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Last call for Lounge act

Local legend Roland to hang up bar towel after 40 years

BY REAGAN WHEELER | Special to the Daily Press

DOWNTOWN ‘They’re all stories of pretty faces.’

The line from Betty Roland’s poem “Pretty Stars” may not have been directed at Lounge 217, but it fits well with the venerable Broadway club spot. Roland, a former burlesque dancer-turned bartender has worked at the location for 40 years, having seen many familiar faces come through the

door, including the likes of Oscar-winner Sean Penn.

The 91-year-old Roland’s streak, however, looks like it will soon end, with plans underway to close the night spot at the end of July as a result of persistent noise complaints.

The address of 217 Broadway has been the home of a modern dance club and bar for 14 years, but it has a much deeper history than most clubbers appreciate. The spot began as the Lightning Room, owned by Roland’s good friends the Blackburns. Greeting people at the door and traversing the sawdust floors to tables was Roland’s job until the Blackburns both passed, leaving the place in her name. It was called Mr. B’s then.

Soon, it will no longer go by its third incarnation, Lounge 217, with new ownership taking over at month’s end.

“I was a hostess first and learned a little about the business from the Blackburns,” said Roland. “I enjoyed learning. I’d always been a dancer, so to learn the business was a challenge.”

In the end, Roland got by with a little help from her friends.

The place continued as a neighborhood staple as Mr. B’s, serving up drinks and conversation, when Roland went into business with partners Mike Garrett and Tommy Stochivich. The pair upgraded the club to keep up with the style changes that were going on in downtown Santa Monica. The once

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1685 Main St., 9:30 a.m. — 10:30 a.m.

Community organizations, arts organizations and groups of friends are all invited to march, stroll, ride or waltz down Main Street for the First Main Street Parade. The parade begins in front of City Hall and follows Main Street to Marine Street, ending in the parking lot south of Ocean Park Boulevard on the beach.

House of Vibe

1432 Fourth St., 9:30 p.m.

Harvelles is feeling funky this Fourth with House of Vibe (21 + over). For more information, call (310) 395-1676.

Marina del Rey's Annual Fourth of July Fireworks

Chace Park, Marina del Rey, 9 p.m.

Fireworks shot over Marina's main channel. Burton Chace Park and Fisherman's Village are popular viewing spots, but arrive early for parking. For more information, visit www.visitthemarina.com.

Pacific Palisades' Independence Day Celebration

Palisades Charter High School, Pacific Palisades, 2 p.m.

The Palisades Parade's Grand Marshal will be Pat Boone. For more information, visit www.palisadesparade.org.

July 4th Extravaganza

5800 Topanga Cyn Blvd., Woodland Hills, 6 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.
Don Sweeney and The SRO Big Band will play some of the Big Band Era favorites and pop classics. Joining the festivities, The Swing Dolls will perform songs and dancing in tributes to the Andrews Sisters and the McGuire Sisters. Fireworks will also be included. This event is free. For more information, call (818) 704-1358.

Thursday, July 5, 2007

Santa Monica Laughter Club

717 Broadway, 11 a.m. — noon

Shakti's Elements offers a class on laughter yoga, which combines breathing, dance and movement with laughter exercises to improve health and vitality, decrease pain and everyday stress and promote a positive mental attitude. Led by Kim Selbert, Certified Laughter Yoga Leader. Suggested donation of \$3 to \$10.

Montana screening of 'Stranger than Fiction'

1704 Montana Ave., 3 p.m. — 5 p.m.

The Montana Avenue Library is screening this surreal comedy, in which an everyday IRS auditor comes to realize that his life is being narrated by a famous novelist. He then has to convince her to rewrite her book's ending in order to save him. Starring Will Ferrell, Queen Latifah and Emma Thompson. Free popcorn and refreshments will be served.

Yappy Hour @ Tails of Santa Monica

2912 Main St., 6 p.m. — 8 p.m.

A social gathering for dogs and their people. There will be light refreshments, dog snacks and playtime. For more information, call (310) 392-4300.

The 12 Steps for Everybody

16730 Bollinger Dr., Pacific Palisades, 7 p.m. — 8 p.m.

The 12 Steps for Everybody's writing meeting is for all 12-Step programs or anyone with a habitual problem or illness. Call (310) 454-5138 or e-mail info@12stepsforeverybody.org for more information.

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.





STREAMS OF CONSCIOUSNESS

Fireworks shows will be staged tonight in several surrounding neighborhoods (see listings on page 2). Chace Park in Marina del Rey, Topanga Canyon and Pacific Palisades Charter High are just some of the venues that will see illuminated skies as a result of pyrotechnic displays.

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Starting from scratch

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

NEW ORLEANS Much like millions of American teachers, Channa Cook always dreamt of opening her own school — a blank canvas on which she could paint the ideas for the perfect educational institution.

So when the opportunity to make that dream a reality presented itself during a spring break trip to New Orleans in April, Cook and a fellow colleague in the LA Unified School District (LAUSD) jumped at the chance.

“You work every day and see how many things can change and need to be changed and kind of feel powerless because you’re in a huge district,” Cook said Tuesday.

The Santa Monica resident is now preparing for an August move to New

Orleans, where she will join colleague Kristin Moody and spend the next year forming the master plan for the opening of a charter school in the devastated city.

The 27-year-old Cook has come a long way since graduating from Santa Monica High School in 1998, attaining a bachelor’s degree in English at Stanford University in 2002 and a master’s degree in the same discipline in 2003.

Following post-graduate studies, Cook began teaching English at the Los Angeles Center for Enriched Studies, a magnet school in LAUSD. She moved on to become a literary coach to support other teachers at Crenshaw High School during the 2006-07 school year. She also teaches an English course at Santa Monica College.

This year, Cook and Moody spent their spring vacation helping to rebuild public

schools in the Recovery School District, an organization, run by the Louisiana Department of Education, aimed at turning around under-performing schools.

An official from the Recovery School District asked the teachers if they would be interested in opening their own school, putting them in touch with a non-profit organization called New Schools for New Orleans — launched in response to Hurricane Katrina.

The teachers came back to Los Angeles excited about the prospect of finally opening their own school, something that many teachers dream about, but very few realize. They submitted an application with New Schools for New Orleans and learned on June 1 that they would be

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With both hands on the wheel

Council’s O’Connor now in driver’s seat with the MTA board

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN Her love of public transportation can be traced to her childhood in Chicago, where City Council member Pam O’Connor would hop aboard a bus or a train and travel through the city with her mother and her siblings, discovering hidden gems.

As the newly selected chair of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), O’Connor has her sights set on providing the public the same opportunities she had as a child to explore different communities throughout the region, and do it by riding on one of the most environmentally friendly fleets in the country.

“I’m hoping for us to move forward in a more coordinated manner and help the organization become greener and more sustainable,” said O’Connor, who has served on the metro board since 2001, representing the Westside and South Bay Cities, whose combined population approaches one million. “The agency has already done a lot by creating one of the largest clean fuel fleets in the U.S., but there is more that we can do, such as addressing (state-mandated) greenhouse gas emissions targets.

“We definitely want to take it to the next level.”

O’Connor became the chair of the metro board on Sunday, replacing Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina, who completed her one-year term as chair.

