike but did not realize that he had picked up the wrong boy. Said the picked-up kid's frantic mother, "(The two boys) don't even look alike."

■ The Rhode Island Department of Health fined Rhode Island Hospital \$50,000 in November because three doctors so far this year have performed neurosurgery on the wrong side of the patients' brains. (Two patients survived.)

■ Jesse Rodriguez, 33, was scheduled to testify in December in Redwood City, Calif., against the man who ordered him to shoot another to death in 1989, even though triggerman Rodriguez has been, and is, exempt from any prison time. Rodriguez was 14 when he killed the man, and state law at the time prohibited authorities from holding him beyond his 25th birthday. Since Rodriguez went on the lam after the crime and did not surface until he was 31, the state would have to let him go even if he were tried and convicted.

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1229 James I of Aragon the Conqueror enters Medina Mayurqa (nowadays Palma de Mallorca, Spain) thus consummating the Christian conquest of the island of Mallorca.

1599 British East India Company is chartered.

1687 The first Huguenots set sail from France to the Cape of Good Hope.

1857 Queen Victoria chooses Ottawa, Ontario, as the capital of Canada.

1909 Manhattan Bridge opens.

1955 General Motors becomes the first U.S. corporation to make over USD \$1 billion in a year.

1983 The AT&T Bell System is broken up by the United States Government.

1991 The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics is officially dissolved.

1998 Exchange rates between the euro and legacy currencies in the Eurozone become fixed.

2004 The official opening of Taipei 101, the current tallest skyscraper in the world, standing at a height of 509 metres (1,670 feet).

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Date of Filing Application: Dec. 18, 2007

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Type of License(s) Applied for: 47 – ON-SALE GENERAL EATING PLACE.

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The bids must be submitted at the Cashier's Office, located on the Mezzanine level, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, California 91803-1331, before 11 a.m. on Tuesday, January 22, 2008. The bids will then be publicly opened and read in Conference Room A or at the location posted in the main lobby.

The work shall be done in accordance with the Plans and Specifications on file and open for inspection at the County Board of Supervisors Executive Office and the Department of Public Works. The work is estimated to cost between \$2,100,000 and \$2,400,000 and shall be completed over a period of one year. The work requires a California Class A or C-10 contractor's license. Prebid questions regarding the Plans and Specifications should be directed to Mr. Harry Cong at (626) 458-3111.

A mandatory prebid meeting for this Contract will be held on Monday, January 14, 2008, at 10 a.m., in the Small Dining Room at the Headquarters Building, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, California 91803-1331, Thomas Guide page 595, H-6. Attendance at this meeting is mandatory for award of the contract.

The bids must be submitted on the proposal forms included in the bidder's package of the contract documents, which may be purchased for \$14, if picked up at the aforementioned Cashier's Office, (626) 458-6959, Monday through Thursday between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., or for \$17, if mailed, which includes postage and handling.

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All persons performing the work shall be paid not less than the General Prevailing Wage Determination prepared by the Director of Industrial Relations pursuant to the California Labor Code. Copies of these wage rates are available at the Department of Public Works.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20072670083 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as WESTSIDE NOTARY, 13701 MARINA POINTE DR. #413, MARINA DEL REY, CA. 90292. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : WESTSIDE NOTARY, 13701 MARINA POINTE DR. #413, MARINA DEL REY, CA. 90292 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/: ROBERT CONNOLLY, EUGENIA SHERWOOD

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20072680977 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as REGINA JONES & ASSOCIATES; SAAGEE & ASSOCIATES; SAAGEE MARKETING, 1536 W. 46TH ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90062. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : REGINA C. JONES/PROPRIETOR, 1536 W. 46TH ST., 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/: REGINA C. JONES

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 12/6/2007. 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 12/24/2007, 12/31/2007, 1/7/2008, 1/14/2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20072657329 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as WEST COAST GRAPHICS GROUPS, 13075 E. GARVEY AVE., STE. D, BALDWIN PARK, CA 91706. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : TERRY VASQUEZ, 18321 E. WOODCROFT ST., AZUSA, CA 91702 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)12/1/2007. /s/: TERRY VASQUEZ

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and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 12/24/2007, 12/31/2007, 1/7/2008, 1/14/2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20072657330 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as BNL PRINTING + GRAPHICS, C + B SUPPLIES, WEST COAST MEDIA, 13075 E. GARVEY AVE. STE. DBALDWIN PARK, CA. 91706. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : TERRY VASQUEZ, 18321 E. WOODCRAFT ST. AZUSA, CA. 91702 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)12/1/2007. /s/: TERRY VASQUEZ

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20072646611 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CAM SERVICES; AI #/ON 1461936, 5664 SELMARINE DRIVE, CULVER CITY, CA 90230. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : COMMON AREA MAINTENANCE SERVICES, INC., 5664 SELMARINE DRIVE, CULVER CITY, CA 90230 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)5/19/1989. /s/: COMMON AREA MAINTENANCE SERVICES; JIMMIE E. SWINDLE; CEO

