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'Thumbelina' at SMC

1900 Pico Blvd., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Musical adaptation by Terrin Adair and Gary Fritzen. Based on the tale "Thumbelina" by Hans Christian Anderson. This whimsical adaptation of Hans Christian Anderson's beloved tale is full of puppet magic and sword-fighting adventure. For children of all ages. Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$5 children (12 and under) and free for children under 2 (seated on parent's lap). For more information, call (310) 434-4393 or visit www.smc.edu/theatre.

Arm Wrestling and Indian Dancing

1800 Ocean Front Walk, noon — 3 p.m.

Arm wrestling and Indian dancing on the Boardwalk at Muscle Beach Gym. All are welcome. For more information, call (310) 663-9474.

Monthly Musical: 'Sweet Charity'

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.

All ages are welcome for this free screening of the classic musical starring Shirley MacLaine and directed by Bob Fosse. Seating is first come, first served in the MLK Jr. Auditorium.

Sunday, Aug. 5, 2007

Harry Potter family book discussion

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2 p.m. — 3:30 p.m.

Share reactions to the last book and thoughts on the Harry Potter series. Muggles of all ages welcome.

Jazz on the Lawn

1685 Main St., 5 p.m. — 7 p.m.

Bring a blanket and a picnic to City Hall's front lawn and catch some jazz performed this week by Brazilian singers Ana Gazzola and Sonia Santos. This event is free and free parking is available after 4 p.m. at the Civic Auditorium.

Comedy benefit concert for Peace & Freedom Party

3116 Second St., 7 p.m. — 10 p.m.

The Peace & Freedom Party will present a comedy benefit concert featuring Paul Krassner, Rick Overton, Larry Hankin, Charlie Hill and more at the Powerhouse Theatre. Admission is \$15.

Al Stewart in concert

1419 N. Topanga Cyn. Blvd., Topanga, 7:30 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.

Al Stewart will perform an all-acoustic set and will discuss his music with moderator Neville Judd. Tickets are \$25.

Santa Monica International Film Festival

1328 Montana Ave., check for times

The Santa Monica International Film Festival returns Aug. 3 — 6. The weekend-long event is a competition festival, screening documentary and short films from around the world. Other events include a free screenplay writing seminar sponsored by Santa Monica's Writers Boot Camp and an advanced screening of Leonardo DiCaprio's environmental documentary "The 11th Hour." For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.santamonicafilmfestival.org.

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.



Judge orders pedophile to avoid children

By the Associated Press

LOS ANGELES A self-described pedophile from Washington state who says he is attracted to young girls but doesn't actually molest them was ordered Friday to stay at least 30 feet away from every person under age 18 in California.

The temporary restraining order was issued against Jack McClellan by Superior Court Judge Melvin Sandvig, who also scheduled an Aug. 24 hearing to discuss the matter further. McClellan, who was not in court, told The Associated Press he didn't learn of Friday's hearing in time to attend.

"That was granted? Oh man, I didn't think it would be," McClellan said, adding he believed such an order would be an unconstitutional restriction of his rights.

The order, which doesn't take effect until it is served, was obtained by attorneys Anthony Zinnanti and Richard Patterson, both parents of young children.

McClellan, who is unemployed and lives out of his car, has created a furor across Southern California since arriving several weeks ago from Washington, where he had lived with his parents.

For years, McClellan maintained a Web site in Washington where he posted photos of children he'd taken in public places. He also discussed how he liked to stake out parks, public libraries, fast-food restaurants and other areas where little girls, or "LGs," congregate.

"Most libraries have frequent programs and events for children, and sometimes you can get quite close to LGs there," he said in one posting.

In a phone interview with the AP, McClellan said his intentions are misunderstood and insisted he would never actually molest a child.

"I guess there is some small chance maybe someday I might be able to get some sort of friendship with a girl and maybe then I might worry would I cross the line," he said. "But right now, no. There's no doubt in my mind I wouldn't."

Although he didn't post any recognizable photos of girls on a similar Web site he put up after arriving in Los Angeles, McClellan said, word about him quickly spread in Internet chat rooms maintained by mothers

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Fabian Lewkowicz fabianl@smdp.com

HAVE YOU SEEN THE BRIDGE?: The Santa Monica Pier Bridge is among local structures in need of structural improvements.

Bridge safety questioned

Local structures in need of repair, but still safe to travel on

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

OCEAN AVENUE Craig Stuart spends most mornings walking along the Santa Monica Pier. The steep incline from the planks to Ocean Avenue provides a good workout.

Until Wednesday, Stuart never gave much thought to the safety of his regimen. Then came the collapse of an interstate bridge in Minnesota that sent dozens of cars plummeting into the Mississippi River, killing at least five people. Between eight and 30 people are still missing, according to various reports.

"That kind of made me think," Stuart

said. "I know the (Pier) bridge is pretty old and a part of it (southern stairway) has been closed for some time because of the (Northridge) earthquake.

"I'm not really afraid to walk on it, but it definitely causes you to think a little bit about something many of us take for granted."

State and local transportation officials on Thursday sought to reassure residents that heavily traveled structures such as the Pier Bridge and the California Incline are safe to use even though they have been labeled structurally or seismically deficient and could collapse during a major earthquake.

"We are making some changes to a report on geology, but overall, they are not in bad shape," said David Sharkey, a civil engineer with Los Angeles County, which conducts reviews of all structures in Santa Monica every two years along with the California Department of Transportation, or Caltrans.

Doug Failing, director of Caltrans

District 7, which covers Los Angeles and Ventura counties, said overpasses in Santa Monica, such as the one on Fourth Street near the Public Safety Facility, are sound.

The eight-lane bridge in Minnesota received a similar rating as the Incline — structurally deficient — as early as 1990 and during a federal inspection in 2005, but state engineers said it was not slated to be replaced until 2020.

City officials are currently working on plans to replace both the Incline and the Pier Bridge within the next two years and are in the hunt for federal funds under the Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program.

In the meantime, transportation officials say it is still safe to travel across the structures. They also said that California is ahead of most states in reviewing its structures because of a heightened awareness brought on by earthquakes. Many structures were

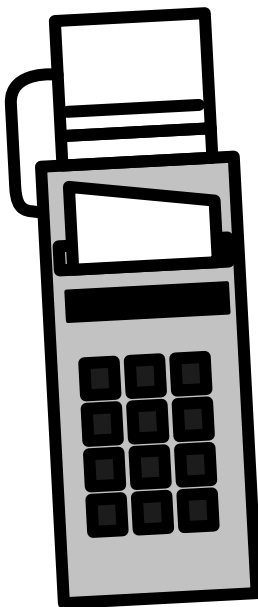
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Troops need a break

Editor:
Believe it or not, the Iraqi parliament has left for a month-long vacation. That's right – they'll be gone for all of August. But Iraq's chaos, death and disunity are not taking a vacation. Our troops in Iraq will not be taking a much-needed vacation from being killed, dismembered, psychologically wounded and being separated from their families. And we will not enjoy a vacation from the threat of terrorism, which our intelligence agencies tell us is increasing due to our occupation of Iraq.
But George W. Bush will continue taking vacations on his Texas ranch. And he is continuing his vacation from listening to the American people, from our Constitution and from defending our country. When it comes to taking vacations versus taking care of their countries, we can see what comes first for Bush and the Iraqi government.

Doug Long
Rio Rancho, NM

Brazilian crash is a wake-up call

Editor:
There was a plane crash in Brazil (last month). It was raining. The jet was big and fast, and the runway wasn't as long as it should have been.
Except for the rain part, it sounds like Santa Monica Airport. One of these days, a jet will land and keep going off the end of the runway.
I told you so.

Mike Kirwan
Venice

Republicans' war needs to end

Editor:
If Bush and his war buddies are considered sane, we should all pursue insanity. George W. has left realism far behind; Iraq has become a bloody quagmire. There was no rhyme or reason for the invasion of Iraq except a faulty ideology and a GOP penchant to play the 9/11 card to the hilt.
This is a Republican war, have no doubt about it. President Bush is undermining Congress' attempts to end the Iraq war. Republican hard-liners filibuster any attempt to end it and Bush core supporters cheer from the sidelines.
The war in Iraq will not end until funding is cut off, the American public's clamor reaches a fever pitch or the "I" word (impeachment) is impressed firmly on Bush's mind.

Ron Lowe
Santa Monica

ODDS OF A CHILD BECOMING A PROFESSIONAL ATHLETE:
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ODDS OF A CHILD BEING DIAGNOSED WITH AUTISM:
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Modern Times

Lloyd Garver

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Gaining any weight?
Blame your friends

A RECENT STUDY CONDUCTED BY Nicholas A. Christakis of Harvard Medical School and James H. Fowler of the University of California at San Diego concluded that one's friends have just as much of an influence on whether a person gains weight as genetics. The research demonstrated that gaining weight can spread among friends somewhat like a virus. And you don't even have to be sneezed on or kissed by the friend to "catch" the weight-gaining bug.

The amazing thing about this study is that they found that good friends who live hundreds of miles apart are just as likely to influence each other's weight as those who live next door. You don't have to sneak out with a friend for a snack for this phenomenon to take place. Communicating by telephone or e-mail, or just seeing them every once in a while is enough.

Some people will probably feel that this study will be an excuse to further bash those who are overweight by claiming they can "turn" their friends into being overweight from hundreds of miles away. Others will feel it's a rationalization for an individual not to take responsibility for his or her actions. Their response to the study will be, "Next, we'll hear people say things like, 'I know I'm a liar and a cheat, but it's not my fault. It's because of my buddy in Poughkeepsie.'"

I'm somewhat dubious about the study because most people have some friends who are overweight, some who are underweight, and some friends who have the exact medically and socially acceptable weight. But who am I to argue with the results of a study that tracked 12,000 people for 32 years? I have enough trouble keeping track of myself.

I agree with the researchers being impressed by the power of friendship. They reason that when a close friend becomes obese, being overweight might not look so bad. Your friend's weight gain might change your idea of what an acceptable body type looks like. It's like when a friend of yours grows a moustache or starts wearing hats. After a while, because it's a friend, you might not think these things are so strange. You may even consider trying them yourself.

The researchers found the power of friendship so strong that a friend's becoming obese was even more likely to have an effect on a person's weight than that person's spouse or sibling. (So the problem might not be a gene, but your friend, Jean). And this "socially contagious" phenomenon works the other way, too. If your good friend loses weight — regardless of how far away he or she lives from you — you are likely to lose weight, too.

But Christakis and Fowler aren't suggesting you get rid of all your friends who are

overweight. They remind us that a good friend is hard to find and is important to keep. However, the researchers feel it wouldn't hurt to add some new friends to your social network who are thin or are losing weight.

One of their conclusions is that for something like obesity, doctors shouldn't just treat the individual. They should look at and consider his or her entire network of friends. Sounds like it's going to be a pretty crowded waiting room.

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They also raised the possibility that this socially contagious phenomenon might apply to other things like smoking and alcoholism. I'm hoping that it might also apply to non-medical things. Maybe we can all use this research to improve our lives. If having friends who are kind, caring and compassionate can help us have these traits, why not try to make some friends with these characteristics?

But for this thing to work, the friendships have to be sincere, and it works best if it's mutual. In other words, you just can't find some thin people and start calling them up and expect to slim down. The only way that's going to help you lose weight is if you're jogging while you're talking to them on the phone.

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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

“Somebody needs to teach you some class, my friend. You don’t go grabbin’ somebody else’s, somebody’s husband’s (private parts). You understand me? That’s very disrespectful.”

— Faith Hill, reprimanding a fan who grabbed her husband, Tim McGraw’s, crotch at a concert during their joint country music tour

“It has its pluses and minuses, but on a whole, other cities would love to have this.”

— L.A. County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky on Venice Beach

“‘Do I eat?’ is kind of an understatement.”

— Nicole Richie, in response to Diane Sawyer’s concerns about the pregnant socialite’s weight, which is rumored to be less than 100 pounds

“He’s responsible with his celebrity. He has influence over young people and few use that responsibly.”

