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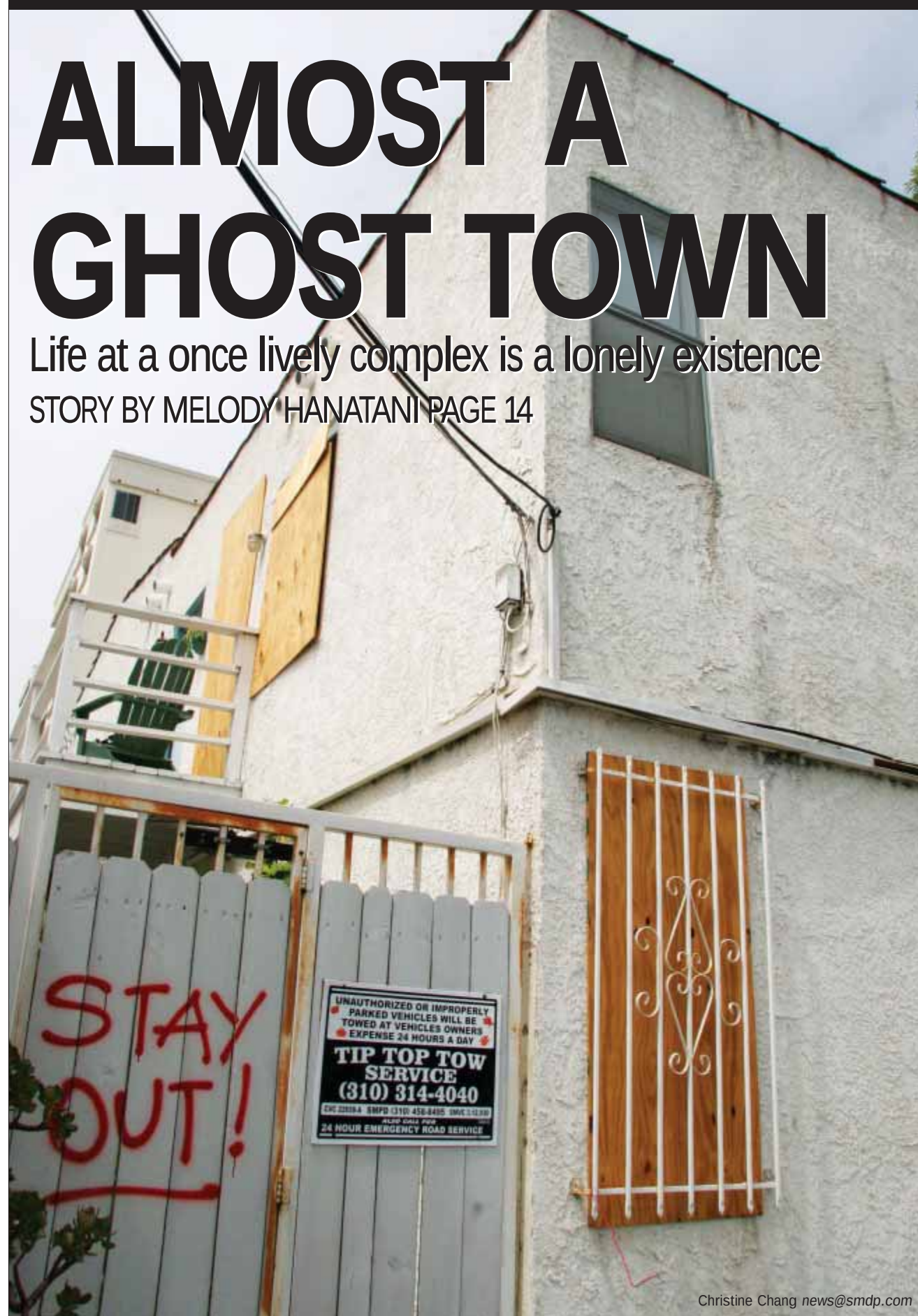
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Board of Education adds one

Mechur, an architect, named replacement for Bloomfield

BY MELODY HANATANI | Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS Ralph Mechur always entertained thoughts of running for a seat on the Board of Education, but kept putting the idea on the backburner because of work and other obligations.

Today, Mechur will finally get his chance.

The school board is expected to formally approve and swear in Mechur as its newest member, replacing Emily Bloomfield, who vacated her seat last month when her husband accepted a job offer in Washington D.C.

A long-time district volunteer, Mechur will finally be able to add "Board of Education" to his extensive resume, having served on various committees over the past 25 years, including the Education Foundation, the Facilities Master Plan and Measure BB Advisory committees.

"It just seemed like a good opportunity and the right time for me to put my name in," Mechur said.

Mechur will serve on the dais until the next general election, in November 2008, even though Bloomfield's term wouldn't have expired until 2010. If Mechur runs for election in 2008, which he has expressed interest in doing, he would not be able to declare himself an incumbent.

Bloomfield, who vacated her seat on June 28, was about three months into her second term when she announced her resignation.

Two applicants responded to a call for new school board candidates in July — Mechur and Nicole Picard, a former PTA president. The board subsequently interviewed the candidates during a special meeting on July 19, rating each candidate based on how they answered questions, which covered topics including district priorities, the achievement gap and finances.

When the scores were tallied following the interview, Mechur emerged the winner.

"Ralph had so much more experience inside the district since he worked with the foundation and had been on the BB committees before, and he was very knowledgeable about the district and where we stood," said school board member Barry Snell. "I was looking for someone who could come right into the role without too

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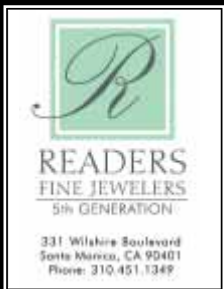
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'Just Beyond Reach/New Type Windows'

1423 Abbot Kinney Blvd., Venice, 11 a.m. — 6 p.m.
Tonight's opening reception presents a series of cibachrome photographic prints which are juxtaposed with Elizabeth Paige Smith's film installation of a suburban neighborhood consumed by technological hell and the resulting effort to find sanctuary within. For more information, call (310) 392-8060.

Friday, Aug. 10, 2007

Friday Family Flicks: 'Freaky Friday'

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2 p.m. — 3:45 p.m.
The Main Library's Friday Family Flicks festival continues with "Freaky Friday," starring Lindsay Lohan and Jamie Lee Curtis. Seating is first come, first served in the MLK Jr. Auditorium. This event is free.

Mort at McCabes

3101 Pico Blvd., 8 p.m.
Mort Sahl, the comedian who influenced Lenny Bruce, Woody Allen, Jon Stewart and others, will be performing and conversing at McCabe's Guitar Shop. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased by calling (310) 828-4497 or by visiting www.mccabes.com.

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4437 Sepulveda Blvd., Culver City, 7:30 a.m. — 9 a.m.
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To RSVP and for more information, visit www.powerfullyou.com.

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.





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SMDP officer Adam Gwartz (above) shows off the Air Support Helicopter in front of City Hall during the National Night Out festivities on Tuesday. Carlos Villalobos, 27, (right) and his mother Maria from 'Grupo La Rosa' performs during the police-sponsored event Jose Perez, the boxing coach at PAL, (below) demonstrates some skills with his students during National Night Out.



Standing on firm ground

Latest market crash doesn't faze locals

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN Shoppers and vendors at the Wednesday Farmers' Market here weren't overly concerned about their safety while walking around the outdoor marketplace, just days after a 79-year-old man drove his mini-van through a similar set-up in Fullerton.

"I never even think about it," said Garrick Ebbins, a Venice resident who loaded up on fruits and fresh vegetables. "I think there are enough people stationed at each entrance and cars parked to block off the street, so I really don't see a need for concern."

Michelle Lustig said the only thing she was worried about was keeping track of her three daughters.

"I'm not worried about traffic," Lustig said, her daughters by her side. "I'm more worried about them running off."

Last Thursday in Fullerton, Wade Houston Jr. drove through the market's wooden barricades, striking a fruit stand and hitting a city van so hard that it spun almost completely around, according to city officials in Fullerton. The mini-van then bounced off and slammed into a light pole, where it came to a stop.

While no one was injured, the accident brought back memories of the deadly Farmers' Market crash in Santa Monica that claimed the lives of 10 people and injured more than 60 others in July 2003.

In that incident, George Russell Weller, who was convicted of vehicular manslaughter and sentenced to five years probation in November 2006, drove his Buick LeSabre through barricades on Arizona Avenue before ramming into booths and bodies, not stopping until a woman became trapped under his vehicle, acting as a human brake.

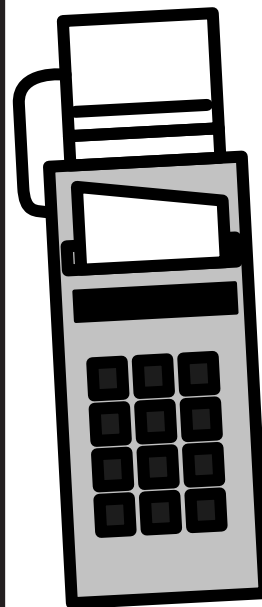
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EDITORIAL

Education should be transparent

School leaders desperately need lesson in hard knocks

Talk ain't cheap, at least, not when it comes to the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. There, it costs taxpayers roughly \$7.2 million.

