

Attn: Trading and Market Making/Legal and Compliance/Operations/Systems UNIFORM PRACTICE ADVISORY (UPC # 135-2003) August12, 2003 WHEN, AS AND IF ISSUED SETTLEMENT DATES

ISSUE SETTLEMENT DATE

CalWest Bancorp (CA) (OTCBB:CALWV)

- Common Stock Monday, August 18, 2003

Valesc Holdings, Inc. (OTCBB:VLSHV)

- Common Stock Monday, August 18, 2003

Venturi Partners, Inc. (OTCBB:VPTRV)

- Common Stock Monday, August 18, 2003

Questions regarding this notice should be directed to: Market Integrity Department, 203.375.9609.

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