— Nikrumah Farrar, a fan of the rap artist Common, who performed a free concert on the Third Street Promenade this week

“We removed three mastiffs and one bulldog — they were the size of lions — from Rhames’ property, but we have no solid evidence that they were the cause of death.”

— LAPD Capt. Matt Blake on actor Ving Rhames’ four dogs, who are suspected of having mauled the actor’s caretaker

“Just because we live in the Pico Neighborhood doesn’t mean we should be treated like this.”

— Charlene Gowers, a grandmother caught in the middle of a gang sweep last weekend, who claims that police were verbally abusive to her as they handcuffed her and removed her grandson

“As the election campaign in America is heating up, we would not like American candidates to fight their elections and contest elections at our expense.”

— Pakistan’s Foreign Minister Khusheed Kasuri on U.S. presidential candidate Barack Obama’s statement that, if elected, he might order unilateral military strikes against terrorists hiding in Pakistan

“The city has gone back on their word.”

— Rosario Perry, the chief executive officer of Or Khaim Hashalom, on the city’s lawsuit against the group for evicting tenants to make room for Mid-East Jewish refugees

“That was the gnarliest slam I’ve ever seen in my life.”

— Pierre-Luc Gagnon, on fellow skater Jake Brown’s 45 foot mid-air fall during this week’s X games at the Staples Center

“I had no idea what to do with my hair except comb it in the mornings when I woke up.”

— Melanie Delia, a high school student, on what she’s gained from the My Beauty Camp program, which among other things, informs girls on appropriate grooming

Quotations captured and compiled with care by Cynthia Vazquez.

“I THINK THE MARKET ITSELF SHOULD DETERMINE WHAT SHOULD OR SHOULD NOT BE HERE. THERE’S A HISTORY. WHY CHANGE IT?”

— Gene Rubin, on the ousting of non-farming vendors from Santa Monica’s farmers’ markets



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City of Santa Monica ORDINANCE NUMBER 2235 (CCS) (City Council Series)

AN INTERIM ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA EXTENDING THE INITIAL INTERIM ORDINANCE MODIFYING THE CITY'S ZONING ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE A TWO-LOT SUBDIVISION THAT RETAINS A SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE WITH NONCONFORMING SETBACKS UNDER SPECIFIED CIRCUMSTANCES

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Findings and Purpose. The Council finds and declares:

(a) Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.04.06.010(e) provides that no parcel shall be separated in ownership or reduced in size in any manner so that any yard area is reduced below the minimum required for the district in which the project is located.

(b) Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.04.06.070 provides in part that no permit or license for buildings, uses, or purposes shall be issued which would be in conflict with the provisions of this Chapter. Any permit or license issued in conflict with the provisions of this Chapter, shall be null and void.

(c) In the area bounded by Montana Avenue, the northern City limits, Twenty-Sixth Street and Ocean Avenue, the minimum setback for each side yard is equal to ten percent of the parcel width, or a minimum of three feet, six inches whichever is greater.

(d) In the R1 District, the front yard setback is as shown on the Official Districting Map of the City, or if no setback is specified, twenty feet.

(e) A property owner in the R1 District seeking to subdivide a parcel which contains an existing dwelling cannot retain that dwelling if the subdivision would create non-conforming front yard and side yard setbacks even though the newly created nonconforming setbacks would not have physically changed.

(f) When homes in the R-1 District are demolished and replaced or significantly remodeled, the new home is usually considerably larger and therefore diminishes open space, light, views, and neighborhood compatibility.

(g) In light of these concerns, the City Council adopted Ordinance Number 2231 (CCS) on May 22, 2007 ("initial interim ordinance") which, under limited circumstances, authorizes a subdivision of a single parcel into two parcels with the retention of an existing single-family residence that does not conform to setback requirements if specified conditions as to parcel size and existing setbacks are met and the findings applicable to tentative maps are made. However, this ordinance will expire on August 20, 2007 unless extended. Adoption of the proposed extension ordinance will provide staff with adequate time to amend the City's Zoning Ordinance on a permanent basis.

(h) The initial interim ordinance allows a property owner under specified circumstances to subdivide property and retain an existing dwelling even if the subdivision would create nonconforming setbacks.

(i) Allowing the retention of the existing single-family residence will not be detrimental or injurious to the property or improvements in the general vicinity and district in which the property is located since the physical conditions will not be altered, the neighborhood compatibility will be preserved, and substantial open space will be retained.

(j) The initial interim ordinance is in keeping with the City's preservation and sustainability goals to conserve existing resources by allowing existing primary residences to be retained rather than demolished.

(k) The initial interim ordinance protects neighborhood compatibility and the retention of adequate open space by only allowing such subdivisions when the existing parcel is 20,000 square feet or greater and the retained single-family residence will be located on a parcel that is a minimum of 12,500 square feet.

(l) The initial interim ordinance protects the right of property ownersto subdivide and protect the welfare of both owners and neighbors who would be adversely affected by the forced demolition and subsequent replacement of existing homes.

(m) As detailed above, the existing Zoning Ordinance regulations pose a current and immediate threat to the public health, safety, and welfare. For these reasons, the Zoning Ordinance requires review and revision as it pertains to allowing the retention of an existing primary residence, rather than mandating its demolition, when a two-lot subdivision is proposed.

(n) Pending completion of this review and revision, which will occur as part of the Land Use Element/Zoning Ordinance update, in order to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, it is necessary on an interim basis to modify the Zoning Ordinance to authorize the retention of an existing primary dwelling when a two-lot subdivision is proposed even if this will create non-conforming setbacks.

(o) Consequently, the City Council finds and declares that the public health, safety and general welfare requires adoption of this interim ordinance to extend the provisions of Ordinance Number 2231 (CCS) up to and including July 10, 2009 which authorizes a subdivision of a single parcel into two parcels on the bases and conditions described above.

SECTION 2. The City may approve a two-parcel subdivision which retains an existing single-family residence even though the existing residence would not comply with the minimum side yard setback and front yard setback otherwise required by Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.04.08.02.070 if the following conditions are met:

(a) The parcel to be subdivided is a minimum of 20,000 square feet.

(b) The parcel upon which the existing house will be located will remain at least 12,500 square feet.

(c) The existing non-conforming setbacks would not physically change.

(d) All other findings required for approval of a tentative map as set forth in Santa Monica Municipal Code Sections 9.20.14.030 and 9.20.14.040 are made.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be of no further force and effect after July 10, 2009, unless prior to that date, after a public hearing, noticed pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.04.20.22.050, the City Council, by majority vote, extends this interim ordinance.

SECTION 4. Any provision of the Santa Monica Municipal Code or appendices thereto inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, to the extent of such inconsistencies and no further, is hereby repealed or modified to that extent necessary to effect the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each and every section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase not declared invalid or unconstitutional without regard to whether any portion of the ordinance would be subsequently declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 6. The Mayor shall sign and the City Clerk shall attest to the passage of this Ordinance. The City Clerk shall cause the same to be published once in the official newspaper within 15 days after its adoption. This Ordinance shall become effective 30 days from its adoption.

The QLine

It's TIME TO KNOCK LOHAN DOWN A PEG

This past week, Q-line asked:

What should Lindsay Lohan receive as punishment for her numerous brushes with the law?

Here are your responses:

"LINDSAY LOHAN SHOULD BE CHARGED, tried and sentenced just like any other law-breaker. Her celebrity status shouldn't enter into it at all if she keeps flaunting the law, because she thinks she can manipulate her way out of the charges and the penalties. You or I – or one of our loved ones – would be just as dead if she ran into us as if Joe or Jane Blow hit us."

"PARIS HILTON AND NICOLE RICHIE should do 2,000 days in a women's facility. They have no right to be out drinking and driving. Even though they are celebrities, they should be treated like everybody else. They should get the full extent of the law."

"THOSE MOTORISTS WHO ARE ARRESTED while driving under the influence of alcohol are seldom incarcerated due to the extraordinary amount of DUI arrests made on an annual basis. There would not be enough jailhouses to house them and it would create an enormous negative cash flow for the judicial bureaucracy. Lindsay Lohan drinking alcohol to excess is not her problem; her problem is why does she drink alcohol to excess? A question that would be best answered by a psychiatrist. Still, there are laws in place for the Lindsay Lohans of the world. Due to jail being a punishment and not a cure, a stiff fine and suspension of driving privileges is in order for Miss Lohan. She will then have to hire a driver to escort her to the various saloons on her path to both physical and career destruction. Good-bye, Lindsay, we hardly knew ya."

"THEY SHOULD GIVE HER THE SAME punishment (as someone) who isn't famous. If it means doing a year or two in prison, fine, she deserves it. As far as drunk drivers are concerned, whether they're famous or not, once they are convicted of drunk driving, their cars should be impounded and auctioned and they don't get the money. They should have their licenses revoked, and if they're caught driving another car, they go to jail and that car is seized. And if they kill someone while drunk driving, they should be executed for murder, because that's what it is – it's not an accident it's murder."

"LINDSAY SHOULD BE LOCKED UP FOR about a month in general population, and when she gets out, she's not allowed to drive a car or own a car in the state of California for 10 years. She needs to be made an example of."

"THE RICH AND FAMOUS SHOULD BE treated equally under the law with the poor and homeless. However, we were supposed to be a free country, but along the way some hypocritical puritanical prudes first tried making alcohol illegal. Then they made pot and coke illegal – although most of our nation's founding fathers grew pot. This evil "war on drugs" has ruined more lives than all of our wars combined and is costing us unbelievable trillions of dollars. Prohibitions against murder, rape and robbery were part of our heritage from the Bible. Smoking and consuming whatever we wished was not considered a sin or wrong. Of course, some restrictions could be made for driving intoxicated, but otherwise, the possession and use of any substance should be legal – whether you're Paris Hilton or Joe the bum."

"LINDSAY LOHAN SHOULD BE CONFINED to riding back and forth on the Big Blue Bus system. If standing shoulder-to-shoulder with the matriculates of

Santa Monica's rehab industry doesn't scare Lindsay into sobriety, nothing will."

"I THINK THAT LINDSAY LOHAN NEEDS to do her time. She's not better than anyone else, so yes, she needs to do her time and maybe she'll learn something ... I hope."

"LINDSAY LOHAN SHOULD RECEIVE a sentence of living a year in Santa Monica, preferably in low-income housing. She would need to study the two dominant languages – Spanish and Yiddish – to communicate with her new neighbors, thereby causing a change in her class thinking. She should be required to attend all City Council, school district and SMC meetings. This would create a new attitude of hardening her against the mind-numbing platitudes of city bureaucrats. She should be required to find a new parking spot for her BMW every day, but like the rest of us, soon be forced to take public transportation. This would allow her to use her new language skills. She should be required to ride a bicycle, forcing her to be reminded of the invention of the wheel. After her sentence, when she is in a café on the Champs d'Elysees sipping a caramel macchiato, she will be able to reflect on her sentence. First, no one died because of her drunken rampage; two, with her God-given talent, she can make millions of dollars, allowing her to bypass the middle class mules slugging against the socialist bureaucracy; third, she won't have to love Santa Monica."

"LINDSAY LOHAN SHOULD RECEIVE AS punishment things that really matter. Cut her nails down so she can't use them as scoopers for the coke. Obviously, rehab is just a stay at a country club, so that's not going to work, unless you send her to a nasty rehab. Secondly, take away all her mirrors, all her brushes and all her makeup. Vanity comes before a fall. Because she was voted the hottest woman by Maxim magazine this year and because she is very hot, she is probably obsessed with herself. And a lot of girls know that when you take a lot of drugs you don't feel hungry. And then you get thinner, and then you feel sexier, and then you get more obsessed with yourself. It's "Sex, drugs, I love me, sex, I love me!" I'm 47 years old but I remember what it was like to be firm, 21, hot and everybody wants you.