That's the amount the district will receive this fiscal year from the city of Santa Monica, including the \$530,000 that was kept from them by City Council in efforts to coax district leaders to operate in a manner that was more transparent – striking against the practice of confidentiality agreements with parents of Special Ed students and at least one high-ranking official who left the district a year ago shrouded in secrecy.

The symbolic attempt to send a message to district leaders by City Council has apparently fallen on deaf ears. The lesson of the day is show me, don't tell me.

Tonight, the Board of Education is expected to appoint Ralph Mechur as the newest member of the elected body, filling the seat vacated by Emily Bloomfield on June 28. By all accounts, Mechur seems like a good fit for the board. The problem is that we'll have to take his fellow members' word for it.

Following Bloomfield's departure, the board decided it would forego the practice of holding an election to fill the seat and appoint the candidate of their choosing. While the decision may have been fiscally sound, given the costs of a special election, the process need not eliminate input from the taxpaying public altogether.

Mechur and another candidate were interviewed by the board on July 19 at a meeting that was hardly publicized. The Daily Press was just one of the local newspapers not made aware of the "public" meeting through the usual channels of press releases and postings on the district Web site. Indeed, on Wednesday, the district meeting calendar on www.smmusd.org was devoid of any mention of the July 19 session.

On top of that, a City Council member expressed his frustration to this newspaper regarding the board's process, wondering aloud if the decision was made outside the public light. If a member of our City Council remains skeptical still of the district's attempts to operate with more transparency, after their symbolic vote in May to keep funding from the district, what are the city's residents to think? You know, the residents – those parents and neighbors who campaign tirelessly to sway the council to keep upping the ante and give more money to the district.

Maybe next time, the council's message should be less symbolic and more substantive, because while the district's latest moves are insulting to those footing the bill, they are hardly surprising.



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The good wife is put to the test every single time

AS MY HUSBAND AND I APPROACH our first wedding anniversary, I've been wondering whether I'm an adequate wife. Recently, I found a list on the Web, "How to be June Cleaver," and if its contents are even remotely accurate, I'm afraid my marriage to Rick might be doomed before we're able to exchange our paper gifts.

1. Put on your prettiest dress every morning.

I own, like, two dresses, one of which is my wedding dress. I suppose if I put it on every morning it would take the sting out of its cost per use. Still, it seems fairly impractical — I just know I'll stain it with ketchup or (more likely) red wine (which, I suppose wouldn't really matter since the wedding was 11 months ago. My dad just might have a cow if I render it useless rather than deliver it to a consignment store).

However, since wearing a pretty dress in the morning is out of the question, can I get any points for the mornings I opt not to wear my rattiest T-shirts? Because sometimes I throw on one that has no holes or stains. That's kind of pretty in its own way, no?

2. Wear your most expensive pearls.

I have two pearl necklaces. Both of them are in the safe at my parents' house in New York (they know better than to release into my custody anything of value). Regardless, neither necklace really matches my array of everyday fleeces or my ratty T-shirts, unless I'm going for some retro-'80s-Madonna-type look. Maybe I'll pick up a current fashion magazines and see if anything resembling my wardrobe made it to the runway for the fall.

3. Make sure the coffee is ready and hot for your husband.

I don't do coffee. (While we're at it, I don't vacuum or touch the trash, either). And, since I don't actually drink coffee, I see zero point in learning to make it. I have been known, though, on occasion, to pop into a gas station while Rick's at the pump to fix him a cup (basic blend or hazelnut, no milk, no sugar).

4. Prepare an elaborate breakfast and call the family down to eat.

Breakfast is easily my least favorite meal of the day. In fact, breakfast trails cocktails, dinner, snack, dessert and lunch on my list of favorite meals. However, I once made Rick scrambled eggs for dinner ... served it with hash browns and leftover meatloaf. He loved it. June Cleaver might have been

proud, in a horrified sort of way.

5. After breakfast, make sure the kitchen is spotless and glimmering.

Done. I have a compulsion for cleaning the kitchen already. It drives me crazy when anyone else goes in there. Rick means well, but when he volunteers to cook, all I can imagine is the cleaning job in store for me once he's done cooking and "cleaning." I've known mud pits cleaner than our kitchen after he's through with the sponge.

6. Vacuum while the family is gone so the house is in ship shape when they get home.

See No. 3.

7. Be at the door to greet the kids when they arrive home from school.

But if I'm there to meet them, who'll be there to greet, listen to and pamper me when I get home from work?

8. Make sure the kids get their cold milk and fresh cookies.

Oh, please. Chocolate chips are in my blood (and hips, clearly). You'd think Betty Crocker was my aunt, for God's sake. The only problem is that while our milk is always cold, we need someone to check the expiration date on the cartons. I never notice if milk has turned. I just drink it. Rick, on the other hand, has a thing against consuming sour milk. Picky, picky, picky.

...NEITHER NECKLACE REALLY MATCHES MY ARRAY OF EVERYDAY FLEECES OR MY RATTY T-SHIRTS

9. After everyone is in bed and while no one is looking, slip into more comfortable clothes.

See No. 1.

10. Take the pearls off. You can be yourself again.

Oops. When was I supposed to stop being myself?

Oh yeah, I'm a great wife.

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Give us your poor, your tired Canadians

"The president of the United States is an internationalist. He's going to do what he can to create a place where the idea of America is just that — it's an idea. It's not an actual place defined by borders." — Rep. Tom Tancredo

AS TECHNOLOGY MAKES IT POSSIBLE for us to travel long distances faster, communicate more easily and cheaply across space and time, the world seems to be getting smaller by the minute.

Such globalization, in effect, does away with national borders, leaving no one untouched. Just think of the car sitting in your driveway with parts manufactured in eight different countries; the food on your table, grown in far-off places and shipped to your local grocer; and the customer service representative for your local phone company, who happens to be from India.

While globalization has certainly proven to be a boon for corporations and a source of convenience for the consumer, the geo-political aspects of globalization are more unnerving and can clearly be seen in the merging of European nations into a single legal and economic entity known as the European Union.

Suddenly, the idea of a North American Union — a merging of the American, Canadian and Mexican physical, economic and legal borders, which was once ruminated on only by conspiracy theorists, no longer seems so far-fetched. In fact, the groundwork has already been laid.

In October 2004, the Council on Foreign Relations brought together leaders from the United States, Mexico and Canada to study how the three countries could better facilitate economic activity across their borders. Building on the groundwork already established by the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), this task force published two documents — Trilateral Call for a North American Economic and Security Community by 2010 and Building a North American Community — that chart a drastically different course for the United States. And a Spring 2005 summit in Waco, Texas, attended by President Bush, President Vicente Fox of Mexico and Canada's Prime Minister set us firmly on this path.

So what does a North American Union mean for the United States? According to some, this could mean a completely unified North America — meaning no American currency, no American borders and, most

critically, no sovereign American law. In fact, proposals have already been floated for a North American Court of Justice (with the authority to overrule a decision of the U.S. Supreme Court), a Trade Tribunal and a Charter of Fundamental Human Rights.

Particularly worrisome is the fact that most of these proposals are being advanced in secret, behind closed doors. "President Bush signed a formal agreement that will end the United States as we know it," CNN correspondent Lou Dobbs proclaimed, "and he took the step without the approval from either the U.S. Congress or the people of the United States." Evidently, as Corsi has noted, the plan is "to knit together the North American Union completely under the radar through a process of regulations and directives issued by various U.S. government agencies."

Clearly, the integration of the North American countries would facilitate commerce by making it easier for corporations and immigrants to cross borders. However, this could drastically alter America's constitutional and legal framework and end America as we know it.

We must demand that Congress closely analyze this proposed transnational merger. Second, Americans need to demand that President Bush be more forthright about his intentions. Third, "we the people" need to voice our concerns to our elected representatives and insist that they protect our rights. Certain members of Congress have already formed a Coalition to block the North American Union, while some states are working on resolutions that would oppose the implementation of a North American Union.

However, as with all things, it all comes down to the bottom line. For mega-corporations, a North American Union may be the gateway to more money. But for Americans, the bottom line must be something more than economic concerns — it is maintaining our sovereignty as a nation.

That's what the American Revolution was all about. And along with sovereignty come the Bill of Rights and our Constitution. They are, after all, what have made America unique and a beacon of democracy to the rest of the world.

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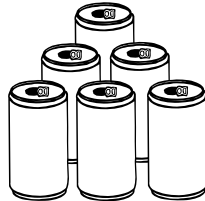
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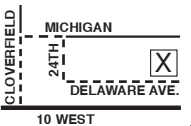
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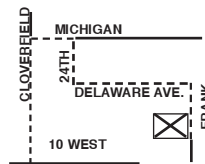
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The Q-Line

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GAME REVIEW

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‘Transformers’ ★★★

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

X-BOX 360 Sometimes it's good to be bad.

