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ALL SHOOK UP: Roads are one of the most vulnerable parts of any city's infrastructure.

What's shaking in Santa Monica?

Have no fear, the big one (probably) isn't in the near future

BY EMILY SKEHAN

Special to the Daily Press

UNDERGROUND Angelenos, tremble not.

Despite the handful of earthquakes felt here in Santa Monica this summer, and the devastating Peruvian tremblor on Aug. 15, experts say the next "big one" is hardly imminent.

In fact, the Los Angeles region may even be in the midst of a 1,000-year period of relative seismologic complacency.

Still, thoughts of a crumbling earth beneath their feet are never too far from people's minds.

"We did talk about earthquakes on the plane," said Tarek Fadlallah, of Bahrain, who is vacationing in Santa Monica along with his family. "It crossed our minds as something that happens here."

California's notoriety as an earthquake epicenter is something of which visitors are aware, added Fadlallah, but after experienc-

ing one firsthand, he'll take his chances.

"I don't think the big one is going to hit during the two weeks we're vacationing here," he said.

In the past month, two earthquakes that registered at 3.5 or above on the Richter scale occurred in Southern California, both near Chatsworth. The stronger of the two quakes, which struck on Aug. 9, caused noticeable shaking in Santa Monica.

The Richter magnitudes are based on a logarithmic scale; for each number you go up on the scale, the amplitude of the earthquake increases tenfold. Earthquakes of about 3.0 to 5.0 can be felt by most people, but tend to cause only minor damages, if any at all.

Santa Monica residents might be understandably on edge about seismic rumbles after the devastation caused by the 1994 Northridge quake. Registering a 6.7 on the Richter scale, the earthquake produced the strongest ground motions ever recorded in an urban setting in North America, and caused the collapse of major freeways, parking structures, office buildings and apartments in and around Santa Monica.

"The tremblors we've been having lately have put the local community on high alert,"

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Neighborhood pharmacy finally closes

BY GERRY SHIH

Special to the Daily Press

SUNSET PARK At 68, Robert Sakamoto has been reminded that it can be a dog-eat-dog world, revealing he had no choice but to finally close Airport Pharmacy today after nearly 70 years in business.

Claiming his landlord would not grant him a lease extension to operate the venerable Pico Boulevard pharmacy, Sakamoto had no choice but to close shop and move on.

The pharmacy is one of three small, independent businesses located in a building at the corner of Pico and 33rd Street that, according to sources, will likely be demolished within the next few years in order to make way for an expansion of Trader Joe's

market, which currently shares the rear parking lot with the businesses.

The expected closure of the three stores — the pharmacy, Make Believe Inc. and Teddie Tillett's — highlights a recent pattern of local businesses moving from the Pico Boulevard commercial corridor, and some locals have become increasingly wary of the inevitable encroachment of bigger businesses with more financial leverage and political influence.

The pharmacy initially opened in 1938, with Sakamoto taking the reins 20 years later. He said he accumulated tens of thousands of patients over the decades, and he still maintains about 5,000 regulars customers.

Sakamoto believes his landlord, Jim



Gerry Shih news@smdp.com

CLOSING SHOP: Michelle Mazurki (left) a 30-year customer at the Airport Pharmacy says goodbye to Robert Sakamoto, whose pharmacy is set to close today after nearly 70 years in business.

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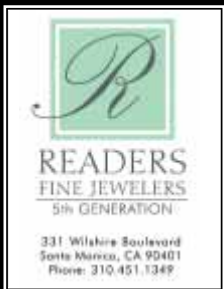
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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



'Project Amoeba: Arts In Action'

1220 Second St., 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.

Project Amoeba is a one-evening arts fair at First Presbyterian Church. The event showcases artists of several disciplines. There is no charge and Amoeba is open to the public. Parking is available on Second Street in the city lot. For more information, call (310) 451-1303.

Green Living Workshop #79

1744 Pearl St., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

Learn how to save \$200 a year on utilities, cut landfill waste by 50 percent and brush up on the latest Eco-Info in this six-week course. Suggested residential donations are \$25 for Santa Monica residents and \$50 for Los Angeles residents. For more information or to register, call the Sustainable Works office at (310) 458-8716.

Rodeo days

225 26th St., 10 a.m. — 6 p.m.

The Brentwood Country mart presents rodeo-themed events through Aug. 31. Events include meeting Cowboy Bill, a mechanical bull and more. So grab those spurs and saddle up. For more information, visit www.brentwoodcountrymart.com.

'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 night club. Tickets are \$12 at the door. For more information, call Laura at (310) 430-8828.

Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2007

'Kyrgyzstan: Past & Present'

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

Richard Hewitt left Santa Monica in 1994 to live with the Kyrgyz of Central Asia. He returns to the Main Library to discuss his experiences.

'All Aboard the U.S.S. Friendship'

1211 Fourth St., 7:30 p.m.

A musical murder mystery on the high seas as cast and audience ferret out the culprits from a host of finalists in the "National Devil's-Food-Cake-Mix Devil's Island Treasure Hunt." Tickets are \$20.

Reservations are necessary. Call (310) 394-9779, ext. 2 or visit www.santamonicaplayhouse.com for more information or to purchase tickets.

Activists, relax!

1440 Harvard St., 7 p.m.

"Dealing With Activist Stress During the Presidential Election Campaign" will be the theme of this month's Activist Support Circle at the Friends Meeting Hall. For further information, call the Activist Support Circle at (310) 399-1000.

Get out for 'Outfest'

6712 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood, check for times

The American Cinematheque and Outfest collaborate to present gay and lesbian programming on Wednesdays at the Egyptian Theatre. Advance tickets are available through www.fandango.com. For more information about Outfest, go to www.outfest.org.

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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.



Advertising firm scores deal with city

(Editor's note: This story is part of an ongoing series that tracks the city's expenditures appearing on upcoming Santa Monica City Council consent agendas. Many of the items have been part of public discussion in the past.)

BY GERRY SHIH

Special to the Daily Press

CITY HALL If the adage that it pays to advertise is true, then City Council should be in good shape after tonight.

The council is expected to dole out more than \$331,000 from the 2007-08 budget at tonight's meeting. The biggest winner appears to be J. Perez Associates, a local advertising firm that could potentially land a roughly \$1.06 million, five-year contract to maintain advertisements on city buses.

Washington lobbyist The Ferguson Company, as well as the Santa Monica Daily Press, are also set to land city contracts tonight.

THREE DEALS

At a cost of \$199,704 for 2007-08 — the first year of the contract — J. Perez Associates will maintain and update the exterior and interior ads on all Big Blue Buses, including maps, schedules, and newsletters. The contract is set for a three-year period at roughly \$200,000 per year, and the city keeps the option of two additional one-year renewals.

The amount paid yearly to J. Perez would represent around one-eighth of the \$1.6 million the city collects annually in advertising revenue from the buses, according to figures given by a City Hall.

Council's attempt to maintain a lobbying presence in the nation's capital next year will cost \$72,557.

The Ferguson Group has represented Santa Monica since 1994, and monitors federal proposals, legislation, regulation and Congressional appropriation on behalf of the city, according to a City Hall memo by Kathryn Vernez, assistant to the city manager. Relying on Ferguson's considerable history with Santa Monica and its "in-depth knowledge of city policy objectives," Vernez's memo did not recommend a com-

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CITY HALL VIBES

(Top) People dance while Maggie Palomo Hot Salsa Mama performs Sunday during the final installment of the Jazz on the Lawn concert series at City Hall. (Left) Maggie Palomo Hot Salsa Mama plays to the crowd Sunday on the front lawn of City Hall.