In addition to serving on the board, O’Connor, who has served on the City Council since 1994, also represents Santa Monica on the Exposition Light Rail Construction Authority board, which is dedicated to building a light rail system from downtown Los Angeles to Santa Monica. Phase one of that project broke ground in

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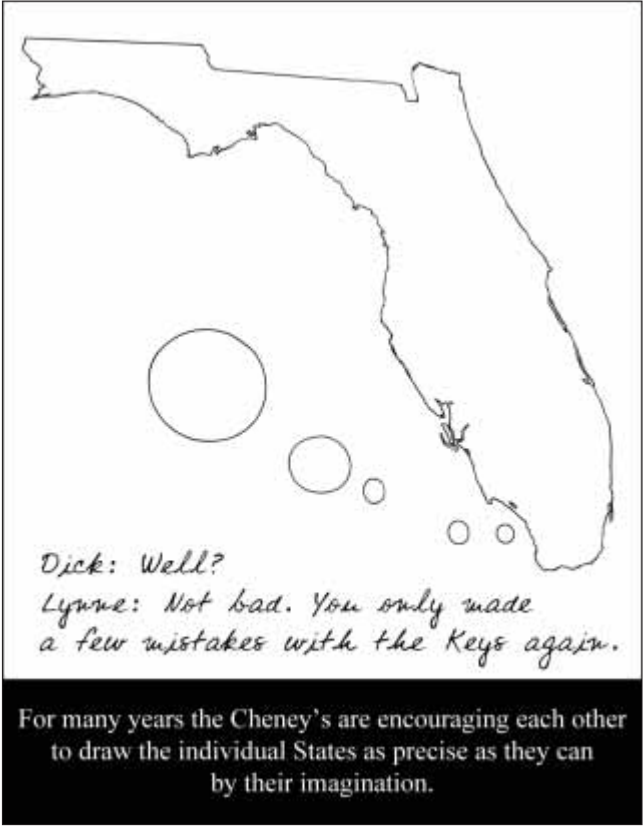
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Road to safety seems clear enough
Editor:

Kudos to Booth Vance ("The path to safety seems clear") for his letter of June 27. As a former bike rider – reduced to being a pedestrian due to an overabundance of sun – I agree wholeheartedly that appropriate signs are needed (on the beach path).

However, cyclists also need to learn the rules of the road. I walk 6.7 miles a day along the Santa Monica pathway, from the California Incline to Venice Pier and back to Santa Monica. It can be hazardous. Starting at Pico (Boulevard), going north to the pier should be pedestrian friendly. But no, cyclists cut off the bike way and use the route past Shutters at high rates of speed. Spandex-clad with helmets, gloves, etc., they zoom in and out past elderly citizens, children and mothers with baby buggies. Meanwhile, there is a beautiful bike path by the ocean unused. I have called the city of Santa Monica asking for signs to be posted – so far, no signs. There is definitely a need.

Pat Murray
Santa Monica

Let's get a council for the rest of us
Editor:

Our council members seem to be getting more and more irrational:

1) Changing the practically new police badges in order to feature City Hall! What more appropriate reproduction for a police badge than their own facility? If (Councilman Ken) Genser is so anxious to get City Hall featured on a badge, I suggest he have them made – at his own expense, of course – for the council members to wear. I, for one, would love to have them easily recognized so I could tell them what I think of their votes.

2) Cutting down the most beautiful, lush trees in the area for giving too much shade! ("Having it made in the shade," June 14) A vote of the people is unnecessary for this one. During the heat of the day, one has only to count the people who seek out the shady side of the street, and those who walk in the sun. I vote for a council to represent us, not just a handful of merchants they happen to know.

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Word in Edgewise

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Fighting amnesty
left us all in cold

EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE, A SONG perfectly illustrates the mood in America. In 1984, with the Soviet Union pulling out of the Summer Games in LA, there was Springsteen's "Born in the USA." In 1991, during the Gulf War, there was Whitney Houston's "Star Spangled Banner" at the Super Bowl. And in 2007, there is John Mellencamp's "Our Country" — a tune mainly used to push Chevy trucks, but could very well be the soundtrack for the Republicans in fly-over America who got together to kill the most recent immigration bill.

When it comes to immigration reform, there are people on both sides of the debate who see any compromise of their core values as unacceptable — from liberals who oppose a guest worker program as exploitation of cheap labor to conservatives who oppose any new laws until the southern border is secured. But because these people aren't standing in the way of making a deal, they are willing to be part of the solution: A "grand bargain" in which both sides get some of what they want, neither side gets all of what they want, and we get new immigration laws. Despite their differences, these groups have one important thing in common: They're both in favor of tougher enforcement of existing laws. They make up the "enforcement first" camp and had it been left to them, a bill might have passed.

Unfortunately, there is a much more vocal group out there. They are the "enforcement only" people and for them, there is only one issue: The status of the "illegals" already here. And there is only one answer: Round 'em all up and send 'em all back. As solutions go, "enforcement only" isn't practical. Immigration laws are federal and, by statute, can only be enforced by the federal government (usually through ICE and INS). However, neither of these agencies has the financial, human or physical resources to investigate, detain, house and deport millions and millions of people. But the "enforcement only" Mellen-camp doesn't care about "practical," they care about day laborers outside Home Depot and "press 1 for English, 2 for Spanish." They are the Republican base and they're tired of being ignored. After all, this is their country.

If we go back to 2001 and Mexican President Vicente Fox's visit to the White House in August, we can see President Bush, who learned a thing or two about immigration as governor of Texas, was already out in front of the immigration issue. Events of that September shifted the focus to world events, but a deal was in place six years ago — with the White House leading the way. The issue re-emerged before the elections last year. Senate Republicans knew they needed a legislative accomplishment they could run on and Senate Democrats, despite the fact they were reluctant to give the Republicans such an accomplishment, went along. However, the bill's main opposition in the House — Republican Tom Tancredo (from the whitest suburbs

of Denver) — called it "amnesty," and other House Republicans scheduled field hearings during the summer recess to see what the base had to say. Of course, the base didn't like it. The bill died, and that was that until the president re-discovered his interest in the issue this year as a way of saving his doomed legacy.

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Unfortunately for President Bush, his base's vision of what his presidency should have been is so far from what he delivered that they turned on him. Social conservatives who want Roe v. Wade overturned are unhappy about John Roberts and Samuel Alito. Fiscal conservatives looking for smaller government got more and more spending on new programs, national defense hawks got a poorly planned and horribly under-resourced military engagement (by a Secretary of Defense who ignored his own generals), and Libertarians got a national security apparatus which illegally spied on U.S. citizens. Rank-and-file Republicans had suffered defeat after defeat, culminating in the electoral "thumping" in November, and tuned the president out on this immigration bill. After all, he was working with Ted Kennedy, the man responsible for the 1986 "amnesty," to get it passed. The Republican base doesn't know much, but they know if Senator Kennedy is for something, they should oppose it.

While they know they cannot allow their Senators to even discuss a bill that might include "amnesty," they don't seem to realize that with ICE and INS overwhelmed, "amnesty" is the current state of affairs. Their hysteria to block this "amnesty bill" ensured that "silent amnesty" will continue well into the future — and they've made President Bush a lame duck in the process.

Fly-over America will regret this in November when they lose the Latino vote and give the White House and Congress to the Democrats, but for now, this is their country.

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Smokers are more than rude, they're murderers

"Choking smoker, don't you know the joker laughs at you?"

— John Lennon, "I am the Walrus"

ONE OF THE MOST EMOTIONALLY trying times of my life came when my father had a heart attack. I'll never forget standing by his bedside, looking at a man who had once been full of vigor and life but now had tubes and machines hooked to his body. Although he was only 45 at the time, he had smoked unfiltered cigarettes since he was a teenager. And, of course, the medical prognosis indicated that smoking nearly cost him his life.

