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FREAKY TUESDAY

Media circus surrounds Lohan arrest

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City officials posted signs like the one pictured at the Pavilion Motel in Sunset Park following a Monday raid.

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Checking out

BY EMILY SKEHAN
Special to the Daily Press

SUNSET PARK A local nesting ground for illegal activity was shut down Monday morning when narcotics investigators arrested 11 individuals on various charges at the Pavilion Motel on Ocean Park Boulevard.

"Something is always happening there," said Rafiq Muhammed, owner of a convenience store across the street from the motel. "Drugs, prostitution, violence — they must have finally gotten fed up and shut it down."

After receiving numerous complaints about rampant drug activity in and around the motel, the Santa Monica Police Department conducted an operation that began Monday with the arrest of owner Saeed Farzam.

Farzam was busted after he purchased what he believed to be stolen electronic equipment during an undercover police sting. He was booked for receiving stolen property at Santa Monica Jail and a search warrant recovered additional evidence at his residence. Farzam's bail was set at $20,000.

Later that afternoon, SMPD investigators entered the Pavilion Motel and arrested an additional 10 people on a variety of narcotics-related crimes, as well as for parole

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SMPD arrests 11 in raid on Sunset Park motel; owner busted



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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS

Pablo Neruda's Illustrated Poem Competition for Children

1700 Ocean Park Blvd., call for times

Kultura Books is holding a contest for children, ages 8 to 13. Kids are asked to illustrate one of Pablo Neruda's poems — "Ode to the Tomato" — from the collection "20 Love Poems and a Song of Despair." The entry must be submitted by July 25 on a poster board-sized surface with the inclusion of the handwritten poem in Spanish and/or English. Winning entries get a Mittel's Arts Center gift certificate for $35 and will be exhibited on Kulturas' on-the-wall (art) space from Aug. 1 through Aug. 15. For more information, call (310) 450-8707 or write kulturasbooks@aol.com.

Dr. Nita Vallens supports activists

1440 Harvard St., 7 p.m.

Dr. Nita Vallens, psychotherapist and KPFK-FM radio talk show host, will be the guest speaker at the public gathering of the Activist Support Circle. For more information, visit www.activistsupportcircle.org. or call (310) 399-1000.

Christmas in July

313 Wilshire Blvd., 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.

Yummy Cupcakes has turned its shop into Christmas with Christmas-themed cupcakes, music and decorations, in a drive to collect school supplies for homeless children in partnership with the Los Angeles Mission.

Kiwanis Club Weekly Meeting

1332 Sixth St., noon — 1:30 p.m.

The Santa Monica Kiwanis Club holds its weekly luncheon with guest speakers at the YMCA. For more information, call (310) 828-1766.

Thursday, July 26, 2007

The emperor needs blood

1807 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 200, 9 a.m. — 9 p.m.

Emperor's College is sponsoring a blood drive. For more information or to make an appointment, call (310) 453-8300, ext. 2. People who donate can select either a T-shirt or a coupon for a pint of Baskin-Robbins ice cream.

'Ready, Set, Sold: Home Selling with Michael Corbett'

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.

The Santa Monica Public Library presents former soap star ("The Young & The Restless") and host of "Extra's Mansions and Millionaires," Michael Corbett, for a program on making the most when selling your home. This event is free. Seating is limited; tickets will be available one hour prior to program.

Santa Monica Laughter Club

717 Broadway, 11 a.m. — noon

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

Yappy Hour @ Tails of Santa Monica

2912 Main St., 6 p.m. — 8 p.m.

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

The 12 Steps for Everybody

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

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

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

L.A. planners want 250-square-foot units to be legal

By the Associated Press

LOS ANGELES In an effort to increase density downtown, planners have proposed sweeping zoning changes allowing apartments and condominiums as small as 250-square feet — about the size of a large double-car garage.

New York, Boston and San Francisco residents have squeezed into tiny apartments for decades, but some land-use experts question whether there is much of a market for tiny apartments in downtown Los Angeles.

The zoning proposals being considered by the City Council next week would apply to an area about five miles around downtown. It's designed to encourage developers to continue building high-rise residential buildings.

"This is a landmark event. The people who care about downtown L.A. have been waiting for these ordinances for a long time," said Dan Rosenfeld, a principal in the downtown development firm Urban Partners.

Critics fear the zoning changes will lead to overcrowding and slum conditions if the current booming downtown housing market goes bust.

"I see it as creating a neighborhood where parking is horrendous and families are squeezing themselves into these units which are very small because they are affordable," affordable housing developer Noreen McClendon said.

Plant life is returning to L.A.'s Griffith Park

By the Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Plant life is sprouting 10 weeks after flames blackened 820 acres of Griffith Park, but city officials and activists are still divided on how to protect that growth.

The ash-covered hills already have bursts of new growth as the formal Griffith Park recovery plan gels for presentation to the City Council in upcoming weeks.

Councilman Tom LaBonge, whose district includes the park, is among a group opposing Department of Recreation and Parks plans to keep many hiking trails closed through the fall because of the May 8 blaze.

Parks planning director Michael Shull said the department didn't want to move too quickly because many trails that might soon be reopened would have to be closed in September when rehabilitation work is to begin.

"I don't think we want to move forward until we have a complete plan in place," Shull said.

Erosion control tops the list of priorities. Next month, Shull's department will consider bids for hillside hydromulching, a process where a wet mixture of wood pulp and polymers is sprayed to form a pie crust-like shell.

BUSINESS



Photo courtesy

JUST HERE TO HELP: **One of Honda's 'Guys and Girls in Blue' helps beachgoers near the Santa Monica Pier last month.**

Just helping out

Honda campaign tries a new tact with customers thanks to Santa Monica ad agency

BY REAGAN WHEELER I Special to the Daily Press

MID-CITY A random chair adorning the wall and a missile, launch button included, adorning the foyer aren't typically office decor mainstays. Then again, Secret Weapon Marketing isn't the typical marketing company.

The decidedly off-the-wall ideas bandied about by Secret Weapon Managing Director Pat Adams and founder Dick Sittig are at the fore of a major Southern California marketing campaign this year — "Helpful Honda."

No doubt, locals and tourists alike have crossed paths with the "Guys and Girls in Blue," providing sunbathers on the Santa Monica sands with beach umbrellas one week, shining their shoes on the Third Street Promenade the next.

The do-gooders leave often leave their random recipients wondering: What gives?

The integrated marketing campaign, which includes radio, television, online and outdoor messages, sets out to bely the notion that all advertising is self-serving, that sometimes, advertising can actually be helpful.

"We're dealing with the dynamic of buying a car," Adams said. "Since 1976, car salespeople have been the least trusted people in business every year except one. Right behind that is advertising."

This year, advertisers top the list, prompting Honda to set about keeping it that way. The company hired the Santa Monica-based marketing firm in September 2006, and Secret Weapon had a full television, radio, Internet and street team campaign up and running within four months, starting Jan. 29.

"Secret Weapon really wanted to change the way car dealers are perceived and really take it to the streets," said Lauren Kay, spokesperson for KurenT, Inc., a Los Angeles marketing and public relations firm.

The creative force behind the campaign — Sittig — also helped hatch the Energizer Bunny and has been a driving force behind the last 300 Jack in the Box commercials. He and Adams both arrived from large companies when they launched Secret Weapon.

"We were pulled in 12 different directions every day," Adams said. "Our goal for Secret Weapon was to have no

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lohan needs a caregiver

Editor:

Is Lindsay Lohan stupid? For goodness sakes, she just got out of rehab.

And is Paris Hilton nuts?

I am a caregiver, and for $15 per hour, I could have taken them, picked them up and saved them a lot of trouble (and money) .

I have done stupid things in my lifetime, but these two girls, and Mel Gibson could have called me, and would have not gotten all that bad publicity.

These dummies could easily afford a cab.

Sara Binder
Santa Monica

Hit the road, Critical Mass

Editor:

Who is Alex Thompson trying to kid? ("The wheels of injustice turn," letters, July 21-22) Critical Mass is nothing but a wild biker gang whose only goal is to terrorize local citizens by engaging in criminal conduct and breaking traffic laws.

Cheers to the Santa Monica Police Department for driving these biker brats out of town. That is what the most valued citizens of Santa Monica really want to see.

