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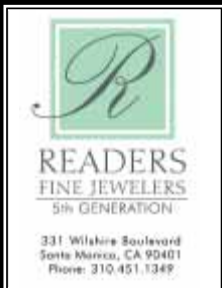
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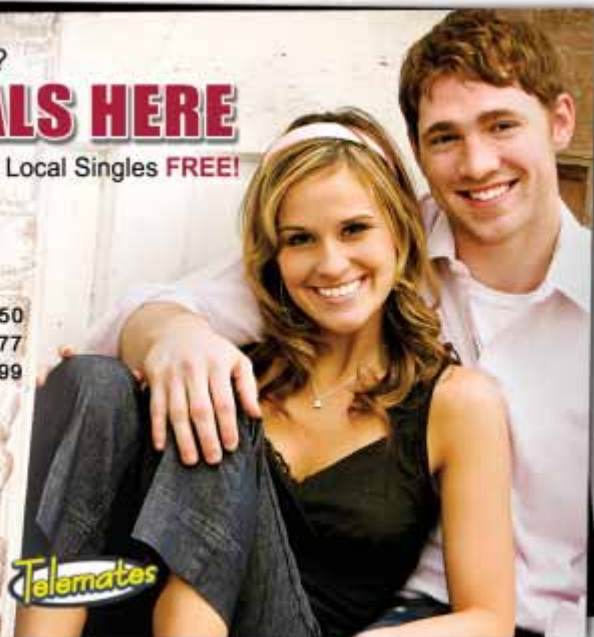
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WWE will take over Venice Beach as six of their wrestlers grapple with one another. Events will include photo opportunities with WWE divas, beach contests, photo opportunities and prizes. WWE Legend Jimmy Hart will host.

Monthly Lit Flick: 'Pride & Prejudice'

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 p.m. — 5 p.m.
The Main Library offers a free screening of the 2005 adaptation of Jane Austen's "Pride & Prejudice," starring Keira Knightley. Seating is first come, first served.

Culture of Peace lecture

606 Wilshire Blvd., 4 p.m. — 5:30 p.m.
Soka Gakkai International-USA's Culture of Peace Resource Center in Santa Monica will sponsor a lecture by UCLA Professor Peter McLaren titled "Educating Against Imperialism: Critical Pedagogy, Social Justice, and the Struggle for Peace." All lectures are free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.sgi-usa.org or contact Danny Hall at (310) 309-3209.

A royal revue

2601 Main St., 12:30 p.m. — 4 p.m.
The Ocean Park Branch Library invites folks to afternoon tea with "The Queen." A 12:30 p.m. book discussion of Tina Brown's "The Diana Chronicles" will be followed by a screening of the Oscar-nominated film starring Helen Mirren.

6th Annual Kickin' Cancer!

San Vicente Boulevard & Darlington Avenue,
Brentwood, 7 a.m. — 11 a.m.
Kickin' Cancer! is a family-friendly event to raise funds and awareness for the early detection and prevention of women's cancers. Event highlights include T-shirt giveaways, a Kiddie Fun Run, raffle prizes, entertainment and more. For a complete list of fundraising prizes, sponsor links, event information and more, visit www.kickincancer.com.

Sunday, Aug. 19, 2007

'Pots and Pans Protest to End the War'

11000 Wilshire Blvd., Westwood, 10 a.m. — 11 a.m.
Bring pots and pans to the West Los Angeles Federal Building and bang away to demand that Congress act to end the war in Iraq. For more information, visit www.raisehellformollyjivins.org.

The other Jerry's kids

1348 14th St., 7:30 p.m. — 11:30 p.m.
CUBENSIS brings the sights and sounds of a live Grateful Dead concert to 14 Below every Sunday. Don't forget to bring a tie-dye shirt and tinted glasses, man.

Tribute to Lowell George

1419 Topanga Canyon Blvd., Topanga, 7:30 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.
An all-star musical nod to the late great founder of Little Feat. Featuring Terry Allen, Jackson Browne, Valerie Carter, Van Dyke Parks and Little Feat members Paul Barrere, Kenny Gradney and Fred Tackett. Moderated by Jo Harvey Allen. For more information, call (310) 455-3723.

L.A. Cafe Plays

3000 Airport Ave., 7:30 p.m. & 9 p.m.
The next installment of the Ruskin Group Theatre's "L.A. Café Plays" — dubbed the "Fastest Theater in Town" because five short plays go from conception to execution in just 10 1/2 hours — will be tonight. Tickets are \$10. Call (310) 397-3244 or visit www.ruskingrouptheatre.com for more information.

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 Nate Birkey. This event is free and free parking is available after 4 p.m. at the Civic Auditorium.

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.





SPINNING YARNS

Maria Wander (left), who flew in from Manhattan just to take the class, spins yarn on Friday during the Fabulous Fiber Fest at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium.

Fabian Lewkowicz fabianl@smdp.com

Commissioners push land swap

BY KEVIN HERRERA | Daily Press Staff Writer

EASTSIDE Residents charged with guiding development in Santa Monica are urging the City Council to either purchase the Village Trailer Park or offer its owners another piece of property to develop so that tenants there will not be forced to relocate.

The owner of the trailer park, located at 2930 Colorado Ave., has plans to shut it down in January and redevelop the 3.85 acres of land with a mix of 109 rent-controlled studios, 240 market-rate condominiums and roughly 40,000 square feet of neighborhood-serving commercial space. A subterranean parking garage would provide 469 parking spaces, with 34 spaces above ground.

Planning commissioners voted Wednesday night to urge

the council to begin negotiations with the property owner to either purchase the site, or make a trade. Commissioners felt it was critical to protect the park since it represents one of the few remaining affordable housing options left in the city, which has experienced an increase in the development of pricey condominiums.

The lack of affordable housing prompted City Manager Lamont Ewell to create a workforce housing committee comprised of city staff, property owners and representatives from major employers like St. John's Health Center and Santa Monica College. The committee is looking at ways to develop housing that could be affordable for nurses, teachers, fire fighters and others who provide essential services.

Citing concerns about traffic and density, commissioners also requested that the council not approve any development

agreement with the owners of the trailer park until the Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE) is closer to completion and city staff has a better idea as to what residents want to see in the light manufacturing district, which is where the trailer park is located. The area has seen a rapid increase in development, particularly the construction of small studios ranging in size from 250 to 375 square feet.

The LUCE process will determine how land is used in the city during the next 20 years or more.

"We want to be fair to all of the parties involved -- the trailer park residents, the developer, the city -- on what the expectations are," said Commissioner Julie Lopez Dad, who made a motion to recommend that the council begin devel-

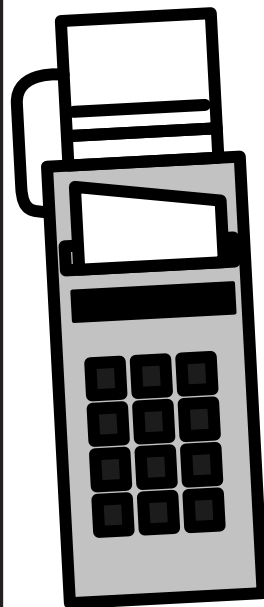
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Daily Press gives trees a fair shake
Editor:

You have performed a most valuable service of coverage and notification of the Second and Fourth streets tree removal enhancement program (“SM City Council gives trees the ax,” Aug. 16). The vote of Aug. 14 exposes the mentally and morally deficient Santa Monica City Council, with the exception of Councilman Kevin McKeown. Attendees at the meeting credited the Santa Monica Daily Press, since there was not any notification by the council of this meeting, nor was there any posting on the streets and trees of intent.

Asta Young
Santa Monica

Council still just lumbering along
Editor:

How many years and millions of dollars ago did the city take over the Fisher Lumber yard (14th Street and Colorado Avenue), promising a much-needed expansion of Memorial Park? Two years? Three? \$10 million? \$20 million?

Now, the property is used to store buses and a crappy old “historic and culturally significant” clapboard shed ... I mean “house.”

How many assistant city managers and expensive insider consultants does it take to build a soccer field? There should be a punch line here, but this is Santa Monica, so the government joke just drags on. Consider this, small but telling: There's a busted water fountain in Clover Park. For a couple of months, there was a sign taped to it that said a repair order has been submitted. Now, the sign's gone. The fountain, near the children's play area in the southeast corner, still doesn't work. Maybe they're waiting for a public hearing and an environmental impact report.

No doubt, Santa Monica has awesome parks – but clearly not enough park space. One suspects that if the old Fisher Lumber land were to be yet another city-funded poverty tenement, with its fast-track, no-public-comment approvals, the apartments would be finished by now, prison-block design, beer-can walls and all.

One also suspects, and fears, that if the city does fulfill its Memorial Park promise, it will probably take decades, given the experience with the new airport soccer fields or a simple broken water fountain. Even worse: Some of the multiple-term incumbent renters on the City Council will still be in office when that day finally arrives, and take the credit.

Mark Shepherd
Santa Monica

Feinstein quiet amid power grab
(Editor's note: The following is an open letter to Sen. Dianne Feinstein)

My confidence in you and your colleagues has withered to winter. With the passing of this latest warrantless wiretapping legislation and the absolute inability (or complicity) of this Congress and Senate to perform the oversight required by what our president (seems to consider) a worthless piece of paper – the Constitution of the United States. I can only surmise that this once great democracy is doomed.

