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One day of time for Lohan

BY MELODY HANATANI | Daily Press Staff Writer

BEVERLY HILLS Troubled actress Lindsay Lohan escaped with just a one-day prison sentence on Thursday after being busted for drunken driving and cocaine possession on two separate occasions, including a July 24 incident in Santa Monica that featured a drunken car chase.

After being charged with seven misdemeanor counts Thursday morning by the Los Angeles County District Attorney, the 21-year-old actress/singer was sentenced in Beverly Hills court to spend one day in county jail and serve 10 days of community service.

The famous Hollywood party girl will now be able to avoid a trial. She was scheduled to be arraigned today in court before accepting the plea bargain on Thursday.

Lohan did not appear in court and was instead represented by her attorney, Blair Berk, before Superior Court Judge H. Chester Horn. The star of "Mean Girls" and "Herbie: Fully Loaded" has reportedly checked herself into a Utah rehab center.

"It is clear to me that my life has become completely unmanageable because I am addicted to alcohol and drugs," the actress said in a statement.

Lohan was charged for two counts each of driving under the influence, driving with a blood alcohol level of over .08 percent, being under the influence of cocaine and one count of reckless driving.

Deputy District attorney Danette Meyers said in a statement on Thursday that Lohan was not being charged for cocaine possession after tests results showed she was carrying less than the .05 gram threshold required to file a felony, significantly lessening the possible penalty.

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Santa Monicans are getting hooked on a Chinese board game that puts chess to shame

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS

Combatants for Peace talk
1827 California Ave., 7:30 p.m.
Ra'ed Haddar, a Palestinian who served time in an Israeli prison for retaliating against Israeli occupation, and Shimon Katz, an Israeli who served as an officer in the Israeli Defense Force unit, will speak about securing peace in the Middle East. The two men are members of Combatants for Peace, a non-profit organization that advocates a non-violent solution to the conflict. For more information, visit www.combatantsforpeace.org.

'Bathroom Talk'
1404 Third Street Promenade, 7:30 p.m. — 9 p.m.
The Promenade Playhouse presents "Bathroom Talk," an improv sketch comedy about the unusual things that occur in the ladies room at a nightclub. Tickets are $12 at the door. For more information, call Laura at (310) 430-8828.

Seek help for your creepy momma fixation at the Aero
1328 Montana Ave., 7:30 p.m.
The Aero Theater presents Alfred Hitchcock's "Psycho," followed by "Spellbound," starring Ingrid Bergman as Gregory Peck's psychiatrist. Guests subject to availability. Advance tickets available through www.fandango.com.

Saturday, Aug. 25, 2007

Compost your heart out
2200 Virginia Ave., 9 a.m. — 11 a.m.
The City of Santa Monica Solid Waste Management Division and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works are offering a free composting workshop at Virginia Avenue Park. Learn how to improve the health and water retention of your soils.

Sri Lanka Day Expo
Third Street Promenade, 10 a.m. — 10 p.m.
Sri Lanka Day Expo 2007 will host a Sri-Lankan cuisine food court, open-air entertainment and a parade of Sri Lankan culture.

Daybreak Designs end of summer sale
1751 Cloverfield Blvd., 10 a.m. — 3 p.m.
Daybreak Designs, a project-based business started in 1999 as an extension of Daybreak Shelter, will hold its annual end of summer sale holiday sale today. Items for sale will include a variety of specially designed arts and crafts. The annual sale provides the opportunity for these artists to increase their limited income and learn important self-supporting skills. For information, call Donna Miller at (310) 264-6646, ext. 235.

Bright Light Chamber Players in concert
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2 p.m. — 3:30 p.m.
Bright Light Chamber Players return with a concert of chamber music at the MLK Jr. Auditorium. Limited seating; tickets available one hour before event.

Open a gallery, save a dog
1421 Aviation Blvd., Redondo Beach, 5 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Surf Dog Market, of Redondo Beach, is hosting an art show to benefit the dogs of Karma Rescue, a local Santa Monica non-profit organization. Karma Rescue saves at-risk dogs from Los Angeles-area shelters. To meet the dogs or for more information, visit www.KarmaRescue.org.

Fiesta La Ballona
4117 Overland Ave., Culver City,
An entertaining weekend featuring entertainment, food, a Beer & Wine Garden, carnival rides and games, a petting zoo and rides.
For more information, go to www.FiestaLaBallona.org.

'Notorious' natch
6000 Santa Monica Blvd., Hollywood, 7 p.m.
Cinespia presents Hitchcock's "Notorious," starring Cary Grant and Ingrid Bergman, at the Hollywood Forever Cemetery. $10 donation tickets available at the gate. For more information, visit www.cemeteryscreenings.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.

CORRECTION:
The front-page photo appearing on the Aug. 22 edition of the Daily Press depicting a SMFD fireman ascending an extension ladder ("Stairway to Heaven") should have been credited to photographer Glenn Roland.

NEED A HAND?

Fabian Lewkowicz *fabianl@smdp.com*

Marvin Lara, of Woods Maintenance Service Inc., draws some attention as he paints over graffiti on a dumpster last week in an alley just off Pico Boulevard

Learning in translation

Sister city program brings two cultures together in harmony

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

SUNSET PARK Though he had never stepped foot on American soil, Japanese citizen Kenta Ishikawa always believed that Southern California would have uncomfortably hot temperatures in the summer.

That perception was shattered when Ishikawa touched down in Los Angeles earlier this month, staying with a host family in Santa Monica for three weeks as part of a student exchange partnership between Santa Monica and its sister city of Fujinomiya, Japan.

"It's cold," he said Thursday.

It would seem cold in Santa Monica compared to Ishikawa's hometown, located at the foot of Mount Fuji, the country known for its hot summers when the air is thick enough to slice with a knife.

Ishikawa and fellow Fujinomiya residents Mai Yasutake and Risa Ito have been exploring the sights of Santa Monica and Southern California since Aug. 7, visiting tourist hot spots such as Universal Studios and Disneyland.

The three 17-year-old students — who all attend different schools — are staying with three Santa Monica High School seniors, hosting their Japanese counterparts as part of the Santa Monica and Fujinomiya Sister Cities partnership.

The two cities have been culturally connected for more than 31 years. The small Japanese town is one of three cities with which Santa Monica has such an agreement, the others being Hamm, Germany, and Mazatlan, Mexico.

Every summer, about three students who are enrolled in a Japanese language class at Samohi homestay in Fujinomiya for three weeks. They return with their Fujinomiya equivalent and homestay student, hosting them in Santa Monica for three weeks. The objective of the trip is to enrich students on both continents through new cultural experiences.

The Santa Monica Sister City Association

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It's Go time for gamers

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

PICO NEIGHBORHOOD The tension is high in the room as Ted Porter is fixated on a wooden board scattered with black and white pellets, strategically plotting his next move.

Despite a loud announcement in the next room by an UnUrban Coffeehouse employee that the Wednesday night open mic poetry session is about to begin, the 18-year-old college student from Sherman Oaks remains in his board game trance, his brows furrow in deep concentration.

Porter looks up at his opponent and friend, Gordon Fan, as he moves a piece. They each crack a smile.

Welcome to the Santa Monica Go Club's weekly meeting at UnUrban, where dedicated and casual fans of the board game gather every Wednesday night for nearly five hours of cognitive fun.

The game of "Go" originated in China nearly 4,000 years ago, becoming widely popular after being introduced in Japan about a thousand years ago. The two-person game is played on a 19 by 19 grid wooden board, each player using black or white pellets. The objective of the game is to claim the most "territory" with the pellets, placing them not inside the squares, but on the intersections of the lines on the board.

Players celebrate the game for its simple rules yet complex strategies, calling it a thought-provoking activity that outweighs chess in both difficulty and the number of combinations through which winning can be achieved.

"With Go, there's endless possibilities," Porter said on Wednesday night, placing a piece on the board.

The Santa Monica Go Club was founded more than a decade ago by Christopher Hayashida, meeting in its first few years at a coffeehouse on Main Street before relocating to the UnUrban digs on Pico Boulevard.

The weekly meetings — held on Tuesdays for beginners and Wednesdays for regulars — attract anywhere between 10 and 15 people on a given night. At its peak, the club drew about 25 people a night.