Lindsay, snap out of it. Someone needs to slap her in the face, take away her coke spoon and all her accessories. No more purses – flip-flops only. Degrade her vanity and ego."

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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

No giggling during girls' pillow fight

Crime Watch is a weekly series culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

By Daily Press staff

THURSDAY, JULY 26, AT 11:20 A.M.

Santa Monica Police officers responded to the 1600 block of Ocean Avenue – Daybreak Shelter – regarding an assault investigation. When officers arrived, they spoke with staff at the shelter, who said that a woman walked in and wanted to sleep there. Staff assigned her to a spot that was next to another woman, who had an air mattress. An argument ensued between the two women. The one who did not have the air mattress allegedly pushed the other woman's face into her pillow and held it there for almost three minutes. Staff broke up the fight and called police. Officers took the woman into custody for attempted murder. She was identified as Nina Pennington, 38, a transient. No bail information was available for this suspect, police said.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25, AT 5 P.M.

Officers responded to the 1300 block of Third Street after receiving a report about a man masturbating on a public bench. When officers arrived, they spoke with patrons at a nearby restaurant. The patrons said they saw a man sitting on a bench masturbating as numerous people walked by, including several children and their parents. Officers approached the man and placed him under arrest for committing a lewd act. He was identified as Mark Kamansky, 60, from Santa Monica. His bail was set at \$10,000.

TUESDAY, JULY 24, AT 3 P.M.

Officers responded to the 2000 block of Oak Street, regarding a burglary investigation. En route, officers spotted a man driving slowly in a four-door Cadillac with tinted windows, which are illegal. Officers stopped the driver to issue a citation. At that point, the officers smelled what they believed to be marijuana. Officers searched the car and found a marijuana cigarette. The driver was detained. Officers conducted a thorough search of the car and found several items that did not belong to the driver, including an iPod and other electronics. Also in the vehicle was a dagger with a 5-inch blade. The driver was arrested for possession of burglary tools, receiving stolen property and for outstanding warrants. The suspect was identified as Morgan T. Irell, 31, of Valley Village, Ca. His bail was set at \$50,000.

THURSDAY, JULY 26, AT 8:30 P.M.

Officers responded to the 1300 block of Palisades Park regarding a call of a battery in progress. When officers arrived, they found a woman who was screaming and appeared to be agitated. Police said the woman was gesturing wildly and seemed to be disturbed. Officers ran a background check on the woman and discovered she was a parolee at large. Officers took her into custody and found marijuana in her possession. The suspect was placed on a parole hold. She was identified as Latasha Stringer, 26, of Los Angeles.

SUNDAY, JULY 29, AROUND 1 A.M.

Officers on routine patrol near the corner of 11th Street and Olympic Boulevard heard a male voice yelling for help. Officers responded and made contact with a man who said he had just been robbed. He pointed to another man walking away from the scene. Officers detained the suspect. The victim said the suspect punched him and made off with \$5. The money was recovered and the suspect arrested for armed robbery. He was identified as Julius Edward London, 39, a transient. His bail was set at \$50,000.

TUESDAY, JULY 24, AT 10:50 P.M.

Officers responded to the 1500 block of Ocean Avenue – Tengu – regarding a report of an unruly customer. When officers arrived, they spoke with employees at the sushi restaurant who said that a highly-intoxicated customer tried to walk around the bar. When an employee told him he could not, the customer allegedly became argumentative and had to be escorted outside. The customer went back into the restaurant and broke a decorative mirror valued at \$500, police said. The customer was arrested for felony vandalism. He was identified as Alexander Simpson, 40, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at \$20,000.

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CHANNEL SURFING

BY JACK NEWORTH

Mad about 'Mad Men'

There's no denying I miss the "Sopranos." Even with the finale where the screen went black (I thought I forgot to pay the cable bill) I wish it was still in production. And I'm not alone. It seems like the cable channels are green-lighting shows to anyone connected to the "Sopranos," no pun intended. I wouldn't be surprised if the "Sopranos" caterer gets his own show.

One clearly deserving its place is AMC's "Mad Men," an original series about high-powered Madison Avenue in 1960. It's creator, Emmy-winning Matthew Weiner, was the "Sopranos" executive producer. AMC describes itself as "TV for movie people," and "Mad Men" is near movie quality. For those who missed the first two episodes, here's my "Cliff Notes" so you can catch up.

The first episode, aptly titled, "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes," had so much cigarette smoke wafting in the air I felt the need of a room purifier while I watched. It opens on alpha male Dan Draper (Jon Hamm) the complex creative director of Sterling-Cooper, one of Mad Ave's powerful agencies. Ruggedly handsome, Draper complains to Rachel (Maggie Siff), his sexually liberated mistress, that his job and fancy lifestyle are in jeopardy. Younger agents, primarily Pete Campbell (Vincent Kartheiser) are eager to topple him from the top of the heap. Rachel is a wonderfully drawn character, a pre-feminism, free-spirit. When Draper considers staying the night, she cautions, "I don't make

plans or breakfast."

The immediate dilemma for Sterling-Cooper is the FTC which has just banned cigarette ads from making health claims. For those too young to remember, cigarette companies funded The Tobacco Institute which "scientifically" emphasized the relaxation qualities of cigarette smoking. (Reminiscent of oil companies recently employing scientists to downplay global warming?) A giant tobacco company is Sterling-Cooper's biggest client. Without health claims, Draper says all he has to pitch is, "A crushproof box and 4 out of 5 dead people smoked our brand." He has a day to create an ad campaign to salvage the account.

The acting, writing, and meticulous set design, are only part of the story. "Mad Men" is almost a history lesson of the time period. It deals with the role of women in the workplace, the pill, race, money, power and how pushing the right buttons Madison Avenue can sell anything. (Hell, pushing the right buttons sold a war, so why not deodorant?)

One of my favorite characters is bright-eyed Peggy Olson (Elisabeth Moss) whose steno job is her first. She's instructed by the luscious Christina Hendricks (Joan Holloway) on what's expected of women, and it isn't just accurate typing. The company partners, the cool, stable Roger Sterling (John Slattery) and older, eccentric Bertram Cooper (Robert Morse) are perfect. (Morse, hugely accomplished on



Photo courtesy AMC

AD MAN DIARIES: Jon Hamm stars as Don Draper in AMC's 'Mad Men.'

Broadway, may be remembered for one of my favorite movies, "The Loved One.")

The star of "Mad Men" is clearly Hamm. Draper is manipulative and corrupt but somehow maintains a deep sense of right and wrong. His character reminds me of some Humphrey Bogart roles. Draper shares and believes in little which makes him intriguing. And a late night scene looking in on his sleeping children only adds to his appeal. If the show's a hit, look for Hamm in prominent film roles.

Episode two, "Ladies Room," features Betty Draper, (January Jones) Draper's Grace Kelly-trophy wife. Despite her seemingly-perfect life with children, husband and home, she suffers anxiety from a lack of closeness. Betty hears about a divorcee down the block who has two children and no money. Her fears contribute to an accident with the children in the car. No one is hurt, but she winds up seeing a less-than-comforting psychiatrist who reports the sessions to her husband. So much for patient confidentiality.

In an NPR interview, Weiner commented on a married man's eternal conflict between being the perfect husband, provider and little league coach, and the desire to drink, smoke and have as much sex as possible.

Weiner shopped the script for seven years but persistence paid off. The reviews have been phenomenal. I wonder, however, who is the target audience. They'll have to be over 50, unless there's a fascination by younger women with how much things have changed.

In one scene Peggy goes to a doctor to get a prescription for the pill. Smoking during the exam, he suggests if she's indiscriminate with sex, he won't authorize a refill. The scene worked. So does the show. For me it'll never replace "The Sopranos," but it's undeniably brilliant. Will it find its audience? For TV's sake, I hope so. Episode three airs this Sunday.

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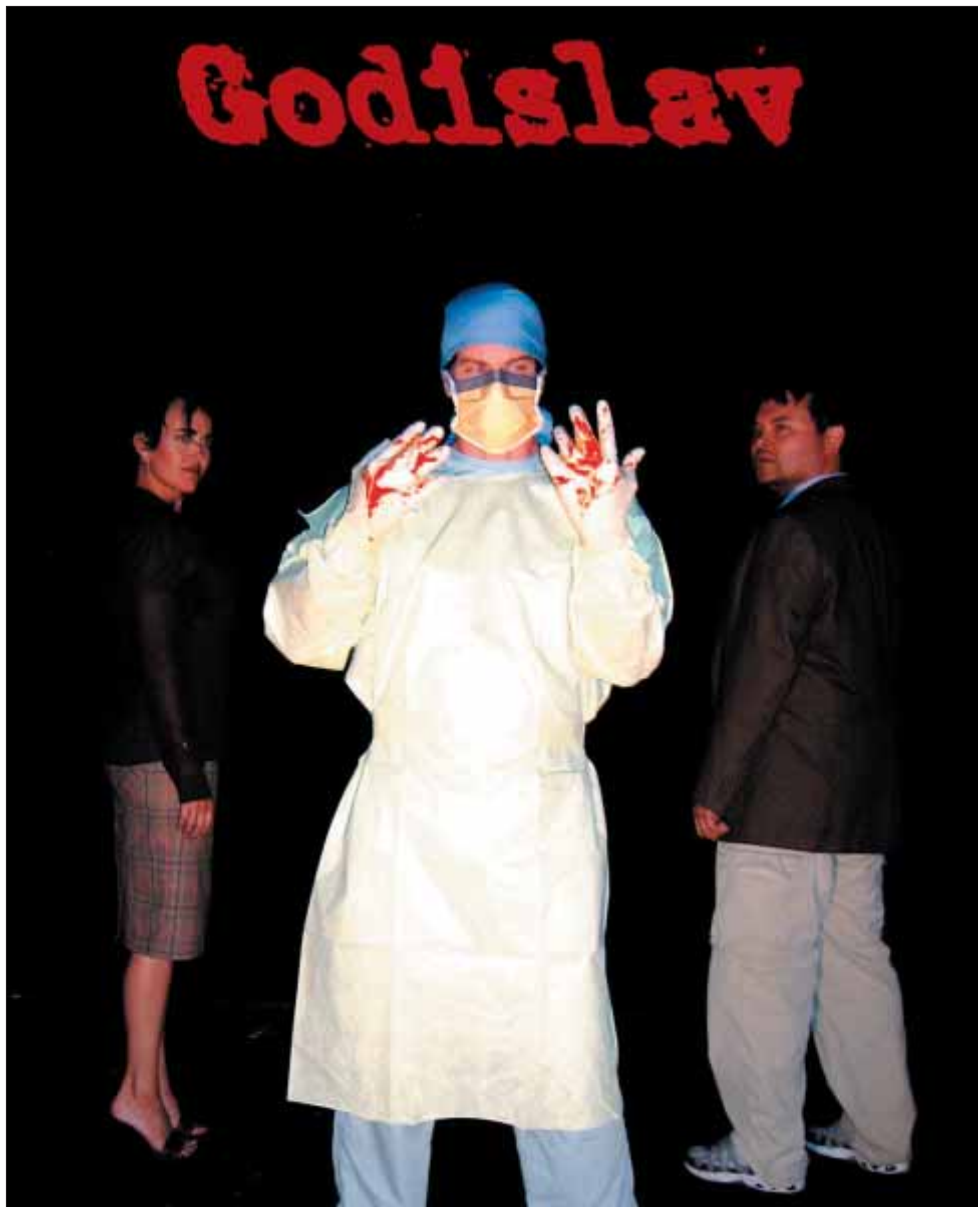
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CLASSIC SOUNDS: Fuel sticks to the script

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CD REVIEWS BY SMDP STAFF



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Fuel 'Angels and Devils'

By Reagan Wheeler

Fuel, made up of singer/guitarist Brett Scallions, guitarist Carl Bell, bassist Jeff Abercrombie and drummer Kevin Miller, has not moved into the future of music. The Pennsylvania natives are still stuck in their post-Pearl Jam days of grunge-rock with the band's latest release on Epic Records, "Angels and Devils."