Your office recently alerted me to the fact that you will not pursue impeachment of our highest office because our country is too divided. Let me suggest that this division will only be healed through your sworn duty to uphold the precepts outlined in that worthless piece of paper, and can only grow with this administration's dangerous continuance.

Fascism is a word often heard, but little understood by post-Boomer generations. Hitler is a historic memory. Nazi Germany, a thing of the past. It might be nice to be an aristocrat under fascist rule during a power grab, but I am a small man, my concerns are not your concerns. This, I understand and accept, and I await this Ice Age with trepidation.

Devin McGuire
Venice



Modern Times

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New immigration law is alien to logic

HAVING ACCOMPLISHED NOTHING, Congress recently responded as it always does — by giving itself a one-month vacation from accomplishing nothing. Since Congress failed to pass President Bush's immigration law, or the Democratic immigration proposal, or any other new immigration law, the Department of Homeland Security came up with its own impractical, unenforceable law. The new ruling calls for severely punishing the employers of undocumented immigrants. And who are the loudest critics of this new law? Farmers and business owners. The administration might have thought they were tossing a bone to the party faithful who want some new immigration policy, but they may have actually angered their own political base.

The idea of arresting and/or fining a boss for the illegal behavior of his or her employees is an interesting one. Do you think you should be arrested if someone who works for you steals a car? Just think if President Bush were held legally responsible for all of the wrongdoers who have worked for him. He'd be walking around in a striped suit with a number on it.

Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff claims that this measure wasn't meant to “punish” Congress for not passing an immigration bill. However, he also said that maybe once these provisions are in force for a while, Congress would view immigration reform differently. Sounds like punishment to me.

Let's pretend for a moment that the administration is serious about this new ruling, and that they plan on enforcing it. It's estimated that half of the agricultural workers in this country are undocumented immigrants. If you remove them from the workforce, who's going to do all the harvesting? Are Chertoff and his people going to roll up their sleeves and start picking crops? Some 25 percent of textile and garment workers, and 18 percent of sewing machine operators in this country are undocumented. Who's going to make our clothes? I know that now almost everybody agrees that global warming exists, but I don't think the solution to that problem is walking around naked.

If this new immigration policy is enforced, we consumers are either going to have to pay outrageous prices for things, or go without them. Neither situation sounds like something a Republican administration would want to add to its legacy.

So, it seems that this measure is just for show, or — to turn one of the administration's favorite phrases on itself — “political theater.” Chertoff himself admits that the law cannot be totally enforced, but he hopes that the threat of its being enforced will act as a deterrent. And I hope that, starting tomorrow, my car will be able to

run on air rather than gasoline. But that's not going to happen either.

But I guess they felt they had to throw something out there. There's an election brewing, and one of the hot-button issues is immigration.

If the impetus behind a new immigration policy is the desire to have a safer country and to protect us from foreign terrorists, I'm all for that. But keep in mind that one of the worst acts of terrorism ever committed in this country — the Oklahoma City bombing — was perpetrated by American citizens. So, don't forget to keep us safe from American bad guys, too.

OBVIOUSLY, IMMIGRATION IS A COMPLEX ISSUE. BUT I KNOW THE ANSWER ISN'T ANNOUNCING NEW LAWS WRITTEN BY PEOPLE WHO ADMIT THEY'RE UNENFORCEABLE.

If the reason behind a desire for new immigration laws is the sentiment that undocumented workers are taking jobs away from American citizens, that's a tougher argument. We don't have a high unemployment rate now. Maybe I just don't hang out in the right places, but I've never heard anyone say, “I tried to get a job picking crops, but there were no openings because of all those ‘illegal immigrants.’” I've also never heard, “I really want a job in one of those garment sweatshops, but those undocumented workers have that whole profession sewn up.”

Obviously, immigration is a complex issue. But I know the answer isn't announcing new laws written by people who admit they're unenforceable. But just think if the President and Congress had said, “We are not going to take a vacation until we agree on an immigration policy that we can all live with, that makes sense, and that's enforceable.” If they had to postpone their vacations until they came up with something like that, they'd have agreed on a law faster than you can say, “All in favor, say ‘Aye.’”

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STRAY talk

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

"I'm not really good at it."

— Lauren Conrad, star of the MTV reality show "The Hills," which has been criticized by TV pundits and critics as being a scripted show, on whether she will pursue an acting career

"It's dead around here."

— Sandra Garcia, an All Sports Pro employee, on the lack of foot traffic in Santa Monica Place mall

"You got caught cheating, and you should just swallow it like a man."

— "Today Show" host Meredith Vieira to interview subject Leroy Greer, who's suing 1-800-Flowers after they unintentionally tipped off his spouse about his extramarital affair

"No amount of electrically-operated parking structures or hydrogen-powered Priuses are going to make up for the photos of people who are chained to trees as the trees are getting cut down."

— Architect Dan Jansenson on the potential image of protesters chaining themselves to trees on Second and Fourth streets to keep the mature ficuses from being uprooted

"It's difficult times like this that it exists."

— A Peruvian parish priest, when asked, as he stood outside the ruins of his church that collapsed and killed 300 parishioners and possibly two of his nuns, how he could have faith at a time like this

"There is no law against someone making you feel uncomfortable."

— Laurie Levenson, a former federal prosecutor and a Loyola Law School professor, on why admitted pedophiles, who have yet to act on their impulses, cannot be arrested.

"I went last year and I bought more than I should've, and I had to get that rush again."

— Andrew Bender on the annual Barneys New York warehouse sale at the Santa Monica Airport

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The QLine

THE CITY'S BUILDING BLOCKS ARE HIGH ENOUGH

This past week, Q-line asked:

Do you think the City Council should enact a freeze on all building or would such a measure be overkill?

Here are your responses:

"CITY COUNCIL SHOULD PUT A STOP to out-of-control building. They should put a moratorium on development so they can work on the land use plan. I am all for this proposal to stop over-development."

"THE CITY COUNCIL SHOULD HAVE PUT a freeze on building in this city years ago. It is so overbuilt now that, pretty soon, we won't be able to enter or leave the city due to gridlock. Never mind the overpopulation and concrete jungle we are fast becoming."

"THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA LOST ITS virginity when it was changed from a sleepy quaint beach town into a quagmire of factories and high-rise office buildings that are totally devoid of architectural art and character. A congested quagmire that has severely damaged the infrastructure of what was once a well-managed, immaculate, quiet and nice coastal residential community. A freeze on construction at this time is a great idea."

"I THINK THEY SHOULD PUT A COMPLETE moratorium on all building in Santa Monica unless they want the Las Vegas on the Pacific, and then we could just change the name of the city. But the building here is getting ridiculous and so is the traffic. It's unbelievable the way they're just carrying on without any regards to the future plans of the city."

"I THINK THAT THEY SHOULD ENACT A freeze on all buildings. And the only thing that's overkill is the amount of development that they've allowed and will continue to allow if there's not any freeze."

"THE GREEDY DEVELOPERS ALWAYS TEAR down something small and put up something big, which leads to more traffic and more people. But they don't live here, so they don't care. They're just in it for the money. Instead of having a total ban on building we should just say that whatever they tear down they can only build something of the same size in its place, with the same amount of people who lived there before; that way there won't be an impact on the city."

"I BELIEVE THE CITY COUNCIL SHOULD enact a freeze on all building and it would not be overkill. There are many around me that feel the same."

"I SUPPORT A FULL MORATORIUM ON building because affordable housing options and rent control are being destroyed by displacing long-term residents. City Council is meeting this week and I support a full moratorium on building, except on single-residency or six-unit apartments or condos here at Village trailer park."

"I AM IN FAVOR OF A FULL MORATORIUM on building in Santa Monica, except for those exceptions of single-residency or six-unit condos at the Village."

"NO, DON'T BUILD ANY OTHER housing except for rent control housing."

"I ALSO WANT TO SUPPORT THAT moratorium and stop the building, especially all this massive big building that's going on. Small units are OK, but all this building is just making life more difficult, more complicated, and adding more traffic and more pollution."

"YES, I THINK THE CITY COUNCIL should enact a freeze on all building until everything that is under construction now is up and running properly, the dust settles and we figure out what this city looks like. This city is getting way overwhelmed with New York City-ification. There's just much too much consumption of water – the pace is happening so fast that planners cannot possibly intellectually (even with computers) take it in. And we who drive and walk in this city are miserable. It's horrible. I can't imagine how many people benefit from this development, but for the majority of us, the rest of us, it's horrible and totally out of control and that's why I think we should simply stop doing something we all know is dangerous and crazy and then figure out what it looks like when we stop, and then we can start again. But I think we're going to find that this city is being overbuilt and resources are being consumed like land that could be for parks, oxygen or simply a nice view. That doesn't count cars; that doesn't count human beings using water; that doesn't count garbage collection. This city has a lot of assets, but they're getting stretched thin by the greed of developers."

"I SUPPORT THE BUILDING MORATO-rium and I just think rent control and fair housing are getting destroyed. They said they'd give us a good deal on a condominium that starts at \$800,000. I mean, jeeze, we could never afford that!"

"I DO THINK THE CITY COUNCIL should enact a freeze on all building. We need it desperately and I feel strongly that we must do it until we figure out the consequences."

"I DEFINITELY THINK THERE SHOULD be a freeze on certain projects in Santa Monica. There is too much development and rampant growth will definitely destroy what is very special in this small, beachside city. The developers seem intent on turning Santa Monica into Manhattan by the Sea. There should definitely be a moratorium, except for single family residences, public facilities such as hospitals and affordable housing. But, absolutely, let's keep what's so special here."

