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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



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1855 Main St., 10 a.m. — 6 p.m.

More than 80 global bead manufacturers, wholesalers and importers will be at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium. Classes and demonstrations will be available throughout the weekend. Admission is \$5. For more information, visit www.gemfaire.com.

Ghoulish horrors at the cemetery

6000 Santa Monica Blvd., Hollywood, gates open at 7:30 p.m.

Cinespia presents "Suspiria" at the Hollywood Forever Cemetery. \$10 donation tickets available at the gate. For more information, visit www.cemeteryscreenings.com.

'Truth is Stranger Than Fiction' meeting

2601 Main St., 11 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.

"Twinkie, Deconstructed: My Journey to Discover How the Ingredients Found in Processed Foods Are Grown, Mined (Yes, Mined), and Manipulated Into What America Eats" by Steve Ettinger will be discussed.

Monthly Lit Flick: 'The Princess Bride'

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 p.m. — 5 p.m.

The Main Library is screening "The Princess Bride." Seating is first come, first served in the MLK Jr. Auditorium. All ages are welcome.

Peaceful climate change

606 Wilshire Blvd., 4 p.m. — 6 p.m.

SGI-USA launches its Culture of Peace Distinguished Lecture Series with an address by Richard Matthew, Director of the Center for Unconventional Security Affairs at University of California Irvine.

Sunday, July 22, 2007

Operation Smile benefit

2654 Main St., 10 a.m. — 8 p.m.

Main Attraction Nail Spa will donate all salon sales to Operation Smile. Operation Smile is a worldwide medical charity that has treated more than 100,000 children born with cleft lips, cleft palates and other facial deformities. For more information, call (310) 450-1688.

Jess Kamm in concert

15905 Sunset Blvd., Pacific Palisades, 4:30 p.m. — 5:45 p.m.

Kamm will perform instrumental and vocal music — some original. Admission is free and the public is welcome. This is a family-friendly event and the building is all access.

Social issues seminar on human trafficking

1008 11th St., 11:20 a.m. — 1 p.m.

First United Methodist Church's seminar on human trafficking will feature speakers from The Rescue and Restore Unity Coalition.

'You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown'

601 Pico Blvd., 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

"You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" is returning to the Westside at Santa Monica High School's Humanities Center Theater. Tickets are on sale now, by phone at (310) 458-5939 or online at SMCLO.org. Show tickets are \$15 for students and \$20 for adults.

Friends of the River SoCal Event

2525 Michigan Ave., 4 p.m. — 6 p.m.

Richard Bangs, co-founder of Sobek Expeditions and an international adventure travel leader, will speak at this fundraising event for Friends of the River. For ticket prices and more information, visit at www.friendsoftheriver.org/socal.

Puppetolio

1255 Second St., 1 p.m. & 3 p.m.

Puppetolio is a musical revue featuring marionettes and ventriloquism. Shows are always followed by a chance to visit the museum collection and ask questions. All seats are \$7.50. For more information, visit www.PUPPETMAGIC.com or call (310) 656-0483.

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Draft of the future

Officials plan growth around Expo rail line

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

SANTA MONICA COLLEGE When the Exposition light rail line finally zooms through the Westside sometime during the next decade, the Santa Monica that passengers will see through its windows may not mirror what the city looks like today.

The highly anticipated light rail line will run from Downtown Los Angeles to Culver City and cut through Santa Monica's industrial area, which is expected to see enormous changes during the next 20 years.

"This is the area where we see the most potential change because the demand for land is changing and the light rail is coming through," said Elizabeth Bar-El the senior planner for City Hall.

City officials will examine the changes in store for the future of the industrial area today with a citywide community workshop at Santa Monica College. The workshop is one of several the Planning and Community Development Department has held in the past few months in its process of updating the city's Land Use and Circulation Element, a blueprint for Santa Monica development in the next 20 years.

The previous workshops focused on neighborhoods such as Ocean Park, Sunset Park, Wilshire-Montana and Mid-City. The Planning and Community Development Department is now moving on to focus on one of the biggest zones in Santa Monica — the Light Manufacturing and Studio District (LMSD).

The industrial area is generally bounded by Centinela Avenue to the east, the I-10

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VIP TREATMENT

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A group of Highway Patrol officers keep watch on Ocean Way Friday evening, outside the Casa del Mar hotel. Reports have been circulating that King Abdullah II and Queen Rania of Jordan are staying at the hotel, having rented out the top floor. Rows of black SUVs have been spotted in and around the city in recent days, accompanied by heavy multi-agency security details. Contacted at the hotel Friday night, a representative would neither confirm nor deny the king and queen were laying their heads there.

The passion and the football

Touch league keeps the gridiron social

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

VENICE Along with baseball and hot dogs and polo and wine, football and beer have always been one of man's favorite sport-food pairings.

One Los Angeles resident has found a new twist to the lovable pigskin and brew power coupling.

Each Sunday, approximately 80 men and women slap on their game faces for an hour of organized touch football, getting down and dirty on the fields at the Oakwood Recreation Center in Venice.

When the final whistle blows, the game faces are wiped off and adversaries become buddies, taking the short trip together to Brennan's bar in Marina del Rey to bond over beer, fish tacos and turtle racing.

From the gridiron to the bar counter, the whole experience is the brainchild of Los Angeles resident Hazen Wilson, who in launching The Adults Sports League has found a way to unite men and women through the social aspects of sports and drinking.

"It's the other side of sports," Wilson said.

The Virginia native moved to the west coast more than a year ago only to find that meeting new people in Los Angeles is about as easy as finding a park-

ing space in Los Angeles.

The life-long athlete decided to use his love for sports as a socialization tool, creating an avenue through which people could forge new friends.

It started with the co-ed touch football league in Venice, attracting about 70 men and women from the Los Angeles metropolitan area in the first season in the spring. About 200 men and women signed up for the second season of the Venice league, which

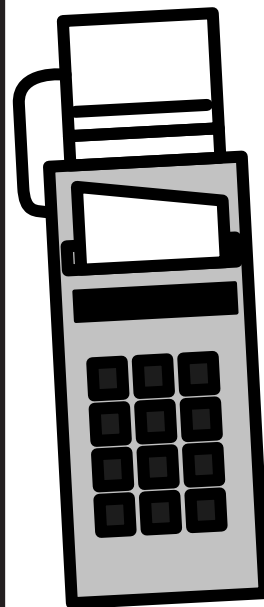
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The wheels of injustice turn

Editor:

Santa Monica Critical Mass is a monthly bike ride which attracts over 300 riders each month. The ride often upsets motorists because the sheer number of cyclists block traffic and the “corking” of red lights – preventing cross-traffic at intersections from proceeding until the ride has passed through.

Escalade and Prius drivers alike should recognize that the ride is a blessing in disguise. If the 300 exuberant cyclists dismounted and opted instead to drive into Santa Monica in 200 cars, then traffic congestion would dramatically increase. The presence of so many cyclists indicates the absence of several hundred cars, and hence, an overall reduction in congestion and parking demand.

City officials should also be pleased with the ride. The ride has become a spectacle which attracts people to Santa Monica, people who end up spending the late evening at Santa Monica bars and restaurants. Amongst the riders are many of the citizens who Santa Monica tries so hard to attract – artists, musicians, undergraduate and graduate students, web developers, architects and activists. The city works hard to put on events such as the SM Festival or the Twilight concerts on the pier. Here is an event which costs them nothing to organize and reinforces the reputation of SM as a leader in tolerance and sustainability and as an exciting place to be.

It is shocking then that Santa Monica Police Department took special care to disrupt Critical Mass on July 6. Many of the city’s most energetic environmental activists participate in the ride, so that when the SMPD, without first contacting ride organizers, deliberately targeted Critical Mass participants, they alienated many of these activists. Such action undermines the city’s positive relationship with all environmental activists, and hence, risks it’s ability to mobilize continued progress toward sustainability. The image of the SMPD driving hundreds of it’s most valued citizens to the city limits stands in stark contrast to the frequent statements by it’s elected officials in support of cyclists.

Alex Thompson

Santa Monica

Officials should hug their own trees

Editor:

With its proposed regulations about trees (“Private lives of trees,” July 19), the city seems mainly interested in interfering with the lives of property owners, who are well aware of the value of their trees.

If they really cared about preserving trees, they wouldn’t be planning to destroy the ones on Second and Fourth streets.

Fredric Reichel

Santa Monica

Hecklers are decidedly un-American

Editor:

Religious extremists raised a ruckus in the U.S. Senate. For the first time, a Hindu chaplain, Rajah Zed, delivered the morning invocation in the Senate chamber. At least, he tried to, before he was shouted down by hecklers from the fundamentalist anti-abortion group Operation Save America. Save it for what, people in a bubble who see and accept only their own viewpoint?

These kiwi birds with their heads buried in the sand interrupted chaplain Zed by screaming “Lord Jesus, forgive us father for allowing a prayer of the wicked, which is an abomination in your sight.”

So much for freedom of religion in America.

Ron Lowe

Santa Monica



Modern Times

Lloyd Garver

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Lawyer tried to take them to the cleaners

I KNOW THE PRICE OF EVERYTHING keeps rising, but when I read recently that a man in Washington, D.C. wanted somewhere between \$54 million and \$67 million for a pair of pants, it seemed to me it was a bit high. I mean, if you were to pay \$60 million for a pair of pants, wouldn’t you at least expect them to come with a jacket and vest?

This absurd amount is how much Roy Pearson sued a dry cleaners for after they allegedly lost his pants. They were gray trousers with blue and red stripes. They were his favorite pair of pants, and he had planned on wearing them on the first day of his new job. We all like to make a good impression, but I try to keep my first day wardrobe under \$10 million.

Pearson claims that the Custom Cleaners of Washington, D.C., lost those special pants. The owners of the cleaners — Jin and Sooo Chung — offered him more and more compensation to avoid the legal fees of a lawsuit, but Pearson kept saying, “No.” After a week, the Chungs found the missing pants, but Pearson claimed they weren’t his — despite their unique styling and the matching receipt.

Instead, he twisted a consumer protection law around and used its formula to come up with the figure of \$64.8 million. Then he added what it would cost him to rent a car to go to a different cleaners for the next 10 years, some more money for “mental suffering,” and, of course, legal fees.

Perhaps you wonder how Pearson found an attorney willing to take his case. Well, he didn’t have to look far. He represented himself. Yep, he’s a lawyer. Pearson wasn’t just a lawyer, but at the time of the lawsuit, he was a judge. Presiding as an administrative judge was the new job that he was excited about and why he wanted to wear those special pants in the first place. The judge who heard this case recently ruled against Pearson. Because of his behavior, Pearson might not get re-appointed to the bench. But if he loses his job, will the Chungs be able to collect legal fees from him? And what are they supposed to do with those pants with the red and blue stripes?

It’s bad enough when an ordinary citizen brings about a ridiculous lawsuit. But I think there should be severe penalties for lawyers and judges — officers of the court — who are deemed to have wasted everybody’s time and money with ridiculous lawsuits. They should know better.

Obviously, The Case Of the Pantless Judge isn’t the first “frivolous” lawsuit that we’ve heard of. People in this country sue each other all the time. Just while you’re reading this, I’m sure some kid has sued his mother and father for not giving him a nicer

house to grow up in.

In 1991, a guy sued Anheiser-Busch for \$10,000 for false advertising. He was upset because when he drank beer, he didn’t succeed with women, as promised in the TV ads. In 1996, a Florida physical therapist sued his local nudie bar, claiming whiplash from a lap dancer’s large breasts which he claimed felt like “cement blocks” hitting him. And the list of “frivolous” lawsuits goes on and on.

But I think “frivolous” is too, well, frivolous of a word for these kinds of cases. It doesn’t even matter that most of these cases — like Roy Pearson’s — are thrown out of court. Look at the damage that they do.

I THINK THERE SHOULD BE SEVERE PENALTIES FOR LAWYERS AND JUDGES – OFFICERS OF THE COURT – WHO ARE DEEMED TO HAVE WASTED EVERYBODY’S TIME AND MONEY WITH RIDICULOUS LAWSUITS. THEY SHOULD KNOW BETTER.

There are all kinds of books and movies these days about terrorists scheming to bring America to a halt. Sometimes these stories involve traffic, sometimes the stock market, and sometimes radio and television. But what about what’s happening in our courts every day? All terrorists have to do is sit back and watch.

These lawsuits tie up the courts, and often cost the taxpayers money. Or their unfortunate victims have to pay legal fees that ruin them financially. Moreover, these kinds of lawsuits contribute to a decreased confidence in our legal system. It’s not supposed to be something we laugh at; it’s supposed to be something we respect and can count on.