Helen R. McRoskey
Santa Monica

Damned if you ride or walk

Editor:

As a visitor, I read recently that walkers were complaining about cyclists and skateboarders blocking the beach walking path, but last week, (the Daily Press) printed a picture of signs being painted on the bicycle path, to keep off walkers!

Can we now expect No Bike/Skateboard signs on the walking path, too?

James Booth
Sydney, Australia

Too much sympathy for the homeless

Editor:

At one point in David Pisarra's repeated 2006 (commentary) about the homeless ("Constitution doesn't side against homeless," July 24), he asserts they have the right to live the free, unfettered life they wish – free of responsibility, in other words. Later, he asserts, however, that they must "assume their responsibilities" if they wish to live this irresponsible lifestyle.

It is just this fuzzy, convoluted liberal thinking that prevails, for the most part, in Santa Monica that will be the cause of its ultimate downfall.

Sunny Kreis Collins
Palm Desert, CA





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Barry Bonds is no Hammerin' Hank

"When I was in the ballpark, I felt like I was surrounded by angels and I had God's hand on my shoulder."

– Hank Aaron

WHEN I WAS GROWING UP IN THE LATE '50s and early '60s, baseball glowed. The players were like gods. Kids looked up to them and wanted to emulate them. They stood for honesty, hard work and determination. We thought we could be like them because they didn't make whopping salaries and weren't millionaires. And they were respectful to the public and to their fans.

Fast forward a half century, and things have drastically changed. Baseball is scandal-ridden. Many of the players are arrogant and they make enough money to buy the stock market. Many of the players are pumped full of supplements and drugs. These are a few reasons why I can't get excited by Barry Bonds' assault on the home run record.

I grew up in Peoria, Illinois. Occasionally, my dad and I would make the three-hour drive to St. Louis to see the Cardinals play. One game, the Milwaukee Braves were playing the Cardinals. I was a Cardinals fan. I left a Hank Aaron fan.

The most remarkable memory from that trip was the Braves' pre-game batting practice, where I watched Aaron and teammate Eddie Mathews smash one pitch after another over the fences. I had never seen ballplayers hit the ball so hard — and I haven't since. That was before the baseball was energized.

Hank kept smashing the baseball and went on to set numerous records. But no feat could match Aaron's historic assault on Babe Ruth's career home run record of 714.

Who would have guessed that this shy kid from Alabama would change history — especially in light of the racial tensions of the day? In 1952, Hank quit high school to join the Indianapolis Clowns of the Negro American League. His talent was apparent to the baseball scouts and Hank was sold to the Braves for $10,000.

The year was 1954, and it didn't look like the 20-year-old Aaron would make the team. But then one of the starting outfielders broke an ankle and Aaron never looked back. In 1955, he battled .314 with 27 homers and 106 RBIs. The next season, he won the National League batting title.

In 1957, Aaron hit a National League-leading 44 homers, while driving in 132 RBIs and batting .322. And to cap off the season, he hit an 11th inning homer late in the season to clinch the pennant for the Braves. Aaron won the MVP that year, and the Braves went on to win the World Series.

Year after year, Aaron proved his hitting and fielding prowess. The key to Aaron's hitting was his supple, powerful wrists that allowed him to crack his bat like a buggy whip. Aaron credits hauling ice as a 16-year-old for developing his wrists, working from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. for $2.25 a day.

Maybe it was Hank's laid-back style that allowed him to creep up on Babe Ruth's home run record. But as the chase to beat Ruth heated up in the summer of 1973, so did the hate that simmered beneath society's surface. Much of it came by way of the mailman, with Aaron receiving an estimated 3,000 letters a day, more than any American outside of politics.

As the mail rolled in, it was more hateful than Aaron had ever imagined. "This," Aaron said later about the letters, "changed me." That summer ended with Hank at 713 homers — one shy of tying the Babe. He was 39 years old.

WHO WOULD HAVE GUESSED THAT THIS SHY KID FROM ALABAMA WOULD CHANGE HISTORY – ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF THE RACIAL TENSIONS OF THE DAY? ... HIS TALENT WAS APPARENT TO THE BASEBALL SCOUTS AND HANK WAS SOLD TO THE BRAVES FOR $10,000.

In his first at bat in 1974, Aaron homered — tying Ruth. Then on April 8, 1974, the largest crowd in Atlanta Braves history saw Aaron's first swing of the evening crushed into the Braves bullpen in left center field.

When Aaron rounded third, he broke into a wide grin at the sight of his teammates waiting for him at the plate. With tears in his eyes, Aaron was met at home plate by his mother. Fireworks went off, and the crowd roared for 10 minutes. "I just thank God it's all over," said Aaron. He had endured months in the fishbowl of media coverage, death threats and hate mail.

Aaron went on to play the entire game that night. Afterward, ever the model of professionalism and modesty, Aaron told reporters: "The home run wouldn't have meant that much to me if we hadn't won the game."

Aaron played several more years, amassing a career total of 755 homers — an amazing feat by an amazing man. Sadly, there are no Hank Aarons in the game today.

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Guest Commentary

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Welfare recipients give up their rights

WHEN YOU TAKE BENEFITS FROM THE government, do you also give up some of your rights? The U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals has ruled you do. As candidates and congressmen offer "free" health care, "free" public education and "free" assistance to the needy, the truth that nothing is free needs to be told.

In San Diego, an aggressive program of welfare fraud investigation conducted by the district attorney's office involves unannounced, surprise home searches. Deputy district attorney Luis Aragon told The New York Times, "Doesn't the government have the right to some level of verification? ... Either you say 'yes' to everybody or you have some verification."

If the government is going to provide "free" benefits to someone, some criteria are needed for this entitlement. San Diego wants to enforce the rules. But the investigators have found not only evidence of welfare fraud, they have picked up evidence that is turned over to the police for drug crime enforcement. They have removed children from some homes when they suspected mistreatment or child abuse.

The federal appeals court found nothing in the San Diego enforcement program that violates personal rights because "people are free to opt out by giving up their welfare benefits." The San Diego program of surprise home inspections is a logical extension of a U.S. Supreme Court decision, Wyman v. James, cited by the appeals court, that home visits scheduled by social workers are constitutional on the basis of "rehabilitation" for welfare recipients. Surprise home visits are now also OK in the 9th Circuit.

"Free" public education provides another example. Recently, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled, in Morse v. Frederick, that a high school student outside of school on a public street did not have the free speech to advocate legalization of marijuana, and that his principal had the right to expel him from school. The court was careful to say this decision was not about free speech in general, but only about punishing the specific speech Chief Justice Roberts and the school principal disapprove of (changing the marijuana law).

The rights of a citizen to protection from government power are nullified if the government can buy them back by paying "free" benefits. These constitutional rights include the Fourth Amendment right against search and seizure, the Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination and the right to vote. Yet, you give up the right to privacy if you draw welfare, you give up your right against self-incrimination when you file an income tax return, and in California, some cities make you give up the right to vote against property tax increases when you apply for a building permit.

But this is how "welfare rights" work. A "welfare right" is a specific license for someone to get a "free" benefit, but someone else has to provide that benefit. In rural areas of Canada, where medical care is a "right," doctors are assigned like soldiers for tours of duty.

We now understand from the recent federal court cases that the beneficiaries of "free" benefits don't have the right to refuse the government's terms of service either. When all health benefits are "free," will fatties and smokers be denied treatment for heart attacks and strokes because they have opted out of a healthy lifestyle? Will "rehabilitation" be enforced to control diet and smoking? Will elderly people be told that an extra year of life is not worth its cost to the taxpayers?

Even Social Security pensions, surely one of the most benign government benefits, are the basis for national identification numbers and the growing problem of identity theft. When the immigration laws are amended, your privilege to keep a legal job will depend on having a number in the government's computer system.

In the San Diego welfare rights case, one of the dissenting judges, Harry Pregerson, wrote: "The government does not search through the closets and medicine cabinets of farmers receiving subsidies. They do not dig through the laundry baskets and garbage pails of real estate developers or radio broadcasters." The judge, in his compassion, has never heard about the 1930s case where the farmer was jailed for growing his own corn to feed his own cattle because it violated a federal farm acreage control program. Real estate developers and radio broadcasters may be next.

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The Q Line

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Showtime in Santa Monica!