The fact is that tobacco is deadly. Indeed, over 438,000 people die from smoking-related diseases every year. And incredibly, as recently reported by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, all tobacco brands have increased the nicotine dosage in each cigarette steadily during the last six years. The overall increase has been about 10 percent during 1998-2004. The higher the nicotine dose, the more hooked a person gets, making it much more difficult to quit. Thus, the tobacco industry has taken steps to secure sales by making people more addicted.

Moreover, public health officials recently issued an annual report calculating that one billion people worldwide will die from smoking in the next century if current trends continue.

But it's not just the smokers who are harmed. In fact, the Surgeon General has now issued a statement concerning the effects of secondhand smoke, declaring, "The science is clear: Secondhand smoke is not a mere annoyance, but a serious health hazard. Even a few minutes of inhaling someone's smoke in a well-ventilated area can cause significant harm."

The evidence is clear: Cigarettes should be regarded as lethal weapons.

Physicians consistently show that smoking cigarettes during pregnancy is not only dangerous for the mother, but could also cause genetic damage to the fetus in utero. Studies have been conducted on amniotic fluid taken from women who smoked while pregnant and compared with the fluid of non-smoking women. Results show that there were 3.5 times more genetic abnormalities in the fetal cells of the smoking women.

Maternal smoking affects between 10,000 and 100,000 babies per year. Many are lost in utero, with miscarriages being two to three times more common in smokers. Others, already weakened in the womb, do not survive the birth process due to low birth weight

or pre-term delivery. Two-thirds of all cases of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome have also been attributed to maternal nicotine use.

The mothers are the problem: About 50 percent of pregnant smokers claim to have quit, but blood and urine tests revealed the actual percentage to be only 30 percent. Clearly, these women are aware of the dangers and stigmas associated with smoking during pregnancy, but are either too afraid to seek help or have been unsuccessful in quitting. Plain and simple, these moms are addicted to a dangerous drug.

Tobacco marketing strategies are dastardly. Take, for example, the candy-flavored cigarettes targeted to children. With nearly 5,000 kids trying cigarettes for the first time each day and 2,000 in the 12-17 age group becoming daily smokers, deterrence instead of encouragement is needed. About 90 percent of smokers started before the age of 21. Young adults (ages 18-25) have the highest reported usage of cigarettes. Teens, however, are not the only group deceived by tobacco companies. In 2003, 29.8 percent of the U.S. population (70.8 million people) used tobacco.

But aren't tobacco companies reducing the dangers of smoking by giving us less lethal weapons to inhale, such as so-called "light" cigarettes? Despite the hype, studies show that "light tar" cigarettes pose just as much of a health threat as the regular brand, an incredibly deceptive fact kept hidden from consumers. Quite simply, there is no safe level of smoking.

As a consequence of a nation toking on cigarettes, health care costs are soaring, with nearly \$92 billion in direct medical costs attributable to smoking. However, this figure excludes indirect costs such as secondhand smoke inhalation, burn care from smoking-related fires and care for low birth-weight infants. Indirect and direct costs combined total nearly \$167 billion yearly.

Government restriction of nicotine products is riddled with problems. And if any effective restrictions are challenged, the nation's highest court is liable to side with the tobacco industry. However, the inherent dangers of tobacco products cannot be ignored. Now that lack of information is no longer an issue, governmental agencies must take steps to limit both the hazards of and access to cigarettes. After all, the lives of our children are at stake.

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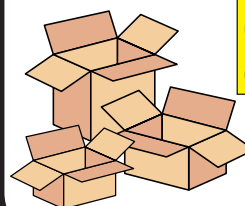
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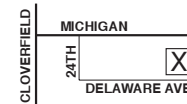
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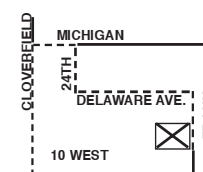
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Subprime changes: Less is more

ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO, YOU COULD GO to a federally regulated lender, fill out an application, have your credit pulled and get a loan. Known as a subprime loan, many borrowers were able to qualify due to lower underwriting and credit guidelines. Most subprime loans did not require tax returns, income verification or other documentation, making the loan 'low-doc'. On Friday, June 29, the subprime world began to change. New federal subprime guidelines were issued, ending the days of easy subprime lending.

Due to the record high levels of borrowers who defaulted on subprime loans, new guideline policies were recently implemented. Now a borrower needs to provide documentation proving income. In the past,



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many borrowers were unprepared and unable to make payments after the subprime loan adjusted from a fixed rate. Payments often doubled, leaving borrowers no way of making the mortgage payment. Under the new guidelines, lenders have to qualify a borrower based on their ability to pay back the loan after the loan adjusts.

The new guidelines also required lenders to mail documentation to borrowers at least

60 days in advance, telling them that their payment is going to change. The thought is if a borrower is aware of an upcoming change to their mortgage payment, they have time to save and prepare for the adjustment. If need be, they even have time to sell the house.

The new guidelines are just that, guidelines and have not been passed into law. However, large lenders such as Washington Mutual and Wells Fargo — two of the largest subprime lenders — said they would adhere to the new guidelines.

Not everyone thinks the new guidelines are beneficial. Some mortgage brokers who focused on subprime lending have discovered a shrunken pool of available lenders. Mortgage brokers say the new

guidelines prevent the people who need homes the most — the lower class — from achieving the dream. However, it is tough to argue with someone who lost his or her home due to payment hikes.

Overall, less people will be able to qualify for subprime loans since the new requirements are more stringent. However, not qualifying may not be a bad thing. If you cannot afford a home, you should not burden yourself with a mortgage payment. The benefits of the new guidelines far outweigh the costs, as less people will lose their homes in the future.

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Investors see big payoff in commercial spaceflight

BY ALICIA CHANG | AP Science Writer

LOS ANGELES Just a few years ago, the idea of bankrolling starry-eyed ventures to fly ordinary people into space was laughed off as science fiction.

Now some investors are betting on space tourism as the next big thing.

The infant industry got a boost in June when a Boston-area investment group backed a private rocket company developing a spaceship that will take off and land like an airplane.

The deal between Boston Harbor Angels and XCOR Aerospace, believed to be the first investment by a group of angel investors in a commercial launch company, raised hopes that others will follow.

"This industry is going to explode or fizzle," said John

Hall of the Boston group. "If it's successful, people will look back and say, 'These Boston Harbor investors are smart guys.' If not, it's not the end of the world."

Interest in space tourism took off after the 2004 history-making flight of SpaceShipOne, the first privately funded rocket to reach space. The project, entirely financed by Microsoft Corp. co-founder and billionaire entrepreneur Paul Allen, jump-started the new space race.

So far, the field is crowded with do-it-yourself tycoons — think Virgin Group chief Richard Branson and Amazon.com Inc. founder Jeff Bezos — who are spending their own fortunes in ventures that promise to give civilians their astronaut wings and the chance to float in zero gravity.

The smaller players lacking billionaire backing often turn to the rich for capital. These so-called angel investors often

are retirees or wealthy executives searching for hot opportunities. They fill the gap between seed money from "friends, family and fools" and conservative venture capitalists who don't usually invest until companies are farther along.

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John Hallal, Boston group

Since most space tourism angels are individuals who can only put up so much capital, companies often have to lure more than one to keep their business running.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Coaching can help individuals avoid business pitfalls

The Entrepreneur's Source, a business coaching company, recently sponsored research on common mistakes made by small businesses, and came up with a concise list of dangers that could lead to business failure across all sectors and industries.

- Prevalent weaknesses were found in the five following areas of business management:
1. Financial mismanagement: Cash flow problems cause up to 70 percent of business failure within the first year of operation.
 2. Human capital: The failure to properly select, retain, and train employees is the main reason that "good" companies never become "great."
 3. Planning: Many companies that pursue business and marketing projects incompatible with their resources and capabilities face serious problems.
 4. Sales and sales management: Under performing sales people bring in at minimum 50 percent less revenue than top performers.
 5. Communication leadership: The beginning and end of all failure in business lies with the people who make the decisions every day.