That's the case with Activision's "Transformers: The Game," a relatively repetitive, but yet visually appealing third-person shooter that thrusts the player into the middle of an intergalactic battle for survival between the noble Autobots and the evil Decepticon. These "robots in disguise" are locked in a life or death struggle to capture the powerful All-Spark.

Modeled after the summer blockbuster by director Michael Bay, complete with narration by actors in the film, the game offers parallel stories that allow players to be both the good guys and the bad guys, accomplishing one mission after another until one side is victorious.

Since the game is fairly simplistic, consisting of button smashing and melee attacks using intimidating but slightly clumsy, multi-ton robots, it's much more exciting and rewarding to play as a dreaded Decepticon who has free reign to destroy nearly everything in his path, blowing up large buildings

with a single blast of his rockets.

The Autobots, on the other hand, must play nice and protect life, almost tip-toeing around town trying not to disturb anything, which is difficult considering a human is about the size of one of the robots' fingers and the camera action isn't the most user friendly, making it difficult to see exactly where enemies are.

Playing with reckless abandon is basically the only way to go. It's better than treading lightly in this world, especially when one has lethal weaponry at their disposal.

The game loads fairly quickly, so failing a mission isn't too painful. The controls are pretty simplistic so a beginner can pick up and start kicking Cybertronic butt in no time.

Players can explore different environments, but must play each mission in order to advance. It's not free flowing like Activision's "Spiderman" series or the "Grand Theft Auto" franchise, where one can explore the high-rises of Manhattan or the gritty streets of Los Angeles for hours without getting bored. Here, many of the streets and buildings look similar, making the game feel a little claustrophobic.



Photo courtesy of Activision

GOOD VERSUS EVIL: 'Transformers: The Game' offers little more than button mashing.

To make up for the loss of freedom and mobility is the ability to destroy just about anything in sight. Players can pick up a host of objects and hurl them through the air, causing damage to their opponents. Buses, cars, fences, trees, light posts —they're all at your disposal. Very few games have utilized destructible environments as well as "Transformers."

That said, the game is still fairly rudimentary and falls far short of expectations. It's fun, much in the same way Midway's "Rampage" gave

teen boys hours of enjoyment as they used giant monsters to bash buildings and eat helpless humans. But that was the '80s and "Transformers" was still just a cartoon on television. With the advancements made in gaming, Activision could have dug deeper and offered more challenges or a feature allowing two players the ability to battle in various settings, including the ravished planet of Cybertron.

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Odd Man Out

By Mark Marchillo

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When you're gay, college never really seems to end

THE PINK MAFIA MALADY:

Theo is a big Hollywood producer. His boyfriend? A young 21-year-old heart patterer named Kevin. Anybody would like to land Kevin. And I mean, anybody. But of course, not just anybody does — a 43-year-old million dollar blockbuster does. An E! True Hollywood Story, my friends. It's the DVD on every gay man's shelf in L.A.

Money = Success = boy toy. Not necessarily in that order. You can interchange the money and success as you like. All in all, that's how the pages turn. You may think, uh-huh. Heard it. 'Nuff said. But that's just the beginning of the tall tales of The Pink Mafia here in Hollywoodland. Oh, and FYI ... Pink Mafia = gay + powerful.

Theo and Kevin have been together for almost three years. Lucky, yes. Happy, sure. Content, never! The conversation at East West: "Theo's just biding his time until he breaks up with Kevin," another Pink Mafia colleague notes. To which Theo promptly exclaims, "I'm not biding my time!"

"Do you see yourself spending the rest of your life with this guy?"

Shock and an all too quick reply explode out of Theo, "The rest of my life? Of course not!"

Of course not?

Theo has a guy most of us would kill to be with. Now, granted, who knows what the kid is like behind the safe parameters of the mansion

walls — or between the silk sheets. But one thing looms for me ... why on Earth would you spend three years with someone you have no intention of living happily ever after with?

Ahh, yes. The Pink Mafia and their boy toys. Living in relationships of shallow sex and twinkled-out eye candy. Surely there's nothing wrong with this gay old cliché. Afterall, hot will always be in, and if you've got it, flaunt it! But what about truth, honor and true love? I know romance is dead and all, but this is the 21st century. Gay men, who can typically act very romantically at times, seem to throw boys away like wrapping paper. But what happens when we've opened all our presents and wind up 50 and alone, reduced to buying love from the-younger-the-better?

Perhaps it is that age-old problem of Old Age. Hollywooders being so convinced that keeping youth in the trophy case makes them appear younger to everyone else. Or to themselves. Maybe it's that we've made a choice never to settle. Never settle down, that is. Hey, we're guys. Who needs the long term when we've got Abercrombie in bed? Afterall, when you're gay, college never ends.

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CEREBRAL HIP HOP: Arrested Development is a refreshing change of pace for the rap industry.

Positive rhythms highlight concert

Hip-hop group, gospel choir out to uplift at the Santa Monica Pier

BY GERRY SHIH

Special to the Daily Press

SANTA MONICA PIER As a group intimately familiar with both the penniless hustle and the breathtaking heights of success and wealth, Atlanta's Grammy-award winning hip-hop act Arrested Development should feel right at home in Santa Monica.

The eight-person ensemble, headed by principal lyricist Speech, will bring its positive message, along with the Agape International Chorus, to tonight's Twilight Dance Series concert at the Santa Monica Pier.

While bullet-ridden gangsta rap was flourishing after NWA's impact in the late '80s, Speech and A.D. co-founder Headliner polished their introspective and uplifting approach to hip-hop, but struggled to land a record contract.

To be exact, it took "Three years, five months and two days" — the bittersweet title of A.D.'s highly acclaimed debut album — for the progressive act from the rural south to finally get signed by British mega-label Chrysalis. Hits like "Tennessee" soon rolled out, critical acclaim trickled in and the glare of the media spotlight became a welcome nuisance. In 1993, the group's long uphill climb culminated in Best New Artist and Best Rap Single Grammys.

Arrested Development faded from the scene in the late '90s, but remained focused on producing "life music," all the while resisting the commercial pressures of making hip-hop tracks that glorified bling, guns and drugs.

Consistent with its music and image, Arrested Development donated money to Nelson Mandela and the African National Congress in South Africa. They also funneled royalties into the National Coalition for the Homeless and UNICEF efforts for relief in Sudan.

The group's two-hour act tonight will include songs from their latest album,

"Since the Last Time," the band's agent, Dave Strunk, said this week.

Tonight's opener — The Agape International Choir, from Culver City — is similarly expected to set an uplifting tone, courtesy of its 100 singers.

According to the group's musical director, Rickie Beckwith, 30 singers will be positioned on stage, 30 more will be at ground-level in front of the risers and the rest will be dispersed among the audience as "ambassadors" to encourage participation.

"We will do one high-power gospel song," she said. "Not a Jesus song, but it's up-tempo, it's powerful and it hits like a gospel song."

The choir has gained worldwide acclaim for its rousing performances, sectional harmonies, counterpoint, tempo-patterns and enthusiasm. Despite its affiliation with the Agape International Spiritual Center in Culver City, the material is more spiritual than religious, said Beckwith.

"We're not talking about Allah, Jesus or the Buddha, specifically," Beckwith said. "Our choir just speaks about love and speaks about God. We do Buddhist chant and African chant, and I've written chants about life in Spanish. Our religion is love."

OUR CHOIR JUST SPEAKS ABOUT LOVE AND SPEAKS ABOUT GOD."

Rickie Beckwith
Director for The Agape Choir

The multi-ethnic composition of the choir also reflects its disregard for national affiliations or differences in race. Since its beginning in 1989, the choir has been invited to perform before audiences in New Zealand, India, Ghana, among others.

"I'd love for other people to know that we exist, because I think that we inspire people," Beckwith said. "We just want to show up whenever we're invited and let the music go around the world."

NEW DVD RELEASES

BY RANDY WILLIAMS



Photo courtesy of Warner Bros.

THE KING IS BACK: Elvis Presley is introduced to the business in 'Jailhouse Rock.'

'Jailhouse Rock' Deluxe Edition

While serving time Vince Everett (Elvis) is introduced to the music business by his cell mate. When he is freed, after some trial and error, he becomes a rock sensation. But what price has fame and fortune cost him as a person? The performance of the title song is perhaps the best choreographed of Presley's movie career. The double disc offers a photobook, a digitally remastered soundtrack, and a feature: The Scene That Stole Jailhouse Rock. (Warner Bros.)