Those who make a mockery of our system by bringing about suits like this make me so mad that sometimes I just feel like suing the pants off them.

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STRAY talk

A CENTER-CUT, NO-FAT REVIEW OF WHAT WAS SAID THIS PAST WEEK BY FOLKS THE WORLD OVER AND RIGHT AT HOME

"I didn't have this tremendous sense of guilt, because I hadn't hurt anyone."

— Actress Winona Ryder on shoplifting and her subsequent arrest in 2001

"I'm here for five years."

— Soccer star David Beckham, on sitting out this weekend's game where he was to debut as a Galaxy player, due to an injured ankle

"Just because you are low-income doesn't mean you're a bad person."

— Dawn Izen, manager of the affordable housing building at 15th Street and Broadway

"Her life was a gift to me. Her death, a greater one."

— Oprah Winfrey's reaction to losing her 2-year-old Golden Retriever, who choked on a rubber ball

"I'm a Homeboy and I'd like to read a couple poems."

— A member of The Homeboy Stories Project, where former gang members and at-risk youth improve their writing skills and learn to express themselves

"But over here, it is blockades as usual, with the embargo being enforced unflinchingly and without exception by all our customers."

— A spokeswoman for Bloomsbury Publishing, the British publisher of the "Harry Potter" series, who compared the early release of the last book by some American retailers to the Boston Tea Party

"If a homeowner wants to take out an 80- or 100-year-old tree, does that tree not belong to the whole community since it is such a resource providing many benefits, such as combating green house gases?"

— Laurie Kaufman, director of communications for TreePeople, a nonprofit that trains communities to plant and care for trees

"There was some antagonism that developed this season between the players and the refs, and you hope this doesn't further decline the relationship with the referees."

— Billy Hunter, the executive director of the NBA Players Association, on the current FBI investigation into whether veteran referee Tim Donaghy influenced games on which he and others had wagered money

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**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
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SUBJECT: In February 2007 the City Council adopted an Interim Ordinance, extending and modifying provisions related to the City's fence, wall and hedge regulations. The City Council has previously addressed and recently reaffirmed its decision to retain provisions related to nonconforming fences, walls and hedges. No change regarding the status of legal nonconforming fences, walls or hedges are being considered at this hearing. The purpose of this hearing will be to consider the following issues, as directed by the City Council.

- clarify the criteria for evaluating pending objection appeal applications
- require all legal nonconforming fences, walls and hedges be registered with the City
- require hedges to be maintained and not overhang a shared property line
- clarify the unlimited hedge height provision when adjacent to an alley
- identify options regarding fence, wall and hedge heights on corner properties

DATE/TIME: TUESDAY, JULY 24, 2007, AT 6:45 PM

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT: The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the City Council public hearing, or by writing a letter. Written information will be given to the City Council at the meeting.

Address your letters to: City Clerk
Re: Fence, Wall, and Hedge Interim Ordinance
1685 Main Street, Room 102
Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION
The Title of Interim Ordinance Extension being considered is provided below:
Introduction and First Reading of an Interim Ordinance to Extend the Current Interim Ordinance Modifying Fence, Wall and Hedge Regulations; to Clarify the Criteria for Assessing Objection Appeals; to Require All Legal Nonconforming Fences, Walls, and Hedges be Registered; To Require the Maintenance of Hedges; and to Specify a Self-Help Remedy for those Property Owners affected by Overhanging Hedges. Consideration of Regulation Modifications Governing the Height of Hedges Adjacent to an Alley and the Height of Fences, Walls, and Hedges on Corner Properties and Reversed Corner Lots

If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Jonathan Lait, AICP, Principal Planner at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at jon.lait@smgov.net. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours and on the City's web site at www.santa-monica.org.

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Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

ESPAÑOL
Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar aplicaciones proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.



The QLine

Two 'ONES' MAY NOT MAKE A WRITE

This past week, Q-line asked:
Do you believe making Pico and Olympic boulevards one-way streets is a good measure or just another misguided attempt to fix the area's notorious traffic woes?

Here are your responses:

"SORRY, FOLKS. TRAFFIC CONGESTION IS here to stay in Santa Monica during the a.m. and early p.m. hours of the day due to the jobs being here — retail businesses, high-rise buildings and factories. Still, it is no better in the South Bay area. Recently, I drove along the coast from Santa Monica to the Palos Verdes Peninsula. It was noon and I had heavy traffic all the way. I decided to drive home to Santa Monica via the San Diego and 10 freeways. The San Diego freeway was running smoothly at 6 mph, bumper-to-bumper. I got off the freeway as soon as I could and headed west to Lincoln Boulevard. Again, bumper-to-bumper traffic to Wilshire. Keep in mind this was midday traffic and not during the go-home go-to-work traffic crunch.

I personally do not subscribe to the rearrangement of Olympic and Pico boulevards. I am nearly certain a change to one-way will create more problems than it solves for businesses and residents who work and live near those roadways, and it will certainly create more traffic on those residential streets adjacent to these roadways."

"LET'S GIVE IT A TRY. WHAT DO WE HAVE to lose?"

"THEY SHOULD JUST ASK THE SANTA Monica traffic guy doing this one-way street business if it's a good idea. If the answer is 'yes,' that means it's a bad idea, because whoever is in charge of traffic in Santa Monica is a total idiot and should be fired, what with putting in all those curb extensions so people can't make a right hand turn when there's a red light. They do stupid things like that so, obviously, Los Angeles is trying to outdo Santa Monica in the traffic stupidity department."

"FIRST, WE NEED TO SEND OUR CITY Council and their traffic engineers back to New York City for ruining our streets with their crazy traffic calming, or traffic "mad-denening" programs. They reduced lanes and added bumps and obstacles to slow traffic. Now they want to ruin Olympic and Pico boulevards, when they're the only two streets that move. The real problem is that our town sold out to tourism and over-development. Thousands of tourists come here every day, and many are lost or have driver's licenses from some country with three cars. Howard Hughes' old empty estate now has thousands of residents that flood our streets, especially Lincoln Boulevard. Because of constant traffic, we now try to avoid stinkin' Lincoln Boulevard. If any street needs fixing, it's Lincoln, not Olympic or Pico."

"I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE A WONDERFUL idea to make Olympic Boulevard one-way, because it's so crowded here in Los Angeles. I am now a disabled individual, but, boy, I think that maybe pretty soon we're gonna have to use private aircraft!"

"WELL, I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS ONE. Another insane idea by our City Council to change the streets and divert this and redirect that. Every time they try to do something, it just ends up worse than it was. This is a really insane idea. I can't believe this. But again, that's Santa Monica!"

"EVERY 10 YEARS OR SO, THE transportation department trots out some one-way street plan. None work. At one time, Fifth Street, Sixth Street and Broadway were one-way. Here is the traffic problem in a nutshell, here is every problem in Santa Monica in a nutshell: Gross over-development. Montana Avenue was four lanes; Broadway was four lanes; Fourth Street, south of Wilshire was four lanes. How many condos and Water Gardens, hotels, lazy public housing have been built since those streets were choked with City Hall beautification? The quality of life in Santa Monica in the last 20 years has greatly deteriorated. Every time I watch the City Council, I think of Abbot and Costello, Laurel & Hardy and The Three Stooges — all arguing as to who has the dumbest idea to cure traffic, and that is to get us all on those 10-speed bicycles. Stop development and you will stop the traffic problem. Who cares about Los Angeles anyway?"

"I THINK IT WOULD BE FANTASTIC TO convert Olympic and Pico into one-way boulevards. I think that would be fantastic because those streets are miserable to drive on and get around on, even if you're taking the bus and trying to get across the intersection. I go down Olympic every day to work into Westwood, and it is miserable, so I think converting them — at least Olympic — that would be absolutely great. And especially since, now, on Stewart Street, they're building that new parking lot for the college. Wow. Yeah, it would be really great."

"I THINK DIRECTING THE TRAFFIC one-way on Pico and Olympic would be about as helpful as those floral beds they planted on Wilshire Boulevard. More traffic congestion."

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GETTING NOTICED: HBO's 'Burn My Heart At Wounded Knee' received 17 Emmy nominations.

HBO's 'Burn My Heart' gets major Emmy love

BY LYNN ELBER
AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES "The Sopranos," which towered over television with its visceral, violent depiction of a modern mob boss' world and an unparalleled finale, could dominate its last Emmy Awards. Or could it be foiled by the fresh-faced kids of "Heroes"?

The nominations announced Thursday for the 59th annual awards ceremony in September give the edge to HBO's landmark drama, whose 15 nominations were the most for any series. But the sci-fi sensation "Heroes" earned an impressive eight bids for its first season, including best drama.

Cutting-edge shows dominated the comedy series category, with "Ugly Betty" leading the charge with 11 nominations. America Ferrera, who stars in the show based on a Colombian telenovela, heard the nominations with cast mates at the home of one of the writers.

"We popped a bottle of champagne and lots of screaming and hugging. It was fun," said Ferrera, who passed on the champagne because she had to be on the set later in the morning. She's the first Hispanic woman to be nominated as best actress in a comedy since Rita Moreno received a bid in 1983 for "9 to 5," the TV academy said.

"We've been really lucky to come out at a time when there was an audience ready to receive it," Ferrera said of the series' success. "We've got a lot of attention, I think, just based on the fact the show is pretty different than anything that is out there right now. I think just the title alone from the get-go captivated people to get interested and see what it's about."

Other contenders for the best comedy trophy include freshman "30 Rock," "Entourage" and last year's winner, "The Office." The only traditional three-camera sitcom to make the cut was "Two and a Half Men."

"Entourage," about the adventures of a young movie star and his loyal rat pack, was embraced despite its mockery of industry stereotypes.

"It may seem sometimes like we're making fun of Hollywood," said creator Doug Ellin, "but really we're just trying to take a comedic look at how things are done here, because this is how it really is for people sometimes."

Medical drama "Grey's Anatomy," after a rocky year that saw the firing of Isaiah

Washington over his use of an anti-gay slur, scored 10 nominations, including a best-drama bid and supporting nominations for four cast members. Among them was co-star T.R. Knight, who had clashed with Washington.

Other best-drama series nominees were "Boston Legal" and "House."

"The Sopranos," which premiered in January 1999 and aired in fits and starts, capped its final episode this year with an ambiguous ending that left fans in the dark about the fate of lead character Tony Soprano, last seen sitting in a diner with his wife and children. A suddenly black screen suggested he might have been whacked — or not.

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Doug Ellin, Entourage creator

James Gandolfini, who played the beefy but emotionally fragile mob boss, and Edie Falco, who co-starred as his usually stalwart wife, Carmela, both received top acting nominations.

The series' other nominees included Michael Imperioli, who received a bid for best supporting dramatic actor for his role as the ill-fated Christopher. Aida Turturro, who played Tony's tough sister Janice, and Lorraine Bracco, who co-starred as his uneasy psychiatrist Dr. Melfi, were nominated for supporting actress.

Joining Gandolfini among lead drama series actor nominees were Hugh Laurie of "House," Denis Leary of "Rescue Me" and James Spader of "Boston Legal."

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REAL WOMEN HAVE CURVES: 'Hairspray' stars Nikki Blonsky, right, as the curvy Tracy Turnblad. It is currently in theaters across the country.

Big and beautiful

'Hairspray' and its portrayal of curvy women gives hope

BY DAVID GERMAIN
AP Movie Writer

LOS ANGELES The ladies of "Hairspray" are a rarity in fat-phobic Hollywood, whose obsession with willowy women is so strong the idea of a corpulent heroine is almost unheard of.

The new big-screen musical, with lyrics that include a line about women's "extra large largesse" shining through, debuts Friday. The filmmakers hope it will help open moviegoers' minds to the notion that people of ample proportions deserve their Hollywood close-ups.

Curvier women such as Mae West, Jayne Mansfield, Marilyn Monroe and Jane Russell were far more common in old Hollywood, but the outright portly like "Hairspray" lead character Tracy Turnblad have hardly ever gotten their day as lead characters.

"Growing up, all I saw were the really thin actors and pop singers of the world. Everybody was so thin and tall and blond and everything I was not," said Nikki Blonsky, the hefty 4-foot-10 newcomer who plays Tracy. "Do I have to be like them to make it into the business? I thought, 'No, I'm going to find a way to make it in just as somebody different.'"

"I think that's what I'm really trying to

accomplish here, and that's why I'm so excited to have the movie open and show these little kids out there who may be thinking like I was, 'Oh God, all I see are these thin girls. Do I have to be like them?' No, you don't."