The players are tucked in the back

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Border backlash is veiled racism

Editor:

Newspapers seem to be a little slow on the throttle at nailing down important issues. A case in point: Republicans are trying to steal California's electoral votes with a ballot initiative that even a stone could see through. Has your readership been enlightened yet?

The anti-immigration movement, composed primarily of white males, and with vestiges of the KKK, are demonizing and targeting Mexicans and Latinos for no other reason than an innate prejudice and intolerance. How long are the news services going to let these cretins, who mask their bigotry and ignorance under the guise of flag and country, get away with their charade?

Ron Lowe
Santa Monica

Council needs a 'high colonic'

(Editor's note: The following is an open letter to the Santa Monica City Council)

The earth is quaking, this heat wave is a killer – and you are chopping down trees! I was sure it had to be some kind of bad joke.

How, possibly, could reasonable, intelligent people be so obsessively bent on murdering that which sustains life? Is there something in the California budget that will buy some oxygen?

Maybe you could all use the "money" to get serious high colonics so that your brains will start to actually operate with ... common sense.

My God, what hath thou wrought? (This is not a religious question). How have we become so spoiled, greedy, arrogant and self-serving?

With our choices, we create or desecrate the world for our children. Shame.

Laura Hemmer
Santa Monica

Take drunkards where the crow flies

Editor:

First it was squirrels, then it was trees; now, crows that the city wants to get rid of. Never mind the crows, what about all the drunken bums and their stolen shopping carts all over the place?

Mike Kirwan
Venice

Letting endangered fish off the hook

Editor:

Whether you like to swim, boat or fish in the ocean, our coastline is central to life in California. But the health of our oceans is in jeopardy: We're facing a drastic decline of fish stocks due to overfishing in recent years, and if this continues at its current rate, there may no longer be 'plenty of fish in the sea' for our state.

A recent edition of National Geographic documents the worldwide impact of overfishing; and an article in the journal Science predicted the global collapse of most fish species by 2048, if trends continue unchanged.

Fortunately, the National Marine Fisheries Service is currently considering revisions to U.S. fish conservation law. The agency has a unique opportunity right now to write strong regulations that could help stop overfishing permanently. To save our seas, the Fisheries Service should ensure that conservative fishing limits are set based on the best science and that if these limits are exceeded, immediate accountability happens to recover the species.

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GOP chooses the few over the many

GEORGE BUSH WILL NOT BE ON THE ballot in 2008, but he has already defined two key meta-issues for the race. After seven years of Nixonian secrecy and claims of expansive and unchecked authority, illustrated by Vice President Cheney's claim that he was his own branch of government, the Bush administration has called into question John Adams' maxim that we are "a government of laws and not of men."

In addition, Bush has become the father of big government conservatism, increasing discretionary spending faster than Lyndon Johnson during the Great Society era. Unlike Great Society big government which used its resources for public infrastructure, a social safety net and for regulatory enforcement to protect the general public; Bush's big government provides its supporters with billions in tax breaks, an 86 percent increase in government contracting (resulting in nearly $1 trillion in fraud and abuse) and protection from regulatory enforcement (such as fining Utah's Crandall Canyon mine only $60 for a repeated failure to have proper escape ways only a year before its tragic accident). Although Bush pays lip service to Ronald Reagan's mantra that government is the problem, he has revealed that the true question is not the size of government but rather who it serves.

Supreme Court Justice Frankfurter explained, the maxim that we are a government of laws "epitomizes the distinguishing character of our political society [since] law alone saves a society from being … ruled by mere brute power however disguised. If one man can be allowed to determine for himself what is law, every man can. That means first chaos, then tyranny."

When White House aide Sara Taylor testified before Congress that her oath and duty are to the president (and not to the Constitution), it was clear that we have a government of men that serves its own master. In the context of such a frontal challenge to this nation's fundamental beliefs, this election ultimately will be about whose image of government we will adopt — the Founding Fathers' or Sara Taylor's.

The Republican nominee will want to avoid this debate altogether as he moves to the center and attempts to distance himself from President Bush. At that point we will be told the campaign's biggest lie - that this fresh face is nothing like George Bush and that there is little difference between the Republican and Democratic nominees.

Thirty-two years ago Gerald Ford took office during our nation's greatest constitutional crisis and assured the nation that "Our Constitution works; our great republic is a government of laws and not of men. Here the people rule."

Today's Republican contenders have no problem, however, with President Bush's claiming the authority to monitor phone, e-mail and mail communications of U.S. citizens without a warrant.

For Rudy Giuliani, it is enough that the president's heart was in the right place since "he did it to protect our national security." They also embrace President Bush's use of Guantanamo Bay to detain "enemy combatants" indefinitely where they are subjected to torture. Despite global condemnation, Mitt Romney believes "we ought to double Guantanamo."

THE CURRENT REPUBLICAN CONTENDERS HAVE SHOWN NO RELUCTANCE IN CHOOSING THE INTEREST OF THE FEW OVER WORKING AMERICANS.

The Republican nominee also will talk about restraining big government, but what he really means is government that helps you and not his supporters. For example, when the Republican nominee tries to sound moderate, remember the fact that workplace safety agencies such as the Mine Safety Commission and OSHA were cut by Presidents Reagan and George H.W. Bush by over 60 percent from Carter administration levels and by President George W. Bush by 19 percent from Clinton administration levels.

In addition, when he talks about Democrats "not supporting our troops," remember that the last three Republican presidents have cut VA staffing by at least 45 percent from the prior Democratic administration.

The current Republican contenders have shown no reluctance in choosing the interest of the few over working Americans. All but one opposed increasing the minimum wage, while Mitt Romney wants to eliminate taxes on interest and capital gains leaving only working people to pay taxes.

It is important that Democrats engage this debate whenever possible, since there is no greater "patriot act" than upholding the constitution and there is no greater protection from abuse of power than open government. More importantly, Democrats must give a voice to Katrina survivors who have watched their government abandon them for two years, the families of the recent mine disasters and the millions of Americans who are not among the chosen few this administration serves.

Fifteen years ago Bill Clinton accepted the Democratic nomination declaring that this "election is about . . . putting government back on your side [and] putting people first." It still is.

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Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth
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In death, teacher gives final lesson

I SHOULD DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE "laughing icon" at the top of my column because this one isn't intended to be funny. Of course, even when I intend it, I gather some readers don't find me that amusing, whoever "Dcheney@yahoo.com" is.

"Pay it Forward" was a movie in 2000 starring Kevin Spacey and Haley Joel Osment about a 12-year-old boy who tried to make the world a better place (The film didn't do well, probably because it didn't have enough sex or car chases). The boy pays it forward by doing good deeds for three strangers who he hopes will pay it forward to three others in an ever-widening circle. Actually I knew of a "Pay it Forward" in real life.

I live in a high-rise apartment building. If you reside long enough in a complex this size (750 people) you get to know your neighbors by just picking up the mail, or at the pool or in the gym. You can't help but become somewhat involved in their lives and they in yours. Such was the case with Paul, the son of Flo and Bill Kaufman who have lived at the Shores for 30 years.

An elementary school teacher, Paul visited his parents regularly and would often swim laps in our pool, which is where we met in 1985. We would discuss politics, philosophy and, question if they had made the pool longer when the laps seemed harder. Then I didn't see Paul for a while. I inquired of neighbors and was told he was quite ill. And not many weeks later, I was shocked to learn he passed away. Paul was only 37.

A few years before, Paul had undergone back surgery that required transfusions, this being before all blood was screened for HIV. Tragically one of the units turned out to be infected with the AIDs virus.

In little more than two months from the first symptoms, Paul died. Not long after, CBS did an expose on unscreened blood and changes were ultimately made. Sadly, too late for Paul. But it wasn't the nature of his illness, or his passing that made Paul unique. It was how he lived his life, paying it forward. And his parents have taken up where he left off.

Paul and his wife, Kristi, graduated UCLA in 1972. Committed to helping others, they spent years in Mexico working with the poor. When they returned to Los Angeles, they got teaching credentials from Cal State Dominguez Hills. They also had a baby boy, Andy. Talk about a busy year.