'Elvis: That's the Way It Is'

Performing two shows a night for four weeks at the International Hotel in Las Vegas during the summer of 1970, Elvis Presley mesmerized a record audience. This re-edited two-disc special edition documentary of that historic engagement includes rehearsals, backstage happenings, and a look from the front row where a veritable who's who of show business personalities also watched the King perform. Shakin' up fans with a wide range of tunes and a commanding presence, this Presley package includes a 24-page photobook, a film restoration feature, and a dozen song and nonmusical outtakes. (Warner Bros)

'Viva Las Vegas' Deluxe Edition

Co-starring fellow singing talent Ann-Margret, Elvis plays a down on his luck race car driver in need of money to buy a new engine as he rolls into Vegas. Earning four times its production costs, the film was a huge success. It also yielded Sin City's unofficial theme tune, "Viva Las Vegas". There's a scene where the co-stars are wed in Vegas. Four years later reality would mirror the movie fable when Elvis married Priscilla Beaulieu at the Aladdin Hotel. Bonus material includes a feature: Kingdom-Elvis in Vegas, a theatrical trailer, and a digitally remastered soundtrack. (Warner Bros)

Lights! Camera! Elvis! Box Collection

This eight-title offering, stylishly presented in blue suede, showcases Elvis in a wide range of roles. As a Navy frogman, a hot shot pilot, a GI, brawling high school senior, beach bum, biker, fishing guide, and lifeguard Elvis stars in: "Girls! Girls! Girls!," "Fun in Acapulco," "Paradise Hawaiian Style," "Easy Come," "Easy Go," "Blue Hawaii," "Roustabout," "G.I. Blues," and "King Creole." Co-stars include Stella Stevens, Ursula Andress, Barbara Stanwyck, and Juliet Prowse.

The Elvis Presley Collection

Part of the MGM Movie Legends series, The King is featured in four films: "Kid Galahad," "Frankie and Johnny," "Follow That Dream," and "Clambake." As an auto mechanic reluctantly lured into the ring by Gig Young, Elvis becomes a boxer in "Kid Galahad." Riverboat singer Johnny (Elvis) gets involved with Donna Douglas (Frankie) who gained fame starring in "The Beverly Hillbillies." "Follow That Dream" finds Elvis in Florida looking to provide for his family and make a name for himself but the good-ole-boy runs into the wrong people. Trading identities with a poor water-skiing instructor, million-heir Scott Heywood (Elvis) must now rely on his charm to compete with a rich playboy (Bill Bixby) for the attentions of a sought-after co-ed (Shelley Fabares) in "Clambake." (MGM)

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For more information or to buy tickets, call (323) 466-FILM or visit the Aero's website at www.americancinematheque.com.

EMILY SKEHAN

No waiting

As part of the Save the Santa Monica Playhouse campaign, Waiters in Training will bring it's East Coast style of interactive improvisational comedy to the local theater this weekend. Waiters in training is uninhibited improv where the audience chooses the games from a restaurant-themed menu. The "waiters" take orders and dish up the laughs all night long.

The event will take place this Sunday, August 12 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$15, and proceeds benefit the Save the Playhouse Campaign. The Santa Monica Playhouse is located at 1211 Fourth St., and is accessible by the Big Blue Bus or the L.A. Metro Rapid #620. For tickets, call (310) 394-9779 or visit www.santamonicaplayhouse.com.



ES

Funny lady

Eastside favorite Ruthy Otero invades the Westside with a special benefit performance of "Dancing with my Demons." Her original comedy goes three rounds with fear as we travel through the psyche of a shadow boxing, disco dancing Latina, thrown once more into the vortex of her recurring nightmare.

"Dancing with Demons" makes its Santa Monica appearance this Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Santa Monica Playhouse. Tickets are \$10 and benefit the Save the Playhouse campaign. For tickets, call (310) 394-9779 or visit www.santamonicaplayhouse.com.

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Cool down with hot jazz

Hot on the heels of last Sunday's enormously successful Jazz on the Lawn concert by Brasil Brazil, the City of Santa Monica presents the second concert of the series featuring the amazing talents of the Jazz Tap Ensemble Quintet on the lawn in front of City Hall.

On Sunday, two of Jazz Tap Ensemble's most gifted and highly popular tappers, Channing Cook Holmes and Josette Wiggan – soon-to-be-dance-legends – will perform pieces from the Ensemble's upcoming show American Tap Masterpieces.

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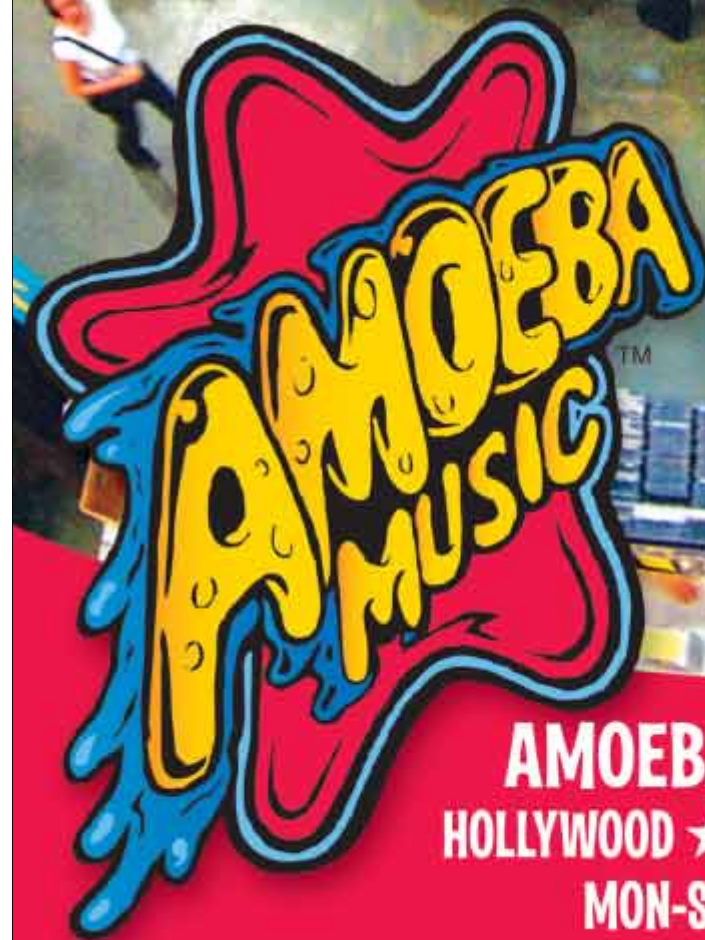
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FLASHBACK: Numbers have a grunge rock sound that borders on edgy.

Numbers ‘Now You Are This’

Numbers’ grunge rock sound – complemented by some new school synthesizer and insistent percussion – would be edgy, if we hadn’t experienced it yet. The San Francisco band’s music has the noncommittal movement of Sonic Youth or Stereolab, with angsty vocals and sandpaper-rough guitar/piano melodies to boot, but it’s missing one crucial component: Originality. The sound harkens back to the early 1990s, but it can’t seem to decide what it wants to be – trippy, punk or electronic.

That’s not to say that Numbers don’t have musical potential, as female lead singer Indra Dunis has an appropriately strong, punk-y yelp and the roughly pop, swirling instrumentals don’t lack talent. The opening track starts with a fun, dirty Joy Division vibe and the penultimate “I want to believe” is worthy of a head bob or two. The band has an appealingly aggressive, electronically-tinted edge and is just on the cusp of being catchy.

But ultimately, the band has yet to develop a unique approach to the genre, and until they do the copy-cat grunge rock is a little short of satisfying. With more intelligent lyrics, songs that have discernible forward momentum, or original melodies, Numbers could have a hit. Until then, they’re not a bad choice for background noise while you’re having a subversive day, but they’re not worth an air guitar session. (Kill Rock Stars)

EMILY SKEHAN, DAILY PRESS

UGK ‘Underground Kingz’

Many point to Jay-Z’s 2000 single “Big Pimpin’” as UGK’s coming-out party, but the Texas duo’s discography charts back some 15 years. Pimp C and Bun B should be bigger stars, if not for a career-stalling stint in prison. (Pimp C was locked up in 2002 for three years on gun charges.) These days, the South rules hip-hop and Pimp C is free, so the timing seems right to drop “Underground Kingz,” a double-disc of thick funk grooves and heavily drawled rhymes.

At 26 tracks and three bonus cuts, it’s a daunting but enjoyable listen. The CD’s first highlight is “Int’l Player’s Anthem (I Choose You),” a song pinned on a Willie Hutch sample that features Andre 3000 of OutKast musing about taking the married-life plunge. Elsewhere, UGK promote Southern culture such as customized cars (“Chrome Plated Woman,” “Candy”) and pole dancing women (“Like That”), and salute their stylistic forebears, Too Short (“Life Is 2009”) and Big Daddy Kane and Kool G. Rap (“Next Up”).

But the guests don’t overshadow their hosts. On “Quit Hatin’ the South” – a challenge to rap’s now obsolete regional biases – it’s quite apparent who’s helming this effort. Bun B rhymes, “Now it’s our time to shine and the tables is turned/and (expletive) aggravated cause we’re getting some burn.” Indeed, “Underground Kingz” should garner the attention UGK deserve. (Jive Records)

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ROYALTY: UGK doesn’t disappoint.