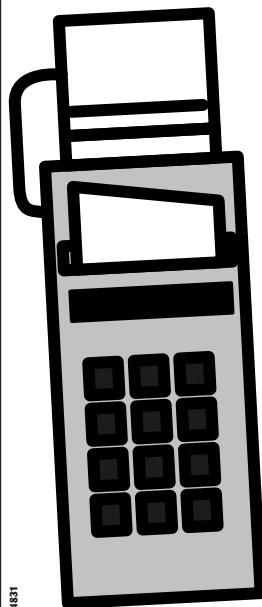
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Arrr! Our kids will steal the booty Editor:

How special and oh so cute! In Thursday's article on illegal downloads ("Digital Pirates," Aug. 23), a young man is quoted as saying that, "...if it's there and I can't afford it, I'll take it." And although he's sorry he's cheating the artists he admires, he just can't not do it. Well, well. On a larger scale, isn't this how criminals think? I want it. I can't afford it. It's there. I'll take it. Where does this sense of entitlement come from in our up-and-coming adults? And sir, for the record, you are not just cheating the artists you admire (whom you may feel can afford it, thus justifying it), but the countless little people whose livelihood is involved – from the packing paper, the plastic makers, the factory workers, on and on involved in all stages of producing a CD or DVD. He is also cheating these people who may not be able to afford it.

But whether they can afford it or not is not really the issue. If you want a hot dog, you pay for it. If you want a CD or DVD, pay for it. And this young man says he is majoring in public policy. Yikes. We now know his private policy is to take it and run.

Marilyn Brennan

Santa Monica

Fluoride is too much of a good thing Editor:

I'd like the city of Santa Monica and the MWD (Metropolitan Water District) to inform the public as to how much fluoride will be added to the water supply in Santa Monica ("Fluoride becomes standard," Aug. 23).

My research revealed the following: Fluoride is present naturally in all water sources. Community water fluoridation, which has been around for over 50 years, is simply the process of adjusting the fluoride content of fluoride-deficient water to the recommended level for optimal dental health. That recommended level is 0.7 – 1.2 parts fluoride per million parts water. Fluoride compounds, usually calcium fluoride, are naturally found in low concentration in drinking water and some foods, such as tea, seaweed and fish bones (as in fish soup).

Water with underground sources are more likely to have higher levels of fluoride, while the total concentration in seawater has an average concentration of 1.3 parts per million (ppm). Fresh water supplies generally contain between 0.01-0.3 ppm, while the ocean contains between 1.2 and 1.5 ppm.

The ocean contains higher levels than the recommended level for optimal dental health.

Symptoms of acute toxicity (e.g. gastrointestinal upset) occurs at doses as low as 0.1-0.3 mg/kg.

An adverse effect of low concentration fluoridation, at this time, is fluorosis. It is a condition caused by 'excessive' intake of fluorine compounds over an extended period of time, and can cause yellowing of teeth and spotting of the enamel. The definition of 'excessive' in the context of fluorosis falls on the order of parts per million and is generally accepted to mean significantly higher than the 0.7 to 1.2 ppm amounts recommended for fluoridated water.

Some opponents of fluoridation have expressed concern that fluoride damages body function. One of the key concerns is that fluoride can weaken bone strength, leading to an increase in hip and wrist fracture. Additional concerns of fluoridation opponents include the potential for fluoride to damage the brain, reduce thyroid function and cause bone cancer in adolescent boys. While a recent review from the U.S. National Research Council supports concerns that fluoride may cause some of these effects, at least at high doses.

I wish other concerned citizens of Santa Monica would put the pressure on the MWD and city of Santa Monica to stop the addition of fluoride to our drinking water in October and/or the future.

What would it take to stop this – gathering signatures? Come on, let's hear from anyone in Santa Monica who would like to drink our water. People need to think for themselves instead of gulping down anything their dentist tells them. After all, dentists get rich from people with dental problems.

It looks like adding fluoride to water also increases medical problems, so M.D.s could also get rich from the increased problems associated with adding fluoride to our drinking water. Who loses: People who get sick.

Cheryl Erb

Santa Monica



What's the Point?

David Pizarra

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Send in the greeters, bring home the troops

LABOR DAY IS HERE, AND ALONG WITH it, the end of summer. Now is the time for the final parties of the season, putting away the inflatable toys from the kids' pool, packing up the barbecue and calming nervous children as they prepare to go back to school.

For most of us, Labor Day is nothing more than an excuse for a cookout, time to get in that last joyous relaxing day of warmth and sunshine. For others, it is, perhaps, the last long weekend of childhood enjoyment.

Labor Day began as a holiday to honor the working class in this country. Like so much of modern culture, it has become perverted, and is simply an excuse for marketers to sell off their end-of-season clearance and help Americans to engage in our favorite pastime — conspicuous consumption.

I say this having just returned from Parker, Ariz., after a weekend of jet-skiing and conspicuous consumption of the bounty that is America these days. While there, I saw the largest "truck" I have ever seen as a personal vehicle. It was a Ford F-650, raised. It was so large it made the adjacent Excursion seem petite.

In a land of conspicuous consumption, it made all other efforts seem small. I do not hesitate to say that it was grotesquely beautiful. There is something visceral about seeing such a behemoth of a truck owned by one man, for his personal use.

Simultaneously, it evoked awe, lust and disgust in me and my traveling partner. We both had the reaction of: "Oh my God! How absurd!" and "I want one."

As we were driving around Lake Havasu, looking for a Home Depot, the radio was reporting the latest death toll in Iraq. This past week, we lost 35 Americans, and more than 1,000 Iraqis were killed.

My immediate reaction to this was, "If we are fighting to bring democracy to the Iraqi people, why are so many of them dying?" And, "Why are so many Americans dying to bring what we view as an inalienable right, to a people who seemingly don't want it?"

The easy answer to the first question is that they have nothing else to fight over but whose God is better. The obvious answer to the second question is that we have brought the horse to the water, but cannot make him drink. We have brought the fact of democracy to a country that has no historical con-

nection with democracy, and the people who are expected to exercise their "rights" have no understanding of what they mean.

To continue with the metaphor of the drinking horse, the problem is not that the horse isn't at the water, the problem is that he isn't thirsty. We may have brought the institutions of democracy to the Iraqi people, but until we make them want to participate in it, there is no 'buy in' on their part.

However, I think I have the solution.

It came to me as I was lusting after that truck. No, it's not more petroleum usage. But it's close.

Wal*Mart. We need to draft Wal*Mart to open stores in Iraq. We also need some Home Depots, some Lowes, a couple of Macy's, a Nordstrom, some Targets and Pavilions.

The quickest, easiest, fastest way to remake the Iraq society and to stop the fighting is to make them American style consumers of goods that are made in China, India and America.

If we gave Wal*Mart, and all the other companies mentioned, contracts to build stores in Iraq, we could have this mess solved in 12 months. I think the suicide bombers would shelve their suicides in exchange for a matched set of plastic dinnerware and some patio furniture.

If you think I'm so crazy, check out how much we like Saudi Arabia, and how much they like us. Dubai is buying up anything they can get their hands on, from companies in England to 50 percent of the City Center development in Las Vegas. They just need a little Martha Stewart Home Collection for Ramadan, and a touch of Christopher Lowell for the patio set, and I'm telling you, we'd see them fighting over the white sales instead of bombing each other.