Business coaching companies like The Entrepreneur's Source can help to outline shortcomings and provide solutions for small businesses.

"When business owners lose sight of their goals, it is often because they don't have the ability or are unwilling to see beyond their blind spots and take immediate action," said Doug Thomas, Santa Monica-based business coach. "Working with a coach can help a business owner remove the blinders, see their company more objectively, and make fact-based decisions in an effort to increase performance."

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Tips for sidestepping the dreaded IRS audit

Though the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is one of those ominous organizations that everyone loves to hate, even an audit investigation or payment gone awry can be dealt with smoothly if you are well prepared. So argue members of the National Society of Accountants (NSA), who provide some helpful tips for those who want to avoid tax pitfalls, or those who have to encounter the IRS. To minimize the risk of an IRS tax audit, work closely with your accountant or tax professional to maintain accurate and organized records. However, if you are contacted or audited by the IRS, there are still ways to make your experience less detrimental.

Firstly, deal calmly and promptly with any IRS correspondence. The best way to resolve issues is to communicate with the IRS both honestly and punctually. An IRS tax auditor will mail you a list of questions to respond to during the audit. Prepare answers with support from a tax accountant, and have the necessary documentation (receipts and invoices for income and deductions) to back up your answers. During the interview, stick to the questions at hand and do not let the auditor stray to additional questions. If you do not feel comfortable speaking in-person to an auditor, you have the right to send your tax accountant to answer questions by proxy. Finally, keep detailed records of your communications with the IRS so it will be easy to review past correspondences or contacts if necessary.

For more information on the NSA or to find qualified tax professionals, visit their Web site at www.nsacct.org or call (800) 966-6679.

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'Zero-emission' homes pack plenty of power

BY HEATHER MAY
Associated Press Writer

SALT LAKE CITY Architect Bill Arthur says his inspiration for home designs comes from the land they sit on.

So how do you make a 5,000-square-foot mini-mansion mesh with a hillside surrounded by forest and a nature preserve?

To start, you color the houses "green." Arthur and developer Steven Keyser are collaborating on an unusual subdivision in Salt Lake County's Emigration Canyon that will include seven "zero-emission" homes powered by the sun and maybe the wind. In other words, they should generate as much energy as they use.

And all of the homes' architecture must be contemporary — typically characterized by open floor plans, seamless indoor-outdoor spaces, natural materials and floor-to-ceiling windows.

The latter will take advantage of the panoramas from the ridgeline. On this unfortunate day, the view looks out at a smoggy Salt Lake Valley. The homes also will face Forest Service land and a preserve.

"We want to do something nobody's done," Keyser said during a recent trip, in his

Hybrid Highlander, to the subdivision site.

There are other so-called zero-energy homes. Up to 10 such houses are planned in Cedar City. Sacramento sports a subdivision with 95 houses. And a Santa Fe-based non-profit group called Architecture 2030 is calling for all new buildings to be carbon-neutral in 23 years. Buildings are responsible for 48 percent of all energy consumption.

Keyser's research found the average four-person home annually generates almost 19 tons of carbon dioxide, which is primarily blamed for global warming. Building seven carbon-neutral homes would be equivalent to eliminating 30 cars from the road, he said.

His project, dubbed Snowberry Ridge, was born out of frustration.

Keyser, who considers himself "extremely design conscious," couldn't find a contemporary home to buy. And he struggled to find a suitable green builder.

He bought 70 acres about four miles up Emigration Canyon, sitting above the Emigration Oaks subdivision, and planned to build one home for his family. Then he decided he wanted his two children to have friends to play with. "I might as well make sure all the homes are impeccably designed," he figured.

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IT'S ALL ABOUT THE MONEY: People shop on Montana Avenue during the popular retail area's Summer Sidewalk Sale on May 20. Store owners are among those shouldering the burden of high costs in the city — Santa Monica is now the most expensive city in the county in which to do business, according to a new survey.

Takes money to make money

Santa Monica is the priciest in county to do business

BY KEVIN HERRERA | Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Santa Monica is a leader once again, but don't expect anyone to start cheering.

For the first time in 13 years, Santa Monica has earned the unwanted distinction of being the most expensive city in the county in which to do business, surpassing Los Angeles, the former reigning king of cost.

The city by the sea had been a perennial runner-up for the costliest title, but when Los Angeles officials made recent moves to become more business friendly and lowered business taxes, Santa Monica jumped to the top spot, according to the annual Kosmont-Rose Institute's "Cost of Doing Business Survey," released this week.

It's the first time in the survey's 13-year history that L.A. did not top the charts.

"Santa Monica has always been an expensive city to do business in. That's not new," said Larry Kosmont, president and founder of the Kosmont Companies, an L.A.-based economic development firm. "Santa Monica just happened to sneak by L.A. this year."

The survey compares more than 400 cities in California, and across the nation, on the basis of government-imposed costs on business. The major factors are business tax rates, utility taxes, sales tax, property taxes and state corporate income taxes. The survey does not

take into account market variables such as the cost of land, lease rates or prevailing wage rates.

Companies looking to relocate use the survey to compare cities, as do economic development officials looking to get a little more bang for their buck, Kosmont said.

While this new distinction could be seen as damaging, those in City Hall and in the business community said they were optimistic about the future, citing present economic conditions which are attracting high-profile firms like Google, Yahoo! and MTV. Santa Monica is also home to many post-production companies and a strong health care community that provides quality jobs.

"When businesses make a decision about where they will locate, the cost of doing business may be one consideration, but not the only consideration," said Carol Swindell, City Hall's finance director. "They are looking at where they will be profitable, what the quality of life is; there are a number of factors that go into that decision, and we believe Santa Monica remains a very attractive place to do business because of the vibrant neighborhoods and top notch services."

Santa Monica has tried to become more business friendly. In May 2005, the City Council voted to exempt small businesses from having to pay a business license tax, Swindell said.

Jim Lynch, president of the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, said the survey isn't cause for alarm, however, he does think it will hurt Santa Monica when it comes to firms outside of the region who may not be familiar with the city's good schools, educated workforce and many amenities. Lynch believes City Hall should look at the survey as a reminder that taxes need to be reviewed

on a regular basis to make sure the city remains competitive and that the money is being spent wisely.

"When a tax is imposed on you, you want to make sure that the money generated is going to serve the community in the best way possible, and I think Santa Monica has done that as effectively and judiciously as possible," Lynch said. "We have to continue to stay on top of this and make sure we aren't losing businesses, even though Santa Monica happens to be one of the most desirable places to be."

"We need to make sure we keep it that way."

**IT'S PRIVATE ENTERPRISE.
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Herb Katz, Mayor Pro Tem

The survey is something the council and city staff should look at, said Mayor Pro Tem Herb Katz, "but I don't think we'll be changing our tax structure anytime soon, and I don't see why we should at the moment."

"I don't see how we can resolve this," Katz asked. "It's private enterprise. How do you control private enterprise?"

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Leave the fireworks to the professionals

Whether tempted by explosive aerial rockets or seemingly "safe" sparklers, Santa Monica residents are discouraged from playing with fire as Independence Day draws near.