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Desolation's apartment

Life at a once lively complex is a lonely existence these days

BY MELODY HANATANI | Daily Press Staff Writer

OCEAN PARK A modestly-sized 24-unit apartment complex was once the life of the party in this beach neighborhood, with endless nights of barbecues and neighborly conversations in the center of it all — a vibrant garden courtyard.

But the party has long been over at 125 Pacific St., as the remaining few tenants make preparations to pack up and leave, served with an eviction notice to vacate by Sept. 7. Those units no longer occupied are now boarded up, leaving the impression to outsiders that the apartment complex is a ghost town.

“The party’s over, so to speak,” said Carlo Brooks, who has lived in the building since February 2002. “It’s still pleasant to live in this area, but it’s no longer pleasant to be a part of this courtyard.”

The building was once the battleground of a feud between tenants and the property’s owners, 125 Pacific LLC. Fighting the imminent eviction notices and demolition of the building, the tenants sought to historically preserve the building — a bungalow courtyard constructed in 1924 in the simplified mission revival architectural style.

The Landmarks Commission fulfilled their wishes on July 14, 2004, designating the property as a landmark. The designation was appealed by the property owners and upheld by the City Council more than a year later, paving the way for demolition.

Slated as its replacement is a nine-unit, multi-story structure, which will be developed by Cedar Signature Homes, the same company that built a residential community at 417 Ocean Park Blvd. and the Santa Monica Collection on Seventh Street.

“The design is more contemporary, playing off some of the older modern projects as well as the newer ones,” said Ralph Mechur, of Ralph Mechur Architects, last week.

The project is estimated to cost approximately \$6 million and construction would take about 18 months, said Adam Pasori, the property manager for 125 Pacific LLC.

Construction is expected to begin as soon as the last tenant leaves, which could take up to another year. The 120-day eviction notice was sent to tenants on May 18, giving them until Sept. 7 to vacate the premises. Elderly and disabled residents have up to one year under the Ellis Act.

Brooks, who has type 1 diabetes, successfully petitioned for an extension until May 2008.

The once lively courtyard has lost its buzz, with the majority of its windows and doors facing the courtyard now covered in plywood. A few barbecue grills remain — a reminder of the days when the tenants would lounge outside together deep into the night.

Boarded entrances throughout the building are covered in graffiti, threatening phrases such as “Stay the ‘F’ out of here.” The artists behind the colorful phrases is a former tenant who moved out about two weeks ago, Brooks said.

Brooks’ unit is a small one-bedroom, a simple layout that includes a separate kitchen with a dining area, covered in old-fashioned black and white tiles. It was the only affordable place he could find near the beach, located just one block from the ocean.

“The courtyard bungalows are more appealing than the multi-story dingbat apartments,” Brooks said, referring to the common box-shaped architectural style found in many Los Angeles apartments. “You don’t have to worry about who’s upstairs or downstairs.”

The layout of the apartment building lent itself to neighbors getting to know each other, whether they wanted to or not, crossing through the courtyard to get to their destination.

Though he has nine more months to find a new home, Brooks is already searching, but with very little luck.

Brooks isn’t pleased with the fact that the owners have boarded up the vacant units, believing it poses a danger, giving off a feeling of abandonment to the homeless.

Randy Davidson, another tenant, has called Santa Monica Police to kick out the homeless people hanging out in the apartment complex.

“It really detracts from the building,” Davidson said on Wednesday.

The windows are boarded to avoid break-ins and keep unwanted people from entering the unit and turning the electricity and water on, Pasori said.



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Rendering courtesy of Ralph Mechur Architects

WHAT A DIFFERENCE: The windows and doors (top) of an apartment building at 125 Pacific St. gives the once-bustling place a lonely feel. An artists rendering (above) illustrates what the property might look like after being redeveloped. A courtyard (right) is the focal point for the building as it stands.

Pasori said he would’ve preferred the route of refurbishing the existing building, adding a second story and selling the units rather than demolition.

The current city zoning laws are “archaic” in that it would be economically more feasible to tear down the building and erect a nine-unit townhouse project rather than build on the existing 24 units, Pasori said.

He referred to the project at 417 Ocean Park Blvd. as a good example of how the industry has been able to refurbish existing buildings.

“We can make something average and dull into an absolute gem,” Pasori said on Wednesday.

Several of the current and former tenants called the Pacific Street apartment complex — known as Christie Courtyard — home for many years, including Davidson, who has lived there for 10 years.

“I like the courtyard style of living, where you see neighbors face to face and interact in a nice garden city,” Davidson said. “It draws people out of their houses and living room and away from the TV set.”

FORMER RESIDENTS REFLECT

Several former Christie Courtyard residents say they were surprised to see the apartment building boarded up during a recent visit, even more shocked to see people were still living there.

“I describe it as a war zone, but not literally that,” said David Wood, who lived in the building for about a year before moving out in November 2006, on Monday.



Photo courtesy of Kurt Heim

Wood recalls time spent hanging out in the courtyard when his brother and wife lived in the building, but before he moved in. There were lazy afternoons and evenings spent drinking beers and relaxing. It was the kind of environment where strangers inadvertently ended up hanging out, Wood said.

Kurt Heim, who lived in Christie Courtyard for several years, still has a good view of his old home — he lives right across the street.

Heim recalls the apartment complex being inhabited by many non-California natives, including tenants from Ukraine, Ireland and another from Oregon. Heim is originally from South Africa.

On Sunday nights, the tenants would gather in the courtyard for a cookout and conversations over bottles of wine.

“There was absolutely an amazing vibe, with the garden lit up and the people barbecuing,” Heim recalled on Monday.

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BUSINESS AS USUAL: The Farmers' Market on Arizona Avenue, as seen from Fourth Street, is temporarily barricaded with vehicles to protect shoppers in the event of another wayward driver entering the market.

Car crash in Fullerton doesn't worry locals

FROM CRASH PAGE 3

Those injured and families of the deceased are still involved in a legal battle with City Hall and the Bayside District Corp., a public-private management company that helps run downtown. Attorneys for the 30-plus plaintiffs said a trial date has been set for February 2008. A hearing before the Court of Appeals regarding a motion by City Hall to have it removed from the lawsuit will take place Aug. 20.

DRIVING FEARS

In both the Fullerton and Santa Monica crashes, authorities said they were using an approved traffic management plan that detailed which streets should be closed and how that should be done.

Santa Monica changed its plan following the 2003 crash, according to Laura Avery, the market's supervisor.

Instead of just using wooden or plastic barricades, police vehicles and large trucks are parked at all street entrances to the open-air marketplace. The downtown market, held each Wednesday and Saturday, is the only one which takes place in the middle of city streets. Farmers' markets staged at Virginia Avenue Park on Saturdays and on Main Street on Sundays take place in parking lots that are blocked off with barricades. Parking attendants are used to direct traffic.

"The plan we have (for the downtown market) was improved by a traffic engineer," Avery said. "It's perfectly adequate. It was an acceptable traffic plan then and I'm sure it remains an acceptable traffic plan now."

Fullerton, which reviewed its traffic management plan in light of the Weller accident, does not require cars be parked at entrances, but does so anyway as an extra precaution, said Joe Felz, director of parks and recreation for Fullerton.

The reason why Houston was able to drive into the Fullerton market was because one of the cars used as a barricade had yet to arrive, Felz said.

"The barricades we use are primarily wood with plastic or metal framing, which are standard, but frankly, they are

not enough to stop someone (in a car) if they want to get through," Felz said, explaining why the city parks cars at entrances for added safety. "We are looking at other options, investigating what other things we could place there in lieu of vehicles. Some have suggested removable bollards or concrete walls on wheels that can be towed in and out."

For the time-being, most people along Arizona Avenue feel safe with the parked cars serving as barriers.

"The city is really good about having the police cars out here early," said walnut vendor Duke Richardson, of Rancho Laviña. "Whenever I come to set up, they're always there, ready to let me in. I feel pretty safe."

Still, there are those who would like to see if the situation could be improved, given the fact that a driver who is traveling at a high rate of speed could ram a car and keep going or send that parked car spinning, such as in the case of the Fullerton accident.

NO ONE THOUGHT THAT SOMEONE WOULD DRIVE THROUGH THE MARKET, UNTIL IT HAPPENED. WHAT ELSE AREN'T WE THINKING ABOUT?"

Teresa Brooks, farmers' market shopper

"It's always good to keep looking for ways to improve," said Teresa Brooks, who was shopping Wednesday with her young son and infant daughter. "I think what we have now is good — definitely an improvement of what was here before — but I don't think it's the best we could do."

"No one thought that someone would drive through the market, until it happened. What else aren't we thinking about?"