Muslims are humans just like you and me. Give them a reason to live, and to conspicuously consume, and to one up their neighbors with the newest plastic party supplies, and I'll bet you dollars to falafel, that we'd have peace in the Middle East.

Let's send in the Wal*Mart greeters, and bring our soldiers home.

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Guest Commentary

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Environmentalists don't trust us to pick up trash

ENVIRONMENTALISTS TEND TO BELIEVE that the best way to achieve their ends is to empower governments to command us all to act as environmentalists would want us to act — stop using SUVs, save endangered species, preserve wetlands, recycle, and so forth.

But this approach is not a reliable way to deal with environmental problems. Yes, at some particular time, a government may make the laws and issue the regulations environmentalists want (although even at their most conscientious, these regulations may fail, since environmentalists are not exactly sure what policies will do the environment the most good, what standards should be deployed, how to prioritize, and so on). But governments, be they mostly democratic or more dictatorial, tend to follow fashion. This year, it may be environmentalism, but next it will be traffic congestion, the following some health concern, and after that who knows what will take center stage.

And all along, of course, innumerable special-interest projects continue to drive the politicians' agendas.

If, however, individuals have something to gain from acting prudently in their lives — from conserving, preserving, saving, being frugal, having restraint — environmentalism could well be afoot without folks even knowing they are falling in line with the movement. Some of us travel a lot, for example, and stay at hotels or motels where efforts are being made to cut back on the use of amenities. Instead of bedding and towels being replaced each day, they are now often reused, with the establishment's urgings and with full consent of the guests who don't mind very much using the same sheets and pillowcases for several days, as long as they can be accommodated in case of special need. I have noticed that hot water is sometimes shut off in the wee hours of the morning, something that can actually inconvenience certain guests.

When private property rights are strictly identified and protected, there is actual economic value in being environmentally prudent. Just as one may not dump one's trash on the property of one's neighbor, other kinds of pollution, once clearly identified, can also be curtailed, with the overall effect being to make the environment more pristine.

Of course, such unintended environmentalism rests in large measure on the belief that people are not intentionally reckless, at least not when the cost has to be borne by them and they will be held accountable if

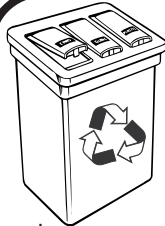
they try to escape it. This goes for small estates as well as massive industrial firms. Yet, sadly, too many avid environmentalists work toward undermining the system of private property rights, a system that could be their best friend. One need but recall the conditions in the Soviet bloc countries — and, indeed, notice those in some of the countries that still haven't recovered from their Soviet era mismanagement — to learn how the tragedy of the commons ruins the environment in many places around the globe. What happened in most of these places is that some grand, national plan to promote industrialization overshadowed even the slightest efforts by citizens to care for their environment.

SADLY, TOO MANY AVID ENVIRONMENTALISTS WORK TOWARD UNDERMINING THE SYSTEM OF PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS ...

In the approximately free world, in contrast, two things have contributed to relatively sound environmental policies: The greater respect and protection afforded to private property rights and the greater wealth, by far, of a citizenry that can afford to be picky about the environment. Poor countries, the ones suffering from central government mismanagement, fail to be heedful of this, and as a result, their environment is in pretty lousy shape.

One thing too many environmentalists don't welcome about this private property approach is that it leaves matters to local control, all the way down to individual citizens being free to decide how to deal with the environment. Like all utopian dreamers, these environmentalists trust some superior agency. And that is how they tend to defeat their very own professed objectives.

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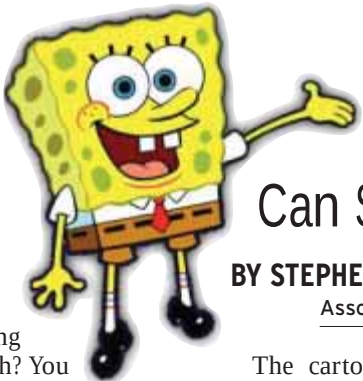
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LONDON Having trouble persuading your child to eat broccoli or spinach? You may have only yourself to blame.

According to a study of twins, neophobia — or the fear of new foods — is mostly in the genes.

"Children could actually blame their mothers for this," said Jane Wardle, director of the Health Behavior Unit at University College London, one of the authors of the study in this month's American Journal of Clinical Nutrition

Wardle and colleagues asked the parents of 5,390 pairs of identical and non-identical twins to complete a questionnaire on their children's willingness to try new foods.

Identical twins, who share all genes, were much more likely to respond the same way to new foods than non-identical twins, who like other siblings only share about half their genes. Researchers concluded that genetics played a greater role in determining eating preferences than environment, since the twins lived in the same household.

Wardle said food preferences appear to be "as inheritable a physical characteristic as height."

Unlike nearly every other phobia, neophobia is a normal stage of human development.

Having fun with food

Can Spongebob broccoli convert your kids to eating healthy?

BY STEPHEN FROTHINGHAM
Associated Press

The cartoon characters who normally inhabit your grocer's cereal aisle are on the move.

Dora the Explorer, SpongeBob SquarePants and the Disney and Sesame Street gangs are among the many children's favorites who in recent years have taken up residence in the produce section.

Which is why you now can tempt your tots with Dora edamame, SpongeBob broccoli and Winnie the Pooh apples.

The folks behind these licensing deals say plastering produce with popular characters is win-win — growers and retailers see sales boom, the companies that own the characters extend their brands, and children are encouraged to eat good foods.

But not everyone is sold on the idea that Tweety Bird grapes are a good idea.

"Do we want our children to learn to choose food based on whether it is labeled with a certain character?" asks Susan Linn, director of the Campaign for a Commercial-Free Childhood.

"We miss the chance to help them learn to choose based on the food itself."

Until about five years ago, the few recognizable brand names in the produce section didn't exactly inspire clamoring by children. Meanwhile, the cereal and snacks

aisles were a riot of collaborations with cartoon and movie characters.

But as concern about child obesity has grown, food companies have faced mounting pressure from regulators, Congress and parents to end the aggressive marketing of sugary and fatty foods to children.

And that pressure has produced results. Eleven of the nation's largest food and drink companies recently announced sweeping changes in how they market to young children, including limiting the use of licensed characters to healthy foods.

That has entertainment companies looking for new real estate in the grocery store, and that fact that produce is about the only food health officials want children eating more of makes fruits and vegetables prime property.

"I've seen a significant increase (in licensing programs) in the last five years," says Kathy Means, of the Delaware-based Produce Marketing Association. "A lot of it is being borne by efforts to market healthier products to children, because there is a childhood obesity problem and we know that eating right is a big component to fixing that problem."

Branding produce in this was a move that 10 or 20 years ago would not have been possible. The trend toward more convenience-driven pre-cut produce

packed in boxes and bags makes it easier to use licensed characters.

"Now they have a place to put the brand. There is only so much real estate on produce stickers," Means says.

Borrowing from the cereal aisle playbook has been good for business.

Growers and retailers have seen sales of produce increase 11 to 44 percent when they sell it in NASCAR-branded packaging, says Jack Bertagna of the Castellini Group, which licenses the NASCAR trademark for produce.

"NASCAR fans are so loyal, they are absolute fanatics," Bertagna says. "They are willing to pay more because of the brand."