In opposition to the album's third track "Forever," which includes the line "you threw it all away," Fuel front man Scallions didn't throw it all away, but rather threw it all into this song. With a strong guitar solo by Bell halfway through the song, the song

progresses nicely. Other noteworthy tracks include "Again" and "Hangin' Round."

The album stays true to Fuel's sound, but is still very somber and slightly sappy. Scallions has a great band behind his angelic vocals, but his raspy lyrics from song to song seem to be about the same topic, the past.

Fuel would do well to take their own advice from track five, and "leave the memories alone." The talent that is contained within the members should be pushed to new levels to create new, edgy rock. "Angels and Devils," due out August 7, is not the band's worst record, but could definitely be better.

People 'Misbegotten Man'

By Emily Skehan

With song titles like "The Phantasmagoric Energetics Of Our 4-Legged Forbearers," it's not surprising that musical duo People have an eccentric sound. However, their second LP "Misbegotten Man" goes beyond experimental and into the realm of the utterly absurd.

With high-pitched, seemingly unplanned vocals straining absentmindedly over random jazz style drumming and frantic guitar melodies, People's sound starts to resemble a wailing cat trying to get through a kitchen in which small children are playing with pots and pans. The result is a repetitive, random, and eventually painful album that

lacks both direction and listenability.

Some melodies do break out of the whirlwind of twanging and tin-can rhythms, and at times lead singer Mary Halvorson's voice can be pleasing, but this does little to make up for the general absence of decipherable lyrics or musical continuity.

There's little to be said for the individual songs as they seem to blend into an endless tangle of whining, nouveau-jazz vocals and background guitar noise that has little diversity. However, "But, I Like My Rotten Head" has a less chaotic vibe that comes close to a demented mash up between The Breeders and Cat Power, and is easier on the ears than the other tracks.

While the duo may be considered groundbreaking for their composition, which is admittedly complex, they display more of a maniacal playfulness than an ear for enjoy-



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ODD FOLKS: People makes 'unique' music together.

able sound. "Misbegotten Man" is more migraine inducing than unconventionally brilliant, but if you've got a thing for relentless clamor, it's worth checking out.

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Newscaster suspended following affair

BY RAQUEL MARIA DILLON

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES A newscaster who had an affair with Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa has been suspended for two months from the Spanish-language network Telemundo for violating conflict-of-interest policies, the network announced Thursday.

Mirthala Salinas was having the relationship with Villaraigosa when she announced the news of his separation from his wife of 20 years on Telemundo's local affiliate KVEA, Channel 52.

Salinas has been suspended without pay following a three-week internal investigation

reviewed by executives at Telemundo and parent company NBC Universal. Three Telemundo employees also were disciplined. Findings were reported on the network's national newscast Thursday night and announced by executives.

"We have determined that, while the content and accuracy of KVEA's newscasts were not compromised, our news policy standards with respect to conflict of interest were clearly violated," Telemundo network president Don Browne said in a statement.

"Her reading of copy during newscasts ... regarding the mayor's separation from his wife was a flagrant violation of these guide-

lines," Browne wrote in a separate memo to employees.

A message left with Salinas' representative was not immediately returned.

"I regret that decisions I have made in my personal life have been a distraction for the city, and I am deeply sorry that I have let so many people down, especially my family," Villaraigosa said in a statement. "Now that Telemundo's internal review has reached a conclusion, it is my hope that we can all move forward."

In its newscast, Telemundo reported that others disciplined included KVEA news director Al Corral, who was suspended without pay for two months, and the station's

general manager, Manuel Abud, who was removed from his post and will be transferred to a new position still undetermined. Ibra Morales, president of Telemundo stations, will be reprimanded.

Salinas, 35, was placed on leave July 5 while her employer investigated whether her romantic relationship with Villaraigosa breached journalistic ethics.

The long-rumored affair was acknowledged by Villaraigosa on July 3 after a newspaper story revealed details of the relationship.

"I have had a relationship with Ms. Salinas over time," Villaraigosa said during a July 3 news conference.

Schwarzenegger wants budget finished, but deal remains elusive

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SACRAMENTO Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger on Thursday said the state budget stalemate is delaying work on pressing policy issues such as health care reform but is at a loss about how to end it.

The state Senate failed a second time late Wednesday to pass the \$145 billion spending plan approved last month by the Assembly, falling one vote short of the two-thirds majority required to pass it.

Schwarzenegger and Democratic leaders say they are mystified about what it will take to persuade at least one more Republican to support it. Speaking Thursday to reporters, the governor described a frustrating negoti-

ation process in which Senate Republicans keep raising new issues, even after he has assured them their previous concerns will be addressed.

The state's ongoing budget deficit, use of state environmental laws, how transportation bond money will be spent and tax credits for corporations are among the many issues Republican senators have raised.

"We worked through many of those issues, but obviously it wasn't enough," the governor said during a Capitol news conference. "So I don't really know now what it takes to close it, so I hope they know."

He said some of those matters should be dealt with after a budget is signed because they are not directly related to the state's annual spending plan.

The budget is more than 6 1/2 weeks overdue. With the fiscal year more than a month old, colleges, special education programs and some social service groups that rely on state funding are not receiving checks.

Schwarzenegger said it was important to break the deadlock so no programs would suffer and lawmakers can start addressing other major issues on this year's agenda. Those include health care reform, legislative redistricting and negotiations over a water initiative to build reservoirs and canals.

"There's a lot on the plate, so let's not cut off those things because of the budget," he said.

He urged senators to keep working and not wait until the Assembly returns Aug. 20

from its summer recess.

Waiting until then would push California close to its recent record for a tardy budget. Only twice during the last 30 years has the budget been delayed past mid-August. The recent record was in 2003, when the Legislature passed the budget on Aug. 31.

The Senate came within one vote of ending the impasse Wednesday night after Republican Sen. Abel Maldonado of Santa Maria defied his party and voted with Democrats to support it.

At least two of the Senate's 15 Republican members must support the budget to reach the required two-thirds majority. On Thursday, no other Republican appeared eager to join Maldonado.

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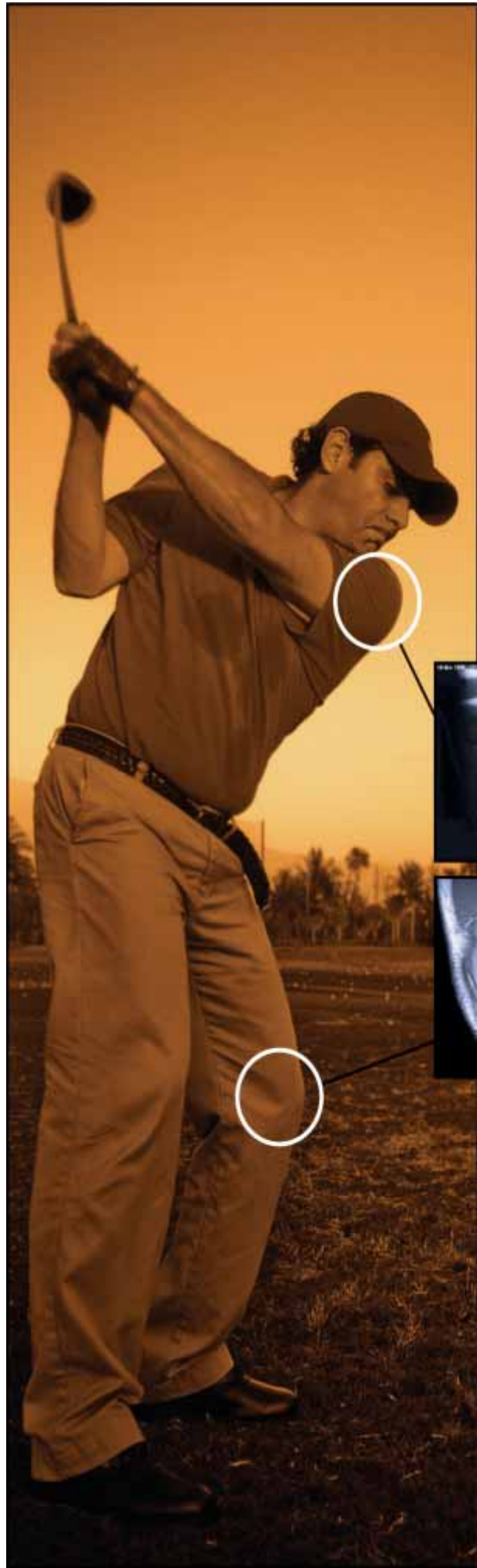
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LONG BEACH

Mayor says city struggles financially

The city is struggling financially despite cutbacks in most public departments and increasing revenue, the mayor said at a budget unveiling.

"This city now lives paycheck-to-paycheck," Mayor Bob Foster said in a briefing Thursday announcing the proposed \$2.3 billion total budget for the 2008 fiscal year.

While the city is forecast to end the next fiscal year with a slim surplus, growing police and fire costs and other expenses could have Long Beach facing deficits in the near future, Foster said.

The city's next fiscal year begins Oct. 1.

Since fiscal year 2004, Long Beach has erased a \$60 million structural deficit by freezing vacant positions, consolidating work, increasing user fees and putting off capital improvement projects.

Deferred maintenance, however, has left city streets and public facilities in disrepair.

The city estimates it will need \$90 million to fix crumbling roads and \$585 million for building repairs and replacement within 10 to 20 years.

"We can't continue hobbling along for another decade," Foster said. "We have to change the way we look at things, and that goes for the mayor, the City Council and city staff."

Foster urged more "public-private" partnerships and developments to help offset costs to the city, and did not propose any specific citywide bond measures or tax increases.

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SANTA ANA

Teen goes on trial in alleged assaults

A teenager has gone on trial as an adult on charges of sodomizing boys in Anaheim as they walked to and from school.

Ignacio Avina, 17, pleaded not guilty in 2004, said Orange County district attorney's spokeswoman Farrah Emami.

Avina, whose trial began Thursday, is charged with 11 felony counts, including two counts of sodomy by force and two counts of kidnapping to commit robbery.

The alleged victims ranged in age from 12 to 14.

If convicted on all charges, Avina faces a maximum sentence of life in prison.

Avina's attorney Dolores Yost declined to comment Friday.

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NIPOMO

Benches in park and preserve destroyed

Officials in this verdant community want to know who destroyed the only benches in a local park and preserve.

Vandals attacked the hay bale benches in the 2.5-acre Nipomo Creekside Preserve, which is owned by the Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County, around July 20, officials said.

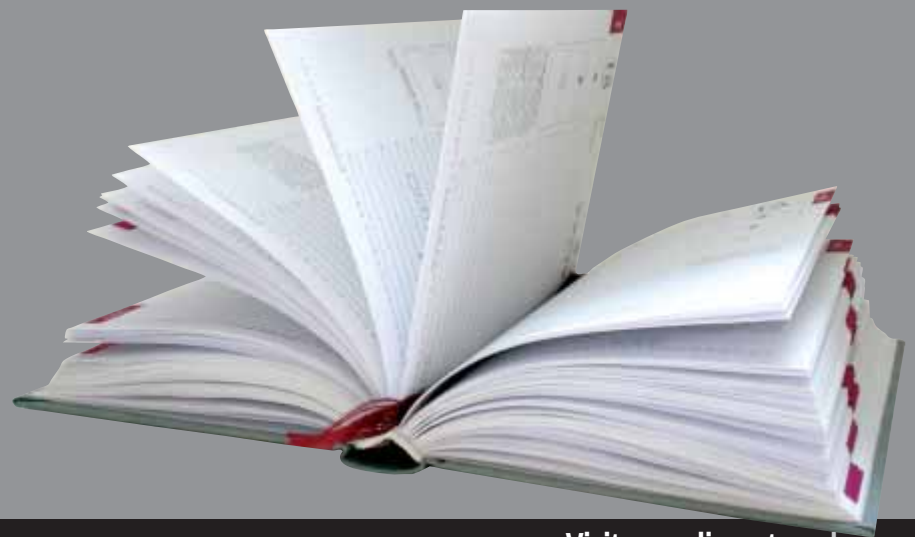
"It looks like they took a sledgehammer to the benches," said Michael LeBrun of the Land Conservancy.

