

Ms. Thevaos nails down her fortune

By Ralph Macchio
Karate Kid

There's a multimillion dollar teacher here at Grimsley. She doesn't get the attention she deserves, and barely anyone knows her well-kept secret....Ms. Thevaos rushes out of Grimsley's door everyday to get to her real job- proprietor of a famous nail salon owner.

Ms. Thevaos' fetish for fingernails started when she was only four years old. She was given her first bottle of nail polish that Christmas, and it was love at first sight. Out of that one bottle of Malted Raspberry Frost came the nation's biggest nail empire.

When she was too young to actually be paid for her certain flare towards the art form of nail decor, she simply painted her family's nails. Her mom remembers, "Hedy used to always run around the house shouting to the dog to hold still while she put his nail decals on. I never thought her childish hobby would take her this far."

Momma Thevaos isn't the only one who was shocked by Hedy's success. Her high school guidance counselor Bulla Schwingbatter was shocked when she first saw Ms. Thevaos on TV talking about her

newest shade. "She never did have any real career goals. She always just said that she would one day become the "Queen of Nails." Even on those stupid surveys we had to give about career interests, Hedy wrote that after she graduated she was going to go to the best school of nail art and design that she could."

That's exactly what Ms. Thevaos did. After graduating near the top of her class, all of Hedy's friends thought she was crazy to only apply to one school. Luckily for her, she was accepted at Madame Lulla's Nail School.

The well-known nail technician Sally Hansen became one of Hedy's good buds at Madame Lulla's. They shared color secrets, manicure tips, and acrylic info. Lucky

for Sally that Ms. Thevaos also had some brains behind her talent.

After the two graduated with honors, they decided to go into business. Naughty Nails opened right down the street from Lulla's and quickly became one of the world's fastest failing businesses. Since Sally and Hedy's sheer brilliance had yet to be appreciated by the population, they had plenty of spare time to come up with new polish colors and nail enhancers. In fact, they invented a whole new line of nail products, including strengtheners, hardeners, ridge fillers, and cuticle oils.

Unfortunately all this genius took a lot of "togetherness time" to accomplish, and

the two women ended up in a huge fight over who had misplaced the Vitamin E base coat. They both left the boutique fuming and praying the other's No Chip Quick Dry Top Coat would flake off into her eyes while she was on her way home.

This tragic scene led to a brutal battle in court over custody of the recipes for the line of nail beautifiers. An annoyed judge threw it out of court so it seemed the two ex-best friends would have to fight it out between themselves. As it turned out, Sally acknowledged the fact that Hedy was the brains behind the operation and offered her one half of all future profits that she could possibly milk from the new line. Ms. Thevaos agreed and the two went their own separate ways.

Ms. Thevaos went back to school to get her degree in history and her teaching certificate. Ol' Sally Hansen went on to the wild world of nail tools and lacquers. So now Grimsley is fortunate enough to have one of the co-conspirators in the Sally Hansen franchise. Ms. Thevaos is still receiving payment from Sally, and will, by contract, until she goes up to that great big nail salon in the sky.



Ms. Thevaos holds a "Love Yourself, Love Your Nails" seminar at her home.

Break dancing makes its move

By Gumby
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While many dances come and go, some seem to linger. Remember break dancing? It's making a comeback and could be here to stay.

Many people are not aware of the origin of break dancing. It was not meant to be a big-time dance for everyone to do. Those who thought of the name were the first practitioners of the dance and realized how dangerous dancing could be. They realized people were hurting themselves while dancing. The name of the dance was named after them: Mike Break and Laura Dancing.

Break and Dancing started off just like any other dancers: by standing upright and moving to the music. But as wild dances like the MC Hammer came onto the scene, people got hurt more and more by all the arm and hip movement.

Break and Dancing decided to take dancing to a safer and lower level. They began dancing down on the floor rather than standing up. Masses of people started get-



Two students given up Twirp '97 with a few break dancing moves of their own.

ting down and dirty and before you knew it, break dancing was just the cool thing to do. This way people were protected from elbow jabs during the Roger Rabbit, which could elicit black eyes and concussions, to more subtle movements with the feet, which would have only minor bruises. Break dancing now requires that all arms remain mostly on the floor for precautionary reasons.

Break dancing was really big in the '80's, but other dances took its place in the early '90's. Now it is back in full force with a couple of changes. It has become more professional. In Virginia, there are break areas in the workplace solely for break-dancing competitions. Some states like California have break dancing schools for those who seriously want to know how to master the dance. Rumor has it that the North Carolina Institute of Future Break dancers will be ready to accept enrollees in 2000. This school will be attached to

the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's athletic gym. "Break dancing is finally getting the coverage it deserves. Every since I was three, I have traveled all around the world practicing in break dancing competitions. Next year it will be given a special place in the Olympics. Hopefully I will be one of the competitors," said Michael Bark, a junior.

The first break dancing album was released last month in California and is now circulating slowly around the world. Titled *THE RAD BREAK DANCING FLOW*, by a combination of artists, mainly Michael Jackson. "I am so thrilled to be featured on this album. I was the most televised break dancer in the early '80's. Whenever I think of break dancing, I just lie down and scoot around on my back, moving my

legs and feet the whole time and make noises. Dancing is my favorite pastime," said Mr. Michael Jackson. *THE FLOW* combines a fast, steady beat and a slow, romantic rhythm. With these beats, break dancing can either be done in its normal fast pace or in slower, animated movements. "When people do the slower dance, it looks like they're miming or trying to find an invisible thing," said Miles

Highcombing, a freshman.

Many Whirlies are feeling the excitement break dancing is bringing to the world. They feel it is not only a dance for the immediate present, but also the future. "Rocking to the beat and then dropping to the floor is the coolest feeling. Dancing upright is a thing of the past and compared to break dancing, it is boring. Dancing with a floor in front of your face is the best feeling in the world. It's better than dancing with a person. Guys don't have to worry about whether or not his hands are in an appropriate place and girls don't have to deal with smelling the funk under a guy's arms. You also don't have to worry about whether you'll have someone to dance with. What's most important is you can tell whether or not the floor is clean. Break dancing isn't only a dance for fun but also for inspection," said Livda Life, a senior.

Teacher Superlatives

By Marty McFly
Time Traveler

Most likely to vote straight Democratic ticket.....**Mr. Williamson**

Most likely to record an album with Death Row.....**Dr. Frost**

Most likely to forget a holiday.....**Ms. Lackey**

Most likely to be a spokesman for the American Lung Assoc.....**Mr. Allen**

Most likely to lose her temper.....**Ms. Keele**

Most likely to join the Communist Workers' Party.....**Mr. Hands**

Most likely to say "Um" or "You know" during class.....**Dr. Smith**

Most disorganized.....**Mr. Griffin**

Most likely to be a Lakers' cheerleader.....**Ms. White**

Most likely to hold up a First Union.....**Ms. Smith**

Most likely to send his kid to UNC.....**Coach Franks**