At the Maine-based Hannaford Bros. Co. grocery chain, licensed produce outsells conventional by about 10 percent, says spokesman Ben Amato. The chain recently used Sesame Street characters to introduce a different variety of apple each month.

When presented well, the licensed products "create a billboard effect that captures the child and parents' imagination and desire to purchase the product," he says.

Which doesn't make everyone happy. While it's clear American children need to eat more produce, critics of character-driven marketing say this trend isn't the answer.

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The mama's club

Support groups provide a plethora of information for Westside parents

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Some say it takes a village to raise a child. In Elisha Lenders' case, the old adage has never carried so much weight.

From inquiring about disciplinary measures that are kosher to finding the best baby bottle, the Culver City resident refers to the same parenting resource without fail, tapping into a network of more than 6,000 parenting experts and novices.

"When I first became a mom, I didn't know a lot of people around Los Angeles and didn't have a lot of resources of what to buy and what to do when my kid was sick," said Lender, the mother of a 3-year-old daughter. "I found a great Yahoo group ... and was hooked."

The group she is referring to is the Peachhead Families, an online and off-line community of parents, providing resources on all things related to parenting, from finding the best pediatrician to warnings about the recent Mattel toy recall.

"We talk about nutrition, pediatricians, lawyers, problems with children, difficult moments," said Lenders, an interior designer who has been a Peachhead member for two years.

The Westside-based organization is among the many support groups guiding new moms through their early and most vital years of parenthood, utilizing the years of combined child-rearing experience and expertise that springs from such a large network of parents.

People who subscribe to resource groups like the MOMS Club of Santa Monica South, Peachhead Families and CityMommy — the newborn of the bunch — swear by the seemingly endless supply of information. Some mothers say they have also discovered a new type of social life through these communities that they can't share with friends that don't have children, outings

such as mom's nights out and play dates.

The newest addition to the support group scene is CityMommy, a social networking site for mothers that can be described as the MySpace for moms.

The mother of a 1-year-old daughter, Dayna Landry of West Los Angeles launched the free service in June of 2007. Dissatisfied with the lack of information available online for new mothers in her area, Landry, whose professional background is in Internet advertising, decided to start-up a new Web site that would provide resources catering to this particular community.



A LOT OF TIMES FOR MOMS, ESPECIALLY STAY-AT-HOME MOMS, DON'T HAVE A LOT OF CONNECTIONS WITH PEOPLE THAT ARE MOMS."

Dayna Landry, Founder, CityMommy

"A lot of times for moms, especially stay-at-home moms, don't have a lot of connections with people that are moms," Landry said. "It can be kind of lonely and frustrating, you can feel like you don't have a good place to go for questions."

The Web site's membership has grown during the past two months to more than 1,200 parents, many of whom are concentrated in Santa Monica.

Similar to networking sites like MySpace and Friendster, mothers can customize their own pages on CityMommy and upload photos and videos of their children. Parents can also find a directory to local events and businesses and find answers to questions on a message board. The site is available by member invitation only.

Santa Monica resident Moujan Kazerani has subscribed to CityMommy since its inception, using the service to find out about upcoming events for her family. The full-

time attorney said she doesn't have time during the week to attend play group meetings and "Mommy and Me" classes for her 15-month-old son.

"It's a wonderful way to keep in touch with other moms and ask questions and read what they're doing," she said.

Many moms subscribe to more than one organization where they often get the opportunity to learn about similar groups. Such was the case for Lenders who discovered Peachhead through the MOMS Club of Santa Monica South.

The local chapter of the International

MOMS Club was founded in Santa Monica about two years ago, supporting families south of Wilshire Boulevard all the way down to Venice Beach.

The club has about 60 members split into subgroups depending on the child's age, said Helen Kim, who runs the organization along with co-president Katie Dellecker, both of whom are Santa Monica residents.

Along with serving as a bank of parenting information, the MOMS Club hosts holiday parties throughout the year, from Halloween to Valentine's Day to Father's Day. Club meetings are held every few weeks where experts come to speak about the latest parenting issues.

"It's nice to talk to somebody going through the exact same thing," Kim said. "You don't feel isolated at home with a baby and no adult contact."

The mother of a 2-year-old daughter, Kim joined the MOMS Club last year but wished

she would've joined sooner, calling her first year of parenting the most challenging.

"You just feel like you're doing everything wrong and it's nothing like you expect at all," she said.

IT'S THE OTHER PEACHHEAD

When Venice resident Linda Perry founded Peachhead Families in 1997, the new mom interacted with club members through her husband's e-mail address. The fan of the Allman Brothers Band incorporated the word peach-head into his e-mail address. The name stems from the band's "Eat a Peach" album.

Soon after, Perry took over the e-mail address and adopted Peachhead as the name for the group.

The organization started with 15 moms at a "Mommy and Me" class and has slowly expanded to more than 6,000 members throughout the county, many of which reside on the Westside. Perry now has two children, 9-year-old and 6-year-old daughters.

The heart of Peachhead Families is its Yahoo Group mailing list, a resource that features approximately 7,000 messages being sent back and forth between members each day, said Perry, an attorney. When the mailing list was launched in 2003, the server averaged about 55 messages a month.

Aside from the mailing lists, the organization hosts a number of events throughout the year, including mom's nights out and spa nights. The group has also spawned a series of sub-communities, including ones for working Peachhead moms and single Peachhead parents.

"I didn't know anything about babies before I started this group and it was great to know I could just send an e-mail out," she said. "It just helped me to be able to meet with other moms."

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LAND SURFING

Two boys help one another to carry a surfboard along Santa Monica Beach last week.

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Self-described pedophile says he's leaving state

BY ANDREW DALTON | Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES Self-described pedophile Jack McClellan said he is leaving California after a judge ordered him to stay away permanently from places where children gather, it was reported Sunday.

"I have to leave the state, really, I can't live here under this Orwellian protocol," he told KABC-TV. "It's nightmarish."

A call to McClellan's cell phone on Sunday by The Associated Press was not immediately returned.

McClellan has been unemployed and living out of his car since arriving in Southern California this summer from Washington.

On Friday, Superior Court Judge Melvin Sandvig issued a permanent injunction and a three-year restraining order that prohibit McClellan from coming within 30 feet of schools, playgrounds and other places where children congregate.

The judge's ruling narrowed a previous injunction, issued earlier in the month, that had barred McClellan from coming near anyone under age 18 anywhere in the state. McClellan spent 10 days in jail for violating that injunction when he was arrested earlier this month near a child care center at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Venerable pharmacy closes shop for good

FROM PHARMACY PAGE 1

Spear, did not agree to an extended lease because he plans to eventually give the master lease to Trader Joe's. Owners from the two other businesses in the building — Ruth Talley at Make Believe Inc., a costume shop, and Teddie Tillett, of the eponymous women's boutique — said they expect Trader Joe's to expand its operation in the wake of their departure.

frantically preparing for today's closure in recent days. He recently mailed more than 700 letters to notify his most recent customers of his decision to close, and in the past several days, there has been a whirlwind of activity behind the counter as the pharmacists prepare capsules and creams for clients looking to get one last refill of their prescription and a chance to say good-bye.

Still, Sakamoto and his technician of 30 years, Donna Walden, occasionally paused

Although Sakamoto insisted that Trader Joe's presence, in fact, helped his business, and he had "no hard feelings," many among his considerable client base feel uneasy that the relative corporate giant might have played a hand in the Airport Pharmacy's departure.