The movie is based on the Broadway musical about teenager Tracy, a plump sweetheart who sets out to appear on a 1960s TV dance program in Baltimore and ends up leading a fight to integrate the show.

Tracy also sings and dances up a storm, gets the hunkiest guy in town, becomes a TV darling and foils the schemes of the station's ex-beauty-queen manager (Michelle Pfeiffer).

The stage musical in turn was based on John Waters' 1988 cult flick, which put then-pudgy Ricki Lake, the original Tracy Turnblad, on the road to stardom. Marissa Jaret Winokur won a Tony for originating the role of Tracy on Broadway.

"It's going to have made three young girls a big star. Three fat girls. That's even greater," Waters said. "I've had good luck with fat girls. Just call me Jack Sprat. ..."

"I always thought a big girl, every outsider could identify with that. Everyone feels like an outsider nowadays, so I thought everyone could identify with Tracy. She makes people feel good about themselves, no matter what they look like."

As always in show business, women have a harder time than men if they are overweight, with stout male stars such as John Candy, John Belushi, John Goodman and Jack Black far more common than chubby females.

Beyond a few stars such as Roseanne Barr and Camryn Manheim on television or

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"Hairspray" co-star Queen Latifah, large women tend to get stuck in bit parts or stereotyped comic roles.

Even when roles call for women with some weight, they often go to trim stars who gain pounds for the part, such as Renee Zellweger did with "Bridget Jones's Diary" and Charlize Theron did with "Monster."

Besides Tracy, "Hairspray" puts two other chunky female characters front and center. Latifah's Motormouth Maybelle becomes Tracy's ally and sings one of the musical's best-loved tunes, "Big, Blonde and Beautiful."

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Hefty 4-foot-10 newcomer who plays Tracy in 'Hairspray'

Then there's Tracy's mom, beefy, bashful Edna, so conscious of her size she hasn't left her apartment in years. Maintaining the "Hairspray" tradition since Divine originated the part in the Waters film, Edna is played by a man, John Travolta, performing in a fat suit.

Edna gradually comes out of her apartment and out of her shell, learning to love herself for what she is — a fat woman — all thanks to encouragement from daughter

Tracy, played with zealous ingenue spirit by Blonsky.

"We are delighted to see a young, beautiful woman of size have an opportunity like this. About 65 percent of the American population is now considered overweight or obese, yet people of size are really underrepresented in the media, television and movies," said Peggy Howell, spokeswoman for the National Association to Advance Fat Acceptance.

"Right now, in terms of acceptance of overweight people, it's maybe even worse than it's ever been," said Howell, who is 5-feet-9 and weighs 300 pounds. "There are people who identify more with anorexic- and bulimic-type bodies than they do even with what would be considered a normal, average, healthy-sized body. Some people definitely show a lot of hatred toward a fat body."

Why? Howell blames Hollywood and fashion magazines, along with the health care industry for creating medical fear of fat.

In modern times, thin sells, but as with everything in Hollywood, dollars rule film casting, said "Hairspray" director Adam Shankman.

After Latifah's breakout success in Shankman's "Bringing Down the House," roles intended for thinner actresses — even parts written for men — were reimagined for her, the director said.

"Hollywood is open to anybody who makes money. If 'Hairspray' makes money, Nikki will keep working," Shankman said. "In the golden age of Hollywood, curves were what it was all about. Old Hollywood was more open to different concepts of beauty and sexy stars."

"Hairspray" producers Craig Zadan and Neil Meron said they hope "Hairspray" helps inch people toward greater acceptance of overweight people but that thin will continue to rule in Hollywood.



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Affair leaves unanswered questions on public front

BY MICHAEL R. BLOOD | AP Political Writer

LOS ANGELES Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa says he didn't use a penny of taxpayer money to finance his romance with a TV newscaster, but authorities have said nothing about the whereabouts of his police bodyguards during the time he spent with his girlfriend.

Since the mayor confirmed his relationship with Telemundo's Mirthala Salinas on July 3, his office acknowledged he traveled to Arizona in January to attend her mother's funeral and news reports have placed him at various times at Salinas' home in the San Fernando Valley. Those accounts have not been disputed by the mayor's office.

Villaraigosa's chief spokesman, Sean Clegg, would not discuss whether the mayor was accompanied by his security detail on those trips and referred questions to the Police Department, whose officers guard the mayor's office and shadow him on the road and at events.

The LAPD declined to answer questions about the mayor's security or divulge any details of his protection at times he spent with Salinas in recent months. Security arrangements are worked out on a case-by-case basis by the department's Threat Assessment Unit.

In an era of global terrorism, "there is even more reason not to discuss any aspect of security," Chief William Bratton said in an interview Thursday.

"The idea of not talking about what has already occurred ... to protect what might occur in the future, that would be an element of it," Bratton said. In major U.S. cities, "none of us will give any specifics on that."

Watchdog groups say the absence of information opens a void in the mayor's accounting that challenges the notion of transparent, accountable government.

"Once the mayor engaged in what everybody would admit is deceptive conduct, the burden of proof should shift to him to prove no taxpayer dollars were expended," said John Coupal, president of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayer Association.

"Evidence which shows whether or not the detail was merely present doesn't rise to the level that would jeopardize security," Coupal said.

Ned Wigglesworth, a spokesman for California Common Cause, said the public has a right to know how taxpayer dollars are spent "whether it's a security detail, schools or roads."

Villaraigosa, 54, announced June 8 he was separating from his wife, Corina. He took the blame for the end of his

20-year marriage but declined to comment at the time on the prospect of another woman in his life.

After months of rumors, he confirmed this month he was romantically involved with Salinas, 35. She was placed on leave by Telemundo while the company investigates whether her affair with Villaraigosa breached journalistic ethics.

Villaraigosa was asked at a news conference this month if taxpayers subsidized his relationship with Salinas and he answered with two words: absolutely not. He did not elaborate.

The mayor has set a high benchmark for accountability for himself: "Honesty and ethics in City Hall start at the top," he said a few days after being sworn in 2005, when he imposed reforms intended to ensure integrity in city government.

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Across the nation, law enforcement routinely takes extensive measures to protect the security of high-profile public officials. Last year Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said the Hispanic mayor received death threats during the national debate on immigration reform.

Robert McCrie, a professor of security management at John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York, said the city can reasonably argue that dates, locations and times for upcoming travel can be regarded as private for security reasons. But there is no threat to the mayor by confirming after the fact that he was accompanied on a trip by a police security detail, he said.

"It's an expenditure of the public purse to accompany the mayor on such trips. It's therefore a matter that reasonably can be provided to the public," McCrie said.

Governor and Doolittle ally cooperating

BY ERICA WERNER | Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON The governor of the Northern Mariana Islands said Thursday he's cooperating with the Justice Department's corruption investigation around jailed GOP lobbyist Jack Abramoff, which is focused in part on GOP Rep. John Doolittle of Rocklin, Calif.

The tiny U.S. commonwealth also is still trying to get back some of the millions it paid Abramoff's firms over the years, said Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, a one-time Abramoff ally who counted Doolittle among his congressional supporters.

Fitial referred questions about the Justice Department's inquiry to his Los Angeles attorney, Tom Pollack, who didn't immediately return calls for comment.

But Fitial, who in past years pushed to extend Abramoff's contract to represent the Marianas, did not distance himself from the disgraced lobbyist, or from Doolittle.

"When I have a friend that friend always remains a friend," said Fitial, who became House speaker of the Marianas in 2000 after intervention from two aides to former U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay. After becoming speaker Fitial pushed for Abramoff's contract to continue.

Abramoff is cooperating with the government's wide-ranging influence-peddling investigation after pleading guilty last year to conspiracy and other charges and admitting to bilking his clients. Prosecutors have already convicted a dozen administration and congressional aides and one former congressman, ex-GOP Rep. Bob Ney of Ohio.

The Justice Department's interest in Doolittle appears to focus on payments Doolittle's wife, Julie, received from Abramoff for fundraising work unrelated to the Marianas. But Doolittle was also heavily involved in Abramoff's advocacy for the Marianas, endorsing Fitial for governor and pushing federal funding on his behalf.

Doolittle was lobbied on the issue by his own former legislative director, Kevin Ring, who went on to work with Abramoff and now is himself under investigation.

"Doolittle, he's also a friend," said Fitial.

"I feel the same way," Doolittle later told reporters on a conference call.

"I have no regrets about trying to help the Marianas in the past. It was right then and it's right now," he said.

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Northbound 215 motorists will have to detour from Highland Avenue to get on the westbound 210.

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LOS ANGELES
Senators want Lab worker compensation

California's two senators introduced legislation that would make it easier for former Santa Susana Field Laboratory workers to get federal compensation for exposure to nuclear and chemical contamination.

In a joint statement Thursday, Democrats Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer said the Santa Susana Fair Compensation Act of 2007 would amend the 1999 Energy Employee Occupational Illness Compensation Program.

The program compensates workers who get ill after working at Department of Energy sites. Employees of the old Rocketdyne facility in the hills along the Los Angeles/Ventura county line have filed 677 claims through the program.

The Feinstein/Boxer legislation would guarantee former workers or their survivors up to \$250,000 in benefits. Workers denied program benefits could reapply under the proposed legislation.

Similar legislation was introduced this year in the House by Rep. Elton Gallegly, R-Simi Valley.

In another development Thursday, the Department of Energy said it wouldn't resume cleanup at the site until completion of a long-awaited comprehensive environmental review.

In May, the Department of Energy said it would abide by a judge's decision and the agency halted cleanup of radiation-contaminated areas for 45 days. The work could now be stalled two years while the environmental report is prepared.

AP

WHITTIER
Car rams pharmacy, thieves steal meth ingredients

Thieves rammed a car through the glass front doors of a closed CVS pharmacy and stole a large quantity of a cold medicine used to manufacture methamphetamine.

Wednesday's early morning theft was similar to a theft the previous day at a CVS Pharmacy in Anaheim.

"We got an alarm call at 2:20 a.m.," police spokeswoman Diana Salazar said. "Officers discovered that a large quantity of pseudoephedrine, a cold remedy had been taken. It's used to cook methamphetamine."

A stolen red Nissan Sentra used to smash through the front doors was left behind, Salazar said. No prescription drugs were taken by the two people seen on surveillance video.

"This is unusual, anytime there is a theft of pseudoephedrine it would cause some alarm," said special agent Sarah Pullen of the Drug Enforcement Administration, which was monitoring developments in the two cases.

"It will definitely cause us to look into these cases to see if there are other similar crimes or organizations this ties into," Pullen said.

Thieves in the Anaheim robbery at 12:28 a.m. Tuesday left behind a white Toyota Camry station wagon. Police were unable to locate the vehicle's owner, Anaheim police Sgt. Rick Martinez said.

"They took a quantity of pseudoephedrine, Claritin and nasal decongestant," Martinez said. "The couple ran out of the store leaving the vehicle behind."

A man and woman grabbed decongestants and fled in a red getaway car, Martinez said. It wasn't known if it was the red Nissan left in the Whittier pharmacy.

AP

PASADENA
Pit bulls attack four people, owner arrested

Police arrested the owner of three pit bulls that terrorized a neighborhood, attacking four people before one of the dogs was shot to death and a second animal was wounded.

"This was a critical situation," police Chief Bernard K. Melekian said of the Wednesday morning attacks, noting there were many small children in the area.

"Based on the random viciousness of these dogs, the officer who shot them did what was absolutely necessary in keeping the animals from seriously injuring anyone else or harming a small child," the chief added.

Police received about 40 emergency telephone calls reporting "a small pack of dogs were roaming loose in the area and were attacking residents," Lt. Alex Uribe said.

Three squad cars and a helicopter were dispatched to the neighborhood.

Four people, including two elderly men, were bitten by the dogs.

The pilot of the police helicopter spotted the dogs attacking a woman and sounded the chopper's siren in hopes the loud noise would scare the animals off, according to a department news release. The pit bulls retreated.

A police officer then spotted the dogs in a yard and grabbed a shotgun, killing one of the dogs and wounding another as they charged him. The wounded dog and a third pit bull ran off and were captured a block away.

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Heirlooms are a fond memory

MELISSA KOSSLER DUTTON

Associated Press Writer

Every spring Mike Milton receives a joyful reminder of his grandmother. The bright yellow blooms on the flowering bush transplanted from her yard in southeast Louisiana reawaken memories of the lessons and values she instilled in him.

"I can't look at it without thinking of family members and stories," Milton, a Presbyterian minister in Chattanooga, Tenn., said.

