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The price that campaigns are willing to pay became apparent to Los Angeles actor Rico Simonini. Like most actors, he has a side job, but not as a waiter. He is Dr. Americo Simonini, a Beverly Hills cardiologist with privileges at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. When a casting call went out

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for a doctor-actor to read a commercial, Simonini auditioned and the producers liked what they saw. But then Simonini realized what he'd be doing; siding with the tobacco industry.

Like many healthcare experts, Simonini believes the topacco tax, being pushed mainly by hospitals, would dissuade some people - particularly chil dren — from smoking.

"I'm a cardiologist, I can't do this," Simonini said.

When he politely declined the work, he said he was told the \$5,000 fee could double if the initiative's proponents could use his name and identify him as a physician. If the ad ran for the

for them to have a doctor come on board." Simonini said but he Frank Schube. , who is overseeing part of the No-on-86 campaign, said that although he has A low much herey et me Peace fficers Research a modest sum, for the time taken away from his patients.

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cumbent's reelection. "Amos Brown is endorsing Francisco housing commisthis governor based on the goversaid, citing Schwarzenegger's re- don't see why there is brouhaha that the state divest holdings in

tired" of Democrats taking Afribeen critical of Schwarzenegger, can American voters for granted. "I value my vote and vote my being featured prominently in

campaigns. One reason may be that lobbyist Read represents many public safety unions.

One of his clients is the Peace Officers Research Assn. of Cali fornia, a 58,000-member organi zation that is seen in the state Capitol as expert on police and public safety issues. It lobbies in Sacramento, often swaying lawmakers when it takes stands on bills — as it did on at least 49 bills

The police group also sends mass mailings, called "slate cards," in which it announces its positions. This year, it reserved the most prominent spots on its slate card for its opposition to Propositions 86 and 87.

The group has received \$100,000 from the No-on-86 campaign, and \$120,000 from the Noon-87 campaign. The organization referred calls to its lobbyist, Aaron Read & Associates.

Randy Perry, a partner in the Read firm, said the police and the taxes would take money from public safety. Adding that the police group makes no money from the slate card mailings Perry said they get involved in they have an impact on voters."

Steve Smith, a Democratic consultant who is helping to oversee the Yes-on-87 effort and venture capitalists, said endorsements usually help campaigns, Firefighters, he said, "are more popular than teachers."

But "having a firefighter talkng about foreign oil doesn't track," Smith said, and the same applies to police. Besides, he said, Proposition

87 has been endorsed by former ighly popular in California. Neither was paid, although the Yeson-87 campaign reimbursed a private aviation company \$10,833 to fly Clinton to California, said

the Foundation for Taxpayer skills, and I do have a brain. If raise corporate taxes and create public campaign financing

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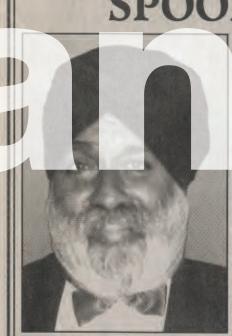
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### SPOONY SINGH



of Spoony Sing m, on October family at his sic e Jagat Singh and India. He immigra is born t ber 20,

ind spent his youth e age of ichil Kour. Spoony has created a legacy for his family through the example he set in business and the value he placed

on developing deep and long lasting bonds with his immediate and extended family. As a businessman, Spoony has had a very diversified As a businessman, Spoony has had a very diversified career. He has been an owner/operator of a wood fuel business, run a logging camp that harvested huge Douglas Fir and Hemlock trees, operated a sawmill that exported lumber throughout the world, created an amusement park that featured go-carts and trampolines, opened attractions in Los Angeles such as the Hollywood Wax Museum and the Guinness World

Records Museum, harvested peaches, plums and walnuts on a farm in Yuba City, mined for gold in Mexico, dallied in record production, built spec homes, erected Thousand Oaks Self Storage, opened a second wax museum in Branson, Missouri and purchased and developed other land in Mexico.

Spoony's business life has been characterized by courage, resiliency, and the ability to make decisions based on the core values of each of his enterprises. Spoony never stopped asking questions, never stopped learning and never rested on his laurels. Taking risks and dealing with challenges were both his vocation and his avocation. For Spoony, this was the essence of living

life fully.