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SURF CONDITIONS

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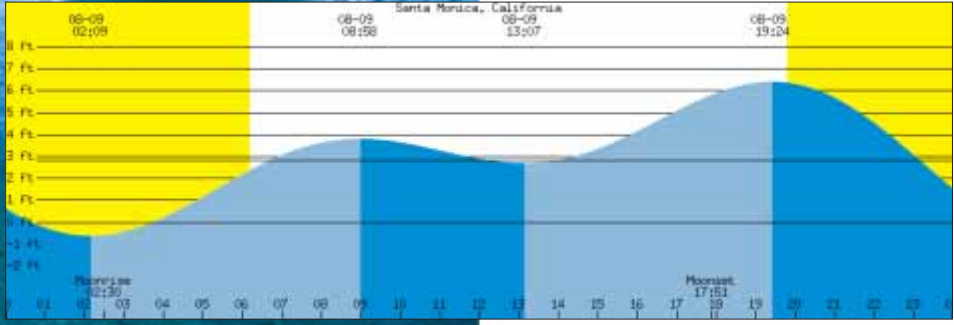
SWELL FORECAST (3-5 FT)

Today looks like the last day for this SW swell with waist to possibly, at times, chest high waves for south facing breaks. Winds should be calm in the morning and only reach 11-13 mph in the afternoon. Tide looks moderate for the AM, but extremely high for evening sessions.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS

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TIDE FORECAST FOR TODAY IN SANTA MONICA





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July 31, 2007

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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	LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Aliso creeks	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	A	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua)	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	A	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	A	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	ns	Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	A	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns	Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A	ns
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach	A+	ns	Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	F	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	A	ns	Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	C	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	ns	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	F	ns
Surfrider Beach (beach location)- daily	A	ns	Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A+	ns	Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	A	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	B	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	A+	ns	North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns	Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A+	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	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			

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

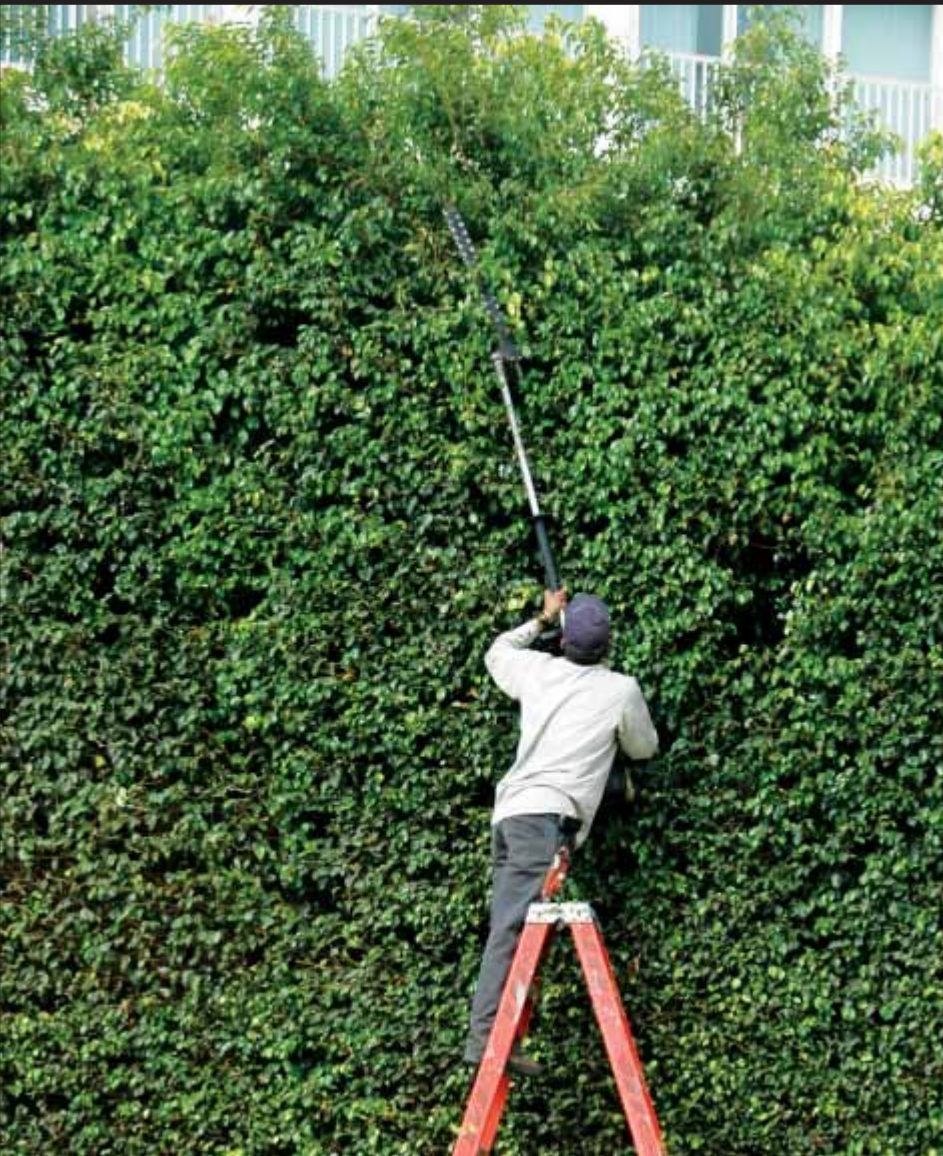
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JUST A TRIM

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Jaun Mendiola, from AC and Sons Landscape Inc., trims a 20-foot hedge on Main Street in front of the Viceroy Hotel on Tuesday.

Mechur is not new to district

FROM BOARD PAGE 1

much of a learning curve.”

The owner of Ralph Mechur Architects, designers of the Ocean Park Community Center and the AYH International Hostel, Mechur began volunteering with the district close to 25 years ago, around the same time he moved to his home in Sunset Park.

IT JUST SEEMED LIKE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY AND THE RIGHT TIME FOR ME TO PUT MY NAME IN.”

Ralph Mechur , New school board member

Mechur’s three children are all products of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. Though his children are long finished with the public schools — his youngest daughter graduated from high school eight years ago — Mechur continues to maintain a presence, currently serving on the Measure BB

Advisory Committee.

“Education is the core to the health of our society and educating future leaders ... is important,” Mechur said. “Education really is life-long, making sure that our schools are as good as they can be.”

It was Mechur’s experience in the school district that seemed to impress many of the school board members, including Kelly McMahon Pye.

“He has wide knowledge because he’s involved in aspects of, not only our school district, but our entire community,” Pye said, referring to Mechur’s terms with the Architectural Review Board and Planning Commission.

Like his new colleagues, Mechur comes to the board with aspirations of solving many of the district’s problems, which range from closing the achievement gap to reducing the deficit.

“We have a great district and we have great teachers,” Mechur said. “It’s a close-knit community that talks about education, and what we don’t want to lose is the edge that we have, whereby the main thing to offer is access to good education ... and provide skills to make sure they are all successful learners.”

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Paying up J. Lo may get \$545,000 in suit against ex-hubby Noa over his book deal plans

JENNIFER LOPEZ has been awarded nearly \$545,000 in a lawsuit against her first husband, Ojani Noa, over his plans to publish a tell-all book claiming she had several affairs. A court-ordered arbitrator made the decision in April in Lopez's breach-of-contract lawsuit against Noa, court papers filed Monday indicated. The figure includes only \$200,000 in damages, with the rest

going for arbitration costs and attorneys' fees. Lopez's lawsuit claimed that Noa had violated a previous lawsuit settlement preventing him from revealing private information about their relationship. The arbitrator also decided that a permanent injunction should be awarded against Noa that would bar him from "criticizing, denigrating, casting in a negative light or oth-

erwise disparaging or causing disparagement" to the singer-actress. Noa also would be directed to give Lopez or her attorney all copies of materials related to the book. The arbitration decision was disclosed Monday when Lopez's attorney filed papers asking a Superior Court judge to confirm the award. A hearing in the case was scheduled for Sept. 5. A call to Lopez's attorney,

Paul N. Sorrell, wasn't immediately returned Wednesday. Noa couldn't be located for comment. Noa, 31, and Lopez, 39, married in February 1997 and were divorced 11 months later. His unpublished, ghost-written book alleges that during that time Lopez had multiple affairs, including one with her third and current husband, Marc Anthony, court documents indicated.

Her lawsuit claimed Noa offered not to publish the book in return for \$5 million. In 2004, Noa sued Lopez for breach of contract, claiming she lured him into taking a \$1,000-a-week managerial job at her Pasadena restaurant, Madre's, and then fired him five months later. Noa settled the case for \$125,000 and agreed not to disclose information.

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BABY STRIPE

JACK WHITE and his wife, Karen Elson, are the parents of a baby boy. The couple's second child, named Henry Lee White, was born Tuesday, a publicist for the White Stripes frontman said Wednesday. White and Elson have a 15-month-old daughter, Scarlett Teresa White. "The new child and his mother are both feeling very healthy and happy," White's representative, Chloe Walsh, said in a statement to The Associated Press.