"I THINK THE CITY COUNCIL SHOULD enact a freeze on all building except for affordable housing, though we never seem to get any affordable housing here, we could use some!"

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So far, the chief invaders of Castello di Amorosa — "Castle of Love" — have been tourists and wine-lovers, eager to get a look at the 13th-century, Tuscan-style castle that sits on Diamond Mountain, just south of Calistoga.

No cheesy replica, Castello di Amorosa looks and feels like the real deal.

That's because it is, says Sattui.

The roughhewn walls and ceilings contain bricks hundreds of years old, all imported from Europe — there are 850,000 in all. Where stone was used it was hand-carved by stonecutters following traditional methods, which could mean spending an hour and a half on one stone.

Medieval masons used lime in their mortar, so did Sattui. In the old days, lamps were made by hand, each a little bit different, so are his.

"We either used old materials or we did it the same way it would have been done, not 100 percent, but to the extent we were able to with modern building codes," he says.

There are 107 rooms on eight levels, four above ground and four below. Much of the underground space is used for barrel storage but there is also a pit for disposing of enemies, a Knight's Room decorated with lively frescos and a torture chamber with gruesome replica instruments and one very gruesome, non-replica, 300-year-old Iron Maiden.

On a sunnier note is the Great Hall, 72-feet-long and 22-feet-high, decorated with huge frescoes — replicas of medieval Italian paintings that took two Italian artists about a year and a half to complete — and capped by a gilded and beamed ceiling that looks hundreds of years old but isn't.

There are secret passageways, a church, which Sattui plans to have consecrated, a kitchen, an apartment for the nobles, stables, and an outdoor oven for baking bread. There are plans to make olive oil here, too, in keeping with the fact that Tuscany's castles were agricultural centers

as well as defensive fortifications.

Sattui has been making wine in the Napa Valley since the '70s when he started the V. Sattui Winery in St. Helena. The winery is named after his great-grandfather Vittorio, an Italian winemaker who made wine under the name V. Sattui in San Francisco until Prohibition shut him down.

A room in the castle is dedicated to Vittorio, it features dusty old bottles, most empty but a few still labeled and corked, that come from his original winery.

Wine is the focus of the new castle, despite its eye-catching exterior. Wines produced here are sold under the Castello di Amorosa label, and like the V. Sattui wines they're available only by mail or at the tasting rooms. Sattui is producing about 8,000 cases a year of Castello di Amorosa wines, which range from a buttery chardonnay to crisp pinot grigio and pinot bianco, both Italian-style wines, to a plush red cabernet and some dessert wines.

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Vineyard owner

The castle opened for tours earlier this year and has had thousands of visitors already, some coming back for a second or third time.

And it's getting attention elsewhere. On a recent tour, Sattui was interrupted when his cell phone rang — presidential hopeful Rudy Giuliani calling to talk about a fundraiser at the castle.

Tourists who recognize Sattui are apt to stop and congratulate him on the years of effort that went into Castello di Amorosa.

"Honestly, I don't believe I've met anybody who doesn't like this and some people are just ecstatic about it, no question," says Sattui. "It makes me feel good."

The castle joins a number of architecturally interesting wineries in the northern Napa Valley, including nearby Sterling, which has an aerial tram and a terrace that offers a spectacular view.



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Countrywide forced to borrow

BY ALEX VEIGA | AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES The credit mess forced Countrywide Financial Corp., the nation's largest mortgage lender, to borrow \$11.5 billion on Thursday, shocking financial markets already reeling from the growing credit crunch and threatening to make home loans harder to get.

Countrywide said it borrowed the cash from a group of 40 banks so it could keep making home loans.

The announcement sent its stock tumbling about 11 percent and prompted one credit rating agency to downgrade its rating to near-junk bond status.

Countrywide is the largest mortgage lender by volume, accounting for more than 13 percent of the loan servicing market as of June 30, according to the mortgage industry publication Inside Mortgage Finance.

It made the borrowing move amid a credit crunch that has driven a number of its smaller peers to bankruptcy.



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Equity analyst Friedman, Billings, Ramsey Group Inc. said a continued liquidity crunch for more than three months could send Countrywide into bankruptcy.

Other analysts said the credit situation will have far-reaching consequences.

"We're in this situation where one of the biggest home lenders in the country is in sig-

nificant financial difficulty and is being forced to take fairly extraordinary action to maintain its financial viability," said Tony

Hughes, managing director of credit risk for Moody's Economy.com

"This means the threat of a credit crunch is very real. It means that mortgage finance generally will be hard to come by," he said.

Goldman Sachs analyst James Fotheringham said "it would not be in this country's best interest to have its largest

mortgage lender cease operations." He did not elaborate.

Fotheringham said in a research note the country has yet to see the worst of the ongoing mortgage credit crunch.

"Industry trends are not improving," he wrote. "Home prices are 13 percent to 14 percent overvalued (which could take several years to play out)."

Some analysts said Countrywide had bought time with its huge loan.

John Kriz, a managing director of Moody's real estate finance team, believes Countrywide now has enough liquidity to meet debt obligations through 2008.

Countrywide President and Chief Operating Officer David Sambol said in a statement the company has "taken decisive steps which we believe will address the challenges arising in this environment and enable the company to meet its goals."

Private eye gets five years for fake documents in death row cases

BY DON THOMPSON | Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO A former private investigator who admitted forging documents to try to save the lives of four death row inmates was sentenced Thursday to five years in state prison.

Kathleen Culhane, 40, admitted that she repeatedly made up statements from real witnesses and jurors and forged their signatures to try to stop the executions. The fake statements were turned over to attorneys and filed with the courts and governor's office as they considered whether to commute the men's death sentences.

Culhane said she acted out of her moral opposition to the death penalty.

"I was very conscious that a life held in the balance, she told Sacramento County Superior Court Gary Ransom. "My crimes are crimes of conscience."

She said she acted "not for personal benefit or gain but out of necessity" to influence a death penalty system she believes is dysfunctional.

But prosecutors said her actions threatened the same legal system she was sworn to support. State Attorney General Jerry Brown called Culhane's actions the greatest fraud ever against the state's criminal justice system.

"It's very important that the public have faith and confidence in the judicial system," Senior Assistant Attorney General Michael Farrell he told the judge. "There's a real dan-

ger that people may inflict street justice. There's a real danger that suspects can get killed. That's the real irony here."

Culhane pleaded guilty in April to two counts of forgery and single counts of perjury and filing false documents. By accepting a five-year prison deal, the former San Francisco-based investigator avoided a possible 19 years in prison on 45 counts.

She was immediately placed in handcuffs and led off to begin her prison sentence after Ransom imposed the sentence.

Her attorney, Stuart Hanlon, said she is likely to serve about two years and eight months behind bars before being paroled.

Culhane originally was charged with filing false documents under the names of 11 jurors, two witnesses, two court interpreters and one police officer.



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General's actions reveal authority

BY THOMAS WATKINS
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES In recent months, the senior Marine commander on the West Coast has dismissed charges against three troops implicated in the deaths of 24 Iraqis and reduced the sentences of three others in the kidnapping and murder of an Iraqi man.

Lt. Gen. James Mattis' actions in two of the war's highest-profile criminal cases underscore one of the wildcards in the military justice system: the sweeping powers of a commanding general to decide the fate of those accused of war crimes.

Mattis, who commands the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force at Camp Pendleton in Southern California, decided who was charged, who got immunity, who will stand trial and, in the case of convictions, whether clemency should be granted.

His decisions were cheered by those who believe the troops were pursued unfairly by overzealous military prosecutors. But critics said the moves reflected how the justice system is tilted toward the accused, particularly in cases arising from battlefield actions.

Tom Donnelly, a security analyst specializing in defense issues at the conservative American Enterprise Institute, said Mattis' rulings are rooted in his wartime experience, which includes back-to-back visits to Afghanistan and Iraq.

"He's a Marine's Marine," Donnelly said. "He would well understand the individual pressures that any soldier or Marine would be subject to in fighting in an irregular conflict."

Mattis' spokesman, Lt. Col. Chris Hughes, said the general had spent many months in Iraq's Al Anbar province since 2003.

"This (war) is tough and he recognizes that," Hughes said. Mattis is currently in Iraq and was unavailable for comment.

Mattis' combat views have pushed him into the public eye before. In 2005, speaking in San Diego, he said: "It's fun to shoot some people. I'll be right upfront with you, I like brawling."

He was told by the commandant of the Marine Corps to choose his words more carefully, but was not disciplined.

Gary Solis, a former Marine Corps prosecutor and judge who teaches law of war at Georgetown University Law Center, said the general is uniquely positioned to understand Marines accused of crimes.

Of course he has sympathy for them," Solis said. "The question is whether that sympathy extends to being a critical factor in releasing them."

In the first case, eight men were charged with murder or dereliction of duty in the deaths of 24 civilians in Haditha. In the other case, seven Marines and a Navy corpsman were accused of kidnapping and murdering an Iraqi man in Hamdania.

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POMONA

Bus driver convicted of groping teen passenger

A Foothill Transit bus driver was convicted of a misdemeanor sex charge for groping a teenage passenger, but jurors were unable to reach a verdict on felony false imprisonment.

A mistrial was declared on that charge Thursday and prosecutors will retry Marco Diaz, 34, for allegedly keeping the 17-year-old female passenger on the bus against her will, said Jane Robison, spokeswoman for the Los Angeles County district attorney's office.