As a family man, Spoony was very proud of his children. He encouraged them to be independent and he stressed to them the value of education. Spoony was also proud of the affection that all members of his extended family had for one another. As the patriarch of the family, his home was the hub of family gatherings and all were welcomed and offered friendship, food and lodging. In addition, Spoony created environments in Mexico and June Lake where family members could rest, relax, play and enjoy each others company in the surf or the snow. Spoony was also there to discreetly provide support and solace to family members that were going through difficult times. As a consequence of this leadership, he leaves behind an extended family that loves one another and savors the times that they share together.

Spoony Singh is survived by his wife of 63 years, Chanchil, six children, Meva(Jocelyn), Janik(Raj), Indie(Loui), Kabir, Jehlam(Kathleen), Raubi(Sue) and eleven grandchildren, Amar, Tej, Sarina, Sanjai, Kristina, Navi, Ryan, Kirin, Miles, Pria and Shaila.

He also leaves behind an extended family that shares a special closeness.... a bond of love and friendship. This includes the families of his three sisters, Spoonkor, Bindo, and Bosso(Sucha), brother in-law Berdie, and sister in-law Carmen.

Funeral Services for Spoony Singh will be held at 10:30 am on Tuesday, October 24, 2006 at Forest Lawn - Hollywood Hills located at 6300 Forest Lawn Drive, LA, CA, 90068. This will be followed by a celebration of his life at Duke's Restaurant located at 21150 Pacific Coast Hwy, Malibu, CA 90265.

In lieu of flowers, the Sundher's request that friends honor Spoony Singh's memory through either of the following Associations: American Heart Association

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### Laurine Keeler

(August 20, 1909-September 13, 2006)



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Los Angeles Times

On September 13, 2006 a great lady passed away peacefully in her home. Born Laurine Lyons in Mason City, Iowa, she grew up in a time when strength of character was a necessity, and she exuded it. Demanding respect by her look alone, she was one of those unique people who inspired other people to strive to greater heights, including her husband of 67 years, Fred E. Keeler II, also born in Mason City. Being the only man she ever truly loved, she waited patiently in Mason City, after graduating from Rockford College, for her future husband to begin a career in real estate in Los Angeles with his uncle F.E. Keeler, who was the founder of Lockheed Aircraft in Burbank. During that period, her love of dancing garnered her an offer to go on the Orpheum Circuit, but her heart kept her more accessible to Fred in Mason City. She was also very taken with fashion. If she saw it in a magazine, she wore it! She was quite cutting edge for Mason City in those days. In 1936, she and Fred were married

and they became one of the many prominent couples who pioneered and took full advantage of the many opportunities offered by a still mostly orange-groved, but blossoming Los Angeles. Early members of the Los Angeles Country Club, the Beach Club, the Valley Club, the National Charity League, the Assistance League, the Assistance League Junior, and others, they orchestrated an idyllic life for their family, never forgetting how lucky they were, nor who they really were. In her later years, Laurine was once asked by the producer of the original "West Side Story" if she'd ever been in movies. She said no, and he replied, "Well, you should have been!" Laurine Keeler passed away with all the genuine, down-to-earth qualities she'd brought with her from her early years in Mason City, and the sophistication she cultivated throughout the years in Lor Appeles. She is the sophistication she cultivated throughout the years in Los Angeles. She is survived by her son, Fred E. Keeler, her daughter, Lynne Keeler Cook, her grandson, Courtland Keeler, and her great-grandson, Lucas Gage Keeler. She will rest next to her husband, Fred E. Keeler II, at Pierce Brothers Cemetery, in Westwood. Above all, she will never be forgotten, and her strength of character will always remain an inspiration.

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Daniel A. Brozovich, 42, of

Greenville, Pa.; sergeant first

Brozovich was killed Wednesday

when a roadside bomb exploded

near his armored security vehicle

while on patrol in Ashraf, north of

Baghdad. He was assigned to the

1st Battalion, 213th Air Defense

Leebenard E. Chavis, 21, of

Spring City, Pa.

Artillery, Army National Guard in

Hampton, Va.; airman first class,

while serving as a turret gunner

with Iraqi police in the Baghdad

Security Forces Squadron at

Moody Air Force Base, Ga.