With so many films shot in and around our city by the sea – like the upcoming Lindsay Lohan-Shirley MacLaine vehicle 'Poor Things,' based on Santa Monica landlord-turned murder suspect Helen Golay – it's high time some movies be made based on our humble hamlet's city government.

So this week's Q-Line question asks:

If you could make a film that focused on any issue related to Santa Monica, what would it be and who would you cast in the starring roles?

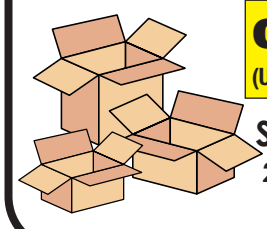
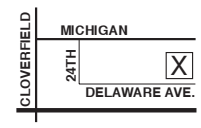
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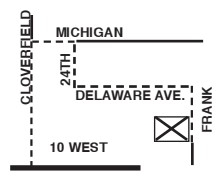

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Real Estate 101

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DO CREDIT SCORES AND HOW THEY ARE achieved confuse you? You are not alone, most individuals have no idea how a credit score is generated. I have read many books and pamphlets on credit scores, but none have been as effective as "7 Steps to 720," by Philip X. Tirone. In his book, Tirone clearly states what a credit report and score are and how to improve them. I will touch upon three of the steps to improving your credit based on Tirone's book.

Keep your credit card balances low. Tirone recommends keeping your credit card balances below 30 percent of the credit limit. What people do not realize is that thirty percent of your credit score is comprised of your outstanding balances. Another thing people do not realize is that the credit bureaus use computers and thousands of algorithms to determine a person's credit score. In a lender's eyes, if you are using more than 30 percent of a credit card balance you could be using the credit card to live on or you may maybe able to pay back the unsecured debt, which no lender wants to see. Tirone states three options to bringing your credit card balances to the 30 percent or below number. You could transfer balances until each credit card reaches the 30 percent or less number, pay off the debts that put your credit card balances above 30 percent, or call the credit card companies and ask them to increase your limit to the point where your balance is 30 percent or less. However, with the latter strategy most credit card companies are not going to increase your balance if you have maxed out the card. For example, if you have a credit card with a $10,000 limit and have used all $10,000, the credit card is not going to increase your available limit to $30,000.

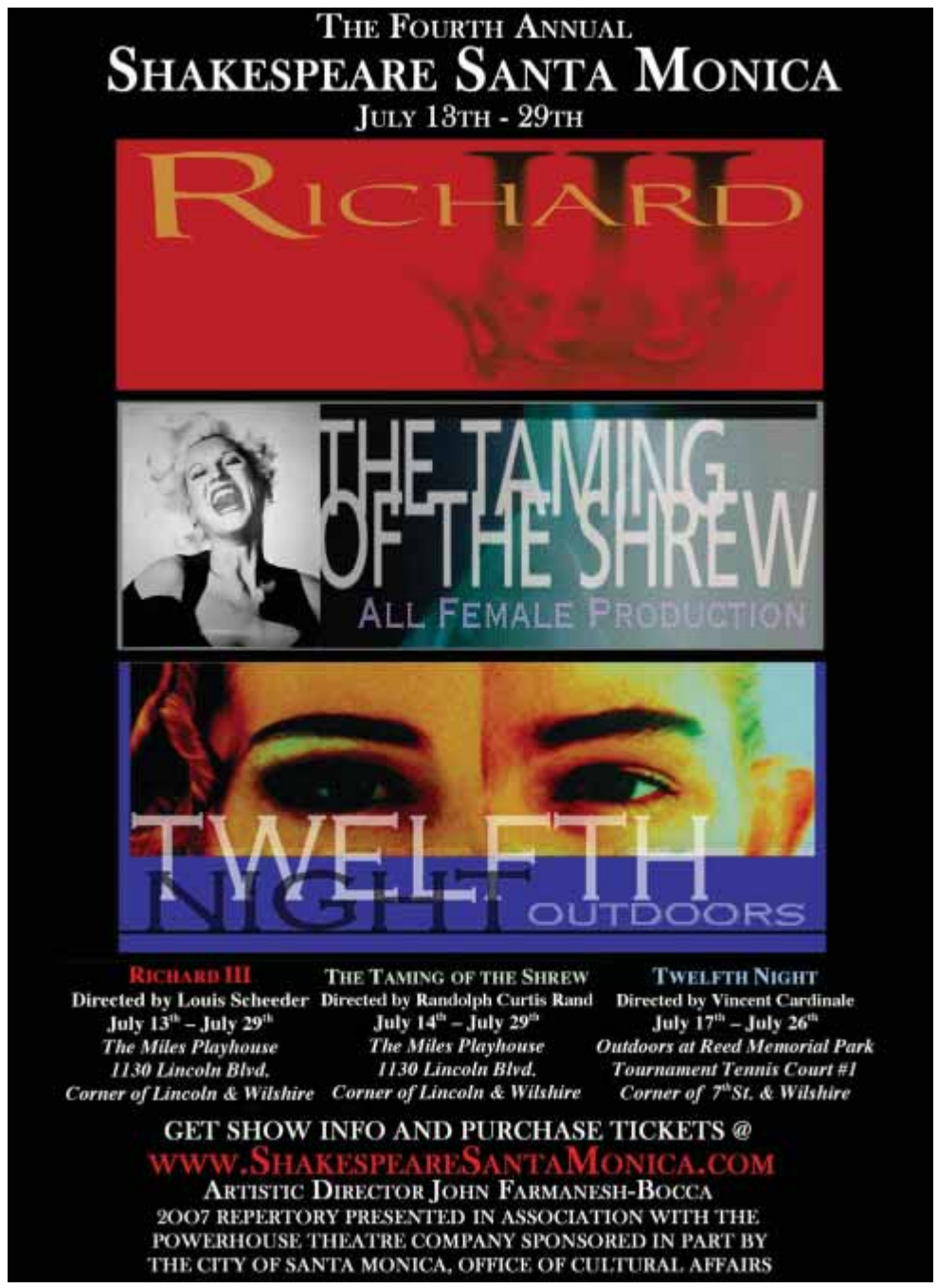
It seems counter intuitive to have to go out and get credit cards and accrual some level of debt even if you can pay cash for everything, but credit reports show how a person manages debt. A lender wants to see a person's ability to pay back debt, so having a credit card and paying it on time is critical. Tirone states that having at least three credit cards is optimal for a good credit score. Once again, the reasoning comes down to computers analyzing several factors. Tirone brings up a good point stating bank check cards with a Visa or MasterCard logo are not credit cards and do not help or hurt your credit score. Just because you opened credit card lines does not mean you have to use them, so get cards with no annual fee. Also, do not go out and get twenty credit cards at once. Credit scores are like walking a tight rope — too many credit cards or open trade lines will actually negatively impact your credit score. Three credit cards is a good number.

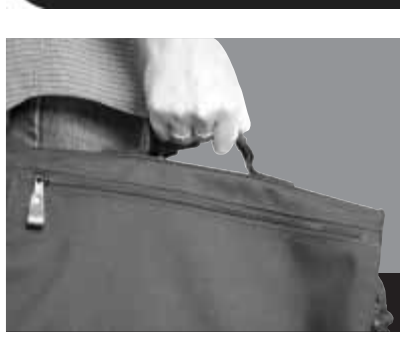
Fifty years ago, it was hard to imagine paying for something with a piece of plastic, but today it seems strange paying for something with cash. Do not get me wrong, a lot of people still pay for large purchases with cash, but many young people do not. Most young individuals finance large purchases such as electronics, furniture, etc. The most common financed purchase for young individuals is a car. Financing a car involves paying it down at a set interest rate over a set time. This enables a person to make a big purchase and service the debt over a few years instead of purchasing it outright with cash. This is known as an installment account since you pay monthly installments until the item is paid off. Your credit score should reflect at least one installment account. A mortgage counts too, but if you are trying to get a mortgage, it helps to have a record of timely car payments.

In simple details, Philip X. Tirone explains the reason credit exists, how it works and most importantly, how to improve your credit in "7 Steps to 720." If you want to increase your credit score or just learn how credit works, I would recommend reading his book. The best tool to increasing your credit score is knowledge, time and a plan. "7 Steps to 720" will give you knowledge and a plan, all you have to do is put in the time.