Milton's aunt gave him a cutting of the bush, which the family calls a March rose, 13 years ago when he lived in Kansas. He vividly remembers her snipping a sprig from the plant, wrapping it in a damp newspaper and placing it in a plastic bag.

It's a process he repeated when he moved from Kansas to Georgia and from Georgia to Tennessee. Each time, the plant has thrived in its new location.

"It's never failed me," he said. "It's a piece of home."

Botanical legacies like Milton's grow in gardens around the country, said Charlie Nardozzi, senior horticulturist with the National Gardening Association in South Burlington, Vt. Gardening buffs have been gathering seeds, snipping cuttings and separating plants to pass on to friends and family for centuries. What began as a way to help others fill in their garden has become an enduring reminder of loved ones, he said.

"It's a way of keeping us connected with our past," he said, pointing out memories' strong association with plants.

Charlotte Glen had didn't succeed the first



Photo courtesy

LEGACY: Heirloom roses are often handed down from one generation to the next.

time she tried to plant a handful of columbine seeds she received from her grandmother. Glen, who was about 10 years old at the time, scattered the columbine seeds in her yard but they didn't take. So she started reading books about seeds and plants.

Eventually, Glen was able to grow columbines and other transplants from her grandmother's garden. The experience made a lasting impression on Glen, who went on to study horticulture in college and today works for North Carolina Cooperative Extension.

Glen continues to grow descendants of her grandmother's columbines in her garden in Burgaw, N.C., about 25 miles north of Wilmington. And she credits her grandmother for her career choice. "She was a big influence," Glen said. "I'm sure she was really proud and happy."

Some families have colorful tales about relatives who brought seeds with them when they immigrated to America, said Dave Whiting, who runs one of the nation's largest garden Web sites, www.davesgarden.com.

"Often the seeds were sewn into a hem or something," he said from his office in College Station, Texas. "When they arrived, they opened it up and planted the seeds."

Seeds from descendants of some of those plants are still in use today. Whiting's Web site and others are forums where gardeners interested in old plant varieties swap growing tips and plants.

Yvonne Pund has lily of the valley growing in her yard that her ancestors brought here from England. Her grandmother planted the delicate white flowers in the late 1880s, and Pund brought some of the plants to her Newburgh, Ind., garden about 10 years ago.

Pund's daughter had a few of the flowers tucked into her wedding bouquet.

"It's just like a continuation of your heritage," said Pund, who will make sure her daughter takes some of the plants when she starts a garden.

In Janet P. Carlson's family, passing on a cutting from their great-grandmother's African violet has become a rite of passage, she said. The family divided up the original plant in the early '70s when her husband's grandmother died. Carlson's mother-in-law gave her a violet in 1979.

"I have no idea what the technical name is," she said. "It's just grandma's."

Dividing the plant is a nerve-racking undertaking. "You don't want to do something that will make it die," said Carlson, who lives outside Minneapolis, Minn. Still, Carlson said, she has done it for various family members.

She has started a plant for her daughter, Marisa, but she hasn't passed it on to her — yet.

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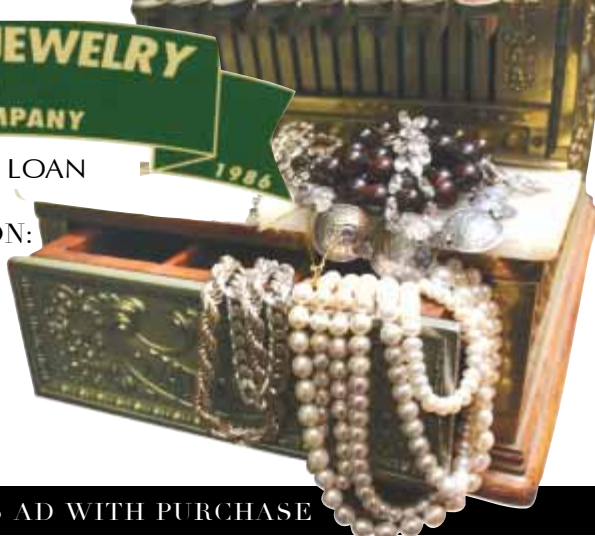
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Fire burns through campground, motel

BY BROCK VERGAKIS
Associated Press Writer

NEPHI, Utah A wildfire that may have been started by sparks from a flat tire raced across thousands of acres in Juab and Sanpete counties Friday, a day after burning through a campground and motel and forcing the airlift of 18 Boy Scouts and two hikers.

With a highly skilled team on its way from Florida, 150 area firefighters were battling the Salt Creek fire against a backdrop of extraordinary summer heat and a lack of rain — and no immediate relief predicted.

On Interstate 15, Utah's main north-south route, smoke was visible from at least 15 miles away. A thick plume looked like a volcano erupting.

"It only takes a cigarette or a match and this stuff will explode," said Fred Burns, owner of Burns Brothers Ranch RV Resort in Fountain Green, which was nearby but not affected.

The fire had consumed 20 square miles, or more than 13,000 acres, officials reported.

It began Thursday in a private KOA campground in Salt Creek Canyon, 85 miles south of Salt Lake City. The campground was not a total loss, although the motel on site and some vehicles and trailers were burned, the U.S. Forest Service said.

Campgrounds and cabins along the 32-mile Nebo Loop, a scenic road in Uinta National Forest, were evacuated overnight but a portion of the loop reopened Friday.

As for a cause, 911 calls show a motorist may have sparked the fire by riding on the

rim of a flat tire on Utah Highway 132, Forest Service spokeswoman Loyal Clark said.

Utah 132 is an access route to the Uinta forest and to private land. There were scattered evacuations of expensive houses and cabins in the area, but no apparent need to set up a shelter because few homes were occupied.

Forecasters called for another 100-degree day Friday in much of Utah. The National Weather Service has already recorded 10 days of 100 degrees or higher in Salt Lake City. The summer average is five.

Precipitation is more than 4.5 inches below normal. The Salt Lake area went 41 days without any measurable rain before 0.01 of an inch Tuesday.

The fire was burning northeast toward the community of Indianola. Residents in at least two dozen homes were advised to be ready to leave.

Ron and Judy Rosevear had lunch at the One Man Band Diner in Nephi before checking their 30-foot-long camper at Blackhawk Mountain near Indianola. They planned to spend the night there and tow it away if the fire gets close.

"It is our getaway on weekends," Ron Rosevear said. "It's such a beautiful area. I'd hate to see it wiped out."

When the fire began Thursday, Scouts and hikers were flown to safety.

"They'd had to get up in some real rough, rocky area to get away from the fire, so it could have been bad. But with quick work by the helicopters, they were able to get out," said Bert Hart, a spokesman at the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

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Putting locals on their heels

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

OCEAN PARK In a car-dominated culture, Michelle Murillo is somewhat of an anomaly. Rather than drive to the market or to her jobs in Venice and Santa Monica, Murillo, a funky 20-something with dreadlocks and a nose ring, hops on her skateboard and hits the streets.

Murillo doesn't even own a car, ditching her ride six months ago in favor of a more healthy and an eco-conscious lifestyle.

"People think that if they drive, they can get to where they want to go faster," Murillo said, as she stood in the doorway of her Ocean Park apartment on Sixth Street, near Raymond Avenue. "But that's not true. Driving actually takes you longer here because of all the traffic and the time it takes you to find parking."

"It's faster just to walk or ride my skateboard."

Lucky for Murillo, she lives in a very pedestrian-friendly neighborhood. According to a Web site (www.walkscore.com) that measures a given area's walkability, Murillo can pretty much get everything she needs without a car. There is good public transit and a host of establishments less than a mile from her apartment, including coffee shops, bars, restaurants, grocery stores, schools, parks and medical care.

Murillo's neighborhood is essentially a walker's paradise, but what about the rest of Santa Monica?

For the most part, residents and city planners say "yes," pointing to the pedestrian-friendly aspects of city streets such as wider sidewalks, green medians and lighted crosswalks, all of which make stepping out that much more enjoyable.

"I walk everywhere in Santa Monica," said Nancy Ross, as she put one foot in front of the other en route to Wild Oats on Montana Avenue. "I walk because I like it, and because I have a baby, and because it's fun ... It's part of

why we moved here, everybody walks in this area. It's like old California."

Many people take strolls there because North of Montana is very walkable, according to Walk Score. The area around 14th Street and Montana Avenue receives a walk score of 82 out of 100, similar to Ocean Park. There is a library, movie theater and a bookstore located within a mile of most residents there, making it a highly desirable location for those who prefer to travel on foot.

City officials have worked diligently over the last decade to render Santa Monica more pedestrian-friendly, a response to an increase in traffic injuries involving pedestrians and a call from residents to reduce the reliance on automobiles.

In the late '90s, City Hall initiated a series of street improvements aimed at increasing pedestrian safety, specifically by installing crosswalk improvements where needed and upgrading disabled access at each intersection. Curb extensions were also added, along with the creation of medians to give pedestrians a safe haven if they are unable to make it all the way across a street before the traffic light changes. Roundabouts and lighted crosswalks were also part of the plan.

In Downtown, Santa Monica Boulevard and Broadway were transformed and enhanced through the Transit Mall project that widened sidewalks and added attractive tree plantings, transit information kiosks, shaded bus stops, street furniture and street art.

City staff said not only did those improvements enhance pedestrian safety, they also made the walking experience more enticing.

"We'd like to make the whole city more walkable, and I think having the city be more walkable means more of a community place where people can see each other and interact," said Lucy Dyke, City Hall's transportation planning manager. "That means people don't have to be stuck in traffic ... We are always looking at places all over

the city and are thinking of ways we can make it more walkable and enjoyable."

In addition to physical changes to streetscapes, the City Council has approved changes to the zoning code to encourage more attractive, ground-floor retail and have paved the way for restaurants to come into Downtown without having to provide a lot of parking. The theory being that without ample parking, people will be forced to, and ultimately choose to, walk instead of drive.

City Hall is also sponsoring a citywide initiative encouraging people to walk. Known as the WALK Santa Monica campaign, residents are being asked to walk 10,000 steps a day to help them be more active and maintain a healthy lifestyle. As part of the initiative, City Hall developed a map featuring six routes one can take around the city. They include a walk down San Vicente Boulevard, Palisades Park, through Downtown, around Clover Park and through Mid-City.

The Big Blue Bus has also expanded service to neighborhoods as part of its Mini-Blue program. The new routes were designed to appeal to more neighborhoods instead of just those residents living along the major corridors.

It also helps that Santa Monica is only 8.3 square miles and that most of it is flat with streets laid out in a grid rather than winding roads with cul-de-sacs, a feature of urban sprawl.

TREADING CAREFULLY

Despite Santa Monica's compact neighborhoods and the efforts made by City Hall, there are still areas where it is difficult to find the things one needs on foot, namely Sunset Park and the Pico Neighborhood.

Cindy Pudlicki, who lives on Oak Street near Clover Park, said she rarely walks to run errands, preferring to take her car instead. That's because there are not many

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GETTING AROUND TOWN: People walk down Santa Monica Boulevard on Friday.

Walking it out in town

FROM HEELS PAGE 14

businesses nearby. There is the business park on Ocean Park Boulevard, but it does not have a grocery store.

"I wish they'd build a Whole Foods over here. That would be nice," Pudlicki said as she walked her dog to the groomers, one of the few stops she makes on foot. "There's a small market on 17th (Street), but it's too expensive if you are shopping for a lot of things. If you just need some butter or something small, then yeah, I'll walk, but more often than not, I drive."

Pudlicki's neighborhood received one of the lowest scores from Walk Score, a 60, which means there are some walkable locations, but many everyday trips still require a car.

Those living near Santa Monica College also must have a car to do most of their errands, according to Walk Score, which gave the area a 67.

There is also the challenge of getting people to see walking as a mode of transportation instead of just something one does for leisure on a Sunday afternoon.

"If I'm going somewhere, I'll drive, but I walk around the neighborhood, or to the grocery store once a day," said Melody Molen, who lives near Highland Avenue and Ocean Park Boulevard.

Molen said she is trying to walk more and gives Santa Monica a "thumbs up" for its walkability. Her only worry is busy intersections like Lincoln Boulevard and Ocean Park.

"I do worry walking with children," she said. "Lincoln scares me."

There have been a series of accidents this year involving pedestrians attempting to cross at intersections, including three fatalities. The most recent collision involving pedestrians occurred last Saturday, when two elderly women were struck while crossing Wilshire Boulevard at 25th Street.

Residents have long complained about the city's lighted crosswalks not functioning properly, lending a false sense of security to those on foot.