The teenager boarded the bus in Covina last month and Diaz drove to a stop at Citrus College, investigators said.

As the other passengers left the bus, she asked Diaz where she could get a connecting bus and Diaz allegedly offered to take her there, said Glendora police Lt. Joe Ward.

Diaz pulled into a bus turnout near Foothill Boulevard and Barranca Avenue, closed the door, and blocked the teen's exit, according to her testimony.

The teenager testified that Diaz then touched her inappropriately on several parts of her body, and asked her questions about her sex life. Diaz let her go after she gave him her phone number, she said.

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COLTON

Former police chief files wrongful termination claim

Police Chief Ken Rulon filed a claim against the city Thursday alleging wrongful termination, retaliation, defamation and other offenses, his lawyers said.

The claim, a prerequisite for a future lawsuit, seeks about \$10 million in lost compensation and damages, according to a prepared statement by the law firm Hadsell & Stormer Inc.

Rulon was put on leave March 6 after a five-month investigation into claims of intimidation and abuse of power, but no reason was given at the time for his suspension. Officials said it involved a personnel matter.

His lawyers claimed he was the targeted for blowing the whistle on city corruption after he turned over information to prosecutors about former Councilman Ramon Hernandez.

Hernandez pleaded not guilty last fall to 24 felony counts involving alleged misuse of his city credit card and cellular telephone. Trial is pending.

"Rulon was terminated because he reported and revealed illegal and unethical conduct by city employees, including city council members and other high level representatives," his lawyers' statement said.

City Manager Daryl Parrish said in a prepared statement that Rulon "was released because of his inability to effectively lead the Colton Police Department" and that his claim had no merit.

"One thing this process will bring to light should Mr. Rulon choose to press forward, is the fact that the city and the department had in its midst a psychotic megalomaniac," Parrish said.

AP

GLENDALE

Pot farm seized, used stolen water

A marijuana farm that tapped water earmarked for use against wildfires was found in the Verdugo Mountains.

Authorities Thursday began removing about 5,000 plants which had an estimated street value of up to \$10 million, police Officer John Balian said.

No arrests were made.

A police air unit spotted the pot farm Tuesday in ravines above Crescenta Valley Park, Balian said. The plants spread out across more than an acre of land.

"Detectives hiked up the mountain and discovered a sophisticated marijuana-growing operation spread throughout the area," Balian said.

The plants were watered by a drip irrigation system that tapped into a city-owned tower storing water in case of brush fires, Balian said.

"Imagine if there was a fire there and we were dependent on those towers," he said.

Glendale is northeast of downtown Los Angeles.

AP

LOS ANGELES

Port to move tank farm considered terror target

The Port of Los Angeles will buy and move a 14-acre chemical tank farm at the port, six years after saying it could pose a potential terrorist target.

The 136 tanks hold jet fuel, propane and other flammable chemicals. On Wednesday, the City Council gave the port permission to spend \$17 million to buy out the remaining 18 years of a lease on the tank farm, which is operated by New Orleans-based Westway Terminal Co.

Harbor officials earlier agreed to pay the cost of cleaning up soil beneath the tanks, which could cost an estimated \$15 million to \$36 million.

Shortly after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, local officials said they wanted to remove the tanks from near communities to industrial Terminal Island, about a mile across the Los Angeles Main Channel.

AP

LOS ANGELES

Council approves \$1.2 billion gate project at LAX

The City Council approved building 10 new gates at Los Angeles International Airport to handle international flights as the aging facility strives to compete in the global market and accommodate new jumbo jets.

The council gave unanimous approval Wednesday to the \$1.2 billion construction project.

The project will be funded by the fees airlines pay to use the airport and should be completed by 2012.

The gates will be the first built at the airport since the early 1980s. They will be part of a new building that passengers will reach by an underground people mover from the Tom Bradley International Terminal.

All the gates will be able to accommodate the new, larger jetliners.

"This sends a message to the airline industry that we want a world-class airport," Councilwoman Janice Hahn said.

The city has been working on several airport expansion projects including a \$723.5 million renovation of the Bradley terminal.

AP

Lawyer accused of skirting law

Judge says Spector's attorney violated rules to gain an advantage

BY LINDA DEUTSCH

AP Special Correspondent

LOS ANGELES The judge in Phil Spector's murder trial scolded the music producer's defense team Thursday for a "deliberate and egregious" violation of discovery rules that was done "to gain a tactical advantage and to throw the prosecution off their game."

The rebuke came amid trial developments that included the defense having Spector stand in the pose of a shooter to support forensic testimony that he did not pull the trigger of the gun that killed actress Lana Clarkson.

Superior Court Judge Larry Paul Fidler dressed down the lawyers outside the jury's presence and said he would be drafting "a pinpoint instruction" at the end of the case that would tell jurors what had happened.

He said the instruction would not be aimed at Spector.

"Mr. Spector is not part of this," he said. "It does not go to guilt or innocence. It goes to the prosecution's ability to present its case."

The issue has been percolating in the trial since Tuesday, when defense witness Dr. Michael Baden sprang a new forensic theory involving Clarkson's death at Spector's home.

Baden had testified he recently concluded Clarkson's spinal cord was not completely severed when a bullet tore through her mouth on Feb. 3, 2003. The opinion supports defense claims that Clarkson could have spewed blood onto Spector's jacket with her dying gasps after she was shot.

Baden's theory offers an explanation of how Spector could have gotten specks of blood on his jacket if he didn't shoot her, which prosecutors contend he did. Spector's lawyers say Clarkson was depressed and shot herself.

Baden conceded during his testimony that he had an "aha!" moment last Sunday and came up with the theory. Prosecutors said they did not learn of it until he testified and were unable to rebut it.

"I have no doubt this was done to gain a tactical advantage," said Fidler. "When Dr. Baden testified as to the theory it was not just an 'aha!' moment for him but for me. It was a major piece of evidence and a change of tactic."

The judge noted that he and most of the veteran lawyers in the case "grew up under a different system." Before an initiative changed the law, "The prosecution gave discovery (of their evidence) and the defense didn't" under Fifth Amendment prohibitions against self-incrimination.

After the initiative was passed, he said, both the U.S. Supreme Court and the California Supreme Court ruled that discovery had to be reciprocal.

"It is given very grudgingly and a majority of people don't like it," he said. "But it is controlling."

Defense attorney Bradley Brunon argued that most of the defense team did not know about Baden's planned testimony and said no harm had been done because the prosecution had been able to do extensive cross-examination in subse-

quent days. The judge was unconvinced.

"There was a violation. It was to gain a tactical advantage and to throw the prosecution off their game," he said, adding there had been prior discovery violations by the defense. He said there must be a remedy.

"This is the kind of thing that is going to deter the defense bar," he said. "It's the only way we will put an end to this game playing."

Brunon responded that the judge's comments regarding a deterrent effect was out of line.

"The court should not be sending messages," Brunon said. "We're not here to establish lessons but to resolve the discrete issue in this case."

He also said the only lawyer who knew of the new theory was Christopher Plourd, who questioned Baden.

"It doesn't change the fact that a member of the team did it," said Fidler.

WE'RE NOT HERE TO ESTABLISH LESSONS BUT TO RESOLVE THE DISCRETE ISSUE IN THIS CASE."

Bradley Brunon
Defense attorney

In the heat of argument, Brunon said, "To interpret it that way is the court putting the thumb on the scales."

The judge exploded at Brunon: "That's very insulting and you'd better withdraw that comment." The attorney immediately withdrew it and during a break he apologized to the judge again. Fidler said they would move past it.

Baden, in his third day on the stand, later testified that a photo of Clarkson's hand with a piece of acrylic missing from her thumbnail "indicates that her right thumb was on the trigger when the gun was fired."

In a surprise move later, defense attorney Christopher Plourd asked Spector to stand with his arm outstretched and a finger pointed as if shooting a gun. Plourd sought to show that Spector could not have shot Clarkson without being covered in blood and gunshot residue.

Baden had just been questioned about the absence of gunshot residue on Spector's clothing and minimal blood and tissue spatter.

Baden was asked if tissue would have been found on Spector if he fired the gun. "Yes," said Baden. "On his sleeve and on the right side of his jacket."

Small amounts of blood spatter were found only on the left side and back of the jacket along with a slight smudge on the left cuff.

"And in his hair?" Plourd asked, putting his hands on Spector's head.

"In his hair, on his pants, on his shoes," Baden said, naming places where no spatter was found.

Baden declared, "In my opinion, to a reasonable degree of medical certainty, there is nothing that tells me Mr. Spector's hand was on the trigger when it discharged."

The judge also said an alternate juror had left the trial because of a family illness.



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GETTING BY: Donald Rynder, seen near the Third Street Promenade, has had problems finding an accommodating hotel to stay at.

Accessing the dream

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Homeless and wheelchair-bound for the past few months, Donald Rynder is a man on a mission to find a motel to call home each night.

After calling close to 28 motels in Santa Monica, visions of a comfortable night's sleep are looking slim.

A Vietnam vet, Rynder has been disabled since the helicopter in which he was riding was shot down in 1968. On Friday, he said he was fine from the accident, his injured leg supported by a metal plate, until about eight months ago, when it became infected and had to be amputated.

Life soon changed for Rynder, who said he became homeless a few months ago after selling his house and has since been looking for suitable temporary digs. The only problem is that nearly every single Santa Monica motel he contacted is not handicap accessible — the bathroom doors too narrow for his wheelchair, the shower and toilet devoid of handicapped bars.