Paul went to work at 52nd Street Elementary School near Vernon, where the main task for most teachers was discipline. But Paul turned out to be a pied piper. Kids gravitated to him and amazingly he was able to make learning fun through creative games (Flo even helped by coming down every Tuesday to tutor the kids with their reading skills). But nothing worked with one very difficult boy until Paul discovered that he loved model airplanes.

Never one to be defeated, Paul devised a plan. He went to hobby stores and bought model airplane kits and subtly encouraged the boy to teach him how to build one. Then Paul asked, "You've taught me something, now how about you let me teach you something?" Before long the boy became the best student in class. Paul was so successful that soon the Board of Education offered him a job teaching other teachers! He was in that program when he first got ill.

Paul's funeral was at Hillside Memorial in Culver City and was very moving. It was attended by a large crowd of mourners, including former students, principals, fellow teachers and officials from the Board of Education. As Bill said to me, "The loss was felt by more than just my family." Paying it forward, Flo and Bill set up the "Paul Kaufman Memorial Teachers Scholarship" at Cal State Dominguez Hills, where for the past twenty-three years they have helped aspiring teachers continue their education. And even better, there's enough money in the endowment that it will live in perpetuity.

In the meantime, everyday life goes on. Kristi continues to be very close to Flo and Bill. She re-married, lives in Piedmont, and is still a teacher. She has a daughter who's in her 3rd year at the University of Chicago. Andy is 29, which, frankly, is impossible because that means I've gotten really old. He runs the music department of Mahalo, a new search engine company that recently moved to Santa Monica. When I see Andy visiting his grandparents I can't help but remember his dad. I wonder about everyone whom Paul touched and hope, in a perfect world, they are paying it forward.

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The Q Line

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Don't take me out to the ball game

Our sporting heroes don't seem to be made of the same stuff they used to be. Nowadays, they are either accused of abusing man's best friend (Michael Vick), suspected of cheating (Barry Bonds), or fixing games (NBA referee Tim Donaghy).

So this week's Q-Line question asks:

Which current sports debacle do you feel is the most damaging to our favorite pastimes?

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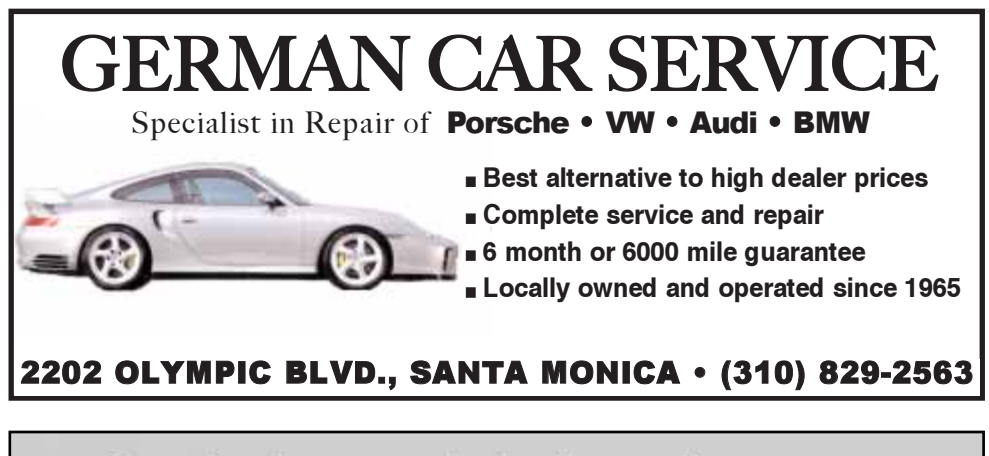

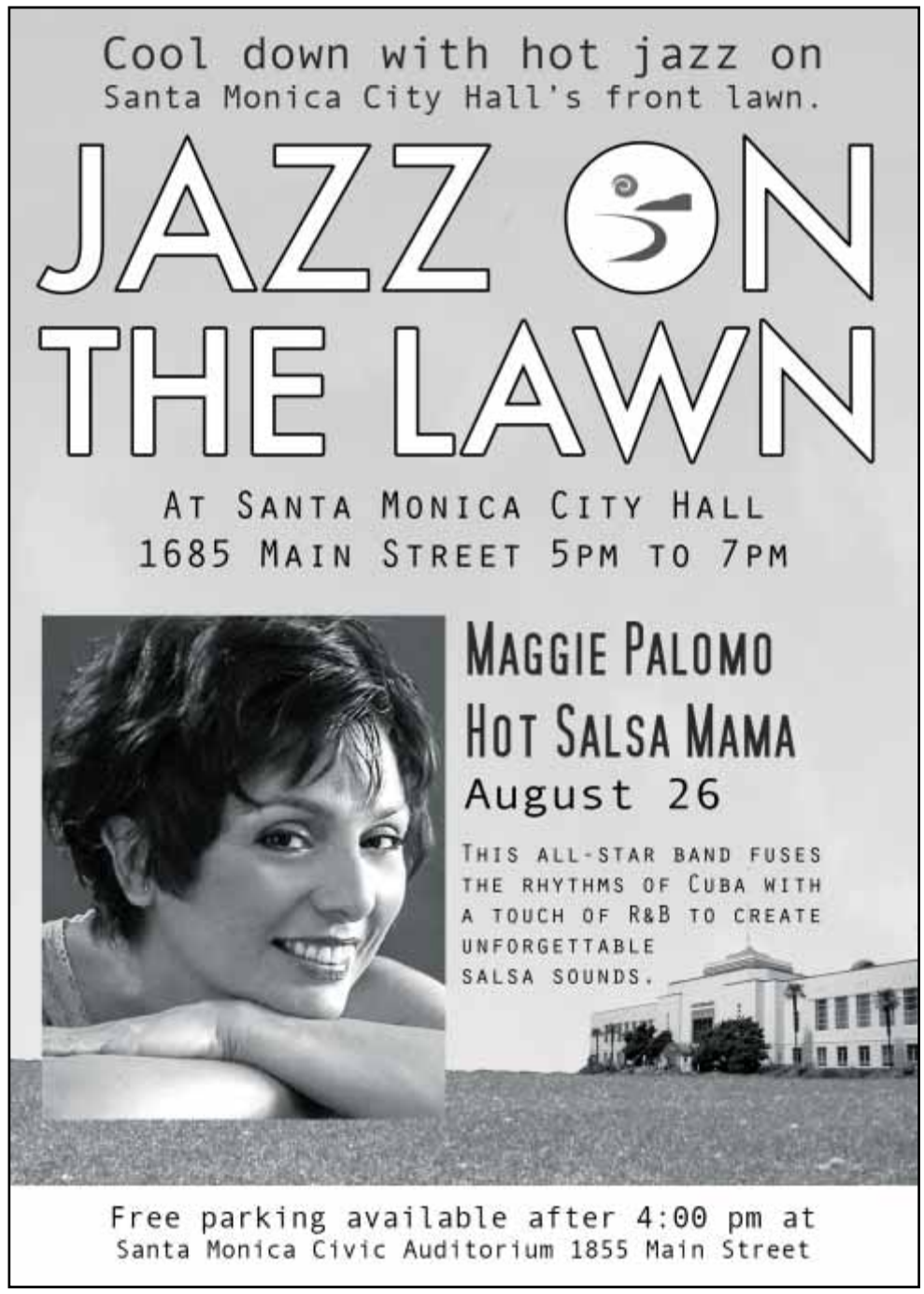

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Feisty senior shows his teeth

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WEDNESDAY, AUG. 15, AT 3 P.M.

Responding to complaints from residents about drivers speeding and failing to stop at marked intersections, Santa Monica Police officers stationed themselves near the 1000 block of 14th Street to watch for moving violations. While there, they observed a driver go through an intersection without stopping at a stop sign. Officers ordered the driver to pull over and were prepared to question him when the driver became argumentative, police said. He got out of his car to hand the officers his license. That's when the 76-year-old driver ran off. Officers gave chase and detained him. The driver continued to be uncooperative, kicking and yelling at the officers. The driver then grabbed an officer's arm and bit it, police said. The bite was not severe, but the officer did go to the hospital to have it checked out. The driver was arrested and charged with resisting arrest and also for failing to stop at the intersection. He was identified as Isaac Samuel Gabriel of Santa Monica. His bail was set at $25,000.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 15, AT 7 P.M.