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Via Gin, left, gives a pedicure to Edie Tobias during the Operation Smile Benefit on Sunday at the Main Attraction Nail & Spa. All of all the salon's sales from the weekend were donated to charity. 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.



Market Matters

Brian Hepp — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Taking stock in the market

INVESTORS KNOW THAT STOCKS AND bonds are two of the most basic investment vehicles available. And anyone who has invested in stocks knows that they can play a key role in a successful wealth-building strategy over time. While stocks are favored by day traders and others looking to make quick profits on short-term price movements, long-term investors should also realize that investing in stocks offers many advantages.

For starters, stocks have historically outperformed other long-term financial assets. In addition, stocks have typically outpaced inflation, which helps investors counteract its detrimental effects on their portfolios. To illustrate these points, the results of a recent study provide empirical data to support what investors have long suspected.*

A recent analysis compared the results of investing $1 in each of several different asset classes — common stocks, long-term corporate bonds, long-term government bonds, and Treasury bills — on the last day of 1919 and holding the investment (with associated returns) until the end of 2006. All proceeds were reinvested, which means dividends received were used to purchase additional shares of stock and interest payments from bonds were used to buy more bonds.

Investors likely won't be surprised to find that over the course of the 87 years studied, stocks significantly outperformed several fixed-income investments. But what may be eye-opening is the extent to which they exceed the return on bonds. While an initial investment of just $1 in Treasury bills would have grown to approximately $29, the same investment in long-term government bonds would have grown to approximately $87 and a similar investment in long-term corporate bonds would have grown to more than $162. That initial $1 invested in common stocks, on the other hand, gives the investor a portfolio valued at more than $4,889 at the end of 2006.

The numbers alone show stocks winning this contest by a large margin. But what's interesting is just how such dramatic growth is achieved. Capital appreciation alone causes the $1 investment in stocks to grow to $137 by the end of the period. The other $4,752 comes from collecting the dividends paid over the years, using them to purchase more shares of stock, and enjoying the benefits of compounding growth as well. As these numbers show, patient investors who buy stocks that pay dividends — especially growing dividends — and reinvest those dividends in more shares of stock have the opportunity to significantly outperform fixed-income investors.

Beyond just the growth of the different investments, the effects inflation has on each of the assets mentioned need to be taken into consideration as well. Using an average annual inflation rate of 2.5 percent over this time frame, the average inflation-adjusted returns were: 1.38 percent for Treasury bills, 2.66 percent for long-term government bonds, 3.40 percent for long-term corporate bonds, and 7.52 percent for common stocks. While past performance does not guarantee future results, as you can see, the stock investor was the only one who was able to generate meaningful returns to combat the eroding effects of inflation.

In addition to the returns stock investing can provide, investors should also consider the tax benefits of buying stocks. When a stock is sold, the owner is subject to capital gains taxes on any earnings from the sale. Because of recent legislative decisions in the past several years, tax-advantaged investments have become even more important. In 2006, the law reduced the top tax rate for long-term capital gains from 20 percent to 15 percent, until the year 2011. Under the same legislation, taxpayers in the 10 percent and 15 percent brackets will be taxed at only 5 percent on long-term capital gains realized before January 1, 2008.

These are just a few of the many reasons to consider investing in stocks. Take a look at your holdings and decide whether stocks might be welcome in your portfolio.

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Default notices hit highest level in years

BY ALEX VEIGA | AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES Mortgage defaults in California soared on an annual basis in the second quarter to the highest level in 10 years, the result of weak home sales and sagging home prices, a real estate research firm said Tuesday.

A total of 53,943 default notices were sent to homeowners between April and June, up 158 percent from 20,909 in the second quarter of 2006, according to DataQuick Information Systems.

The notices serve as an early indicator of possible foreclosures.

The latest default figures represent a 15.4 percent increase since the first quarter, when 46,760 defaults notices were sent out statewide, the firm said.

The last time more default notices were recorded in the state was between October and December of 1996, when the figure reached 54,045. Defaults peaked in the first quarter of 1996 at 61,541, the firm said.

Many of the mortgage loans that went into default in the most recent quarter were taken out between July 2005 and August 2006, DataQuick said. The median sale price of the homes was $445,500.

The number of foreclosed homes was 17,408, compared with 1,936 in the year-ago period.

In recent months, the mortgage industry has been rocked by defaults and foreclosures, primarily driven by borrowers with subprime loans and adjustable rate mortgages.

Mortgage defaults have been on the rise statewide since fall 2005, coinciding with a slowdown in sales and lagging home appreciation that began that year.

When home appreciation slows, it makes it harder for homeowners who fall behind on payments to sell their homes and clear the debt.

The median amount of primary loans in default was $342,200; the median amount homeowners fell behind was $11,126.

On lines of credit, borrowers owed a median of $3,457.

Most of the default notices were sent to Southern California addresses.

Homeowners in Los Angeles County received the most at 10,393, an increase of 126.6 percent from the year-ago quarter. That increase was still well below the number of default notices seen in the county in 1996, the firm said.

The counties of Riverside, Contra Costa, Sacramento and many of the state's Central Valley area each posted a record number of default notices in the most recent quarter.

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TOP SECRET DEVELOPMENT: **Pat Adams, managing director of Secret Weapon Marketing, stands behind the company's 'secret weapon' last week. Adams and SWM founder Dick Sitting are the brains behind the 'Helpful Honda' campaign.**

Advertising agency gives Honda a hand

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more than three clients."

This idea of having fewer clients helps separate the marketing firm from other major advertising companies. Their belief that three is larger than 12 can be directly linked the Honda Helpful campaign, which attempts to achieve a personal repertoire with Honda customers.

Getting out on the street was crucial to both Honda and Secret Weapon, to change the perceptions of what is often "a painful and gut-wrenching experience," Adams said, referring to the act of buying a vehicle.

People often think that they are getting taken advantage of by shady salespeople, but with the new campaign, Honda's "Guys and Girls in Blue" are giving the advantage back to the buyers, or potential buyers. Commercials have shown the blue crew — hired specifically for the campaign — doing anything and everything for the public at large, from helping teach drawing class to donating a kidney.

"It was about time that someone address that elephant in the room – people love new cars, but hate the process of buying them," Adams said.

Local dealers are stepping outside the box and creating events to help sell the Helpful Honda image, too.

"What Honda's doing and what we're doing is three-dimensional," said Sean Ramezani, general manager at Honda of Santa Monica. "Actually getting out there is something completely different."

Ramezani has been trying to integrate Secret Weapon's regional campaign into the local dealership by organizing events in Santa Monica.

Last weekend, Honda of Santa Monica hosted a free shoe-shine event on the Third Street Promenade, with a poster that read: "With all the miles on your shoes, let us give you a shine." Ramezani is also planning a complimentary club-cleaning at a local golf course.



Photo courtesy

A QUICKIE: **A Honda 'Guy in Blue' gives a quick shine to a random person on the street.**

While the good Samaritan events are put on by the car dealers, organizers are careful to keep Honda brochures or promotional items from the sites.

"I always think, 'How will the acts impact a person's day?'" said Ramezani.

Secret Weapon's Adams and Sittig thought along similar lines, wanting to bring to life what was being shown in the commercials, to show customers that Honda was different. The fact that a first impression can make a big impact on a person's decision and a random act of kindness can make a great first impression was foremost on their minds during the planning stages.

"The strategy is to bring the campaign to life on a personal level with people," said Sittig. "Maybe they'll think, What has my car company done for me lately?'"

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Troubled actress busted



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CALL IN THE PHOTOGS: **Actress Lindsay Lohan is besieged by paparazzi in this Daily Press file photo from summer 2006. The troubled star is due back in court next month following her arrest in Santa Monica on Tuesday.**

Lohan reportedly back in rehab after Santa Monica arrest Tuesday morning

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

SANTA MONICA JAIL Troubled young actress Lindsay Lohan will face a judge next month on allegations of driving under the influence and drug possession after she was arrested early Tuesday morning in Santa Monica following a drunken car chase.

The star of the upcoming film "I Know Who Killed Me" will be arraigned on Aug. 24, possibly at the LAX Courthouse.