"It's a shame that most of the little stores are either nonexistent or getting pushed out by big companies," Weber said. "I guess the city must get more taxes from the stores with more revenue. The city doesn't care that our neighborhood's little stores are going."

"If they did, they'd do something about it."

Mazurki, who said Sakamoto once delivered medications to her home because she was sick, said she's going to follow him to Rite-Aid, but she was pessimistic about Sakamoto's ability to maintain such a high level of personal service after the move.

"This is what's happening to the little guys in America," said Mazurki, visibly unsettled. "Trader Joe's plays the community card, but it's not. It's turning into another Wal-mart."

Trader Joe's, owned by German supermarket mogul billionaire Theo Albrecht, has 280 stores in the U.S. and enjoyed \$5 billion worth of sales in 2006, according to industry publications. Well known for its gourmet, organic and "alternative" inventory, the remarkably successful chain has positioned itself as a non-corporate, community-oriented boutique grocer with the slogan "Your Neighborhood Grocery Store."

In recent years, the success of Trader Joe's has made parking an enormous headache at the Pico Boulevard branch, which some sources have indicated is the second-highest grossing such store in the country. The three local business owners said that Trader Joe's

hoped to expand and increase its storage space, but did not think the city would permit the plan because of the cramped dimensions of the lot.

As a result, the three independent businesses approached Trader Joe's and offered a buyout, according to Tillett. The initial reception was warm, but eventually fizzled when it was discovered that the advanced age of the building created complications involving insurance liability.

If Spear cleared out the building and handed the Trader Joe's the master lease to the block, the supermarket would be able to transform the block to its liking. Spear said that Trader Joe's had roughly eight years remaining on its current lease.

"I don't blame (Spear)," Tillett said of Spear. "He is doing what a smart businessman would do"

As of now, a City Hall employee in Building and Safety said that Trader Joe's has not yet officially applied for any expansions, although there is a chance that informal talks could be underway without her knowledge.

"Lately, I've seen all these small local shops move out of this part of Pico," Fletcher said, rattling off the names of several restaurants, record stores and clothing boutiques that have closed or left. "It makes you wonder if it's healthy."

Pamela Cook, who stood at the cash register Friday waiting to pay for the last time in Airport Pharmacy, joined in the spontaneous discussion that was largely nostalgic, somewhat bitter.

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ONE EMPTY STORE DOESN'T HELP TRADER JOE'S AND IT DOESN'T HELP ME ANY."

Jim Spear, Robert Sakamoto's landlord

Make Believe will relocate after its lease expires in February 2009, and Teddie Tillett's lease is set to end in August 2008. Sakamoto claims Spear offered to extend his lease to August 2008, but no later, so he decided to call it quits.

When contacted by the Daily Press, Spear said it was untrue that Trader Joe's had already been given the master lease, but remained vague about his future plans for the site, declining to rule out the possibility that he might demolish the buildings.

"I don't know what I'm going to do," Spear said. "One empty store doesn't help Trader Joe's and it doesn't help me any."

Trader Joe's branch manager declined to comment to the Daily Press and multiple messages left on Monday to Trader Joe's public relations department were not returned.

Sakamoto and his assistants have been

for hugs and longer nostalgic chats last week with patients who can't seem to let go.

"It's the friendships that I'll miss," Sakamoto said. "A lot of people walk in here, all sorts of demographics, and we give them service, not just a prescription number."

As he walked behind the counter, he addressed two patients waiting in line by name. An assistant at the cash register asked one familiar face: "The regular again for you, sir?"

Sakamoto said that he hopes to continue serving his patient base by joining the pharmacy chain Rite Aid's branch down the street, which will absorb some of his inventory. As for the customers who depended on him to prepare compound medications such as hormonal creams, capsules, and specialized gels for muscle aches, they will have to visit a separate clinic run by his daughter at the St. John's Medical Plaza on 22nd Street.



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Earthquakes are a part of life in California

FROM QUAKE PAGE 1

said John Pacheco, executive director of the Santa Monica Red Cross chapter. "We've had a lot of individuals and businesses calling in for CPR and first-aid classes."

The local ranks of volunteers have swelled since Hurricane Katrina two years ago, Pacheco noted — the Santa Monica chapter has a pool of about 1,000 volunteers, an estimated 250 of which are active and fully prepared to be deployed for a disaster abroad or one here at home.

"In a way, these international disasters and local happenings are good," said Pacheco, "because they help to heighten consciousness and get people prepared."

SLEEPING GIANTS

A paper that was released Friday in the September issue of the journal *Geology* indicates that the Los Angeles region may be in what is known as a "lull" — a period of relatively infrequent and less intense earthquakes.

"What we were doing with this research was looking at how the rest of California interacts with the San Andreas fault line, and with itself," said David Bowman, associate professor and chair of the Department of Geological Sciences at Cal State Fullerton. Bowman is one of the three co-authors of the paper, along with James Dolan and Charles Sammis of USC.

"The really interesting finding that we had, and what ended up being the focus of the paper, is this idea that the Los Angeles region and the Mojave area tend to take turns in absorbing the most energy and thus having stronger and more frequent earthquakes — controlled by what happens on the San Andreas."

have no prediction as to when the next big one might hit — it could be anytime between tomorrow and 500 years from now. But when Los Angeles does start absorbing more of the energy from the collision of the Pacific and North Atlantic plates, earthquakes in the region will be something to worry about.

"If we were to come out of this lull, we would start to see earthquakes on longer stretches of faults, or even earthquakes caused by multiple fault lines at once," said Bowman.

"This could potentially be more like the devastating events we've seen in Japan and other parts of the world — magnitudes of 7, 7.5."

Those types of quakes — which have yet to strike Los Angeles since it became a major city — have occurred in the Mojave region, such as the 1992 earthquake in Landers that hit a 7.3 on the Richter scale, Bowman said.

"The '92 earthquake was one heck of a ride," said Bowman, "and Landers doesn't have skyscrapers."

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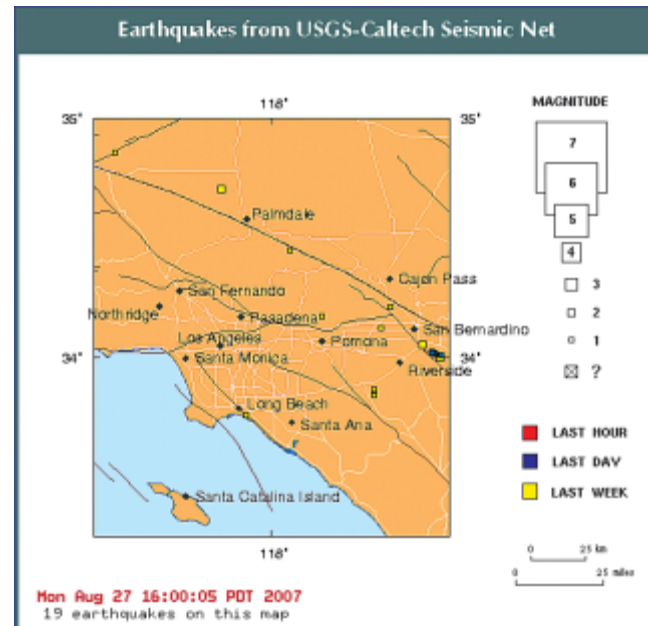
So does this summer's seismic activity serve as a foreboding sign of what's to come? Experts and local residents think not.

