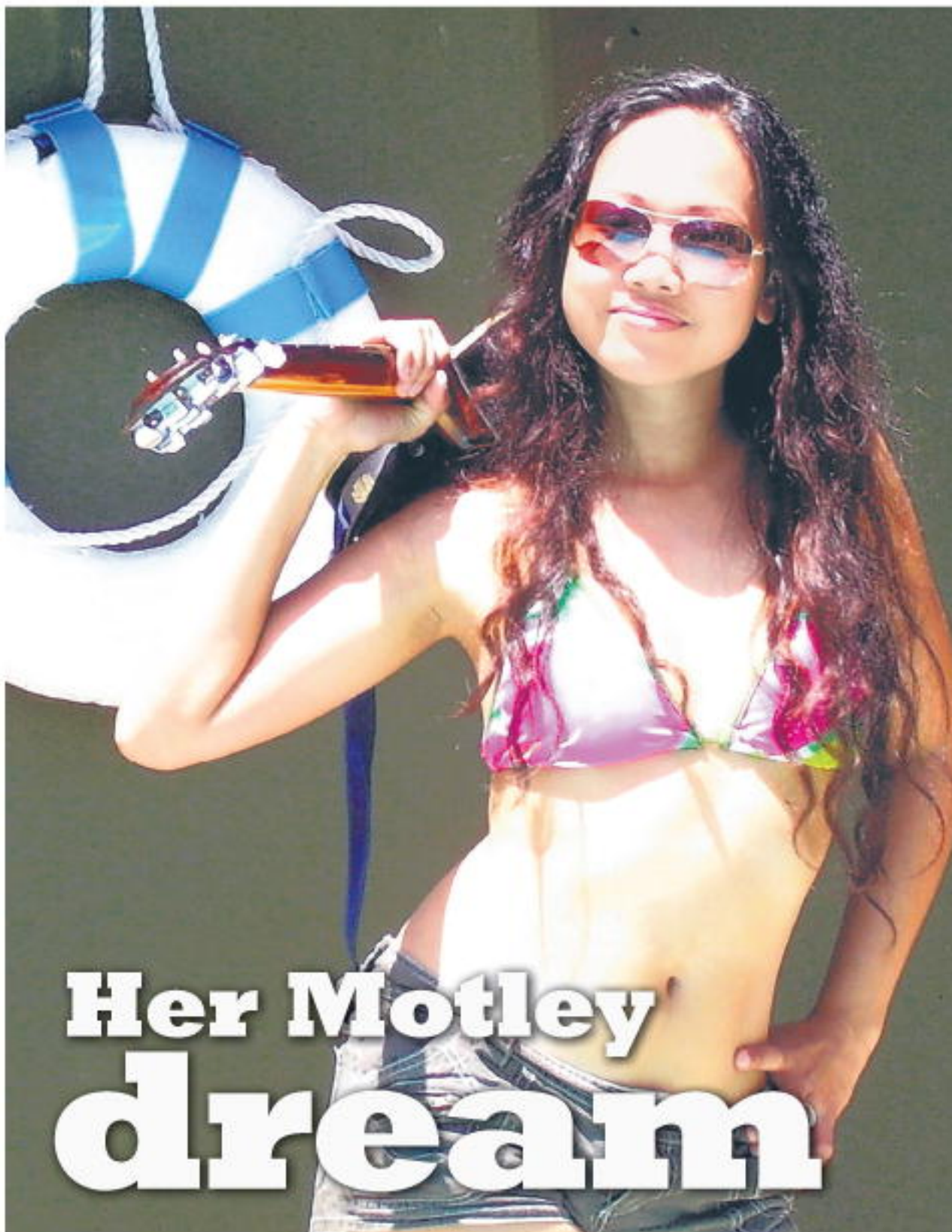


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Her Motley dream

S'porean chases rock & roll dream in the US and hopes to open for Motley Crue

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FOR seven years, Siti Akmat was singing – or what she also termed “growling” – for local indie heavy metal band Suicide Solution.

But she found herself heading nowhere in her music career, as the band wasn't achieving mainstream success, looked like it was going to disband and she didn't want to strain her voice any longer.

Then, in July 2006, a chance correspondence over the Internet with four American musicians who were auditioning female vocalists for their brand-new rock group changed her life.

She travelled to their base in Vancouver, Washington, in the US, to jam with them, and an instant musical chemistry was forged.

After three months of deliberation, Siti eventually

quit Singapore and packed her bags to join them.

Within the same year, the 26-year-old Singaporean from Tampines became the frontwoman of their four-man band Soul Distraction, and took the stage name Elsa Faith.

She even ended up marrying her bandmate, bassist and founding member Marty Mitchell, 39, in December 2006.

Now, rocker chick Elsa and her group are among the 1,000-plus up-and-coming unknown bands that are hoping to win an opening slot on '80s heavy metal quartet Motley Crue's 2009 US tour.

Contestants are required to upload three original audio tracks and one live performance video.

Fans from all over the world are then to vote for their favourite bands from now till 28 Sep on www.makerock-

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