A stretch of Ocean Park Boulevard, near John Adams Middle School, has proven particularly hazardous, prompting city officials to conduct a traffic study of the area in the wake of public outcry.

Stephen Islas, who works at 3301 Ocean Park Boulevard, said only certain parts of the city are walkable, mainly

those areas close to the beach. When one gets closer to the east side of town, there are fewer options.

Wilmont resident Jacqui Knapp falls into the recreation crowd. She said she walks everywhere, "not because I have to, but because I want my ass to look good."

"If I don't move, I get depressed," Knapp said. "If you had to, you could get everywhere you need to be in this area."

Erin Nadel, a student at Santa Monica High School, falls somewhere in the middle. A resident of Wilmont, Nadel said he walks to the grocery store with his parents or to restaurants for dinner, but it's more for pleasure than anything else. If he's got to get things done, he drives.

"I'd never be able to walk everywhere for necessity," he said. "Walking to Samohi would be awful."

It all boils down to convenience, residents said. If what they need is close by and they're feeling like getting some sun, they'll walk, but when they're strapped for time or need to run several errands, it seems cars still trump the feet.

Residents suggested better mass transit, such as smaller shuttles that drive through neighborhoods regularly. Others suggested community bicycles like in Amsterdam, where residents share bikes, leaving them at racks when they've completed their errands.

"I just think convenience really is the issue," said Rena Waters, who lives in the Mid-City area near the corner of 20th Street and Santa Monica Boulevard, where she is close to hospitals and fast food restaurants, but is surrounded by car dealerships.

"People, for the most part, don't see walking as exercise, but rather something you do if you want to relax and check out the scenery," Waters said. "To get people to walk more, we're going to have to invest more in public transit and just make it so easy to get around on foot that it will be a no-brainer. Until then, I think people are going to stay in their cars."

"I mean, I love my car and I just don't see myself giving that up."

Daily Press Intern Emily Skehan contributed to this report.

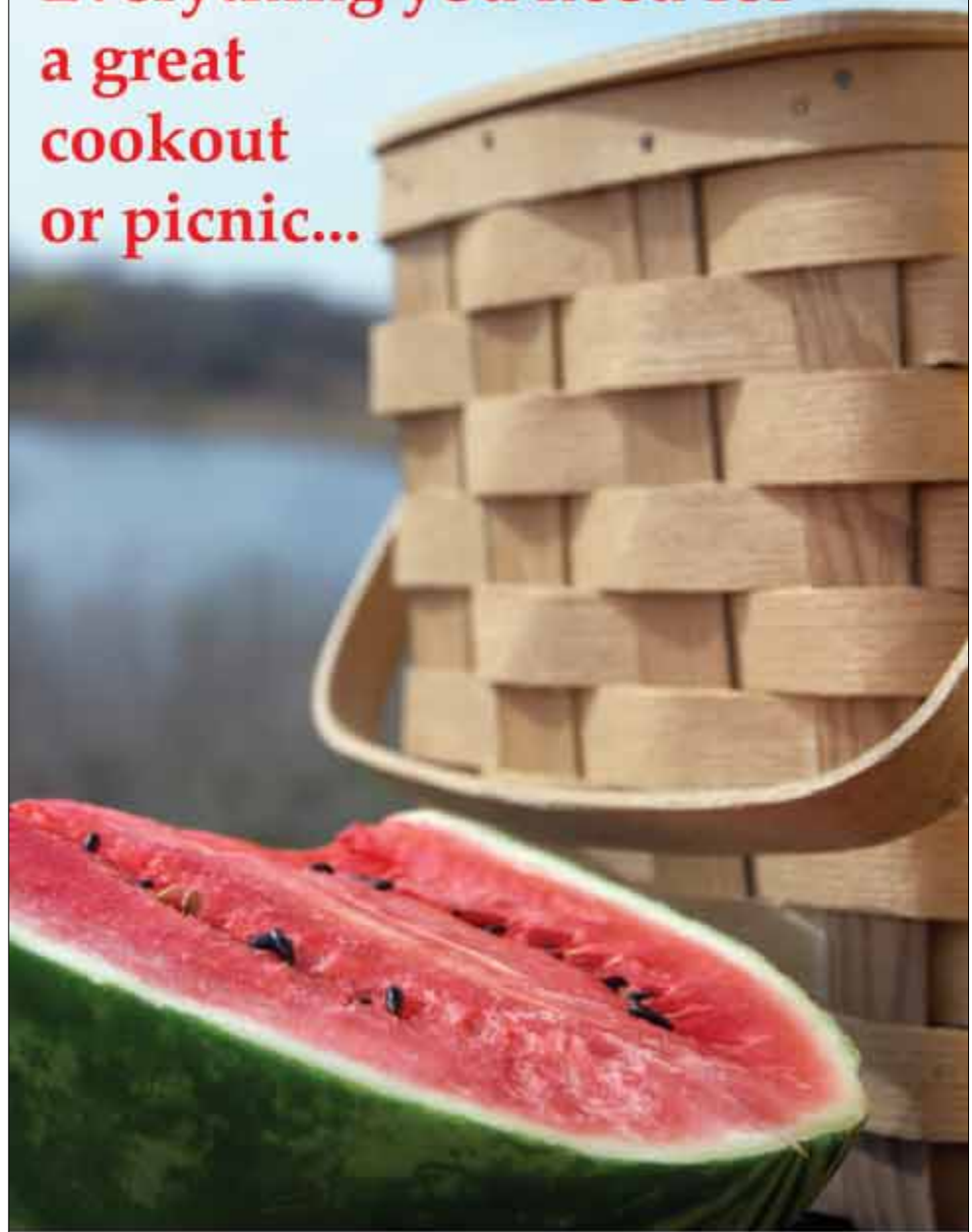
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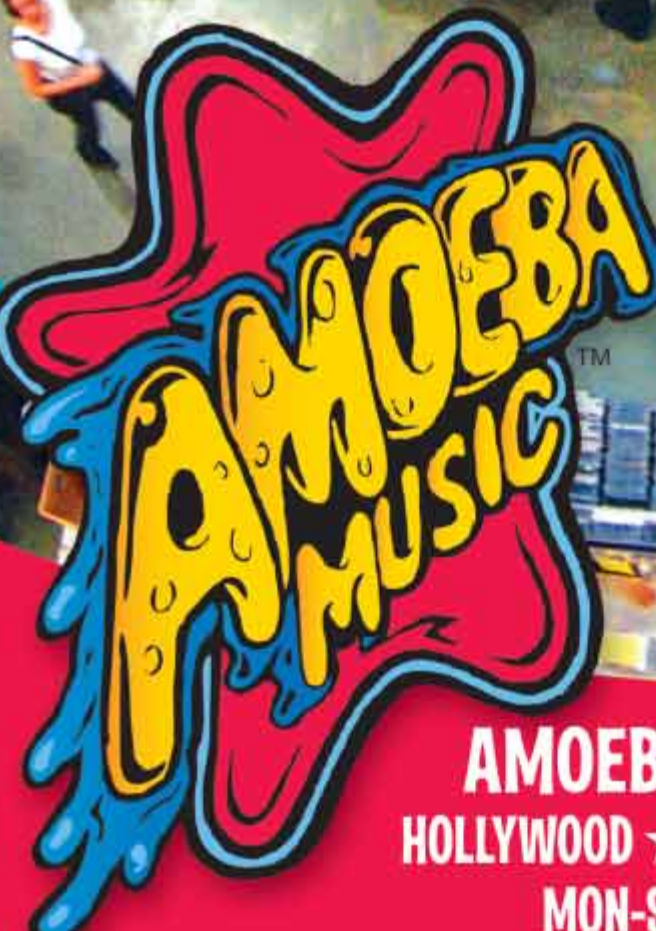
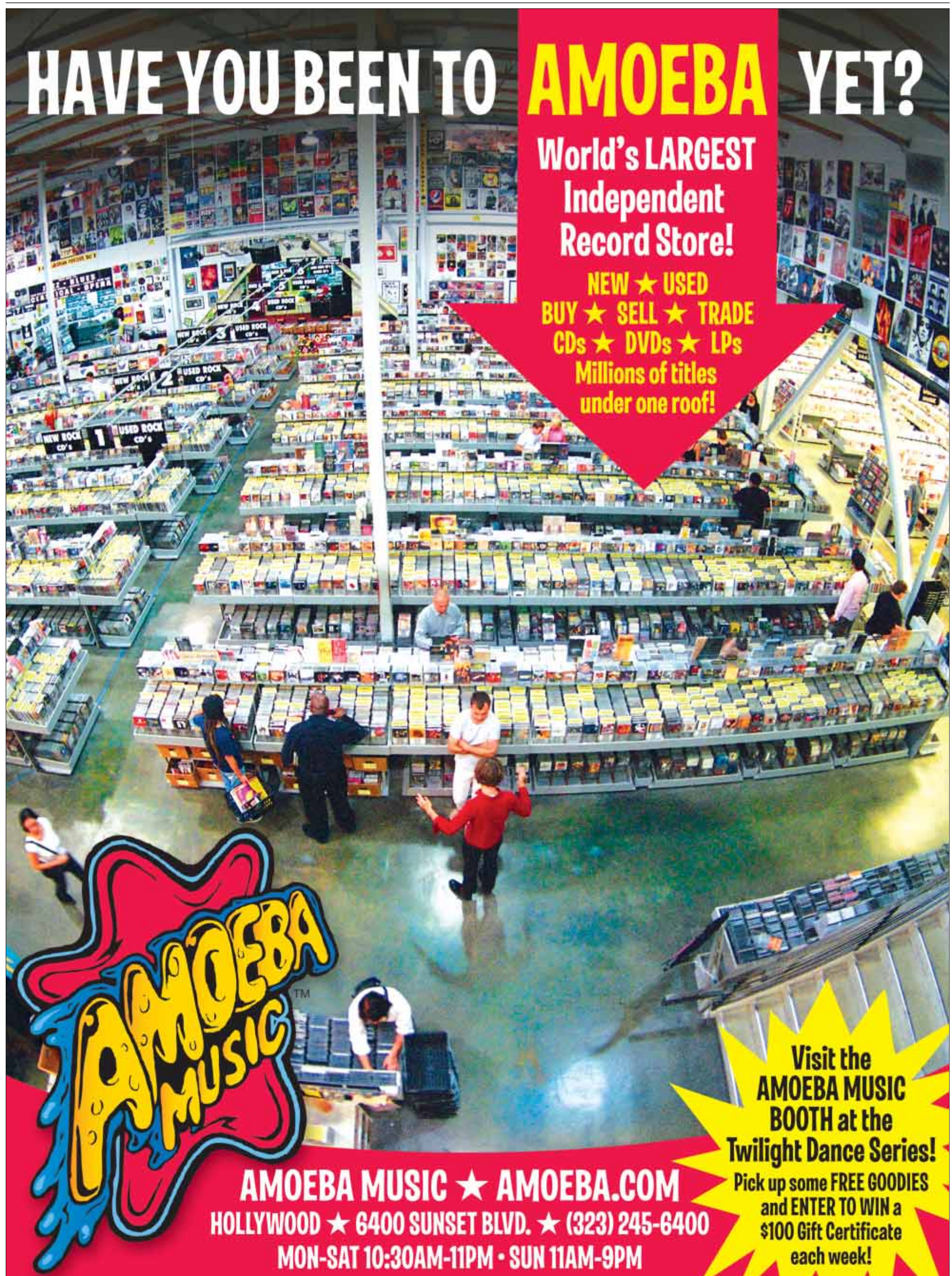
(Above) Concert-goers take in the sounds of Jose Conde Y Ola Fresca from the sand on Thursday night during the Twilight Dance Series concert at the Santa Monica Pier. (Below) Rama Mutungunja from Samba Mapangala's Orchestra Virunga blares on the saxophone. (Bottom) The Nabry International Dance Group during Samba Mapangala's jam session.