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 12/3/07. 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 12/24/2007, 12/31/2007, 1/7/2008, 1/14/2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20072681354 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as DAILY NAILS & SPA; AI #/ON 3029465, 15213 HAWTHORNE BLVD., LAWDALE, CA 90260. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : DNS NAILS & SPA, INC., 15213 HAWTHORNE BLVD., LAWDALE, CA 90260 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)12/3/2007. /s/: DNS NAILS & SPA, INC.; MINDY LO; PRESIDENT

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 12/3/2007. 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 12/24/2007, 12/31/2007, 1/7/2008, 1/14/2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20072676590 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MS. JAY REAL ESTATE INVESTMENTS, 4718 W. 171ST ST. #B, LAWDALE, CA 90260. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : JAMIE R. MOORE, 4718 W. 171ST ST. #B, LAWDALE, CA 90260 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/: JAMIE MOORE

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20072681472 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ONE GLOBAL MEDIA, 18925 NORWALK BLVD., NORWALK, CA 90701. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : MSM SERVICES, INC.; 18925 NORWALK BLVD., NORWALK, CA 90701 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/: MSM SERVICES, INC.; LYDIA F. SORIANO; PRESIDENT

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20072680940 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as RACHEL'S DESIGNS, 2400 SENECA ST. #201 PASADENA, CA 91107. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : RACHEL PILANIAN, 2400 SENECA ST. #201, PASADENA, CA 91107 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)2/7/2002. /s/: RACHEL PILANIAN

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20072627742 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ANCHOR SCROW; AI #/ON 2970890, 233 WILSHIRE BLVD., STE. 400, SANTA MONICA, CA 90401. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : AXIS CAPITAL GROUP, INC. 233 WILSHIRE BLVD., STE. 400, SANTA MONICA, CA 90401 This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: AXIS CAPITAL GROUP, INC.; SERGIO GONZALEZ; PRESIDENT/CEO

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/29/2007. 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 12/24/2007, 12/31/2007, 1/7/2008, 1/14/2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20072671556 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ALAMEDA SNACK SHOP, 4501 S. ALAMEDA ST. HW9, LOS ANGELES, CA 90018. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : SANDRA GARCIA, 3628 3RD AVE., LOS ANGELES, CA 90018 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)7/1/2007. /s/: SANDRA GARCIA

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20072627215 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 3RD ST. AUTO SALES, 4300 E. 3RD STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90022. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : JOSE GUADALUPE CORREA, 1333 E. 33RD ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90011 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: JOSE CORREA

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20072804319 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ZNSI, ZOPS, 1032 BROADWAY, SANTA MONICA, CA. 90401. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ZEIGERNET SERVICES, LLC, 1032 BROADWAY, SANTA MONICA, CA. 90401 This Business is being conducted by, a limited liability. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20072756316 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as AMERICAN UNIVERSITY ACCESS INSTITUTE, 160 S. VIRGIL AVE. #307, L.A. CA, 90004. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : GABRIEL BALAZADEH, 160 S. VIRGIL AVE. #307, L.A. CA. 90004 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/: GABRIEL BALAZADEH

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20072637419 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as DANK MEDIA, DANK PRINTING, DANK PHOTOGRAPHY, 26 WESTMINSTER AVE. #9, VENICE, CA. 90291. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : DANIEL KACVINSKI 26 WESTMINSTER #9, VENICE, CA. 90291 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)11/30/2007. /s/: DANIEL KACVINSKI

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/30/2007. 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 12/24/2007, 12/31/2007, 1/7/2008, 1/14/2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20072756315 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SPRING MEDICAL GROUP, 160 S. VIRGIL AVE. L.A. CA, 90004. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : DR. GABRIEL BALAZADEH, 160 S. VIRGIL AVE. #307, L.A. CA. 90004, BAHAR MIRHADI, 160 S. VIRGIL AVE. #307, L.A. CA. 90004 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/: DR. GABRIEL BALAZADEH, BAHAR MIRHADI

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20072607872 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MONKEY DEUX, 6010 WILSHIRE BLVD. SUITE 505, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90036. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : MONKEY FEEDS THE ROBOT, INC. 6010 WILSHIRE BLVD. SUITE 505, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90036 This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)1/1/2007. /s/: MONKEY FEEDS THE ROBOT, INC.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20072756285 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PERSIAN WOMEN ACADEMY, PERSIAN WOMEN COUNCIL,