Air Force. Chavis was killed Oct. 14

area. He was assigned to the 824th

Johnny K. Craver, 37, of McKinney,

Texas; second lieutenant, Army.

Craver was killed Oct. 13 when a

vehicle in Baghdad. He was

Infantry Division at Ft. Hood,

Amity, Pa.; corporal, Army.

Culbertson was among four

vehicle in Baghdad. He was

Infantry Division at Ft. Hood.

Joshua Deese, 25, of Robeson

County, N.C.; first lieutenant,

Army. Deese was one of two

soldiers killed Oct. 15 when a

vehicle in Kirkuk, north of

2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry

Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 25th

roadside bomb exploded near their

Baghdad. He was assigned to the

Russell G. Culbertson III, 22, of

soldiers killed Wednesday when a

roadside bomb exploded near their

assigned to the 1st Battalion, 22nd

Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 4th

roadside bomb exploded near his

assigned to the 1st Battalion, 22nd

Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 4th

class, Army National Guard.

Nicholas R. Sowinski. 25. of

Tempe, Ariz.; sergeant, Army.

vehicle in Baghdad. He was

Brigade Combat Team at

Ft. Wainwright, Alaska.

Sowinski was killed Oct. 11 when a

roadside bomb exploded near his

assigned to the 4th Squadron, 14th

Norman R. Taylor III, 21, of Blythe,

Calif.; sergeant, Army. Taylor was

Tuesday when a roadside bomb

exploded near their convoy vehicle

in Baqubah, north of Baghdad. He

was assigned to the 1st Battalion,

68th Armor Regiment, 3rd Heavy

Luis E. Tejeda, 20, of Huntington

Park; corporal, Army. Tejeda died

Sept. 30 in Al Asad after a roadside

bomb exploded near his vehicle in

assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 6th

Division in Baumholder, Germany.

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roadside bomb exploded near their

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Leavenworth, Kan.; corporal,

vehicle in Baghdad. He was

Infantry Division at Ft. Hood,

Army. Unger was among four

David M. Unger, 21, of

Hit, west of Baghdad. He was

Brigade Combat Team, 4th

Infantry Division at Ft. Carson,

among three soldiers killed

Cavalry Regiment, 172nd Stryker

#### MILITARY DEATHS

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#### Other deaths

The Defense Department last week also identified the following American military personnel killed in Iraq:

Brock A. Babb, 40, of Evansville, Ind.; sergeant, Marine Corps Reserve. Babb was one of two reservists killed Oct. 15 when a roadside bomb exploded near their Humvee in Al Anbar province, west of Baghdad. He was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 24th Marines, 4th Marine Division, Marine Corps Reserve in Terre Haute, Ind.

Lester D. Baroncini Jr., 33, of Bakersfield; sergeant, Army. Baroncini was one of two soldiers killed Tuesday when two land mines exploded near their Humvee in Samarra, northwest of Baghdad. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division at Ft. Bragg, N.C.

Stephen D. Bicknell, 19, of Prattville, Ala.; private first class, Army. Bicknell was one of two soldiers killed Tuesday when two land mines exploded near their Humvee in Samarra, northwest of Baghdad. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division at Ft. Bragg,

Joshua L. Booth, 23, of Fiskdale, Mass.; second lieutenant, Marine Corps. Booth was killed by a sniper Tuesday while on foot patrol in Al Anbar province, west of Baghdad. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines, 3rd Marine Division in Kaneohe Bay,

Sources: Department of Defense, Times staff reports and the Associated Press

Infantry Division at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

Joseph C. Dumas Jr., 25, of New Orleans: specialist, Army, Dumas was among four soldiers killed Wednesday when a roadside bomb exploded near their vehicle in Baghdad. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division at Ft. Hood, Texas.