"There have always been these little earthquakes," said ex-Angeleno Stephanie Cooley, who now resides in Oregon. "I remember them even as a kid."

After having gotten used to the idea of earthquakes while growing up in Southern California, Cooley thinks the small shakes might even be a good sign.

"It's more of a relief than anything," she said, "I think if you have smaller ones it's less likely for a big earthquake to occur."

San Francisco resident Patricia Brown isn't overly concerned either.



"The problem with these lulls and periods of heightened activity is that they're not regular; they don't have any predictive value," said Doug Gizen, a geophysicist with the United States Geological Survey.

"It's kind of like a craps table; sometimes it runs hot and sometimes it runs cold. If you're trying to make money that way you're probably disappointed."

Indeed, while Bowman and his colleagues are fully aware of the impact that a major earthquake could have on Los Angeles, they have greater concerns on their minds.

"You're much better off paying attention to which way the cars are coming when you're crossing the street," said Bowman. "That's a greater danger in Santa Monica."

SHAKE HAPPENS

Despite the lack of crystal ball clarity in forecasting the next dangerous shake, Californians are advised to prepare for the worst when fault lines get active.

"People in this state should generally not forget that they live in an earthquake area," said Hutton. "They should expect an earthquake to happen any time, keeping aware of their plan and making sure their kit is up to date."

Having a list of emergency contacts, an updated earthquake kit, and a detailed plan of how their family is going to find shelter and communicate with each other are all important ways to stay ready.

"When there is a large, particularly dangerous earthquake, people are reminded that they live in an especially dangerous area," said Gizen.

"As the years go by, your food goes bad, your water goes stale, your batteries die ... and then the big earthquake happens."

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EVEN THOUGH THIS IS A SO-CALLED LULL, THAT TERM IS VERY MISLEADING. WE CAN STILL HAVE SOMETHING ON THE MAGNITUDE OF THE NORTHRIDGE QUAKE, WHICH WAS A 6.5."

David Bowman, Associate professor and chair of the Department of Geological Sciences at Cal State Fullerton

The two fault zones tend to alternate more activity in approximately 1,000- to 1,500-year intervals — that is, Los Angeles would experience more clustered and intense quakes for one period, and then the Mojave region, according to the researchers.

Los Angeles is currently the region experiencing less activity, they conclude. However, this doesn't mean that earthquakes are unlikely to occur.

"Even though this is a so-called lull," said Bowman, "that term is very misleading. We can still have something on the magnitude of the Northridge quake, which was a 6.5."

"In terms of risk, we have the unusual luck of having all of our faults right beneath us, so even an earthquake that is relatively small and unimportant on the geographical scale can still have devastating consequences here in Los Angeles."

But when will the lull end? Bowman and his colleagues

"You just don't live your life in fear, thinking about it all the time" she said.

Seismic authorities agree that there's no use in panicking about the next big quake.

"Actually, seismic activity is pretty quiet right now," said Kate Hutton, a staff seismologist at Caltech who has been dubbed "The earthquake lady."

"It's sort of like the weather — some years, it's dry, and others, there's a lot of rain. We've had a few tremblors this summer, but it's fairly low relative to the average."

Bowman pointed out that for every decrease in magnitude, the number of earthquakes increase greatly. That is, earthquakes that measure lower on the Richter scale occur on an exponentially more frequent basis.

Other experts confirm that predicting a "big one" is a waste of time.

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Wilson in good condition

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SANTA MONICA Owen Wilson was reported in good condition Monday, a day after he was taken from his home by ambulance, a hospital spokeswoman said.

"I respectfully ask that the media allow me to receive care and heal in private during this difficult time," the 38-year-old actor said in a statement released through publicist Ina Treciokas.

No further comments were expected, she said.

Wilson was at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, said hospital spokeswoman Cynthia Harding. He was initially taken to St. John's Health Center in Santa Monica.

He "is here in good condition," Harding said.

It wasn't known why Wilson was hospitalized, but a neighbor said a police car, fire truck and ambulance were outside the actor's gated house around noon Sunday.

"These guys were kind of taking their time taking a stretcher out of the

ambulance, then they went into the house," said neighbor Geoffrey White, 61, who lives directly across the street.

Santa Monica Fire Battalion Chief Jose Torres said Monday the department responded to a call that involved Wilson. The chief wouldn't comment on Wilson's injuries or condition, citing federal privacy laws.

Wilson's screen credits include "Wedding Crashers" and "You, Me and Dupree." He was nominated for a screenwriting Oscar for 2001's "The Royal Tenenbaums."

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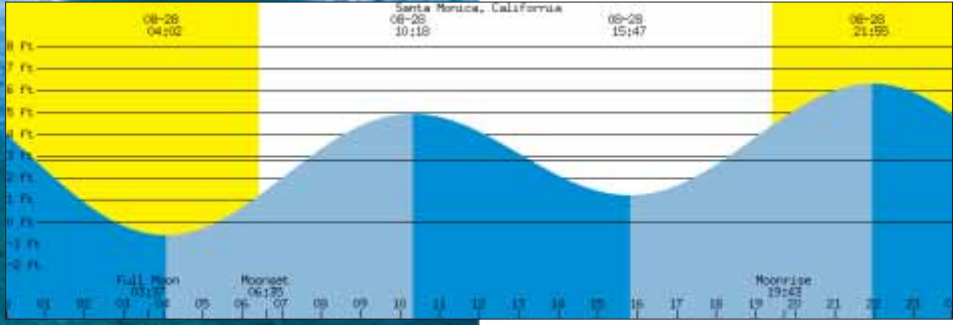
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Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chimantopua)	A+	ns
Bread Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	A	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	A	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wilshire Rd. (private)	A+	ns	Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	B	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Pica/Koster storm drain	A	ns
Escandido Creek, just east of Escandido State Beach	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurants)	A+	ns
Larigo Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns	Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A	ns
Selction Canyon at Den Blocker County Beach	D	ns	Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A	ns
Puente State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A	ns
Marin Canyon storm drain at Puente Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	ns	Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	ns	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A	ns
Surfrider Beach (beach location) - daily	A	ns	Venice Beach - projection of Topsail St.	B	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A+	ns	Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach - lifeguard tower	A	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	F	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 18048 PCH stairs	A+	ns	North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of 86W jetty)	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	ns	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns	Dockweiler Beach - opposite Hyattman Treatment Plant	A+	ns
Castroville Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	B	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	ns			
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A	ns			

LEGEND

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

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

ns -- no sample taken



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PACK MENTALITY

Fabian Lewkowicz fabianl@smdp.com

The Roadrunners go on a 45-minute run along the Santa Monica boardwalk on Saturday. The popular club is in preparation for the 2008 L.A. Marathon.

City Council considers giving consent to items

FROM CONSENT PAGE 3

petitive selection or consider any alternatives to The Ferguson Group.

The city will likely resume its usual contracting policy shortly, as City Hall staff recommended a competitive process for next year's lobbyist selection.

Attorney Marsha Moutrie.

The Los Angeles Times was not established within Santa Monica and, therefore, ruled out. The city is expected to pay the Daily Press \$59,373 for publishing legal notices in fiscal year 2007-08.

TARGETING DRUNK DRIVERS

The city has received a \$250,000 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety in an effort to clamp down on drunk driving and street racing. Some programs to be implemented include checkpoints and patrols for DUI enforcement, purchase of DUI and speed testing equipment, and street racing equipment inspection training for Santa Monica Police officers.