Lohan was booked Tuesday by the Santa Monica Police Department for driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with a suspended/revoked license and possession of a controlled substance. The incident is just the latest in a string of wrangles with the law for the 21-year-old celebrity, who turned herself in last week to the Beverly Hills Police Department on allegations that she was driving under the influence in a hit-and-run crash over Memorial Day weekend.

Santa Monica police received a call at about 1:30 a.m. Tuesday from a frantic woman driver who claimed she was being chased around the city. The caller — the mother of Lohan's former personal assistant — was driving a 2007 Cadillac Escalade when she was pursued by a 2004 GMC Yukon, driven by Lohan, according to Lt. Alex Padilla of the SMPD.

"She did not know who was chasing her," Padilla said.

Police have no motives for the chase, which began in the vicinity of Main Street and Pico Boulevard and concluded in

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the parking lot of the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium, located just one block from SMPD headquarters.

The personal assistant had quit her job with Lohan one day earlier, Padilla said.

The star of "Herbie Fully Loaded" was just that, registering a blood alcohol level between .12 and .13 percent on a breathalyzer test. The legal limit in California is .08 percent. During the arrest, police also found a bag containing cocaine in Lohan's pants pocket.

Officers responded to the Santa Monica Civic Center parking lot, 1855 Main St., where they found Lohan and the driver of the Cadillac outside of their cars and engaged in a heated exchange, Padilla said.

The name of the other driver is not being released at this time.

There were two men with Lohan, including the owner of the vehicle, and one other passenger in the other car, who Padilla said was not Lohan's former personal assistant.

Lohan was released from Santa Monica Jail shortly after 6 a.m. Tuesday after posting $25,000 bail.

After failing a field sobriety test and refusing to take a breathalyzer at the scene, the actress/singer was taken into custody, where she was more cooperative, Padilla said, adding that Lohan submitted to a breathalyzer and chemical test.

"There were no issues with her arrest related to her attitude," Padilla said.

Just hours after her release, reports of Lohan's arrest were plastered all over celebrity news sites such as TMZ.com and Thesuperficial.com, with accounts that she checked back into rehab — but not the Promises Treatment Center in Malibu, where Lohan had just checked out on July 13.

Following her release from Promises, Lohan was spotted fashioning an alcohol monitoring ankle bracelet, attesting to her sobriety.

In a statement released Tuesday to TMZ.com, Lohan's attorney Blair Berk said her famous client had been wearing the bracelet to test her sobriety daily.

"Throughout this period, I have received timely and accurate reports from testing companies," Berk said. "Unfortunately, late yesterday, I was informed that Lindsay had relapsed."

"SHE'S AN IDIOT."

Monica Welch, Local resident

LOCALS REACT TO CELEBRITY ARREST

Lohan's time in the spotlight over the past few years has been as much for her hard-partying ways as her film roles, showing up hung over for film shoots and notching several brushes with the law.

Her latest run-in on Tuesday in Santa Monica comes just three days before the release of her latest flick, "I Know Who Killed Me."

News of her arrest was met with mixed reactions locally, with some respondents saying they felt sorry for Lohan, others were incredulous that she would be caught intoxicated so soon after rehab.

"My first reaction was, 'My God, what is that girl up to?" said Monica Welch, who was enjoying lunch on Tuesday along the Third Street Promenade. "She's an idiot."

For the Ventura resident, it's been strange seeing Lohan grow up from the red-headed, freckled-faced teen in "The Parent Trap" to a lost young woman in and out of rehab.

Everyone makes stupid mistakes, Welch said, but those in the spotlight who may serve as role models for children need to be more mindful of their influential status and take more responsibility.

Kyle Kolsky said he sympathizes Lohan's situation.

"I feel sorry for her current state because it's a reflection of the entertainment industry and a lack of care for our entertainers and young professionals in the business," Kolsky said on Tuesday.

It's a tough and stressful industry, even for the most seasoned performers, Kolsky said.

"I don't look at her in judgment ... there's an immense amount of stress she and other young entertainers face," Kolsky said. "My feeling is she is a very genuine loving person, but is not surrounded by people who care for her."

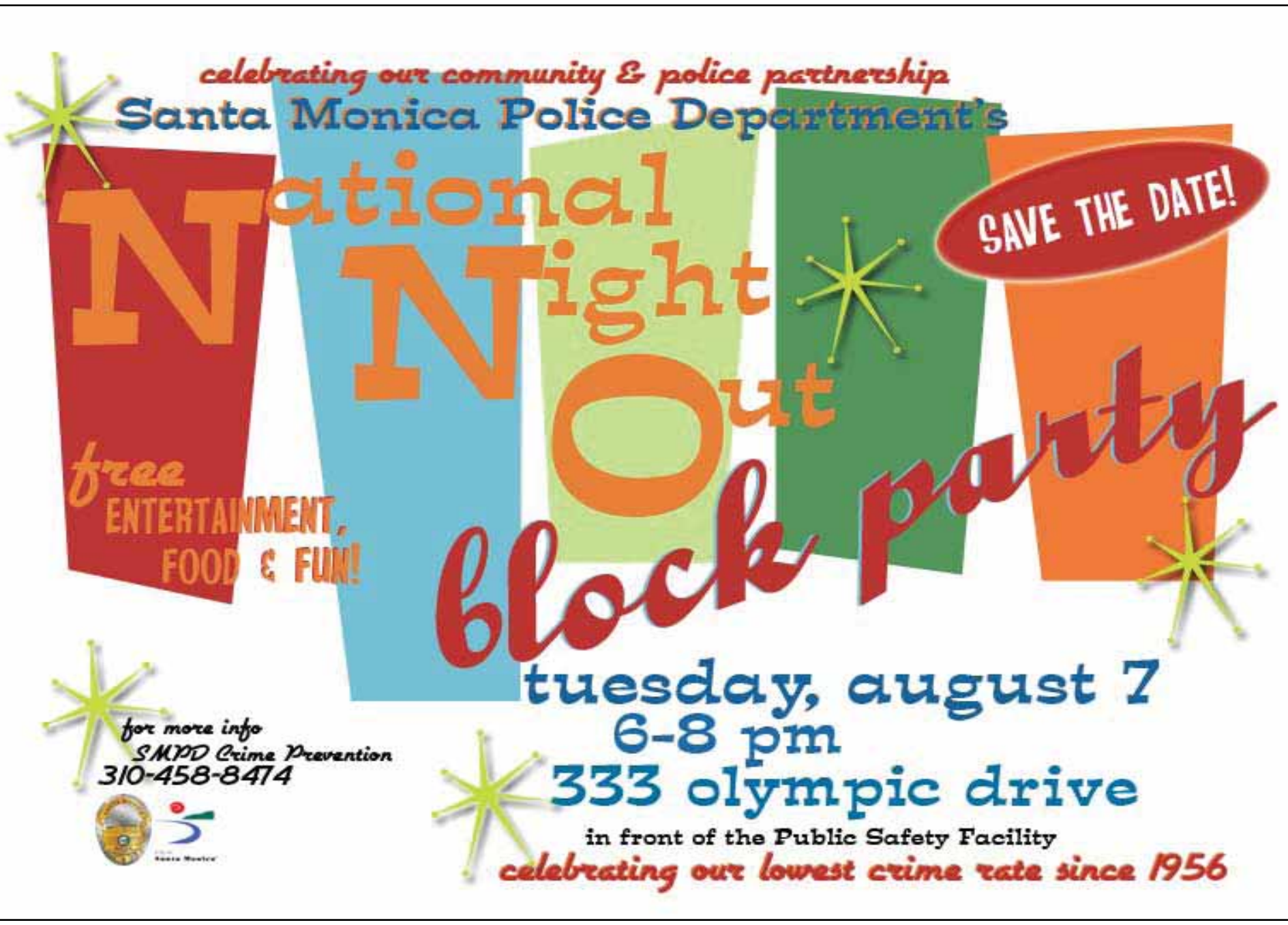


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MEDIA CIRCUS: **Hordes of news crews gathered outside the Santa Monica Police Department's headquarters Tuesday.**