One motel, he contends, even lied to him about the bathroom being handicap-accessible. After Rynder paid and realized the bathroom was anything but, he demanded his money back, but the motel refused to refund, Rynder said Friday.

The daily obstacles in the life of a person living with a disability are those the average person typically takes for granted. The simple day-to-day activities of riding the bus, using the restroom and even knowing when the coast is clear to cross the street can pose a daunting challenge for people with disabilities.

It's been more than 17 years since the Americans with Disabilities Act was enacted, securing civil rights protections for people living with disabilities, prohibiting such discrimination in the workplace and mandating handicap accessibility to public services, such as installing a wheelchair ramp at City Hall.

Aside from his differences with the motels, Rynder believes the city and its residents are fairly handicap friendly.

Rynder is a common fixture in one of the Third Street Promenade's tunnels. Each day, he sits in his wheelchair reading a book, surrounded by empty Starbucks coffee cups. He occasionally pops his head up to flash a smile to passersby, waving hello to those he sees every day.

"The cops are excellent," Rynder said. "They're always looking out for me if someone is trying to mess with me. "They do it for my own protection."

HOW FRIENDLY IS SANTA MONICA?

Some who live with disabilities say the city is a friendly place to live, from the speakers on the Big Blue Buses announcing stops to the curb cuts on every corner, allow-

ing people confined to wheelchairs and scooters to maneuver their way through the city streets.

But there are still improvements to be made, according to Christopher Knauf, chairman of the Disabilities Access Commission, an advisory board to the City Council regarding accessibility issues.

One of the primary issues the commission is currently addressing is attitude, labeling it as the real disability that plagues modern society.

"Congress can pass a law and that mere passage of a law doesn't translate into people changing their perceptions and attitudes that have developed over a lifetime," he said. "We've been conditioned as a society to approach people with disabilities in particular ways."

City Hall is starting to implement a new awareness program, whereby all city staff will receive sensitivity training on how to accommodate customers with disabilities, Knauf said.

The Disabilities Access Commission has identified certain areas in which city government can improve in its implementation of ADA and making the city a friendly place for people living with disabilities. One suggestion the commission has made is to improve the guidelines for permitted events, providing easy-to-follow rules for planning an event that is handicap accessible.

"I think with the general mindset of city staff wanting to be helpful ... that is a good start," Knauf said.

The commission is also advocating for a universally accessible playground.

"We would love to see a playground in Santa Monica that is accessible to all children," said Commissioner Glenda Berg.

City Hall seems to be doing well in complying with ADA provisions, having been almost sued just once in the past decade for possible violations, said Barbara Greenstein, deputy city attorney.

A woman filed suit against the city-hired operators of the downtown parking structures about five years ago, arguing that the structure was not handicap accessible. The woman was told that the company had no authority in modifying the structure to be handicap accessible, and by the time she had attempted to name City Hall in the lawsuit, the statute of limitations had expired, Greenstein said.

The lawsuit was never decided on the merits.

After dodging the bullet, City Hall altered routing of cars in the parking structure, opening the back of four downtown garages and placing accessible parking so a person in a wheelchair could enter the garage from the alley.

"We were not compelled by the court, but it's something we felt we could do to make access better," Greenstein said.

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PLEASANT PLACE: Local residents with disabilities report that the city is easy to get around in.

People with disabilities say the city is friendly

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TROUBLE SEEING

Don Kiger, a care coordinator at The Center for the Partially Sighted in West Los Angeles, seldom visits Santa Monica. But when he does, he finds the Big Blue Bus to be one of the best modes of public transportation for people living with vision impairment.

The coordinator is visually impaired and cannot drive, depending upon public transportation. He heads the peer volunteer program at the Center for the Partially Sighted, a resource center that assists people with vision complications.

The Big Blue Bus has a system that automatically announces each stop, which Kiger finds helpful because he no longer has to constantly be on guard for his stop.

"It just makes the trip much more relaxing and it just works out really well," he said.

THE HARD OF HEARING

Santa Monica resident Nancy Linke-Ellis was born into a healthy hearing family, the one child in the family with hearing problems.

"I grew up without Disney and grew up before videotape and Blockbuster," Linke-Ellis said. "I know what it's like to have your friends talk about something like high school musicals and not understand who they're talking about or what the characters' names are and totally be excluded from the experience."

While she finds the city to be friendly to people with disabilities, accommodating those who are hard of hearing, Linke-Ellis has a hard time finding a movie theater in town where she can enjoy a film, each theater lacking a captioning system. Hoping to give all people the same

movie-going experience, Linke-Ellis founded a grassroots organization, creating awareness for the availability of open and closed caption movies for the hearing impaired.

In 2002, she launched InSight Cinema in Santa Monica. Its motto: "The audience is reading."

The nearest theater that has a captioning screen is the United Artist theater in Marina del Rey, Linke-Ellis said.

"Because the theaters are so small and because the promenade is so crowded, it's difficult to get a screen here," she said.

LIFE ON WHEELS

Berg is always surprised by how helpful people can be when she's shopping at the grocery store in her scooter — the smiling faces pulling items off shelves, opening freezer doors for the Santa Monican.

Berg has been confined to a scooter since she sustained a spinal cord injury after breaking her neck in a car accident 12 years ago.

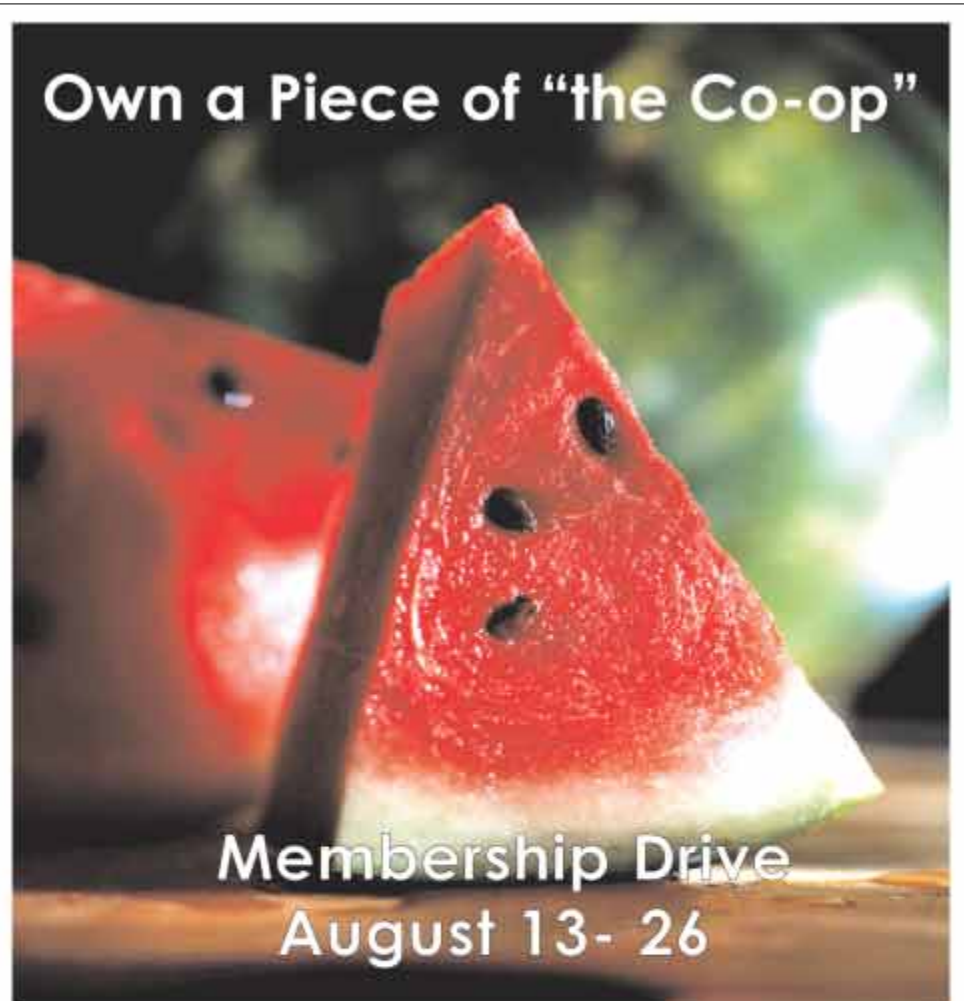
For the most part, it's fairly easy navigating the city in a scooter, though visiting the renowned Santa Monica Pier can present challenges.

"Those planks on the pier are just impossible," Berg said.

Some of the biggest challenges Berg faces involves opening doors. Sometimes the automatic doors don't work and she has to pull it open. Other times the doors are too heavy.

"I've taken classes (at Santa Monica College) and the computer lab room is always closed and I have to wait for people coming in and out," she said. "Things like that are a little awkward."

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Punk rock pioneer Patti Smith (above) takes to the pier concert stage on Thursday evening as part of the Twilight Dance Series. Reno Tondelli (right) takes passengers for a wild ride Thursday night in his 'Solar Gondola Taxi' along the Santa Monica Beach bike path. Concert-goers (below) make their way to the Santa Monica Pier on Thursday night shortly before the Patti Smith concert.



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Rosendahl wants LAX users to pay

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

DOWNTOWN LA Elected officials in Los Angeles are considering whether or not to make drivers pay a fee to drive into LAX.

Westside City Councilman Bill Rosendahl introduced a motion Friday calling for a feasibility study to see what the possibility is of introducing a "congestion pricing system" for LAX.