AP

Beyonce is the new star of Armani ads

Give **BEYONCE** a gold star in the "be prepared" category – or maybe she'd rather have a diamond. The 25-year-old pop singer – and new star of the Emporio Armani Diamonds fragrance ad campaign – said she's learned to be photo ready at all times. She carries three pairs of sunglasses (black, gold and brown) in her purse and a pair of nude-colored or gold Christian Louboutin shoes, in case she has to elevate her outfit at a moment's notice. Many "Beyonce sightings"

happen while she's shopping, but the superstar said she loves the pastime too much to give it up because of the risk of an unflattering photo. "I enjoy shopping but I hate trying on clothes," she told The Associated Press in a recent interview. One of her latest purchases: an 18-karat gold ring from Lorraine Schwartz's monkey collection. Beyonce's is a hear-no-evil monkey made of 5 carats' worth of yellow diamonds.

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Dinner for two, Sagittarius

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Happy Birthday!

You make waves this year, though you actually might be slightly more laid-back than usual. In fact, you might enjoy not being part of heavy projects. You will be cooperative, but you might not always feel as if you need to be part of what happens. If you are single, you don't need to maintain that status, as many would like to help you change directions. If you are attached, a new addition is likely -- if not a child, then something that binds the two of you closer. **CANCER** reads you cold.



Born Today
Actress Gillian Anderson (1968)
Singer Whitney Houston (1963)
Actor Robert Shaw (1927)

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ Though you might want to clear your desk and mind of a lot of work and run errands, you might land in the valley of non-action. Accept this stoppage as positive and review a situation. Tonight: Stay close to home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Your finances demand unusual attention and effort. You might want feedback, but a meeting or other important interpersonal happening will take a higher priority. Find an expert. Tonight: Explore your options more carefully.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Though you start slowly, you most definitely are on a roll. Where and when to stop could be very important if you are to maximize your energy. You might have a difficult time slowing down. Tonight: Pay bills.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Investigate what seems to be hidden early on. Once the day blooms, others seek you out, giving you barely a second to breathe. Do you really care? Quite possibly no. Tonight: Act like the world is your oyster, because it is.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ You might want to re-evaluate and rethink a decision. What seemed clear and direct might not be anymore. Deal with a personal issue head-on. You cannot change someone's mind, but you can give it a shot. Tonight: Extra R and R.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You might be ahead of the game. Your efforts draw many toward you. How you deal with various circumstances could change substantially. Relax with the moment, knowing full well you are on the path to victory. Tonight: Zero in on what you want.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ A take-charge attitude draws strong results. Others respond to your strong sense of direction and understanding. You know what you want, and clearly are going to achieve that goal. Others line up to watch. Tonight: A must appearance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Taking an overview could work best for you. Getting triggered by individuals just doesn't feel right. Give someone the benefit of the doubt. Loosen up. Tonight: Relax your mind. If you're so inclined, pick up a crossword puzzle.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Deal with one person at a time, and you'll get the kind of results you want. Others prove to be highly responsive and direct. You might want to approach a situation differently. Today is a great day to try another approach. Tonight: Dinner for two.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Others seek you out, and you have a lot to share. If you feel tired, don't be surprised -- you have been pushing beyond your norm. Know when to kick back and let someone else run with the ball. Tonight: Fun and games.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Emphasize what you know works. Don't take any unusual risks, as you could feel very uncomfortable. Work with others who seem to want to carry most of the burden. You can do nearly anything, if you so decide. Tonight: Put your feet up and relax.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Creativity fills in where logic fails. You can hit a home run if you maintain your focus and drive. Others like when you kick in and allow your imagination to dictate. Add that touch of humor. Tonight: Start the weekend early.

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Dreams With Sharp Teeth (NR)
7:30 pm

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1:15, 4:05, 6:55, 9:50
BRATZ (PG)
1:35, 4:25
Daddy Day Camp (PG)
1:20, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:15
Knocked Up (R)
7:00, 10:00
The Simpsons Movie (PG-13)
1:00, 3:25, 5:55, 8:15, 10:35

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The Bourne Ultimatum (PG)
11:00am, 1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:20
Hairspray (PG)
11:05am, 1:55, 4:55, 7:50, 10:45
No Reservations (PG)
11:55am, 2:20, 4:45, 7:10, 9:40
Ratatouille (G)
DLP-Digital Projection
11:30am, 2:15, 4:50, 7:40, 10:25
The Simpson Movie (PG-13)
11:45am, 2:05, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
Transformers (PG-13)
12:45, 4:05, 7:20, 10:35
Underdog (PG)
10:50am, 1:00, 3:15, 5:35, 7:55, 10:15

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Sunshine (R)
1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45
Talk to Me (R)
1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:00

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Arctic Tale (G)
1:45, 4:00, 6:15
Becoming Jane (PG)
1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45
Goya's Ghosts
(Los Fantasmas de Goya) (R)
8:30
La Vie en Rose
(La Mome) (PG-13)
1:20, 4:45, 8:10
The Ten (R)
12:15, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:00

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1313 3rd Street
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El Cantante (R)
11:10am, 1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 10:20
Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (PG-13)
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
Rush Hour 3 (PG-13)
12:01am
Who's Your Caddy? (PG-13)
11:40am, 9:40

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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
BRONZE

6	2	7		9		4		8
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2		5		1		6	3	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

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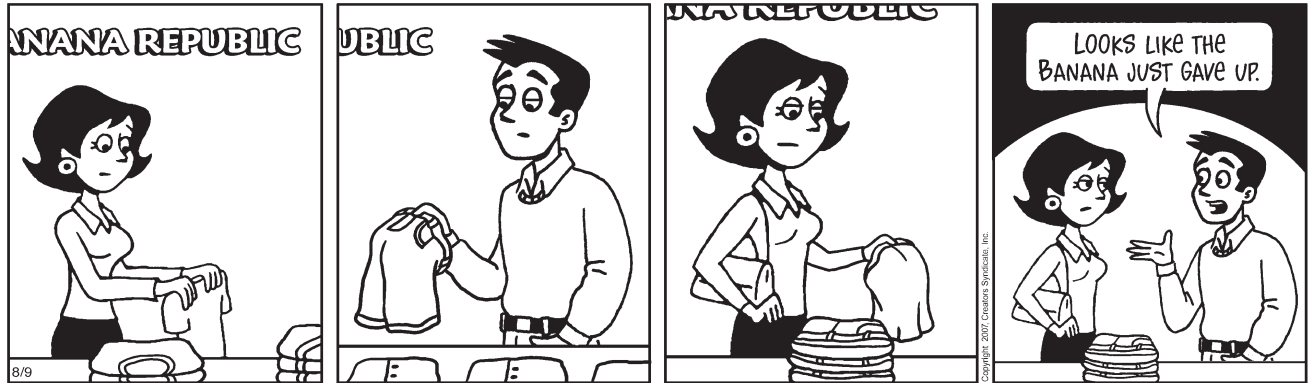
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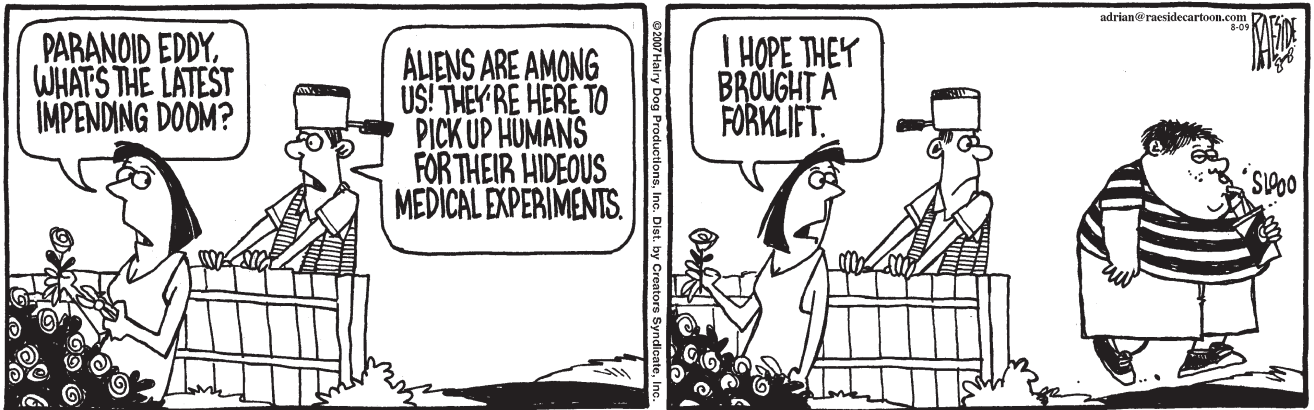
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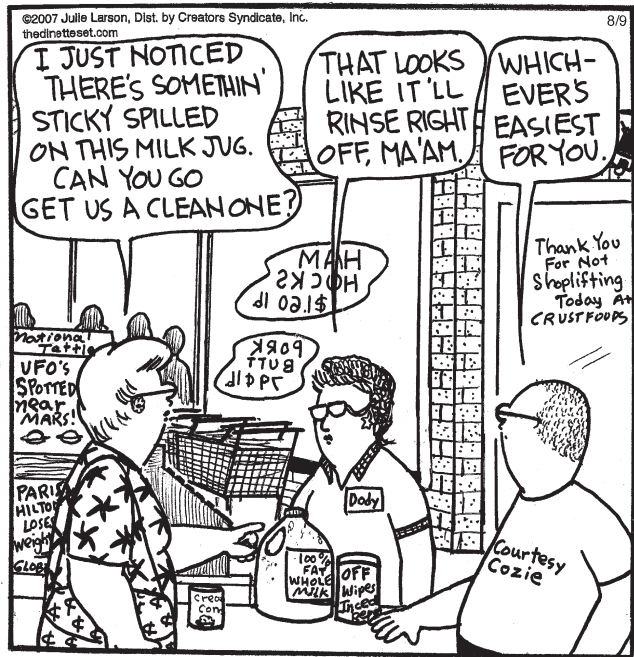