Officers at the substation on Second Street were approached by people who told them that they had just seen a man kick in a storefront window on the corner of Broadway and Second Street. Witnesses said the man walked over to an empty corner store and began moving erratically. Suddenly, he turned towards the window and kicked it several times before it shattered, witnesses told police. He then walked to another window and began kicking that. Witnesses said they yelled for him to stop, but he wouldn't, so they ran over to the substation for help. Officers went to the location and detained the suspect. Officers said the shattered window was about 7-feet long and 7-feet wide and was about a quarter of an inch thick. The cost to replace it was estimated to be around $6,000 or $7,000. The suspect was arrested for felony vandalism. He was identified as Glenn Innocent Ford, 56, a transient. His bail was set at $20,000.

THURSDAY, AUG. 16, AT 1:45 A.M.

Officers responded to the 600 block of Wilshire Boulevard – 7-11 – regarding a suspect who had just walked out of the convenience store without paying for the coffee he drank and donuts he ate. When officers arrived, store employees said the man was hiding between two parked cars. Officers detained the suspect, who was later identified by witnesses. The suspect was arrested for defrauding an innkeeper. He was identified as Francisco Campara, 34, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at $31,273.

THURSDAY, AUG. 16, AT 10:45 A.M.

Officers on patrol along the Third Street Promenade were flagged down by employees from The Coffee Bean in the 1300 block of Third Street. The employees told officers that a man had just walked into the coffee shop and stuck his hand in the tip jar. An employee saw this and hollered at him to leave. The employee said the man took money in the tip jar and ran off. He was spotted by the employee and arrested by officers for burglary. No money was found at the time of the arrest. The suspect, who was on parole, was identified as Donald Jake Sellers, 33, a transient. No bail was set.

FRIDAY, AUG. 17, AT 2 A.M.

Officers responded to the 300 block of Santa Monica Boulevard – The Britannia Pub – regarding an assault. When officers arrived, they spoke with the alleged victim, who said he was standing at a street corner when he noticed a man walk out of the pub and throw a beer bottle at a cab that was driving by. The victim said the man then began walking towards him. When the suspect approached, he grabbed the victim by the wrist and said, "You're coming with me." The victim pulled away from the suspect and called police. Officers located the suspect and placed him under arrest for assault and battery for grabbing the other man's wrist, and for public intoxication. The suspect was identified as John Charles Benavente, 34, from Santa Monica. His bail was set at $20,000.

FRIDAY, AUG. 17, AT 2 P.M.

Officers patrolling Palisades Park spotted two homeless people, a man and a woman, whom they recognized from prior contacts. Officers said the two suspects spotted them and immediately tried to hide behind a tree. Officers noticed that they were holding expensive backpacks. The officers questioned the two and found that the bags, which still contained price tags, were either purchased or stolen from REI on Fourth Street. Officers made contact with the store manager, who said that two suspects were seen on videotape over the last couple of days stealing items from the store. Officers searched inside the bags and discovered several items valued at around $870. The suspects were arrested for commercial burglary. They were identified as Julia Anna Spaulding, 44, and Dale Russell, 42. Spaulding's bail was set at $22,500, and Russell's bail was set at $70,000.

Staff Writer **KEVIN HERRERA** compiled these reports.

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Acting as if he were president

Thompson's political image intertwined with his acting roles

BY CHELSEA J. CARTER
Associated Press Writer

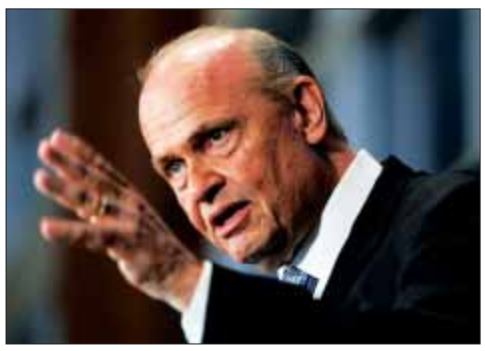
LOS ANGELES If Fred Thompson is auditioning for the role of a lifetime, he could hardly be any better prepared.

For millions, Thompson is simply Arthur Branch, the gruff, hard-nosed district attorney on NBC's "Law & Order." Many others may recognize him from strong, take-charge movie roles including an admiral in "The Hunt for Red October."

As Thompson prepares for a likely run for the presidency _ he said Wednesday "it will not be long" until he makes an announcement on the subject — his image has been cultivated as much by Hollywood as by his time as a real-life Republican senator in Washington.

"When Fred, as Arthur Branch, walks into a room, people feel like they should stand up and salute. Fred is the living definition of command presence," Dick Wolf, series creator and executive producer of "Law & Order,"said.

Whether such roles were a conscious decision on Thompson's part is another matter.



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LEADING MAN: **Actor and former U.S. Sen. Fred Thompson likes to cast himself in the role of Washington outsider.**

"Nothing succeeds like success in Hollywood, and if it's worked well once, casting directors and producers tend to go back to the well again. Actors don't get to choose their roles. They only get to accept or turn them down. I think it's less a conscious decision on his part than it is typecasting," said film critic Leonard Maltin of "Entertainment Tonight."

While many have used acting to launch political careers, including President Reagan and California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, few have made the transition from an acting career to a political career and back again.

It's unclear whether voters nationwide will accept Thompson in a role other than that of an actor.

Obesity surgeries proven to be effective, studies say

BY ALICIA CHANG
AP Science Writer

LOS ANGELES The first long-term studies of stomach stapling and other radical obesity treatments show that they not only lead to lasting weight loss but also dramatically improve survival. The results are expected to lead to more such operations, possibly for less severely obese people, too.

Researchers in Sweden and the United States separately found that obese people who underwent drastic surgery had a 30 percent to 40 percent lower risk of dying seven to 10 years later compared with those who did not have such operations.

The research, published in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine, should put to rest uncertainties about the benefits and risks of weight-loss surgery and may cause governments and insurers to rethink who should qualify for the procedure, some doctors said.

"It's going to dispel the notion that bariatric surgery is cosmetic surgery and support the notion that it saves lives," said Dr. Philip Schauer, director of bariatric surgery at the Cleveland Clinic in Ohio, who had no role in the research.

Photo courtesy Ron Batzdorff

DOING TIME: **Lindsay Lohan's latest film 'I Know Who Killed Me' bombed at the box office.**

Lohan pleads guilty to DUIs

FROM **SENTENCE** PAGE 1

Lohan was found carrying .04 grams of cocaine powder during her May 26 Beverly Hills crash and .02 grams during the car chase last month in Santa Monica, when she was caught after a drunken pursuit of a car driven by her former personal assistant's mother, Michelle Peck.

In addition to being placed on 36 months of probation, the star of the recent box office dud "I Know Who Killed Me" was also ordered to undergo a drug treatment program, take an 18-month drug education course, participate in a county coroner program in which she will have to meet with victims of drunken drivers and visit a morgue, and pay a several hundred dollar fine.

"Recently, I relapsed and did things for which I am ashamed," Lohan said in her statement. "I broke the law and, today, I took responsibility by pleading guilty to the charges in my case."

RUN-INS WITH THE LAW

Fresh out of rehab, Lohan was arrested by Santa Monica Police at the Civic Center parking lot in the early morning hours of July 24, after police received a call from a frantic woman that was being chased by an unfamiliar SUV, the caller stating she didn't know who was driving the car.

The drama allegedly began in Malibu, when Lohan jumped into a random car at a party and began chasing after her former personal assistant, losing her along the way, according to news reports. Lohan then headed to Peck's Santa Monica home, where she just happened to see the assistant's mother pulling out of a parking spot.

About a week before, Lohan turned herself into Beverly Hills police, admitting that she had crashed her Mercedes into a tree over Memorial Day weekend at Sunset Boulevard and Foothill Drive. Lohan had left the scene of the accident to seek medical attention. That incident accounts for three of the seven misdemeanor charges.

The former teen star, who captured the hearts of American moviegoers after playing the role of twin sisters in 1998 film "The Parent Trap," has more legal issues ahead.