The Santa Monica Fire Department is reminding residents that fireworks are not only hazardous to public safety, but also illegal. Even fireworks purchased legally in other cities are not permitted for use in Santa Monica, due to a city-wide ban. Injuries such as permanent scarring, loss of vision and dismemberment often result from amateur fireworks use, a practice that also endangers bystanders and surrounding property. The National Fire Protection Association, a nonprofit that aims to protect the public from fireworks-related injuries and death, urges fireworks enthusiasts to leave the pyrotechnics to the professionals. Even at regulated shows, spectators should not approach left-over fireworks, as they may still be active and prone to explosion. Children should always tell an adult if they find fireworks, and move away from charred or burning materials.

One risk-free alternative on the Westside is the upcoming "Celebrate America" festival that will take place on Saturday, June 30, beginning at 5 p.m. The free festival honoring Independence Day features a controlled fireworks display by Pyro Spectaculars, and will be held at Santa Monica College's Corsair Field on Pico Boulevard and 16th Street. For more information, contact (310) 434-3000.

DAILY PRESS

Kickin' it while kicking cancer

Cancer survivors and patients are invited to tonight's kick-off party for the Santa Monica Relay for Life. The event is sponsored by the Sheraton Delfina, which will be offering light food during talks from survivors "Dr. Fun" and Polly Levy. The party begins at 5:30 p.m. and will feature performances by musicians Eleanor Jones and Jeff Goldberg. All cancer survivors and people with cancer, regardless of age, are welcome to attend. The Santa Monica Relay for Life, part of the American Cancer Society's national fundraising event, takes place on Saturday, July 28. The relay will be held at John Adams Middle School at 9 a.m. and continue into the following morning.

For more information, call (310) 474-6201

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YOU GOT SERVED:

Rushnee Bowerman delivers the goods Friday at Norm's restaurant on Lincoln Boulevard. A surprise party was held for Bowerman later in the day — her last at the restaurant — to mark her 37 years of service. Company presidents from Lakewood descended on the Santa Monica staple, closing off half the restaurant to honor the faithful server.

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BALLIN'

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Competitors take to the field Sunday as part of the Inaugural Fidelity Triples Lawn Bowling Tournament, staged at the Santa Monica Green in Douglas Park. There were 48 players and 16 teams taking part in the weekend event, competing against one another following a blind draw. While historians differ on the exact origins of lawn bowling, or 'bocce,' the sport has been played for thousands of years in one incarnation or another.

Lounge's act almost over

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jazz- and blues-filled air now rages with modern hip-hop, techno and rock. The floors are no longer remnants of wood, but cement. Candles sit atop each table to create an intimate atmosphere and a new, smaller bar room was added in the back, where a storage room was once situated.

Despite all of the renovations that Garrett and Stochivich did, including soundproofing the club, noise complaints kept rolling in.

"We would be the target for noise complaints, even when bottles were being collected in the alley," said Stochivich. "We received written notices saying that we needed to keep down on nights we weren't even open."

I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M GOING TO DO. IT'S LIKE GETTING HIT IN THE HEAD."

Betty Rowland, bartender

Neither Garrett nor Stochivich are happy about closing up shop and moving on. While they own other business in the LA area and should manage just fine, the two say they are more concerned about Roland, who will be forced to make lifestyle changes, possibly even moving out of her Brentwood apartment.

At 91, finding a job will be very difficult.

"She's like family. We are doing everything to make sure Betty's OK," said Stochivich.

After joining up with Garrett and Stochivich, Roland stopped doing the paperwork and started working only day shifts while "the boys" covered nights. She calls them several times a day to check up on them.

"They will probably take me with them ... I think," Roland said Wednesday.

While heartbroken over the whole shutdown, Garrett and Stochivich are also confused. The club's lease was still a month-to-month deal and had been trying for the past two years to get a more substantial agreement, but kept getting "excuse after excuse from Aaron Kuminz" —



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LAST DANCE: Lounge 217, a local hangout on Broadway, will close its doors at the end of July. The club is home to charismatic bartender Betty Roland, a 91-year-old Ohio native who will have to abandon her employment at the location after 40 years.

the owner of Hotel Carmel, according to Garret.

In April, Garrett and Stochivich received notice that their lease would soon expire. Soon after, attorneys got involved and got the lease extended for three months.

The loss of 217 Lounge could take a hit on an already depleted downtown nightlife scene. Kathleen Rawson, executive director for the Bayside District, said this week that Santa Monica could definitely benefit from more of a night scene, as long as it's not over the top. Places like Harvelle's are "very well run" and "run a tight ship when

it comes to serving people alcohol," Rawson said.

With of the changes made to 217 Broadway over the years, the latest was one for which Roland was not prepared.

"If someone lets you know ahead of the changes, you can make changes yourself," said Roland. "I don't know what I'm going to do."

"It's like getting hit in the head."

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VISION TO BEHOLD: Kristin Moody (pictured) and Santa Monica resident Channa Cook, fellow teachers in Los Angeles, are attempting to start a new charter school in the city of New Orleans.

Teachers adopt Crescent roles

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awarded a \$100,000 grant.

Known as the incubation grant, the funding will enable Moody and Cook to take a year off from work in order to lay the foundation for the charter school, which will start with a charter application that's due to the state on Sept. 5. The teachers will learn in January 2008 if they will be able to move forward.

One of the key differences between a charter school and a regular public high school is the autonomy awarded to the administration by the state Department of Education. Under charter guidelines, the school is not burdened with the state mandates and regulations that control a regular public school.

But with autonomy comes accountability. If the school doesn't perform and show results, it's shut down by the state.

Before Hurricane Katrina struck in the fall of 2005, there were very few charter schools in the city. Since the flood waters receded, approximately 50 percent of the public schools in New Orleans are charter schools, according to Neerav Kingsland, director of school investments with New Schools for New Orleans.

New Orleans now has the highest concentration of charter schools in the nation.

"In our mind, it's giving great people both the responsibility and accountability to succeed," Kingsland said. "We feel if we can find a great principal, we want to give them the power to (oversee) a school."

Moody came to Los Angeles in 2004 after teaching special education in Harlem, New York.

Even if Moody hadn't been awarded the opportunity to open a charter school in New Orleans, she predicts that she would've explored a similar route in Los Angeles.

"We were really inspired to take the leap and try to immerse ourselves in the community so we could address what's

here," Moody said. "I was with everyone else watching the news when Katrina hit and what happened to New Orleans. It's shocking, two years later, to see the city still completely devastated."

BUILDING BLOCKS

If Cook and Moody get the green light from the Department of Education in January, they will begin laying the foundation to open the Sojourner Truth Academy, projected to open in Fall 2008.

"We are inspired by her (Truth) as an abolitionist and women's' rights fighter and a former slave," Cook said. "Plus, we like the name 'Truth Academy.'"

New Schools for New Orleans will provide the teachers with an office, desk and phone, as well as training in school administration. Both Moody and Cook have master's of science degrees in administration and educational leadership from Pepperdine University.

The \$100,000 grant will serve as the salary for Cook and Moody. Many people who try to open charter schools either have enough money to support themselves for a year or work at the same time, Cook said.

Approximately five teachers will be hired to support the 100 students in the ninth grade class. Using the ladder system, the school will welcome 100 new ninth graders every year until the school reaches a maximum capacity of 400 students — 100 students per class.

The location of the new school has yet to be determined, but Cook believes it will be placed in a needy area.

"I feel like I've been given the right tools with my educational background and I feel really confident in the co-founder and that we're going to be supported well through this process," Cook said. "There's a good dose of fear there. It's always risky."