"It looks like a pile of trash now. The benches are totally toppled."

Now visitors to the park can only sit on the ground, he said.

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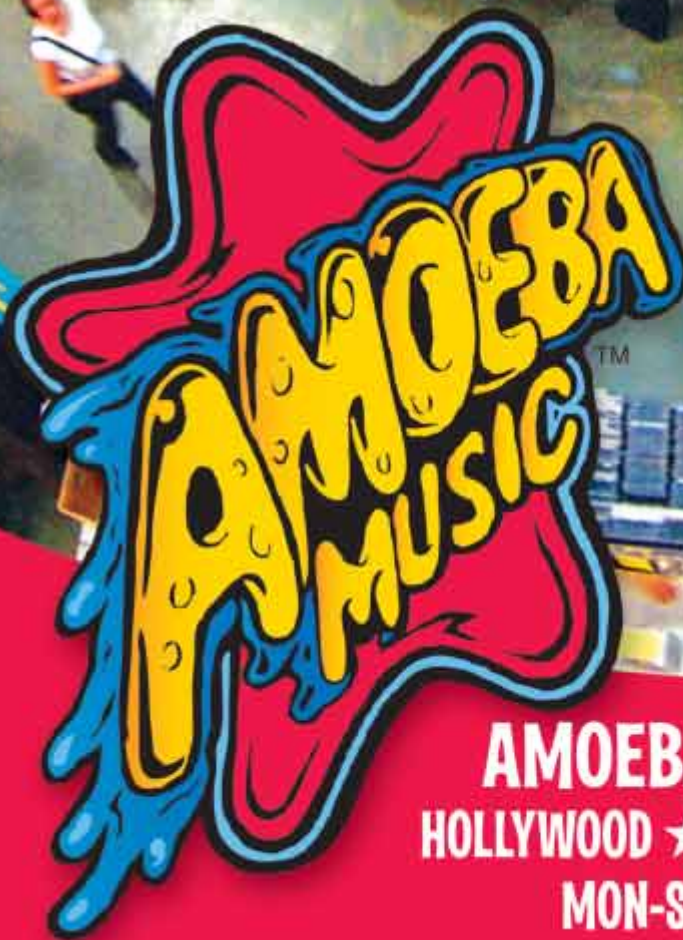
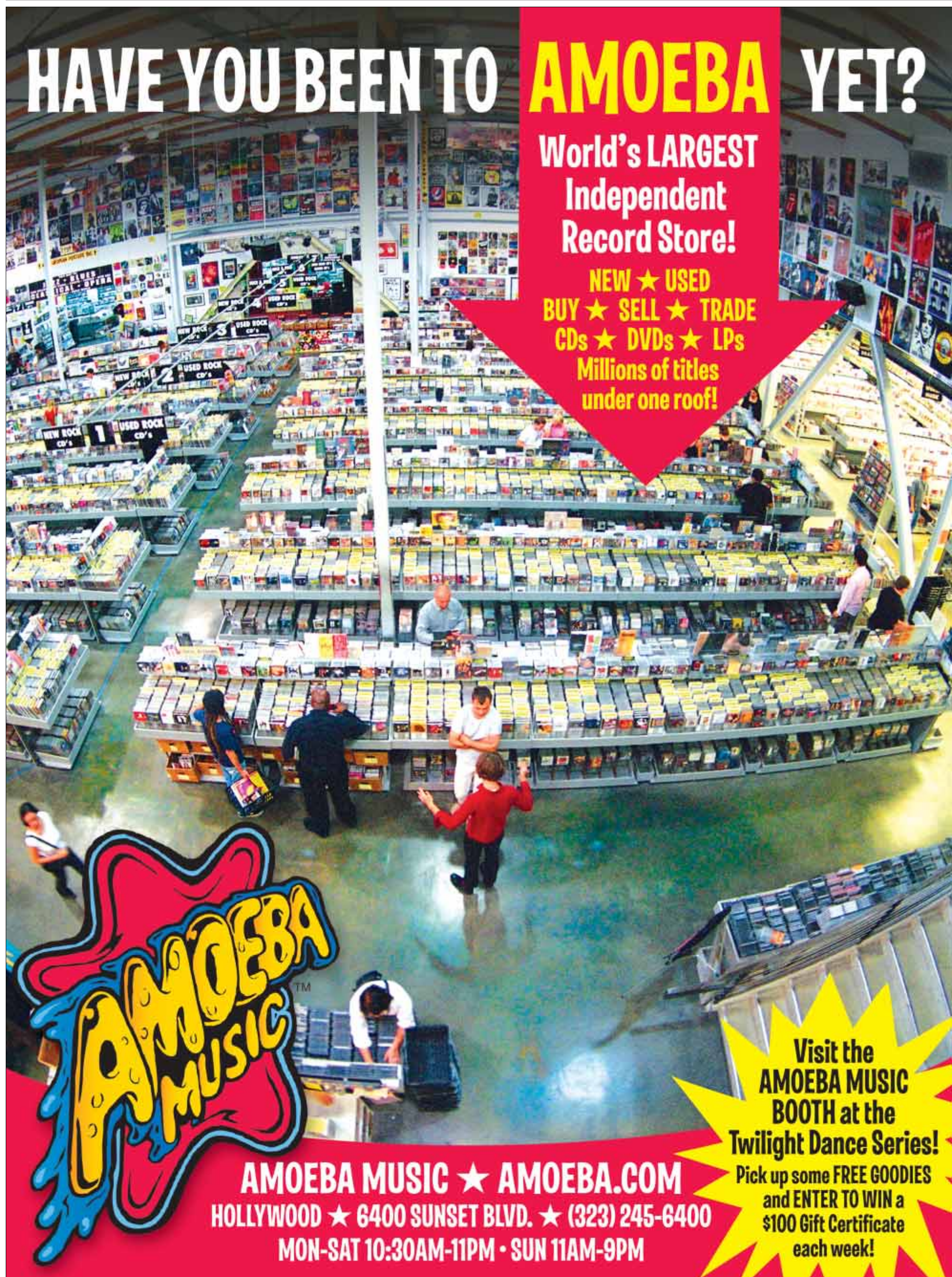


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Queen Ida & her Bon Ton Zydeco Band, above, perform Thursday at the Santa Monica Pier as part of the Twilight Dance Series. The Daily Press is a co-sponsor of the summer-long event.

Chris Gaffney, right, of The Hacienda Brothers jams on his accordion.

Daved Berzansky, of The Hacienda Brothers, works the pedal steel guitar.

Myrick Guillory, below, (left, on accordion) joins his mother, Queen Ida, on stage.



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ENVIRONMENTALISM GETS SEXY: Diesel clothing is currently featuring an advertising campaign dubbed 'Global Warming Ready' that gives going eco-friendly a new twist.

Being eco-chic is so hot!

Movies, natural disasters helped make environmentalism popular again

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Not only is it easy being green, but it's pretty damn "hot."

From celebrities firing up their look-at-me hybrids to the fashion-forward types donning pricey organic cotton jeans and toting eco-friendly purses, being environmentally conscious is where it's at, not only for the A-listers, but also the average Joe.

In Santa Monica, environmentalists and those who aspire to be gods of green have found themselves a comfort zone, where the city government churns out sustainability initiatives and residents screw in solar panels atop their roofs.

But along with all that support for the green movement, there inevitably arrives a faction critical of all that "green consumerism," taking swipes at those who are out to save the world and look darn sexy doing it.

There could be a backlash by the hard-core environmentalists who criticize the people who drive the hybrids, warns Dr. Keith Lockitch, a resident fellow of the Ayn Rand Institute.

There is a misunderstanding of what the term "environmentalism" actually means, the roots of the movement based on the goal to protect nature for nature's sake, not for mankind, Lockitch said, who opposes the inherent concept of environmentalism.

"We now see Priuses on the highway and we see people criticizing this because they're not getting rid of the cars and gas consumption," Lockitch said on Thursday. "I agree that the so-called moderates are not as consistent ... it is eco-narcissism."



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EATING ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY: Camilla Griggers eats a swiss mushroom burger at Euphoria on Main Street. She eats "90 PERCENT organic to avoid pesticides, say no to agribusiness, support organic farmers, and for my health," Griggers said.

Eco-narcissism is a derision against the celebrities, the people who try to make environmentalism glamorous.

Meanwhile, some local organizations admit there is a trendy element to mainstream environmentalism, but as long as the decision to be eco-friendly means positive results for the earth, so be it.

It is in human behavior for people to follow what's trendy, to want others to know they're doing a good deed, said Ruben Aronin, of Global Green U.S.A., a sustain-

ability advocacy group located on Main Street.

Global Green uses that behavior to try and shift human values in the process, said Aronin, adding that the organization does not come from a "lecturing standpoint."

"One of the tactics in shifting values is to show people a better way to live, and if getting (them) to change to a compact fluorescent light bulb because their neighbors are doing it because it's the cool hip trend ... then we're happy," Aronin said.

Once people see the gas savings from driving a hybrid vehicle, the utility savings from using a CFL bulb or solar panels, they'll become more enthusiastic about environmentalism, perhaps delving deeper into the issues, Aronin said.

"Rather than be critical of it, I want to take advantage of how people are and operate," she said. "As a result of someone driving a Prius and being more green in the home, the next time they make a purchasing decision, they will be more likely to continue to embrace ... green decisions," she said.

There are those who purchase hybrid and electric vehicles because it's chic, and then there are those who do it because they want to decrease their dependence on oil in the Middle East, said Christine Dzilvelis, who organizes the Alt Car Expo in Santa Monica.

The public has especially become more attuned to technological developments in hybrid and electric vehicles in the past two years with gas prices escalation combined with the events in the Middle East, she said.

"I think some people will buy things feeling they're doing the right thing and not do too much research, that's a small part of it," she said on Friday. "People genuinely want to do these things to have positive impacts."

Dealerships selling hybrid vehicles have struggled to keep up with demand, the wildly popular cars leaving the lots at lightening speed.

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The cars generally get about five to 10 miles per gallon more than their counterparts without sacrificing performance, said Sean Sullivan, the general manager of Lexus Santa Monica.

The dealership currently has a waiting list for the hybrids.

"I think, for the most part, people want to be environmentally conscious," Sullivan said on Friday.

Having arrived from across the pond — Salisbury, England — Ian and Julie McEntee were surprised by the number of recycling bins they spotted in San Francisco and Las Vegas. They haven't seen as many in Santa Monica, according to Ian McEntee.

The McEntee family are wrapping up a two-week trip to San Francisco, Las Vegas and Los Angeles today.

As a family, they tend to recycle about 20 percent of the products they consume.

Recycling is big in England, mainly because it's an island and the residents are trying to conserve resources, Ian McEntee said.

Hybrid vehicles aren't as popular in "jolly old" England, where the government is considering placing a higher tax on gas-guzzling vehicles to promote their use, said McEntee, who along with his wife is a scientist.

"I've seen quite a few Priuses, but 10 times as many Hummers," McEntee said on Friday, regarding Los Angeles. "There are people that say they're very green, but drive a big car."

WILL THE REAL ENVIRONMENTALIST PLEASE STAND UP?

The old school environmentalists call for human beings to sacrifice for nature, to leave nature alone, while the so-called "light green" advocates say there is a middle ground and nature can be preserved without too much of a hindrance on everyday human life, Lockitch said.

Lockitch's position is that human beings survive by reshaping nature, that it's inherent in human nature to build homes for shelter, to grow and raise food.

"The fundamental principle of environmentalism is that nature is intrinsically valuable and should be left alone," he said. "I see it as a polarized issue."