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149 - B S. REXFORD DR. BEVERLY HILLS, CA. 90212. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : SO-RAYA GHALCHI, 149-B S. REXFORD DR. BEVERLY HILLS, CA. 90212 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/: SORAYA GHALCHI
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20072744166 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as DIGITAL BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, 11813 HIGHDALE ST., NORWALK, CA. 90650. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : SEBASTIAN ZAMORA, 11813 HIGHDALE ST., NORWALK, CA. 90650 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: SEBASTIAN ZAMORA
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 12/13/2007. 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 12/24/2007, 12/31/2007, 1/7/2008, 1/14/2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20072694522 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as HOPE FOR LIFE (TRANSITIONAL LIVING), 1624 W. 84TH ST., L.A., CA. 90047. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : REGENIA EDDINGS, 1616 W. 105TH ST., L.A., CA. 90044; BERTSINE LEE, 11875 PIGON PASS RD., MORENO VALLEY, CA. 92557 This Business is being conducted by, co-partners. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)12/1/2007. /s/: REGENIA EDDINGS
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 12/7/2007. 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 12/24/2007, 12/31/2007, 1/7/2008, 1/14/2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20072693164 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as HORSESHOEING, 9736 1/2 E. ARTESIA BLVD., BELLFLOWER, CA. 90706. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : UBALDO MEZA, 9736 1/2 E. ARTESIA BLVD., BELLFLOWER, CA. 90706 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)5/1/2007. /s/: UBALDO MEZA
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 12/7/2007. 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 12/24/2007, 12/31/2007, 1/7/2008, 1/14/2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20072719311 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as S & H BABY BLANKET'S, 4419 FIRESTONE BLVD., SOUTGATE, CA. 90280. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : SERGIO A. HERNANDEZ, 2530 E 131ST ST., COMPTON, CA. 90222 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/: SERGIO HERNANDEZ

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20072694633 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as JAVAR PRODUCTION INC.; AI #/ON 3030181, 256 SO. ROBERTSON BLVD., SUITE 104, BEVERLY HILLS, CA. 90211. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : JAVAR PRODUCTION INC., 256 SO. ROBERTSON BLVD., SUITE 104, BEVERLY HILLS, CA. 90211 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)12/1/2008. /s/: JAVAR PRODUCTION, INC.; NIKIYAH J. CLEMMONS; PRESIDENT
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 12/7/2008. 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 12/24/2007, 12/31/2007, 1/7/2008, 1/14/2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20072693607 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LASTING IMPRESSION ENT. THERAPEUTIC TREATMENTS, 624 W. 9TH ST. #200, SAN PEDRO, CA. 90731. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : MARIA ANNA GARZA, 1625 W. SANTA CRUZ ST., SAN PEDRO, CA. 90732 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)1/1/1985. /s/: MARIN A. GARZA

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20072804318 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ADVOCATE TECHNOLOGY GROUP, 19540 SHERMAN WAY, #403, RESEDA, CA. 91335. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : JOSEPH A. SCHMELTZER, 19840 SHERMAN WAY #403, RESEDA, CA. 91335, MATTHEW SPERO, 5101 BALBOA BLVD. #235, ENCINO, CA. 91316 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/: JOSEPH A. SCHMELTZER, MATTHEW SPERO
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20072705183 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as T7 PACKAGING, 1450 W. 228TH ST. #10, TORRANCE, CA. 90501. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : JORGE CASTELLON, 3723 CLARINGTON AVE. #15, W. LOS ANGELES, CA. 90034 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/: JORGE A. CASTELLON
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 12/10/2007. 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 12/24/2007, 12/31/2007, 1/7/2008, 1/14/2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20072717684 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as A.T. AUTO BODY PARTS, 17013 BELLFLOWER BLVD., UNIT A, BELLFLOWER, CA. 90706. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ANATOLY ZIGALOV, 14 GRAY HOME WAY, LAGUNA NIGEL, CA. 92677; GEORGE DAVIDLOO, 13405 ANDY ST., CERRITOS, CA. 90703 This Business is being conducted by, a general partnership. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)12/3/2007. /s/: ANATOLY ZIGALOV; GEORGE DAVIDLOO
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20072731678 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as THE BOU-TIQUE, 290 E. 213TH ST., CARSON, CA. 90745. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : GRETEL GALLAGHER, 290 E. 213TH ST., CARSON, CA. 90745; JUDY NISHIKUNI, 11 QUEENSWREATH WAY, IRVINE, CA. 92612 This Business is being conducted by, a general partnership. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)8/16/2007. /s/: GRETEL GALLAGHER; JUDY NISHIKUNI

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20072778399 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as HOIST BY YOUR OWN PETARD, 3124 5TH ST. SANTA MONICA, CA. 90405. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : C.K. NAKAMURA, 3124 5TH ST. 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/: C.K. NAKAMURA

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 12/18/2007. 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 12/31/2007, 1/7/2008, 1/14/2008, 1/21/2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20072825993 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LK PRODUCTIONS, 847 18TH ST. #5, SANTA MONICA, CA. 90403. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : LINDA KLEIN, 847 18TH 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/: LINDA KLEIN
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 12/1/2007. 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 12/31/2007, 1/7/2008, 1/14/2008, 1/21/2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20072844920 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPOSITIONS, 717 NOWITA PLACE, VENICE, CA. 90291. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : WILLIAM GERALD HARTSHORN, 717 NOWITA PLACE, VENICE, CA. 90291 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: WILLIAM G. HARTSHORN
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 12/27/2007. 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 12/31/2007, 1/7/2008, 1/14/2008, 1/21/2008

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