The city manager is also set to negotiate an agreement with Los Angeles County to broadcast county programming through Santa Monica's CityTV network. CityTV, a franchise with Time Warner, currently offers six cable channels. The proposed deal will allow the county to broadcast live and replayed Board of Supervisors meetings, sustainability initiatives, bike path locations and other county-produced programming on Channel 75, which is currently a full-time graphics bulletin board for Santa Monica community events.

The county will provide the city with \$51,500 to cover the costs of launching, activating and operating the channel.

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Man in charge

Mencia to host Creative Arts Emmy Awards show

CARLOS MENCIA and his feisty brand of humor will be front and center next month at the Creative Arts Emmy Awards.

The comic, who stars in Comedy Central's "Mind of

Mencia," has been tapped to host the Sept. 8 event, the show's executive producers, John Moffitt and Lee Miller, announced Monday.

"Carlos will keep every-

one in the audience on the edge of his or her seat – especially the censor. We're thrilled to work with him," said the show's producer, Spike Jones Jr., in a statement.

Emmys in 75 categories, including art direction, costume design, makeup and guest acting, will be handed out during the ceremony at the Shrine Auditorium here.

The show is slated to air Sept. 15 as a two-hour special on the E! cable channel, a day before the Primetime Emmy Awards are broadcast live on Fox.

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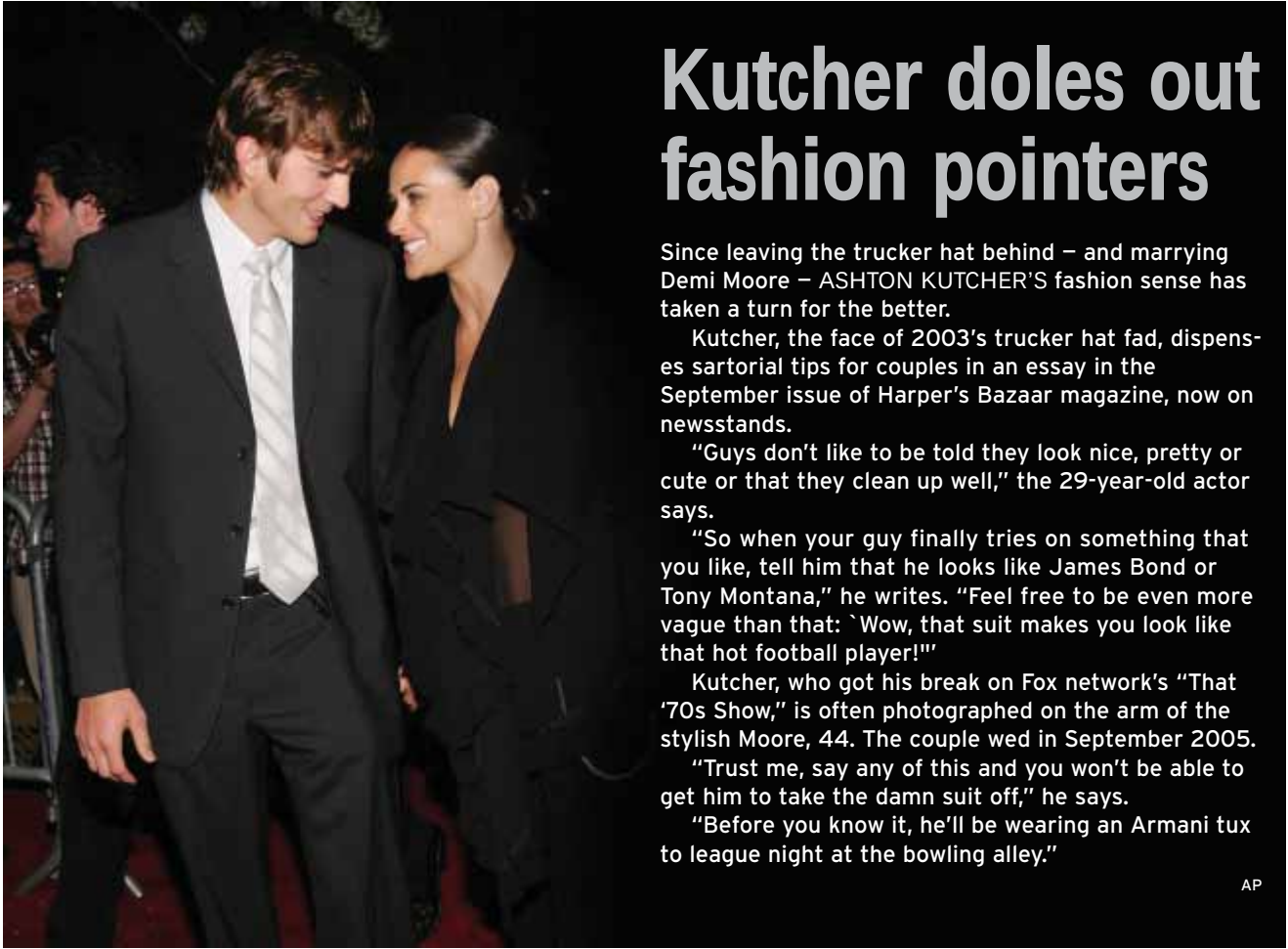
YOGA 101

CHRISTY TURLINGTON, who relies on yoga to keep her healthy and balanced, is among a group of celebrities hoping to bring those benefits to the world.

Turlington, Russell Simmons and Ziggy Marley are participating in the Global Mala Project, an international effort that aims to use yoga-centered events to raise awareness and funds for global causes on the United Nations' International Day of Peace. Events will be held in 30 countries, including Israel, Africa, India, Australia and the United States, beginning Sept. 21.

Dozens of events will benefit charitable groups dedicated to fighting global warming.

AP



Kutcher doles out fashion pointers

Since leaving the trucker hat behind – and marrying Demi Moore – **ASHTON KUTCHER'S** fashion sense has taken a turn for the better.

Kutcher, the face of 2003's trucker hat fad, dispenses sartorial tips for couples in an essay in the September issue of Harper's Bazaar magazine, now on newsstands.

"Guys don't like to be told they look nice, pretty or cute or that they clean up well," the 29-year-old actor says.

"So when your guy finally tries on something that you like, tell him that he looks like James Bond or Tony Montana," he writes. "Feel free to be even more vague than that: 'Wow, that suit makes you look like that hot football player!'"

Kutcher, who got his break on Fox network's "That '70s Show," is often photographed on the arm of the stylish Moore, 44. The couple wed in September 2005.

"Trust me, say any of this and you won't be able to get him to take the damn suit off," he says.

"Before you know it, he'll be wearing an Armani tux to league night at the bowling alley."

AP

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

Follow the action, Taurus

Happy Birthday!

This year, learn to weigh and honor both sides of an argument. This ability sounds like quite a feat, but you will learn to do it. Through the process of incorporating different ideas, you will grow and understand others. A new philosophical attitude will evolve. You grow to a new pinnacle, but often you might resist this growth. If you are single, you will have an unusual need for space this year. If you are attached, you need to weigh your significant other's ideas too.