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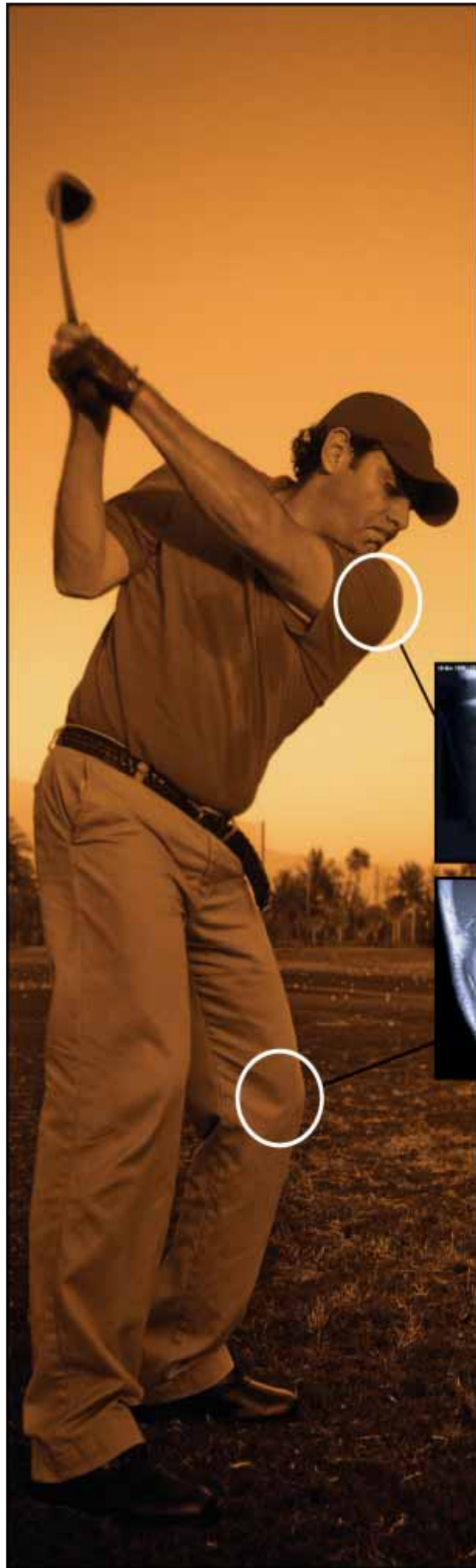
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GOING DEEP: The Venice league is one of several coed football leagues started by The Adults Sports League, which brings men and women together for a friendly weekly game, followed by a few rounds of drinks at Brennan's bar in Marina del Rey. The Santa Monica league kicks-off today.

The guys and gals get busy

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league, which kicked off on June 3 and will conclude on July 29. The league consists of about eight teams, each with at least eight members suiting up per game.

The Adult Sports League is expanding into other cities, kicking off the first Santa Monica League at the Penmar Recreation Center today. A similar league is also set to start in Pasadena on Sunday.

Wilson is now looking to diversify with other sports, such as softball, kickball, volleyball and soccer.

"The model seems to work really well and I have people asking me (about other sports)," Wilson said.

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The rules of the touch football league are fairly simple. Each team must have at least 12 people on its roster and, at minimum, eight people on the field at any time. At least three of the eight players on the field must be women.

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Ballers delight

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second, a female player must be used in the point after touchdown.

Since it's a touch-only style of football, there is no blocking or contact allowed. And, sorry Tom Brady and Chad Johnson, there are no professional football players allowed, current or retired.

Los Angeles resident Amanda Warren drives down from her home near Beverly Hills every Sunday to play with the Green Tang Clan. She's one of five women on the team.

Warren comes from an athletic background, having played basketball and volleyball in high school and college and pick-up football on Thanksgiving Day with her family.

Because men tend to be more competitive and tough, Warren said she feels less conscious playing football when there are other women on the team, lessening the fears of dropping the ball.

"If I drop the ball, it's OK," Warren said. "I'm not going to get yelled at."

Her teammate, Holly Hines, joined the league in the first season and occasionally plays quarterback.

"Apparently, I've got a strong arm. I didn't know that before," Hines said.

Like her teammate, Hines played organized sports her entire life, but the majority of the members of the Venice league didn't play in college or high school," Wilson said.

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Planning for the rail

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Freeway to the south, Lincoln Boulevard to the west and Broadway to the north. The zone serves as the home of Bergamot Station, the city yards, the old Fisher Lumber Yard and countless office complexes.

One area of focus for the workshop will be mixed-use development, which could mean a combination of either office and retail, office and residential, or residential and retail.

With the high demand for housing in Santa Monica, the industrial district serves as a possible area in which City Hall could allow residential development to occur to fulfill the need.

One of the biggest challenges facing city staff in drafting the Land Use and Circulation Element will be to find a middle ground between the demand for preserving historic buildings in the industrial area and the need to develop new residential units, said Planning Commission Vice-Chairman Terry O'Day.

"There is a great deal of pressure to build housing and rightly so because we have a housing crisis," O'Day said.

The future of the industrial area could revolve around transit, with the Exposition light rail line expected to make it to Santa Monica by 2015. Two of the three stations are expected to be constructed in the industrial district — one at Bergamot Station and a second undetermined site between 14th and 20th streets. The terminal for the light rail will be

located at the Sears auto lot on Fourth Street and Colorado Avenue.

With the light rail coming into the industrial district, the area presents an opportunity for city officials to consider transit-oriented development — moderate to high density development built within close proximity to public transit.

rail stations come alive, said City Council member Pam O'Connor, who is also the chair of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board of Directors.

In developing the Land Use and Circulation Element, city officials will need to identify the businesses in the industrial area that will need to be pre-



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Darrell Clarke, Santa Monica Planning Commissioner

Also known as transit villages, the transit-oriented developments usually consists of a mixture of retail, restaurants and residences. The goal is to get residents living in the transit villages to limit the use of their cars.

"Smart growth is recreating a traditional town or a small city where people live and walk to shops, walk to cafes and ideally walk to work," said Planning Commissioner Darrell Clarke. Clarke has been a volunteer with the Friends 4 Expo Transit since 1989.

There are fewer bus connections in the industrial area than in other Santa Monica neighborhoods, but that could all change once Expo comes to town. Typically more bus routes evolve as new bus stations and

served, and the ones that might eventually disappear, Bar-El said.

One of the centers that will most likely survive is Bergamot Station, which houses artists galleries and studios. Bar-El calls it the heart of the industrial area.

"I think what we all see and I think what the community will express is that Bergamot Station and other arts related uses are valued by the city and it's a question of how do we make sure we don't inadvertently lose those assets," Bar-El said.

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China boosts interest rates

BY SCOTT MCDONALD
Associated Press Writer

BEIJING China's central bank raised its key interest rates Friday, as the government tries to reel in its runaway economy and stem inflation worries.

A day after the government said the economy grew in the second quarter at its fastest pace since 1995, the central bank said it will raise its one-year yuan lending rate to 6.84 percent from 6.57 percent.

The one-year yuan deposit rate will go to 3.33 percent from 3.06 percent.

The changes take effect Saturday, the People's Bank of China said in a statement on its Web site.

The rate hikes were followed by China's State Council, or Cabinet, saying it will cut the tax paid on interest income to 5 percent from 20 percent beginning Aug. 15.

The cut may encourage Chinese investors to keep their money in banks rather than in the country's booming stock market.

The change was made "in line with the needs of national economic development," the council said in a statement on its Web Site.

Friday's interest rate increase is the fifth time since April 2006 that the central bank has raised key interest rates.

"The rates will be conducive to guiding monetary credit and investment growth in a reasonable manner. They will regulate and stabilize inflation expectations and maintain stable price levels," the Bank of China's statement said.

The bank last raised rates in the middle of May.

Economist Stephen Green of Standard Chartered called the rate hikes "a widely anticipated moved after yesterday's super-fast GDP growth numbers."

Thursday, the National Bureau of Statistics reported that the economy expanded by 11.9 percent in the April-June quarter over the same period of 2006, even faster growth than the previous quarter's 11.1 percent.

Inflation also rose, with consumer prices climbing by 4.4 percent in June. The economy also was under pressure from

a swollen trade surplus and high energy consumption, the National Statistics Bureau said.

"We will further enhance and improve macro control and put into practice various policies set by the central government," Li Xiaochao, a statistics bureau spokesman, said at a news conference in announcing the figures Thursday.

China's communist leaders want fast growth to reduce poverty but are trying to cool some industries. They worry that runaway investment could push up inflation or ignite a debt crisis if borrowers default. Besides the interest rate hikes, they have also imposed investment curbs on some industries.

The rise in consumer prices, lifted by a 7.6 percent jump in food costs, was well above the official target of 3 percent.

Chinese leaders are worried about the political impact of rising food prices, which hit the poor, populous countryside especially hard.

Last week, Beijing increased its estimate of 2006 gross domestic product growth from 10.7 percent to 11.1 percent,

Israel releases over 250 Palestinian prisoners to support Abbas

BY DALIA NAMMARI
Associated Press Writer

RAMALLAH, West Bank Israel released more than 250 Palestinian prisoners Friday, aiming to bolster embattled President Mahmoud Abbas in his power struggle with the Islamic militants of Hamas, which took control of Gaza by force last month.

Several thousand chanting, clapping Palestinians greeted the prisoners as their buses rolled into Abbas' headquarters in the West Bank city of Ramallah. Prisoners —

almost all from Abbas' Fatah movement — were hoisted onto the shoulders of dancing supporters, before they performed noon prayers in a large, open-sided tent.

"This is the beginning," said Abbas, wearing a black-and-white checkered scarf, a symbol of Palestinian nationalism. "Efforts must continue. Our work must continue until every prisoner returns to his home."

Hamas belittled the release. "This step has no real value because most of the prisoners are from one faction, and most were about to be released," said Hamas spokesman Sami Abu Zuhri.

Israeli officials of Abbas' government said they hoped the release marked a new chapter in relations, following seven years of bloody fighting.

"All the suffering, all the pain is gone," said released prisoner Iyad Milhem, 30, as he rode on one of the buses. "But we still hope for the release of all the other prisoners."

Prominent among those freed was 61-year-old Abdel Rahim Malouh, second-in-command in a small PLO faction, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, which assassinated an Israeli

Cabinet minister in 2001.

Friday's release began shortly after day-break when the shackled prisoners left the Ketziot prison camp in southern Israel and boarded buses with darkened windows that took them to the West Bank. At an Israeli military checkpoint in the West Bank, the prisoners got off the buses, some kissing the ground, and boarded Palestinian buses that took them to Ramallah.

Israel had agreed to release 256 prisoners, but one was held back for further security checks, said Eli Gadizon.

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OLYMPICS

Team USA gets ready for action

BY BRIAN MAHONEY
AP Basketball Writer

The questions came quickly after the United States lost in the semifinals of last year's world championships. What if the Americans had Kobe Bryant, or a veteran point guard like Chauncey Billups or Jason Kidd, or a dominant inside scorer like Amare Stoudemire?

They're all expected in Las Vegas this weekend, ready to help the team prepare for the Olympic qualifier next month. The U.S. national team opens minicamp Friday, its first time together since finishing third in the worlds and being forced to play its way into the Beijing Games. The Americans hoped for a light summer, but that went out the window the moment they were knocked off by Greece.

"We had a changeup thrown at us," USA Basketball managing director Jerry Colangelo said recently. "Because when we spoke originally about that, the intent was to go out and win the world championships and that '07 would be a down year, just kind of prepare for '08. But because we didn't win the world championships, that changes what we have to do. We have some work to do."

It will be done with a much different looking roster. Six players who were in Japan aren't available to play this summer, including Miami star Dwyane Wade, one of the U.S. captains.

And coach Mike Krzyzewski won't have long to get this version ready. The FIBA Americas tournament starts Aug. 22, and the Americans must finish in the top two to earn a place in the Olympics.

"It's not like we're just given this. There's two spots open in the Americas," Krzyzewski said. "After this summer, there will be nine countries who will qualify for the Olympics. You have to earn the right to be there. That's why we're playing in this tournament."

The Americans expect to have 17 players in camp for practices on Friday and Saturday. They will then split up the roster and play a blue-white game Sunday.

The finalists will be chosen Monday, and those players will return Aug. 13 along with No. 1 draft pick Greg Oden, if he is recovered from his tonsillectomy. The U.S. has to be down to 12 players the day before the qualifier begins.

Krzyzewski mentioned Bryant, Billups, Kidd, Stoudemire and Chris Bosh as players who figure to be wearing the red, white and blue in August.

"Unless those guys are hurt, those guys are going to be on the team," he said.

Throw in captains LeBron James and Carmelo Anthony, the best American player at last year's world championships, and more than half the squad already seems set. Milwaukee's Michael Redd, who was unavailable last year because he was getting married, also should stick with the U.S. desperately in need of better outside shooting.

Bryant had to pull out last year after knee surgery — the third time his USA debut was delayed following injuries in 2003 and a sexual assault trial the next year — while Stoudemire wasn't at full strength coming off a pair of knee operations. Both looked fine this year, getting voted to the All-NBA first team.