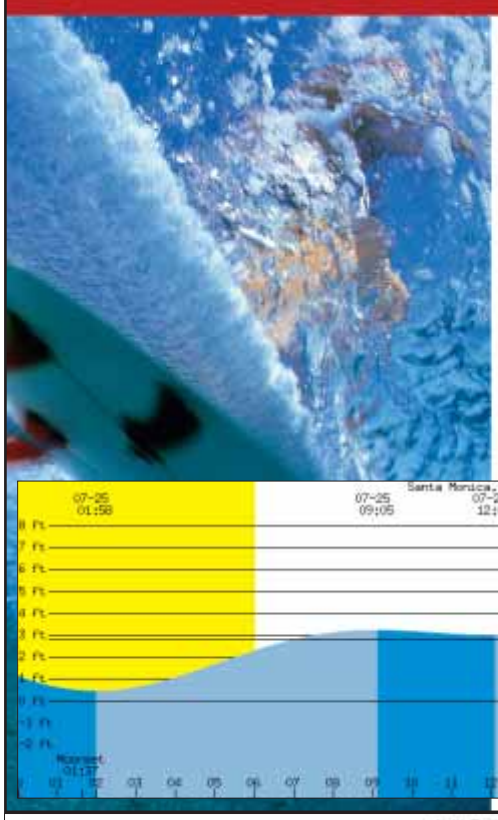
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- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 3 / ns

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	ns
Pendalos Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach	A+	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	D	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily	A	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns
Los Flores State Beach at Los Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A	ns

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulgo Canyon storm drain	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	C	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua)	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	B	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A+	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	B	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	B	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	ns

LEGEND

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Fabian Lewkowicz *fabianl@smdp.com*

WAKE-UP CALL: **Limited Entry signs adorn the doors at Pavilions Motel on Tuesday, informing tenants they can only access their rooms to retrieve personal belongings. The motel's owner and 10 others were arrested during a SMPD raid on Monday on a variety of charges.**

Police arrest owner of motel, 10 others

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and probation violations.

The city's Building and Safety Division, Code Compliance, Santa Monica Fire Department and County Health Department also were called to the scene. Pursuant to an administrative warrant, officers from the various departments conducted an inspection and found several code violations.

The closed motel was subsequently plastered with "yellow tag" notices, meaning that people are prohibited from renting rooms or staying at the hotel until the violations are repaired. Tenants will only be allowed to access their motel rooms in order to obtain their personal possessions.

Officers assisted four persons who had been staying at the motel find temporary housing.

"We have been monitoring this motel for over a month," said SMPD Lt. Alex Padilla.

"It's been a real big issue for everyone in the Sunset Park community," Padilla continued. "We're hoping that these arrests will be the start in improving the quality of life for the residents of this community."

Padilla explained that the raid is part of an ongoing investigation at the site, and more arrests are expected.

Some nearby residents were relieved that the structure has been shut down — at least, temporarily.

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>
> **Lt. Alex Padilla**
> SMPD

"I've lived here for 12 years," said Brendan O'Brien on Tuesday. "I moved here from Venice because I thought 'Oh, Venice is too dangerous,' and then the day I moved in there was a murder at that motel.

"Everybody in the neighborhood knows that stuff is constantly happening there."

Anyone with information regarding this investigation is encouraged to contact the Narcotics Detail of the Santa Monica Police Department at (310) 458-8455.

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Meltdown

OK! magazine and Britney Spears `spent a heartbreaking day' together

BRITNEY SPEARS has spilled her story to OK! magazine.

In a statement to celebrity news Web site TMZ, OK! Editor-in-Chief Sarah Ivens said the magazine had "spent a heartbreaking day with Britney Spears and witnessed firsthand an emotional cry for help that will leave you shocked and sad."

"This week, on newsstands Friday, the truth will be told," Ivens said.

The statement was posted Tuesday on TMZ's Web site. A day earlier, TMZ said it had "learned that Britney's self-arranged photo shoot and interview with OK! Magazine was a complete disaster" and that her behavior during the interview was "nothing less than a meltdown."

A publicist for OK! didn't respond to e-mails seeking comment. The Associated Press was attempting to locate a representative for Spears.

Earlier this month, the 25-year-old pop princess apologized for attacking a photographer's car with an umbrella in February.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

TONY SAYS NO WAY-O

TONY YAYO, a rapper with hip-hop group G-Unit, rejected an offer Tuesday of nine months in jail in exchange for pleading guilty to slapping and punching a 14-year-old boy.

Yayo, 29, whose real name is Marvin Bernard, was charged in March with assault, harassment and endangering the welfare of a child for allegedly hitting the boy, James Rosemond. The alleged victim is the son of Jimmy "Henchman" Rosemond, recording executive and manager of The Game.

Yayo has pleaded not guilty to the charges and is free on $5,000 bail.

G-Unit includes 50 Cent and Lloyd Banks.

AP

Damon says Bond is nothing like Bourne

MATT DAMON'S amnesiac assassin Jason Bourne shares initials with another notorious screen operative. But other than that, Damon doesn't see any similarities between Bourne and James Bond.

Bond is "an imperialist and he's a misogynist. He kills people and laughs and sips martinis and wisecracks about it," Damon, 36, told The Associated Press in an interview.

Damon's new film, "The Bourne Ultimatum," opens Aug. 3.

"Bourne is this paranoid guy. He's on the run. He's not the government. The government is after him. He's a serial monogamist who's in love with his dead girlfriend and can't stop thinking about her," Damon said. "He's the opposite of James Bond."

The third movie in the series based on Robert Ludlum's books sends Damon's penitent killer back to his roots to uncover how he became such a perfect weapon and who was responsible.

Damon said he bumped into former Bond star Pierce Brosnan in London and they chatted briefly about how the British super-spy's movie handlers were trying to update the character with last fall's "Casino Royale," which introduced Daniel Craig as Bond.

Brosnan told him the aesthetics and style of Bond can be updated "but fundamentally, what the character is is something from the 1960s," Damon said.

Paul Greengrass, Damon's director on Universal's "Bourne Ultimatum" and its 2004 predecessor, "The Bourne Supremacy," agreed that Bond is a relic from a different era.

"He's an insider. He likes being a secret agent. He worships at the altar of technology. He loves his gadgets. And he embodies this whole set of misogynistic values," Greengrass said.

AP



Love the moment, Leo

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★ Dynamic ★★★★ Positive ★★★ Average ★★ So-So ★ Difficult

Happy Birthday!

You approach your life in an unusually dynamic manner, making each event a happening to be experienced. You are positive and creative and honor your limits and needs. This year investigate more creative and dynamic opportunities than you have in the past. Be willing to say "yes" to risk and change. If you are single, you enter a new phase in which romance becomes even spicier. A very special bond arrives in your life. If you are attached, you discover how important the fun could be once more.



Born Today

First test-tube baby Louise Brown (1978)

Actress Estelle Getty (1924),

Football player Walter Payton (1954)

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ What might have been a hassle is finally resolvable. You might meet someone who could be very significant in the long run. Your ability to move through a situation emerges. You finally see the big picture. Tonight: Listen to your sixth sense.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ You are able to relate as deeply as is necessary to make your point. A key person joins your team, so to speak. This will be a powerful partnership. Financial strength increases as you have an opportunity to grow. Tonight: Time to chat.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Others keep pounding on your door. Work on what you think is important. Don't buck what can't be changed, but don't hesitate to change what you must. Tonight: So many invitations and so much to do!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ You get a lot done quickly and effectively. Knowing when to cut ties and move on might be important. Could others come to you because of what you offer? Tonight: Off to exercise. Walk, swim or do another healthy activity.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Allow your imagination to toss in answers and make situations more elaborate. How you deal with someone could change substantially. Listen and think before you randomly act on impulse. Know that anything is possible. Tonight: Love the moment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Basics demand your time and action. Your home, family or a roommate demands your attention. How you work with a personal matter could change. Listen to what is being offered, even if you don't think you are interested! Tonight: Head on home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ You will say what you mean and what you want. Although this is a different approach or attitude, you might find that it helps clear the air, or at least makes you feel better. Anything is possible at this point. Tonight: Strut your stuff.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Your more possessive side emerges; others sense what might be going on. Many will step back from you, as you want what you want. Let go and relax in the company of others. Events don't have to go the way you see them. Tonight: Be yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ You are in your element. Clearly you want to make a difference. Others receive your vibes and respond accordingly. You might want to take a stronger stand than in the past. Loosen up; make time for fun. Tonight: All grins.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Take your time, especially as you are unusually mellow. You might not be able to accomplish what you want, but still think through a pivotal situation. Don't push as you normally do right now. Tonight: Take your time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Zero in on what you want, without stopping or losing your focus. Your ability to understand others comes forward, even if they send many conflicting signals. You always see the best in all situations, and get the best as a result. Tonight: Get together with friends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ You move with precision and direction. Others can lean on you, and you come through quite clearly. Realize what needs to happen in order to achieve the goals you want. Tonight: Consider an opportunity and its time constraints before saying "yes."