The plan would require motorists to pay a fee to enter into the area surrounding the region's busiest airport, charging a higher rate for vehicles registered outside of Los Angeles County. As an alternative to driving, an automated people mover would provide quick and efficient transportation into the airport, free of charge.

The motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Wendy Greuel, calls for city staff to review these models to see if the system would provide results similar to those seen in London, Singapore and Stockholm, which have implemented congestion pricing plans that successfully reduced traffic and simultaneously financed improvements infrastructure.

Motorists driving into central London on weekdays are required to pay 8 pounds, or \$16. In Stockholm, drivers must pay anywhere between \$1.49 to \$2.98, depending on the time of day.

"Our traffic requires us to think out of the box," Rosendahl said. "I will leave no stone unturned in trying to find ways to free our streets, especially Westside streets, of traffic gridlock."

Rosendahl believes the plan would regionalize aviation, drawing traffic away from LAX to other airports. He also said it would complement several proposed transportation projects such as the Green Line extension.

The motion specifically directs the Los Angeles Department of Transportation to form a working group with the chief legislative analyst, the chief administrative officer, Rosendahl's office and Los Angeles World Airports to conduct the study.

Currently, more than 25.6 million cars enter LAX each year, contributing to gridlock in the surrounding streets and neighborhoods, delayed access to the airport, and decreased customer satisfaction, representatives from Rosendahl's office said.

The problem is expected to worsen as LAX reaches its annual passenger cap of 78.9 million.

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THINGS CHANGE: The Village Trailer Park on Colorado Avenue may be redeveloped soon.

Trading spaces

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opment agreement negotiations.

The motion, which was unanimously approved, also recommended that negotiations between the council and the developer include discussions about spreading out the rent-controlled units to include some larger apartments; financial assistance for those looking to buy; and the size of the studios, which one tenant said were about the size of a “cracker box.”

One of the owners of the trailer park, Mark Luzzatto of the Luzzatto Company, said he is willing to go above and beyond what is required by law when one decides to close down a trailer park.

He has offered to pay moving expenses for 20 to 22 residents who would like to relocate to the Mountain View Mobile Home Park on Stewart Street, which is owned by City Hall.

Luzzatto is also offering to build his project in phases so that residents could remain in their trailers for as long as possible before moving into the rent-controlled studios, which would have new, energy-efficient appliances, an elevator and a community garden.

Luzzatto said the amenities being offered, along with money to pay for moving expenses, should help offset the loss of equity residents have earned over the years by owning their own trailers, which are not expected to be worth much once the park is gone.

He has even offered to purchase trailers from those who want to sell and move into a new unit or go elsewhere.

“We are working with the city and the residents to come up with something that makes sense for everyone,” said Luzzatto, who considers himself a compassionate developer who lives in Santa Monica and wants only the best for his community.

As for the idea of selling the park to the city or trading it for another parcel, Luzzatto said Wednesday night was the first time he had heard of those ideas and could not comment on them.

“It’s hard to respond to that because I have no idea where that came from,” he

said. “Our plan at this point is to redevelop the property into something which is really positive to the community. The city is free to talk about something like that, but it’s not something we are looking at.”

Luzzatto said the new units built would add to the small number of affordable units in the city, enabling nurses at nearby St. John’s or professors at SMC to purchase a home and walk or bike to work. That would cut down on traffic, he added.

In a letter to Planning Director Eileen Fogarty, the chief executive officer of St. John’s, Lou Lazatin, expressed support for the project, saying, “the proposed units ... would provide our employees a viable range of living options that would accommodate a range of household types.

“We would see great benefit in being able to offer our employees the opportunity to live in new, affordable and reasonably priced rental and for-sale housing located within walking or biking distance of our hospital.”

Many of the trailer park residents are strongly opposed to any redevelopment of the site and so are some neighbors living across the street. Those who spoke at the commission meeting were concerned about traffic congestion and the impact the development would have on the area’s infrastructure.

“For 22 years I’ve tried to build a little peace of mind in that little park,” said Jack Donner, 78, a resident of the Village who suffers from diabetes, an enlarged prostate and arthritis. “To be forced to move out of my space, which is over 800 square feet ... to a proposed 250 to 350 square foot cracker box, I think, would be detrimental to my mental and spiritual health.”

One resident said she supported the project and felt it would be a significant improvement over the park, which has “gone down so bad,” in the last few years.

“Mr. Luzzatto is a very reasonable man and he will work with us in any way possible,” said Ruth Lewis. “I believe this development will be a big improvement on the property that we have here ... I believe this project will be a benefit for all of us.”

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THE CHAMP: This weekend's event in Venice is being held to generate interest in the upcoming SummerSlam pay-per-view which will feature John Cena, the defending heavy weight champion. Three matches are planned this weekend.

Smackdown in Venice hypes up pay-per-view

Summer wrestling party takes over Muscle Beach

BY MELODY HANATANI | Daily Press Staff Writer

VENICE BEACH Windward Plaza is about to be injected with a major shot of testosterone.

There will be plenty of body slams and trash talk to go around today as World Wrestling Entertainment throws a summer party in Venice Beach, upstaging the area's trademark bohemian and quirky street performances for at least one day.



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The centerpiece of today's six-hour event are three professional wrestling match-ups. With his signature "money shot" move, Venis made his wrestling debut in 1998 and is set to face 23-year-old Shawn Daivari, who began training

to be a professional wrestler at the age of 15.

Also featured is a match-up between Los Angeles resident Chris Masters, who spent more than two years undefeated in the Master Lock Challenges, and Chuck Palumbo, a curly-haired World Tag Team champion. Masters' signature move is the master lock.

The matches conclude with a fight between Chavo Guerrero, a Cruiserweight champion, and Jimmy Wang Yang, a wrestler known for wearing cowboy outfits.

The event will be hosted by WWE Hall of Famer Jimmy Hart, the legendary professional wrestling manager responsible for the careers of Greg "The Hammer" Valentine and the Honky Tonk Man.

Hart broke into the wrestling world in 1985, labeled throughout his managing career as the master of champions and the "Mouth of the South," always carried a megaphone in one hand.

A similar WWE summer party held at the Wildwood Convention Center in New Jersey on Aug. 10 drew record crowds to the arena.

The three matches in Venice will be accompanied with smaller wrestling theme activities, including a strength machine for fans to test whether they're strong enough to drop a hammer on a ring bell; a dunk tank featuring Hart; photo ops with WWE models; and air brushed WWE logo tattoos.

"(Fans) can expect good old fashion (WWE) that they can usually expect at a WWE event," said Jason Tufeld with BWR Public Relations, which is promoting the summer party.

"The Biggest Party of the Summer" will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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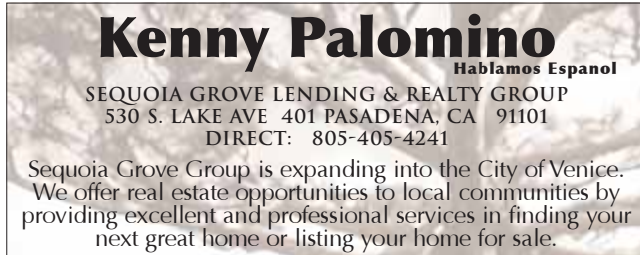
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A lack of soul in 'Californication'

BY JACK NEWORTH
Special to the Daily Press

In the pilot of "Californication," a Showtime original series, Hank Moody (David Duchovney) is in bed with four different and exceedingly beautiful women. That's one every 7½ minutes. My hunch is the writers will have to slow down Hank's sexual frequency or he might have a stroke. More importantly, they need to add depth to his character or, even with humor and all that pulchritude; the audience won't care enough about Hank and his escapades to tune in every week.

Hank is a best-selling novelist who moves from New York to Los Angeles to further his career when his book is turned into a movie. A box-office hit, the movie betrays the spirit of his novel. He pines for Karen (Natascha McElhone), his ex-girlfriend/mother of his 12-year-old daughter, who has dumped him. To make matters worse, he's afflicted with severe writer's block, the pain of which either is soothed or caused by casual sex and heavy drinking.

The pilot opens with a typical L.A. scene. Hank, suffering a crisis of faith (or sexual exhaustion), races to the front of an elegant church in his Porsche convertible. He enters and, in between a few one-liners, seeks guidance from the statue of Jesus. But Hank's not alone. A nun asks if she can help. And not just any nun. Perhaps she was a former Victoria Secret's model. At this point I hoped it was a dream sequence because if not the show was going to have real credibility problems. Fortunately, it is a dream and we cut to Malibu.

Hank awakes in the ocean-view bed of the accommodating blond from his dream. But her husband driving up interrupts the two. Hank escapes in his underwear and speeds down PCH, away from the baseball-bat wielding husband. Minutes later he pulls up in front of his condo, late for the custody switch off of his daughter Becca (Madeleine Martin), who gets a kick out of her father's attire. (If well developed, their relationship could be a lot of fun.)

Duchovney, who is not only the star but the executive producer of "Californication," is facile with humor and can be exceedingly charming. But there's a huge void in how his character is drawn. We might forgive Hank's womanizing; his shallowness and narcissism were he devoted to something other than himself. (Say his daughter?) In the 1975 movie "Shampoo," despite Warren

Beatty's womanizing, we rooted for him because we felt he cared about these women. Hank only cares about himself. (Of course, "Shampoo" was written by Academy Award winner Robert Towne.)