Lohan was hit with a lawsuit last week by Tracie Rice, who was a passenger in Peck's car. Rice is suing Lohan for an unspecified amount, alleging emotional distress and accusing the actress of assault and negligence.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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Notice of City Council Study Session on FAA Runway Safety Area Proposal for Santa Monica Airport

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The Santa Monica City Council will conduct a Study Session on Tuesday, August 28, 2007, to review the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) runway safety area proposal for the Santa Monica Airport.

The FAA will present this proposal to the City Council, detailing the installation of a "non-standard" EMAS system with a 40- knot stopping performance comprised of 130' of EMAS with a 25' set back located at each end of the runway. The proposal is designed to minimize the taking of existing runway pavement by creating extensions to the existing runway to accommodate as much of the EMAS as possible.

**Study Session will take place at 6:45 P.M.
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SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL
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Thousands in U.S. play Asian board game

FROM GO PAGE 3

room of the eclectic coffee shop, home of open mic poetry sessions and music nights. Oblivious to the noise around them, the players get caught up in the games, often sighing from the tension building from within as they ponder their next course of action, reaching into a wooden bowl filled with pellets.

"If you concentrate on Go positions, you forget about everything else," said Tony Emsenhuber, a trade commissioner from Los Angeles. "Any problems you have or challenges you're facing are all reduced to the situation on the board."

Emsenhuber is one of the veterans of the group, learning the game 32 years ago from a fellow student at a technical college in Austria. His skill level is considered to be among the highest in the club.

There are thousands of Go players in the United States and millions worldwide, the majority of which are concentrated in Eastern Asia. There are hundreds of Go club chapters in the United States, the members meeting annually for the U.S. Go Congress national competitions.

One Santa Monica member, 31-year-old Rui Wang from San Gabriel, placed seventh out of 379 players nationwide in the 23rd annual U.S. Go Congress, held in Lancaster, Pa., in July.

Wang has been playing Go for more than 10 years, capturing his interest in high school when he began reading a book about the game that his father purchased but never bothered opening.

He began attending the Santa Monica gatherings in 2002 when he was working in Marina del Rey, but his visits have tapered off recently, now visiting monthly after relocating his job to downtown LA.

The Santa Monica Go Club is a collection of players with varying levels of expertise and experience, from Emsenhuber and his 32 years to Ryan Downing, who has been playing for only a few years.

The Loyola Marymount University student began playing after he found his father's old Go board lying around the house. A fan of the popular Japanese anime, "Hikaru no Go," which is about Go, Downing became a student of the game.

The club meetings are more than about playing Go, it's about finding the time every week to come out and socialize over their favorite activity, Downing said.

The meeting on Wednesday was Porter's first time out after playing all of his previous games online. He finds it harder to play in person because, unlike playing online, Porter can't easily backtrack his moves.

But then there's the added benefit of playing face-to-face.

"I can read the opponent's emotion," Porter said as he made another move.

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MAKING MOVES: **Jed Porter (left), who has been playing Go for over a year, teaches Gordon Fan how to play at the Unurban Coffee House. Porter learned how to play Go on the Internet. 'There's a big Go community online,' Porter said.**

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Police searching for missing woman

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY The police are asking for the public's help in finding a 52-year-old Santa Monica woman who has been missing since July 2.

In an information bulletin being circulated throughout the community, SMPD officers said Alicia Serrano Medina may be traveling with a male companion known only as "Rodrigo," a Hispanic.

On July 2, Medina left her residence in the 700 block of Marine Street, where she lived wih her son, and has not returned since. Police said she left without taking any personal possessions or identification.

Medina is described as a Hispanic female, 5-feet, 1-inch tall, 150 pounds, with brown hair and brown eyes.

"Rodrigo" is described as 34 years old, with short, medium brown hair, hazel eyes, with a light complexion. He is said to be short in height with a "beer belly, rough calloused hands," and speaks in Spanish with some broken English. He is said to be living in a house in Culver City with several other male Hispanics, police said.

MISSING: **Alicia Serrano Medina**

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A DAY IN THE Life

A weekly slice of life culled from one of Santa Monica's seven neighborhoods, "A Day in the Life" turns the focus on the everyday and thrusts the oftentimes overlooked into the spotlight.

SUNSET PARK | WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2007

Photos and text by Christine Chang

WATCHING THE SUNSET: **(Clockwise from top right) Ashleigh Sochor plays with her dog Maisie in the dog play area at the Santa Monica Airport Park; kids chill at a bus stop on 17th and Pico and wait for the number 8 bus to the beach; Santa Monica College students play a game of soccer on artificial turf at the Airport Park's soccer field; kindergarten teacher Carolina Gomez prepares her classroom for Sept. 5, the first day of the school year; and swimmers cool off in the water at the Santa Monica Swim Center.**

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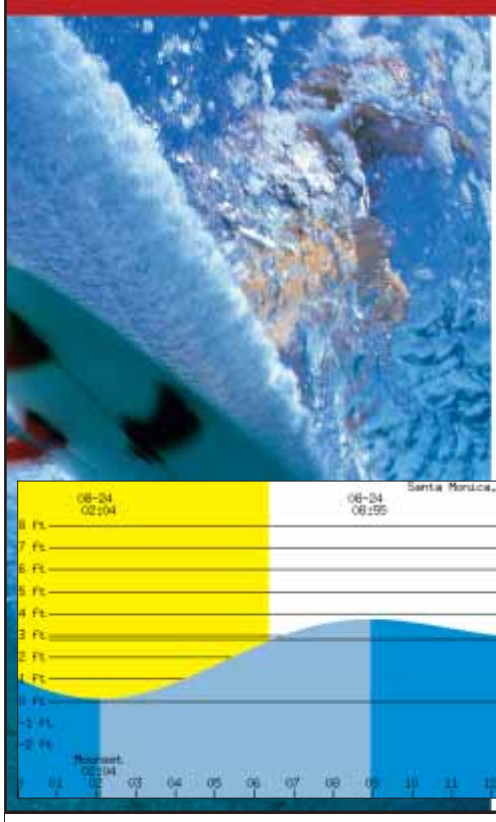

SURF CONDITIONS **WATER TEMP: 68°**

SWELL FORECAST (2-3 FT)

wind swell should fade. Waist high waves most everywhere seems like a reasonable call. Winds should remain light in the AM and the tide once again at moderate AM levels. The tide though will be creeping to a near 6-foot high in the evening.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS

POSSIBLE WIND AND WEATHER ISSUES THIS WEEKEND..
NW WIND SWELL FADES FRIDAY AS SW STAYS SMALL...

TIDE FORECAST FOR TODAY IN SANTA MONICA

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QUICK STATS (for the last 28 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 2
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 42 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 4 / ns

The Beach Report Card is made possible by a grant from Ford

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

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

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

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
ns -- no sample taken

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Students get a lesson in sharing

FROM **SISTER CITY** PAGE 3

pays for 40 percent of the student's airfare while everything else is usually left to the Santa Monica and Fujinomiya students.

Julia Seeholzer lived with Ito's family during her three-week stay in Japan, a time in which she fell in love with the country and is now considering living there for a few years.

"We loved it," Seeholzer said on Thursday. "We didn't want to come home."

The American and Japanese students have varying levels of proficiency in Japanese and English, respectively. For the most part, the Samohi students said they were able to manage in Japan, thanks to their host students who had studied English for a few years.

With their trusty Japanese-to-English dictionary and electronic translator, the Japanese students have fared well in America, though Samohi student Sepi Shokri said she has had some difficulty in communicating with Ishikawa, who she regarded as being a bit shy.

The Japanese students received a tour of Santa Monica City Hall on Tuesday and met city officials like Councilmember Pam O'Connor, who visited Fujinomiya earlier this year.

> **"I WANTED TO BE ABLE TO EAT JAPANESE FOOD IN JAPAN AND KNOW WHAT I WAS GETTING."**
>
> **Ananya Kepper,** student

"By talking to the adults in Fujinomiya, their children have had a very enriching experience by coming to the United States and Santa Monica families hosting to both broaden their education on many levels," O'Connor said on Thursday.

CULTURE SHOCK

The three Samohi students stayed in Japan from the middle of July to early August, visiting Mount Fuji, riding the bullet train and trying on expensive silk wedding kimonos.

The Fujinomiya Sister City Association even threw a festival in their honor.

Ananya Kepper, who stayed with Yasutake, has studied Japanese since the ninth grade, motivated to take the class in order to avoid French, Spanish or Latin courses.