His arguments were laid out in an op-ed piece released by the Ayn Rand Institute earlier this week. The non-profit organization aims to promote the principles laid forth by its namesake — principles of reason and rational self-interest.

Daniel Hinerfeld, associate director of communications for the Natural Resources Defense Council in Santa Monica, disagrees with the assumption that environmentalists are in it for nature's sake.

"The environment is the infrastructure of

I THINK FOR THE MOST PART PEOPLE WANT TO BE ENVIRONMENTALLY CONSCIOUS."

Sean Sullivan
General Manager, Lexus Santa Monica

our lives, it's the basis of our economy, it's vital for emotional and spiritual existence," Hinerfeld said.

The popularity of environmentalism has peaked and plummeted over the years. Just three years ago, a popular essay proclaimed that Americans just didn't care anymore about ecological issues, Hinerfeld said.

Because of the popular documentary "An Inconvenient Truth" and concerns of global warming following Hurricane Katrina, people have become more environmentally conscious as of late years, Hinerfeld said.

While many enjoy making a statement about being green, Hinerfeld said he sees no problem with it as long as the choices they make are really meant to reduce their carbon footprint.

"We're only human," Hinerfeld said on Friday. "We like to be acknowledged for our good actions, our good deeds and there is nothing wrong with that."

NOTHING ECO-CHIC ABOUT SANTA MONICA'S ENTHUSIASM

City Hall has been leading the way with sustainability even before the current resurgence in the popularity of environmentalism, said City Councilman Bob Holbrook.

Santa Monica boasts more environmentally certified buildings per capita than anywhere in the world, Holbrook said. It's a city where more than 80 percent of its vehicular fleet runs on alternative fuels.

"Whether or not people's interest in being green is something else, the city is going to remain green," he said. "As far as the city is concerned, we're in it forever."

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Library waves wand: Transforms itself into Hogwarts instantly

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN School is starting early this year for Harry Potter fanatics.

The boy wizard madness invades the Santa Monica Public Library again this weekend, but not in the form of a bulky 784-page book.

Exactly two weeks after the seventh and final installment of the tremendously successful series was released nationwide, parts of the downtown main library will be transformed into a replica of the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry today, reflecting the educational institution depicted in the children's book.

On Sunday, the library's youth services division will host a family discussion on "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows," which has been well received by both critics and readers since its July 21 release.

The two activities wrap up a summer-long series of Potter presidings at the library to celebrate the conclusion of the popular movie and book franchise. The wild-for-Harry events included discussion groups where fans of all ages gave their predictions on what would transpire in the final book; a nightly movie marathon where the first four films were screened each night of the second

week in July; and a contest in which students grades six through 12 gave their predictions on which character would meet their maker in the final book.

"We wanted to do something big for the kids since we have a new library and wanted to take advantage of our facilities," said Erica Tang, the youth adult librarian.

The Potter activities have proven to be a success for the public library, which has had trouble keeping the last book in stock since it came out. Before the book's release, the library had close to 150 holds for 69 available copies. There are still 90 reservations remaining, said Shana Johnson, the youth services librarian.



THE HARRY POTTER SERIES SORT OF LENDS ITSELF TO EXTENSIVE PROGRAMMING LIKE THIS."

Shana Johnson, Youth Services Librarian, Santa Monica Public Library

"The Harry Potter series sort of lends itself to extensive programming like this," Johnson said.

Johnson began reading the series when "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" — the fourth book — came out. Since then, the librarian has grown to become a Harry Potter fan, attending one of the midnight parties the night before the seventh book was sold in stores.

"I don't know if there will be something else to come out to top the Harry Potter series," Johnson said. "It revolutionized the children publishing series."

Several community rooms in the library will be transformed to mimic the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry in "A Day at Hogwarts" event today, which is now closed to the public because of limited seating. The students will be sorted into different "houses" — as featured in the book — and will attend three classes that are featured in the book. The classes include a Karate instruction class called "The Defense Against the Dark Arts;" an "Herbology" class where a volunteer will take kids on a tour to learn about different plants at the library; and "Divination," where the children will learn about palmistry.

"Obviously, we can't do spells," Tang said.

The book discussion on Sunday has drawn some interest from Potter fans, though some have called into say they can't attend because they haven't finished reading the book, Tang said.

The discussion groups will be moderated by Tang and Johnson.

"I'm still impressed by (J.K.) Rowling's ability to create this magical world," Tang said. "I had a lot of theories like everyone else that didn't come true."

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The Real Harry Potter weathers Pottermania

By The Associated Press

BRADENTON, Fla. Sometimes, it's a hassle being Harry Potter.

Especially when you're a 78-year-old man who happens to share the name of a certain fictional boy wizard who is famous the world over.

Each time a new Harry Potter book or movie comes out, Bradenton resident Harry Potter starts getting phone calls from children, interview requests from the TV networks and autograph requests.

"The kids want to know if I'm Harry Potter," he said with a chuckle. "I tell them I've been Harry Potter for darn near 80 years!"

The real Harry Potter said he hasn't had time to read any of the J.K. Rowling books or see the five hit movies. But late night crank calls aside, the retired Defense Department employee from Zaleski, Ohio, gets his mileage out of Pottermania.

"When Harry talks to the kids, they'll ask about the owl and he'll say, 'Oh, he came by and brought the mail,'" said his wife, Jan. "Then, when they're done, the mothers come on and say thank you for talking to the kids. He gets a big kick out of it."

But meeting a real Harry Potter can be a little puzzling for the kids.

"They look at you, give you the once-over," he said, laughing. "They can't relate the one in the book to the one they see here."

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The American Cancer Society thanks the residents of Santa Monica for participating in this year's Relay For Life. The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is a community gathering where everyone can join the fight against cancer. On July 28-29th at John Adams Middle School, several hundred Santa Monica residents walked to raise over \$80,000 for research, education, advocacy and patient services. Thank you to our sponsors for their support in making this event a huge success!



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Admitted pedophile must avoid children

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of young children.

At least one mother, Sandra Vasquez, believes he may have photographed her daughter at a Los Angeles street fair.

"I thought I saw a man take a picture of her as he passed," she said in an e-mail to the AP. "I have no idea if it was him, but we had been at the location that he described on his site just prior to leaving the fair."

McClellan's server took his Web site down a month ago, and he said Friday he isn't sure whether he'll try to put it back up.

"I'm listening to the criticism. I'm trying to see the other point of view. I'm trying to put myself in the parents' shoes," he said. "That was one of the reasons I really reformed the camera stuff."

McClellan, who says he lives on supplemental security income and suffers from depression, maintains he launched the site as a form of therapy.

"I'm determined not to do anything illegal," he said, and police and public records confirm his assertion that he has never been arrested.

Still, police and pedophilia experts are skeptical of his intentions.

"If you talk to individuals dealing with pedophiles or chasing pedophiles or watching them, they usually act out on their fantasies eventually. So he is dangerous, even if he hasn't acted," said Dr. Astrid Heger, a professor of clinical pediatrics at the University of Southern California's Keck School of Medicine.

Since his arrival in Southern California, people have reported seeing McClellan, 45, in several communities where large numbers of children were present. He doesn't deny being there, acknowledging Friday that he visited the Orange County Fair in particular several times.

In Santa Monica, a mother saw McClellan in a restaurant and called police, who arrived in time to talk with him and ask if they could take his picture.

He agreed, saying he thought it would allow them to quickly clear him of any sex crimes in their city. But he was unhappy when they posted it on the Internet along with his driver's license photo and a warning to parents to call them if they see him.

"It's almost kind of like a sex offender flyer on me," he said.

It also gave a clear view of the self-described pedophile's face, which he has shielded in several TV appearances with dark glasses and sometimes a floppy hat.

Such appearances, in which McClellan appears articulate but disheveled, have confounded both parents and experts on pedophilia.

"It is very unusual. We've found that pedophiles and sexual predators normally operate in the dark and don't make that type of thing public," said Capt. Joe Gutierrez, who heads the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's special victims unit.

Asked if the whole thing could be a hoax, Gutierrez replied, "It's always a possibility."

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Collapse raises questions



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retrofitted following the Northridge Earthquake in 1994, and those that were not are slated for an upgrade.

"We have always been very conscious about bridges in Southern California because of seismic activity," Failing said. "At the state level and the local level, we are doing a good job at monitoring our bridges and other structures so I don't expect we'll see an increase in the requests for funding because everyone already knows which bridges should be put at the top of the list."

Ben Franz-Knight, director of the Pier Restoration Corporation, said replacing the Pier Bridge remains a "top priority" and that alternatives should go before the City Council for consideration this fall.

Mark Cuneo, principal engineer for City Hall, said he meets with Caltrans every two weeks on the Incline project and is confident that funding will be made available soon. In the meantime, engineers are moving forward with the necessary steps to get the project rolling, such as preparing a draft environmental impact report, which is currently available for residents to review and make suggestions.

Following the collapse of the Minnesota bridge, elected officials have called for comprehensive reviews of all structures in the state.

"It should not take a tragedy like the one in Minnesota to remind us that the safety of

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our bridges, highways and other infrastructure are matters of life and death," said Sen. Barbara Boxer, who called on Congress to create a national infrastructure commission.

County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich said Thursday that he will ask the Board of Supervisors next week to have county engineers boost their efforts to review the county structures' soundness.

Los Angeles Councilman Bill Rosendahl, who represents Venice and parts of West Los Angeles, joined with Councilwoman Wendy Greuel in introducing a motion calling for the Department of Public Works and the Department of Transportation to provide a status report on the city's bridges and the programs that exist to repair, retrofit and maintain them.

Officials from Santa Monica could not be reached for comment Friday because City Hall was closed, part of the city's "Trip Reduction Program."

California has about 12,500 state-owned and 12,200 city- or county-owned bridges, according to federal data. Of those, about 1,700 state-owned bridges have some structural deficiencies.

Structural deficiencies indicate an element of the bridge or overpass needs repair, although it's not necessarily unsafe for traffic. Failing said the majority of California problems are minor issues, such as paint or potholes.

There are about 2,300 bridges in Los Angeles County, according to Failing. Federal data show that about 280 of those bridges are considered "structurally deficient."

In November, voters approved a \$19.9 billion bond measure that will help fund transportation infrastructure projects throughout the state. Of that amount, \$125 million has been allocated for bridge seismic retrofits and \$750 million for road and

IT SHOULD NOT TAKE A TRAGEDY LIKE THE ONE IN MINNESOTA TO REMIND US THAT THE SAFETY OF OUR BRIDGES, HIGHWAYS AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE ARE MATTERS OF LIFE AND DEATH."

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Called on Congress to create a national infrastructure commission

bridge repair.

Such assurances did nothing to calm the fears of some drivers who use the Incline and Pier Bridge on a regular basis.

"You know how slow government works," said David Crisp, who lives in Malibu and takes the Incline each day to get to work in Downtown Santa Monica. "They may say it's OK now, but by the time they make repairs, the condition could change dramatically. Then where are we?"

"We need to think hard about what's important, and our roads and bridges should be up there at the top of the list, especially in Los Angeles, where we are so car dependent."