The humor in "Californication" can be quite clever, but in pursuit of a punch line, writer Tom Kapinos assassinates Hank. For example, Hank and Karen attend a parent-teacher meeting at Becca's school about her burgeoning interest in sex. This scene is rife for humor, but only if played off the parents' genuine concern. When Hank jokes flip-pantly, I felt like grabbing the remote.

Perhaps a better illustration comes later when Hank hears from Karen that Becca has run off to a party in the Hollywood hills and the two races to rescue her. Terrified, Hank searches among the adult partygoers for his preteen daughter. Finally he spots her in the corner, about to take a hit off a bong. Heroically, he throws revelers aside and carries his daughter over his shoulder and out of the party. But when they get home, Hank's one-liners undo the goodwill we just felt for him.

In real life, Becca's escapade would require serious intervention. For Hank's sake, I was hoping he would rise to the occasion. Instead, once inside Karen's house, he's stunned when introduced to Mia (Madeline Zima), the 16-year-old daughter of Karen's future husband. He's stunned because earlier he had picked Mia up in a bookstore and, unaware she was a minor, preceded to take her to bed. First Becca and the bong, and now Hank discovers he's slept with an underage seductress.

Punch lines, no matter how clever, ultimately don't work if we don't feel for the protagonist. Did Hank forget only minutes earlier Becca was perhaps on her way to being a crack whore? That's a joke I wouldn't mind him making if I were convinced he was genuinely concerned. Hank needs an occasional touching moment so that we can enjoy his debauchery and hope he eventually finds his higher self. (No pun intended.)

"Californication" is well acted, fast paced and funny in the right spots. Unfortunately, it's also funny in the wrong spots. If we don't care about Hank, watching him jump in and out of bed — no matter how beautiful the partners — will ultimately become tiresome for the viewer, if not for him.

"Californication" is a Showtime original series. It airs Mondays at 10:30 p.m. ET/PT.

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Sidetracked from ‘Sideways’

By Carole Orlin
SPECIAL TO THE DAILY PRESS

I have some friends who recently did the “Sideways” tour — a bus tour of the wineries and restaurants in Central California that were featured in the movie of the same name. They loved it. My husband and I, being the wine aficionados that we are, had thought about doing it, but got sidetracked. During a recent trip to the Pacific Northwest, we became enthralled with Washington wines and cuisine, and put together our own mini, personalized Washington state wine and food tour.

We started out at the Salish Lodge & Spa in Snoqualmie. I had heard that people come from far and wide to dine at the Dining Room at Salish. Given that tastes vary, I expected a good meal, but this was the repast of which legends are made! The dinner was so exceptional that when we got to meet the über-chef, Roy Breiman, I asked him for a menu as a souvenir. It is now hanging in my office, and when I do gaze upon it from time to time (especially after polishing off a dinner of Costco chicken), it brings back memories of sheer gastronomic wonder. For dinner, I was served crispy skin wild king salmon, young summer fennel, heirloom tomato fondue, nicoise olives, sweet garlic puree and basil oil emulsion. This was an unrivaled feast.

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My husband sampled the slow-baked Alaskan halibut with cascade morels, wild watercress salad, white and green asparagus. He gave his meal a resounding three thumbs up! The presentation was such a visual treat that we hesitated to eat it. Some of the creations looked like they belonged in MoMA. The wine selection was also extraordinary. We left there in awe.

Salish is located about 30 miles east of Seattle in the foothills of the Cascade Mountains, and sits atop the Snoqualmie Falls. The Falls are amazingly 100 feet deeper than Niagara Falls! This provides the backdrop for the view from the restaurant. Spectacular enough to make you reach for the bubbly!! It's also 30 minutes from the summit at Snoqualmie, so they offer all kinds



Photo courtesy

WINING AND DINING: The Willows Lodge in Woodinville, Wash., is smack dab in the heart of the state's wine country, less than 30 minutes from Seattle.

of winter sport activities, such as skiing, snowshoeing, snowboarding, etc. No wonder they are on the 2006 Condé Nast Traveler Gold List of World's Best Places to Stay. They even have a “Pillow Menu,” so you can choose the type of pillow you wish to rest your weary head on. Choices range from Pregnancy Pillows to Kenko Dream Pillows, which have magnets that are supposed to stimulate the rebuilding of nerve circuits. (And they talk about Californians!)

The second and last stop on our mini-tour (hey, it's quality, not quantity!) was the Willows Lodge in Woodinville, which is smack dab in the heart of Washington wine country. The lodge is situated on five acres of land bordering on the

Sammamish River, less than 30 minutes from Seattle. Best of all, it is walking distance from the Chateau Ste. Michelle and Columbia wineries and the Red Hook Ale Brewery. (Man cannot live on wine alone; we had to sample a variety of beers to be more well-rounded, so to speak.)

Willows also offers wine-tasting at their Fireside Cellars several nights a week. It is a beautiful, casual, slow paced rustic lodge that exudes a feeling of tranquility. The back door of our suite led to a charming Pacific Northwest-type garden with indigenous conifers and plants. Stunning.

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QB fights to keep position

After rough debut season, Walter gets major competition

BY JOSH DUBOW

AP Sports Writer

NAPA The Oakland Raiders thought so highly of Andrew Walter a year ago that they passed on the chance to draft Matt Leinart, believing they already had the quarterback of their future.

That all changed after Walter had a disappointing debut last year as part of one of the worst offenses in NFL history. The Raiders responded by using the No. 1 overall draft pick on JaMarcus Russell, trading for Josh McCown and signing former Pro Bowl quarterback Daunte Culpepper.

That's put Walter's status on the team in doubt. He doesn't know if he'll be the starter, backup, third-stringer or somewhere else when the season begins.

"I'm here to play," Walter said. "That's what we're all fighting for. If that situation occurs we'll cross that bridge when it does. Until then, I'll continue to be a pro and do my job. We're all competing to play. Certainly I am as well."

After playing well with the second team in Oakland's exhibition opener against Arizona last week, Walter got the starting

nod for Saturday's game against the San Francisco 49ers. Culpepper will follow Walter and McCown will come in third after starting the opener. Russell remains unsigned, giving the three veterans a chance to fight for the job.

Coach Lane Kiffin said the change in rotation is more about giving the quarterbacks a chance to work with different units in the preseason and Walter isn't putting much stock into the decision.

"I don't read into those kinds of things," Walter said. "It's a competition and in the nature of competition, I'm going to start this week. It's just the second preseason game."

is a team game," Walter said. "It's never all just one player. When everything is working it looks good. That's not a surprise to me or anybody in the locker room. But apparently it is a surprise to people outside and that's fine."

That's because of the way last season went when the Raiders finished a league-worst 2-14. Oakland scored just 168 points in 2006 — the fifth fewest in a 16-game season — and failed to score on offensive touchdown in eight games.

Walter had both wins but lost his six other starts, struggling with turnovers and accuracy while getting little protection from a porous offensive line.



Photo courtesy Oakland Raiders

LIKE I'VE BEEN TELLING PEOPLE FOOTBALL IS A TEAM GAME, IT'S NEVER ALL JUST ONE PLAYER. "

Andrew Walter, Oakland QB

Walter went 8-for-11 for 50 yards and a touchdown in last week's 27-23 victory over the Cardinals, taking advantage of an offense that emphasizes quick passes.

He threw all but two of his passes to the tight ends and running backs, helping to avoid the sacks that plagued him so much last season.

"Like I've been telling people football

Walter threw 13 interceptions, lost nine fumbles and was sacked 46 times. He completed only 53.3 percent of his passes, threw for three touchdowns and had a passer rating of 55.8.

"Well that poor Andrew Walter last year got hit so many times, I don't think he knew where they were coming from," owner Al Davis said earlier in camp. "But

BATTLE FOR POSITION: Andrew Walter faces tough climb to be named Oakland's starter.

what I'm saying is, he's got to come back. We have got to bring him along, and he'll get his confidence back."

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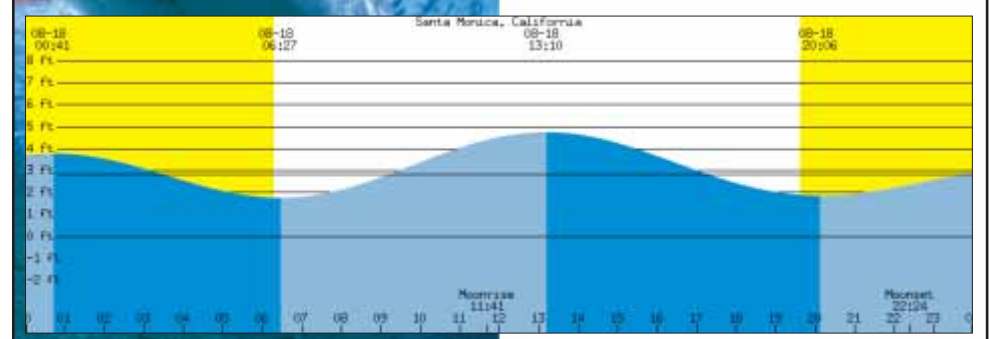


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Finalized

Lindsay Lohan's parents settle divorce and custody dispute, winning praise from judge

LINDSAY LOHAN'S estranged parents settled their long-simmering divorce and custody dispute Friday, winning praise from the judge who presided over their case.

"You have both demonstrated to me extraordinarily good judgment in resolving this matter as you did," state Supreme Court Justice Robert A. Ross told Michael and Dina Lohan.

Terms of the divorce agreement, which will

become official within 60 days, weren't disclosed. Dina Lohan has custody of the couple's two minor children, Aliana, 13, and Dakota, 10.