Nathan J. Frigo, 23, of Kokomo, Ind.; private first class, Army. Frigo was among three soldiers killed Tuesday when a roadside bomb exploded near their convoy vehicle in Baqubah, north of Baghdad. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 68th Armor Regiment, 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division at Ft. Carson,

Ryan E. Haupt, 24, of Phoenix; staff sergeant, Army. Haupt was among three soldiers killed Tuesday when a roadside bomb exploded near their convoy vehicle in Bagubah, north of Baghdad. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 68th Armor Regiment, 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division at Ft. Carson,

Joshua M. Hines, 26, of Olney, Ill.; lance corporal, Marine Corps Reserve. Hines was one of two reservists killed Oct. 15 when a roadside bomb exploded near their Humvee in Al Anbar province, west of Baghdad. He was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 24th Marines, 4th Marine Division, Marine Corps Reserve in Terre

Joseph M. Kane, 35, of Darby, Pa.; staff sergeant, Army. Kane was

among three soldiers killed Oct. 14 when a roadside bomb exploded near their vehicle in Baghdad. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 67th Armor Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division at

Ft. Hood, Texas.

Charles M. King, 48, of Mobile, Ala.; first sergeant, Army. King was among three soldiers killed Oct. 14 when a roadside bomb exploded near their vehicle in Baghdad. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 67th Armor Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division at Ft. Hood, Texas.

Timothy J. Lauer, 25, of Saegertown, Pa.; specialist, Army. Lauer was among three soldiers killed Oct. 14 when a roadside bomb exploded near their vehicle in Baghdad. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 67th Armor Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division at Ft. Hood,

Jonathan E. Lootens, 25, of Lyons, N.Y.; sergeant, Army. Lootens was one of two soldiers killed Oct. 15 when a roadside bomb exploded near their vehicle in Kirkuk, north of Baghdad. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

Christopher E. Loudon, 23, of

Brockport, Pa.; second lieutenant, Army. Loudon was among four soldiers killed Wednesday when a roadside bomb exploded near their vehicle in Baghdad. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division at Ft. Hood,

Keith J. Moore, 28, of San Francisco; private first class,

Army. Moore died of a noncombat-related injury Oct. 14 in Baghdad. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division at Ft. Drum, N.Y.

Mark C. Paine, 32, of Rancho Cucamonga; captain, Army. Paine was killed Oct. 15 when a roadside bomb exploded near his vehicle in Taji, north of Baghdad. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division at Ft. Hood,

Jose R. Perez, 21, of Ontario; specialist, Army. Perez was killed Wednesday when his unit was attacked with small-arms fire in Ramadi, west of Baghdad. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division in Baumholder, Germany.

Jonathan J. Simpson, 25, of Rockport, Texas; sergeant, Marine Corps. Simpson was killed Oct. 14 when his unit was attacked with small-arms fire while on foot patrol in Al Anbar province, west of Baghdad. He was assigned to the 1st Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division at Camp

Garth D. Sizemore, 31, of Mount Daniel W. Winegeart, 23, of Sterling, Ky.; staff sergeant, Army. Sizemore was killed Tuesday when Kountze, Texas; specialist, Army. Winegeart was killed Tuesday his patrol unit was attacked with small-arms fire in Baghdad. He when his vehicle drove off an overpass in Baghdad. He was was assigned to the 1st Battalion, assigned to the 5th Group Support 26th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Battalion, 5th Special Forces Division in Schweinfurt, Germany. Group at Ft. Campbell, Ky.

new Chinese tourists to Los Angeles and other cities within five

CALIFORNIA

"The mayor can be really great in selling Los Angeles to the international markets," said ATI Chief Executive Noel Irwin Hentschel, who scheduled the announcements to coincide with the mayor's journey.

Still, it was difficult to quantify the trip's financial benefit, partly because many of the agreements that Villaraigosa highlighted will need time to take

For example, the mayor headlined two fashion shows in Shanghai and Seoul to promote apparel made by Los Angeles designers. The clothing will be sold in some of those cities' trendiest department stores, but won't ar rive until next year.

Economists in Los Angeles said that, regardless of the dollar amount produced by the trip, trolling for business in Asia makes sense at a time when other cities, states and countries are competing to gain footholds in those markets.

Villaraigosa got a good look at some of that competition during a luncheon in Seoul sponsored by the Korea International Trade Assn. He had to share the stage - and speaking time with Washington Gov. Christine Oct. 15-17 Seoul Gregoire, the lieutenant gover- Oct. 18 Busan nors of Alaska and Idaho and the mayor of Honolulu.