"I wanted to be able to eat Japanese food in Japan and know what I was getting," she said on Wednesday.

For the three girls, the biggest shock seemed to be the hospitality in Japan.

"In general, there's a huge sense of respect for everyone mutually," Seeholzer said. "That is strongly lacking in America and it was nice to go somewhere where everyone was respectful of each other."

There was also the unwanted surprise.

Shokri said she was freaked out by the size of the spiders in Japan, demonstrating the size of the arachnid by cupping her two hands together.

COMING TO AMERICA

Though the Japanese students have had a taste of American life, attending a Los Angeles Dodgers game and visiting Sunset Boulevard, they've also experienced a touch of their own culture in Southern California, dining in Japanese restaurants and stopping by the Japanese district on Sawtelle Boulevard.

Conversations around the dinner table have taken an interesting turn for the three Santa Monica families in the past two weeks.

Lynn Robb said she relies heavily on her daughter, Seeholzer, to translate.

"It's been really a combination of intuition and unspoken things," Robb said on Thursday. "I'm being careful to speak slowly, and communication improves as we sit together at the dinner table."

Exploring the city has posed its challenges for the Japanese students.

Both Yasutake and Ito said they found converting currency to be confusing, asking their host friends to make purchases for them, handing them the merchandise and their wallet.

Following their experience in California, which will come to an end on Tuesday, Yasutake and Ito said they would consider living in America, while Ishikawa said he would prefer to remain in Japan.

"The weather is the same here year round," Yasutake said, listing off reasons why she would consider relocating. "It seems easier to get a job here too."

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Fashion racket

Tennis star Williams to unveil new clothing line

VENUS WILLIAMS wants to leave the U.S. Open crowd in stitches — her own.

When the Wimbledon winner steps onto the court Monday night, she'll be wearing an outfit and shoes from her new EleVen label.

Right now, she's leaning toward a green dress with a white polo collar, dropped waist and pleated skirt.

Williams has become the latest celebrity to join forces with budget-minded retailer Steve & Barry's. The deal was announced Thursday, ahead of the tournament she's already won twice. The company says it's the largest collection ever created by a female athlete.

Williams is enjoying a career resurgence with her fourth win at Wimbledon earlier this summer, but she's played in fewer tournaments the past few years, largely because of injuries.

What did she do in that spare time? Attend fashion classes.

She's on track to receive a degree from the Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale at the end of the year. That education has served her well in developing her vision of EleVen, she said. "It's helped me understand style, color, design history, putting seams in the right place."

The brand name was selected for two reasons, she explained: Her childhood address in Compton, Calif., including 11, and 11 means going beyond the classic "top ten."

"Eleven can be better than the best," Williams said.

Howard Schacter, the Steve & Barry's chief partnership officer who previously arranged deals with basketball player Stephon Marbury, golfer Bubba Watson and actress Sarah Jessica Parker, said activewear for women was one area lacking in the company's offerings.

"When we saw the success of our previous partnerships, we looked at other sports that provided an opportunity to do exactly what we've been doing on the basketball courts and golf."

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GIBSON'S BEING A GOOD BOY

MEL GIBSON has been following the rules of his probation for his DUI arrest last summer, his lawyer told a judge Thursday.

His lawyer gave the judge documents showing the 51-year-old Gibson was meeting the terms of his probation.

Gibson has been required to check in with the court periodically since his July 28, 2006, misdemeanor drunken driving arrest on Pacific Coast Highway. His next court appearance was set for Feb. 15.

AP

Past catches up with supermodel Campbell

NAOMI CAMPBELL'S string of tussles with aides and maids can be raised in a lawsuit against her.

The British catwalker tried to block former maid Gaby Gibson from bringing up Campbell's history of dust-ups with people who work for her, saying it was "scandalous and prejudicial." But in a ruling published Wednesday, Manhattan state Supreme Court Judge Michael Stallman said previous incidents could be admitted.

"Those alleged acts might be relevant to the issues of intent and the need for future deterrence," Stallman wrote.

Gibson was "very happy" about Stallman's ruling, said her lawyer, Lambros Lambrou.

Campbell's lawyer did not return a telephone message left at his office early Thursday.

Gibson worked for Campbell from November 2005 through January 2006. She claims the 37-year-old model hit her, called her bigoted names and threatened to charge her with theft after being unable to find a pair of jeans designed by Stella McCartney.

Campbell has denied the claims. She was never charged with any crime in the incident Gibson alleges.

AP

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

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Happy Birthday!

You often might act kid-like this year, but in reality you are making situations light in order for you to digest what is going on. Looking at difficult happenings from other viewpoints allows you to flow. This year you recognize how often you bring your own bias to situations. If you are single, romance dominates much of the year. You will have at least one significant suitor. If you are attached, the two of you need to re-create some of your great moments. Plan that special trip. CAPRICORN keeps you light.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You might want to understand more of what is going on with a key associate. You will answer a question with a positive view once you gain needed insight. Trust your abilities. Tonight: Once more, a force to be dealt with.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Make every effort to identify with others, even if you might think their actions or statements are far-fetched. You will reach a higher plateau within relationships through identifying with others. Tonight: Catch a movie or some mind-relaxing activity.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ You see others in a new light. Be willing to accept people and their views. Accepting is not agreeing. In fact, agree to disagree. You might want to try another approach or attitude. Think before launching into action. Tonight: Time with a special person.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Others run with the ball. You see people in a new light and very differently. Others appreciate your openness and inquiries. Let someone else dominate. He or she wants more say in mutual events, problems and activities. Tonight: Say "yes."

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Think before you leap. Understand what might be going on with an associate. Rather than judging this person, make it a point to empathize. Ultimately your support will bring different end results. Tonight: Easy does it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Your creativity will surge if you are open to the process. Certainly new information or a quirky behavior draws a different assumption. Realize that you might not have someone down pat. Tonight: Say "yes" to life and living.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You have a way and style that identifies your involvement, both personally and professionally. You might decide on a new project like a home office or a new paint job might be just what the doctor ordered. Tonight: Easy does it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ You might want to listen and think before making a decision. Investigate alternatives with an eye to positive change. An unexpected but somewhat brilliant idea could redefine a project or happening. Tonight: Fun and games.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Accumulating while you can could be important. Financial changes occur where you least expect them; you will be happier if you plan for them. Allow yourself to experience greater freedom and say so. Tonight: Homeward bound.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You've got what it takes no matter what your choices and decisions are. You need to greet unexpected reactions in a solid, anchored manner. If your instincts are right, you might find your mind on overload. Tonight: As you wish.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Be willing to stand back and make a decision. Certainly a partner has strong feelings, which you will hear about, whether you want to or not. Know that you might be carrying the banner for many. Tonight: Play it low-key.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Unpredictability works in your favor. How you deal with someone could change depending on a situation. News heads your way that might demand greater attention and feedback on your part. Tonight: Know when to shake your head and say "no!"

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Bourne Ultimatum, The (PG-13)
1:30, 4:05, 6:55, 9:45
Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (PG-13)
11:00am, 1:50, 4:40, 7:35, 10:30
The Last Legion (PG-13)
10:00
No Reservations (PG)
11:55am, 2:30, 5:00, 7:20
Resurrecting the Champ (PG-13)
11:25am, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15

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Mr. Bean's Holiday (G)
11:00am, 1:15, 3:30, 5:50, 8:10, 10:30
Ratatouille (G)
11:25am, 2:20, 5:10, 8:05, 10:40
The Simpsons Movie (PG-13)
11:15am, 1:45, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30
Stardust (PG-13)
11:05am, 1:55, 4:45, 7:45, 10:35
War (R)
11:20am, 2:05, 4:40, 7:30, 10:10

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Right at Your Door (R)
1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45

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12:15, 2:45, 5:10, 7:40, 10:00**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
No End in Sight (NR)
11:00am
Sicko (PG-13)
11:00am

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Illegal Tender (R)
1:10, 4:10, 7:00, 10:00
The Invasion (PG-13)
12:10, 2:30, 5:00, 7:40, 10:20
The Nanny Diaries (PG-13)
11:50am, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
Rush Hour 3 (PG-13)
12:40, 3:00, 5:20, 7:50, 10:10
Superbad (R)
12:00, 1:30, 2:40, 4:30, 5:30, 7:30, 8:30, 10:30, 11:30