The additions of Billups and Kidd might be even more important. Billups was selected for the original national team roster last year but was unable to play because his wife was expecting a child. Kidd, who helped the Americans win a gold medal at the 2000 Olympics — the last major title for the U.S. — originally declined an invitation for personal reasons, but said he was available this year and was added to the roster.

Billups and Kidd provide experience and size at the point, something the Americans lacked last year when Chris Paul and Kirk Hinrich handled most of those duties.

"Our guards did a good job but the international game, it's much more physical," Krzyzewski said. "A lot of these teams have big guards, they can be 6-6, 230. They allow much more physical play."

MLB

League implored to 'name names'

BY PAUL ELIAS | Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO The public, Major League Baseball players and the league would benefit if the names of players listed on a search warrant for former Arizona pitcher Jason Grimsley's home were revealed, The Associated Press argued in court papers filed Thursday.

Investigators raided Grimsley's Scottsdale, Ariz. house last year after intercepting a shipment of human growth hormone as part of the federal government's five-year probe into performance-enhancing drug use among professional athletes.

Grimsley, who was released by the Diamondbacks last season, initially talked with investigators and allegedly implicated several other players before he stopped cooperating. The names of those players were included in the second of two warrants used to search Grimsley's house.

But the players' names were blacked out in the publicly

released search warrants. The AP argued Thursday that the names should be released to show the government's investigation has been fair and worthwhile.

"The public has a legitimate interest in learning about conduct that affects the manner in which these players perform," David Bodney, AP's lawyer, argued in court papers filed in Phoenix federal court, "especially where that conduct threatens to undermine the legitimacy of the game and the records being broken by today's players."

In papers filed last week, federal prosecutors opposed making the players' names public, arguing that to do so would jeopardize the ongoing investigation based in San Francisco.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Matthew Parella wrote in the government's filing that the AP's argument on behalf of the public good "is nothing more than a thinly veiled attempt to benefit financially by disclosing the names of individuals identified in the investigation."

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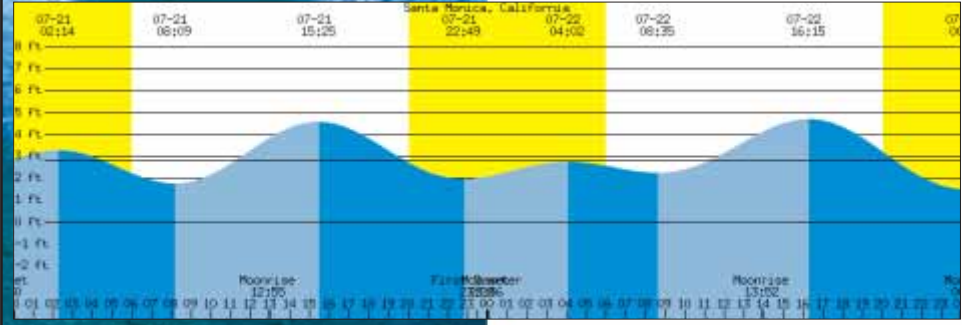
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Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachasa and Los Aliso creeks	A+	ns
Enchil Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Tomares Creek mouth	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildfire Rd. (private)	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
Escalante Creek, just east of Escalante State Beach	A	ns
Lariga Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
Saltine Canyon at San Blas County Beach	A+	ns
Pavco State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Pavco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	D	ns
Serfider Beach at Malibu Calvary fence	A	ns
Serfider Beach (beach location)- daily	A	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (joint zone)	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	A+	ns
Peco Creek at Los Tunes County Beach	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	A+	ns
Tapango State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns
Castroville Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	ns
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MLB

Bonds two homers closer to the record

BY JANIE MCCAULEY

AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO Barry Bonds moved within two homers of Hank Aaron's record Thursday, hitting Nos. 752 and 753 with two of his biggest swings this month and ending his worst slump in six years.

He was rested and ready, all right.

Bonds sent the first pitch from Cubs starter Ted Lilly high over the right-field fence leading off the second inning — the first drive out of Wrigley Field to reach Sheffield Avenue all season. Then he homered again in the seventh on a 3-2 pitch from Will Ohman, a three-run shot that stuck in the basket of the center-field wall. Ohman became the 443rd pitcher to give up a home run to Bonds, who has 19 homers on the year.

It was his 71st multihomer game, second behind Babe Ruth's 72, and second this season. He went 3-for-3 and scored three runs in the Giants' 9-8 loss.

Bonds' first homer pulled the Giants within 4-1 and was San Francisco's first hit off Lilly, who surrendered his third career homer to Bonds. The next homer got the Giants within one and gave Bonds six RBIs on the day, his most since driving in six runs Sept. 22 last year at Milwaukee. It was his seventh career game with at least six RBIs.

The second homer moved Bonds past Carlton Fisk for most longballs by a player in a year he turns at least 43. Fisk hit 18 at age 43 in 1990 and 18 more the following year at 44. Bonds needs two more homers not only to match Hammerin' Hank's record, but also to tie Fisk's 72 homers after turning 40.

The fans both cheered and booed when his second-inning ball sailed out in the direction of a beer billboard reading "755 BOTTLES OF BEER ON THE WALL." Dave Davison, a 39-year-old regular at Wrigley, retrieved the specially monogrammed ball in the middle of the street after it bounced off someone else's arm.

And it wasn't the first souvenir for Davison, who has retrieved more than 4,200 keepsake balls including one other from Bonds. He might be a willing seller this time, but had already turned down an offer for \$5,000.

"I'd have to seriously consider anything over \$25,000," Davison said. "I'll be happy to keep it."

Tyler Olson, a 13-year-old from Freeport, Ill., came up with No. 753. The teen declined comment.

Bonds connected for the first time in 25 at-bats since his last homer July 3 at Cincinnati and also ended a seven-game hitless stretch. In the third, Lilly had no choice but to go right after him again — and Bonds looped a bases-loaded, two-run single into left-center field.

He was mired in a season-worst 0-for-21 slump, two off his career high set during his rookie season in 1986. The latest funk was his longest since a hitless stretch of the same length from April 5-12, 2001 — the year he broke Mark McGwire's single-season home run record with 73.

Bonds, whose 43rd birthday is Tuesday, returned to the Giants' starting lineup for the series finale after missing two of the first three games completely while nursing his sore legs. He pinch hit Tuesday night, the first time he hadn't started three in a row since sitting five straight games from June 7-11, 2006.

"I'm good," Bonds said while heading out to the field before the game.

The fans started booing Bonds lustily before he even took the field, hollering in displeasure when his name was announced with the starting lineups. They let him have it again when he emerged from the dugout and stepped into the on-deck circle in the first but didn't bat.

He was jeered again when he took his spot in left field for the first time, with fans lining the fence to give their voices a better chance of being heard by the slugger.

Bonds was in an 0-for-17 slump before hitting his 746th homer against the Rockies on May 27.

Meanwhile, it appeared that the year-long term of the federal grand jury in San Francisco investigating Bonds for perjury had been extended. Thursday marked the year anniversary of the grand jury's creation and the strongest indication that it remained in session was the continued incarceration of Bonds' personal trainer, Greg Anderson.

Anderson is being held in contempt of court for refusing to testify in the perjury probe. He will remain in prison until he talks or until the grand jury's term expires.

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Lindsay gives up Lohan surrenders in Beverly Hills

LINDSAY LOHAN turned herself in to face charges of driving under the influence in connection with the Memorial Day weekend hit-and-run crash that sent her into rehab. Accompanied by her attorney, the 21-year-old actress surrendered at the Beverly Hills Police Department Thursday afternoon to be finger-

printed and photographed, Officer Brian Ballieweg said. Lohan's blood-alcohol level at the time of the crash was above California's 0.08 percent legal limit, Ballieweg said. He wouldn't disclose how high it was. She is also faces a misdemeanor charge of hit and run, he said.

Lohan was released on her recognizance. A court date was scheduled for August 24. A message left early Friday with her publicist was not immediately returned. Lohan and two other adults were in her 2005 Mercedes SL-65 convertible when she lost control and crashed into a curb

and shrubs on Sunset Boulevard on May 26, police said. Lohan got into a second car and was driven to a hospital in Century City for minor injuries, police said. The others in her car were not hurt. Officers received a 911 call about the accident and traced her to the hospital.

Last week, Lohan checked out of a rehabilitation center after more than six weeks. It was her second stint in rehab this year. She said in January she had checked into rehab for substance abuse treatment. The surrender was first reported by TV's "The Insider."

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SWEETIN GETS HITCHED

JODIE SWEETIN, who starred on TV's Full House" for eight seasons, is a new bride, a celebrity Web site reported Friday.

Sweetin, 25, exchanged vows with Cody Herpin, 30, last Saturday at the Little Church of the West, a Las Vegas Strip wedding chapel, CelebTV.com said, citing a marriage certificate.

AP

Former girlfriend sues Esai Morales, saying actor gave her serious disease

ESAI MORALES has been sued by an ex-girlfriend who alleges the former "NYPD Blue" star assaulted her and gave her herpes. Elizabeth Mazzocchi alleges intentional and negligent transmission of a sexually transmitted disease, assault, battery and breach of oral con-

tract in the lawsuit, filed Thursday in Superior Court. The lawsuit claims Morales knew he had herpes and never told Mazzocchi, leaving her with "an incurable disease that will have associated medical expenses, pain and discomfort for the rest of

her life." There was no immediate comment from Morales, the actor's publicist, Siri Garber, said Friday. Mazzocchi's attorney, Gloria Allred, declined comment. According to the lawsuit, Morales and Mazzocchi began their

relationship in January 2006 and he moved into her Los Angeles home two months later. Morales, 44, played police Lt. Tony Rodriguez on ABC's "NYPD Blue." The lawsuit was first reported by the entertainment Web site CelebTV.com.

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The stars show the kind of day you'll have:

★★★★★ Dynamic ★★★★★ Positive ★★★ Average ★★ So-So ★ Difficult

The time is now, Aquarius

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Born Today

Actor, comedian Robin Williams (1952)
Singer Cat Stevens (1948)
Writer Marshall McLuhan (1911)

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ Flow with ease and grace. Others are energized and will make the first move. A difficult person appears to wake up on the right side of the bed. Finally a positive interaction is possible. Tonight: Let others decide, and don't be a back-seat driver!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Chill and relax. Touch base with a boss or elder "statesman" in your family. Often, this person confuses you – you'll gain clarity. A nurturing attitude will open up someone you see as a clam, he or she is so tight-lipped. Tonight: Mellow out.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Don't allow any interference. If you feel like someone is testing your patience, smile and know that you can handle the situation. A difficult relative or neighbor becomes much easier. Tonight: Fun and games.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ If you want to entertain and stay home, start your list for a spontaneous barbecue. A friend might suggest a way to shorten the toil and add to your enjoyment too! Tonight: Start the barbecue, and flip the burgers.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ You might feel like you are fielding all the calls, invitations and questions in the world. Not so, though you could be overly busy and tired. You might want to slow down and let a willing child or friend pitch in. Tonight: Hang out.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Your efficiency starts, whether planning a party or getting together for a visit to an art gallery. You demonstrate your caring through small acts. Don't take a risk. Listen to your inner voice. What is it saying? Tonight: Off to a favorite restaurant.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Understand that your usually affable self will act and feel a touch different today. Take the first step and allow others to respond. Worry less and clear out problems. Your happy ways emerge in a discussion. Tonight: Act on a wish.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Others find you to be mysterious. Vanish and be less visible. What you do in this quiet, relaxing moment is your call. Realize what is impossible to complete, and where your energies need to be directed. Tonight: Quiet works without explaining to anyone what you're doing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Plans you conjure up might be quite different from friends' plans. As a result, you might toss your ideas away and hook up with your pals. A serious message or a unreturned call could mar your mood. Tonight: Transform as the moment does.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You might want to approach others differently. Perhaps you would like a change within a relationship. Be responsible and take the first step. Spruce up your style and communication, manifesting what you want. Tonight: The lead actor.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Others want the spotlight. If you focus on who you are, you'll realize that this role might not be to your liking anyway. Go do your thing, which might involve a change of plans. Tonight: Don't put off plans you really want to do. The time is now.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Perhaps projects and errands have been building, and you haven't noticed. Though you might want to run away at first, dig into whatever you do with care and determination. Tonight: You feel better and better the more you get done.