"We don't want to be left out [or] leave the impression that we are indifferent," said Ed Leamer, director of the UCLA Anderson Forecast, which analyzes the economic outlook for the nation. California and Los Angeles. "The Asia-Pacific region is undergoing a dramatic surge in growth. The merce successful cities and regions [elsewhere] will be ones that po- down, the mayor and his hosts sition themselves firmly as a party to that trade."

Villaraigosa's trip was a grueling and sometimes chaotic march by chartered bus, plane and foot. The delegation left Los Angeles on Oct. 7.

At times, the schedule changed by the hour, particularly in China, where meetings were shifted as Communist Party officials grappled with a ment in cities such as Hong Kong corruption scandal. Villaraigosa and Shanghai that, like Los Anhad to settle for the vice mayors of Beijing and Shanghai after the tion. In meetings with Asian top officials were suddenly called away, although he was able to meet with some national leaders, cleaner fuels at the Port of Los and port business but was unincluding the minister of com- Angeles, and he announced a able to win a commitment from

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orchestrated a blitz of news conferences, photo ops, speeches, toasts and handshakes. Even former Secretary of

Mayor's long march is over

STEPPING OUT: Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa tours the

Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and a delegation of local business and

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Chonggye River with Seoul Vice Mayor Kim Heung Kwon.

labor leaders visited nine cities in three countries to boost

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Source: Los Angeles mayor's office

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merce between Asia and Los Angeles.

State Henry Kissinger - whom tional Airport would be ready for Villaraigosa met by chance in a the Airbus A380 jumbo jet when Beijing hotel — remarked that it begins service the mayor was being granted "grade A treatment."

the need to preserve the environgeles, are wrestling with pollushipping companies, the mayor emphasized the need to burn

He met with the chiefs of airlines, and he reassured Korean Air and China Southern air lines that Los Angeles Interna-Villaraigosa followed his

predecessors, James K. Hahn Villaraigosa also talked about and Richard Riordan, in seeking Asian trade Hahn secured business and

environmental agreements, but trip was wearing on those his mission was perhaps best known for its failure to secure two prized Chinese pandas. Riordan shored up airport

one of China's largest shipping companies to bring its cargo through the Port of Los Angeles. Like the other mayors, Villaraigosa was accompanied by a number of Los Angeles' most prominent leaders.

At Villaraigosa's side throughout was his close friend, entrepreneur Keith Brackpool, who often rode with the mayor in the back seat of chauffeured

black sedans. Brackpool sat through exchanges between Villaraigosa and his gracious Asian hosts, sometimes rolling his eyes as every word was translated. He said he had no business to do on the trip other than to learn about

Asia and support Villaraigosa. During a rare break in Seoul, the two slipped away from the crowd and the mayor's security detail, jumping on the subway for a quick ride. Late one evening, they visited an exclusive wine bar for some downtime.

"It's good to have a friend on a trip like this," said Brackpool. whom Villaraigosa worked for as a consultant before becoming

The North Korean nuclear crisis and the selection of a new schools superintendent back in Los Angeles seemed like distant rumbles on the trip. Villaraigosa voiced solidarity in talks with South Korean leaders, including President Roh Moo-hyun.

He was miffed by the school board's decision to act without him after the Legislature had given him significant control over the Los Angeles Unified School District next year. At the start of the trip, some

in the delegation wondered if the congestion of Asian cities might knock the mayor off his famously frenetic stride. But somehow he Everywhere he touched in December to tackle the issue. managed to quicken his pace. By the end, some in the group were coughing or had bloodshot eyes. A few had lost weight.

During one extended session with the mayor of Busan, South Korea, one member of Villaraigosa's delegation mumbled: "I'm about to keel over."

That night, after flying to Tokyo, Villaraigosa told a gathering of UCLA and USC alumni that he still felt fired up after two weeks on the road, even if the around him.

"Some of them are starting to feel it," he said. "I'm not. I'm ready to rock 'n' roll."

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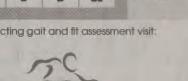
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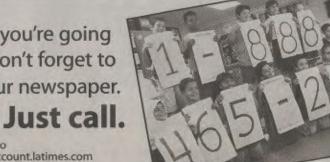
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