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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
SILVER

8		2				7		3
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		1	4		3	8		
4		5				3		7

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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

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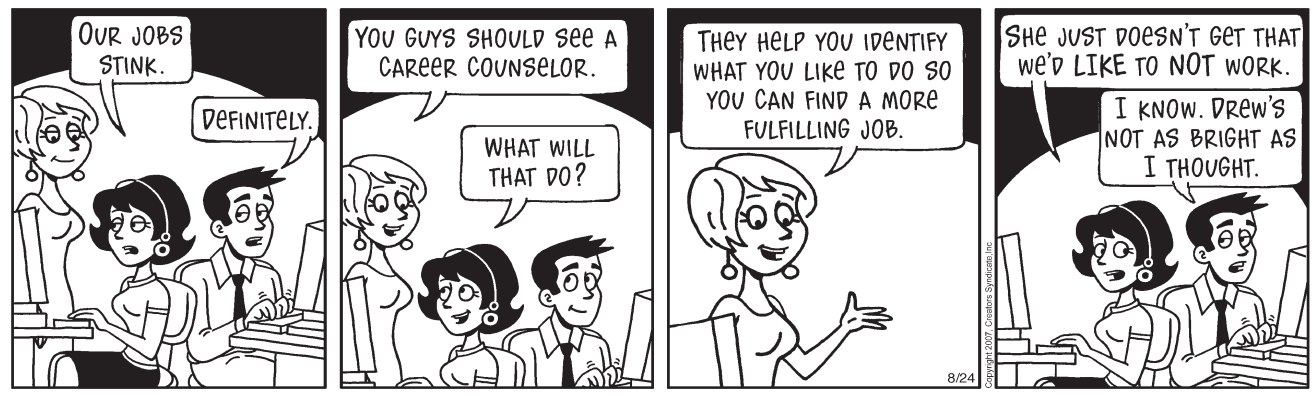

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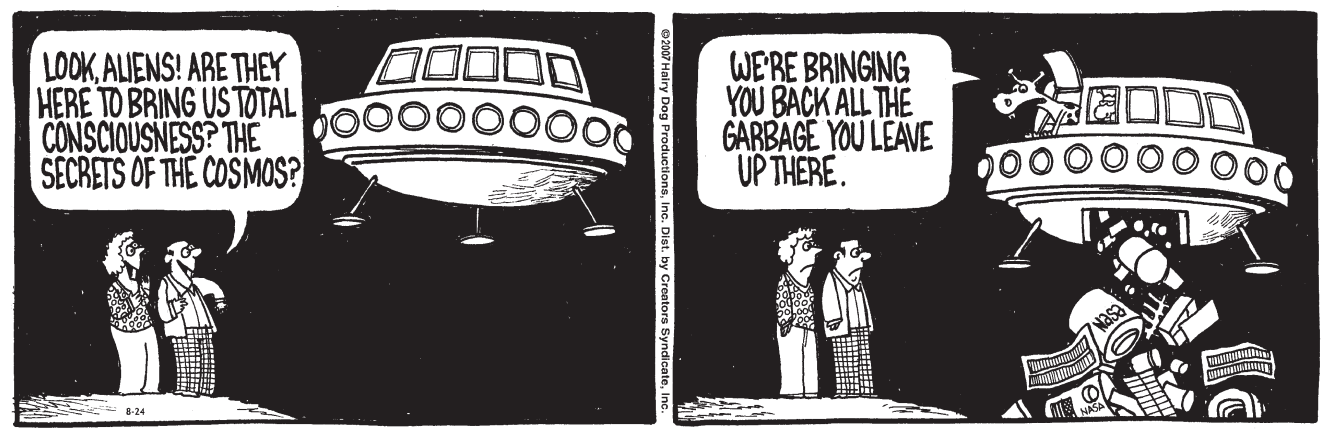

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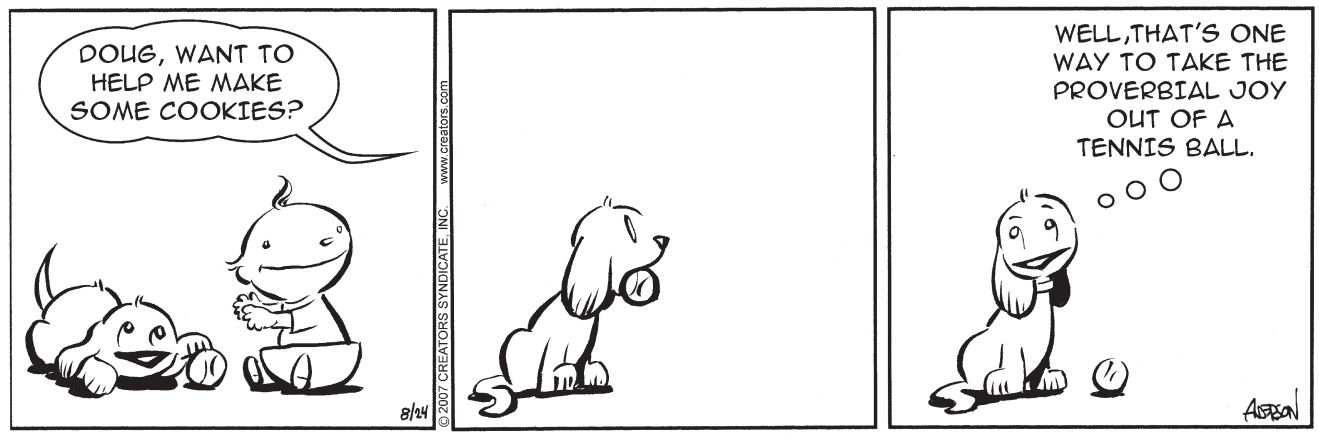

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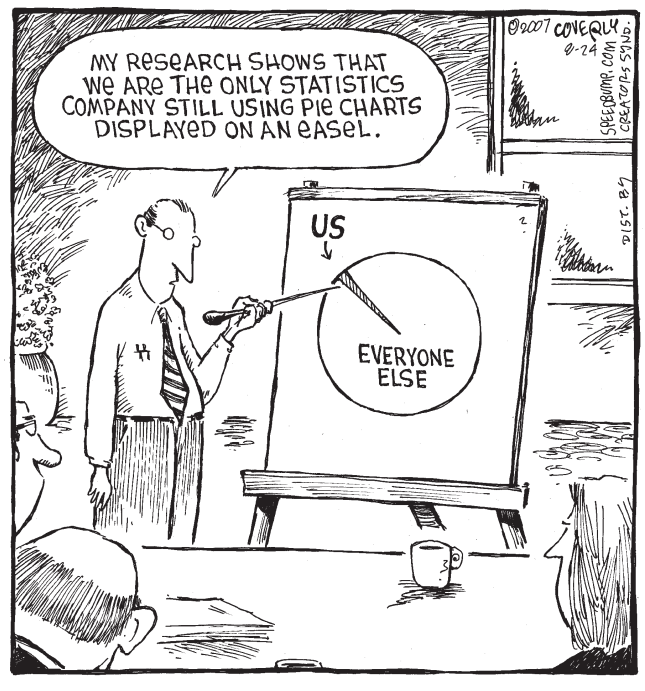

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Essence
5 Abhor
9 Clarifying phrase
11 Add a change to
13 "Sweet Dreams" actress
14 Singer Gill
15 Easter symbol
16 Iditarod puller
18 Bought and sold
20 Man-mouse connection
21 Winter weather
22 Flamenco cries
23 Young buck
24 Mineo of movies
25 Swine chow
27 Thatching need
29 Zero-star review
30 Fumes
32 Augment
34 Rural gathering
35 Saw
36 Computer component
38 Critic, at times
39 Sturdy
40 Like some cars
41 Wings

DOWN

1 Stacked
2 Sights
3 Cowboy toppers
4 Crone
5 Safe spot
6 In the center of
7 Sawbuck
8 Audience cry
10 Like Russian dolls
12 "The Rehearsal" painter
17 A bit sloshed
19 Spring
22 Crew members
24 Horses
25 Opera prop
26 "Ed Wood" Oscar-winner
27 Brief bit
28 Cotton pest
30 Mortimer the dummy
31 Gary Cooper role
33 Writer James
37 Future fish