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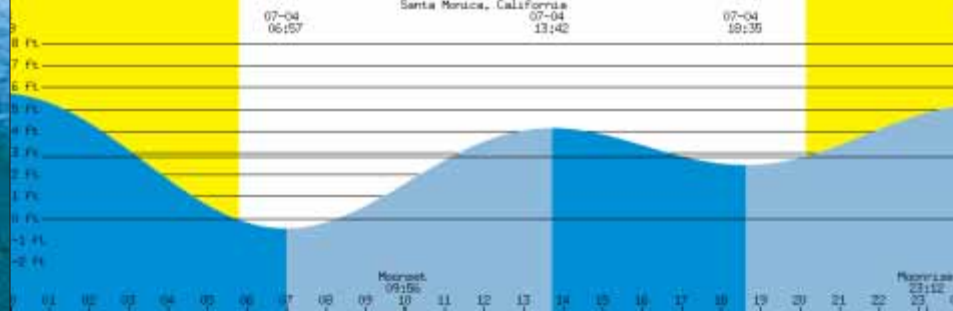
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El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Aliso creeks	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Teneo Canyon drain	C	ns
Enchanted Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chantreaga)	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Torrance Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	A	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wilshire Rd. (private)	A	ns	Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Venice storm drain	A	ns
Escamido Creek, just east of Escamido State Beach	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurants)	A+	ns
Lido Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns	Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A+	ns
Selkirk Canyon at San Blas County Beach	A	ns	Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	C	ns
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns	Venice Beach at Erma Ave. drain	A	ns
Marine Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	ns	Venice Beach at Woodward Ave. drain	A+	ns
Surfside Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A	ns	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	ns
Surfside Beach (beach location) - daily	B	ns	Venice Beach - projection of Top Sail St.	A+	ns
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Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	A	ns
Los Flores State Beach at Los Flores Creek (joint zone)	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 18948 PCH stairs	A	ns	North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	ns
Pine Creek at Los Angeles County Beach	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of GSW jetty)	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	ns
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ns -- no sample taken

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O'Connor takes her turn steering MTA

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2006, and O'Connor is committed to seeing it through to Santa Monica.

In addition to being an advocate for the Expo line, O'Connor said she will encourage transit-oriented developments around transit hubs to bring people closer to their places of employment.

She has also committed herself to riding public transit regularly to hear firsthand from riders what she and her colleagues can do to improve service.

"I am passionate about transportation and mobility," said O'Connor, who works on policy issues with the League of California Cities, the National League of Cities, the Local Government Commission and the American Public Transportation Association.

Since 1997, she has been a member of the Southern California Association of Governments and is chair of their regional Comprehensive Plan Task Force.

As chair, O'Connor will be responsible for running meetings and assigning members to various committees. The 13-member board is comprised of the five county supervisors, Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and his three appointees, and four representatives from more



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Pam O'Connor,
Council member

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Metro also operates the 73.1-mile rail system.

As the region's primary transportation planner, MTA also funds such programs as the region's paratransit services, bikeways, street and freeway improvements and the MTA freeway service patrol, which aids stranded motorists for free, according to MTA officials.

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OK TO MTA: Pam O'Connor, a longtime member of the Santa Monica City Council, is now steering the MTA board.

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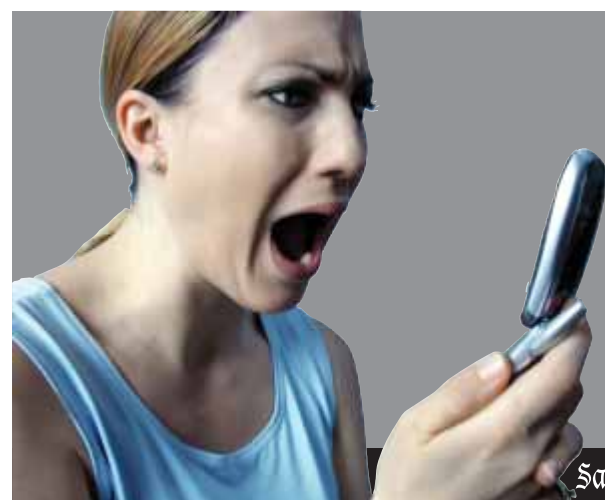
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It's a 'Miracle'

Lee's latest joint based on book about soldiers

SPIKE LEE announced plans Tuesday to make a movie about the struggle against Nazi occupiers in Italy during World War II that he hopes will highlight the contribution of black American soldiers who fought and died to liberate Europe.

The film will spotlight the courage of black soldiers who, despite suffering discrimination back home, offered a contribution that has so far gone largely

unnoticed in other Hollywood movies, Lee said.

"We have black people who are fighting for democracy who at the same time are classified as second-class citizens," the 50-year-old filmmaker said. "That is why I'd like to do a film to show how these brave black men, despite all the hardship they were going through, still pushed that aside and fought for the greater good."

Based on the novel

"Miracle at St. Anna" by James McBride, the movie will tell the story of four black American soldiers, all members of the Army's all-black 92nd "Buffalo Soldier" Division, who are trapped behind enemy lines in an Italian village in Tuscany in 1944.

Filming is planned in Tuscany, Rome and the United States, Lee said.

Shooting is expected to start by the beginning of 2008, said producer

Roberto Cicutto.

Cicutto said the movie will cost \$45 million.

"This is a wonderful story and what makes it even more wonderful is that it is based upon true incidents," Lee said. "If you look at the history of Hollywood, the black soldiers who fought World War II are invisible."

The film will also look at the relationship between the soldiers and the villagers, some of

whom are partisans.

"We had good relationships with the Italian people, they gave us a lot of information," recalled 82-year-old William Perry who, at 19, was an infantry soldier in the Buffalo Division.

"I'm not a hero, the heroes are those buried in the American cemetery in Florence. I hope this movie will put a positive spin on some of our activities here," Perry said.

AP

HE'LL TAKE BARCELONA

WOODY ALLEN says he hopes to create a portrait of the northeastern Spanish city of Barcelona on a par with his 1979 film, "Manhattan."

Allen told a news conference in the Catalan capital Monday that he would begin filming July 9. The movie, starring Scarlett Johansson, Penelope Cruz and Javier Bardem, is not yet titled.

The 71-year-old director-actor said he wanted to picture Barcelona "the same way I presented Manhattan to the world through my eyes."

AP

Rocker Doherty pleads guilty to drug charges

PETE DOHERTY pleaded guilty to a drug charge Tuesday after arriving so late the judge had issued an arrest warrant.

District Judge Davinder Lachhar warned Doherty that he had one last chance to avoid prison.

The 28-year-old rocker, who arrived in court at midday, also pleaded guilty to failing to appear on time without a reasonable excuse.

He admitted possessing quantities of crack cocaine, heroin, cannabis and ketamine as well as to two driving offenses on May 5.

Lachhar deferred sentence to Aug. 7 on condition that Doherty enter a

detoxification program on July 16, as he said he was willing to do.

"If you go to this place to have detox and take advantage of it then we will see what sentence is appropriate when you next come, but if you do not I can tell you now that you will go into custody," Lachhar told Doherty.

"It's rehab or jail," Doherty told reporters as he left. "I was going to rehab anyway, to be honest with you, but this is a little push."

Doherty, lead singer of Babyshambles and boyfriend of supermodel Kate Moss, has been undergoing drug treatment under court order because of previous convictions.