Dog eat Doug

By Brian Anderson

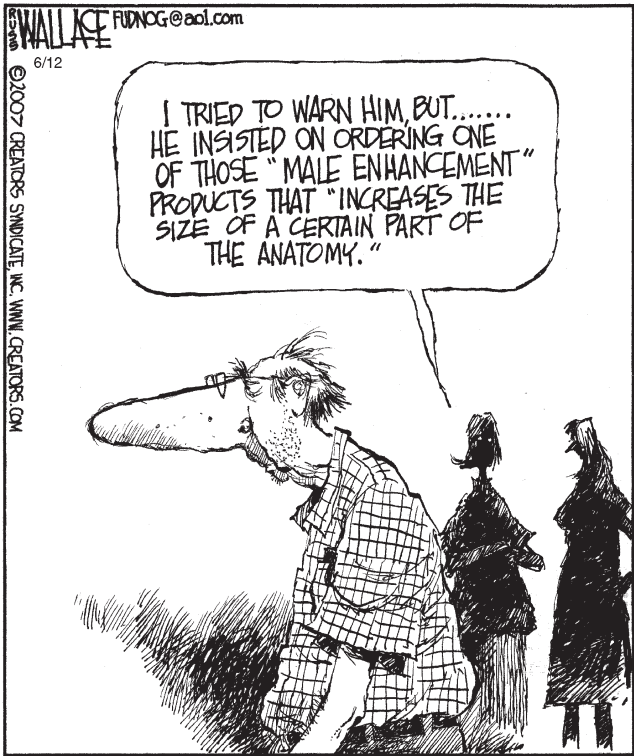


The Dinette Set by Julie Larson



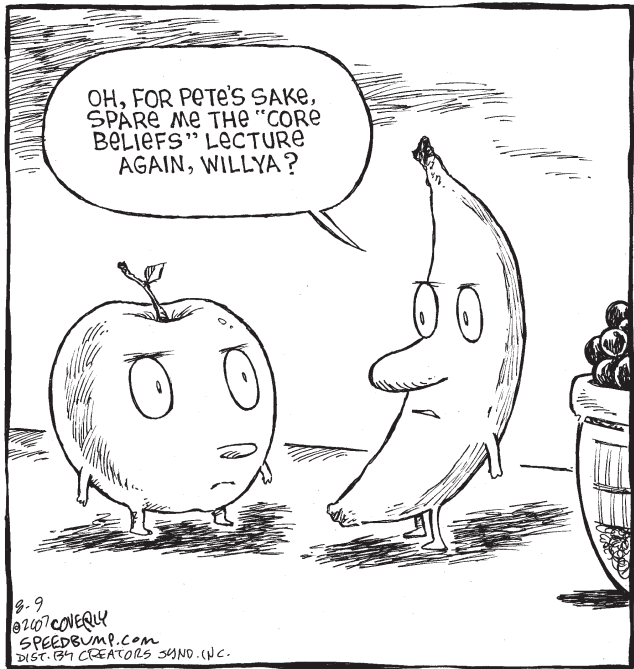
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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 - 12 "Becket" actor
 - 13 Custom
 - 14 Maximum
 - 15 Oc-casional
 - 17 Comic bit
 - 18 Social group
 - 22 Silent brother
 - 24 Got up
 - 25 Following
 - 26 Pester constantly
 - 27 Reading aids
 - 30 Home
 - 32 Dawn
 - 33 Tabloid
 - 34 Winner of seven batting titles
 - 38 Acts author
 - 41 Un-adorned
 - 42 No longer in bed
 - 43 In the heart of
 - 44 Blood-bank workers
 - 45 Sets the price at
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- 1 Makes suits
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 - 3 Stationery letters
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- 28 Read
- 29 "Dracula" author
- 30 Rainbow
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Some parents feel "unprecedented levels of angst" to pick cool enough names for their kids, with some even hiring consultants, according to a June Wall Street Journal report. Baby-book authors charge clients \$50 for a list of "special" names, and half-hour phone consultations go for \$95. Another adviser charges \$350 for three calls plus a comprehensive linguistic history of the selected name, and one California mother paid \$475 to a numerologist to "test" the name Leah Marie for "positive associations." The Journal blames the problem on too much information about names (from the Internet), as well as parents' fear of dooming their child for life by insufficiently distinguishing their kid from others.

■ Egypt's Muslims are growing weary of the number of specific religious edicts ("fatwas") issued by the country's clerics, including two recent, highly controversial ones, according to a June New York Times dispatch from Cairo. Ezzat Atiya, a lecturer at the prestigious al-Azhar Islamic University, had declared that men can be permitted to see unrelated women without their head scarves (which is ordinarily prohibited) by the symbolic act of the woman's breast-feeding the man five times, which in theory places the woman on similar footing to the man's mother. A second challenging fatwa declared that drinking the urine of the Prophet Muhammad would be holy. (Atiya has been suspended.)

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1971 The Society for American Baseball Research is founded in Cooperstown, New York.

1988 Japanese American Internment: US President Ronald Reagan signs the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, providing \$20,000 payments to Japanese-Americans who were either interned or relocated by in the United States during World War II.

1990 The Magellan space probe reaches Venus.

1995 Oklahoma City bombing: Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols are indicted for the bombing. Michael Fortier pleads guilty in a plea-bargain agreement for his testimony.

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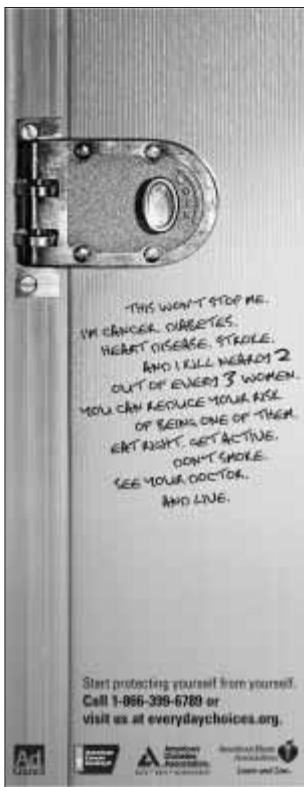
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Date of Filing Application: Aug. 7, 2007

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The Name(s) of the Applicant(s) is/are: KINGS SEAFOOD COMPANY LLC

The applicants listed above are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages at: 1401 OCEAN AVE. SANTA MONICA, CA. 90401-2106.

Type of License(s) Applied for: 47 – ON-SALE GENERAL EATING PLACE.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: LAI KUEN LUI CHEUNG CASE NO. SP007088

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of LAI KUEN LUI CHEUNG.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by WENDY CHEUNG in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MARGARET CHEUNG be appointed as Special Administrator to administer the estate of the decedent.

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THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act with limited authority. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on 08/31/07 at 9:15AM in Dept. R located at 1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code Section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner STEVEN G. GROSSMANN, ESQ. LAW OFFICES OF STEVEN G. GROSSMANN 455 E. THOUSAND OAKS BLVD., #101 THOUSAND OAKS, CA 91360 8/9, 8/10, 8/16/07 CNS-1178287# SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S No. 1095170-01 APN: 4270-010-033 TRA: LOAN NO: xxxxxx8525 REF: Power, Brian IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED November 15, 2004. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On August 15, 2007, at 10:00am, Cal-Western Reconveyance Corporation, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded November 22, 2004, as Inst. No. 04 3017251 in book XX, page XX of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, executed by Brian Power, will sell at public auction to highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state: At the West side of the Los Angeles County Courthouse, Southeast District, 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, California, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: Completely described in said deed of trust The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 2405 34th Street Unit 4, Santa Monica, CA 90405. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$564,348.79. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. For

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071624764 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as BEST HEALTH PRODUCTS 4 PEOPLE, PETS + ENVIRO, 3514 MENTONE AVE. #4 LOS ANGELES, CA. 90034. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : SANDY KRUEGER, 3514 MENTONE AVE. #4, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90034 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/: SANDY KRUEGER

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 8/9/2007, 9/16/2007, 9/23/2007, 9/30/2007

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