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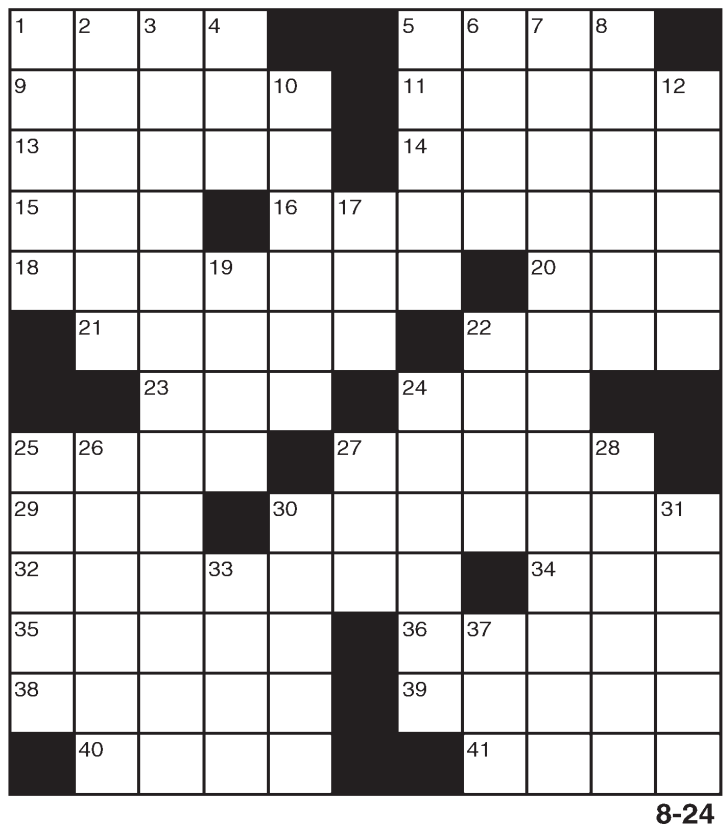

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Seven years ago, the city council of Bainbridge Island, Wash., set out to build a public restroom for downtown Waterfront Park so visitors would no longer have to use portable toilets. Today, the toilets are still there, following council battles over million-dollar proposals such as a glass-tiled structure dug into a hillside, a combination restroom/scenic-viewing area, and a design that anticipated $45,000 just for artwork. In May 2007, the council gave the public works director some money and ordered him to (in the words of one council member) "just (build) a bathroom."

■ In February, a New Jersey appeals court ruled against the town of Voorhees, which had waged a nearly three-year battle with a businessman because it disputed the shade of paint he had used on his Friendly's restaurant. Town officials said it wasn't "sandy" (the required color for buildings in that particular shopping center), but rather "creamy yellow." The township spent $20,000 fighting for "sandy," and the restaurateur spent $70,000 to show that "creamy yellow" matched the other buildings, and the appeals court judges seemingly just shrugged.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1519 Ferdinand Magellan's five ships set sail from Seville to circumnavigate the globe.

1776 American Revolutionary War: Word of the United States Declaration of Independence reaches London.

1846 The Smithsonian Institution is chartered by the U.S. Congress after $500,000 was given for such a purpose by scientist James Smithson.

1856 In Last Island, Louisiana, the 1856 Last Island Hurricane kills between 200 and 400 people.

1861 American Civil War: Battle of Wilson's Creek - The war enters Missouri when a band of raw Confederate troops defeat Union forces in the southwestern part of the state.

1901 The U.S. Steel Recognition Strike by the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers begins.

1920 World War I: Ottoman sultan Mehmed VI's representatives sign the Treaty of Sèvres which divides up the Ottoman Empire between the Allies.

1954 At Massena, New York, the groundbreaking ceremony for the St. Lawrence Seaway is held.

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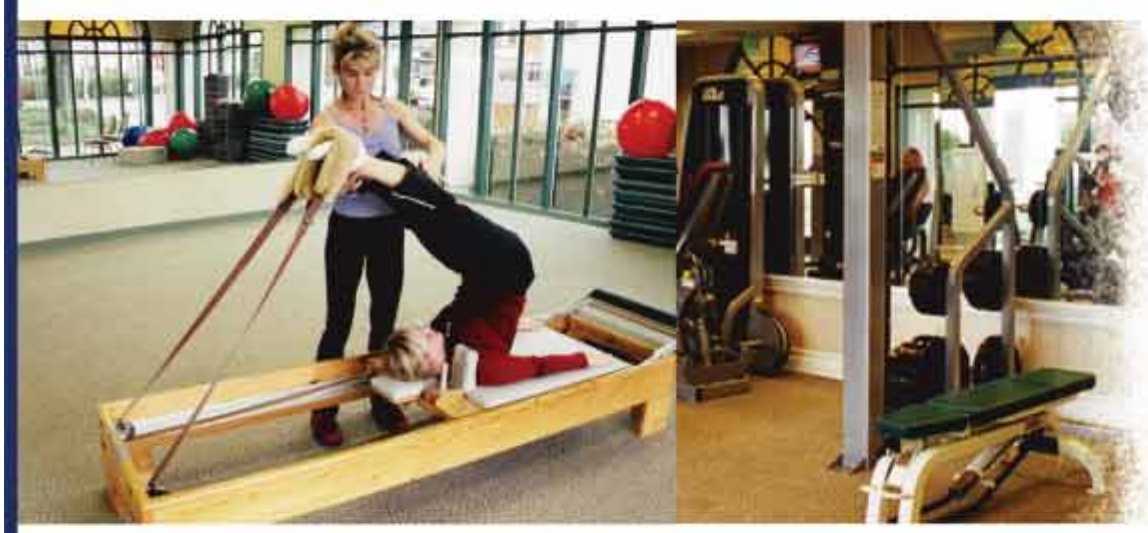

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 07-19877 Doc ID #0001146149452005N Title Order No. 07-8-070106 Investor/Insurer No. 1700434220 APN No. 4284-026-026 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 10/27/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, 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." Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by CATALINA PERNISCO, AND VITTORIO VIOTTI, WIFE AND HUSBAND AS JOINT TENANTS, dated 10/27/2005 and recorded 11/03/05, as Instrument No. 05 2662849, in Book , Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF KARL HEINZ KREUTER aka KARL H. KREUTER

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 PRO-BATE 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.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administra-tion of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representa-tive to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important ac-tions, however, the personal re-pre-sentative 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 Sept. 14, 2007 at 9:15 AM in Dept. No. R located at 1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401.

IF YOU OBJECT to the grant-ing of the petition, you should ap-pear 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 CREDI-TOR 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 per-son 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 ap-praisal 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.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: BELLE GALENSON
CASE NO. SP007238

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of BELLE GALENSON.

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

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that SANDY MOSKEWICH AKA SANDRA MOSKEWICH 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.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (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 09/21/07 at 9:15AM in Dept. R located at 1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401

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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.

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Statement of Abandonment of Use of Fictitious Business Name
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State of California, County of Los Angeles
The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious Business name:
PALOMA'S FRENCH TOUCH
located at 500 S. HOBART BL. LOS ANGELES, CA. 90020
The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 06/29/05
In the county of LOS ANGELES.
MARIE EVELYNE AUGUSTINE, 500 S. HOBART BL. L.A. CA. 90020
This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
/s/ MARIE EVELYNE AUGUSTINE This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 07/03/2007. Published: SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS 8/3/2007. 8/10/2007, 8/17/2007, 8/24/2007.

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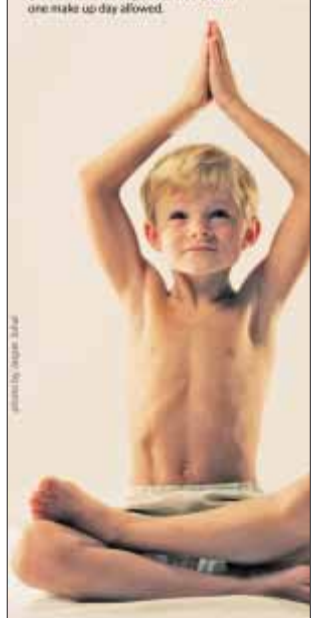

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