AP



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Born Today

Playwright
Neil Simon (1927)
Columnist Ann Landers (1918)
Columnist Abigail Van Buren (1918)



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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ As there was so much anticipation of the Fourth, suddenly you might feel depleted now that it is here. Tonight: Slowly but surely.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Zero in on what you want, when you want. Your laughter will take you in a new direction if you just open up. A barbecue or fun event presents you with many different options. Your high energy fills in when someone else's sags. Tonight: Where the gang is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Follow through on what happens involving a child or loved one. How you see events and the choices you make are substantially different. Lighten up and talk about some rather strong feelings. Tonight: A must appearance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Zero in on what you want because you want to make it so. A male friend might push you hard in one direction. He or she might want you to be more proactive. Tonight: New vistas.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Know that someone really does need and want your attention. Still, you might feel a demand to put in a must appearance or do something quite differently. Tonight: A must appearance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Others clearly want to run the show. You might have made a major effort to get where you are, but know that sometimes you do need to pull back. Tonight: So many people, so much fun.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You get much more accomplished than you thought possible. How you deal with someone could change your bond. Listen to a very strong partner. Tonight: Be willing to pitch in.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You might not be right most of the time, and someone lets you know it too. Still, have a great time and let your hair down. You might be stunned by how much naughtiness can come forth if you let it. Tonight: A big smile.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You might want to do well by others and do all you can to make friends and family relax. Celebrations might be the happiest around your home. Tonight: Hangout.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Every element that might be associated with "patriotic" comes out. For some it's flying the flag; for others it might be singing the "The Star-Spangled Banner"; and yet for others it is the snap, crackle and pop of fireworks. Tonight: Celebrate the night away.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Unfortunately, extravagance could earmark a very fun period. Don't always volunteer to be the one to go out and get this or that. You might be a lot happier if you relax and work with the moment. Tonight: Treat yourself well too!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Step up, take a bow and enjoy being the centerpiece the next few days. How you handle someone and the choices you make could be very different. Tonight: Could be close to perfect.

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10:45am, 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:20
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Ocean's Thirteen (PG-13)
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Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End (PG-13)
6:10, 10:00
Ratatouille (G)
DLP-Digital Projection
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Ratatouille (G)
12:25, 3:15
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1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:55
Waitress (PG-13)
12:00, 2:30, 5:05, 7:40, 10:15
You Kill Me (R)
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License to Wed (PG-13)
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Nancy Drew (PG)
12:00, 5:10, 10:00
Shrek the Third
DLP-Digital Projection (PG)
2:30, 7:40
Surf's Up (PG)
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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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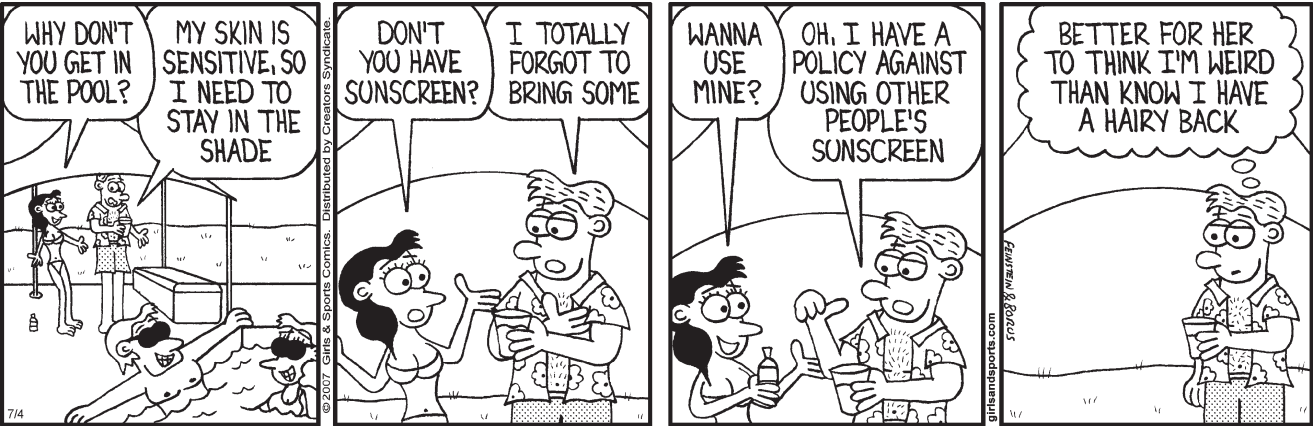
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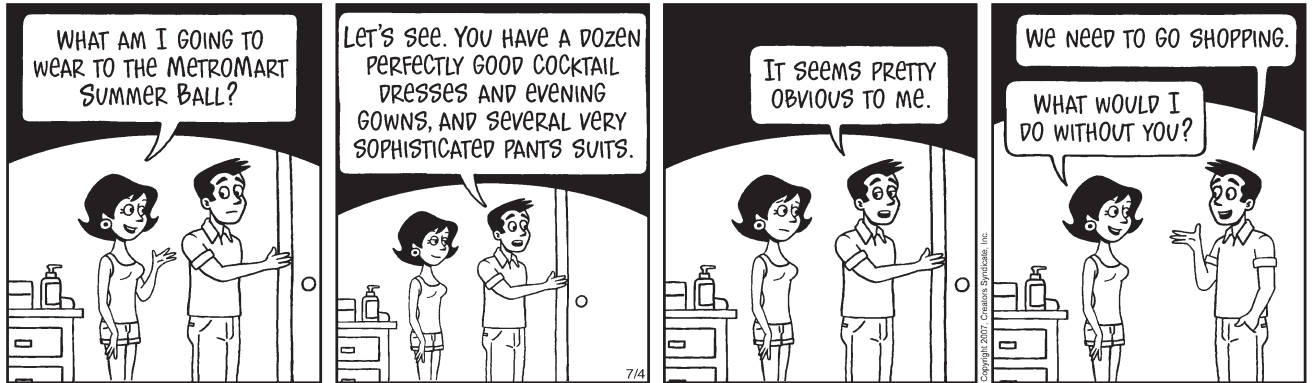
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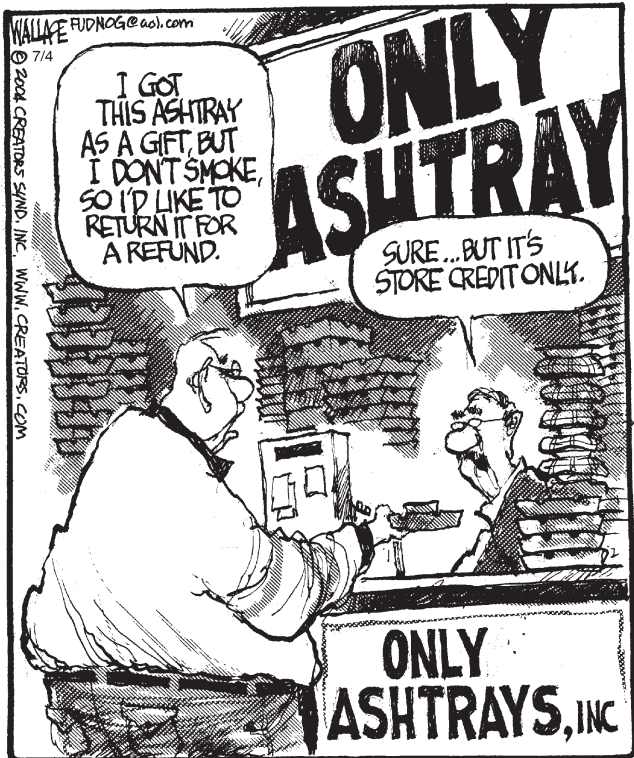
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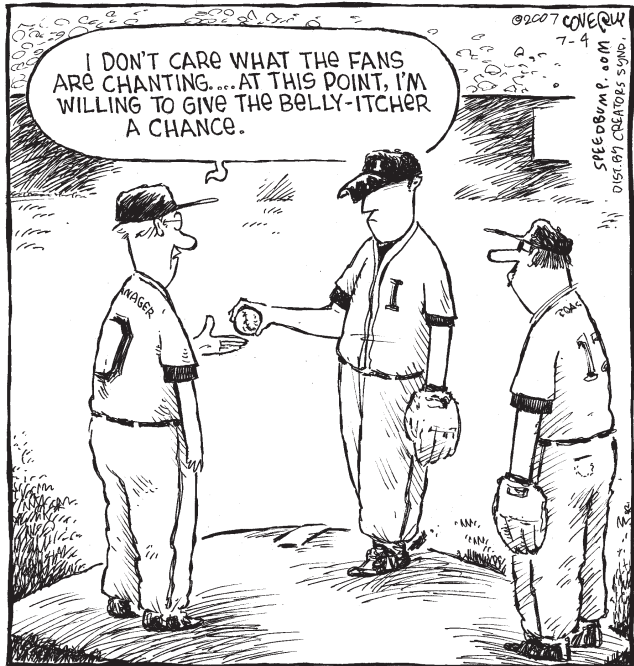
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- 17 Deteriorate
- 20 Rock's — Leppard
- 21 Hit show initials
- 24 Iraqi's neighbor
- 25 Bee part
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ "Don't You Know Who I Am!": (1) In April, Marilyn Devaney, who is one of eight elected Massachusetts officials with authority over certain actions taken by the governor, was accused of assault in Waltham, Mass., after she allegedly hit a beauty-shop clerk with a curling iron when the employee declined to take Devaney's personal check. Devaney had allegedly, indignantly pointed out her status and yelled, "Don't you know who I am?" (2) In May, Philadelphia-area socialite Susan Tabas Tepper was accused of assaulting a domestic employee and then, when the employee threatened to call the police, Tepper allegedly intervened. "I will call the police. I'm important; you're nothing."