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2:10, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
License to Wed (PG-13)
1:35, 4:00, 7:05, 9:20
Live Free or Die Hard (PG-13)
1:30, 4:25, 7:30, 10:25
Sicko (PG-13)
1:25, 4:15, 7:15, 10:05

AMC 7 SANTA MONICA
1310 3rd Street
(310) 289-4262

Hairspray (PG)
11:30am, 12:45, 2:15, 3:20, 4:55, 6:05, 7:40, 9:00, 10:20
Knocked Up (R)
11:20am, 2:10, 5:00, 7:50, 10:45
Ocean's Thirteen (PG-13)
6:15, 10:00
Ratatouille (G)
DLP-Digital Projection
12:25, 3:30, 6:30, 9:20
Ratatouille (G)
11:00am, 1:45, 4:30
Transformers (PG-13)
11:10am, 12:35, 2:50, 3:50, 7:20, 9:10, 10:35

LANDMARK NUWILSHIRE
1314 Wilshire Blvd
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Evening (PG-13)
1:00, 7:00
The lives of Others (Das Leben der Anderen) (R)
2:00, 5:00, 8:00
Paris, je t'aime (R)
4:00, 9:45

LAEMMLE'S MONICA FOURPLEX
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Goya's Ghosts (Los Fantasmas de Goya) (R
1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:50
Once (R)
12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40
Rescue Dawn (PG-13)
1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:55
You Kill Me (R)
12:00, 2:20, 4:40, 7:30, 10:00

MANN'S CRITERION THEATRE
1313 3rd Street
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1408 (PG-13)
11:40am, 2:10, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00
Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (PG-13)
DLP-Digital Projection
11:50am, 3:10, 6:30, 9:50
Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (PG-13)
11:10am, 12:30, 2:20, 3:40, 5:20, 7:10, 8:20, 10:20
I Now Pronounce You Chuck & Larry (PG-13)
DLP-Digital Projection
12:00, 2:50, 5:40, 8:30
I Now Pronounce You Chuck & Larry (PG-13)
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Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from Bronze (easiest) to Silver to Gold (hardest).

Difficulty
GOLD

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	7		6				1	9

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GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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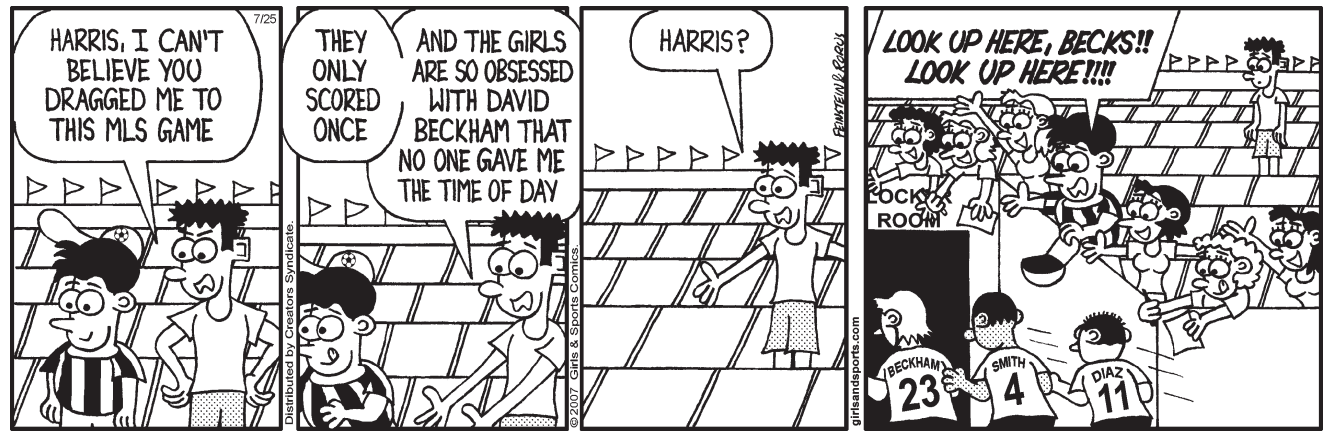
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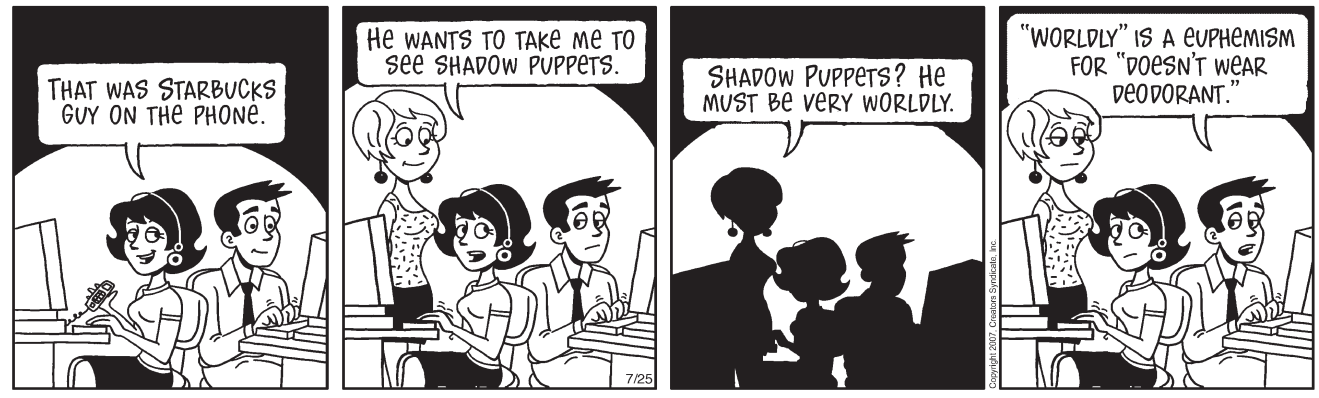
Girls and Sports

By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



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The Other Coast

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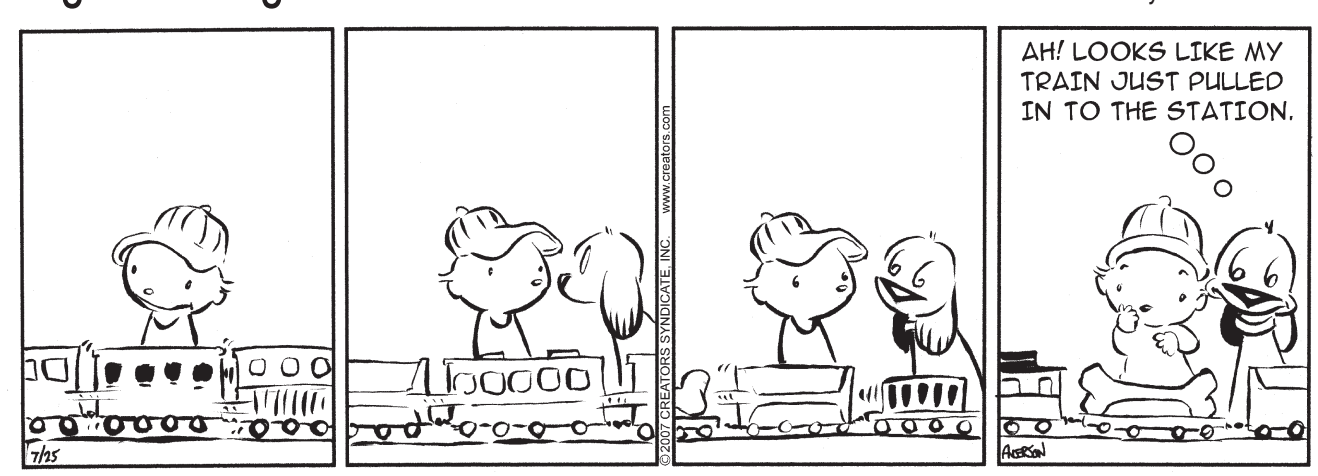
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Pan and others
7 Regarding
11 Ill-matched
12 Whirled
13 Split level?
14 Book unit
15 Golf hole with a bend
17 Agatha Christie, for one
20 Rues a workout
23 Bauxite or magnetite
24 Camper's light
26 Casserole bit
27 Unoriginal
28 Singer's syllable
29 Diary bits
31 Kid's spinner
32 Cavalry weapon
33 Some evergreens
34 Don of "Cocoon"
37 Fit
39 Farm machine
43 Top medal
44 Come
45 Effortless
46 Outwitted