Born Today
Grammy winner Shania Twain (1965)
SMDP's D. Archuleta (1975)
Actor Jack Black (1969)

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★ If you back off, you'll get excellent results. What was irksome now could become explosive. Sometimes it is best to pick and choose your words. Use exercise as an outlet for frustration. Tonight: Make it an early night.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Sometimes you need a quick dose of reality. If you are lucky, a surprise might involve a partner or loved one stepping up to the plate. Understand what is expected. Tonight: Follow the action.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ You are more in control than you realize. Take a stand and be willing to state your case. If someone blows your ideas to shreds, remember, you can both be right. Try to encompass opposites in a dynamic manner. Tonight: On top of your game.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Take an overview. A new point of view will evolve in the next few weeks. Don't try to force a situation that simply isn't working. Be wise and let go. You might be surprised by the end results. Tonight: Listen to a favorite piece of music.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Openly experiment with different ideas, knowing that you might not have the answers just yet. Changes occur at the drop of a hat. Discuss money or financial options, but avoid making a decision. Tonight: Togetherness works as a theme.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ You find a tone of instability in all the different areas of your life. You could hit a logjam. Everything will be easier if you let go and flow. Tonight: Let someone else choose. You might be quite pleased.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You might want to do something totally different right now. To others, and even to yourself, you could be letting go of a made-in-the-shade situation. Your willingness to be innovative is one of your best characteristics. Tonight: Even you can get tired.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You will be pressured to find answers where you thought there were none. Investigate possibilities with an eye to growth. The status quo, especially financially, gets tossed. Use common sense. Tonight: Let the naughty Scorpion out to play.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★ If you keep hitting a brick wall, just flex and don't worry. Today you are not starved for success. Don't fight the inevitable, and you will come out a lot better in the end. Honor domestic needs and family. Tonight: At home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Speak your mind. Today and in the next few weeks you would be well advised to pick and choose your words with care. Investigate possibilities with openness. You might be startled by someone. Tonight: Do you have too much energy? Take a walk.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★ Don't allow anyone to gain control of your money, whether it is holding your wallet or writing a check. Murphy's Law rules right now. A risk will not pay off. Know when to head for the hills! Tonight: Stay middle-of-the-road.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Knowing when to call it quits and back down could be even more important than you think. Investigate a situation through new eyes, though refuse to cause yourself a problem. Tonight: Be the ever-gracious Fish.

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

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

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12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
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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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Difficulty
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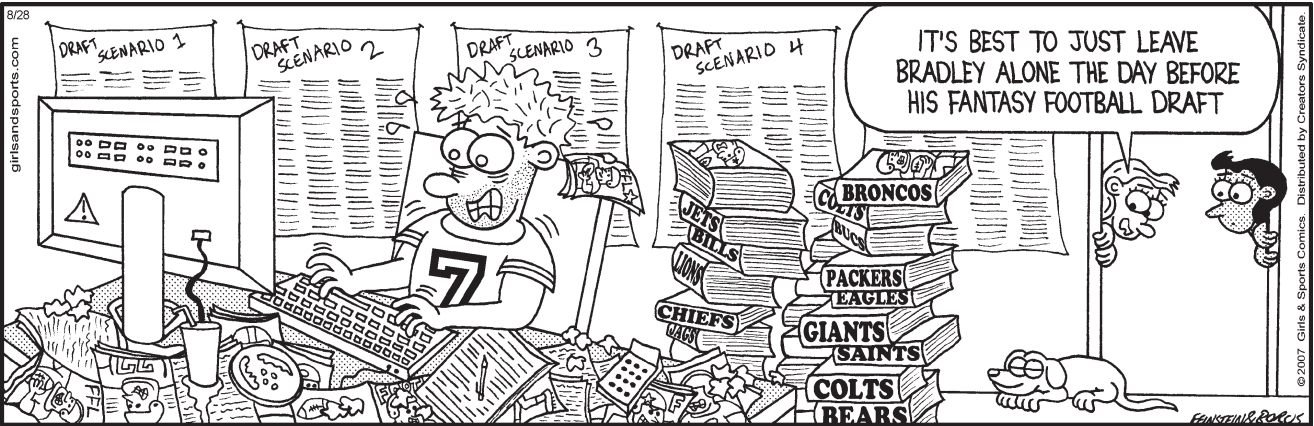
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Con games
 - 6 Some stingers
 - 11 Conviction
 - 12 Crooked
 - 13 Whatever the weather
 - 15 Cart puller
 - 16 Maze runner
 - 17 Combat
 - 18 Nobles
 - 20 Letter holder: Abbr.
 - 21 Historic time
 - 22 Display nervousness
 - 23 Pottery coat
 - 26 Added to the payroll
 - 27 Weak, as excuses
 - 28 Firewood unit
 - 29 Genesis name
 - 30 Rosie's employers
 - 34 Eternally, in poetry
 - 35 Clumsy one
 - 36 Dandy
 - 37 Sentry's question
- DOWN**
- 40 Reunion attendee
 - 41 Corpulent
 - 42 Plumbing problems
 - 43 Worn out
 - 1 Gown part
 - 2 Stop
 - 3 Ouzo flavoring
 - 4 Stag-party guests
 - 5 Attic use
 - 6 Squander
 - 7 Fireplace waste
 - 8 Attire for the slopes
 - 9 Act of remorse
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Yesterday's answer

- 14 Fury
- 19 Tear down
- 22 Sty group
- 23 Merry
- 24 Shirley's pal
- 25 "West Side Story" song
- 26 Prankster's trick
- 28 Pencil part
- 30 Music's Quincy
- 31 Hold out
- 32 Gallows sight
- 33 Ignore the limit
- 38 Caribou's cousin
- 39 Batter's stat

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Accidents that leave victims relatively normal but with severely heightened sexual desires have been mentioned several times in News of the Weird, back to a 1978 collision with a Pepsi truck that, according to a jury in Detroit, left a man with a spontaneous, intense desire to become a woman. In 2002, motorcyclist Kunal Lindsay was hit by a car and, after an arduous physical recovery, realized he had become maniacally horny (and, incidentally, unusually interested in cell phones) and that his marriage was near collapse because he constantly pestered his wife for sex, often in "pornographic" terms. London's High Court approved an insurance settlement in March 2007 for the equivalent of about \$2.4 million (with more should Lindsay's condition "deteriorate").

■ Least Competent Criminals: (1) In May, Damion Mosher, 18, of Lake Luzerne, N.Y., became the most recent person to injure himself by needing to find out if putting a bullet into a vise and hitting it with a screwdriver would cause it to fire. (It would; he was slightly wounded.) (2) Two men and a woman were among the recent wave of people trying to cash in on the high price of copper scrap metal when they broke into an abandoned nursing home in Gainesville, Ga., in July. However, they had missed the sign at the entrance announcing that the building had recently been converted into a training facility and kennel for police dogs, and they were quickly sicced on and arrested.

TODAY IN HISTORY

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1859 A geomagnetic storm causes the Aurora Borealis to shine so brightly that it is seen clearly over parts of USA, Europe, and even as further afield as Japan.

1943 In Denmark, a general strike against the Nazi occupation is started.

1955 Black teenager Emmett Till is murdered in Mississippi, allegedly for whistling to a white woman and calling her baby.

1963 During a 200,000-person civil rights rally in at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., Martin Luther King, Jr. gives his famous I have a dream speech.

1965 Bob Dylan is booed off the stage at Forest Hills Stadium in New York for playing an electric guitar.

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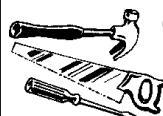
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