■ People With Issues: (1) In March, police in Ann Arbor, Mich., were called to the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity at the University of Michigan after a female trespasser entered during the dinner hour and ignored repeated attempts to get her to leave (even though she merely sat down, removed her clothes and masturbated). Fraternity members said later they would throw out the two sofas she touched. (2) In March, Israel recalled Tsurie Raphael, its ambassador to El Salvador, after he was found tied up, drunk and naked in the front yard of his residence, with several sadomasochistic sex toys nearby.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1776 American Revolutionary War: The Continental Congress approves a Declaration of Independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain. (The Lee Resolution of Independence had been passed on July 2nd.)

1817 At Rome, New York, United States, construction on the Erie Canal begins.

1827 Slavery is abolished in New York State.

1862 Lewis Carroll tells Alice Liddell a story that would grow into Alice's Adventures in Wonderland and its sequels.

1887 Founder of Pakistan, Qauid-i-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah joined Sindh-Madrassa-tul-Islam, Karachi.

1910 African-American boxer Jack Johnson knocks out white boxer Jim Jeffries in a heavyweight boxing match sparking race riots across the United States.

WORD UP!

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HEATHER MARIE HOBKIRK the beloved 18-year-old-daughter of Brentwood resi-dents Carl William and Christina Giancola Hobkirk, passed away suddenly on the morning of Thursday, June 21, 2007 after a severe epilepticseizure. Heather attended Roosevelt Elementary School, Lincoln Middle School (where her father is an assistant principal), and Santa Monica High School. When her epilepsy emerged during her junior year at SAMO, shetransferred to a community day school associated with UCLA Medical Center and was to have graduated with her class on the day she died. Santa Monica High School, however, awarded her a diploma posthumously. She is also survived by her brother Kyle, 17, and sisters Katie, 12, and Erin, 9. Heather was born on October 1, 1988 at Santa Monica Hospital. A lifelong resident of Santa Monica and Brentwood, she received her first holy communion at St. Monica's with Monsignor Torgeson, who will lead Heather's services, and attended St. Clements Catholic Church and Brentwood Presbyterian Church, where the family now attends regular services. She was strong in her faith and enjoyed her participation in Brentwood Presbyterian youth groups along with her brother and sisters. In April she was able to participate in her second trip with the church to build homes for impoverished families in Tijuana. This trip was led by Roche Vermaak, a pastor at Brentwood Presbyterian Church, who will co-lead services for Heather. The family is comforted by the fact that Dr. Janice Miyakawa, who delivered Heather, was also present when she passed. Heather loved to sing and was a member of Lincoln, SAMO, and Brentwood Presbyterian choirs. She also loved to write poetry and draw. She was a member of the Girl Scouts and recently received the Gold Award, the highest rank in Girl Scouting. The award required a community service project, and Heather chose to build a "magic tree house" for the classroom of her second grade Roosevelt teacher, Leslie Tait. Heather played volleyball in the City of Santa Monica's sports programs. She also participated in Rosie's Girls, a popular summer program that develops confidence, leadership, and life skills for middle school girls. She was looking forward to participating in its emeritus program. In addition to all of these activities, Heather attended the National Epilepsy Foundation's summer camp at Lake Arrowhead for the past two summers and was looking forward to attending this summer. Heather was particularly proud when she returned to Santa Monica High School in May to attend her senior prom. A memorial mass for Heather Marie Hobkirk will be held at 10:30am, Friday, July 6, at Saint Monica's Catholic Community, 725 California Avenue. Reception and luncheon will follow immediately after the service. There will be music, laughter and food for all at Lincoln Middle School, 1501 California Avenue. Parking will be available at Lincoln on the basketball courts. SMMUSD yellow school buses will relay guests from the school to the church starting at 9:45am. These same buses will also relay guests back to the school after the service. In lieu of flowers, the "Heather Hobkirk Memorial Fund" has been set up at First Federal Bank. Gifts will be used to support the family and to set up scholarships in Heather's name for two programs: The National Epilepsy Foundation Summer Camp Fund and the Brentwood Presbyterian Church (BPC) Senior High Mexico Work Trip for families living in the poblaciones of Tijuana. Contact information is the following: First Federal Bank, 1630 Montana Avenue, Santa Monica, CA, 90403, attention: Rory. The phone number is 310 829 4477.

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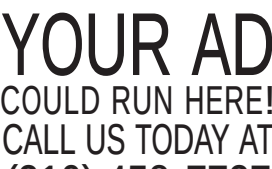


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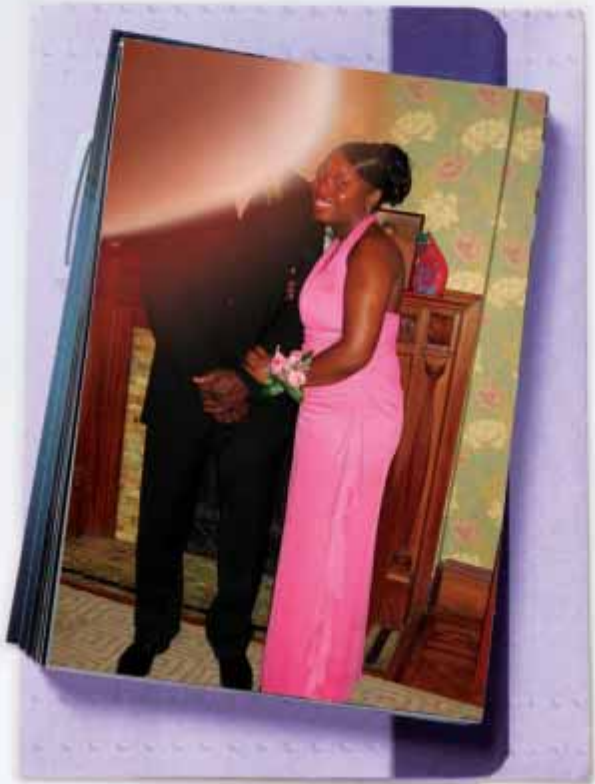
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