Outside the courthouse, Michael Lohan said he was looking forward to seeing the children again, though it wasn't disclosed when or under what circumstances he might do so.

Neither Lindsay, 21, nor her brother Michael, 19, were involved in the divorce proceedings since

they are no longer minors.

"I wish Dina the best and I hope we can both move forward and put our best foot forward for the kids' sake and just be good parents," Lohan told reporters outside the courthouse.

Dina Lohan said, "Now the healing process can begin for my children and myself."

She said Lindsay, who was arrested last month in Santa Monica, Calif., on suspicion of driving under the influence and cocaine pos-

session, is doing "fantastic."

The "Mean Girls" star faces an Aug. 24 court date in connection with that arrest.

Lindsay has been the subject of intense speculation since her arrest, which came just two weeks after she was released from her second stint in rehab this year. Various reports have placed her in a rehab facility in Utah, but no one is talking on the record.

The Lohans were close

to an agreement on a divorce settlement in 2005, but that deal collapsed while Michael was serving a prison term for drunken driving, brawling and other charges.

He was released in March and entered a Christian-based drug and rehabilitation center in West Babylon. He has repeatedly said Lindsay needs the same kind of treatment.

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SPARKS FLY WITH JIVE RECORDS

JORDIN SPARKS has signed the record contract that comes with winning "American Idol."

The bubbly 17-year-old inked a deal with Jive Records in conjunction with 19Recordings, the label managed by "Idol" creator Simon Fuller, it was announced Friday.

Her debut album is slated for release in November. She'll offer a taste of the disc with her new single, "Tattoo," to be released to radio stations Aug. 27.

Sparks is the youngest winner in the Fox show's six seasons.

AP

Uncle Kracker makes \$75,000 bail after arrest on sex offense charge

UNCLE KRACKER, a former disc jockey for Kid Rock, was released on \$75,000 bond following his arrest early Friday on a second-degree sex offense charge.

Authorities said Kracker was arrested after a 26-year-old woman alleged that a man had committed a sexual act against her at the Ess Lounge, a downtown nightclub.

Police in suburban

Cary detained Kracker, 33, at an Embassy Suites hotel until Raleigh officers arrived and took him to the Wake County Jail, said Raleigh police spokesman Jim Sughrue.

Authorities had obtained a warrant charging Kracker with a second-degree forcible sex offense, Sughrue said.

Kracker, whose real name is Matthew Shafer, was released early Friday

afternoon after a district court judge reduced his bond from \$5 million to \$75,000.

He had been scheduled to perform Thursday night at the Ess Lounge, according to the nightclub's Web site.

Kracker's local attorney, James A. Crouch, didn't immediately return a call seeking comment.

A message left with the rock-country musician's listed agency in

Nashville, Tenn., wasn't immediately returned, and a phone number for his listed management company in Harrison Township, Mich., was disconnected.

Kracker's hits include "When the Sun Goes Down," a duet with Kenny Chesney. He has also won acclaim for "Follow Me" and a cover version of Dobie Gray's "Drift Away."

AP

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

Mellow works fine, Gemini

Happy Birthday!

Express your feelings and thoughts this year, as you have an unusually receptive audience. You might want to let many know and understand the flexible and multifaceted Lion. Others find you to be caring and willing to listen. By 2008, you might be more into integrating this person into your life. If you are attached, one can only surmise the importance of frequent time alone, whether out for dinner or simply relaxing with a cup of tea. SCORPIO tests your commitment.



Born Today
Actor Robert Redford (1936)
Actor Martin Mull (1943)
Actor Christian Slater (1969)

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Others act as you would imagine, delighting you with excellent choices. Express your gregarious personality more often. Allow others to express their depth and caring. An invitation heads your way that you'll want to accept. Tonight: Easy does it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Use the morning to clear out work, errands or anything you must do. As a result, others find you most available and open to their suggestions. Revel in the moment with friends and/or loved ones. Tonight: It's amazing what might land on your plate.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Roll with the moment, realizing you might not need to maintain as hectic of a pace as normal. Still, make the first move to eliminate a project. You will relax even more when you get errands done. Avoid being overly serious. Tonight: Mellow works fine.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You come from a clear point of view. Your priorities exhibit your true personality. Those close to you understand that they can trust you. Your playful side emerges with a loved one or child. Tonight: Put on your dancing shoes.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Get an early start. Clear out errands and phone calls while making time to invite a friend or two over. A serious discussion could rain on your parade if you decide to make it weighty. Try putting this chat into perspective. Tonight: Don't push.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Assess your budget if you're considering a frivolous or luxurious item. Some might be considering a new addition to their home. Once you start the process of shopping, you might want to do something else. Tonight: A serious discussion doesn't have to be bad.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ In the morning you are favored, if you're following your heart and desires. Curb a tendency to go overboard in order to make an impression on someone. You offer much more than you realize. Tonight: Your treat.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ No one says you need to get up and rush out the door, except perhaps you. By the afternoon, you might be difficult to stop, as you are focused and know who and what you want. An authority figure can be unusually difficult. Tonight: As you wish.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Listen to someone who is a friend and understands, if not embodies your ideals. You might change your perspective when sharing with this person. Your ability to transform remains one of your strengths. Tonight: Opt to be your own person.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Accept the lead in a major project. Don't make an issue heavier or more difficult than necessary. Add fun into the mix. Friends could be touchy if they are not getting what they deem to be appropriate. Tonight: Say "yes" to fun and company.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Take off early if you want to maximize your free time. Whether meeting a friend midway or going to the country for an adventure, you seem to be all smiles. Seriously consider what ails a friend or key loved one. Tonight: A force to be dealt with!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ A partner or dear friend commands your attention. Let him or her know that it is your pleasure. Schedule a mental escape, even if a physical getaway is not possible. Music, detachment and a sense of reverie mix. Tonight: Relaxed, finally.

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The Man Who Knew Too Much (NR)
7:30

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Bourne Ultimatum, The (PG-13)
1:15, 4:05, 6:55, 9:50
Daddy Day Camp (PG)
11:55am, 2:15, 4:35
The Last Legion (PG-13)
11:50am, 2:25, 5:00, 7:35, 10:10
Simpsons Movie, The (PG-13)
12:50, 3:15, 5:40, 8:00, 10:15
Transformers (PG-13)
7:00, 10:05

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

The Bourne Ultimatum (PG)
10:50am, 1:40, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30
Hairspray (PG)
10:55am, 1:45, 4:40, 7:35, 10:20
I Now Pronounce You Chuck & Larry (PG-13)
7:50, 10:25
No Reservations (PG)
11:35am, 2:00, 4:35, 7:25, 10:00
Ratatouille (G)
11:30am, 2:10, 4:45, 7:10, 9:50
The Simpson Movie (PG-13)
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Stardust (PG-13)
11:00am, 1:50, 4:50, 7:40, 10:35
Underdog (PG)
11:05am, 1:15, 3:25, 5:35

LANDMARK NUWILSHIRE
1314 Wilshire Blvd
(310) 281-8223

Death at a Funeral (R)
12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
Talk to Me (R)
1:00, 7:00
This Is England (NR)
4:00, 9:45

LAEMMLE'S MONICA
FOURPLEX
1332 2nd Street
(310) 394-9741

2 Days in Paris (Deux jours a Paris) (R)
12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:55
Becoming Jane (PG)
1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45
Delirious (NR)
1:45, 4:25, 7:10, 9:50
La Vie en Rose (La Mome) (PG-13)
1:20, 4:45, 8:10

MANN'S CRITERION THEATRE
1313 3rd Street
(310) 395-1599

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (PG-13)
12:10, 3:10, 6:30, 9:50
The Invasion (PG-13)
11:10am, 1:50, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30, 12:00am
Rush Hour 3 (PG-13)
11:40am, 12:20, 2:10, 2:50, 4:40, 5:20, 7:10, 7:50, 9:20, 10:00, 11:40
Superbad (R)
11:00am, 12:00, 1:40, 2:40, 4:30, 5:30, 7:30, 8:30, 10:30, 11:30

Janric Classic Sudoku

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
SILVER

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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Girls and Sports

8/18
MAYBE I SHOULDN'T HAVE ASKED FOR A FULL REFUND ON MY NBA BETS FROM LAST SEASON

BUT IF A REF IS FIXING GAMES, THOSE BETS AREN'T LEGIT!

YOU STILL WANT THAT REFUND?
NO, I'M GOOD

By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein

The Meaning of Lila

EDITH PIAF HAD SUCH A DIFFICULT AND SHORT LIFE.
I CAN'T STOP CRYING.

IT MAKES YOU REALIZE JUST HOW PRECIOUS LIFE IS.

AND THAT WE SHOULD LIVE IT WITHOUT REGRETS.

SO WHO'S UP FOR SOME SUPER DELUXE NACHOS?
Seize the day!

By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose

The Other Coast

ARE YOU SURE YOU HAVE TO?
I HAVE NO CHOICE, DEAREST.

BUT WHEN WILL YOU BE BACK?
NO IDEA. YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS MINE.

YOUR FATHER IS CALLING TECH SUPPORT.
MAYBE SOMEONE WILL ADOPT US.

ALL OPERATORS ARE BUSY. PLEASE STAY ON THE LINE...

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Case No. SP007231

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of KARL HEINZ KREUTER aka KARL H. KREUTER

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Marjorie Fields (formerly known as Marjorie Esther Nashner) in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Marjorie Fields (formerly known as Marjorie Esther Nashner) be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

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