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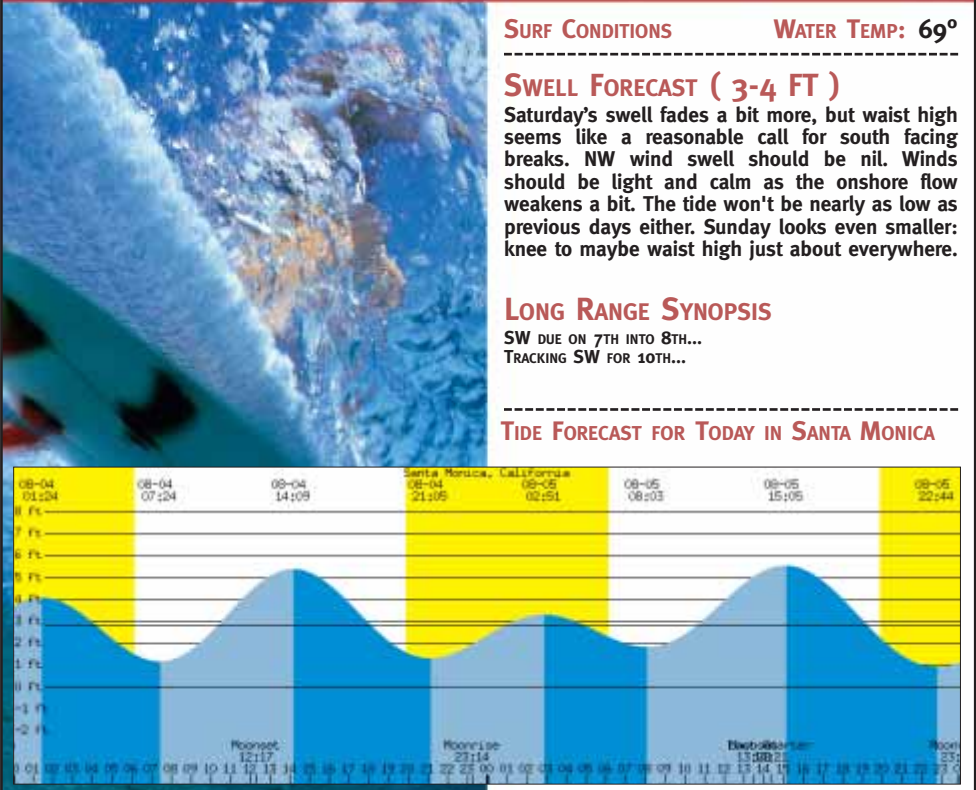
SURF CONDITIONS

WATER TEMP: 69°

SWELL FORECAST (3-4 FT)
Saturday's swell fades a bit more, but waist high seems like a reasonable call for south facing breaks. NW wind swell should be nil. Winds should be light and calm as the onshore flow weakens a bit. The tide won't be nearly as low as previous days either. Sunday looks even smaller: knee to maybe waist high just about everywhere.

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QUICK STATS
(for the last 28 days)

Number of sewage spills -- 3

Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0

Number of wet days -- 0

Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 42 / ns

Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5 / ns

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Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for 3 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

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 Lachusa and Los Aliso 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
Paradise 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
Puercio State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puercio Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	A	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
Las Flores State Beach at Las 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	F	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

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone

WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days

ns -- no sample taken



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MLS

Beckham will likely miss league debut

By the Associated Press

CARSON David Beckham's left ankle likely will cause him to miss his scheduled Major League Soccer debut when the Los Angeles Galaxy plays at Toronto FC on Sunday night.

Beckham has been limited to 16 minutes of play in an exhibition game since joining the Galaxy, a layoff that could rule out the 32-year-old midfielder from England's exhibition against Germany at Wembley on Aug. 22.

Beckham will travel with the Galaxy to Toronto, but likely won't play.

"The chances are probably slim," Galaxy coach Frank Yallop said Thursday. "It'd be tough to put him into the lineup with what he's been doing. He may have some part in the game, but we'll see."

Los Angeles will be on the road for 10 consecutive days, playing at D.C. United on Aug. 9 and at New England three days later.

NBA

Crossroads' Croshere signs with Golden State Warriors

By the Associated Press

OAKLAND The Golden State Warriors signed center Kosta Perovic and forward Austin Croshere to contracts Friday.

Perovic, the 38th pick in the 2006 draft, played last season in his native Serbia and Montenegro. The 7-foot-2 center helped lead Partizan Belgrade to a championship, averaging 12.0 points and 5.3 rebounds per game in the Adriatic league.

"We are excited that Kosta will be joining our team this season," said Chris Mullin, the team's executive vice president of basketball operations. "He is a very skilled player, and we think that he has tremendous potential."

Croshere, 32, has averaged 7.1 points and 4.2 rebounds per game in a 10-year career with Indiana and Dallas. Croshere played 61 regular-season games for Dallas last season, averaging 3.7 points and 3.0 rebounds per game.

Croshere also was a high school teammate of Golden State point guard Baron Davis at Crossroads High School in Santa Monica.

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Tell all Lindsay Lohan talked about rehab less than two days before her DUI arrest earlier this year

LINDSAY LOHAN talked about her first stay in rehab in an interview that Elle magazine says took place 36 hours before her drunken driving arrest over Memorial Day weekend. "I was growing up and

going out a lot, and I needed to have a balance," Lohan tells the magazine of her stay at the Wonderland Center in Los Angeles in January. "I was glad I went, because I needed to get

away from everyone and I didn't know how to do that. And I learned a lot there. A bunch of my friends – I was with them last night – they're in AA for, like, years," the actress is quoted as saying.

On May 26, Lohan was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence after crashing her car into a curb on Sunset Boulevard. She entered the Promises Malibu Alcohol and Drug Rehab Treatment

Facility and was released on July 13, after a stay of more than six weeks. On July 24, the 21-year-old actress was arrested in Santa Monica for investigation of drunken driving.

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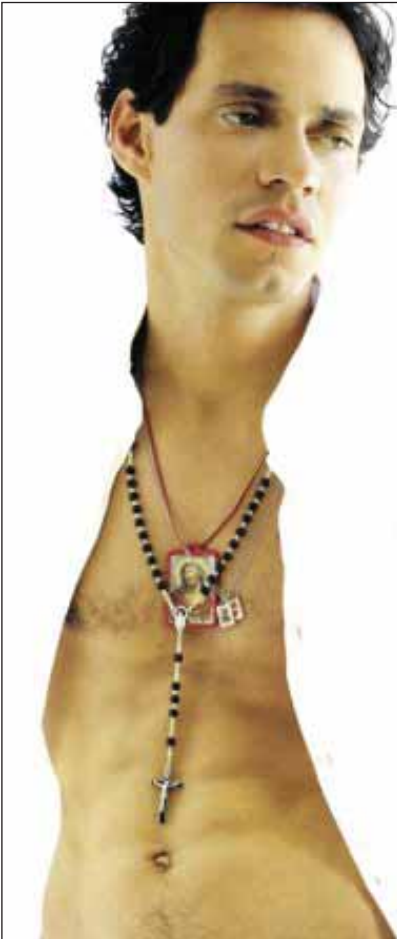
LIONEL RICHIE says his 25-year-old daughter, Nicole, has "made some mistakes in her life," but that he raised her to take responsibility for her behavior.

"She has not blamed others for her problems and is growing up very quickly, albeit in the heat of the media spotlight," the 58-year-old R&B singer told Usmagazine.com.

"My father taught me to stand straight and take whatever punishment or hardships were the result of my own actions, and I am proud that I was able to hand that philosophy down to my daughter," he said.

Nicole Richie was sentenced last week to four days in jail.

AP



Anthony says he worried about starring with Lopez

Marc Anthony says he was prepared for the worst when working with his wife, Jennifer Lopez, on their new film, "El Cantante," a biopic of salsa legend Hector Lavoe.

"Oh, I got calls," the 37-year-old actor-singer tells Fashion Rocks magazine. "Just friends, you know, giving me the heads-up about working with your partner."

"I thought, jeez, that's like the fourth call I got this month! What are they preparing me for?" he says. "I thought it was going to be World War III, when, in fact, it was Club Med."

Anthony plays Lavoe, a talented but troubled Puerto Rican singer. Lopez portrays Lavoe's long-suffering wife, Puchi. The 39-year-old actress-singer also produced the movie.

"We have a high standard for each other; I know what he's capable of, and he knows what I'm capable of, even more than we know ourselves," Lopez

says of her relationship with Anthony. "So when you see the light and the shine and all that someone is capable of, you want that person to achieve that. And I think he has the same thing for me."

Lopez, who married Anthony in 2004, starred in "Gigli" and "Jersey Girl" with former fiance Ben Affleck.

"We all knew the guns were pointing," says "El Cantante" director Leon Ichaso. "You know, her and another partner. ... Here we go again."

"El Cantante," a Picturehouse release, opened in theaters Friday.

Lopez is slated to perform at the Fashion Rocks concert Sept. 6 at New York's Radio City Music Hall. The concert, part of New York Fashion Week events, will air the following night in a two-hour special on CBS.

Fashion Rocks magazine will accompany the September issue of 16 Conde Nast titles.

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Actor Billy Bob Thornton (1955)

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Out on the town, Leo

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ New ideas or suggestions need investigating. Ask, learn and evaluate. How you see a situation could be far different from in the past. Listen and think in more formal terms. Can you handle a challenge? Tonight: All smiles.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Think positively, and you'll get positive results. How you deal with someone could be a lot different from in the past. Honor a change. You move in a new direction. Tonight: Think positively.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ You might want to understand what is happening within your immediate circle. Listen carefully to a request, knowing that it is not a demand. Realize what needs to happen in order to make the difference you need. Listen more. Tonight: Happy times are here.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You become far more astute when dealing with your finances. This new attitude is a very positive change and one that will make a difference. Your ability to navigate through problems defines you. Tonight: Find your pals. Where the crowds are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ You might have to do a double-take. Situations change rapidly, and grasping where others come from is interesting, if nothing else. You seem to be right on target with your perception this afternoon. Trust yourself. Tonight: Out on the town.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Sometimes you might not be as sure of yourself as you would like to be. Listen to feedback and evaluate what works for you. On some level, you know much more than you are willing to let on. Evaluate and think. Tonight: Try something totally different.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Sometimes you know to just let go of the reins and let life flourish. How you deal with someone could change radically if you listen to his or her side of a situation. Bond through words rather than separate. Tonight: In the whirlwind of life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Listen and realize your limits. Sometimes everyone can have enough of trying to convince the other that his or her idea is better! You might want to attempt another approach. Listen to feedback. Tonight: Let go of hassles and love the moment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ You might flip from one perspective to another, wondering what is right and what is wrong. Get feedback and look to creatively putting all possibilities together. Tonight: Put your feet up.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Hang in there and honor what you know to be right and workable. Know when you need to pull back as well. Basics and foundations need to be your highest priority, no matter what. Tonight: Rev up the moment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ You are full of fun and excitement no matter which way you turn. Eliminate problems by being more inventive and dynamic. Discussions shed light on what you thought was impossible. Open the door. Tonight: Happy at home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Everybody wants what they want, and now! How they handle disappointment might be a totally different issue. Listen and think before you launch into action. Tonight: Hanging out is fun to do!