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Ocean's Thirteen (PG-13)
10:00
Ratatouille (G)
DLP-Digital Projection
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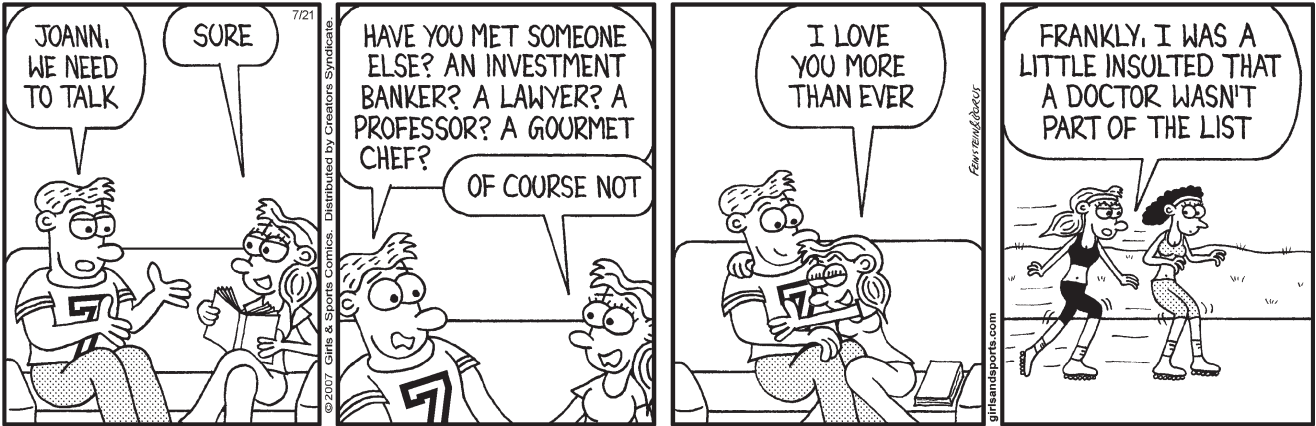
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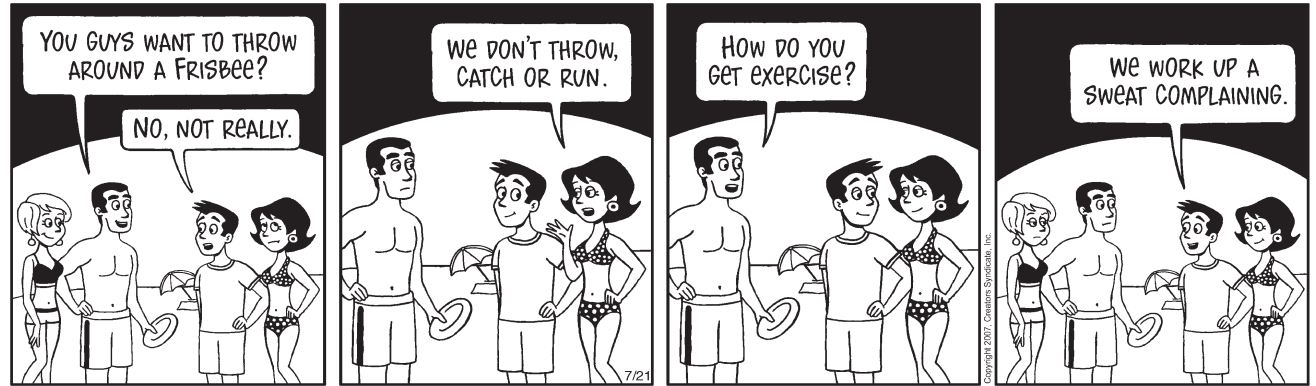
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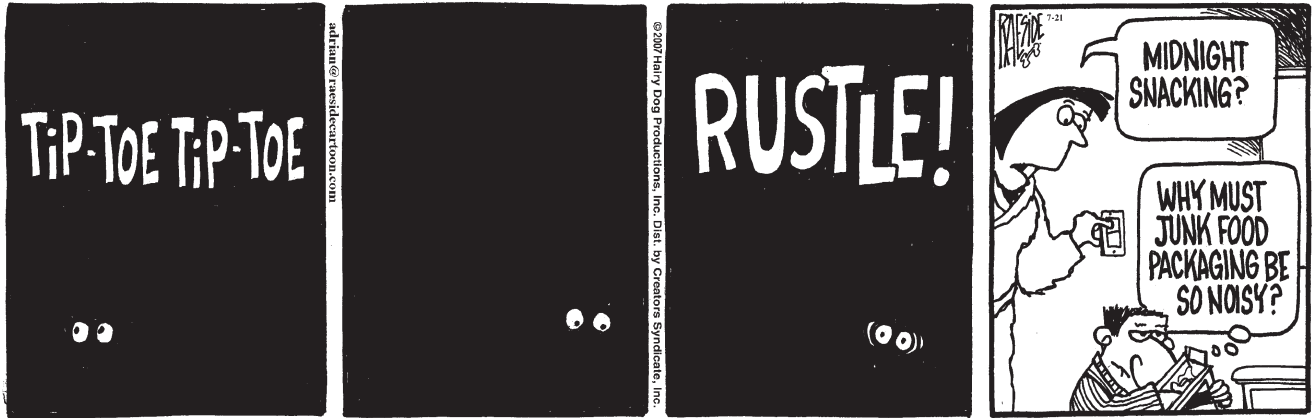
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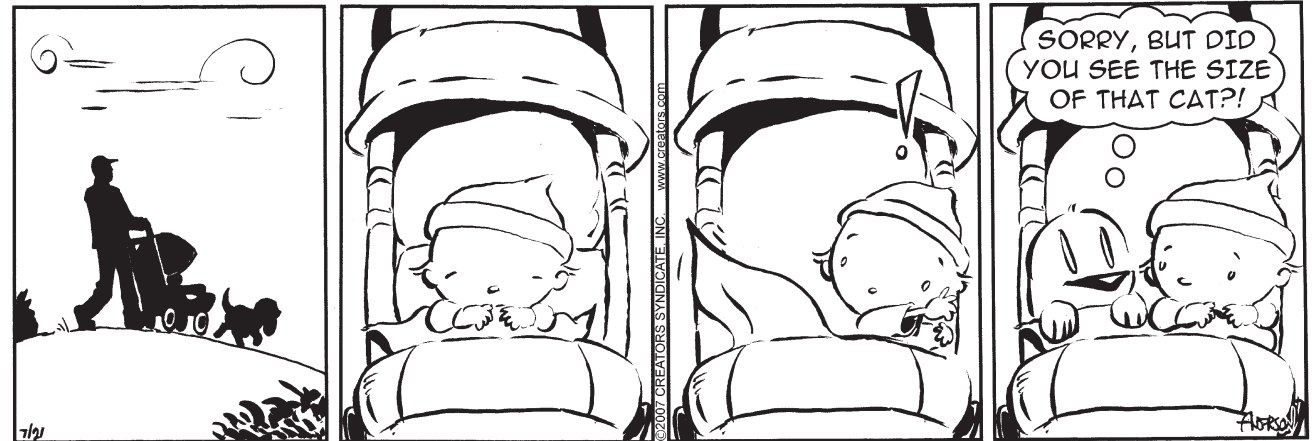
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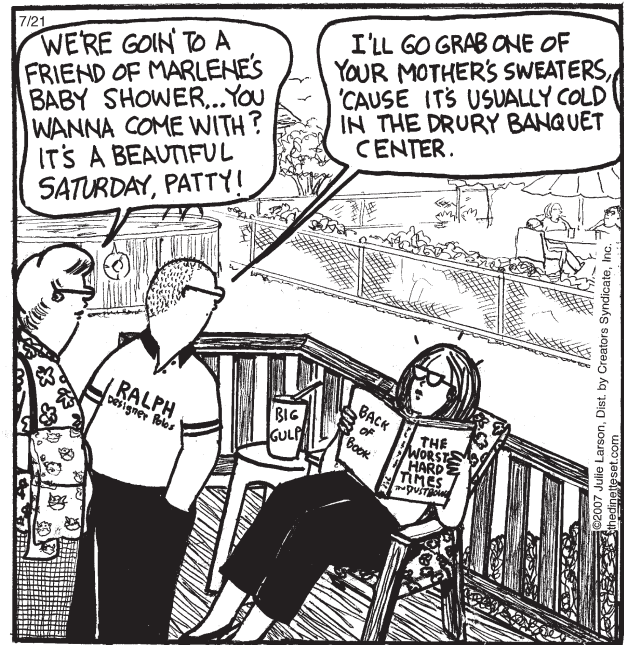


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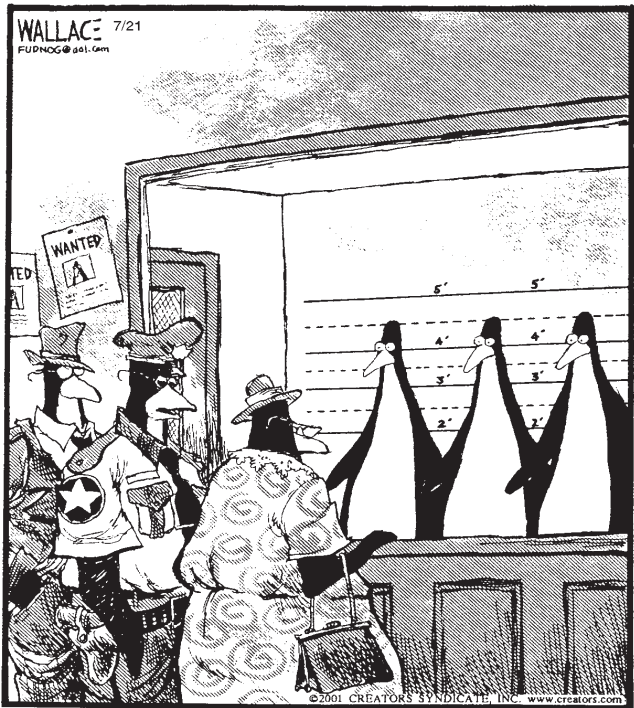
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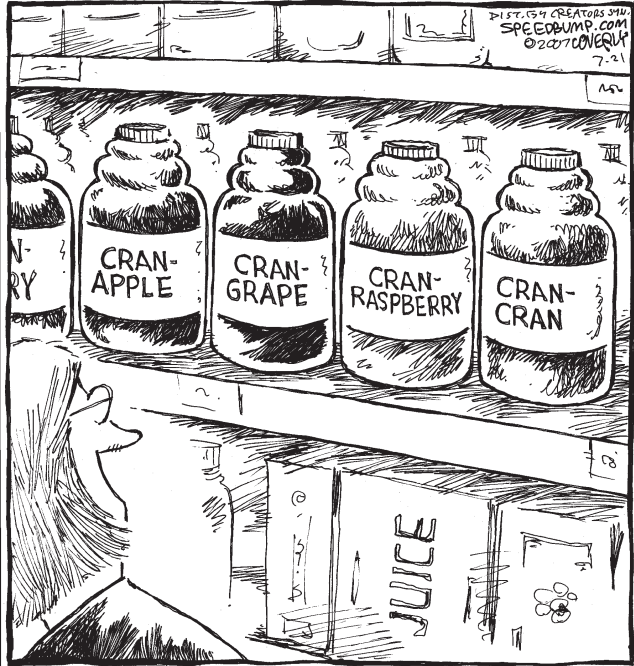
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ **Undignified Deaths:** (1) A 54-year-old man was killed while running to catch his bus in Greater Manchester, England, in May; he accidentally ran smack into a lamp-post and fell into the street, where the bus ran over him. (2) Police in Los Angeles said in May that they believe a 21-year-old man deliberately parked his car on railroad tracks, with his girlfriend inside and a train approaching. However, the girlfriend survived (with serious injuries), and the man was killed by shrapnel from the collision as he was fleeing.

■ **Africa's largely primitive Hadzabe people,** down to their last 1,500 members after surviving thousands of years of disease, famine and encroaching civilization, fear their final blow will be the recent deal that Tanzania made to turn the tribe's prime hunting grounds over to United Arab Emirates royalty for private safaris. The land comprises 2,500 acres near the Serengeti Plain, and some Hadzabe (who still make fire by rubbing sticks together) are resigned either to fight the "invaders" (with bows and poison-tipped arrows) or to migrate to towns for survival, according to a June Washington Post dispatch from Tanzania's Yaeda Valley.

TODAY IN HISTORY

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1568 Eighty Years' War: Battle of Jemmingen - Fernando Álvarez de Toledo, Duke of Alba defeats Louis of Nassau

1718 Treaty of Passarowitz between the Ottoman Empire, Austria and the Republic of Venice is signed.

1774 Russo-Turkish War, 1768-1774: Russia and the Ottoman Empire sign the Treaty of Kuchuk-Kainarji ending the war.

1831 Inauguration of Léopold I of Belgium, first king of the Belgians.

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