DOWN

1 Place for a pint
2 — bind
3 Signing aid
4 Dodge
5 Gambling mecca
6 Unseen problem
7 Facet
8 Half of an Italian entree
9 Harbor boat
10 Low digit
16 Touches down
17 Blockheads
18 Place of action
19 Half of an Italian entree
21 Blunder
22 Loses it
24 Nantes's river
25 Frothy brew
30 Cure
33 Phobias
35 Shore crawler
36 Roll-call answer
37 Census question
38 Feathery wrap
40 Deep chasm
41 Preceding period
42 Danger signal

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EVENING: 4 6 7

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The local government in Dalkeith, Scotland, has decided that, notwithstanding global warming and carbon "footprints," the lights will stay on all night, every night, in the building that formerly was Dalkeith High School (but which has been vacant since 2004) because councilors fear that trespassers would hurt themselves in the darkness and sue them. A Green Party spokesman called it "an unbelievable triple whammy (cost, fire risk, environmental waste)."

■ In April, Los Angeles gynecologist David Matlock licensed his 2-year-old G-spot-enhancing technology to 35 other doctors around the country to help spread the benefits of collagen injections that swell the so-called Grafenburg Spot (a supposedly pleasure-registering zone which is, at best, tiny and hidden, but according to some doctors, nonexistent). With the patient's help, the doctor guides the 3-inch needle to the most promising location, and one injection renders the G-spot the size of a coin. Many patients claim their sex lives are greatly enhanced, but no peer-reviewed research has yet been done.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1536 Sebastián de Belalcázar on his search of El Dorado found the City of Santiago de Cali

1755 The decision to deport the Acadians takes place in Halifax, Thousands of Acadians are sent to the British Colonies in America, France and England. Some later moved to Louisiana, while others later resettled in New Brunswick.

1837 The first commercial use of an electric telegraph was successfully demonstrated by William Cooke and Charles Wheatstone on 25 July 1837 between Euston and Camden Town in London.

1861 American Civil War: The Crittenden-Johnson Resolution is passed by the U.S. Congress stating that the war is being fought to preserve the Union and not to end slavery.

1907 Korea becomes a protectorate of Japan.

1953 The Cartoon Duck Dodgers in the 241/2th Century is released prehaps the most famous Merrie Melodies cartoon starring Duck Dodgers, Porky Pig, and Marvin The Martain.

WORD UP!

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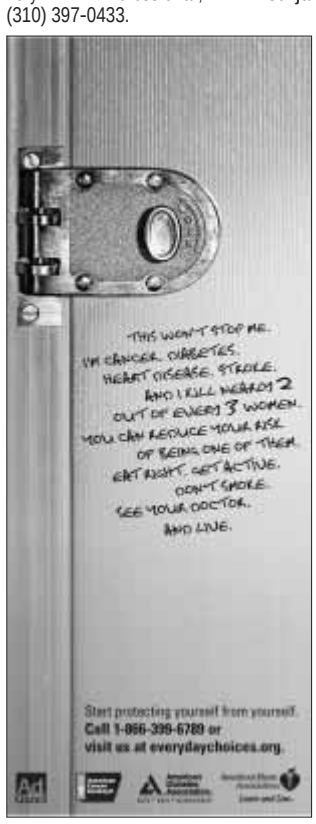
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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 7/9/2007. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 7/11/2007, 7/18/2007, 7/25/2007, 8/1/2007

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071533056 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as RAVISHING SHAPES, 16461 VENTURA BLVD. UNIT-6. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : LISA RACITI, 707 HARDING AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90022 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: LISA A. RACITI
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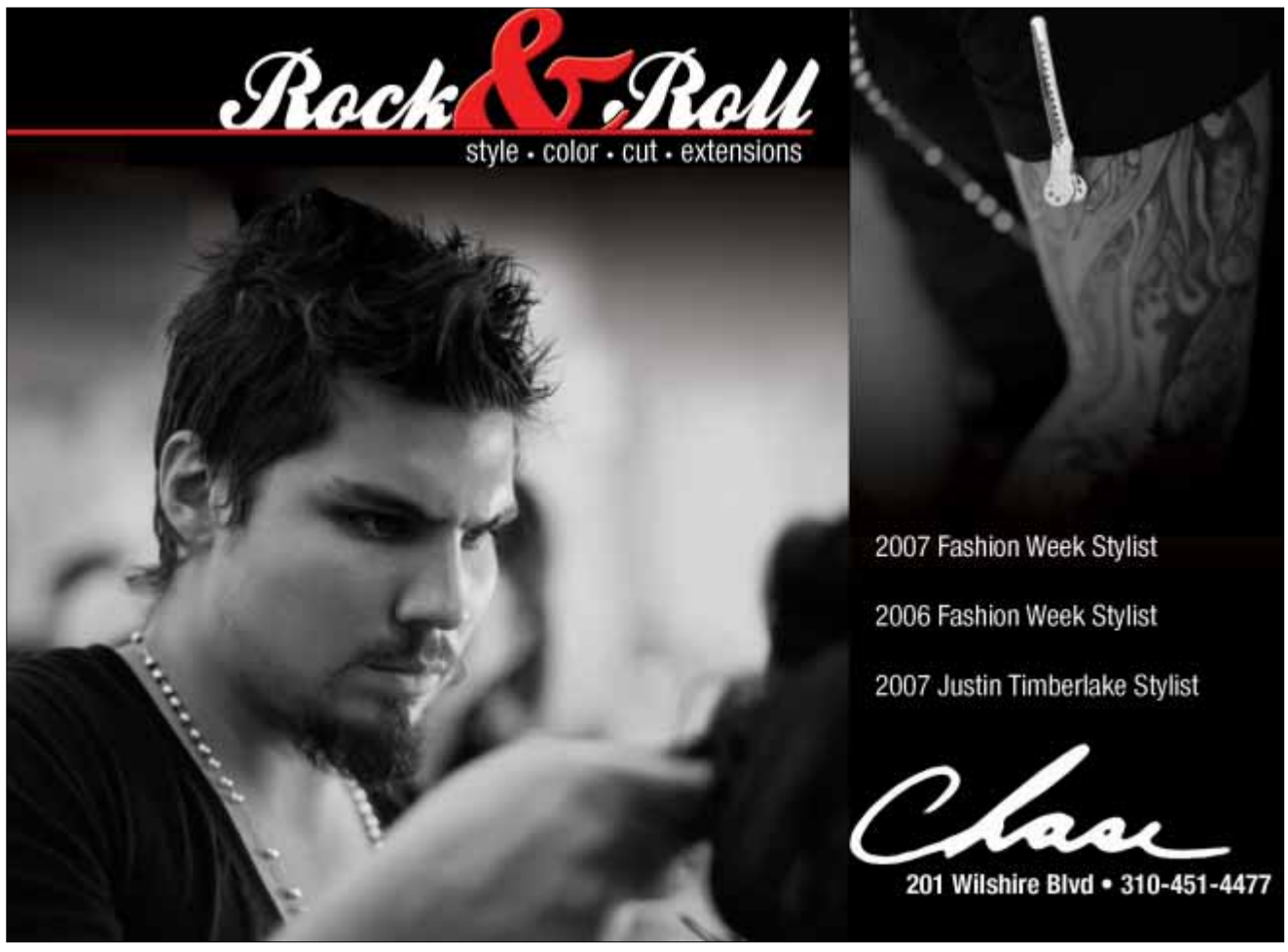
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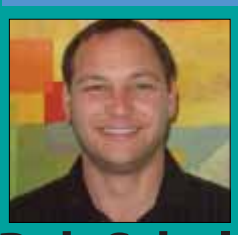
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