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Knocked Up
12:45, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
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Transformers (PG-13)
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8:30
La Vie en Rose (La Mome) (PG-13)
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12:15, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:00

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12:10, 3:10, 6:30, 9:50
Hot Rod (PG-13)
12:00, 2:40, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
I Know Who Killed Me (R)
11:00am, 2:00, 4:40, 7:10
I Now Pronounce You
Chuck & Larry (PG-13)
11:20am, 2:10, 5:10, 7:50, 10:30
Live Free or Die Hard (PG-13)
1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 10:10
Who's Your Caddy? (PG-13)
11:40am, 9:40

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Difficulty
GOLD

4	9			1		8		
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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

4	9	8	1	2	7	3	6	5
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1	2	9	6	5	8	7	4	3
8	5	3	2	7	4	9	1	6
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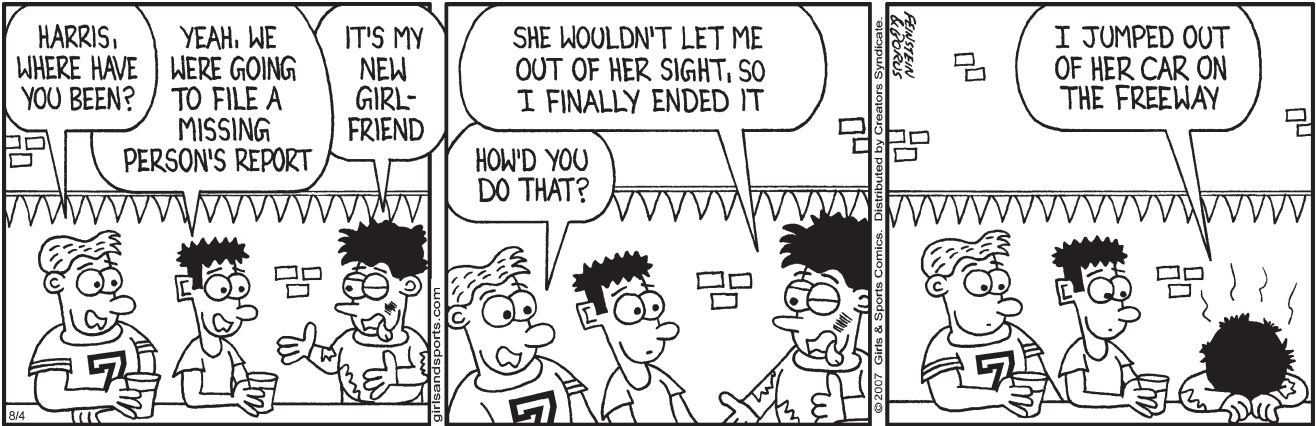
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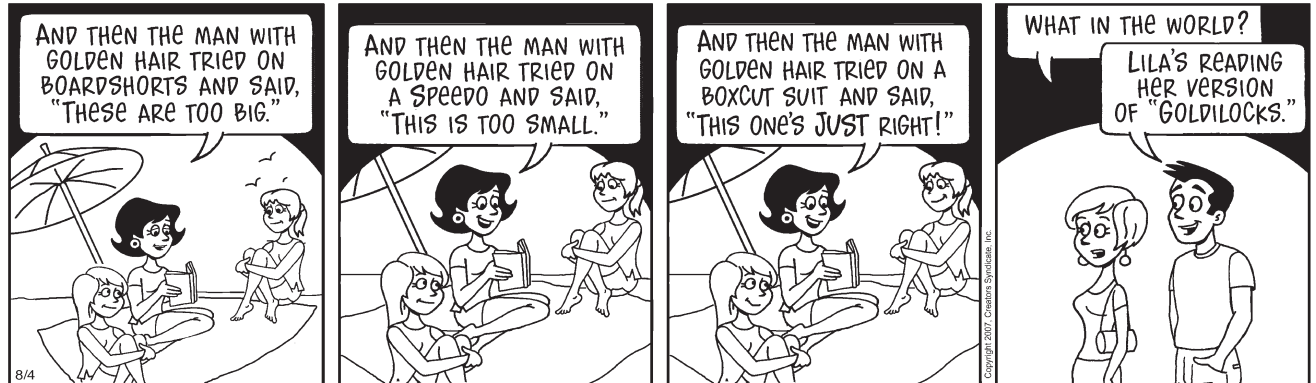
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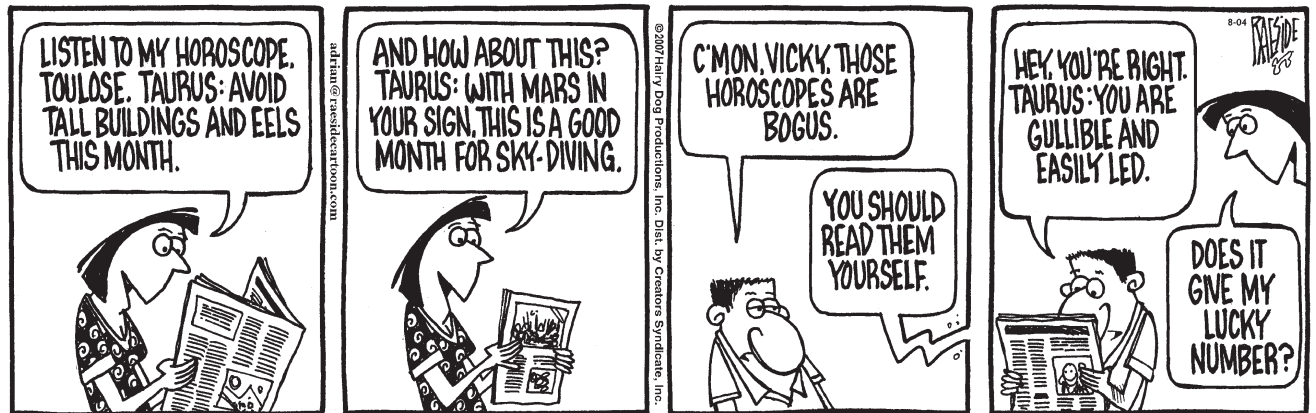
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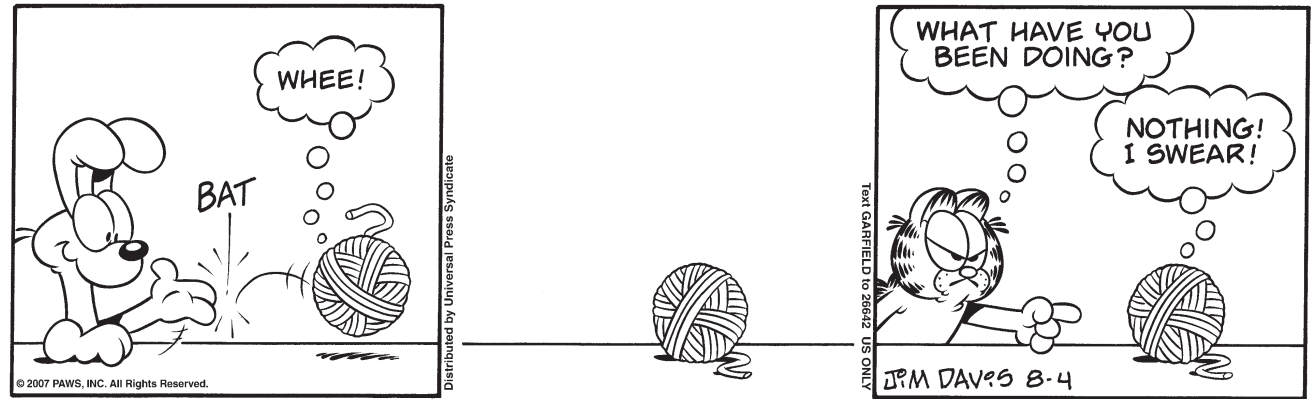
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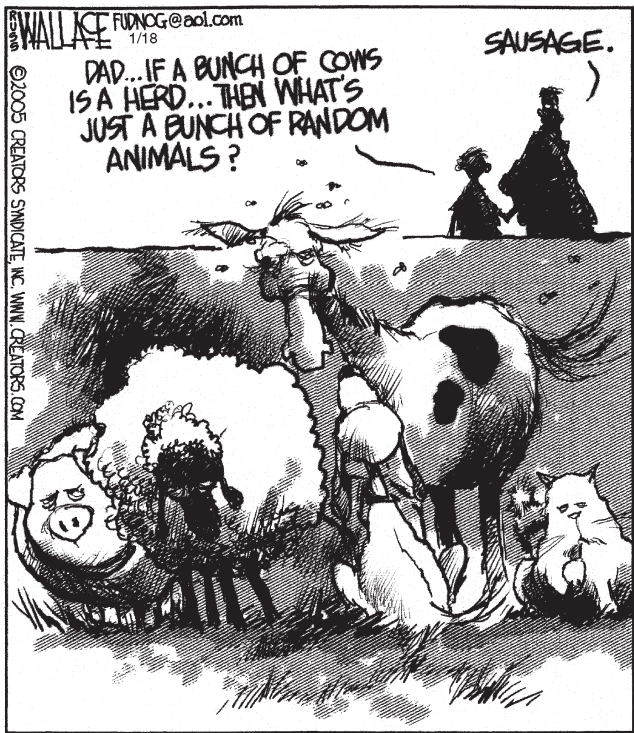


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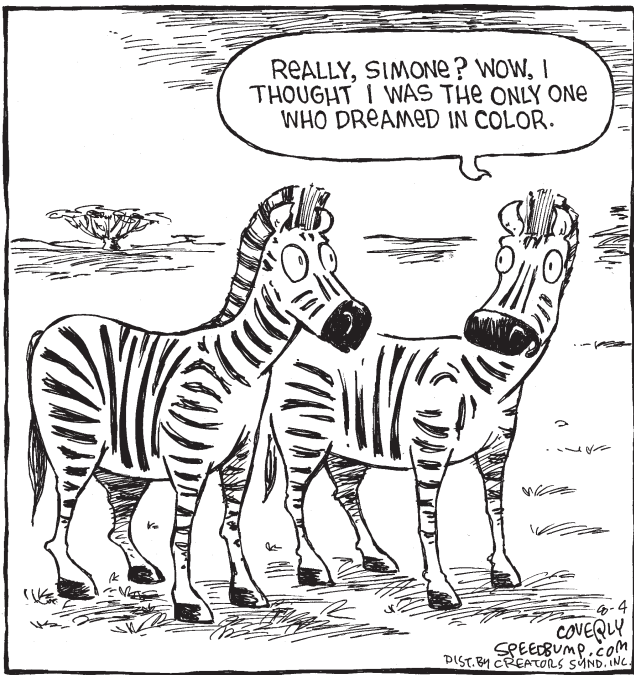
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ One of the standard "panic" rumors that throw some African villages into turmoil is the report that a couple (usually unmarried and therefore deserving of bad fortune) has become stuck together during sex and cannot be unstuck without medical attention. A reporter for Kenya's East African Standard happened to be in the middle of a frenzied mob in front of the Naselica Hotel in downtown Kisumu on May 26, brought together by rumors that an ambulance had been called for a stuck couple. The reporter was convinced that most in the crowd were true believers, but the hotel manager said one of his competitors probably had planted the rumor, hoping to tie up traffic for the day and to create the impression that the Naselica is unlucky.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1693 Date traditionally ascribed to Dom Perignon's invention of Champagne.

1735 New York Weekly Journal writer John Peter Zenger is acquitted of seditious libel against the royal governor of New York, on the basis that what he published was true.

1789 In France members of the National Constituent Assembly take an oath to end feudalism and abandon their privileges.

1873 Indian Wars: While protecting a railroad survey party in Montana, the United States 7th Cavalry, under Lieutenant Colonel George Armstrong Custer, clash for the first time with the Sioux (near the Tongue River; only one man on each side is killed).

1964 Vietnam War: United States destroyers USS Maddox and USS C. Turner Joy report coming attack in the Gulf of Tonkin. The destroyers open fire at what they believed were Vietnam People's Army torpedo boats, although subsequent work has raised doubts the targets were real. This engagement became known as the Gulf of Tonkin Incident.

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passed away on Tuesday, July 24, 2007 at The Messenger House on Bainbridge Island, Washington. He was 84 years of age and a resident of Sequim, Washington. Lawrence was born on November 23, 1922.

He was a man of many interests, many talents: small business owner (investment casting manufacturing company), scout leader for both his kids, photographer, observer of wild-life, student of the West (back roads, ghost towns, and miles of trails), world traveler (African trips were probably his favorite), private pilot, a 20th century mountain man (tomahawk maker and thrower) who loved his Macintosh laptop. He was also a hovercraft designer, home designer, model train builder, and woodworker. Always interested in doing something new, he often left the old undone. A collector of things, he was loath to part with any.

He is survived by his daughter, Jean Tyson of Port Angeles, Washington, his grandson, Jeffrey Schwedes of Reno, Nevada and his sister Doris Swartz of Ramona, California. He was preceded in death by his son Gary Robert Schwedes and former wife, Billie Ann Schwedes.

Born in the East on Long Island, New York, he moved to California as a teenager. During WWII he worked at North American Aviation in Dallas, Texas (and met Billie Ann), then returned to California and joined the Navy. The West was his home. His working years were spent in Santa Monica, California; his retirement years in Bigfork, Montana. He moved to Sequim, Washington in 2004. Please sign the online Guest Book at: www.cookfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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